

# South Tawton Parish Plan 2008

## **Part 1: Household Total response: 427**

**N1 How many people, including children, normally live in your household?**

	Count
0	3
1	101
2	186
3	38
4	65
5	23
6	7
7	2
8	1

**N2 How many males/females live in the household?**

	Males	Females
0-4 years old	14	21
5-10 years old	40	35
11-18 years old	62	60
19-30 years old	26	34
31-40 years old	42	51
41-60 years old	163	179
61-65 years old	49	47
65-74 years old	57	59
75+ years old	33	53
Total	486	539

**N3 Where is your house situated?**

	Count
Area 1	40
Area 2	304
Area 3	70
No response	12

**N4 For how many years have you lived in the Parish?**

	Count	%
0-1 years	31	7%
2-3 years	35	8%
4-5 years	23	5%
6-10 years	64	15%
11-20 years	87	20%
21-30 years	49	12%
31-50 years	81	19%
50+ years	50	12%
No response	6	1%

**N5 Which was the main reason you came to live in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Availability of housing	62	15%
Born and raised locally	125	29%
Liked the area	174	41%
Love of rural life	124	29%
Marriage or partner	44	10%
Relatives nearby	57	13%
Retired to the Parish	34	8%
Work in the area	82	19%
Availability of good schooling	34	8%
Convenient for commuting to work	43	10%

**N6 Is this dwelling:**

	Count	%
Owned outright by a household member(s)	201	47%
Owned with mortgage by a household member(s)	123	29%
Shared ownership (part-owned/part rented)	1	0%
Rented from Local Authority	19	4%
Rented from Housing Association	20	5%
Rented from a private landlord	46	11%
Tied to the job	6	1%
Other	3	1%
No response	7	2%

**N7 Is this dwelling your main or only residence?**

	Count	%
Yes	410	96%
No	10	2%
No response	6	1%

**N8 How many vehicles used by your household are regularly parked at this address? Include all non agricultural vehicles**

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Total vehicles used by household	68	146	149	48	11	2	1	1
Total vehicles parked on road	329	62	29	5	1	0	0	0
Total vehicles parked off road	174	100	102	35	11	3	0	1
Total vehicles parked in public car park	417	8	1	0	0	0	0	0

**N9 If your household keeps cats and/or dogs or riding ponies or horses, please fill in the appropriate box below?**

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Number of cats	295	58	47	18	4	0	0	1	1	1	1
Number of dogs	230	122	54	4	9	1	3	2	0	1	0
Number of riding ponies/horses	395	11	10	6	2	0	1	0	1	0	0

**Part 2: Personal**  
**Total response: 846**

**A1a To which age-band do you belong?**

	Count	%
11-18 years old	95	12%
19-30 years old	47	6%
31-40 years old	83	10%
41-60 years old	328	40%
61-65 years old	93	11%
66-74 years old	101	12%
75+ years	78	9%

**A1b Which gender are you?**

	Count	%
Male	341	45%
Female	413	55%

**A2 Do you perform voluntary or unpaid work of any kind?**

	Count	%
Yes, within the Parish	173	20%
Yes, outside the Parish	138	16%
No	538	64%

**B1 Do you own or have any use of any of the following?**

	Count	%
Telephone landline	762	90%
Access to the Internet - home	561	66%
Access to the Internet - work	228	27%
Broadband - home	502	59%
Mobile phone	703	83%

**B2 Is mobile phone reception acceptable where you live in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Orange	298	71%
Vodafone	66	46%
O2	93	60%
Virgin	4	17%
Talk Talk	5	38%
Three	7	30%
Fresh	1	9%
Other	19	63%
Don't have a mobile	90	11%

**B3 Do you think the amount of information you receive about what is going on in the Parish is...**

	Count	%
Excellent	146	17%
Good	341	40%
Reasonable	209	25%
Poor	72	9%
No opinion	77	9%

**B4 There are ten Parish Councillors in the Parish. Do you know how to contact one or more them?**

	Count	%
Yes	545	64%
No	261	31%
No response	39	5%

**B5 Would you like more information about the activities of your Parish Council?**

	Count	%
Yes	421	50%
No	367	43%
No response	57	7%

**B6 How do you like to receive information about what is going on in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Parish notice board	195	23%
School notice boards	65	8%
Shop/pub notice boards	246	29%
The Beacon	643	76%
The Whiddon Parishes Magazine	333	39%
The local website	145	17%
Other	42	5%

**B7 Do you think visitors would benefit from more information about the Parish?**

	Count	%
Yes	529	63%
No	83	10%
No opinion	233	28%

**B8 Would a "Welcome to the Parish" pack giving useful information for new residents be a good idea?**

	Count	%
Yes	573	68%
No	94	11%
No opinion	178	21%

**B9 Do you read the Beacon?**

	Count	%
Every month	515	61%
Occasionally	172	20%
Never	126	15%
No response	32	4%

**B10 Do you think the Beacon should include more items or features on...**

	Count	%
Local business	223	26%
Farming	158	19%
Parish Council business	265	31%
Sports	160	19%
Tourism	92	11%
Youth activities	201	24%
Advertising	70	8%
Recipes	92	11%
Readers' experiences	134	16%
Cultural history	181	21%
Wildlife	171	20%
Photographs	202	24%
Other	34	4%

**C1 Have you been the victim of a crime within the Parish over the last two years?**

	Count	%
Yes	42	5%
No	773	95%

**C2 What are your main crime and safety concerns within the Parish?**

	Count	%
No concerns	184	22%
Burglary/Theft	255	30%
Inability to contact emergency services	39	5%
Speed of response of emergency services	140	17%
Lack of police presence	218	26%
Speeding traffic	342	40%
Vandalism	164	19%
Anti-social behaviour	113	13%
Inconsiderate parking obstructing emergency vehicles	286	34%
Other	14	2%

**C3 Is the service provided by the police...**

	Count	%
Excellent	27	3%
Good	122	15%
Reasonable	214	27%
Poor	112	14%
No experience	330	41%

**C4 Would you like to join a neighbourhood watch scheme?**

	Count	%
Yes	254	33%
No	522	67%

**D1 Do you or any member of your household need somewhere else to live within the Parish, now or in the next five years?**

	Count	%
Yes	90	11%
No	606	74%
Not sure	118	14%

**D2 If you answered 'yes' to D1, please indicate your preferred type of accommodation?**

	Count	%
Rented	36	47%
Purchased	37	48%
Shared ownership	4	5%

**D3 If you answered 'yes' to D1, which of the following best suit your needs?**

	Count	%
Bed sit/studio	1	1%
One bedroom	14	17%
Two bedroom	31	37%
Three bedroom	26	31%
Four bedroom	11	13%

**D4 Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people within the Parish if there was a proven need?**

	Count	%
Yes	624	74%
No	120	14%
No opinion	101	12%

**D5 Which sort of site would you consider suitable for small developments of affordable housing?**

	Count	%
Small parcels of land between existing developments (infill)	386	46%
Current agricultural land (Green field sites)	104	12%
Land previously built on	502	59%
Barn or other conversions	310	37%
Other	19	2%

**E1 Have any of the following situations affected you, either when applying for planning permission or as someone affected by a planning application?**

	Count	%
Planning is not an issue/had no problems	156	18%
Planning application fees too expensive	103	12%
Planning rules for changes to existing houses too restrictive	124	15%
Attitude of the local planning department	103	12%
Insufficient information	41	5%
Length of time for decision	83	10%
Conservation area restrictions	83	10%
Listed building regulations too restrictive	74	9%
No opinion/no experience	334	39%
Other	15	2%

**E2 Because of concerns about climate change, demand for renewable energy is likely to increase. Would you support siting any of the following renewable energy developments within the Parish??**

	Count	%
Large scale commercial renewable energy projects	70	8%
Small scale commercial renewable energy projects	285	34%
Community renewable energy schemes	451	53%
Domestic micro-renewable energy schemes	435	51%
None	145	17%

**F1 Which forms of transport do you regularly use locally?**

	Count	%
Bicycle	125	15%
Commercial bus/Ring and Ride	142	17%
Private car/van	722	85%
Motorbike/scooter	10	1%
Taxi	49	6%
Walk	398	47%
Other	6	1%

**F2 How often do you use local public transport?**

	Count	%
Daily	30	4%
Weekly	61	8%
Occasionally	259	32%
Never	459	57%

**F3 What would encourage you to make more use of the bus service?**

	Count	%
More frequent services	410	48%
More convenient routes	227	27%
More bus stops	81	10%
More information	166	20%
Cheaper fares	153	18%
More bus shelters	83	10%
More convenient timing of services	228	27%

**F5 Car parking on the streets/roads is often seen as a problem in terms of access for buses or emergency vehicles, danger to cyclists and pedestrians etc. Do you agree?**

	Count	%
Yes	541	68%
No	66	8%
Not affected	188	24%

**F6 Do you think restrictions on parking should be introduced in problem areas?**

	Count	%
Yes	521	62%
No	119	14%
No opinion	204	24%

**F7 If you answered "yes" to F6, which restrictions would be acceptable?**

	Count	%
Residents only	159	31%
Short Stay only	74	14%
Disabled only	46	9%
No parking at "pinch" points	349	67%
Limit parking to one side of road only	276	53%
Other	17	3%

**F8 If you park on a public highway, would you be prepared to park in an off-road car park if one was available?**

	Count	%
Yes	216	29%
No	61	8%
Not applicable	457	62%

**F10 The Parish Council aims to promote the use of the South Zeal Recreation Ground car park. Why do you think the car park is not used more?**

	Count	%
Location inconvenient	225	27%
Vehicles more vulnerable to vandalism/theft	224	26%
Poor lighting	135	16%
Not signed for visitors	293	35%
Too far to walk	233	28%

**F11 Are you interested in joining a formal or informal car sharing scheme with rota system, using just one vehicle for several people making the same journey?**

	Count	%
Yes	107	15%
No	556	80%
Already belong to one	29	4%

**G1 Is there a need for safer crossing points near the bus stops below?**

	Count	%
Yes-Ford Cross	189	22%
Yes-Ramsley/Prospect	180	21%
No need	338	40%
Yes-Other location	11	1%

**G2a If you think speeding is a problem where you live, how do you think it should be tackled? South Zeal**

	Count	%
Enforcement of current limit	166	20%
Reduction of speed limit from 30 to 20	249	29%
Traffic calming measures	118	14%
No action necessary	165	20%

### G2b South Tawton

	Count	%
Enforcement of current limit	114	13%
Reduction of speed limit from 30 to 20	149	18%
Traffic calming measures	61	7%
No action necessary	108	13%

### G2c Taw Green

	Count	%
Introduction of speed limit	87	10%
Traffic calming measures	20	2%
No action necessary	147	17%

### G2d Whiddon Down to North Tawton

	Count	%
Introduction of speed limit	126	15%
Traffic calming measures	29	3%
No action necessary	139	16%

### G2e Other Areas

	Count	%
Enforcement of current limit	42	5%
Reduction of speed limit from 30 to 20	29	3%
Introduction of speed limit	28	3%
Traffic calming measures	23	3%
No action necessary	68	8%

**G4 How could the lane between Zeal Head and Sticklepath be made safer?**

	Count	%
One way traffic only	229	35%
Closure except for access	47	7%
Traffic calming	109	17%
No action required	274	42%

**G5 Do you think local roads/lanes are adequately maintained?**

	Count	%
Yes	341	40%
No	312	37%
No opinion	191	23%

**H1 Have you experienced problems with any of the following?**

	Count	%
Lack of street lighting	59	7%
Litter	191	23%
Signs unclear due to overhanging branches	111	13%
Overgrown roadside hedges and verges	316	37%
Pavements/crossings	31	4%
Potholes	182	22%
Traffic noise	67	8%
Too many signs	34	4%
No problems	223	26%

**H2 How often do you use the footpaths and bridleways within the Parish?**

	Count	%
Daily	171	21%
Weekly	175	22%
Fortnightly	26	3%
Monthly	45	6%
Occasionally	297	37%
Never	88	11%

**H3 Have you experienced any problems when using footpaths & bridleways within the Parish?**

	Count	%
Difficult to use or broken stiles/gates	30	4%
Lack of signs	30	4%
Overgrown hedgerows	160	19%
Poor surfaces	100	12%
No problems	492	58%

**H4 Is dog fouling a problem for you?**

	Count	%
Yes	312	40%
No	465	60%

**H5 If you answered "yes" to H4, which do you think is the most effective solution to the problem?**

	Count	%
Dog waste bins	155	50%
Dog warden scheme	83	27%
Encourage owners to be responsible	174	56%
Name and shame owners	182	58%
Other	3	1%

**H6 Which additional recycling facilities would you like to see introduced in the Parish?**

	Count	%
Metal recycling	217	26%
Recycling bins for textiles	253	30%
Recycling bins for plastics	421	50%
Community composting	197	23%
Garden waste	210	25%
No opinion	187	22%
Other	17	2%

**H7a How do you feel about street lighting in your area?**

	Count	%
Adequate	474	56%
Inadequate	57	7%
Excessive	50	6%
No opinion	262	31%

**H7b How do you feel about security lighting in your area?**

	Count	%
Adequate	160	19%
Inadequate	46	5%
Excessive	35	4%
No opinion	602	71%

**H8 Would you be in favour of an earlier switch off time for street lighting?**

	Count	%
Yes	263	31%
No	234	28%
No opinion	346	41%

**H9 How do you feel South Tawton Square should be used?**

	Count	%
Parking	104	12%
Open space with seating	154	18%
Community events	165	20%
No opinion	404	48%
Other	16	2%

**J1 Do you run your own business from business premises within the Parish or working from home?**

	Count	%
Yes	167	22%
No	601	78%

**J2 If you answered "yes" to J1, what type of business do you run?**

	Count	%
Bed and breakfast	5	3%
Camp site/camping barn	0	0%
Craft/design/painting	7	4%
Farming/agriculture/horticulture	59	35%
Farming related services	8	5%
Holiday lets/Cottages	9	5%
Hotel/pub/restaurant	3	2%
Professional services	23	14%
Retail	7	4%
Services	11	7%
Technology	8	5%
Trade	16	10%
Vehicle maintenance and repair	4	2%
Other	22	13%

**K1 Do you shop in South Zeal?**

	Count	%
Daily	162	20%
Weekly	294	37%
Monthly	83	10%
Less frequently	159	20%
Never	102	13%

**K2 When you shop in the Parish is it because...**

	Count	%
It saves time	279	33%
It saves transport costs	260	31%
You like the social contact	179	21%
You like to support local shops	431	51%
You need last minute items	396	47%
You can combine shopping with use of Post Office	377	45%
Other	26	3%

**K3 When you shop out of the Parish is it because...**

	Count	%
Goods are cheaper	424	50%
Goods are not available in the local shop	397	47%
It is convenient to your place of work	151	18%
You have more choice	443	52%
You like to do all your shopping in one store	167	20%
More convenient opening times	200	24%
Other	10	1%

**K4 How many times a month do you use the Post Office in South Zeal?**

	Count	%
More than 10 times	66	8%
1-10 times	323	41%
Less frequently than above	218	28%
Never	179	23%

**K5 If you use the Post Office, which services do you use?**

	Count	%
Banking	70	8%
Paying bills	165	20%
Postal services	527	62%
Cash withdrawal	149	18%
Other	14	2%

**L2 If you have attended or organised events in the Victory Hall, how would you rate the standard of facilities on offer?**

	Count	%
Excellent	119	14%
Good	303	36%
Adequate	106	13%
Poor	10	1%
No opinion	305	36%

**L4 Do you use any of the facilities at the South Zeal Recreation Ground?**

	Count	%
Regularly	90	12%
Occasionally	201	26%
For organised events	253	33%
Never	222	29%

**L5 Do you feel isolated for any reason?**

	Count	%
By age	32	4%
By disability or health issues	21	2%
By lack of transport	52	6%
By location	43	5%
No	659	78%
Other	6	1%

**L6 Does lack of transport prevent you from taking part in any of the parish activities?**

	Count	%
Yes	18	2%
Sometimes	34	4%
No	740	93%

**L7 Is having a local pub important to you?**

	Count	%
Yes	553	66%
No	151	18%
No opinion	139	16%

**L8 Are you adversely affected by more flexible opening hours or the smoking ban in local pubs in terms of the following nuisances?**

	Count	%
Anti social behaviour	12	1%
Litter	9	1%
Noise	25	3%
Not affected	764	90%

**L9 If parish churches/places of worship are important to you, please indicate for which reasons?**

	Count	%
For regular worship	154	18%
For baptisms/ weddings/funerals	376	44%
For major religious festivals	206	24%
As historic buildings/tourist attractions	369	44%
For bell ringing	104	12%
Not important	192	23%
Other	7	1%

**L10 Churches are expensive to maintain and congregations that support them are getting smaller. Are you in favour of...**

	Count	%
Donations on a monthly basis	80	9%
Additional fund-raising events	426	50%
Sharing buildings with other religions/accepting closure	168	20%
Any other suggestions	20	2%

**M1 Where is your doctor's surgery?**

	Count	%
Chagford	135	17%
North Tawton	27	3%
Okehampton	622	77%
Other	27	3%

**M2 If you find surgery times do not meet your needs, when would you want more available appointments?**

	Count	%
No change	387	46%
Earlier in the morning	62	7%
Later in the evening	218	26%
At weekends	278	33%
Other	2	0%

**M3 Do you have difficulty getting to any of the following?**

	Count	%
Chemist	17	2%
Chiropodist	9	1%
Dentist	76	9%
Doctor	28	3%
Hospital	31	4%
Local social services office	11	1%
Mental health services	11	1%
Optician	14	2%
Other medical services	5	1%
No difficulty	667	79%

**M4 Do you find any of the following medical services are not available at times that are suitable to your circumstances?**

	Count	%
Chemist	32	4%
Chiropodist	4	0%
Dentist	55	7%
Doctor	100	12%
Hospital	29	3%
Local social services office	11	1%
Mental health services	10	1%
Optician	7	1%
Other medical services	4	0%
Not applicable	508	60%

**M5 Which sort of dental service do you use?**

	Count	%
Dental Access Centre	5	1%
Registered with dentist as NHS patient	430	53%
Registered with dentist as private patient	249	31%
Not registered with a dentist	125	15%

**M6 If you are registered with a dental practice, where is it?**

	Count	%
Chagford	21	3%
North Tawton	95	14%
Okehampton	270	39%
Tavistock	10	1%
Exeter	143	21%
Other	158	23%

**M7 Do you use Devon Library Services?**

	Count	%
Yes	268	33%
No	392	49%
Do not use any library	142	18%

**M8 If you use the mobile library, is it convenient in terms of where stops and at what time?**

		Count	%
Stopping place	Convenient	65	8%
	Not convenient	7	1%
	No response	771	91%
Visit time	Convenient	46	5%
	Not convenient	28	3%
	No response	769	91%
	Do not use	605	72%

**M9 Would you be interested in renting an allotment?**

	Count	%
Yes	98	12%
No	696	88%

**P1 What is most important to you about living in this Parish?**

	Count	%
Being in or near the National Park	367	43%
Good quality buildings	162	19%
Close to Moor	548	65%
Sense of community	456	54%
Good quality natural environment	559	66%
Good transport links	97	11%
Sense of local history	235	28%
Good local school	239	28%
Peace & quiet	546	65%
Varied social/cultural activities	292	35%
Suitable employment	71	8%
Others	15	2%