

Denbury and Torbryan Neighbourhood Plan

Community Action Day Feedback

At Action Days in Denbury and Torbryan, as well as at Denbury Primary School, parishioners were invited to respond to a number of questions:

1. What are your favourite places in Denbury and Torbryan?

There is general agreement that the natural environment is valued most highly, particularly Denbury Down, the Green, Orley Common and local pathways. Both local churches and the Union Inn are highly favoured and local facilities such as the playing fields, the school and the Cistern were mentioned by residents.

2. Is there anything that Denbury and Torbryan could do without?

Many commented on problems with traffic, particularly car parking (outside the school) and the speed and number of vehicles using local roads (but no speed humps please). Residents do not appreciate unsuitable development, dog fouling and have a sense that Denbury could not cope with more recycling bins.

Opinions were voiced both for and against Glas-Denbury.

3. Strengths and weaknesses

There is a difference of opinion – whilst some praise our community spirit others note that it is not of the strength of some neighbouring villages. Again the local environment came in for praise, its peace and quiet, the countryside and footpaths. Local pubs are a strength but villagers regret the lack of a post office and shop, although this may be remedied shortly.

Whilst there is a need for more affordable houses, some residents highlighted recent developments as being out of character and lacking in quality. Again, problems with car parking and the speed of traffic are a weakness as is a lack of public transport to Totnes and Ashburton, though the Parish offers easy access to these towns by car.

There is a feeling that a lack of community spirit is exemplified by the difficulty of raising enthusiasm for the new village hall. The proposed sports hall is seemingly proceeding but some villagers felt there had not been sufficient consultation within the village itself. Torbryan residents highlight a lack of community space for both adults and children.

4. Opportunities

A greater sense of community would enable projects such as the new village hall, affordable housing and a thriving village shop to proceed. There was some support for a previous village proposal for a village/community orchard.

5. Concerns

Parishioners are concerned about the speed and quantity of traffic and the obvious lack of speed limits. Dog fouling and litter were mentioned under this heading together with concerns about Glas-Denbury.

6. Anything Else

Whilst there is support for the new village hall there is little evidence of willingness to get involved with the project. There is also support for a new site for allotments and a wish for land to be made available for self-build housing.

The Parish Council would like to invite all members of the Parish to the next Parish council meeting on **Monday 4th January where we will start at **7.00pm** to allow 30 minutes of discussion dedicated to the issues raised prior to the start of the main meeting. So do come along please!**