

OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY - RESULTS

Introduction

Firstly, Old Marston Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

The questionnaire was rather detailed, so took a while to complete, however, it gives the parish council some idea of resident's views and a starting base of future consultations.

No personal details were collected, unless the respondent wanted to be kept informed of information from the parish council where they gave their email address.

The survey was sent out between April and May 2023, the closing date was the 30th June 2023.

Most parish councillors hand delivered the survey to as many dwellings as possible in the parish, it was also available online from the council website.

Completed forms could either be emailed, posted or hand delivered to the clerk or left at St Nicholas Church or the Old Marston library.

Unfortunately, only 88 out of approximately 1,500 residents responded. However, this is the first survey of its kind done by the parish council.

Where percentages are given, they are percentages of respondents not total residents.

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Clerk.

1. Do you live in: Old Marston New Marston

77 (88%) stated Old Marston,

3 (3%) said New Marston 8 (9%) didn't say.

2. What is your postcode.

3. Do you own or manage a business or organisation?

82 (93%) NO 4 Yes 2 Prefer not to say

4. Please circle which age group you fall into: There were no respondents below the age of 25, with over 55% from the over 65 age group.

Over 75 years old – 26, 65- to 74-year-old – 22,

55- to 65-year-old – 15, 35- to 44-year-old – 8,

45- to 54-year-old – 8, 25- to 34-year-old – 6. .

TOTAL 85 3 did not complete their age.

5. Please circle how many people live in your household:

24 people live alone, 37 people live with another person.

8 households have 3 people in, 10 households have 4,

1 have 5 or more.

6. Are you a parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person (aged 0 – 18):

70 people have no dependent children or young people living with them,

2 have under 5 years old,

6 have 6 to 10 years old,

9 have 11- to 18-year-old.

7. How long have you lived or worked in Old Marston:

No respondent had lived in Old Marston for a year or less.

7 have lived here for between 2 and 7 years,

10 have lived here for between 11 and 20 years,

54 people have lived in Old Marston for 20 or more years. That's almost 68%.

8. Which best describes your work:

48 people are retired 22 people are in full time employed,
11 are in part time employment, 2 people are self-employed,
2 are not in any employed.

9. Where do you work? If you are still working from home due to the pandemic and this will change back at some point please select where you are likely to be working once you return:

10 people work in Oxford 9 people work from home,
3 work elsewhere, 3 in Summertown and Headington,
2 in Blackbird Leys 1 in London, Kidlington, Abingdon.

10. What is the most common way you travel to work? Again, if you are working from home, please select how you are likely to travel once returned.

19 travel by car, 16 by bike, 1 by bus, train.

11. Overall, how much do you like or dislike Old Marston as a place to live:

57 (65%) strongly like. 27 (31%) somewhat like,
2 neither like nor dislike 0 strongly/ somewhat disliked.

12. What do you like most about living in Old Marston:

69 (78%) Proximity to countryside,
49 (56%) Good cycling/walking routes,
35 (40%) friendliness of people 30 (34%) sense of community,
28 (32%) Local transport network, 25 the proximity for commuting,
24 Local facilities, shops etc., 23 Proximity to family/friends
23 for the schools, 15 have lived here all their lives,
9 Leisure & Sports Facilities No one responded 'Nothing'.

Other responses included the Church, peace and quiet, Wildlife, trees, grass verges, good neighbours, Eco Hub, Beauty and historic interest of houses and environment, Proximity to Oxford and Summertown.

13. And what do you dislike most about living in Old Marston:

46 (52%) Traffic and congestion, 42 (48%) State or roads/footpath,

37 (42%) Over development

35 (40%) Lack of local facilities and amenities such as shops etc.

26 (30%) Danger of cycling/walking, 14 Air pollution,

14 Lack of Community spirit, 10 Lack of leisure/sport facilities,

2 Poor parks and recreation areas

2 responded there was nothing they disliked,

Other responses were the fact there is a lack of medical facilities, poor public transport, overgrown vegetation, the proposed Marston Ferry Road bus gate, the litter dumping in Elsfield Road and anti-social behaviour. There were also LTNs, Speeding traffic, Health issues from Wi-Fi and mobile phone signals, Speed on Cherwell Drive, Plans to build on farmland, Empty house on Maltfield Road, Parking in Elsfield Road, Loss of village shop & PO, External appearance of MH, Noise pollution ambulance sirens on Cherwell Drive, CPZ not enforced, Poor collection of rubbish in public areas, No mail collection near Mortimer Gardens, Traffic rat run and bollards, Illegal parking for school run, Cyclists and scooters riding dangerously on pavements, Marston does not need a community centre as St Nicks church offers good services.

14. How would you rate the following in Old Marston?

Facilities/things to do for preschool children:

26 (44%) didn't know 12 (20%) responded Fair,

7 responded Good, 6 responded Poor,

5 responded Very Poor, 3 responded excellent.

Facilities/things to do for children aged 5 to 11:

12 (29%) Fair 12 (29%) Didn't know,

8 responded Good, 8 responded Poor,

1 very poor 0 responded Excellent.

Facilities/things to do for people aged 12 to 18:

29 (46%) Didn't know
9 responded Very Poor,
3 responded Good,
16 (25%) Poor,
6 responded Fair,
No one responded excellent.

Facilities for people aged 18 to 65:

22 (34%) Poor,
6 Good,
16 (25%) didn't known,
6 Very Poor,
14 (22%) Fair,
1 excellent.

Facilities for people over 65:

25 (33%) Didn't know,
13 Poor,
18 (24%) Very Poor,
4 Good,
15 (20%) Fair,
1 excellent.

15. How often do you visit the following:

Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground:

25 (29%) Never,
8 every few weeks,
5 once a month,
24 (28%) few times a year,
9 yearly,
1 not heard of it,
9 once,
5 weekly,

Boults Lane Recreation Ground:

29 (37%) Never,
5 Monthly,
3 every few weeks,
22 (28%) few times a year,
5 Didn't know,
2 Once,
8 weekly,
4 Yearly,

Mill Lane Allotments:

47 (63%) Never,
5 few times a year,
3 once a year,
6 weekly,
4 Didn't know,
1 never heard of it,
6 Once,
3 every few weeks,

Mill Lane Playing Field:

27 (52%) Never,
4 Never heard of it,
2 Monthly,
8 few times a year,
3 Didn't know,
1 weekly,
5 Once,
2 every few weeks,

Orchard Triangle

27 (36%) Never, 15 (20%) few times a year, 8 once a month,
7 Never heard of it, 5 Didn't know, 4 weekly,
4 every few weeks, 3 once a year, 3 once.

Croft Road Recreation Ground:

22 (30%) weekly, 18 (25%) Never, 14 few times a year,
7 every few weeks, 3 monthly, 3 Once,
3 Didn't know, 2 Never heard of it, 1 once a year.

Back Lane

20 (25%) few times a year, 16 (20%) Never, 12 weekly,
10 Monthly, 5 every few weeks, 5 Didn't know,
4 once a year, 4 Never heard of it, 3 once.

Mortimer Hall

20 (27%) Few times a year, 17 (23%) Never, 12 Once a year,
8 Once, 6 Monthly, 4 weekly,
4 every few weeks, 3 Didn't know, 1 never heard of it.

Church Hall

27 (33%) Never, 16 (20%) Few times a year, 11 weekly,
10 Once, 7 Once a year, 4 every few weeks,
3 Didn't know, 2 monthly, 1 never heard of it.

Roy Garner Pavilion:

47 (59%) Never, 10 Never heard of it, 8 Few times a year,
5 Once, 5 Didn't know, 2 Once a year,
1 weekly, 1 every few weeks.

OXSRAD:

36 (51%) Never, 11 Few times a year, 6 Once a year,
6 Once, 4 weekly, 3 every few weeks,

2 Never heard of it, 2 Didn't know.

St Nicholas Church:

36 (44%) Never, 11 Few times a year, 10 weekly,
6 every few weeks, 6 once a year, 6 once,
5 Didn't know, 2 never heard of it.

Other Library 2 Eco-hub 1

16. How do you usually find out about things that are happening in Old Marston:

69 (78%) Marston Times 49 (56%) Word of mouth,
21 (24%) Council noticeboard, 20 (23%) find out via Facebook,
15 While shopping locally, 12 Council website,
6 Don't find out, 5 from Twitter,
4 Local or street email groups, 3 from the Church noticeboard,
2 While at the pub, 2 Marston Mums,
1 via Nextdoor.

17. What, if anything, most worries you about the future of Old Marston:

46 (52%) More traffic, 35 (40%) Lack of Medical Facilities,
33 (38%) Over development, 26 (30%) Lack of affordable housing,
20 (23%) Lack of facilities for the old, 15 (17%) Air quality/pollution,
12 Lack of facilities for children/young, 12 Pressure on parking places,
11 Loss of identity in community, 11 Higher crime levels,
8 Lack of facilities/services for disabled, 1 Lack of leisure facilities,
1 doesn't have any worries.

Others responses; were for LTN's, Parking on street, Health from Wi-Fi & phone signals, Speeding on Cherwell Drive, Loss of identity as a village, Local Environment, Lack of segregated cycle paths, Risk of losing our vicar, Risk of losing our library, Climate change, Decent shops (no lidl or Aldi) Lack of community Centre, Lack of rubbish bins, Back Lane unkept bridle path, Grass verges need cutting regularly, Loss of

farming and over-use of green areas and Loss of access to Ferry Leisure Centre due to bus gates.

**18. Please answer the following questions if you own or manage a business or organisation in Old Marston
How many people do you employ?**

3 do not employ anyone, 1 employ 1 to 9 people,

19. Before this survey have you heard of the Parish Council:

77 said YES, 2 said NO

20. Are you satisfied with council run things:

30 Fairly satisfied, 16 Neither, 9 people are Very Satisfied,
8 fairly dissatisfied, 5 Very dissatisfied, 5 Don't know.

21. Do you receive the Parish Council Newsletter:

49 YES, 22 NO, 12 Don't know.

22. Have you visited the parish council website in the last year:

51 No, 25 replied YES 2 Don't know/can't remember.

23. How would you rate the parish council website:

14 Good, 13 Don't know, 7 Fair, 5 Poor,
3 Excellent.

24. Are you interested in signing up by email to receive e-newsletters and information from the parish council:

42 (61%) YES 14 (20%) NO 8 Don't know 5 replied not online.