

THRUXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM CHILDREN ATTENDING NP STALL AT THE THRUXTON FETE HELD ON THE 18TH

WHAT DO YOU LIKE (ABOUT LIVING IN THRUXTON)?

- Thruxton is quiet and everyone can do their own things. The circuit nearby is good and enjoyable. There is a community spirit and everyone pulls together well.
- I like the fete and everyone who lives in Thruxton.
- Its small.
- Building dens.
- Helping other people.
- Small.
- Its small
- All the countryside.
- I like to ride on the combines and tractors.
- I like that it is a small, quiet village.
- I like living near fields.
- I like the view of the countryside.
- The free access to the airfield when there is something on.
- Its small,
- Quiet

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?

- Have more things for young people to do.
- Put in a cycle road.
- Nets on goals [on the sports field]
- More pavements.
- Village shop or sweet shop.
- A shop.
- Play things/swing on the Green.
- Nets on the goals/more play stuff[on the sports field]
- Some play things on the Green.
- Have some things for children.
- A village shop.
- Don't want a housing estate.
- Keep it small.
- Public toilets (want some)
- Would like a shop.
- Mirrors on corners because road is dodgy.
- A power point and water point on the Green – like Ampport.
- More play equipment

NOTE FROM LOUISA CHAMBERLAIN WHO RAN THE CHILDREN'S GAME AND DISCUSSED THE VILLAGE WITH THEM:

Children consultation at Thrupton Fete.

Quiz of "Where in Thrupton Parish?" to complete .

Also children invited to comment on "What they liked about living in Thrupton" and "What they would change"

Comments from children aged 2-13 were taken. Some were written by themselves, others I wrote down verbatim if they were too young to write.

The children I saw were happy and engaged and were more than willing to give their comments. The older ones knew about the NP survey and had talked with their parents about it. All seemed to like the smallness and the quietness of the area, as well as living in the country. Three boys, in particular, were very vocal. They all lived at the top of Stanbury Road - 2 were brothers - and they loved looking out of their window on to the field at the back of their houses. (The field by Stanbury Close). They loved the ever changing field and the interaction with the farmer who lets them ride on the tractor or combine harvester with them. These boys also liked the fact that the area is not busy and that when at the playpark, they knew everyone and felt safe. One said that if there were more houses then there would be more people at the playpark and he would not feel as safe.

All the children enjoyed the quiz and were helped by their parents. They did not know much about their local history but were keen to find out.

The changes they wrote down ranged from wanting a shop, wanting play equipment on the Green, to more nets on the goals.

In many ways, the general feeling mirrored adult responses in the survey - they liked the safe, tranquil and rural feel of Thrupton Parish.