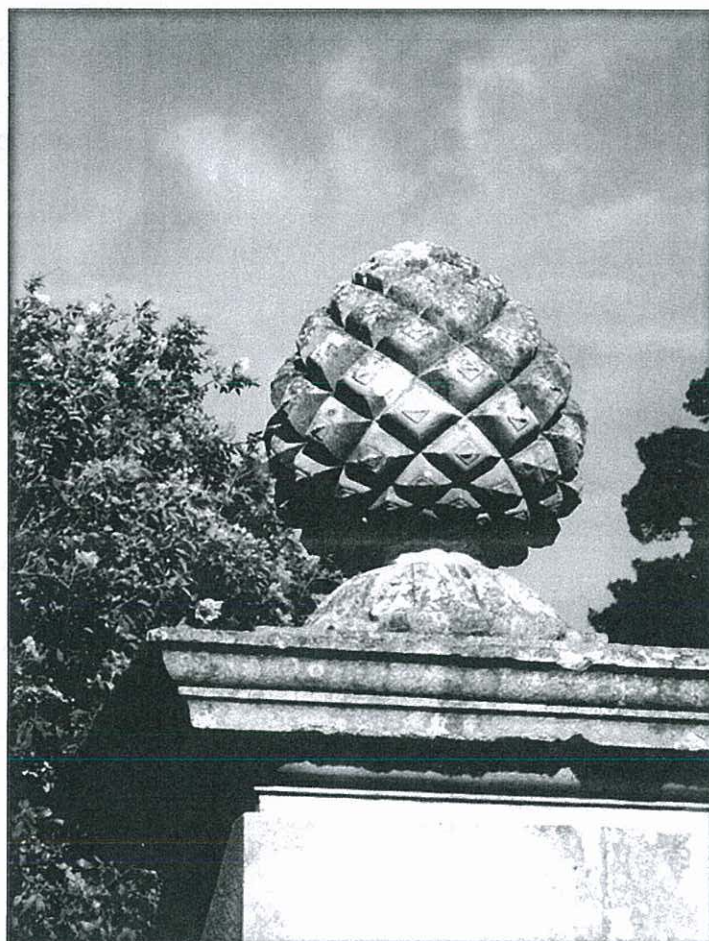


# UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY



## PARISH PLAN

2009

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This document, plus all the detailed statistics from the questionnaire, will soon be available for inspection on the new parish website:

[www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk](http://www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk)

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Chair

## Executive Summary

We hope everyone in Upton Pyne and Cowley will get something from this document. At the very least, it gives an interesting snapshot of life here in the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And with luck it could bring real benefits to our community.

What follows is drawn from the lives of the 74% of households who filled in the 2008 questionnaire. Now the Parish Plan Steering Group is pleased to present the findings of that survey - and proposals to act upon it.

The survey highlighted a number of areas where residents feel we can make improvements. Biggest of the concerns are road safety on the A377 and through Upton Pyne. There is also strong support for affordable housing and improved waste collection. In all 14 action points have been identified.

To bring about these changes we will create two **Action Groups** working with various partner organisations. The first group will deal with development matters concerning **Households, Businesses and Communication** issues. The second group will deal with **Transport, Facilities and Services**.

Each group will initially have guidance from a member of the Steering Group but we obviously need the involvement of members of the Parish to ensure the future success of the project.

We are therefore inviting people to join the Action Groups – and make these improvements happen.

If you are willing to give a small amount of your time to make a difference in the parish then please contact:

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## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The parish combines two distinct communities immediately to the north of the historic Cathedral city of Exeter. While amicably connected by a quirk of local government boundaries, and by the inevitable ties of work and family life, it seems fair to say that the two halves are only loosely linked: they feel like two separate villages, and this is reflected in many of the answers to the Parish Plan questionnaire.

Just over two miles from the centre of Exeter, **Cowley** marks the point where the Exe and Creedy rivers join and are crossed by the main road from Exeter to Crediton and North Devon. The importance of this centuries-old crossing is obvious from the



splendid **Cowley Bridge**, the latest built in 1814 and itself a listed building.

It is overlooked by **Cowley Place**, now split into flats but once the grandest mansion in a prosperous suburb of one of the most important

cities of Georgian England. The wool trade that created the wealth has long gone, but Cowley remains the more commercial part of the parish, with a pub, petrol station and large garden centre alongside the A377.

**Upton Pyne** is another mile to the north of Cowley, on a minor road linking it to the villages of the Exe Valley. From the road there are no grand buildings, and little evidence of past wealth. But two hundred years ago, Upton Pyne was an important mining village: for about 30 years it was one of the biggest producers of manganese ore in the country. While agriculture employs fewer people than it once did, there are four working farms in the village. There is no longer a shop, pub or school. But one of the country's very first working men's clubs survives as Upton Pyne Social Club. The parish church is a Grade I listed building.

Hidden from the village is **Pynes**, formerly the seat of local landowners the Northcotes (created Earls of Iddesleigh by Queen Victoria). This Grade II\* William and Mary house is reckoned to be among the finest in South West England. Jane Austen stayed there and (it's thought) may have used Upton Pyne as the setting for *Sense and Sensibility*.



## Why have a Parish Plan?

In 2007 the Parish council decided a Parish plan was needed:

- 1) To create a "picture" of the parish today that will become a historical record for the future.
- 2) To ask people what they value and want to keep, but also what they would like to change.
- 3) To create an Action Plan that will guide and inform future decision making by official bodies such as the parish, district and county councils, and other organisations – for example sources of funding such as the national lottery.

A sub-committee of parish councillors chaired by Cllr Stewart Wass invited other people to join a steering group, which organised public meetings at the Three Horseshoes pub in Cowley and the village hall in Upton Pyne. People were invited to write down their ideas, which were then collected to form the basis of a questionnaire. This was distributed to every house and business in the parish.

The response was strong: three quarters of the population (74%), or 329 people living in 151 households, helped to fill in the questionnaires. Just over half of those (53%) were from Upton Pyne and 47% from Cowley.

The answers were analysed by Devon County Council statisticians. Members of the steering group interpreted the statistics, drafted the report and drew up the action plan.

For anyone who wants to see them, all the statistics – and all the other suggestions, many of them handwritten additions to the main survey – are kept as annexes to the main report and are available for inspection. Copies will be held by the clerk to the parish council, and will eventually be stored on the new parish website.



The parish today: *'the Black Pit', all that remains of the manganese mine.*

## HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL

### Household



The survey showed that most families (80%) own their homes, with 9% renting from private landlords, and 7% from the district council. Two households (both in Upton Pyne) were tied to employment. However, unlike some other parts of Devon, there appear to be few second homes: none was listed in Cowley, and just one in Upton Pyne.

Shortages of housing and employment are more evident in Upton Pyne: 9% cent of households report one or more members having to leave the area in the last five years because of a lack of suitable housing (6% in Cowley); one house in ten reports someone leaving to find work (2% in Cowley). Overall, 18 households (12%) recorded a need for assisted or affordable housing. Across the parish, 4% wanted sheltered (such as warden assisted) housing.



In February this year (2009) East Devon District Council had 13 names on its housing waiting list. The council still has 21 houses in Upton Pyne and one in Cowley: altogether 15 were sold to tenants under the right to buy scheme. There are currently no plans to build any more council homes. *(Source: EDDC Housing Needs).*

Most households (84%) own at least one car, though the proportion of two and three-car households is higher in Upton Pyne where there is only one bus per day to and from Exeter – and none at peak times. In total, there are 202 cars, 19 vans, 16 farm vehicles, 8 mopeds and 77 bicycles.

## Personal

Those who replied to this question were evenly divided between male and female; only a quarter were aged below 40.

Age groups are roughly similar in both halves of the parish – though not identical. The biggest group is the 40-59 year olds, making up 32% overall.

However, the second biggest group in Cowley is the 26% who are aged between 65 and 74; in Upton Pyne, the second biggest group is the over-75s, who account for 20%. Young adults (aged 22 to 39) make up 14% overall; those between 11 and 21 years make up another 11%.

**Why do people live here?** One in three (32%) say it's because they love country life; about a quarter either came with their family or have relatives nearby; almost as many (22%) work in the area; one in ten came here because housing was available; the same number ticked "love of village life".

Only 9% were born in the parish, but still slightly ahead of the 8% who retired here; for 6%, marriage was the reason.



*'Love of country life'*

*Upton Pyne Social Club, viewed from the church lych-gate*

## ACTIONS

- Pursue the building of affordable housing if need is quantified



## LOCAL ECONOMY



Despite some obvious differences (retailing in Cowley, more land-related work in Upton Pyne), economic activity seems reasonably balanced across the parish. At the time of the survey, only two people (1%) said they were unemployed.

Just over half of all respondents were working: 35% were employed and 17% self-employed. Almost exactly one third were wholly retired, while 9% were in full-time education.

For those in work, education was the biggest employer (18%), followed by services (17%), with 9% in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Curiously, while 12% in Upton Pyne say they work in distribution, transport and communications, no-one claims to do so in Cowley.

Nearly a quarter work within the parish and a further 59% within 10 miles. Car and van are the most popular means of getting to work (78% in Upton Pyne, 52% in Cowley). Twenty-two people (12%) commute by bus – but nearly all of those live in Cowley, where better bus services are available.

Asked if more work should be made available in the parish, just over half had no opinion, 36% were in favour and 11% against. (In Upton Pyne, 46% were in favour). Among those calling for more jobs, 21% favoured agriculture and 10% wanted something in sport and leisure.

## BUSINESS

Of the 37 people running their own business, almost half did so within the parish. In total they managed 365 employees. Nine people indicated that they hoped to start their own business within the next couple of years and expected to take on an equivalent number of employees. They said training in a wide range of business skills would be useful.



## BUSINESSES WITHIN THE PARISH



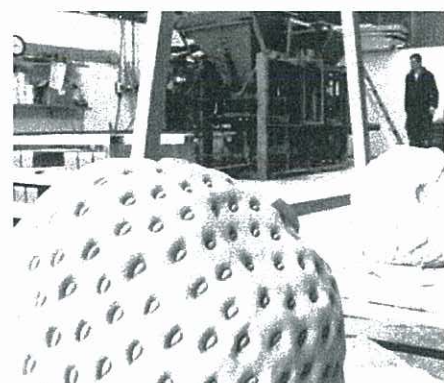
A dozen known family businesses run within the parish were asked to provide a few additional details. Between them they provided 100 full time and 35 part-time jobs, with 84% going to employees outside of the family. Just over a third lived within the parish and over half within 10 miles; one in ten had to travel more than 10 miles to work.

### SUMMARY

For the size of our community we have a very healthy employment base. There is general support to provide some more jobs, and small but significant demand for business training.

### ACTIONS

- Investigate opportunities for business training
- Support initiatives for new employment



## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Most people either felt these were poor or had no opinion, though there were differences between Upton Pyne and Cowley. Most of the Cowley respondents (71%) had no view, while 24% thought facilities were poor. In Upton Pyne, a more emphatic 54% felt things were poor, with 42% offering no opinion. Only a dozen people in all thought facilities were good or reasonable.



Upton Pyne has a small playground, maintained by EDDC, at the top of the village in Glebe Close. No-one from Upton Pyne ticked the facilities as good; 16% felt they were reasonable, while 36% thought they were poor. Almost half had no opinion.

In Cowley, there is no children's playground.

Most respondents from Cowley (79%) had no view on the subject, although 14% chose 'poor' to describe the facilities. It is not clear whether the 7% from Cowley who ticked 'good' or 'reasonable' were referring to the playground in Upton Pyne, or whether they had somewhere else in mind.

*'We need better recycling'*

In both halves of the parish, a strong feeling emerged (62% overall) in favour of recycling both plastic and cardboard – neither of which is currently collected in the EDDC green boxes. About 40% wanted a tin and aluminium collection. Slightly fewer (38%) thought bulk

waste should be collected. Just over a quarter (just under in Upton Pyne) favoured a dual dustbin collection.

Roughly one in three people liked the idea of collection points in the village.

There were noticeable differences between Cowley and Upton Pyne in the activities and services that people would like to see. That said, by far the most popular response in both halves was for a visiting fish and chip van – 25% in Cowley, rising to 30% in Upton Pyne.

*'We'd like a fish and chip van'*

The idea of a visiting shop had more support in Upton Pyne (27%) than in Cowley (11%), where access to shops is obviously easier.

Outside the main questionnaire, there were two calls for outlets for local food, one suggesting a monthly farmers' market in the village hall. Two people in Cowley and one in Upton Pyne called for a part-time post office.

A part-time clinic or surgery had more or less even support at 23% overall.

*'We want a part time clinic' – 23%*

Adult education was next highest on the list, with 15% support, closely followed by a youth club (14%).

Twenty-four people (8%) would like to see a Scout or Guide group.

There was little demand for the WI (5%), Young Farmers or the idea of a Young Wives group (2%), although support for all of these was higher in Upton Pyne.

The picture on facilities for small children shows markedly higher demand in Cowley than in Upton Pyne. For example, 11 people (8%) in Cowley wanted to see a nursery group, compared with six (3%) in Upton Pyne.

To some extent the four questions in this section – child care, nursery group, pre-school group and playgroup – could be seen as overlapping. Taken separately, each question showed support of roughly 7% across the parish, although generally higher in Cowley and lower in Upton Pyne. However, if responses to the four questions are added together, they show 82 people (28%) would like to see more facilities for pre-school children.

Three people in Upton Pyne urged residents to keep their frontages tidy, and two wanted a tennis court.

Not surprisingly, given its position, there were big differences in who used the village hall. Three quarters of respondents in Upton Pyne use the hall at least occasionally, with a quarter (38 people) using it between one and five times a month. Less than a quarter say they never go there. But over two thirds of respondents from Cowley say they never use the hall.



There were two calls for greater use of the hall – and one for its roof to be replaced with slate.

### The Parish Church

remains important, though apparently more for its historical significance than as a place of worship. And again, there are clear differences between the two halves of the parish. In every category, the church was more important to respondents in Upton Pyne.

Forty people (23%) in Upton Pyne said the church was important for Sunday worship, compared with 18 (12%) in Cowley.

Ninety-five people (54%) in Upton Pyne valued the church as a historic building; in Cowley that fell to 38%.



However, more than a third of all respondents thought every village should have a parish church. Three people thought the church should be used for community purposes. There was one complaint about loud bells.

*'Every village should have a parish church'*

One respondent said **Cowley church** was underused and should be closed.

### ACTIONS

- Investigate provision of part-time surgery/clinic
- Improve waste collection and recycling
- Investigate feasibility of visiting chip van – and implement
- Ascertain actual need for provision of facilities for pre-school children
- Ascertain actual need for provision of facilities for school age children
- Ascertain actual need and improvement of play equipment
- Pass results of questionnaire to church authorities

## TRANSPORT

For the majority of people, transport does not appear to be a big problem – although there are marked differences between Upton Pyne and Cowley.

Most people (77% overall) are regular car users, although the figure is slightly lower in Cowley.



The big difference is in bus travel: 40% in Cowley are regular bus users, compared with only 16% in Upton Pyne. None of this is surprising: Cowley sits on the main A377, with regular buses to Exeter and Crediton, and a bus shelter on each side of the road; Upton Pyne has one bus a day to Exeter, leaving mid morning (too late for commuters) and returning early afternoon; there is no bus shelter.

Overall, 58% (though slightly more in Cowley) say they never have difficulties getting from the parish to other places. But for a significant minority (13%), transport is often difficult. Quite a few (38%) say they walk regularly and 17% use bicycles.

*'A bus for commuters?'*

If Community Transport was arranged 47% indicated they would never use it, although the idea had more support in Upton Pyne. Only 4% would use it on a daily basis, while a weekly service had 16% support overall.

### Parking & Danger Spots

Car parking shows up another difference: only 9% in Cowley thought more spaces were needed; in Upton Pyne the figure was 33%, with a number of people indicating a need for off-road parking. Danger spots are clearly a common concern, with 66% indicating this is a problem – and this concern is shared equally between Cowley and Upton Pyne; only 11% felt there was no problem.



In Cowley there was considerable concern about St Andrews Road and over a third of those surveyed indicated a major problem with the A377. In Upton Pyne a third felt there was a major problem through the village.

Over half in both Cowley and Upton Pyne showed they were unhappy with current speed restrictions. In Cowley 50% of those surveyed believed speed on the A377 was a problem, with a third calling for some kind of traffic calming. In Upton Pyne a third supported a 20 mph speed limit.

### Provision for Cyclists

A major concern was the lack of a footpath and cycle path along the length of the A377 through Cowley to Exeter. Only four people (all from Upton Pyne) thought provision for cyclists was good. Overall, 17% thought it was reasonable. Most (81%) were evenly divided between those who felt it was poor, or had no opinion.



### Footpaths & Bridleways



Only four people (and none in Cowley) thought provision for pedestrians was good, although 38% thought it was reasonable. But 46% felt provision in the parish was poor.

However, half felt that the *condition* of footpaths and bridleways was reasonable. Those who felt the condition was good (16%) were just outnumbered by those who ticked 'poor' (18%).

Support for the idea of more footpaths and bridleways was stronger in Cowley (at 50%, with 17% against) than in Upton Pyne (45% for and 24% against). Suggestions for new footpaths and bridleways included a footpath from Cowley to Upton Pyne (this was also supported by Upton Pyne residents), a circular footpath between Cowley and Whitestone and a footpath or bridlepath between Upton Pyne and Bramford Speke.

### ACTIONS

- Look at improving cycle and pedestrian provision on the A377
- Produce an Action Plan for improving safety within the parish including the A377 and through the centre of Upton Pyne and then to lobby the relevant authorities to ensure that action is taken.
- Prepare an Action Plan to improve footpaths, cycle ways and bridle paths within the parish and then to ensure the Action Plan is activated.
- Lobby PC to form a transport sub group to take these activities forward.
- Feed statistical information to sub group

## COMMUNICATIONS AND THE FUTURE

Markedly more people in Upton Pyne feel well informed about what goes on in the parish: 93% said the amount of information was good or reasonable; the figure for Cowley was 57%, and a sizeable minority there (22%) thought information was poor.



### Different ways of keeping informed

*As things stand, while Upton Pyne and Cowley belong to the same civil parish, they receive different parish magazines: Upton Pyne shares Speke Up with Bramford Speke, while people in Cowley are more likely to get the Newton Wonder from Newton St Cyres.*

*And while the parish council has its own notice board in Cowley, there is no public notice board; Upton Pyne has a much-used public board outside the village hall.*

Asked what would be most effective in keeping people informed, the most popular option was the parish magazine, chosen by 74% in Upton Pyne and 48% in Cowley. Support for notice boards was also higher in Upton Pyne (39%), compared with 17% in Cowley. Overall, just over a quarter liked the idea of a parish council newsletter, and much the same would like a parish website.

Word of mouth remains important, though more so in Upton Pyne (24%) than in Cowley (16%); but it's roughly the other way round when people are asked about e-mail.



*The notice board outside Upton Pyne Village Hall*

### Internet access

Most people have internet access at home, though Cowley (81%) is better connected than Upton Pyne (72%).



### **Development of the parish**

Looking to the future, opinions across the parish were broadly similar. Just over half wanted a balanced community.

However, support for the parish to stay as it is was stronger in Upton Pyne (39%) than in Cowley (23%).

One in ten (slightly more in Upton Pyne) favour a future as a working community. There was little support for the parish developing as a tourist centre, or as commuter or retirement communities.

*'Community  
should be more  
sustainable'*

### **Raising money to implement ideas from this survey**

People in both halves were fairly consistent in their views as to where the money should come from, if ideas from the questionnaire are to be implemented. First preference, with 36% support, was fundraising, followed by moderate increases in council tax (34%). Sponsorship was preferred by 21%, while 15% thought private contributors should bear the cost.

*'Council Tax is  
already too high'*

### **Extra Council Tax payments for local projects**

Each household was asked how much extra it would be willing to pay each month in council tax for purely local projects. This yielded a spread of answers ranging from nothing - "*Council tax is already too high*" - to £10, with 19% of households ticking the £5 box; however, almost twice as many chose £4 or less.

## Boundary changes and whether to become part of Exeter



*'Do we want to lose our village status?'*

A clear majority oppose the idea of the parish becoming part of an expanded Exeter. However, opposition in Upton Pyne is much stronger: 73% ticked 'No', with only 5% in favour and the remaining 21% expressing no opinion. But in Cowley, opinions appear less polarised: 41% were against the idea, while 30% said 'Yes' and almost as many (29%) ticked 'No Opinion'.

### Choice of Parish Council for Cowley

The aim of the final question was to find out if people wanted Cowley to continue as a ward of Upton Pyne civil parish – bearing in mind that for church and school purposes, they are in the catchment area of Newton St Cyres.

The replies did not provide a clear answer. Of those from Cowley, almost half (48%) gave no opinion; those who did express a view were roughly three-to-two in favour of joining Newton St Cyres parish. Replies from Upton Pyne showed a higher proportion (39%) for keeping things as they are, while 41% had no opinion.

### ACTIONS

- Increase circulation of Speke Up to include Cowley
- Ensure relevant articles are sent to Newton Wonder for Cowley residents
- Improve communication of parish matters – particularly in Cowley
- Draw survey results ref Council tax, proposed boundary changes and boundary re-alignment to UPPC

## APPENDIX 1

### Detailed Action Plan

The following pages list the detailed actions together with the Lead Organisations, Partner Organisations and Timescale.

The continuing role of the Steering Group is to ensure that the Actions are undertaken and the parishioners are involved in the process and receive regular updates.

#### Key to abbreviations:

UP PC = Upton Pyne Parish Council  
 NSC PC = Newton St Cyres Parish Council  
 BS PC = Brampford Speke Parish Council  
 DCC = Devon County Council  
 MDDC = Mid Devon District Council  
 EDDC = East Devon District Council  
 CCD = Community Council of Devon  
 DAPC = Devon Association of Parish Councils  
 PCT = Primary Care Trust  
 SPK = Speke Up  
 NW = Newton Wonder Magazine  
 UPPCC = Upton Pyne Parochial Church Council  
 CPPC = Cowley Parochial Church Council  
 VOL ORGS = County Voluntary Organisations  
 FALCON = Falcon Housing

#### Timescales:

SHORT – within 9 months  
 MEDIUM – within 18 months  
 LONG – over 18 months

**Household and Personal**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Pursue the building of affordable housing if need is quantified.	UP PC	BS PC EDDC CCD FALCON	SHORT & ONGOING

<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Determine need for assisted housing and pursue with relevant partners.	UP PC	EDDC CCD VOL ORGS	MEDIUM

**Business**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Investigate opportunities for business training.	UP PC	EDDC CCD LOCAL BUSINESSES	MEDIUM

<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Quantify and pursue additional employment needs.	UP PC	EDDC CCD LOCAL BUSINESSES	MEDIUM

**Facilities & Services**

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Investigate provision of part-time surgery / clinic	UP PC	PCT	MEDIUM

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Improve waste collection and recycling	UP PC	EDDC	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Investigate feasibility of visiting fish & chip van and implement.	UP PC	None	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Examine provision, including play equipment, for pre-school and school age children and assess future needs.	UP PC	LOCAL SCHOOLS VOL ORGS	SHORT & ONGOING

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
To bring survey results to attention of Parochial Church Councils	UP PC	UPPCC CPCC	MEDIUM

## Transport

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
To form action group to undertake the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve cycle and pedestrian provision on A377</li> <li>• Produce Action Plan to improve safety in the Parish including A377</li> <li>• To prepare Action Plan to improve footpaths, cycle ways and bridle paths within the Parish</li> <li>• To ensure Action Plan is implemented</li> </ul>	UP PC	DCC NCS PC BS PC EDDC CCD	SHORT & ONGOING

## Communications & Future

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
To increase circulation of Speke Up, especially in Cowley	UP PC	SPK	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
To ensure relevant articles from Cowley are sent to Newton Wonder and to improve circulation.	UP PC	NW	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
To ensure improved communication on Parish matters, particularly in Cowley	UP PC	SPK NW	SHORT

Action	Leader	Partners	Timescale
Draw survey results ref Council tax, proposed boundary changes and boundary re-alignment to UPPC	UP PC	NSC PC BS PC DAPC EDDC MDDC	MEDIUM & ONGOING

## APPENDIX 2

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Many people took the opportunity to add their own comments in addition to their answers in the set boxes. By quite a large margin, the subjects that attracted the most extra comments were to do with perceived dangers on the roads. All additional comments are listed below; where more than one respondent expressed the same view, the number is indicated with an 'X' – e.g. X5.

The additional comments have been split into separate columns for Cowley and Upton Pyne.

#### **Q10 How did you come to live in this Parish?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
On bus route	Moved to be closer to schools in Exeter
Noticed 'house for sale' board	Moved closer to ageing parents
Friends near by	
Live with co-workers	
Moved in with partner	
Moved in as a student	
Near public transport	

#### **Q12 Are you at present?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Part-time retired	No comment

#### **Q13 If you earn a wage/salary, is your work:**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Un-employed	Journalism
Information technology	Health service X4
Legal	Health care
Management/admin	Financial marketing X2
Dairy industry	Property management
Internet trader	Self employment service
Community matron	Publishing
Dental care	Deep sea pilot
Government sector	Local government
	Property landlord & company director
	Independent investigator
	Civil Service

#### **Q15 What is your major means of transport to work or Study?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Car sharing	No comment

**Q17 If 'Yes' what sort of additional employment in the Parish would be acceptable to you?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
No comment	Farm shop like the Exe Valley shop

**Q28 which activities/facilities would you like to see in the village?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
None	Part-time Post Office
Part-time Post Office X2	Shop
Not appropriate to Cowley - no village hall	Pub
Out on a limb	Tennis court X2
Not large enough	Swimming pool
Mobile library	Gym
League of friends for voluntary section	Outdoor facilities (playing field)
	Keep fit in parish hall
	Driving range

**Q30 Is your Parish Church important to you?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Problem with loud bells	Concerts in church
Wrong religion	No benefit at all
Cowley church underused, should be closed	Community work (use)
Used for community use X2	

**Q31 Which types of transport do you use on a regular basis?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Taxi	Taxi X2
Surgery link up service	More frequent bus services inc bus service to Tiverton
	Bus services to outlying areas
	Electric scooter



**Q34 Does the Parish need more places for parking?**Cowley

Needs parking for church  
X3  
More parking on A377

Upton Pyne

Needs more off-road parking  
X5  
Use village hall car park for overnight parking  
X4  
Car parking by Pierces Farm  
More parking by Glebe Close  
X4  
More parking spaces at top & bottom of  
village  
By the Church  
Next to Black Pit

**Q35 Do you think there are any 'danger spots' on the roads in the Parish?**Cowley

Upton Pyne to Brampford Speke road  
St Andrews Road (Cowley to Exwick)  
X13  
A377 from the Three Horseshoes Inn to  
Exeter X33  
Cowley to Upton Pyne road  
X2

Upton Pyne

Bend outside Orchard House  
Belgrave Terrace  
X9  
End of village by hair pin bend  
  
Through the village  
X33  
Jackmoor to Newbridge Road  
Upton Pyne to Brampford Speke road  
Cowley Bridge A377  
Top of Pynes Hill  
Area around Pierces Farm  
X4  
Blind spot near Railway bridge near A377  
From village to Jackmoor  
Sharp corner from village to Thorverton

**Q36 Are you happy with the speed restrictions in the Parish?**Cowley

Speed cameras, fixed  
X13  
20 mph limit in St Andrews Road X7  
  
Slow signs by Bernaville  
Flashing slow signs on A377  
X3

Upton Pyne

20mph limit in village  
X37  
Better road markings  
X2  
Better street lighting  
Mobile police camera to enforce speed limit  
X5

Speed bumps  
X2  
Signs on bridges on A377 warning of pedestrians  
Need more police  
X2  
20 mph on A377 at Cowley  
X4  
Pedestrian crossing on A377  
X7  
More 30 mph signs on A377  
X5

Speed bumps or single line passing  
X2  
15mph through village  
  
Extend current 30mph limit to Jackmoor/Pye Corner

**Q40 Would you like to see more footpaths and bridleways in the Parish?**

Cowley

Footpath in St Andrews Road  
Around the fields behind Cowley  
X4  
Along the river  
X3  
Cowley to Upton Pyne  
X4  
Foot & cycle way from Three Horseshoes - Exeter X18

Upton Pyne

Main road through village needs footpath  
Off road provision for cycles  
  
Footpaths around the verges of fields  
  
Foot or cycle path from Cowley to Exeter  
X3  
Footpath from Upton Pyne - Cowley  
X4  
Wherever possible  
X5  
Footpath/bridleway Upton Pyne to Brampford  
X6  
More bridle paths for horses riders especially with equestrian centre in village  
"Right to roam" everywhere  
All footpath gates should be accessible to buggies, wheelchairs etc  
Footpath Nettacott - Sweetham  
Footpath Nettacott - Upton Pyne

**Q42 Which of the following would be effective in keeping you informed of local news/events and services?**

Cowley

Notice board in part time Post Office  
We already have a good parish magazine  
Parish Fun Day

Upton Pyne

Do not need meetings for meetings sake  
Community magazine is excellent  
Need parish notice board - regularly updated

**Q44 How would you like the Parish to develop?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
No comment	Should be allowed to grow into affordable housing Limited expansion with work opportunities

**Q45 If suggestions raised by this questionnaire require money for implementation, where should this money come from?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Must be fair & sensible	Housing tax should go to the Parish
From existing Council Tax	Grants
Central government	Should be possible to fund from present council
Those who need improvements should pay for them	Taxes, as the village receives very little in the way of public services
Local lottery	Should be self financing
Property development tax	

**Q46 If it was guaranteed that the money would be spent on local projects by the Parish Council, how much extra would your household be willing to pay on your Council Tax per month?**

<u>Cowley</u>	<u>Upton Pyne</u>
Council Tax far too high already	£120 +
X13	
£10	£10
£0.50	Council Tax is too high already
	X8
Depends on projects	No increase

**Further Comments from Cowley**

Maintain bus service	
Better recycling	X2
Need for low cost housing for young people in Cowley	X2
Stronger links with Newton St Cyres than Upton Pyne	X3
Do not wish to be part of expanded Exeter, we are rural	
Should look at French system of government (better than ours)	
Rivers need cleaning	
Pedestrian crossing on A377 to cross to bus stop	
Park and Ride scheme needed for Cowley side of Exeter	
Bus fares are unreasonable from Cowley to Exeter and are out of balance with other destinations, also cannot buy weekly Exeter City bus tickets.	
More bridleways and footpaths	
Community should be more sustainable and a study undertaken	X2
Cowley children should always attend Newton St Cyres school	

More high quality outlets for local food  
 Small rental outlets

### **Further comments from Upton Pyne**

White lights in village  
 Small number of affordable or rented houses for local people  
 Village hall should be used more often  
 Facilities for young people very poor  
 No outdoor sports facilities  
 No Saturday transport to Exeter  
 Better grass cutting around village and hedges cut  
 No more increase in Council Tax - not spending money wisely  
 All residents should keep their frontages tidy X3  
 Replace village hall roof with slate roof  
 Cars parked at village hall in front should be for disabled people  
 Provision of low cost housing not supported by evidence - houses in Glebe Close are often vacant X3  
 More for young people required  
 More frequent bus route to Exeter  
 Traffic calming  
 Better recycling  
 Do not think the questionnaire will make any difference  
 Local farmers' market monthly in village hall  
 More parish hall activities in the evening  
 Upton Pyne has unique quality & any development would spoil atmosphere  
 There is no provision for cyclist in the Parish  
 Commuter bus service into Exeter  
 Evening bus service into Exeter  
 There is talk of providing "affordable" housing in Upton Pyne. Would that be properties to buy or to rent? If properties to buy, then Upton Pyne residents should part buy with perhaps a housing trust who would buy the other half with a view to allowing residents to take on the other half as and when they could afford it. Otherwise, any other plan wouldn't work, as most locals who need cheaper housing couldn't afford, or even get, a full mortgage.

As for more industries in the village, in recent years we have seen the advent of chicken, pheasant and pig agricultural industries in the village, not to mention two or three manufacturing industries and a thriving equestrian centre based on or near Seychelles Farm. I doubt the village could sustain any more. If we go down the road of providing more industry in Upton Pyne, we would eventually cease to be village and become swallowed up as part of the city. This has happened in Yorkshire, where a village 4 miles from a town is now part of that town of Brighouse - The northern part of the village claimed by Bradford. Do we want to lose our village status?

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