

Results of H?LT Love It/Hate It – Dec 20019

Summary of 55 questionnaires completed by adults collected from the box in the shop.

LIKES.

The most popular ones were to do with being part of the community –

Sense of community – 21

Friendly people – 10

Safe, quiet and peaceful – 4

High quality of life

These were closely followed by the shop – 22 (including 2 special mentions of Hari!) and the post office – 15

The pubs were mentioned by 13 people and access to the countryside by 12. The churches were emphasised by 8.

Other likes were –

The school – 4

The Courts – 3

Good mix of ages of village residents – 3

The park and sports facilities – 3

Garages – 3

Toddler group – 2

Community bus

Lack of crime

Mobile library

Clean and tidy streets

Mix of architecture

And last but not least – Holt Magazine.

DISLIKES.

The issue which most upsets Holt residents is the main road through the village and related matters –

Volume of traffic – 16 (which will increase with Asda)

Speed of traffic – 15

Number of HGVs – 10

Lack of pedestrian crossings – 5

Inadequate, badly maintained pavements – 5

Dangerous for cyclists – 3

Also mentioned were inadequate parking, leading to obstruction of the pavements, and the difficulties and dangers of walking to Staverton and Bradford on Avon. Public transport was felt to be inadequate.

Other matters of dislike were –

- Litter

- Loss of GP services

- Vandalism and graffiti

- Poor upkeep of the park and play areas, and the bad state of the pavilion

- No allotments

- Too many overhead cables

- Amount and standard of infill housing

- Inappropriate site of car showroom

- Not much to do for young people

IDEAS.

Most of the ideas concern roads and traffic, and reducing the number of HGVs stands out. There is a good deal of support for a bypass, and for pedestrian crossings, particularly by the school (with a lollipop person), and for The Courts, as long as parking by the shop is not compromised. A 20mph limit is quite popular, as is the idea of chicanes in the broader parts of the street. Pavements need to be improved, and there need to be cycle paths both through the village and to surrounding places (Staverton and Bradford on Avon in particular).

The second largest number of ideas concerns the provision of facilities for young people – biking and skateboard park, a youth clubhouse.

There are many other ideas –

- Reopen the railway station

- Relocate preschool to the school

- Evening police presence

- Promote more small businesses

- Both more housing and less housing!

- More shops

- Regular litter clearance

- More trees

- Involve Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in park and pond maintenance

Hourly shuttle bus – Bradford<->Holt<->Melksham

Childcare facilities

Allotments

Local volunteer bureau/community fundraising

Welcome pack for newcomers

Organise recycling better