

Parish Priorities Survey

In June 2010, each parish, via the parish council, was invited to list its top five priorities and to state what the parish would most like to achieve in the next five years.

Priorities were awarded weighted scores to enable a prioritised list of issues to be developed for all respondents and matched to the 9 Parish Plan categories:

Priority 1 was awarded 5 points

Priority 2 was awarded 4 points

Priority 3 was awarded 3 points

Priority 4 was awarded 2 points

Priority 5 was awarded 1 point

Points awarded within each category were accumulated to arrive at an overall total. The majority of parishes were keen to achieve all priorities within five years. Sixteen parishes responded between July 2010 and January 2011.

All information supplied on the following pages is derived from Parish Priority responses received from the following parishes:

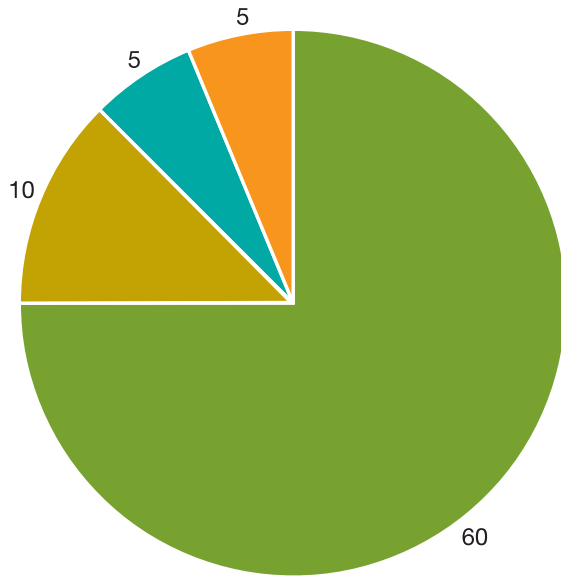
From 16 parishes, with area % in AONB

Dunkeswell	100	Neroche	50
Churchstanton	100	All Saints	40
Clayhidon	100	Pitminster	40
Luppitt	100	Broadhembury	30
Membury	100	Combe St Nicholas	25
Monkton	100	Culmstock	20
Hemyock	100	Wellington Without	20
Upottery	100	Shute	5

The issues receiving the highest scores overall are shown in the final pie chart on page 33: Traffic and transport related problems are clearly a common problem to almost all respondents receiving a score of 93 overall. Housing and the Built Environment and Community Facilities shared almost equal importance in second and third places with 43 and 42 points respectively.

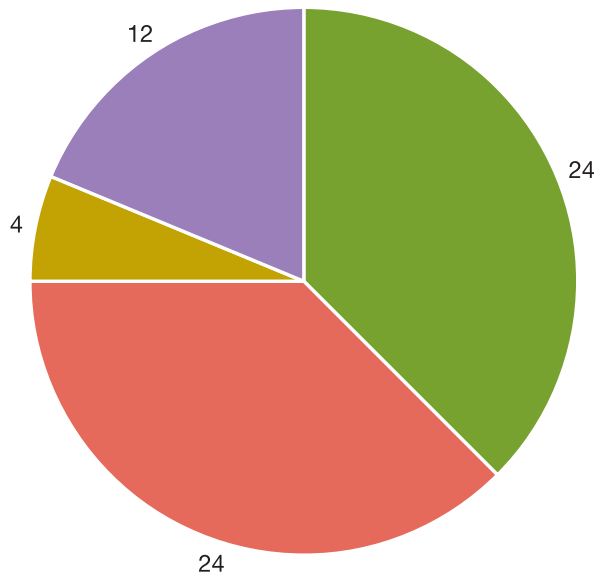
The following series of pie charts shows scores derived from the individual Parish Priorities, the scores are accumulated in the final chart.

Priority 1 Scores



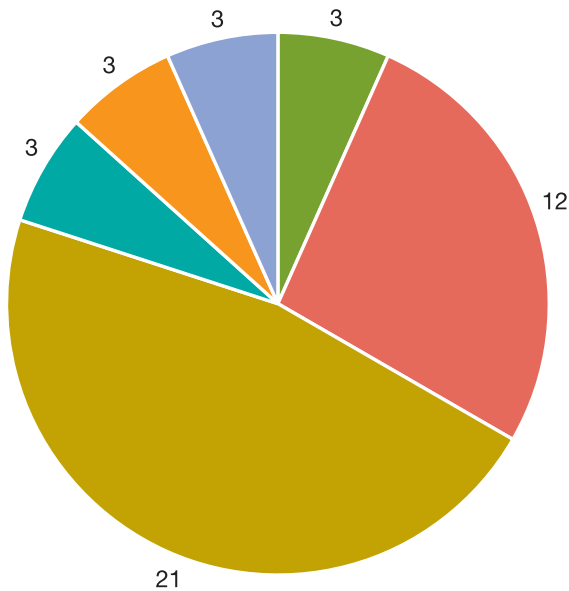
- Traffic and transport
- Community facilities
- Technology & Communications
- Parish Plan

Priority 2 Scores



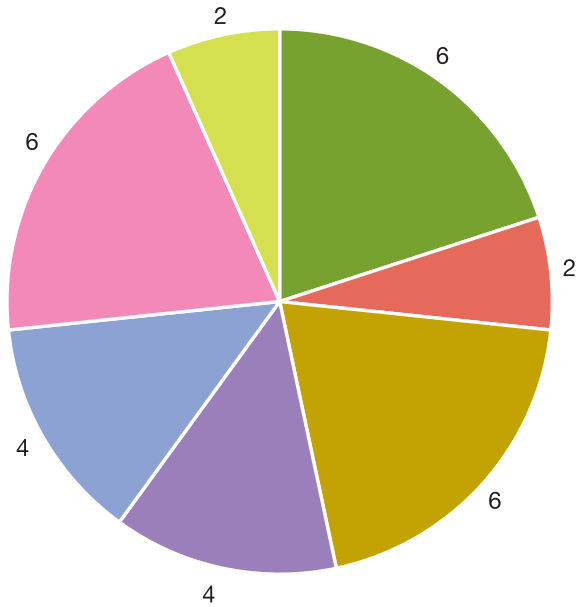
- Traffic and transport
- Housing/built environment
- Community facilities
- Living environment

Priority 3 Scores



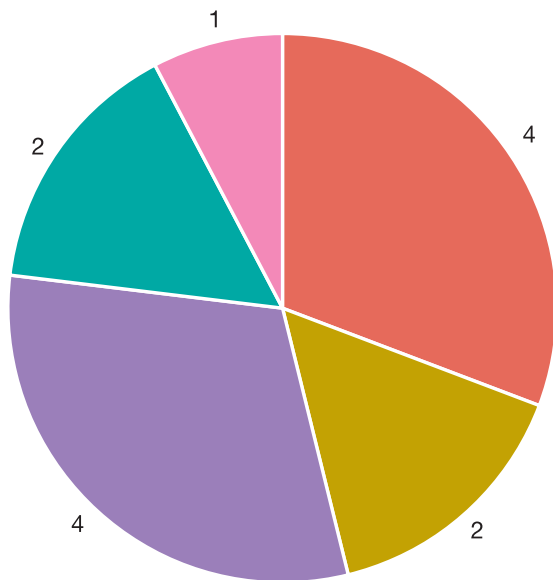
- Traffic and transport
- Housing/built environment
- Community facilities
- Technology & communications
- Parish Plan
- Economy

Priority 4 Scores



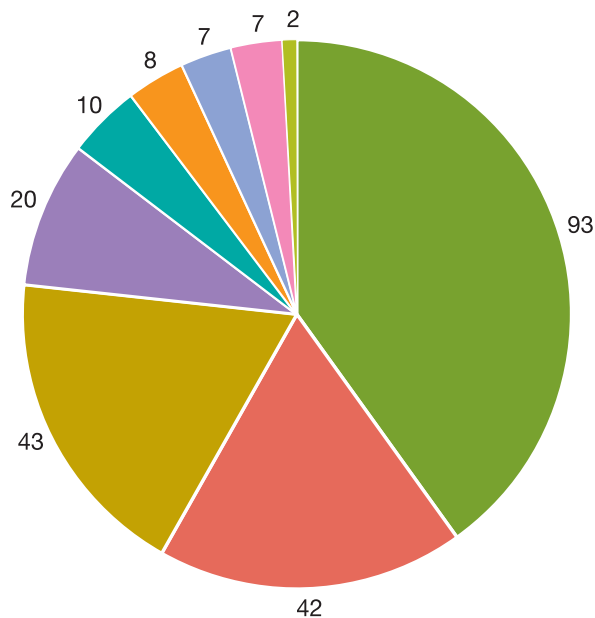
- Traffic and transport
- Housing/built environment
- Community facilities
- Living environment
- Economy
- Community safety
- Health and social care

Priority 5 Scores



- Housing/built environment
- Community facilities
- Living environment
- Technology & communications
- Community safety

Chart showing accumulated totals scored across all parish priorities



- Traffic and transport
- Housing/built environment
- Community Services
- Living environment
- Technology & Communications
- Parish Plan
- Economy
- Community safety
- Health and Social Care

The following tables contain remarks from the responding parishes about their priority issues.

Parish	Issues relating to TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT
All Saints	No public transport services except at A358, only suitable for minority of parishioners. Car share service is available
Broadhembury	Road maintenance and improvements
Churchstanton	Reduce traffic speed, maintain road surfaces to higher standard. Improve road safety for children going from Churchinford to Churchstanton school, especially in village centre and at Cricket Ground crossing of Smeatharpe Rd. Divert HGVs travelling between A303 and Hemyock away from Red Lane and Royston Rd, use Eagle Tavern and Culmhead instead
Clayhidon	V limited public transport provision. Inadequate maintenance of roads, verges, hedgerows, poor winter gritting provision, poor signage directing HGVs to inadequate roads.
Combe St Nicholas	Improve A303 junction at Eagle Cross
Culmstock	Highways/public transport/cyclepaths
Dunkeswell	Reduce speeding in parish; Provide by-pass for HGVs to the industrial estate
Hemyock	Major concerns regarding heavy lorries going backwards and forwards to the Dunkeswell Trading Estate, not local delivery lorries - although some of those are problematic too but we desperately need to keep our local businesses; speeding in village, lack of parking, no of cars, state of roads, overgrown hedges on roadways; bus timetable needs to be more relevant to those who do or could use it;
Luppitt	Road and road conditions
Membury	Improve standards of maintenance and drainage
Monkton	A30 road especially with regard to speeding vehicles, heavy wide lorries passing through the village, accidents, safety concerns of pedestrians crossing, and road repairs
Neroche PC	Volume and speed
Pitminster	Speed in Blagdon Hill and adjoining roads
Shute	Off road car parking and for school; Control speed
Upottery	Make roads safer for all users, esp pedestrians
Wellington without	Routing of heavy transport through parish, Ford St /Monument Road to Dunkeswell ; Satnav incompatibility; quarrying activity; excessive signage on SCC managed routes; little public transport

Parish	Issues relating to Housing/built environment
All Saints	Commercial development: issue over distinction between 'working from home', office based vs light industry to retain Residential status. ?Create small light industry units from redundant farm buildings/disused garages or stables. To be built in Envelope: Small affordable homes to rent/buy in private/affordable housing schemes. Conversion of large/redundant commercial buildings; Tighten up on retrospective planning, also controls re approved execution of planning permissions.
Broadhembury	More affordable housing required
Clayhidon	Lack of affordable housing. Perception that in adequate consideration is given to views of the parish council; Inadequate provision for use of redundant farm buildings
Culmstock	Planning/development outside agreed envelope/ Affordable housing
Dunkeswell	More affordable housing required

Luppitt	More affordable housing required. Planning consultation inadequate?
Monkton	low cost housing for local people
Pitminster	Retain delegated planning agreement with TDBC
Shute	Remove travellers site. More affordable housing required
Upottery	Local houses for local people
Wellington without	Lack of consistency and continuity of decisions, eg sightlines, visibility of installations from other parishes

Parish **Issues relating to Community Facilities**

Broadhembury	Preservation of the countryside. Support continuation of PO
Churchstanton	Improve delivery - post often not delivered until 2.30 pm, and only one collection /day
Combe St Nicholas	Assist Youth Club with proposed sites for equipment
Culmstock	Cyclepaths
Hemyock	Need for youth facilities; re-opening of old railway line as a footpath/cycle way, (many prepared to help clear it);
Membury	To maintain the rural character of the parish, allowing for limited development of affordable/sheltered housing to meet local need
Upottery	Outdoor exercise equipment for adults, improve facilities for youth of the parish
Wellington without	Little provision for youth although few problems

Parish **Issues relating to Living Environment**

Broadhembury	Preservation of the countryside Preserve unique character
Culmstock	Waste management/green energy , Footpaths
Hemyock	increasingly relevant, environmental issues, climate change, sustainability.
Membury	To maintain the rural character of the parish, allowing for limited development of affordable/sheltered housing to meet local need. The protection of the landscape including roadside hedgebanks
Shute	Maintain /improve health of local rivers

Parish **Issues relating to Economy**

Culmstock	Economic development
Membury	Maintain and encourage development
Monkton	Encourage small businesses in the parish

Parish **Issues relating to Community Safety**

All Saints	More efficient service and faster reaction needed when issues are reported.
Clayhidon	Need for more local control over noisy musical events both licensed and under temporary events notices
Luppitt	Rural crime an issue
Wellington without	Very little amenity for managing a public emergency, no meeting place

Parish	Issues relating to Technology and Communications
Luppitt	Broadband provision required
Monkton	Access to Broadband
Neroche	Mobile phone coverage and broadband speeds

Parish	Issues relating to Parish Specific
Dunkeswell	Complete revision of parish plan
Pitminster	Review parish plan

Parish	Issues relating to Health and Social Care
Hemyock	now just surfacing, due to problems with Old School Court no longer being available for the people the original charity was set up to serve, the residential home at Churchinford just closing, and the ever-increasing number of elderly in the area, some serious resolution to future health care needs for the elderly locally.