

Coreley Parish

Past, Present and Future

From the Three Forked Pole on the slopes of Titterstone Clee Hill, the Parish reaches down to Coreley Coppice, covering approximately 10 square miles.

Registered as CORNELIE, (meaning "Cranes clearing"*) in the Domesday Book of 1086, Coreley has been an agricultural parish for over a thousand years.

Coreley has an industrial past too, with brick makers and coal mining due to the diverse geology of the landscape. The Dhustone Quarry, now under ownership of Hansons, is still extracting the black coloured dolorite from the Hill as people have done for centuries.

In recent memory, Coreley had its own school, Post Office and shop. The local public houses were the Talbot, the Smoking Dragon, the Kremlin (then known as the Craven Arms), the Victoria and the Colliers. Boundary changes in 1980's meant that the Kremlin and the Victoria were moved into Caynham Parish.

On Hoar Edge there are four burial cairns, thought to date from the early Bronze Age, placing them in the same era as the stone wall that encloses the summit of Titterstone Clee.

The Church dedicated to St Peter has a long history too, with a Robber taking sanctuary there in 1261. In 1757 the chancel and nave were rebuilt, with the stone tower and foundations being the only remaining part of the original building.

The Three Forked Pole was a Parish Boundary marker, which appears on a map of 1571 supposedly "neare to a place whence an old Stone Crosse stood formerly" **. The wooden structure has been replaced many times.

A pipe-line to carry water from the Elan Valley to Birmingham was built through and under Coreley in the 19th century, the water travels by way of an aqueduct and two tunnels called the Studley Tunnel and Brick House Tunnel. Part of the structure was renewed in the 1980s.

Today the Parish has 154 dwellings and an approximate population of 300 including pensioners, and young families alike.

The Parish Plan was undertaken so that the voice of those residents can be heard when it comes to planning decisions, and to take Coreley into a future that benefits its residents.

*The Place-Names of Shropshire by Margaret Gelling (English Place Name Society)

** Documents Concerning the Parish of Caynham with Coreley and Hope Bagot. (Shropshire Archives)

HOUSING

The general perception is that future housing will be needed in Coreley with responses showing a potential need of around 20 houses in the next 5 years.

Those who responded felt that Affordable Housing for local people was preferable to 'mansion' size housing.

However, some people felt, that more houses would spoil the beauty of the Village and that the road infrastructure could not cope with the increased traffic. It was also indicated that any new housing should not be on agricultural land.

	Yes	Yes %	No	Abstain
Would you like there to be more housing available	23	46.9	24	2
What sort of housing is required				
Homes for sale	7	16.3		
Homes for rent	3	7.0		
Sheltered housing	3	7.0		
Affordable housing	21	48.8		
Council housing	2	4.7		
Housing Association	5	11.6		
Other Small mixed development	1	2.3		
Other Mobile homes	1	2.3		
	43			
Who would you like houses for?				
Local residents / people				10
Children of the parish				3
Local young people				2
Young Single & Elderly				1
Young People				1
Couples & Families				1
Range of income groups				1
Anyone				1
				20
How many houses do you think the parish may need in the next 5 years				
1-5	10			
5-10	11			
10-15	3			
15-20	1			
20+	4			

ROADS & SAFETY

From the respondents it becomes obvious that a high percentage of households have more than 1 vehicle and general feelings show that road surfaces are reasonable but that there should be more Salt bins provided particularly on the steeper slopes with more prompt snow clearance on exit routes.

The Shropshire Link bus service is missed and a replacement service would be welcome particularly for the elderly and infirm.

A speed limit of 40 mph would be welcome on the A4117 over the Clee Hill Common

Code	Yes	Yes %	No	Abstain	
Are the following maintained to a reasonable standard					
Road Surfaces	33	67.3	16		
Drainage	18	36.7	30	1	
Hedges	26	53.1	20	3	
Salt / Grit Boxes	32	65.3	14	3	
Signposts	36	73.5	12	1	
Street Lighting	6	12.2	41	2	
Speed Restrictions	22	44.9	25	2	
Speed Awareness Workshops	12	24.5	35	2	
Forms of transport					
Car					45
Van					7
4X4					17
Motorbike					1
Bicycle					2
Households With More Than 1 Vehicle					18
Housholds That Use A Bus					4
Would You Use A Reliable Bus Service	22	44.9	25	2	

FACILITIES

The residents of Coreley Parish have to travel outside of the Village to Clee Hill, Cleobury Mortimer, Tenbury Wells and Ludlow for the majority of services needed on a regular basis.

	Cleobury Mortimer	Clee Hill	Ludlow	Tenbury Wells
Which of the following local facilities do you visit and for what purpose				
Shopping	28	32	47	24
School	3	7	0	0
Work	7	6	12	7
Health	20	20	12	13
Library	3	0	17	14
Leisure	10	3	25	14
Sports / Recreation	8	5	16	6
Faith / Beliefs	1	1	3	4
Pub / Social	20	20	28	19
Other	0	0	0	0

BROADBAND

Most people have Broadband and over 50% of those that use it have it for business purposes, however, the connection is deemed slow and unreliable and particularly unstable in wet weather conditions.

	Yes	Yes %	No	Abstain
Do you have Broadband connection	44	89.8	4	1
Is the connection speed adequate	13	26.5	32	4
Do you use it for business	19	38.8	26	4

LITTER

The chart below is fairly comprehensive in itself but additionally it is shown that picking up litter could pose a health hazard and people are prepared to pick up litter if others do rather than for others who need to be educated in the principle of country living. There is some concern that the closure of the Coder Road site in Ludlow could make fly tipping worse and that a fine should be imposed those caught dropping litter.

	Yes	Yes %	No	Abstain
Does the sight of litter around your village bother you	46	93.9	1	2
Do you consider litter a hazard to:				
Health	28	57.1	17	4
The enviroment	48	98.0	0	1
Livestock & pets	47	95.9	1	1
Children	35	71.4	9	5
Traffic	17	34.7	18	14
Other				
Whose responsibility do you think it is to pick it up				
Dropper	22			
Everyone	12			
Council	3			
Dropper & Everyone	4			
Everyone & Council	2			
Community	1			
Community & Council	1			
Do you think the community can afford to pay someone to pick it up	4	8.2	40	5
				Make it worse
Do you think litter bins would help reduce litter	18	36.7	24	7
Would you pick it up	37	75.5	9	3
Would you be prepared to pickup litter adjacent to your home if the neighbours were	43	87.8	4	2
Do you think picking up litter would make people feel more involved in the community	25	51.0	20	4
Would you participate in organised litter picks	27	55.1	18	4
	3			
How Frequently	Monthly 17		Monthly 10	

DOG FOULING

Dog owners' responsibility to clean up after their pets is always a contentious matter, with a 50% of respondents considering it a problem.

The main issue in the questionnaire arising from dog fouling is the effect on children's health.

There is a keen desire from respondents to shame and impose fines on the offending owners.

However, suggestions were made, to put up posters highlighting the need to clear up after your own dogs and to provide bins for the dog foul.

	Yes	Yes %	No	Abstain
Do you consider Dog mess to be a problem in the Parish	22	44.9	22	5

BUSINESS

Agriculture, Equestrian and a General shop would be accepted businesses in the Parish but other suggestions do not appear to have support by those who responded. There is an indication that small industrial units either in the Parish or around the further reaches of the Parish would be objected to.

Evidence shows that there is an interest in Craft Workshops as well as workshops in Gardening, Cookery and IT (Information Technology)

	Yes	No	Maybe	Abstain
Which of the following do you think would be a useful addition to the Parish				
Agricultural	23	6	10	10
Equestrian	18	12	11	8
Camp Site	5	20	13	11
Holiday Park	0	35	4	10
Hotel	1	34	4	10
Leisure / Theme Park	2	36	1	10
Industrial / Manufacturing	4	27	8	10
Elderly Care Home	8	21	10	10
Astronomical Observatory	17	18	6	8
Commercial / Retail	6	24	10	9
Grocery / Convenience Store	23	9	12	5
Offices	5	21	13	10
Garage	8	26	5	10
Motor Sports	1	37	0	11
Other	3	0	0	46

COMMUNITY

A variety of extra events have been suggested for Community Involvement in the categories of Social, Arts & Culture, Health & Fitness. There is an indication that there would be support organising these events. The suggestion of a village newsletter in either email or hard copy format was popular in a bid to raise awareness of local events.

The current situation shows that organisers are becoming less enthusiastic and motivated due to poorly attended events that maybe are not widely publicised. This situation could be rectified, by more communication methods, such as a newsletter.

The other main issue arising was the need to remove scrap vehicles from the centre of the village.

These are having an effect on the physical appearance of the Village .

	Yes	Yes %	No	Abstain
Are there enough community orientated events in the parish	26	53.1	19	4
What sort of events would you like to see				
Live Music				
Quiz Nights				
Travelling Theatre				
Dance				
Films				
Walks				
History				
Keep Fit				
Pub Nights				
Family orientated events				
Drama				
Would you help organise them	18	36.7	27	4
Would you find a regular newsletter usefull	41	83.7	7	1
What format would you prefer	Email 20		Delivered 21	8
Would you help putting the newsletter together	15		26	8

ENERGY

There is a strong resistance to large scale developments in wind turbines, solar power, open cast mining , fracking and nuclear power whereas support for residential wind turbine and solar power development are supported.

	Yes	No		Abstain
Would you object to Wind Turbines in the Parish				
Residential	17	30		2
Large Scale	31	16		2
Would you object to Solar Power in the Parish				
Residential	7	41		1
Large Scale	24	23		2
Would you object to Open Cast Mining in the Parish	41	7		1
Would you object to Fraking in the Parish	39	9		1
Would you object to Nuclear Power in the Parish	45	3		1

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Of the Children & Young people who responded it shows that there is a need for organised outdoor activity for those that fall in to the Under 18's category of residents in the Parish.

	Yes	No		N/A
What age range are you in				
Under 8	4			
Aged 8-11	3			
Aged 11-15	4			
Aged 15-18	4			
Would you like more activities for young people	3	3		43
Which of the following would you be interested in				
Youth Club	2	1		46
Outings	2	0		47
Walks	2	0		47
Sport	2	0		47
Other	0	1		48
Would you like regular activity days in Memorial Hall	3	1		45

CONCLUSION

147 questionnaires were delivered door to door around the Parish of which only 49 were returned with 6 of those being from families with Under 18's living at home.

The information collated and laid out in this publication is from those who responded.

The accumulated responses show that residents have strong views in particular on Housing, Litter, Dog Fouling, the Community & Business Development while at the same time have ideas and keen opinions on the other categories highlighted in the Parish Plan which is an organic guide; a work in progress, that will need reviewing on a regular basis as the Parish evolves and grows.

The information contained within it will act as a guide for the Parish Council as well as the Local Council for discussions and policies relating to the Parish which is a key reason why it should be constantly updated to reflect the population of the Parish and it's changing needs.