

MERIDEN

(including Millison's Wood and surrounding areas)

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Meriden Household Survey Over 55% of households return their questionnaires

On official deadline, 55% of households had responded. This is a tremendously high figure for a large survey of this type and demonstrates the commitment of residents to the future of Meriden. It also gives us a sound basis for the next stage of the Appraisal and demonstrates that Meriden has a powerful voice.



As this newsletter is being prepared, forms are still being returned and the on-line facility is still operating, so late responses could push the final return figure up further. The picture on the right shows the scene at the Village Hall on 5 June after the completed forms, still in their envelopes, were counted.

The forms have now been removed from the envelopes, the last page containing details for the prize draw removed, and the completed forms allocated to teams of people for data input. This will take some time and we are aiming to complete it by the end of July.

Then ESOS – a Pertemps Company located in the village – will produce a report on your answers to the survey questions. This will be analysed in more detail and will form the basis for the development of the Parish Plan.

Please turn over

Parish Appraisal – the next stage

In order to produce a comprehensive report on the state of our Parish, in addition to the wealth of facts and views contained in the Household Survey, we need to research facts and figures about Meriden and we need to engage more directly with some sections of the community. To do this we are forming small groups of volunteers to draw out the survey's messages on particular issues and pull together other relevant information.

These "theme groups" are likely to include:

- Issues for children, young people and older people
- Planning, transport, traffic and road safety
- The environment
- Health and social care
- Community safety and community facilities

If you would like to be involved in any of these, get in touch with Iain Roxburgh (IainRoxburgh@btinternet.com or phone on 522496)

A Magnificent Megaride!

A beautiful June day and more riders than ever produced a great Megaride day in Meriden for bikers, visitors and residents.

The Rotary Club of Meriden organised the day in aid of the County Air Ambulance.

On the right, a spot of traffic congestion in Maxstoke Lane heading for the playing fields!

As well as admiring the beautiful bikes, including many Triumphs made in Meriden, the crowds were entertained by the Coleshill Town Band and enjoyed many stalls, including an exhibition of works by the Meriden Art Group.

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Meriden Household Survey PRIZE DRAW

This will be held on 1 July at 7.30pm at the Heart of England Social Club in Berkswell Road.

EVERYONE WELCOME

The draw will be made by the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor David Bell