

SILKSTONE

COMMUNITY

SURVEY

2003

PART TWO

Question 31 – Do you think organised activities for pre-school children in Silkstone Parish are ...

	Count	%
Very good	99	7.3%
Good	293	21.7%
Poor	100	7.4%
Very poor	26	1.9%
No opinion	833	61.7%
Total	1351	100.0%

Question 32 – If poor or very poor, what would you suggest?

There were 55 responses to this question:

- 8 from families with no youngsters, in Silkstone
- 15 from families with children under 11, in Silkstone
- 15 from families with no youngsters, in Silkstone Common
- 17 from families with children under 11, in Silkstone Common

Summary: People in Silkstone want outdoor play facilities.
People in Silkstone Common want pre-school/nursery.
Both groups mention better advertising of facilities is required.

The full text of the responses follows....

From Silkstone, no youngsters:

- A club trip
- A decent, safe playground is needed
- Youth clubs for under 18s
- I'm only aware of one group which meets once a week in the sports pavillion. Other group activities involving maybe music, painting etc, groups meeting more regularly , would be great
- Pre-school music group is to be set up, will help (starting soon)
- Play area at the bottom of Martin Croft
- Children's playground
- I would like to see a good quality modern play area for young children, with a safe surface area in the village of Silkstone, instead of the poor area which isn't maintained.

From Silkstone, with children under 11:

- Lack of outdoor activities ie play areas
- More details of facilities on noticeboards

- Better toy selection at toddler group. ? Funding to raise profile, encourage more people. And more happening there apart from Mums chatting.
- Outdoor park/playground. Parties: Halloween, Christmas
- I do not think pre-school activities other than playgroup are well advertised
- Good socially, but lacking equipment ie toys. Books, carpet areas, baby-safe areas like at Cawthorne village hall.
- With the exception of the playgroup, there are not many free facilities for pre-school children
- Pre-school playgroup is excellent. I would like to see an outdoor play area at the sports ground for young children
- More things for them to do
- Lack of play area facilities in Silkstone. Large area opposite War Memorial with 2 shabby swings. More effort for young children + less focus on teenagers now facilities have been provided for them. Look at Oxspring for excellent provision.
- Develop playground on Martin Croft
- They could do with more activities outside
- Playgrounds in Silkstone are in poor repair. No library etc for pre-school reading groups
- Indoor play area
- Approach the pre-school in village about using premises out of hours for younger children perhaps. More fun activities or mother & toddler groups at different times to enable more people who work part-time to be able to socialise with young children.

From Silkstone Common, no youngsters:

- In SC apart from the football field, there is nowhere for them to go at all. Some sort of club is needed.
- Organised sport activities or walks
- Just improve on activities, and advertise the facilities better
- Nursery class at local Silkstone Common primary school needed
- The playschool should be refurbished in Silkstone Common.
- I am unaware of any really and the playschool needs to be refurbished.
- A committee to be set up to organise activities
- A pre-school for children in Silkstone Common as there is nothing for this agegroup
- Playschool in Silkstone Common
- Support from Council ie building
- Pop in club, with parent, childminder etc where children learn to respect the countryside from an early age, go for walks when fine, discussions when not fine. Now people come here to live not appreciate or respect what we've got.
- Build at the Common same as Silkstone
- A day nursery attached to the local schools would be a good idea
- Provide a professionally run childcare centre in Silkstone Common, where children are educated in line with OFSTED policy
- Nursery at Silkstone Common

From Silkstone Common, with children under 11:

- Some of the venues are inappropriate. Better toys/props required. Some afternoon sessions please!

- There is a playgroup that I know of, Thurs morning for 2 hours and that is all. They may have other activities that I am not aware of.
- Not much apart from playgroup - Chatterbox playgroup under threat if noboldy to take it on. Pre-school playgroup in Silkstone over-subscribed. School nursery places needed.
- more friendly organised activities
- farm trip (Cannon Hall)
- my son goes to pre-school in Dodworth - it would be nice if he could attend in Silkstone Common
- a nursery in the village would be good. More funding for existing playgroups
- Playgroup/nursery in Silkstone Common again, regardless of numbers (chicken + egg... no playgroup means no young families... no young families = no playgroup)
- There are insufficient pre-school nursery places to meet the demand. There is no nursery with S Common primary and children from S Common, Silkstone, Hoylandswaine and elsewhere are competing for places at Silkstone pre-school
- A nursery is needed in Silkstone Common.
- It's a shame there isn't a pre-school in Silkstone Common as at present you need to drive down to Silkstone. It would be better for the children to be able to walk down to the school and cut down on pollution etc.
- A nursery in Silkstone Common, nearest is Silkstone. "pre-school" only two mornings a week at SC church and mission room. Should be more frequent and better facilities.
- Community centre.
- Organised coach trips. Teddy bears' picnics. Fun days
- Poor nursery facilities - limited places at Silkstone Nursery therefore having to use nursery out of Silkstone parish
- Outings to local places would be good. Also activities eg painting, storytime at playgroups would be good for rainy days. I would really like afternoon sessions for my younger daughter whilst my elder daughter is at pre-school playgroup.
- No places available at nursery, therefore go to Thurgoland. Need to increase capacity at Silkstone pre-school or, better still, open one at Silkstone Common.

Question 33 – Do you think facilities for the elderly in Silkstone Parish are ...

	Count	%
Very good	20	1.4%
Good	261	18.0%
Poor	203	14.0%
Very poor	80	5.5%
No opinion	886	61.1%
Total	1450	100.0%

Question 34 – If poor or very poor, what would you suggest?

There were 113 responses to this question:

- 31 from households with no elderly, in Silkstone
- 31 from households including people aged 65 or over, in Silkstone
- 31 from households with no elderly, in Silkstone Common
- 20 from households including people aged 65 or over, in Silkstone Common

The full text of the responses follows....

Silkstone, households with no elderly:

- I am unaware of any organised activities for the elderly
- Organised gatherings in the evening for the elderly, as they used to do in the former Silkstone Club.
- A community centre where the elderly people can meet.
- the park isn't very good in Silkstone (near school)
- Transport to and from group activities as quite a few don't go as they can't get there
- Many more activities: meet and greet coffee in local pubs etc, regular bingo night, learning skills, computing etc, local school after hours + weekends. Discount meals at Horsfields (group bookings). Do we have enough housing. Coach hire to view new films, days out. More days out, more stimulation.
- What facilities are there? - medical: nurses and doctors are v good; spiritual: vicar is excellent.
- More activities and outings
- More social activities, keep-fit, learning new skills eg computers
- Meetings and care
- Community centre, not just for elderly/ Dial-a-ride
- Community centre (convert the building next to the surgery on the High St)
- Additional support for elderly living at home, meals, neighbour support. Assistance with luncheon clubs. Sheltered accommodation
- A meeting place in the village - Silkstone Common has the Mission Hall and the luncheon club. Perhaps such a club in Silkstone, within the village so they don't have to cross a busy main road. Tea dances - probably impossible - a large room would be needed.
- More facilities and better care

- A regular, easy-to-get-to meeting place for social activities such as a village hall for use of everyone, not just the elderly
- Utilise sports pavillion for educational classes or group meetings
- Use of community facilities for bingo, coffee mornings etc. Grants to be given to the elderly so they can use the Silkstone Church Tower room for meetings etc.
- Making more opportunities for the elderly to meet and integrate in the community. Facilities are provided in church - wed mornings and fri afternoons to meet for coffee - however, on Fridays only 2 people attend so maybe the elderly don't want this facility.
- I don't really have too much knowledge of the above, other than what's in the newsletter: I suspect more could be done
- They should have more ramps and the pavements smoother as some aren't. Pavements should be resurfaced and more ramps.
- Older people in Silkstone village are treated with little respect.
- Contact elderly for their views
- A drop-in club offering refreshments and a chat
- Centre for the elderly. A social meeting place with activities, outings, refreshments, etc to raise funds for Christmas events, like done at other elderly centres. This would be good for the community and lonely people for company who live on their own. Could probably be run by volunteers - I myself would be interested to help as being a younger disabled resident in Martin Croft. Maybe the old church would be a good place.
- Put a bowling green on the Chestnuts green site.
- Someone take the elderly into account
- A voluntary Age Concern type wardens who could check and assist the elderly.
- Probably a safe crossing area from Manor Park to Silkstone cross garage (children and elderly). Need a resting place. Poor access to sports pavillion
- a 'nipper' bus would be an advantage, travelling round more streets and perhaps down Silkstone Lane to Cawthorne and then on to Barnsley
- Publicity about what facilities are available.

Silkstone, households including people aged 65 or over:

- Community centre
- A meeting place. Indoor bowls or badminton. A swimming pool. More exercise for pensioners.
- Over 60s club
- A village hall, with some form of entertainment for the elderly would be good.
- Meeting place, excursions and general meetings
- Central meeting place with varied interests
- Village hall for senior and young people to meet for keep-fit, hobbies etc.
- Regular transport between Silkstone and Silkstone Common. Accompanied short local walks
- Better footpaths, particularly between Silkstone and Cawthorne green
- Community centre
- a good community centre
- A village community centre/village hall
- Off-road parking spaces. Community centre.
- Bus more often. More HELP

- A centre for young and old to use for the youth to keep out of the way of OAPs. Do not like the suggestion of play areas near the OAP bungalows, they retire for peace and quiet
- Day trips, social meetings.
- Uphill from Doctor, pharmacy and bus-stop, very difficult for some of us. Green boxes for bottles are far too heavy for the elderly in Martin Croft to put out on the pavement
- I am not aware that there are any facilities for the elderly except the Ring O' Bells Monday luncheon club. Elderly people do not have the initiative to organise activities themselves.

Silkstone, households including people aged 75 or over:

- warden. Meeting room
- the path to the pavillion is dangerous when wet. We have to close the Friendship club during Jan & Feb. It's not well lit for elderly people to walk up.
- No place to socialise except for places selling wines and spirits etc
- Transport available for all meetings and community activities
- More information to pensioners about just what is available
- Friendship should be every week. More social evenings. Occasional concerts
- A community centre
- No village hall. If we had this old people could meet more often and pass many lonely hours.
- Apart from the luncheon club, there is nothing else. I am elderly and would not want to go out in the evening, but a get-together in the afternoon would be alright.
- Small bus to take elderly to Barnsley, especially in bad weather.
- More seating in garden areas, some under cover in case of rain
- Insufficient information of future events. More community awareness. Social events eg bingo, luncheon club, day outings
- There is not enough done for elderly people such a centre for them to meet people and have a social meeting and have things like other community places.

Silkstone Common, households with no elderly:

- Local shops to provide delivery to the elderly, or a community shopper for the elderly/housebound
- No local transport to take elderly to facilities, luncheon club, good companions, concerts
- An organised meeting place for them to meet. They could talk, play bingo or even cards eg whist etc
- Using the Bunch of Roses for social activities for elderly, and all other ages, as a community centre. Including dancing, bingo, quiz nights for the elderly. And something similar for the other age groups
- meeting places for them
- facilities for young people get most attention. Facilities for the elderly would probably be better appreciated.... Transport in particular.
- More community carers
- Drop-in clubs. Shopping scheme
- I am only aware of the luncheon club. It would be nice if there were a daily drop-in centre for the elderly to socialise a bit more.
- Village hall facilities poor
- A modern warm building, centrally heated if possible with full facilities required
- A bus service should operate up Martin Croft. The post office should be located in a central location in Silkstone - it is a long way for OAPs to go + unsafe to cross the A628. They then have to walk up the hill(s) to Martin Croft

- Not sure what is available but it would be good if young and old could meet somewhere and mix with each other somehow.
- Use purpose facility ie rebuild hut on "rec".
- Two afternoons each week in the chapel rooms, mission scout hut. Sa a pop in club. For the elderly just to have a drink, chat with each other. With someone there who could advise them on small problems they have.
- Need improved meeting facility ie community centre.
- The ones that are running ie luncheon clubs and 'good companions' are good. However, many old people are housebound & can't get there. Many don't see anyone except the milkman/mobile butcher. Better transport to help pensioners get out eg dial-a-ride.
- Some pleasant place to go for company, not only for the elderly but also for people with a long-term illness and people who have a disability. Not just once a week, but several times a week.
- Indoor meeting place
- Meeting place, more clubs
- we find that the community spirit is very good in SC, but it would be helpful to older & disabled people or those who are sick, if a group of village volunteers could be found who would help with occasional visiting, gardening, lifts to hospital etc etc
- Age Concern runs a shopping service which will deliver goods from the Co-op for £1
- More care
- Improved bus service - the regularity is appalling. A free bus service to Asda in Barnsley for example, this sort of scheme is already in place across the country.
- More local group activities eg specialist classes
- A small designated green space with seating / landscaping
- if sufficient grants are available then I would like to see the building of a village/community hall, which would benefit not only the elderly but all sections of the community by serving as a focal point for meetings and other activities
- Shared ownership/sheltered housing with warden and 'community centre' facilities. Those moving towards retirement should have more of an opportunity to remain within the area when 'downsizing' lower maintenance living etc.
- Housing for elderly has a lot of steps. Need more ramps.
- Parish minibus & the use of a hall, either part of a sports hall or a village hall for all to use & not be tied to places of worship. We had the chance of 3 in Silkstone - the Church School, Wesleyan Reform church & the chapel?

Silkstone Common, households including people aged 65 or over:

- There seems to be a lack of residential care in the area. No local medical facilities
- Some entertainment. Something interesting to do or learn to do.
- Anything
- Somewhere to rest in Moorend Lane
- a drop-in centre, non-church
- Pelican crossing where the bakery stands
- Pavements need attention, some very dangerous for elderly people
- Would like to see a series of wooden benches erected up Moorend Lane for use of the elderly progressing from South Yorkshire Buildings up to the crossroads BenBank Road
- More seats provided on routes to shops. Coffee mornings. Bingo or evening socials. Lifts to events - organised voluntary transport. Escorted walking.

- I am scarcely aware of such activities apart from luncheon group and perhaps WI (which needs young people). I would love a regular gardening group, facilities for buying gardening needs and sharing ideas, help and advice.
- Not enough organisations for elderly

Silkstone Common , households including people 75 or over:

- More social events with transport available for those who cannot get out without being taken in a car or taxi
- better transport facilities to and from Barnsley town centre
- eg - construction of a small park which the elderly could reach easily and sit on seats etc
- In Silkstone Common a Doctor's or Practice Nurse's surgery is needed at least twice a week. Elderly people need a community centre like the ones at Dodworth.
- More old folks' bungalows required
- weekly morning or afternoon meetings
- More shopping transport for the housebound
- Trips out with minibus organised.
- A village hall get together, a place to meet for activities

Question 39. How would you like Silkstone and Silkstone Common to develop?

Answers to this question ranged from the single word **NO** to typed pages of comments. A total of 257 households wrote comments in Silkstone Common, and 269 in Silkstone (this is 68% and 61% of responding households). In order to facilitate reading, they have been broken down into 1080 individual points, and roughly categorised.

It is stressed that this categorisation is only approximate – please read all comments and draw your own conclusions.

Comments relating to development of the villages, housing permissions, planning etc.

Silkstone Common (152 items)

Hopefully without any more Lego land executive housing estates!

I wouldn't. No new houses/estates please.

I would like my village back – not one big housing estate.

Remain a village.

Maintain 'small' village – no more estates of houses.

Development (homes) at lower end of scale to keep a variety of people living in the village.

No erosion of green belt between and around the two villages.

Small in-fill. No more housing estates.

Maintaining its rural environment with small developments and good community spirit.

Keep it rural. Keep it clean. Maintain features already in place.

Retain village environment.

We would like Silkstone Common to remain a semi-rural village. Over the past ten years housing estates have appeared, bringing more traffic and children roaming the streets. The Parish Council should ensure 'Green Belt' remains Green Belt and future requests for housing or industry are investigated and kept to a minimum. It would be a great shame to lose the village to developers eager to make a fast buck!

Slowly – with no new building which would expand the built-up areas of the villages.

Silkstone Common should remain a quiet rural area. No high density development in the area. This is a London and big city problem and inappropriate for Barnsley and District.

Maintain houses and keep them tidy.

Less new building more renovation on older buildings.

Stay rural with no more development to retain it's charm which is very important to retired residents.

No more large housing estates. No flats. (multi storey).

As little as possible – if Dodworth continues to spread (it already runs into Barnsley) and then Silkstone Common spreads we shall lose all our wonderful countryside and green space – this beautiful area must be preserved for future generations.

Sensitively.

Slowly in the future and with agreed consent from all of the Parish.

To keep it as traditional as possible.

Not to get any larger. Just improve what we have.

Resist development that doesn't have green space and sardine-style planning.

We would like our village of Silkstone Common to continue in its peaceful and semi-rural aspect.

No more housing development – all suitable land is already in use.

With the development of so much new housing in both Silkstone and especially Silkstone Common, it would be nice to have more shopping facilities in the village ie better food shopping facilities. Although we like to support the local shops – we generally have no choice but to go further a field when it comes to getting the weekly shop.

No further building of houses. Maintain rural village status.

We would like it to remain a village rather than a sprawling mess of new houses like Silkstone has become. No flats.

Stop as it is. Too large already.

It would be lovely to be able to keep the villages as natural and in keeping with the countryside as possible.

To maintain but update its quiet, rural nature and local community.

I would like S/Common not to have any more housing development, I know things have got to change, but we are getting more like a small town than the lovely village I used to know and love. Keep as the Best Village not Town.

In my opinion the Parish has developed enough in regard to new housing. The roads around the Parish cannot cope with any extra vehicles and if it developed more then it will no longer be a village but a small town. The ideas of living in the countryside are to be able to see the fields, woods, farms, and all that it involves, not to keep seeing more bricks and mortar. Existing redundant buildings should be converted into homes for the young who have lived in the village all their lives but cannot afford to stay because of the prices of the executive homes which are built. The majority of these do not support the local environment, very few frequent the local hostelry. Give the young something for a change. Allow them to stay where they were born. NO TO THE FLATS. CONVERSION IS BEST.

I would like Silkstone Common to keep its semi-rural feel, although I would also like to see affordable three bedroom family houses built, instead of 4/5 bedroom houses. Not everyone in Silkstone Common is an executive on high wages.

No further building of houses/flats.

Any new buildings should be in keeping with present set-up. Nothing intrusive – like flats!

A community orientated, child friendly place. To keep as rural and wildlife friendly as possible, but with good local conveniences. Me too.

No more development! No more building! The villages need to consolidate as they are now.

No more housing development.

By not building any more houses. Certainly no flats at Silkstone Common. Both lovely villages with good community spirit.

To take full account of the cultural and bio-diversity of a rural setting. Silkstone Common is unique due to a cross section of housing/buildings that, at the moment, still have an atmosphere of a village. Any further mass development would only create additional problems and it is doubtful this would be affordable for the local community.

No more building (houses).

They are villages and as such remain as they are small, intimate and friendly. Modernisation would promote an influx of undesirables that neither village would welcome.

Get the person who has painted her house bright pink in the village to re-consider the colour in the best interests of the aesthetic appeal of the village of Silkstone Common. Local planners insist on stupid details on new homes developments such as insisting 3 or 4 garage doors were wood the rest painted in cream on The Sycamores development. How can there be such a stupid degree of detail insisted upon when this one woman can get away with making the whole village look stupid?

No further housing development.

It is the peacefulness, traditional values and lack of development that attracts me to Silkstone. I don't think there should be much new building or retail/leisure development. These things are available only a stones throw away ie Dodworth/Penistone.

A small rural village with a good community spirit.

More low cost housing for first time buyers.

Not get too big.

In a way that maintains the environment that currently exists – ie maintains the semi-rural nature of the village and allows improvements in local amenities.

no further building of large developments ie housing estates not welcome.

Would like to see luxury apartments available locally – tasteful development keeping up with modern life.

Silkstone Common should try to retain its small village community spirit.

Development of large housing developments full of people who only come here to sleep and drive recklessly on our roads should be discouraged.

No more new estates.

Not at the whim of “developers” or BMBC Planners!

I would like to see Silkstone/Silkstone Common maintain its rural appearance, I would object to any changes that would spoil this.

More affordable houses/flats/apartments so children in the village can afford to stay here and enjoy the area where they grew up.

With great care in all matters. With open consultation and no behind doors deals.

No more house building. The village is too over-populated already.

We would like to see more inexpensive house development for the younger people who have lived in the parish all their lives but have then to move away when they get married because the price of housing is way out of the range of first time buyers.

LESS large housing developments to maintain country aspect.

Rural aspect maintained.

Restricted housing development.

Would want to maintain the village atmosphere if at all possible. Housing rather than business development apart from necessary amenities which already exist. ESSENTIAL to have some low cost housing for young people/single people. Not averse to flats/conversions if they are done sensitively. PLEASE NO MORE hugely expensive housing developments. These change the character of the village for ever!

Regeneration (appropriate!) of un-used buildings, but NOT highly priced homes which families already in the area cannot afford. (We have 3 children and are over-crowded in a terrace!)

Blocking of any more building on the edges of the villages.

By seeing less housing built

Being a relative newcomer, it is not easy to pass comments – eg (chestnuts – Silkstone and Orchard Meadow and Wood S.C. – I know nothing about) – but this does not mean I have no opinion. Obviously they have some impact on older village residents and are part of the villages – therefore are important. I feel the villages are v. friendly and it really would be a great pity for them to become so developed that they are no longer villages!

Slowly and with careful planning.

As an idyllic backwater, with less heavy goods traffic.

NO.

Silkstone Common is in danger of developing into a commuter town, like Silkstone already has. It is imperative that we avoid this by restricting excessive development and retaining a traditional village

community spirit.

Affordable housing as opposed to the current trend of building 'executive housing'. This would then retain the youth and young people within our community.

Encourage smaller properties to be built instead of the excessive number of "executive" properties inhabited by those who have no community spirit whatsoever.

With a great deal of thought and slowly; Nothing that would infringe the skyline, preferably no more than two levels. And nothing that would interfere with the greenbelt. Would like to see more affordable housing for local younger people, and less executive properties.

Silkstone parish should try to encourage the young people to stay in the villages by making sure any new housing developments are affordable.

Stop buildings being built on the Green Belt.

I would like enough space around new houses for tree planting and more public green space to be acquired to secure future green space within the built up areas which I am sure will extend in the future.

I would like them left alone. Both are big enough. Why develop any more? Go and live in a town, if more facilities are wanted.

No more housing – especially large executive houses – too many already.

Silkstone Common to block any further housing/business development. This is a semi-rural village and should remain so.

Both villages should not become any larger, building large estates should now stop as our schools cannot cope with many more children.

The main thing is to have some development **BUT** to keep the character of the "village environment". Too much development that is badly planned (eg inappropriate siting of flats at Bonny Bunch) will lead to erosion of our environment and village atmosphere.

pretty much as it is now – I would like to see – where the children who grow up in the parish could afford to stay in the parish when they are buying their first homes.

To continue to be desired rural villages.

My preference is for Silkstone Common to maintain its "village" atmosphere and hence new developments should fit in with this.

I want the green and pleasant atmosphere to stay. I do not want masses of 'stone faced' modern buildings spoiling our area. I would much rather see older or derelict buildings – refurbished or removed and land used to rebuild.

Reduce new build large houses – they bring nothing to the area. Increase homes for first time buyers.

The Parish Council need to be more vocal towards Barnsley Council regarding new build and roads – This is a village!

I would like it to stay a village it is already too big, the community spirit and friendliness are dying because of the size. No more estates and large developments and you may achieve your aims. If we carry on I don't think we will have a Parish Council for much longer. eg Plans already for making a footpath into a highway – it will grow to lots of cars using it.

No more building of houses or flats in Silkstone Common.

All developments should be in keeping with a village atmosphere.

To continue to be friendly, well maintained small villages with rural charm but improved facilities. Not to expand quickly without sufficient resources.

Limit development of housing estates.

Any developments should be sympathetic to the environment eg not replacing pubs with flats. Do not think there should be any further major housing development. Green belt should be protected.

As an involved community through groups and clubs (including sports) by improving facilities to attract members so the villages have their IDENTITY. [Limited (very) further housing development to avoid becoming simply a dormitory for Leeds/Sheffield with NO identity or community involvement]. Urgent need

to acquire green spaces especially towards Dodworth.

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the country. I would like to see no more large developments of huge executive houses being built, but with locals and single persons in mind it would be better for more thought to be given to smaller housing projects with variety to materials, size, and running costs.

As a rural community VILLAGE. Not as an easy access industrial/commuter belt town with easy access to the Motorway. Refrain from building any more houses until the local infrastructure can support – ie schools upgraded/roads brought up to scratch – make sure that decisions about the future of the parish is in the parish hands and not BMBC.

Curb on house building.

I would like to see an end to indiscriminate building of vast estates therefore enticing people into the village that appear to take little part in village life.

Restriction on the number of new housing developments and encroachment into green belt.

Population to remain the same.

To stay pretty much as is – no housing estates, flats or industrial estates – maintain the rural feel.

I would like to retain a “village” atmosphere. We are losing our villages.

Not at all! Enough recent building in Silkstone Common.

No more housing development by large companies.

I do not think that we need any more expensive houses which local people cannot afford.

The attraction of the twin villages is their small, friendly nature and delightful rural surroundings. Any ‘Development’ should be approached with great caution. Ugly buildings being erected “to bring jobs” are totally unnecessary, with Barnsley so close by. Further large housing estates, peopled by ‘executive’ status families, who take no interest in the local community, would also be unwelcome. Any further housing needs to favour local young people/families. Please avoid urban sprawl, invest in the strengths of Community, Heritage and Environment.

Limits on the amount of new building in the area.

Separately (green fields between).

I would like it to stay as it is in general.

How about small town houses for our young first time buyers? No more large house buildings, and keep our area rural.

Regarding accommodation, if small bungalows were to be built it would release family homes for the younger generation of the village to move into. This would enable both parties not having to leave this area.

I think Silkstone Common is already developed enough and if there has to be future development I would like it to remain very rural.

I feel that Silkstone Common has a good balance of amenities at the moment. My only concern is to curb further development in the area. If this does take place then more amenities would be required and potential developers should bear part of the cost.

NO FLATS!

No more new properties.

No change.

No further major development and to retain its village character.

Minimal development.

To have a population balanced in age – through the provision of cheaper housing which, if possible should be more aesthetically pleasing (hence ban ‘Yorkshire Stone’!) In-building has been done v. tastefully in places, witness the old spoil/refuse collection on Hall Royd Lane. .

I would like to see it unchanged and unspoilt.

Equally.

Restrict intensive building on green belt. Preserve identity of villages by keeping open land around, leaving the villages a rural community.

In a way which maintains the rural character.

People who have been brought up in the villages can afford to continue living here and for generations to come. Further development will not help local young people to continue to live in the village. There are too many incomers not contributing to village life. If we continue we will become a commuter village.

We would like it to stay as a village surrounded by green fields and woodlands and keep a community spirit.

Retain all green belt. No new estates. Silkstone Common needs its own identity.

Inappropriate buildings should be resisted at all costs – ie blocks of flats in residential areas.

To stop as a village, not any further property development.

We would like the area to develop with consideration to various factors: the surrounding rural environment/the socio-economic make up of the community and its needs/the built environment of the villages/essential services and amenities. Community consultation and involvement is also important when considering any development – eg do we want another over-priced, ill-conceived and badly planned estate full of 'executive' homes?

no further developments to provide more housing.

No more estate housing developments.

Not to grow any larger or extend building boundaries.

All existing buildings to be well-maintained and have a useful function. Stop in-filling with new buildings – it's greedy. Maintain all green field sites.

Keep housing affordable so young people can buy their own houses and stay in the village. Protect the countryside and be proud of the views rather than spoiling them with new buildings.

A complete freeze on all building development except for the odd in-fill.

Not over-develop house wise. Please keep villages as villages not commuter dormitories. No more encroachment into green belt/brown land, as Sycamores Estate.

We would like to maintain Silkstone Common's village status and to keep the surrounding countryside suitable for all to access – be it on horse or foot.

We don't want the villages to merge. They should be kept separate. They should retain their rural identity and way of life. We do not want large housing estates or erosion of the green belt.

It would be nice if the villages could cater for all in terms of housing but still retain rural village feel (which is what makes it attractive to residents). There is a need for new housing but I think we are reaching saturation point. As the villages have grown in size I feel there is a need to modernise facilities to encourage people to use the villages for provisions. This is with particular reference to shops, refreshments provisions

NO MORE DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGES. To be kept as they are now (no more building) but to be kept tidy (dry stone walls re-built, esp down Cone Lane, and some footpaths need strimming more often).

With the continued upkeep of the village, the Silkstone in Bloom, environmental friendly.

To retain village characters but I appreciate that low-cost housing for young people may be needed.

Not very much more.

As small rural communities with a minimum of further development. It is not just the residents of the two villages who benefit from the rural surroundings, scores of walkers visit the villages and surrounding countryside each week.

We feel that any property developments should enable local people (younger) to be able to move back into village. Need to develop smaller properties to do this not five bedroom properties. Silkstone is probably developed enough.

Eventually they will become one village and so a lot of development must take this into consideration. The existing green belt surrounding the villages **MUST BE KEPT**. We are one Parish and people should be made aware it's not just a bed and breakfast place to live – ie no involvement with village life.

No more houses – we need green space. There is no more space for development.

No new housing estates.

Silkstone (127 items)

DEFINITELY KEPT AS THEY ARE, THEY ARE TOO NICE TO SPOIL. PEOPLE SHOULD BE PROUD, THEY ARE GOD'S GIFT.

More affordable accommodation for the young who were born here, and have to move away to get their own home and less executive houses built for people who have no roots in Silkstone and can afford to buy anywhere!

keep Silkstone green and rural.

Some affordable housing for local people. Young people have to leave the area to buy a house. The strangers who can afford to buy in Silkstone don't join in (pubs, clubs, sport, etc).

No further development should be allowed. The local schools cannot cope with the pupil numbers. If development is allowed, then the house builders should be responsible for adding further classrooms to the schools.

No more residential accommodation needed.

Generally I would like Silkstone to stay as it is.

To remain "village like" not just an annexe to Barnsley.

Start spending on the upkeep of the village and not allow any more building of new houses on any field or bit of land that is spare.

Less executive properties and more low cost housing including semi-detached bungalows .

We feel that we live in a wonderful rural area and wish to keep the character of said area whilst improving the facilities for the young and old.

No more dwellings needed.

Restoration of old buildings. No new build.

No more (building development) only in-filling.

As a rural community, not with blocks of flats.

We would like it to retain its village character. Inappropriate building to be discouraged - any further building unless conversion to be discouraged.

I wouldn't like to see flats or unsuitable buildings being given Planning Permission. The removal of trees just to satisfy monetary greed. **KEEP SILKSTONE RURAL**

I don't think there is a need for any more housing. Existing houses should be kept tidy eg roads, walls, hedges, etc well maintained.

To remain rural, and not to become a sprawling housing estate.

Areas to be classified:- eg Silkstone High Street, A628 and Silkstone Common (B6449) to have very limited additions: only in random stone - 2 levels max; off road parking (2 cars min per unit).

Keep to present boundaries.

I feel Silkstone has grown large enough and further expansion would be detrimental to the village feel.

Silkstone and Silkstone Common are villages and all future development should reflect that. We all enjoy the 'lifestyle' - fantastic community spirit, semi-rural environment, views to the countryside, and good well supported health and education services. Developments should improve the facilities and environment rather than seek to add more volume of people to the village. Developers out to make money from inappropriate developments - ie flats - should be turned down. Likewise inappropriate designs for housing.

I would like the Parish to retain its present character - a rural community, with varied inhabitants - all ages and means. I would hate the village to become a soulless dormitory village for the rich few to commute to Leeds and Sheffield. Above all I would like it to be a place where my children can grow up happy and safe, with respect for their neighbours and the countryside, and be able to afford to live here themselves if they wish.

Does not need to become a part of Fall Bank Industrial Estate, as it expands.

No developments as far as buildings. Village life is important - do not try and make it into a town or we might as well live in the centre of Barnsley.

Not at all - we would like it to stay as it is please.

To not grow too big - retain its community spirit.

Slowly and let's not forget we do live in the countryside, if we wanted to live in a small town we would move to one. "HASTE WITHOUT THOUGHT SPOILS!!"

To maintain its historical and rural standing without further housing developments.

Don't get cluttered with too many houses.

keep the villages as villages - not to become small towns.

Slowly - in sympathy with existing facilities.

More restoration to old and tatty buildings to improve attractiveness of the village. Certainly no more huge sprawling estates.

SLOWLY.

To meet local needs. Not to meet strategic/regional needs.

SLOWLY.

Further housing development should be opposed and development restricted to maintaining and improving the open spaces which are left.

Improving existing housing sites; not developing further.

I do not want to see the Parish over-developed. I like the rural atmosphere and would like it to remain so.

Limit future size of village to ensure existing infrastructure can cope.

In a manner in keeping with this delightful, small rural village. No building on green belt but encourage "cottage industry" for the village if possible to give the young something for which to aspire and stay.

To stay as a traditional rural village with well kept amenities for the local people.

By maintaining its village status.

Now that new houses have been built, chestnuts behind the Health Centre has lost some of its charm. Another reason why there should be no new building in either Silkstone or Silkstone Common.

No more buildings.

More housing for children of the Parish who were born, brought up there so they don't have to move out - continuity of families. No more housing for incomer executives who do not participate in community life!

I don't think the villages should grow in size too much.

I would not object to further small scale housing development provided that the houses that are built are reasonably priced to allow local young people to be able to afford them. All developments should be carefully planned to maintain the environment and retain the excellent community spirit which is already in place.

Greater facilities for existing residents, without an increase in the number of houses locally.

Needs to maintain its rural integrity and quaint village appearance.

I would like Silkstone/S Common to remain as a village in a rural environment. Residents directly affected by any change should be fully consulted before any change not as in the case of goalposts being put on what should be public open space.

No new housing estates.

Natural stone buildings only.

No more "new developments" of houses - only conversions from existing buildings. Only careful, very modest development to preserve and enhance the very special character of these villages.

To be maintained as a village in a rural area with more facilities with easy access for children and teenagers.

Into a sustainable and well balanced community where the needs of young and old people are catered for.

The villages should remain small, with people who care about their environment and do not spoil it for others.

Maintain and keep our rural heritage. No further development.

Developments to consolidate village community - need to avoid "urban sprawl".

I think the Parish has enough houses etc,

Silkstone and SC are fairly compact residential areas whose planning or lack of planning has evolved over the life of the villages. Most of the houses are served by roads which at best are only adequate for their existing use. Problems already exist with parked vehicles, roads in many places in the village are too narrow to park without obstruction and vehicles are parked on pavements and grass verges. Willy-nilly infills, especially higher density housing, will not improve the environment and developments on the periphery of the village will leave us with an urban sprawl. I believe anything which will give the villagers some autonomy on the development and improvement of their village must be a priority (design plan, conservation status).

Do not try and merge the two by urban development.

As a conservation area with limited development facilities withdrawn (ie all extensions/alterations including those in the withdrawn category will need planning permission). It needs to keep its rural attraction and avoid an "urban sprawl" appearance.

Affordable houses for young people are important, as are accessible jobs in local businesses.

No more houses as they will only be bought to be sold on for profit only to fill in where houses are to be replaced.

We chose to live in Silkstone because it was a small village with a good community spirit and would hate anything to spoil this - eg more housing or more retail outlets.

To give the young and elderly people of the villages to lead a valued life with the enjoyment of facilities available.

I would not like to see Silkstone growing any bigger but I do believe it should have some housing that young people can afford.

Rejection of boundary-housing-estate development entering to green belt land.

No more housing or industrial development.

To retain its village character.

Slowly and sympathetically.

Certainly no more housing estates in Silkstone. Recent examples of these have been completely inappropriate to the character of the villages. Selective small scale developing must be kept in character of a Pennine village.

No more growing estates - they build very close together and thus make a block like a high wall. A lot of houses have already been built in both areas.

Without growing - keep village feel, it's already under threat.

In the traditional style of a rural village without further development of housing and industry. We need to develop the facilities for the population as it stands.

Balanced spending to maintain/improve what is already there. No major changes.

A great diversity of housing including some flats should be encouraged.

To stay much the same.

No more housing estates.

In keeping with the facilities available - eg enough pre-school infant/junior school places for any new build houses.

No more buildings, certainly not blocks of flats.

I would like them to retain and maintain their historical/rural content. To this end there should be no further industrial/commercial/residential developments.

I would like to see Silkstone maintained in its present form as much as possible, without too much further development.

We enjoy living in Silkstone, and would hope housing development would be kept to a minimum.

Put the main progress into improving the things already there, not more new things. We need to keep the village the size it is not make it larger.

In sympathy to the environment, to retain its rural village status. Provide ample facilities to reduce crime/anti-social behaviour for the whole community - affordable and well maintained amenities/transport.

They should remain 'villages' - not a suburb of Barnsley..

LEAVE IT AS IT IS!

Provision of affordable housing for young people who were born in the Parish and wish to live there - eg Town houses on "Bonnie Bunch" site - not flats.

NO FLATS

Without loss of green belt land. No more housing. We need to move forward with a strong sense of a 'community' feeling.

I would like to see a reduction in the housing development which is not in keeping and is becoming too widespread.

No green belt erosion.

Whilst I am not against the odd new property here and there I would oppose a significant development of new properties.

No further housing developments in either Silkstone or Silkstone Common.

Is a need for low-cost starter type homes so that the younger residents can be in a position to stay in village if they wish to do so.

Developments to be in keeping with village atmosphere.

No new developments - houses/flats/buildings/roads.

No more development.

Leave it as it is.

Not in size.

To continued as a rural community not subject to urbanization.

I/we think that the villages are developed enough, and would like it to stay rural.

To keep and maintain the rural aspects of the village, no more land should be given over to develop new homes.

Silkstone was a small country village - it is now a large country village. We do not want any more development here.

To retain village status with sensible provision for young and old.

To keep its rural village status and a "stop put" to large housing estates.

To keep its rural village status. I think there are more than enough houses in this village. Also to have a preservation order for the "Church", and for the whole of the village High Street and absolutely no "FLATS"

BLOCKS.

In a very minor way.

No new building development or redevelopment unless suitable.

I think homes for the young people are extremely important as they have no hope of getting on the property ladder in the village where they've grown up and are forced to move out to cheaper areas.

To retain and protect what is left of the old parts of Silkstone and Silkstone Common, at the same time promoting areas of historical importance.

No more new houses.

Should be kept very rural and not over-developed.

To remain stable. Now over-developed.

No more buildings.

I think money should go towards keeping what we have in good condition rather than adding to it.

No further housing development.

I would like to see a move to help people from families of original families of Silkstone and Silkstone Common to stay and live here, instead of housing for the upper middle class who use the village as a commuting place.

Building houses for young people starting out in life.

We would like to see Silkstone villages kept as traditional and rural as possible - with as much greenery kept as possible.

No further housing developments.

I feel it is already overdeveloped. There should be no further building.

No new buildings or roads or developments.

Total rejection of plans to build flats in or around Silkstone Common centre.

Dog fouling

Silkstone Common (17 items)

More dog waste bins at well used locations.

Dog bag bins needed.

the lack of dog mess cleaning by dog owners (we are dog owners) doesn't help and should be addressed – particularly on the Pennine Trail.

Dog fouling needs to be stopped, bins could be provided for this.

More dog foul bins near public footpaths, etc.

More bins, and some designated for dog mess – particularly on public areas eg rec.

There is a problem with horse dung not being cleaned up by horse owners.

Dog dung bins need to be provided on main footpaths

Dog dirt bin or similar to encourage dog owners to clear up pet's mess.

More dog waste bins.

More dog waste bins, especially in Orchard Wood. My children use this route every day to walk to school and the dog fouling is disgusting.

Increasing amount of dog faeces should be addressed. Maybe a note in parish newsletter expressing disappointment – especially on path to rec. ground and some in playground which is fenced off.

More control on dog fouling. More dog 'poo' bins.

Because I am recent to the village I cannot yet form an opinion. But I would like to see more bins for dog fouling, especially in Orchard Wood.

Dog waste needs much better control.

Dog fouling to be monitored/reported – access to local helpline/enforcers for residents. Larger and clearer signing prohibiting dog fouling – Beacon Hill particularly.

Please, please, please provide litter bins for dog excrement – am sick of plastic bags full of dog excrement thrown over my hedge.!

Silkstone 14 items

I would like to see more logos for dog fouling. The path from Manor Park to the road needs one.

More dog areas and 'poop' bins.

Dog mess bins

A well-used dog loo. Dog loo bins would be a welcome to the village with the hope that dog-owners would use them.

Bins for dog mess are needed as footpaths all around us are covered in it. Also more notices with fines actually enforced. Thank you.

Small number of anti-social and ignorant "dog lovers" who allow their dogs to foul footpaths and private gardens which constitutes a health hazard to small children.

Dog fouling curbed.

Dog fouling bins especially on the Wagon Way in Silkstone.

Continue to emphasize dog owners are responsible for the control and cleaning up after their dogs.

Prosecute people who let their dogs defecate and do not clean it up, let dogs wander.

More dog waste bins.

Walks would be improved around the village - ie bridle path, if we have dog fouling/waste bins.

I would like more dog faeces bins.

Increased vigilance on dog fouling.

Litter

Silkstone Common 11 items

Better gritting/litter bin facilities.

Rubbish bins at the access and on the T.P. Trail.

Cleaner roads.

Availability of household recycling collection for Moor End houses.

More litter bins are needed to encourage people to keep the village tidy.

We would also like to see more litter bins in the school area at Silkstone Common.

More litter bins to help keep it tidier.

more litter bins.

Road swept. (Straw debris in gutter).

More litter bins.

Fly tipping is also a problem in the parish and littering of footpaths, etc.

Silkstone 10 items

More litter bins.

Litter clean-up. Less tipping of waste in woods. .

I would like the litter problem, on the path between Towngate and Manor Park, to be sorted out - ie litter bins and "no litter" and "penalty" signs. This part of the village is disgusting. I have tried to tidy it but it is useless trying.

More litter bins.

Clean up litter from wood at back of Towngate.

More litter bins.

Employ a "linesman" to sweep areas that the Council vehicle cannot reach - ie steps at the bottom of Martin Croft.

Litter picking is vital in areas of open space, especially the woodland between Manor Park and Towngate if it is not to become a huge dumping ground for beer cans, bottles and crisp packets/sweet wrappers.

We need litter bins and path clearance on the paths between Manor Park and Towngate.

Pathside litter need attention but that is probably down to the responsibility of individuals.

The Bonny Bunch – Silkstone Common 42 items.

The one thing that I really think lets Silkstone Common down is the way that the Bonny Bunch of Roses looks – it makes the village look terrible.

do not allow Bonny Bunch to become flats.

It would be nice to see the pub that has closed, the 'Bonny Bunch of Roses', re-open as a pub or possibly a restaurant. I was shocked to see that Planning Permission is being sought to turn it into modern flats. Perhaps a pub/restaurant together but I suppose it all centres on how financially viable a venture like that would be.

A restaurant would be nice in Silkstone Common? Convert Bonny Bunch to a good Italian or Indian restaurant for families.

The Bonny Bunch of Roses should be 'converted' NOT demolished, preferably into a Community Centre.

No flats on Bonny Bunch of Roses site.

maintained footpaths around our countryside.

I would like the Bonny Bunch of Roses to open again as a nice pub, serving good food – not be knocked down/turned into flats.

Keep Bonny Bunch as a pub/rest.

No development of flats and 'Bonny Bunch of Roses' to be retained as a village resource ie another pub.

the Bonny Bunch of Roses would be a great restaurant/pub.

Bonny Bunch must not be demolished – ideal for restaurant/take-away, Dodworth has 4/5, Silkstone none.

We are not in favour of flats being built on the Bonny Bunch of Roses site. We feel that this further destroys the landscape and nature of the village which has already seen many changes. Small stone type cottages on the site would be preferable if the public house cannot be retained.

Acquisition of Bonny Bunch as a community resource, expensive and possible out of reach but an aspiration.

Re: The Bonny Bunch Inn – NO WAY should this fine old building be demolished to make way for unsightly apartments, which would not be in keeping with the rest of the village.

not allowing any flats to be built on the site of the Bonny Bunch pub.

We need more rural employment opportunities – on the land, and providing services. It would be good to see a community-owned shop selling local food produce as well as other everyday items. Also providing doorstep delivery, for the older people without cars for example. Couldn't The Bonny Bunch of Roses be run as a Community Enterprise: Internet Café, Hikers'/Ramblers' sandwich shop and tea room, maybe second-hand bookshop upstairs, evening-class centre – (arts/crafts classes and displays?). Surely there is scope for providing a few jobs running such a place? Could the gardens be made an attractive place to sit and drink a cup of tea? Not a pub – something slightly different, more multi-use?

To push for the 'Bonny Bunch of Roses' public house to re-open and to stop this building being demolished if rumours are correct. It has an historical importance and could be used for a variety of community uses – and no to any flats!

Bonny Bunch of Roses, to remain a pub.

Quality pub for Silkstone Common/food and recreational area. Maintain "small" character but provide some places of employment and evening recreation.

Restrict 'new build' to sites which are already developed ie Bonny Bunch 'O' Roses conversion into flats OK ...

Development of Bonny Bunch of Roses (restaurant?)

No flats at the Bonny Bunches!

No flats or new buildings on site of Bonny Bunch.

Keep the pubs open as they are a social 'must have'.

We do not want flats in the middle of the village of Silkstone Common. Could the Bonny Bunch of Roses Public House be a village meeting place and the car park and adjoining land (if available) for a small park – a meeting place for the residents of Silkstone Common.

Cancel all plans to develop ‘ Bonny Bunch’ into flats.

Restaurants.

Silkstone Common. We have only resided in the village for a short time so are not totally familiar with the area. What would be nice to see is the boarded up public house renovated and re-opened as a public house (not as an eating pub/restaurant). Somewhere where new and long residing residents could meet.

I would like the old Bonny Bunch of Roses in Silkstone Common to be re-opened as a family pub and bistro.

Sort out the Bonny Bunch.

Develop closed pub in Silkstone Common quickly. Looks very poor, at the centre of the village.

It would be great if the Bonny Bunch of Roses could become a village hall.

We would like to see the “Bonnie Bunch O’ Roses” open as a reasonably priced family restaurant.

as a young person it would also be nice to see some kind of tasteful leisure development, such as a restaurant/café bar – which could even replace the local pub (Bonny Bunch), which is currently quite an eyesore.

Buy The Bonny Bunch and make it a Community Centre for **ALL** the Parish. Put the Parish tax up to pay for it and run it. It would make the Common come back to life.

A café/tea shop plus restaurant would be welcome and possibly the odd craft/gift type shop.

Bonny Bunch O Roses to be re-opened as a pub similar to The Bridge at Penistone – to encourage more villagers to use it!

The derelict pub needs actioning.

We approve of your aims to produce a Parish Plan, but in doing so it is important not to lose sight of the ‘issues of importance’ here and now, ie the proposed development of the Bonny Bunch of Roses as flats. We feel that the Parish Council should take the lead in opposing this development which is opposed by most of Silkstone Common. With hindsight, this would have been an ideal place for a village hall. As this is not going to be possible, we feel it should be converted into four cottages within its shell as it was prior to becoming a public house in the early 19th century. If this is not possible, four suitable houses should be built to blend sympathetically with a village which prides itself on winning Yorkshire in Bloom competition. Apart from all the problems associated with the proposed development, the proposal to destroy trees with preservation orders on them is completely unacceptable.

Restoration of second pub in Silkstone Common.

We would be against flats in the grounds of The Bonny Bunch and would support the re-opening of the pub. Possibly with a restaurant.

Recreation facilities for young people

Silkstone Common 58 items, mainly concerning teenagers.

Better children's play areas.

Children's play facilities are important as many children use the street as a play area which is dangerous and antisocial.

Children's' play areas - This is important, however in past experience it attracts teenagers, etc at night this causing litter, noise and other general disruptions - so even though I have a 12 year old I am not in favour as I feel strongly about this.

I would like Silkstone Common to have a safe (as safe as possible) area for children to play with playground facilities, bearing in mind that they cannot use school field.

More activities for under 10's.

A small park with - children's playarea, mini golf, bowling green, tennis courts, toilets (at present recreation ground).

Silkstone needs a good play area for children (like the one at Oxspring).

More play areas (Silkstone).

More meeting places for kids - nicer play areas such as the playground at Oxspring - maybe located at the Recreation Ground.

More open spaces for children to play - safe, well lit with more play equipment.

More play areas for younger children where they do not have to cross main roads.

Better/more quality play areas for small children.

Children's play areas scattered around the village.

More recreational facilities for young children .

What about teenagers? A Youth Club would be welcome.

No development of schemes that encourage young youths to disrupt this tranquil village - Don't want youths other than youths of the villages, coming to village. Partnerships with school could improve social events for young of the village - at the school premises.

Internet Café/Games Café for teenagers/children.

Children should be catered for to prevent boredom and crime. A Youth Club or Scheme should be available.

The 'Rec' should have a skateboard facility.

I would like to see Silkstone Common Rec levelled and proper drainage installed to make a suitable playing field. Also the Football hut/Pavilion rebuilt for use of old folk - sports teams - Youth Club, etc.

To have better play areas for children, maybe a Youth Club to get teenagers off the streets.

Selfishly, I would like to see Silkstone Common Rec resurfaced, levelled and drained properly and a 'Clubhouse' built - then to have village events staged there.

Restore youth clubs at schools.

Skateboard area for kids.

Play area on SC Rec isn't very teenage friendly, it needs more for 12 - 15 year olds.

It would be nice to see facilities for teenagers developed together with ongoing facilities for younger children added too.

I would welcome more facilities for sporting activities, for people of all ages.

Improve child and youth facilities to Silkstone Common. Give the youth somewhere dry to meet.

No facilities for older children, youth club? Currently older children hang around back of Silkstone Garage, drinking alcohol. More investment in teen years! - stops vandalism. - stops anti social behaviour.

It should provide facilities for the young (*indoor and outdoor) - this will avoid the "boredom related crimes".

Something for children as they grow up. Maybe a Youth Club or meeting place of some sort.

Our young people must not be neglected, and a low incidence of crime and vandalism is essential.

Possibly some sporting facilities that will take youths and children off street corners and hopefully encourage law and order.

better indoor facilities for teenage and older children 10 -16 years with pool tables, games, etc. (Silkstone Common).

some form of After-School Club for the children at the schools to help parents who work, arrange childcare.

Rebuild on 'Rec' at Silkstone Common multi purpose facility ie Youth Club, Meeting Room, Internet Café, etc. Play area for 10 -16 year olds similar to one at Pilley and Oxspring.

Youth Club facilities

Silkstone Common recreation ground to be properly maintained with adequate facilities and community building. More facilities for teenagers.

Further amenities for children (recognised Youth Club and sports facilities).

Youth Clubs and/or Community Centre.

Silkstone Common needs sports facilities and clubs.

More sport facilities and recreation for the young plus tennis courts within a small park area with seats for viewing/resting.

Like most villages children in their teens have nowhere to congregate or to socialise under appropriate supervision, helping to lead to alcohol and substance abuse, this problem is prevalent and not only common in this Parish but we ignore it at our peril.

I would like to see a seating area in the village where people can pass the time of day, young people can hang out and we can get refreshments.

More recreation facilities.

Something like a coffee shop close to Rec areas.

I would like to see no ball games allowed signs put up around Silkstone Common, to stop people playing on the roads.

Better recreational facilities.

Development of the social aspects of the community and clubs and facilities for children ie Scouts/Brownies/Sports Clubs, etc is essential.

More play areas for children to minimise the danger of them playing on roads and creating a nuisance to residents.

It would be great to have more leisure facilities for women and children ie tennis courts and tennis club.

I would like an Astroturf pitch with flood lights and floodlights over the football pitch and recreation ground. Silkstone Common football field should be levelled and drained.

Silkstone Common Recreation Ground requires Community Centre/changing facilities.

Maintenance and improvement of children's' facilities - eg the S.C. Rec field which is water-logged.

The renewal of sports pavilion at Silkstone Common.

Provision of changing pavilion at Silkstone Common.

The Recreation building at Silkstone Common should be re-built mainly from the insurance that Barnsley Council should have received.

We would like to see more use of the Common for sports purposes and recreation which would be benefited by land drainage and the revival of the Beck at the Common bottom.

Silkstone – 97 items, half concerning play areas for young children

I would like to see outdoor facilities improved opposite Silverwood School and on Manor Park. There is local play areas for children to use. (ages 2 – 8/9).

Something for the under 11's. There's nothing for them to play on or anywhere to go.

Look at Oxspring – a play area like that on the Recreation Ground for the younger children.

Give the children of Silkstone a play area to match the one at S. Common.

Children's play area.

Improvements of playgrounds in Silkstone and Silkstone Common recreation ground.

More information needed with regards to activities for children and better play areas.

Adventure playground similar to Oxspring with a fenced-off area, supervised, for the under 5's.

More play areas, or better facilities on the existing sites around Silkstone for pre-school children.

More pleasant open spaces for children to play safely.

Expansion of children's facilities – play areas/ground,

Play area at the bottom of Martin Croft.

The Chestnut Park is alright as it is – people can sit on seats and have a quiet time - if it was a play area OAP wouldn't want it. Also the OAP bungalows get enough noise from the Silverwood School and parking of cars, children climbing trees and throwing stones at the chestnuts which is dangerous for the windows and cars parked.

Must improve children's play areas on Martin Croft/Manor Park.

A good children's play area – with safety surface and fencing – is desperately needed in Silkstone.

I think there should be a play area that isn't falling to pieces in Silkstone.

Better play area in Silkstone for young children.

there is a good community spirit, and this could (and should) be developed further by developing better play facilities for young children in Silkstone (thereby enabling parents to meet each other)

Provide more recreation for younger children.

Silkstone desperately needs a well-equipped play area for children up to the age of at least 12. The villages, especially Silkstone, have few open spaces which may be safely accessed by young people. Open spaces, which are available, have been deemed unsuitable for the development of any substantial play facilities for young children; we need to solve this problem.

Improved outdoor play facilities for children especially at Martin Croft, Silkstone where there are only two swings and no fence for safety.

Children's play area like Oxspring – ground behind school?

Better play areas for young children like the one at Oxspring would be good.

Play area, well maintained and safe,

More facilities for children.

Within Silkstone, I feel that a play area for young children is very important.

A play area with varying equipment for different ages is essential.

I would like to see a much improved playground for the children of Silkstone. The one on Manor has two 'baby' swings and a broken seesaw, but plenty of spare room. The playarea near Silverwood School is also severely lacking in play equipment. I believe a fund was set up some time ago for this purpose.

I would like to see a decent park for mothers with young children, not that disgusting excuse for a park near the War Memorial. How about Chestnut Meadow – it would also be safe for children there – no dogs allowed!

It would be nice for young children to have a safe secure play area where they could be observed if not

supervised, but the play area should be where there are children and not near old people's residences.

A properly equipped play area is needed in Silkstone. The playground near Silkstone War Memorial should be improved.

Silkstone needs play areas made safe. We want playground in Silkstone like Silkstone Common.

Good quality play area outside Silverwood School – Martins Croft – badly needed, especially now climbing frame has been removed.

Better use of the Chestnuts, Silkstone – maybe a safe play area for young children, with adequate seating for adults would be a good use for this space?

A safe play area (like Silkstone Common) in Silkstone.

Purpose built playground for young children. I agree – develop play area for young children.

Provision of children's play area – swings, slide, climbing frame, etc also to be fenced in and a dog free area location – near War Memorial Martin Croft Silkstone.

much seems to be done for young children

More play areas/development of existing spaces for children.

Provision of good quality play area for younger children.

Improve play area in Martin Croft and more facilities and perhaps fence area in for safety.

We need a play area for the kids – tots to teens.

Better children's play areas/parks in Silkstone.

Improve play facilities on Martin Croft site.

A major playground in Silkstone like the one in Oxspring which seems to be very well used by families and could be a good way of encouraging community spirit.

To have more play facilities (outdoor) for children in Silkstone.

Play equipment/areas in Silkstone – derelict land on High Street? ,

Lots of children in this village (Silkstone) which means its frankly bizarre that you have to travel to Oxspring to find a half decent park. I would chip in for a nice adventure playground for the kids.

Places for children to play safely near their homes. Litter free.

More play areas for children.

Playground in Silkstone.

Provide Youth Club for teenagers, meeting place to keep them off streets, there is nothing for teenagers in the area unless they are interested in sport. More creative events, not dancing/football or singing!

I do feel that there should be a Youth Club for teenagers – it could be held in the Cricket Pavilion and a Youth Club Leader employed – this would give them a positive environment/activity.

More facilities for 10-18 year olds. More open spaces for children to play. Youth Club with pool tables, staffed always.

As a teacher at Penistone Grammar School many of my students feel that there are not many facilities for teenagers. Some students have been stopped for using skateboards on the street ... where can they go? Facilities for young children and teenagers need improving. This will stop them becoming a 'social problem' for the village. **BORED CHILDREN CAUSE PROBLEMS.**

More facilities/activities for teenagers. More areas for teenagers and places for kids to stay inside.

Develop a skateboard park for children. I have discussed this matter with a number of children and they wholeheartedly agree would keep them from skateboarding around the streets and causing a nuisance.

More organised activity for young people in the evenings and weekends.

Better use of school facilities after hours (ie – youth clubs, etc).

More attractions for young people, for instance, a Youth Club.

I would also like to see more for children – ie Youth Clubs or meeting places to involve them in the community and make them feel responsible for their surroundings. This would hopefully deter vandalism if they have respect for their surroundings.

Skateboard facilities for youngsters to keep them off the streets.

Facilities for teenagers – eg Youth Club.

Skate park, cycling paths, place to ride motorcross bikes in woods or Wagon Way. More Community Police involvement to cut down on youths 'hanging around' and spoiling areas – eg behind the Garage.

New swings, slide, climbing frame, etc at the bottom of Martins Croft in Silkstone. There are few facilities for young children in Silkstone, everything is designed for older children.

Behaviour standards should not decline and our youths should have somewhere and something to keep them occupied, and off the streets, so vandalism does not occur.

More provision of leisure areas for young people and a community focus for the village.

We would like to see indoor facilities for youngsters, especially teenagers. Ideally sports facilities (indoor) for the winter months.

I would like to see adequate provisions for teenagers – I feel the area at the back of the Garage is abused and too secluded therefore vandalism and excess rubbish is a problem.

More facilities for young people both 5-11 years and 11-16 years.

A Youth Club would be a good thing for young teenagers.

Continue the development and maintenance of youth/sport area behind Silkstone Garage. Funding for youth worker to supervise activities for teenagers.

More play space for bored children – ie basketball court, tennis court.

Skate board park. Cycle training for the young. Youth Club.

I think there is very little for young teenagers, a skateboard park would be excellent. Neighbours are always complaining about the kids' skateboarding. What are the kids to do??

More facilities for teenagers. (repeat) More facilities for teenagers.

Provision of playground equipment for young children.

Provision of all-weather activity facility for all ages.

There is a desperate need for facilities for teenagers – something to do – somewhere to go in the evenings!!

Provide facilities for full range of community sections. Expenditure on cricket and football facilities in Silkstone seem vastly out of proportion (Too expensive) compared to the wretched state of play equipment for children. Work with local schools to use their premises for community, eg meetings/clubs/vocational training.

Maintain and develop current youth play area behind Garage at Silkstone – ie tennis court/five a side/multi-surface pitch. Refurbish scout hut at Silkstone.

More facilities for young people/teenagers. A 'Youth Club'. Also more (easily accessed – not over a very busy/dangerous road!) sports facilities. Poss Astroturf/floodlights so all local sports organisations (now growing) can use them to train and develop youth involvement in sport.

Perhaps a 'soft drinks only' pub for teenagers to keep them from congregating on street corners and in the bus shelters.

A social venue/room for teenagers - NO – I don't have any teenagers but I feel their needs are unmet.

Some type of activities needed for older children to prevent them hanging around Garage and Recreation Ground – help reduce graffiti and vandalism in Rec

Identify a suitable play area for bikes, skates, skateboards which is safe and well maintained.

additional facilities for children/teenagers – eg Youth Club

More facilities for kids.

There needs to be more activities for young people (to keep them out of trouble!! Less crime! et c) – eg Youth Club, Keep Fit, Boys Club.

Better facilities for teenagers are important and needed now.

recreation grounds

Facilities/clubs for middle aged children (8-12, etc).

Rec = sports field.

Perhaps to take more responsibility of their children/teenagers, and not have the opinion that if the children are not doing bad things on their own doorsteps it is of no consequence to the parents.

All for developing Common Rec, but not sure we need two Rec grounds.

Develop multi-purpose sports facilities at Silkstone Rec and Silkstone Common Rec – ie all purpose courts for tennis/football, cricket, hockey, netball, basketball, etc.

With more organised activities for 100-17 year olds – eg Five-a-side football teams. Also a development on the Martin Croft Rec as the slides and swings have been taken down. Even two Five-a-side football nets would be an improvement.

Silkstone community got lottery money which was spent on footballers and cricketers only. A Pavilion was build which seems to have been built for these activities only. No thought was given to the smaller children in the village for a play area – which could quite easily have been behind the Garage. (It used to be the recreation area with slide, swings, etc). The Pavilion could have been built to cover all activities, but seemingly it is footballers and cricketers only. And woe betide anyone who starts playing on their precious football, cricket field. (INSTANT Removal).

Parking, traffic calming, road maintenance

Silkstone Common 61 items

No building development without appropriate car parking provisions.

More off street parking in sensitive areas.

Cars parked on Ben Bank Road are a nuisance, since new road markings.

More train car parking.

Create a car park off Moor End Lane for residents and their visitors.

The Parish Council to “encourage” residents with more than one car to park on their drives – most will accommodate two vehicles – thus avoiding parking on pavements and keeping roads clear.

Without cars decorating the footpaths.

Keep cars off footpaths.

I would like to be able to use the cross-roads safely – removal of parked cars to allow good visibility, recent alterations have not improved visibility from either Cone Lane or Moor End Lane.

I would like to see a reduction in unnecessary large four wheel drive vehicles in the area and speed restrictions/traffic calming on Moor End Lane.

Restricted parking must be introduced: It is very dangerous getting from Moor End Lane onto the Main Road when there are vehicles parked inside the chevrons outside the shop. Please try it.

Grit boxes Moor End Lane Housecarr Lane.

Traffic calming measures on Moorend Lane/school.

It's not that we need more traffic calming particularly, just to make it more effective. Humps are ineffectual, as well as bad for cars and hinder emergency vehicles. Perhaps chicanes to narrow some roads – eg Moorend Lane – to single file at certain points might be better – this may also help around the School at peak times.

The junction extensions – eg top of Moorend Lane – were a good idea but too many people park on the hatched markings on the road next to them meaning you still don't have a decent view of approaching traffic.

The road from Dodworth to Silkstone Common – Ben Bank Road at this end – I believe – is dangerous both at night and especially when it is foggy. It needs “cat's eyes” that actually reflect in the middle and ideally white lines along the sides to mark the verge and kerbs.

Speed restriction/road calming down Moor End Lane. The ones on Ben Bank are very successful, something like that would be suitable right down to the Bridge at the bottom!

Speed humps required near Silkstone Common School.

Speed cameras rather than road humps.

* Speed Cameras on both sides of road going past the garage in Silkstone. (VERY IMPORTANT). Speed restrictions on Cone Lane from Lodge upwards.

reduction of traffic flow through village ie Ben Bank Road. Also more traffic calming along this highway. Speed limit not observed and our children have not got a crossing patrol (to attend – Silkstone Common School) – widen pathway under Railway bridge.

Reduce speed bumps with camera, speed bumps make noise and cause damage to cars and backs.

Alter speed humps on Cone Lane (too severe at present).

Traffic calming measures seem to invite accidents – bits sticking out of the road with no adequate street lighting to alert traffic. Road bumps are a nuisance. Cars, etc, still speeding through the outer edges of the village – with no impediment! Could we have more SIGNS FOR 30 LIMIT! Some attention should be paid to road parking as some terrace properties with inadequate parking – cars both sides of road on bad corners! The whole issue needs revising as it does not seem to be working. Drivers are frustrated by the speed bumps and are RACING out of the village as soon as they are over them. Speed cameras are the only calming measures that actually work – in my opinion. Money should be invested in this alarmingly

dangerous issue before any further accident/injury occurs.

Heavy traffic could be diverted from both villages onto the Bypass.

Traffic calming that works. Installation of.

Traffic calming on Ben Bank Road is useless – cameras are essential!!

Our main concern for the village is the speed of traffic. This needs addressing very urgently, particularly at the Barnsley end of Ben Bank Road. Our feelings are that the only real solution is to put up a speed camera and we have already voiced this opinion to the Parish Council, BMBC and the Police on several occasions. Various other means have already been tried and have found to be lacking. Police radar traps were used a few years ago with some success (people were fined for speeding) but have not been used now for a long time.

20mph speed limit!!!! PROPER “EFFECTIVE” traffic calming that actually works. Especially at Dodworth end or S.C.

To develop into a peaceful village by introducing a traffic scheme which is introduced by **FULL** consultation with residents and reduces or **BANS** HGV vehicles from passing through village. Far too much noise and vibration!!! Remove speed humps at same time and install speed cameras!

Restrictions should be placed on Silkstone Lane (the one from the Church to Cawthorne) as HGVs frequently use this Lane – is the bridge strong enough? The state of this Lane is v. poor. Also – parking outside ASG (High St, Silkstone) – ridiculous – I risk my life twice a day! Car parking restrictions be put in place here?

Silkstone Bypass – how many more accidents do we need before speed cameras are installed? Something needs to be done here. Would it be feasible for a roundabout to be built at the junction with Cone Lane/High St, Silkstone? Traffic would then have to slow at this point.

Continue the traffic calming scheme from the train station to the Pennine Trail.

Definitely speed cameras erecting as the traffic travels through far too quickly from both ends of the village.

We have just moved to Stonecroft Court, Silkstone Common and we are very concerned about the speed at which traffic enters the village. We feel that a number of things could help reduce the speed of the traffic.

1. More speed bumps along Knabbs Lane.
 2. Cut back trees around the 30mph signs – these are difficult to see.
- Speed bumps already exist but they need extending to our part of the village.

Reduce speed of traffic – Police don't do enough.

I feel that the traffic calming already in place is more of a hazard and noise nuisance than an effective means of slowing the traffic.

Calming of traffic.

More traffic calming arrangements.

Traffic calming should be well designed and the profiles and drainage correct and to standard.

Chemist in Silkstone is causing problems to road users by cars parking and obstructing the road.

The traffic calming has made it very noisy when large vehicles go over it. I understand speed cameras are too expensive.

No more speed bumps.

Remove bumps in Cone Lane, Ben Bank Road, Knabbs Lane, and develop road narrowing (2 or 3 positions) to one vehicle width. (Possibly with chicane). This has been done in Haigh village and is most effective. The bumps in Cone Lane serve no purpose as a speed restriction and were a bad decision.

Cause for concern: Parking outside ASG, High St, Silkstone, this is on a bend and makes driving here at certain times hazardous.

State of road surface "Church Lane?" between Silkstone and Cawthorne – this road is patched up from time to time as very temporary solution. The problem is large wagons which have no place on this road – there should be a weight restriction.

Traffic speeds on all Avenues should be reduced to 20mph.

Lorries and buses should be prevented from using Hall Royd Walk (it is used as a shortcut to the Main Road).

Develop a designated safe crossing on Ben Bank Road for the elderly and young people. Since traffic calming on Ben Bank Road steep rise in speeding traffic on Hall Royd Walk to access school and developments on Moorend Lane. Suggest bollards to form cul-de-sac or one way system.

Re-thinking of Cone Lane/Station Lane and Cone Lane/Ben Bank Road traffic calming system as it is currently dangerous.

Since the road calming measures placed just below our bungalow early this year, my husband and I are having our sleep disturbed owing to the noise of heavy vehicles, tractors, etc going over the bumps as our bedroom faces the road. My husband is partially sighted owing to a stroke five years ago, and on Cone Lane there is only causeway on one side. The stone walls on the Lane have been in need of repair for years, we both walk frequently down the Lane. I find it very hazardous for my husband. We even have to walk on the road at times.

Better road surfaces (not the 'patchwork'), better clearing of snow on Moor End Lane to Hood Green in winter.

The state of the roads, certainly in S/C give a very bad impression of the village

Re-surface the roads because they are very poor.

Cleaning the road and treating them in icy weather or in snow.

We would also like to air our views about the disgraceful state of the road on Moor End Lane. It is in a terrible state and has never been repaired in the ten years we have lived here, apart from filling in potholes. We would like to see something done about it, hopefully in the near future. It's only ever been done as far as the school.

There is also a blind spot for drivers at the crossroads by Silkstone bypass due to overgrown trees.

Road and path repairs (Re-surfacing).

Speed restrictions the FULL LENGTH OF CONE LANE!

Road maintenance on road entering Silkstone Common from Dodworth (Street lights, or high vis cats eyes and white lines).

Improve ALL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – Barnsley is like a 3rd World country regarding road surfaces.

Silkstone – 84 items

The HGVs using Cawthorne Lane are very dangerous – there are many unreported near misses.

Less heavy traffic using Silkstone Lane.

A weight restriction on vehicles travelling through the villages and side roads in particular Cawthorne Lane, (Silkstone to Cawthorne) and either a parking restriction along High Street, Silkstone, or it making into a one-way system. Heavy goods vehicles are destroying the road surface. The roads are too narrow, it's only due to luck that there hasn't been a serious accident due to HGVs and the parking of vehicles on High Street.

In actual fact High Street would be better with a one-way system and traffic calming and weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes.

Heavy lorries should be prohibited from travelling on Silkstone Lane. Motorbikes should be prohibited from going along the Wagon Way.

No decent footpaths/cycle ways exist between Silkstone and Cawthorne. Ban on goods vehicles over 3 tons through Silkstone/Cawthorne. Traffic calming/no parking on Towngate/High St junction (outside ASG Conservatories).

Get Naylor's wagons off Cawthorne Lane.

Heavy goods vehicles on Silkstone-Cawthorne Road is appalling and ruining the very little footpath that remains.

Stop heavy wagons/lorries driving through Silkstone village and Silkstone Lane (they do nothing for poor state of roads).

Stop heavy goods lorries driving through the village and cutting through on Silkstone Lane!! Safety for everyone.

Heavy vehicles are threatening and take up more than half the road. Edges of Silkstone/Cawthorne road have no kerb, continually being broken, evidence of large tyre tracks in the grass/mud; cannot be good for residents' homes on High St.

Slow traffic through Silkstone. Prevent heavy lorries going on Cawthorne Lane.

Stop heavy lorries from using Cawthorne Lane.

Most important I would like to see a 7 ton access only limit placed on lane, Silkstone to Cawthorne as this road was never intended for 40ft artic trailers.

To make Silkstone Lane to Cawthorne have a restricted weight limit for vehicular access – ie no HGVs as very dangerous.

Less HGVs on side roads.

There is an urgent need to ban heavy vehicles, particularly on Cawthorne Lane/Silkstone Lane, where I have been forced off the road several times because it is just unsuitable for such large vehicles.

Cars parking by the old Co-op on the High Street are making the road a menace – it is totally blind both going down or coming up the village – something needs doing about that. Also the bottom of High Street – by the school – the road becomes a single track at certain times of day. Martin Croft is also a danger area – thoughtless parking – double parking.

Parking on the Main Road in particular outside ASG Group is extremely dangerous. Should be restricted.

Stop ASG staff from parking on BLIND bend! Nothing personal – just a safe drive desired.

Parking problem to be addressed – eg outside Chemist (on bend) and on footpaths/pavements in general.

Main problems at the moment on road parking especially on High Street, on corners beginning to get very dangerous.

Less on-road parking just above Towngate towards blind bend (Accident waiting to happen).

Less parking on street corners.

Parking is clearly a problem on the High Street and particularly in Martin Croft. Restrictions in these areas should be undertaken as a matter of some urgency.

Please do something about the dangerous parking on the bad bend outside the old Co-op building in Silkstone.

Instead of a 30mph approaching Manor Park a speed camera placed there to stop us taking our lives in our hands every time we come home. (Nobody takes any notice of a 30mph sign).

Through traffic in the village closed opposite the Church. Therefore cutting out shortcuts, and speed bumps/ramps and parking areas defined to reduce speeding traffic past the school and the Ring of Bells Public House.

Attempt to reduce volume and speed of traffic through the village.

Put trees down which block view of traffic coming from Barnsley at The Cross from High St. Put a bridge over Main Road, traffic is still speeding, for pedestrians.

Pavements and roads need more maintenance urgently.

Traffic must be controlled – lorries through village and the main A628.

Road surfaces should be improved.

safer crossings – ie pelican crossings on main road.

Ban the use of heavy goods and articulated vehicles on the High Street at Silkstone. The Silkstone bypass was built to eliminate this problem!

A better and additional car parks in Martin Croft for residents as not enough made when the bungalows were built, there is grass areas which are not used so would be ideal outside their homes, as not also able to walk far or carry shopping. The parking of parents from the private nursery also is a hazard and limits room for through traffic and use residents parking plots

More speed restrictions around up and down Martin Croft elderly bungalows

Stop HGVs using the High St. Provide a controlled pedestrian crossing between Silkstone and Garage on Manchester Road.

There should be restrictions on heavy traffic on Silkstone High Street

Restrictions of traffic through Silkstone. Either one-way system or cul-de-sac with a "bus gate".

Improved side roads, especially eroded edges.

'Slower' traffic at High St, Cone Lane, A628 junction – hedges kept well cut back here and even traffic lights.

A heavy restriction on the dreadful parking problems caused by private nursery on Martins Croft!

No heavy lorries through the village. Yellow lines on Main Street for no parking.

Only major problem is the number of car accidents and lack of speed cameras. Plus Highways Department has no interest in the state of the roads.

Repairs to roads and pavements especially High Street; Church Heights and Silkstone Lane all in Silkstone.

Traffic calming Silkstone village.

Cutting back of trees on junctions with A628 to improve visibility.

Congestion outside of Silkstone School - a real danger – how about school signs, better road markings, move the bus-stop, safety barriers.

I would very much like some kind of traffic calming around the village – especially down by the side of the Church towards the Bypass.

Restriction of lorries. Traffic stick to speed limits. Less parking on roads especially near private school.

Traffic calming at the Garage.

Traffic parking bays on Silkstone Lane outside Highfield Cottages. This is becoming a very dangerous road – Banning heavy goods lorries.

I would like to see traffic bumps in Silkstone, as in S Common and the possibility of either a weight or width restriction on Silkstone Lane (Highfield Cottages). This is an accident waiting to happen. The road is definitely not suitable for HGVs, walkers and joggers are taking their lives into their own hands, as well as other car users.

Roads resurfaced.

Stop large wagons from going through the village – small business and industrial outlets would only encourage more – ie deliveries, etc.

Traffic calming up Silkstone High Street is a MUST – why do Silkstone Common have such a scheme and not this village?

With regards to the speed of traffic on the A628 through Silkstone, it is still going far too fast – can anything be done? Speed cameras approaching the village are VITAL as are speed humps through the High St. Visibility would be helped when turning right out of High Street by trimming the hedge back a little further.

More traffic calming is needed on Cone Lane and Silkstone High Street and cameras on the main A628 through Silkstone would be great.

Traffic controls at the crossroads (Cone Lane/High St/A628)

Crossing at the Garage. Enforcement of speed limit by Police/camera. Restriction of on-street parking in Silkstone High Street. Traffic lights or roundabouts at bottom of Silkstone Hill. Parking for Silverwood School parents on hard ground by Monument.

Traffic lights at Silkstone Cross – a busy, dangerous junction.

Improved road surfaces past Church in Silkstone and towards Red Lion.

Re traffic calming – out on the A628 have seen improvements since camera signs but some still ignore it. But no sleeping policemen in village, humps, etc.

Crossing at Garage to ensure safe passage of our young and elderly villagers.

Road surface through Silkstone needs re-surfacing.

Parking on Martin Croft is major problem – car accident waiting to happen. Could the tarmaced area around Memorial be used for parking at restricted times – eg between 7.30 – 9.30am - 4.30 – 6.30pm and when there is a wedding/funeral at Church. .

Speed bumps on Church Hill in Silkstone – traffic goes too fast down to Tom Horsefield.

Look at making the bottom of Martin Croft safe. There will be an accident sooner rather than later. The “visitors” with their children walk out in front of traffic, open car doors even when they know you are passing them. They park anywhere they feel like.

Maintain footpaths and roads well, plus green areas, seating, lighting to a high standard.

Create a passing place for cars at bottom of Martin Croft to ease congestion.

Traffic lights to be installed at Silkstone Cross/High Street/Cone Lane junction.

Signs on Martin Croft and Broadgates to indicate elderly people and children playing to avoid speeding motorists.

We would like to see the rural nature of Silkstone in particular, maintained and if possible enhanced, through the abolition of HGVs passing through the village from Cawthorne and the main Barnsley-Manchester Road.

Maybe a wacky suggestion but here goes:- Make the High Street, Silkstone, one-way only – my preference would be for it to run from the Church to the school. This may deter some of the heavier traffic using it when cutting across to Cawthorne. Widen the pavements and create parking bays for High Street residents, and school drop-offs. Alternatively, anything that would deter some of the heavier traffic would be gratefully received. At very least some speed restrictions put in place.

Speed camera on hill next to Silkstone Church.

Towngate to Manor path to be pushchair friendly – main route to school – walking bus to stop school car traffic. Yellow lines outside school.

Better traffic measures (A628) and on Silkstone Road. Improved car parking for Silverwood Nursery as Martin Croft is often blocked.

It is time that the “pot-holes” in Manor Park were repaired. Also at school time too many parents park and drive inconsiderately in Manor Park which is after all a residential area.

I would like to see road bumps just below Silkstone Lodge, as the traffic speed down Cone Lane. Also I would like to see the Copse at the bottom of Cone Lane and Cross chopped down as nobody can see to cross the road. The entry to The Cross is blocked to view from traffic coming down Bypass turning left into Cone Lane.

Traffic calming in Silkstone Village is vital. Too many heavy goods vehicles go through the village. This is dangerous, noisy and unnecessary.

More safety on the roads near Garage.

Traffic calming on A628.

Selfish Matter: - As a resident of Manor Park I take exception to school traffic parking in a morning/afternoon. Traffic calming measures in Manor Park also required.

Silkstone Lane should be preserved as a Lane. Lorries should not be allowed except for access.

Footpaths

Silkstone Common 20 items

Cone Lane footpath is often obstructed by crumbling stones from walls and overhanging branches.

Footpath – Dodworth to “Concrete Road” is in an appalling state and is used a lot by village walkers.

Prohibit shooting/motor bikes on Pennine Trail and other bridle ways.

Improve provision of paths towards La Cena/equestrian centre.

The footpaths from Hall Royd Walk and back of South Yorkshire Buildings to Silkstone Common recreation ground/play area need improving. They are difficult to navigate with pushchairs/young children due to poor surface, stinging nettles, dog fouling, etc.

Do something about BMBC’s collection of wheelie bins, they are biggest hazard in villages, forcing people from paths into roads. They look terrible scattered around and make it obvious who isn’t home if they’re not put back.

Also, basic repairs to the drystone walls around the parish is needed.

Wider pavements more sign posting

Better and cleaner surface to roads and pavements. Briars and nettles cut back. I have to take my handicapped son out in a wheelchair and a new safe plank to sit on at the top of Champney Lane and Hall Royd Lane would be nice to sit on and have a rest.

we do not want any of our footpaths made into “roads”.

Priority to roads and footpath maintenance.

Upper end of path to ‘Dickey’ steps is now so overgrown by trees that I could not find it. Second attempt more successful. Cone Lane badly obstructed.

You might consider refurbishing the overgrown footpath on Knabbs/Cotes Lane. At the moment it’s impossible to walk and very dangerous.

Wheelie bins cause an obstruction. You try pushing a pram on Wednesdays. Also difficult for disabled.

Footpaths should retain their rural character; wallflowers should buy wellies rather than demand steps, cinders, etc

Improvement to available footpaths (surfaces and clearance) and maybe better signage.

Footpath No 8 needs more maintenance and a better surface.

Residents should not be allowed to develop footpaths for their own use.

dry stone walling on main roads to be maintained/rebuilt.

Extension width ways to footpaths on Cone Lane and other pedestrian areas.

Silkstone 18 items

Between Towngate and Manor Pk Woods take steps out and put a smooth winding path which the elderly and people pushing prams can manage easily.

Parish Council repairing footpaths/environment.

the pavements should be improved.

Also, is that Llama safe in the field leading up to Silverwood? I would like to use that public footpath regularly but feel very intimidated.

I would like to see local walks improved, especially the Wagon track and also better information regarding routes, etc.

There was a footpath from Towngate to the Chestnuts. There is a house over it now. Was this agreed? Why? It was a safe route avoiding Main Road and bad bend.

Pavement/footpath along Silkstone Lane so that we can walk safely to Cawthorne from Silkstone.

Better maintenance of Wagon Way (eg nettles and dog mess – how about some dog bins).

continued waggonway Improvement.

Footpaths surface improved.

All our footpaths would be in better condition if horses and motorbikes were kept off – in winter they are a * mess.

Pavement obstructions – branches, also in spring/summer many footpaths (eg Silkstone-Banks Hall) obstructed by brambles/nettles.

Pavement along Silkstone Road towards Cawthorne between houses and drive down to Wagon Way is part of a circular walk used by many local mothers with pushchairs. 300 yd stretch has no usable pavement and is very dangerous.

Improve the conditions of the Silkstone footpaths – eg Pack Horse Green, the footpath towards Fall Wood and many others. See to the older buildings and re-use them, etc! Make all the walks safer and less obstructed.

Repairs to the pavement alongside the grassy bank on the north side of Church Hill in Silkstone, and a general tidy up of the bank itself. I thought the planting of cotoneaster horizontals mentioned in the Newsletter Extra No 29 was a good idea.

Hedge cutting on bends from Silkstone to Cawthorne.

Better access through Martins Rise at school time.

We would be grateful of a tarmac pathway (with no steps) to be created behind Huskar Close, alongside the path that links Towngate to Manor Park. It is a safer route when travelling to and from school – but is currently difficult to navigate with a pram/pushchair.

Community centre/village hall/sports facilities

Silkstone Common 35 items

Tennis courts.

Provision of tennis courts.

Provision of more sports facilities eg indoor leisure centre, outdoor tennis courts. Improved facilities in Silkstone Common Rec.

All weather sports area that could be used for a whole range of sports from Football, Hockey, Tennis, Bowling, etc. – Must be floodlit – facilities currently exist at Dodworth and Penistone. – This could even be used to generate money for the parish by hiring out the facility when not used by local clubs and groups and schools. – possible location – Silkstone Common Rec. Could be used by entire community not just children.

The school at Silkstone Common should be used for a wide range of F.E. courses – ie Computers/Languages/etc.

Swimming pool at one of the schools open to community at evenings and w/e.

Celebrate/support what we already have – local junior band – old 'B' Silkstone Band – play areas – local pubs/shops/schools. Make more use of local buildings ie Cricket Pavilion/Scout Hut/School Halls – Playing Fields.

Is anyone interested in a Swimming Pool for the Parish – it would be a facility for all the community.

Use school as indoor meeting place.

Improvement in indoor recreational facilities – use during winter

Better sports facilities in both villages.

Once a month it would be a good idea to have a Youth Club Disco at one of the local pubs.

A Village Hall in S.C. would help to bring the community together.

Recreation for elderly and young (ie) bowling, community centre, improve Silk Common recreation ground.

More community/communal activities and events.

More community projects and entertainment facilities at present there is no venue except the Chapel, which seems to be under-used.

A village hall would be good for the community within easy access for everyone.

To have a strong community spirit.

More community meeting places eg Cafes, tea rooms.

community activities

Silkstone Common should have a new community hall.

More local activities which can involve the whole communities.

Preserve the rural aspects, protect the environment,

Encouragement of more community activities in S. Common, eg joint ventures with J & I School/Clubs/pub.

Community Centre in Silkstone Common with clearly advertised meetings. (Us working parents don't have much time to do our research on local events).

more for the community – things to do and go.

Try to maintain our rural community and the community spirit.

We could do with a meeting place in Silkstone Common where people could meet socially, in a welcoming atmosphere and share some activities.

Need to develop local facilities/groups – but no further development required.

The Mission Hut needs replacing with a modern permanent structure which could have broader use.

Think a large Community Hall would enhance leisure facilities for both villages.

Possible Community Hall for scouts, guides, youth clubs, playgroups, senior citizen groups, etc.

A wider range of facilities for all the community.

I would like to have facilities available to cater for the needs of all age groups (although I have no idea about what older children/teenagers or older people need or want!). Having lived in other areas before moving to Silkstone Common, I appreciate the community spirit and neighbourliness. Providing physical "facilities" is only part of what maintains a sense of community but it does maintain the health of the community members by giving a structure to how they spend time.

Silkstone 47 items

The provision of a Village Hall and facilities to encourage good community spirit.

YES. Tennis Courts. Facilities and clubs for sports, such as badminton, tennis, netball.

Tennis courts behind Garage at Silkstone.

Tennis courts - indoor preferably.

More sports facilities - eg tennis

More facilities for sports for all ages. Tennis courts, covered sports area.

Would like tennis courts adjacent to Recreation Ground. I agree. So do I.

Perhaps some tennis courts.

More sports facilities - eg all weather tennis court, indoor - five a side football, badminton.

Tennis courts to provide sports facilities girls can use

Tennis facilities at Rec.

Tennis courts.

always meeting places for elderly or people who find themselves alone.

Use of schools - computing skills, making new friends, languages - French, etc, sewing classes. Ditto use of Church, interest, friendship and brain power do not cease at 75 years of age!

Village Hall for all community to meet, learn and provide sports indoor facilities.

Community Centres for young and old.

Village centre hall to develop a better community spirit. We older folk have a lot of skills to offer each other, so a means of using these skills would be good for the village and also self-worth.

Silkstone ought to have a village hall - there isn't a focal point to the village - is it a village? - there's the Church - but that is not for everyone - in the secular sense.

Build a central Village Hall.

If there was a Village Hall available for people and organisations to use probably a better community atmosphere would be created.

Provision of a Village Hall/Sports Hall perhaps in association with one of schools.

A village Community Centre

Misses a 'Village Hall'.

I would like to see a tennis club at the recreation ground.

I would like Silkstone to develop, but within limits to retain the excellent community it has. In my opinion Silkstone needs a community village hall where locals can meet, arrange functions both private and for the village benefit.

better community meeting place.

Better leisure and retail facilities. An area of this size should have community sporting facilities - ie Sports Hall, tennis courts and swimming pool. Silkstone has no heart to it and still retains a 'ribbon development; feel.

Community Centre for social functions for all ages.

To have a Village Hall in the centre of Silkstone village, not at the other side of road.

Possible use of school buildings/play areas for local community groups at expense of Parish Council.
Raises funds for schools and provides venues for local groups.

It also needs a Village Hall and an events organiser to put on all sorts of things - eg craft fair, antique fair, old people's meetings, youth club and society meetings - eg fishing club, embroidery club, computer club, etc.

A room that is large enough (and high enough) for sporting activities - ie badminton.

A local athletics club and race track. Children currently have to go out of the village if they wish to pursue this sport.

Silkstone needs a Village Hall. This would enable more activities such as yoga, an art group, etc, to take place.

Skate park, hockey grounds.

Meeting places

A Village Hall, as a focus for organisations and social events would be advantageous.

Other opportunities for evening entertainment than pubs or Church.

Safe environment. Village Hall type Centre.

I would like a Community Hall: and feel a great opportunity was missed when The Chapel School room came up for sale' it should have been purchased somehow; for the benefit of villagers.

Meeting place in Silkstone village centre/School for community.

I'd like to see more facilities for the elderly

Better facilities for our children and young adults to relax and play in.

Runners/X-Country Club.

We need more community spaces and activities - people don't want to sit in their own nuclear space all day!!

More sports facilities for young people in Winter particularly

There is no Village Hall in Silkstone which means using a car or bus to join societies in Silkstone Common, Hoylandswaine or Penistone.

Indoor swimming pool. Hard surface football area.

South Yorkshire Buildings

16 items and drawing from Silkstone Common, 1 from Silkstone



The road opposite our dwelling leading into S. York's Building from Moor End Lane is in a grossly poor state, it affects all of us in the vicinity. We would like it sympathetically repaired.

South Yorkshire Buildings, at one time, were part of the Wagon Way. Our roads are in an atrocious condition and detract from the general beauty of the village. Since we pay the same Council Tax as everyone else in the Parish we feel it is unfair that we don't have the same maintenance of our roads. S.Y. Buildings are an historic part of the Parish and deserve to be treated as such.

Putting road in order round South Yorkshire Buildings.

Better surface to roads in South Yorkshire Buildings.

Living in S.Y. Buildings I would just like to say if the Council can give 3 million for B.F. Club it can put us a decent road. We have waited for too long for this to happen. The houses have all been done up and are let down by the cart track.

Adopt all roads in Parish

Naturally with my wife and I being South Yorkshire Buildings residents we would like to see some improvements to the road around the Buildings, this would be a significant development.

Proper road surface round South Yorkshire Buildings!

There have been rumours that the "unadopted road" of South Yorkshire Buildings was going to be tidied up, as it is used by ramblers with cobbled road and gas lights. I know a few of us living here that we would be willing to pay towards this It would be a lovely tourist attraction.

Give South Yorkshire Buildings S/Common "a road". It is very bad walking for everyone (elderly people are unable to get around so well as it is). It would make it better for hikers who visit the Buildings and the village in general.

By renovating the roads in South Yorkshire Buildings

Please can something be done about the state of the road/track in South Yorkshire Buildings? Drainage and surfacing are desperately needed.

South Yorkshire Buildings – the road is terrible and I feel it should be rectified rather than money being spent on flowers for the village, money would be better spent on the road!

As a resident of South Yorkshire Buildings, Silkstone Common for the past 34 years, I think the heritage and character of these old buildings could be developed and preserved if the roads surrounding these houses were restored to an acceptable condition. The filth and the wet which we residents have to contend with, particularly during the winter months, detracts from the beauty of these old cottages and is dangerous to all the residents, especially the very young and the old. PLEASE HELP US TO PRESERVE THESE OLD DWELLINGS.

As a resident of South Yorkshire Buildings, Silkstone Common, I find it hard to believe that a section of the local community, many of which are elderly, are forced to live with an extremely uneven and dangerous road surface outside their homes. This problem is exacerbated by the winter months when the problem becomes unsanitary as a result of the lack of surface drainage. I feel that it would be a great use of the current financial resources to enable us the people of South Yorkshire Buildings to gain both an easier and more accessible way of life. South Yorkshire Buildings is the only small housing complex of its layout in the UK. I feel that the upgrading of the road would not only benefit the residents but also visitors wishing to see where the workers of the Husker Pit used to reside in.

We would be interested in the roads in S.Y. Buildings being improved (Possibly re-applying for Coal Board Regeneration monies).

Within Silkstone Common, I think that the maintenance of the road around South Yorkshire Buildings would greatly improve the 'look' of the village as well as improve the lives of the residents.

Shops/restaurants

Silkstone Common - 15 items

More restaurants/upmarket café.

To have a good pub/restaurant (providing home cooked/traditional food) within walking distance.

Well located restaurant in existing development and continuation of pubs.

Development of leisure facilities particularly restaurants, etc.

Better shops/Take Aways (more).

More well stocked shops and perhaps restaurants.

I would like to see local shops and small businesses flourish by offering high class goods and services.

if we could develop/raise the standards of pub/restaurants/shops we may then promote the involvement of newcomers into village life/activity.

You cannot combine Silkstone and Silkstone Common. THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE VILLAGES.

Silkstone Common needs: - A small shopping centre to include - mini supermarket, chemist, gents hairdresser, ladies hairdresser, fish and chip shop, butcher, Post Office, bookmaker (Betting shop).

Restaurants/café/wine bar.

Important to keep shops, bakery and doorstep milk delivery. SC post office could do with nicer and more pleasant proprietors & decent paper delivery service.

Would like to see Silkstone Common shop open more hours!

More amenities, ie shops.

Some cafes/small restaurants.

The village needs some investment - ie a couple of village shops (not supermarkets), Arts and Crafts Centres. (Take a look at Wentworth village for some inspiration).

Silkstone – 21 items

More retail outlets on road through village not A628.

A local shop would be good selling fresh produce.

a Butcher's shop or Bakery in Silkstone would be great!

Better development of public houses, restaurants, wine bar, etc....

The village shop and petrol station are good. I have reservations to further developments, perhaps a restaurant.

development of restaurant/I (Potting Shed is great, but another would be good too).

The area around the Surgery/Horsefields/Chestnuts could be developed into a retail/restaurant/meeting place – providing a central focus. This would also mean that there would be less need to cross the A628, particularly in the light of recent tragedies this would be highly welcomed.

A few more smaller rather than larger retail outlets would be nice.

Silkstone needs another shop because the Garage is always far too busy.

More local shops/restaurants.

Continued availability of Post Office and local shop facilities.

Silkstone needs a shopping block development within the village – ie Grocery store, butchers, fish and chip shop, Post Office, newsagent. The Post Office run at present from the Garage Station is very dangerous for the elderly having to cross the main busy road.

The village would benefit from a rather more up market pub/restaurant. The three existing establishments leave much to be desired.

More competition against the "supermarket" at the Garage whose prices are atrocious.

I would like a nice restaurant and public house in either village so I could eat out without having to drive – not bar meals.

Maintain the rural village feel, but with the addition of local shops/market where local produce could be sold by farmers. I support Penistone and Holmfirth Farmers' markets and would welcome something similar (on a smaller scale) in Silkstone.

Develop retail in the top end of the market and have high quality food shops, eg delicatessen.

Restaurant/pub refurbishment.

Local Newsagent

improvements to local pubs by introduction of non-smoking areas.

Restaurant(s).

“Greenery”

25 items - Silkstone Common

More flower boxes

Provision of community park/woodland/gardens.

Allotments.

Purchase local woodland so public can have access to woods and preserve nature reserves/environment, bird watching hides.

I would like to see more interest from the local community in their environment and not just leave it to the dedicated few.

Greater access to woodland

More publicly-owned areas dedicated to nature conservation – indigenous species, species to encourage wildlife.

Improve the local environment.

Protection of local wildlife

Encourage young people to value the environment. Provide more places for them to spend their spare time if possible – teach them to look after these areas eg pick up their own litter, etc.

A fund to help provide more flowers, etc in woodland and wild areas, hanging baskets.

The Parish must retain its rural, well-maintained appearance with easy access to surrounding countryside walks. The Parish Council should continue its important role to preserve and develop community spirit and events.

Green belt land should be protected, rights of way should be recorded, protected and preserved for future generations.

Protect the green belt and green spaces.

Keep the green spaces and make the most of the footpaths and bridleways – more bridleways are urgently needed to help avoid main roads.

I would like to see better maintenance of footpaths and areas in Silkstone Common apart from the decoration of Ben Bank Road each year.

We would like the Fall Wood to be better maintained.

It would be nice if the land surrounding the football field could be maintained and made into Park land.

Keep it rural. Promote “Britain in Bloom” and care.

As regards development we would like to see Silkstone Common remain as it is! We are very pleased with the recreation ground and fully appreciate the efforts made to make the village look “pretty” – the “Care Project” does a marvellous job.

It is important to maintain a rural environment.

We would like Silkstone Common to remain as a quiet rural village.

I would like to see the members of Silkstone Common working together to preserve the rural surrounding as the woodlands and green open spaces are what attracted us to live in the village.

Environment protected in any plans.

More footpaths/woods.

Silkstone - 17 items

In keeping with a rural village – let’s keep it a village – no more new housing please!

I like the green spaces about the Parish. The countryside and everything about it is delightful. I therefore do not wish to see development that will spoil it. I like the village (Silkstone). I stay in and wouldn’t dream

of moving.

Protection of green areas and old buildings and historical areas. Maintaining the 'country' way of life which is difficult in this day and age. Support for traditional country events – farm shops – brass band – village organisations and traditions – preservation of what history we have left and documenting this, and educating the community about this so they can be proud and care where they live.

Increased activity from "CARE" team. If better tools available – ie brushcutters, more would be achieved. These are not expensive – clear nettles from Silkstone Beck trail – ie Tom Horsefields to Ring O' Bells.

Retention of green belt in its present form.

Maintain a rural community.

Need to protect surrounding farmland/woodland/meadows and wildlife. Don't let Silkstone/Silkstone Common become a heavily built up suburban area of Barnsley/Sheffield (in the same way that outskirts of Leeds have become). Keep the green belt between Silkstone(s) and Dodworth.

To win village of the year – more flowers, etc.

Improvements to environment/open spaces/plantings, etc.

All dry stone walls repaired.

More seating, open spaces, planting.

Keep the green fields and lovely walks.

Very important to keep our ancient woodland – but the footpaths are being diverted and obstructed by home-owners/farmers.

Tidy and colourful front gardens. Well maintained roads, paths, walls, etc. No litter.

Maintain rural environment and green areas.

More recycling, protection of rural environment.

We would like trees, hedges and fences to be better maintained, footpaths kept clear of weeds and brambles especially in early summer – ie June, July.

Community Spirit and activities

Silkstone Common

To push people to use allotments that will encourage wildlife, community spirit and skills that have been lost due to their neglect. Setting up a community group to help and maintain allotments would be educational and fun for local people. It would help enable a local compost scheme to be initiated.

Would like to see more support for all organisations in the parish. Too many residents take no part in community life – sports, churches, culture, etc.

Scope for large pond in Knabbs Wood near Huskar memorial – natural drainage – and grants for encouraging this habitat (35% cost through building/drainage).

Pye Flatts meadow (Silkstone area field) for wildflower/ecological education.

More village events in Silkstone Common to unite and provide community spirit.

Community spirit and rural surroundings must be retained.

Encourage improvement of existing buildings (eg painting of scruffy places).

To build on current VILLAGE community atmosphere.

We have a lovely village and community, plus lots of hard working people, lets keep it this way.

We need to retain the village atmosphere and spirit. If we turn into a small town all this could be lost. Village life is precious and needs to be safeguarded.

Silkstone Common is a pleasant, rural village and we are anxious that it should retain this character whilst developing to meet the needs of its inhabitants.

Village appearance and community spirit maintain need in any development plans.

Try and develop community spirit in the village.

A community pride initiative to be developed.

I would like the Parish to regain its spirit of community which it used to have before the developers came into the area. The number of people who live in the Parish only for the sake of a good Postcode have in general ruined the community.

Encourage community spirit and pride in the village.

Encourage our children to be tidy and respectful to others and their property.

I would like to see more community spirit.

Silkstone

To be more community spirited with more activities – meetings for the elderly and disabled with transport available.

More community events held at pubs.

Better village togetherness spirits (eg village gala)

We have a lot to be proud of but we must work together as a community and support local services.

More community events

By taking appropriate measures to improve the quality of life within our villages and maintain a village status.

By joining the two villages socially more.

To encourage the development of community groups that would assist in the well-being of elderly and disabled people, also the local environment.

Improved community spirit.

I would like to see the villages continue to support the community, the young and old in particular.

Return to village life culture – ie closer community with more involvement by more people in local clubs and events.

The easiest way for this to occur is to bring into focus the features of the village – memorials, points of interest, footpaths and wildlife, etc, whilst at the same time limiting further developments and keeping the village green and small. Thank you.

Stronger sense of community is needed. Who are our neighbours? So many issues need discussing in a 'coming together' style of meetings.

I would like to see a lot more facilities and activities for teenagers, like a place of meeting or play equipment somewhere. More inter-village events (ie – cricket has been very successful).

More community events – eg village Fete/Carnival to engender pride in community.

We would like to see more community fun days (similar to the weekend when the sports pavilion was opened) held on a yearly basis.

As a rural village community supporting its residents.

More community activities. More participation from younger families in community activities.

Consolidate on present size, seeking community involvement from all residents to develop community spirit and resources. Getting a balance between the needs of 'all' age groups ensuring that no groups are disadvantaged. Be an open community but be protective of our village ethos and prevent developers and hauliers from taking advantage of any lack of community will.

More looking after communal sites and derelict areas.

To make the village a place to be proud to live in; to promote more community spirit.

People to help in any way to keep it very friendly and help keep it tidy. To keep it self-maintained.

We don't think that development is needed, just make the best and most of what we have. It is as near for people of S/Common to get to the sports area at Silkstone as it is from the north end of Silkstone village (and not as many roads to cross). If we are a Parish it is time that we drop the us and them. We should pool everything that "we" have and go forward.

It doesn't need to develop it needs to be cared for and maintained to keep the village spirit from declining further.

Community pride and respect for neighbours and surroundings.

Active sports teams and village 'events'.

I think the village should remain very much a village

Feel lucky to be living in a well kept village, with a good community spirit.

Development of a deeper community spirit

The community feel is v. important, which is apparent to us as new incomers. We think this is v. important to maintain, which can only be done by very careful assessment of new build and protection of buildings/facilities already here and developed over many years.

Having been here only a short time, I have been overwhelmed by the spirit of community and anything which helps to bring and keep people together would be ideal in my opinion. Maybe a monthly Farmers/Growers market/annual fete??

We all get along together to make it safe and a better place to live in.

Commendations

Interesting questionnaire - good idea.

The Parish Council are doing a good job and good luck for the future.

We would very much like to thank all concerned with this survey for giving us the chance to express our opinion. It is people like you that make our village a "special place" - Thank You!

Thank you to the people who took the trouble to devise this survey, and to all those who work so hard to make Silkstone/Silkstone Common delightful villages in which to live. Your efforts are very much appreciated by this household. It must be hard trying to please everyone - many thanks for trying so hard.

"Yes it will be nice for the two to be develop". "Thanking you".

many thanks to those who have planted around the village and whose work have made the village look so lovely in spring (daffodils) and summer (baskets, etc). Your work is appreciated..

Survey is a great idea - well done.

I do think that people on the Parish Council are trying to give us a happy and clean and safe environment. We are trying to help this along.

Miscellaneous comments

Silkstone Common 55 items

An on foot police presence – even once a week – or police “surgery”.

Street wardens particularly in Recreation Ground.

Also a Police presence in the village on occasions we feel would be beneficial.

a VILLAGE ‘BOBBY’

To increase the presence of local businesses. An increase in affordable business units or the transformation of unused farm buildings into units that would be in keeping with the semi-rural location.

Tourist area.

Can see the stars! All lights to be downlighters, properly adjusted and downward pointing low intensity security lights – bring back the night sky to Silkstone

Pony Club.

Renovate what’s left of the rural architecture – Silkstone High St decimated over 30 years. More historical and rural initiatives, too many residents with a townie mentality: plastic windows, door and pebbledash! Re-educate!! The area has a greater history than Barnsley, now swamped by modern housing estates. Interpretation boards, tastefully done, will interest and encourage commuters and townies to appreciate their surroundings. The history of South Yorkshire Buildings – the best remaining example of Victorian economy building left in S Yorks. Iron entrance design with interpretation, road done with history panels and former octagenarian residents and allocated resident parking on some allotment areas.

Increased funding for Parish Council from community charge.

Christmas trees in villages with lights – perhaps near Station and near Wagon at Silkstone Cross.

more people trying to improve their gardens plus group gardening.

A Bowling Club run in S/Common for both old and young.

More painting and handy crafts for both old and young.

Toy library. Tool library. DIY/Garden/Car/Bike.

To initiate a Skills Survey within the Parish, similar to this Survey, to evaluate what people would be prepared to do on a voluntary basis. This would only have a positive affect if managed effectively.

Continuation of the rural and horticultural development ie Silkstone in Bloom and the appearance of the villages must be maintained.

Keep the village schools.

Enforce the speed limits and keep offroad motor bikes off Pennine Trail.

Encourage volunteer groups to help. Keep tidy (or employ village “tidier upper”).

The editorial style of the newsletter to become less opinionated.

Open to suggestions.

We would like to see resting places on the footpath between (Ben Bank Road and HallRoyd Walk) if possible. It would be a great help to older people

Perhaps retaining its historical past. It is a beautiful area in which to live. I have read the book ‘Children of The Dark’ and I am surprised Silkstone has not been promoted as a tourist attraction. Centrally located and accessible from the M1, Manchester and Sheffield it has a lot in its favour to offer people. A Silkstone Fair which would be held annually might be a good idea, the area is under promoted. Also the publication of more books by local authors.

A scheme to help elderly or disabled maintain with their gardens.

Good library.

View from Beacon, has been stopped by planting conifers immediately in line. This view is part of the Elizabeth I warning system being the only point from which Wakefield boundaries can be seen. Can

Council for Protection of Rural England be of any assistance here?

Thought should be given to the elderly – facilities, transport, etc, after all we will all be ‘old’ one day.

In Silkstone Common – pub environment to improve. Landlord excellent.

Continued support to school.

We very much take on board comments in the parish newsletter regarding newcomers to the village. But sadly have been made to feel very unwelcome in local public houses and feel a very great need for a decent public house in Silkstone Common. Once when I lived in a village in the New Forest there was a village newcomer representative giving new people local info, etc. Perhaps this could be given some thought.

High quality of maintenance work. Reduce noise – offer advice – loud music, etc.

Monitor barking dogs nuisances and neglect. Dog patrol service needed!

Control scrambler bikes in area.

More eco-friendly projects would be excellent.

For the village to open up and stop being so stuffy and serious, yes this could be difficult but it is possible for the village to achieve this and still retain it’s rural charm.

Closer integration of Silkstone and Silkstone Common – something of cultural value (small Arts Centre)?

Generally a feeling that Silkstone Common is equally as important as Silkstone.

Reduce Local Council and Parish taxes.

I would like to see a seat at the bus stop for elderly people to sit, at the bottom of Hall Royd Lane.

Make people aware of using bottle banks rather than green boxes, etc.

Promote Wentworth Restoration (particularly The Folly at the top). The view across to Stainborough and Hood Green is breathtaking.

Bring back village stocks where people can be pelted with ‘nasty things’. Armed vigilantes roaming the streets blowing people away who misbehave.

The flowers and plants especially at the Railway Station, are a first-rate feature. As are ‘Mike’s Place’ and the basketball court. Well done!

Reduction in the number of alcohol providers in Silkstone (at present 4 – 2 pubs, 1 club and the Co-op Shop).

I think the Newsletter is excellent but it would be useful to hear about events before they happen – more communication on this front, please.

Please, please, please build more classrooms at Silkstone Common School!

Silkstone 80 items

Having only moved to this area in July I don't feel I know enough about the facilities available as yet to be able to say what is needed but I shall take interest in what goes on and take part.

I expect to have more ideas/opinions by the next survey!

I would also like to see more local activities advertised.

If nothing else CCTV around village essential - drop in rates of crime, vandalism, drug-alcohol nuisance, burglaries, attempted and real. Proof of criminal and conviction. Deterrent appeal. Personal safety of villagers.

Clearer rules for Community Charge/tax. Paying pet-lovers.

Also all people in the village should have Parish Newsletters and Questionnaires delivered to them and NOT be excluded as a result of being left out.

Footpath Guide to be produced.

Police control of unlicensed, illegal, uninsured motor cycles, speeding down the Wagon Road! They are an accident waiting to happen!

More emphasis on Silkstone village.

Parents taking more responsibility for their children's behaviour on the streets/estates in Silkstone.

For the residents to be made aware that loud music - at all hours - and barking dogs are just as anti-social as vandalism, etc. Towngate at the back of our Close has been awful this year. Why do people move to rural areas if they want to make a lot of noise?

The entrance to Silkstone village on the right-hand side of Church Hill leaves a lot to be desired. The grass needs cutting on a regular basis and the weeds kept to a minimum. At the moment it is an eyesore to people entering the village

VERY IMPORTANT - More sensitive lighting in the village (replacement of post top street lights with full cut off more efficient street lights).

Provision of IT training but creche facilities need to be provided.

More recycling points as we have to go elsewhere to recycle aluminium, plastic, etc.

The first thing is the provision of a more suitable Parish Notice Board, it is difficult to read notices due to the deterioration of the existing material. It is sited in the wrong place. More advance information of meetings and activities. Parish Council Surgeries.

The trees also in the chestnut park behind the Health Centre are over-grown and blocking the light out of our bungalow (No xx Martin Croft) and need to have lights on all day in the lounge. We were recently to have Sky fitted, but told we could not as could get no reception for the trees. Please cut them. Hoping these problems can be solved. Thank you.

Better communication of activities,

Better support of local activity groups.

Road/street lighting cuts down view of sky at night.

Renovation of old people's bungalows - ie painting woodwork white.

Street lighting in the "Paddock".

Millstone/stone slab with "SILKSTONE" erected on all side roads/main roads entering the village.

Better maintenance of 'Chestnuts' which could become a very safe car-free picnic area for families.

Fireworks very late, very loud, and very frightening to animals and old people. Main culprits * of Haw Court, Silkstone.

I would like a proper village green (say adjacent to the Health Centre). Silkstone seems to be a village you just drive through without a central focal point. I agree.

Less fireworks.

Smoke free zone ... what a laugh!

Less snobbery.

Get rid of loud motorbikes being driven far too fast (get a real inner city feel!)

I think both villages are already progressing on the right tract - important to keep up the standards already achieved. More awareness in schools of the importance of being proud of your village and respect for its villages as good and interesting RURAL places to visit, impressing importance of historical events to be brought to attention more!

Would not like to see village develop into a 'heritage themed area'.

Approaches to the village - the wall requires attention.

More access for people with prams and areas for children/old people to sit: - Community Garden.

Less vandalism.

More Grants for small businesses.

Better maintenance of the surrounding green spaces. Street lighting. A local dentist.

Quality of life for all age groups should be behind all decisions. Whatever happened to Silkstone as a

smoke-controlled area?

Anti-social behaviour - parents who brought young people into this world should realise they are responsible for their behaviour - not schools, not police, not social workers or parish councils - with some it seems to be 'out of sight, out of mind'.

I would support communal Christmas lights for example that would make the village High Street and shrubbery look tastefully festive - like Matlock, etc.

Employ road sweeper.

Raise standard of pubs.

Having lived half my/our life in Silkstone and half our lives in Silkstone Common (ie 72 years) we would like a combined/integrated community, one unit.

WEA classes? Barnsley College ealles??

Ban on fireworks (except 5 Nov) noise restriction on Silkstone Lodge and sports pavilion.

Progressively such as IT development, French connection; all the social activities - sporting and musical AND to still maintain the status quo, remembering the past.

No mobile phone masts within 500 yds of schools and houses. We do not want masts.

The development of interesting features and protecting historic buildings.

In a way that will maintain the reasonably low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Bring back the red telephone boxes

QUESTION - Is everyone really comfortable about Silkstone and Silkstone Common being considered 'as one'?

No more phone masts inside inhabited village area.

Off-road motor cycle curbs.

Better lighting leading to Sports Pavilion, to use as meeting place.

Install street lamps that only light up the street and not our first floor bedrooms!

Preserve local history.

Footpaths map.

No mobile phone masts.

Continued support of voluntary groups.

Addressing light pollution - lights that go down only.

With regards to the Wagon Road, we who live by the side of the bridle way, footpath are fed up of young people riding up and down the pathway. Some come at speed and doing "wheelies". They may have "L" plates on or not, no number plates, sometimes on field-bikes. If we say anything when we catch them we get a load of abuse.

Arts workshops. More neighbourhood watch schemes.

Sort out school burglar alarm that keeps going off.

Restoring old buildings on High Street that have fallen into disrepair.

All in all Silkstone is a lovely place to live.

Plastic and aluminium recycling point.

Transport

Silkstone Common

Wheelchair friendly bus and train.

More frequent public transport.

My husband and I depend on the trains and buses (from Barnsley to Silkstone Common) owing to the stroke and heart attack. Trains 17 mins past the hour, buses 15 mins past, so if the train is missing or late we miss the bus. Can you talk to the company concerned. I have, but no-one takes any notice.

More synchronized public transport – ie working together so trains/buses are staggered and don't arrive/depart at the same time. Transport across boundaries – eg SC to S to Cawthorne to Huddersfield.

Silkstone

Bus round Manor Park and Martin Croft.

more accessible by public transport

Provide a bus to go up Martin Croft for the elderly people when they have been shopping, as it is all uphill.

Better bus service.

Good transport facilities.

Medical facilities

A provision of a doctors' surgery would be very important for Silkstone Common, especially for the elderly and people without cars. Sometimes it means waiting for a bus no 25 back from the surgery at Dodworth nearly two hours, or going into Barnsley to come home. The surgery in Silkstone is not convenient, as we have to walk the long hill of Moor End Lane to catch the 21 bus.

Health Centre in Silkstone Common

A Doctor's Surgery at Silkstone Common - eg Silkstone Clinic.

It would be good to have a doctor at least once a week in the village (SC). Perhaps one morning or afternoon per week. The building used could be used the rest of the week as a Community Centre.

G.P. appointment surgery at Silkstone.

More evening surgeries at Silkstone Medical Centre.

Silkstone war Memorial (all from Silkstone)

We should remember those who gave their lives for what we have today and I would like to see the War Memorial renovated.

Some careful consideration into war memorial area - it can retain its special place and still be made attractive - eg planting nature reserve - chestnuts - pleasant quiet place.

Make Silkstone war memorial into a park area rather than just tarmac.

I would like to see far more trees planted around the War Memorial, more benches to sit on, plus an improvement of the hard surface, preferably grass to soften the whole look. The present state does not respect those who died in this Parish. Why not a few weeping willows for instance. Let this be a fitting memorial!

I would like to see some tasteful development of the area around the War Memorial in Silkstone. A new play area for the children to replace poor existing equipment and a tastefully planned seating and raised flowerbed area near the Memorial for the elderly to sit and chat when the weather is good.

The area in front of the War Memorial should be improved. It is extremely dull and boring!

I would like money raised to be spent on what it was raised for - eg payment of £1 per flagstone for development of play area Martin Croft and front of War Memorial. I would like to see the War Memorial restored and kept clean so people don't forget. (Jack Mann used to scrub it ready for Remembrance Day. Maybe this could be done in his memory at least).

Change concrete park at War Memorial in Silkstone into car parking to ease congestion. Create smaller, more attractive paved area directly around War Memorial with benches, etc - ie used for people dropping children to Nursery School (Silverwood) and for use by people attending Church etc as Martin Croft gets very busy.

Silkstone needs its own dedicated GP practice. The Health Centre is closed to patients more than it is open. Include dental facilities, Physio, Chiropody, etc.

Landscaping and flower beds at Memorial - not tarmac.

The end.