

Analysis of responses to Sections 6 and 7

Natural heritage

Section 6 of the survey sought views on our natural surroundings. Respondents were unequivocal in their appreciation of the existing diversity, and passionate in their desire to maintain and improve their natural surroundings.

Response rates varied from question to question, with some topics showing more definite preferences than others. Most responses were Yes/No, but where a choice was offered, it is noticeable that 79% rated that *Diversity of wildlife* was *Very valued*. If one included the rating of *Quite Valued*, this rises to 91%.

Overall, it is very clear that residents put great value on the present rural attributes of the parish and are really keen that development does not adversely affect the existing beauty and diversity. Just as strong as the wish to maintain the current status is a desire to improve it still further. Suggestions for the parish to survey and afford greater protection to wildlife area, trees and hedgerows are all approved by 85-87%, while support for dry stone walls are approved by an even higher figure of 89%. Clearly these features are enormously popular in giving a local character that is very valued.

Built heritage

Section 7 questioned the attitudes to the heritage element of the built environment. Here too is shown appreciation for the “traditional “ (or old-fashioned) elements such as Cheshire railing, milestones and finger posts – two-thirds rated them *Very valued*, while a further quarter *Quite valued* them. They provide further distinctively rural character to the parish that is important to preserve.

Historically, there has been in the parish a great deal of industrial activity: mining and quarrying at Mow Cop, with a gravity fed railway to canal wharves in Scholar Green; salt extraction dating back to the 16th century in Rode Heath, as well and several mills and foundries. Very little physical evidence of these remain, nevertheless there is a great appetite for this heritage to be commemorated. 78% of responses backed the concept of listing such sites and passing on their details for future generations. It seems reasonable to assume this is because they too contribute to a sense of place, which residents identify with and wish to preserve.

Natural heritage Summary

| | | | Response rate |
|------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 6.1 | Diversity of wildlife | Very valued 79% Valued 19% | 91% |
| 6.2 | Support for PC to commission survey of sites | 87% | 86% |
| 6.3 | Which areas deserve special protection? | 317 responses | 34% |
| 6.4 | Do you support protection of trees by TPOs | 89% | 89% |
| 6.5 | Support for PC to commission survey of trees | 86% | 88% |
| 6.6 | Other trees worthy of TPOs | 97 responses | 11% |
| 6.7 | Would you favour encourage replacement of trees | 94% | 88% |
| 6.8 | Do you support the protection of hedgerows | 96% | 90% |
| 6.9 | Support for PC to commission survey of hedgerows | 85% | 86% |
| 6.10 | Hedgerows at risk | | |

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| 6.11 | Do you support the protection of stone walls | 93% | 85% |
| 6.12 | Support for PC to commission survey of stone walls | 85% | 82% |

Built heritage summary

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|-----|--|-------------------------------|-----|
| 7.1 | Add other buildings to add to list of historic buildings | 58% | 66% |
| 7.3 | Should the PC maintain list of ex-industrial sites | 78% | 80% |
| 7.5 | Do you value traditional features like red phone box, old post box etc | Very valued 68% Valued 53% | 90% |

Raw data:

Natural heritage

6.1 Diversity of wildlife

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Very valued | 256 | 76 | 75 | 197 | 79 | 77 | 170 | 79 | 77 | 623 | 79 | 71 |
| Quite valued | 69 | 20 | 20 | 42 | 17 | 16 | 42 | 19 | 19 | 153 | 19 | 17 |
| Valued a bit | 11 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 3 | 2 |
| Not valued | 1 | - | -- | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 5 | 1 | 1 |

6.2 Support for PC to commission survey of sites

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 273 | 86 | 80 | 207 | 87 | 80 | 176 | 87 | 39 | 656 | 87 | 74 |
| No | 43 | 14 | 13 | 31 | 13 | 12 | 27 | 13 | 12 | 101 | 13 | 11 |

6.3 Which areas do you believe deserve extra protection?

see list in Appendix A

6.4 Do you support protection of trees by TPOs

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 290 | 88 | 85 | 220 | 90 | | 192 | 91 | 86 | 702 | 89 | 80 |
| No | 40 | 12 | 12 | 25 | 10 | | 18 | 9 | 8 | 83 | 11 | 9 |

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6.5 Support for PC to commission survey of trees

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 276 | 85 | 80 | 203 | 85 | 79 | 183 | 88 | 82 | 662 | 86 | 75 |
| No | 49 | 15 | 14 | 37 | 15 | 14 | 24 | 12 | 11 | 110 | 14 | 12 |

6.6 Are there any trees in the Parish that you consider worthy of being included in any list of significant trees, or are there any significant trees that you consider to be at risk

see list in Appendix B

6.7 Would you favour encourage replacement of trees

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 302 | 93 | 88 | 229 | 94 | 89 | 200 | 95 | 90 | 730 | 94 | 83 |
| No | 22 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 43 | 6 | 5 |

6.8 Do you support the protection of hedgerows

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 312 | 95 | 91 | 239 | 95 | 93 | 211 | 98 | 95 | 762 | 96 | 83 |
| No | 17 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 34 | 4 | 5 |

6.9 Support for PC to commission survey of hedgerows

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 261 | 82 | 78 | 204 | 89 | 35 | 180 | 88 | 81 | 645 | 85 | 73 |
| No | 58 | 18 | 17 | 24 | 11 | 9 | 25 | 12 | 11 | 117 | 15 | 13 |

6.10 Are there any hedgerows that you know of and consider to be of particular value to the Parish, or that are at risk?

see list in Appendix C

6.11 Do you support the protection of stone walls

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 292 | 92 | 85 | 216 | 93 | 84 | 200 | 97 | 90 | 702 | 93 | 80 |
| No | 26 | 8 | 8 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 50 | 7 | 6 |

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6.12 Support for PC to commission survey of stone walls

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 252 | 82 | 73 | 187 | 85 | | 175 | 89 | 79 | 614 | 85 | 70 |
| No | 55 | 18 | 16 | 34 | 15 | | 22 | 11 | 10 | 111 | 15 | 13 |

6.13 *Are there any dry stone walls that you know of and consider to be of particular value to the Parish, or that are at risk?*

see list in Appendix D

Built heritage

7.1 Add other buildings to add to list of historic buildings

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 155 | 60 | 45 | 108 | 59 | 42 | 72 | 51 | 32 | 335 | 58 | 38 |
| No | 103 | 40 | 30 | 75 | 41 | 28 | 69 | 49 | 31 | 247 | 42 | 28 |

7.2 If Yes, please list suggested changes to the list

7.3 Should the PC maintain list of ex-industrial sites

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Yes | 238 | 77 | 69 | 164 | 77 | 64 | 146 | 81 | 66 | 548 | 78 | 62 |
| No | 71 | 23 | 7 | 49 | 23 | 19 | 34 | 19 | 15 | 154 | 22 | 17 |

7.4 If Yes, please list suggested changes to the list of sites

see list in Appendix B

7.5 Do you value traditional features like red phone box, old post box etc

| | Rode Heath | | | Scholar Green | | | Mount Pleasant | | | Whole parish | | |
|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | % ¹ | % ² | Number | % ¹ | % ³ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁴ | Number | % ¹ | % ⁵ |
| Very valued | 213 | 94 | 62 | 177 | 71 | 69 | 152 | 72 | 68 | 542 | 68 | 61 |
| Quite valued | 88 | 39 | 11 | 52 | 21 | 20 | 45 | 21 | 20 | 185 | 23 | 23 |
| Valued a bit | 27 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 54 | 7 | 1 |
| Not valued | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 13 | 2 | - |

% ¹ Percentage of the responses

% ² Percentage of the 343 respondents to this section from Rode Heath

% ³ Percentage of the 257 respondents to this section from Scholar Green

% ⁴ Percentage of the 222 respondents to this section from Mount Pleasant

% ⁵ Percentage of the 822 total respondents to this section