

Community Participation at Ruishton Village Day 15/7/17

The Neighbourhood Plan team set up a manned stall at Village Day. It consisted of nine illustrative posters. Six showed a selection of data from the analysis of the Household Survey, held in March. Three more posters illustrated the proposals for the A358, Junction 25 and Nexus 25 produced by Highways England, Somerset CC and TDBC respectively.

A leaflet giving more detail on the survey results was also distributed to those who visited the stall, together with an invitation to participate in the forthcoming village walk.

In addition, attendees were invited to demonstrate their preferences for future investment in the parish. They could each choose to allocate a £50, £20 and £10 note to four priorities which had been identified in the survey as the respondents' choice.

The outcome was as follows;

Cycle Paths – 56 votes valued at £1410
Café/Shop – 52 votes valued at £1420
Footpaths – 42 votes valued at £1270
Playing Field Parking – 22 votes valued at £610

It is estimated that the stall was visited by well over 100 people, almost all of whom are residents of the parish.

The winner of the prize was Shirley Stodgell.

Jim Claydon 16/7/17