



## Answers to the Questionnaire

Following its declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Clunbury Parish Council supported the formation of an action group. Earlier this year the group delivered a questionnaire to all households in the Parish seeking to know your views, hear your ideas and learn of what actions you are taking. We have now analysed the 51 responses received and the results are given below. This is only a small sample and will not be a representative one, but the responses are indicative of the anxieties, actions and wishes of a proportion of parishioners and as such are being drawn to the attention of the Parish Council.

All respondents answered the first question but 8% created their own category labelled simply 'worried'. Where there were 'Yes/No/Don't know' options not all respondents answered, so percentages do not add up to 100. There was some uncertainty about the meaning of 're-wilding' in question 3. The term is a reference to 'letting nature take the driving seat', a strategy adopted in the UK at Knepp in West Sussex, an estate where livestock graze but there is minimal human intervention. New habitats have emerged and wildlife has proliferated, as described in Isabella Tree's best-selling book 'Wilding, the return of nature to a British farm'.

There was some uncertainty too about the term 'climate-proof' in question 7. The idea here is that when deciding anything the Parish Council should ask itself 'what impact will this have on our climate?'.

This applies most obviously to planning applications where issues of sustainability in respect to materials, insulation, heating systems and opportunities for the generation of renewable energy arise.

Thank you to all who responded. Many of you provided commentaries and all of these also appear on the website under 'Climate and Ecological Emergency Questionnaire—ADDITIONAL COMMENTS'. They make interesting and sometimes contradictory reading. If you are thinking of switching to a 'green energy' provider take a look – there is an offer here which will put money in your pocket and trees in the ground.

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1. How worried are you about climate change and ecological breakdown? Please tick on of the following:

| Not worried at all | A little worried | Seriously worried | Don't know |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                    | 20%              | 72%               |            |

2. Please tell us about what you are currently doing to combat the emergency

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 100%  | Recycling  |
| 76%   | Repairing and re-using   |
| 69%   | Reducing road mileage  |
| 69%   | Reducing air mileage   |
| 24%   | Changing to a green energy electricity provider                          |
| 10%   | Switching to an ethical bank   |
| 59%   | Changing diet  |
| 86%   | Buying local produce   |
| Other | See Climate and Ecological Emergency Questionnaire — ADDITIONAL COMMENTS |

3. Do you see ways in which we can reduce the loss of wildlife within the Parish?

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 100%  | Wildlife gardening   |
| 75%   | Changes to roadside-verge management                                     |
| 61%   | Changes to agricultural management                                       |
| 57%   | Re-wilding   |
| Other | See Climate and Ecological Emergency Questionnaire — ADDITIONAL COMMENTS |

4. Would you like to see more trees planted in the Parish?

|     |    |            |
|-----|----|------------|
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| 71% |    | 16%        |

Any thought as to where?

See Climate and Ecological Emergency Questionnaire — ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

5. Would you like to take part in a community woodland project? This might involve the community purchasing land for its own woodland or orchard.

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|-----|-----|------------|
| Yes | No  | Don't know |
| 39% | 27% | 12%        |

6. Should the Parish Council be pro-active in standing up for nature and beauty in relation to:

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 90%   | Planning applications?   |
| 86%   | Tree felling licences?   |
| 92%   | Pollution of watercourses?   |
| 84%   | Tree planting?   |
| 92%   | Road-verge management?   |
| Other | See Climate and Ecological Emergency Questionnaire — ADDITIONAL COMMENTS |

7. Should the Parish Council 'climate-proof' all its decisions and actions?

|     |     |            |
|-----|-----|------------|
| Yes | No  | Don't know |
| 88% | 14% | 20%        |

8. Should the Parish Council be active in exploring ways in which it can help to alleviate the Climate and Ecological Emergency?

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|-----|----|------------|
| Yes | No | Don't know |
| 88% | 6% | 4%         |

9. Would you be interested in joining a community group seeking to source renewable electricity at a discount, rather than electricity sourced from fossil fuels?

|     |     |            |
|-----|-----|------------|
| Yes | No  | Don't know |
| 41% | 25% | 20%        |

10. Might you be interested in attending talks or events held in the Parish providing more information about the Emergency and what we can do about it.

|     |     |            |
|-----|-----|------------|
| Yes | No  | Don't know |
| 75% | 12% | 16%        |