

Responses to short survey in March 2022 Slate

Where in Stonesfield do you live?	What do you like about Stonesfield?	Countryside footpaths	Community	Dark skies no street lights	Activities sports	Pre-school and primary school	Transport Bus & trains	Shops/facilities	What or where do you want to protect and preserve in Stonesfield?	Green space/Countryside/woods	Dark Skies	White Horse	Playing fields	Shop PG garage	Schools	Allotments	Village hall	What don't you like about Stonesfield?	No pub	Lack of shops/Cafe	Roads/potholes/parking	new housing expensive not affordable	No street lighting	Too many road signs/Street furniture	River pollution	What changes would you like to see?	Reopen the pub	Stop/restrict further building only affordable	better public transport	clean up the Bevelode	Repair road/parking restrictions	Protect the countryside AONB
Response	Open-Ended Response								Open-Ended Response									Open-Ended Response							Open-Ended Response							
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Many local organisations on offer, club etc., shop and hairdresser		1		1			1	Keep boundaries where they are.	1								Car parking on corners & pavements. Fewer people speak to you these days. Hedges over pavements.			1				Any housing development should be aimed at young first-time buyers. No expensive mansions.	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Beautiful quiet town with its own character and people. Like 20mph restriction.		1						Minimise further building. Enforce planning and AONB restrictions.	1								Smarten up area around village shop		1					Re-open the pub!	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	It is a living village and not just a dormitory		1		1	1		1	The dark skies project, green spaces and the library	1	1						1	The lack of a pub	1						That the every-increasing number of vehicles passing through the village were driven with a due regard to its characteristics							
Woodstock Rd/Combe Road and roads off	the fields, woods and common land surrounding Stonesfield. The character of the Conservation area	1							Protect fields to south and the Common. Character of conservation area; area around Roman villa. Pub.	1	1							Anti-social behaviour of minority including damage to village property - signs, play area etc. Speeding vehicles - by racers! Ugly centre around shop, and around library.							Self-closing gate to play area. All-weather surface in play area, all-weather path to tennis courts & Astro/Muga. Exercise equipment. Electric charging points. Planting on Longore & Greenfield. Bench in centre. More dog bins. Path from Woodstock Rd to playing fields. More trees along Woodstock Rd/Combe Rd.							
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	It's semi-rural, very quiet yet has a real sense of community and excellent access to the countryside. The clubs are great.	1	1		1				The feeling of community is important; the services; the beauty of the environment is intrinsic to the feeling of peace & beauty here. It doesn't need much more development does it?	1		1						The loss of the pub is a shame. The excessive development at the top of the village seems unnecessary - why not have affordable housing? It seems too late now.	1		1				Continued survival of green and community groups which can protect the history & future of the village. A pub would be good.	1					1	
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	It's quiet, set in lovely countryside which is easily accessible, has a fair number of amenities - good community and range of age and demographic.	1	1		1	1		1	I think the village as a whole needs to be protected against indiscriminate development. I think the pub needs to be taken into village/community hands if possible.	1	1							All the infill building which is stylistically a mishmash.			1				The shop developing a bigger range of items & produce. Limited building development aimed at local people wanting to stay and live in the village - ideally well-designed Council housing.		1					
Woodstock Rd/Combe Road and roads off	Strong community, lovely location	1	1						Woods and green spaces. No further developments. Our good bus service in the village. Rights of way & footpaths. Preserve dark sky (NO street lights).	1	1		1					Lack of pub in the village. River pollution.	1					1	Reopening of village pub.	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	It's a mixed community with light industry mixed with housing. No street lights. The school, shop, church, chapel, hairdresser. Community groups, scouts etc.	1	1	1	1	1			The mixture of light industry & housing so that it's a proper working village. No street lights. The green fields around the village.	1	1							Too many street signs. New residents who don't like the sounds/smells of a village in the countryside who want to change it to a manicured village. New developments on the edges of village.			1		1		Return of some light industry, affordable houses for young people, bungalows for elderly residents. No more large houses for people who don't support the local school. White Horse re-opening.	1	1					
Woodstock Rd/Combe Road and roads off	Friendly people, attractive mix of buildings, general location, good walking, village shop, range of services	1	1				1		local community, village character									Absurdly high property prices (my own house price has increased by a factor of 250 since 1965) which risk turning local property into an investment rather than places to live in, and prevent those young enough to be parents from living here.			1				Ban on high priced building, more social housing, improved road surfaces, reduction in road signage	1					1	
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Good playing field/play park. Lots of good walks around village.	1			1				Pre-school, pub, school, shop, post office, social club			1	1					(nothing listed)							affordable housing for the younger generation so they stay in the village	1						
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	Church, shop/PO, schools, library, allotments, village hall, St James Centre, lack of street lights, variety of clubs & societies, bus services, friendliness	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Surrounding farmland, woods & footpaths, allotments, pub, size of village and community appropriate to discreet rural and historic settlement	1	1				1			Helicopters, dog & horse excrement on footpaths and roads, litter, piecemeal development of high-cost houses for commuters without increased infrastructure			1		1		White Horse pub revived - LA to buy as community asset & sold on to villagers. Enforcement 20mph limit. Cycle track to woodstock. Youth Club. Affordable houses for the young and the elderly.	1	1				1	
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	lovely friendly village, fantastic playing field for sports, great walks	1	1		1				village shop, post office, pub, social club, pre-school and school. No street lights.		1	1	1	1				(nothing listed)							more truly affordable housing to encourage young people and families	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	friendly village		1						White Horse pub, village shop			1	1					(nothing listed)							support solar panel farm							
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	that there are no street lights. That there are still a library, shop & hairdressers			1				1	I want to preserve the lack of light pollution, and keep our facilities	1		1						No pub. That there is no village green for communal outdoor gatherings, the excess of traffic signs, no seating near the shop	1				1		to have a village pub with food. A community orchard/garden. More benches for the elderly to use.	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	It's a friendly village.		1						pub and bus service		1							no pub or care. Rubbish bus service.	1						A pub/cafe. Better bus service to hospitals.	1		1				
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	Everything (more or less)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	All our green spaces and surrounding fields	1								Lack of pub!	1						A good pub.	1						
Longore/Greenfield and roads off	Diverse community, creative ideas of how to improve the village, willingness to stand up and make things happen, friendliness	1							All green spaces within the village and no extra external developments outside. Village school. Pub. Sports facilities. Shops & businesses.	1	1	1	1	1				The area where Longore meets Pond Hill - it's an eyesore. The area leading to the village hall is also not very pleasant at times.								Strategic signage to direct walkers & cyclists to the shop. Any development to cater for families to keep the school. No more executive houses. All houses to be 'Cotswold' stone.	1					
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	It is still rural, with easy/quick access to open countryside. It's an authentic village where people work.	1	1						These open spaces so no more building houses. No street lights.	1	1							The risk of further housing development			1				Guaranteed protection of our rural status.						1	
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	The fact that there is very little light pollution - NO STREET LIGHTING			1					The spaces within and surrounding the village - no more new houses extending the size of the village.	1								The pot hoes in the roads and lanes			1				None, other than getting the White Horse open again, no more new houses	1	1					
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	The close-knit community. Being in unspoilt countryside and yet close to main roads for shopping.	1	1						The older parts of the village and the surrounding fields, woods and country lanes.	1								People driving too fast. The new housing which does not cater for families already here, whose children wish to remain here and buy affordable homes.			1				Some kind of restriction and/or penalties for people parking dangerously/inconsiderately. A pub!	1					1	

Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	friendly community, easy access to the countryside and woods, amazing views.	1	1							green areas, woods, fields.	1								traffic problems: road in the middle of village too narrow for pavement. junction by the white horse has poor visibility	1						traffic issue considered. and pub open would be rather good.	1				
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	Easy access to beautiful countryside - Stockey woods, the river valley, the Common, bags bottom and all the footpaths. Being protected in the AONB. A lively, friendly community, although that is declining in recent years compared to 20 years ago. Old cottages with Stonesfield slate roofs. No street lighting	1	1	1						All of the open green spaces around the village especially those listed above. The primary school, the shop/PD, the White Horse pub, the village hall and playing field. The bus service (could be improved/extended)	1	1	1	1	1	1			Too many expensive, executive style houses being built instead of a better mix of housing especially affordable for rent Council housing. The loss of shops - there used to be two butchers who also sold veg, a hardware store. The village needs to be more self sustaining. We also need employment opportunities in the village to reduce commuting. The polluted state of the Evenlode	1	1		1		Modest development of well designed environmentally sound housing meeting local need, not developers profits. Formal protection for open green spaces around the village, especially the arc from the Combe road going south around the village back up to the Ridings. A better, regular bus service to Witney. Refurbishment of village hall, including indoor gym perhaps. Community ownership of the WhiteHorse. Thames Water heavily fined for continually emptying sewage into the Evenlode (better still take water company back into public ownership)	1	1		1	1	
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	No street lights. Minimal street furniture. Minimal street signage. Smallish Village.			1						Restrict development to presently developed area. Clean water in streams and rivers. Stocky Wood trees need better care.	1							Too much building. Poorly maintained roads. Too much road signage. Creeping urbanisation.		1			1		Stop building new builds. Challenge the need for more road signage and street furniture and if unnecessary take it down. Engage with Blenheim about Stocky Wood tree management. Ask Thames Water to sort out low water pressure and dumping sewage. Install public drinking water fountains at the tap and playing fields.	1		1	1	1	
Longore/Greenfield and roads off	Friendly town, post office, great walks on doorstep	1	1						1	The White Horse needs to be protected, a pub for the village to enjoy			1					Local shop could be better and lack of cafe to grab a coffee and a snack!	1					Open the pub, cafe or coffee truck, volunteering scheme so its easier to get involved in the community	1						
Longore/Greenfield and roads off	Being rural, no street lights, strong community togetherness	1	1	1						The size it is now, no further houses, Stockey Woods, the playing field, the river.	1							That is has no pub or butchers. Having local produce in our shop	1	1				Getting a village pub back. Local produce being sold locally	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Its close knit community, I have only lived here for a couple of months			1						dont know the area well enough to answer								the condition of some of the roads		1					a couple of street lights along the ridings road, with how cars park coming into stonesfield and along the top road it can make it a little unnerving walking late at night trying to dodge the pot holes				1		
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	Location. Surrounding countryside.	1								Protecting the smaller properties from being sold off as weekend homes or used as AirBnb. It's all very well talking of low cost housing when smaller properties are being sold for commercial or just weekend use.								The loss of the only pub. The fact the council don't bother to sweep our roads anymore - leaves and mud are building up and making walking within the village even less safe - especially as the state of many of the roads within the village after the various services have been digging them up for many years is atrocious. Full of potholes and the build up of rotting leaves and muddy silt as a result of heavy rains and no drainage on many inner roads. The last time the roads had a new top surface was more than 30 years ago. People now leaving their waste bins out on the street between collections - this seems to be a new habit. Very unsightly - and quite dangerous last week when blown over the roads.	1					Parking permits for residents					1		
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Quiet									Everywhere!								New housing developments			1				Stop further developments. A proper pub to be proud of	1	1				
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Rural feel, no footpaths, no street lighting, lovely countryside, friendliness	1	1	1						The rural nature and current size of the village. I would like the dark skies preserved (ie no street lights) and do not want any more building.	1							Recent uncontrolled development on edge of village. The fact that the pub is closed.	1		1			Would like the pub to open.	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Location, unspoilt village environment,									Would like to see new housing kept to a minimum,. The White Horse should be protected and become the local hub and give the village a heart back.		1						I don't like some of the parking that occurs in narrow streets and overspills onto residential areas that others live.			1			Pub reopens, independent owned cafe and gift shop selling local crafts and gifts etc. Close the hairdressers or make much smaller, its rarely open so obviously not that widely used. A village ambassador meet and greet new residents person. We found it so hard when we moved to the village and would have liked to have had someone pop round with a smile and welcome face to just give a little village background historic information and present day where things are and what goes on etc.	1						
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	Friendly community, great school, young families			1		1				The common, stocky bottom, the school grounds	1		1					Can be cliquish (eg unproductive negativity around the pub situation)						Bring back a lovely local pub, rally to support the school	1						
Boot St/Peaks Lane/Church St/Churchfields/High St and roads off	The peace and quiet, nice walks, wildlife, sense of community.	1	1							Churchfield allotments.								There is no pub.	1					A pub opening up in the village with good food. A protected clean spot on the river for wild swimming.	1			1			
Woodstock Rd/Combe Road and roads off	Location, access to green spaces. Good school. Safe feeling (generally) for children.	1			1					The overall size of the village. Access to woods, river and surrounding areas. School playing field. No streetlights (preserve lack of suburban glow!).	1	1						Recent developments of large, expensive properties not suitable for locals who have grown up here all there life's and are priced out market. Fact village has become less active in village groups etc. same people helping/running multiple clubs, groups & activities. Lack of pub.	1		1			Reintroduction of pub. Expansion of playing field and available activities. New scout hut.	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Out in the countryside but not too far from Oxford	1								The countryside, it's why we moved here from a city	1							No cafe/pub and the bus service is no service Sunday and the 2 hour gaps in travel times morning and night	1					Better bus service and a nice cafe/pub	1		1				
Longore/Greenfield and roads off	Ruralness, access to countryside, friendly community.	1	1							Amenities: Shop, post office, library, pre-school, primary school, SSSC, pub (when it reopens!) And the surrounding countryside. I am very keen for the village to remain rural, connected to the countryside and not to be urbanised with large-scale town-looking developments. We also need to protect/preserve the Common and Stocky Bottom Woods, plus other areas such as the Oxfordshire Way.	1	1	1					The recent increase in street furniture! It's far too urban looking and not at all sympathetic to the rural/village feel (hopefully some of the signage can be reduced/removed once everyone is used to the 20mph.)				1		A safe/secure dog walking field. Less verge and hedge cutting. Management of Stocky Bottom woods. Better transport links (more options other than StageCoach Chipping Norton/Oxford route), such as more frequent services to places such as Witney, especially for the younger community who may go to college in Witney - or safer cycling network, e.g. between Stonesfield and Woodstock.				1		1	
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	The size of the village, it's not a rat run to anywhere, the people, the shop, being able to walk into the countryside from the house, Septembeerfest, the promise of a pub (?), proximity to river, the Stonesfield Straight, The Ridings.	1					1			The countryside around it - no more expansion/housebuilding on the edges. The shop, the pub, the tennis courts, the playing field, library, social club, village hall.	1		1	1	1			The large number of road signs, the undemocratically imposed streetlights, the chicane at the entrance to Stonesfield from the Stonesfield Straight.					1	Unnecessary road signs removed; streetlights and chicane removed; pub opened; bench(es) by the shop.						1	
Woodstock Rd/Combe Road and roads off	The beautiful surrounding countryside and wildlife, dark skies, sense of community.	1	1	1						The river, the common and woods, the biodiversity, the wildlife.	1							The lack of participation by some of the community..						The pub open!	1						
Laughton Hill/Ridings/Pond Hill and roads off	Community Rural People	1	1							Countryside	1							Bus service Inconsiderate parking, especially frequently blocking the road at Callow Farm and outside Glebe cottage			1			More regular bus service Something for teenagers Our community pub opening or the White Horse opening with a tenant at a market rate rent	1		1				

