



# THOMPSON VILLAGE APPRAISAL 2016

Summary  
of the  
Results

## Thompson Village Appraisal 2016

161 appraisals were given out and 145 returned – this represents a little over a 90% return.

Of the returned forms 4 were blank and one contained no information regarding number in household, age and sex and therefore it was not possible to enter the information that was provided on those parts of the appraisal that were completed, into the program – “The computer said no”!

The data from the remaining 140 responses was entered on to the computer and the data automatically analysed.

Answers to the Household section, questions 1-13 were given by one person. This is reflected by all questions having a total of 140 respondents regardless of whether or not the questions were answered.

Answers to the Personal section, questions 14-81 were available to all aged 11 or over in question 2. The number of respondents to each question is noted next to the question number. Please note that some questions allowed respondents to give multiple responses and so the total number of responses is, some cases greater than the number of respondents.

Question 71 required a comment only response and was recorded by, but not analysed by, the program. Instead all the were responses analysed by “hand”, divided into general topics and the number of responses for each topic noted. There were 88 respondents to this question, some giving comments on more than one topic, all were noted and registered in the appropriate topic. A list off all comments by topic is available but not included here.

There is a disparity between the numbers in question 2 and 14. This is brought about by some people not answering question 14 or by answering it in an unusable form ie. Ticks for male and female in the same column. Similarly, the disparity between 14 and 15 is bought about by ticks in the same column for question 14 but where both were in the same age band for question 15. Some respondents ticked neither question 14 or 15 but continued to fill in the rest of the form, in these cases, as questions 1 and 2 had been answered the computer allowed entry of the data.

Another area of problem was where a multiple choice question required a number but was answered with a tick. In these cases, the data was not entered into the program.

## HOUSEHOLD SECTION

The first thirteen questions should be completed by one member of the family only. If a question is inapplicable, please leave blank.

**Question: 1** NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140

**How many people including children normally live in your household?**

Total number living in replying households: 321

**Question: 2** NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140

**Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:**

	Male	Female	Total
0-4	5	7	12
5-11	6	3	9
12-15	3	3	6
16-17	3	5	8
18-24	11	15	26
25-44	15	16	31
45-59	47	55	102
60-64	15	10	25
65-74	35	36	71
75-84	12	10	22
85+	4	5	9

## Your Household and Home

**Question: 3** NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140

**Is this dwelling?**

Owner occupied	112
Private rented	16
Local authority rented	8
Provided as part of employment e.g.MOD)	0
Other	1

**Question: 4** NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140

**How do you heat your home?**

Solid fuel	24
Wood	70
Oil	102
Gas	9
Electricity	35
Solar power	3
Other	2

**Question: 5**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140  
**Do you have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage?**

Many problems	5
Few problems	32
No problems	95
No opinion	4

**Question: 6**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140  
 Is any individual in your household, or your whole household, currently in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes	5
No	132

**Question: 7**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140  
 Why does your household/Individual need to move?

For employment reasons	2
For family reasons	0
For education	2
To move to a cheaper home	0
To move to a larger home	1
To move to a smaller home	3
Forced to move	0
To meet the needs of an elderly or disabled person	1
Medical	0
Social	1
Other.	3

**Question: 8**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140  
 What type of accommodation is needed by the household/individual?

Private rented	4
Local authority rented	1
Housing association rented	1
Owner occupied	9
Shared ownership	0
Specially adapted housing	0
Sheltered accommodation	1
Other	1

**Question: 9**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS: 140  
 What sort is needed by the household/individual?

House	10
Bungalow	11
Specially adapted home	2
Other	1

**Question: 10**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS:    140

Has any previous member of your household moved from Thompson in the last year?

Yes	6
No	117

### Education

**Question: 11**

Enter the number of children under 16 in your household who attend the following:

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:                      140

Play group	3
Nursery school	4
Primary school	9
Middle school	0
Secondary school	6
School for those with special needs	1
Other	0

**Question: 12**

Please enter the number of people in your household over 16 who attend the following:

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:                      140

Sixth form college	6
University	10
Training courses	7
Please enter location of facility	2

### Transport

**Question: 13**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS:    140

How many roadworthy vehicles and bicycles are kept by your household?

Cars	245
Vans	15
Motor bikes	24
Specially adapted vehicles	1
Bicycles	206
Lorries	0

## PERSONAL SECTION

### People

**Question: 14**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 277  
What is your gender?

Male	131
Female	146

**Question: 15**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 282

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	5
16-17	6
18-24	24
25-44	26
45-59	99
60-64	23
65-74	70
75-84	21
85+	8

**Question: 16**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 287  
Are you permanently resident in Thompson (i.e. more than 4 nights a week)?

Yes	266
No	21

**Question: 17**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 285  
How long have you lived in Thompson?

Less than a year	35
1-5 years	60
6-15 years	62
16-25 years	58
26-50 years	54
51 + years	10
Whole life	6

**Question: 18**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 277  
How did you come to live in Thompson?

Born here	16
Work in area	65
Relatives live nearby	27
Love of village life	65
Love of country life	95
Availability of housing	19
Retired here	42
Marriage	24
Setting up home	13
Came with family	50
Other	20

**Question: 19**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 274  
What is most important to you about Thompson?

The community	55
The environment	142
The situation	57
Other	5
Not sure	15

**Question: 20**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 126  
If you are in waged employment, what is the business of your major employer?  
*(if you are not in waged employment there is no need to answer this question)*

Agriculture/Horticulture	6
Manufacturing engineering	4
Manufacturing other	7
Retail/Service industry	15
Financial Services	4
Tourism e.g. hotels - catering - B&B	5
Local Government/Public Sector	30
Construction	11
Transport/Communications	7
Food Processing	1
Other	36

**Question: 21**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 141  
Where is your main place of work?

Within Thompson	25
Within 15 miles of Thompson	60
More than 15 Miles from Thompson	56

## Employment Training and Businesses

### Question: 22          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 37

If you are seeking employment, how do you get information about jobs?

Job Centre	3
Word of mouth	8
Local press	8
County press	5
National press	2
Employers	3
On-line	29
Other	6

### Question: 23          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 219

Please indicate your highest level of qualification from the rank order list below:

Degree or NVQ Level 5	78
Diploma or other professional qualification	43
HND or NVQ Level 4	9
HNC	2
A Level or NVQ Level 3	21
Clerical and commercial RSA	3
ONC or OND	1
O Level/GCSE/CSE or NVQ Levels 1 or 2	29
City and Guilds	9
None	24

### Question: 24          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 245

Would you be interested in taking any vocational training opportunities now or in the future?

Yes	40
No	184
Not sure - would like more information	21

### Question: 25          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 48

If you run/own/manage a business, into which category does it fall?

Agriculture/Horticulture	4
Food Processing	0
Retail	2
Construction	5
Finance/Professional Services	10
Manufacturing	3
Transport	3
Tourism e.g.hotels catering B & B	7
Other - please specify	14



**Question: 26**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 42

If you run a business, is it located?

In Thompson	34
Outside Thompson	8

**Question: 27**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 274

Should more overnight tourists be encouraged in and around Thompson?

Yes	114
No	74
No Opinion	86

**Question: 28**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 121

If yes, should there be the development of?

Camping sites	29
Sites for touring caravans	19
Sites for permanent holiday caravans	6
Bed and Breakfast trade	104
Guest houses	44
Hotels	7

**Question: 29**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 261

Which of these visitor activities are suited to Thompson?

Horse riding	170
Road cycling	173
Off-road cycling	148
Nature study	210
Farm visits or 'trails'	89
Sightseeing	125
Photography	194
Painting	179
Fishing	125
Shooting	73
Walking	250

**Transport and Highways**

**Question: 30**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 267

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Thompson to other places?

Often	18
Occasionally	78
Never	171

**Question: 31**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 287

Do you have a current driving licence?

Yes	255
No	32

**Question: 32**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 260

If you have a car, would you be prepared to take part in a voluntary transport service?

Yes	41
No	219

**Question: 33**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 257

Would you use a voluntary car service as a passenger?

Weekly	3
Monthly	0
Occasionally	70
Never	184

### **Housing**

**Question: 34**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 282

What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in Thompson over the last 10 years?

About right	177
Too much new housing	23
Too little housing	22
Too expensive	11
Too big	7
Too small	1
No opinion	49

**Question: 35**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 281

Do you want Thompson to retain its settlement boundary?

Retain settlement boundary as it is now	202
Retain settlement boundary but extend it	34
Retain settlement boundary but reduce its size	9
Thompson does not require a settlement boundary	6
Do not know	32

**Question: 36**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 284

Do you think Thompson can accommodate more new housing?    281

Yes	74
No	180
Don't know	30

**Question: 37**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 275

Do you think more new housing in Thompson would?

Improve the environment	15
Spoil the environment	180
Bring no change to the environment	48
No opinion	14
Don't know	18

**Question: 38**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 248  
Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in Thompson?

Private rented	25
Local authority/housing association rented	23
Owner occupied	56
Shared ownership	21
Sheltered housing	17
Adapted housing	17
Restricted sale to local people	48
Low cost sale	36
Other	6
There is no need for any of these	124

### Health and Social Services

**Question: 39**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 281  
Is your doctor's surgery/health centre in?

Watton	245
Swaffham	1
Hingham	11
Shipdham	0
East Harling	4
Other - please specify	20

**Question: 40**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 240  
Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Hospital	16	31	179
Doctor	29	27	175
Chemist	4	12	201
Chiropodist	2	9	150
Optician	5	12	195
Dentist	7	9	194
Other medical facility	2	7	121

**Question: 41**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 235

If you have used any of the following services which cover Thompson during the last year, how do you rate the service?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not used the service
Doctor	40	45	103	6	35
District Nurse	10	5	3	10	123
Health visitor	4	3	3	11	127
Home help	1	1	3	10	129
Ambulance	30	3	3	10	109
First response team	19	0	2	9	118
Maternity care	3	1	1	11	126
Chiropody	14	1	2	11	120
Loan of medical equipment	11	0	1	10	126
Counselling services	8	1	6	11	120
Physiotherapy services	13	12	7	11	102

**Question: 42**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 272

Is there a need for a Good Neighbour type scheme in Thompson?

*(i.e. a scheme to provide basic help with shopping etc.)*

Yes	113
No	29
Don't know	130

**Question: 43**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 257

How often would you be prepared to help the Good Neighbour scheme in Thompson?

Once a week	40
Once a month	33
Occasionally	135
Never	49

**Question: 44**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 281

Do you know where in Thompson the defibrillator is located?

Yes	208
No	73

**Question: 45**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 284

Are you aware of the unlock code for the defibrillator cabinet?

Yes	107
No	177

### **Emergency and Other Services**

**Question: 46**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 282

Do you regard the police coverage of Thompson to be?

Good	12
Reasonable	63
Poor	103
No opinion	104

**Question: 47**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 279

Should Thompson have a Home Watch Scheme?

Yes	178
No	17
No opinion	84

**Question: 48**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 273

Would you join the Thompson Home Watch Scheme?

Yes	138
No	69
No opinion	66

**Question: 49**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 274

Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Thompson?

Theft	116
Vandalism	56
Drunkenness	15
Other	22
Not concerned	126

**Question: 50**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 270

As a precaution, in Thompson, do you ever?

Stay away from certain areas	6
Go out with somebody else rather than go alone	9
Avoid going out after dark	18
Carry a personal alarm	4
Go to self-defence classes	1
None of these	223
Other	12

**Question: 51**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 278

What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services in Thompson?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not applicable
Mains water supply	114	103	43	7	7
Mains electricity supply	157	103	5	4	0
Refuse collection	201	58	11	3	0
Roadside care/Street cleaning	50	88	93	20	7
Gritting	56	87	85	30	4
T.V. reception	94	112	53	5	2
Radio reception	111	104	35	8	3
Mobile phone service	4	16	245	7	1
Broadband service	5	21	231	6	3

**Question: 52**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 171

Do you use any of the following in Thompson?

Bottle bank	160
Newspaper bank	59
Clothing bank	82
Can bank	23

## Retail Services and Other Facilities

**Question: 53**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 262

Where do you usually buy the following?

	own community	next town	nearest large centre	out of town facility	On-line
Groceries	0	163	53	27	6
Fresh fruit and vegetables	5	165	40	27	5
Meat and fish	0	155	49	27	4
Clothes	0	4	119	74	52
DIY supplies	0	99	80	47	15
Electrical goods	0	69	82	45	49
Books/tapes	0	20	44	40	122
Furniture	0	4	97	103	25

**Question: 54**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 148

If you use the local Post Office, please say what for?

Postal services	140
Pensions/Allowances	7
Banking	11
Payment of bills	5
Information leaflets	5
Other services	19

**Question: 55**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 277

If a community shop were to open in Thompson would you use it?

Yes	201
No	11
Do not know	65

**Question: 56**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 271

If a community shop were to open in Thompson would you be prepared to help run it in any way?

Yes	87
No	184

## Sports/Events

**Question: 57**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 271

Are you aware of what is on offer at the following places?

	Yes	No	Not Interested
Thompson Village Hall	200	50	21
St Martin's Church	165	51	50

### Social and Entertainment

**Question: 58**      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 257  
How often do you take part in the following activities held in the Village Hall?

	Weekly	monthly	occasionally	never
WI	0	14	7	204
Stitchers	8	0	6	207
Coffee mornings	4	5	55	164
Social/fund raising events	2	14	137	101
Public meetings	1	7	105	130

**Question: 59**      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 248  
What are your views on the local social facilities for?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion
Children up to 16	13	54	83	79
Young people 17-25	1	19	124	83
People 26-60	18	86	47	75
People over 60	31	82	45	80

### Information and Communication

**Question: 60**      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 271  
Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Thompson?

Waylander magazine	256
Notice Board	105
Local paper	44
Post Office	15
On-line	28
Other	62

**Question: 61**      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 277  
Do you think the amount of information available about local activities in Thompson is?

Good	95
Reasonable	137
Poor	23
No opinion	22

**Question: 62**      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 275  
Do you read The Waylander or use the village website?

	Frequently	Every month or two	Less frequently	Never
The Waylander	225	20	13	16
Village website	14	20	41	110

**Question: 63**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 145

In relation to information services, do you think that Thompson needs more of the following?

Notice board	40
Tourist information point	57
Local information point	74
Map	64
Signposts	60
Other - please specify	13

**Local Government****Question: 64**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 281

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Parish Council?

Yes	117
No	164

**Question: 65**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 281

Have you ever attended the Annual Parish Meeting?

Yes	76
No	205

**Question: 66**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 275

The Parish Council is empowered to raise a precept through the council tax. Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent?

Very satisfied	28
Quite satisfied	62
Quite dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	9
Don't know how it is spent	125
No opinion	49

**Question: 67**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 258

Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?

	fully aware	quite aware	not aware	no opinion
Parish Council	73	62	34	86
District Council	14	74	62	96
County Council	10	0	82	110

**Question: 68**          NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 275

Do you think sufficient publicity is given to planning applications which affect Thompson?

Yes	65
No	142
No opinion	68

**Environment**



**Question: 69**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 280  
How important is the quality of the countryside around Thompson to you?

Very important	243
Important	35
Not very important	1
No opinion	1

**Question: 70**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 276  
Do you use Thompson Millennium Green?

Yes	218
No	58

**Question: 71**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 88  
What improvements could be made to Thompson Millennium Green?

Topic	Count
Clear/improve pond	16
Improve drainage	10
Children's play equipment	5
Maintenance	15
Wild flower areas/improve existing area	8
Litter bins/Dog waste bins	9
Village Hall	8
Car parking/vehicular access	3
Power supply on site	3
Sports facilities	6
Events	4
Picnic area/benches/seating	10
Safety	3
Volunteers and funds	2
Other items	4
No improvement needed.	11

**Question: 72**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 226  
Would you be prepared to help with any of the following?

	Yes	No
Maintenance of the Millennium Green	56	135
Fund-raising for Thompson Hearts to maintain defibrillator in Thompson	56	129
Fund-raising for St Martin's Church	67	127
Help run a Home Watch Scheme	52	140

**Question: 73**            NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 265  
Which elements of the countryside around Thompson do you value?

A sense of place	146
Local identity	118
Tranquillity	232
Openness	199

**Question: 74**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 273  
Do you feel that the countryside around Thompson has changed in recent years?

For better	18
For worse	72
Not changed	123
Don't know	60

**Question: 75**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 225  
What do you think could be done to improve the environment of Thompson?

	very important	worth doing	not necessary	don't know
Plant more trees	66	68	37	8
Cut down some trees	4	20	100	17
Look after woodlands	123	59	8	4
Preserve single trees in special places	94	58	10	16
Preserve old orchards	84	54	20	11
Keep hedges short and tidy	78	65	28	6
Let hedges grow naturally	36	37	67	13
Plant more hedges and trees	73	52	44	8
Don't know	2	0	1	15

**Question: 76**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 238  
What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in Thompson?

	very important	worth doing	not necessary	don't know
Create local nature reserves	71	81	32	8
Discourage too many people using countryside	6	8	151	6
Reduce pollution in the countryside	112	66	17	10
Campaign against litter and rubbish	138	67	6	4
Maintain wetlands watercourses woods etc.	173	49	1	4

**Question: 77**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 129  
Would you be prepared to help with any of the following?

Protecting wildlife habitats	106
Clearing ponds	71
Surveying trees	72
Maintaining footpaths	66

**Question: 78**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 251  
Do you think there is a need to carry out a project to record the special features of Thompson?

Yes	110
No	47
No Opinion	94

**Question: 79**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 261

In relation to local footpaths and bridleways, can you answer the following questions?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Do you know where the local paths are?	213	40	8
Can you use them without difficulty?	108	110	31
Are they well signposted?	72	125	51

**Question: 80**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 235

If you experienced difficulties when using local footpaths and bridleways which, if any, of the following difficulties did you find?

High stiles	12
Locked gates	64
Barbed wire	12
Mud/water	63
Crops across path	33
Bushes/nettles	101
No signposts	95
Other	25
No difficulty experienced	75

**General**

**Question: 81**                      NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION:

How would you like Thompson to develop?

As a working community	86
As a retirement community	20
As a commuter community	21
As a tourist centre	34
To stay as it is	184
None of these	4

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