MERIDEN PARISH APPRAISAL

(including Millison's Wood and surrounding areas)

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Meriden Household Survey – The Results!

The key results of the survey will be announced on Wednesday 15th October at a joint meeting of the Appraisal Steering Group and the Parish Council. The details are:



Village Hall, Wednesday 15th October 2008

7.30pm: **Parish Council Meeting followed by a brief presentation from the Birmingham Airport Police**

8.00pm: **Presentation of the "headline" results of the survey**
Questions and discussion
Next stage of the Meriden Parish Appraisal and Plan

Everyone welcome

A truly representative survey: The final response rate from residents was a staggering **60.24%**. This gives us great confidence that the results will be truly representative of facts about the parish and the views of residents.

An appeal Question 59 of the Survey asked:

"Would you be prepared to help organise new activities for young people?"

Over 100 people answered "yes" to this question and a further 43 said they were already involved in activities for young people. In conducting the survey, we were rightly concerned that all data protection rules were respected and confidentiality maintained. We have no way of knowing who the 100 are.

If you answered yes, please contact: Lis Willis on 01676 521080 or email LisbethWillis@aol.com

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Saturday Football Academy



Started in the summer, this is a new and popular initiative by parents and the Parish Council for young children. It is run professionally and welcomes new youngsters. However it had to be suspended in the bad weather as the playing field was waterlogged and damaged by the thoughtless behaviour of others. This is a great example of what we can do if we act together as a community – and a reminder that we need good playing fields that all can feel proud of and care for. Can we do something similar for older children – not necessarily football only, but a range of new activities?

Village Hall 60th Anniversary

The Parish Appraisal was part of the celebrations on 20th September. The village hall is a major asset to our community. The appraisal is looking at all the other places in the Parish that are open to the community to see whether the village's assets can be better used for the benefit of everyone in the parish, young and old alike.



The Parish Appraisal and Plan – looking at the issues in more depth

To assist the analysis of the Household Survey and the production of the Appraisal Report, five Theme Groups have been formed to address different topics and issues. These will continue in to the next phase of our work – the production of a Parish Plan. This will set out priorities and actions. The Theme Groups cover:

1. The needs of children, young people and older people
2. Community engagement, community safety and the environment.
3. Education, health and social care
4. Planning, housing, employment and village facilities and assets
5. Transport, road safety, traffic, parking, footpaths etc.

If you have particular knowledge and expertise in these fields and would like to contribute to this next phase of our work, join our expanding team of volunteers.

Contact Iain Roxburgh on 01676 522496 or email IainRoxburgh@btinternet.com

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