

Free Text Response – Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas & Cann Questionnaire

Q31a Ideas on how to Access and Enjoy Countryside	
1	4 x 4 cars are ruining the drove roads. These should be for walkers, horses and light bikes.
2	A cycle track beside the A30 to Sherborne. Also to Gillingham.
3	A few trees need pruning, especially off park walk.
4	A plan to promote and provide access to these things also essential
5	A reduction of waste material festooning the footpaths etc would greatly improve my enjoyment of outdoor activities.
6	A safe footpath/bridleway + cycle to connect to the town to King Settle Woods and down the hill (North) to Semley.
7	Access over farmers land, maintenance of stiles for walkers on country footpaths.
8	Access to streams and rivers
9	Allow countryside to remain unspoilt, undeveloped and peaceful
10	Any chance of making more space into which to pull a car off the road in order to go for a walk. Many footpath signs have nowhere to park anywhere at all close.
11	Ban cars from country roads. They do an incredible amount of damage.
12	benches and seating
13	Benches grouped together & together & tables ie on Castle Hill, Park Walk. Single benches are a bit antisocial.
14	Better bridleways with NO stiles, stiles not needed if no farm animals.
15	Better management of St James common which has degenerated into an area of poor quality scrubland.
16	Better signage for footpaths
17	breach common needs clearing, kept as grassland so can be around easily by the public.
18	Breach Common used to be clear. it is now a jungle. Road through is appalling wet because ponds are not cleared. Walkers have nowhere to go when cars drive through
19	Bridleways
20	Bridleways + public footpaths are already there they are not used because they are poor and not maintained.
21	By cycle paths - linked to other towns and circular walks plus advertising
22	Cable car for St James
23	car parking at countryside access points (eg start of footpath to duncliffe woods or to hod/hambledon hills)
24	Car parking near sites/green areas.
25	Car parking near these areas. Adequate signage. Safe roads away from traffic such as lorries.
26	Car parking....
27	Car parks, information boards (flora and fauna), walk routes.
28	Clear and open up pathways on Breach Common to allow Nature Walks
29	Clear maps should be made available for circular walks around Shaftesbury including public footpaths in farmland/private land, woodland, protected areas, etc. It is very hard to find suitable maps showing all available walks around towns.
30	clear sign-age route and maps at tourist information for varying lengths and types walk
31	Closer working with the 'commoners' of St James common as used to happen. Some local farmers are the commoners
32	Collect up all litter from verges. Impose huge fines on litter droppers. Educate all our children to appreciate and care for the local countryside
33	Community orchards Wild flowers ??? road verges
34	Construct footpaths on Breach Common
35	Controlled height of trees on view points. As the trees grow so they block off the views (one of the selling points of Shaftesbury).

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36	create path/cycle lane alongside a350 castle hill (white pitt lane) - shaftesbury
37	Cycle Hire
38	Cycle path are fine, the elderly don't seem to be mentioned much?
39	Cycle paths are a must. The roads are far too dangerous. Build cycle path, keep people safe.
40	Cycle ways
41	Dear sir I can not find anywhere else to put this, but this town has a lot of tourist and I think you are all missing a great chance to bring more money in there should be more going on in park walk more shops should be open and people should be made more welcome
42	Designated car parking at various viewpoints and access to Woodland trails
43	Do need car parking to access the more distant walks - or very clear bus connections, cant all do 10 mile walks!
44	Do not prettify all open spaces - dogs etc. need space to run etc.
45	Downland walking
46	Easy access to open space - not restricted pathways
47	enhanced wildlife habitat - dark sky!
48	enough wastebins, dog poo bins prevention of erosion
49	Ensuring that public footpaths & bridleways are very well marked and signed and are not gradually removed or unsigned by parties interested in their non-existance. There needs to be a program of sign maintenance. Sometimes paths are actively barred by bad owners so needs policing.
50	every dog walker goes to the airfield (at the end of the runway) so better parking there and at Win Green - why do so many people go to the airfield in the summer to enjoy the views and an icecream it is all basic stuff if the planners could get their heads around the problems sitting in their ivory towers
51	Fewer houses and fewer people!
52	Fontmell Down is probably over used - other similar provision now needed.
53	FOOT PATHS SHOULD BE CREATED TO ALLOW FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SHAFTESBURY FROM SURROUNDING VILLAGES.
54	Foot pathway surfacing/hoggin trails
55	Footbridges or crossing points - paths alongside access roads (you can't walk out of Shaftesbury)
56	footpath and cycle access to other areas
57	Footpath in Melbury Abbas
58	Footpath no 3 goes from Tollgate Park, through Hill Farm estate , through Longmead to Barton Hill. Christy's Lane goes over it without a crossing point made and Longmead across to sorting office is obscured by parking making people come out through cars into traffic to walk to town. Yellow line at crossing point on longmead needed.
59	Footpaths need to be clearly marked.
60	Footpaths should be well maintained to encourage use.
61	Footpaths with slopes (access for wheelchair users and pushchairs)
62	FOR ENJOYMENT OF WALKING SHAFTESBURY & ENVIRONS LITTER COLLECTION WOULD MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE
63	For the elderly none of these apply
64	going out in the car
65	Good pubs at regular distances.
66	Good signposting (much of this already exists).
67	Greenlanes
68	I think there should be a cycle track from the Donheads into Shaftesbury.
69	Information signage. Local maps. apps/l pad.
70	inner town/suburbia green areas parks etc.

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71	Is there a prospect of creating new public footpaths? That would be wonderful. We also need existing footpaths made accessible / signposted - eg one across the field north of wincombe dairy has had its stile removed.
72	keep pathways from overgrowth
73	Knowing where we are now allowed to walk.
74	kTEEEq http://www.FyLitCI7Pf7kjQdDUOLQOuxTXbj5iNG.com
75	Lack of restriction (intentional or otherwise) from farmers; clear access.
76	less brambles & overgrowth on Breach common. Update paths on Breach common.
77	less house building
78	Limited walks from Shaftesbury into Countryside
79	Linked cycle paths on roads. Lived in London for 10 years after university, cycled everywhere. Don't feel safe cycling here.
80	linking of footpaths signage
81	Maintained surfaces, adequate drainage (ditches, ???) - maintained, hedges & thickets. Links to special countryside areas & ????? connections (negotiated "permissible" r.o.w. with land-owners to provide optional "circuits"
82	Maintenance of Shooters Lane & banks regularly
83	Many stiles are too high for the short and elderly. Rebuild stiles to be user friendly
84	Maps showing where people can exercise dogs, run and cycle.
85	more and better maintained footpaths
86	More dog litter bins.
87	More footpaths.
88	More information about location of play areas footpaths etc
89	More properly surface lay-bys.
90	More public footpaths.
92	North Dorset trailway
93	Off road cycle paths only if they are separated from footpaths or it is clear pedestrians have right of way. As we know, cyclists often act as if any path is there and many do not even have bells to warn you they are approaching.
94	Open countryside and Downs, ie Win Green, Fontmell Down
95	Organisations like the Woodland Trust are turning spaces into 'theme parks' under the misguided 'improvement' strategy. They do more harm than good and this approach should be DISCOURAGED
96	Parking
97	Parking lay-bys for 2/3 cars near Q31 answers.
98	parking near footpaths
99	Parking places where there are lovely views. Not everyone is able to walk or cycle.
100	Parking. off road and discreetly screened.
101	Path maintenance clear, signage to show where the public can roam.
102	Pavement on busy roads & through Melbury Abbas & Cann
103	Pavements needed through Melbury Abbas
104	Pedestrian pathways along tout hill and main roads A 30.
105	Perhaps to open the bridleways and cattle droves from Sherborne Causeway to Shaftesbury & plan more walks in and around the town!
106	Places to walk dogs, off lead
107	Please mark public 'rights of way' clearly and make access for dogs easy. Now that the fields near Great Ground have been fenced off from all the doggy walkers, where do we go?
108	Plenty of dog poo dustbins
109	Plenty of seating areas
110	Protecting what is already there without unnecessary development or destruction
111	provision of childrens areas should be provided by schools first and foremost.

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112	Public footpaths could be better marked + stiles better built - for some people they are very high.
113	Public safety to all these areas
114	Re Q30 - 'Special planting of shrubs etc': Not on Barton Hill - waste of money
115	Safe cycle roots around Shaftesbury would be great
116	safe lanes.
117	safe off road parking at popular spots.
118	Safe walking on A350
119	Safety for walking on C13
	see below Q34
120	Bicycle maintenance classess and cycling proficiency classes for adults for confidence.
121	Set paths and routes around the town boundary
122	Sign post where they are, where they go
123	Signage for landowners protection on footpaths and to give users the confidence that they are not trespassing
124	Small picnic areas Circular footpath walks Cycle way connections to neighbouring towns
125	Something needs to be done to stop people allowing their dogs to foul local walks - we can no longer walk on Breach Common as it is covered in dog mess.
126	stiles that are accessible to dogwalkers/dogs
127	Suitable car parking at local beauty spots
128	Switch off televisions/videos
129	Te ability to walk safely to get to public footpaths and not have to compete with heavy volumes of traffic
130	The commons need attention now before its to late. Road drainage from Shaftesbury to Guys Marsh 3 accidents this week due to water freezing on the hill.
131	The detritus in Shaftesbury is bad. All litter should be picked up more bins for dog deposits etc should now be in place
132	The old cemetery at the top of St Johns Hill needs clearing, the stones preserving and the area opened for leisure
133	The public footpath behind Crookhays needs some work on it - never been looked after by you!
134	The rights of way are already there. Get a map.
135	There could be better signage for current off road walkways through fields etc. Currently i am unaware of where they start or routes of them.
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137	There should be more my sister is disabled and as nothing to do here. also I am 25. I dont drink so theres nowhere for me to go in the evening as I dont drive
138	TIC (or other) produce maps of land, local improved signage, dog walking routes - strategic location of dog poo bins also.
139	Tiles missing on slope next to Post Office, Angel Square.
140	Too old to get out and about any more!
141	Traffic calming and management
142	Traffic control at exposed areas.
143	Traffic management
144	Used to walk & ride on Breach common. It is effectively inaccessible and off limits now.
145	user-friendly stiles - some are just too high for comfort, with no dog access - well maintained access
146	We already have commons the questions are about the maintenance of access routes and existing foot ways
147	We are fairly well served already a few tweaks and maintenance would be fine

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148	We need better signage of the routes. Perhaps a colour scheme for different types of routes based on distance and walks or bikes.
149	We need safer cycle/footpaths to link all areas and villages especially between Shaftesbury & villages and Gillingham train station.
150	We should create a full interesting walk around Shaftesbury
151	We tried to do one of the walks, the one that takes you down Wincombe Lane and across fields towards St Marys School featured in the small book produced for visitors but the signs are almost non-existent so impossible to follow - very disappointing especially for visitors.
152	Wild areas as exist now for children who are free to run and enjoy.
153	Within the walkways in the woodland/bridleways/public footpaths - signage is needed