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REPORT ON  
VILLAGE SURVEY TO ASSESS IDEAS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND  
EXPENDITURE OF SUSTAINABLE HOCKERTON.

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# 1. Introduction and Analysis

The directors of Sustainable Hockerton decided to review how best to spend the surplus generated from the Society's activities. With this in mind a survey form was created. It had 19 ideas listed for people to assess and a box for comments. The ideas came from previous events before Covid -19. This form was sent around to the village via Hockerton email list held by the parish secretary in January 2021. The responses from this survey are detailed below and will help inform the directors on future spending. The responses will also enable people to see what others in the village are thinking and thus share information.

The top 11 ideas that had a positive response are listed below in order of popularity. The less popular ideas are then listed with a web graph showing all the responses and finally the comments people made in the comment box are written.

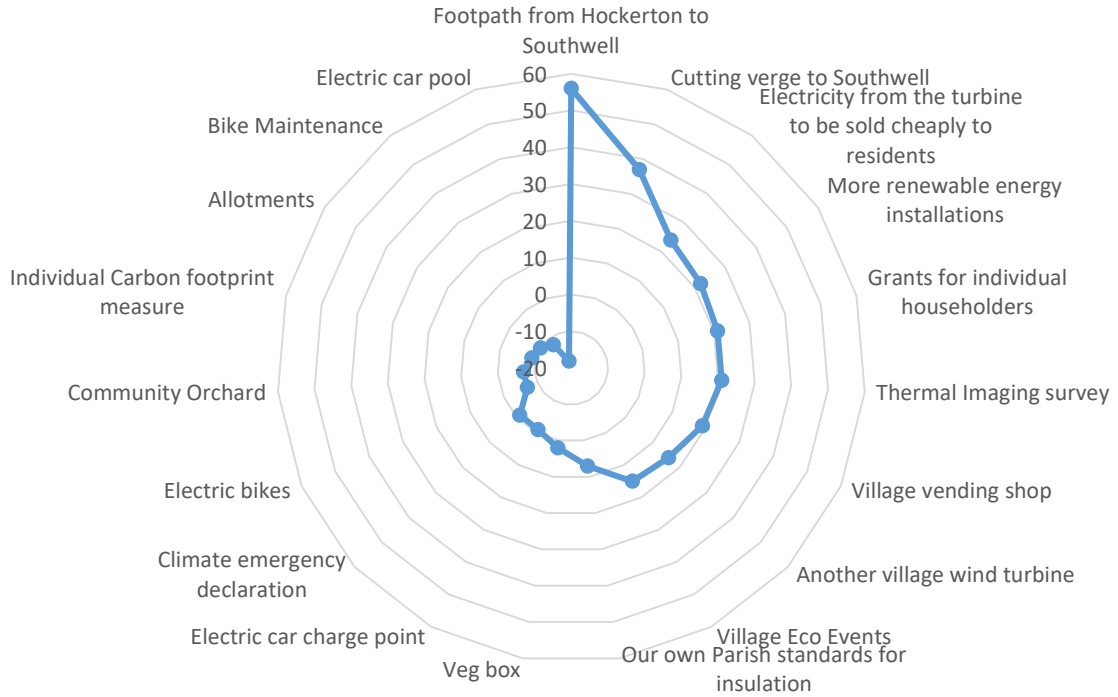
The most popular idea was a footpath to Southwell and then cutting the grass verge to Southwell to enable safe walking. These are both obviously closely related. After this came the idea of direct selling of electricity from the turbine to residents at a discounted rate. Then more renewable energy generation was wanted. The small grant scheme that is currently running came next. This scheme gives residents the opportunity to claim £200 a year for any expenditure on sustainable things. These are listed on the [Sustainable Hockerton Web site](#). In addition, £500 is available to cover the costs of insulating a house. There were six more ideas that received positive but smaller response, these are included in the list of positive "wish to see happen" ideas below.

1. Footpath from Hockerton to Southwell
2. Cutting verge to Southwell
3. Electricity from the turbine to be sold cheaply to residents
4. More renewable energy installations
5. Grants for individual householders
6. Thermal Imaging survey
7. Village vending shop
8. Another village wind turbine
9. Village Eco Events
10. Our own Parish standards for insulation
11. Veg box

Less popular ideas were:

1. Electric car charge point
  2. Climate emergency declaration
  3. Electric bikes
  4. Community Orchard
  5. Individual Carbon footprint measuring
  6. Allotments
  7. Bike Maintenance
  8. Electric carpool
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### Survey Preferences Sustainable Hockerton (Responses at 2nd Feb, 2021)



## 2. Comments Received

The comments below were received in the comments box of the survey form.

Good suggestions!

Footpath to Southwell more important than anything else.

4 , 6 , 16

I believe that putting in a footpath would mean many people would walk to Southwell. I won't do it at the moment as I judge it too dangerous. This could replace many essential journeys now only doable in a car.

The 'Book Exchange' in the telephone box clearly hasn't worked. It's damp and dirty and encouraging vermin. I fear that any kind of vending provision or communal gardening project, despite being potential assets to the village, might suffer the same fate. Think we all know where heat escapes from our houses. Don't think Parish Meeting would have sufficient power to impose planning restrictions. A safe walking/cycling route to Southwell would be far the best way to improve sustainability in Hockerton

good to see another turbine but suspect not enough grid capacity.

any footpath to southwell should be mixed use -feet and wheels and allow for electric mobility scooters etc as they do in nederlands

would a wave park be too tall an order?

Our own glass recycling. Big push for safe footpath/cycleway into Southwell.

What would be nice for the village and to keep everyone healthy is an open air gym, similar to the one in Southwell on Bishops drive.

Option to invest in wind turbine

We're most interested in benefitting from your expertise as a community to help Hockerton as a village be more eco conscious and sustainable so maybe less about financial input (which could be used to subsidise your time) and more about practical advise/support. More community events would be great- maybe those in need of help creating a permaculture or on eco projects in their gardens could submit it and volunteers go and help/ get educated themselves. Just thoughts, we're proud to live in a village associated with your project.

I felt there was too much choice

I'd be very interested in a village shop supplying local produce and we could try to include tea (nettle, chamomile) or homegrown produce and eggs etc. For that, I think a community orchard / allotment would be needed in that everyone grows a bit. I'd be happy to help with that.

Any initiative which sources energy and food locally has my support. The ability to safely walk or cycle to Southwell is also a priority for me. Village "Eco" events are a great way of socialising and raising awareness.

Drainage help for caunton road to reduce water run off and erosion of the banking and road edges. A drainage system would alleviate problems with irrigation drainage due to the raised level of the water table which has occurred over the years. Water from the field runs off currently onto the main road causing serious flooding.

Tidier verges in the village would be an improvement.

### 3. Method of Analysis

To analyse the responses on the forms returned a scoring system was used. People were asked to grade the ideas with a star system. The star system was described as follows: One star-Definitely do not want to happen, Two stars-Moderately wish not to see happen, Three stars-Neutral, Four Stars-Moderately wish to see happen, Five Stars-Strongly wish to see happen. To analyse these each response was given a number as follows:

- 1 star = -2
- 2 Star = -1
- 3 star = 0
- 4 star = +1
- 5 star = +2

If no response was indicated a zero score was given.

For each question the numbers from peoples' responses were added up to give a combined score for that idea. These were then ordered and graphed.

Line	Idea	Sum of -2 to 2 scores
4	Footpath from Hockerton to Southwell	56
16	Cutting verge to Southwell	37
11	Electricity from the turbine to be sold cheaply to residents	24
5	More renewable energy installations	22
1	Grants for individual householders	21
15	Thermal Imaging survey	21
6	Village vending shop	19
8	Another village wind turbine	16
12	Village Eco Events	15
14	Our own Parish standards for insulation	7
3	Veg box	2
17	Electric car charge point	-1
18	Climate emergency declaration	-1
7	Electric bikes	-7
9	Community Orchard	-7
13	Individual Carbon footprint measure	-9
2	Allotments	-10
19	Bike Maintenance	-12
10	Electric carpool	-18

## 4. Hockerton Residents' Survey Form

### Survey introduction

This survey allows Sustainable Hockerton (a community-based energy Society) to capture the views of residents as how best to use the pot of money we allocate to the community. Since 2010, we have spent £40,000 on village projects. Looking to the future please tell us where you think we should focus our expenditure. The possible list is below. Some of these ideas come from a list created by Hockerton residents at the village events in the past; your new ideas would be very welcome. We will also need people to help implement these ideas and may have to buy in expertise if there are not any volunteers! Bear in mind we cannot fund them all! Please tick as appropriate.

Alternatively, please return to Simon Tilley, Sustainable Hockerton, The Watershed, Gables Drive, Hockerton, Notts, NG25 0QU Or email to [enquiries@sustainablehockerton.org](mailto:enquiries@sustainablehockerton.org)

A star system was used to assess people opinion:

The star system translates as follows: One star-Definitely do not want to happen, Two stars-Moderately wish not to see happen, Three stars-Neutral, Four Stars-Moderately wish to see happen, Five Stars-Strongly wish to see happen.

The topics for assessment were:

1. Grants for individual householders towards "eco" projects. Currently £200 per house and £500 for insulation.
2. Open space in the village for growing food. Eg allotments
3. Subsidised local organic vegetable box for parish residents.
4. Footpath from Hockerton to Southwell.
5. More renewable energy installations eg PV panels possibly on houses in the Parish
6. Village vending shop to supply local produce.
7. Availability of Electric Bikes
8. Another village wind turbine
9. Community orchard
10. Buy a couple of electric cars and have a car share scheme.
11. Arrange for electricity from the turbine to be sold cheaply to residents.
12. More village community "eco" events once Covid is behind us!
13. An in-depth survey of the current carbon footprint for people living/working in the parish.
14. Parish meeting to set eco-standards eg increase insulation requirements for new buildings.
15. Thermal imaging surveys (in the winter) to identify high heat- loss from properties.
16. Cutting Grass verge to Southwell to enable safer walking
17. Install an electric car-charging point.
18. Parish council to declare a Climate Emergency.
19. Bike maintenance training.
20. Any other comments, suggestions or offers of help?