



Thank you to everybody who came to the first Big Brunch!

It was a great event and so lovely to see so many people there. We will make sure the room is set up differently next time so that there is enough room for all.

We have gathered up everything that you told us (whether on the tables, flip charts, in the post box or simply face to face) and there are some clear themes emerging. For the sake of space please excuse the “shorthand” - your personal view is in the many pages of notes we are keeping to inform the research! However, here are some of the highlights:

Roads and Parking - we want to feel safe walking around the village and the current pressure on the Clock Tower junction is a worry. The state of the road in Church Lane and the dangers of walking up and down the High Street got lots of mentions.

Essential services - from broadband to drains, we feel our services need upgrading and better maintenance.

Recreation - more brunches, more events, more things to do together (a Theatre Club or skate park anyone?)

Health and Wellbeing - this covers everything from people being able to access the health care they need to wanting a gym. We are a healthy bunch in East Harptree!

Homes - concern about how new homes are being built, fears that too many new homes will spoil the rural nature of our village whilst wanting residents to be able to afford to live here.

Environment - people love living in this beautiful area, the views and the diversity all around us. But they are also worried about a decline, such as the impact of light pollution on bats.

Community Spirit - better access to our main communal spaces, more opportunities to be involved and to get together... linking closely to...

Communication - the very strong message that there isn't one sure way of finding out what is going on. This Parish Mag goes to 250 homes in the village but how do we find out what's happening in between? How do we make sure that everybody is equally well informed?

We have decided to use the next Big Brunch on Sunday 18th March to ask you some more questions about these themes (and any others you think are important - buses? jobs? local businesses?). We will then use what you tell us to help shape the Village Survey.

BIG BRUNCH

Theatre - Sunday 18th March - 11am - 1pm

Come ready to tell us what you think

Treasure Hunt - News - Breakfast Baps - Tea and Coffee

We are also gathering a whole list of fabulous ideas that people have given us for things to make life in the village even better. We'll have that there at the Big Brunch too!

If you would like to join the team, please email sallycalverley@icloud.com - more than 60 people are already working together on this project. Many hands make light work!