

Newton Abbot Community Interest Company

Houghton Barton: Snapshot of the Community

- Door to door survey of 250 residents carried out in November 2017.
- This is a summary of the key findings from the survey.
- Huge scope for community development, with more than 60 residents offering to become involved in a new Community Association.

Facilities within a Community Centre

- 236 out of 250 would use a Shop if provided (95%)
- 145 out of 250 would make use of a gym (58%)
- 193 out of 250 would make use of a café (77%)
- 162 out of 250 would make use of a hall for private hire (65%)

In terms of other facilities residents would like within a building, the most popular requests were for clubs and activities, a large hall, a shop, a café, a library and a Post Office.

217 of those surveyed are currently registered with a G.P. The majority are with (Albany Surgery 30%), Cricketfield (31%) or Devon Square (23%). Others are as far afield as Ipplepen, Ashburton and Kingskerswell.

69% said they would make use on a local GP surgery within a community building.

25% of respondents work from home. Of that 25%, 27% or 63 respondents would be interested in flexible desk space.

Residents travel far and wide to attend other community activities, particularly sporting and social groups. We have a long list of groups that people attend elsewhere, and another long list of groups and activities people would like to see provided within a building. The majority of these are fitness/sporting classes, groups for young people and social groups for those at home during the day.

39 respondents offered to help out with running activities within a new building.

There were a huge number of general comments made on a wide variety of subjects. People feel very let-down by the developers in terms of the facilities they were promised that have not been provided. The most popular concerns expressed were:

- Traffic issues/road safety and a lack of pavements;
- The lack of Post Box;
- The lack of play areas and facilities for young people;
- The lack of shop even a small convenience store;
- Requests for a pub or takeaway and a petrol station.

There was strong support expressed for a community facility.