Salesbury Parish Council Annual Survey 2025

Dear Resident,

Salesbury Parish Council wants to find out about your experience of living in Salesbury, Copster Green and the outlying hamlets within the parish. We want to hear your opinions about how we are representing you; how we spend the precept that you fund; and what you would like to see in the future.

You may choose to complete this survey as an individual or as a household; anonymously or openly - the choice is yours! You may photocopy the form if needed or download extra copies from our new website www.salesburypc.org.uk .

Please take this opportunity to help inform our decisions and thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Salesbury Parish Council
Maggy Howells (Chair), Mike Wood (Vice Chair), Chris Booth, Janet Westwell, Tim Westwell

No.	Background	Question	Please indicate your preferred option(s)	Your Comments
1	We currently communicate with you via a number of ways.	Which methods of communication do you currently use to find out about Salesbury Parish Council?	• Website • Noticeboards • Our leaflets & newsletters • Attending meetings	
2	We are considering using an email mailing system to contact residents. This would be compliant with GDPR regulations.	Would you like to receive occasional emails from us?	Yes No	If yes, please add your contact details and we will get back to you. Alternatively, contact **clerk@salesburypc.org.uk** if you wish to maintain anonymity on this survey
3	We currently hold regular drop in 'surgeries' for you to let us know your thoughts, concerns and experiences. The last few of these have had no residents attending.	Should we continue to hold drop-in surgeries where you can speak with us directly?	Yes No	

4	Very few residents attend our meetings. These are held at The Memorial Hall, Salesbury and are advertised on the Noticeboards and on our website.	Is there anything particular that prevents you from attending our meetings? Would anything encourage you to attend? Would you be interested in watching our meetings (live or recorded) if we streamed them online?	Yes No Yes No Yes No	
5	In consultation with Ribble Valley BC, we are looking at effective ways of protecting the common land, particularly from damage caused by vehicles. By law, common land must not be fenced in, and our commons are grassland, so planting trees or shrubs is not an option.	How do you think the edges of common land should be protected to prevent damage and erosion?		
6	We are keen to increase biodiversity and conserve/improve the green spaces within the parish.	Are biodiversity and conservation important to you? What ideas have you got for projects and work we can do to achieve this?	Yes No	
7	Some residents within the parish are looking to form an informal conservation/eco group to help actively manage and improve the biodiversity and unique nature of our common land.	Would you be interested in joining such a group?	Yes No	If yes, please add your contact details and we will get back to you. Alternatively, contact Maggy at **cllrmhowells@gmail.com** if you wish to maintain anonymity on this survey.

8	We have recently installed 40 birdboxes within the parish. These must be cleared and cleaned after nesting season to prevent spread of disease and encourage future use.	Would you be willing to help clear out boxes during the autumn/winter months?	Yes No	If yes, please add your contact details and we will get back to you. Alternatively, contact Maggy at **cllrmhowells@gmail.com** if you wish to maintain anonymity on this survey.
9	We are concerned about speeding cars within the parish and have taken action to monitor this through the use of both Police and Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDs) on Lovely Hall Lane and A59. Data is passed to police and LCC to influence their decisions on speed limits and controlling speeding vehicles.	Do you think we should continue to fund SPIDs	Yes No	
10	We have a number of ongoing projects you can read about in the reported Minutes of Meetings on our website www.salesburypc.org.uk, but we want your ideas too.	What ideas would you like Salesbury Parish Council to consider in the future? What would you like to see us prioritise in our budgets and plans?		
11	The Parish Precept (the amount of funding we receive) for Salesbury Parish Council is currently £5,544 per year. This equates to approximately £1.18 per month for each person living in the parish.	Do you think Salesbury Parish Council represents good value for money?	Yes No	

12	Salesbury Parish Council works alongside Ribble Valley and Lancashire Councils. Each has responsibility for different things.	Do you have any concerns that you think we could help with? If concerns fall outside of our remit, we will pass them on to the relevant authority	Yes No	
13	If you have any other feedback or comments for us, please include it here			

Closing Date: Please return your survey to us by **Friday 25th July 2025**. We cannot guarantee that responses received after this time will be included in the published results but assure you that they will be read and used to inform our future decisions.

Results: We will publish the results in our Annual Newsletter which is due out in the autumn.

Returning your Survey:
By hand/post to:

Clerk to Salesbury Parish Council**,**
5, Hollowhead Close,
Wilpshire
BB1 9LE

Cllr. Maggy Howells
Pennine Cottage
Copster Green
BB1 9EW

Cllr Janet Westwell
Fern Bank
Copster Green
BB1 9EP

By email: (scanned files or photographs of your survey are fine) **to:** clerk@salesburypc.org.uk **,** cllrmhowells@gmail.com or cllrjanetwestwell@gmail.com

Extra copies: You may photocopy the forms, or download from **www.salesburypc.org.uk** , otherwise contact the Clerk or any Councillor

Data Protection: Surveys will not be identifiable unless you choose to give us your personal details. Personal information given will be treated in accordance with our Data Protection Policy.

Should you need help completing the survey, please contact the Clerk at the above address