



SADBERGE PARISH PLAN



COMMENTS FROM THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 2.29 – Any comments on recycling?

Need a wheelie bin for garden waste.

Why plastic bag and container? Use of wheelie bin preferred for recycling.

Green waste could be recycled from the village rather than having to take it to the tip.

Recycling is a waste of tax-payers' money.

I would like the green box to be collected weekly the same day as the refuse.

The recycling container provided is too small.

We recycle our own green waste but would like to have it collected.

The recently altered recycling facility at Whessoe Road is excellent. People should be made more aware of its existence. Darlington Borough Council should encourage its use.

We transport our own materials to the recycle centre.

Need to broaden the range of items that can be recycled.

We would recycle items more actively if they were collected.

There is no recycling collection for this area. We have to take our own recycling to the tip.

Would love to know where the nearest plastic recycling bins are.

I'm not aware we have a recycling collection. I recycle myself.

No-one collects stuff to be recycled from here.

Would like recycling boxes to be provided to out-lying houses.

We are not included in the recycling programme, yet we are only one mile from the village. If refuse collectors can collect why can't the recycling lorry come our way?

Better boxes to separate rubbish would encourage us to be more vit***lant. Garden and green waste collection would be great. Clearer information on what can be recycled by pick-up and at the tip would be welcomed.

I feel we all should do more. In this household we throw away many milk cartons and cardboard cereal packets. MORE COULD AND SHOULD BE DONE.

On farms it is not possible to have items collected for recycling. We have to take them to the recycling site.

Recycling is mostly a waste of time. For instance, glass costs more in terms of energy to recycle than to manufacture new.

Recycling boxes are too clumsy for older people to lift and too heavy when full.

We need somewhere to deposit garden waste (cuttings, etc.). A convenient skip.

We requested recycling boxes, etc. when we moved in but haven't received them yet.

The blue paper collection bags are too small.

We really need provision for green waste apart from compost.

The recycling facilities available at present are limited.

The recycling system should be compulsory as some people regard it as a waste of time and it all goes in the bin bag.

The recycling collections should be weekly.

In Germany, bulk rubbish collections were carried out every so many months so unwanted items were placed outside and easily disposed of.

Currently we cannot recycle food cans or coloured glass / plastic. This needs to be remedied. Also, we can only recycle No. 1 type plastic. Garden waste definitely SHOULD be recycled from Sadberge.

The recycling system is very good.

Not everyone can go to the tip with things that recycling does not take. These things end up in the rubbish.

It is ridiculous that garden waste and unlisted refuse has to be self-delivered to the tip on Whessoe Road, Darlington.

Despite several attempts we have not been able to arrange a recycling collection. Apparently we live too far out of the village! (~0.7 miles)

Recycling collection should be once a week the same as refuse.

We would like to see more people filling green boxes and blue bags.

The Three Tuns has vast amounts of bottles. Why is the Council not picking these up? No, they would charge yet another extortionate amount of money for the Three Tuns to give them its bottles.

I would like a bigger box to recycle as the one provided isn't adequate.

Green waste collection is a good idea.

Some weeks the recycling collection doesn't take all the plastic bottles.

Currently recycling is good, but the items to be included should be expanded.

Wheelie bins for the different types of recycling items is preferred as it prevents rubbish being scattered on the streets, etc. by birds and animals and also protects rubbish such as card from rain, etc.

The recycling has a very narrow remit.

We would like a greater list to be recycled. We have two composters but in winter peelings attract rats and mice. Proper recycling of green waste would be preferable and would also reduce the need for garden fires.

It would be useful to get a reminder about what can go into the green box.

Question 3 – Any additional comments?

The fact that refuse (bin bags) have to be put out by the householders is encouraging litter. We are not always able to put it out just before collection so it is often out overnight open to wind, animals, etc. to break the bags and spread the litter. The Council fine people for dropping one cigarette end yet actively promote mass litter by this system.

Many local dog owners allow their dogs (on leads) to foul the pavement.

Unable to get BT to provide the system to enable a broadband Internet connection.

I think "berge" is Roman. I also think the roads are original roads and pavements left by the Romans because they have never seen a single repair on them. Name "sad" in front of "berge".

Darlington Borough Council does not know this village exists except to charge us exorbitant Council Tax (what for?). As stated, living on the main road from the Village Hall is the same as living on the island of Birmingham Bull Ring. We cannot use our front garden because of traffic noise and emissions. Also because of giant wagons it sounds like a railway track that is constant. Cattle trucks also at 11:30 approximately.

I use an electric wheelchair and whilst some curb stones have been very well adapted for gaining access to and from the road there is the driveway into the old police house in Norton Crescent which has received no attention and is a dangerous hazard and would require attention which has been promised on several occasions.

The grass verge in front of my house in Hill House Lane is never cut and is infested with thistles.

Outside my house roads are very poor. We have a car outside our window all day. It wants seeing to.

As a resident of Sadberge I am very concerned at Darlington Borough Council's slack attitude towards planning approvals relating to "so called" agricultural developments. Could this please be looked at more thoroughly and not with the excuse of it being within legislation. Certain individuals appear to flout planning laws and the local authority must become stronger with particular senior officials within the area to protect the future of the village and its area.

A road sign to slow down traffic so we can enter and leave our property safely.

The hedge outside our property (to the left) was not trimmed this year.

There are no footpaths on the Darlington Road between Middleton St. George and Sadberge. Also, no lighting. This should be changed. This back road should be lit up at night.

The road where we live has not been maintained since we moved here 24 years ago.

The new estate next to us has no footpath at a difficult junction at the exit to the estate. Very poor planning! Morning and evening traffic at the 'crossroads' is very disruptive and crossing can be dangerous. We have become a filter for vehicles from neighbouring villages to access the A66 at the slip road.

The state of the roads is appalling and they do need immediate attention. Dog fouling can be an issue also. I have never seen a street cleaner so I am unable to comment. Wheelie bins would be a great resource as the local cats and foxes tear up black bags. Cycle lanes and footpaths outside the village are essential for us to be able to fully enjoy living in the country.

The roads in Goodwood Close are not adopted by the Council. For the next six years they are the responsibility of the builder (should he still be in business) after which they are the responsibility of the residents.

We still have too much traffic crossing through the village. This needs to be stopped or reduced. More traffic calming. For example, arrows and narrowing giving way arrows and barriers. Red surfaced don't work.

I do not live in the village so I cannot comment. I live just out of the village and some things do not apply to me.

On the subject of recycling, while we appreciate that it isn't economical to call at a farm every week for recycled items, would it be possible to call once a month? It seems unfair to exclude people who want to recycle.

We would like something done about curbing several unsightly areas of the village.

1. The land behind Laurel Terrace.
2. The parking of trailers – sometimes for weeks – in the lay-by coming into the village from the A66.
3. The amount of cars and lorries parked on verges around Easi Store.
4. The static caravan parked without permission in the field on Middleton Road before the bridge.
5. The abysmal bus service.

The 30 mph speed limit should be extended further down the slip road to the A66 (Stockton Road) the end of the residential properties (i.e. further towards Teesside).

Hedges (and verges) – particularly along Stockton Road – are rarely cut, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. The litter bin along this road is often overflowing. How often is it emptied? The A66 lay-by (near Vickers' farm) suffers a litter / rubbish problem, as does the lay-by near Street Farm. Grass cuttings should be removed and not left to obstruct drains. Can nothing be done about the disgraceful state of the garden at the end of Laurel Terrace? What a dreadful impression it must give to people passing through the village.

The repairs to road and pavement surfaces are always of a temporary nature.

Footpaths are appalling. For many months of the year they are virtually impassable.

Chapel Row is a private road but is constantly being eroded as the run-off from the highway in Hillhouse Lane is washing it away whenever there is steady or heavy rain.

The hedge outside Church Lane / Middleton Road should be cut so that you can see traffic coming.

Some people are still not using the dog bins.

Poor minor repairs which "lift" in winter weather and are never done properly.

Flooding occurs during periods of heavy rain due to problems with the road and pavement surfaces.

The village looks neglected. No floral displays or tubs compared to all the surrounding villages. Litter is appalling – most especially between the Village Hall and Beacon Hill.

People park their cars on the pavements in East Close even when they have garages and off-road parking areas. (Highway Code rule 218.)

There needs to be a footpath from Sadberge to Middleton St. George.

We are paying a lot more for services (?) provided by the Borough Council and getting far less.

I would like to know why it is only grass areas around the village green that are cut and kept tidy? Roads coming in / out of the village are a disgrace. Driving into other villages like Neasham / Hurworth look beautiful and tidy with cut verges and flower boxes, etc. Sadberge looks like the poor relation. Why do we have to cut the grass verge and clear rubbish from the areas around where we live?

Nothing has still been done to stop the volume / speed of traffic. Morning and evening traffic is like a rat race. We moved here thinking it was a quiet village. Far from it! I may as well have set up at the side of the A1. No one listens. Minor alterations have been done to the road to try and pacify us, but it is not good enough – so much so that our house is up for sale!

We do not have any pavement / footpath on Hillhouse Lane. You take your life into your own hands every time you walk up the road. Despite the constant complaining about traffic speed / volume and a lack of pavement, no-one listens. It will take the death of someone before anything is done.

Grass verge. We have to cut our own grass verge and clear constant rubbish in the area surrounding our house. Grass cutting and rubbish clearing appears to stop at the edge of the village green!

The road surface is uneven at the junction of Middleton Road and Stockton Road.

We would welcome a footpath under the bridge at the A66 on Middleton Road to the slip road onto the A66.

More dog waste bins – e.g. on Stockton Road towards the A66 and in the lay-by beyond the Village Hall.

The grass cutting in the village would be okay if the grass was picked up and not trodden into our homes and blown about.

The footpaths along Darlington Road are in need of repair.

The pavement near our house is very poor. It's starting to break up and disintegrate and it is uneven. Elderly people walk along it each day and I don't believe it is safe.

I have complained twice to the Council about the footpath outside my house. Still no improvement!

I think that residents of Sadberge should make up their minds whether or not the village should be a lovely vibrant community or just a decaying elderly residential area. This, in my opinion, can only be achieved if more facilities are made available; e.g. a general store, butcher, etc.

I think Sadberge could be most pretty if more attention to planting and most certainly tidy up the site over the way from the Three Tuns / opposite Norton Road.

I live in property bordering the play park and usually have to contact the Council to maintain the cutting of the hedge on the park side of the hedge. I would like this to be done as a matter of course.