



# **NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL**



## **PARTICIPATE IN DECIDING OUR AREA'S FUTURE**

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.NORTHAMTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK](http://WWW.NORTHAMTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK)

The Town Council consists of 14 elected Councillors representing the residents of Northam, Appledore, Orchard Hill and Westward Ho! in a voluntary capacity supported by four part time members of staff.

The Town Council is committed to improving facilities for its residents whenever possible and plays an active role in the town by supporting local organisations with financial contributions, balances allowing.

The Town Council, with very limited resources, always tries to operate in a professional and efficient manner, which demonstrates its commitment to providing a high quality service for its residents.

### Contact Details (Optional)

Name(s).....

Contact Address / telephone .....

Email address .....

**Priorities – it is important to understand how the people of our District would like the area to be in five years time. No one group or authority will be able to deliver everything residents would like to be available, but if the priorities are identified, then projects may be set up to help provide what is needed. Please list below the top five priorities that you would like to see delivered over the next 5 years, in order of importance to you.**

1: .....

2: .....

3: .....

4: .....

5: .....

### **YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

Where do you live?

Appledore  Westward Ho!  Northam  Orchard Hill

It is important to understand how the population of the district is made up. This assists with understanding a variety of needs, including housing, youth, disability, education and health

### What is the tenure of your property?

Owner occupied   
Rented accommodation (private)   
Rented accommodation (social landlord)   
Other .....

### Are you able to access any pre-school / childcare provision you need?

Yes  No  Not Required

If 'No', what would you like to be able to use? .....

### Are any of the following schools attended by children in your household?

St George's  St Margaret's  St Mary's  Appledore

Other (please say where) .....

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORT**

While it is difficult to influence the provision of public transport available to people in the town, information on public transport users can be used by the delivery companies, which may influence their plans and strategies in the future.

Where do the members of your household work?

- In the Northam Area
- In Bideford
- In Barnstaple

Other .....

What are the main means of transport to work, training or study, shopping or leisure etc in your household?

	Work	Training	Study	Shopping	Leisure
Car					
Bus					
Bicycle					
Walking					
Other					

Are you aware of the Torrridge Community Transport Association and the services that it offers?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any other suggestions for improving transport services to the town?

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**Road Safety**

Are there any particular measures you would like to see included which would improve road safety?

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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Though it is difficult to influence health service provision in the town, the information gathered will be passed to the service providers and may help them in preparing their future plans and strategies.

With which of the following doctors' surgeries are you registered?

- Northam Health Centre
- Other doctors (.....)

Do you have difficulties with any of the following?

- Collecting prescriptions and medication
- Getting appointments to see the doctor
- Surgery times
- Obtaining dental services
- Obtaining the services of an optician
- Other.....

Do you consider the service provided by the Police and PCSOs

- Poor
- Barely adequate
- Satisfactory
- Good
- Excellent
- Any other comments on policing? .....

Which, if any, of the following crimes or antisocial behaviour is a problem locally, in your experience?

- Vandalism
- Noise
- Street drinking
- Drug abuse
- Littering
- Theft
- Dog waste
- Wildlife crime
- Other .....

What measures do you think would reduce crime or antisocial behaviour in the town?

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Are there enough litter and dog-waste bins in the town?

Yes  No

If no, where are they needed? .....

Would you accept an increase in the Precept for Northam Town Council which would allow additional local services to be provided

Yes  No

Given the Snow and Ice in 2010, would you be willing to join a group to help in times of emergency in the town? The Town Council is drawing up an Emergency Plan and would appreciate more people getting involved with this.

Yes  No

*If you have ticked 'Yes', please be sure that you have completed your contact details on the first page.*

**NORTHAM BURROWS**

The Town Council is looking into the acquisition of the Burrows do you agree that the Burrows should be run by Northam Town Council Yes  No

**ENVIRONMENT**

Which, if any, of the following issues do you think are the three most important? (Number 1-3)

Benches/Seats	
Pollution reduction by traffic reduction measures	
Preservation of old and planting of new hedgerows and trees	
Protection of existing green spaces	
Protection or creation of wildlife habitats (e.g. ponds, wild areas)	
Allotments	
Planting schemes/flowers	
Street Cleaning and Weeding	
Energy Saving and Renewable Energy	
Other:	

**BURROUGH FARM**

We are at present completing this area and would be pleased to have ideas from Residents as to how best complete the area. We are considering increasing the size of the Allotment area to further reduce the waiting list and the Football Pitch now having been fenced off will become a Dog Free Zone, as soon as TDC have the necessary legislation in place.

A number of ideas for enhancing this area, including a play site, tree and shrub planting (including fruit and nut trees), wild flower areas and a 'trim trail' have been put forward and the Council would very much welcome your ideas and comments regarding this matter.

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**YOUR TOWN COUNCIL**

It is important the Town Council knows that it is effective. To help it, please answer the following questions.

Do you know who your Town Councillors are and what the Town Council does?

Yes  No

Do you consider yourself well-informed about the activities in the town?

Yes  No

Do you visit the Council's Website ([www.northamtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.northamtowncouncil.gov.uk)) Yes  No

Would you like us to use Twitter  Facebook

If not, could you tell us the best way to keep you informed.

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The Town Council has a regular newsletter. Do you receive this newsletter, and do you read the information from the Town Council?

Yes  No

If not, could you tell us why not? .....

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

If you wish to comment on anything not covered by the questionnaire that you consider important to the future development of the town please do so below.

Please return completed form to the Town Clerk 1, Windmill Lane Northam EX39 1BY or use one of the collecting boxes in Summerlands or Heards Butchers, Westward Ho!, Northam Newsagents or the Appledore Library or email to [townclerk@northamtc.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@northamtc.eclipse.co.uk)