

Budleigh Salterton Town Council

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High Street Survey

The results of the recent High Street Survey were presented to the Town Council on 23 November 2020.

The Council had agreed to undertake the Survey following its proposals for temporary alterations to help with social distancing met with criticism earlier in the summer.

The Survey closed on 4 October and a group of Councillors volunteered to collate the results, which turned out to be quite a task, given the wealth of comments received.

The main conclusion of the summary report is that there is no consensus amongst local people about the way forward for the High Street. Responses presented a really mixed picture, and it became quite apparent there was no one scheme which the majority of respondents wished to be carried out.

At the Council Meeting, Councillors thanked local residents and businesses who had made their voices heard through the survey and agreed that this had been a huge learning curve for all involved as all the comments were really valuable in gauging the wide variety of local opinion.

The Town Council is publishing a summary of the results, so that people can see the breadth of views expressed. It will continue to monitor issues, for both pedestrians and drivers, in the High Street and will continue to review the many positive suggestions for improvement to see if an obvious solution becomes apparent which it can then bring it to fruition.

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