

POST-NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXHIBITION REPORT

14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2013

From 10am, when the doors were opened on Saturday morning, until after the 4pm closing time on Sunday afternoon, there was a steady stream of visitors to Sedlescombe Parish Council's Exhibition in the village hall. Overall, with some people coming back more than once, we had around 400 visitors, nearly all from the parish of course.

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| Residents attending | 358 (30% of the adult population) |
| Non-residents attending | <u>29</u> |
| Total | 387 |

For a lot of the time, the hall appeared to have turned into the reading room of a library or even an A-Level examination room so hushed was the atmosphere with people studying each of the display boards set up around the hall. The first 9 A1-sized boards were introductory with the next 13 giving details of the July 2012 Residents' Survey results. Following on were 7 boards showing the principles and criteria adopted during the Neighbourhood Plan Committee's categorisation of the different sites? The next step was completion of the forms. No-one appeared to rush their visit, some spending more than an hour considering how to rank the sites in order of preference. Throughout the twelve hours the Exhibition was open, Parish Councillors and the Clerk were on hand to answer the visitors' many questions.

Lots of compliments about the Exhibition and the amount of work that went into its preparation were received. Statements made like "we are very lucky to have a parish council willing to do all this work" and "thank you for all your hard work" were very nice to receive.

There are now a further 4 weeks allowed for those not able to attend the Exhibition to consider the displays online and complete and return their forms. The introductory section can be seen by clicking <http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk/a/PDFs/aExhibitionDisplays.pdf> and the sites at <http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk/a/PDFs/aExhibitionSites.pdf>.

Please write to the Clerk at sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk and she will e-mail you a copy of the appropriate form to complete. Closing date Friday 18/10/13.