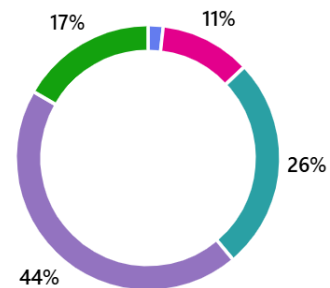


2026 Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council Survey Responses

Question 1: About you – your age

Under 18	1
18-35	6
36-55	14
55-70	24
Over 70	9



Question 2: postcodes

Question 3: Do you think speed is still a problem on our roads? If so, where?

- It's better but there are still issues with excessive speeding by some drivers
- Definitely on B4009
- Yes, along Love Lane
- B4009 with large fast bikers ignoring the 30mph zones and drivers generally not slowing down for the 30mph zone south to Newbury
- Very rarely any problem on the eastern side of Love Lane.
- Shaw end of Love Lane. It's 20 but people speed along.
- From top of Wantage turning up to and past Donnington Valley Hotel
- Yes. Love Lane near Trinity Field
- Love Lane and Long Lane
- Yes, on Love Lane between Trinity school and the Castle Pub.
- Yes, I don't want to let busses pass in Bastion Street
- Yes, speeding is still a big problem. You have reduced the limit to 30... with thanks for trying... but drivers are still not adhering to the limits. There are not enough reminder signs. Particularly on the brow of the hill or by the mini roundabout where you go right to continue in the Oxford Road towards Donning Valley Hotel. I simply cannot understand why drivers continue to drive at high speed along this section?? Oxford Road remains a dangerous place to be a pedestrian. The head eves are over grown even being forced to walk in the road. We need a 30 sign at the brow of the hill and a 30 reminder as you drive into Donnington from the town side. Reminder signs too small and need more calming measures to preserve life.
- Yes, around Vodafone roundabout.
- Going into the Donnington Heights estate
- Love lane has some speedy issues with the school
- Love Lane. We sometimes get loud motor bikes doing circuits late at night and also the 20mph limit often seems to be ignored. Maybe some smiley / frowny face signs would help.

- Yes, still a problem on Oxford Road near the pub and recreation ground. Also, a problem on Love Lane.
- Yes, especially during rush hour morning and mid-afternoon to early evening. Although it is now 30mph there is not enough signage to remind people from the Waitrose roundabout all the way to Donnington Valley Hotel we need 30mph on the tarmac together with illuminated signs, which do work.
- Yes, still on those roads but also Love Lane, and especially by the castle pub/Greek restaurant, it is dangerous to cross at times.
- People speed to get around the traffic calming outside trinity school
- Wantage Road
- No - the pot holes deter speeding!
- Yes, B4009 at Long Lane
- Generally OK - should be 20mph throughout parish

Plus – 13 said no issues

Question 4: Do you think the footpaths, bridleways and green routes in the parish are well maintained, safe to use and well lit? If not, please give details.

- Poor maintenance on footpath from Owen Road Field to Chieveley. Farmer makes it impossible to get through gate by placing water through next to gate then cattle churn up the area making it impassable especially in wet weather
- Vegetation encroaches upon footpaths in the summer months and is not cut back regularly enough.
- No; (i) the footpath along the river in Shaw Park parallel with the Church (from the Almond Ave underpass to exit by Shaw House) is very overgrown with tall nettles making the path very narrow. (ii) the bridle path from opposite Shaw Cemetery is very overgrown and narrow and has a lot of fly tipping of fir trees and other tree cuttings. (iii) the east side pavement from Kingsley Close to Owen Rd is extremely uneven and hard to walk along. (iv) the west side pavement on Shaw Hill from Love Lane to Lamp Acres is very uneven, re-re-patched and hard to walk along.
- Generally well maintained and streetlit
- The ground to the side of the pathway on Shaw Hill is poorly maintained with nettles and brambles encroaching onto the path itself. This is particularly problematic for families with children using the crossing into Dolmans. They can't see safely to cross.
- Shaw Hill still dark at night to walk along footpath.
- Litter is the biggest issue. In spring/summer when foliage is trimmed especially, it reveals a hidden flurry of litter
- Generally yes. However, the path at the junction of Love Lane and Shaw Hill is really overgrown all the way down to roundabout at bottom of hill. This is a well-used path and needs cutting back a lot.
- Mostly yes. We have beautiful footpaths I use regularly. The one by Donnington Valley Hotel is currently very overgrown though so I have to just go through their car

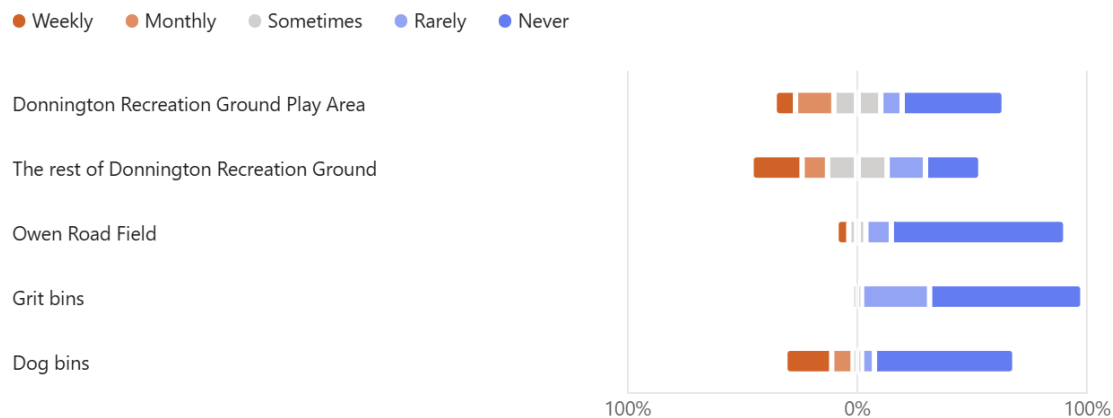
park. I'd also love to see more footpaths installed if possible through Brick Kiln wood up to Snelsmore East Common, it's such a shame we don't have the right to roam through beautiful woodland nearby.

- Some more than others are looked after. Path opposite Donnington Valley overgrown and forced to walk in the road or on the curb.
- Yes, however still a number of street lights that don't yet work on Garrison Meadows/ Donnington Heights. WBC tell us to contact DWH but they just refer you back to WBC
- Lots of overgrown verges and footpaths. Well-lit for the most part, but the main issue is the lack of maintenance as the pathways get narrower and narrower the longer the gap between maintenance
- The pathways we use seem to be fine. Perhaps an extra light on the path up Shaw Hill would help to alleviate a sometimes spooky dark bit.
- Many are overgrown or paths deeply uneven
- Currently many footpaths have overhanging branches and also low-level vegetation growing into the paths.
- Better than the roads.
- I walk down to the Donnington Valley Hotel and the hedges do grow a lot with our weather, especially the stinging nettles, not just the hedges. We were forced into the road due to having a pushchair recently as the path is narrow enough anyway. With vehicle wing mirrors on vans and SUV's sticking out you can feel the woosh! When they pass at speed. I often with my neighbour go out litter picking as and when we see litter and before black bin day so we can get rid of the rubbish from Costa, Burger King, beer cans and energy drinks.
- No, there is a lot of over grown hedges on the footpaths causing pedestrians to step onto the road especially with a pushchair. The gutters along the roads are growing enough crop to bake bread or brew beer, it used to be scrapped and then removed this then let's the road water flow away.
- There is no continuous footpath on Oxford Road so buggies and wheelchairs have to cross Oxford Road in several places.
- The bridleway alongside Owen Road Field is a disgrace. Fly tipping is prolific from the houses backing onto it until you enter the woodland area.
- There really needs to be a footpath connecting Long Lane to Fishers Lane. I see people running and walking on the road.
- Mostly fine, but needs trimming for summer overgrowth
- Not all - Oxford Road from Love Lane into Newbury is already now but now very overgrown and unsafe for families walking to school - into Newbury.
- Mostly OK, but during summer some pathways need extra strimming as overgrown with nettles, e.g. along Lambourn River by Shaw House.
- some footpaths could do with more maintaining
- Some parts of Love Lane are not well lit
- Oxford Road, near Donnington Hotel, hedge grown over pavement have to get in gutter as it is stinging nettles and brambles. No street lights at all.

- Not sure if WBC is responsible. But the path from the Chase is only the one side, it's very narrow in most parts. The hedge overgrowth completely covers the narrow path with c prevents hikers clear access and have to resort to stepping out on the Oxford Road.
- Hedges are overgrown up Shaw Hill
- Maintained yes, but need to be cleaned clear of dead branches etc. more often and need accessibility to be improved. Drop kerbs on the end of Love Lane junction of Oxford Road.
- Footpath at end of shop land and across the top - full of stingers and brambles
- They are not maintained at all - see end comment
- NO!!
- OK for me in Donnington Village

Plus 8 who say no issues

Question 5: How often have you visited or used these Parish Council assets in the last year?



Question 6: Which of these events have you attended?

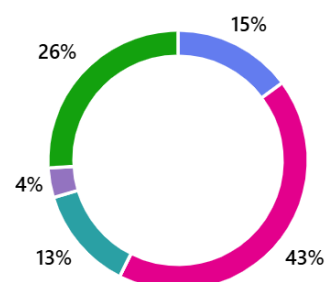
Beacon lighting 16

Fete 42 (some had to tick this to get to end of questionnaire, so not reliable)

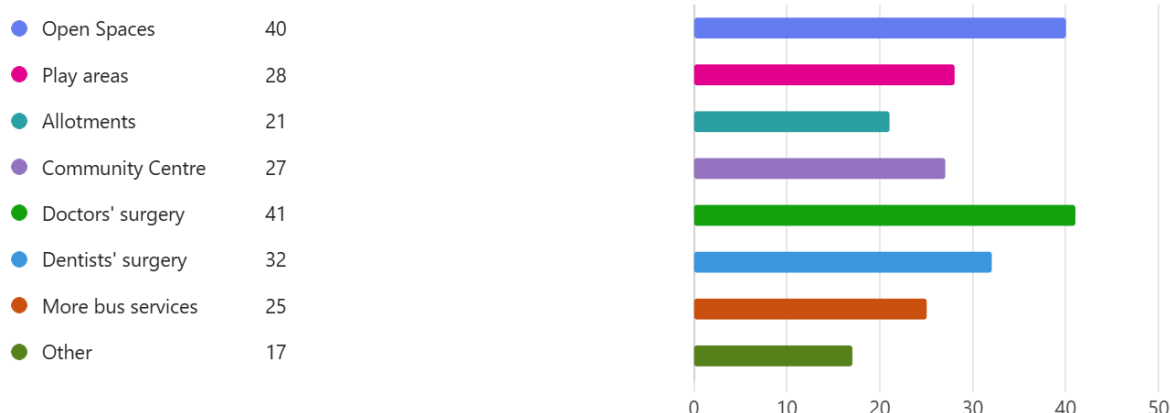
Litter picks 9

Question 7: Devolution of Assets – should the Parish Council take on more assets if offered them by WBC – e.g. litter bins, the park opposite Shaw House, maintenance of footpaths and pavements, more streetlights, etc. Potential a better, more responsive service, but it could mean an increase in the element of Council Tax that you pay to the Parish Council.

Strongly agree	8
Agree	23
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	14

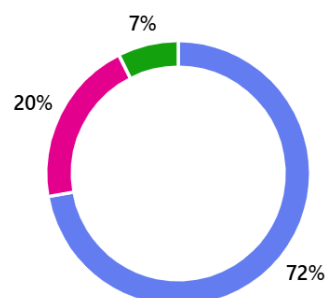


Question 8: Possible further housing development in the Parish – it is highly likely that at some point in the future our parish will see more new major housing development. What community facilities should the Parish Council request from developers? Please tick all that you would like to see.



Question 9: Protecting the rural character of Shaw-cum-Donnington should be a priority.

Strongly agree	39
Agree	11
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	4



Question 10: What other community events would you like to see take place in the parish?

- Putting certain WBC officers in the pillories.
- Cross cultural events e.g. World Cup Nations Street party, more events for neighbours to meet each other in low pressure situations (walk/run club)
- Youth club and some informal meet and chat type session for adults.
- A quiz would be nice or something at Christmas. Carols?
- We have not attended the littler picks but my husband and neighbour in RG14 3AG weekly pick up littler between the hotel and where the old Donnington sign was.
- Something to build community on the new build estates
- Concerts, bands, events targeted at adopted and special needs children, more outdoor theatre (weather permitting)
- Is there anything more river related we need help with? Feel they get overlooking sometimes
- Maybe increase the number of litter picks and try to involve Trinity school

- More litter picking especially since the housing development off love lane had increased the footfall in the area. The rivers are full of fallen trees and creating a problem allowing water to flow away
- quiz nights, cinema nights, jazz/music events
- I would like to see more online connections (Instagram, WhatsApp Groups) and engagement to know what is going on. Long Lane noticeboard is always empty and looks depressing.
- Talks of interest, e.g. local history, astronomy and art classes
- Monthly litter picks. History walks, river wildlife and river cleaning. Natural history walks, bats. Road sign cleaning washing/cutting vegetation.
- Arts and Crafts
- I believe we do enough

Question 11: Does the quarterly parish newsletter contain useful information?

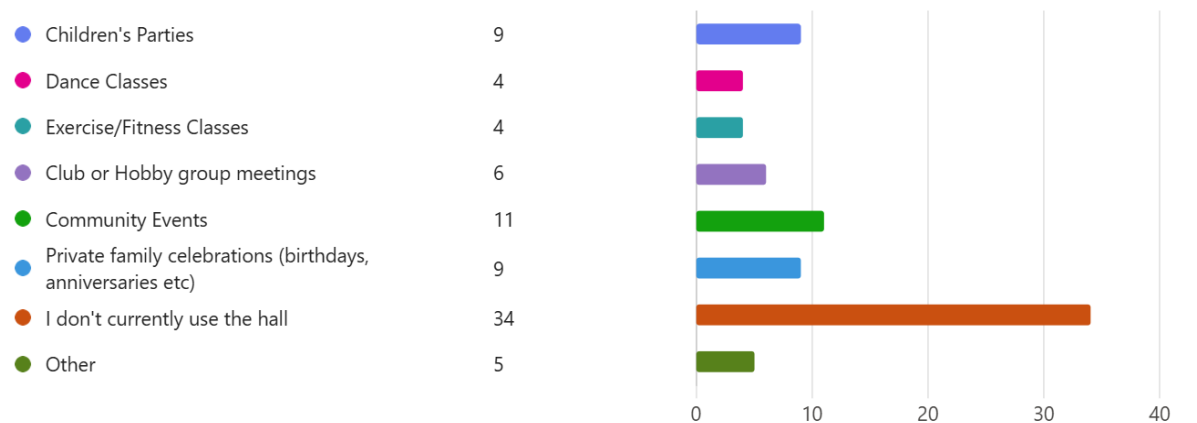


Question 12 What other information would you like to see in the newsletter?

- It's perfect as it is.
- When volunteers are needed What clubs are on in the village hall and when they meet/how to join
- It's reasonably comprehensive. Thank you.
- More activities should be organized
- Planning applications and parish council decisions related to them
- It covers most items you would want to see and be aware of
- Fabulous newsletter!
- Perhaps include a reminder to residents about picking up after their dogs wherever they walk them. There seems to have been an increase in dog fouling during the last twelve months.
- Schedule for parish quiz nights and table top sales at village hall, or Shaw Church to raise money for village hall re-build
- Feedback from this survey – transparency. On the spot surveys and results – i.e. ask people walking through have an idea what needs doing etc. Instagram is also good
- Difficult to say, it is at present very informative
- Already very well done. Helpful and Useful.

Question 13: Village Hall improvements – your ideas – There is a plan to extend and refurbish the Village Hall which has been at the heart of our community since 1912. The project can only happen with support from grants and local fundraising. **How do you currently use the Village Hall?**

Question 14: If more hall space were available, how likely would you be to attend



more activities?

Question 15: The hall extension will allow more health and wellbeing activities, such as: NHS outreach clinics; fitness/mobility sessions; mental wellbeing/community support

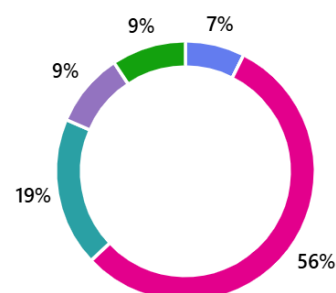


services groups. How valuable would this be for the local community?



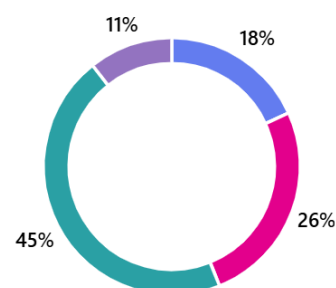
Question 16: The hall extension will include a second smaller hall, which could host a community café or informal meeting space. **Would you use a community café at the hall?**

● Yes, regularly	4
● Occasionally	30
● Unlikely	10
● No	5
● Not sure	5



Question 17: Which activities would you most like to see/would you attend if available in the future at the hall?

● Children (e.g. holiday clubs, baby and toddler groups)	12
● Young people (e.g. youth cubs, sports/fitness, study space)	17
● Adults and Older Residents (e.g. coffee mornings, community cafe, hobby/craft)	30
● Other	7



Question 18: In one sentence: what would you most like the Village Hall to offer the community in the future?

- A sense of togetherness within the parish.
- social interaction opportunities to meet people and chat informally to breakdown loneliness
- Accessible space for all people in our community
- All of the above
- Social Groups
- Coffee morning
- Baby/toddler community activities for fun and for new parents to mingle
- A community hub with keep fit sessions and drop in info
- Expect a child so for kids and parents social events.
- I would like more that suits people who work full time.
- Health related initiatives
- Engaging activities for all ages
- A place where people can meet and celebrate community spirit.
- Be a community hub
- Somewhere safe for young people/teens to go

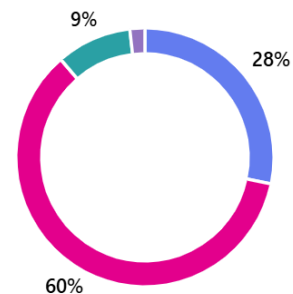
- Variety of events for all ages - currently seems to be aimed at children or older residents - for example, food festivals, live music or something else to showcase local businesses, traders and producers
- An inclusive space for all, with interesting events and talks.
- A place to bring young people take without devices
- A community cafe would be great
- A place that can provide information about the parish and bring the community together.
- Maybe craft evenings to show people about crafts and how it can help their mental health
- Place for older people to meet
- Safe space for exercise/fitness classes during daytime when older residents more likely to attend. Cinema nights.
- External noticeboard making it clear what events/classes are offered in the hall would help.
- A space that can be used for a range of events
- Something for young people, they have few places to go.
- for adults and older residents as above.
- Health and wellbeing services

Question 19 Can you help us with our new project? (Village Hall)

- Open to help. I'll reach out
- Happy to pick up litter, clean signs and cut vegetation back.

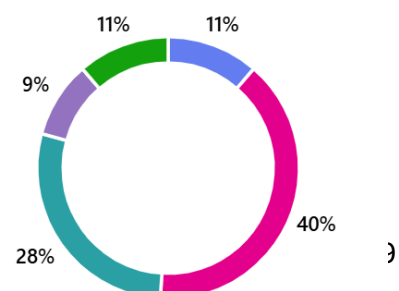
Question 20: Our local environment Shaw-cum-Donnington's public green spaces (e.g. recreation grounds, local fields, parks and public areas) are well cared for.

● Strongly agree	15
● Agree	32
● Disagree	5
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	0



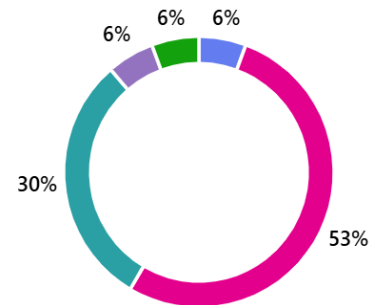
Question 21: You feel well-informed about flood risks affecting parts of the parish.

● Strongly agree	6
● Agree	21
● Disagree	15
● Strongly disagree	5
● Don't know	6



Question 22: You feel you have enough information about environmental projects and opportunities to get involved.

● Strongly agree	3
● Agree	28
● Disagree	16
● Strongly disagree	3
● Don't know	3



Question 23 Do you think litter is a problem in parts of Shaw-cum-Donnington? If so, where?

- By the river too much fly tipping.
- Yes - wherever there are people.
- Along Vodafone walk west along the bank with Love Lane and around the secondary school
- Not so much anymore
- Sometimes on Shaw Hill but not a particular problem.
- River and parks
- Over flowing bins around recreational ground mainly summer months
- Yes, in Shaw Park, on Shaw valley estate, on the sides of roads e.g. outside Donnington golf club, most footpaths including the footpath around Vodafone and near the trinity school, especially where foliage has been recently trimmed back
- No. Generally low in litter, except by roadside at the bottom of Shaw Hill and near trinity school
- Shaw Farm Road
- At Shaw Recreation ground. Litter and graffiti.
- Near the school
- Litter is a problem in many areas. Particularly along the road side. We do a weekly litter pick in RG143AG
- Donington heights
- Donnington heights estate - I often go round picking up litter that has blown away during bin collection days.
- Around Shaw Park where Trinity kids frequent (though I am not pointing any fingers) and discarded bottles etc. in the River Lambourn. Also, in the hedgerows by the path around Vodafone.
- Not too bad
- Definitely a litter problem at the playground near the river (Judo club area) despite there being 3 waste bins it often includes broken glass. Also littering in the underpass and the beyond.

- Yes, especially B4494 most products from Chieveley Service Station end up on the verge. Lately people from Donnington heights sit up in the field next to A339, which is a private land belonging to Fairhurst estates. They drink and leave their empty cans and bottles. Should there be litter bins along the footpaths.
- Children's playground near the judo club and tennis club also the underpass. This seems to be worse during school lunchtimes but even worse during school holidays, maybe larger bins would help. There's is also a cannabis problem in this area with using and dealing, the dealers are coming in on pushbikes
- Someone is littering & leaving chicken carcasses in Owen Road field, making dogs ill.
- Verges on A339. Verges on Oxford Road from Sovereign housing down to the Greek Table (lots of weeds, brambles encroaching on pavements as well).
- Yes, the road from the 2 small shops up to Trinity School - Church Road and Shaw Road.
- Yes. Donnington Castle and the rivers in the parks
- Yes! B4009 especially where no pavement. I regularly litter pick along the Long Lane section with a pavement, but the other bits, especially by the cattery are messy.
- Somewhat, near Shaw Park woodlands
- On Love Lane before it gets to Oxford Road junction
- Yes, area along by Trinity School, by Church Road, and benches in Shaw Park opposite Shaw House
- Yes, Shaw Park and through tunnel to Trinity
- Yes, on the Donnington Heights estate
- Yes, Church Road and footpath on Shaw Hill - no bins Shaw crossroad area
- Yes, from the Castle Pub all the way to Donnington & Co Hotel
- Possibly Greek Table car park - may be better now.

Plus 5 saying no

Question 24 If you have any further comments or suggestions, please complete the box below.

- I look forward to seeing the results of this survey.
- I think the parish council has really improved the community activities available.
- Please look at the road speed signage. Need to be bigger and more strategically placed. I understand space between lampposts should indicate a speed but if you haven't taken your test in UK probably not aware of this. Speed is a huge safety concern. Calming measures need to be put in place.
- Please ensure any developer who ensures for a school actually builds the school.
- The grounds maintenance in the Shaw recreation ground and the park the other side of the underpass is appalling. Particularly weeds around the railings of the fenced play equipment making it look very unloved; most of these have now gone to seed so there'll be even more weeds next year. These used to be such nice areas but not

anymore and this doesn't encourage users to look after the area and not drop litter. We as a family hate going there now.

- Could we have traffic lights at the cross road by the castle pub.
- I feel the parish council are doing a great job, thank you
- 'Please help keep our village tidy/clean' signs along Love Lane near the footpaths. How did the I (heart) Greek Table sign get planning approval in a heritage area?
- The path from Shaw Valley estate to the Connection is not maintained. It is under parish control and needs trimming and path improvement.
- Improve education to under 18s of the importance to keep our world clean. I know this is really the responsibility of their parents, however many are lacking in this duty which is quite sad really.
- Our main concern is speeding traffic, construction vehicles etc. are a major contributor, but ALL vehicles are a concern as can be very dangerous as no pavement in some parts. Also, there are a lot of farm vehicles back and forth again at speed (I did not know they could go so fast) Thank you.
- Speed and noise of motorbikes 6am to 12.30am very disturbing. Motorbikes with sports exhaust systems are taking advantage of the dual carriageway 'circuit' and no police, speed cameras to stop the ABUSE. Make Donnington Quiet Again! Perhaps some 'quiet area' signs may help? Happy to do some speed checks or noise checks/surveys etc. Change limits on Shaw Hill to 20mph and beyond Vodafone to 50mph to 30mph. There is no need for 50mph as we have a bypass now! Fishing in River Lambourn - signs, wildlife info (helps stop rubbish going in). Allow Green Park meadow to stay a meadow.
- a more collaborative relationship with Sovereign Housing would be useful as they don't seem interested in our concerns about bamboo growing in our neighbours garden which is encroaching on our garden.
- The pavements need to be more accessible for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.
- I would like to see more done about the footpaths in the area. May are overgrown and almost impassable. The stinging nettles and brambles are dangerous for children and dogs and spoil any walks. Please could they be cut back?
- You are doing an excellent job, Thank you! (smiley face)