

Analysis

305 people collected their over 70's gift and 128 (42%) completed forms were received. Not everyone completed both sides of form or all questions.

Q1 – asked which of 22 items most needed improvement. The top 5 were:

- Road and pavement repairs (67%)
- Level of traffic congestion (66%)
- Clean streets (58%)
- Speeding (56%)
- Parking/Affordable housing (34%)

Q3 – How strongly do you feel you understand what the Town Council does?

- 46 (50%) responded very or fairly strongly

Q4 – MTC:

	Very/fairly strongly
Listens to the concern of local residents	60 (60%)
Is making the local area a better place to live	53 (62%)
Is working to make the area safer	53 (55%)
Is working to make the area cleaner	47 (49%)
Is efficient and well run and provides good value for money	52 (53%)
Is effective in its support of local organisations	76 (84%)
Is trustworthy	73 (73%)

Q2 Comments – Thinking about being a Meltham resident who is over 70 years of age, is there anything else that you think needs improving?

Parking (4)

Street cleaning (4)

Dog poo (7)

Traffic issues (7)

Snow clearing for elderly (3)

Ensure running of/extend bus service 933 (2)

Improved community facilities (4)

Street lights need to be on (2)

Better visibility of councillors (1)

Return of litter bin (1)

Q5 – Is there anything else we have not covered that you feel is important? Your thoughts are important to us.

Expanding population and demand on services (5)

Dog poo (2)

Traffic/parking (9)

Litter (2)

Next steps

Do we need to collect more data from different sectors of the community? If so, how – schools, coffee morning, Crossroads shops?

Need to feed-back something to those who completed the questionnaire

Q2 Comments – Thinking about being a Meltham resident who is over 70 years of age, is there anything else that you think needs improving?

Nothing, I am quite happy living in Meltham, I was born here

Parking on roads

Better adequate funding to enable improvements in all community aspects

All areas could be improved with adequate funding

Cut speeding cars on all roads

Street cleaning Helme Lane Harrison Lane never see sweeper, leaves an issue

Conservation of green spaces and countryside

Ensure the continued running of Meltham local bus (933)

Maybe extend the frequency of the 933 Meltham Rover

Clarke Lane is a one way street but people still come down, needs signs putting up at eye level before someone gets killed

More of the precept should be spent on keeping the pavements free of grass and shrubs. More residents use them and less use park

Snow clearing on side streets

Spoke to Kate about dog fouling on Holmfirth Road round the bushes, can we have a sign to say 'no dog fouling'?

Put traffic lights at main junction, stop parking on Huddersfield Road outside Co-op

Better coordination of, and support for, community groups development. A regular local forum could help to get the best out of all groups and their activities.

Fly-tipping and litter and loss of trees along Leyards Lane, New Bridge Road, Millmoor Road are

Dog poo dropped by irresponsible dog walkers

Bussing 11-16 yrs to local state schools is unsustainable. Meltham needs a secondary school and possibly another primary school of building continues. Introducing school bus fares will disadvantage many local families

Pavement clearing in winter snow and ice

Clearing of snow and ice in winter for pensioners and disabled

Some more activities for the elderly

Pot holes and traffic congestion should be absolutely top priority

Being over 70 don't know about younger generations but Wessenden head road has too many cars

Housing for elderly

Never come up Sycamore Avenue (re cleaning streets); Bus station being vandalised (re crime); if you want to speak to me feel free 07783509615

Dog fouling (4)

More visibility of councillors

Cars parked on yellow lines

Policing of people parking on yellow lines, ie traffic warden

Congestion of traffic on Carlile street by the PO is getting worse – extremely busy junction

Return of litter bin that council took away nearly 18 months ago in Carlile Street

Please put more street lights on, too many turned off

Too many street lights out in Meltham

Too much dog muck

Millmoor road (road repairs)

Leisure facilities – Honley does better

Q5 – Is there anything else we have not covered that you feel is important? Your thoughts are important to us.

Expanding population, demand on services

Streets clean except for dog dirt

Too many takeaways, need variety

More parking near the middle of Meltham – if any space could be found

I think we need traffic lights

Meltham is ruined!!

Speeding on Holmfirth Road. Too many large vehicles on this road through Meltham

More police on foot to avoid traffic congestion occurring with more houses being built

Where are all the children from all the new housing going to go to school?

Hopefully the Town Council could set up a housing trust to cover areas and properties in certain areas where Kirklees Council policy overrides what these properties were designed and built for e.g. disabled and/or elderly residents

Traffic control, Westgate and centre

Sudden increase in building – without concern for infrastructure e.g. schools, doctors and increase in traffic safety

Dogs fouling the pavements not good

Good to see so many councillors at the Over 70 Gift Day. Elections must be due (think this is Pam)

Meltham needs cleaning up. Streets full of leaves, rubbish etc, peoples gardens full of rubbish waiting to be disposed of

Don't build any more houses or we will be at a standstill

Speed cameras to cover black spots particularly Holmfirth Road

Speed cameras on Holmfirth Road by school

Too much being spent on CCTV when the system seems to be useless. Cars park all over with no respect for zigzags and yellow lines, speed restrictions not being enforced (think this is Pam)

Need a drop-in centre where issues can be raised and acted on

Parking disgraceful on car park and outside PO

No help with trimming the trees at the bottom of Green Lane and to the rear of Carlile Street, in strong winds very frightening

Could involve locals in litter-picking, park tidying etc, work parties- I am sure you'd get a response

Road clearing of snow for pensioners and disabled

The loss of environmental quality over the past 20 years, loss of land to building destroys the vital soak-away, and run-off to the waters from the moor. Flooding is inevitable is tree loss, building and concretisation continues! Act now!