

Survey Results: An Exclusive Preview for Members

The Shoreham Society conducts the Shoreham Survey every five years to discover the views, concerns and wishes of residents about Shoreham as a whole and the particular areas they live in.

We conducted the 2025 survey in October and November last year. While we continue to work through the analysis of the 800+ responses we received, including over 4,700 verbatim comments, some general themes are emerging. This is a short summary of them.

The survey began with some general questions about overall likes and dislikes together with ideas for improvements in Shoreham-by-Sea. Key positive aspects of living in Shoreham continue to be its natural beauty and the proximity to the sea, River Adur and South Downs. Also, its community spirit and vibrant town centre are highly valued.

OVER-DEVELOPMENT

But the local issue continuing to dominate concern is the overdevelopment on the Western Harbour Arm along with the lack of corresponding infrastructure to accommodate the expected population influx. The most requested improvements are to control new development, provide better traffic management and protect our natural environment.

Other concerns relate to the lack of provision of social infrastructure, such as medical and

dental services, schools and youth clubs.

Common among residents of all Shoreham's Wards is a sense of community, love of open spaces, and desire to enhance their immediate environment.

Residents want to preserve the things they value while addressing common issues, and for these reasons, councilors who have been effective are highly valued.

Issues common to all Wards are mainly transport related and

include the urgent need to reduce traffic volume and speed and enforce parking etiquette; improved foot travel achieved with better quality pavements and more pedestrianisation; and more, safer cycle routes to join up Shoreham.

We will publish the full Shoreham Survey 2025 report at the end of January. It will include charts of the results and trends, together with our conclusions and specific suggestions and ideas that were made by residents.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17 January at 7pm on Zoom

SHOREHAM SURVEY 2025 – THE RESULTS!

Revealing some of the trends and insights we have found as we work through the analysis of the 800+ responses we received including over 4,700 verbatim comments.

The Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761515301?pwd=Eu0YruffsnfNxu5cm64traQ3sDbXqD.1>

Friday 21 February at 7.30pm St Peters Hall, £3

“MUMMY, WHAT WAS A POLAR BEAR”

David Gill will talk about his professional trips to both Antarctic and Arctic regions over many years. His stunning images collected around the poles tell a story that will have a huge impact on us all.



Shoreham-by-Sea Tree Festival 2025

Did you know that Shoreham has 6% tree cover, compared with the England average of 13%, and the EU at 40%? The good news is that lots of local people and organisations have been working to plant more trees.

Join us to celebrate all trees and to have fun during our festival over the two weekends of 14/15 June and 21/22 June 2025.

The Shoreham Society is collaborating with Transition Town Shoreham, Wordfest, Tree Action, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, the Birch Tree Project and many others to bring a huge range of tree-related things to do over the two weekends. Through walks, talks, storytelling, woodcrafting, competitions and more we will offer activities suitable for children, young people and adults alike.

Put the dates in your diary now...and look out for the Tree Festival programme in the New Year.

Happy 40th Birthday to Us!

Plans are afoot for a fantastic year of celebration in 2025. There are many opportunities to get involved – from helping plant trees to researching the history of buildings ... and all points between.

200 YEARS OF RAILWAYS

The big national event is 200 years of the railway. The introduction of the railway radically changed the movement of goods and people which affected everyone.

Shoreham-by-Sea Station will be 185 years old and will host a **Big Birthday Weekend on 10-11 May** to tell the history of the railway, run children's activities and show how the green areas of the station are being refreshed.

OTHER BIG BIRTHDAYS IN SHOREHAM

The Marlipins Museum will be celebrating 100 years of the Museum in Shoreham's oldest secular building. It's been a landmark of 'New Shoreham' since the 12th century. Keep an eye out for their anniversary events.

Friends of Old Shoreham will be marking 50 years of being a conservation area and hope to hold a Midsummer Fair on 21st June – a relaxed and entertaining event to widen awareness of the Old Shoreham area.

Finally, the **Shoreham Society** reaches its 40th year. We are marking the occasion with a number of events linking with other anniversaries and this year's Heritage Open Days theme of 'Architecture'. It will be an opportunity to feature the buildings and people who were connected to the railways. If you have any knowledge of these please share them with us.

If you are interested in contributing to any of these projects, contact: info@shorehamsociety.org.uk

And The Shoreham Society is in great shape for the next 40 years. The town is changing quicker than ever before. With your help, however, we are committed to meeting the challenges that brings, and to fulfilling the potential of the best little town in West Sussex.



Recognise this sad sight? Catch up with "Unlisted", a series of articles on the unsung heroes of Shoreham's architecture at:

<https://www.shorehamsociety.org.uk/change-for-the-phone/>

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have you been a member of the Shoreham Society right from the beginning? We would love to hear from you and reflect on what has happened in Shoreham during that time.

Contact Jenny Towler at info@shorehamsociety.org.uk

INBOX

Hi Shoreham Society,

A neighbour showed me your November issue of *The Journal*. I've subsequently joined the Shoreham Society.

In *The Journal* I saw the page listing current developments but noticed one significant development missing.

Just north of the railway bridge on Old Shoreham Road, there's a gravel site at the front of the Waterfront estate, adjacent to the car sales plot.

The gravel site has planning permission for 35 apartments and is owned by Cross Stone. ADC rejected Cross Stone's plans for 35 apartments as being over-dense, over-bearing, lacking parking etc. Cross Stone appealed and the Government's Inspector granted Cross Stone permission.

Richard Allan

Dear Shoreham Society,

Just to say how impressed I am with the new journal. It is interesting and pertinent to current issues and written in an approachable relaxed style. The layout and use of pictures supports the reporting, and altogether I think it's great!

Heather Godfrey

If you have any comments to make please email them to:

editorial@shorehamsociety.org.uk

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you want to help make Shoreham a better place to live? From helping out with the Tree Festival to distributing our publications, volunteering with The Shoreham Society is also a great way of meeting new people.

Irene Hall volunteers at our regular talks. "I meet and greet members and their guests," says Irene. "I'm always impressed by the energy and creativity of those who give them and do so much to add to the richness of Shoreham life."

To find out more about volunteering, just email: info@shorehamsociety.org.uk

WORD TO THE WEB-WISE

Remember lockdown? After the panic and fear had subsided, unknown pleasures began to appear. For me, one of these was the on-line library of lectures from Gresham College. Founded in 1597 by a wealthy Tudor merchant, Gresham College is a like an open access university.

Every year or so they appoint leaders in their fields to become visiting professors, delivering a series of public lectures. I learned a lot, for example, about the history of English architecture from Simon Thurley's entertaining series at <https://tinyurl.com/4bm7zms3>.

If you have a favourite website that you would like to share with other members, email us at editorial@shorehamsociety.org.uk