



EXMOOR

NATIONAL PARK

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Partnership Plan Review 2016

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Filter: None

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TextBlock:

Exmoor's Special Qualities Do you think that the condition of any of the special qualities listed below has changed over the past five years?

Large areas of open moorland providing a sense of remoteness, wildness and tranquillity rare in southern Britain.


Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			548	60.2 %
Getting Better			121	13.3 %
Getting Worse			117	12.8 %
No Response(s)			123	13.5 %
Totals			909	100%

A distinct and diverse landscape of softly rounded hills and ridges, with heather and grass moors, spectacular coastal views, deeply incised wooded valleys, high sea cliffs, fast flowing streams, traditional upland farms and characteristic beech hedgebanks

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			581	63.9 %
Getting Better			147	16.1 %
Getting Worse			56	6.1 %
No Response(s)			125	13.7 %
Totals			909	100%

A timeless landscape mostly free from intrusive development with striking views inside and out of the National Park, and where the natural beauty of Exmoor,


and its dark night skies can be appreciated

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			528	58.0 %
Getting Better			147	16.1 %
Getting Worse			105	11.5 %
No Response(s)			129	14.1 %
Totals			909	100%


A mosaic of habitats supporting a great diversity of wildlife including herds of wild red deer, rich lichen communities, rare fritillary butterflies, bats, and other species uncommon in southern Britain

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			453	49.8 %
Getting Better			229	25.1 %
Getting Worse			84	9.2 %
No Response(s)			143	15.7 %
Totals			909	100%


A complex and rich historic landscape that reflects how people have lived in, used and enjoyed Exmoor over the past 8000 years, including prehistoric landscapes and monuments such as burial mounds on ridges and discrete stone settings, ancient farmsteads, hamlets, picturesque villages and historic estates

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			573	63.0 %
Getting Better			135	14.8 %
Getting Worse			57	6.2 %
No Response(s)			144	15.8 %
Totals			909	100%


A deeply rural community closely linked to the land with strong local traditions and ways of life

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			373	41.0 %
Getting Better			98	10.7 %
Getting Worse			291	32.0 %
No Response(s)			147	16.1 %
Totals			909	100%


A farmed landscape with locally distinctive breeds such as Red Devon cattle; Devon Closewool and Exmoor Horn sheep, and herds of free living Exmoor ponies

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			460	50.6 %
Getting Better			174	19.1 %
Getting Worse			118	12.9 %
No Response(s)			157	17.2 %
Totals			909	100%

An exceptional rights of way network, with paths that are often rugged and narrow in character, along with extensive areas of open country and permitted access, providing superb opportunities for walking, riding and cycling

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			358	39.3 %
Getting Better			301	33.1 %
Getting Worse			102	11.2 %
No Response(s)			148	16.2 %
Totals			909	100%

A landscape that provides inspiration and enjoyment to visitors and residents alike.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Little Change			487	53.5 %
Getting Better			243	26.7 %
Getting Worse			34	3.7 %
No Response(s)			145	15.9 %
Totals			909	100%





Do these special qualities capture what you feel is special about Exmoor?

467 Response(s)

TextBlock:

Issues and Challenges In 2006 we ran a survey to gather views on the issues facing Exmoor. We are now re-running this survey in order to gauge how opinions have changed over the last 10 years, and have included a few additional statements on current issues. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with as many of the following statements as you have views on:

I would like to see more effort at increasing the number of visitors outside of the peak times in July and August

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			482	53.0 %
Disagree			222	24.4 %
Don't know			91	10.0 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that interpretation boards are intrusive in the landscape and ought not to be provided.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			213	23.4 %
Disagree			474	52.1 %
Don't know			108	11.8 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

I would use public transport more if it was made more widely available.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			390	42.9 %
Disagree			285	31.3 %
Don't know			116	12.7 %
No Response(s)			118	12.9 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that the maintenance of traditional landscape features such as beech hedgebanks and stone walls should be a priority.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			697	76.6 %
Disagree			43	4.7 %
Don't know			62	6.8 %
No Response(s)			107	11.7 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that more needs to be done to investigate Exmoor's archaeology and increase our knowledge of Exmoor's history.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			493	54.2 %
Disagree			114	12.5 %
Don't know			185	20.3 %
No Response(s)			117	12.8 %
Totals			909	100%


I would not object if visitor numbers in Exmoor National Park increased compared to current levels:

1 = agree, 2 = disagree, 3 = don't know


Answer	1	2	3	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
by 10%				634	1.3
by 25%				652	1.7
by 50%				639	1.9

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.


I would like to see greater control over commercial game shooting in the National Park to minimise any negative impacts.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			446	49.0 %
Disagree			245	26.9 %
Don't know			111	12.2 %
No Response(s)			107	11.7 %
Totals			909	100%


I believe that it is more important to meet the needs of local people for jobs and housing than to conserve the National Park landscape.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			239	26.2 %
Disagree			396	43.5 %
Don't know			158	17.3 %
No Response(s)			116	12.7 %
Totals			909	100%


If the native Exmoor trees decline due to climate change or pests and diseases I would support the planting of non-native species which are better adapted or more resistant.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			429	47.1 %
Disagree			259	28.4 %
Don't know			111	12.2 %
No Response(s)			110	12.1 %
Totals			909	100%


I believe that the needs of farms is a priority and modern farm buildings should be allowed even where they are prominent in the Exmoor landscape.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			316	34.7 %
Disagree			364	40.0 %
Don't know			119	13.0 %
No Response(s)			110	12.1 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that a high priority should be given to improving conditions in Exmoor's rivers and streams for fish such as salmon and trout.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			626	68.8 %
Disagree			51	5.6 %
Don't know			117	12.8 %
No Response(s)			115	12.6 %
Totals			909	100%




My enjoyment of Exmoor is being eroded by excessive road markings and signage.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			262	28.8 %
Disagree			446	49.0 %
Don't know			92	10.1 %
No Response(s)			109	11.9 %
Totals			909	100%





An aspect of Exmoor that is important to me is its distinctive way of life and local communities' strong links to the land.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			665	73.1 %
Disagree			62	6.8 %
Don't know			69	7.5 %
No Response(s)			113	12.4 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that every effort should be made to increase the length of bridleways in the National Park.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			325	35.7 %
Disagree			213	23.4 %
Don't know			257	28.2 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

I support initiatives to encourage more people to get involved and volunteer on Exmoor.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			704	77.4 %
Disagree			20	2.2 %
Don't know			71	7.8 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

I support an increase in the following activities in the National Park where they help attract visitors and provide income to local businesses:

1 = Agree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Don't Know





Answer	1	2	3	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Wildlife safaris / wildlife watching.				794	1.2
Equestrian trails, courses and events.				785	1.4
Small camping sites (fewer than 10 pitches).				794	1.3
Large Camping Sites (more than 10 pitches)				779	1.9
Sites for caravans/camper vans.				783	1.8
Mountain bike courses.				784	1.6
4x4, quad bike and motor bike trails and events.				791	1.9
River kayaking and canoeing.				790	1.3
Sea kayaking and canoeing				791	1.2
Wild camping.				788	1.6

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

I think that more opportunities should be provided for less able people to access the wilder parts of Exmoor.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			494	54.3 %
Disagree			145	15.9 %
Don't know			158	17.3 %
No Response(s)			112	12.3 %
Totals			909	100%





I support efforts to eradicate non-native invasive species (such as knotweed, himalayan balsam plants and signal crayfish) from the National Park.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			770	84.7 %
Disagree			11	1.2 %
Don't know			20	2.2 %
No Response(s)			108	11.8 %
Totals			909	100%





I would consider making a donation to help look after the National Park e.g. through schemes such as CareMoor.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			401	44.1 %
Disagree			99	10.8 %
Don't know			295	32.4 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

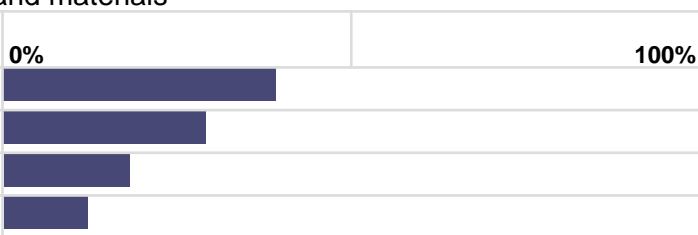
There are some places in the National Park where my enjoyment of the special qualities is adversely affected by the amount of dog faeces.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			325	35.7 %
Disagree			323	35.5 %
Don't know			151	16.6 %
No Response(s)			110	12.1 %
Totals			909	100%

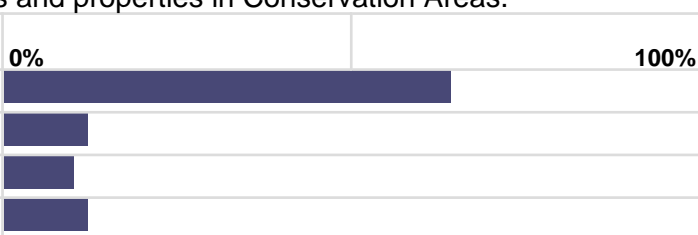
I think it is more important to enable local people to access modern communications technology by allowing the installation of masts and dishes than it is to protect the Exmoor landscape.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			351	38.6 %
Disagree			320	35.2 %
Don't know			120	13.2 %
No Response(s)			118	12.9 %
Totals			909	100%

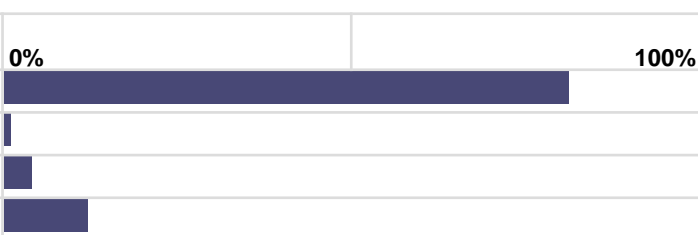
I think the character of Exmoor's towns and villages is being eroded by unsympathetic developments such as the use of non-traditional designs and materials

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			359	39.4 %
Disagree			265	29.1 %
Don't know			172	18.9 %
No Response(s)			113	12.4 %
Totals			909	100%

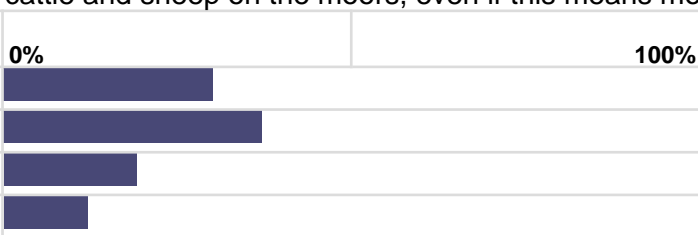
I would like to see public grants to help owners conserve listed buildings and properties in Conservation Areas.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			588	64.6 %
Disagree			115	12.6 %
Don't know			93	10.2 %
No Response(s)			113	12.4 %
Totals			909	100%





I support actions that help conserve rare species that are declining within the National Park.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			745	81.9 %
Disagree			12	1.3 %
Don't know			39	4.2 %
No Response(s)			113	12.4 %
Totals			909	100%





I would like to see more cattle and sheep on the moors, even if this means more fencing

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			276	30.3 %
Disagree			342	37.6 %
Don't know			178	19.5 %
No Response(s)			113	12.4 %
Totals			909	100%





In the last month I have purchased Exmoor produce in preference to similar products from elsewhere.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			471	51.8 %
Disagree			177	19.4 %
Don't know			135	14.8 %
No Response(s)			126	13.8 %
Totals			909	100%

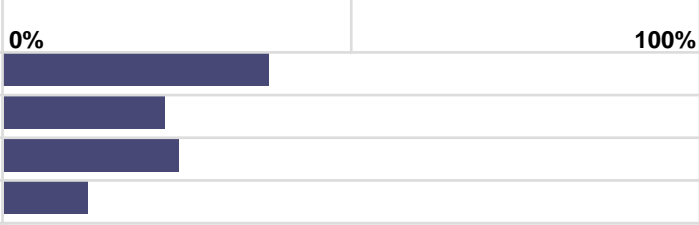
If the wild red deer herds begin to decline, I think that priority should be given to ensuring that they continue to be a special feature of Exmoor.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			699	76.8 %
Disagree			45	4.9 %
Don't know			47	5.1 %
No Response(s)			118	12.9 %
Totals			909	100%

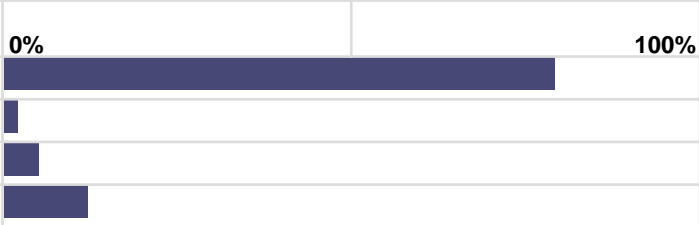
I believe that a priority should be given to ensuring that the Exmoor landscape is as free as possible from modern intrusive development such as masts, phone and power lines, small wind turbines, etc.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			489	53.7 %
Disagree			205	22.5 %
Don't know			104	11.4 %
No Response(s)			111	12.2 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that opportunities should be taken to increase the area of moorland.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			349	38.3 %
Disagree			214	23.5 %
Don't know			228	25.0 %
No Response(s)			118	12.9 %
Totals			909	100%

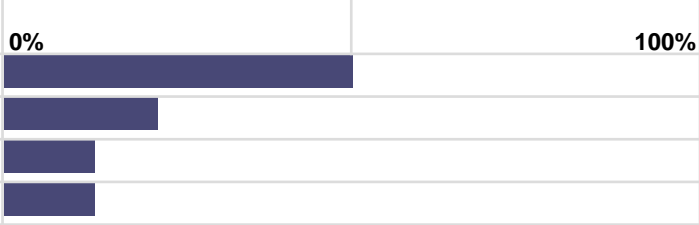
Exmoor is important to me for my health and sense of well-being.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			725	79.7 %
Disagree			20	2.2 %
Don't know			50	5.5 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

I think a high priority be given to creating traffic free routes for cyclists and horse riders alongside busy roads.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			425	46.7 %
Disagree			237	26.0 %
Don't know			133	14.6 %
No Response(s)			114	12.5 %
Totals			909	100%

I would like to see more safe cycle routes in the National Park that can be used for cycling by families with young children and inexperienced cyclists.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			455	50.0 %
Disagree			207	22.7 %
Don't know			127	13.9 %
No Response(s)			120	13.2 %
Totals			909	100%

Whenever I have used the footpaths and bridleways on Exmoor I have found them to be in good condition.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			563	61.9 %
Disagree			130	14.3 %
Don't know			98	10.7 %
No Response(s)			118	12.9 %
Totals			909	100%

Interpretation boards are useful, well used and more should be provided.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			408	44.8 %
Disagree			232	25.5 %
Don't know			153	16.8 %
No Response(s)			116	12.7 %
Totals			909	100%

I currently use public transport in Exmoor National Park:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Daily			4	<1 %
At least once a week			25	2.7 %
Every time I visit			60	6.6 %
Never			673	74.0 %
No Response(s)			147	16.1 %
Totals			909	100%

I would like to see rewilding on Exmoor by allowing the natural regeneration of woodland moving up onto the moors and heaths from the valleys and combes.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			425	46.7 %
Disagree			205	22.5 %
Don't know			170	18.7 %
No Response(s)			109	11.9 %
Totals			909	100%

I would support having more grants to enable businesses to grow.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			522	57.4 %
Disagree			119	13.0 %
Don't know			147	16.1 %
No Response(s)			121	13.3 %
Totals			909	100%

I think farming on Exmoor should receive public funding even if it is not linked to caring for the environment.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			245	26.9 %
Disagree			432	47.5 %
Don't know			124	13.6 %
No Response(s)			108	11.8 %
Totals			909	100%

I support initiatives to help more young people visit and enjoy Exmoor.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			660	72.6 %
Disagree			38	4.1 %
Don't know			86	9.4 %
No Response(s)			125	13.7 %
Totals			909	100%

I think that it is more important to produce food than to conserve wildlife.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			107	11.7 %
Disagree			508	55.8 %
Don't know			172	18.9 %
No Response(s)			122	13.4 %
Totals			909	100%

I support payments to farmers and land managers to deliver public benefits





such as:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Clean water.			62	6.8 %
Reducing flood risk.			104	11.4 %
Carbon storage			13	1.4 %
Recreation and access.			40	4.4 %
Wildlife conservation.			174	19.1 %
Protecting archaeological sites.			25	2.7 %
Landscape features (e.g hedgerows, barns, orchards).			141	15.5 %
No Response(s)			350	38.5 %
Totals			909	100%





I think high priority should be given to protecting Exmoor's Dark Sky Reserve, even if this means limiting lighting.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			684	75.2 %
Disagree			44	4.8 %
Don't know			70	7.7 %
No Response(s)			111	12.2 %
Totals			909	100%




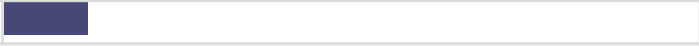
In my view, Exmoor's moorlands should be maintained as open landscapes with low vegetation, even if this requires more public funding to control the spread of scrub, gorse and bracken.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			508	55.8 %
Disagree			145	15.9 %
Don't know			133	14.6 %
No Response(s)			123	13.5 %
Totals			909	100%





I support the increase in commercial pheasant and partridge shooting even if it results in more release pens, game crops, feeders, etc, as it helps the local economy.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			267	29.3 %
Disagree			433	47.6 %
Don't know			98	10.7 %
No Response(s)			111	12.2 %
Totals			909	100%





I would like to see an observatory on Exmoor to enable improved public enjoyment of the dark night skies.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			450	49.5 %
Disagree			175	19.2 %
Don't know			167	18.3 %
No Response(s)			117	12.8 %
Totals			909	100%





I do not think that heritage conservation should be a high priority for public funding.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			154	16.9 %
Disagree			439	48.2 %
Don't know			190	20.9 %
No Response(s)			126	13.8 %
Totals			909	100%





I would prefer it if there were fewer visitors to Exmoor.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			108	11.8 %
Disagree			548	60.2 %
Don't know			127	13.9 %
No Response(s)			126	13.8 %
Totals			909	100%





I think that farms should be left to respond to 'market forces' as best they can without public funding, even if this means some will go out of business.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			196	21.5 %
Disagree			461	50.7 %
Don't know			132	14.5 %
No Response(s)			120	13.2 %
Totals			909	100%





I think that more effort should be made to ensure Exmoor is a place where everyone feels welcome, regardless of their background, race or class.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			653	71.8 %
Disagree			58	6.3 %
Don't know			76	8.3 %
No Response(s)			122	13.4 %
Totals			909	100%

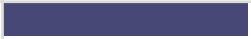



I would like to see grants to farmers and landowners to encourage them to protect and look after historic monuments on their land.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			592	65.1 %
Disagree			90	9.9 %
Don't know			102	11.2 %
No Response(s)			125	13.7 %
Totals			909	100%


I support the removal of conifer plantations and restoration of moorland on sites that were moor or heath when the conifers were first planted.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			542	59.6 %
Disagree			119	13.0 %
Don't know			127	13.9 %
No Response(s)			121	13.3 %
Totals			909	100%


I think that levels of commercial game shooting in the National Park are about right.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			327	35.9 %
Disagree			259	28.4 %
Don't know			201	22.1 %
No Response(s)			122	13.4 %
Totals			909	100%

I would like a high priority to be given to maintaining and increasing tranquillity within the National Park.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			579	63.6 %
Disagree			91	10.0 %
Don't know			111	12.2 %
No Response(s)			128	14.0 %
Totals			909	100%

I would like to see more cattle and sheep on the moors.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Agree			231	25.4 %
Disagree			186	20.4 %
Don't know			145	15.9 %
No Response(s)			347	38.1 %
Totals			909	100%


Are there any other comments you have on the issues and challenges

374 Response(s)







TextBlock:

Finally a couple of questions about you.





What is your gender

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Male			471	51.8 %
Female			308	33.8 %
No Response(s)			130	14.3 %
Totals			909	100%

What age range are you in?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Under 16			1	<1 %
16-24			7	<1 %
25-34			34	3.7 %
35-44			61	6.7 %
45-54			177	19.4 %
55-65			242	26.6 %
65+			267	29.3 %
No Response(s)			120	13.2 %
Totals			909	100%

Where do you live?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
In Exmoor National Park			322	35.4 %
Outside of Exmoor National Park but in Devon or Somerset.			387	42.5 %
Outside Devon or Somerset			77	8.4 %
No Response(s)			123	13.5 %
Totals			909	100%

Please give postcode

681 Response(s)

If you would like to be entered into our a free prize draw to win a hamper of local Exmoor produce then please provide a contact email or telephone number

579 Response(s)