



# THE SILSDEN SURVEY, 2001

This booklet provides data from the 2001 Survey which could be analysed by the computer software.

It excludes several questions which allowed for write-in comments and could not be included in this report. They are listed within. For further information see page 12.

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Question Number : 8 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,862

**How did you come to live in Silsden ?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Born here	380 (20%)
Work in area	333 (17%)
Relatives live nearby	301 (16%)
Love of village life	291 (15%)
Love of country life	323 (17%)
Availability of housing	324 (17%)
Retired here	155 (8.3%)
Marriage	251 (13%)
Came with family	268 (14%)
Other	116 (6.2%)

Question Number : 9 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,849

**What is most important to you about Silsden ?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

The community	627 (33.9%)
The environment	509 (27.6%)
The situation	375 (20.3%)
The character	209 (11.3%)
Other	56 (3.0%)
Not sure	73 (3.9%)

**QUESTIONS 10-14 : CREATING EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME FOR THE AREA .....**

Question Number : 10 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,902

**Should the following be encouraged in and around Silsden ?**

*(Respondents were asked to use the codes 1-5, as shown, to indicate their response)*

	<u>1</u> :strongly in favour	<u>2</u> :in favour	<u>3</u> :no strong opinion	<u>4</u> :have res- ervations	<u>5</u> :definitely not
Tourism development/ Attractions	311 (16%)	504 (26%)	330 (17%)	269 (14%)	189 (9.9%)
Small business development	498 (26%)	680 (35%)	240 (12%)	148 (7.8%)	70 (3.7%)
Small scale industrial workshops	261 (13%)	504 (26%)	339 (17%)	251 (13%)	182 (9.6%)
Craft industry	366 (19%)	623 (32%)	370 (19%)	86 (4.5%)	52 (2.7%)

Question Number : 11

**How do you think Silsden could be improved to create more employment?**

*This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12*

Question Number : 12 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,763

**Should more overnight tourists be encouraged in and around Silsden ?**

Yes	876 (49%)
No	409 (23%)
No Opinion	478 (27%)

Question Number : 13 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 920

**If Number 12 was answered "Yes", should there be the development of :**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Camping sites	374 (40%)
More sites for touring caravans	347 (37%)
More sites for permanent caravans	176 (19%)
Bed and Breakfast trade	803 (87%)
Guest houses	630 (68%)

Question Number : 14 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,689

Which of these visitor activities are in your view suited to Silsden?

(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

Horse riding	920 (54%)
Road cycling	408 (24%)
Off-road cycling	572 (33%)
Nature study	899 (53%)
Farm visits or 'trails'	854 (50%)
Sightseeing	749 (44%)
Photography	915 (54%)
Painting	871 (51%)
Fishing	921 (54%)
Shooting	170 (10%)
Walking	1500 (88%)

**QUESTIONS 15-19 : ROADS AND TRAVEL IN SILSDEN .....**

Question Number : 15 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,799

Which of the following is your major means of transport?

Bicycle	48 (2.7%)
Car	1360 (75%)
Taxi	39 (2.2%)
Keighley & District regular bus service	226 (12%)
"Hopper" Bus Service	88 (4.9%)
Train	38 (2.1%)

Question Number : 16 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,714

Do you think there are any major 'danger-spots' on the roads in Silsden?

Yes	1465 (85)
No	137 (8.0)
No opinion	112 (6.5)

Question Number : 17

If you answered "Yes" to Question 16, where are the danger spots?

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 18 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,675

Would you support the following speed control measures in Silsden?

(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

Extension of the speed limit	637 (38%)
Traffic calming	823 (49%)
Children at play signs	712 (42%)
More road warning signs	753 (45%)
None of the above	231 (13%)

Question Number : 19 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,745

In relation to pavements and street lights, would you like to see any of the following in Silsden? (Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

More pavements	207 (11%)
Cycle paths	532 (30%)
More street lights	504 (28%)
More environmentally sensitive street lighting	558 (32%)
A by-pass	820 (47%)
Pelican crossings	489 (28%)
Dropped kerbs	330 (18%)
Traffic islands	178 (10%)
Roundabouts	236 (13%)
Footbridge over the Steeton by-pass	1287 (73%)
None of the above	45 (2.6%)

**QUESTIONS 20-22 : FURTHER EDUCATION IN SILSDEN.....**

**Question Number : 20** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 939

**If the following Further Education classes were provided would you attend?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Computing	481 (51%)
Languages	355 (37%)
Crafts	322 (34%)
Woodwork	107 (11%)
Other* (please state)	158 (16%)

\* This allowed respondents to write in other subjects, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

**Question Number : 21** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,108

**What is the best time of day for classes?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Morning	222 (20%)
Afternoon	266 (24%)
Evening	850 (76%)

**Question Number : 22** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,108

**If you have not attended classes - was it for any of the following reasons?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Too expensive	158 (14%)
Not interested	340 (30%)
Cannot access the building	26 (2.3%)
Cannot get there	121 (10%)
Classes not appropriate	329 (29%)
No childcare available	68 (6.1%)
Other	253 (22%)

**QUESTIONS 23-28 : HOUSING IN SILSDEN.....**

**Question Number : 23** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,744

**What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in Silsden over the last 10 years?** *(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

About right	507 (29%)
Too much new housing	995 (57%)
Too little housing	25 (1.4%)
Too expensive	287 (16%)
Too big	80 (4.6%)
Too small	42 (2.4%)
No opinion	163 (9.3%)

**Question Number : 24** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,762

**Do you think Silsden can accommodate more new housing?**

Yes	185 (10%)
No	1450 (82%)
Don't know	127 (7.2%)

**Question Number : 25** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,756

**Do you think more new housing in Silsden will :**

Improve the environment	37 (2.1%)
Spoil the environment	1454 (82%)
Bring no change to the environment	113 (6.4%)
No opinion	57 (3.2%)
Don't know	95 (5.4%)

Question Number : 26 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,667

What kind of accommodation do you think Silsden needs?

Homes for young people	244 (14%)
Large family homes	145 (8.7%)
Small family homes	248 (14%)
Executive homes	86 (5.2%)
Homes for people	
with disabilities	247 (14%)
Homes for single people	210 (12%)
No further homes needed	1067 (64%)
Other	37 (2.2%)

Question Number : 27 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,593

What type/s of home/s is/are needed in Silsden?

(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

Detached houses	164 (10%)
Semi-detached houses	192 (12%)
Terraced houses	118 (7.4%)
Cottages	162 (10%)
Bungalows	228 (14%)
Flats and maisonettes	161 (10%)
Bedsits	47 (3.0%)
Mobile Homes	30 (1.9%)
Specially adapted homes	175 (11%)
No need for any of them	988 (62%)
Other	19 (1.2%)

Question Number : 28 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,551

Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in Silsden ?

(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

Private rented	98 (6.3%)
Local authority/ housing association rented	153 (9.9%)
Owner occupied	165 (10%)
Shared ownership	60 (3.9%)
By virtue of employment (e.g. MOD/tied)	18 (1.2%)
Sheltered housing	316 (20%)
Adapted housing	113 (7.3%)
Restricted sale to local people	227 (14%)
Low cost sale	191 (12%)
Other	10 (0.6%)
No need for any of these	828 (53%)

**QUESTIONS 29-32 : CRIME AND SECURITY IN SILSDEN .....**

Question Number : 29 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,770

Do you regard the police coverage of Silsden to be :

Good	29 (1.6%)
Reasonable	239 (13%)
Poor	1380 (78%)
No opinion	122 (6.9%)

Question Number : 30 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,718

Which, if any, of the following crimes and antisocial behaviour concern you in Silsden?

(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

House burglary	1164 (67%)
Theft of cars	522 (30%)
Theft from cars	642 (37%)
Mugging	312 (18%)
Vandalism	1278 (74%)
Drunkenness	1000 (58%)
Other	177 (10%)
Not concerned	68 (4.0%)

Question Number : 31

If there are areas in Silsden in which you feel unsafe, where are they?

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 32 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,728

Do you think that any of the following measures are needed?

(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

A greater police presence	1407 (81%)
Better consultation between police and local people	644 (37%)
A neighbourhood watch	467 (27%)
Improved street lighting	517 (29%)
More drug/drink education/prevention	731 (42%)
More activities for young people	1131 (65%)
CCTV	697 (40%)
Other	26 (1.5%)

**QUESTIONS 33-36 : SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES ON SILSDEN .....**

Question Number : 33

If you regularly use any sports/leisure facilities outside Silsden, which one do you use most often?

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 34 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,630

What are your opinions of local sports facilities for people with disabilities?

Good	5 (0.3%)
Reasonable	59 (3.6%)
Poor	473 (29%)
No Opinion	215 (13%)
No experience	878 (53%)

Question Number : 35

Are there any sports/leisure facilities which you would like to be provided in Silsden?

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 36 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 879

If you do not take part in any of the sports activities, is it because?

Do not want to	537 (61%)
Unsuitable opening hours	86 (9.8%)
Access problems (physical)	30 (3.4%)
No transport	56 (6.4%)
Too expensive	129 (14%)
Poor publicity	157 (17%)

**QUESTIONS 37-41: SOCIAL FACILITIES IN SILSDEN .....**

Question Number : 37

If you regularly use any social\* facilities outside Silsden, which one do you use most often? (\* Q.37-41 refer to social & leisure facilities other than sport)

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 38

Are there any social facilities which you would like to be provided in Silsden?

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Question Number : 39 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,610

What are your opinions of local arts/entertainment facilities for people with disabilities?

Good	17 (1.1%)
Reasonable	107 (6.6%)
Poor	351 (21%)
No opinion	174 (10%)
No experience	961 (59%)

Question Number : 40 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,128

If you do not take part in any leisure activities, is it because :

Do not want to	672 (59%)
Unsuitable opening hours	58 (5.1%)
Access problems (physical)	29 (2.6%)
No transport	37 (3.3%)
Too expensive	69 (6.1%)
Poor publicity	194 (17%)
Other reasons	186 (16%)

Question Number : 41 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,632

What are your views on local social facilities for the following age-groups:

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	No opinion
Children up to 16	88 (5.4%)	282 (17%)	667 (40%)	306 (18%)
Young people 17-25	36 (2.2%)	196 (12%)	731 (44%)	304 (18%)
People 26-60	58 (3.6%)	435 (26%)	384 (23%)	348 (21%)
People over 60	225(13%)	432 (26%)	215 (13%)	517 (31%)

**QUESTION 42 : FINDING THE MONEY! .....**

Question Number : 42 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,653

Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher council tax to meet some of the needs of Silsden ?

Yes	520 (31%)
No	942 (57%)
No opinion	191 (11%)

**QUESTIONS 43-46 : THE LOCAL CHURCHES AND THE COMMUNITY .....**

Question Number : 43 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,520

Have you attended any of the following Churches in the last 12 months?

	1 if attended more than one Sunday monthly	2 if attended several times in year	3 if attended only at Baptisms Weddings/Funerals	4 if none of the others apply
Silsden Parish Church	76 (5%)	60 (3.9%)	345 (22%)	592 (38%)
Silsden Methodist Church	106 (7%)	75 (4.9%)	227 (14%)	527 (34%)
OLMC Catholic Church	64 (4.2%)	24 (1.6%)	47 (3.1%)	541 (35%)
Any other church	36 (2.4%)	16 (1.1%)	33 (2.2%)	486 (32%)

Question Number : 44 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,574

The Silsden Methodist Church is planning to rebuild. Is the present building important to you as a place for :

Sunday worship	224 (14%)
Baptisms/ weddings & funerals	331 (21%)
Occasional social/community events e.g. Concerts/Blood donations/Elections	572 (36%)
Regular weekday activities e.g. Playgroup/Dance Class/Scouts	364 (23%)
No opinion	814 (51%)

Question Number : 45

A new Methodist Church could provide space for new community activities. What kind of activities would be most benefit to Silsden?

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 46 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,662

Do you think the local religious groups contribute to community life?

Yes	933 (56%)
No	157 (9.4%)
No opinion	572 (34%)

**QUESTIONS 47-52 : THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT .....**

Question Number : 47 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,695

What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment of Silsden ?

Recycling	965 (56%)
Energy saving	505 (29%)
Improved public transport	632 (37%)
Community composting	359 (21%)
Reduce traffic	1236 (72%)
Other	98 (5.8%)
Nothing	15 (0.9%)
Don't know	80 (4.7%)

Question Number : 48 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,755

How important is the quality of the countryside around Silsden to you?

Very important	1449 (82%)
Important	266 (15%).
Not very important	30 (1.7%)
No opinion	10 (0.6%)

Question Number : 49 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,694

Do you think that any of the following landscape features in Silsden need to be protected? (Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)

Hedges	1152 (68%)
Groups of trees	1266 (74%)
Open spaces	1398 (82%)
Banks	959 (56%)
Becks	1351 (79%)
The river	1308 (77%)
The canal	1387 (81%)
Walls	1075 (63%)
Other	104 (6.1%)

Question Number : 50

What do you think should be done to improve the environment of Silsden? : please specify one area of concern.

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

Question Number : 51

Are there any places where litter is a problem in Silsden? Please specify the area.

This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.

**Question Number : 52** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,642

**Do you think Silsden should be kept clean and tidy by any of the following ?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Paying for a litter warden	557 (33%)
Extra road-sweepers	917 (55%)
Entering a 'Best Kept Village Competition	486 (29%)
Having a 'Spring Clean Day' annually	194 (11%)
Having a 'Spring Clean Day' twice a year	407 (24%)
None of these	72 (4.4%)
No opinion	128 (7.8%)

**QUESTIONS 53-57 : LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS .....**

**Question Number : 53** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,743

**Do you use local footpaths and bridleways ;**

Very regularly	513 (29%)
Fairly often	462 (26%)
Occasionally	458 (26%)
Rarely	221 (12%)
Never	93 (5.3%)

**Question Number : 54** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,432

**If you experienced difficulties when using local footpaths and bridleways, which if any, of the following difficulties did you find?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Unsafe/locked gates	271 (18%)
Unsafe/blocked stiles	180 (12%)
Barbed wire	140 (9.8%)
Insufficient signing	482 (33%)
Other users	44 (3.1%)
Other	119 (8.3%)
None experienced	710 (49%)

**Question Number : 55**

**If, in Q.54, you indicated finding difficulties, please specify the locality.**

*This allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are analysed on a separate sheet. For a copy of this see page 12.*

**Question Number : 56** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,849

**What do you think could be done with the local roads, lanes and paths to make the countryside more attractive?**

	1 Very important	2 Important	3 Worth doing	4 Not necessary	5 Don't know
Keep roadside verges mown and tidy	508(27%)	369(20%)	262(14%)	130(7%)	28(1.5%)
Let roadside verges grow for wildlife	228(12%)	211(11%)	168(9.1%)	241(13%)	86(4.7%)
Stop vehicle damage to road verges	556(30%)	342(18%)	227(12%)	57(3.1%)	49(2.7%)
Make paths accessible to those with disabilities	492(26%)	313(16%)	274(14%)	31(1.7%)	65(3.5%)
Remove litter	951(51%)	386(20%)	131(7.1%)	13(0.7%)	6(0.3%)
Reduce traffic	681(36%)	290(15%)	155(8.4%)	95(5.1%)	34(1.8%)

**Question Number : 57** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,603  
**In relation to footpaths and bridleways - would you like to see any of the following?**  
*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Sketch-maps of local footpaths	1022 (63%)
Leaflets of walks available to buy	976 (60%)
Guided walks of the area	575 (35%)
No opinion	314 (19%)

**QUESTIONS 58-60 : MISCELLANEOUS .....**

**Question Number : 58** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,619  
**Which of the following do you think would improve Silsden?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

Museum/heritage centre	374 (23%)
Arts centre	243 (15%)
Annual music/arts festival	481 (29%)
Children's play area	
near town centre	662 (40%)
More flowers and shrubs	912 (56%)
Tidier shop fronts	734 (45%)
Street entertainment	199 (12%)
More seating	607 (37%)
None of these	74 (4.6%)
Other	132 (8.2%)

**Question Number : 59** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,690  
**How would you like Silsden to develop?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

As a working community	840 (49%)
As a retirement community	201 (11%)
As a commuter community	154 (9.1%)
As a tourist centre	334 (19%)
To stay as it is	774 (45%)
Other (please specify)	31 (1.8%)

**Question Number : 60** NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 1,699  
**How should the results of this survey be made known?**

*(Respondents could tick more than one box if appropriate)*

By a public report available	
for purchase	218 (12%)
By a public meeting	243 (14%)
By a free information sheet	1532 (90%)
Other	79 (4.6%)

# THE SILSDEN SURVEY, 2001

- The 2001 Survey was arranged by “Silsden Enterprise and Action Team” (SEAT), a group of local people. It was planned as the first step towards producing a “Village Design Statement”. Further information is being gathered during 2003 and it is hoped to produce the Statement soon afterwards.
- “Village Design Statements” have been produced by a number of local communities around the country. Such Statements have been produced locally by Addingham, Oxenhope and Ilkley. The intention is that such Statements may be adopted by local authorities as “Supplementary Planning Guidance” to developers
- The Survey was issued to every household in Silsden, inviting their responses to the questions listed. 1,154 questionnaires were returned and entered on to a database, comprising responses from 1,907 individuals aged 11 upwards. Software problems disrupted our timetable for completing this work ! - but happily the Survey is now complete. **We would like to thank everyone who assisted with distribution and collection of questionnaires, as well as data entry.**
- **The data represents a sample of almost 33% of households in Silsden**
- NB “WRITE-IN COMMENTS”: Several questions allowed respondents to write in their own comments, and these are each analysed separately. This information is available on this website.