



**A Short Questionnaire about life in Totnes
from Plymouth University
Please help!**



Questionnaire.

INTRODUCTION:

Good afternoon/evening. We are doing some research into issues around energy and community development, and wonder if you might be kind enough to spare us 10 minutes of your time? Your answers will be treated in complete confidence and it will not be possible to identify your responses in any published materials. You are under no obligation to answer any question here, although it would be great if you felt able to complete it. Many thanks for your participation.



SECTION ONE. ENERGY

To start off with, this first section asks about your thinking on a number of issues that relate to energy (please circle your chosen response).

	Very concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Completely disinterested
1. How concerned would you say you are by last summer's rises in the cost of energy?	1	2	3	4
2. How concerned would you say you are about climate change?				
• Globally	1	2	3	4
• Locally	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4
3. How concerned would you say you are about the security of the UK's energy supplies?				

	Very informed	Informed	Uninformed	Completely uninformed
4. Do you feel well informed about energy issues?	1	2	3	4
5. How many light bulbs in your home are low energy bulbs?				<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> A few <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Most <input type="checkbox"/> All of them
6. Would you say that, compared to the national average, the carbon dioxide emissions per person in the South Hams are;				<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low

7. Would you know, without looking, the depth of your loft insulation? Yes No
8. If yes, what is it (in centimetres)?

SECTION TWO. FOOD

This section discusses food, what you cook and how you buy or grow it.

	Always	Mostly	Seldom	Never
9. Are the meals you eat cooked at your home using fresh produce?	1	2	3	4
10. Does a member of your household grow some of the food you eat? (if 'no', please go on to Question 14).			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
11. How would you rate your skills in growing fruit and vegetables?			<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Very poor	
12. Do you have an allotment?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
13. Which local or national organisations do you get support from with skills, seeds or gardening advice? (please specify)				
14. Within what distance of Totnes would meat or vegetables need to have been grown/produced for you to consider them 'local'.				
			<input type="checkbox"/> Immediately adjoining the town <input type="checkbox"/> As far as 10 miles <input type="checkbox"/> As far as 30 miles <input type="checkbox"/> As far as Plymouth <input type="checkbox"/> Within the South West <input type="checkbox"/> British produce <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know.	

SECTION THREE. TRANSPORT

This section explores your travel behaviour and mobility.

15. Do you have regular use of a car? (If **no**, please go to **Question 20**) Yes No
16. Roughly how many miles do you estimate that you travel miles

each year by car?

Work%
Leisure.....%
Taking children to school
.....%

17. Of that, what percentage would you say is related to (please state where relevant)

- Essential shopping
- Non-essential shopping
- School runs
- Leisure activities
- Recycling
- Socialising
- Getting to work
- Transporting bulky goods
- Going on holiday
- Visiting family
- Other (please define)

18. If you had no car, which of the following do you think you would find difficult to do? (please tick as many boxes as appropriate)

- The nature of my work makes it impossible
- Very difficult
- Difficult
- Possible
- Straightforward
- I am not in employment

19. If you are in employment, how difficult would it be for you to do some or all of your job from home?

- Yes
- No
- Not a relevant question

20. If employed, have you discussed the possibility of doing some or all of your work from home with your employer?

- Private car
- Lift share with friend/neighbour
- Taxi
- Bus
- Cycle
- Walk
- Rickshaw
- Other (please describe)
- I never go shopping in Totnes

21. When you go shopping in Totnes, which mode of transport do you usually use to get to and from the shops? (you can tick more than one if appropriate)

- Easy
- Awkward but manageable
- Difficult
- Almost impossible

22. (This question is only for those who answered 'No' to Question 16). Do you find living where you live without a car to be;

SECTION FOUR. THE LOCAL ECONOMY

We'd like to move on now to look at money and the local economy.

23. Do you consciously tend to use local shops in preference to national chain shops? (by local shops we mean shops that are not part of a national chain, i.e. Morrisons, Somerfield, WHSmith and Boots)
- Always
 - Often
 - Occasionally
 - Never
24. Could you say roughly how much, in monetary terms, of your weekly shop is from non-chain shops?
- None at all
 - A little
 - Some
 - Most
 - All
25. How would you feel about a new national supermarket chain store opening in Totnes?
- Delighted
 - Don't mind either way
 - Wouldn't be a good thing
 - It would be dreadful
26. Why?
- Local
 - Organic
 - Fair Trade
 - Good Quality
 - Low price
 - Brand
27. When you go shopping, which of the following choices do you look for? (Please number in order of priority, with 1 as most important).
- Yes
 - No

28. Have you ever heard of the Totnes Pound? (if **no**, please go forward to **'Community Life'** below)

29. If yes, do you ever use the Totnes Pound?

- Regularly
- Occasional
- Rarely
- Never

30. What do you see as the purpose of it?

SECTION FIVE. COMMUNITY LIFE

These questions explore the extent to which you feel an active part of your community, and how much you feel that your involvement in community activities makes a difference.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel adequately included in public consultation processes on major planning decisions that affect the town	1	2	3	4
It is hard getting my voice heard by those who make decisions that affect Totnes	1	2	3	4
I feel that in the event of a crisis, the community of Totnes would pull together and work together	1	2	3	4
The sense of community I feel from my neighbours has decreased` over the past few years	1	2	3	4
I would describe my outlook on the future of this community as 'optimistic'	1	2	3	4

31. Have you ever heard of the organisation Transition Town Totnes? (if **no**, please go forward to **Question 34**).
- Yes
 No
32. Do you ever participate in any of its events/projects?
- Never
 Occasionally
 Regularly
 Often
33. If so, which? (Please tick as many as appropriate)
- A talk or workshop
 The Garden Share Scheme
 The Totnes Pound
 One of the working groups
 Transition Tales
 Tree Plantings
 Energy Descent Plan process
 Other
- Highly relevant
 Relevant
 Irrelevant
 Completely irrelevant
34. Do you feel that the work Transition Town Totnes is doing is relevant to your life and to your concerns?

SECTION SIX. ABOUT YOU

These final few questions (nearly there!) give a bit of information about yourself. It is very useful for us to be able to put your previous answers in a context.

35. May I ask your age?

- Under 18
 18-30
 31-45
 46-60
 Over 61

36. Please circle whichever of the following statements most closely reflect your views.

(Please circle the answer that most closely reflects your thoughts)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I consider myself a person with strong religious/spiritual beliefs	1	2	3	4

The things I own say a lot about me and how I'm doing in life	1	2	3	4
Buying things gives me a lot of pleasure	1	2	3	4
My life would be better if I owned certain things I don't have	1	2	3	4
I consider myself to be a frugal person	1	2	3	4
Spending time with family and friends is of great importance to me	1	2	3	4
It is important to keep up with fashions in clothing and hairstyles	1	2	3	4
I am adaptable and can turn my hand to new skills fairly easily	1	2	3	4
In general, I would say that I am satisfied with my life.	1	2	3	4

37. In which of the following skills would you say you feel reasonably competent?

- Keeping small livestock
- Making basic house repairs
- Growing food
- Repairing clothes
- Cooking
- Painting and decorating
- Storing garden produce (i.e. food crops)

38. Finally, how many hours of television would you say you watch a week?

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 21+
- I don't have a television

Thank you so much for your time in completing this questionnaire. We are extremely grateful. As a follow up, we would like to do more in depth interviews with some of those who completed this form. If you would be happy to be followed up for a longer interview at a later date, please tick the box below.

If you ticked this box, please give us a name and a phone number we can contact you on.