

21 ENVIRONMENT

AONB

- All are aware of it. 88% want to protect it, and 88% feel the natural environment contributes to their quality of life.
- More public info on what AONB status means
- Range of views on future development:
- Planning problems because of AONB
- Lack of understanding by SSDC of the AONB
- AONB shouldn't be allowed to prohibit all development – it's a village, not a nature reserve
- Apply AONB with a light touch
- Incomers aren't always as well informed and sympathetic as they could be to country ways – education (and tolerance) needed.
- HLS scheme user, where participants are encouraged to farm for the environment, would welcome farm visits.
- Talk at Village Hall on these issues?

- **Some think Parish Council should be more pro-active**
- **Concerns about illicit caravans in certain areas**
- **Litter and fly tipping are concerns**
- **Teach children about litter – Parish Council should lead on this**

NATURE RESERVES AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

- **Apart from Dommett Wood (Map Ref ST 278140), these are not well known**
 - **a communication failure again.**
- **Jan Hobbs Reserve is on Birchwood road, between bridge and Cross Hill Farm (Map Ref ST 263136).**
- **Yarty Moor (part in Otterford parish) is west of Deadman turning, off Chard/Wellington road (Map Ref ST 238163).**
- **Community Orchard (a recent addition) is in Allotment field behind Village Hall; 24% know of it.**