

Oxton Society Member Survey 2025

Results



Background

- Electronic survey undertaken of members, to seek views on Oxton Society's strategic priorities over next few years.
- Eight themes identified by Committee at July strategy meeting
- Presented to members who were invited to identify 3 most important priorities (ranked in order)
- Members also invited to identify anything else they think the Society should be doing.
- All members on Mailchimp mailing list sent a link to a survey created in 'Google Forms', with 4 weeks response timescale. Two reminders sent.
- Emails also sent to those unsubscribed from Mailchimp, and letters hand delivered to members without email addresses offering a paper version of survey.
- Total of 123 responses received (121 electronic, 2 paper) – a response rate of around a third.

The eight options identified

1. Press for tougher planning powers for the Council to improve the protection of key buildings and structures.

2. Look at the case for extending the conservation area boundary.

3. Provide in-depth practical advice and support for residents on common maintenance and improvement issues - such as re-roofing, window replacement etc.

4. Identify sandstone walls which are in poor condition and advise residents on approaches to repairs/maintenance.

5. Identify mature trees which are in poor condition and work with the Council to support residents to take appropriate action to maintain and protect them.

6. Improve the street scene and public spaces in the conservation area. eg street signs and planters.

7. Work with the Council on parking problems and traffic management in the village centre.

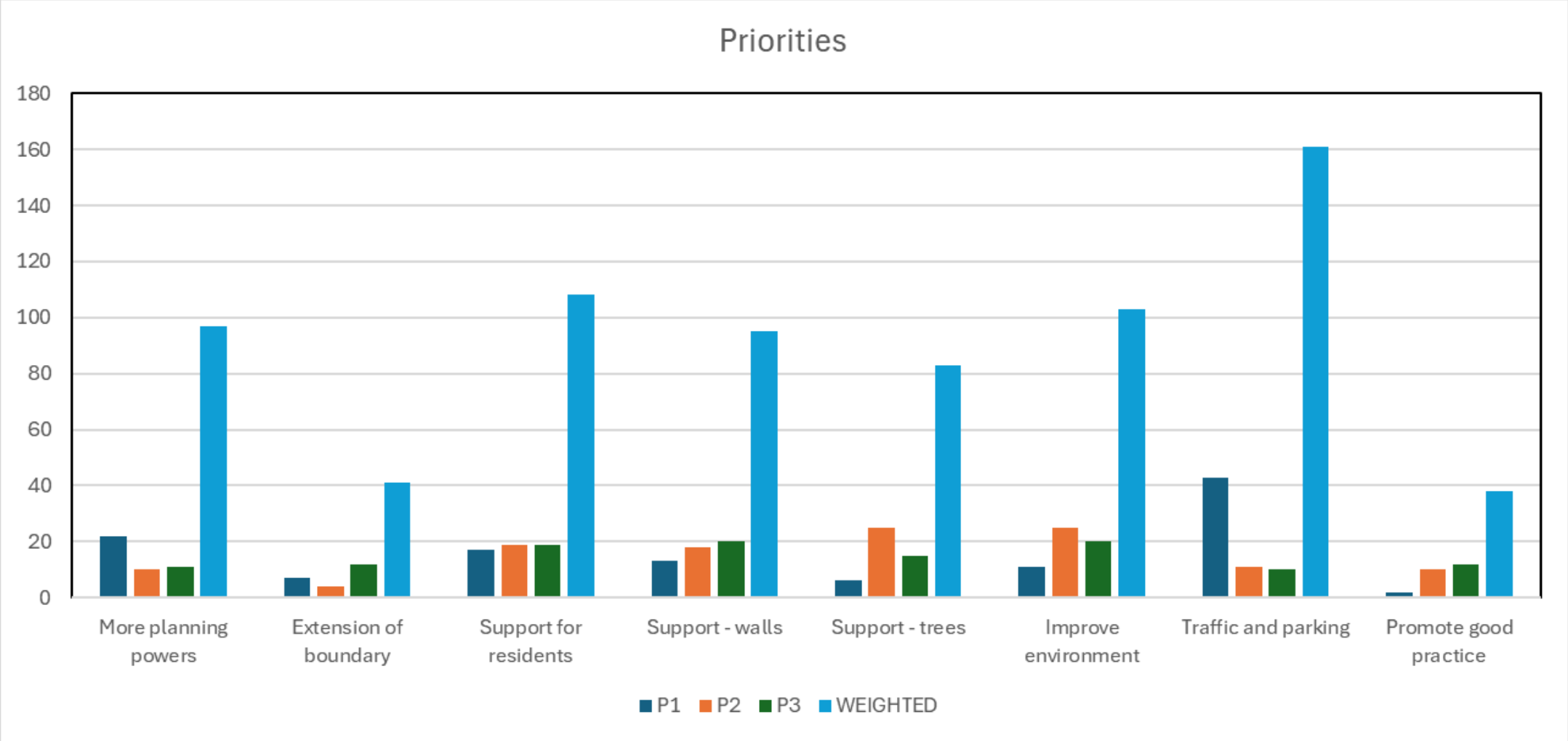
8. Showcase examples of good conservation practice throughout the year.

Results in numbers

	More planning powers	Extension of boundary	Support for residents	Support - walls	Support - trees	Improve environment	Traffic and parking	Promote good practice
P1	22	7	17	13	6	11	43	2
P2	10	4	19	18	25	25	11	10
P3	11	12	19	20	15	20	10	12
TOTAL	43	23	55	51	46	56	64	24
WEIGHTED	97	41	108	95	83	103	161	38

- 123 responses in total. A response rate of around a third of members.
- Respondents asked to identify top 3 priorities ranked in order (out of a choice of eight options)
- Counts for each option by priority are shown in first three rows. 4th row a simple total for each option.
- Final row shows a weighted total, with priority 1 choices given a weighting of 3, priority 2, a weighting of 2, and priority 3 a weighting of 1.

Results in a chart



Further comments: categorised

Comments by category	
Widen membership/be more open	9
Detailed suggestions parking/traffic	6
Voluntary efforts to improve env	5
Encourage eco friendly development	3
Organise more events	3
Press council to use powers	3
Thanks	3
Business support	2
Pavement repairs	2
Clean grids	1
Be more consistent	1
Continue history walks	1
Introduce dog bins	1
Increase fees	1
Introduce interpretive signs	1
Support members with improvements	1
Detailed suggestions - trees	1

- Respondents invited to identify any additional priorities
- Total of 44 comments made by 42 respondents (some made more than one!)
- These were then categorised into a number of themes
- Results shown in the table and on following slides.