

Q23 & Q24 - Benefits and Challenges

Benefits

The landscape and hedgerows are managed and food production creates employment both directly and indirectly
Maintenance and care of fields and hedges
Good community living and supportive neighbours
Regular employment for a lot of people
Tranquillity
An understanding of local productive employment and management of the countryside

Living in peace and quiet away from the rat race

Good use of land
Tradition, jobs, they maintain fields/hedgerows
Maintenance of environment
Well kept landscape
Maintaining the land
Cleaner country air
Economic
Not farmers
Rural landscape
Less populated open countryside – bliss
A close knit community where everyone knows what everyone is doing
Maintenance of the land, hedges, etc. plus employment
Lovely unspoilt countryside and local produce.
Rural economy
Tradition and upkeep of the countryside
A quiet traditional slower pace of life in beautiful rural surroundings

Challenges

The financial pressure on farmers has created larger scale farming to be efficient resulting in large machinery and traffic on the lanes
Large, noisy tractors especially when working late into the night

Size becoming survival factor for family units
Economic sustainability
Size of farm vehicles and farm units

Too large tractors driving too fast. Pollution of waterways. Damage to road signs by hedge trimming
Putting up with traffic when there is an accident on the A35 and flooding so can't go to work, etc.
Low milk cost

Red tape
Muddy roads, large agricultural vehicles on roads
Helping farmers to economically use the land for animals/crops
Tractors driving too fast
Intensive farming practices have a negative impact on bio-diversity
Muddy roads
Lots of driving
Travel, roads, etc. but worth the slight inconvenience
The same as benefits

Ever growing size of tractors
Government policies
Keeping the roads clean and in good repair
Public ignorance
Retaining this whilst providing for an enlarging population

Keeping in touch with our farming past today
Fabulous environment

Quiet and tranquillity
Good community spirit
Local produce

Hedgerows are maintained and snow cleared
Good neighbours
Peace and quiet
Landscape maintenance and food production
Fewer people and open spaces
Lambs skipping around
Maintaining quantities in question 1
Continuing employment opportunities
Makes for good community
Local produce
Stewardship of the countryside
A live community
Sense of history tradition and community
Tranquillity
Food provision and maintaining countryside
Maintenance and care of fields and hedges
Unspoilt countryside

Keep farming alive/thrive - employment & tradition - skills,
knowledge, practice sustainable agriculture
The countryside (thanks to farmers)
Overlarge vehicles in lanes
Employment, family, farm business
Open and used countryside

Fresh air & exercise
Sensitively managed countryside
Retention of existing environment

Keeping small size family farms viable for future

Reducing employment in farming
Large tractors and trailers and their drivers
Newcomers not joining in the community
lack of transport
Large tractors going too fast
Mud on road
Mud on roads !!
Travel when the weather is bad
Visual impact of large industrial units
Mud on the roads and increasing size of farm machinery
Very large tractors on small roads
Large farm vehicles and big delivery lorries
Large farm machinery
Large lorries and tractors on our little lanes
Farm machinery on small roads
Keeping farming profitable
Very large tractors and farm machinery on small roads

Spot development leading to Infilling
Anti-farming attitude of some
Large, noisy tractors especially when working late into the night
Law unenforced re large agric vehicles hogging highway eg not pulling
in for traffic behind
Unsupported again NIMBY

None really

Over large parked vehicles on roads, non traditional hedge maintenance
(flailing)
Volatile goods pricing
Increasing biodiversity & housing
Retention of agricultural employees

Peace & quiet
Landscape & people
Close community, helping each other
Tradition, rural landscape, food
Rural life, look after countryside
Continuity of traditional farming.
Small fields, hedgerows, open countryside views
Lots of open countryside
Wide open spaces

Cultural: maintaining an awareness of, and connection with our past and the land as a living entity

The land is being used and employing people
Open countryside, peace & quiet

Farming is the bedrock of the British food industry

Living in a beautiful area/landscape
Low density population

Employment of young people
The size of farm machinery on lanes
Boy racers in tractors on lanes
Design of modern farm buildings, pollution of some agri-chemicals
Some level of pollution
Families supporting local issues and events
Mud on roads & footpaths (cows) + monoculture
Mud + big machinery on small roads
We need to move away from an economy that treats animals as commodities to hunt or slaughter in abattoirs. Increase production of fruit, veg* grain for direct human consumption
Mud on road, insufficient passing places

Farming community think they are more important than anyone else, If they don't like what I say * they become aggressive

The occasional sheep visiting the garden
Not listening to parish & district councillors when recommending antiquated agricultural ties are not lifted

Difficulties faced by farmers due to increased tourism in the Marshwood Vale (dual use of lanes/roads)

Poor internet connection for business. Large amount of tourist traffic.
Agricultural policies aimed at large scale agri business does not promote best practice in a landscape moulded by and suited for small scale agriculture