

Instow Parish Council
Results of Residents Survey about Dogs on Instow Beach
Carried out in August & September 2017

Survey Response

Blank survey forms were distributed via the Parish News Distribution team in late July and additional blank forms were distributed by the Parish Clerk and Councillors in response to individual requests from residents.

A total of **425** blank forms were distributed and **233** completed forms were returned.

The response rate to the Survey Form was therefore **54.8%**

There are **647** electors registered on the current Elector Roll for Instow Parish.

99 of the completed survey forms represented the views of two or more people and the analysis of the responses of the **233** completed forms represents the views of **335** residents on the subject of dogs on Instow beach.

The response rate in terms of Registered Electors was therefore **51.8%**

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The results of the analysis of the 233 completed survey forms are as follows:-

Question.1

Do you think some form of control is required for Dogs on Instow Beach?

Choice Offered	Number	Percentage
NO	88	26.3%
YES	247	73.7%

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Question.2

If you answered “Yes” to question 1 then when should the controls be imposed?

Choice Offered	Number	Percentage
High Season Only (1 st July to 31 st August each year)	49	19.8%
Summer Season Only (1 st May to 30 th Sept. each year)	121	49.0%
All Year Round	75	30.4%

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Question.3

If you answered “Yes” to question 1 then what type of controls should be imposed?

Choice Offered	Number	Percentage
Dogs to be kept on a Lead	85	34.4%
Exclude Dogs	160	64.8%

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Question.4

If you answered “Yes” to question 1 then which areas of Instow Beach should controls be imposed? (N.B. Residents were allowed to specify more than one area of the beach)

Choices Offered	Number	Percentage
The Main Beach (from the Quay to Lane End Road)	240	97.2%
The Upper Beach (from Lane End Road to the Cricket Club)	82	33.2%
The Dunes (from Lane End Road to the Cricket Club)	109	44.1%
The Second Beach (beyond the Cricket Club)	15	6.1%

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Further Analysis of the areas chosen for controls revealed the following choices made by Residents:-

Areas Chosen	Number	Percentage
Main Beach Only	115	46.6%
Main and Upper Beach	18	7.3%
Main Beach and the Dunes	45	18.2%
Main & Upper Beach and the Dunes	47	19.0%
Specified All Beach Areas	12	4.9%