

Cash bonus for resident who helped with Goodrich NDP

AT THE Annual Parish Meeting of the Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor Parish Council one lucky parishioner became the winner of the £50 cash prize draw. The winner was drawn by Nigel Roper, Chairman of the Parish Council, from questionnaire forms returned from across the Parish.

It was also reported that Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor is making good progress with its Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor have been working on the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the last 12 months and the prize draw marked the completion of a key phase of the consultation with residents.

A comprehensive questionnaire had been distributed to every property in March 2017 and 218 of the 240 occupied properties sent in a return—a response rate of over 90%.

Ken Gort, Chairman of the NDP Steering Group, said that this was an exceptional response rate for a survey and should enable an NDP to be developed that truly reflected the views of the

parishioners. He thanked the 21 volunteers who had both delivered and collected the questionnaires from all households.

The questionnaires are currently being processed and analysed by specialist consultants and the results will be used as the basis for the development of policies for housing and a wide-range of local issues such as the local economy, tourism and roads and transport for the period to 2030.

There will be further public consultation in the autumn after policies have been developed and potential housing development sites identified. The process of producing an NDP is complex and the work is not expected to be completed until Spring 2018 when there will be a Parish referendum on whether it should be adopted.

Progress on the NDP can be followed on the website goodrichneighbourhoodplan.wordpress.com. The Steering Group welcomes offers of support from everyone in Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor and can be contacted through the website.



• Nigel Roper, left and Ken Gort making the prize draw.

Town Councillors call