

# BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE PARISH

- There are approximately 40 businesses in the Parish.
- A survey was carried out with an approximate 25% response rate with the following results:
- The businesses offer a variety of services including:
  1. Construction
  2. Waste Management
  3. Automotive
  4. Small/light industry
  5. Manufacturing
- Consist of local, national and international businesses.
- Businesses benefit from:
  1. Proximity to London
  2. Country environment
  3. Local employment and customers
- Assistance to help expand and maintain current businesses:
  1. Parking
  2. Additional space for expansion
- 75% of the businesses which responded to the survey are intending to remain in the Parish for the next 5 – 10 years.
- Over 100 people are employed in the businesses that responded to the survey of which seven live in the parish and 49 live within five miles.
- Almost all of the employees travel to work by car. However, some employers encourage car share and cycle to work schemes.
- Of those residents who answered the Thundridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan Survey:
  1. 84% use both shops (Thundridge and Spar in High Cross)
  2. 88% use the petrol station in High Cross
  3. 90% use the pubs
  4. 24% use the Hotels and B & Bs