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## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### Independent survey results show overwhelming support for HCA

THE PEOPLE of Hilltop have voted overwhelmingly in favour of securing the freehold of St Faith hall. This is the outcome of the Community Survey 2006, commissioned by HCA to find

out what the residents want to happen to their village hall. The level of the response was high. The Survey was prepared independently and has been professionally analysed. Here are the results....

**96 % SAY:** Hilltop Community Association should own the freehold of the village hall as a right because it was built by members of the community with money they raised themselves.

except for three token services a year. This lack of support suggests that we can no longer expect the Church to protect the community's needs.

**90 % SAY:** The Church has little interest in the local community, not attending any events at the hall

**87 % SAY:** I am concerned that the Church may wish to exploit the property as it is valuable as a building plot.



IT WAS a walk and a half for some this year when one of our newer residents, led confidently by the children, headed off in the wrong direction on the five-mile Barry Allen Walk. Thanks to Lettie's eagle eye, and her mobile phone, they were soon back on track. Our rookie walker was understandably extra thirsty when he arrived at *The Compasses*. Forty people (above) plus three dogs joined the party.

**87 % SAY:** I think the Church should rescind the freehold.

The overall consensus of the community is that:

THE community value the hall as a resource. THE Church has benefited from the gift of this shared resource for many years.

THE community need an independently run village hall.

THE community feel the Church should now sell the freehold to the community association.

The Bishop of Dover says the Church can only offer 99-year lease, **page 4**

HCA's Chairman explains why the community needs to buy the freehold, **page 5**

How the majority voted in all 15 of the Survey questions, **see insert sheet**