

English Riviera Air Show Survey with Community Partnerships Summary Results

	Yes	No		Both	Saturday only	Sunday only
Q1 Did you go watch the English Riviera Air Show in July 2023?	42	12	If Yes did you watch it on both days?	29	9	4

	Yes	No				
Q2 Did any members of your household go watch it?	37	13				

	Yes	No	Please provide a reason for your answer* responses shown tab 2			
Q3 Do you think you will go next year?	42	9				

Q4 What specific changes would you like to see for future air shows?			Please provide a reason for your answer* responses shown tab 2			

		Number
What is your postcode	TQ1	4
	TQ2	3
	TQ3	12
	TQ4	16
	TQ5	1
Total		

Summary of Responses Q3

Due to the best event in torbay.

It's great x 4

Yes - The Red Arrows and the Typhoon are too good to miss. Other displays are usually quite good. The whole weekend has the town buzzing, something which does not happen often enough. What other event can bring 185,000 people into Paignton over a weekend AT A TIME BEFORE THE HOLIDAY SEASON HAS STARTED?

No (I went to the first one and saw part of the 2022 one as I live near the seafront. But if you've seen one air show you've seen them all, to be honest and I'm not sure about the financial viability of having one every year)

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT SHOW AND CONVERSATION PIECE AMONGST FRIENDS AND VISITORS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE AND AFTERWARDS . ALSO GOOD FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS WHEN VISITING AWAY

The Air Show is a fantastic Spectacle which is only now coming out of its infancy. If carried on in my view it will go from strength to strength bringing in much needed income to Torbay and Paignton in particular. The open bay at Paignton is perfect for the show which can take place safely over water and still be seen intimately. Long may it continue

Unfortunately we had to be up North looking after grandchildren at half term this year. I enjoyed it last year.

keep it going.

Since it's been on I have only been twice as it always seems the same as it did the previous time.

As an avid amateur photographer I love the Air show and the opportunities to photograph planes in our local ' Bay of Dreams ' arena. The highlight of the year for myself , family and friends.

The show is refreshing and it's such a change to be in such a pleasant atmosphere.

It is totally inappropriate that the Council, using taxpayers money, should glorify an industry which is so damaging to our environment.

With awareness of our environment planes to simply look at doesn't seem worth their impact with the fuel burned and as a whole for our town.

A truly socio-economically vibrant event that puts Torbay clearly on the map.

We look forward to it every year.

Because we really enjoyed it. In fact my sister, who lives in Cambridge, and her family are planning to come down to Torquay to see it next year.

It's a crowd pleaser, dramatic and exciting, builds local pride and community cohesion

Summary of Responses Q4

NONE KEEP THE SAME

More planes, bigger better x 9

I can appreciate why there are gaps between the displays and that traders need to make a return on their outlay. I think that this year the gaps were too frequent and too long. Happens the ground based entertainment could have been before the airborne displays started.

more variety and less time between. Great event for Paignton families .

Sunday was a much better programme than Saturdays.

I would like to see a more busy, taut programme with less time between events.

INCLUDE A REALLY FAST JET LIKE THE TYPHOON , THE EXHAUST NOISE AND IT'S VERTICAL CLIMB ARE PARTICULARLY MEMORABLE

I think a carpark should be set up. Disabled parking considered and access area created.

I think it is a superb event for Torbay, it would be a real shame to lose it!

if it cost so much money why do we not have something on a small size. or make a charge for people to watch

Look at one day only - pack more into it as opposed to long delays x 7

Research how Teignmouth manage to do similar show with no council funding One day only is enough. Engage with all the hotels, bars and Pier to make sizeable contributions.

Keep this part! Broadcasting the announcements on the radio was very helpful - enabling people to hear them better wherever they were watching

More inclusion for local residents. Change the format, same old, same old every year.

I think it's pretty good but more planes would be good, including seaplanes in the Bay

if it doesn't bring profit to Torbay to the benefit of local taxpayers - scrap it

Liase with the bus companies. There should have been extra buses laid on. The queues and time wait was crazy. Find a better place for the replacement taxi rank - maybe ask some of the taxi drivers for their suggestions

Summary of Responses Q4 continued

More parking spaces in Paignton.

More businesses with stands/stalls on the seafront. I would also be happy to pay a nominal fee to watch the Air Show, although I appreciate this would be difficult to administer.

Have some different planes.

I personally would love to see the RAF Typhoon return to the programme, along with any other fast jets that are available. Maybe this could be done by not having the Red Arrows on both days?

Better audio coverage as it was sometimes difficult to hear what was being said over the tannoy.

Stop the event altogether, it is totally at odds with the Council's Climate Emergency Policy.

I think vantage points with audio outside of Paignton, i.e. Torquay and Brixham, would extend the outreach and provide just as much enjoyment.

The 2 days are quite repetitive. Do something different on the other day eg boat-related.

A lot more could be done to encourage voluntary donations. We did see one stand where it was possible to buy a programme but no 'chuggers', nowhere to chuck some cash in a bucket.

Could we have something on Abbey Meadows? You could broadcast the commentary there and to Brixham or QuayWest? Have children's entertainment such as go-carts in Torquay or one of the other spots. ensure Stagecoach provides shuttle buses.