

Dorset life

Task 1: Match the words and definitions.

1. Anglo-Saxon	a. (adjective) widely known and famous
2. parish	b. (noun) a woman that takes care of sheep
3. hamlet	c. (noun) busy activity
4. low-key	d. (adjective) relating to the people who lived in England in the Early Middle Ages
5. hustle-bustle	e. (noun) the smallest unit of local government, only in rural areas
6. housing estate	f. (adjective) quiet, not attracting attention
7. renowned	g. (adjective) excellent, better than most
8. outstanding	h. (noun) a very small village
9. shepherdess	i. (noun) a number of houses built at the same time

Task 2: You are going to listen to a man from the village of Sixpenny Handley in Dorset. The name comes from its Anglo-Saxon name: Saxpena Hanlege.

Read some of the questions he is asked. What do you think he might answer?

1. What do you like best about your area?
2. Can you tell me in what way your area has changed in the last 20 years?
3. Is this region famous for anything, would you say?
4. Is this area famous for any special foods?

Task 3: Listen and write in the missing words. Write one word in each gap.

1. In the last twenty, thirty years, we've had _____ around the village.
2. Some of them are only perhaps ten houses. It has not really altered the village _____, _____ . Because the school's been able to keep going, the village post office, the shops that we have here.
3. The downside of it is, it's _____ considerably.
4. There's not actually many people of my age that were born and bred in Sixpenny Handley that's actually left in the village _____ and there's not actually the jobs around here for them.