

Charfield Village Plan Questionnaire - February 2012

REPORT B: PERCENTAGE OF 582 HOUSEHOLDS

SECTION A - CHARFIELD COMMUNITY FACILITIES

A1 How important are the following facilities to Charfield? Please tick one box for each facility:

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important
Memorial Hall	77%	19%	1%	1%
Playing Field (Football/Cricket area)	77%	18%	2%	2%
Playing Field (Children's Play Areas)	82%	13%	2%	1%
Playing Field (Skate Park)	52%	31%	11%	3%
Playing Field (Tennis Court)	53%	33%	10%	2%
Toddler play area in Longs View	37%	36%	16%	6%
Post Office	95%	4%	1%	0%
Public Toilets	48%	30%	16%	4%
Pubs	66%	26%	5%	2%
School	93%	5%	1%	1%
Shops	90%	8%	1%	1%
Mobile Library	31%	40%	21%	6%
Churches	54%	32%	9%	3%
Petrol Station	67%	27%	3%	1%
Hard surface play space between Manor Lane and Underhill Road	23%	41%	23%	9%
Informal green space between Woodlands Road, Hawthorn Close and Manor Lane	34%	39%	17%	6%

A2 These are some of the ideas that people have suggested for improving the Playing Field. Please tick a column to show how important you think each one is for Charfield:

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not considered necessary	No opinion
Training wall (e.g. for tennis, football practice)	16%	36%	27%	9%	11%
Skate park improvements	13%	32%	31%	12%	9%
Improved play equipment	27%	42%	13%	6%	8%
Improved public toilet facilities	30%	33%	18%	10%	7%
Tea/Coffee/snack facilities	14%	28%	28%	20%	7%
Paddling Pool	5%	14%	26%	43%	8%
Climbing Wall	9%	21%	29%	27%	10%
All weather floodlit multipurpose sports facility e.g. astroturf/basketball/netball/tennis/football/rugby	24%	29%	18%	20%	7%

Do you have any other suggestions?

A3 Do you think other areas of public open space in Charfield could be better used?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Toddler play area in Longs View	18%	25%	51%
Hard surface play space between Manor Lane and Underhill Road	29%	21%	45%
Informal green space between Woodlands Road and Manor Lane	22%	31%	42%
Other - please specify	1%	5%	23%

If you answered 'yes', do you have any suggestions for improvements?

A4 These are some of the ideas that people have suggested for improving Charfield Memorial Hall. Please tick a column to show how important you think each one is for Charfield:

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not considered necessary	No opinion
Café/Coffee Shop	19%	40%	24%	8%	5%
Internet café	7%	21%	37%	24%	6%
Modernisation of building	30%	43%	14%	4%	5%
Enlarging the building by creating a first floor	8%	19%	34%	23%	11%
Conference/exhibition space/function room	9%	30%	29%	19%	9%
Small Business Centre & Business meeting rooms	5%	18%	34%	26%	11%
Dance floor with sprung floor & mirrors	5%	16%	35%	29%	11%
Lighting to car park	36%	38%	11%	7%	5%
Snooker/Pool Room	11%	36%	26%	14%	9%
Soft Play room	12%	37%	25%	11%	10%
Badminton Court & Equipment	13%	32%	32%	12%	7%
Table Tennis Equipment	11%	37%	29%	9%	8%
Computer Games Room	4%	18%	35%	29%	9%
Gym	12%	28%	28%	21%	6%
Film screenings	9%	28%	28%	22%	7%

Do you have any other suggestions?

A5 The Memorial Hall receives NO funding apart from fundraising and hire charges. The Parish Council raise a small amount of money from your Council Tax. *In principle*, would you be in favour of a small increase specifically to support improvements to Charfield Memorial Hall? For example for a Band D property would you be willing to pay:

	Yes	No
50p a month	50%	21%
£1 a month	42%	34%

A6 These are some of the ideas that people have suggested for additional facilities for Charfield. Please tick a column to show how important you think each one is for Charfield:

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not considered necessary	No opinion
Takeaway	18%	22%	29%	25%	3%
Café	18%	34%	27%	15%	3%
More shops	13%	25%	36%	20%	3%
Allotments or Garden share scheme	17%	41%	21%	7%	10%
Community Garden on spare public land	12%	34%	28%	12%	9%
More seating/benches	19%	40%	22%	10%	5%
Cash machine	23%	28%	23%	20%	3%
Ice cream van	4%	12%	36%	37%	7%
Swimming pool	8%	9%	23%	52%	4%
Library facilities (other than existing mobile library)	4%	19%	27%	37%	7%

Do you have any other suggestions?

SECTION B - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND ENHANCEMENT

What are your views on the following methods of communication in Charfield:

B1 Do you read CHADRA (Charfield and District Residents Association Newsletter)?

Always (Quarterly)	Sometimes	Never
78%	15%	6%

B2 Do you visit the Charfield websites?

	Set as homepage	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
www.charfield.org	1%	4%	59%	34%
www.charfieldparishcouncil.org.uk	1%	2%	43%	45%

How could these communication channels be improved?

Do you have any other suggestions for improving communications in Charfield?

B3 What current activity groups held in Charfield does your household participate in?

	Yes	No
Sports Clubs (Tennis, Football, Cricket etc)	17%	75%
Fitness Classes	13%	78%
Youth Group/Club	2%	87%
Luncheon Club	3%	88%
CADS - amateur dramatics	3%	88%
Baby and Toddler Group	7%	84%
Rainbows/Brownies	5%	85%

Are there any others?

B4 The following additional activities have been suggested. Which would be of interest to your household?

	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not interested
Social activities for older people	10%	28%	55%
Music club/Bands playing	10%	35%	47%
Dance groups - e.g. ballet	9%	18%	65%
Singing club e.g. choir	8%	23%	61%
Other activities for Toddler age group	10%	9%	73%
Women's Institute	8%	22%	63%
Youth Group/Activities	12%	23%	57%
Interest Groups - e.g. animals, crafts	10%	30%	52%
Summer Fete/Fayre/or annual event	32%	42%	19%
Charfield in bloom/improve entrances to village	26%	41%	27%
Twinning Association	4%	16%	72%
Community Garden/Orchard	15%	33%	44%

Do you have any other suggestions?

The Village Plan Steering Group has joined the campaign for upgrading the infrastructure to enable faster Broadband speed in Charfield (for both 01454 and 01453 telephone exchanges). The Government's target is for 2Mbps (Mega bytes per second) for all UK households and superfast broadband for 90% of households. If you use Broadband it would help the cause of improving it in Charfield if you could go on www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk and register your speed and complete the survey on South Gloucestershire Council's website. To help gauge the importance of Broadband to people in Charfield, please also answer the questions below:

B5 Do you use a broadband internet connection in Charfield?

- 11% Never
- 46% Light leisure/domestic use (e.g. email, social media)
- 42% Heavy leisure/domestic use (e.g. iplayer, videos, gaming)
- 22% For business purposes

B6 If so, what is your usual broadband speed?

34% Less than 1 Mbps 33% Between 1 and 2 Mbps 6% Above 2 Mbps

B7 How do you find your broadband speed?

29% So poor its affects your use 32% Poor 24% Acceptable

B8 If your broadband speed was better, how would you use your internet connection?

1% Never
 32% Light leisure/domestic use (e.g. email, social media)
 53% Heavy leisure/domestic use (e.g. iplayer, videos, gaming)
 25% For business purposes

B9 What mobile phone signal do you get in Charfield?

5% I can't get a signal
 24% I only get one or two bars
 57% I get a full signal
 16% I get 3G coverage
 2% I don't have a mobile phone

SECTION C - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**C1 Are activities in Charfield for the following age groups sufficient for your household's needs?**

	Good	Adequate	Insufficient	Not applicable
Baby and Toddler	2%	7%	4%	75%
Preschool	6%	4%	3%	75%
Infant children	4%	4%	4%	75%
Junior children	4%	5%	7%	70%
11-14 year olds	1%	4%	13%	69%
15-18 year olds	1%	5%	16%	64%

Do you have any suggestions for additional activities?**C2 If community-led transport could be arranged to enable visits to facilities in neighbouring towns, would any children or young people in your household be interested in taking part?**

	Very interested	Maybe	No	Not applicable
Cinema trip (Wotton)	8%	13%	8%	54%
Swimming Pool	9%	12%	9%	54%
KLB Sports Centre	7%	13%	9%	54%
Thornbury Leisure Centre	8%	13%	8%	54%
Yate Leisure Centre	8%	13%	9%	54%

Do you have any other suggestions?

SECTION D - CHARFIELD SAFETY AND SECURITY

- D1 Have you experienced anti-social behaviour in Charfield in the last 5 years?** **38% Yes** **59% No**
- D2 If so, did you report it to the police?** **18% Yes** **33% No**
Please add any comments here:
- D3 What is your view on the level of police presence in Charfield?**
3% Good **31% Adequate** **41% Insufficient** **22% Don't Know**
- D4 Have you had any other reason to call the police to the village in the last 3 years?** **12% Yes** **85% No**
- D5 If so, was the speed of police response appropriate?** **9% Yes** **7% No**
Please add any comments here:
- D6 Would be interested in joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?** **53% Yes** **40% No**
- D7 Do you have any suggestions for improving safety and security in Charfield? Please add any suggestions here:**

SECTION E - TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

- E1 Do you have concerns regarding traffic speed on any of the following:**
- | | Yes | No |
|---|------------|------------|
| Main Road through village - Wotton Road | 62% | 33% |
| Manor Lane | 32% | 52% |
| New Street | 20% | 61% |
| Little Bristol Lane | 27% | 55% |
| Churchend | 10% | 65% |
| Other, please specify: | | |
- E2 If you have answered yes, what traffic calming measures would you suggest? Please tick.**
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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 20% Speed humps | 8% Change of road surface | 12% Narrowing of road/priority change |
| 25% Change of speed limit | 9% Chicanes | |
- Do you have any other suggestions?**
- E3 Concerns have been raised over the safety of the New Street/Wotton Road/Station Road area. Is this a junction that concerns you?** **48% Yes** **47% No**

E4 If you answered yes to E3, which of these reasons concern you about the New Street/Wotton Road/Station Road junction area? Please tick.

25% Visibility due to parked vehicles

39% Pedestrians' ability to cross road safely

30% Speed of traffic

19% Position of bus drop off points

If you have any other reasons or suggested solutions, please comment here:

E5 Do you think there should be a permanent pedestrian crossing in this area?

58% Yes

17% No

17% No opinion

E6 Please tick the columns to show whether any members of your household cycle:

	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
To school	1%	2%	74%
To work	3%	5%	71%
For recreation	14%	37%	40%
Other reason	3%	5%	53%

E7 Would any members of your household cycle more if there were safer cycle routes?

45% Yes

44% No

Please indicate here where you would wish to cycle to:

E8 How often would anyone in your household use a cycle/foot path which linked Charfield to Wotton and KLB school/sports centre?

6% Daily

14% Weekly

41% Occasionally

35% Never

E9 How often do any members of your household currently use the following forms of transport?

	Daily	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
Bus	7%	7%	29%	55%
Train (from Yate or Cam/Dursley)	1%	2%	21%	69%
Taxi	0%	0%	32%	60%

E10 Which of your household's needs would be met by the following improvements to public transport? Please tick all that apply.

	Reason for Journey:				
	Employment	Education /Training	Health	Leisure	Other
More services to Bristol/Cribbs	12%	4%	2%	49%	6%
More services to Bristol City Centre	11%	4%	4%	43%	4%
More services to Wotton	3%	4%	13%	32%	7%
More services to Yate	5%	2%	4%	32%	8%
More services to Dursley	2%	1%	5%	19%	5%
Other - please specify	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%

E11 Is anyone in your household unable to use public transport due to disability or frailty?

4% Yes

48% No

43% Not applicable

E12 Do you think the layby near Junction 14 used informally for car sharing should be made into a more formal car share facility?

63% Yes

9% No

25% No opinion

E13 If you answered yes to E12, please indicate whether you would use it if there was a charge for safe and secure parking?

22% Yes 41% No

E14 If there was 'car share noticeboard' on the community website, would you be interested in using it?

23% Yes 62% No

E15 If Charfield had an operational railway station again, please tick to show whether anyone in your household would use it to go to:

	Daily	Weekly	Occasionally	Never
Bristol	8%	13%	61%	12%
Abbeywood	4%	2%	9%	50%
Yate	3%	10%	40%	28%
Cam/Dursley	1%	2%	24%	41%
Gloucester	2%	5%	61%	19%

Do you have any comments on this subject?

SECTION F - ENVIRONMENT

F1 What are your views on the maintenance and upkeep of Charfield?

11% Good

68% Adequate

15% Poor

4% No opinion

Please specify what areas could be improved with your suggestions:

F2 Do you think dog fouling is a problem in Charfield?

60% Yes

21% No

17% Don't know

F3 Are more dog litter bins needed?

38% Yes

24% No

31% Don't know

If so, where?

F4 Are there sufficient litter bins in the village?

32% Yes

37% No

26% Don't know

F5 Are you aware that there are 2 village litter picks a year?

83% Yes

15% No

F6 Will you participate in the next village litter pick?

35% Yes

52% No

F7 What are your views on the state of footpaths in Charfield:

	Good state of repair	Adequate	Poor	No opinion
Roadside pavements	18%	66%	9%	5%
Public Rights of Way	9%	64%	10%	12%

Are there any specific improvements that you would like to see? For example, new routes or links?

F8 What are your views on having public toilets in the village (currently in Memorial Hall Car Park)?

65% They are necessary 14% They are not necessary 18% No opinion

F9 Would your household be in favour of the following initiatives in Charfield?

	Yes	No
Community compost scheme	39%	52%
Investigate renewable energy options	46%	42%
"Domestic Heating Fuel Club" - bulk buying scheme e.g. oil, wood, coal	22%	67%
Community Orchard/Garden	39%	51%
Allotments	45%	46%
Garden share scheme	18%	69%

Do you have any other suggestions?

F10 If allotments were available in Charfield how likely would your household be to apply for one?

9% Very likely 16% Quite likely 34% Not very likely 38% Definitely no interest

F11 In terms of workload, is your own garden:

7% Too much 79% About right 10% Not enough 1% Don't have a garden

F12 Would you let someone else grow things (fruit or veg) in your garden in return for produce or help?

9% Yes 82% No

SECTION G - DEVELOPMENT

The current planning policy for South Gloucestershire allows, in principle, small scale infill development within a defined boundary around Charfield. Planning policy also allows 'affordable' housing schemes to meet local needs as an 'exception' to normal planning policy in rural areas. The answers to the following questions will provide the first stage of residents views being gathered about the subject of development. One of the 'Actions' that may come out of the Charfield Village Plan is the preparation of a 'Neighbourhood Plan' which would be specifically about the subject of development. The Government has introduced these plans to give communities more influence on the planning and development of their local area.

G1 Overall how would you like to see Charfield in 10 years time?

42% No further growth 38% Growth capable of sustaining current facilities 16% Growth requiring additional facilities

G2 What type of homes do you think are needed in Charfield?

	Yes, definitely	Maybe	Definitely not	No opinion
Sheltered accommodation	13%	29%	24%	23%
Bungalows	13%	34%	17%	24%
1 or 2-bed house/flat	19%	30%	18%	21%
3-bed house	12%	27%	23%	25%
4-bed house	9%	21%	30%	25%
Larger detached homes	8%	12%	40%	25%
Affordable homes to meet local need (Social Rented/Shared Ownership)	24%	28%	23%	16%

G3 What type of other development do you think is needed in Charfield?

	Yes, definitely	Maybe	Definitely not	No opinion
Business units	7%	29%	34%	20%
Retail units	8%	31%	34%	17%
Leisure	19%	43%	14%	17%
Community	20%	43%	12%	19%
Other - please specify:				

SECTION H - ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

H1 Please tick all the age groups that normally live in your household:

Age 0-3	Age 4-9	Age 10-16	Age 17-19	Age 20-39	Age 40-59	Age 60+
9%	14%	21%	11%	27%	54%	40%

H2 Please tick which area of Charfield you live in:

2% Churchend	23% Manor Lane Area	20% Woodlands Road
12% Farm Lees/Longs View	5% New Street	8% Wotton Road Area
1% Huntingford	10% Station Road Area	
3% Little Bristol Lane	9% Underhill Road Area	
Anywhere else? - please indicate general area		

H3 Is your household planning to move away from Charfield in the future?

3% Yes, in the next 2 years	4% Yes, in 6-10 years	51% No
5% Yes, in 2-5 years	3% Yes, in more than 10 years	33% Don't Know

If yes, for what general reason or what would make you like to stay?

H4 Please indicate how many cars/vans are regularly sited at your property:

2% 0	26% 1	51% 2	14% 3	4% 4	1% 5	1% 6+
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... AND FINALLY

What are your top 3 priorities for Charfield in the long term?

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

If you have any interesting and/or amusing anecdotes about Charfield that could be used as material for the final document of the Charfield Village Plan, please enclose on a separate sheet - but please do not staple additional sheets to this questionnaire. Also, if you have any photographs of Charfield that we could use in the final document of Charfield Village Plan, please email them to charfieldvillageplan@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE