



SIBFORDS COMMUNITY PLAN HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

Headlines from Questionnaire Responses

GENERAL

- A total of 273 households took part in the questionnaire, with 119 in the Ferris and 154 in the Gower and Burdrop.
- 98% of those households completing the questionnaire described their property as their main residence with 80% owning their property.
- 45% of the households confirmed that they had dependants who would like to live in the Sibfords permanently, amounting to a total of 239 people and with the majority comprising two members of the household.
- The questionnaire responses recorded ownership of a total of 598 cars with the majority of households owning 2 cars.
- There was a fairly even split between male and females completing the questionnaire.
- A total of 647 people were involved in the questionnaire – the largest groups participating were 16-24, 45-54 and 55-64 with each group making up 15% of the survey.
- 78% of the sample lived in the villages over 5 years with over 50% more than 10% and 28% over 20 years!!
- 27% do not work and of those travelling to work 16% travel between 5 and 10 miles.
- 40% use a car to go to work, only 4% use public transport.
- 28% attend Parish Council meetings but those who did found the discussions relevant and 66% overall found communication of PC activities relevant.
- 65% wish to see a study undertaken to examine the possible combining of the two Parish Councils.

HOUSING AND PLANNING

- 70% want to see less than 20 houses built of which 66% want to these to be shared with other local villages.
- 60% of the responses consider these should be 1 to 3 bedroom houses with a very strong preference for houses built in a traditional style
- Parking and road improvements would be a the preferred upgrade
- Responses to where this building should be confirmed a preference for new housing to be situated on the Hook Norton Road, and on the roads leading to the B4035. There was a high level of opposition (88%) to development within the Wheathills / Sib Valley area confirming that villagers wish to protect the open character and views across Wheathills and between the villages

ROADS, TRAFFIC, FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

- There was a 50/50 split on the maintenance of roadways
- 66% do not see kerbs as a priority
- 70% park their car on the property
- 66% saw speeding as an issue
- The majority of respondents use the footpaths for walking and find them to be acceptable.
- 55% would like paths linked.
- 60% would like more dog bins
- Most people use the bus infrequently or never, as a car is more convenient

ENVIRONMENT

- Oil is the predominant fuel and most would welcome a scheme to bulk buy
- Few have considered alternative energy but most have adopted energy reduction methods. Most are aware of grants in this area.
- 22% of respondents use the village shop, and 35% supermarkets; less than 10% use on line shopping.
- 50% of people replying grow their own vegetables
- Although only 33% have a desire for an allotment, this amounts to 66 households requesting an allotment
- 65% of people are satisfied with the recycling arrangements, and 60% of the households responding requested the provision of glass recycling facilities as an improvement to the current system
- Conservation of the natural environment and protection of wildlife are priorities for a large majority of respondents
- There was a generally positive response to an attendance at meetings regarding energy savings, local food sourcing, recycling and conservation and creation of local habitats and species

LEISURE & RECREATION

- There was an even spread of responses to the requirement for play areas for various ages from pre-school to adult or none at all. The majority request was for a children's play area for 4–11 year olds.
- 37% of the responses would use a dedicated Sports Field and Public Open Space and a similar amount would use tennis courts
- There were requests for a wide range of New Clubs; most people (97) supported a walking club in the villages

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 40% use the village shop weekly but only 30% use the post office in a similar manner
- 77% of respondents use the Wykham Arms occasionally or never however if the Bishops Blaize re-opened 40% would use it at least weekly
- 60% of people use the Wykham Arms for food
- 45% never attend events at Sibford School
- Less than 10% have mobility issues

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- 85% have home broadband of which 75% are satisfied with the service but only 33% are satisfied with the mobile phone reception
- Although responses to business questions were quite low, a total of 101 businesses in the Sibfords were confirmed with 45% comprising Sole Traders, 30% Partnerships and 25% Limited Companies
- Nearly 70% of the responses thought that more businesses and small industries should be encouraged to establish within and around the Sibfords
- 82% would like a guide book of the Sibfords

GENERAL RESPONSES ON WHY THE SIBFORDS ARE VALUED

- The landscape setting and views of the wider countryside, and the peace and tranquillity received the highest responses in relation to what is most valued about living in the Sibfords. The location off the main road with more limited through traffic also received a high response.