

Community Facilities, Business and
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Community Facilities and Services

UC2 - Community Facilities and Services

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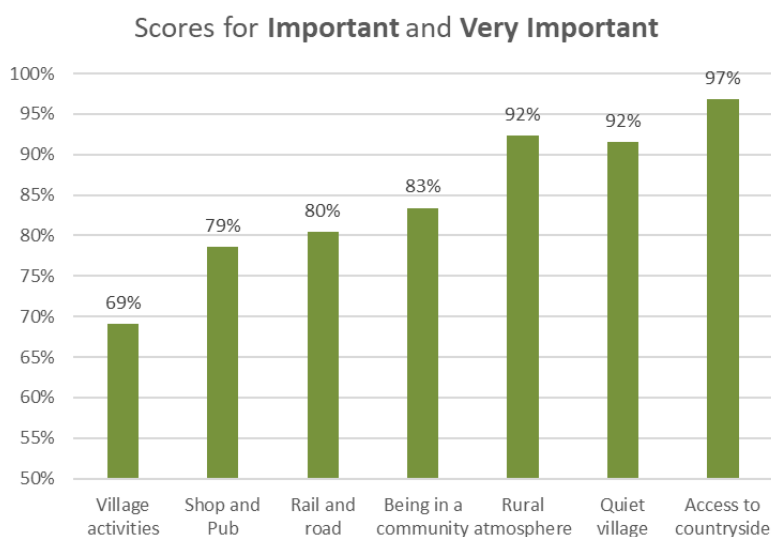
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UC2.1 Community Feedback on Facilities¹

The Parish of Upper Clatford is a vibrant and cohesive community, with a wide range of voluntary groups and community led services. It is often a comment from visitors or local residents that this is the case.

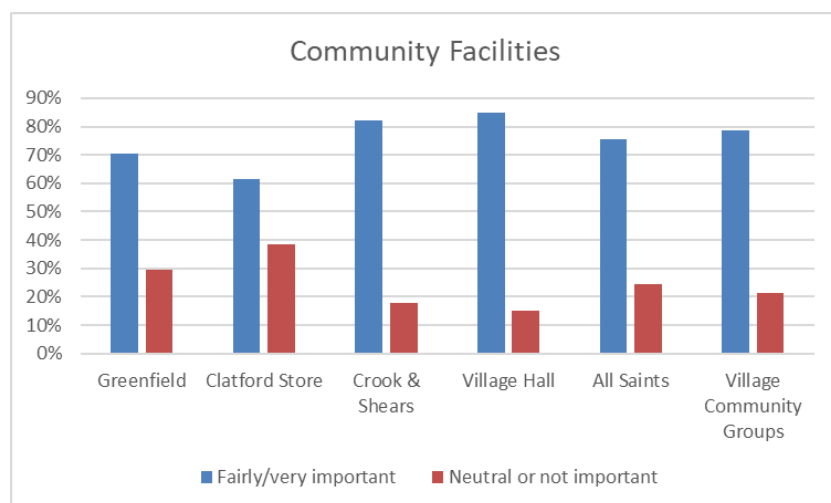
Equally, residents in the parish have identified this as being a key characteristic and draw to living in the village. In Q12 of the NDP Questionnaire, parishioners were asked to what defines the Parish identity and the responses are shown below.



Graph 1: Parishioners Feedback - Important Village Characteristics

These results support the view that residents see the community, being in a tranquil and quiet environment set in the countryside as being almost universally important.

In Q21, parishioners were asked how important existing Community Facilities were. The responses are summarised below and show an overwhelming confirmation of the importance of these services:

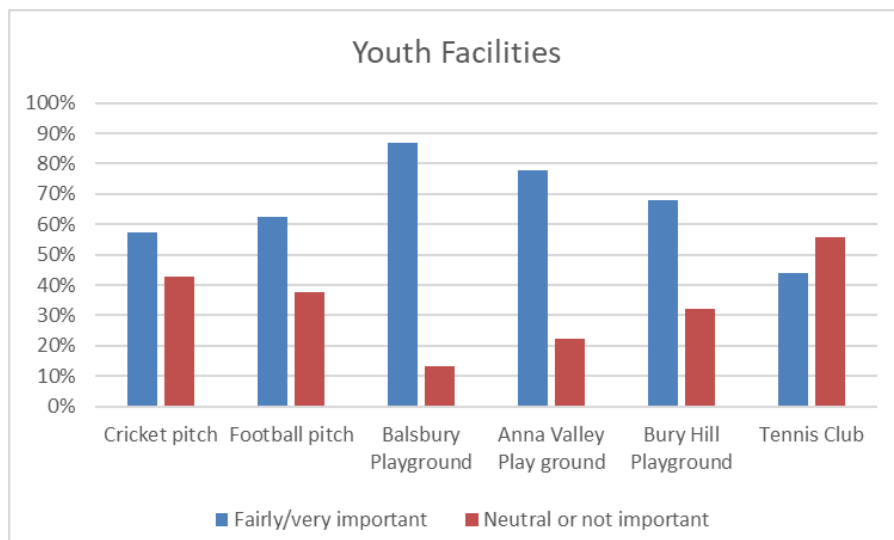


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Graph 2: Community Feedback - Community facilities

The only facility to score lower than 70% is Clatford Store, which is actually located in Goodworth Clatford.

The Community were also asked to rate the importance of youth related community facilities which scored as follows:





Graph 3: Community Feedback - Youth Facilities

UC2.2 Community Services

Listed below is a summary description of the main community services and voluntary organisations that are run by and service the community.

Service	Description	Level of Support
Greenfield Farm Shop	<p>Greenfield has three activity areas, pig rearing, hog roast and a butchery which has now been expanded into a shop in Anna Valley. It is owned and operated by parish residents.</p> <p>The shop, which opened in 2018, sells their own pork products as well as other community goods. https://www.greenfield-pork.co.uk/</p>	70%

		
Clatfords' Village Store & Post Office	Located in Goodworth Clatford, but taken over by the Community 15 years ago, many of the initial and current supporters and volunteers were from Upper Clatford. http://www.clatfordsvillagestore.org.uk/	61%
Crook and Shears Public House	<p>Located at the heart of the village, the pub has always been the place where village events are centred (e.g. Queens Jubilee Celebrations). https://www.crookandshears.co.uk/</p> 	82%
Village Hall	<p>King Edward VII Memorial Hall, or better known as the Upper Clatford Village Hall is located in the heart of the village and has been a centre for community activities for over sixty years. It is a registered charity and hosts a range of events for the village including monthly films and the local amateur dramatics group, The Burdock Valley Players. In addition to regular events arranged by the Committee, it is used by the WI for monthly meetings, local dog groups and the annual All Saints Winter Lectures. https://www.upperclatfordvillagehall.co.uk/</p>	85%

		
All Saints Church	<p>All Saints' is a 12th century church in a beautiful, tranquil rural setting alongside a water meadow. It has weekly services as part of the Anna Benefice. The active Bellringers can be heard weekly and a toddlers group meet in the Meadow Room every Friday.</p> <p>https://www.upperclatford.com/community/upper-clatford-15048/all-saints-church/</p> 	76%

UC2.3 Community Groups

There are a wide range of community groups (see

<https://www.upperclatford.com/community/upper-clatford-15048/community-groups/>) which provide structure and services to community life. These include:

- **Upper Clatford WI** – has regular meetings, speakers and visits provide an important friendship base for many in the village
- **Upper Clatford Coffee Shop** - held in the Village Hall every Thursday morning between 10.00 and 11.30.

- **Clatford Valley Gardening Club** – in addition to organising lectures, meetings and visits to gardens, this group organise the annual Village Flower and Produce Show.
- **Film Shows:** are held monthly during the winter.
- **May Fayre** - the spring fayre held on Balksbury Playing field, over the last 40 years, annually raises thousands of pounds for village voluntary groups.



- **The All Saints Winter Lectures** – invited speakers for 2 talks in January with funds raised being distributed to All Saints and other charities.
- **“Clatfest”** – which takes place on the Sports Field in June each year, to raise money for Clatford Church of England Primary School, one of the best performing schools in the country.

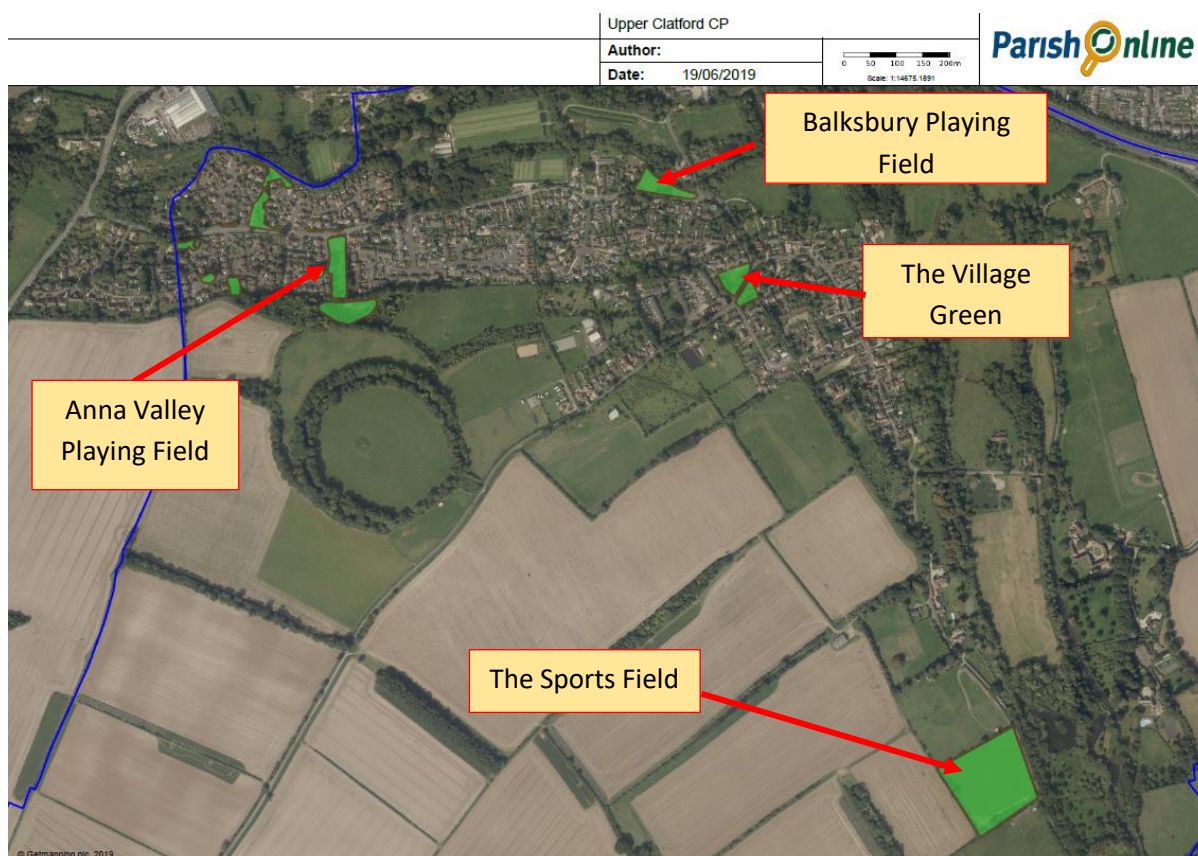
In addition, the following important voluntary groups service the young:

- **Upper Clatford Youth Football Club** meets for regular training and competes in the local league on the Sports field. <http://www.ucyfc.co.uk/>
- **Burdock Valley Players** – meets on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall and put on regular productions. <https://www.burdockvalleyplayers.com/>
- **Upper Clatford History Group** – recently formed, with monthly meetings to explore the historical events of the village and local area.
- **The Short Mat Bowling Club** and **Andover & District Dog Training Society** both meet in the Village Hall though draw membership from further afield.
- **Pilates and Art Groups** have regular classes in the Village Hall.

UC2.3 Youth Related Community Facilities

The existing recreational and green spaces provide an important facility for residents in Upper Clatford.

The Map below identified the location of all these facilities;



Map 1: Recreational Spaces

- Balksbury Playing Field** - In addition to being the main children's play area for the community, this open space, which is bounded to the north by the Pillhill Brook, is the venue for the Annual May Fayre. It has children's playground with swings etc. and is well used by the community.



Photo 1: Balksbury Bridge Playing Field facilities



Photo 2: Pillhill Brook running past the Balksbury Bridge Playing Field

- **The Sports Field:** This lies between Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford. It is laid out with two football pitches and a cricket square and has team changing rooms. It is also used for village events such as Clatfest.



Photo 3: Aerial views of the Sports Field

- **The Village Green:** this open green space lies at the heart of the village. In addition to being used by residents as a place to relax, the annual Guy Fawkes Bonfire is sited here.



Photo 4: Village Green - winter and summer

- **Anna Valley Playing field:** this lies within Anna Valley on Foundry Road. It is extensively used by residents and has a range of playground equipment. Several parishioners identified a need to upgrade playground equipment.
- **Andover Lawn Tennis Club** – recently relocated to Upper Clatford from Andover. It has a couple of covered courts and outdoor courts as can be seen from the following aerial photo.



Photo 5: Bawksbury Hill - The Andover Lawn Tennis Club