

Char Valley Parish Council – Residents Survey 2016

We are inviting all residents in the Char Valley Parish Council area to complete this questionnaire. The purpose is to seek your views about the area and identify where your concerns and aspirations for the future lie.

We hope the results of this survey will guide the council towards a decision on whether to set work in train to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, or alternatively whether a process to update 2003 Parish Plan would be more appropriate. Either approach will see the Parish Council working closely with the local community in the development process. This process will help influence the issues that your Council needs to focus upon in the coming years and help us do so.

We intend to follow-up issues raised by the questionnaire at a series of meetings around our area where residents will have the opportunity to explore in more depth some of the issues raised by responses. However in the first instance we invite all households to complete this questionnaire.

We would be grateful if one person can complete the questionnaire on behalf each household questionnaire, but if a second or subsequent member of the household wishes to complete their own separate questionnaire this is absolutely fine. It is also available online for downloading or on-line completion at XXXX. Please return it as soon as possible and by xxxxx.

1. Householder Information

To help us analyse questionnaire responses, please tell us about your household.

1.1 Your postcode

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1.2 Is this your household's main residence ?

Yes		No	
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1.3 How many people normally live in your house in the following age groups

Age	No.	Age	No.	Age	No.	Age	No.	Age	No.	Age	No.
0-15		16-24		25-40		41-65		66-84		85+	

1.4 Time resident in Char Valley area

0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	2-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 (years)

2. Housing

Current local plan housing policies limit any new housing in the Char Valley area to replacement buildings, sub-division, rural (agricultural) workers housing and any affordable housing schemes on "exception sites" – all of which are subject to the usual planning consents for each individual application that arises.

2.1 What is your view therefore, about housing growth, in the local area over the next ten years :

The level of housing permitted by the above policy is satisfactory and should continue	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would be prepared to support more housing growth than is currently permitted if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would be prepared to encourage much more significant housing growth	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2 New housing

If you feel that there should be new housing are there any locations that you think are particularly suitable for	
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new homes ? Please write the location (s), if any.	
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2.3 If you answered yes to question 2.1, what type of home is needed, mark all those that apply :

Type of home	
Small home (1 or 2 bed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family home (3 or 4 bed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptable home (e.g. for disabled or elderly)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social/affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other e.g. self-build (please describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheltered housing scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.4 Second Homes in your area – what is your perception/ thoughts, please mark one box ?

There are too many	<input type="checkbox"/>	The numbers are not currently a concern to me	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2.5 Should derelict or unused farm buildings be permitted to convert into homes for affordable use ?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know/no view	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Transport

3.1 Approximately how many miles in total does your household drive each week ?

0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-30	<input type="checkbox"/>	31-100	<input type="checkbox"/>	101-250	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 250	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.2 How often do you use local buses (village and A35 routes) ?

Daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less often	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate		
Maintenance of the main A35	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Maintenance of other (local) roads	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Maintenance of verges, drains, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Road safety generally	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Safety of pedestrians	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Speed of vehicles in your area	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Direction signs, i.e. fingerposts	<input type="checkbox"/>						

3.3 How would you rate the following in your local area ?

Availability of public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Parking provision	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Rights of way (footpaths)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

3.4 For any items that you rated poor or inadequate above, do you have any further comments ?

4. Economy

4.1 Employment status - Please enter the numbers for each person over 18 years old in your household :

Business owner (employing others)		Self- employed		Employed		Retired		Not in paid employment	
Permanently sick or disabled		Full-time education							

4.2 What are the main places of paid employment for your household ? Please enter a number against each location.

At home		Within the Char Valley area		Bridport		Lyme Regis	
Dorchester		Axminster		Further away		mobile	

4.3 What is the main business of your employment (or self-employment) ?

Local Government/NHS/Public Sector		Private care and support sector		Agriculture/Forestry		Tourism	
Service industries, e.g.		Financial/professional		Manufacturing		Arts and	

hairdressing, cleaning, etc.		services				creative	
Retail		IT related		Other			

4.4 How would you rate the following in the Char Valley area :

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	No opinion
Availability of business premises in local area	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Support for businesses in local area	<input type="checkbox"/>					

4.5 Is there anything more that could be done to support farming in the Char Valley?

4.6 Is there anything more that can be done to support the tourist industry in the Char Valley ?

4.7 Is there anything more that can be done to support other employment in, or adjacent to the Char Valley ?

5. Environment

5.1 How do you rate :

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate
General appearance of the area	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5.2 The Council would like to encourage tree and hedge planting and improvement of wildlife habitats, can you suggest any areas of land where 5 or more trees or a natural hedge could be planted or a habitat created or improved ?

5.3 How important do you think the following renewable energy initiatives should be within the Parish?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not at all important
Domestic solar power	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Solar power on agricultural buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Field scale solar power	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Individual small/medium wind turbines	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Anaerobic digestion	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Parish Council initiatives to promote renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Parish Council initiatives to promote energy efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5.4 Would you support the installation of a mains sewerage system in your area ?

Already have it		Yes		Possibly		No		No opinion	
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6. Communication

In your area how do you currently rate :

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate	No opinion
Mobile phone coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Internet connections	<input type="checkbox"/>					

7. Leisure and recreation

7.1 How often do you or your family use or visit :

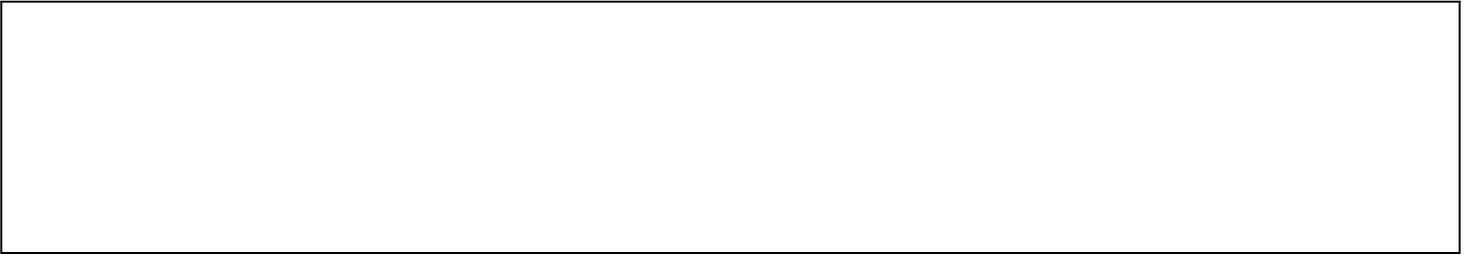
	weekly	monthly	Less often	Never	n/a
Children's play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Local playing fields	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Village Hall facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Local pub	<input type="checkbox"/>				

7.2 Is there anything that could be done to improve leisure and recreation in your area ?

8. Overall how satisfied are you with your local area as a place to live ?

Very satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9. What one thing, if any, would you most like to see improved in your local area ?



When completed your survey can be returned at the following points :

Or posted to :

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