

Gotherington Parish Plan Questionnaire 2013

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Answers given by a **significant proportion** of the 238 households who took part in the survey, either relating to things they think are a problem, services/activities they would use or attend, aspects of the parish that are important to them or improvements/developments they would like to see, are summarised below. All percentages are out of the total number of households who took part in the survey (**238**) unless otherwise stated.

SECTION A: YOUR HOUSEHOLD

A1 - Please note that report B looks at the number of households who ticked a box not the total number of people in each age group. Please use the table below for this information.

Age Group	Number of people	Percentage (out of 233)
0-4	21	4%
5-9	25	4%
10-17	47	8%
18-24	31	6%
25-29	5	1%
30-44	57	10%
45-59	94	17%
60-84	259	46%
85+	24	4%
TOTAL	563	100%

A2 – **34%** of households stated that they have lived in Gotherington for 20-40 years

SECTION B: BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT

B1 – **53%** of households stated that the village has **enough development**, however, **43%** of households stated that **sustainable development** should be welcomed so long as the character of the village is maintained.

B2 – Households could select more than one response to the types of development needed in the parish in the next ten years;

- **47%** of households stated Sheltered or supported living for the elderly
- **26%** of households stated new 1-3 bedroom bungalows
- **28%** of households stated none

B3 - Households could select more than one response to where new buildings should be sited;

- **46%** of households stated that demolishing and rebuilding current structures should occur
- **37%** of households stated that people should be allowed to build new houses by filling around current properties only

B4 - Households could select more than one response to how the village should adapt to the aging population;

- **47%** of households stated that suitable housing should be actively encouraged
- **37%** of households stated that other options that do not include building new housing should be looked at

SECTION C: TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC

C1 – use of different means of transport

- **Bus:** **26%** of households use the **bus service at least once a week**, in total 77% of households indicated that they use the bus service.
- **Taxi:** **26%** of households use a **taxi less than once a month**, in total 34% of households indicated that they use a taxi.
- **Lifts from GOWNS helpers:** although just under three quarters of households (see G1) indicated that they are aware of GOWNS only **3%** of households use the lift service **less than once a month** (note that although 0% is quoted for 'at least once a month', 1 household indicated this option)

C2 – **65%** of households stated that they village bus service is **either essential (21%) or important (44%)** to them.

C3 – When asked about ways to encourage increased use of the bus service more than one option could be selected;

- **40%** stated **improved frequency**
- **38%** (91) stated '**none**' – note that 46 of the 91 responses were from households that had stated the bus service was either essential or important to them.
- **26%** stated **improved routes**

C4 – **94%** of households stated they contain **at least one car or van** with **47%** stating they have **2 vehicles**. One household (resulting in less than 1% of the total) stated that it has 3+ mobility scooters. **43%** of households contain **at least one bicycle**.

C5 – When asked about supporting actions to improve road safety at different locations in the parish more than one option could be selected;

- Malleson Road/A435 - **77%**
- Station Road/Gotherington Lane junction – **56%**
- Parking outside school – **55%**

C6 – The **top five** responses for the most effective road safety measures for the village were;

1. Roundabout or traffic lights at the Malleson Road & A435 junction – **78%**
2. Elimination of potholes on pavements and roads– **65%**
3. Vehicle activated speed signs – **55%**
4. Cycle track from Gotherington to Bishop's Cleeve – **53%**
5. Pavement to the A435 – **42%**

SECTION D: CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

D1 – **66%** of households stated that they have **not experienced any** of the stated crimes/antisocial behaviour. However, **15%** of households have been affected by **burglary** and **12%** by **antisocial behaviour**. No households stated that they have been affected by drug problems.

D2 – **53%** of households stated that the **Police presence and response is sufficient** and **58%** stated that **Neighbourhood Watch publicity is sufficient**.

D3 – Although responses were generally positive to questions about problems caused by noise, flooding or other nuisances, **14%** gave examples of **other** nuisances and **12%** indicated that **noise** was a problem.

SECTION E: ENVIRONMENT

E1 – More than one option could be selected when asked about important aspects to safeguard the environment of Gotherington.

- **47% of households selected all four options.**
- The option with the highest response was **maintenance of drains and gutters** with an **84%** response.

E2 – The **majority response to all** aspects of this question about the maintenance of the parish was **positive** however the following received **notable negative responses**;

- Verge maintenance - 32%
- Kerbside maintenance – 30%
- Hedge maintenance – 28%
- Pavement maintenance – 27%
- Footpath maintenance – 25%

E3 – The **majority response was positive** regarding whether the council provides sufficient support during periods of ice and snow however, 29% negative responses is worth noting.

SECTION F: COMMUNICATIONS

F1 – More than one option could be selected when asked about how households find out about what is going on in Gotherington. The top four methods are;

1. **TOPICS - 89%**
2. Information through letterbox – **63%**
3. Word of mouth – **62%**
4. Gotherington stores – **61%**

F2 – When asked about broadband speed **37%** of households stated it is **satisfactory** but 60% indicated it is either too slow or inconsistent.

F3 – Although not a majority response, a significant response of **29%** of households stated they **would like a free Wi-Fi hotspot** in the Village Hall.

F4 – **61%** of households stated that their **mobile phone reception is inconsistent**. Looking at the providers for these 61% could suggest a solution i.e. a preferable network, however the location of these households within the parish would also need to be identified.

SECTION G: FACILITIES, LEISURE & COMMUNITY LIFE

G1 – More than one option could be selected when asked about services providing assistance and all four received a strong response from households, the lowest being Village Agents with 41%, please note that this service is only available to those aged 50+. **33% of households selected all four options.**

G2 - More than one option could be selected when asked about the importance of facilities in/aspects of Gotherington. The top five facilities indicated by households were;

1. Gotherington stores – **83%**
2. Rural location – **80%**
3. Friendly community – **76%**
4. Walks and footpaths – **74%**
5. Village Hall – **61%**

G3 – Although the majority of households stated that they never use GOWNS for assistance 8% indicated they occasionally use the service.

Questions G4, G5 and G6 refer to facilities for young people

Please note that in A1 only 21% of households stated they contain at least one person aged 17 or under.

G4 – 35% of households stated that **there are adequate facilities for children aged 12 and under** in Gotherington.

G5 – 23% of households stated that **there are not adequate facilities for teenagers** in Gotherington

G6 – 16% of households stated that there **are not** any **additional facilities** for children and teenagers they would like to use in Gotherington.

G7 – 41% of households stated that they use the Village Hall or Rex Rhodes building either **at least once a week or month**

G8 - More than one option could be selected when asked about what would encourage households to make more use of the village hall or Rex Rhodes building.

- **52%** of households stated that they should be **left as they are**
- **13%** of households would like them to be **converted** to a new building under one roof

G9 – 69% of households stated that Gotherington Parish Council is **generally doing a good job**.

G11 – When asked about how frequently a selection of services are used the top five facilities were;

1. Gotherington Stores – **74%** of households use it **at least weekly**
2. Post Office counter - **46%** of households use it **at least weekly**
3. Gotherington Nursery – **41%** of households use it **at least monthly**
4. Shutter Inn – **35%** of households use it **at least monthly**
5. Gotherington Cross Garage – **31%** of households use it **at least monthly**

Please remember that only 21% of households contain at least one person aged 17 and under so a high response wouldn't be expected for the school or after school clubs.