

# Bourton-on-the-Hill - Parish Questionnaire 2023

In May 2023, a new parish council was elected for the village.

We are keen to find out about the current needs of the residents and establish how we can best serve the whole community. It has been 11 years since the parish residents were consulted through a comprehensive survey so it will be interesting to see how views and priorities have changed.

We would be grateful if you could spare the time to answer the following questions; your feedback will help to shape the focus of the Parish Council for the next 4 year term, and beyond.

All responses will be anonymous and we will not identify any person's specific comments in any published results.

**Completed questionnaires will be collected from your doorstep on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

However, if you prefer you can hand deliver your completed questionnaire to Horseshoe Cottage, which is located on the main road opposite the bus stop halfway up the hill.

*Please circle or fill in your responses where appropriate.*

## 1. Your household

1.1 How many people make up your household, including children?

1      2      3      4      5      6      More than 6

1.2 Please indicate how many people within each age group live in your house:

Age 0-4      .....

Age 5-10      .....

Age 11-18      .....

Age 19-40      .....

Age 41-65      .....

Age 65+      .....

1.3 Is your home:

Owner occupied      Rented      Second home

1.4 How long have you lived in the village?

Under 1 year      1-5 years      6-10 years      11-25 years      25 years+

1.5 How many cars do you have in your household?

None      1      2      3      More than 3

1.6 Whereabouts in the village do you live?

Moreton end of village      Middle of village

Near the petrol station

## 2. Communication

2.1 Do you use the village website?

Yes                      No

2.2 If yes, is there anything else that you would like to see included in it?

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2.3 If you have read the village Information booklet, did you find it useful?

Yes                      No

2.4 In future, what else could be included within it?

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2.5 For parish information, which of the following sources have you found useful?

*[Circle all appropriate]*

Notice Boards

Bourton Bugle

Flyers through your letter box

Website

Email alerts

Instagram

FaceBook

NextDoor

Other Social Media

Other (Specify) .....

2.6 Would a village board showing footpaths and key buildings be useful?

Yes                      No                      No opinion

## 3. Community

3.1 Which of the following local organisations have you heard of?

Educational Trust	Yes	No
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Help in Need Trust	Yes	No
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Alms Houses	Yes	No
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Cotswold Friends	Yes	No
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The Old School	Yes	No
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Parochial Church Council	Yes	No
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Parish Council	Yes	No
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3.2 Are you aware of the following village amenities ?

Allotments	Yes	No
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Community Orchard	Yes	No
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Millennium Wood	Yes	No
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*For further information on any of the above, see village website.*

3.3 Do you know what the Parish Council does?

Yes No

3.4 Do you know how to contact the Parish Council?

Yes No

3.5 How easy is it to contact them?

Very Easy Quite Easy OK Quite Hard Very Hard Don't Know

3.6 Would you be interested in joining the Parish Council?

Yes No

*For further information, please contact the Clerk: clerk@bourtononthehill.org.uk*

3.7 Do you think the Parish Council represents your views when needed?

Yes No Don't Know

Comments: .....  
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3.8 Would you be willing to help in the seasonal village Clean-up mornings?

Yes No

3.9 Is there an aspect of village/community life that you feel you could contribute to but don't know who to contact or go about it?

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3.10 Do you currently participate in any village activities? (eg Film Nights, village events)

Often Occasionally Never

3.11 Do your children currently participate in any village activities?

Yes No N/A

3.12 Would you be in favour of a children's playground being built in the village?

Yes No No Opinion

3.13 If a playground was built in the village would your children use it?

Every Day Every week Rarely Not at all N/A

3.14 Are there any additional events or activities that you would like to see in Bourton-on-the-Hill?

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3.15 How else do you feel village/community life could be enhanced?

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3.16 Do you use/go to the following local businesses?

Horse & Groom Pub	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Quarry Petrol station & shop	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Troopers Lodge garage & shop	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Batsford Arboretum/Falconry	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Batsford Garden centre & Café	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Bourton House	Frequently	Occasionally	Never

3.17 Do you catch the bus from Bourton-on-the-Hill?

Every Day    Every week    Rarely    Never

3.18 What improvements would you like to see to bus services?

- Additional destinations                      More frequent services
- Lower fares                                      More school services
- Other (Specify) .....
- No Opinion

3.19 Are you aware of the following community bus services?

Cotswold Connexions	Yes	Yes, I use it	No
The Robin	Yes	Yes, I use it	No
Other – please specify	.....		

*See 'Useful Information' booklet for further information about these services.*

#### 4. Environment and Roads

4.1 Which of the following do you think the village suffers from?

Circle all that are appropriate.

- Litter                      Fly tipping                      Parking                      Anti-social behaviour
- Noise                      Dog fouling                      Vandalism                      Other .....
- None of these

4.2 Are there any areas of the village that you consider to be unsafe?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

If yes, please explain: .....

4.3 Do you feel speeding is an issue in the village?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

4.4 If yes, where do you think it occurs most often?

- Bottom of the hill
- Middle of the hill
- By the Horse & Groom Pub
- By the Petrol station
- All through the village

4.5 Does your property have its own garage/off road parking?

- Yes
- No

4.6 If you need to park, do you have trouble finding a space in the village?

- Always
- Occasionally
- Never

4.7 Would electric car charging points be beneficial in the village?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

If Yes, which locations should be considered?

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4.8 How would you describe the state of the following in the village:

Roads:	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Pavements:	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know

If poor, which locations do you feel need addressing?

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4.9 Considering the traffic that passes through the village, how do you feel about walking on the pavements?

- Very Safe
- Quite Safe
- OK
- Quite Unsafe
- Very Unsafe
- No Opinion

4.10 Do you use the public footpaths to access the surrounding countryside?

- Yes
- No

4.11 Do you feel the public footpaths around the village are:

Adequately signposted	Yes	No	Don't Know
Adequately maintained	Yes	No	Don't Know

4.12 Is the countryside around the village important to you and worth protecting?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

4.13 Do you have any other ideas about how the village environment could be improved?

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## 5. Housing & Planning

5.1 Do you feel you receive sufficient information about planning applications in the Parish?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

5.2 Are you aware that the village is in a Conservation Area (AONB)?

Yes                      No

5.3 Would you like more information about the Conservation Area and its implications?

Yes                      No

5.4 Are you aware that the Parish Council responds with an opinion on all planning applications?

Yes                      No

5.5 Do you think the present planning process operates to the benefit of the parish?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

If No, please explain .....

5.6 Would you be happy to see further housing/building development immediately in or around Bourton-on-the-Hill? (i.e. within/next to built up areas of the village)

Yes                      No                      No opinion

5.7 If Yes, which of the following would you be in favour of?

Private Development	Yes	No	No opinion
Affordable housing for part ownership	Yes	No	No opinion
Affordable housing for rent	Yes	No	No opinion
For business use	Yes	No	No opinion
Other, please specify below	Yes	No	No opinion

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5.8 How important do you think it is that any new housing should have parking – garage or designated space?

Very important      Quite Important      Not at all important      No opinion

5.9 Would you be happy to see further housing development in the wider parish? (i.e. in the countryside adjacent to the village)

Yes                      No                      No opinion

5.10 Has your property ever suffered from flooding?

Yes                      No                      Don't Know

If Yes, can you briefly describe the cause? .....

## 6. Internet / TV / Mobile

6.1 Can you get a 4G signal on your mobile phone?

Always      Most of the time      Some of the time      Rarely      Never      N/A

6.2 During certain weather conditions (eg high pressure) do you lose your TV signal?

Yes      Yes, but I can switch to cable/satellite      No Never

6.3 Who is your internet provider?

BT      Gigaclear      Other (Specify) .....      N/A

6.4 Are you happy with your internet connection speeds?

Yes      No      N/A

6.5 Have you experienced issues accessing suitable internet connection speeds?

Yes      No      N/A

If Yes, please explain briefly : .....  
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## 7. The Precept

Your Council tax pays for things like roads, schooling etc.

A small part of the annual council tax is given to the Parish Council to fund local parish upkeep. This is called **the precept**. In 2023-24 for a “band D” house (the agreed type used to compare across the UK) in Bourton-on-the-Hill the council tax is approximately £2,016, and the precept is £48. i.e. less than £1 per week per house.

As the cost of living has increased, the Parish Council have been reluctant to significantly increase the Precept payment within the village. However, costs to maintain the village and its assets have also risen substantially.

7.1 In future years would you support a small increase in your Council Tax to allow for an increased precept to pay for improvements to any of the following items?

Maintaining footpaths	Yes	No	No opinion
Maintaining the Old School	Yes	No	No opinion
Implementing traffic calming	Yes	No	No opinion
Issuing speeding notifications	Yes	No	No opinion
Mowing of communal areas	Yes	No	No opinion
Support St Lawrence’s church	Yes	No	No opinion
Maintaining the Peace Garden	Yes	No	No opinion
New projects, e.g. signage	Yes	No	No opinion
Installing EV charging points	Yes	No	No opinion
Maintain a children’s playground	Yes	No	No opinion
Other (Specify) .....			

## 8. Future Contact

8.1 In future, how would you like to receive info regarding village events and news?  
*Please circle all that apply*

Door drops e.g. Bugle, cinema leaflets	yes	no
Email alerts	yes	no
Social Media posts e.g Instagram, Nextdoor	yes	no
Village Website	yes	no
Prefer not to be contacted	yes	

*If you would like to be included in the e-mail alerts, please provide your email:*

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And finally . . . . Any other comments :

*Thank you for completing the survey, your contribution is really valuable to us.*

***We will be back to collect your completed questionnaire on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
Please leave it outside your front door on that day.***

*Alternatively, if you prefer you can hand deliver your completed questionnaire to  
Horseshoe Cottage, which is located on the main road opposite the bus stop halfway up  
the hill.*

Results will be analysed and a summary will be published before Christmas on the new  
Bourton-on-the-Hill website which will soon be live at [www.bourtononthehill.org.uk](http://www.bourtononthehill.org.uk)