

# CROSCOMBE PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE



Dear villager

This is an extensive and wide-reaching questionnaire which we ask you to complete so that we are informed about what concerns you have about the village and what developments or changes you would like to see in the future.

We cannot promise to implement anything you wish for immediately but knowing what you would like (or not) allows us to look for funding and support from a wide range of resources and use your responses and wishes to lobby parties such as the new unitary authority with clear evidence of villagers' concerns and expectations for the future.

This has been delivered by hand and can be returned to 'The George Inn', posted in the Village Hall letter box or returned to any councillor. We can also collect your completed questionnaire. If you would like it collected, OR and additional questionnaire/s for your household, then please email myself or our clerk and we will arrange to collect at a convenient time - [cllr.shergold@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:cllr.shergold@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk) OR [clerk@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk) You can also 'phone me on 07585507728.

The 2021 census data shows a total of 590 residents; 304 people between ages 16 and 64 and 219 over 65 years. We would hope that all residents will respond. We will collate responses and publish the main concerns/expectations and also hold a village event to report back to you before the end of the year.

Thank you in advance

Hilary Shergold, (Chairman, Croscombe Parish Council)

Your name (optional).....

1. Where do you live in Croscombe?

- On the main road
- In the Fayreway area
- Above Thrupe Lane
- Off the main road – Shepton side of ‘The George’
- Off the main road – Wells side of ‘The George’
- Old Wells Road area

2. How long have you lived in Croscombe?

1- 3 years	4-10 years	11-20 years	More than 20 years

3. How many people in each age group live in your household – please place a number in the relevant boxes.

0-4	5-10	11-18	19-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+

*PARISH COUNCILS - work towards improving community well-being and providing services.*

*Their activities are mainly –*

- *Maintaining services to meet local needs*
- *Supporting community well being*
- *Using money for community needs from the Council tax (precept)*

4. The Parish Council undertakes many roles. Tick all that you are aware of –

- Comment on planning decisions
- Maintain green spaces
- Provide recreational activities
- Support crime prevention
- Award grants to individuals and local groups
- Raise money through Council tax (precept)
- Provide better services to meet local needs
- Provide allotments
- Maintain the cemetery
- Provide litter bins
- Provide and maintain play equipment

5. Do you know how to contact your parish councillors?

- Yes



*YOUR PARISH - We would like to know your views on living in Crocombe and what aspects of the parish you do and do not like.*

11. What do you like the most (please tick 3) and the least (please tick 3) about living here.

	Most valued	Least valued
Mobile connectivity		
Close to the countryside		
Close to towns		
Community life/activities		
Primary school		
Local facilities – shop, pub		
Local history and heritage		
Public transport		
Road network - access		
Size of community		
Sustainable lifestyle		
Supportive community		
Village hall		
Church and other religious facilities		
Play area		
Other – please tell us		

*COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES – we have a number of community facilities and we want to understand whether the facilities are suitable and whether improvements are needed.*

12. Do you currently engage with the parish in any way (volunteering, attending activities, organising events, being a local committee member)? (tick any that apply)

- School
- Churches
- Shop
- Clubs – please state those you attend
- Village hall activities
- Fundraising
- Village committees
- None
- Other not mentioned above – please state

13. Which leisure activities and recreation facilities do you currently use in the parish?
- The George Inn
  - Cricket club
  - The shop in the 'The George Inn'
  - Footpaths
  - Allotments
  - Play area
  - Orchard
  - Village hall Film Night
  - Village hall activities
  - None
  - Other not mentioned – please state
14. Which other resources would you like to use if they were available in the village? (tick any that apply)
- Bike track
  - Electric car charging points
  - Community home fuel scheme
  - Additional convenience store
  - Food bank/pantry/fridge
  - GP clinic
  - Outdoor gym equipment
  - Parent/toddler groups
  - Parking facilities
  - Other – please state
15. What facilities should be considered for future investment by the Parish Council? (tick any that apply)
- Community shop
  - Improved footpaths
  - Improved cycle paths
  - More clubs and societies – please specify
  - Parking
  - None
  - Other – please state
16. Which community activities would you like to attend if they were available? (tick any that apply)
- Toddler group
  - Lunch club
  - Book club
  - Craft/making clubs
  - Gardening club
  - None
  - Other – please state

17. What services or facilities would you use if these were available in the parish? (please tick all that apply)

- Car share scheme
- Community fridge or pantry
- Composting scheme
- Community oil scheme
- Electric car charging
- Wildflower planting
- Local produce market
- None

COMMUNITY CENTRE/VILLAGE HUB

18. Do you agree that there is a need for a building flexible enough to provide a community hub/centre?

- Yes
- No

*The village hall already provides some of the facilities listed below and could be adapted to provide more. The council would work to support this.*

19. Which of the following would you be most likely to use a community centre for? (tick any that apply)

- Café
- Inclusive activities/groups
- Health and wellbeing sessions/therapies
- Adult education classes
- Outlets for products made in the village
- Shop
- Bar/lounge
- Multi use room (pool, darts, skittles, table tennis etc)
- Drop in office with WiFi
- Informal library
- Young peoples' activities
- Facilities for parents with toddlers to meet
- A place for teenagers to meet
- A place for the elderly to meet
- Other – please state

AVAILABLE SERVICES/SUPPORT/HELP

20. What help do you need to access any of these services? The council is aware of a range of providers (tick any that apply)

	Information, printed, website etc	Guidance – in person
Healthcare and related support		
Housing and getting jobs done		
Home adaptations and equipment to make life easier and safer		
Receiving the correct benefits or pension		
Computer help/accessing the internet		
Home security, fire safety checks and smoke alarm fitting		
Energy saving advice		
Healthy living advice, weight loss, fitness		
Travel/access to community transport		

CLIMATE EMERGENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - Climate and nature change is high on many people's concerns for the future. The information gathered from you will highlight what we can all do as a community to help achieve the goal of being carbon neutral.

21. How important is the climate and nature change to you?

- Not at all important
- Not very important
- Moderately important
- Very important
- Extremely important

22. What do you think would help you to reduce your own carbon footprint? (tick any that apply)

- Guidance on funding to make my home more energy efficient
- Increased options for recycling and reusing
- Composting scheme
- Electric vehicle charging points
- None

23. Some of the future climate change actions are likely to involve the parish changing. Do you agree or disagree with the following changes?

	Agree	Disagree
Local solar projects – solar farms, community renewable schemes		
A solar street lighting scheme		
Plant more trees		
More recycling and reusing services/facilities		
Electric charging points		

Other – please state		
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24. Are parish public open spaces well maintained to enable a biodiverse environment?

- yes
- no
- don't know

25. Are Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates well maintained?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

26. Are verges, ditches and hedgerows well maintained (some may be privately owned)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

27. Are you satisfied with the following issues relating to your local environment in the parish?

	Yes	No
Access to the countryside		
Flood prevention		
Safe cycle routes		
Rights of Way (footpaths, stiles, gates)		
Wildlife conservation		
Biodiversity		
Path maintenance		
Level of air pollution		
Level of light pollution		

28. Do you feel that tipping/litter is a problem? If so, please state where.

- Yes
- No
- Where? .....

29. If you feel that pollution affects the parish, what sort of pollution is it?

- Noise
- Light
- Water
- Car fumes/particulates
- Farming
- Other
- I don't think pollution is an issue