

Freshford Village Survey

In creating this questionnaire we have tried to minimise the amount of work required from you all. It has been designed so that one person in the household can complete many of the questions, but also leaves space so that when there are questions which might attract different answers other members of the household can add their opinion or practice. We would ask that whoever takes on the major task of filling this in actively encourages other members to contribute.

Section 1: Background information and your home

Please tell us about your household

Age	Male	Female	Live at home	Live away	Away studying
0-4					
5-15					
16-18					
19-24					
25-44					
46-64					
65-74					
75-85					
>85					

How many years has your family...

	Lived in Freshford	at the address before Freshford
<1		
1-3		
4-10		
11-15		
16-30		
>30		
All your life		

How long do you intend to live in Freshford (one column for every member of the family)

At least for this year					
2-5 years					
5-10 years					
For the foreseeable future					

What sort of dwelling do you have?

	20 th Century	19 th Century	Earlier
Detached			
Semi-detached			
Terraced			
Bungalow			
Flat			
Other			

How many of the following do you have in your home (or part of home)

	Number
Reception rooms	
Bedrooms	
Bathrooms	
Garages	
Off-street parking places	

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Do you think the number of dwellings in Freshford should be

Kept untouched	Marginally increased for affordable housing	Expanded for some elderly provision as well	Greatly expanded to give scale to services (ie the shop)

How do you keep abreast of community matters in Freshford

	Yes	No
Do you currently receive the Parish Magazine?		
Does it tell you enough about what's going on?		
Would you like a more general Freshford Newsletter?		
Do you find the village noticeboards informative?		
Are there enough noticeboards?		
Do you have a computer at home with access to the internet?		
Do you have Broadband access at home?		

For what would you use a Freshford Village web-site

	Yes	No
Current events		
Parish Council		
News		
Noticeboard		
"chat room facility"		
Local adverts		

Would you like help in learning to use such a facility if it where available?

Yes	No

In general, do you feel

	Yes	No
Adequately informed about Freshford Village		
A part of a village community		
More effort needs to go into creating a community		

Waste

Do you recycle your household waste using the Council box scheme?

Yes	No	Sometimes

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Do you compost appropriate kitchen waste in your own garden compost bin?

Yes	No	I have no garden

Would you support a village composting facility for your kitchen and garden waste?

Yes	No	I have no garden

Would you like an allotment if they were available in Freshford?

Yes	No

And

	Yes	No
Do you think we should have preferred bonfire day(s) and times?		
Do you think we have enough litter waste disposal points?		
Should there be more dog fouling bins?		
Do you think we have a problem with noise pollution? E.g. radios/music/garden machinery.		
Would you support village 'clean-up' days collecting litter from hedgerows and footpaths and removing graffiti?		
Support a refill facility for some products eg detergents		
Your comments		

Green Energy

	Yes
Are you concerned about the impact of global warming on Freshford?	
Should we be thinking about addressing the problem?	
Would you support a Freshford Ecofriendly Group?	
Your comments	

Does your home have

	Yes	No
Central heating		
Partial CH		
Double glazing		
Secondary windows		
Roof insulation		
Renewable energy source...e.g, solar heating		
Other		

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If not, what has prevented you doing this (tick all that apply)?

	Yes
Cost	
Not enough savings	
Building or planning regs or listing	
Lack of knowledge	
Inertia	
Not interested	

Section 2: Freshford & its Environment

The distinctive beauty of Freshford with hills and valleys, woods, rivers and stone buildings, has long been recognised. A long term objective is to maintain these characteristics, as well as the quality of life of all residents.

Do you believe the green spaces in and around Freshford are vital to the character of the village

Yes	No

In planning terms:

	Yes	No
Did you know that the whole of Freshford is part of the Bath/Bristol Greenbelt?		
Did you know that the village centre and Sharpstone were designated Conservation areas in 1979?		
Did you know that the whole of Freshford was incorporated into the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1991?		

Are you concerned about any of the following?

	Yes	No
The number of second homes in the village		
The use of houses for holiday lets		
Possibility of phone masts		
Destruction of verges		
Overhanging hedges and trees		
Size of vehicles in lanes		
Your comments		

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And in terms of the housing in the village:

	Yes	No
Have you other members of your family living elsewhere in the village		
Do you have any family who would like to work/live in Freshford but cannot afford the housing		
Have you any family who are elderly and have left the village because there are no houses suitable for them in the village		
Do you have a requirement for sheltered housing (warden supported)		
Do you have a requirement for special care services (e.g. residential nursing)		
Do you care for any disabled or elderly person in your home		
Do you care for any disabled or elderly person in their own home		
Are there any services you would like to see provided for older people in Freshford		

What first attracted you to live in Freshford ? (Tick all applicable boxes and/or complete 'other' category)

Work	Family
School	Closeness to Bath
Village life / sense of community	Friends
Picturesque setting	Affordability of housing
Other	

The maintenance of farming is vital. Land, farmed and care for with responsibility is important not only for the growth of crops and animals, but also visually and for nature conservation.

Is there sufficient countryside access from the village?

	Yes	No
Would you like more information on the routes of footpaths and historical sites?		
Does the signage on directions need improving?		
Does parking and access need improvement?		
Should bicycle/horse/pedestrian routes be specified?		
For studying wildlife?		
Your comments		

Within the village there are a wide variety of natural and semi-natural habitats such as meadows, woods, rivers, hedges, verges and gardens. These support a great diversity of animal and plant life.

To support this environment, do YOU believe that it would be important to ?

	Yes	No
Create local nature reserves		
Create new ponds		
Create new woodlands		
Encourage birds – bird tables/boxes		
Are there any habitats that you would like to see developed in Freshford?		
Reserve a small area of garden for wild life		
Would you support a nature conservation group		
Would you like to grow more of your own food but do not have available garden?		
Would you consider renting parts of your garden to others for an allotment plot?		
Are you satisfied with current facilities for re-cycling?		
Consider purchasing locally produced food, locally?		
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A long term objective is to enable all members of the community of Freshford to move freely and safely into, out of and within the village. This will involve a reduction in the number of car movements by provision of and for alternatives, be they improved public transport or improved facilities for walking and cycling. However, the car must still be catered for by improved parking and other means.

In your household how many roadworthy cars are there normally garaged or parked at your address

One	Two	Three	Four or more

If you have daytime **access to a motor vehicle** what do you use it for? (one column for every member of the family)

Not applicable					
Transport to work or college					
Leisure					
Shopping					
Taking children to school					
Other	What?				

What is your main means of transport within the village (e.g., from your home to the school, village hall, sports ground, or visiting friends)?

(one column for every member of the family)

Foot					
Bicycle					
Car					
Other					

If your answer is car, what would encourage you to walk or cycle more for local journeys of less than 2 miles?

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And for journeys beyond the village what form of transport do you use for the following tasks: (one column for every member of the family)

Going to or from work					
Going to or from school or college					
Shopping					
Leisure					
Other					

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Would you support a car share scheme in Freshford which, for an annual subscription and an hourly and mileage charge would provide access to a fully serviced, insured and fuelled care through a (one column for every member of the family)

web/telephone					
booking of the service? (see www.citycarclub.co.uk for information on the running of similar schemes in Bath, Bradford on Avon and Bristol)					
Would the existence of lift share and car share schemes encourage you to reduce the number of cars owned by your household?					

Would you support the following speed control measures on the main roads through the village?

Traffic calming	
Children-at-play signs	
Flashing yellow lights on the Freshford Lane and Church Lane approaches to the school	
Extension of the 20mph speed limit area	
Speed cameras	
None of the above	
Other	What?

Do you feel the traffic in Freshford would be improved by the following **parking measures** being introduced?

Improved off-road parking	Where?
Single yellow lines – no parking at certain times	Where?
Double yellow lines – no parking at any time	Where?
Residents parking areas	
Other	What?

Would you like to see any of the following changes to the streets and roads in Freshford?

More pavements	Where?
A mini-roundabout at school/PO cross -roads	
Better local sign-posting	Where?
More street lights	Where?
Fewer street lights	Where?
Footbridge across the Avon close to The Inn to link with the canal	
Anything else?	What?

One column for every member of the family on each of the following questions:

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How often do you use the train from Freshford station?

4 or more times per week					
2-3 times a week					
Once a week					
Monthly					
Occasionally					
Never					
Please tick if a station was important in your choosing to live in Freshford					

What would encourage you to use the train more (tick all that apply)

Cheaper tickets					
Increased frequency of service					
More/better parking at the station					
Less overcrowding on the trains					
Easier platform access					
Should Freshford apply more publicity to the rail service ?					

How often do you use the bus?

4 or more times per week					
2-3 times a week					
Once a week					
Monthly					
Occasionally					
Never					

What are issues discouraging use of the bus (tick all that apply)

Travel time compared to train/car					
Cost					
Frequency of service					
Should Freshford apply more publicity to the bus service ? (Yes)					

Where do you work ?

In Freshford					
In Bath					
within 10 miles					
within 20 miles					
In London					

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Should Freshford encourage tourism through (tick yes in the list below)

Not at all					
More eating facilities					
Cycle/pedestrian link to canal towpath					
Promoting bed & breakfast					

Section 3: Living in Freshford

The Surgery

Are you registered with the village surgery?

Yes					
No					

What are your feelings about the practice ?

Are the opening hours convenient?					
Do you find the premises easy to access?					
Do you walk there?					
If you drive, are you able to park?					
Are the surgery hours convenient					
Are you registered disabled					
If yes, does this limit your use of health resources in Freshford					

When you need to visit the surgery

Do you use other non-medical services (e.g. Post Office) at the same time					
Does anyone else drive you to and from the surgery ?					
Do you choose to go to Beckington instead					
Do you use the Surgery dispensary					
Does a separate visit to collect medications influence your use of the pharmacy					

Is the availability of surgery/dispensary and its arrangements

A vital part of community life					
important					
convenient					
unimportant					
Are voluntary services important to you in the provision of health services					

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And in considering your health needs,

Would you like forms of complementary medicine available locally ?					
Would transport limit your choice of health provider ? (e.g which hospital/ specialist you chose)					

Beyond present village provision,

Should the village take a leadership role in promoting and facilitating healthy lifestyles					
Would you attend appropriate mobile screening services?					
Are you able to easily get to the RUH?					
Do you use the village volunteer hospital transport service?					

The Shop

Should there be emphasis on organic food ?					
Should the shop show preference to local/fairtrade suppliers ?					

Employment

In past times most people lived and worked in their own or nearby villages. Now there are very limited numbers of employment possibilities within the village itself, although nationally more people are working from home.

Do you currently work from home for most of your working time ?					
Is your present experience of this satisfactory					
Would you like to use a village workshop if it was available?					
Would a meeting place for meetings be useful to you					
Would village services such as internet, copying etc be useful ?					
Would a business directory of services and organisations be useful					

Education

Would you use a pre-school facility in the village?					
Would you use pre or after school care?					
Would you attend adult education classes if they were in an area of interest to you?					
Do you use the mobile library					

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And in regard to Freshford School

Are you aware of existing inter-community activities between the school and the village?					
Would you like to see more links between the school and the community?					
Would you consider helping in the school eg regularly reading or sharing a skill in industry/arts week?					
If you have a child at the school would you consider learning alongside your child in the classroom eg computer skills, modern language?					

How would you like to see the children/school contributing to the community?

Events such as school plays and concerts open to the community					
Visiting scheme to eg housebound villagers					
Support to village events, eg fete					

Leisure

Memorial Hall

How often do you use it?

Every week					
Some weeks					
Annual or Special Events					
Never					

And about your use of the Hall

Are you happy with the facilities					
Do you have enough storage for your equipment?					
Is the hall available when you need it?					
Is the hall priced reasonably?					
Is the hall and its grounds used effectively ?					

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Brown's field:

How frequently do you use it ?

Every day					
Every week					
Some weeks					
Annual or Special Events					
Never					

Tick the activity for which you use the field

Tennis					
Football					
The Scout Hut					

Playground & Hall field

When do you use the playground?

Every day					
Every week					
Some weeks					
Annual or Special Events					
Never					
Would you use it (more) if there was a rota of supervision ?					

Would you use any of the following?

skateboard ramp					
basketball net					
Other (Specify)					

Questions for clubs, groups and organisations

How often do you meet?

Weekly					
Monthly					
Irregularly					
Usually in the morning					
Usually in the afternoon					
Usually in the evening					

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And,

	In a village member's house	Village Hall	The Old Bakery	The Freshford Inn	Elsewhere
Do you use e-mail between your members?					
Would you like to have part of a village web site for your club?					
Is the charge for your meeting place reasonable?					
Is there enough car-parking space					

Would you support a more extensive facility offering a wider range of services replacing the village hall but maintaining the present hall's uses ?

Yes					
No					

If this were possible, what would you like to use it for?

Playgroup					
Preschool					
Café					
Post office					
Shop					
Banking facilities					
Hairdressers					
Chiropodist					
Dentist					
GPs surgery					
Room for alternative health therapist					
Cinema screenings					
Theatre productions					
Meetings					
Sports					
Dances and social events					
Other (Specify)					

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Are you a member of any of the following clubs/societies that use the hall now?

Art Group					
Bridge					
Friends of Freshford					
Governors of Freshford School					
PTA Freshford School					
Historical Society					
The Brownies					
The Horticultural Society					
The Youth Club					
Wine Society					
Woodcraft Folk					
Freshford WI					
Badminton Club					
The Inn at Freshford					
The Village Hall Committee					
The Youth Club					
Are there any other clubs/societies you would like to see in the Village? (Specify)					

Which sports activities would you attend in Freshford if they were available?

Basketball					
Bowls					
Carpet bowls					
Cricket					
Gymnastics					
Horse riding					
Judo					
Netball					
Pool room					
Skateboarding					
Skittles					
Swimming					
Table tennis					
Volleyball					

Thank you for spending the time and taking the trouble to complete this questionnaire. If you would like to be included in a draw of people completing this questionnaire please add the following details,

What is your name:

And daytime telephone number:

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I wish to be contacted during	Daytime	Evenings	TOPIC
Phone number			