

# Freshford Village Plan Questionnaire 2006



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## The Freshford Village Questionnaire

Every village has been asked by the Government to produce a strategic plan, which will influence decisions made by planners and others for perhaps twenty years.

At the meeting in November we discussed the key issues facing our community. The first section of the questionnaire is there as a check that the long term vision reflects what you all want.

The results from the rest of the questionnaire will allow us to add detail and will be used as the basis for the village plan and its associated proposed action plan.

We look forward to seeing you later this year at a meeting where we will present the findings. Only after this meeting will the plan be written, but in the meantime you can check progress at the Freshford Village website [www.freshfordvillage.com](http://www.freshfordvillage.com) which is already up and daily being extended.

We ask you to return the form at the latest by **14<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.**

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Don't agree</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
To maintain the semi-rural nature of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To keep within the village essential facilities such as: Doctor's Surgery, Post Office, Shop, Village Hall, Sports Field, Pub, Station & Mobile Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain and develop communications within the village including those based on new technologies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain a village community spirit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To support services for those who live alone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To ensure the village is able to house a population covering all ages and incomes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To encourage forms of environmental improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote a pedestrian & cycling environment by:			
a. Traffic and parking management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Extending leisure amenities such as footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain public & community transport links	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To support local education at both pre-school and primary ages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain a safe family environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain and develop a strong association with neighbouring communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To develop and encourage services which support those who work from home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any additional factor not included above.....			

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The questionnaire is quite long and we appreciate that everyone is busy. However, your answers and comments are vital because unless we can show that there is general acceptance of the plan it will not be accepted by local and Government agencies. For that reason we ask that you and all who live within your household fully complete the questionnaire. There is space for you to add your comments on many issues.

*Should you need help over any matter relating to this questionnaire, feel free to telephone any of the people listed below:*

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### Section 1: Background information and your home

#### You and your household

1. Please tell us about your household – if there are more than 5 of you please ask for a further form.

	Age	Male	Female		Live at home	Away studying
Person 1						
Person 2						
Person 3						
Person 4						
Person 5						

**Please use your ‘person number’ from now on in the rest of the survey.**

2. When was your dwelling built?

	1900s	1800s	Earlier
Detached			
Semi-detached			
Terraced			
Bungalow			
Flat			
Other			

3. How many of the following do you have in your home ?

	Number
Reception/Living rooms and studies	
Bedrooms	
Bathrooms	
Garages	
Off-street parking places	
How many cars/vans/motorcycles does your family have ?	

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**4. What is the basis of your home ?**

	Tick as appropriate
Do you own your home ?	
Are you renting a home ?	
Are you renting space in someone else's home ?	

**5. How many years has your household...**

	Lived in Freshford	Lived at the address before Freshford
Less than 1		
1-3		
4-10		
11-15		
16-30		
Greater than 30		
All your life		

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

Person ----->	1	2	3	4	5
Less than 1 year					
1-10 years					
For the foreseeable future					

### Communications

**7. Considering what is going on in Freshford**

	Yes	No	No Opinion
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 notice boards informative?			
Are there enough notice boards?			
Do you have a computer at home with access to the internet?			
Do you have Broadband access at home?			
Should there be a resource directory of community skills ?			
Should there be a welcome pack available for new residents ?			
Do you support producing and maintaining a village handbook ?			

**8. For what would you use a Freshford Village web-site ?**

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Current Social events			
Parish Council Information			
Village News			
Noticeboard			
"chat room facility"			
Local adverts			

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9. Would you like help in learning to use such a facility if this was available in the village ?

Yes	No

10. In general, do you feel

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Adequately informed about what is going on in Freshford Village			
A part of a village community			
More effort needs to go into creating a community			

### Green Energy

*Bearing in mind the national objective of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases as a response to global warming, and to work towards more energy and water conservation, what is your attitude to these issues ?*

11.

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Are you concerned about the impact of global warming on Freshford?			
Should we be thinking about addressing the problem locally ?			
Would you support a Freshford Ecofriendly Group?			
Your comments			

12. Does your home have

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

13. If not, what has prevented you doing any of these (tick all that apply)?

Too great a cost	
Building or planning regs or listing	
Lack of knowledge	
Have not considered these matters yet	
Not interested	
Don't own home	
Other	

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### Waste

*At present we have some facilities for waste disposal and re-cycling provided by BANES council, and many households already make their own garden compost*

14.

	Yes	No	Sometimes
Do you recycle your household waste using the Council box scheme?			
Are you satisfied with current facilities for re-cycling?			
Do you compost appropriate kitchen waste in your own garden compost bin?			
Would you support a central composting facility for your kitchen and garden waste?			

*In times past houses were provided with sufficient land for households to grow a major proportion of their own fruit and vegetables. This is not possible for many today, but they would like the opportunity to do so.*

15.

	Yes	No	Maybe
Would you be interested in renting an allotment ?			
If you have a garden would you consider renting parts of your garden to others for an allotment plot?			
Comments:			

16. And some times other people's activities are not always to our liking !

	Yes	No	No Opinion
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?			
Comments:			

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## Section 2: Freshford & its Environment

### The Countryside

*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.*

**17. In respect of the village,**

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Do you believe the village has a distinguishable character that should be preserved ?			
Do you believe the green spaces in and around Freshford are vital to the character of the village ?			
Is farming important in maintaining a green buffer round the village ?			

**18. Do you think the number of dwellings in Freshford should be**

Kept untouched	Marginally expanded for some elderly provision and/or affordable housing	Greatly expanded

**19. In Freshford 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?		

**20. 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 ?		
Would you like to see sheltered housing (warden supported) in Freshford ?		
Would you like to see special care services (e.g. residential nursing) here ?		
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 ?	

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**21. Are you concerned about any of the following?**

	Very desirable	Somewhat desirable	Not very desirable	Undesirable
The number of second homes in the village increasing				
The use of houses for holiday lets increasing				
The presence of phone masts				
The destruction of verges				
Overhanging hedges and trees				
The size of vehicles in lanes				
The volume of traffic				
Comments				

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

	Very desirable	Somewhat desirable	Not very desirable	Undesirable
Work				
Family				
School				
Closeness to Bath				
Picturesque setting				
Friends				
Affordability of housing				
Village life / sense of community				
A railway station				
Other				

*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.*

**23. 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 for footpaths need improving?		
Should bicycle/horse/pedestrian use be specified?		
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.*

**24. To support this environment, do YOU believe that it is important to**

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Create new woodlands/ponds and/or local nature reserves			
Support a nature conservation group			
Consider purchasing locally produced food?			
Comments			

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### Transport

*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 through improved public transport and improved facilities for walking and cycling. However, the car must still be catered for .*

- 25. If you have daytime access to a motor vehicle what do you use it for? (one column for every member of the family tick all that apply)**

Person -->	1	2	3	4	5
Not applicable					
Transport to work or college					
Leisure					
Shopping					
Taking children to school					
Other	Please specify				

- 26. 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)?**

Foot					
Bicycle					
Car					

- 27. 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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- 28. 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					

- 29. Considering different ways for people to combine their journeys with others,**

Would you use a lift share scheme that brings together car drivers and passengers sharing similar routes and times for school, work, shopping or leisure activities ?					
Would you use a car share scheme, such as for a subscription and a time and mileage charge (see <a href="http://www.citycarclub.co.uk">www.citycarclub.co.uk</a> )					
Would the existence of lift share and car share schemes encourage you to reduce the number of cars owned by your household?					

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**30. Would you support the following speed control measures on the roads in the village?**

Person ---→	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic calming					
Children-at-play signs					
Flashing yellow lights on the approaches to the school					
Extension of the 20mph speed limit zone					
Speed cameras					
One way systems					
Zebra crossing by the school					
Other	Please specify				

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

	Yes	No	Where ?
More parking at the station			
Improved off-road parking			
Single yellow lines – no parking at certain times			
Double yellow lines – no parking at any time			
Residents parking areas			
Other			

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

	Yes	No	Where ?
More pavements			
A mini-roundabout at school/PO cross -roads			
Better local sign-posting			
More street lights			
Fewer street lights			
Footbridge across the Avon close to The Inn to link with the canal			
Anything else?			

**33. How often do you use the train from Freshford station? (one person per column)**

More than once a week					
Once a week					
Monthly					
Occasionally					
Never					

**34. 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					
More publicity applied to promoting the rail service					
Other					

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**35. How often do you use the bus?**

Person ----->	1	2	3	4	5
More than once a week					
Once a week					
Monthly					
Occasionally					
Never					

**36. What would encourage you to use the bus more (Tick all that apply)**

Journey time compared to train/car					
Cheaper tickets					
Increased frequency of service					
More publicity applied to promoting the bus service .					
Other (specify)					

**37. Considering tourism and Freshford (answer yes or no)**

Do you support developing tourism in the village (IF YOU ANSWER NO CONTINUE TO SECTION 3)					
Do you believe the shop should reflect tourism needs ?					
Does the village need further eating facilities to support tourism?					
Should the village promote bed & breakfast ?					
Would a cycle/pedestrian link to the canal towpath be desirable ?					
Does parking need improvement to accommodate visitors ?					
Should there be a link to the Iford and Bradford festivals programmes ?					

**38. Freshford's interaction with neighbouring communities**

Should Freshford provide facilities that are big enough to accommodate regular visitors from other villages ?					
Do you go to very close villages to use their facilities or join in their activities ?					

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## Section 3: Living in Freshford

*For all of us who live in Freshford there are a number of facilities, services and activities provided within our community. Some are essential, but could be obtained elsewhere while others such as the Church are optional and an individual's choice*

### Health

#### 39. Is the availability of surgery/dispensary and its arrangements

	Yes	No	No Opinion
A vital part of community life ?			
Important ?			
Convenient ?			
Unimportant ?			

#### 40. Are you registered with the village surgery?

Person ----->	1	2	3	4	5
Yes					
No					

#### 41. What are your feelings about the surgery – one person in the family to answer in each column ?

Are the surgery hours convenient ?					
Do you find the premises easy to access?					
Are you registered disabled ?					
If yes, does this limit your use of health resources in Freshford ?					
Would you like complementary medicine provided through the surgery ?					

#### 42. When you need to visit the surgery

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

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### 43. Beyond present village provision,

Should the village take a leadership role in promoting and facilitating healthy lifestyles					
Would you attend appropriate mobile screening services?					
Would transport limit your choice of health provider ? (e.g which hospital/ specialist you chose)					
Are you able to easily get to the RUH?					
Do you use the village volunteer hospital transport service?					

### The Church

#### 44.

Are you a regular church attender ?					
Do you go to Church on special occasions e.g. at Christmas or for school services ?					
Do you think the Church plays an important part in creating a sense of community in Freshford ?					
Are you aware of events taking place in 'The Old Bakery' ?					
Have you been to any event using the Old Bakery ?					
Would you like to see more events in 'The Old Bakery' ?					
Comments					

### 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.*

#### 45. Where do you work ?

From home					
In Freshford, but not from home					
In Bath					
Within 10 miles					
Within 20 miles					
Further away than 20 miles					
In a variety of locations					
Not working					

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### 46. And if you work from home

Do you currently work here 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 be useful to you ?					
Would village services such as internet, copying etc be useful ?					
Would a business directory of services and organisations be useful ?					
Would you like to see offices available in the village for rent ?					
Would you use facilities for socialising and networking with other home workers ?					
Like to access occasional secretarial or accounting help ?					

### 47. More generally,

Is it important for there to be local work opportunities ?					
Would you like to see any affordable housing tied to provision of services to the village ?					
Comments					

### Education

### 48.

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

### 49. And in regard to Freshford School

Are you aware of existing inter-community activities between the school and the village, such as events like the school plays and concerts open to the community ?					
Would you like to see more links between the school and the community e.g. housebound villagers ?					
Would you consider helping in the school eg regularly reading or sharing a skill in industry/arts week?					
Would you like to see the School available for events out of school ?					

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### Village Security

50.

Have you been a victim of crime in Freshford ?					
Do you think the Police presence is enough to deter crime ?					
Are you concerned at current levels of vandalism in Freshford ?					
Should there be a comprehensive neighbourhood watch scheme ?					
Are the levels of lighting enough to provide confidence for those who walk between village locations at night ? Or..					
Does the level of lighting produce too much light pollution ?					

### The Parish Council

*The Parish Council is the lowest rung on the ladder of elected government. It is responsible for certain services in the parish and is consulted on many matters by the Unitary Council, B&NES, most notably issues surrounding planning. It is administered by a salaried Parish Clerk and is funded by an addition to the council tax. It meets monthly in public*

51.

Do you feel the Parish Council can speak for all the members of the Freshford Community ?					
Are you aware that any adult member in the Parish can be a Parish councillor ?					
Would you know how to apply to join the Parish Council ?					
Are you satisfied with the level of service given by the Parish Council ?					
Do you believe the Parish Council acts as an effective advocate for the village in decisions taken by other bodies (e.g. BANES) ?					
Do you think the Parish Council deals with the important issues at the right time ?					
Do you have any suggestions on how the Parish Council could encourage greater involvement ?					

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## Leisure

### Freshford Memorial Hall

#### 52. 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 a useful village facility ?					

#### 53. How often do you use it?

Every week					
Some weeks					
Annual or Special Events					
Never					

### Brown's field in Abbey Lane:

#### 54. Tick the activity for which you use the field

Tennis					
Football					
The Scout Hut					
Other (specify)					

#### 55. How frequently do you use it ?

Every week					
Some weeks					
Annual or Special Events					
Never					

### Playground & Hall field at the back of Freshford Memorial Hall

#### 56. When do you use the playground?

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

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57. Would you use any of the following?

skateboard ramp					
basketball net					
Other (Specify)					

### Questions for clubs, groups and organisations

58. 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					
Freshford Music and Drama Club					
The Village Hall Committee					
The Youth Club					
Others not listed (Specify)					
Are there any other clubs/societies you would like to see in the Village? (Specify)					

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

Basketball					
Bowls					
Computer Club					
Cricket					
Gymnastics					
Horse riding					
Judo					
Netball					
Pool room					
Skittles					
Swimming					
Table tennis					
Volleyball					
Yoga					
Pilates					
Salsa					
Keep fit					
Chess Club					
Investment Club					
Book Club					
Other (Specify)					

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## Section 4: Possible Initiatives

60. Would you like to see within the village ? – please tick those you would like, with one column per member of the household:

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

61. And how ideally would you like these available

Through the creation of a new building on a green field site					
Through redevelopment of the hall					
In several locations round the village					
Other (specify)					

## Section 5: The Future

62. Please feel free to add any comments you feel would help us in the development of a plan for our future:

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Thank you for spending the time and taking the trouble to complete this questionnaire. The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential, and no person will be separately identified.

After the questionnaires have been analysed we will be having another village meeting to discuss the results. Following this we will try and form special interest groups to take forward issues needing more work.

**THIS IS NOT OBLIGATORY** but if you would be prepared to help in this activity please add the following details,

What is your name:

.....

<b>I wish to be contacted during</b>	<b>Daytime</b>	<b>Evenings</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Phone number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

**Please return completed forms to the Post Office. If this is difficult please phone one of the Steering Group listed on Page 2. You can also phone if you need an additional or a new form.**