



The Stoke St Gregory Village Plan 2023 Survey

Our Vision for the Future of Our Village

This survey is to help us understand what needs to happen to make Stoke St Gregory an even better place for people who live or work in the village or participate in village life.

Your response will make sure that the Village Plan produced as a result of this survey has the support of the local community.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. This survey is live from **28 November and needs to be completed by 15 December 2022**. It should take you no more than 20 minutes to complete and the findings will be published in our Village Plan in March 2023.

Please complete this survey as an individual, rather than a household, so we can gather the views of as many people and different age-groups as possible.

Individual information will be treated as confidential and anonymous and will not be published or shared with any other person or organisation.

If you would like to enter a **prize draw** please complete your details at the end of the survey.

Please return any completed paper surveys to the collection box in the HOTV shop by 15th December 2022.

START OF THE SURVEY

A little about you

1 What is your link to the village?:

- Live in the village of Stoke St Gregory
- Live in the surrounding communities
- Work in Stoke St Gregory or surrounding communities
- Use the pre-school or primary school
- Use the facilities within Stoke St Gregory (church, shop, pub, village hall or other
- Other (Please tell us) _____

2 How long have you lived, worked or been involved in day-to-day life in Stoke St Gregory?

12 months or less	1 - 3 years	4 - 10 years	11 - 20 years	More than 20 years

3 What age group do you belong to?

0-4 years old	5-10 years old	11-17 years old	18-24 years old	25-44 years old	45-64 years old	65-74 years old	75+ years old

Our Village

We would like to know your views on living in Stoke St Gregory and what aspects of the village you like the most and the least.

- 4 What do you like the most (please tick up to 5) and the least (please tick up to 5) about living in Stoke St Gregory?

	Most liked	Least liked
Broadband connectivity		
The countryside and landscape		
Local activities		
The sense of community		
Contribution made by farming life – employment, landscape and land management		
Educational facilities: childcare, schools		
Village hall (Williams Hall)		
Playing field		
Local facilities such as the shop, café and pub (Heart of the Village (HOTV))		
Local history and heritage, such as willow growing and farming		
Public transport		
Road network (access, traffic)		
Size of community		
Sustainable lifestyle		

Other: _____

- 5 Which of the following historic and cultural aspects are important to you? (tick all that apply)

- Withy growing and basket making Traditional cast iron fingerpost signs
 Farming Memorial playing fields
 Churches None
 Wetlands
 Other (Please tell us) _____

- 6 Are there any buildings / locations / cultural activities that you would like to see improved?

- Yes (please state below) No Don't know

Please state what needs improvement: _____

Climate Emergency/Environmental Issues

We must recognise the fragility of the environment and the threats arising from climate change. It is vital that the community of Stoke St Gregory takes care of our environment, taking positive steps to protect it, make informed and responsible decisions both individually and collectively, and to encourage our friends, neighbours and visitors to do the same. To protect both the current community and future generations it is necessary to act now to protect our planet and way of life.

The information gathered from our residents, businesses and other key groups in the village will highlight what we can all do as a community to help achieve the goal of being carbon-neutral by 2030 and to then help reduce excessive atmospheric carbon after that.

- 7 If you feel that pollution affects the village, what sort of pollution is it? (tick any that apply)
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution from farming activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't think pollution is an issue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car fumes / particulates | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)_____ | |
- 8 What do you think would help you to reduce your own carbon footprint and help restore the area's natural biodiversity? (Please tick any that apply)
- Support and guidance on making my home more energy efficient
 - Support and guidance for reducing my use of energy and water
 - Support and guidance for reducing food waste
 - Increased opportunities for recycling, reusing and repurposing
 - Community composting scheme
 - Provision of more allotments to support local food production
 - More safe cycle lanes/pedestrian walkways across the village
 - More electric vehicle charging points
 - A community car-share scheme
 - Opportunity to use green community transport
 - None
 - Other (please explain)_____

9 As a result of the impact of Climate Change, our community will have to take action to mitigate some of the effects, and we will need to adapt to new ways of doing things. Of the following actions, which would you support, or not support, to make our community more resilient for future generations?

	Yes – I would support this	I might support this if I had more information	No – I would not support this
Support local renewable energy generation schemes (including energy storage or a community wind turbine)			
A solar street scheme (where an installer saves by making multiple installations in one area and passes on the savings)			
Local advice/assistance on installing solar panels, air-source or ground-source heating systems			
The community to work with landowners to plant more trees which can absorb some of the excess carbon in our atmosphere			
Provide a community owned and run smallholding			
Create more cycle paths and pedestrian walkways so we reduce our car journeys			
Provide more recycling and reusing services/facilities			
Create a community woodland and green space			
Provide more electric vehicle charging points			
None of the above			

Other _____

10 Do you feel that the following are well maintained:?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Public open space (such as the playing fields)			
Verges, ditches and hedgerows			
Waterways – the rivers			
Rhynes			
Any flood management schemes			
Rights of Way, footpaths, cycle paths, stiles and gates			

If No please give details: _____

11 What services or facilities would you use if these were available in the village? (tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car share scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumble sale/bring and buy event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community fridge/pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Local produce market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composting scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair café |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community oil scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a Freecycle network(www.freecycle.org) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community woodland garden & green space | <input type="checkbox"/> Community free-resource hub for unwanted items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric car charging | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflower/bulb planting on verges and public spaces | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)_____ | |

Community facilities

We have a number of community facilities in Stoke St Gregory, by that we mean buildings, equipment for recreation and places to gather for events and social gatherings. We want to understand whether the facilities are suitable for the community. We also want to understand if / where improvements are needed or new facilities are required.

This section covers community facilities more generally for all ages, whilst the next two sections include a small number of questions relating to younger and older generations more specifically.

12 Which facilities do you currently use in the village, where are improvements needed, and which would you use if they were available in the village? (tick any that apply)

	I currently use	Needs improvement	Would use if available
Allotments			
Bike track/ pump track			
Bridleways			
Church, place of worship			
Community orchard			
Cricket club (including Pavillion)			
Football pitch			
Footpaths			
Health hub			
Hotdesking/home working hub			
HOTV shop/café			
MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) - (multi-use-games - area - a fenced off multi use court that is setup as adaptable for games e.g.netball, basketball, football)			
Outdoor gym equipment			
Parent/toddler groups			
Playing fields			
Pub - The Royal Oak			
Skate park (wheeled sports facility)			
Tennis courts			
Village Hall (Williams Hall)			
Youth club			
None			

Other: _____

- 13 Which community activities do you currently attend or would like to attend in the village? (tick any that apply)

	I currently attend	I would like to attend if they were available
Coffee morning		
Toddler group		
Bellringing		
Women's Institute		
Table tennis		
Lunch club		
Book club (coffee and books)		
Craft/making club		
Gardening club		
Running club		
Cycling club		
Football club		
Tennis		
Walking group		
Yoga/pilates		
Fitness group		
Watersports- paddle boarding/kayaking club		
Environment group		
Drama club		
None		

Other _____

- 14 What community events would you like to see take place in the village? (tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village fete | <input type="checkbox"/> Barn dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonfire night | <input type="checkbox"/> Film evenings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live music events | <input type="checkbox"/> A collaborative village social programme |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A youth club | <input type="checkbox"/> More activities for families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual sports day | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beer/cider/local produce market/festival | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

- 15 'Men's Sheds' are community spaces that can help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly they're fun. Activities in Sheds vary greatly but you can usually find woodworking, metalworking, repairing and restoring, electronics, model buildings, lots of material recycling, and even car building. Sheds typically attract older men but many have younger members and women too. Would you, or anyone in your family, be interested in: (tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using such a facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping to set up a Shed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donating tools or materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Organising shed type activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring the 'Men's Shed' | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

Young People and Children

The younger generation are the future of this village. If we want Stoke St Gregory to thrive in the future, it is critical that we ensure that the village has plenty to offer the younger generation. We want to offer children and young people a fun and rewarding experience in Stoke St Gregory. Understanding how you use facilities both in Stoke St Gregory and outside of the village will help us to provide facilities and plan for the future.

- 16 What activities do you or your family take part in and/or which facilities do you currently use, in Stoke St Gregory or elsewhere? (tick any that apply)

	Inside the Village	Outside the Village
Bike tracks		
Church/faith-based groups		
Dance		
Drama		
Forest school		
Music		
Playground		
Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs		
Skate park (wheeled sports facility)		
Swimming		
Team sports (football, rugby, cricket etc.)		
Parent and child groups		

Other _____

- 17 Would you/your family use any of the following facilities if they were to be provided in the village? (tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth club | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle/running track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homework club | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland adventure area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor meeting place | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved play facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer / games club | <input type="checkbox"/> MUGA (multi-use-games-area - a fenced off multi use court that is setup as adaptable for games such as netball, basketball, football) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hang out shelter/seating in the playing field | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike/skateboard park (wheeled sports facility) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____ | |

Retired and Older People

We are all living longer and as such it is essential that we make sure our village caters for the older generation, both in terms of facilities and activities but also in terms of providing the right support.

- 18 Do you feel there are enough activities and support within the village to enable retired and older people to stay active and engaged with the local community?

Yes No Don't know

19 What could the community or other professionals provide to give you/the older generation more support? *(tick any that apply)*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities to meet other people in a similar situation | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-in café |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More support from health professionals/ other professionals/ Village Agent | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone helpline for advice and support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community centre / social club | <input type="checkbox"/> More events for people of a similar age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petanque court | <input type="checkbox"/> More volunteering opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls facility indoor/outdoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities to share/teach traditional local skills to others e.g. willow crafts, farming techniques etc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood local volunteer visitors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

20 Would you like to take part in more social and sporting activities within the village? *(tick any that apply)*

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch club | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WI | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book club | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft/making club | <input type="checkbox"/> Table tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening club | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga/Pilates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking group | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) _____ | |

Health & Wellbeing

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. Being physically active can improve your brain health, help manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve your ability to do everyday activities.

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

21 Please indicate which of the following aspects of Stoke St Gregory life has a positive, negative, or no effect on your health

	Positive effect	Negative effect	No effect
Community spirit			
Living in the countryside			
Working in the countryside			
Rural traffic			
HOTV shop, café and pub			
Local events			
Sports facilities			
Access to medical services			
Quality of air			
Peace and quiet			
Divisions within in the community (e.g. 'village politics')			

Other (please tell us) _____

22 What could be offered in Stoke St Gregory to help improve your health and wellbeing needs, including reducing isolation?(Please tick any that apply)

- Social prescribing (where the GP prescribes non-medical activities such as singing, gardening or gym membership)
- Community gardening
- Community exercise (park run/walk, outdoor gym)
- Improved community and public transport
- Clubs and activities
- Improved facilities such as community space
- More benches
- None
- Other (please tell us)_____

Traffic, Travel and Transport

Cars are essential for many people in rural areas, but to address the challenges of congestion and climate change, movement can be managed by improving the provision of public transport, and encouraging walking and cycling, so as to reduce car journeys.

23 If you have concerns about the local traffic, please tick the top three issues in the village which currently affect you? (please tick up to three)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speed of traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe walking/cycling routes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to bus routes | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe on-street parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequency of bus routes | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian/cycle crossing points |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volume of traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> No facilities for less mobile road users |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verge damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Absence of dropped kerbs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown private hedgerows and verges (affecting highway safety) | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor signage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accidents | <input type="checkbox"/> No concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HGV / farm traffic | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us)_____ | |

24 If you cannot easily reach your destination/amenities, what stops you from being able to get there? (please tick any that apply)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of petrol/diesel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical needs limit ability to use public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of safe cycling routes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of bus fares/taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of safe walking routes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited access to car | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor street lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No available bus services | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus services are not frequent enough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No access to a car (don't own a car/can't drive) | |

Other:_____

Connectivity

Communication

How do you like to keep in touch with what's going on? Is information easily available to you? We would like to understand which methods of communication you are using to find out about what activities and events are going on in Stoke St Gregory, as well as how you keep up to date with village matters.

The results will help us improve our methods of communication throughout the village and ensure that we communicate with the whole community effectively.

25 How well informed, if at all, do you feel about activities and events in your local area?

Not at all informed	Not very well informed	Moderately well informed	Quite well informed	Extremely well informed

26 How do you find out about what's going on? (tick any that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church/place or worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish noticeboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOTV | <input type="checkbox"/> Village newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nextdoor app | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Pub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group email | <input type="checkbox"/> School/preschool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group WhatsApp | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Facebook group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/other professionals | <input type="checkbox"/> Village Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets | <input type="checkbox"/> Village website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local paper | |

Other: _____

27 What improvements could be made to keep you informed about local issues? (tick any that apply)

- More notice boards
- Better content in village newsletter
- Better use of social media
- Improved village website
- Pop up information at regular events
- Better integration between groups and communities with everyone working together
- Community meetings to discuss specific issues or more general topics
- None
- Other (please tell us) _____

Technology

Internet access and mobile phone coverage is seen by many as an essential part of life, especially as people are choosing to work from home but to date, provision in rural areas has been patchy. It is important that the village has an understanding and overview of your experience of internet and mobile usage. This will help us when exploring how we can improve internet access and phone coverage.

28 Are you satisfied with the technology where you live?

	Not available	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	I don't know if I have this
Broadband – superfast (over 24Mbps)				
Broadband – not superfast (less than 24 Mbps)				
Mobile phone reception				
4G coverage				
5G coverage				

Other (please tell us): _____

29 Would you use Wi-Fi at the HOTV, or elsewhere in the village, if it was available?

- Yes if it was free
- I'd pay for better Wi-Fi than I can get at home
- No
- Other (please tell us) _____

30 Would you use a shared/community workspace, if it was available?

- Yes if it was free
- I'd pay for use of a shared workspace
- No
- Other (please tell us) _____

END OF SURVEY

A note on farming in the community

We live in a rural village and as such, farming is one of the focal points of village life. With this in mind, we have sought to integrate questions and answers around the topic of farming in the community throughout the survey.

A note on housing

We understand that housing is a topic which some people feel strongly about. We are aware of its importance in the future of our village. The Steering Group will therefore request that the Parish Council commit to undertaking a housing specific review in 2023/24 on the issue of the demand for locally available, affordable housing.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.
Please enter the prize draw overleaf**

Contact Details and Prize Draw

If you would like to enter the prize draw to win one of the following two prizes, please give us your contact details. We will only keep your contact information if you win the prize draw. Two winners will be drawn at random by SCL after all surveys have been processed:

- A £50 voucher for Amazon (for under 18's only)
- A £50 voucher for the Royal Oak (for over 18s only)

To enter the prize draw, please tick the box below to confirm your age and provide your details

Please enter me for the Prize Draw (under 18s)

Please enter me for the Prize Draw (over 18s)

****If you are under 18, please check that your parent or guardian agrees for you to enter the competition and please provide the telephone number of the adult (parent/guardian) who has agreed for you to enter this competition.****

Your Name:

Postcode:

Tel (If under 18, please provide your parent/guardian's Tel):

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Digital copies are retained for 12 months and deleted after this period. Any personal data that is captured is anonymised with the report and held securely for the purposes of analysis.

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