

A photograph of a snowy village street. The houses are made of stone and have snow-covered roofs with several chimneys. A stream flows through the center of the street, and the surrounding trees and bushes are also covered in snow. The sky is overcast and grey.

Bibury Parish Plan

General update - July 2024





Today's agenda

- Bibury parish overview
- Parish Plan working group
- Survey results
- Vision for Bibury
- Suggested initiatives and solutions
- Next steps

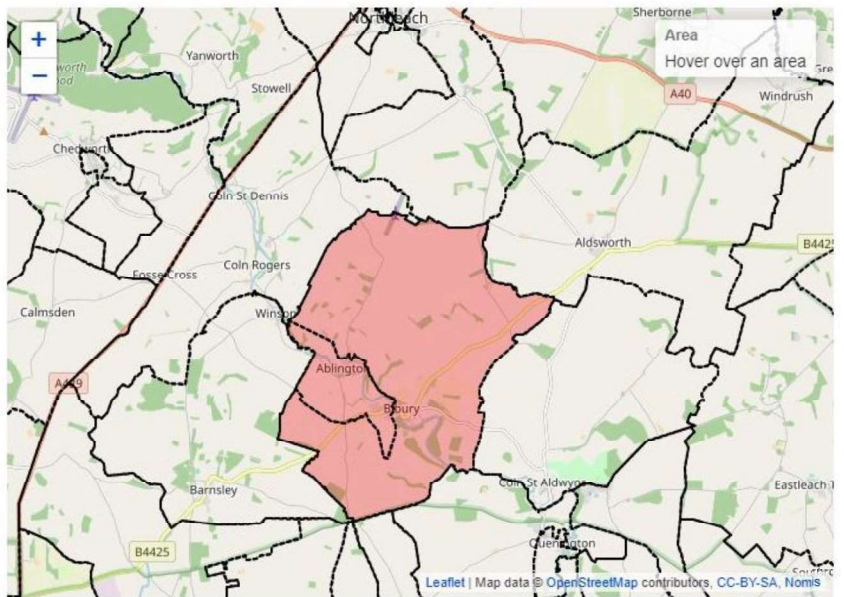


Bibury Parish overview

What makes up Bibury parish?

2021 Census output area boundary map for Bibury

- Ablington
- +
- Arlington
- +
- Bibury



The parish in numbers

581

residents

270

households

50%

of residents do
not work

7

parish
councillors



Parish Plan working group

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Working group members

- Ann Haigh (*Parish councillor, Arlington*)
- Tim Hastie-Smith (*Volunteer, Bibury*)
- Michelle Holt (*Parish councillor, Bibury*)
- Mehdi Mahjour (*Volunteer, Arlington*)
- Edward Mallinckrodt (*Volunteer, Bibury*)
- Emily Papaloizou (*Volunteer, Arlington*)


Invitee: Craig Chapman (Parish councillor, Arlington)

Objectives

- ✓ Shine the light on the current situation (and changes over the last couple of decades)
- ✓ Propose a vision (or reset) for the parish
- ✓ Determine steps to identify issues / solutions

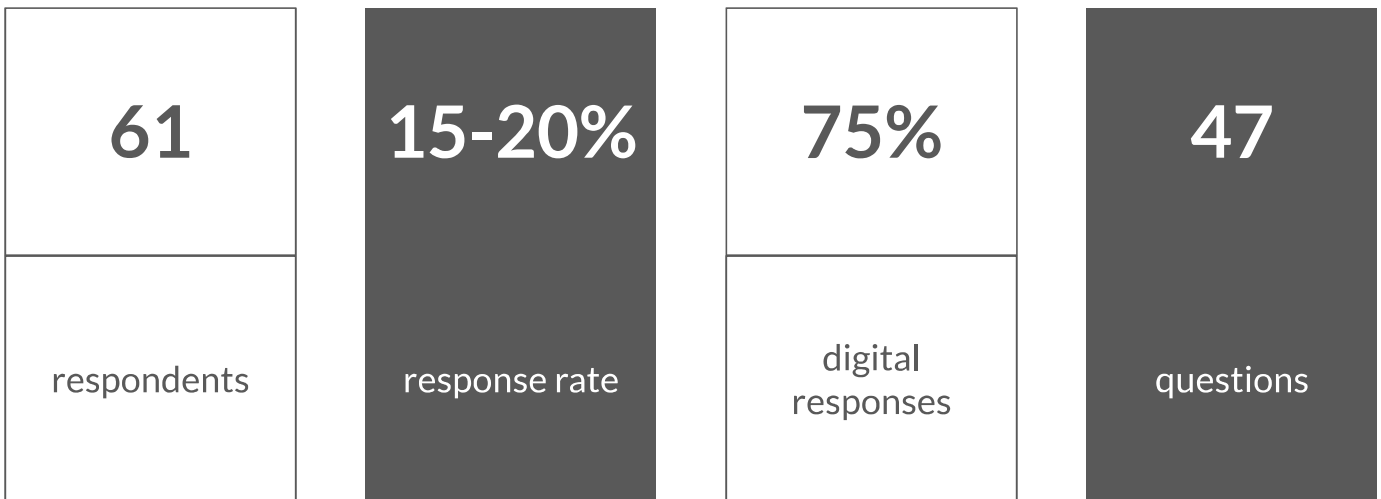
Work in progress

- Define the roadmap of execution

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What you told us through the survey

The survey in numbers

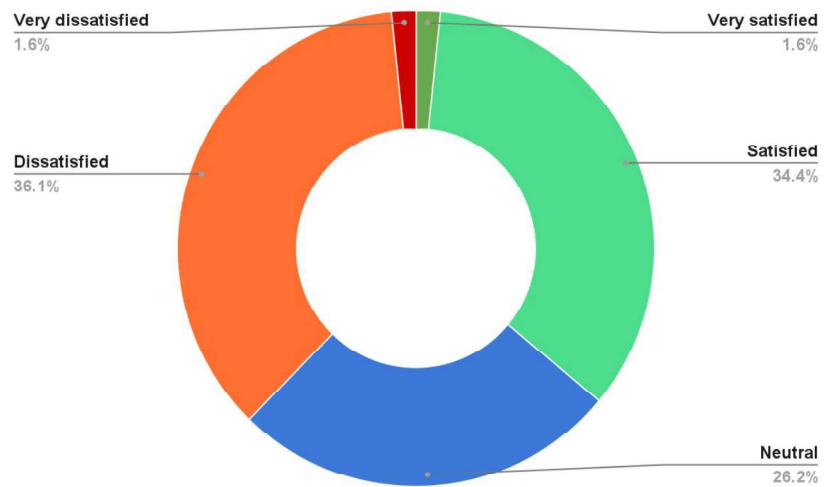


Facilities (1/2)

Generally, how satisfied are you with the local services and amenities in your local area?

Outstanding and/or arising challenges:

- Services and amenities
- Road infrastructure
- Energy supply, e.g. Abington



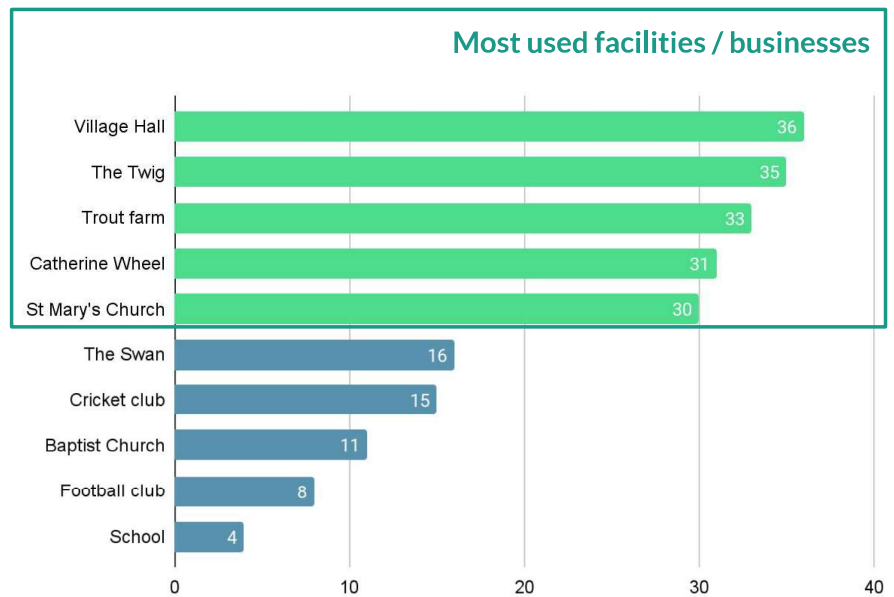
Facilities (2/2)

Which of our parish businesses and facilities do you currently use?

Respondents felt the greatest gaps in the provision of services and businesses are:

- General / grocery shop
- Post office
- Health centre / GP practise
- Public transport links

In addition to the improvement of existing services for the benefit of the community.



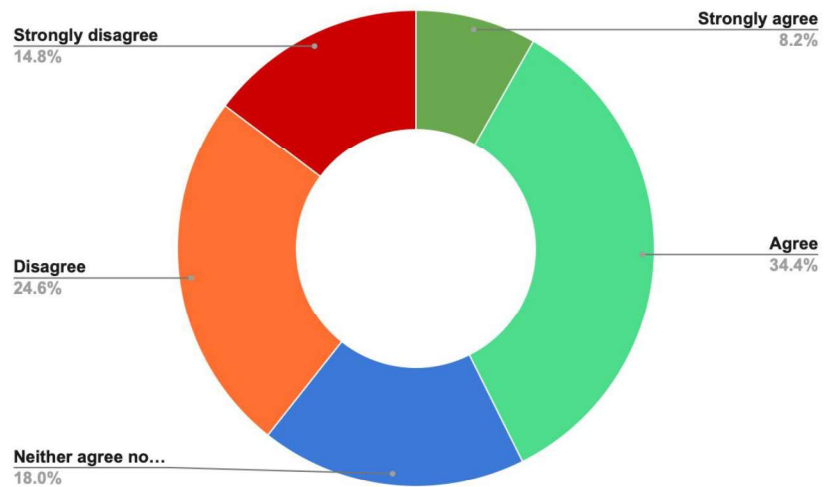
Tourism



To what extent do you agree with the statement: “tourism is a good opportunity for the parish”?

Mixed responses summarised as follows:

- Positives: potentially beneficial for local businesses and the community (e.g. revenue generation)
- Negatives: village not equipped to deal with important tourist flow - traffic, parking, pollution etc

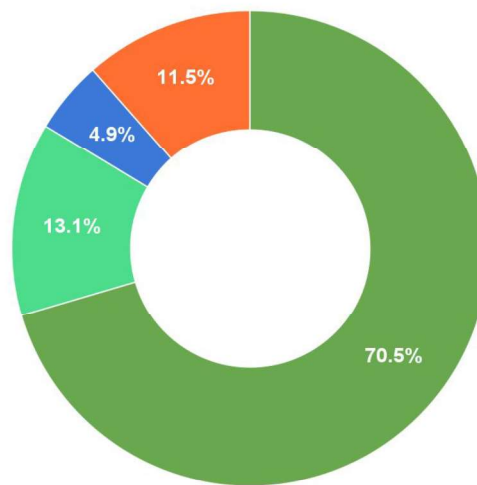


Housing

Has any member of your household moved out of the property or wants/needs to move out?

No mass exodus is expected from the community however for those that express a desire / need to move out, it is related to:

- Property unsuitability
- Search for social housing
- Live independently



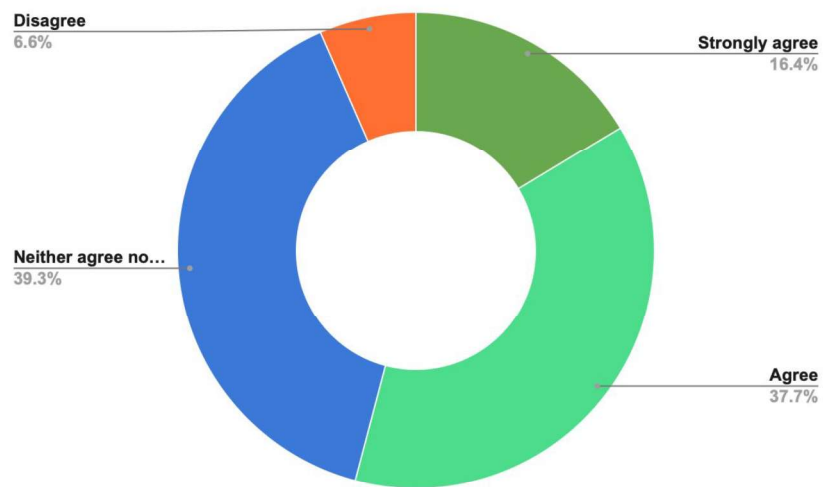
- No, it is unlikely that any member of the household may want or need to move out in the next 5 years
- No, but a member of the household may want or need to move out in the next 5 years
- Yes, a member of the household currently wants or needs to move out
- Yes, a member of the household has moved out of the property

Community (1/2)

To what extent do you agree with the statement: “the Bibury parish community is strong”?

While positive feedback, especially calling out the Covid-19 period, some improvement areas were highlighted:

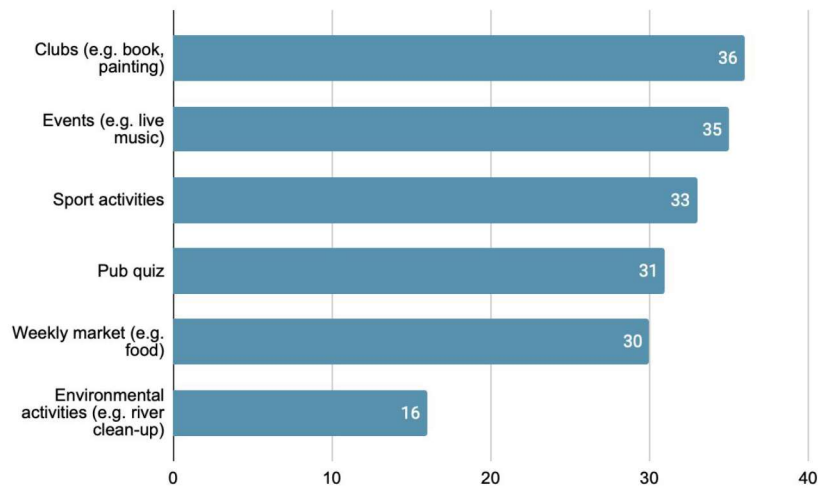
- Need to engage “weekenders”
- Geographical fragmentation
- Wider support network
- Cohesion between age groups



Community (2/2)

What initiatives would you like to see more of in and for the community?

There is a very clear desire for more interaction within the community and its environment



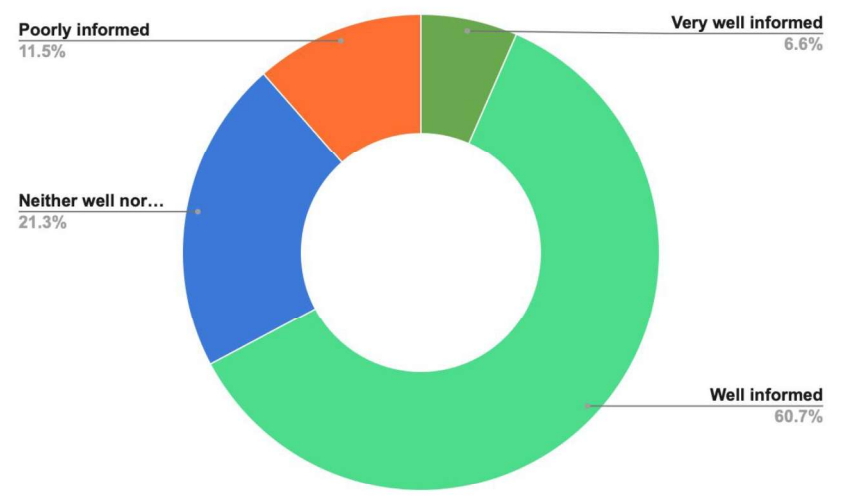
Communications

How informed do you feel about what's happening in the community?

2/3 of respondents feel (very) well informed about what's happening, mainly through Village Life.

However, suggestions include:

- Digital version of village life
- Distribution lists
- Social media
- More frequent "newsletters"



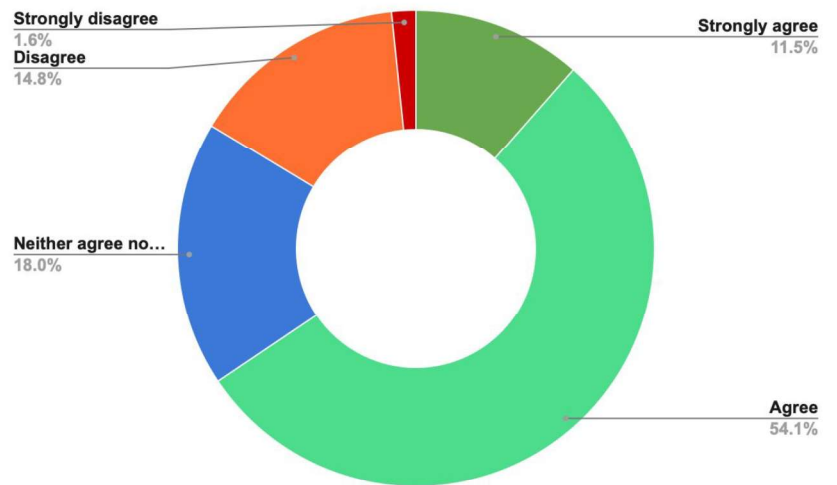
Safety

To what extent do you agree with the statement: “the area is a safe environment”?

2/3 of respondents (strongly) agree with this statement, especially when it comes to personal security.

However, some concerns around:

- Anti-social behaviours (speeding or visitors trespassing)
- Increase in burglaries
- Restricted emergency access due to parking and congestion

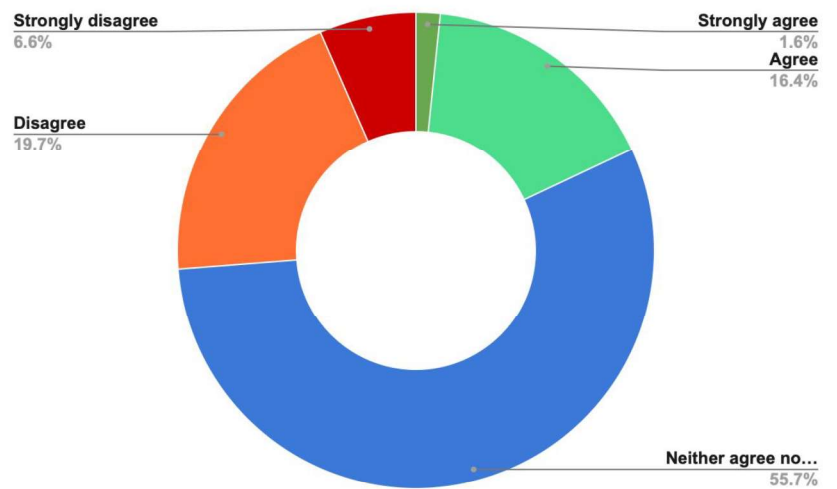


Sustainability

To what extent do you agree with the statement: “the Bibury parish environmentally-friendly and sustainable”?

Low number of positive responses mainly due to:

- Loss of green spaces
- Littering and river pollution
- Planning restrictions in conservation area





Vision for Bibury parish

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What do we need?

Suggested initiatives and solutions (1/2)

Plan
presented
today

1

Community building and social cohesion

- **Enhance social cohesion:** More community events, clubs, and social activities, with inclusivity and support for the vulnerable and isolated.
- **Improve communication:** Better use of social media, newsletters, and other channels to enhance collaboration between residents and the parish council.

2

Tourism and traffic management

- **Tourism control:** Stricter controls on tourism, including banning coach parking and ensuring tourism benefits the village financially.
- **Parking solutions:** Develop off-street parking and designated areas outside the village, enforce parking regulations, and consider parking permits for residents.
- **Traffic management:** Implement measures to reduce traffic congestion and improve the overall flow within the village.

Suggested initiatives and solutions (2/2)

3

Local amenities and infrastructure

- **Reopen post office and local shop:** Establish facilities that serve both residents and visitors.
- **Improve maintenance:** Regular upkeep of roads, walls, public spaces, and cleaning of the river and verges.
- **Increase facilities:** Provide more sports and evening social venues, develop a community shop, and create additional parking outside the village.

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Environmental and heritage preservation

- **Preserve green spaces and historical sites:** Maintain the rural character and prevent overdevelopment.
- **Encourage sustainability:** Implement practices that protect the environment and promote sustainable living.
- **Heritage conservation:** Ensure the village's historical fabric is preserved and that development aligns with maintaining its unique character.

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Wrap-up and next steps

Where are we in delivering the parish plan?

- ✔ Understand what Bibury is/was using data, e.g. land characteristics, demographics, digital presence etc
- ✔ Source best practice on village management via online research, word of mouth, District Council etc
- ✔ Set an unconstrained vision for a thriving and sustainable Bibury
- ✔ Consult the population and gather more detailed feedback via survey and/or discussion groups
- ✔ Design a strategy, i.e. set of activities to deliver on the vision over the next 3-5 years to reflect the community view

Update in
Sept 2024

Prioritise and define an execution roadmap with a focus on first 12-18 months

Determine key enablers (unblockers) to deliver the strategy, e.g. digital, budget, resources, etc

» Implement and deliver roadmap with simple metrics.

Any community champions in the room?

While work is still in progress to determine what we need to deliver on the future roadmap, the working group has already noted a need for:

- Volunteers for running events, clubs, digital communications
- Potentially dedicated (part-time paid) roles, e.g. community manager, visitor information helper etc

We know there are already some amazing people out there volunteering for the community and others who have raised their hands (40+ survey respondents said they're willing to give time).



If you are interested in playing a role in the future of Bibury and further strengthen this amazing community, please reach out to:

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Any questions?