

BURES COMMUNITY SURVEY 2017

“YOUR COMMUNITY/YOUR VIEWS/YOUR FUTURE”

Bures is a community – more importantly, it is your community. The two Parish Councils (Bures St Mary and Bures Hamlet) want to know what you would like for the future development of this village. The Councils can't promise they can deliver all that you want, but in formulating future plans they want to know your current views on a series of issues. This survey is anonymous, so please say what you really feel, not what you think they or others might want to hear.

To cater for different age groups two separate questionnaires have been devised. One is for each individual of 18 and over and the other is focused for young people aged 8 to 17. If you require additional questionnaires, please call **01787 229914** or download a copy from the Parish Council website at **bures.onesuffolk.net**

Please complete the questionnaire as per the instructions and once complete seal into the enclosed single envelope.

Please return all completed questionnaires in the sealed envelope to one of the 3 collection points by Sunday 25th June 2017.

These collection points are located at:-

- The Post Office
- St Mary's Church
- The Eight Bells Public House

Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

Bures Joint Plan Development Group
May 2017



BURES COMMUNITY SURVEY 2017 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bures last undertook a survey in **2002**. The information gathered, reflecting the concerns and future aspirations of residents, formed the basis of the **Parish Plan**, which was formally issued by the Parish Councils in **2004**.

Part of your Council Tax is spent by the Parish Council on local needs. The idea is to find out what you want to see to improve your life. So to produce a Plan we need to gather some information about our community and the way we live.

The process to **refresh** the Plan started with a **workshop** meeting in the Community Centre on Monday, **27th February 2017** to which all villagers were invited.

Over one hundred people participated in the workshop.

Issues and areas of concern to you identified at the workshop have been incorporated into the attached questionnaire so that we can **seek the views of the whole community**. Where boxes Y or N are shown, please tick as appropriate. It should not take too long to complete.

We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire in accordance with the instructions. Please do your best to answer as many questions as you feel able, as fully as possible. It is important that as many people as possible contribute their answers. But you do not have to answer any question you don't want to. Parents are requested to **encourage the younger members of their families to complete their separate survey**. All responses are important. This process will be completely anonymous. The findings will be used to draw up a plan reflecting the consensus of our community as a whole.

Before the Plan is finalised there will be a **village consultation meeting on Monday 10th July at the Community Centre** in which you will have the opportunity to participate.

We have acquired a grant from the Essex County Council to cover the cost of this survey, its evaluation and the subsequent report.

Thank you for your help and support.

Tim Fairbairn

On behalf of the Bures Joint Plan Development Committee

OUR COMMUNITY

Q1. Do you like living here?

Y
450

N
7

Q2. What is the best thing about living here?

People/community spirit

Beautiful countryside

Transport links

Quiet/rural

Clubs/events and facilities generally

Q3. What would make Bures a more attractive place for you to live in?

Improve shops

Improve the garage site

Slower/less traffic

Improve eyesores generally

Q4. Do you feel safe in this community?

Y
447

N
10

Q5. Do you feel there is a sense of community spirit in Bures?

427

26

Q6. Does your Parish Council do enough to keep you informed about their activities?

307

127

Q7. Are any of these important to your life in this community?

• Rail Service

381

• Bus Service

327

• Footpaths & Bridleways

395

• Post Office

442

• Village Pubs

360

• The Community Centre

365

• Parish Church of St Mary's

290

• The Baptist Church

149

• The School

250

THE ENVIRONMENT

Q8. Is the village adequately lit at night?

If you answered 'No', where are improvements required?

Y	N
342	97

Like street lights on all night

Claypits

Q9. The Parish Councils pay to keep the village clean and tidy.

Do you agree that this is money well spent?

Y	N
432	21

Q10. Dog fouling can be a problem in public areas.

Do you think we need more dog waste bins?

If you answered 'Yes', where would you site these?

Y	N
158	228

Top of Cuckoo Hill

On the Common

On the Rec

Q11. To improve the environment of Bures, should we:-

• Plant more trees?	235	• Manage hedges for wildlife?	318
• Plant more hedges?	159	• Keep hedges short and tidy?	211
• Cut down some trees?	50	• Deploy more waste bins?	204
• Set up volunteer environmental projects?	236	• Have more wild areas?	221

Comments regarding the above or other observations

Promote nature and wildlife

Q12. I am satisfied with the maintenance and sign posting of footpaths (Public Rights of Way) around Bures.

If you answered 'No', where are improvements required?

Y	N
371	47

Landowners need to maintain paths

More information is needed where paths are

LEISURE

Bures has a good range of sport and leisure facilities, and clubs

Q13. I would use the following leisure facilities or clubs if made available in the village:-

Fitness class

Swimming Pool

Gym/Spa

Q14. I would like them to be located at:-

In the village

Q15. I would use them-

- Once a week
- Once a month
- Less frequently

124

26

14

Q16. I would be willing to pay a small sum for this

Y
137

N
32

HOUSING

Any new housing development in a village can be contentious. But there is a high probability that there will be future development in and around Bures.

Q17. If there were to be further house building in Bures what kind of development would you support?

• Homes for young people	257
• Small family homes	292
• Large family homes	113
• Homes for single people	194
• Homes for people with disabilities	225
• Sheltered accommodation	207
• Social housing	127
• 'Low cost' housing	197
• No further homes are needed	117

Comments:-

Infrastructure improvements need to come first

Priority for young, elderly and locals

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Speeding traffic gives rise to concerns about the safety of members of our community, particularly children. Some traffic-calming measures have already been introduced, but is more needed and where?

Q18. Do you regularly witness speeding traffic in and around the village?
If 'Yes', where do you see this?

Y	N
363	83

Most roads entering and around the village

Q19. Do you believe that we should work towards introducing other potential speed reduction schemes?
If 'Yes', what would you suggest and where?

Y	N
260	103

*Zebra crossings, mobile speed cameras, traffic calming measures
20mph limit in the village*

Parking is another contentious issue. What do you think needs to be done to help solve any concerns you have relating to parking.

Q20. Do you think there needs to be a relaxation of current parking restrictions in the village?
If you answered 'Yes', where?

Y	N
89	294

*Church square
Near the station*

Q21. Do you think there needs to be further parking restrictions in the village?
If you have answered 'Yes', where?

Y	N
124	245

*Around the station area
Along the Colchester Road*

If you have any additional comments to make about parking, please record them here.

Enforce what we have with a traffic warden

VILLAGE SERVICES AND UTILITIES

Q22. Do you think the services below will meet the future needs of the community?

- Health and Social Care (Doctor's surgery, district nurses etc)
- Education (Nurseries, school, evening classes etc)

Y	N
211	187
183	182

Comments regarding the above

Not if new homes are built

Doctors open longer, better access to appointments

School needs more space

Q23. Do you think the services below will meet the future needs of the community?

	Y	N		Y	N
• Mains Water Supply	230	60	• Mains Gas Supply	224	46
• Mains Electricity Supply	234	49	• Refuse Collection/Recycling	252	53
• Street Lighting	226	66	• Roadside Care/Street Cleaning	237	48
• Broadband/Fibre-optics	120	224	• Telephones	213	66
• TV Reception	214	8	• Drains & Sewers	175	112

Comments regarding the above

Broadband is very slow

Mobile phone coverage is poor

Drains and sewers

Q24. Are the shops and retail outlets in the village sufficient for your purposes? **Y 63 N 367**
 If you answered 'No', what does the village currently lack
 and how often would you use it?

Strong need for a convenience store with extended hours

Need a tea room/café

Q25. The monthly market gives an opportunity to buy locally produced food. **Y 307 N 52**
 Would you buy locally produced food more frequently if this was available?

PARTNERSHIPS

As resources become more limited in all aspects of public and community life, so the need to think in a more creative way has greater relevance these days. This can be achieved through partnerships (for example, some pubs provide rooms for community functions, such as reading groups). Councils and bodies such as the Church provide for similar groups (the young, the elderly, the house-bound).

Q26. This is your chance to be creative. What facilities, opportunities or events would you like to see in the village, and what bodies could combine in partnership to provide them? We especially want to hear from you if currently you are involved in or represent a body providing services or support to sections of the community.

Clean up old garage site/use for parking

Community shop

Café in the village

Home for the elderly in the village

SHAPING THE FUTURE

Q27. Finally, please use this space to record any additional comments you wish to make to help shape the future of our community or to expand upon any answers already given.

Convenience store on old garage site

More shops

Café

Sort out the eyesores

Better broadband

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Your answers will help us to draw up a plan for Bures that truly reflects our wishes and hopes for the future.

You do not have to answer the questions on this page. But, if you do, it will help us to make sure that we have heard from a cross-section of the community.

All the information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Q. Are you aged:

• 18-24	19
• 25-44	74
• 45-59	112
• 60-64	55
• 65-74	107
• 75 and over	74

Please write your postcode in this box

Q. How long have you lived in Bures?

• Less than a year	8
• 1-5 years	83
• 6-15 years	106
• 16-25 years	77
• 26-50 years	135
• 51+ years	38

If you have any additional comments, please record them here.

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