

# Shirehampton Community Plan

## 2018-2023

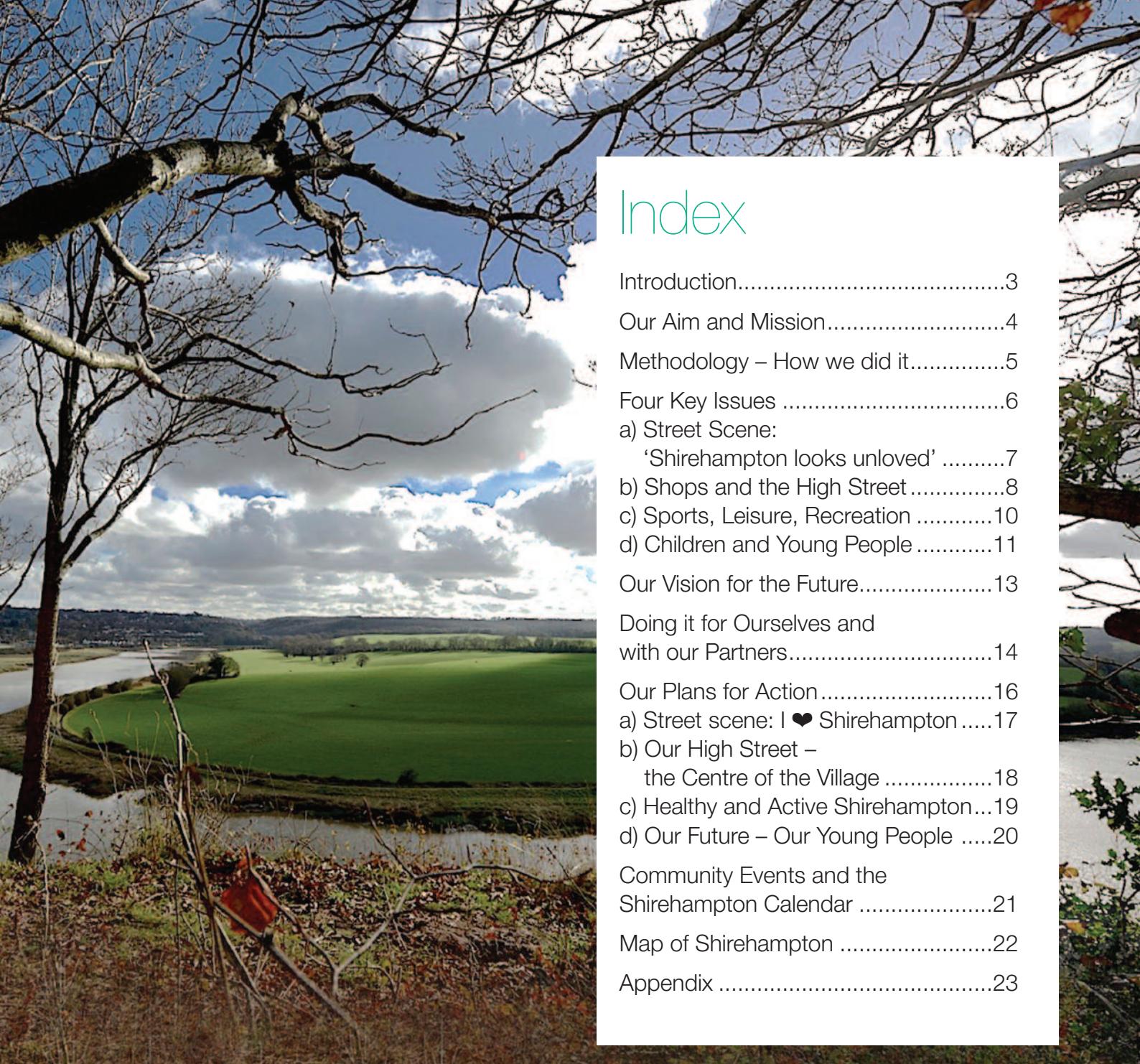
“I'd like to see cleaner streets”

“We need more variety of shops”

“The Village is a nice place to live”

“A lot less litter please!”





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Shire could be a place to be proud of

Not enough for youngsters to do

The public transport links are good

I'd like cleaner streets

# Introduction

## What is a Community Plan?

A Community Plan identifies local issues, problems, and opportunities. It sets out an achievable and long-term vision for the future and prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision.

## Why create a Shirehampton Community Plan?

A Plan gives the whole community the opportunity to have their say. It provides detailed information about what is important to our community. It gives a snapshot of community issues that need addressing now, and provides a vision of where we would like to be in the future.

The Plan will give Bristol City Council (BCC) evidence of what residents in Shirehampton, not Council officials, see as important community needs. It will provide useful information and supporting evidence for us when making grant & funding applications. It will help attract investment into our community supporting local groups to grow and improving the physical environment. We will have a much stronger and louder voice when we work on our own agenda developed from ideas and wishes of our local residents.



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**I would love to be able to put Shirehampton on the map of desirable places to visit. It just has so much potential.**

# Our Aims and Mission



In the Plan we set out the key issues identified from responses to our survey, showing what people think about Shirehampton and how it can improve. (Local people often refer to the village affectionately as Shire so we use the two names interchangeably in the Plan.)

We also set out some of the long and short-term actions we as a community can take to bring about that improvement.

Our survey shows Shirehampton has a distinct community identity. People love living in Shire, they call it 'our village'. They are proud of their heritage and environment. Many people have lived here all their lives. People have warm memories of living in a community that worked and played together. Many people want to stay: an astonishing number of respondents plan to stay here for at least the next five years.



Our research process and results prove that the community spirit is still present, but it is a little muted by problems. Most residents acknowledge with sadness that our village has become shabby and some feel it is now a 'backwater'. We accept that we must counteract a feeling of nostalgia and loss, which comes across strongly in our conversations, focus groups and responses to our survey. Importantly, we still have a stable community who wish to work together to improve our physical and social environment.

Our survey has identified several issues that residents would like to see addressed. Our Community Plan puts forward suggestions for measures we can take to make and sustain improvement. With the backing, the ideas and the enthusiasm of residents, we know we will achieve what is set out in our Plan for Shirehampton because it is backed by clear evidence that this is what we, the residents, want and will work to achieve.

# Methodology

## How we did it

In early 2016 we established a Steering Committee made up of representatives from local organisations and local residents. This group of residents has worked on producing a Community Plan for Shirehampton for over a year.

The steering group grew from about three people with others joining in occasionally to eleven people meeting regularly and working in between meetings. We discovered a valuable mix of complementary skills and enjoyed working together.

The views of all local residents have been gathered through a comprehensive survey.

The Survey sub group spent over a year developing the detailed and comprehensive survey questions and building the online SMART survey. The survey looks at all aspects of living in a community: community safety, health, community facilities/buildings, parks and green spaces, employment and enterprise, sport and recreation.

Publicity leaflets, posters, and flyers were used to promote the Community Plan and encourage everyone over the age of 12 years to complete a survey and become more involved in the project. Regular articles and updates were written for the Shire newspaper. Shirehampton Community Plan developed its own Facebook page, which helped us to promote the survey. There are now over 80 ‘followers’ of the Plan who are able to keep up to date with developments.

A willing team of 35 volunteers hand delivered a copy of the survey to every home in Shirehampton – over 4,000 in total. The survey



was available in both paper copy and online (SMART survey) and was open for three months, with four paper survey collection points across Shire.

Three focus groups were held in different locations across Shire on different days and at different times to enable more residents to attend. These were open consultation events and another opportunity for local residents to have their say.

We received 499 completed surveys. These were analysed in detail and a data sub group identified key findings. The data analysis was shared with the writing sub group to produce the report you are reading now.

Shire's Community Plan has taken a great deal of collective time, effort, commitment, skill and enthusiasm by a small group of people dedicated to producing a Community Plan for Shire. We are grateful to all the residents who gave their time and energy to deliver and complete our survey and who participated in our focus groups.

# Our four KEY ISSUES

Street Scene: 'Shirehampton looks unloved'

Shops and the High Street

Sports, Leisure, Recreation

Young People



# Street Scene – 'Shirehampton looks unloved'

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The survey shows clearly that people want clean, attractive, and welcoming public spaces. However, those who completed the survey also recognise that Shirehampton is not well maintained or nurtured:

- Over 75% of respondents thought general cleanliness of streets and buildings, dog waste, and fly tipping are a problem
- Two thirds of respondents believe inconsiderate parking is a problem in Shire.
- “The Village is a nice place to live, but it always seems grubby and unloved. People should be more careful with rubbish.”
- “I’d like to see cleaner streets and shopkeepers taking more responsibility for keeping shop fronts clean.”
- “A lot less litter. It is simply embarrassing how individuals and businesses do not take responsibility. If Shire could be kept clean by its users then it would be so much better.”

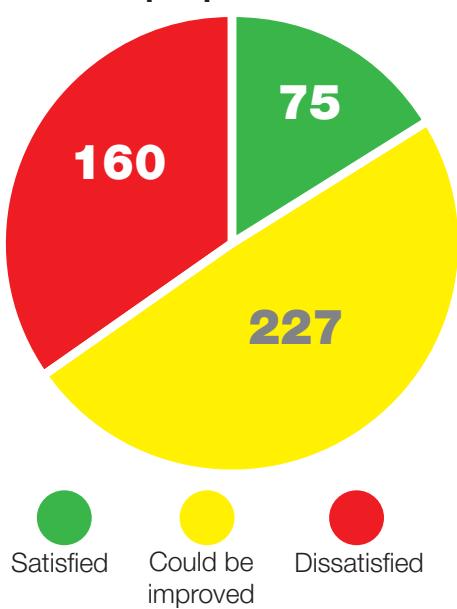
Litter is a problem everywhere; some park and play areas are misused. Some of the play areas are poorly maintained. Some residential areas are run-down, and over-grown.

But the survey also shows that residents are keen to make improvements.

- “I would like to see the Village return to being a friendly place to live. Cleaned up, and a place to be proud of!”
- “I would like to see Shire restored to its original lovely village, [with a] variety of shops, more flowers...”
- “I would love to be able to put Shirehampton on the map of desirable places to visit. It just has so much potential. The locality’s rich history and gorgeous Georgian architecture needs to be exploited.”

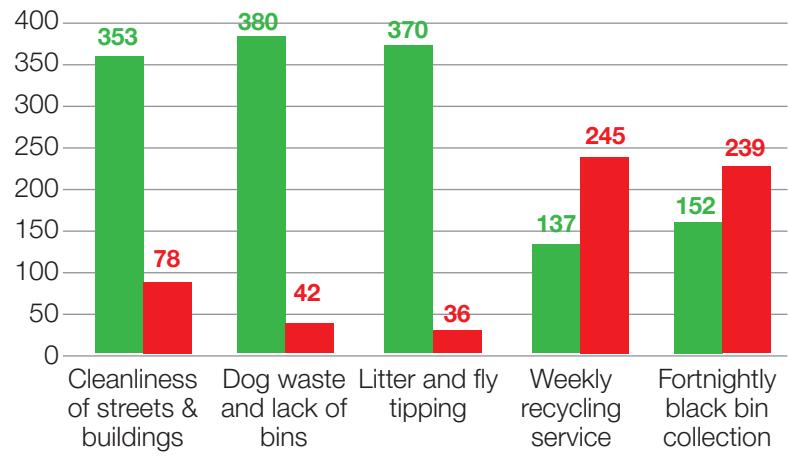
**Do you agree that public land is kept clear of litter, dog waste and fly tipped rubbish?**

**Number of people**



**Do you think any of the following are problems in Shirehampton?**

Agree  
Disagree



Our Community Plan for Shirehampton sets out a number of ways residents can join to improve and maintain their neighbourhood; for example, setting up groups to take the lead in action. Residents' groups can work more closely with councillors to negotiate BCC support for larger projects like keeping The Green litter free or policing parking in the High Street. Residents can lobby for funding to upgrade their areas or engage with traders to bring about improvements to the High Street.

See our Action Plan on page 16 for details.



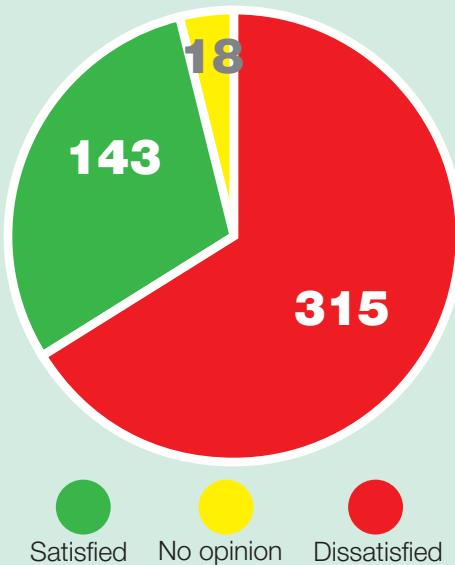
## Shops and High Street

We know that people want to support their local shops but they are put off by the lack of choice. People shop elsewhere and online for convenience. Yet many, who are unable to shop outside the village, find the high prices, and lack of choice a daily problem.

- 66% of responders were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the choice and quality of shops in Shirehampton

### How satisfied are you with the choice of shops in Shirehampton?

**Number of people**



- "The local shops need a competition to smarten up the general image of Shirehampton."

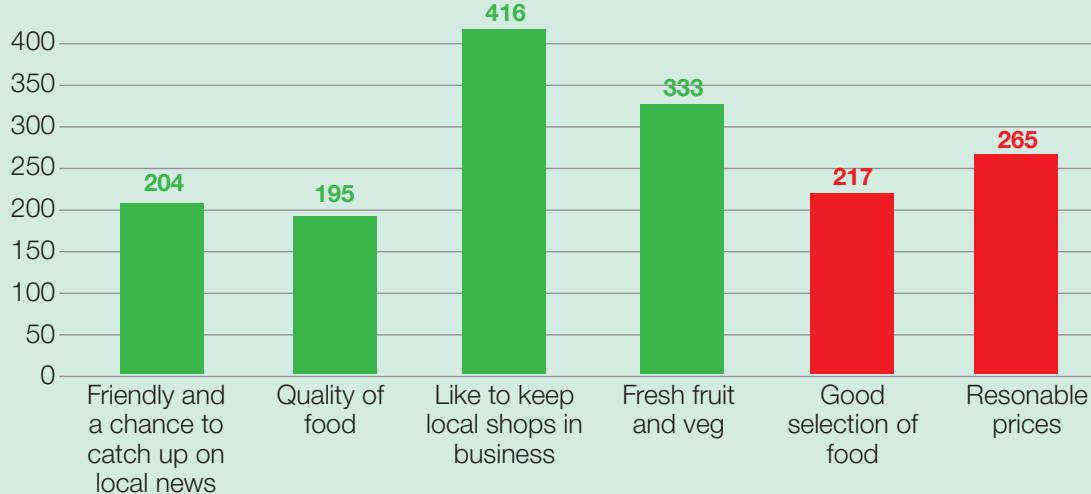
Even when we get new shops in the village to replace older ones, they are not always what is needed in the community. Nevertheless, residents do have some answers to the problems!

- 345 out of 476 people said they would use an open air or covered market in Shirehampton
- "I would love all the shops, cafes and charity shops to take pride in the front of their shops, giving the windows a wash,



## What we like and dislike about shopping in Shirehampton

■ Agree  
■ Disagree



and in most cases a lovely coat of white paint!"

- “More variety of shops in the village are needed.”
- “I would like to see better shopping choices, not so many charity shops and betting shops.”
- “I really want to see more variety of shops in the Village. There are too many charity shops and take away restaurants. I’d love to encourage nice new bars/ restaurants/ coffee shops...somewhere for nice coffee in the day and nice food, a glass of wine in the evenings, somewhere that’s not a pub.”
- “I’d like to see the empty shops in the centre ...be filled with businesses that are currently missing. I’d like the centre to be more pedestrian friendly...”

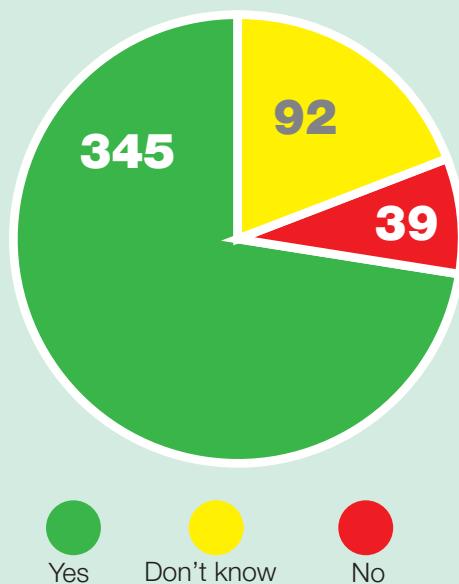
We know this trend of changing high streets will continue and grow as it is happening throughout Bristol and across the country. We also know that there is little we can do to influence the broader economic realities. Absentee corporate landlords set high rents and a distant Westminster government sets high business rates. But we can as a community commit to supporting our local shops on a regular basis. We can work to make the High Street a more attractive and pleasant destination for shoppers, especially for shoppers who, for whatever reason, are unable to shop elsewhere.

See our Action Plan on page 16 for details.



## Would you use a regular open air/covered market?

Number of people



# Sports, Leisure, Recreation

Shirehampton people have a wealth of green open spaces on their doorstep and they are proud of their parks and green spaces. Many access those spaces regularly to take their children to play areas, to walk with or without their dogs, or just to get out of the house and enjoy the beautiful views many of our spaces offer.

- 412 people out of 466 people believe that easy access to parks and green spaces has a positive effect on their health

Most people are satisfied with the quality of our green spaces while also recognising that there is always room for improvement.

However, while Shirehampton residents appreciate and make good use of its green spaces, many people feel we lack sports facilities and still regret the loss of the swimming pool and the Robin Cousins Centre. Most respondents would like to see a modern Leisure Centre with swimming pool here in Shirehampton.

- 400 out of 473 respondents would like to see a swimming pool in the village again

These responses are not mere nostalgia for a past. They show there is a sense in the community that Shirehampton has been left



behind and that the village has become a backwater. We need to combat this by investing our time in the community in different ways.

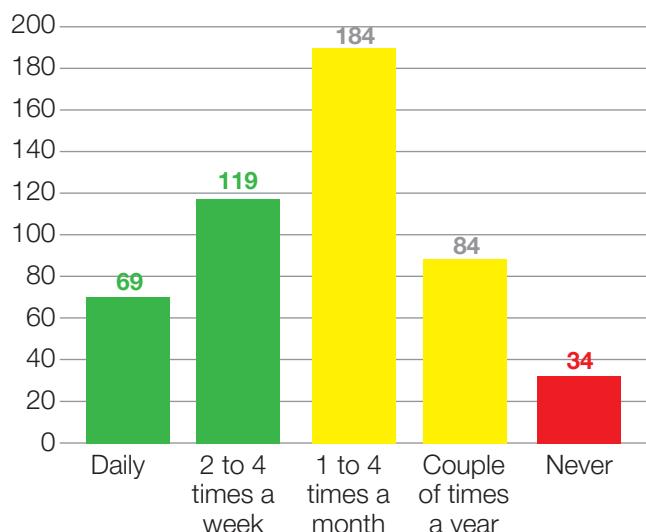
- Over two thirds of people who responded would like to see more health, leisure, and sport facilities, including youth facilities, in Shirehampton

Firstly we need to find how to better communicate information about facilities that are already offered to residents because it seems many people are not aware of the facilities we DO have.

- Only 73 out 460 people who responded take part in sport at local clubs; 387 do not use local sports facilities

There are local rugby, football, cricket, and hockey clubs. There is fencing at Oasis Academy Brightstowe, the NSC boxing club at Smelters Gym in Barracks Lane, The Fliers Basketball Club and bowling at the Port of Bristol Authority Sports and Social Club (PBA).

## How often do we visit Shirehampton's parks and green spaces



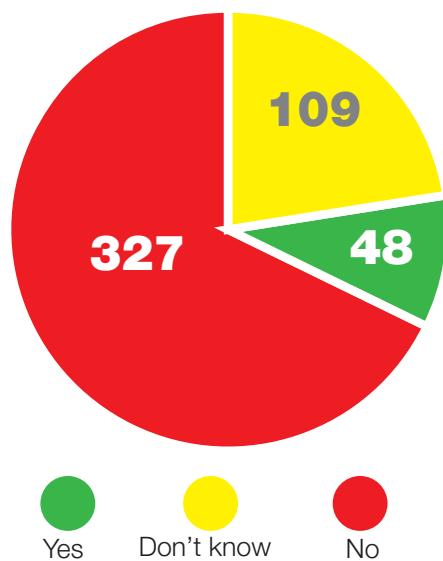
There are two free weekly local walking groups. The Friends of Lamplighters Marsh Nature Reserve hold regular activity days on the Yellow Brick Road. We are surrounded by acres of green spaces and parks so there are plenty of places to exercise, enjoy nature or to sit quietly outdoors.

We may not be able to build a swimming pool, but we can work to make Shirehampton residents more aware of the many free or inexpensive sport and leisure activities that are available. And, with more community involvement, we may see people getting together to find a way to use our green spaces, to find places to play table tennis, to 'grow their own' jogging and walking groups for all ages and to fund an outdoor gym.

For details, see our Action Plan on page 16

**Do you feel there are enough accessible sports/leisure activities for all ages and abilities available to us?**

**Number of people**



## Children and Young People

### Children and young people as a group are almost invisible in our village life.

We tried to engage with parents of children and with young people themselves so they could give us their views on the future of their village and contribute to the Shire Community Plan.

We invited people 12 years of age and over to participate in our Survey. We tried to engage with younger people through contact with Oasis Academy Brightstowe, the Scouts, and the Sea Cadets. We spent time in The Little Teapot café talking with parents and outside schools talking with parents. We met with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the PCSO based at Oasis Academy to explore collaborative working to engage young people. However, despite the hard work, we had only 14 responses from those in the 12-17 years age range and 6 responses from those in the



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18-24 years group. Therefore, it is fair to say we don't really know what young people themselves want to change or develop in Shirehampton.

Nevertheless, the survey shows that many of us feel that, as a community, we do not provide enough facilities and activities for our children and young people.

**“We need swimming baths, tennis courts, sports centre and social clubs for teenagers. For young people there is nothing unless parents are able to help with transport, as my family do. I am sorry for children who don’t have that support.”**

- 339 out of 458 people strongly agree or agree that there is a lack of facilities for young people in Shirehampton
- 350 out of 460 respondents would like to see more facilities developed for young people
- A third of respondents who were aged under 25 indicated that they sometimes feel lonely or isolated

Comments from respondents aged under 18 about improvements that they would like in Shire include:

- “Clubs and things to do for young people – like a youth club.”
- “Improvement of areas like The Ridge and Oaktree as they are areas where most antisocial behaviour takes place.”
- “Swimming pool.”

Comments from respondents aged between 18 and 24 about improvements that they would like in Shire include:

- “More community events and presence on the internet.”
- “More bins...better lighting...A sports centre, more play areas, a better police presence, safer cycling paths, ferry to Pill.”

Some people remember when there were facilities and activities’ for children and young people. Many still remember the Grove Leaze Youth Centre but that was closed down about 18 years ago.

Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF) used to have a Youth Support Action Group and this worked with local Shire schools, Sea Cadets, children & youth groups, churches and the police. SCAF ran a programme of activities in each and every school holiday for many years. Sadly, this funding and support was stopped a few years ago. We are hoping to set this partnership up again, and we are seeking new sources of funding.

**It has been SCAF’s aim for a very long time to develop some sort of Youth Club or Youth Café in Shire, and we have explored all sorts of possibilities but have been unable to secure partnerships and funds to make this dream a reality – but SCAF is not giving up!**

We know that there are a few activities for young people available though not many youngsters from Shirehampton use them. So one question for us is how to engage with our young people, to discover what they actually want, and encourage them to participate more fully in the life of the village. Then we have to work together to find new ways to develop local activities for our children and young people, activities that they want to help run and use.

For details, see our Action Plan on page 16.

# Our Vision for the Future

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## What we will achieve

- “I would like to see Shire restored to its original lovely village, variety of shops, lovely clean village, more flowers, happy people”
- “We have a unique village and village green, we should be encouraging all to keep it so”

The survey has highlighted aspects of Shirehampton that fail to meet residents' expectations. But it also shows residents' commitment to their Village; the responses are full of ideas and suggestions for improving our community life in many areas.

Our Community Plan brings together many of these ideas and sets out practical steps we can take toward improving our Village.

## We want a clean, attractive, prosperous High Street and clean, attractive, friendly residential areas and green spaces.

To achieve this we need to develop an ongoing commitment from residents to work together to improve Shirehampton public spaces. And we need to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with Bristol City Council so that responsibility for improving Shirehampton is a joint effort.

## How we will do it

- **We will** launch a campaign to improve the quality of life in our Village
- **We will** support residents to form 'Friends of.....groups" in their streets or neighbourhoods. These groups will take responsibility for including all residents in the effort to make and keep their area friendly, welcoming, clean and attractive
- **We will** work closely with our local councillors to secure support for the changes we wish to make in our village
- **We will** initiate and link with city-wide initiatives for neighbourhood improvement
- **We will** work to raise awareness of and promote local sport and leisure opportunities and activities
- **We will** bring together community groups and organisations with an interest in improving facilities for all ages in Shirehampton
- **We will** work with the Shire newspaper, community groups, and schools to publicise and promote the actions embedded in our Shirehampton Community Plan
- **We will** develop a Calendar of Activities aimed at involving all residents throughout the year in community events so that we have real involvement in our community from everyone.

## We are already doing it for ourselves

Many activities over the years have been initiated by residents and supported by SCAF and other organisations in the village such as churches and community centres.

- SCAF's Community Safety Action Group
- Redevelopment of Springfield Avenue Park & Play Area
- Planting of a Community Orchard in the Daisy Field
- Free weekly Door to Door Shopping Trips for the over 60s
- Annual family walk & events programmes on Lamplighters Marsh – Bug hunts, Wildflower walk, Bat Tracks, "Walk on the Wildside", Early Bird walks
- Shire Greens – varied projects including looking after Shire Railway Station which they "adopted" many years ago and working in partnership with GWR to have flower planters, extra seating installed and other improvements
- Regular community clean-ups and litter picks

- Residents developed the Friends of Lamplighters Marsh (FOLM) with support from SCAF
- Shire has two weekly walking groups - "Shire Nomads" and the "Walkie Talkies"
- Activities at our community centres and churches – lunches, film shows, quizzes, breakfasts, yoga, Zumba, puppy training, Shire Stitchers, art clubs, Grainger Players & Firebird Theatre, Tai Chi, Pillow Lace Club, Women's Fellowship, Model Railway Club, choirs, bingo, Stay & Play and Mainly Music for the under 5s
- Shire Illuminations light our village throughout Christmas and New Year holidays
- St Mary's Youth Club, a new initiative
- SCAF are currently working in partnership with BCC on a complete re-development of St Mary's Rec (aka Beachley Walk) comprising new multi-use games area (MUGA) – Basketball, 5 a-side football and new play area with a variety of children's play equipment for all ages

And many more...





The Santa Dash of 2017 was extremely successful and well attended

## Community Involvement

Many people feel we need “**more community involvement**” and “**a good communication tool that reaches out to the whole community**” to publicise what IS available in Shirehampton now.

167 respondents are interested in being involved in a planning group to help shape the future of Shire and 79 said they are interested in getting more involved to influence decisions that affect the village.

However, 269 people out of 437 feel they cannot influence decisions that affect Shirehampton. In addition, our survey showed that 144 people out of 489 said they feel isolated or lonely at times.

We know there will be many more who feel isolated and we know we need to reach out and make an extra effort to include them in everything we do in the village. SCAF will continue to support residents to achieve our Vision for Shirehampton.

## Our Partners

We plan to work in partnership with institutions and businesses across the ward, and across the city where necessary, to achieve what we want for Shirehampton.

Locally we will approach potential partners such as our High Street Traders and the local pubs; both are important to our local economy. For example, the Co-op plays a central role in our local economy employing 30 people; 27 of these are local people. Quite a few of our traders donate generously to our community groups and activities.

The four village pubs offer between them good food, live music, quiz nights, bingo sessions and even political discussion groups with the local MP. The George has recently been added to the Bristol Local List – a list of buildings deemed to be of architectural interest and historic importance. The Lamplighters pub was first noted publicly in 1768. We will invite these pubs to work with us as they form an important focal point for many in the community.

We will also approach the Shirehampton Health Centre, and other local businesses and clubs to ask them for their support.

We need to take into account the cuts to Bristol City Council (BCC) services that affect our village. BCC is asking for residents to run services and activities in our communities so we will work with the Council through our local councillors and other officers to explore how we can best work with them to achieve our aims. We will expect the Council to take on the role of enabler to find ways round any difficulties in their systems that could be a potential barrier for residents to achieve their collective vision for Shirehampton.

**Doing even more for ourselves**

# Our Plans for ACTION

Street scene: I ❤️ Shirehampton

Our High Street – the Centre of the Village

Healthy and Active Shirehampton

Our Future – Young People



# Street Scene: I ❤️ Shirehampton

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## We will:

- Support our neighbours and residents to form “Friends of their ‘street/area’”. These groups will take responsibility for keeping their area clean and attractive
- Secure funding for equipment for Friends groups such as litter grabbers, supplies of rubber gloves, and for publicity material and packs for schools
- Raise funds for planters and baskets for areas where residents are active and willing to maintain them
- Develop a calendar of activities throughout the year that promote the campaign, aimed at involving all residents
- Work closely with our local councillors to negotiate the necessary improvements for which they are responsible
- Promote the idea that residents can keep our historic Village Green free of litter and work with the council to keep vehicles off the Green
- Link with city-wide initiatives for improving our neighbourhoods such as neighbourhood litter picks and Thriving Front Gardens campaigns
- Work with the Shire newspaper to publicise and promote our “I ❤️ Shirehampton” campaign
- Promote the campaign through community groups and support them to take part
- Work with local schools to promote the campaign and support them to include young people in growing a sense of pride in their village



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# Our High Street – The Centre of the Village

## We will:

- Promote a ‘Shop In Shire’ campaign
- Find funding for more seating in the High Street
- Work with our local businesses and traders to look after their shop front area
- Attract and support independent groups and small businesses to set up short term “pop ups” in the empty shops in the High Street to encourage more diversity
- Create a Shirehampton Heritage Walking Trail starting in the central village area to show our different architectural styles and eras, to inform everyone of Shire’s history: cottage industries, old shops/businesses, and in the riverside area, our shipping history and thriving mini port life, and links with Pill community
- Run an Arts competition with local Primary schools near the High Street to generate ideas for improving the High Street and for our “I ❤️ Shirehampton” campaign. We will display the results around the village
- Place Community Notice Boards at different points in the village
- Raise funds for planters and baskets for areas where residents are active and willing to maintain them
- Request enforcement of parking restrictions for a minimum period of three months to deter illegal parking
- Work with BCC to plan for widened pavements facilitated through a filtered traffic system in the High Street
- Work with our local MP on ways to reduce the business rates to enable local small businesses to thrive
- Request the enforcement officers come to the village for at least two weeks after we have made some headway with our campaign – to emphasise the message
- Investigate, with the local traders, the possibility of developing a local market in Shirehampton



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# Healthy and Active Shire

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## We will:

- Advertise and promote the existing local clubs and activities across Shirehampton, including using the new community notice boards in the village
- Work with the Health Centre to negotiate how they can support our 'Healthy and Active Shire' Action Plan
- Encourage local health and social care professionals to use the 'Prevention on prescription' self-management and 'social prescribing' tools
- Investigate and implement ways to make Shirehampton a 'dementia friendly' village
- Promote and hold activities in our parks and green spaces to encourage improved mental and physical health of residents
- Look into the provision of Play Ranger sessions in Shirehampton parks and play areas
- Seek funding to install an outdoor Green Gym
- Encourage a culture of all generations exercising and playing together



# Our Future – Our Young People

## We will:

- Work with SCAF to bring together all community groups and organisations with an interest in improving facilities for young people who live in Shirehampton
- Map the existing facilities in the village and ensure they are promoted and advertised
- Work with the local schools and Oasis Academy to include the aims and Action Plans of our Community Plan into their Citizenship and Personal and Social Education (PSE) curriculum
- Agree as a network to hold open and informal sessions to ask young people what activities they would like to see and how they will help to set them up and keep them going
- Engage and negotiate with BCC to ask for their support with funding, and facilities to provide support and activities for our young people
- Encourage organisations that own or manage buildings in the village to welcome young people into their space and to host activities for them
- Actively encourage and welcome young people into other activities in the Shirehampton Community Plan: the ‘I ❤️ Shirehampton’ campaign, parks and green spaces, health, leisure, exercise initiatives, design of the Shirehampton notice boards



# Current Community Events Calendar

Help us to fill this calendar with community events for everyone!



This is the list of ideas we have collected so far. Let us know if you want to get involved or have more ideas you would like to see in Shirehampton.

- **Spend it in Shire** Initiative
- **Window Wanderland** activities – these could link with any seasonal activities
- **Supporting Shirehampton weekend**
  - recruiting helpers and encouraging involvement
- **Street Parties**
- **Summer Festival**
- **Picnic** with KWAG
- **A competition for front gardens**
  - or streets and/or green spaces (followed by a celebration)

- **Autumn activities** that aim to keep the paths free of leaves, creating winter mulch or compost for garden and allotment owners
- **Bulb planting** in new areas
- Organise, with Shire Illuminations, a **community walkabout** to view the public and residential Christmas lights

The survey asked people if they would like to get involved and an astonishing number gave us their contact details. We are gradually contacting them. This process will speed up following the launch of the Community Plan. There is a lot to do so contact us if you think we have missed you out!



# Shirehampton Community Plan – Appendix

Can we note that whilst 499 Residents completed the Survey not everyone responded to every choice on every question. Therefore %'s do not always apply.

We also had a number of Surveys returned that did not seem to be complete, however, the fact they had been submitted we took as being relevant therefore included them in our results.

We combined Very Satisfied/Satisfied and Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied to make the results easier to read. This also applies for Most Positive/Positive and Very Negative/Negative.

Any queries raised during entering the Data or when preparing the Results were discussed by the Steering Group as a whole and not one individual.

## **They are ‘Your Responses’ and therefore ‘Your Results’**

## **Section 2: Health and Well Being**

### **Q1. What would have a positive effect on your health & wellbeing in Shirehampton?**

Access to a variety of Shops and Healthy food  
Positive = 441

Easy access to Health Services and Appointments  
Positive = 432

Easy access to Parks and Green Spaces  
Positive = 412

Easy access to Sport, Exercise & Leisure  
Positive = 369

Good Community Support Network  
Positive = 360

Good Social Life due to Activities and Events  
Positive = 359

Accessible information to job opportunities/further education  
No Difference = 202

Access to debt advice and benefit support  
No Difference = 237

### **Q2. What would have a negative effect on your health & wellbeing in Shirehampton?**

Antisocial behaviour  
Negative = 443

Health Service Appointments  
Negative = 440

Limited variety of Shops & Choice of Healthy Food  
Negative = 425

Safety in the Streets after Dark  
Negative = 419

Lack of Sports & Exercise  
Negative = 335

Limited access & information to jobs & further education  
No Difference = 213

Access to debt advice & benefit support  
No Difference = 212

### **Q3. Do you ever feel isolated or lonely in Shirehampton?**

Whilst 38 seems a low number that responded ‘Yes’ they do feel isolated or lonely in our Village when coupled with those that say ‘Sometimes’ (106) means 30% of the people who completed this question (489) on the survey feel isolated or lonely.

### **Q4. How often do you get chance to meet with friends and family?**

	<b>Family</b>	<b>Friends</b>
Most days	167	172
Every week	178	218
Every month	65	58
A few times a year	75	32
Never	6	9
<b>Total response</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>489</b>

496 answered, 3 skipped

### **Q5. How satisfied are you with the health services in Shirehampton?**

301 residents out of the 474 who answered this question are satisfied with the Group Practice as are a further 97 who visit the additional Capel Road Surgery in Lawrence Weston.

However, there are a total of 125 residents across the 2 Centres who are Dissatisfied.

74 of us are Satisfied with Other Services or Clinics at the Health Centre but 176 of us don't use them. Likewise, 93 people are satisfied with Community Nurses with only 14 Dissatisfied but 316 out of the 423 don't see them so have no opinion

NB. We chose not to include other Health Services in Shirehampton like Opticians and Dentists as some are Private Practices and we didn't feel it correct to ask questions without permission especially as the majority of Residents may not be customers. We apologise if we offended anyone in making this decision.

### **Q6. Is there a health service currently not available that you would like to see in Shirehampton?**

We had over 80 responses of which here are a few:

Physiotherapy, Counselling/Talking Therapies/CBT, Shorter Appointment Waiting Times/More Out of Hours Appointments/Walk-In Surgery, More Accessible Chiropody/Podiatry, Dietician, Youth Contraception, Casualty/Minor Injuries Department, Holistic Practitioner, Audiology/Hearing Clinic, Mental Health Support Groups/Aftercare/Help with Depression, Sunday Pharmacy.

## **Section 3: Sports, Fitness, Parks and Open Spaces**

### **Q7. Adults aged 19 and over only:** Do you take at least 2.5 hours of exercise a week?

Although half the adults who answered this question 270 out of 462 residents take the minimum required exercise a week, it still needs to be improved.

### **Q8. Children / young people under the age of 18 only:** Do you take 1 hour of exercise every day?

Many of the Surveys were completed as a family so even though we know we had about 20 under 18's who completed the survey in their own right the results that were ticked indicate we had more that parents answered for as a household Yes = 32 & No = 24.

### **Q9. Do you take part in sport at any of the local clubs?**

An unbelievable 84% (387 out of the 460) of residents who completed this question do NOT do sport at any of the local clubs. Some residents who responded listed activities in adjoining areas. Football was the most popular sport with Skittles the most mentioned activity. A few travelled to Henbury Leisure Centre but most find it too far to go. See Q10.

## **Q10. Is there anything that prevents you from taking regular exercise?**

The real story behind these figures are clarified by the comments residents made. The results can be summarised into 'access and time'.

Lack of facilities, no swimming pool, everywhere needs to be booked up or joined so doesn't fit with work/school/care responsibilities or is expensive. Henbury Leisure Centre is too far, not accessible to those without their own transport and has limited availability when we try and book.

The only facility we have in Shirehampton is the gym but opening hours are restricted and it is very male orientated.

Lack of court facilities especially Squash & Badminton is mentioned frequently.

Most people rely on walking but would like to do this with others and most walking groups are during the daytime when they work.

Some residents jog but feel the pavements/roads around Shirehampton are not suitable and the speed of traffic. Other areas not safe in the dark before or after work.

A few people 'can't be bothered' but if the facilities were there that may be a different story.

## **Q11. Do you feel there are enough accessible sports / leisure activities for all ages & abilities available to us?**

327 residents out of the 484 who responded to this question answered 'No' they do not believe there are enough sport/leisure activities in Shirehampton. 109 people weren't sure and only 48 residents thought there are enough for all ages & abilities.

There were many suggestions as to what residents would like to see in Shirehampton for example 167 requests for a Swimming Pool and 93 for a Sports/Leisure Centre.

The overall feeling is there are not enough places for families to carry out activities together or for the younger age group at all, to keep them off the streets.

## **Q12. How often do you visit Shirehampton's parks & green spaces?**

Only 69 (14%) of the 490 residents who completed this question on the Survey manage to visit a Park or Green space in or around Shirehampton daily with 119 (24%) managing it between 2–4 times a week.

Most of us (184) visit approximately once a week but far too many (7%) are unable to go at all. whilst the rest (84) get there a couple of times a year.

## **Q13. What are the main reasons you visit Shirehampton's green spaces?**

466 residents ticked at least one reason each and this shows us that in Shirehampton we like to go for a walk, 322 of us made this choice. This ties in with the earlier question Q10 where residents commented that walking was sometimes the only form of exercise they managed, due to other restrictions especially when 206 of us felt we wanted to 'just get out of the house'.

We are lucky that we have the beautiful areas surrounding Shirehampton as 153 like to sit and admire the view and 35 of us don't have gardens. 130 walk the dog and 117 take the children to go on the swings etc.

There is a sharp drop with the rest of the figures but they again pick up on areas we have already highlighted as those we would like to improve 'to kick a ball around' only achieved 42 responses, jogging (53), cycling (58) and those who only attend events (56).

## **Q14. How do you rate the following in Shirehampton?**

The responses to this question highlights the general feeling we have about our village. 'Could be Improved'. This was the highest response to every section and although 185 of us are satisfied with the quality of local parks and green spaces, 247 of us thought they could be improved and only 27 were dissatisfied.

At the moment 201 are satisfied with the maintenance of local parks regarding grass cutting etc. but 199 think there's room for improvement.

Children's playgrounds and standard of equipment shows a different story as 181 and 176 feel they could be improved but the numbers of residents that didn't know or had no opinion was high with 159 for the play areas and 166 for the equipment. The residents who were satisfied or dissatisfied was fairly evenly spread: 67 satisfied and 61 dissatisfied with the quality and 58 satisfied and 65 dissatisfied with the standard of the equipment.

The key area on this question was litter, dog waste and fly tipping on 'Public Land' where 227 think it could be improved, 160 are dissatisfied and only 75 of us are satisfied.

### **Q15. How do you feel about the condition of these local areas?**

We listed the local green areas and asked how residents felt about their condition. Unfortunately, the 1st thing that strikes us is that most responses were 'Don't know / Don't access'.

There was loads of opportunities for improvement but only 1 area where residents were more Dissatisfied than Satisfied and that was St Mary's Rec AKA Beachley Walk. Here 299 residents haven't accessed, 79 think it could be improved, 59 residents are dissatisfied with the condition and only 20 residents are satisfied.

### **Q16. Is there an area of Shirehampton that you feel could be better maintained?**

We are unable to summarise this question due to the number of different areas that we feel need attention and the nature of the work required. We have a note of all the issues and hope that gradually they can be addressed. Thank you if you offered to help improve Shirehampton and welcome you to contact us to discuss further if you haven't already left your contact details with us.

## **Section 4. Education, Skills and Employment**

### **Q17. If you have children where do they go to school?**

27 children attend Shirehampton Primary, 18 St Bernard's Primary, 10 Nova Primary and 10 Oasis. There were 10 children listed as attending other Shirehampton Nurseries including 5 who go to Mama Bears Nursery and 1 Home educated. The largest group listed was 'Other'. When this 'Other' information was analysed it told us 7 children went to St Katherines and 2 to Gordano in Portishead, 8 to St Bedes and 1 to Our Lady of the Rosary. The other 16 listings including 1 student at Clifton College. There were about 10 answers that were not relevant for our purposes.

### **Q18. What is your highest level of educational or technical qualification?**

452 Residents completed this question and we have found that the highest group (29%) are those educated to Degree Level or equivalent.

The 2nd highest is GCSE, O level, NVQ level 1 or equivalent 91 (20%)

A level or equivalent 68 (15%) and those without Qualifications 67 (15%), Higher Degree level 63 (14%). Our fewest number of residents 34 (7.5%) have NVQ level 2, AS level or equivalent.

### **Q19. Would you like to develop your skills in any of these areas? (Please select any that apply)**

Digital / computer skills came out as the subject most of us wanted help with to further our careers with over half the total responses 82 (56%) followed by Technical / professional skills 54 residents (37%). 24 residents (16%) would like Employability skills & came in 3rd. The remaining 27% was split between the subjects Maths & English.

**Q20. What would encourage you to take part in learning activities? (Tick all that apply)**

Out of 233 residents nearly three quarters 73% (169) would like to see 'Free or low-cost courses' and 65% would like the courses to be held in a Local Venue. All the other responses were surprisingly low:  
 Childcare/Creche = 31 residents,  
 Carer respite = 7,  
 Transport provided = 36  
 and Disabled access = 24

**Q21. What sort of subjects would you like to see available to us?**

	<b>Would be interested</b>	<b>Might be interested</b>	<b>Responded</b>
Recreational/hobby/crafts	139	85	224
Fun subjects/days out	125	62	187
Health and sport	106	74	180
Healthy eating/Planning & cooking on a budget	65	64	129
Technical related to computers and internet - no qualifications	50	52	102
Educational leading to an accredited qualification	38	58	96
Vocational (ie to help getting a job or do your job better	38	46	84

**Q22. Is english your first language? if not, what is?**

293 residents responded to this question

English 277  
 Spanish 1  
 Polish 7  
 Dutch 1  
 Hungarian 4  
 German 1  
 Shona 2

**Q23. Which activity best describes you now?**

We sent the Survey to every house in Shirehampton and 476 Residents answered this question:  
 36% (172) of the Residents are Fully Retired,  
 32% (153) are in Full Time work  
 13% (64) work less than 30 hrs per week.  
 Also we have 3 lots of 5%'s – Full or Part Time Education, Looking after the family home and Long-Term Sick/Disabled.

**Q24. If you are currently looking for work or have looked for work in the past 2 years, have you faced any of the following difficulties?**

Lack of appropriate jobs drew 31 responses, followed by 27 saying Lack of suitable of hour. Unable to get to Job Location, Lack of Childcare and Lack of Appropriate qualification/experience all had 16 responses. Some others included lack of help writing CV's/application forms also lack of

Computers to be able to Job Search. In 'Other' there was 2 cases of Age Discrimination and not enough part time vacancies.

### **Q25. Did you have to make compromises to find work? (Answer all that apply)**

This question had 85 responses and 34 mentioned they had to travel further than they hoped, 31 had to take a pay cut. 25 had to change their choice of work, 19 had to work less hours and 13 had to work longer hours than they had hoped.

### **Q26. Where do you mainly access the internet? (Tick all that apply)**

A massive 411 use the internet at home, 168 of us use our mobiles and 127 whilst at work.

Some go to family or friend's houses but significantly 47 that's 10% of us don't use it at all.

The last detail will cause problems in Shirehampton as more & more aspects of daily living are dealt with online only.

### **Q27. If you don't use the internet can you tell us why? (Tick all that apply)**

32 of us don't have a computer.

29 don't know how to use the Internet.

24 aren't interested.

13 of us can't afford to have the Internet at home.

9 don't have a suitable mobile.

6 have a disability that makes it difficult to use a computer or mobile

4 of us don't have time.

## **Section 5. Crime, Travel And Transport**

### **Q28. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements**

438 out of 479 of us feel comfortable & safe walking in Shirehampton during the day against only 25 that don't. After dark it changes to 197 who feel safe & 208 who do not. There is a bigger difference of those residents who 'don't know' in the evening, 73 compared with only 18 during the day.

305 out of 473 of us think that anti-social behavior is a problem in Shirehampton but 58 of us don't believe it is and a large proportion of residents (110) aren't sure.

171 Residents feel that the Police are not dealing with Crime or Anti-Social behavior successfully yet 115 people think they are? But the largest number 188 don't have an opinion.

Whilst Shirehampton Residents have concerns over Crime etc. the majority of us (273) do not let it control our lives. Unfortunately, 82 people's lives are affected.

Most of us, (208) aren't sure about a drugs problem but 197 believe there is one whilst a small amount of us (58) disagree and say there isn't.

306 of us are not happy with what we say is a "lack of 'Police presence in Shirehampton, only 73 people think it is ok with 104 of us who don't know.

### **Q29. Have you been discriminated against or harassed in the last 12 months?**

Unfortunately, in the last 12 months many of us have been Discriminated against or Harassed. There were 36 Responses as some residents have had this unfair treatment for more than 1 of the 6 situations we listed.

20 because of Age, 11 Disability, 4 down to Religion, 2 because of Sexual Orientation

8 because of Ethnicity / Race, and 12 due to Gender / Sex.

Some residents also felt they were discriminated against for other reasons like Food / Diet choices or with the harassment from neighbours throwing rubbish into their garden.

### **Q30. How satisfied are you with the public transport service that operate in shirehampton**

288 out of 478 are satisfied with the Bus Service

304 out of the 456 who responded are satisfied with the Train services.

### **Q31. What are the main forms of transport you use daily for work / school / shopping?**

We asked that people selected up to 3 selections but we found that some residents chose more than that.

Out of the 486 people who answered this question, 384 use a car owned by themselves or someone in the family, 13 go by in a car owned by a friend, neighbour or car share, 222 use a bus, 17 use a taxi, 112 go by train, 10 have & use a motorbike or electronic bike, 41 cycle, 10 get about in a mobility scooter, 214 walk. Sadly, there are 5 that are housebound.

## **Section 6. Thriving High Street**

### **Q32. How satisfied are you with the choice of Shops in Shirehampton?**

Only 30% (143 residents) are happy with the shops in Shirehampton, 4% (18) had no opinion and a massive 66% (315) are Dissatisfied

### **Q33. Who does your main household shopping?**

Most of the residents who filled out the survey did the shopping themselves - 304 of them (63%) There were 122 (25%) who shopped with their partners or children and 44 (9%) have someone in the family doing the shopping for them.

### **Q34. How often is a main shop carried out?**

79% (371) of the 468 Residents who answered this question do their main shop weekly, 15% (71) weekly and 6% (26) monthly.

### **Q35. How often do you or this person go shopping for odds and ends in between a main shop?**

The clear majority is a couple of times a week and is where local variety of shops is important. With 438 out of 480 residents who do this.

The main concern is the residents who have to shop daily (14), especially those that have to do all their shopping daily or in small amounts due to access limitations. They find it expensive as they have no choice on prices or brand in Shirehampton.

### **Q36. If you shop locally can you tell us if you agree with the following statements?**

90 Residents have no other choice as are Restricted by Disability Access or Public Transport.

But the majority of Residents are not happy with shopping in Shirehampton mainly due to the cost as 265 people indicated. There was a resounding number of 416 residents that agreed they 'would like to keep local shops in business'. Woods' butchers were mentioned many times, as being very popular.

### **Q37. Have you ever bought your main Household shopping online?**

There is a surprisingly low number of people who shop online 188 (39%) of the 477 who answered this question. With only 78 of the 188 that do so regularly.

### **Q38. If you regularly buy online can you briefly explain why?**

The majority of people find it is more convenient to shop online due to late working hours, getting goods home so take advantage of free delivery.

Some like the choice especially being able to seek cheaper options and special offers.

Others just like the luxury of not being rushed when surrounded by crowds of people when only available time to shop is a Saturday. There was the inevitable response of restriction due to having only one supermarket outlet in Shirehampton.

### **Q39. Would you use a regular open air / covered market?**

An amazing 345 (72.5%) people out of the 476 who answered this question said Yes whilst a further 92 (19.3%) might be persuaded.

### **Q40. Would you be interested in setting up or being involved in a food buying group or growing your own produce?**

This may be down to time people have available but only 55 (11.8%) of the 466 who answered this question were actually keen to start or join in a project like this with a few more (139) who might consider it. We hope to make more enquiries for you.

## **Section 7. Planning And Community Buildings**

### **Q41. What future development would you like to see in Shirehampton?**

488 residents answered this Question by selecting 1 or more choices so not all totals matched this, therefore the % totals are not of use to us here, only the number of Residents.

350 would like to see more Youth Facilities in the area. 376 would like to see the development of Leisure & Health facilities as well as 334 wanting Sports & Fitness Facilities. 300 would like to see more for older people & accessible facilities for them.

An outstanding amount of 400 of us would like to see a swimming pool in Shire as we have gone two new generations since the other was closed & knocked down and we have a different outlook on the Health benefits of swimming

214 would be interested in more media/art/dance facilities.

Employment/education & a training hub was more on a level with 191 that said Yes & 210 that said No!? Offices/Shops & Industrial units are required but with a key emphasis on shops to be developed by 201 residents.

Affordable housing is a resounding YES all round for 1st time buyers (310), families (305) as well as apartments & bungalows (280). 306 out of 450 would also like to see residential/supported/adapted accommodation for older people or those with disabilities.

#### **Q42. Which of the following have you used in the last 6 months?**

Residents were required to tick as many choices as required.

354 of us have visited these locations in the last 6 months, Beachley Walk (5), Cotswold Community Centre (101), Penpole Residents Association (16), Shirehampton Public Hall (191), Public Library (208), Tithe Barn (123) & Public Toilets (116).

#### **Q43. Would you miss any of these buildings if there no longer available?**

Only 39 out of 385 would miss the Beachley Walk Centre, 239 of you had no opinion on this building. 145 out of 413 would miss the Cotswold Community Centre, with 194 of you having no opinion on this. The Public Library would be missed by 332 out of 453. The public hall would also be missed by 326 out of 446. Only 54 out of 380 would miss the Penpole Residents Associations compared to 88 that wouldn't miss it. Just under half of us would miss the Tithe Barn (205/413) & 201 out of 427 would (will now) miss the Public Toilets.

#### **Q44. Do you agree with the following statements about our library in Shirehampton?**

474 Residents answered more than 1 of these questions. The majority of us agree that the library is an important and valuable resource to our village of Shirehampton! 458 of us believe it is important that all Abilities have Access to Literature, 454 agree that we should Encourage Children to Read Books and not just use a Computer.

367 find it is a Good Source of Local Information. 308 agree it is a Good Place to Study & Use Computers although 138 had no opinion on this?

438 agree it is important to keep our library in Shirehampton!

#### **Q45. Would you like to be involved in a planning group to help Shirehampton develop how we want?**

The figures indicated that 167 of you were interested to be included in a Planning Group, however many of the numbers included by Smart Survey were when residents offered suggestions or apologies rather than agreement. We sent out 117 emails and confirmed people's actual interest and we have now set up the Shirehampton Planning Group with a strong active membership of about 40. You can join at anytime by attending a meeting as per local advertising especially facebook, by contacting us on [shirehamptonplanning@gmail.com](mailto:shirehamptonplanning@gmail.com) or by phoning Ash Bearman, SCAF Community Development Worker on **0117 982 9963** who will let you know when the next meeting is. Please come and join us.

#### **Q46. Would you like Shirehampton to have an emergency flood plan? would you be interested in getting involved or becoming a flood warden?**

188 out of 465 believe that an emergency flood plan is a good idea with 47 of you sharing an interest in getting involved or becoming a flood warden. We are in the process of getting in touch with those who shared an interest and advised us of their contact details.

## Action 8: Our Neighbourhood

### **Q47. How satisfied are you with living in Shirehampton?**

V Satisfied/Satisfied = 478

Could be Better = 122

V Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied = 20

### **Q48. Do you feel Shirehampton has changed in the last 3 years?**

Improved = 35

Remains the Same = 167

Deteriorated = 216

Don't Know = 55

### **Q49. Do you think any of the following are problems in Shirehampton?**

This question covered every aspect of our daily lives and 480 residents responded to one or more sections.

1. Cleanliness of Streets & Buildings  
Problem = 353 No Problem = 79

2. Litter and fly tipping  
Problem = 370 No Problem = 39

3. Dog waste and lack of appropriate bins  
Problem = 380 No Problem = 42

4. Weekly Recycling  
Problem = 137 No Problem = 245

5. Fortnightly General Collection:  
Problem = 152 No Problem = 239

6. Antisocial Behaviour  
Problem = 269 No Problem = 39

7. Pedestrian Safety  
Problem = 229 No Problem = 93

8. Poor Condition of Pavements  
Problem = 246 No Problem = 112

9. Noise from Residents  
Problem = 104 No Problem = 232

10. Noise from Pubs & Clubs  
Problem = 63 No Problem = 216

11. Poor Street Lighting  
Problem = 144 No Problem = 170

12. Lack of Cycling Facilities  
Problem = 179 No Problem = 101

13. Traffic Speed Control  
Problem = 252 No Problem = 110

14. Parking  
Problem = 280 No Problem = 112

15. Illegal /inconsiderate parking  
Problem = 334 No Problem = 46

16. Poor condition of Roads  
Problem = 225 No Problem = 121

17. Traffic Congestion Fumes  
Problem = 208 No Problem = 88

18. Level of Pollution  
Problem = 200 No Problem = 74

### **Q50. How long have you lived in Shirehampton?**

94% of those who completed the Survey have lived in Shirehampton for over a year. More than 2 years is a massive 88% and more than 5 years is 78%.

It's still high for more than 10 years at 65% but the 20+ marker is a bit different with more than 20 years running at 51% and less than 20 years at 49%. Finally, there are 39% of us who have lived here for over 30 years.

### **Q51. Were you born in shirehampton or in one of the other local 3 villages of avonmouth, lawrence weston or sea mills? if yes, which one?**

Although 267 residents out of the 425 who completed this question were born outside of the local area there are 167 who were born here. The scores are 94 from birth, 28 have moved up from Avonmouth, 26 down from Lawrence Weston and finally 10 moved across from Sea Mills.

**Q52. Have you ever moved away from shirehampton and later moved back because you missed its character or it's people? any other reasons?**

289 residents have never moved away from Shirehampton, 21 returned to be near parents or because they missed family and friends. 10 of us found house prices were more affordable and agreed with the 10 who think it a nicer area than others they have lived. It's handy for transport links confirm 2 of us whilst 14 didn't give their reason but the overriding feeling was summed up with the words "Shire is Home".

**Q53. Do you plan to stay in Shirehampton for the next 5 years? do you hope to move within the village during that time?**

An amazing 400 of us plan to stay in Shirehampton with 9 of us looking to relocate within the village. 49 intend to move but mainly as part of a 3-5 year plan although a couple feel they may have to if suitable accommodation like Bungalows aren't available.

**Q54. Do you currently carry out any volunteer work? is it in this area?**

133 Residents who answered this question said they Volunteer in Shirehampton and 22 do so in other areas but of the remaining 302 there were many who used to Volunteer but due to age, illness or work/family commitments are currently not in a position to do so. Some would like to but don't know how they can help or what's needed? There are many, many ways you can help that allow you to be totally flexible when you have commitments but can make a big difference to those around you!

**Q55. Would you like to volunteer your help in future Shirehampton projects? if so what is the best way to contact you and keep you updated?**

If you ticked the box to say you would be interested in helping on a Voluntary basis you will be contacted soon. If in the meantime if you want to get started here are some ways you can help:

Be a Governor of a local school, help with a lunch club, join the events group at the Public Hall, help raise money for local charities, do the admin/secretarial role for the new Planning Group or become a member of it to help keep an eye on decisions that affect our village and way of life, take on some land near you and maintain it. Join SCAF and help them do more work in the Community including Litter Picks, deliver the Shire Magazine to your street or deliver the Shirehampton Community Plan? The list is endless.....

**Q56. Do you think that shirehampton needs more community events that everyone can join in?**

There are events that are arranged in Shirehampton that don't get the support they deserve mainly because they don't get the publicity or clash with other events in the area so to the 341 of residents that would like to see more Community Events lets help Make it Happen! There were 32 people who didn't know if there should be more events and 36 who have decided no need.

**Q57. Do you feel that you can influence decisions that affect Shirehampton?**

109 of us feel we can influence decisions that affect our village but over twice that 269 of us feel we can't do anything about it. 79 of you want more information so you will be contacted in the near future to confirm how you can get involved. If you didn't leave contact details then by all means email us on **shireplan@hotmail.com** or phone **0117 982 9963** and leave a message and we will get back to you asap.

## **Q58. Would you be interested in attending shirehampton community action full forum meetings?**

59 of you said yes and 120 of you want further information. If you gave us permission and left an email address you will be contacted. If any of the 276 who said no or anyone else in the village, Want to find out what is happening in Shirehampton then contact us on [shireplan@hotmail.com](mailto:shireplan@hotmail.com), or email [ash@shirecaf.org.uk](mailto:ash@shirecaf.org.uk) or phone **0117 982 9963** for details of the next meeting.

## **Q59. Are you interested in attending quarterly meetings with the police, councillors, and residents of the other 3 local villages?**

69 of you said yes and 125 ticked the box for further information and will be contacted soon if you left your contact details allowing us to do this.

Although 264 of you indicated no we realised there are times that this may change so keep an eye on the Social Media sites of SCAF, Ambition Lawrence Weston, Avonmouth Community Centre and various Sea Mills venues. It is a meeting hosted by one of the Villages in our ward where Councillors and Residents get chance to have their say and learn what is going on, log complaints to the police and generally learn of plans that affect us on a day to day basis.

## **Q60. Do you feel you know about all activities that go on in shirehampton and their times & location?**

147 of us feel we do hear about activities in Shirehampton but far too many of us (207) feel we don't know. Whilst we may not be able to contact the 108 residents that want more information on an individual basis we are looking into ways of changing this situation as soon as we can.

## **Q61. How do you find out what's going on in Shirehampton?**

We encouraged people to put their main sources so there was more than one response per person in most cases but 470 responded to give these results.

In Shirehampton we are lucky to have our own established Newspaper 'The Shire' and this is the most used way for us residents to find out information as 418 of us reported. Word of mouth came 2nd with 316, Shop Windows 3rd with 223 and Social Media is creeping in at 4th with 140 responses.

Notice Boards are important and when totalled together account for 433 responses that's 92%!

Other means are Emailed Circulars and SCAF meetings having 59 and 40 people respectively

## **Q62. Would you like to see public notice boards in designated outdoor areas?**

The resounding answer to this question was Yes with 306 out of the 423 responses.

278 people responded to the ideal place for a Notice Board and there were 2 main areas that became apparent: The section to the left-hand side of the Methodist Church down to the Co-op had 125 votes, and the area to the right-hand side known as the Central Village round to the Post Office including The Green received 78 nominations. The other highest individual suggestion was the Health Centre with 12. The main suggestions that also came from this question was that it should be located at a place where people can stop and look at without causing pavement or parking access difficulties, it must be relevant and kept up to date and most of all it should contain a Street Map of Shirehampton so Residents and Visitors alike can find where Parks, Green Spaces and key areas/buildings are. "Put Shirehampton on the Map!"

**Q63. What is your vision for Shirehampton in the next 5 to 10 years? what would you like to see improved or available for everyone living in the village?**

We had 100's of Responses to this question. As this is a Summary we have selected only a few examples of the best.

First the Obvious: We feel we are forgotten and our Buildings, Streets and Parks are neglected and shabby. Our facilities have been taken away leaving our Youth with nothing to do. We have an increase in Antisocial behaviour and Crime with little help that our Neighbouring Villages receive.

But we have Visions: Production of 'Shire Booklet' of facilities, shops, transport links & artisan services to be left at key places.

Reintroduce the Pill ferry - maybe just weekends and summer.

"I would love to see the village return to the clean, happy and friendly place of years gone by"

"Reopen empty shops, not charity, fast foods or estate agents, or nail salons, or tacky booze or cigarette shops. All degrading the area. They always make an area look deprived. we need more variety that would encourage us to shop locally that is why we have to shop elsewhere, lack of chic. Encouragement to KEEP SHIRE TIDY, maybe signs up and fine those who drop litter."

**Q64. Is there anything we have missed that you think we should include in the 'Shirehampton community plan'?**

"No, excellent questions, well done"

"No, it has been thought out very well"

We, in the Steering Group know there were some errors and some items could have been described better but we are proud of what we have done and we hope we have prepared a document that will "*bring the Community together more*", "*Resurrect life in Shire*" and "*See us better serving the community using the wonderful venues we have in a fresh way that improves the lives of Residents, draws Visitors and Investment!*"

**We ❤️  
Shirehampton!**



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- Input data from the survey
- Attended focus groups and other meetings
- Spread the word and encouraged others to complete the survey
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- Offered their advice and expertise

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