

Great Milton Village Questionnaire

Thank you for taking part!

Notes to help you complete the questionnaire

Please answer every question where possible.

*The questions have been written to allow you, as a resident of Great Milton, to tell us **your priorities** for the village in the coming years. Please answer the question as fully as possible.*

We hope that the incentive for completing the questionnaire will be to shape our village life in years to come.

*Please complete the questionnaire in **blue or black ink**. It is important to only mark within the spaces provided, using a tick to indicate your answer.*

A number of questions give you the opportunity to write comments, and there is space at the end of the questionnaire - 'Your page' for you to add anything else that you would like to tell us.

The questionnaire is confidential - you do not put your name or address anywhere on it. The page on which you write your contact details for this will be detached from the rest of the questionnaire, so that neither staff at SODC who do the computer analysis nor anyone else, will know from which households the completed sheets come.

*We will return within **two weeks** to collect your completed questionnaire. Please have it ready for your collector.*

For frequently asked questions please refer to the penultimate page of the questionnaire.

Part 1 - About you

Q1 What gender are you?

Male.....93 (39.2%) Female.....144 (60.8%)

Q2 How old are you?

8-1126 (10.9%) 30-4446 (19.3%)
12-159 (3.8%) 45-5950 (21.0%)
16-197 (2.9%) 60-7460 (25.2%)
20-298 (3.4%) 75 or older.....32 (13.4%)

Q3 What is your street name?

Church Road13 (6.6%) Thame Road.....37.(18.9%) Lower End59.(30.1%)
High Street12 (6.1%) Green Hitchings..21.(10.7%) Chilworth Farm Road.....2(1.0%)
The Green46.(23.5%) Fullers Field.....4.(2.0%) Middleground.....2.(1.0%)
Other (please specify) 34 (100.0%)

(Your street name will help us to identify whether some of the issues covered in the questionnaire affect some parts of the village more than others)

Questions on the environment

Please tick in the box as appropriate.

The village green has been much discussed of late. What is your thinking on it?

Q4 Should no-parking on the village green be vigorously enforced?

Yes151 (66.2%) No77 (33.8%)

Q5 Which areas of the greens should remain uncut to support wildlife?

Banks of Recreation Ground.....127 (58.3%) Opposite the Old Rectory66.(30.3%)
Sworford lane.....71.(32.6%) Part of the churchyard125 (57.3%)
Thame Road54 (24.8%) None51.(23.4%)
Priory bank.....53.(24.3%)

Q6 Grass verges could be improved by

	Yes	No
Being left as they are	165 (86.4%)	26 (13.6%)
Oak or hardwood posts	67 (41.6%)	94 (58.4%)

Q7 Access drives to houses on the Green are constructed of different materials. Should these be of uniform construction and surface?

Yes82 (36.9%) No140 (63.1%)

Q8 If you answered 'Yes' to Q4, what sort of construction would you prefer? Tick one box only

Light coloured gravel47 (41.2%) Grass reinforcement (similar to the parking area on the recreation ground)67 (58.8%)

Q9 If you have a suggestion for a communal parking area to reduce parking and congestion in the village, please use the box below to tell us where.

103 (100.0%)

Q10 Would you be involved in a campaign for a mobile speed camera or speed watch campaign?
 Yes59 (26.8%) No.....161 (73.2%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

Q11 Does Great Milton need a speed-activated flashing 'Slow' sign at Lower End and Thame Road?
 Yes138 (60.0%) No.....92 (40.0%)

Q12 Should the overhead cables in parts of the village be buried, to improve its look?
 Yes119 (53.8%) No.....102 (46.2%)

Q13 There have been a number of additional road signs of differing styles in the village. Should the number of road signs be reduced?
 Yes106 (47.3%) No.....118 (52.7%)

Q14 Do you think the village should campaign for M40 noise reduction?
 Yes100 (43.3%) No.....131 (56.7%)

Q15 Would you be willing to contribute to the campaign for M40 noise reduction?
 Yes41 (18.8%) No.....177 (81.2%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

Q16 Litter picking, clearing leaves and stones from pathways, and weeding and pruning are all jobs that need to be done. Who do you think should do these jobs?

	<i>Myself as a volunteer</i>	<i>Some other volunteer</i>	<i>Parish council should pay for someone from my council tax</i>
Clearing up litter	70 (32.3%)	47 (21.7%)	100 (46.1%)
Clearing stones and leaves from pathways	47 (24.0%)	50 (25.5%)	118 (60.2%)
Weeding and pruning	22 (11.2%)	45 (22.8%)	130 (66.0%)

If you have ticked the 'myself' box, please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

Q17 Do you think the paths in the village need to be resurfaced?
 Yes75 (33.3%) No.....150 (66.7%)

Q18 Would you use a communal compost heap for the benefit of all gardeners and allotment holders in the village?
 Yes101 (44.3%) No.....127 (55.7%)

- Q19** Would you use a communal apple shredder and press for the juicing of apples in autumn?
 Yes81 (35.5%) No147 (64.5%)
- Q20** Would you be prepared to maintain the area fronting your property?
 Yes190 (86.4%) No30 (13.6%)
- Q21** The village should investigate sustainable or renewable energy sources?
Solar/photovoltaic panels on public buildings.....141 (65.0%) *Small wind turbines*.....75 (34.6%)
Bio-fuels for boilers in public buildings.....91 (41.9%) *Disagree*53 (24.4%)
- Q22** Would you participate in an unwanted items swap-day as a valuable and fun way to promote, reuse and reduce waste in the village?
 Yes147 (64.8%) No80 (35.2%)

If you wish to be involved in making this happen, please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

- Q23** Are there enough grit bins at key locations in icy weather?
 Yes56 (26.4%) No156 (73.6%)
- Q24** Where every litter bin is located, would you like to see a recycling and a general waste bin provided as well?
 Yes113 (50.7%) No110 (49.3%)

Questions on Housing

The district council's new core strategy includes a policy for housing development in rural communities. Great Milton is categorised as a smaller village within the policy which means that infill on sites up to 0.2 hectares (about five to six houses) would be allowed. In addition, rural exception sites would be allowed if need was demonstrated. All development should respect national designations such as Green belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the character of the area, local distinctiveness and should meet the requirements of relevant development plan policies.

- Q25** Is more housing needed in the village?
 Yes74 (36.1%) No131 (63.9%)
- Q26** If yes, where?
Conservation area in the middle of the village.....15 (17.4%) *Chilworth Lane*.....30 (34.9%)
Infill53 (61.6%) *Forties*.....23 (26.7%)
Thame Road.....45 (52.3%) *Church Road*.....19 (22.1%)
Milton Common.....38 (44.2%)

Q27 Might you or a member of your family have a need for additional affordable housing?
 Yes 39 (17.9%) No 179 (82.1%)

Q28 Might you or a member of your family have a need for sheltered housing?
 Yes 31 (14.4%) No 184 (85.6%)

Questions on community facilities and groups

Please place a tick in the box as appropriate

Q29 Which village activities would you support?

<i>Barn dance</i>	94 (43.1%)	<i>Family sports day</i>	74 (33.9%)
<i>Street party</i>	120 (55.0%)	<i>Quiz</i>	74 (33.9%)
<i>Outdoor concert in recreation ground</i>	138 (63.3%)	<i>Bingo</i>	39 (17.9%)
<i>Village picnic</i>	90 (41.3%)	<i>None</i>	20 (9.2%)
<i>Other ideas</i>	26 (100.0%)		

Q30 Should the village maintain two village halls (Pavilion and Neighbours Hall)?
 Yes 178 (80.9%) No 42 (19.1%)

Q31 Do we need a dedicated youth worker to organise events for young people in the village?
 Yes 152 (70.0%) No 65 (30.0%)

Q32 If you answered 'Yes' to Q31 would you be willing to have the salary taken out of your parish precept (part of the council tax)?
 Yes 104 (63.4%) No 60 (36.6%)

Q33 If you answered 'No' to Q32 would you be willing to volunteer to work with some of the youth in the village?
 Yes 18 (17.1%) No 87 (82.9%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

A Good Neighbour Scheme provides support for the elderly, disabled, or anyone who feels isolated within their community

Q34 Do you know of people in Great Milton who feel isolated and who might benefit from a Good Neighbour Scheme?
 Yes 46 (20.5%) No 178 (79.5%)

Q35 Would you like to help in a Good Neighbour Scheme?
 Yes74.(37.0%) No126.(63.0%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

Q36 How can we develop the local Parish Church services further?
Services for children84.(61.3%) *Sunday School*.....67.(48.9%)
Christingle Service.....53.(38.7%)

Q37 Is it worth investing in toilets for the church - for services, concerts and other events?
 Yes149.(68.0%) No70.(32.0%)

Q38 Is it worth investing in removing some of the pews for more flexible use of the Church building?
 Yes77.(39.3%) No119.(60.7%)

Q39 How could we improve the Neighbours Hall?
Add garden/green space/play area113.(58.9%) *Improve car park flow so traffic is outside*67.(34.9%)
Internet cafe.....53.(27.6%) *Cinema club*.....116.(60.4%)

If you have suggestions for other improvements to Neighbours Hall, please turn to the back page and write them in the relevant box.

Oxfordshire County Council's Adult Learning Service welcome suggestions from members of the public regarding their interests. They offer courses during the day as well as in the evening.

Q40 Would you attend evening classes or other activity if they were held at the school?
 Yes112.(53.8%) No96.(46.2%)

Q41 Would you be interested in training sessions for computing skills and internet facilities
 Yes54.(26.1%) No153.(73.9%)

Q42 Have you a skill that you could offer to teach or train others in the village?
 Yes23.(11.6%) No176.(88.4%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

The Great Milton School: temporary classrooms

The government's capital funding allocation for the next three years is directed towards meeting urgent basic needs and capital repairs. This does not include projects to replace existing temporary classrooms; these would cost around £400k.

Q43 Do you support the replacement of the temporary classrooms at the school?
Yes134 (67.0%) No66 (33.0%)

Q44 If 'Yes' would you be prepared to help in raising the funds required?
Yes58 (37.7%) No96 (62.3%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

Q45 There is a waiting list for allotments. Where could new ones be located?
Rented land near the allotments 92 (56.8%) *Existing school play area next to allotments*48 (29.6%)
Part of Old Field52 (32.1%)
Somewhere else (please specify) 18 (100.0%)

Q46 Should we have cycle racks outside the shop?
Yes105 (47.5%) No116 (52.5%)

Q47 Are there any other products or services that you would use if the shop or Post Office could provide them? Please specify.
58 (100.0%)

Q48 Should Great Milton remain an unlit village?
Yes175 (76.4%) No54 (23.6%)

Questions on transport, traffic and infrastructure

Oxfordshire County Council is currently reviewing Great Milton's bus services which they subsidise having consulted the Parish Council. The bus service changes will be introduced this June and will be for six years. Your answers to these questions may have little immediate effect on their decisions, but we feel it is worthwhile to ask the following questions - for the long term or alternative views.

TRANSPORT

Q49 How often would you use the following bus services?

	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Great Milton to Park and Ride, Thornhill	6 (2.9%)	37 (18.0%)	34 (16.6%)	51 (24.9%)	77 (37.6%)
Great Milton to Oxford via Cowley	4 (2.1%)	26 (13.6%)	30 (15.7%)	50 (26.2%)	81 (42.4%)
Great Milton to Oxford via Headington	9 (4.5%)	36 (18.2%)	27 (13.6%)	46 (23.2%)	80 (40.4%)
Evening bus from Great Milton to Oxford	4 (2.1%)	23 (12.3%)	27 (14.4%)	46 (24.6%)	87 (46.5%)
Great Milton to Thame	7 (3.5%)	45 (22.6%)	22 (11.1%)	45 (22.6%)	80 (40.2%)

Q50 Do you think the existing 103/104 bus service is satisfactory?

Yes120 (66.7%) No60 (33.3%)

Q51 Do you think the existing 103/104 bus service should be protected from cuts?

Yes180 (90.9%) No18 (9.1%)

GREAT MILTON WEBSITE

Q52 The village has a website - www.greatmilton.org.uk.

Have you looked at it?

Yes99 (43.2%) No130 (56.8%)

Q53 Which of the following changes to the website do you think would be helpful (please tick all that apply)

More information from the Parish Council.....40 (34.2%) *More information about events* ..111 (94.9%)
Other (please specify) 29 (100.0%)

Q54 Would you like to be involved in keeping the website updated?

Yes14 (6.9%) No188 (93.1%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

BROADBAND

The county council is aware that good broadband connections and mobile coverage are vital to the local economy. They can result in major savings for home users, businesses and government. With their partners, they are committed to work together to solve the problem. Fast, universal broadband and mobile coverage are top priorities, but they are aware that some of the rural areas need faster and next generation broadband.

Q55 Do you use broadband in your home?

For personal use186 (82.3%) Don't use broadband35 (15.5%)
For business use80 (35.4%)

Q56 Is your broadband speed fast enough for your needs?

Yes100 (51.8%) No94 (48.7%)

BULLETIN

Q57 The monthly Great Milton Bulletin is delivered to your door. Please tell us whether you look at it and what parts you read. On a normal month do you tend to

	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Look at it	199 (85.8%)	21 (9.1%)	6 (2.6%)	6 (2.6%)
Read the Parish Council Notes	163 (73.1%)	26 (11.7%)	14 (6.3%)	20 (9.0%)
Read the Articles and Church Information	139 (63.8%)	34 (15.6%)	23 (10.6%)	22 (10.1%)
Read advertisements and forthcoming events	171 (76.0%)	34 (15.1%)	10 (4.4%)	10 (4.4%)

Q58 What additional information would you like to see in the Bulletin?

71 (100.0%)

Q59 There are many people who work from home. Would you like to be involved in a Home Workers Network?

Yes16 (8.1%) No181 (91.9%)

If your answer is 'Yes', please turn to the back page and tick the relevant box.

Q60 Should we ask the school to ask parents not to bring cars within half a mile of the school to encourage children to walk or cycle to school?

Yes120 (56.3%) No93 (43.7%)

Q61 Do you use the footpaths to neighbouring villages (Please tick all that apply)
Little Milton.....107. (65.2%) *Waterstock*.....67.(40.9%)
Great Haseley.....147. (89.6%)

Q62 Would you use footpaths to other neighbouring villages? (Please tick all that apply)
Wheatley.....119. (90.2%) *Milton Common*.....71.(53.8%)

Q63 Would you use a cycle path to neighbouring villages? (Please tick all that apply)
Little Milton.....102. (77.3%) *Wheatley*.....113. (85.6%)
Great Haseley.....100. (75.8%) *Milton Common*.....73.(55.3%)

Q64 Are purpose-built pavements needed along

	Yes	No
Lower End?	89 (45.4%)	107 (54.6%)
Church Road opposite Priory Bank Cottages?	67 (34.9%)	125 (65.1%)

DIGITAL TV

TV is going digital in our village very soon. If you are worried about receiving digital TV and would like some help then please let us know. Just leave your contact details on the back of the Questionnaire and tick '*Digital TV Help*'

Thank you for taking part!