

Bridgerule Parish Plan 2009

Bridgerule Parish Plan 2009 Household

Q1 How many people, including children, normally live in your household?

1	Count	34
2	Count	77
3	Count	38
4	Count	22
5	Count	11
6	Count	4
7	Count	1
8	Count	1
25	Count	1
Total	Sum	(509)

		1	2	4	Total
Males 0-4 yrs old	Count	2	3	0	
	Sum				(8)
Males 5-10 years old	Count	10	2	0	
	Sum				(14)
Males 11-16 years old	Count	8	1	1	
	Sum				(14)
Males 17-21 years old	Count	12	2	0	
	Sum				(16)
Males 22-39 years old	Count	32	1	0	
	Sum				(34)
Males 40-59 years old	Count	63	1	0	
	Sum				(65)
Males 60-64 years old	Count	31	0	0	
	Sum				(31)
Males 65-74 years old	Count	29	1	0	
	Sum				(31)
Males 75+ years old	Count	23	0	0	
	Sum				(23)

		1	2	Total
Females 0-4 years old	Count	11	1	
	Sum			(13)
Females 5-10 years old	Count	8	4	
	Sum			(16)
Females 11-16 years old	Count	10	5	
	Sum			(20)
Females 17-21 years old	Count	17	1	
	Sum			(19)
Females 22-39 years old	Count	28	1	
	Sum			(30)
Females 40-59 years old	Count	78	0	
	Sum			(78)
Females 60-64 years old	Count	27	0	
	Sum			(27)
Females 65-74 years old	Count	24	0	
	Sum			(24)
Females 75+ years old	Count	22	0	
	Sum			(22)

		Count	%
Housebound householders	Housebound	5	3%
Infirm householders	Infirm	6	3%
Registered disabled householder	Registered disabled	18	10%
	Not ticked		

Is this dwelling your household's main residence?

	Count	%
Yes	184	98%
No	4	2%
Total	188	100%

Is this dwelling:

	Count	%
Private rented	23	12%
District council rented	2	1%
Housing Association rented	12	6%
Owner occupied	145	78%
Shared equity	2	1%
By virtue of employment	0	0%
County farm	2	1%
Other	1	1%
Total	187	100%

Do you have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage in the Parish?

	Count	%
Many problems	8	4%
Few problems	41	22%
No problems	132	70%
No opinion	8	4%
Total	189	100%

Is your household, as a whole or part, in need of alternative accommodation, now or within the next five years?

	Count	%
Yes	20	11%
No	162	89%
Total	182	100%

Q8 If Yes:

		1	2	3	5	6	Total
How many people will be in need now	Count	4	2	0	1	0	
	Sum						(13)
How many people will be in need in 3 yrs	Count	5	1	1	1	1	
	Sum						(21)
How many people will be in need in 5 yrs	Count	3	4	1	0	1	
	Sum						(20)

Q8 What type of accommodation do/will they need?

	Count
Starter home to buy	6
Starter home to rent	6
Family home to buy	5
Family home to rent	2
Adapted for disability	3
Sheltered housing	3
Residential care	1
Shared equity property	2
Other	0

Q8 If unable to move to accommodation of the type needed, is this because of:

	Count
Price	6
Lack of rented accommodation	2
Lack of suitable stock to buy	6
Lack of local authority housing	4
Other reason	1

Q9 How many members of your household left because of a lack of employment or suitable housing?

		1	2	3	Total
Number of household members who left	Count	10	6	2	
	Sum				(28)

Q10 If given the chance how many former members of your household do you think would like to return to the Parish?

		1	2	3	4	7	Total
Number of likely returners to Parish from your household	Count	7	5	1	1	1	
	Sum						(31)

Q11 Where are your household's vehicles normally parked?

	1st vehicle		2nd vehicle		3rd vehicle	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
In a garage	77	44%	11	11%	3	13%
Off the road	85	49%	71	71%	16	67%
On the road	12	7%	16	16%	5	21%
In a public car park	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%

Q11 Where are your household's vehicles normally parked?

	4th vehicle	
	Count	%
In a garage	1	14%
Off the road	4	57%
On the road	2	29%
In a public car park	0	0%

Q12 Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher Parish Council Tax to meet some of the needs of the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	52	28%
No	98	52%
No opinion	39	21%
Total	189	100%

Q13 Is mobile phone reception acceptable where you live?

	Count	%
Yes	48	26%
No	132	71%
Don't know/not applicable	6	3%
Total	186	100%

Q14 Do you have a broadband connection at home?

	Count	%
Yes	127	69%
No	57	31%
Total	184	100%

Q14 If Yes is the connection reliable?

	Count	%
Yes	106	85%
No	18	15%
Total	124	100%

Q14 Is your broadband connection?

	Count	%
Slow	32	26%
Acceptable	72	60%
Fast	17	14%
Total	121	100%

Q14 If No, would you like a broadband connection?

	Count	%
Yes	7	23%
No	23	77%
Total	30	100%

Q15 Does your family need a pre-school playgroup in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	18	10%
No	124	70%
Not applicable	35	20%
Total	177	100%

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What sex are you?

	Count	%
Male	189	48%
Female	201	52%
Total	390	100%

What age band do you belong to?

	Count	%
11-16 years old	26	7%
17-21 years old	29	7%
22-39 years old	58	15%
40-59 years old	134	34%
60-64 years old	54	14%
65-74 years old	54	14%
75+ years	42	11%
Total	397	100%

How did you come to live in this Parish?

	Count	%
Born in Parish	67	17%
Work in area	22	6%
Relatives nearby	30	8%
Love of village life	49	12%
Love of country life	99	25%
Availability of housing	65	16%
Retired to Parish	66	17%
Marriage	33	8%
Came with family	79	20%

Do you require a low cost starter home?

	Count	%
Yes	34	10%
No	323	90%
Total	357	100%

Employment

Where is your main place of work or study?

	Count	%
At home	104	36%
Elsewhere in Parish	19	7%
Outside Parish, but within 10 miles	95	33%
Within 11-30 miles of home	40	14%
Over 30 miles from home	29	10%
Total	287	100%

What is your major means of transport to work or study?

	Count	%
Car	179	58%
Van	27	9%
Bus	24	8%
Motorcycle	0	0%
Bicycle	4	1%
On foot	15	5%
Other	3	1%
Not applicable	59	19%
Total	311	100%

Other answers

Tractor

1

If a few small-scale industrial workshops were proposed for the Parish, what would your reaction be?

	Count	%
In favour	218	55%
Against	55	14%
No opinion	127	32%
Total	400	100%

Suggested location of industrial units

Industrial Estate

1

Industrial Estate or next to Short and Abbott

1

Build up Industrial Estate only if needed by local business

1

Education & Training

Would you like the facilities of the school to be made available to the local community outside of school hours?

	Count	%
Yes	199	50%
No	38	10%
No Opinion	163	41%
Total	400	100%

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	Count	%
Yes	199	50%
No	38	10%
No Opinion	163	41%

If Yes, would you be prepared to pay to use them?

	Count	%
Yes	166	85%
No	29	15%
Total	195	100%

If adult education or evening classes were to be organised would you be interested in attending?

	Count	%
Yes	191	52%
No	175	48%
Total	366	100%

Which classes would you like to see at the school ?

Photography	5
Art	4
languages	6
French	1
Spanish	3
yoga	6
Relaxation	1
computer	15
computer internet	1
Computer business	1
Patchwork quilting	2
History	2
Oral History	1
Local History	1
Painting	4
Nature Studies	1
Music	2
General Education	3
Keep Fit	10
Budgetting	1
Picture Framing	1
Hobbies and Crafts	5
Upholstery	1
Beekeeping	2

Wood Work	1
Maths GCSE	1
Life Classes	1
Literature	1
Creative writing	3
Dancing	2
Weight Watchers	1
Acting	1
Pantomime	1
Cookery	3
Sewing	1
Books	1
Gardening	1
Mechanical repair	1
Flower arranging	2
Pilates	1
Typing	1
Law	1
Tai Chi	1
Geology	1

Countryside & Environment

What do you think could be done with the roads, lanes and paths to make the local countryside better?

	Count	%
Remove litter	188	47%
Keep roadside verges mown & tidy	214	54%
Let roadside verges grow for wildlife	52	13%
Stop vehicle damage to road verges	130	33%
Signpost paths & bridleways	92	23%
Repair gates, stiles & bridges	64	16%
Close some footpaths & bridleways	6	2%
Open more footpaths & bridleways	162	41%
Other	45	11%

Do you think there should be special open spaces in the Parish for local people to picnic and for local children to play?

	Count	%
Yes	282	71%
No	26	7%
No Opinion	92	23%
Total	400	100%

Is litter a problem in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	116	29%
No	178	45%
No Opinion	106	27%
Total	400	100%

Would you be prepared to take part in a clean up our Parish day?

	Count	%
Yes	191	48%
No	129	32%
No Opinion	80	20%
Total	400	100%

Would you like to see the village enter the Best Kept Village competition?

	Count	%
Yes	180	45%
No	47	12%
No Opinion	173	43%
Total	400	100%

Other answers

A joke - derelict properties everywhere.

2

Is dog mess a problem in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	130	33%
No	138	35%
No Opinion	132	33%
Total	400	100%

What areas of the Parish could be improved visually?

	Count	%
The river bridge and riverside area	58	15%
The chapel and school area	58	15%
The shop area	180	45%
Empty properties	280	70%
The hall and green area	198	50%
The industrial estate	52	13%
Other area	28	7%

Other answers

Hall area	1
Littlebridge Road	1
River path	1
Centre of Village	1
Engines inside the village could go to the industrial estate	1
Area in front of school	1
More land available for walks and footpaths.	1
Area by bus stop	1
Derelict properties adjoining the shop	4

Health & Social Services

Do you have any difficulty getting to the following?

	Count	%
Mental health services	0	0%
Family planning services	2	0%
Counselling services	1	0%
Local Social Services office	1	0%
Hospital	50	13%
Doctor	31	8%
Chemist	12	3%
Chiropodist	9	2%
Optician	14	4%
Dentist	21	5%
Other medical facility	3	1%

Retail Service & Other Facilities

Do you shop in the Parish?

	Count	%
Daily	95	25%
Weekly	125	33%
Monthly	48	13%
Less frequently	85	23%
Never	21	6%
Total	374	100%

What are your views on the quality of shopping facilities in the Parish?

	Count	%
Good	111	28%

Reasonable	193	48%
Poor	37	9%
No opinion	59	15%
Total	400	100%

If you usually shop in the Parish, is it because:

	Count	%
You like to support local shops	242	61%
You like the social contact	63	16%
It saves time	95	24%
It saves transport costs	92	23%
You don't have transport to go further	25	6%
You need "last minute" items	192	48%
Other reason	7	2%

Why do you shop in the parish?

We like the people who run the shop!

1

How many times a month do you use the counter service at the local Post Office?

	Count	%
More than 10	38	10%
Between 5 & 10	87	24%
Less than 5	151	41%
Never	94	25%
Total	370	100%

If you use the local Post Office, please say what for:

	Count	%
Postal services	254	92%
Pensions/allowances	28	10%
Vehicle tax/TV licence/other bills	38	14%
Giro bank/savings certificates etc	16	6%
Information leaflets	18	7%
Other services	34	12%

Other answers

Food	2
Cash	3
Newspapers	1
Envelopes and postal bags	1
Banking	1
Paying bills	1

Sport, Social & Entertainment

Would you be interested in renting an allotment in the Parish if one was available?

	Count	%
Yes	53	14%
No	316	85%
Already rent allotment	4	1%
Total	373	100%

Which of the following indoor activities would you participate in if they were available in the Parish?

	Count	%
Badminton	58	15%
Billiards	9	2%
Not ticked	391	98%
Darts	27	7%
Judo	19	5%
Keep fit	86	22%
Pool	36	9%
Skittles	28	7%
Snooker	32	8%
Squash	20	5%
Table tennis	30	8%
Volleyball	21	5%
Yoga	64	16%
Other indoor activity	42	11%

Other answers

Daytime Yoga	1
Bowling	1
Line Dancing	2
Dancing	1
Gym	2
Netball	1
Youth Club	1
Meditation	2
Archery	1
Quizzes	1
Board Games	1
Local Theatre Club	2
Various talks	1
Shorty mat Bowls	2
Tennis	1
Disabled Fitness	1
Health and Fitness	1

Would you be prepared to help organise or run any of the following indoor sports

	Count	%
Badminton	7	2%
Billiards	1	0%
Darts	0	0%
Judo	0	0%
Keep fit	5	1%
Pool	1	0%
Skittles	2	0%
Snooker	2	0%
Squash	0	0%
Table tennis	2	0%
Volleyball	2	0%
Yoga	3	1%
Other indoor sport	14	4%
Other activity	45	11%

Other answers

Drama and singing	1
Theatre Club	1
Archery	1
Childs based gymnastics	1
Scouts	1
Brownies	1
Guides	1

Which existing social activities are you involved in?

	Count	%
Band	3	1%
Beetle drive	0	0%
Bell ringing	11	3%
Choral society	5	1%
Dance	11	3%
Drama	5	1%
Gardeners' society	13	3%
Knitting circle	1	0%
Luncheon club	22	6%
Music society	0	0%
Painting & drawing	4	1%
Photography	1	0%
Quilting	1	0%
Rambling club	5	1%
Whist drive	0	0%

Other answers

Bowling	1
Ex service activities	1
Bridge Inn	1
Book Club	1
Yoga	1
Line Dancing	1
Skittles	1
Hunt	2
Hats	1
Coffee morning	2
Football	2
Skittles	3
Golf	1

Which clubs would you like to see formed?

	Count	%
Band	2	0%
Beetle drive	2	0%
Bell ringing	6	2%
Choral society	9	2%
Dance	24	6%
Drama	18	5%
Gardeners' society	26	7%
Knitting circle	5	1%
Luncheon club	6	2%
Music society	6	2%
Painting & drawing	32	8%
Photography	21	5%
Quilting	9	2%
Rambling club	36	9%
Whist drive	4	1%
Other club	20	5%

Which other clubs would you like to see formed?

Tai Chi	1
Bingo	1
Yoga	1
Dance clubs for children	1
Baking	1
Young people activities	1

How many times a month do you use the village hall?

	Count	%
More than 10	0	0%
Between 6 & 10	2	1%
Between 1 & 5	47	12%
Less frequently	214	56%
Never	118	31%
Total	381	100%

Do you think the village hall is adequate for the needs of the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	105	26%
No	173	43%
No Opinion	122	31%
Total	400	100%

If No, and funds permit, do you think Bridgerule needs a new Parish Hall or should the present one be renovated?

	Count	%
Renovated but kept the same size	39	23%
Renovated but made smaller	4	2%
Renovated but made bigger	10	6%
Build a new hall in the same location	89	51%
Build a new hall in the playing field near the school	41	24%
Build a new hall in a different location	0	0%
Other suggestions	7	4%

Other suggestions

Youth centre type building	1
Use land for extra housing	2
Under floor heating	1
Wheelchair accessibility	1
Ecologically green	1

If Bridgerule had a new hall, or a renovated hall, would you use it more than you do at present?

	Count	%
Yes	212	64%
No	121	36%
Total	333	100%

Transport & Highways

Do you experience transport difficulties getting from your Parish to other places?

	Count	%
Often	35	10%
Occasionally	95	26%
Never	231	64%
Total	361	100%

Is on street parking a hazard in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	207	52%
No	104	26%
No Opinion	89	22%
Total	400	100%

If you have a car; would you be prepared to help provide a voluntary transport service?

	Count	%
Yes	42	13%
No	276	87%
Total	318	100%

Would you use a voluntary car service?

	Count	%
Often	9	3%
Occasionally	91	27%
Never	240	71%
Total	340	100%

How many times a month do you use the bus service?

	Count	%
More than 20	13	3%
Between 11 & 20	10	3%
Between 5 & 10	19	5%
Less than 5	64	17%
Never	267	72%
Total	373	100%

Do you have to rely on public transport?

	Count	%
Daily	14	4%
Weekly	16	4%
Occasionally	57	15%
Never	287	77%
Total	374	100%

Is the bus your major means of transport?

	Count	%
Yes	25	7%
No	349	93%
Total	374	100%

Would you like to see any improvements in the bus service with regard to:

	Count	%
Routes	83	21%
Timetable	143	36%
Reliability	71	18%

Are there adequate street parking places in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	66	17%
No	182	46%
No Opinion	152	38%
Total	400	100%

If you have a vehicle do you have problems parking in the Parish?

	Count	%
Often	15	5%
Occasionally	84	25%
Never	207	62%
Don't have vehicle	27	8%
Total	333	100%

Does the Parish need a car park?

	Count	%
Yes	140	35%
No	111	28%
No Opinion	149	37%
Total	400	100%

Does the parish need a car park?

Already has one

2

Are you satisfied with the general state of the roads in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	105	26%
No	230	58%
No Opinion	65	16%
Total	400	100%

What can be done to make roads and paths safer?

No footpaths	1
Repair manholes and potholes from Borough to school	1
Keep hedges clipped	1
Repair roads	1
Stop flooding	1

Do you think there are any danger spots on the roads in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	251	63%
No	40	10%
No Opinion	109	27%
Total	400	100%

Where are the danger spots in the village?

Shop corner	46
Bridge	8
Churchtown Hill	10
Drain by Short and Abbott	1
Main Road Junctions	4
Borough x	10
Newacott	6
Jewells x	13
Littlebridge Meadow	3
Bend by Littlebridge Farm	1
Pot Holes	5
Middle Road	5
Ditches need clearing	1
Merrifield x	6
Narrow roads	1
Entrance to the Green	2
BT Sub Station	2
Narrow section at Kildare	1
Outside School	1
Flooding	1

Tractor Parking	1
Village to Industrial Estate	1
Green to the school	1
Southfields entrance	1
Under lane used by lorries	1

Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	219	55%
No	107	27%
No Opinion	74	19%
Total	400	19%

Other answers

Youngsters passing through	1
Speeding through village	1

Would you like to see further speed restrictions for traffic introduced in the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	198	50%
No	121	30%
No Opinion	81	20%
Total	400	100%

Information & Communications

Do you use the mobile library service?

	Count	%
Every visit	17	4%
Every 2 or 3 visits	6	2%
Less frequently	19	5%
Never	340	89%
Total	382	100%

Do you think the amount of information about what is going on in the Parish is:

	Count	%
Good	49	12%
Reasonable	190	48%
Poor	95	24%
No opinion	66	17%
Total	400	100%

Do you think the amount of information about what is going on in the Parish is:

	Count	%
Good	49	12%
Reasonable	190	48%
Poor	95	24%
No opinion	66	17%

Would you be prepared to help with the Parish newsletter?

	Count	%
Yes	107	29%
No	256	71%
Total	363	100%

If Yes, please state the areas where you could help:

	Count	
Writing articles	27	
Editing	11	
Art work	5	
Typing	17	
Publicity	3	
Distribution	75	
Printing	7	
Advertising	14	
Other	0	

Other areas where you could help?

Scientific

1

How would you like us to ask your opinions in the future?

	Count	%
Survey via post	137	34%
Survey via internet	41	10%
Survey via e-mail	61	15%
Survey via telephone	14	4%
Survey via SMS (mobile phone text)	2	0%
Door to door survey	103	26%
Public meetings	98	25%
Focus groups	15	4%
Don't want to be consulted	33	8%

How would you like us to ask questions in the future?

Deliver to door and return to shop

1

Not by councillors

2

Previous survey ignored - do our opinions make a difference? 1

Do you use the internet or email regularly?

	Count	
Internet	262	
E-mail	212	
Total	266	

Religion

Are the Parish Church and Chapel important to you?

	Count	%
For Sunday worship	81	20%
For baptisms, weddings & funerals	155	39%
As an historic building	169	42%
Because every Parish should have one	153	38%
No response	247	62%
Other	12	3%

Are the Church and Chapel important to you?

Nice Vicar!	1
Would like a Catholic service	1
Carol service at Christmas	1

Would you like to see the religious buildings of the Parish used for other functions?

	Count	%
Yes	102	26%
No	91	23%
No Opinion	207	52%
Total	400	100%

What would you like to see religious buildings used for?

Meetings	4
Club activities	1
Cubs	1
Combine Church and Chapel	1
Scouts	1
Toddlers	1
Flower Festivals	3
Arts and Crafts	2
Local Events	2
Classes and hobbies	1
Concerts	2
Exhibitions	3

Cream teas	1
Sunday School Club	1
Coffee morning	2
Musical evenings	3
Talks	1
For families to get to know each other	1
Classes and hobbies	1
Mother and baby group	2
Community events	1
Social Groups	1
Choirs	1
Fund raising with coffee and sales	1

Local Government

The Parish Council can raise money on the Council Tax. Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent?

	Count	%
Totally satisfied	19	5%
Quite satisfied	69	17%
Dissatisfied	31	8%
Don't know how it is spent	208	52%
No opinion	73	18%
Total	400	100%

How well does the Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities?

	Count	%
Very well	5	1%
Reasonably well	63	16%
Not very well	224	56%
No opinion	108	27%
Total	400	100%

Other answers

It doesn't publish them at all

Would you like more information about the activities of your Parish Council?

	Count	%
Yes	296	74%
No	72	18%
No Opinion	32	8%
Total	400	100%

Do you think there is sufficient information about planning decisions affecting the Parish?

	Count	%
Yes	43	11%
No	246	62%
No Opinion	111	28%
Total	400	100%

How would you like the Parish to develop?

	Count	%
As a working community	84	21%
As a retirement community	6	2%
As a commuter community	3	1%
As a balanced community	254	64%
As a tourist centre	6	2%
To stay as it is	93	23%
Other	8	2%
None of these	6	2%

Other answers

Infrastructure inadequate for more housing	1
Currently a mess of derelict properties	2
Without social engineering	1
More village events	1
Parish to be safe	1

Should public meetings be advertised and held in the hall to discuss major decisions affecting the village?

	Count	%
Yes	355	97%
No	10	3%
Total	365	100%