

**Charlburys**  
**Community Led Plan**

*"I like Charlbury for its laid back atmosphere & friendly people.  
I would like it to be a little more inclusive.*

*This is a good start!"*

**Analysis of responses from Postcards, website**  
**and the open event on the 20th July 2013**  
**& Street Fair on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

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**Analysis of facilities questionnaire responses**

**August 2013**

What you like.....These are illustrations of the huge number of positive things you said about Charlbury.....

Sense of community Friendly Community events Lively & vibrant Good  
transport links Quiet Good community facilities Countryside access Picturesque but  
not overrun with tourists Good facilities, GP, shops, School Medical Centre etc People  
acknowledge each other Preserved historic centre Charlbury Chronicle

Parks & open spaces Lots going on Historic associations Beer Festival & Riverside  
Festival Relaxed atmosphere Library still active Coop Street Fair Variety of  
clubs & societies About right size Creative people Rail station in walking distance  
lively arts scene Rose & Crown Post Office Great location A hub but short on  
facilities Welcoming community Churches Playing Close Memorial Hall  
Museum Coffee mornings Bus service Small shops remaining Tennis  
courts Wigwell Reserve

St Marys Church Millfield Lots to do Fantastic range of events School  
Cornbury Park walk Ditchley Rd & adjacent fields Views from the town  
Walkers are Welcome scheme Connected to London & Oxford

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**Verbatim listing of all responses, by wall board, of the event on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Summary of Street Fair comments 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

**Bowls Club & Fire Station comments 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**



## **Analysis of responses : Community facilities & buildings**

A sports hall rather than a multi-use facility

To do something with the Spendlove eyesore

Community Centre

Sports centre

Community Centre

Create a community centre at Spendlove site

Sports Hall

New community centre & Library

New community centre to bring different sections of community together

Community Centre, Tiddy Hall is good example

Sports Hall

Community centre at Spendlove

Larger library, fully staffed

Community centre at Spendlove

Indoor sports facilities for all ages & cycle network

Adult education in new community centre

Community Centre

A better community space (such as the proposed community centre)

A Fitness Centre. As a teenager myself, I can tell you from my point of view that Charlbury does not offer a lot for teenagers, let's be honest what is there really to do for teens and young adults? We just live here and thankfully have a reasonable transport link to escape. This may sound unfair, but this really is the truth about Charlbury, it's fine for the young and the elderly, but what about the people in between? I will never know why the council wasted their money on some tatty stones for council estate kids to sit on all day (this leads onto my third point). Charlbury has a strong community, so why not keep it consistent by creating a fitness centre. The park is extremely outdated, let's be honest it does have room to become a more productive park. Not just swings, tennis courts and too many fields!

The new Community Centre

Modern community centre

We need the new community centre!

The Community Centre

Community centre with sports facilities

New larger library

Community meeting place open to all (cafe, arts centre, drop-in centre)

Bigger & better Community Centre / large hall / improved Library facilities, replace the Memorial Hall?

Better sports facilities

Community Centre

New community centre and facilities

Larger library, fully staffed

Fire Brigade Fund to disburse fund to assist Community Centre Appeal

Mid town venue for casual social exchanges

Upgrade or replace venues, eg memorial hall that are essential for the town

Well insulated & reconstructed Memorial Hall

Keep library where it is

Protection of local facilities

Sorry the library is to move, a café / Library in the CH would be good

Better chairs in Memorial Hall for Choc & events

Well insulated & reconstructed Memorial Hall

The Corner House is in the heart of the community. It needs a new purpose when the Community Centre is built,

A new use for the Corner House, better access, bigger spaces for events, cafe, Museum

New sports & social Club

new football social club

Indoor swimming pool

Public swimming pool

Swimming Pool

Public gardens with seats, along river if possible

new GP Surgery

Evergreens.....

Ramp for Library users

A sad loss if facilities lost

The Town doesn't need it to be changed

keeping the corner house & middle of town as it is

## Analysis of responses : Shopping & retail facilities

Butcher

A really great Greengrocers / Butchers

Butcher / hardware shop

Fish & Chip shop

Bank

A Bank

A Bank

Bank

A Bank

Community owned shop & café in Corner House

Computer centre / bike repair shop

A Credit Union (Not necessarily a shop / retail, it is a local service)

Stable & viable retail structure, maybe around Spendlove centre

Maintain active use of the Corner House to maintain the centre as the centre, but how? Perhaps a tea shop & second hand bookshop?

Café / tearoom open all weekend & weekdays

Community café

Letter box at Spendlove / Coop

More shops & local businesses

More shops in centre of town or it will die

More shops

Bring retail back to life by pop up shops (toy shop every Monday)

Shops in the town centre

More shops in town centre  
More independent retailers  
Keep post office  
Support for shops  
Shop signs more appealing  
More shops  
More local shops  
More shops  
Shops providing for the community  
More retail  
Shops that open for longer and sell things Charlbury people and visitors want  
More locally-sourced food, to reduce food carbon miles  
More businesses/ active frontages on central streets  
A strategy to keep shops and services in the town  
Protection of local business from the 'for profit' food chains  
Independent shops - BUT only if people will use them!  
Wider range of shops  
We should fight to keep our shops and facilities - and when Evenlode Books goes, we'll need a new bookshop  
More shops  
Better mix of shops/retailers / a cafe in the town centre (not at the Spendlove)

A great eating/ bistro pub with delicious food  
More places to eat out  
A smoking pub  
Replace the signpost outside the Bell  
Adequate provision for tourists & visitors, café open at weekends etc  
Decent café with seating for 20+. Encourage tourists  
A cafe on weekends and Bank Holidays  
The pubs kept alive  
Some kind of community-run cafe/bookshop to replace News & Things & JC's Bookshop

Doctor's surgery/ practice with an efficient and caring staff  
Better medical facilities

Evergreens



Normal shops  
Bank  
More shops  
More shops  
Bank  
Keep the town centre as it is  
More retail outlets in centre of town  
More shops in centre  
More shops & bank  
More shops in centre  
Useful shops

### **Analysis of responses : Development & housing**

A close look at Buildings to be in keeping with local area  
Strong defence of appealing character of town & compactness  
Vigilance to prevent unsuitable developments spoiling town  
Prevent sale of back gardens for housing development  
Size, don't allow major development  
To ban solar panels on roofs -so UGLY  
A solid sustainability plan/program--water, energy, waste  
Ban on any green field development  
To address the proliferation of solar panels spoiling the look of our town  
No extension to the town, only infill or rounding off

Housing for decent people, elderly & infirm  
Social housing  
Social affordable housing  
Low cost social housing  
Affordable housing  
More affordable housing  
More affordable housing

Realistic affordable homes

More affordable housing for local people

Affordable housing

Affordable housing for young people

More affordable housing with garages

New affordable housing for young couples & families

More privately owned 3 bed houses for working families

New housing development (like Ticknell Piece) to keep town viable?

Housing

More affordable homes, no more "executive" homes or extension to the town

More affordable housing for those now growing up in the town

More affordable housing for young families

More young people- by affordable homes- but not via council houses or to the detriment of the existing old houses and 'olde worlde' feel of the town

More lower-cost & new-build social housing to ensure we retain a mixed community

(No?) affordable housing

Beacon Project, Eco self build

### **Analysis of responses : Traffic & parking**

More parking spaces & street parking restrictions

More parking availability

More car parking would mean more shops

More car parking

More parking

Better residents parking

More car parking

More parking &

Better parking facilities

Car parks

car parking

car parking

More parking as population increases

More parking in centre  
More parking around town  
Parking for cars  
Parking issues for residents  
Review of double yellow lines  
Tighter control of parking at Dyers Hill / Market Street  
Parking restrictions for train users in Church Street  
Rail parking too expensive  
Sort out town centre streets; fewer parked cars, less speeding  
A traffic policy to reduce speed and volume of traffic both in the town and on it's approach/exit roads  
Make safe crossing to school for clubs at 4 and 5  
Make safe crossing to park at cross roads, very dangerous for kids  
More Parking!  
Traffic calming on The Slade & Enstone rd. Junction  
Improved safety on main roads such as The Slade  
A bridge from one side of the Slade to the other - ONLY joking  
To address the condition of the roads and pavements  
More parking  
Address parking in centre  
A traffic plan  
To control traffic and speed especially where no pavements and crossings  
Address traffic dangers on The Slade, Nine acres cross roads and put in safe crossing points  
A traffic plan  
Improved traffic management in the centre

Car free zone in centre

Road maintenance

Traffic calming  
Traffic management  
Roundabout at 5 ways  
Mini roundabout at Enstone X Roads & Slade  
Pedestrian crossing at Enstone / Slade Xroads  
Permanent weight limit for vehicles

Limit the movement of large lorries & dustcarts through town

A bypass

20mph speed limit on residential roads.

Traffic easing plan

Traffic calming, but only on the approaches into town, not in town itself.

Traffic calming in old centre

Ban on heavy through traffic

Late night train service from London

Late night train back from Oxford / London,

Better / more train services

Sunday bus services

Continual public transport links to Witney / CN & Oxford

Later public transport

New source of bus service subsidy

Bus service to Chippy

Better bus connections

Less expensive train tickets

A half-hourly train service

Improved multimodal transport policy for wocd

20 MPH speed limit

20 MPH speed limit in the town &

Cycle lanes

Safe cycle routes within & around Charlbury

Safe cycle routes through town

Improve traffic flow & make streets more pedestrian friendly

Electric car charging points

Hard path down Crawborough

Evergreens.....

Keep parking away from streets

Safer pavements & roads for centre of Charlbury  
Decent footpath from 9 Acres to Co-Op  
Footpath to Coop cleared  
More parking in Coop  
Crossing at bottom of 9 Acres Lane  
Crossing in 9 Acres Lane  
Transport from outskirts of town

Better road surfaces  
Better gritting in bad weather  
Better pavements & roads in centre  
Keep parking away from streets  
Limit speed through town  
Better roads in centre  
Keep parking out of town  
Bus Shelter in 9 Acres

### **Analysis of responses : Older people**

More organised care in the community for the elderly  
Better access to social care support for the elderly  
Old peoples care home (St Johns Care Trust )  
More retirement home accommodation  
Day centre for elderly  
OP clinics  
Clinics for audiology / podiatry  
Places for older people to meet  
Improved services for elderly  
Invent a different model of care for the elderly  
Increased facilities for elderly & carers  
More aids for older people generally in public places

Evergreens summary, particularly relevant to older people

More help for the elderly  
More facilities for disabled OAPs

### **Analysis of responses : youth & young people**

A youth club  
Provide for the young, sports venues  
More sports facilities for teenagers  
Youth Club  
Improve park / swings for kids  
Facilities for teenagers, evening activities / café  
Long term youth job creation  
Bring back Shed Theatre  
Facilities for young people  
Improvements to play area on Enstone Road  
a new park / leisure provision (within 5 years)  
More things for teenagers to do locally  
A new swings and slides + safe space for youth.  
Improve park  
A youth activity scheme / youth club  
More provision for young people - e.g. revive Shed Theatre?

Access to good secondary schools  
More primary school places  
new school facilities

Evergreens...  
School improvement

### **Analysis of responses : Jobs, commercial & facilities development**

Light industry creating more jobs  
Cornbury solar plan  
Encourage business development, Hydac site?  
More local employment  
Centre for skills, sustainability & second hand stuff ( see Bicester Green)  
Improve Broadband connection  
Solar park for community benefit  
Community renewable energy generation  
More commercial & business activity  
Faster Broadband & Cable TV  
Social enterprise  
More visitors  
Sustainable business plan  
Infrastructure that enables a variety of ways to earn money within the town  
Faster broadband - cable?

#### **Analysis of responses : Environmental, entertainment & miscellaneous comments**

More allotment space  
Improve tidiness & "look" of town  
More of what it has going for it now!  
More music ( It makes people happy)  
More community events at Xmas / Halloween  
Open Mic nights  
Get rid of council trash that don't work  
People that don't get involved but like to complain  
Circular walk to link all arterial paths  
Decision to be made about Quarry & access to public  
Bring back access to the Quarry; we need to be able to walk in it  
Development of the old Quarry  
more inclusive groups/societies/fundraising committees etc

Daily street cleaning in centre (should Co-op staff be responsible for this)  
Get rid of Cottsway lock stock & barrel

Cemetery extension or new cemetery

Dean Pit reopened

Better means of communication, more regular newsletter

Re / opened up permissive walking paths - grass verges made safe for pedestrians



Open event on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Board

1 What do you .....

Like	Dislike	What will we need
4 remaining small shops	too much passing traffic	Support the local shops & other facilities, corner house, Museum, tennis court, 9 Acres
Laid back feel	limited shops, especially when I get back from work	A small café
Great clubs & activities	Empty shops	shops open to 6 pm
People say hello, it amazes our friends	narrow pavements	more involvement from young people to build the future
Wonderful community, very friendly	Cars moving too fast in centre of town	How do we sort out centre of town moving towards Coop ( just don't)
local facilities, GP, Vet, Dentist, Chemist, Library	Not enough buses	Small shops, open after 5pm & weekends, when I finish work, to encourage more people into town
Few remaining shops	No coffee shop in centre	Residents parking, remove some yellow lines
Pubs	Lack of sporting options, eg Badminton	Support shops we have & encourage more ( hear hear)
Tennis		Café open at weekends
Coop but.....	too few local shops	good place to eat at reasonable prices
Great community	Too many cars, going too fast	Tea shop in town centre
great spontaneous friendliness	hugely increased car flows & cars that fill the streets	keep library in centre to attract people
community spirit	Litter, are we proud of our town, Woodstock has won Brit in Bloom medals, why not Charlbury?	Chip shop in centre
peaceful friendly place	Road traffic speeds	Public swimming pool

Like the shops & excellent mix of services they have	Lack of safe crossing	Chip shop in centre
Train service a huge plus	Unsafe pavements, make them level	Improved facilities, eg Water pressure, drains & infrastructure before new houses are built
Schools, Health Centre		More small houses, not large with tiny gardens
Vibrant society, loads going on		Swimming pool to keep people active who can't use gym
Great pubs ( I agree & also agree)		Better play equipment in the park (Agree)
		Keep church, school, GP, Dentist, Shops
		Need place to buy refreshments over the weekend ( coop, londis, deli, 3 pubs)
		Need more small 1/2 bed houses / flats or purpose built shared houses (try moving)
		More shops, make the empty shops either occupy or sell up
		Sleeping policemen to slow traffic in Market St
		More shops, longer opening hours, let's hope W.A.W. will help.

Board 2	Favourite place	Least favourite place
	Anywhere high up with stunning views	Sturt Rd & sports / social club, kids hanging around
	Wigwell & Churchyard	Recycling centre in Spendlove, although in favour of recycling
	Cross roads, centre of town	Corner House because it is badly planned

	Playing fields
	Pubs
	Playing Close
	Church St
	Church Lane
	My house & street
	My Church, Methodists
	Twon Centre
	Playing Close
	Church St & area around Church
	Churches, choice incl Quakers
	Ros e& Crown, a real community pub
	Playing Close, Farmers Markets & Fairs
	St Marys
	Church House
	By the river
	Baptist Church
	St Marys Church
	Ticknell Piece wood
	View over Charlbury
	Millfield
	Cornbury Park walk
	Town walk
	Playing Close
	Cornbury Park, owner should be encouraged to open it up for Charlbury residents, as previous owners have done

Spendlove Car Park
Rubbish on Ticknell Piece
Skateboard Park
Terrible uneven pavements, hard on arthritic knees
The almost always messy recycling centre in Spendlove car park
Tacky housing off The Slade
Footpath between Rochester Place & Sturt Road
St marys church, return seating to its original position, facing east, not the spiral stairs
Around football club
Station bridge is hideous, why not a lift?
Lessen impact, change colours?
Pathway between Rochester Place & 5 Ways store
Not commercial adverts
The station bridge
too many lights on all night at car park & roadway there, ruins the countryside
Old Spendlove eyesore

	Millfield, great place if only watery Lane didn't live up to its name
	What about a footbridge at Pound Hill & better drainage for watery Lane
	Railway Station, but .....
	St Marys Church, great space & acoustics, but underutilised
	Ditchley Rd & fields either side
	St Marys
	My house
	Allotment
	My house & views to Cornbury Park / Finstock
	Corner House & Museum, Hands off both, (agree, also agree, definitely agree)
	Friends meeting house, wonderful atmosphere
	The churches

Bridge is hideous, can we at least change the colours?  
(hear hear / colours match listed station building though)

Board 3	Issues we might consider.....		
	Childrens playground needs a big improvement		Protect the countryside around the town
	Sooner the better		We must find more affordable houses in Charlbury
	I like the equipment in the park		Nine Acres Playground loved by Grandchildren
	Swimming pool at Spendlove ( Chippy & Witney not too far?)		More shops would be great, but would people use them?

Car club, to share access to theatre etc. in nearby towns?		Need to think about & prepare for a future of higher energy costs & more older people as they live longer
Community facilities around 5 ways, nothing for them now		Need more shops & services, especially to encourage repair & reuse of products ( as internet shopping makes shops less viable)
Green burials ( Yes)		Shops for fresh & local produce
Cycle paths ( Agree x 2)		Could we buy the site down Post Office Lane as an off street residents car park
Car parking for visitors shoppers & residents		Encourage residents with parking spaces on their property to use them & not park on main streets
Rail users should be made to use the station		Attract more visitors is great, but need for light refreshment venues, a pop up cafe would help to prove demand & may lead to a more permanent enterprise
Don't get sentimental regarding the use of building space ".....that might be gone forever....."		Initiatives to reduce the use of cars rather than provide more parking
Children's play space, learn from Shipton u Wychwood, it is great		As above, but what about a car club ( absolutely)
Adopt a verge ( to maintain it works well in USA)		Can we have more Farmers Markets,( maybe on Church St? Agree x 2 )
More frequent farmers market to assist those working to buy fresh at weekends,(but needs to be competitively priced)		Cycle lanes going against the 1 way system on Browns Lane & Sheep St, accepting Market St is too narrow

Free residents car parks to keep streets clear		Pop up shops, make use of existing facility ( corner House) toy shop/ children's clothes / jeweller / café for 2 or 3 evenings per week
Local industry in the centre of Charlbury to reduce commuting etc, proper working town, not a fossil		More frequent Farmers Markets..... Would kill off all other outlets, Deli & Café already lose trade on FM Saturdays
Blacksmith, stained glass, IT small scale publishing		Some sort of business centre to encourage new businesses to take first steps locally rather than elsewhere ( agree x 2 & use Corner House ) ..... Then make use of existing building rather than Playing Close
Keep the book shop ( don't buy on line then )		Do a survey of parking at Spendlove, are they office workers, station users & how long do they stay? Could have a 60 min max stay period
Few businesses could be sustained by present population but prefer more shops to reduce need to travel to Chippy, Witney & Oxford		

Where do people needing social / affordable housing, Charlbury or elsewhere?

Residents working away all day cannot use the general daytime facilities

Board 4	Streets & public spaces		other opinion....
	Junction of Slade / Enstone rd hard to negotiate	Mini roundabout needed here	No slow down & take care

			Kill off weeds on pavements & sort out overgrown hedges	Mini roundabouts mean more lighting, we already have too much, look at station
	Sort out weeds & grass on pavements			
	Too much street lighting at the station		Enstone Rd // 9 Acres junction needs improvement	No its OK
	Stop large lorries etc turning in Hughes / Sturt Cl after using the Londis store		Mini roundabout at Slade / Enstone x roads needed	But not at 5 Ways
	Enstone rd / Nineacres junction needs improvement, priorities unclear		Crossing needed at Enstone Rd / Slade junction for children & others	
	Fewer cars on the street by having a car club		Free travel for children	
	Pedestrian crossing needed across the Slade		Wider pavements for old & young	
	20 MPH speed limit required		Residents encouraged to take in bins earlier	
	Traffic calming past school, cars not doing 30 mph		Fewer street signs & clutter please	
	Cars too fast on Market St to catch trains		Use more traditional finishes such as cobbles at Corner House / Bull PH junction	
	Less road signs have been proved to make drivers slow down		Footpath from Enstone X road to Nine Acres lane required	
	Leave Church St as it is, no more signage or attempts to turn it into a car park by angled parking		Better traffic management at Nine Acres / Enstone rd ( Agreed x 4 )	

	Resurface Sheep St, it's a disgrace & large vehicles still squeeze down there ( agreed)	Charlbury has an enviable amount of public open space, playing cl, 9 Acres & locked & underused school playing fields. Is there scope to make them into a greater social amenity?
	Snow clearance at Medical Centre has been non-existent, pavement is a death trap	
	Pavement in front of the Medical centre & Councils property at 9 Acres was a lethal mess of un-swept leaves & hard snow for 3 months	

Board 5 Streets & public spaces 2

Encourage verges to be planted with flowers & residents to hang baskets, might challenge Woodstock in Bloom	Review yellow lines eg outside chemist short waiting time	
Slade traffic is too fast, nearly all trigger speed cameras	Review parking in whole town	
Trees planted in Church Lane will prevent views across to wychwoods & beyond	Impact of parking in Church Lane for residents where rail users park to avoid costs	
No parking on edge of Charlbury	Pavements in the centre must be widened Market St walking is dangerous	
Street lighting in Enstone Rd inadequate	20 mph limits required, Browns Lane & Market St for a start	20 mph means more signs, I don't think anyone does more than 20 in these



		streets anyway
Kerbside weeds are a disgrace & cause kerb stone breakout	I love the wild flowers growing on the pavements	
Residents in Ditchley Rd & Enstone Rd to be more responsible for overhanging bushes & trees	Encourage wild flowers on verges eg corner of 9 Acres when verge dug up, don't strim them off	
Need 1 hour parking in centre of town	Car parking needs an urgent review in the town incl. little roads and cul-de-sac	
1 hour parking outside pharmacy, many drivers arrive at Browns Lane junction with Sheep St & find none	20 mph in Market St & Dyers Hill required & town centre in general	
Short parking times OS pharmacy	Sleeping policemen in Market St	
Have a "wait" sign at top & bottom of Dyers Hill parking area to make priority clearer	remove yellow lines OS Post Office ( agreed)	
Stop rail users using Spendlove & Dyers Hill parking	A shared space in the town centre / X roads by pubs enabling sitting out, new surface to show differences / no kerbs	
Impose a 20 mph limit across the town, although drivers may drive faster than this it will be better than at 30 + as at present.		

Board 6	Housing & development		
	Let's please keep the character of the town as it is	Where is our commercial hi-tech park in this town?	Just concentrate on helping people to enjoy what we have
	To keep the town alive we need 3 bed private homes for working families	Use one of the empty shops as a shop selling local produced goods, maybe from allotments	More employment locally
	No more ultra-modern buildings, totally inappropriate to Charlbury look at the monstrosity in the lane between Pooles Lane & Sheep St	Use a shop as a gallery showcasing the artistic efforts of the many creative residents	Any affordable housing must have garages ( or parking spaces??, is this about parking off street??)
	Insist that any bought ( RTB ) housing is repurchased by Housing Association	Youth centre for the teenagers	A really good fruit & veg display would be marvellous ( I agree strongly)
	Keep new housing in character	Tea shop	Encourage everyone to shop locally & then other businesses may be attracted to open here.....
	Cottsway flats have no windows in the tiny bedrooms at Evenlode Flats, very claustrophobic for elderly residents	Replace Evenlode Close with modern attractive comfortable mixed age range low cost housing	With better opening hours to suit people who work
	Green routes (around town) are really important, eg value routes from Slade to Ditchley etc	Lighting needs improving, Station Car park, Browns Lane, Dyers Hill	Street lighting often in wrong place, eg dyers hill from station, but street lights need to face downwards & preserve dark skies as far as possible
	Railway bridge, hideous & impractical	Totally shocked at first sight of the bridge, give it to another town	Station Garden layouts not finished, what's happened?

Board 7 & 8	Corner House	Memorial hall	Thomas Gifford	Pre school
	The CH is a great facility but needs renovation & some thought about future uses	?? (presume no views / confused as to the future??)	TGT site should move forward	the PS is fantastic
	The CH is a central part of the community, both location & use, even if it is underutilised, we should not lose it	let's go for the proposed extension ( yes)	Quality of architecture important	The PS is in a charming setting for a PS, but it is not ideal for purpose, there is no space for nappy changing, an inadequate kitchen, no proper office space\7 will never achieve an ofsted Outstanding report because of the layout of the building which cannot provide free access to the outside space in the terms set out by Ofsted.
	With so many talented artists around, it would make a wonderful arts centre, with income from sales, rooms for workshops, a lot of organisation but could be feasible	How about an exemplar co - housing project on the site of the MH, thereby continuing a central community hub on the site? ( you can't like Charlbury )	We need a hall for toddler groups, venue for parties & various activities	Hands off old Grammar School, it's a great pre school
	pop up / permanent café, arts & craft shops, open day & evening	Hands off the MH ( & CH ) it is the heart of the community housing all sorts of events & services	Definitely should not be used for housing	A great place for pre-school, not to be lost
	What evidence is there that the CH is underutilised compared with other community buildings in Oxon?	What sort of lifespan has the MH got? & what happens at the end (of its life?) can it be insulated?	We don't need another hall, use land for car park	Pre-school is necessary but needs improvements

	Pop up café, suggest a person could commit to one day / month to provide teas in the CH & keep profits. This might mean that busy people could be involved	MH great community facility, don't sell for housing		Good that we are going to get a bigger & up to date Library at last, but will it have computers & will there be a café?	
	The first 3 yes (meeting place/ arts centre pop up café) I don't know how a Gr 2 listed building could ever be No 4 (energy efficient). It is part of the centre of Charlbury & its beating heart	We have various meeting places in Charlbury, The MH is very important & must be kept whatever is done with the site by the Coop Further car parking would be appreciated			
	It would be wonderful if it could be used as an Arts Centre, should be kept as a community resource. ( 2 x agree ticks)	The proposed extension is fine, will suit smaller groups			
	Turn the CH into an Arts Centre, Tourist info & café ( good idea & no )	Hall well equipped over the years for drama, no point opening any other venue for drama			
	A historic building gifted to the town must be retained for community use	MH is ideal for CHOC, great if it could be more frequent			
	Keep Library in CH, extend through to Anne Downer room & create work space / reading area / art / quiet café	Best rebuilt, if not enlarged, it serves a vital function as public meeting place in the town ( must keep / yes)			
	Library should stay in town centre in improved corner house, using part of OCC money	MH is a very good size seating up to 120 / 140 with ease & should be extended as proposed with new seating & built in screen & sound system			

	Lovely building in the heart of Charlbury, but won't be that same without the library	MH Hands off, its great although it needs improvement & quite big enough for Charlbury ( agreed)		
	The stairs are lethal	If improved. Look at Beaconsfield hall, Shipton u WW ( locals say it is too big for non-sports events )		
		Leave as is except for essential renovation ( agree strongly )		

Board 9	Thomas Gifford proposals			
	Really important to get this project moving ( Agree)	Fire Brigade Trust should invest their money in the Spendlove centre so it can go ahead without the enabling development		Moving the Library & maybe a teashop to the community centre means less people will go to the town centre. If the centre is mainly for sports, should it actually be a sports centre. We already have the MH & CH both of them much loved & well used
	100% agree with plans, even better if it can be done without flats but great nevertheless	Get on with current proposals ( agree)		I think the CC plan is misconceived, it's a sports hall not a community centre, the social space indicated on the plan will be needed for a reception area, social activities such as a café / bar & preferably ( because it will attract people from beyond Charlbury ) a proper range of cloakroom & toilet facilities
	Could the Town Council consider raising money on the precept to cover the additional hours that OCC will not pay for in future? Other nearby villages have agreed this	Sports / large hall is the most important facility that is required		It should be presented honestly for hat it is, a sports facility
	Can a facility like this pay for itself?	Disagree with housing can but can see necessity, centre should go ahead, why shouldn't it?		Why could it not be located somewhere on the None Acres playing field which are presently underused

	What about an indoor tennis court?	Town is split because of threat to Ch & MH, TGT should be clearer about its plans	Car parking at the new CC needs careful thought. Maybe a scheme could be devised for an area just for the users of the centre
	Brilliant idea, just what's needed	Could the TC consider borrowing the £500K so we can all pay it off over say 25 years? Would it cost us much?	Very important project, space for library very important
	Will it look good?, please make sure it fits in to make sure it is not an eyesore ( agree x 2 )	Children's activities here , trampoline etc	Appropriate space for the library is very important
	Will there be a staffed café? Will this conflict with pubs? Will it generate any income?	To raise extra £500K, it would be great to devise an idea where return on investment could be incorporated	No mention of a youth club, the Shed was very facility no longer available, no wonder of youths get bored
	Are there enough people wanting to use a sports facility to justify the cost? ( Hear hear & yes there are )	Would rather a sports hall for all rather than housing for few	Is Charlbury rich enough to maintain the CC, given the demands of the MH/CH/Cricket & Tennis pavilion?
	A sports hall would be excellent with indoor courts & activities for children, we need to provide for the future	Please not too high, if so dig down so not to affect views on Enstone Rd, or trees around it like the GP surgery	Will there be enough non Charlbury users to boost the finances? & where will visitors for weddings etc park?
	I support all plans. Please make facilities between the places CH/MH & CC linked, ie discounts for using all facilities, look for links, not divisions & support shops	Antique fairs, Adult education, car boot sales, tea shop, bakers for fresh bread in the evening, affordable basics, outdoor clothing, local produce	All buildings should be managed as one, to make sure they are all used in the best way & make money. No point in competing with one another. Be specific in their uses.

Board 10	Lots of things going on, what do you think about these ideas?		
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	Need indoor swimming pool ( yes please / move to Chippy or cycle there)	Need proper butcher & greengrocer	Glad to have trains but wish for a more reliable service
	Beer Festival & Riverside = the perfect place	Need more shops, especially a butcher, or the domino effect will cause more to close, ( use it or lose it, we lost it to Chadlington)	Youth centre needed, not a shared space ( I agree)
	Can the Cc provide a youth service? Sports & game groups pool tables etc, provide somewhere for youngsters to go	Encourage return of more local shops & services , independents with something distinctive to offer ( shop locally)	Charlbury School is a wonderful asset, great staff & activities, the heartbeat of the town
	Bus service direct to Banbury worth considering	Library must be protected	The Corner House should be gutted, re arranged rooms & a lift
	Important to retain the facilities we have, meeting places for small groups, improvements to existing buildings would keep the character of the town	Station is much improved with the double line, let's get over the bridge so to speak	All activities & facilities are great, especially school & library
	Fantastic events like the Beer Festival	Free car park needed on edge of town, not in centre where there isn't space. Free bus access by existing buses	Station car park too expensive
	Need more sports facilities, why travel to Chippy when we could have a brilliant sports centre here	Glad to have the library	If / when the CC is built, could the CH rooms be let out to individual tenants who would use it as a craft centre or small business units? (Yes x 4 & no 3)
	Creat a community diary	In the new CC, must be something for teenagers, youth group, pool tables, comfy chairs (Agree or use an empty shop)	Make the CH a café at weekends
	For many reasons the library is a huge asset to the town	Any chance of a small gym ( move!!)	Have exercise machines for adults outdoors, like Spain & Portugal

	Would be great to have more sports clubs, badminton etc	CH & MH could do with some improvements but otherwise leave them alone ( Agreed x 4 )	Any new development at the Spendlove site should complement not replace the existing facilities at MH/CH, except for Library. ( agree x 2 )
	Events like the Beer Festival give the town character & should be encouraged.	It would be great to have an exhibition space in or beside the Library( agree x 2 )	Beer Festival brilliant
	More frequent trains needed	Keep bus from the station	Station a huge asset but car park too expensive
	Evening buses, not just one late bus, to Witney & Chippy, nearest place for cinema & theatre ( agree x 3 )	If the library is moved from the CH that will be another nail in the coffin adding to Charlbury having a dead centre.	Do up CH & find another use for it ( yes lots of possibilities)
Board 11	Walkers are welcome		
	Wonderful idea, hope it succeeds	A few signs encouraging people to use the footpaths through churchyard would be welcome,	Feel it's really important to welcome walkers & visitors to our beautiful town
	fantastic idea	The path up to Dyers Hill is dangerous, traffic & narrow footpath	But its facilities that will bring them back
	Great to be able to welcome all visitors to our beautiful town, let's work together to make it happen	If to welcome walkers we must have at least a partial bus service to Chippy or Woodstock	Great idea, but not just walkers. Church is encouraging tourism too, producing guide books to all churches in the area, somewhere to eat etc
	An excellent initiative, fits well with the sort of town we are	Could we establish a small café at the station for a sandwich or drink?	
	Great idea, but as walkers are more likely at weekends what will be open on a Sunday afternoon for them?	To encourage walkers we must have a café at weekends, visitors are always asking where they can get tea / coffee but we don't have one.	



Board 12	Beacon Project		
	Good idea	Would probably not be a candidate myself but support on community & environmental grounds	It's going to be awesome
	This is a great idea, do it	Very interested	I would love to live there
	Very interesting & sensible use of this area	Sounds a good idea if site can be found	Great idea, how do you finance it?
	Spread of age groups & family structure would be important	A potentially interesting solution to one of our most pressing challenges	Great idea, sympathetic architecture, timber framed, living roofs, colour, alternative methods of construction
	Thoroughly support the concept	A very good idea	A wonderful idea Our national lack of affordable housing can only be helped by robust local action. I am very interested & would be happy to champion it
	Basically good idea, subject to visual disruption	Excellent scheme addressing the sector that is ignored by Govt. Affordable housing is key to long term viability of community. Only concern is the one off nature of benefit of self-build houses	Great project, like the self-build element
		Idea is excellent for young people who have to commute. We should press ahead with Planning permission	Id support self-build & all round eco – focus

Board 13	general comments on the day		
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	More off road parking available for residents near their homes	What we don't need is another community building, we have Ch/MH/ scout hut/ Shed/ school / church, all can be used for community projects	Improve MH with a small gym, new loos & small meeting room
	We will always have disagreements about what will be best for the town, can we agree to support new initiatives when the interest of the majority is taken into account	Town appraisal process involved home visits to get response, CLP should do the same	Every house should have a number as well as a name, with a street indicator showing where it is, to assist the emergency services
	Charlbury will not survive the next 10 / 15 years if we do nothing. Young people have never known lovely local shops, with good produce, good large cafes & cheap places to have an evening meal. Please use this time to update existing facilities & build the Community Centre	This will rejuvenate Charlbury & make it better than it once was. Please don't let people in large houses spoil things ( I only mean those who are "happy as they are" ) let's make this time to build a good community spirit	

## **Street Fair comments received, by area of concern**

### **Community facilities**

Pop up dining in Corner House, evenings ( yes)  
Pop up café in corner house,  
Keep Corner House ( yes)  
Relocation of the Library is a danger to the town centre  
Youth Club  
Modern internet café with facilities for children to play & parents to work that serves good food  
Regular pop up cafe in corner house  
Youth Club  
Youth facilities & a coffee shop where we can hang out  
Make tennis courts free  
Keep the Corner House  
Make the swimming pool at the retirement properties on the playing close public access at times,  
encouraging young & old to mix  
Better playground facilities for younger children  
Keep the Corner House for public use & library but a new sports hall & SHED type venue would be  
great, low carbon.

### **What we like**

The one way system that already keeps through traffic out of the centre, a successful compromise  
More ice cream (a child's comment !)

### **Social, Employment & health**

(We need) A big primary school  
Bank  
Need the bank back

More shops

How to get local shops used more? Flexible parking on Market / Sheep St

Location designated for leaving books to swap, eg an old telephone box

## **Housing**

Planning system is corrupt

Affordable housing near town

Use of quarry site for medium rise sustainable development

Development on large gardens is a good use of urban space

More affordable housing for our kids

More affordable housing

Make housing for young Charlbury people

New build ( council / affordable / private ) needs to be high design standards to preserve the quality of Charlbury

More social housing

No visual litter, solar panels off roofs & into car parks instead of cars

Should use part of the quarry site for housing

Needs 3 bed affordable housing

## **Environment**

Have an anaerobic digester on site for heat & power of new community centre

Dog poo bin on Park St please

Car share or on street short term car rental spot

Should have implemented the 1997 proposals (for roads & parking)

Keep buses in Town Centre

A hitching post for lifts to Witney & Chippie

Third vehicle tax ( more tax of more than 2 cars)

Reopen Dean Pit ( yes please)

Please don't over develop the town at a massive expense to the environment

We all have to do less & we all have to do more, period

Reopen Dean Pit (yes)

We need a tip ( Dean Pit)

More grit bins

An agreed snow clearance programme with a local farmer each year

Reopen Dean Pit

Dean Pit please

Reopen Dean Pit

### **Pedestrian friendly**

Traffic calming in town centre

20 MPH limit (Enstone Rd)

Residents only parking

Wider pavements

Cycle routes linking Fawler / Chadlington

Make Pooles Lane one way

Late train from Oxford / London

Make Pooles lane no through road

Buses on Sunday

Stop traffic going wrong way along Fishers Lane, a daily occurrence

Buses on Sunday please

record HGV registrations & report to Police

Bike racks at Bus Stops ( sponsored by Stagecoach)

Enstone Rd crossroads dangerous

No cars at all

Improve the crossing for pedestrians at Enstone X roads

More parking down Nine Acres for people that live there

**Bowls Club & Fire Station comments 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

We like		Other comment	
We have an ATM in the Coop & PO, if no bank, why not a 24 Hr ATM?		No need for people to feel lonely in Charlbury, use Church friends, people are delighted to make others feel welcome & befriended	Too many totally unrealistic & contradictory ideas listed as though they are intentions
Town is about the right size, small enough to feel inclusive & large enough for a range of facilities			
Suggest not to extend the towns boundaries			
Friendly community			
Attractive buildings			
lots to do with educated people			
Good rail & bus links			
A fantastic range of events all year, one of the things that brought me here			

Would like	
24 Hour ATM?	
More shops & a bank would be nice	
Library to stay where it is	
Farmers Mt back in town centre to support shops	
Environment	

Recycling centre in W Oxfordshire
Too many large lorries on Sturt Rd & Slade

Traffic	
Traffic calming measures on the Slade to reduce speeds by cars & lorries	No traffic calming on Slade
Restrict speed on Pooles Lane, dangerous for pedestrians & children	No car free zone in town centre, but pedestrianise the area to allow vehicles through but design restricts speed etc
20 MPH limit for Slade & Sturt Rd, current signs ignored	Improved road surfaces, especially Pooles Lane which is like a ploughed field
Safer roads for cyclists required	Increased bus & rail service outside peak times
Not sure 5 ways O is needed	Footpaths are poor, especially 9 Acres to Coop, v dangerous with leaf fall / mulch
More car parking	No safe pedestrian path down parts of Hixet Wood, need pedestrian markings or reduced car speeds
Tarmac over Spendlove site as not enough parking allocated	Improve junction O/S Bull & Corner House, cars do not obey stop sign

20 MPH limit for Slade & Sturt Rd, & average speed cameras
Stop parking on yellow lines O/S Coop
1 Hr parking restriction in town centre 9-5 to support shoppers
Stop large lorries turning in Hughes / Sturt Cl
No parking on Slade to stop car parking chaos O/S school to allow free traffic movement
Change priorities O/S Coop / 9 Acres to allow people to emerge safely
Speed ramp at Bull Corner

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**Housing**

Solar panels are part of future energy production, banning them isnt helpful

Fairly strict limits to any greenfield development should be observed

**Socal, economic & health**

Need an optician in town
Chinese takeaway & hardware shop
Encourage Hi Tech / small business in town



## Facilities Questionnaire review

Following discussions at the Annual Parish meeting in 2013 and a debate at the Town Council, the CLP were asked to take on a review of the facilities available to the town, specifically around the future needs and uses for a growing town, within the context that each facility was owned and managed by independent charities or organisations with specific remits and schemes of management. To start the review, we asked all organisations we could find in the Charlbury Chronicle listing and on the Town website to respond to a questionnaire about their use of facilities.

### **Who responded:**

CADS	Charlbury Museum	Yoga Focus	Charlbury Cricket Club	Charlbury Town Youth Football Club
Charlbury Baptist Church	ChOclive	Charlbury WI	Charlbury School Association	Charlbury Art Society
Charlbury Evergreens	Tuesday night Badminton	Charlbury Society	Strings & Pipes Recorders	Day Centre

The Sports & Social Club, although at the time of writing have not returned a full questionnaire responded by e mail & these comments are include below.

And an anonymous submission, missing the front page to identify the sender, but comments included regardless.



Cricket pavilion				X												
Bowls Club					X											
Scout hut																
Shed																
Sports & Social Club																
Cornbury Room Bell Hotel							*thinking of moving to here									
Rose & Crown back room																
Three Horseshoes back room																
Old Grammar School																
Others																
C House attic	X															
CADS shed	X															
Attic store	X															
Wychwood Paddocks								X								
Playing Close								X								



Specific mention was made of the poor heating at the Corner House & Memorial Hall, affecting users from Yoga classes, (with some users deciding to leave the sessions), to ChOc and Evergreens. This appears to reflect not simply the heating systems, but the structures / insulation values of the buildings.

Adequate seating for both numbers of people wishing to attend some events and its comfort was mentioned.

Disabled access to some parts of the Corner House was mentioned, with specific mention of the staircase and external stairs being inadequate for less mobile people, although some activities, such as the museum, note that their ground floor, level location makes access easy. Access to the first floor is poor without a lift. The Morris Room in Corner House (possibly the most often used for larger, non Memorial Hall events) was mentioned as it could be “challenging to evacuate quickly for less mobile people. Access to the Memorial hall is good. The effectiveness of the hearing loop in the Memorial Hall was questioned, and whether it actually worked at all?

Kitchen facilities were mentioned in both the Corner House and Memorial Hall, with cookers requiring replacement, the provision of dishwashers and microwaves, along with better bar & drinks “chiller” facilities. Some noted that catering was prepared elsewhere and brought in to the site as required. Some organisations bring their own glassware when wine is served, along with their own projection equipment and screen.

For changing facilities, those users that require it reported that attendees arrived ready for the activity although some changed in the WC’s and for CADs costumes are donned at the venue.

Storage for some organisations is key, CADs, ChOc & the Museum have long term storage at either the Corner House or external sheds or bring in the necessary equipment for specific events, such as film screenings. Other organisations, such as the Day Centre use storage at the Memorial Hall for specific equipment related to their use.

There were specific activities focussed on venues such as the school to make use of better facilities, heating and flexibility of the venue.

Overall, when asked to rate the adequacy or not of the facilities used (as in the table above), users rated as follows (overall, not related to individual locations)

Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	Very poor
2	6(*b)	6	1	1(*a)

(\*a) relates to lack of indoor sports facility

(\*b) relates to the Garden Room

For those using facilities outside of Charlbury, these are for Yoga, CADs rehearsals in Chadlington, Witney, Woodstock, Chipping Norton & Kingham for football practise & Burford School Sports Hall for indoor cricket practise.

Sports & Social Club comment

This is a verbatim copy of the e mail response outlining their concerns, and we await a completed questionnaire.

*"We had two people come up to the club and show us some plans but for some reason we are a afterthought. Football has been going on in Charlbury for 50 plus years and even though it is called a sports and social club most people will know it has the football club. We have 2 football teams and if this club goes there will be no where for them to go. We also have allot of family's come to the club as there is nowhere else they can have a drink where family's are welcome in Charlbury so this is a lot more than just a club It's also where the holiday club meet and pick up in the summer holidays. We also have sky sports and show all games we have 2 dart teams and this place means lot to a lot of Charlbury people It will be a shame to lose such a place as this would be the end of a lot of things for the club. My granddad was a fireman for years and ran the fire station club for years this is no more and again a good place to go with family's there was some good nights there. And if this club goes as well then we lose football darts and somewhere to go and watch live football games. People will lose their jobs.*

#### Proposed facilities at the Community Centre, Spendlove site

As well as the existing facilities, we asked whether people were aware of the current proposals by the Thomas Gifford Trust and whether they supported these. The comments were as follows.

<u>Aware of proposals?</u>	<u>Do you support them?</u>	<u>If no, what should be provided / other comments?</u>
16	15	Yes to sports hall & community space No to developer & flats A new performance hall would be desirable Need to be complimentary to existing facilities x 2 New facilities should not prevent the improvement of existing facilities CH & MH should not be lost but used to provide for appropriate meetings Yes to sports facilities but not housing or moving Library or loss of car parking Need adequate exhibition space included A swimming pool would be fantastic Like the idea of a larger modern community space for theatre, fitness & café & Library of course

Car parking required

On the whole yes, provided that an unexpected donation might negate having to have the residential flats.

Worried about Library space.

Not having to sell part of the site for flats would be better in the long term

Need to be aware of & minimise noise impacts from one part of the building to another,

Noise from sports could be very disruptive during talks or lectures.

Need for changing rooms if providing sports facilities,

Other facilities are rather small & not in same building.

Existing facilities in Charlbury are good for most activities, except sporting ones.

Would not affect Day Centre

Would not move to the new community centre unless similar facilities (kitchen) provided

A room for chiropody or District Nurse visit would be a wonderful bonus