

Coleford Parish Plan – Time for a Review?

A Questionnaire for all residents (of any age)

Please return your completed questionnaire by **1st December**, to qualify for the prize draw

In 2009 Coleford residents drew up an action plan for the parish. The plan looked ahead to 2019. Many of the proposed actions have been completed, or at least tried (For a list, see page 4).

We have now reached 2019, so the Parish Council is asking residents living anywhere in the parish whether they are interested in producing a new parish plan.

The big strength of the 2009 Parish Plan and the reason why a lot has been achieved, is that it was produced by the efforts of a large group of residents. The Parish Council can help with a new plan, but a plan produced by residents would be much better.

So please complete this questionnaire. The Parish Council (plus anyone who wants to help) will analyse and publish the results and we will take things from there.

If you feel that there should not be a new plan, or that you can't help, please send us your answers anyway. We want to hear from as many residents as possible. You will still be helping us.

*(If you prefer, you can reply anonymously, by completing Questions **1 to 7**, but not Question **8**.)*

1. Do you think Coleford should have a new Parish Plan, looking ahead to (perhaps) 2030?

Yes / No (please circle your answer)	Main Reason for your answer
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2. Are you interested in helping to discuss, research, or write the new plan?

Yes / No (please circle your answer)	If you are interested in helping, what do you like doing ? For example, do you like doing any of these?: <i>Doing research, analysing figures, doing surveys, organising groups, organising meetings, running ideas sessions, writing reports, sorting out computer software, fund raising, taking photographs, drawing or painting local scenes, organising or leading action projects, or just getting involved and helping.</i> I like ... Or perhaps you already help run a local club that should be represented. I can represent
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3. Would you like to help analyse the results of this questionnaire?

Yes / No (please circle your answer)	<i>We will use a spreadsheet to enter the results, so you will need access to a computer, e mail and some knowledge of spreadsheets.</i>
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4. Please insert your post code. (We will use post codes to find out whether we receive responses from all parts of the Parish, not to identify any individual.)

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 your post code

5. What do you like most about living in Coleford Parish?

Things you like the most – best first	Main reason why you like this
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	

6. What do you like least about living in Coleford Parish? What would you most like to change if you could?

Things you like the least – worst first	Main reason why you don't like this
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	

Topics covered by the 2009 Parish Plan are listed on Page 4 (see below). Some will need to be updated. New topics may be needed. Some problems may be difficult for local residents and the Parish Council to solve on our own, but we may be able to get help from others.

7. What do you think the most important topics should be for a new Parish Plan.

Most important Topics – your choice	Main Reason	Would you be willing to help investigate this and propose actions?
1 st		Yes /No
2 nd		Yes/No
3 rd		Yes/No
4 th		Yes /No
5 th		Yes/No

8. If you would like to help produce a new Coleford Parish Plan (if you answered yes to Q.2, Q3 or the “can you help” part of Q7), or you would like to be entered in the prize draw, please could you give us a few details about yourself?

Name	
Address	
E mail (if possible) or telephone number	e-mail or telephone number
Age Group (please tick)	School age Adult Retired Adult

This information will be retained by the Parish Council only for the purpose of producing a new Parish Plan (if there is enough support) and will be deleted thereafter.

You can deliver your questionnaire to

Boxes at the Co-op, @ the Hub, Coleford British Legion, the Eagle and The King’s Head, and the letter box at the Vicarage (including box on the gate), next to the Church.

Any Parish Councillor or by post to the Parish Clerk (addresses are on the Parish Council website)

Do you need more copies for people in your house ?

We would really like to hear from as many people as possible, including younger residents. If more than one person living in your house wants to fill in a questionnaire that’s fine.

You can ask any Parish Councillor or the Clerk for additional copies.

Or you can download a copy from the Coleford Parish Council Website and e mail your response to clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com . Or print a copy and put it in one of the collection boxes (see above)

Please return your questionnaire by 1st December 2019

(If you have given your name and a contact address, e mail or telephone number (Q8), this will be entered in a draw with a prize of £100)

We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks for taking part

Philip Ham

Chairman, Coleford Parish Council

Topics Covered by 2009 Parish Plan

Geography and history of the parish	Population and demographics
Parish affairs and information	Village design and planning
Education	Health, access and disability, care in the community
Religion	Housing
Villager activities	Employment
Community buildings	Local environment and wildlife
Footpaths and roads	Tourism, Facilities for young people
	Communications
	Amenities
	Crime and disorder

Progress made so far with 2009 Parish Plan Actions – Action by Coleford Residents

Actions completed or significantly advanced

Build affordable houses – Mackintosh View completed. New Housing Need survey completed 2018.
 Use of web site - improved and updated 2017. Also we have On the Map and Coleford Echo.
 Walking Group – Thursday Walking Group well supported.
 The Hub project (in place of Community Hall)
 Youth Club – improve Youth Services (part)
 Junior Drama
 Build Cycle / Pump / BMX / Skateboard track – completed 2018
 Footpath network – wardens are in place
 Comment on planning applications (all are commented on by the PC)

Actions started but not completed (nb some are continuous)

Achieve adequate broadband and mobile communications throughout parish.
 Increased Police presence – Parish Council has liaison with police
 Improve facilities for disabled – inc. the Co-op store pavement and dropped kerbs
 Pavements, walkways and safe routes to school – work with SCC highways
 Resolve car parking issues – work on Highbury St / Anchor Rd. / Church St ongoing
 Litter bins and litter picks – PC annual picks and recent Waste Champions action
 Planting / maintenance – PC working with Community Payback Team. Hedge and wildflower planting at Pump Track I
 Control traffic speed – speed humps and signs installed
 Control Lorry traffic- study not done but signage significantly improved
 Traffic signage – see previous item. PC restoring old fingerposts.
 Working from home – happening due to social changes
 New light industry and local business – new firms welcomed
 Local tourism (holiday lets, footpaths) – several holiday lets locally
 Open Gardens – believed to have been run for a while
 Coleford in Bloom - believed to have been run for a while
 Neighbourhood Watch groups

Actions which have not been started

Community self –build houses.
 New Residents packs
 Youth Representation on CPC
 Assess age profile of village - (but Census data is available)
 Lower Coleford Conservation Area
 Pedestrian crossing at Goodeaves / the Crescent
 Transport for disabled,
 Village Map
 Access to education.