

### **What do you like about Culham?**

- Love Culham
- It's a lovely village
- I love where I live
- Its home
- Very happy here
- There is a good community spirit
- Community spirit is starting to grow
- The general village community
- There is a good sense of community
- There is a good community feel
- It's a small cosy village and people know each other
- That people would be there for you if something went wrong
- People talk to each other
- Good neighbours
- In general people are friendly
- There is a lot happening
- Big events where the whole village gets together e.g. Jubilee Party & Fireworks Night – good for new people to meet others
- Groups like Ladies of Culham
- The car boot sales
- The playground / recreation ground
- The park
- The rec is nearby
- There are good facilities for children, like the playground
- That its near Abingdon
- Its not too far to Abingdon
- That its close to the town but separate
- Its in a nice location
- That it's a small village
- There is no threat of development
- There is green space between here & Abingdon
- The sprawl of development hasn't reached us
- That it's a 'nothing village' i.e. there is no big attraction for visitors so it stays quiet
- Like Culham because of village status
- There is a totally different environment / feel when you come in off the main road
- The quietness
- Its quiet
- Its nice and quiet
- Its peaceful
- It is peaceful & quiet
- Feels like being in the countryside
- Wildlife

- Views from window
- There is not much traffic
- The walks
- The dog walks
- That you don't have to get in the car to walk your dogs
- There is a lot of space & nice walks
- The bridges & lock
- Its not too far to the locks & river
- Being in a bend on the river, so we have the river on 2 sides
- That we have the Thames
- The river
- The greengrocer / German baker / cakes at the lock / fish & chip van calling to the village
- The fruit & veg van is good
- The pub is good, with lovely food & good local beer
- That we still have a pub
- That there is a village school & that it was saved
- The threat of the school closing bought people together
- The school is really good
- Everyone is supporting the school now
- We have a fantastic school
- The school
- The Glebe looks neat when the verges have been cut
- Its good that its safe enough for children to play outside on The Glebe
- Culham feels very safe
- We have a good council staffed by knowledgeable people
- The village is kept clean
- Its kept clean

**What do you dislike about Culham?**

- hard to think of anything we dislike, we have been very happy here
- nothing to dislike
- the bus to Abingdon is very expensive
- the verges on The Glebe are not mown often enough
- that there is no mains gas in the village – the alternatives are more expensive
- that we don't have a shop
- lack of access to shop could get more difficult for people as they get older
- that you have to go to Abingdon for all shopping
- A shame the Railway Inn is so far away
- speeding of cars down the High Street
- not enough residents want to get involved in the community
- parts of the village can feel cliquey
- at the park the climbing things are useless, children don't really know what to do with them so only use swing & slide

### **What would you like to see in Culham?**

- a village hall would be great
- a village hall
- would love to see a village hall
- it would be nice to have a village hall
- do we have a village hall already? (no) oh a village hall would be nice then
- would be nice to have a village hall, but it has to be able to last / keep going for the long term
- a community hall would be nice but will probably never happen
- some car boot sales had to be cancelled due to weather – village hall could keep them going in bad weather
- village hall would not have to be permanent building, could be portakabin or a marquee, e.g. to trial the use of a community space for a summer
- village hall could be a straw bale building – building this could be a community project in itself, use skills we are likely to have already in village, e.g. electrician
- a shop would be great
- it would be nice to have a shop
- would be nice not to have to get in the car & drive to a shop
- it would be nice to have a shop, but would it thrive?
- a shop would be nice but will probably never happen
- in two minds about whether a shop would be good – would it work? Would it last?
- A shop would be nice
- A shop
- It's a shame there isn't a community shop, with post office / newsagents - Tackley has this & has been able to incorporate a meeting place & cafe
- Could do with a shop but everything else is fine
- It would be nice to have a post office service, or some aspects of this
- Another pub, more central in the village
- a friendship / companionship / visiting / help scheme for elderly residents (does not have to be church based, non-religious people may want to help)
- 'hedge veg', people selling surplus fruit & veg to neighbours on the street, using honesty boxes. This could be organised together at a central point to increase social benefits of a shop
- Share one of the allotments between several people, community growing and link to hedge veg / community shop above
- A replacement for the oak that was badly placed on The Green, and then had to be felled. Perhaps a less expensive tree next time
- Skate park
- Youth club
- Facilities for older children & young people
- There are a lot of children, would be nice for them to have more things to do on the rec.
- Better street lighting for The Glebe

- More people working together
- A village green with football & cricket, as in Warborough
- More community schemes using similar idea to the ORCC oil buying
- Skills register / swap system (token based)
- Hydroelectric power – Culham has the largest resource on the River Thames, could be 450MW, enough to power 500 houses. Environment Agency will allow use of weirs to communities, but this needs to be approached carefully (legally) so that it does not go to the market, with EA looking to find the highest bidder.

## What could Culham improve on?

- there are different pockets of community around involvement in the school or the church, but not one big community or for people who aren't involved in either
- there is a lot of talk about 'community' but it doesn't always feel like this is real or fully inclusive
- Helping new residents meet others, e.g. some villages have a 'welcome pack'
- Supporting new people getting involved in village events & helping with organising, e.g. why is possibility of people adding to bonfire before fireworks night not publicised?
- Organisation of village events can feel like a closed group which is not always welcoming. There might be other skills in the village which could help & are not being called upon. Although volunteers are asked for, sometimes offers have been rejected.
- a lot of activities / groups are led by a small group of people, which can make them feel closed
- Better community by people working together, not just in pockets
- Previously there have been a lot of good ideas but nobody has wanted to run
- The playground does not feel completely safe if you are there on your own
- The park could be improved, with more facilities for a wider range of ages. The wooden / metal chain equipment seems dangerous for smaller children
- Better fencing around the recreation ground so we don't have to worry about the children getting out when we spend all day there in the summer
- Make the village pond safer for children, e.g. by putting a fence around
- Increase access / use / awareness of to communal piece of land adjacent to old Lion public house
- More information about village services, e.g. allotments & their availability / how to get one
- More regular public transport links, would help young people especially
- Enjoy having a bus service, but still feel isolated because not frequent enough / limited destinations
- Although Tesco provides a free bus, this is only one day a week and in daytime so would prevent full time workers using
- Free buses to other (better value) large supermarkets would be good
- Would be nice to get to Oxford more easily (had not thought about using train)
- the bus service could be better – would like more frequent buses, to the same destinations we can get to now
- very few people use the bus – so will it keep going in the long term?
- When there are transport issues, e.g. if there is flooding over bridges, car users can choose an alternative route, but bus users are stuck, this can lead to isolation
- the buses could be more frequent
- nothing to improve