Mudford Parish Community Plan (2026-2031)

The Community Plan has been developed from the Community Assembly held in March 2026, and the Community Survey in June/July 2026. It reflects the values, aspirations and goals of the community and Mudford Parish Council (MPC). As a live document it will be regularly reviewed and updated. A printed copy is available at the Village Hall. Updates will also be shared on the new MPC Facebook: **shorturl.at/C2XAE**

Community Plan Mission Statement

Champion the interests of Mudford residents by protecting our rural way of life, tackling pollution, flooding and drainage issues, enabling walking and footpath access, preserving our natural environment, and fostering a strong and connected community. We are committed to listening to local people, acting in the best interests of the parish, and ensuring Mudford remains a resilient and thriving place for future generations.

Top 3 Priorities - Summary of Actions

The Community Plan contains comprehensive coverage of parish life, detailing aims, objectives, actions and timescales for each area. Here we present just 3 of the top priorities (from the survey), the whole document can be accessed here: **shorturl.at/xpnZm** and a list of related organisations here: **shorturl.at/MZNtM**

Priority Area	Aims	Most Immediate Action (now to end April 2027)
1a. Pollution: Water quality	Improve and protect environment by supporting community-led action to address water pollution and agricultural run-off.	Work in partnership with Three Villages Flood Group (3VFG) and local volunteers to support community-led monitoring of local watercourses and pollution incidents
1b. Pollution: Fly tipping	Improve and protect the environment by supporting community-led action.	Promote awareness of reporting process e.g. how to promptly report incidents to Somerset Council
2. Flooding	Improve River Management and Infrastructure, actively engage authorities, empower community action.	MPC and the 3VFG to identify required mitigations to the flooding issues, and present to Somerset Council for consideration (and funding).
3a. Road safety: Main road	To improve road safety.	Explore pelican crossing, further visual and physical speed calming measures, and HGV re-routing with Somerset Council.
3b. Road safety: Pavement parking	To support measures that reduce the impact of pavement parking.	Ask residents to report to SC and/or MPC. Raise awareness of impact. Engage Somerset Council.

Did you know?

Mudford Village Hall is a designated Safe Haven in the event of an emergency, where residents can go for temporary shelter, information, support, and assistance. A central meeting point during incidents such as severe weather, flooding, power outages, or other emergencies. More info here: **www.mudfordvillagehall.org.uk /safe-haven/**

Mudford Parish Council meets every month (except December). You can attend **any** council meeting and raise **any** concerns or suggestions.

Thurs 26th November 2026
Thurs 14th January 2027
Thurs 25th February 2027
March 2027 (date TBC)

All meetings are at the Village Hall and start at 7pm.

Meeting info, inc. agenda, papers: **mudford-pc.gov.uk** (scroll down on web page)

MPC is responsible for these community assets:

•Bus shelter •Recreation Ground as a whole inc. equipment, bins, trees, hedges •Cemetery as a whole •Defibrillators x 2 (phone box, Milton Hse entrance) •Speed Activated devices x 2 • Historic signposts • Withy bed

Contact Somerset Council for:

•Roads, Potholes •Buses •Planning •Your bins, recycling •Waste •Fly-tipping

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3VFG www.3vfg.org.uk | **Village Hall** www.mudfordvillagehall.org.uk
Friends of Mudford Action Group (FOMAG) www.fomag.co.uk/9-2

Outcomes from Mudford Community Survey 2026

Our thanks to everyone who took part in the Community Assembly in March and/or the Survey in June/July, and for the volunteers who helped facilitate these activities. They were commissioned by Mudford Parish Council to understand residents' priorities and views, and to inform the Community Plan. The project was funded by a grant from SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils), and a small grant from Viridor, and conducted by CLOUT LTD, an independent research company.

Survey Participation

127 residents completed surveys from **340 households**; 80 on paper, 47 online, very high-quality engagement.

Respondents

58% female, 42% male | 51% aged 65+ working-age residents (<65 yrs) under-represented by approx.15%.

Key Findings

A summary of the research was presented at the Parish Council meeting on 22nd September. The Full Report from the survey can be accessed on line: **shorturl.at/CbAhU**. Here we provide some of the key findings.

Majority of residents feel positive about life in our Parish

Mudford as a place to live **80%** said great or good

Love/like: Peace, quiet and rural character

Sense of community **87%** said we look out for one another

Love/like: Community spirit, friendly people

> "Mudford is a friendly community, where people try to look after one another, as best they can. A beautiful, quiet, scenic, and peaceful place to live - therapeutic. A big thank you to all the people who volunteer their help."

Clear concerns about the challenges we face

> "We face pressures that are genuinely wearing: danger and traffic noise on the A359, persistent flood risk, looming threat of large-scale development and losing village identity."

Desire for greater inclusion

> "Those living at the fringes of the Parish seem to have all the downsides and none of the benefits of living in the Parish."

What matters most to Mudford Parish residents (% saying matters a lot)

■ Top Priority 70%+ ■ High Importance 40–69% ■ Moderate 20–39% ■ Lower Priority <20%

77% Pollution	**74%** Housing development	**73%** Traffic & road safety	**73%** Flooding & river mgmt
65% Walking access	**60%** Policing & community safety	**53%** Enviro & conservation	**44%** Climate adaptation
34% *Village Hall	**32%** **Public transport	**30%** Playing field & children's amenities	**28%** Comms & local info
19% Church	**16%** Cemetery		

*Higher amongst 65+ yrs (43% vs 26% <65s)
**Much higher amongst 65+ yrs (44% vs 20% <65s)

Aspirational community-led initiatives should focus on youngsters

83% support more Children's Play Activities; holiday events, parents & kids socials, and nature-based activities most requested.

81% want Spaces for Young People; sports and social spaces are top of wish list (to be designed by them).