

Dear Resident

You may recall a recent article in the Brettenham Village Magazine regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. This document is produced by local people and intended to support them in influencing the planning and development of the area in which they live. It looks forward for up to 20 years and can:

- Develop a shared vision for the parish
- Choose where any new homes or developments may be built
- Influence types of development
- Identify and protect important local green spaces or other treasured assets.

The earliest written record of Brettenham comes from the Domesday Book of 1086. With almost the entire built-up area of the village defined as a conservation area, the parish contains ancient woodland and views of outstanding beauty. St Mary's Church dates back to the 14th Century and is one of only 14 churches in Suffolk to have a south side tower. In 2011 data from the census indicated that Brettenham then had a population of 353 people and 122 dwellings. The most recent government estimates suggest that the population is 318 but the results of the 2021 census when published in a couple of years will provide a more accurate number. More information about our village and the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the village website www.brettenham.onesuffolk.net.

This survey is intended to provide information about the aspects of the village we want to preserve and protect as well as explore what developments might strengthen and improve life for our community in the future. Although there is a large focus on housing development there are many other aspects over which we can have some influence, that you may find important. In usual circumstances we would have held some public meetings to find out residents' issues for discussion, but this has not been possible due to COVID. We have therefore tried to make the questionnaire as broad ranging as possible, but you will find plenty of opportunities to write things down and the final section asks you to comment on anything you feel has not been covered, so good or bad – get your point across.

Some question areas may not necessarily, in the event, add to the Neighbourhood Plan. However, they will give ideas about what community activities/services you may think would improve village life. These will be considered and progressed separately.

Please take this opportunity for your household to have a say either respond collectively as one household or complete the survey individually.

Chris Clarke Chair Brettenham Parish Council

<u>1. How to complete the survey</u>

The best way to complete the survey is online. Use this link and follow the instructions https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Brettenham/

Or visit <u>www.brettenham.onesuffolk.net/NeighbourhoodPlan</u> and follow the link.

When you have completed the survey

If you are unable to complete the survey online, complete the hard copy of the survey and return it to either **Arundell House, The Street, Brettenham** or **The Granary, Potash Farm, Buxhall Road, Brettenham.**

Please return your survey no later than 4pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021.

Tips for completing the survey

Please answer all questions as though no lockdown restrictions apply.

As a family

If you are going to complete the survey online (which is recommended) use the paper copy to collect your opinions and views before starting to complete the survey online. If you have different views to other members of your family and you are 16 or over, submit your own survey. Family members under 16 are welcome to add their comments at the end of the survey.

Need help?

If you would like to complete the survey with the help of someone to explain or read the questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Clarke on 01449736607 or Beth Clarke on 07881892166

2. What happens next?

The survey results are collated by an independent third party called Places4People planning consultancy who are instructed by Brettenham Parish Council. This is likely to take a few weeks. We hope to then display the findings at the Village Hall with further opportunities to discuss and define our Neighbourhood Plan.

Let's get started and all be part of Brettenham's future.

3. About your household

We want to make sure that the views of all parts of our community are included but completing this first question is optional. All personal information will be treated confidentially and not shared beyond the parish council, the neighbourhood plan steering group, and our planning advisors Places4People.

Number of seconds

1. Postcode

2. Gender		
3. Employment		
Employed R	etired	Student
Unemployed Se	elf employed	Homemaker

4. In this section, please tell us about the people that normally live in your household. How many people in the following age groups normally live in your household?

Tick one box per age group, where appropriate.

		number of people	e	
1	2	3	4	5 or more

5. Your Parish

How long has your household lived in the parish of Brettenham. Please tick one box only.

Less	than 12 months	11-15 years		
1-5	years	16-20 years		
6-10) years	Over 20 years		
6. Whic	h of the following	g attracted you to living	in the p	arish of Brettenham (tick all that apply)
	A friendly place	to live		Historic setting
	A safe place to l	ive		Rural atmosphere
	Easy access to c	ountryside		Suitable housing
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Good access to employment

School catchment area

Green spaces

Church

	Village activities / community groups
	Village feel
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Type of housing

Other (Please specify)

7. What do you think are the positive features of our community? Tick all that apply.

Open and green spaces	Rural character	
Local wildlife and habitats	Sense of community	
Friendly and safe environment	The village hall	
The Church	Footpaths	
Access to countryside	Peace and quiet	
Social activities	Anything else?	

8. What concerns you in the community? Tick all that apply.

Pedestrian safety	Litter	
Speed of traffic	Light pollution e.g. exterior or security lighting	
Dog fouling	Poor broadband	
Sewerage treatment and disposal	Housing	
Poor mobile phone reception	Flooding	
Affordable housing	Anything else?	

4. Services and Facilities

The following questions relate to community amenities, their current use and ideas for the future.

9. Looking first at the village hall, under normal circumstances how often would you or members of your household visit/attend the following? Please provide one tick for each row.

Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never
		Daily Once a week	Daily Once a week	Daily Once a week Less offen

10. The Playing Field: How often do you or members of your household visit the following? Please provide one tick for each row.

	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never
The current play area					
The current seating					

11. Around the Village: How often would you or members of your household use/visit the following?

	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never
Allotments					
Mobile library					

12. the Village Infrastructure: How often do you or members of your household visit/attend/use the following? Please provide one tick for each row.

	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never
Brettenham Village Association					
St Mary's Church Community					
Old Buckenham Hall School					
Centre Academy					
Broadband					
Phone signals					
Our closest primary school: Rattlesden					
Our closest secondary school: Stowmarket High School					
Other Educational establishments					
13. Which facilities would you use if they v Looking first at the village hall	vere availab	le?			
		Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/ join	
Creative classes (art, music etc.)					
Fitness classes (Pilates, yoga etc.)					
Social and leisure opportunities for Under	18s				
14. Which facilities would you use if they v Moving to the playing field	vere availab	le?			
		Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/ join	
Improvements to play equipment at the vi	llage hall				
Description of improvements:					

15. Which facilities would you use if they were available? Getting out and about

Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/ join
Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/ join
Definitely	Possibly	

As a rural community we rely on our own transport or the support of others to get shopping or attend appointments. Answers to the following questions will help identify specific needs which could lead to opportunities in the future.

17. Services outside the village: Do you find it difficult to access any of the following services?

Please tick one box for each row.

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Not applicable
Doctors (GP)				
Chemist / Pharmacy				
Optician				
Dentist				
Vet				
Convenience shopping				
Supermarket / weekly shop				
Public transport connections				
Regular Post Office services				
Banking				
Taxi services				
Schools / Nurseries				
Other (please specify)				

18. How often do you go to the following towns and villages?

Please tick those that apply.

	Daily	Once a week	Twice a week	Monthly	Less often	Never
Hadleigh						
Stowmarket						
Ipswich						
Bury St Edmunds						
Sudbury						
Felsham						
Hitcham						
Bildeston						
Lavenham						

19. For each settlement please identify the normal purposes of your visit

	Work	Education	Food shopping	Non-food shopping	Sport and recreation	Health services	Other leisure activities
Hadleigh							
Stowmarket							
Ipswich							
Bury St Edmunds							
Sudbury							
Felsham							
Hitcham							
Bildeston							
Lavenham							

6. Housing - Building need/Design/Local heritage and heritage

There are currently around 120 dwellings in the village. Babergh District Council's Local Plan has not allocated any new housing in Brettenham but it does allow for infill lot development.

The neighbourhood plan could propose that more housing should be developed, or it could simply provide guidance on types and design for the small numbers of houses that might be built.

The following questions will help to determine how the residents of Brettenham want to influence development in the village and record this in the Neighbourhood Plan.

20. Your home and household today

Please tick to indicate your current tenure	e type:		
Private rented		Affordable	
Owned / mortgaged		Living with family	
Social rented		Provided with employment	
Shared-Ownership		Other (please describe)	

21. Please tick to indicate the type of home you currently live in:

Flat / Studio		Semi-detached bungalow	
Detached bungalow		Terraced house	
Detached house		Other (please describe)	
Semi-detached house			
22. Please tick to indicate the size of y	our curren	t home:	
1 bedroom		4 bedroom	
2 bedroom		5 or more bedroom	
3 bedroom			
23. What factors influenced your decis	sion to live	in your current home? Tick all that apply.	
To move from urban area to country] To move to cheaper accommodation	
To move to a smaller home] To move to a larger home	
Wanted to buy a newly built home		A bigger garden	
A smaller garden		Easier to maintain house	
Free up capital investment		Wanted to buy own home	
Wanted to rent a home] To move closer to family and friends	
To be closer to work or a new job		Retirement	
Access problems (e.g. stairs)] To make it easier to receive care/support	
To provide care to family / friends] To move to a better neighbourhood	
To move to a school catchment area		To move to a safer area	
Other (please specify):			

24. As already defined, the Neighbourhood Plan is about the future of the village and its residents. The answers to the following questions will help to determine the housing needs in the future.

Our Neighbourhood plan will cover the period to 2037. Whilst no one can predict the future, how might your housing needs change during that time?

Do you think you might move? Yes (Go to Question 25)

No (G

(Go to Question 26)

25. If you think you might move, please tick any situation that might apply.

	Within the	Devee d 2020	
	next 10 years	Beyond 2030	Don't know
To move closer to family or friends			
Wanting to rent a home			
To move to cheaper accommodation			
Wanting to buy own home			
To be closer to work or a new job			
To move to a smaller home			
To move to an accessible home			
To move to a larger home to make it easier to receive care / support			
Wanting to buy a newly built home			
To provide care to family / friends			
Wanting a bigger garden			
Wanting a smaller garden			
To move to a school catchment area			
Retirement			
Wanting an easier to maintain home			
26. Your children's future housing needs.			
If you have children who currently live with you, do you ten years?	think they may	want to remain	in the village over the next
Yes No No Idea	Not app	licable	
If No is there any reason for this?:			
27. If you answered yes to 26 what housing do you think Please tick all that may apply in this time period.	they may requ	ıire?	
Flat/Studio 1 bedroom			
Shared ownership/Help to buy scheme type properties			
Bungalow 2/3 Bedroom			
House 2/3 bedroom			
Larger Family home 3+ bedroom			
Other (please describe):			

28. Future Development in Brettenham

Would you like to see additional houses built in Brettenham? (Please tick)

Yes	No	No preference		
If No, plea	ase give reasons:			
29. If your Tick all tha		s 'yes' what are your reasc	ons?	
To enable	e young people to i	remain in the community		

- To meet the wider need for more housing
- To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation
- To maintain sufficient use of village services and amenities
- To add to the social mix of the community

To fund improvements to community facilities

Other Reasons:			

30. If future development in Brettenham were to take place what types of additional accommodation would you like to see in Brettenham until 2037?

Please tick as many as you like.

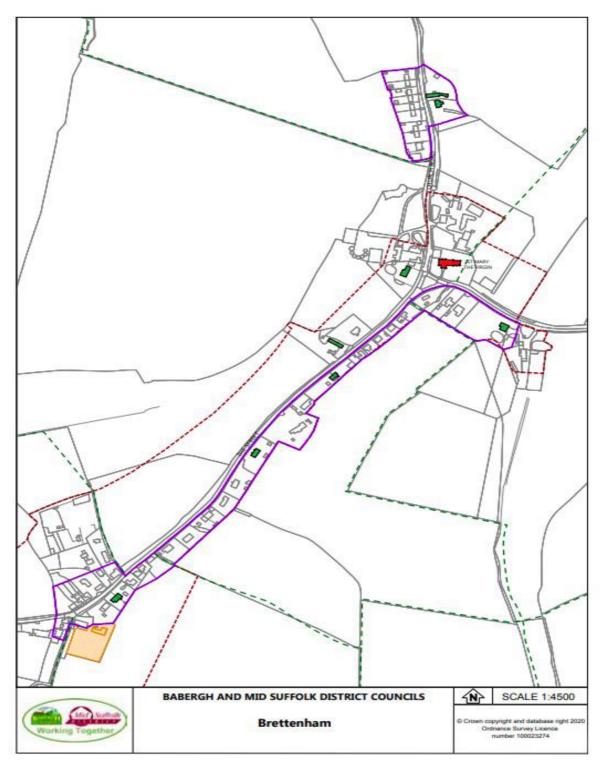
You may find it useful to know that a proportion of affordable housing is normally expected on developments of 10 or more homes.

1-2 bed starter homes (owned)	Social rented homes	
3-4 bed family houses (owned)	Private rented homes	
5+ bed houses (owned)	Retirement homes and sheltered accommodation	
1-2 bed flats	Other (Please specify)	
Bungalows		

Please give reasons for your views and suggest any other type of accommodation you feel has been missed.

31. If future development in Brettenham were to take place, where would you consider suitable areas for this to take place:

The Babergh Local Plan Settlement Boundaries are shown in purple on the map on the next page. A complete map of the parish may be seen on the village website <u>www.brettenhamonesuffolk.net</u>.



	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
On sites within Brettenham settlement boundaries					
On greenfield sites outside the existing settlement boundaries					
On Brownfield sites i.e., where there is / was industrial / agricultural activity					
By conversion of existing properties into apartments					
In gardens of existing properties					
Other (please specify):					

32. If future development in Brettenham were to take place what would you prefer them to look like:

 Infilling within the defined settlement boundary
 Individual premises outside the current settlement boundary

 Several small developments of 6-10 dwellings
 Several small developments of up to 5 dwellings

 No preference
 1 or 2 larger developments

 Do you have any ideas on specific locations for such developments? Please describe the location below:

33. How important do you feel the following issues are, relating to potential new development in Brettenham?

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Speed of traffic in the vicinity of Brettenham				
Volume of cars passing through the village				
Encouraging sustainable forms of transport (bus, cycling, walking)				
Movement of lorries and heavy goods vehicles in the village				
Highway safety on narrow roads				
Damage caused to the existing roads				
Parking within the village				
Access to local services				
Other impacts of development (please specify) or any co	omments on the	answers you ha	ve given:	

7. Character and village environment

Much of Brettenham's charm comes from its mix of building styles and materials and its relatively open layout.

34. How important do you think each of the following are to maintaining and improving quality of life in Brettenham?

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
The relatively small size of the village				
The rural and historic character of the village				
Protecting the character of the conservation area				
Widening the Conservation Area further				
Protecting the open countryside around the village				
Protecting the Views and Vistas approaching and leaving Brettenham				
Preserving views between the existing housing				
Preserving views from existing homes				
Community spirit, community activities and groups				
Improve signposting for visitors, walkers and cyclists				
Keeping road, Footpaths and Pavements well maintained				
Good footpath signs				
Managing litter / dog fouling				
Off road parking				

More benches around the village		
Parking on pavements and or verges		
Preservation of the church and monuments		
Use of local building materials		
Use of local traditional building styles		
Modern style housing		

Are there any other improvements or changes you think may add to the character and environment of the village?

35. We would also be glad to hear of your favourite buildings and areas of the village you think are examples of good building design. Alternatively, are there styles you think should be avoided?

36. Which views and vistas in and surrounding Brettenham would you like to see preserved and why?

A map is attached for you to annotate these to help identify them. If possible, please supply a picture too.

37 What Principles would you like to see influencing the design of any new houses?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Use of modern energy and eco-friendly technology				
Have off street parking				
Be limited to no more than 2 storeys				
Have pavements and kerbstones by the roadside				
Have hedges on roadside boundaries				
Have gardens				
Other:				

8. The natural environment and the rural economy

The green spaces around the village and the wide-ranging views form the backdrop to our lives and contribute to Brettenham's rural character. We would like to find out what you value in the countryside in which we live.

38. Please tell us what importance you place on the following considerations.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected						
We have plenty of accessible green spaces to walk in and enjoy						
Replanting / replacing hedges						
We need more footpaths and bridleways						
I value the wildlife and biodiversity in our community						
Open views across fields and woods are important assets to be protected						
Our community woodlands are an important part of the community						
The dark night sky is an asset						
If faced with the choice, our housing need should take priority over protection of the environment						
I use our churchyard to walk in and enjoy like any other green space						
Our history and built heritage are important						
Our peace and rural quiet are important						
I am in favour of developments which harvest energy from natural sources						
I think we should invest in renewable energy sources in a project organised						
Atmospheric pollution						
Flood risk in the village						
Noise pollution						
Keeping the character of your parish						

Protecting Ponds and ditches						
Protecting green spaces						
Protecting local rural footpaths						
Protecting your parishes traditional buildings and other heritage						
Protect important views of the village and of the surrounding countryside						
Create new areas of trees, shrubs, flowerbeds						
Create more wildlife friendly areas						
Preserving farmland for sustainable agricultural use						
Maintaining the balance between the needs of the agricultural community and village life for its residents						
39. Have you been affected by loo	alised floodin	σγ				
		-	alocation			
Yes No	li fes, pie	ease state th				
What was the main reason for th	e flooding?					
	e nooung					
40. Renewable sources of energy Which of the following renewable		-	you encourage	in Brettenham	1?	
Solar						
Wind turbine						
Biomass						
Ground Source heat pumps						
Other (Please specify):						

41. Recycling opportunities

How could we improve our commitment to sustainability in our community? What would you like to see being available in Brettenham?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Bottle bank			
Clothing bank			
Recycling point for small items such as batteries and cartridges			
Upcycling opportunities for furniture, tools, and materials			
Repair service for items such as lawnmowers, strimmer's, and hedge cutters			
Virtual village second-hand shop			
Other (please specify):			

42. What other things would you like to see to enable the village to become more energy efficient and ecofriendly?

9. The rural economy 43. Do you run or own a business in Brettenham? (please tick) Yes No Please give any comments on your experience of this issue including access and communication 44. If so, please describe your main business area (please tick) Office / professional service Internet based

Internet based	
Workshop	
Agricultural	
Health and Beauty	
Other (Please specify)	

45. How important do you think it is to provide better employment opportunities in Brettenham?

			Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Please tick or	ne box					
46. Would you	ı like to see an	y additional	business premis	es in Brettenha	m? (Please tick)	
Yes	No					
47. If so, what	type? (please	tick)				
Offices						
Workshops						
Retail						
Other (please	add your tho	ughts on this	issue):			

10 Communications

As with any community in 2021, we rely heavily on the internet, our broadband speed and mobile phone signal. Home use has risen dramatically in the past 12 months. Determining which providers, platforms and devices we use will be helpful to demonstrate future needs and capacity.

48. How do you find out what is happening in the Brettenham parish (please tick all that apply)

Parish notice board	Parish newsletter	
Facebook page	Email circulation list	
Parish council meetings	s Brettenham website	
Talking to friends	None	
Other (please specify):		
49. What forms of comm	nunication do you use?	
Letter	Mobile phone	
Email	Home computer	
Internet	Tablet device	
Gaming device	Facebook	
Twitter	Instagram	
Other social media (please specify)		
Other (please specify)		

50. Please provide information of your internet service provider and mobile phone operator.

51. How reliable is your internet and mobile phone service?

	Good / Very	Poor / Very
	good	poor
internet		
Mobile phone service		

52. How important to you is your internet and mobile phone service?

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Internet				
Mobile phone				
Business use				

11. Have we missed anything?

53. Trying to cover as many topics and issues in one questionnaire is a challenge.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. If there are issues that you would like covered in the plan that haven't been included, please write the details in the box below.

