

EDUCATION

Education was not seen as a problem during the appraisal. The Primary School has an excellent reputation and has just received a first-class OFSTED report. The Village has a pre-school group, Acorns, which uses the Pratten Building on the same site as the Primary School. Also there is a Mothers and Toddlers Group, Little Acorns, which meets at the Village Hall.

ISSUES

There is a lack of library & learning facilities within Christian Malford.

Requirement to start a local historical society.

VISION

Maintain the viability of the Village Primary School



ACTIONS

- ◆ Liaise with the authorities to investigate the viability of a weekly visit by the mobile library (currently fortnightly).
- ◆ Investigate the possible sharing of the Primary School for IT and other learning activities (Evening classes etc).
- ◆ Form a Christian Malford Historical Society.

EMPLOYMENT

In the 2001 Census unemployment was less than 1% in the Village and with such a low level there were no issues identified. Government planning policies focus on the need for local employment to reduce car journeys. Where practicable, opportunities for local employment should be encouraged.

VISION

To improve job opportunities for local people wishing to be employed within Christian Malford whilst ensuring that any developments within the Village are small scale and sympathetic to the surrounding area, amenities and infrastructure.

ACTIONS

- ◆ Investigate types of businesses that may be desirable within Christian Malford.
- ◆ Identify any possible sites that may be suitable for small-scale business development.

UPDATE

In late 2004, planning permission has been granted to replace an existing barn, adjacent to Friday Street Farmhouse, with portal frame shed with approval for business use.