

SERVICES: HEALTH

In the 2001 Census, 5% of the residents in Christian Malford described their health as not being good. When you look at employment 12 people declared themselves as being permanently sick or disabled. This raises concern over access to medical care with the nearest doctor's surgery being in Sutton Benger and A&E unit in Chippenham.

12% (85) of the residents provide 'unpaid' care; 25% of these provide care in excess of 20 hrs/week with almost 10% providing care in excess of 50 hrs/week.

The relatively high levels of 'limiting' illness and care provision within our small community has implications as, a rural village, we are some distance from the support services.

THE ISSUE

- Access to hospitals and medical/social services provided facilities/amenities.
- Lack of dental services, in particular NHS.

THE VISION

To encourage healthy lifestyles and to ensure that basic health facilities are easily accessible to all the residents of Christian Malford.

ACTION

- Lobby MP, County Council and District Council for improved access to all medical facilities and social services.