

A Community Charter for Thame:

Following discussions between the Town Council and a few other interested community groups, we are moving forward with the proposal to establish a 'community charter' for Thame. Its aims are as follows:

- To have a short set of statements that capture the aspirations for our town of a wide range of people from our community.
- To highlight the positive aspects of what makes Thame a good place to live.
- To highlight the ways in which everyone seeks to be a 'good neighbour'.
- To focus on those statements which are backed up by examples of practical action from different groups and individuals in support of the life of the town.

We suggest that our charter has no more than 10 short statements. These could cover any one or more of the following features of our town:

- How the achievements of local people are celebrated.
- The support networks we expect for those who need help.
- The provision of activities/facilities for the young, middle and older age groups.
- Our support for the town's environmental and economic well-being.
- How residents can show responsibility towards each other and share expertise.

The Town Councillors came up with the following list of words that they thought could be included in some of the charter statements:

GROWING, SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, INSPIRE, OPPORTUNITY, DEVELOPMENT, INVOLVEMENT, INCLUSIVE, TRUST, ENABLING, SERVICE, INTEGRITY, WARMTH, WELCOMING, DECENT, HONEST, GENUINE, COMMUNITY, AFFIRMING

We want this charter to be based on the widest possible consultation with the people of Thame.

Please use the form overleaf to give us your ideas. Whilst we can't promise to include them all, we will certainly take every idea into consideration when finalising the charter.

'This is a great opportunity to highlight the values that make our town a special place to live. Please help us by responding to this consultation.' Jeannette Matelot Green, Mayor of Thame.



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You are invited to prepare a statement to be considered during preparation of the Community Charter by completing this sentence:

We/I want Thame to be a town where..... (no more than 20 additional words)

After you have written your statement you are invited to explain what practical actions would show this statement about the town to be true.

Individual/Community Group Name:

Contact tel:

email:

Please return by **30th September 2014**

by email to:

charter@sharinglifetrust.org

or by post to:

Charter, Town Hall, Thame, Oxon. OX9 3DP

or hand in to:

Town Hall Information Centre