

About Brockworth

Brockworth is a large village that forms part of the urban fringe adjacent to Gloucester. The parish itself falls under the responsibilities of Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council. It is located 4 miles (6.5 km) southeast of central Gloucester, 6 miles (9.5 km) southwest of Cheltenham and 11.5 miles (18.5 km) north of Stroud.

Brockworth is situated adjacent to J11a on the M5 and is well connected to the road network with the A417 and A46 running through the parish. There are easy links to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Swindon, Cirencester, Birmingham, Bristol and South Wales by road and rail and there is a good local bus network.

Brockworth has a population of over 9000 people according to the ONS 2019 population estimates.

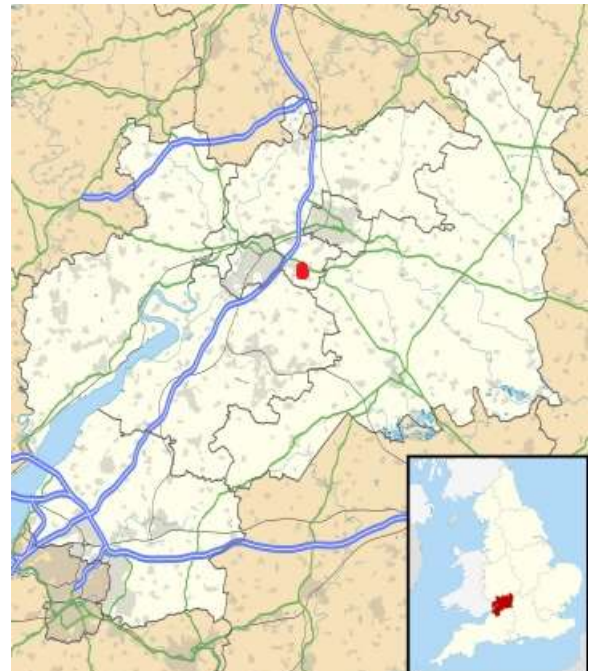
In recent years, there has been and will continue to be significant new housing development, with 1800 homes recently completed and occupied in Coopers Edge and 1500 new homes currently under construction as part of the Perrybrook development. With house prices in the area still relatively affordable compared to the rest of the County, good transport connections and access to employment, Brockworth has become an attractive place to relocate to and as such the demographics of the area are also changing.

One of the UK's largest Business Parks, Gloucester Business Park is located in the parish and is home to many national companies. The area is well served by local shops with a large supermarket and small retail park and two local shopping areas.

Brockworth has a Community Centre, community run library, youth centre, several churches and church halls, doctors surgery, two primary schools and a secondary school. A special educational needs school is also currently under construction and a new primary school is planned for the new Perrybrook development. The secondary school is also home to a community use sports centre which includes a swimming pool. There are thriving local teams and associated facilities for Football, Rugby and Cricket.

Brockworth is known throughout the world as the home of the annual rolling of Double Gloucester cheese down Cooper's Hill. Brockworth straddles Ermin Street the Roman road that linked the major Roman settlements of Cirencester to the port at Gloucester. During World War II, Brockworth was home to the Gloster Aircraft Company which produced the famous Hawker Hurricane fighter and for producing Britain's first jet aircraft, which was test flown here.

Brockworth sits on the edge of the Cotswold AONB and the parish extends from the Severn Vale up into the Cotswold Escarpment and the ancient woodland at Coopers Hill. The area is criss-crossed by footpaths and public rights of way with easy access from the village into the surrounding countryside.



About Brockworth Parish Council

Brockworth Parish Council is made up of 17 Councillors. The next elections are due in May 2023. Tewkesbury Borough Council is currently undertaking a Community Governance Review which is expected to see the number of Councillors increase to 21 to reflect the growing population. The Council currently has General Power of Competence.



Full Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month. There are also five committees (Green Spaces & Environment, Planning & Highways, Community Services, Policy & Finance and Human Resources) which also meet monthly usually on Wednesdays and all have delegated decision making authority. There are also several working groups made up of councillors and public including the Transport Working Group, taking forward the development and delivery of a sustainable transport plan, the Environment Working Group, leading on our Climate Change work and our Events Working Group that coordinates and organises the councils programme of events.

The staff team of 8 are led by the Clerk and RFO and is made up of an Assistant Clerk, Building Manager, Business Administration Apprentice, Community Development Coordinator, handyperson, weekend litter picker and cleaners.

Brockworth Parish Council's budget is made up as follows: (the full budget is available on our website)

Planned expenditure	
Green Spaces & Environment	£296,950.00
Council administration & staffing	£207,350.00
Community Services	£94,300.00
Total Expenditure	£598,600.00
Planned income	
Service charges and other income	£89,100.00
Use of Reserves	£90,000.00
Use of S106/CIL/Grants	£155,000.00
Council Tax Precept	£264,500.00
Total Income	£598,600.00

The parish council is based at the Community Centre which it owns and operates. The council office is open to the public Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm. The Council is also responsible for Mill Lane Park and Playing Fields, Pound Farm Park, three play areas, Brockworth Cemetery, and other land and public open space at Crosshands Meadow, Rowan Gardens and Horsbere Brook. The council undertakes grounds maintenance using contractors throughout the village and also maintains the war memorial. It also owns the allotment site at Court Road which is managed by an Allotment Association and is in the process of taking on a new allotment site as part of the Perrybrook development.

The Council also contracts youth services that operate from the dedicated youth centre based at the Community Centre. The Council provides grants to a wide range of community organisations as well as supporting the community run library, citizens advice bureau and the Food larder. There are also a programme of community events organised throughout the year. Council is currently working on several major projects including a cemetery improvement project, development of new allotments, upgraded play areas, extending youth work provision and dealing with major planning applications.