

## **Charfield Part Night Lighting Trial**

The 'Part Night Lighting Trial' project included the village of Charfield and outlying areas, although the trial was predominantly within the village which consists of around 1000 homes and 2500 people.

Meetings were arranged between South Gloucestershire Council's Street Care department, the police, the Highways Agency and Charfield Parish Council, during which they set the criteria for the trial and decided which roads, enclosed walkways, and areas where vulnerable people lived would remain lit throughout the night.

Charfield Parish Council consulted widely throughout the Parish and it was agreed that the trial would start in June 2009 for one year. A few complaints were however received by the Parish Council and the local Safer Stronger Community Group about perceived lack of consultation, potential increase of crime, and inconvenience to parishioners. In response to these concerns further meetings were arranged, times of operation were adjusted and individual residents were contacted and the benefits explained.

The following outcomes and benefits of the 'Part Night Lighting Trial' have been highlighted:

- Savings of £1900.00 per year at today's rates
- Savings of 9 tonnes of co2 per year
- Reduced night time light pollution
- No evidence of increase in crime or accident statistics
- Coincident with similar part-night trial with Motorway lights
- Interest in the trial received from other parts of South Gloucestershire

Charfield Parish Council agreed that part night street lighting had been successful and it would become a permanent feature in the future. However, it was recognised that should circumstances change it would be possible to revisit the position.