

Next steps

- Publish anonymous results on Village Website (March 24)

- Propose **two** working groups:-

1) Community fundraising event for 2024

All welcome to The Boot for preliminary discussion on Wednesday 10th April 18.45hrs

2) Future ideas and thoughts for BsJames could include:-

Assistance and volunteering in daily life in BsJ

Affordability of housing for local families and local amenities

Date tbc

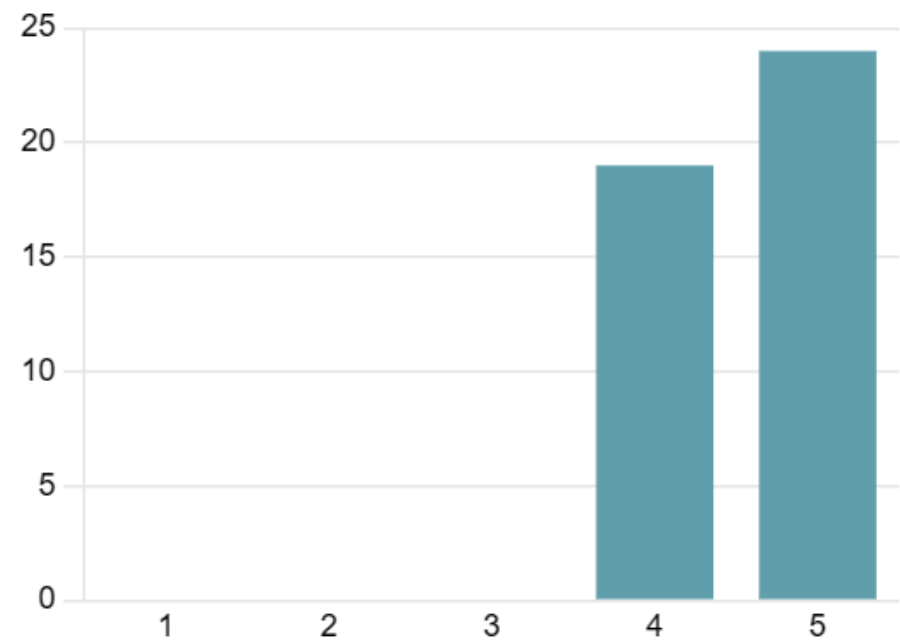
Berwick St. James Village Questionnaire. Anonymous results. n.45 responses

1. What is your overall level of satisfaction with life in the community of Berwick St James?

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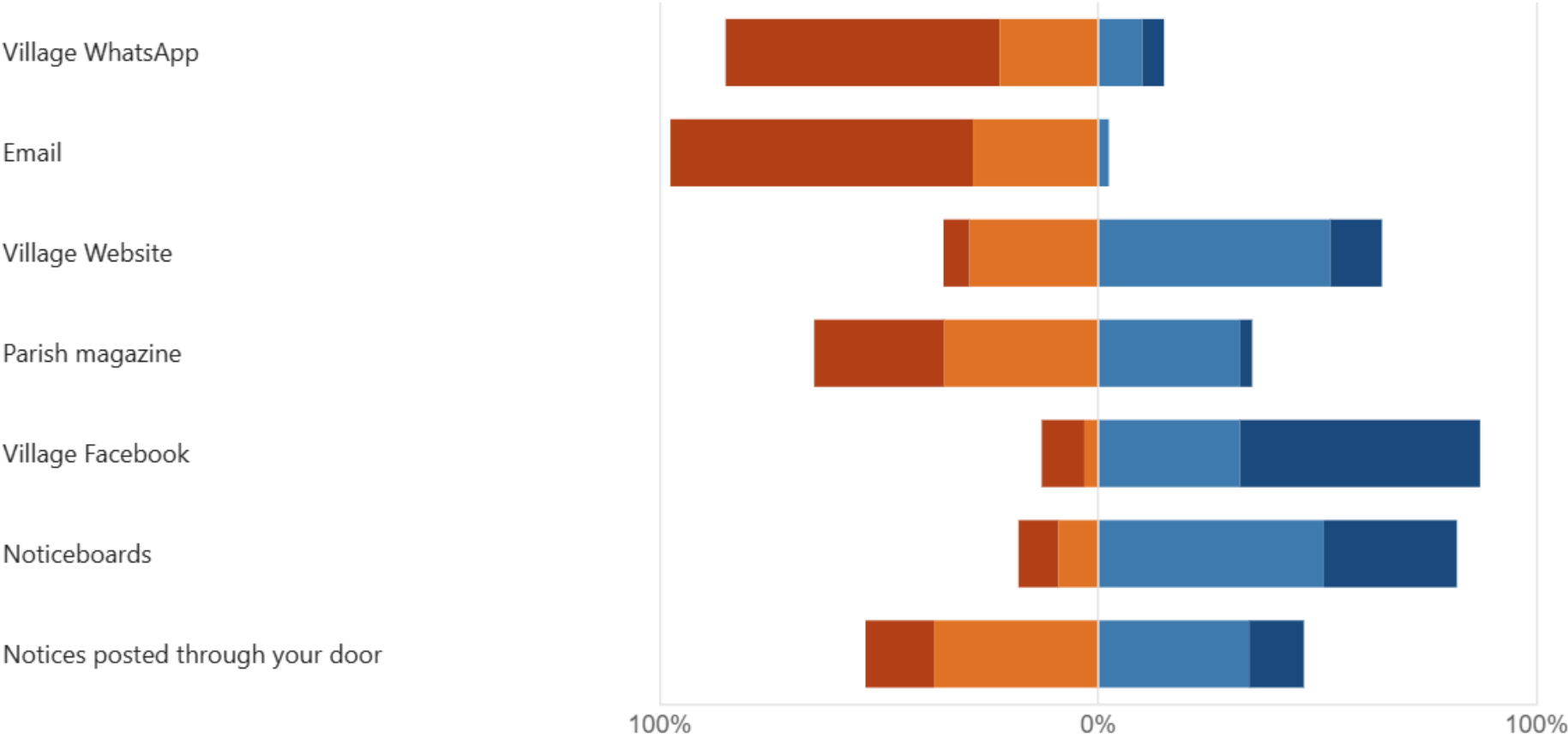
4.56
Average Rating



2. Means of communication have changed significantly since the last survey. **What is the best way for you now to receive village information?**

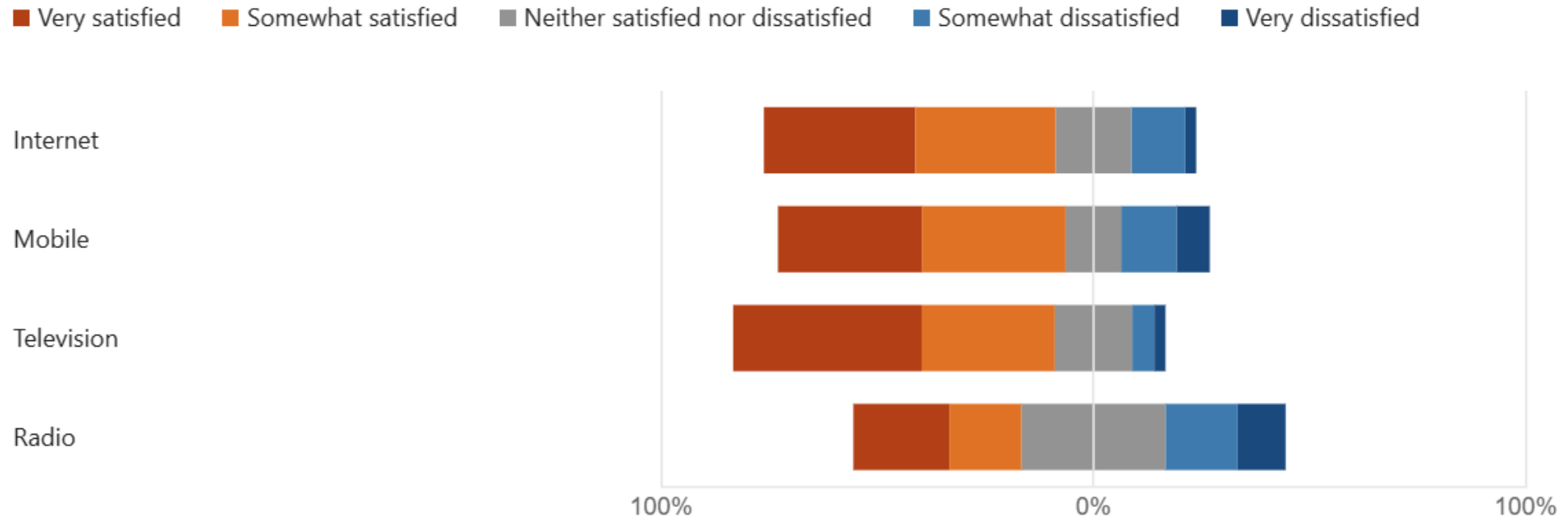
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■ Best & most useful ■ Useful ■ Sometimes useful ■ Not useful



3. How satisfied are you with signal reception and data speeds?



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4. Volunteering for events and/or community support. **Village events and depend on volunteers: how are likely are you to be willing to assist?**

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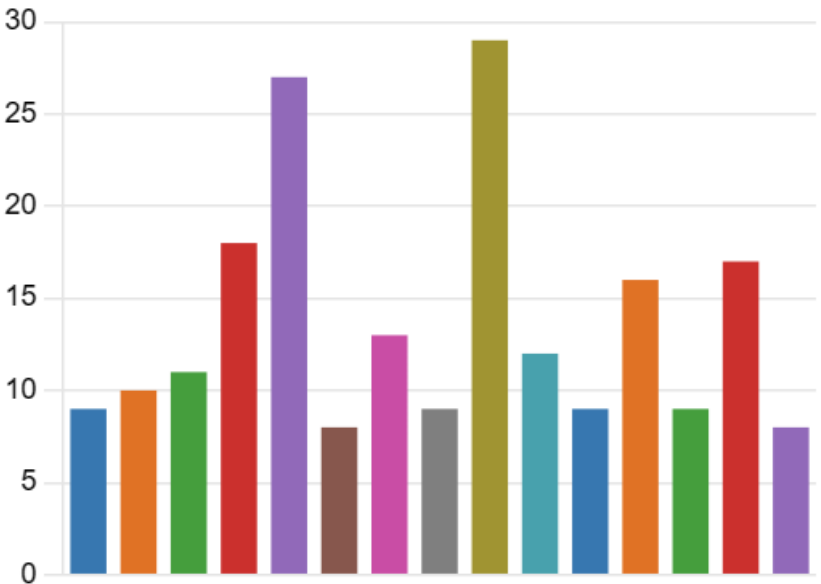
-  Likely, but depends on project/a... 37
-  Unlikely 5



5. Of the following events, which would you be interested in helping with?

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 Speedwatch	9
 Tea and chat	10
 Talks and classes	11
 Food and wine events	18
 St. James' Church and Riverside ...	27
 Children's activities and events	8
 Apple pressing	13
 Fitness and wellbeing	9
 Village fundraising events, inclu...	29
 Village meeting and parish busi...	12
 Sports (Cricket etc)	9
 Harvest Supper	16
 Art and photograpy	9
 Environmental Activities	17
 Floodwatch and prevention	8



6. Although we have had fewer fundraising events since Covid, and no fetes, the community fund still has some reserves. With fundraising, it could be replenished further.

Do you have any ideas for activities or assets that the Fund could support/purchase for the village?

1	Supporting attendance at paid village events, for those with limited funds. Subsidising tea and cake type social events/subsidising reading room hire for village community events.
2	The Reading room will need to replace its projector before long and the sound system in there could be improved.
3	Village auction
4	Wine Tasting - see below Horse Racing and BBQ - pub Pub night with dancing, plus auction Potted Sports day - adults/children
5	Purchase of a Village generator
6	Quiz nights.
7	Barn Dance
8	A public bin near the guide HQ for dog walkers (maybe the council would fund this if enough people wanted it) A play park for kids
9	The auction of promises was pretty successful last time.
10	Get togethers centered around food. A flower or arts&crafts show
11	Treasure Hunt - using whole village area and a bit of Druids Lodge with subscription tea at the end.
12	If a knowledgeable resident might organize a series of local walks giving information about the village & surrounds. (Rather like those described in Barbara Last's excellent booklet.
13	Apple pressing eqpt
14	For those interested defib / basic life support session in reading room run by Red Cross or similar organization that run these sessions for the public

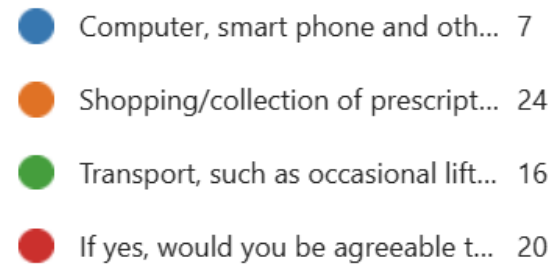
15	No
16	Duck race in winter when river is high. Boxing Day.
17	Assets Village pantry, nature conservation, defibrillator if there isn't one, Activities quiz, cheese and wine tasting,
18	A small but regular payment to a gardener to maintain the community garden behind the church (mowing the nettles, keeping the path accessible)
19	Support the project for the movement of the footpath along the B3083 to remove the need to walk on the road
20	It is too soon for me to be able to comment really but could some funds be used to support and enhance wildlife? Planting wild flowers on verges where possible, for example.

7. **Are there other activities or events that you would like to suggest to the village?** Please specify what, when and where these could be held.

1	Wine tasting in person might be fun but I understand the pub might be doing this soon. A barn dance or something similar might be fun as a fund raising event.
2	Wine tasting
3	Wine Tasting, Fri/Sat evening, anywhere. Safari Supper, Fri/Sat evening, participants' homes. Treasure Hunt for children/adults, weekend, all over village.
4	Open Air Concert or Jazz evenings - summer Village Car boot sale with % going to village funds - summer Village Fete - May bank holiday
5	With significant assistance, would be willing to help run (a spring?) plant stall which could raise village funds
6	Bring & buy (preloved) sale of clothes, bric a brac, small furniture etc (all very good condition only £
7	Re invent the wine tasting online
8	Central collation of supermarket deliveries at the village shop. A single delivery point (regardless of window) might be very attractive to big retailers and would probably support the cafe.
9	A tennis club? If any of tennis court owners were willing for their courts to be used.
10	Ideas only - optional Race night with fun betting Children's film nights run by teenagers or hire inflatables for fun sessions in holidays / bank holidays etc or to celebrate a public holiday event
11	No
12	Bingo , bridge, nights
13	Photography club Natural history group Wine club
14	I very much enjoy the yearly village fete in Summer; perhaps the pub would be happy to be a venue again?
15	Is the plan to reintroduce fetes that include all the traditional vegetable growing competitions, cake making, scarecrow making competitions etc?

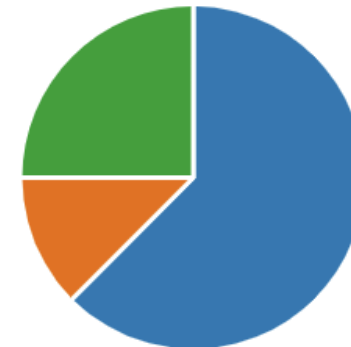
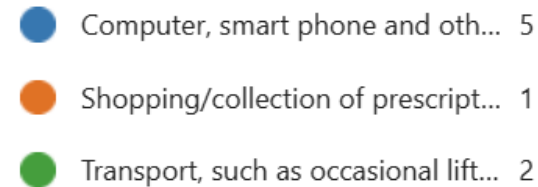
8. **Would you be willing to provide occasional assistance with any of the following?**

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9. **Would you like occasional assistance with any of the following?**

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10. Berwick contains people with a variety of backgrounds. **Do you have any areas of expertise that might be helpful to others on occasion?**

1	Maybe befriending someone who is isolated and me need someone to chat too now and then.
2	Business case crafting: winning funding etc
3	Can offer CPR training.
4	Not quite sure - Happy to offer help with event planning and tech stuff when needed. Due to my past career, I am used to dealing with emergencies or incidents and happy to be called upon in those kinds of situations.
5	Ability to drive
6	Happy to help wherever it's needed. No particular expertise. Limited availability due to work Mon-Fri
7	I was very disappointed last year when I offered a talk on garden insects with slides, which was not taken up. I had put a lot of work in preparation but you accepted a new persons talk on the same subject but not very informative.
8	Marketing/PR
9	Handymen !
10	Writing, editing, proof-reading.

11	I am very happy to help people and have done so on many occasions but I do not wish to be on a formal list. I also will assist with flooding issues etc where I see them arise but again do not wish to be put on a list.
12	If you need hedges or trees trimmed that are accessible with a tractor, I'm always doing ours around January and first week in February Not a qualified mechanic but I do have a good working knowledge of cars. I might be able to help decipher MOT certificates or talk jargon with mechanics if people are struggling
13	Financial. Am a qualified chartered accountant though long retired!
14	Bringing up children!!
15	Marketing, business development
16	General financial advice and insurance
17	Very happy to read to anyone who is unwell or has poor eyesight
18	Accounting / Financial / Tax
19	I have a legal background. I can provide legal information and signposting on some issues to individuals but not advice
20	I am not sure if it is useful but I have an MA in creative writing and teach workshops that are usually based on interaction with the environment or the creation of stories. I also tutor English Language and Literature up to and including A levels.

11. Do you have any thoughts about changes or developments that you would like to see in Berwick?

1	I would like to see a closer understanding within our community of issues faced, and how we can support each other. Without being intrusive or nosy, I wish there was a way to communicate when people are in need, or would appreciate a visit. Too often we find out long after the event, and are sorry that we did not know to offer support at the time.
2	The cost of housing in the village is prohibitive for some people, especially younger people who would like to stay in the village. I think a small amount of development providing affordable housing to local people would benefit the village. If no more than about 6 to 10 small houses were built, the village would still be able to retain its character. The village does not need any more large house.
3	Limited by lack of developable land. Good to see more families living in the village.
4	More community activities
5	I would be very glad to offer any help myself but as I am very disabled and 95, I much regret not being able to offer any assistance
6	Improve the state of footpaths in general and provide a better footpath solution between Berwick and Winterbourne Stoke. Lanes of Duck Street and Langdown Way need urgent repair work.
7	More information about springs , and perhaps a map to show roughly where they are, year by year.
8	Better sewage system!
9	I think most of the pavements in the village require attention (it is often safer in the dark to walk in the road to avoid possible tripping). The track when going to the farm shop can be a challenge, especially when it is wet or the springs have flooded the access.

10	A few Small 2 and 3 bed houses for people wanting to start on the property ladder. To help young families enter Berwick's community A play park for the growing number of children in the village
11	Not really. Everything seems to be pretty good at present
12	Flowers planted at each end of the village
13	In light of expected (!) construction of Stonehenge tunnel and Winterbourne Stoke bypass a request to the Council to narrow a 25 yard stretch of the B3083 along the white wall outside Street and opposite Humphreys and create a single track road. The wider verge could possibly be grassed/planted up; the narrower road even for 25 yards would reduce speeds and might deter "rat runners".
14	Too many signs (some duplicates) at junction with A303. Footpath to W. Stoke to continue its diagonal course to the near corner of Berwick.
15	No
16	Flood prevention measures if such don't exist. More community activities and events.
17	I was disappointed to see at the village meeting a number of responses who were against any further housing. I feel this is an arbitrary position from out of touch existing homeowners. High quality development in appropriate locations within the village would be a very good thing. There is a lack of housing available and what is or could be classed as family homes have been enlarged or expanded to the point where they would not be affordable to a vast section of the population. Diversity in the village is a good thing and what adds to keeping the services that are valued by the community, a declining and aging village population provides little in the way of supporting community as was noted by a few of the preliminary comments at the meeting (i.e. a lack of skills and knowledge in technology and it - but an increasing demand for assistance with these services).
18	It is too soon to comment.

12. Are there any changes you would definitely not like to see?

1	The introduction of street lighting.
2	We do not need any more large expensive houses. If we are to build more houses then, they should be mostly affordable.
3	Field between Berwick and Winterbourne being developed
4	Closure of pub or shop
5	Very happy with village life as long as it continues and does not put on noisy events.
6	No to Village lighting and no to more housing.
7	More housing
8	Village expansion
9	Street lamps!
10	Definitely no street lamps under any circumstances.
11	No street lights.
12	Streetlighting
13	Street lighting speed watch

14	New housing development
15	More houses
16	Street lighting. We must never support it - expensive, pointless and ruinous.
17	No 2 bus service discontinued. It needs to be better used or I fear it will be removed.
18	Street lights
19	No
20	Haven't been in village long enough to comment
21	It's important to me to keep the field next to the guide hut accessible (and fence-free).
22	Keen to ensure that the size of the village remains the same, and any "development" is limited to a maximum of two or three more houses
23	I dislike the apathy or negativity against any change - change is good, if not always popular, if you don't drive the change in a way you want to see, it will happen around you without any control
24	Installation of street lights.
25	It is too soon to comment.