

Report on the Wolverton Parish Plan Survey – July 2013.

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At a public meeting in 2012 the Parish Council held a discussion on “Wolverton Past, Present & Future” which covered a history of the parish, its development over the years, the loss of services, current concerns and the implications of Stratford-on-Avon District’s draft planning framework.

The Parish Council then floated the idea of preparing a Parish Plan, aimed at:

- Giving all residents the chance to say what is needed and how this might be met
- Identifying which features and local characteristics people value
- Identifying local problems and solutions
- Providing the opportunity for people to have a say on how they want the parish to develop in the future
- Preparing a plan of action to achieve this vision

A Steering Group, made up of volunteers from around the parish that came forward at the meeting, was set up to take the plan forward. The first stage was to prepare and distribute a questionnaire. Two copies of the questionnaire were distributed to each household with a return date of 21st May 2013.

Data input and analysis of the questionnaire was undertaken by Warwickshire Rural Community Council and took place during July 2013.

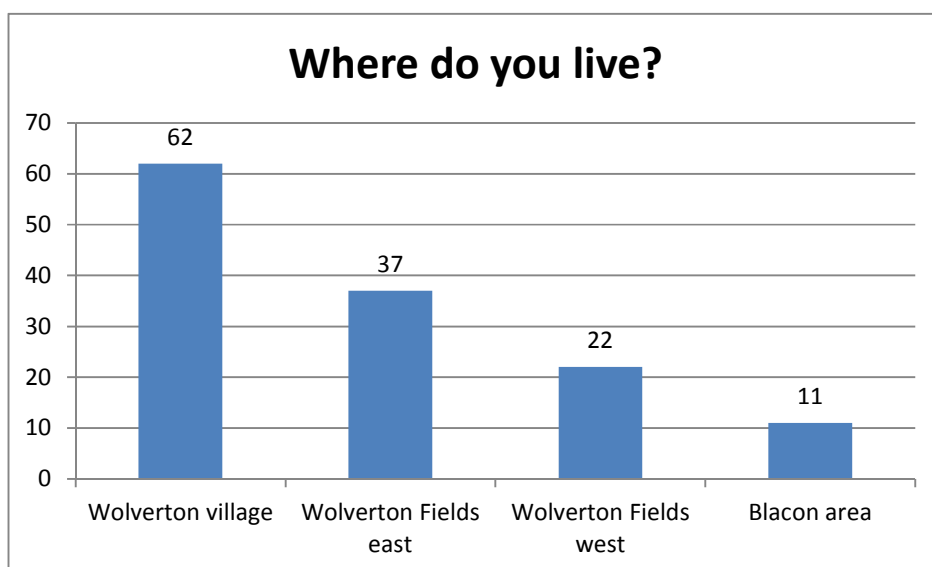
Of the 176 Parish Plan questionnaires that were distributed 138 were returned, which equates to a response rate of 78.5%.

Throughout the questionnaire respondents were invited to provide additional comments. The comments are reproduced herein whole and verbatim except where a reference was made that could identify an individual or in the case of defamatory remarks.

Section 1 - individual respondents

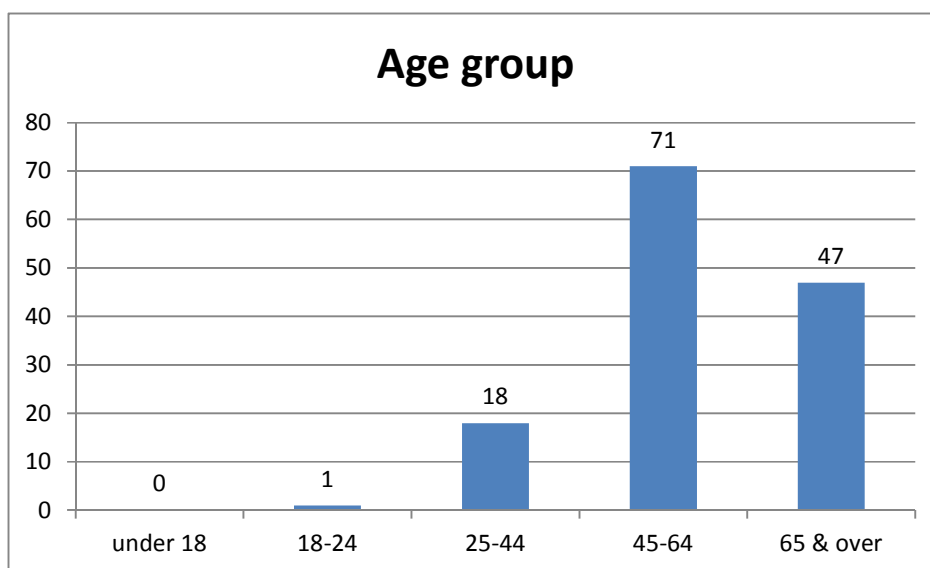
1. Where do you live? (132 responses)

Of the 132 responses the vast majority of respondents live within Wolverton village (ie from The Grange to the Meadow Farm conversions).



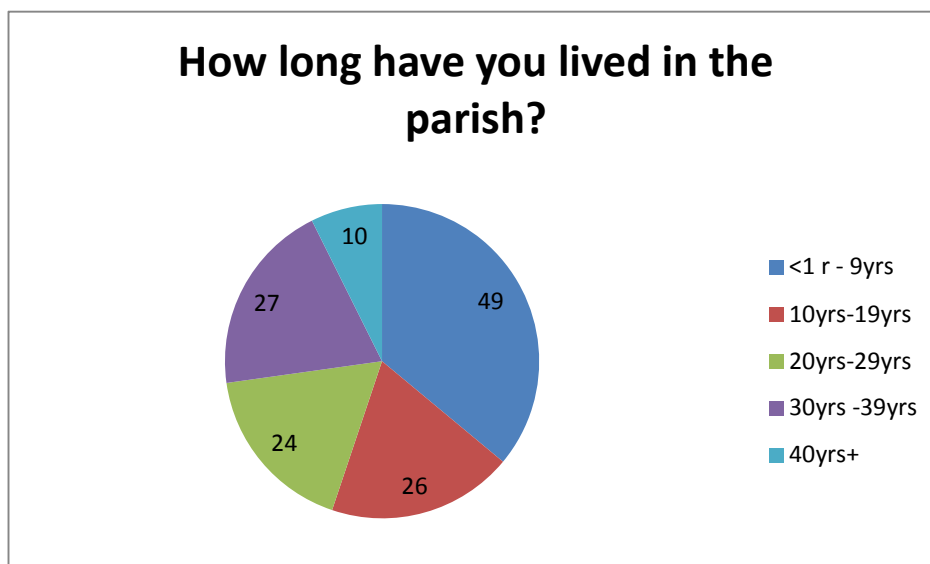
2. Age group (137 responses)

Most responses were provided by those in the 45-64 year age bracket.



3. How long have you lived in the parish? (136 responses)

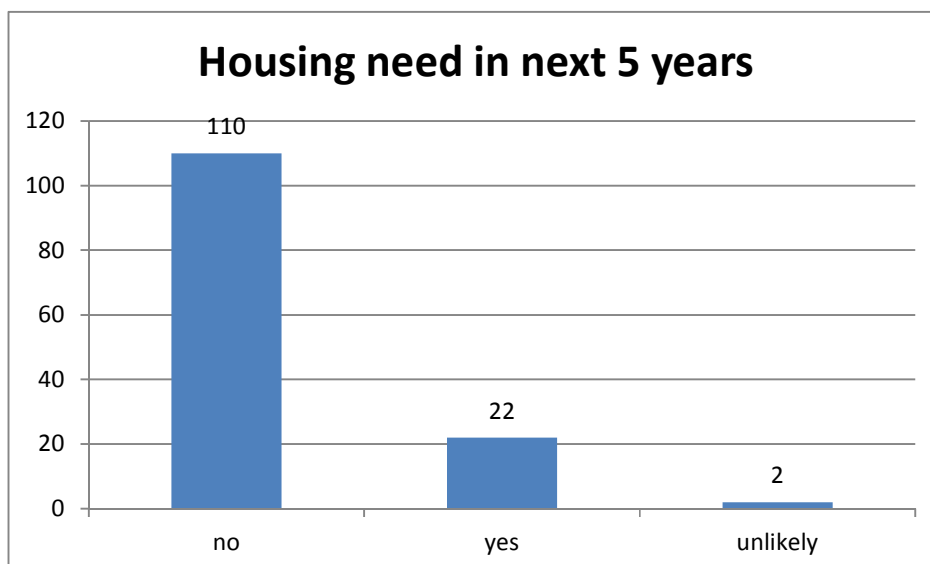
The largest category of respondents have lived in the parish for less than ten years. The newest respondent has only lived within the parish for 5 months and one respondent has lived in the parish for 60 years. One respondent (not included below)



Section 2 - housing & development

4. Is your household likely to have a local housing needed within the next five years? (134 responses)

82% of respondents state that they will not have a housing need in the next five years, however 16% will.



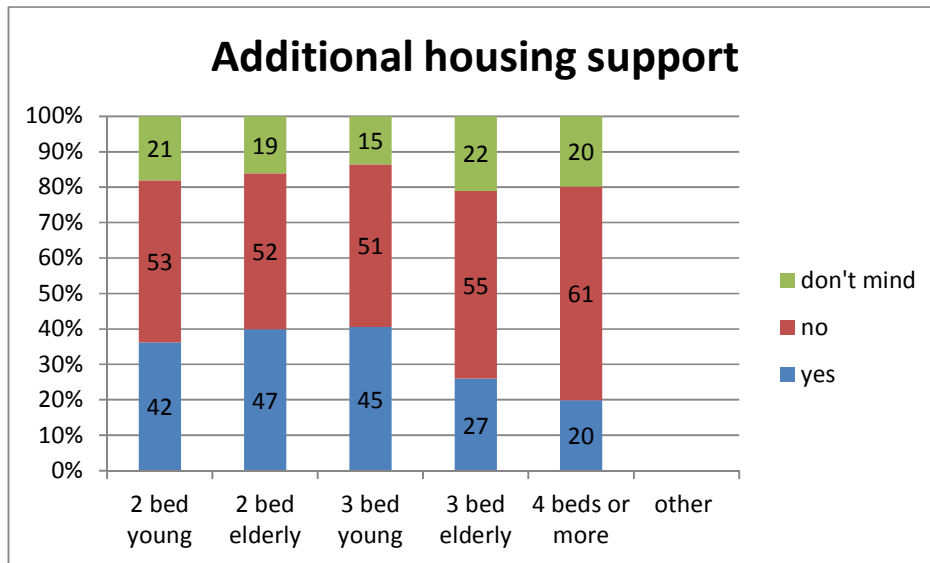
Respondents were invited to comment if they had replied "yes" to the above questions.

- Bungalow for retirement (2 comments)
- Daughter can't afford prices of houses. Nowhere to rent either.
- Family members moving back to village to care.
- Want 2/3 bed house to rent.
- To move to a smaller property within the parish (4 comments)
- Larger home for growing family
- Planning permission for extension
- Smaller properties for retirement /the elderly (2 comments)
- Father moving into area and needs caring. Carer needed also for myself.
- Starter homes for children (2 comments)

5. Would you support any additional housing?

| | | Responses |
|----|---|-----------|
| a) | 2 bed young | 116 |
| b) | 2 bed elderly | 118 |
| c) | 3 bed young | 111 |
| d) | 3 bed elderly | 104 |
| e) | 4 beds or more | 101 |
| f) | other - granny annexe, retirement/care home | 2 |

The greatest number of respondents were against the provision of additional housing with 4 or more bedrooms, and respondents were closely split on the subject of 2 bed properties for the young, 2 bed properties for the elderly and 3 bed properties for the young.



Respondents were invited to comment on “why you think your chosen options are appropriate for Wolverton”.

- (a) + (b) = affordable.
- A lovely village and would like to keep it that way.
- Affordable 3 bed homes.
- Any large development would affect traffic thro' village. Calming has helped but still vehicles travelling too fast.
- Both Snitterfield and Norton Lindsay have fairly 'new' developments which offer a range of housing for the above.
- Depends on scale and nature of such development.
- Do not wish to change the 'street view' of the village. Would not wish to see development other than possible extensions to existing properties which do not affect street facing view.
- Few starter homes available also no homes to move to for families with young children. Homes required to allow older residents to downsize.
- Housing for renting a) to d), e) house sharing two families living together.
- I like Wolverton's small size and think large developments would spoil its rural character.
- If in keeping with street scene & not too many. We would support development on a small scale of family housing and housing for older residents wishing to downsize.
- It is useless to provide inexpensive housing for people with no transport as there is v. poor public transport + no shops. The school is full so of necessity those living in the village would need to be able to support a more expensive lifestyle.
- It would depend where they wanted to put them. We do have small, medium and large properties in the village. I am not sure we need more. However I would not object if the location was suitable.
- It would very much depend on the style and type of development, where it was and the effect it would have on the village.
- Lack of such housing for ageing population & no opportunity for local youngsters to stay in the village if they want to.
- Limited availability of smaller houses for elderly persons.
- May be acceptable if genuine local need identified by housing needs survey and appropriate site

available,

- Need mix of tenure to offer.
- Need younger people in village, mix is high already towards middle aged & elderly.
- New blood always welcome. Elderly may take more interest in village affairs.
- New development in Brick Kiln off Curlieu Lane appears to have caused no significant problems and has allowed people with local connections to obtain housing. Would not like to see a large development but realistically a few <10 houses would help locals perhaps and lower the average age.
- People are trying to stay in the local area, but there is not enough housing.
- Preserve the Green Belt. Only very minimal development and it must be sympathetic to the buildings/countryside around.
- Should only support a recognised need within the village.
- Subject to need within the area.
- The infrastructure is inadequate for any.
- The village is lacking in housing for young families.
- Three bed affordable houses for young families with children.
- Three bed not needed for elderly. Family housing in keeping with village to generate the next generation.
- To allow people who want to downsize to still live in Wolverton & free up their house for family to move into Wolverton.
- To meet needs of existing residents & their families.
- To prevent overdevelopment of the village with all the associated issue of waste.
- Use of rural buildings for residential not business. Need for rental properties, more than houses to buy. Does not harm countryside as much if rural empty barns/buildings used for accommodation over new builds on edge of villages. Close to M40 and 3 towns for families/professionals.
- We need to attract young families to the village.
- Wolverton is a beautiful typical English village. It is unspoilt and unique. Please keep it that way - that is why I moved here!

6. Are there any specific areas in the parish that you think should not be developed?

Respondents were invited to comment.

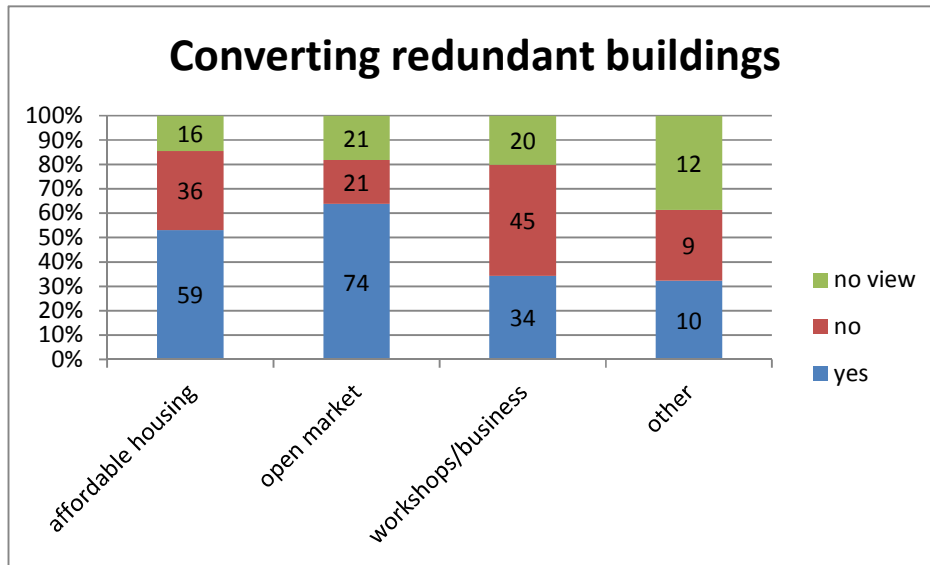
- * Field below Manor Farm bungalow - centre of village. Enjoy seeing the cattle & calves close to houses. * Fields east of main village behind houses - good views over towards Napton Hill, Burton Dassett etc => open rural aspect to village.
- a) land to West of Wolverton Road between Brandelhow & Meadowside Farm. It would totally change character of village. b) Rectory lawn - a valuable village facility.
- Against any development in parish - there is already enough development in parish. Any more would create traffic & parking problems.
- All areas (5 comments).
- Any area between the Grange and Meadow Farm.
- Any green belt, woodland or forest.
- Any open fields for area between Brandelhow & Meadow Farm house.
- Anywhere opposite existing properties in Wolverton Road which would destroy the character of the village.
- Blacon area should remain as undeveloped rural area.
- Fields and green belt - should be heavily protected.
- Fields/area behind church rooms. Not on the Green. Area adjacent to church (fields). Generally, not

fields.

- Grass field on west of main part of village opposite existing houses.
- Green' areas surrounding existing housing ie infill only. To maintain the rural setting.
- Green belt should be preserved (5 comments).
- I think that there will be a requirement for further housing to allow for extended families to remain local. I do not think new build should be built without full support of all village therefore all areas should be considered.
- I think the present division between a compact village with a few outlying areas and nearby countryside is ideal.
- In the centre of the villages amongst listed buildings. Around the village greens and greenfield sites. Do not want to ruin areas of historic interest or use agricultural land.
- It should remain a hamlet.
- It's all greenbelt/agricultural land.
- Near the school.
- On agricultural lane and green belt to keep Wolverton rural.
- Only where there is currently a building that may need improving. Wolverton is too small to start offering new housing without sacrificing it's current charm.
- Playing fields and village hall site as centre point of village.
- Poultry sheds.
- Rural outskirts (3 comments).
- Set aside east of village - probably not feasible to build on anyway!
- The field opposite to the school. It would cause much congestion in an already difficult area & there would be problems of access, affecting the properties down the public footpath.
- The field round Meadow Farm, it would spoil the views & entrance to village.
- The fields behind us (looking towards Warwick)- it would ruin the views for a large number of people. No safe access points.
- The green. Top of village in church area & fields adjacent.
- The land from clock lane to Meadow Farm house- it would create a tunnel effect on the area.
- To maintain open character; no backland developments, field below Manor Farm bungalow, infilling west of school, open fields to side of road to Norton Lindsey.
- Village could not cope with much more parking/traffic.
- Wherever there is 'open' land that echoes the nature of the parish.
- Wish the village to remain as it is, as it is in the green belt.
- Would prefer not to see garden plots not being utilised or sold off.
- Wouldn't like to see any area developed (4 comments).

7. If buildings become redundant in the parish would you like to see them converted for:

53% of respondents would be happy to see redundant buildings within the parish converted to affordable housing and 64% would be happy to see them converted to open market homes.



There were nine responses under 'Other', which are listed below.

- Conversions to ancillary for care at home of elderly
- Bungalow
- Possible conversion to sympathetic and "in keeping" use.
- Possibly for sympathetic conversion to private dwellings.
- Shop
- Smaller properties
- Village amenities eg small shop/cafe/educational facility.
- Holiday let
- To support own immediate family members young & old.

8. Do you have any other comments on local housing or developments?

Respondents were invited to comment.

- Affordable housing for local people only.
- Any development should be in keeping with local surroundings - traditional build & style.
- Develop rural buildings for housing and not just new houses.
- Go elsewhere!
- I am probably typical in that I would hate to see the village spoilt in any way but understand there may be a need for housing for other people.
- I feel that the village needs only small integrated development otherwise it will stagnate with no younger residents and families.
- If "The Court" does not continue as a single dwelling then it would be important to see that any alternative use was sympathetic to the village.
- Just in keeping with the village.
- Keep the village small without large developments and with its rural setting maintained.
- Lack of amenities in village underpin argument, that further development would be inappropriate and unsustainable.
- Local plan should be conducted every 3 years. Last local plan was 2005!! Support of new dwellings under section 106 and redundant buildings converted to residential dwellings. Support of

accommodation under new NPF and new dwellings.

- Need to maintain the essence of a village. Size should be maintained not increased.
- No development. Keep it as it is.
- No developments in Wolverton.
- No developments, it will ruin a beautiful village.
- Planning regulations already existing should be enforced to ensure that any developments occur with control. An agricultural barn in Wolverton Fields has been converted to a house over the past year with no bat survey, no change of use + no planning. SDC planning department refused to take action during the whole process.
- Roads & amenities cannot accommodate any more.
- Subject to local need and sympathetic to the area.
- There are a lot of empty buildings, farm buildings & barns. May be these could be redeveloped into housing.
- There are plenty of Brown field sites within the area, therefore no need to build on green belt and spoil local villages.
- There is no need for development in the Parish as there is plenty of brownfield sites in the surrounding vicinity.
- There is scope for the right sort of limited development to the north of the village, and between the Green & the Grange.
- Use of existing rural buildings for accommodation, retirement homes - care assistance.
- We do not have the amenities to sustain development and, if allowed, by developers it would tea the heart out of this village.
- We need to move forward and not stagnate.
- We would not object to sensitive development along the road to Xroads on to N. Lindsey.
- With lack of bus services, shops etc this is not an area that needs increased development.

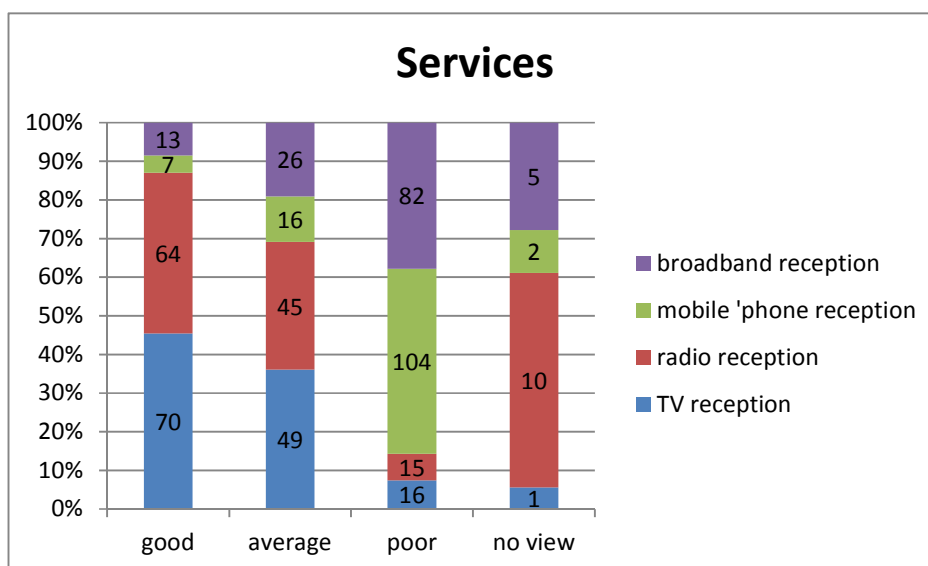
Section 3 - services

9. What do you think of the following services?

81% of respondents consider that mobile telephone reception is poor and 65% of respondents believe broadband reception is poor. However, 48% of respondents believe radio reception is good and 51.5% of respondents believe TV reception is good.

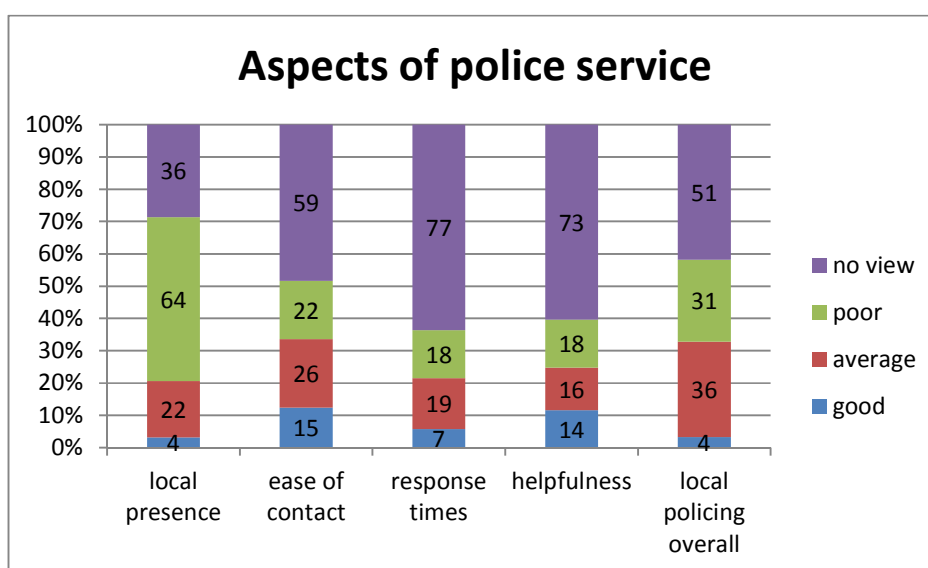
Other comments were also provided by respondents although the question didn't invite comments.

- **mobile 'phone comments**
very poor (6 comments)
non existent
- **broadband comments**
very poor (8 comments)



10. What do you think of the following aspects of the police service?

The majority of respondents had 'no view' of the police service. 51% of respondents thought the local presence was poor. Respondents were almost equally split on whether ease of contact was poor (18%) or average (21%), whether response times were poor (15%) or average (16%) and whether helpfulness was poor (15%) or average (13%). Few respondents thought the police service was good across any aspects.



Respondents were invited to comment on suggestions for improvement.

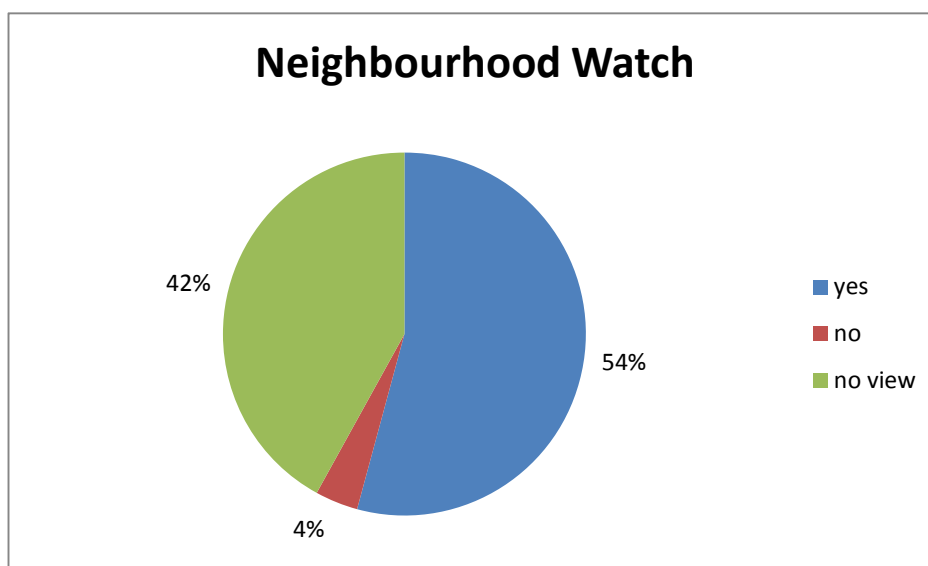
- Almost never see any police presence in our villages but not sure we need it!
- As everywhere, we need more presence.
- Difficult to say as I have seen little of them and have not needed to contact them, although we seem to be passed from one area to another.
- Difficult with reduction of forces locally.
- Fortunately not needed to contact the police.
- Have no experience to base a view on.

- Have not had need to contact.
- I have never seen a presence but I am sure response would be good.
- It would be nice to 'see' more local presence - is there still a locally based Police Officer responsible for community affairs??
- Local bobby visiting households for security advice etc.
- Local presence - not necessary.
- Local presence - when? Have not had to use these services so no comment.
- No, I am satisfied, so far, with policing, it has not been an issue.
- No. We are stuck with what we have. I don't see a village police station!
- None seen in 2 years.
- Not been here long enough to have an opinion.
- On the three occasions we have needed to contact the police the service was virtually non-existent. Policing to Norton Lindsey seems, at least from regular emails, to be functioning at a communication level.
- One of the privileges of living in Wolverton is the infrequent need for police involvement. However, it would be nice to see them about occasionally!
- Police service for Wolverton should not be based on Wellesbourne, too far away - should be linked to Claverdons service, Langley etc.
- Regular surgeries or visits at weekends with maybe a cup of tea or coffee and chat. Just to introduce themselves to villagers.
- Some increase in visibility.
- Stop closing local stations, police checks for speeding.
- Unaware of what police service consists of these days. I used to find the regular appearance of policeman in car - reassuring & helpful - with personal contact.
- We have little crime in the village so there is little need for an active police presence.
- We have never contacted the police fortunately, so cannot really comment.
- We used to see a police patrol car quite often but not so much recently.
- Where do you start?
- Would like to see police in village occasionally.

11. Would you like to see the Neighbourhood Watch scheme re-instated in Wolverton village? (132 responses)

54% of respondents were in favour of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme being re-instated.

One respondent commented "Norton Lindsey kindly include me in their information chain".



Responses broken down by village area.

| | yes | no | no view |
|-----------------------|-----|----|---------|
| Wolverton village | 37 | 2 | 20 |
| Wolverton Fields east | 18 | 1 | 17 |
| Wolverton Fields west | 11 | 0 | 10 |
| Blacon | 2 | 1 | 6 |

12. Do you have any comments about local Fire, Ambulance and Medical services?

Respondents were invited to comment.

- All good when used especially the air ambulance.
- Ambulance service good.
- Apparently good ambulance/medical response although haven't personally drawn on these emergency services.
- Delays getting appointments at Claverdon surgery - altho they are great if urgent. Good fire service - responsive & helpful.
- Doctors good service provided.
- Fire and ambulance seem good but no personal experience. Medical services very good.
- Fortunately no experience.
- Good (3 comments).
- I have had to use the ambulance service twice in the last year. They were excellent. The same cannot be said of Warwick A+E. I use the surgery at Budbrooke + find them v. helpful.
- Limited experience has been good.
- Local medical services (eg Doctors), Claverdon. Good - v.good overall.
- Medical services in Claverdon very good.
- Never had need.
- Never used, no view.
- All been good when we have needed.
- No complaints - services adequate.

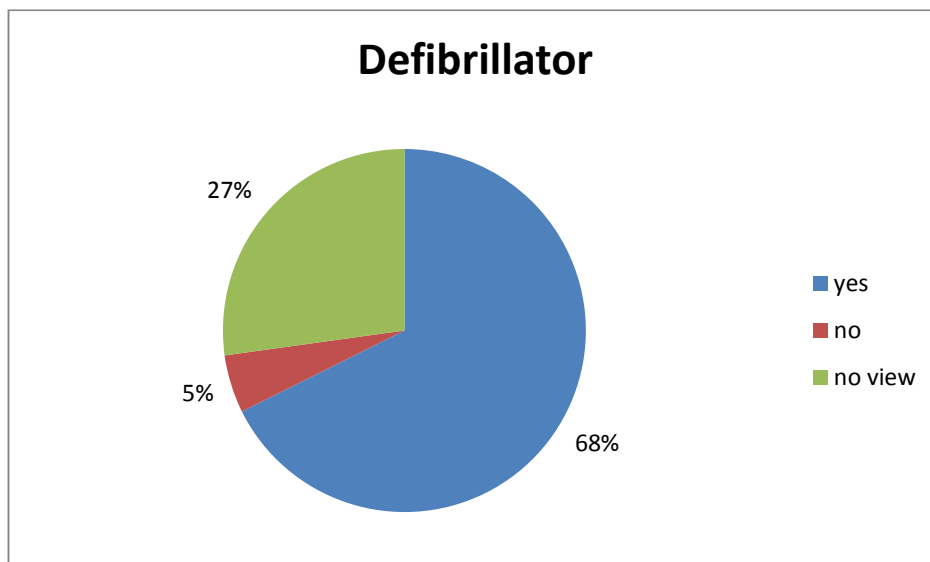
- No experience.
- No experience of needing to contact local emergency service.
- Seems to be good on the occasions it has been called.
- Thankfully not had to use so far.
- Use GP in Hampton Magna - very good service.
- Very thankful to paramedic and air ambulance.
- Waiting time for an appointment to see your GP is not good enough.

13. Would you like to see a defibrillator in Wolverton village? (136 responses)

68% of respondents would like to see a defibrillator in Wolverton village.

Two respondents made additional comments:

- yes - as long as someone is qualified to use it.
- no view - Norton Lindsey nearer to us.



Responses broken down by village area.

| | yes | no | no view |
|-----------------------|-----|----|---------|
| Wolverton village | 50 | 4 | 8 |
| Wolverton Fields east | 22 | 1 | 14 |
| Wolverton Fields west | 13 | 0 | 9 |
| Blacon | 5 | 2 | 3 |

14. Where do you do your main grocery shopping? (136 responses)

80% of respondents shop in Stratford-upon-Avon, 63% shop in Warwick, 41% shop in Leamington Spa and 18% shop online.



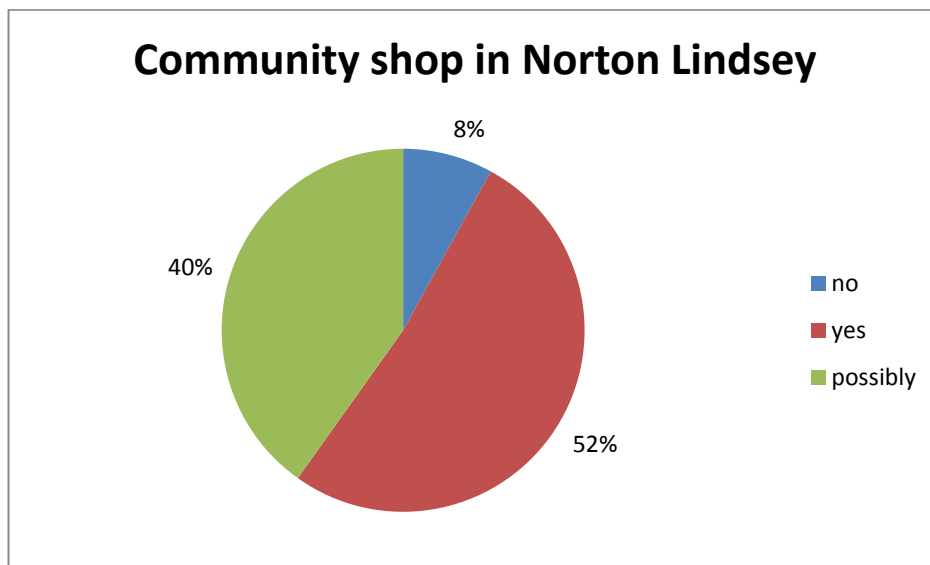
15. Do you use local shops?

57% of respondents occasionally shop locally at Snitterfield, whilst 58% occasionally shop locally at Claverdon. Only 32% shop regularly at Snitterfield and 13% at Claverdon.



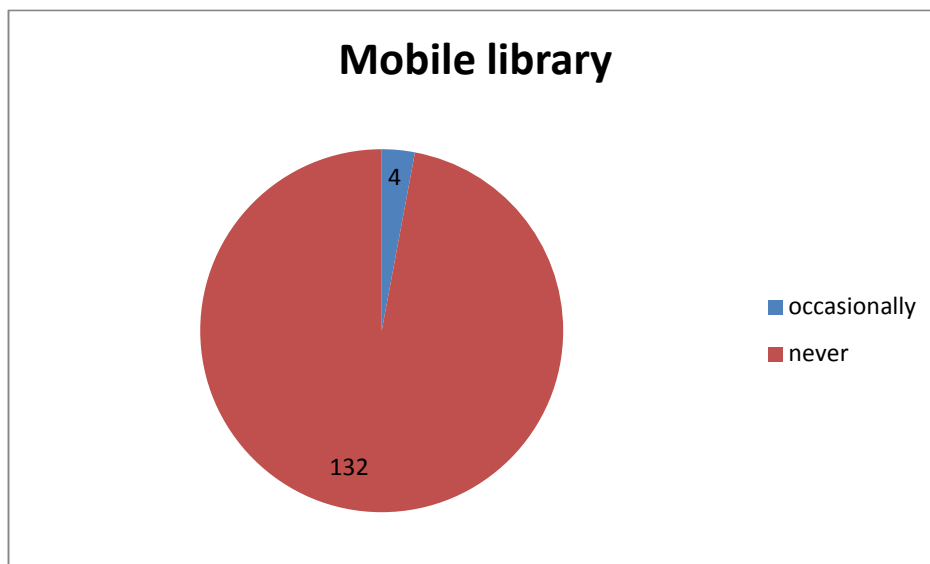
16. Would you use a community shop in Norton Lindsey? (137 responses)

The majority of respondents would use a community shop located in Norton Lindsey. Only 8% of respondents said that they would not use such a shop.



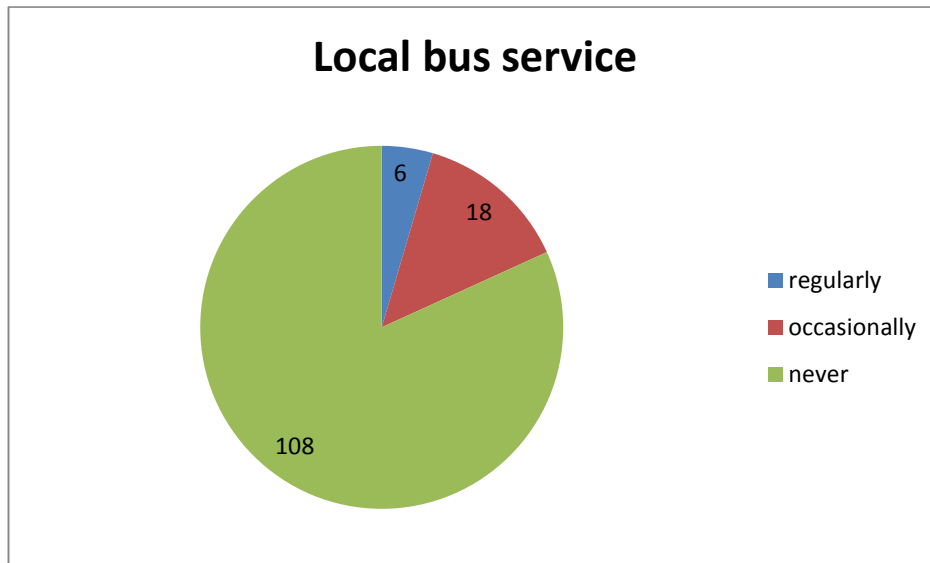
17. Do you use the mobile library? (136 responses)

97% of respondents never use the mobile library.



18. Do you or your family use the local bus service? (134 responses)

82% of respondents never use the local bus service, 14% use it occasionally and 5% use it regularly.



Respondents were invited to comment on the purposes of their bus journeys.

- 256 school bus to & from Stratford. (2 comments)
- Bank, PO, shopping, solicitors etc
- Frequency of no use to us.
- Good school bus service.
- Not at present - but may wish to do so in future as when retire.
- School buses (3 comments)
- School, we are considering using the bus service for shopping also.
- Shopping (6 comments)
- Shopping - Solihull
- Shopping but service very limited.
- There isn't one.
- To go to Stratford as and when car out of commission.
- To/from Stratford when the service existed into Norton.
- What local bus service!

19. What improvements to the bus service would you like to see?

Respondents were invited to comment.

- A better service between Warwick & Stratford - every hour?
- A bus would be good.
- A fully used, subsidised and frequent service - encouraging a green transport ethos within the community.
- A late night service to Stratford & Warwick, to & from for entertainment purposes.
- A more regular service.
- A service to Warwick would be good.

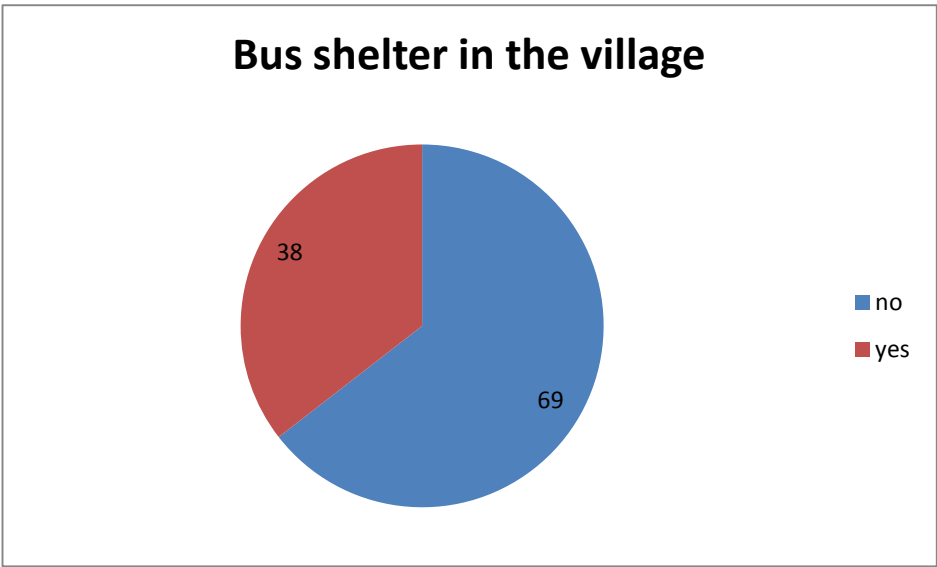
- As getting older it would be nice to have more buses.
- Better advertisement of the service that is available.
- Bus service more than twice a week to Norton Lindsey + service to Warwick.
- Bus service to Warwick.
- Bus service to Warwick Parkway from either Wolverton/Norton Lindsey - but would only use it occasionally.
- Buses to and from warwick.
- Direct route to Warwick.
- I would like to see a bus and to know where they go.
- I would like to see the bus stop for a couple of minutes at a bus stop, not just drive through.
- If more frequent, would use occasionally.
- If more regular then may use.
- If service more regular would be encouraged to use it.
- It would be good to have a bus service on a Saturday, shopping in the morning - 9.00 back at midday & then an evening service 19.00 - 23.00 to enable travel to Stratford or Warwick.
- Keep speeds down.
- Local bus service very poor. Would like to see a bus on Fri/Sat evenings into Warwick/Leamington/Stratford. Return at around 11pm.
- More buses to stratford.
- More frequent services. (3 comments)
- More regular service to make visits easier but using much more economical smaller buses/ minibuses.
- More services. (3 comments)
- Never used so do not feel we can comment.
- No comment. (3 comments)
- No useful views.
- Regular bus services! (2 comments)
- Regular service to Stratford.
- Satisfactory.
- Service to Stratford.
- Smaller buses keeping to the speed limit!
- Some buses to and from warwick.
- **Unless people use it you can't "improve it" and people don't use it.**
- Weekends more.
- What bus service?
- Wkend/school holiday bus service to Stratford.

20. Would you like to see a bus shelter in the village?

64% of respondents were against a bus shelter in the village, with only 36% in favour.

Although comments were not specifically invited, several respondents made comments (as below).

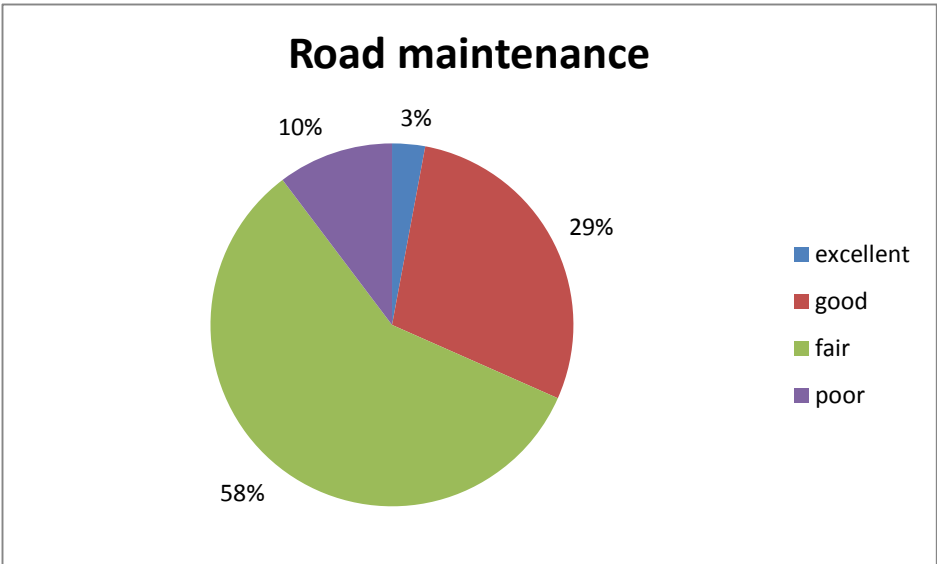
- Don't mind
- Siting of this would be very difficult as we have found in the past.
- Yes - if need identified
- Yes - Kids get wet and cold too often!!
- Yes - may make more people use the bus service



Section 4 - infrastructure

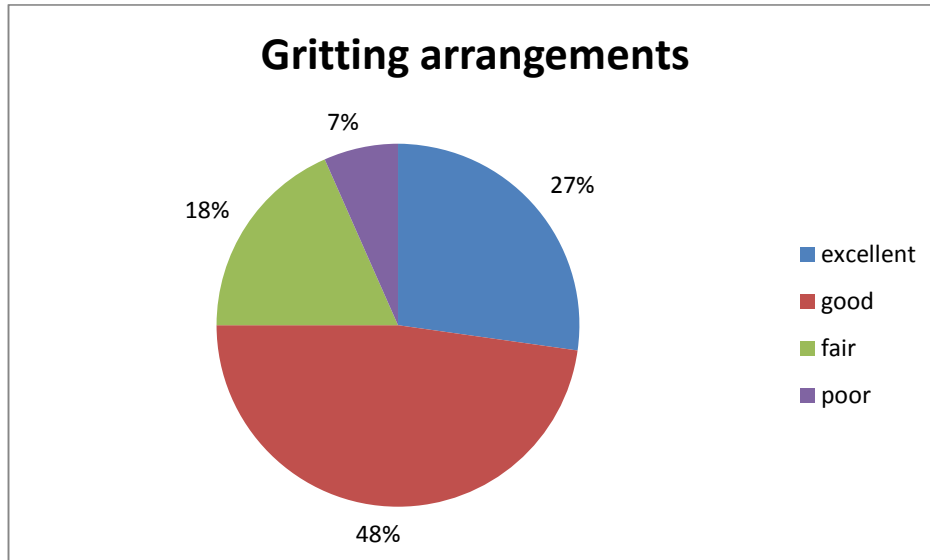
21. How would you rate the maintenance of roads in the parish? (136 responses)

58% of respondents consider that the maintenance of roads in the parish is fair though only 3% (4 of the 136 respondents) rate it as excellent.



22. How would you rate the gritting arrangements in the parish? (137 responses)

The majority of respondents seem satisfied with the gritting arrangements in the parish. Only 27% of respondents rated the gritting arrangements as excellent, though 48% rated the arrangements as good.



One respondent commented "don't know".

23. Are there any aspects of local road or verge maintenance that you would like to see improved?

Respondents were invited to comment.

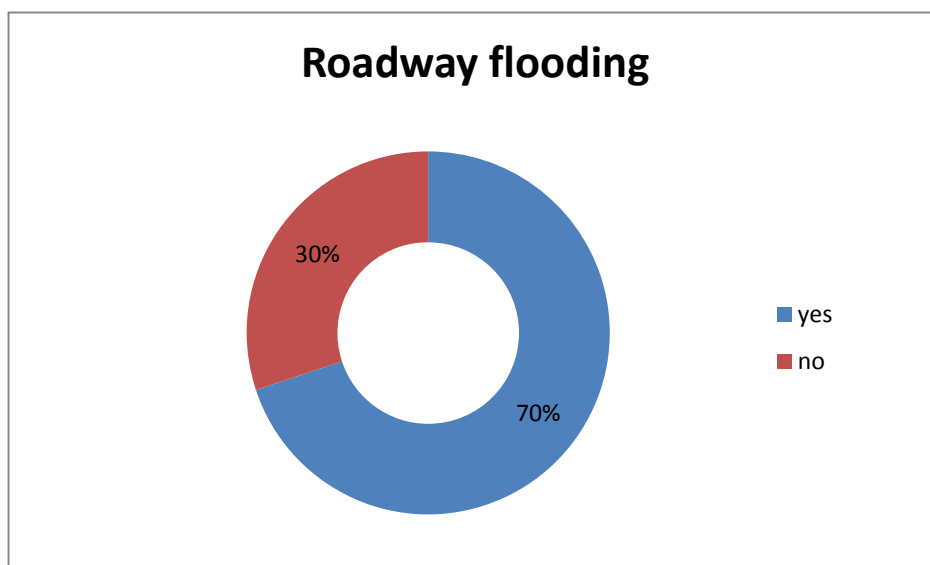
- All of it!!!
- Blackthorn hedge on road into village from NL end overhangs pavement making it impossible to use.
- Clearing drains to help ease flooding. Regular hedge maintenance.
- Clearing up of cans, batteries and McDonalds bags more frequently.
- Curlieu Lane verge.
- Cut back hedges along pavements especially from Meadow Farm barns to Wolverton Hill.
- Cutting of farm hedges from village towards Norton Lindsey and all down Saddlebow Lane (Claverdon problem).
- Ditches needs clearing.
- Ditching, eroding.
- Drain clearing. Hedge cutting. Filling in all the pot holes that have emerged following the harsh winters.
- Drainage in Saddlebow Lane.
- Drains to be cleaned out and gully's to be dug out.
- Drains, grill covers sunken, potholes.
- Footpath coming out of village the foliage/verge needs cutting back. Road is narrow and busy and you have to walk in road, which is rather dangerous.
- Footpath towards Norton should be kept in better condition now it has been cleared - hedge needs work over marl bank.
- Footpaths & hedges need maintenance more often.
- Gritting non existent on our road.

- Hedge by footpath at northern end of the village.
- Hedges cut back on path to Norton Lindsey.
- Hedges down the hill from the bends out of the village towards Snitterfield are overhanging forcing large vehicles out into the middle of the road> They need cutting and all dead elms need removing as they keep falling onto the road. Rough road surfaces need sorting out too.
- Hedges need looking after on East side - ie pavements side. Not at all easy to walk along them.
- It's countryside I wouldn't change it.
- Ivy clad dead thin trees and branches removed as they pose a danger to traffic in between Snitterfield & Wolverton during high winds.
- Keep ditches maintained to reduce localised flooding.
- Keeping pavements clear of weeds, recent tarmac on pavements already eroded by weeds pushing through making a waste of work done.
- Lack of hedge trimming along the footpath to the crossroads.
- litter is sometimes a problem. Mail bank hedge needs cutting back.
- Low hanging branches.
- Maybe filling in some of the pot holes may help.
- More frequent gully cleaning. When turning right off B4463 onto Norton/Wolverton road visibility towards A46 often limited by vegetation on verge - needs a wider cut.
- More frequent sweeping gutters & drain clearance ref. road flooding getting more frequent.
- More of it.
- Narrow path to crossroads often difficult to walk due to overhanging branches.
- No. (5 comments)
- None. (2 comments)
- None, it is good.
- Not clear which verges the Parish Council is responsible for maintaining.
- Not that I have noticed apart from pot holes.
- Opposite Wolverton school.
- Overhanging dead branches of trees between Wolverton and Snitterfield need sorting.
- Pavements in very poor state of repair, roads have deteriorated over the last two yrs.
- Poor in Saddlebow Lane -pot holes. Council have done an excellent job on the path from Meadow View to the crossroad - however the path is still largely unuseable due to the overgrown hedge on the path side.
- Pot holes.
- Pot holes as per most of the county.
- Potholes causing increased problems.
- Potholes to be kept under review.
- Repair around drain covers, repair of pot holes.
- Repairs done to pot holes etc done without a long delay.
- Re-surfacing.
- Road sweeping & keeping drains clean to stop flooding.
- Saddlebow Lane.
- Saddlebow potholes hedges bad. Pedestrian footpath from Meadow View to crossroads spoilt by neglect to cut back the hedge - this makes path unsafe when traffic passes.
- The edges of the footpath between the school & Wolverton need weedkiller urgently. Dandelions are encroaching into the new surface.
- The footpath from the school down the hill to the crossroads has recently been re-surfaced. Poor workmanship has meant that weeds are growing through the tarmac already.

- The footpaths from the school to Wolverton crossroads is poorly laid with weeds breaking up the recently laid tarmac.
- The hedge cut all along the footpath up to the crossroads.
- The hedge cut back from Wolverton to the crossroads - cannot walk on footpath.
- The hedges along the footpath need regular cutting otherwise you have to walk in the road.
- The maintenance outside of the village = Snitterfield direction -a lot of dead tress covered in ivy holding each other up also down Saddlebow.
- The path from the village to Wolverton school should be maintained to a good standard. It has recently been improved from the village to the crossroad but it was in a bad state for a long time prior to this.
- The verge for 200m either side of Wolverton school is a disgrace (opposite school).
- The verge in Norton Lea needs maintaining. It belongs to the council.
- There are quite a few sunken road drain gulley which can damage cars easily. The wide verge just to the west of Wolverton Hill needs better maintenance amongst the trees to prevent the briars taking over.
- Verge from staggered crossing to Claverdon Station very bad. Car tracking rods damaged there recently.
- Verge opposite school - not good - but very difficult.
- Verges.
- verges mown more often in summer, better maintenance of potholes, poor state of roadside paths.
- Verges near the school are being eroded - by cars.
- Wolverton Road/ Saddlebow Lane Road needs pot hole and verge maintenance.
- Yes - prohibit parking on grass verges in vicinity of Wolverton school.
- Yes as this is a main route through to Stratford it needs resurfacing, old tarmac plaining out and new tarmac laying.

24. Do you think roadway flooding is a problem locally? (133 responses)

70% of respondents are of the opinion that roadway flooding is a problem locally.



Respondents were invited to comment.

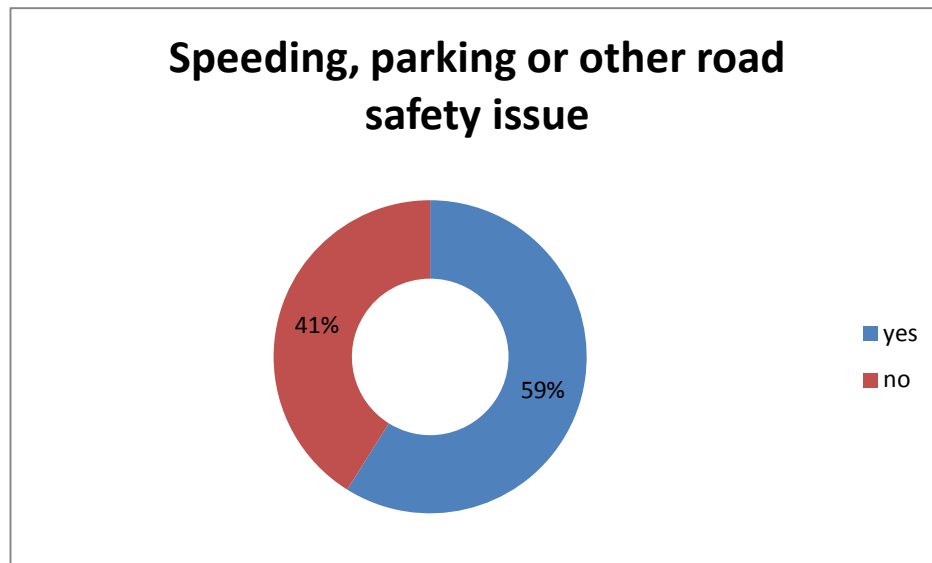
- Riding school.
- 1. Village drains unable to cope with intense rainfall. 2. Marlbank - inadequate maintenance of under road drain. 3. Under rail bridge near Langley. 4. A4189 near junction with B4463. 5. Field runoff opposite 'Oak trees' - no gully at low point. 6. Hill towards Snitterfield - roadside drain prone to blocking water then flows downhill collecting across the road.
- After heavy rain, on Langley Rd, & village, road to Norton & Heynes hill- all become impassable.
- Around Claverdon and out of the village towards the Henley road better drainage is required.
- As you cross the M40 before you turn to Norton Lindsey, water floods on to the roads.
- At the bottom of the hill going to Snitterfield, under bridges going towards Langley & A3400, down Saddlebow Lane, on top road towards school, and in the dip just outside village towards crossroads.
- At the crossroads and outside Oak Tree sin Wolverton Fields.
- At the school and beyond water tends to pool and there is run off from fields.
- Both ends of Norton Lindsey village and Curlieu Lane.
- Both exits to the village.
- Bottom of hill.
- Bottom of hill near M40 Claverdon Road into Warwick next to horse stables.
- Can still be a problem on Saddlebow Lane and by bridge at Claverdon station when raining heavily.
- Council ditches need more regular maintenance and big roadside hedges need cutting back.
- Ditches need clearing.
- Down hill by horse stables.
- Drains in main road unable to cope at times of very heavy rain/ snow melting.
- Drains inadequate lower end village for heavy rainfall, or more run off, from new housing.
- Drains need clearing more often on main Wolverton Road. House has had flooding twice, most recently December 2012.
- Drains- they should be serviced more regularly.
- Flooding a problem near Saddlebow Cottage, also on road between Woolly Bank Farm and Wolverton village.
- Flooding is a problem even when gullies cleared.
- Flooding on Wolverton Fields road between school and crossroads to Wolverton.
- Floods on road to Snitterfield and Claverdon from Time to Time.
- I think it has the potential to get worse.
- It happens but not a problem in the village.
- Lack of ditch maintenance and drainage.
- Lanes and main Henley Road & access to motorway impassable in heavy rains.
- Langley Road - bridge blocks because railway ditch blocks. Land owners ditches over flow and all the water gathers under the bridge. On the flat by Manor Farm drive road floods as council ditches are blocked. Bottom of hill towards Snitterfield floods as drains are blocked.
- Langley Road, crossroads, Snitterfield road - although have noticed new signage along Langley road before railway bridge.
- Many flooded roads after rain, locally. Too many to list!
- Marl Bank. (2 comments)
- Minor problems on the Langley Road and just north of the Marlbank.
- More work on drains.
- Most of the roads at bottom of the hills including Norton Lindsey.
- No - only in Langley.

- Northern end of the village, at the bottom of the hill to Snitterfield.
- Not so much in Wolverton itself but often there is a lot of water & mud (& bad verges) in Saddlebow Lane, sometimes flooding along the road from Wolverton > school. Most serious flooding occurs between NL & Snitterfield though improved somewhat now.
- Off the M40 and going towards Warwick on Claverdon Road.
- On occasions.
- On Wolverton Fields road.
- Out of the village towards Snitterfield and at the crossroads into Saddlebow lane.
- Outside oak trees.
- Poor maintenance of ditches has led to significant increase recently.
- Railway bridge, Langley Road.
- Regular flooding opposite "Oak Trees" Wolverton Road.
- Regular flooding opposite oak trees.
- Road between Wolverton & Saddlebow Lane floods easily. Langley Ford - becomes impassable @ times.
- Road from Manor Farm drive eastwards floods due to blocked culvert under road. Thanks to badger activity.
- Road from Wolverton to Snitterfield is frequently flooded.
- Road to Bearley under railway bridge.
- Saddlebow Lane (3 comments)
- Saddlebow Lane and near Claverdon Station always floods in wet weather
- Saddlebow lane and Wolverton Road.
- Saddlebow lane near Saddlebow began to flood at the beginning of the year, under the railway bridge near Langley is a problem too.
- Saddlebow Lane subject to flooding - also rough edges.
- Several areas either side of village.
- Shop Lane - inadequate water overflow control from pond. Marlbank - field run off. Ivy Close area - field run off.
- Slight but frequent problem in middle of village - drains not cleared.
- Snitterfield - brook overflows. All adjoining roads between Wolverton, Norton Lindsey, Claverdon & Bearley - all have problems with flooding.
- Snitterfield becomes impassable. The railway bridge on the road to Langley claimed a victim last Christmas!!
- Some overflowing from roadside drains can cause problems in heavy continuous rainfall upon entering the village.
- The drains cannot cope with all the water running down the farm track outside our house, the drains should be serviced regularly.
- They cut the hedges but don't keep ditches and road drainaways clear.
- Two of my neighbours houses been flooded - on a regular basis.
- Under railway bridge Langley.
- Usually has to be dealt with by locals.
- Water collects on roads in Wolverton Fields - during heavy rain - needs appropriate drainage.
- Water coming down clock lane - drain at the end unable to cope. Drains were cleaned recently but do not really have the capacity to cope in heavy down pours or snow melt.
- Water from Curlieu Lane runs across the Wolverton Rd and down our drive flooding our garages.
- Wolverton fields/ road to A46 & road into Warwick.
- Wolverton Road coming into Wolverton from Saddlebow Lane end. Wolverton Road between Wolverton and Snitterfield. School Road, Snitterfield. Railway bridge, Langley Road.

- Wolverton Road into Wolverton from Saddlebow. Wolverton Road out of Wolverton to Snitterfield. School road, brook flooding.
- Wolverton-Snitterfield Road.
- Yes definitely.

25. Are there any places in the parish where you think that speeding, parking or other road safety issue is a problem? (124 responses)

59% of respondents feel that there are places in the parish where there are road safety issues.



Respondents were invited to comment.

- 1. Excessive speed for road conditions in village and vicinity of school by individuals ignoring existing speed limits - enforcement of existing limits by police or community. 2. Parking on village green & pavements.ad conditions in village and vicinity of school by individuals ignoring existing speed limits - enforcement of existing limits.
- 1. Line of parked cars in the northern half of the village. 2. Parking on footpath causing broken paving & making people walk in the road, particularly at the Church Hall. 3. Probably more than 50% of traffic exceeds the speed limit.
- 30 mile limit or less required outside Wolverton school.
- 30mph speed limit not enforced - try camera a few times, news will soon spread and speed drop.
- 30mph would be better outside the school & less parking - could not staff & parents use the village hall & walk to school, when it's dry.
- Adjacent to the school, parking should be improved & 30mph imposed.
- Again at staggered crossing - visibility bad when exiting Langley Road to Wolverton.
- Along Wolverton Fields, especially past the school and into the village.
- Along Wolverton Rd Norton Lindsey out of school hours - speed trap!
- Approaching village from Claverdon, down the hill vehicles still don't slow down. All available signage is in place?
- Around the school should be 30mph or even 20mph.
- Church fete parking throughout village & around 'S' bend.
- Everyone knows of the particular issue of speed + parking outside the school. The 40mph speed is ridiculous when Wolverton village itself is 30mph. Teachers park their cars opposite the track to my

property. This makes vision + manoeuvring difficult. Parents turn round to park in the top of the track at drop off + pick up times.

- Former council houses can be a problem with parking. Some of them could park on car park when empty.
- Frequent speeding takes place through village. Police enforcement necessary.
- Girl guides on Friday evenings, church fete. The parking is ridiculous all round the bend and with only one lane open its very dangerous as people do not stick to the 30mph speed limit
- In Norton Lindsey - there should be some sort of traffic calming - as in Hampton on the Hill & Snitterfield.
- In school area provision should be made for parents to pick up children.
- In the area around the school.
- Langley Road - not sure that even reducing the speed limit would help as often a race track. Approach into Wolverton + through still many not adhering to the limit only some when they reach houses.
- Main village.
- Must be the only village in the UK where the speed limit increases by a school!!
- Obviously parking in mornings & afternoons outside school causes a lot of delays etc. Also parking at any time opp. Entrance to Norton Lea (obscuring Hydrant also) is hazardous. It is a pity the 30 mile limit does not come into force before the school (the more logical place for it), which would possibly help to reduce speeding through towards village (NL).
- Outside school at dropping off & collecting times. 'Speed bumps' each end of the school would maybe slow up some motorists.
- Outside school - 40 mph seems too generous a speed limit. Hard to see how parking could improve. Perhaps more encouragement needed for parents to walk children from NL village hall - exercise good for parents & children.
- Outside the school. It's an accident waiting to happen. The only solution at the moment - to use the village hall car park & walk up.
- Outside Wolverton school - parking should be restricted further.
- Outside Wolverton school / Wolverton Fields. The speed limit should be reduced, there was an accident outside the school on 4/06/13 just before 3pm.
- Parking am/pm - school times. The 40mph speed limit should be revised to 30mph passing the school and extended to junction with Saddlebow Lane.
- Parking around the village green may become a problem as people have more cars and visitors.
- Parking around village green.
- Parking at dropping off/collecting times for the school. Requires either a layby opposite the school or parking area in the field. However by the school at times there should be a 20 limit.
- Parking at school start & finish times a problem.
- Parking for Wolverton school sometimes causes difficult traffic flow at peak times.
- Parking on pavements, congestion on Friday evenings.
- Parking on the pavement in the churchall area from the church hall to the vicarage drive and on, out of the village. This causes the paving to crack and become uneven and blocks the only pedestrian way into the village. To prevent, install bollards, also speeding through Wolverton village despite 30 signs. Install speed humps.
- Parking outside of school still causes a major problem at start and end of school day. Blockage of road, destruction of verges, chaotic situation often at these times.
- Parking outside the former council houses can be a problem.
- Parking outside the school at 9.00 + 3.30 remains a major problem that WPC has failed to resolve. Damage to verges opposite the school is the latest issue. If the school was based in the village centre I am sure complaints and need to reach a solution would have been found long ago.
- Resident parking on road as you come through bend by Meadow Farm. Warning signs to alert drivers

of potential danger.

- Rose Cottage corner, the recycling/ refuse lorry always cuts the T junction as a lot of other vehicles do.
- School.
- School - double parking.
- School opening and closing times cause parking/ road problem but I see no way to address the issue if the children need to be dropped off/ collected.
- School picking up times.
- School road in Snitterfield - parked cars causing blind spots. Should have double yellow lines.
- School traffic can be a problem but as it is for a very brief period (10mins) it is acceptable.
- School, traffic calming system.
- Sleeping policeman, traffic too fast.
- Some drivers use the S bend for racing practice coming from Norton Lindsey ... One twit who lives in Snitterfield has almost caused 2 accidents so far in my sight.
- Speed limit by Wolverton school & speeding through village.
- Speed limit outside Wolverton school should be 30 max.
- Speed limit passed school should be 20mph (not 40mph from a 30mph through village!).
- Speed limit past school. 30mph would be more appropriate.
- Speeding - people take no notice of the signs. Police should be here with mobile speed cameras. Since satnavs are common this road has now become busier as it shows up on the satnav as a cut through to Stratford, visa versa to Warwick.
- Speeding along the main road, despite 30mph limit.
- Speeding checks should be carried out by the police.
- Speeding generally.
- Speeding in village and parking on road.
- Speeding in Wolverton Fields particularly near the school.
- Speeding on approach to village from Snitterfield.
- Speeding over 30mph.
- Speeding Saddlebow lane. Needs restricted speed limit.
- Speeding through the village.
- Speeding through the village in spite of 30 speed limit - not enforced enough more regular speed checks.
- Speeding through the village is a constant every day occurrence. Need occasional speed traps! Or solar powered speed signs.
- Speeding through village.
- Speeding vehicles entering village from "Grange End". Install "flashing speed dependent sign" before Court Cottages.
- The school parking is always a problem, a speed limit would be beneficial.
- The speed at which traffic goes through the main straight of the village is far too fast. I would like to see a couple of sleeping policemen and or a camera. Friday evening is a potential parking issue when the village hall is being used.
- The speed limit outside the school should be reduced to 20mph. The speed of vehicles during early drop offs are far too high.
- Through the village.
- Wolverton school opening and closing times. Better road markings where parking is appropriate.
- Wolverton school parking. Wolverton village, Norton & Langley Road speeding.
- Yes, in front of the school.

26. If you use the footpaths and bridleways in the parish, please give details of any concerns or suggestions for improvement.

Respondents were invited to comment.

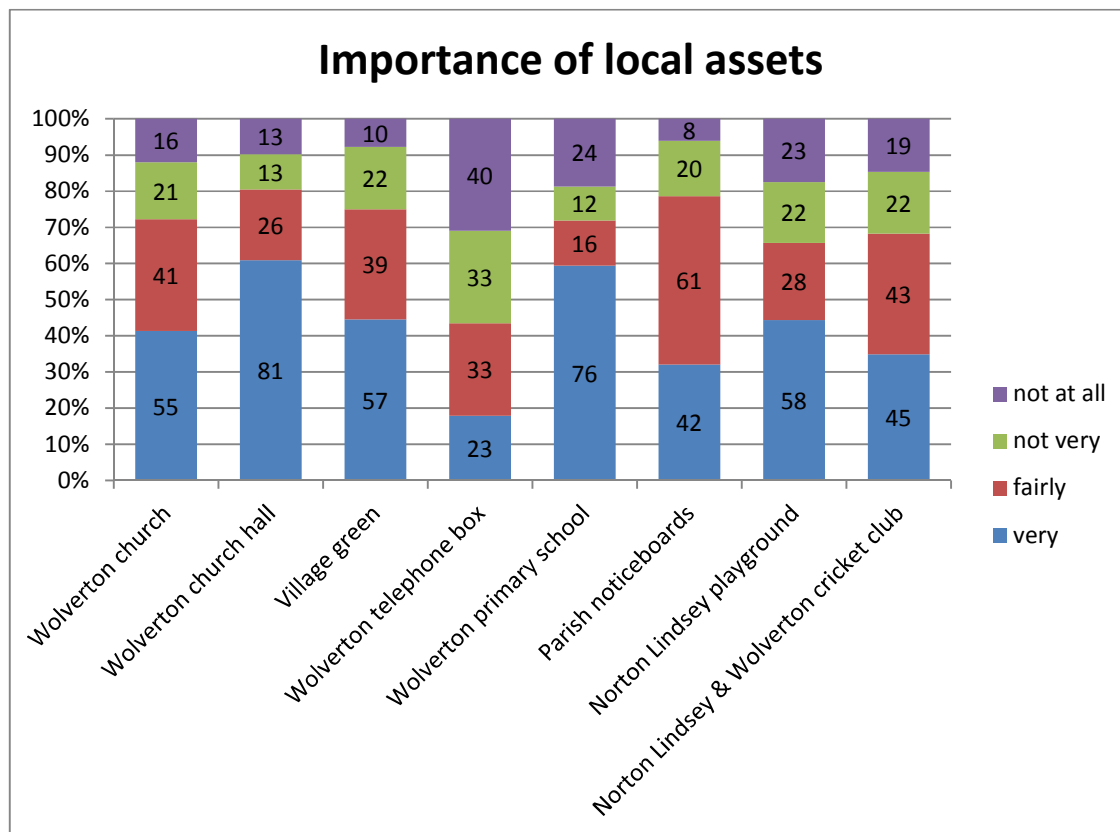
- * Clearly defined footpaths across arable fields - poor access & impenetrable footpaths across oil seed rape fields. * Poor weed control on footpath > crossroads > Wolverton Fields. * Overhanging hedges on & above footpath - vegetation not cleared up when cut, thorns in dogs paws etc. Particularly dangerous - Marlbank - have to walk in road to avoid overhang.
- * Horse riding along the footpath on Wolverton Road remains an issue. * Riding two abreast particularly on the blind bends in is a recipe for a serious accident to horse, rider & driver.
- 1. Crossroads paths - crops overhang minimum width of 1.0m. 2. Muddy surface area near village green on path to Luscombe.
- Again, cutting of farm hedges towards Norton Lindsey from village.
- Are all footpaths clearly marked? The laying of a new surface on the footpath to Norton Lindsey was a waste of money. Already the surface is breaking up with weeds growing through it - at the very least weedkiller should be applied.
- As mentioned above, the path from Wolverton to the crossroads always has overhanging hedges making it difficult to walk along.
- Better signposting.
- Farmers ploughing the field right up to the edge not leaving a grassy area for the footpath. Repairs needed to stream crossing.
- Footpath map so we know where we can walk. Additional bins.
- Footpath to crossing not good even after re-tarmacing last year - poor job. Not that it can be walked upon due to overhanging hedge.
- Footpaths are narrow and overhanging hedges and vegetation frequently pose problems. Surfaces could be better maintained.
- Footpaths are not well maintained and bridleways could do with better signage.
- Footpaths are very good.
- Footpaths are well signposted and adequate for fit walkers.
- Footpaths generally well looked after.
- Footpaths on road recently re-tarmaced showing weeds already!
- Generally good. Drainage in Cow Lane / Old Lane (east from the back of the green) is poor.
- Generally well maintained.
- Heavy vehicles going through the village is a serious problem, as well as speeding, and immediate action needs to be in place before someone is hurt. Everyone, not just lorries, is driving far too fast there is no margin for error.
- Hedges along roadside pavements need better maintenance. Also there are several large overhanging hedges on roads on north & south exits from village.
- I do use the footpaths and bridleways, kissing gates are better than stiles. It is a common occurrence for drivers to swing by the postbox, lean out of the drivers side and post their letters from the comfort of their drivers seat.
- It would be nice if people respect all crops around footpaths and not just roam everywhere and also take their rubbish home with them.
- Keep paths clear from overhanging branches.
- Most very good, and on occasion when needed to report overhanging tree it was dealt with quickly.
- Mostly in good order. Path between Wolverton Court & Luscombe Farm overtaken by crops in summer, perhaps leave a slightly wider verge to enable easier access.
- No concerns. (3 comments)

- No improvements required.
- None. (7 comments)
- None - good, use regularly.
- Often overgrown in summer difficult to walk.
- Overgrown hedgerows.
- Regularly use footpaths and am very happy with their condition.
- Replacement of stiles with gates.
- Resurfacing is required.
- Some areas impassable.
- Some need attention from hedging.
- Some repair to bridges & stiles needed.
- Stiles can be difficult.
- The footpaths we walk are really well maintained by the farmers.
- The 'new' gates are excellent along the footpaths, most footpaths are good. Access to Wolverton church for disabled is not good - cannot get a wheelchair/buggy through 'kissing gate' into church yard & path up to church from village is steep & uneven.
- The paths are slippery in the wet weather and winter they need tarmacing not slabs. Slabs are also a trip hazard.
- The public footpath from Wolverton Road to Snitterfield Lane has never been a bridlepath. Its upkeep is the responsibility of 3 householders. Horse riders insist on using the path despite 'No Horses' signs and the best efforts of the farmer.
- They are OK.
- Use many local paths & bridleways. Dog fouling is an issue on path near Wolverton Church, in the fields.
- V. Good
- Yes we use them, no concerns.
- Yes, some better sign posts and a board with the walks illustrated would be helpful.

Section 5 - parish amenities & environment

27. How important to you are the following local assets?

The greatest number of respondents felt that Wolverton church hall is very important, as is Wolverton primary school. Most respondents commented on Wolverton church (133 responses) and church hall (133 responses). All of the named local assets appear to be 'very' or 'fairly' important other than the Wolverton telephone box.



Although respondents weren't expected to leave comments, three respondents did.

- telephone box comments:
A bit of a landmark!
I do not know where it is!
- primary school comment:
We don't need it but it is important to attract young families to the village.

28. Do you think any of the following are a local problem?

| <u>Problem</u> | <u>Number of responses</u> |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| hedges | 32 |
| cyclists | 30 |
| dog fouling | 30 |
| pavements | 29 |
| litter | 19 |
| horse riders | 13 |

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|-------------------------------|----|
| fly tipping | 10 |
| garden bonfires | 8 |
| fly posting | 7 |
| lighting | 7 |
| fireworks | 5 |
| noise | 3 |
| other: | |
| dangerous driving | |
| waste bins | |
| erosion of verges by vehicles | |

Respondents were invited to comment.

- * too many cyclists riding in bunches without keeping to single file along lanes. * fly posting on telegraph posts by the postbox.
- A recent increase has been noted on the pavements in the village.
- Along road to Snitterfield occasionally.
- Bridle paths impassable.
- Club cyclists - taking over whole road. Hedges - along pavement into village needs cutting back.
- Cycle club road racing should not be allowed as they don't care about other road users safety if it is going to get in the way of their race.
- Cycling clubs with no consideration for other road users.
- Cyclists.
- Cyclists don't seem to know Highway Code when 4 - 5 abreast, dog fouling in Church yard, pavements pose some trip hazards.
- Cyclists only when they ride two abreast along the roads and you can't get past. Horse riders only the rude ones that don't acknowledge you're slowed down and where they are riding and leading another (Norton). Have seen an accident at Norton rider thrown two horses let loose!
- Cyclists taking up all of the road horse manure we have to clean up after our dog pavements see q 26 lighting there is none - could do with some due to theft of number plates.
- Dog fouling - actually much less now especially on FP across Blacon. However it takes just one not to clean up to have a problem. Thought might be given to the provision of 2 dog waste bins - one at the end of the Blacon FP & one in the village itself near the Green.
- Dog fouling on local footpaths particularly ridge to the seat above Manor Farm. Hedge on right as leave village towards Norton Lindsey - needs cutting back as pavement is not useable.
- Dog fouling, especially on way up to school.
- If these were not lit until dusk, it would avoid the problem of spoiling peoples washing or smoking out their gardens forcing them to go inside.
- Footpaths and pavements near school.
- Hedge - Marl Bank. Litter from passing motorists.
- Hedge at northern end of village. Inconsiderate use of mowers. Waste bins kept outside of properties.
- Hedges - obstructing footway (Marlbank v bad and in some areas lack of clearing up if cut), pavements - poor maintenance, litter - occasional roadside litter, flytipping - lawn mowings on verge (bad near school), flyposting - notices on telephone poles, fireworks - lack of notification, horses - on pavements.
- Hedges overhanging pavements.
- Hedges that border roadside paths. Dog fouling on local footpaths. Some fly tipping locally.
- Horse fouling on roads - just left for cars to drive over & disperse.

- In hedgerows particularly.
- Lack of lighting.
- Litter - discarded from cars, particularly bad on Langley Road. Pavements/hedges - overgrown hedges north to crossroads, broken paving from vehicles parking on them. Fly posting - on pole by postbox, rarely taken down again by the people who put them there! Cyclists - the race is dangerous due to their speed through the village.
- Litter - hedges, roads, footpaths. Pavements - weedy, overgrown. Noise - keep Sunday quiet!! Eg no noisy mowers, strimmers, chainsaws, etc. Garden bonfires - inconsiderate burning re wind direction, smoke blowing over neighbouring houses. Hedges - overgrown. Lighting - pointing wrong direction or skywards. Fireworks - inconsiderate 'small' individual events. No warning - neurotic dog!
- Litter deposited along verges. Pavements resurfaced already covered in weeds. Bonfires from Woolly Sheep farm.
- Litter thrown from passing traffic & cyclists. We collect this on most walks. Bonfire smoke from the woolly Sheep farm, Wolverton Road.
- Litter thrown from vehicles (bottles, tins, cigarette packets, fast food containers, crisp packets) mainly just outside the village.
- No objection to cyclists per se but if holding events a bit of notice might be courteous. If cycling through village it would be rather nice if Highway Code followed by them particularly lighting and to appropriate number abreast.
- No street lighting from Red Horse corner to school.
- Overhanging hedges on a footpath between village and crossroads.
- Parking on the pavement, barbecue smells.
- Pavements and hedges as previously mentioned litter being thrown by cyclists and passing cars.
- Pavements need to be kept to full width of pavement not just to where grass is being allowed to grow. Hedges to be trimmed back to enable full pavement to be used.
- Riders are not wearing high vis tops, so drivers on the bends are not seeing riders till the last minute.
- Riding clubs "doing the circuit" failing to remember they are on a public highway and riding in blocks or across the road, often 12 or more together, overtaking not only endangers the motorist but also them.
- There appear to be too many cycle races on sundays which are fairly dangerous on the bends around Wolverton.
- Tyres dropped on Wolverton Road.
- Tyres dumped on verge, maintenance after a considerable amount of money spent on resurfacing, often damage verges and riding side by side causes a hazard on the road.
- Uneven surfaces - difficult for wheelchairs/buggies.
- Warm sunny weekends don't appreciate smoke from bonfires. Waste bins not put away.
- When riding not in a single row they can be hard to pass.
- Whilst I have a dog, I clean up after him. It makes me extremely angry to see that others don't do the same. Hedges need trimming back along the pavement to the crossroads. The pavement is kept well maintained.

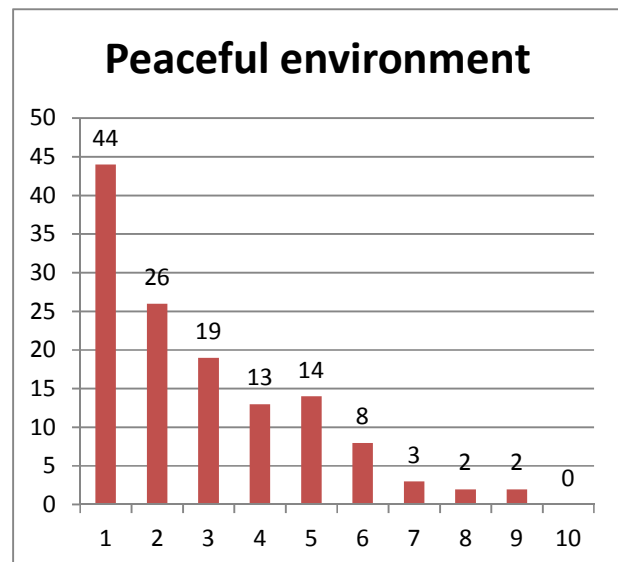
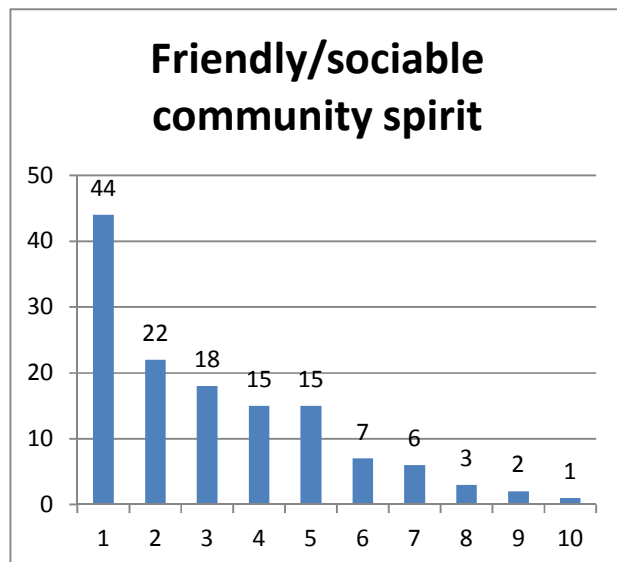
29. Which of these aspects do you value most about living in Wolverton parish?

Respondents were asked to rate various aspects in order of priority with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least.

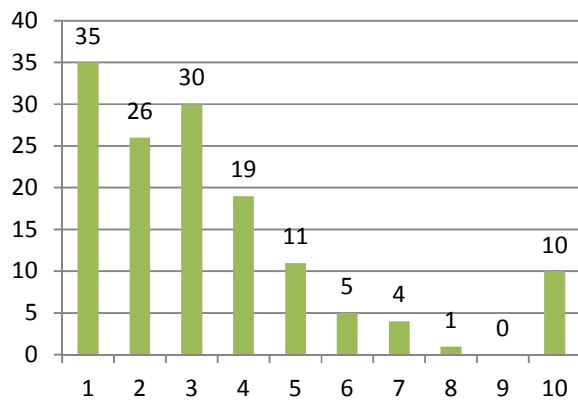
| Aspect | No. of responses in order of priority | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| friendly/sociable community spirit | 44 | 22 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| peaceful environment | 44 | 26 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| beauty of open countryside | 35 | 26 | 30 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| attractiveness and small size of village | 23 | 18 | 21 | 25 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| access to walks in countryside | 10 | 8 | 17 | 14 | 25 | 17 | 24 | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| access to road network and range of towns | 10 | 7 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 11 | 38 | 16 | 1 |
| local wildlife | 10 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 25 | 23 | 22 | 13 | 1 |
| lack of street lighting | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 28 | 60 | 7 |
| feel safe - little crime or antisocial behaviour | 17 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 20 | 21 | 19 | 9 | 1 |
| other (comments below) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

33% of respondents rated “friendly/sociable community spirit” as the most important aspect, 34% of respondents rated “peaceful environment” as the most important aspect, and 25% of respondents rated “beauty of open countryside” as most important.

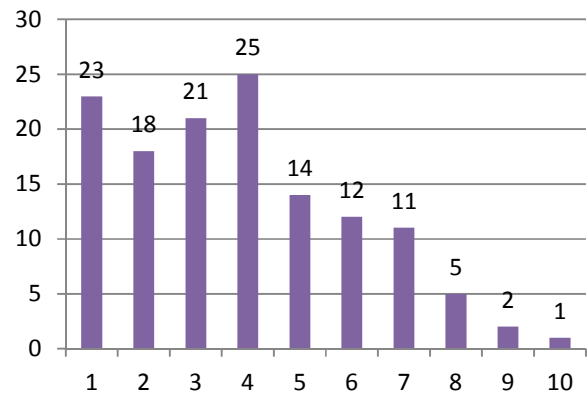
27% of respondents rated “access to road networks and range of towns” as not particularly important (8 out of 10), whilst 48% of respondents rated “lack of street lighting” as even less important (9 out of 10).



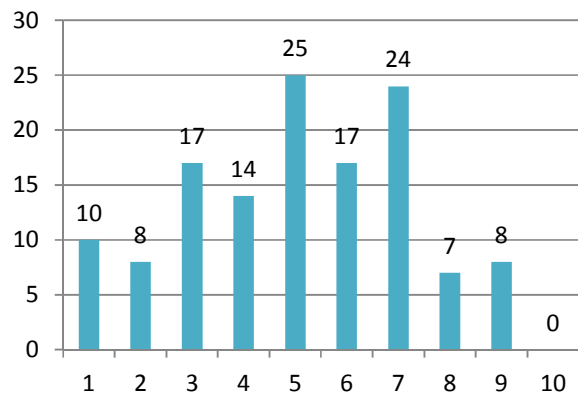
Beauty of open countryside



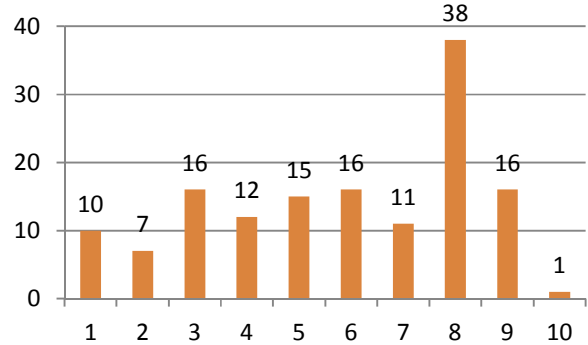
Attractiveness & small size of village



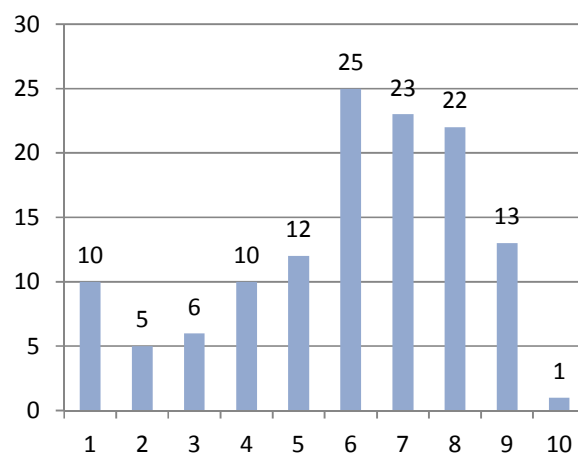
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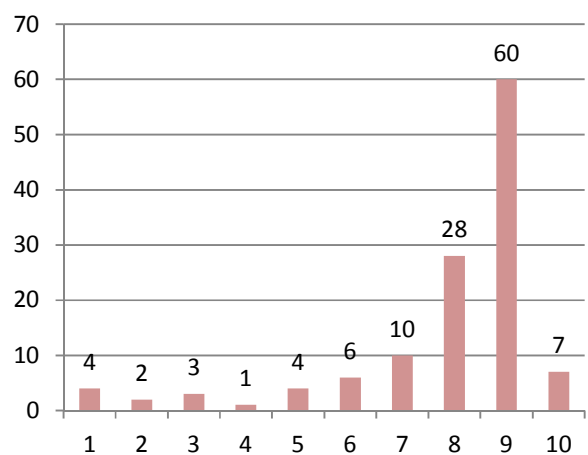
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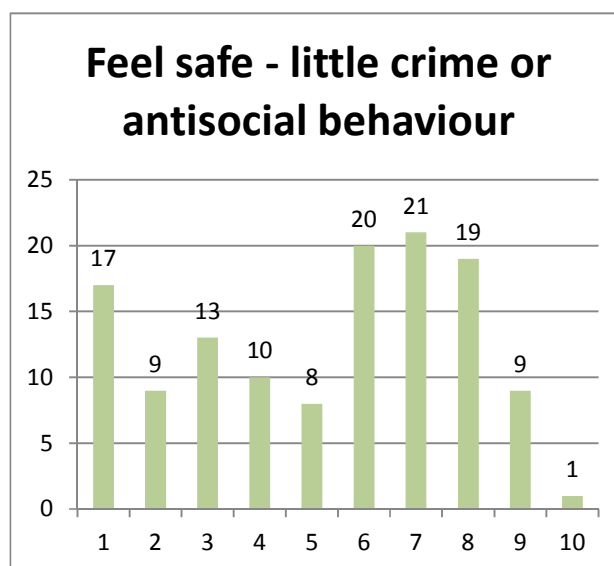


Local wildlife



Lack of street lighting





Respondents were invited to specify other aspects, and there were three comments.

- 10 - proximity to Norton Lindsey
- 8 - distance from busy/noisy main roads.
- This is too difficult to prioritise, we value all of these - we are very lucky

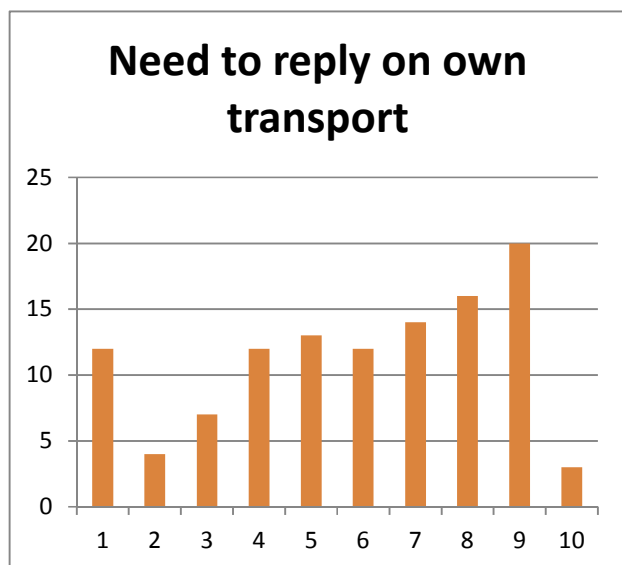
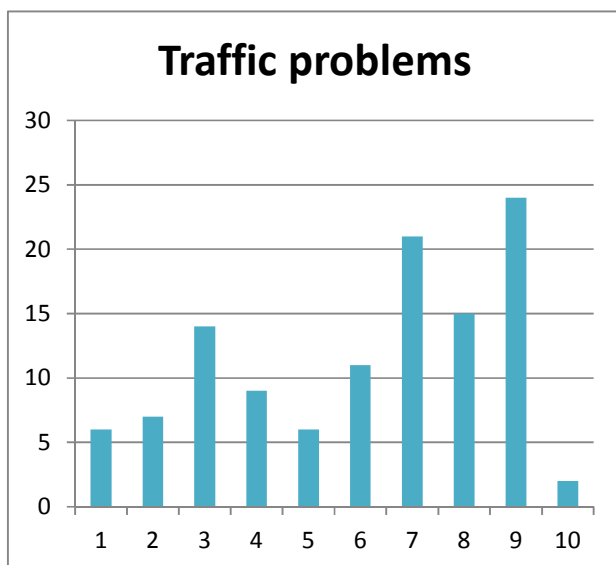
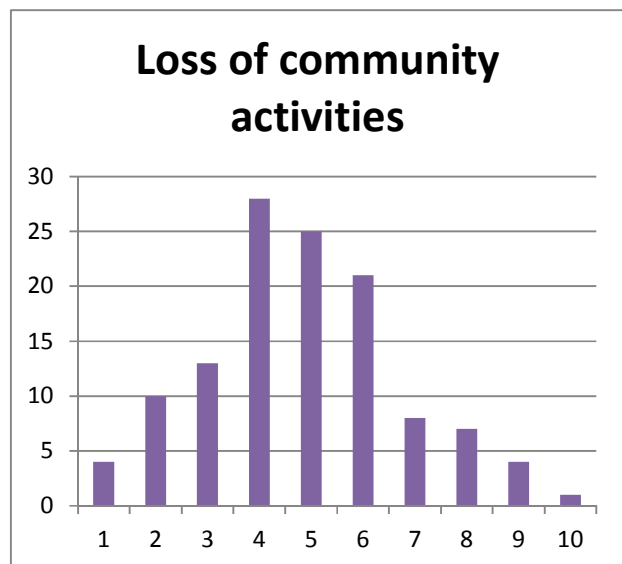
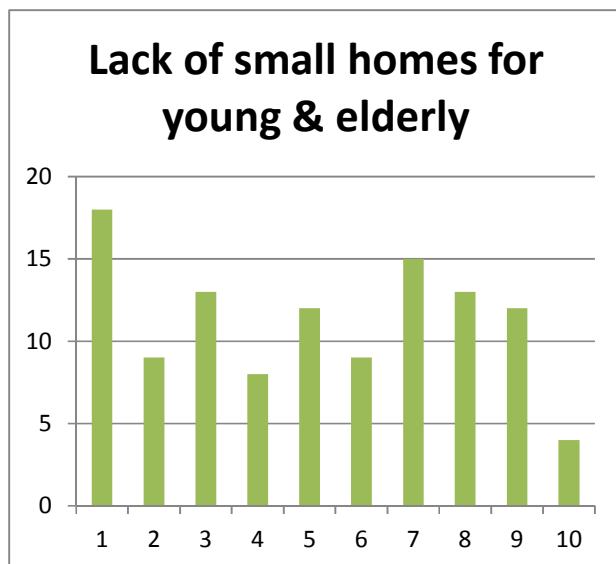
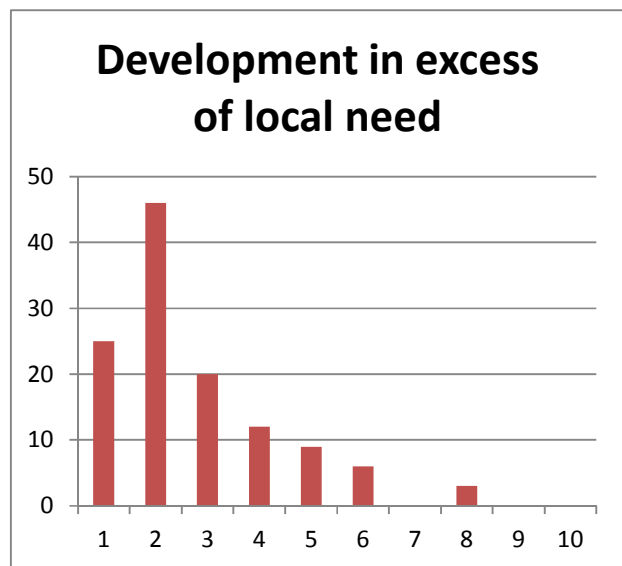
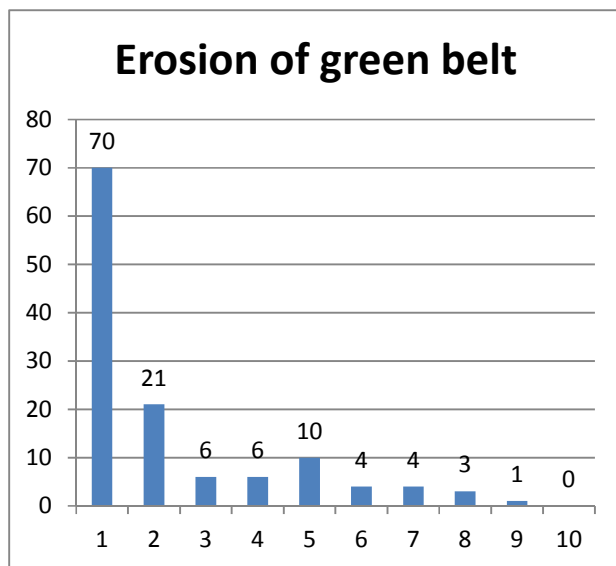
30. Which of these issues concern you most about the future of Wolverton parish?

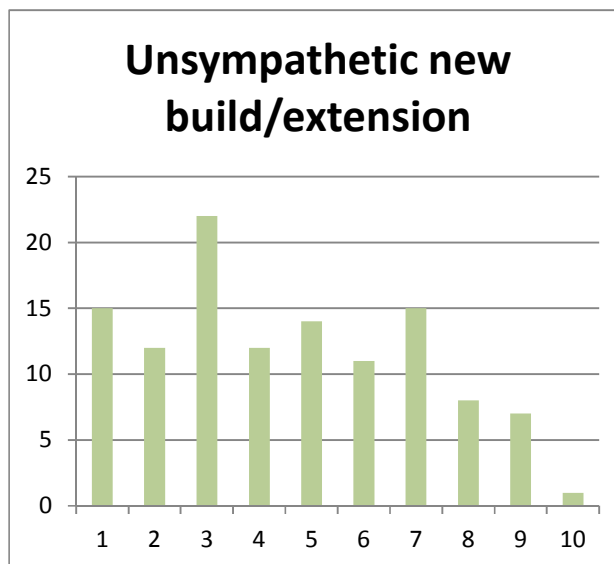
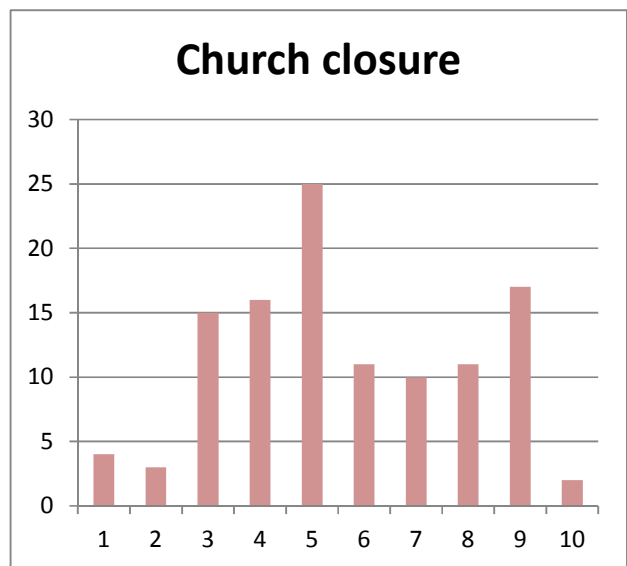
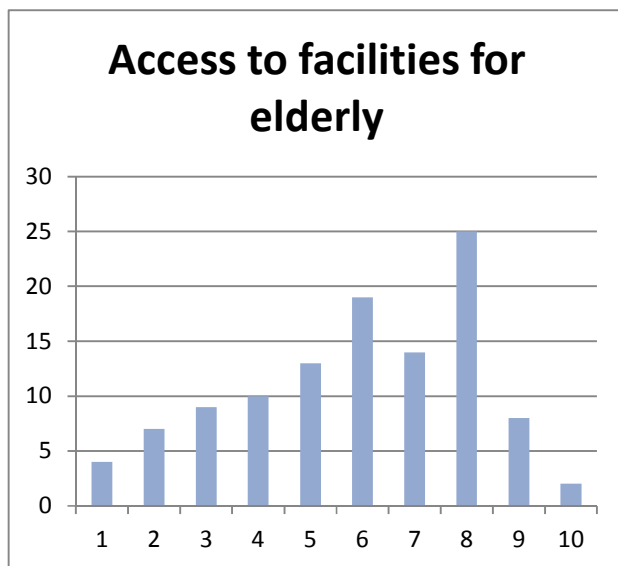
Respondents were asked to rate various issues in order of priority with 1 being of most concern and 10 being of least concern.

| Aspect | No. of responses in order of priority | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| erosion of green belt/open countryside | 70 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| development in excess of local need | 25 | 46 | 20 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| lack of small homes for young & elderly | 18 | 9 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 4 |
| loss of community activities | 4 | 10 | 13 | 28 | 25 | 21 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| traffic problems | 6 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 15 | 24 | 2 |
| need to rely on own transport | 12 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 3 |
| access to facilities for elderly | 4 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 25 | 8 | 2 |
| church closure | 4 | 3 | 15 | 16 | 25 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 2 |
| unsympathetic new build/extension | 15 | 12 | 22 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Other (comments below) | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 |

56% of respondents rated “erosion of green belt & loss of open countryside” as being of most concern and 38% of respondents rated “development in excess of local need” as being of concern (2 out of 10). “Loss of community activities” is of concern for 61% of respondents (ratings 4, 5 & 6 out of 10). “Unsympathetic new build or extensions” is of some concern to 19% of respondents (3 out of 10). 22% of respondents rated “church closure” as being of concern (5 out of 10).

21% of respondents rated “traffic problems” as being of little concern (9 out of 10) and 23% of respondents rated “access to facilities for elderly” as being of little concern (8 out of 10).





Respondents were invited to specify other concerns and there were six comments.

- 1 - Concerned that any parcels of land being sold might be purchased by travellers & then establish residency in Green Belt - as has happened in various local areas in recent years.
- 10 - Loss of public house & village hall.
- 3 - Shortage of parking for increasing number of cars.
- I am concerned that the mature trees in the parish should be maintained well & preserved & added to where appropriate.
- Loss of Church Hall would be (1) as this would have a very negative effect.
- None of these concern me because they were either things that I knew about when I decided to move here or there is little evidence of them happening or likely to happen.

Section 6 – activities

31. Do you take part in any sports activities locally?

Respondents were invited to respond to “If so, what and where?”.

- Badminton St Nicholas Park/ Cov Whitley School, Tennis at Warwick CC. Netball at Sports Connexion Coventry, Cricket – Claverdon.
- Cricket/social.
- Cricket/spectator.
- Golf – Henley.
- Golf - Shirley golf club
- Golf & raquetball at Ardencote.
- Golf at Stratford & real tennis at Moreton Morrell.
- Golf at Stratford Oaks. (4 comments)
- Golf Stratford on Avon golf club.
- Golf Warwickshire.
- Golf, Stratford Oaks Bearley.
- If cycling & dog walking counts!
- LA Fitness Warwick, squash, water aerobics, Body Balance classes, Swimming.
- Member of Arden Court health club!
- NL & W cricket club, cricket and dominoes.
- NL Cricket.
- No but walk every day.
- None apart from walking.
- Not as much as would like to!
- Not at present.
- Regular walking in surrounding countryside. Cycling around local villages. Exercise class/zumba (Snitterfield).
- Regularly.
- Running in the cricket field.
- Running on local roads, footpaths and bridleways. Canoeing - at local club in Leamington and locally on the Avon & canals. Cycling on local roads & bridleways.
- Snitterfield bowling club.
- Snitterfield tennis club. Swimming at Stratford leisure centre. Gym & badminton at Stratford leisure centre.
- Squash in Stratford.
- Stratford and Leamington.
- Swimming etc – Ardencote.
- Table tennis Norton Lindsey Village Hall.
- Table tennis Norton Lindsey village hall, rugby at Claverdon for children, tennis at Warwick boat club.
- Table tennis Norton Lindsey village hall, tennis Warwick tennis club.
- Tennis - Ardencote & Claverdon, running - on footpaths, badminton – Claverdon.
- Tennis - Claverdon & Ardencote, Gym – Ardencote.
- Tennis - Claverdon etc etc. Golf - Henley GCC.
- Tennis anywhere and stratford.
- Tennis at Claverdon and the Ardencote.

- Various golf courses.
- Walking group.
- Walks in local countryside.
- WI walking group. (2 comments)
- Yes -Claverdon Rugby Football Club.
- Yes riding walking cycling jogging village events.
- Yes- walking with 2 walking groups and friends. Pilates and aqua aerobics; member of Welcombe hotel health club.
- Yes, boxing at Warwick racecourse club, gym in Leamington, running at cricket field/football ground.
- Yes, tennis Claverdon & Ardencote. Cycling. Gym Ardencote.
- Zumba, pilates, step class, tennis & golf at Ardencote. Walking locally - village & surrounding fields.

32. Do you take part in any other activities locally?

Respondents were invited to respond to "If so, what and where?".

- Aqua aerobics in Warwick, St Nicholas' pool.
- Aquafit - seaford swimmers. Claverdon.
- Children use leisure centre for swimming and horseriding in Claverdon.
- Church and church hall functions and events.
- Church fete and most community organised functions.
- Church fete, bbq, social activities in the Hall.
- Dominoes @ Cricket Club.
- Events in Wolverton.
- Gardening club - Norton - occasionally.
- Gardening groups Claverdon & Snitterfield.
- Golf, shooting.
- Guiding - wolverton WI NL, Church, Church Hall functions.
- Help with Church Hall functions. Member of Warwick Natural History Society. Join Walks with Norton Lindsay Walking group and [organised] Walking Group.
- Horse riding along local bridleways.
- I play the organ at Wolverton church. In the past I have run Brownies & been very involved with Village Hall Committee.
- I try to attend social activities when I can.
- Norton Lindsey walking group, NL WI.
- Norton Lindsey WI.
- Organised events.
- Rainbow guides Wolverton, Church Wolverton, Village activities.
- Scottish Country Dancing - Leamington Spa. Organised walking.
- Snitterfield.
- Social events. Walking with friends/villagers.
- Social member of cricket club. (2 comments)
- Spanish classes @ Claverdon. Choir, Warwick/Coventry.
- Support local activities in the hall, garden fete etc.
- Support the church and gardening.
- Table tennis occasionally in NL.

- Theatre - stratford, Warwick. Eating out - stratford, warwick, Leamington Spa, local villages. Walking - all areas.
- Try to keep in a small way, parish matters etc.
- Try to take part in various social events with other villagers.
- Village activities.
- Village hall & fete.
- Village hall events.
- Village hall social evenings and village walks.
- Village hall socials.
- Village hall, church, pub.
- Village/church hall events.
- Walking. (2 comments)
- Walking (local walks around village), cycling.
- Walking club, rugby, gym membership, family activities.
- Walking group. (2 comments)
- Walking, cycling.
- WI.
- WI Norton Lindsey.
- WI walking group, Wolverton walking group.
- WI, NL village hall.
- WI. Norton Lindsey village hall. Walking group.
- WI. Social events at NL VH.
- Zumba Snitterfield (now finished). We need another local class!

33. Would you like to see other activities locally?

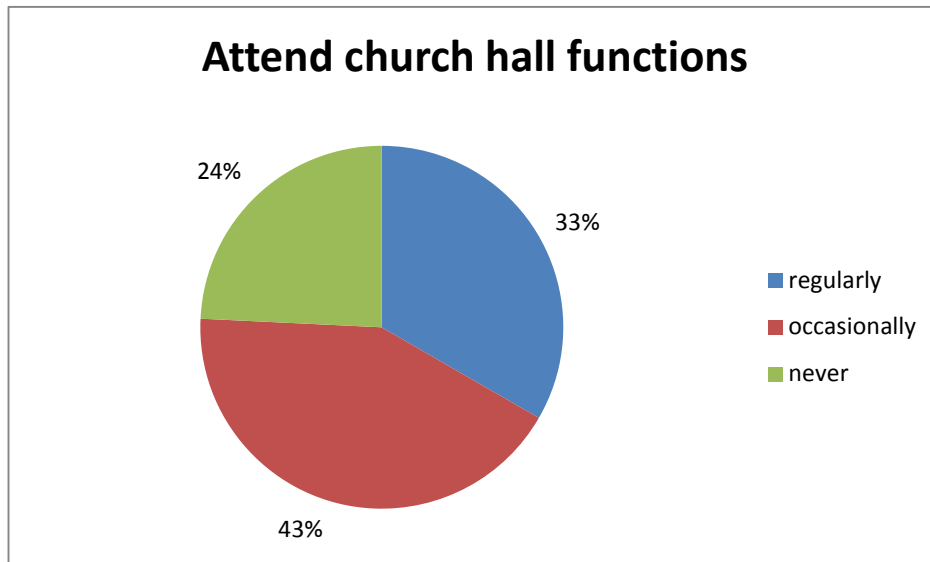
Respondents were asked to comment on what and where.

- Badminton in Village Hall.
- Badminton, craft.
- Bridge group and badminton in village hall.
- Childrens cricket.
- Children's cricket club in Norton Lindsey & Wolverton. Have had to go further afield this year.
- Exercise eg pilates/zumba/yoga in Wolverton.
- Good ad hoc network of activities by residents in small groups.
- Keep fit - pilates, yoga, zumba type classes in Village Hall.
- No room for them.
- Not really - the balance is about right. We are grateful to those who regularly organise village events, which we greatly enjoy.
- Possibly local shop deliveries.
- Possibly more outdoor get togethers. Village needs a larger 'green' area for summer activities - BBQ, maybe a summer concert, mayday festival, outdoor theatre, supported by small local groups.
- Village reading group, bridge lessons, weekly walking group.
- WRC through Wolverton & surrounding area. Maybe live bands or Dave Mann's band?
- Yes more child focused club on Saturdays.
- Yes, I would like to see an area for the potential young children. Small park equipment with maybe badminton or similar opportunities.

- Yes, more groups and activities in the village hall.
- Zumba in Wolverton.

34. Do you attend Church Hall functions? (134 responses)

Only 24% of respondents never attend functions held in the church hall.

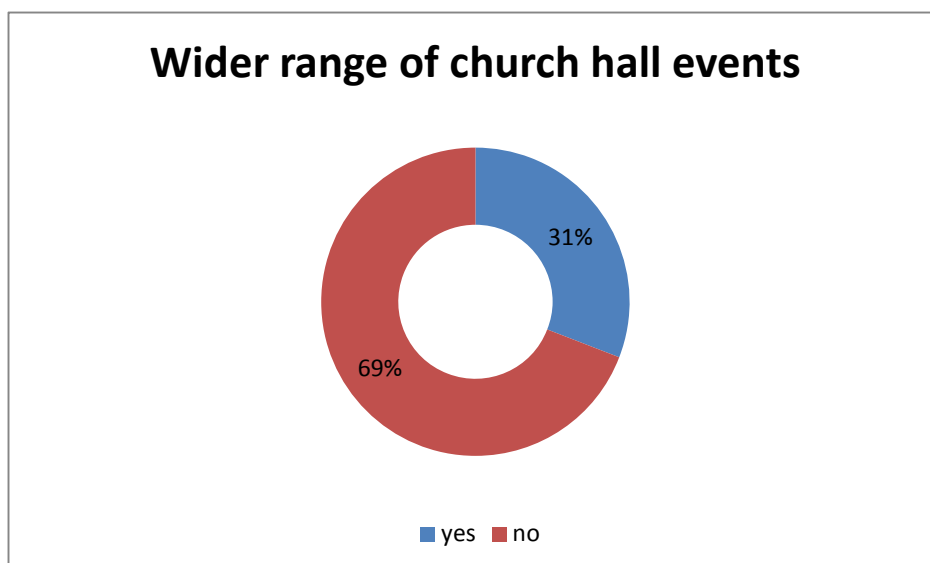


Although respondents weren't expected to leave comments two respondents did.

- never -activities limited now due to old age
- yes

35. Would you like to see a wider range of Church Hall events?

The majority of respondents would not like to see a wider range of church hall events.

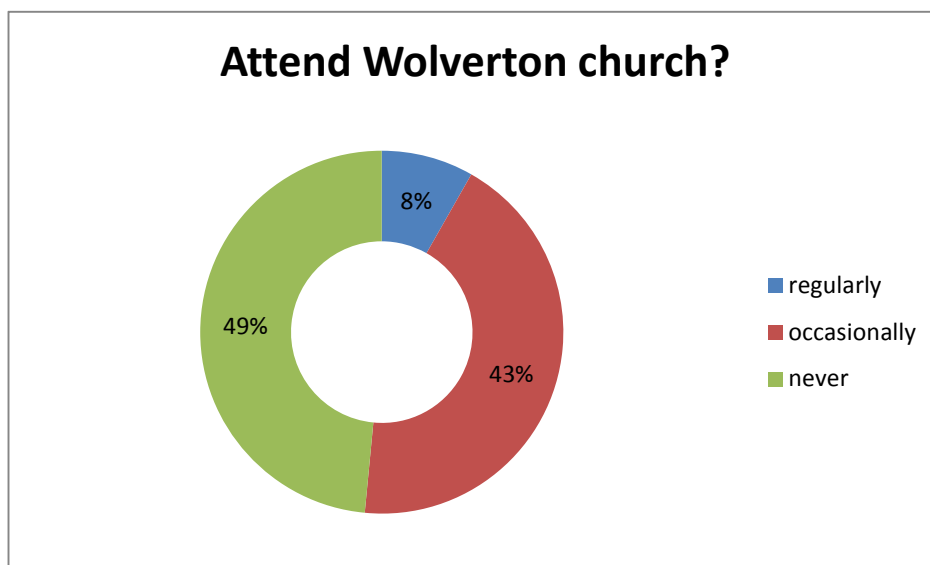


Respondents who had responded yes were invited to comment on “what would you like to see?”

- Bric a brac - antiques fair. Crafts.
- Craft workshops - ad hoc on day or evenings eg come & try willow weaving, art, nature talks etc.
- Current programme about right.
- Currently well catered for.
- Films.
- Happy with the events a fantastic array of functions we particularly enjoyed the quiz night.
- Happy with what there is.
- I have suggested a Burns Night for next January. We are always happy to try out other people's ideas.
- It would have been super to be able to attend a yoga lesson or zumba lesson or similar so local.
- Live entertainment.
- More activity based sessions or events, such as evening classes or educational activities.
- More evening social get-togethers.
- More Live and Local. (2 comments)
- More music related events.
- More quiz nights. (3 comments)
- Music events/bands.
- No view. (6 comments)
- Not the overcrowded evening events involving food. More daytime social get togethers, eg charity coffee morning.
- Occasional quiz night, skittles.
- Quiz nights, live music.
- Some musical evenings - but not sure this would be financially viable.
- We seem to have about the right number of events.

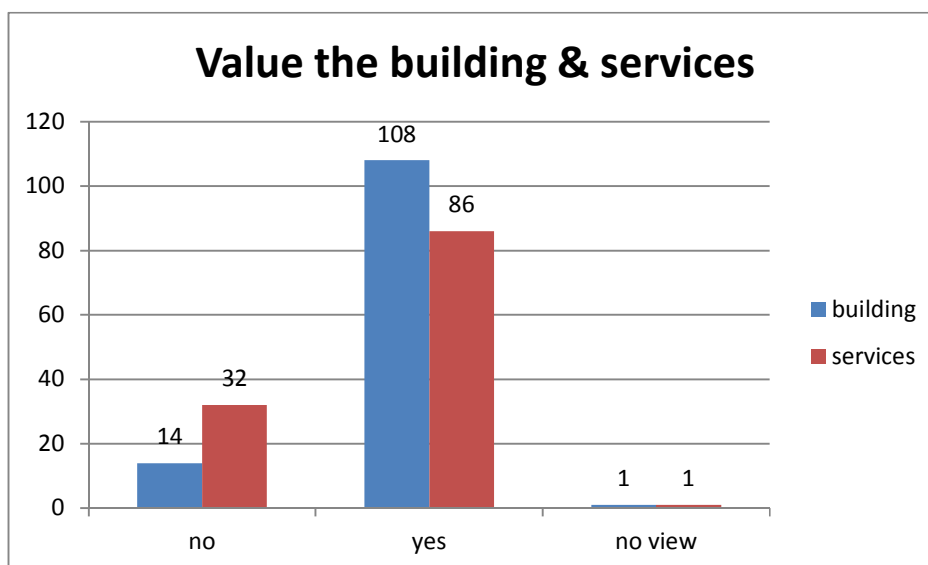
36. Do you attend Wolverton church? (134 responses)

Only 8% of respondents attend Wolverton church regularly.



37. Do you value the building and services the local church has to offer?

88% of respondents value the building and 72% of respondents value the services. One respondent had no view on either building or services, whilst 11% of respondents did not value the building and 26% of respondents did not value the services.

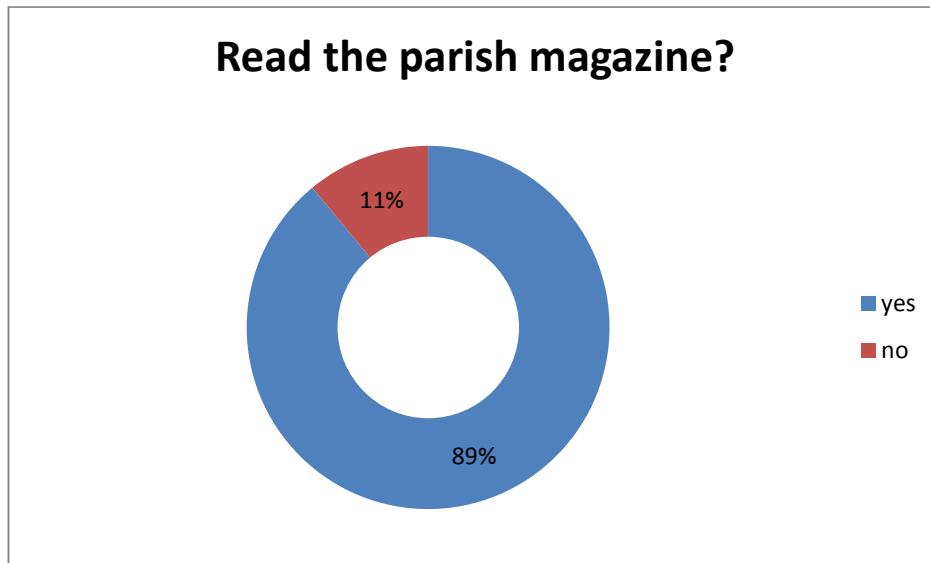


Where respondents had answered "no", they were asked "can you suggest any improvements?"

- A new vicar.
- For other residents.
- Glad to see there are services at Wolverton Church but personally attend services at Catholic church.
- I'm not a believer so its not for me to comment.
- Too far from us.
- Value land/Rectory lawn for village fete. Maybe the village could do more as a group to support those facilities.
- We are not religious & would not wish to attend church services.
- Whilst I do not attend church it is a glue that binds the village together & its traditions & services should remain in the village.

38. Do you read the Parish magazine? (136 responses)

Only 11% of respondents do not read the parish magazine.



Respondents were asked "Are there any features you like in particular, or would like to see?"

- Dave & Dorothy's farming update. More community information, eg church hall events better publicised.
- Excellent publication
- I like the farm report and wildlife articles. (2 comments)
- I would like to see Wolverton events advertised in the Parish magazine.
- Like local farm progress reports, local wildlife reports. Would like - parish council reports, church hall organisation information.
- Like the farm news (Mann's)
- Local sports results. Notes on computer IT.
- Make use of diary planning by the organisations.
- Mann's Diary. More farming articles.
- Manor Farm page, wildlife page. Introduction.
- Manor Farm Wolverton Diary by the Mann family. Gardens and countryside by Ted Read.
- More adverts from local tradesmen, as the link in Snitterfield.
- More adverts of local tradesmen would be great.
- More articles such as the Manns farming articles (published each month) and the vicars letter and an article about the recently departed Norton Lindsey Peacock (single article) would add interest. Keeping in touch with forthcoming events is very useful function of the mag.
- More details re Wolverton functions.
- Nature notes. Farming notes.
- Never seen one.
- News from Dave Mann and Ted Reid. (2 comments)
- Perhaps the neighbourhood watch could be included? Changes to bin collections?
- Regular WPC reports as Norton Lindsey.
- The Mann's farming article, nature article and news about residents.
- Update on farming issues. Update from Parish Council. More local business adverts.

Section 7 – finally

39. Are there any other issues or ideas you would like to raise?

Respondents were invited to comment.

- [mobile library] If aware of times may do. Will be using bus services for school in near future.
- 1) A clear action plan with measurable goals that WPC keep to (based on the needs of local responses). 2) Regular feedback to householders through newsletter or open meetings.
- Attend Holy Trinity NL on a regular basis.
- Biggest concern is speed limit outside school.
- Broadband speed is restrictive, we should campaign for rural broadband initiative.
- Concern over the sale of Wolverton Court - any development in that part of the village would be detrimental to the green.
- I do not believe you can freeze the village in time. There have to be changes, not everyone will want them, but there should be some small development of 2-3 new houses in areas where there will be minimum impact.
- I particularly like the Manor Farm, Wolverton – dairy.
- I regularly attend Holy Trinity NL.
- If homes for older people wishing to move to smaller properties or for young people are to be considered, this needs to be done alongside a vast improvement in public transport, access to the doctor's surgery and a village shop - post office etc. Otherwise those with less resources at both ends of the age spectrum could find themselves trapped in the village with no easy way to reach these facilities.
- It appears to me there will be pressure on communities to increase housing offer. I'd rather be proactive now ... rather than have solutions forced on folk at a later date!
- Love Wolverton walking group.
- No thank you - good luck with the analysis (smiley face).
- Parish amenities - I do not use these, they are not important to me but it is important that they exist as art of the community.
- Parking outside Wolverton school is very bad twice a day.
- Re defibrillator - only if sufficiently trained people able to access. Bus shelter at crossroads (Wolverton) for children who have to wait for school buses. Value village hall & church, postbox, proximity to village shops, Snitterfield & Claverdon. A big problem with badgers causing damage to garden.
- Road speed, there will be a fatal accident one day unless we slow the traffic down!!
- Slow the traffic from village hall to the school.
- Speeding through 30mph limit.
- Stop cycle races through the village, more of a police presence with speed cameras.
- Stop massive lorries going through the village; they break up the road and are far too big for these lanes - which when walking frightens you to death.
- Support by parish council to allow barns become residential and not just business use in accordance with NPF national policy.
- Support of existing redundant buildings to provide residential accommodation. Support of new homes to provide additional dwellings for local need within the parish both to buy and to rent. Need younger generation to move into village. Wolverton offers a great school, homes needed for families to live closer to school.
- Thank you for your hard work in setting this up!

- The siting of the Millenium bench provides a lovely view but the seat itself requires replacing - could thought be given to a simpler less expensive but more durable replacement on the same spot - location but not apt. I, for one, would be happy to subscribe towards a replacement.
- There is no centre of the village & may be a community shop or bus shelter will bring the local community together in some way.
- Traffic congestion and parking around the school. Only 30% of school attendees are local. Out of village kids (70 vehicles?!) cause a big problem. Should a condition of entry to the school be use of a common school bus service for out of village children?
- Traffic outside Wolverton school.
- Wolverton is a lovely village, whose character is something to be maintained. That should not be a barrier to development or change, but anything considered should be in line with existing rural outlooks and aspects of the village and be sympathetic to those, as a result.