

LITTLE MILTON VILLAGE PLAN

VILLAGE SURVEY RESULTS 2013

A survey of all households in the village was conducted Feb-Apr 2013. The purpose of the survey was to seek the views of villagers on matters which had been identified as being of concern in the village, and also to ask key questions on behalf of various village organisations – parish council, village hall, shop, etc.

We circulated a tailored extract of the results to various village organisations and asked for their feedback before final publication. The responses received have been published as a separate document.

The results of the survey will now be used to help draft the Little Milton Village Plan.

In addition to the survey questionnaire, forms were also circulated which allowed people to put their names forward as volunteers to assist the various village organisations.

Volunteers

As part of the survey process, we attracted 57 additional volunteers as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Occasional help in the shop | 7 |
| Shop committee | 2 |
| Pine Lodge (village hall) committee | 1 |
| Orchard pre-school committee | 0 |
| Recreation ground committee | 2 |
| Friends of Wells Farm Wildlife Reserve (BBOWT) | 7 |
| Women's Institute (WI) committee | 0 |
| Parochial Church Council | 1 |
| Church cleaning or flower rota | 4 |
| Churchyard grass cutting rota | 1 |
| Friends of Little Milton School | 2 |
| School Governor | 2 |
| Village Fete event team | 4 |
| Village car service | 4 |
| Help run the Cinema Club | 1 |
| Help with Speed Watch with local police | 7 |
| Youth Group leadership | 3 |
| Parish Council | 2 |
| Help with Trading Standards vehicle weight monitoring | 5 |
| Others (litter blitz & bell ringing) | 2 |

Baseline

The overall response rate to the survey was:

Households in village

200

Total households responding

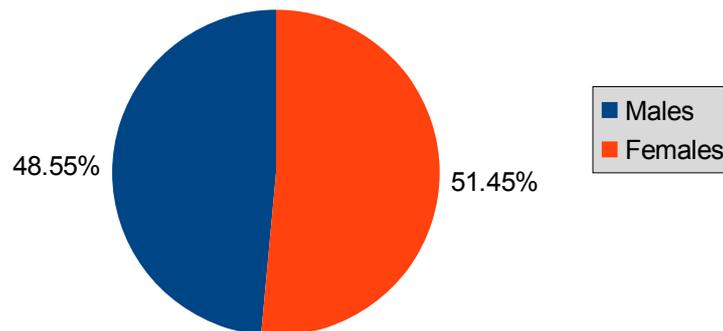
167
83.50%

The results of the answers to the questions posed in the Village Survey are shown below, in general without further interpretation. Where some interpretation or judgement has been made, this is indicated.

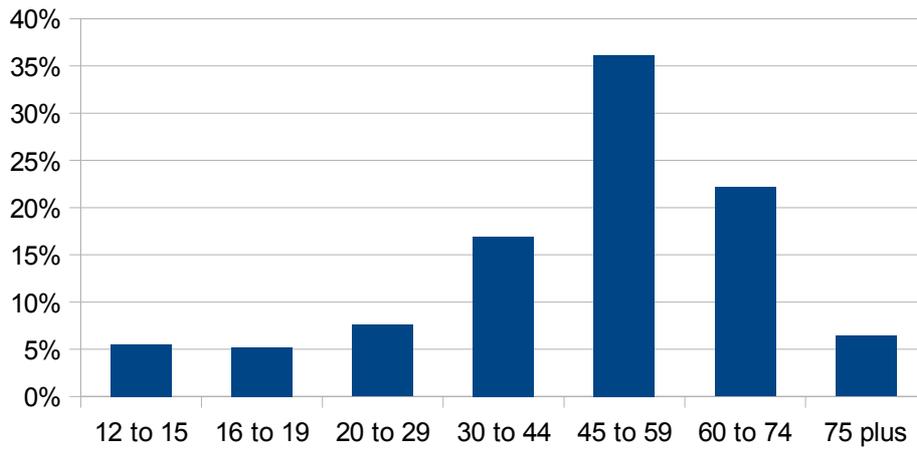
The results of the survey will be used in the next stage of the Village Plan process which is the drafting of the Action Plan.

DEMOGRAPHICS

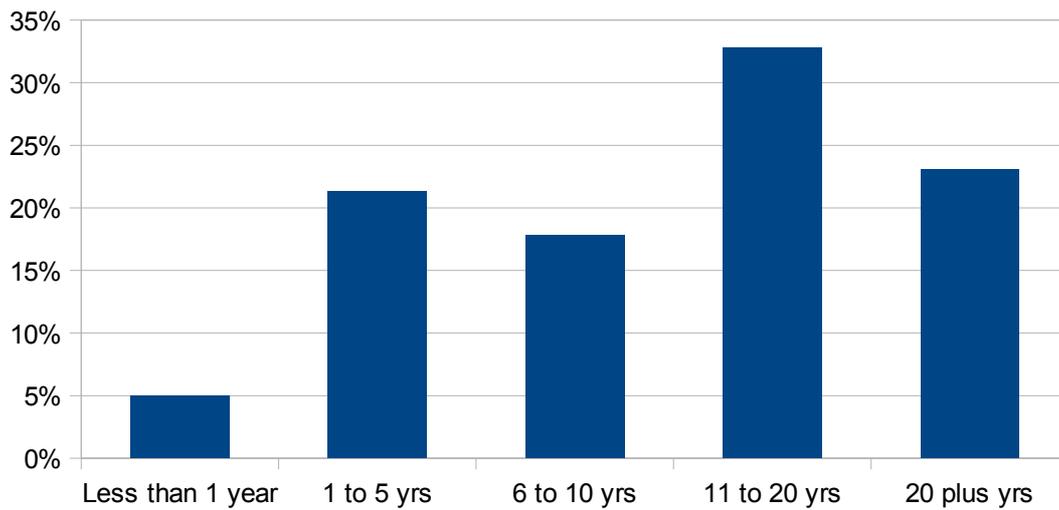
Gender of responders



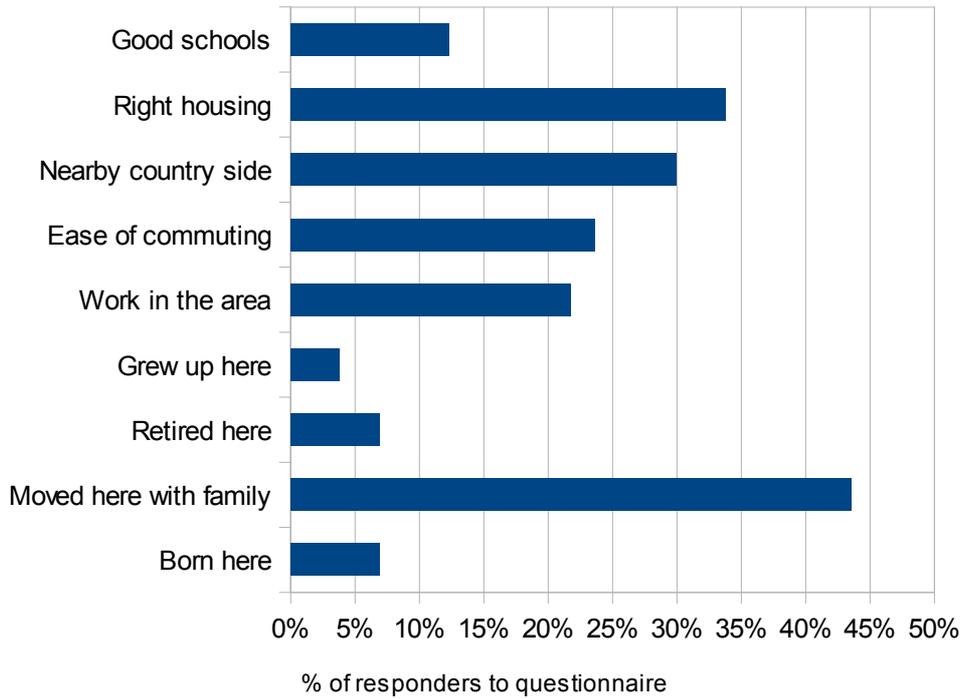
Age brackets of responders



Time lived in village

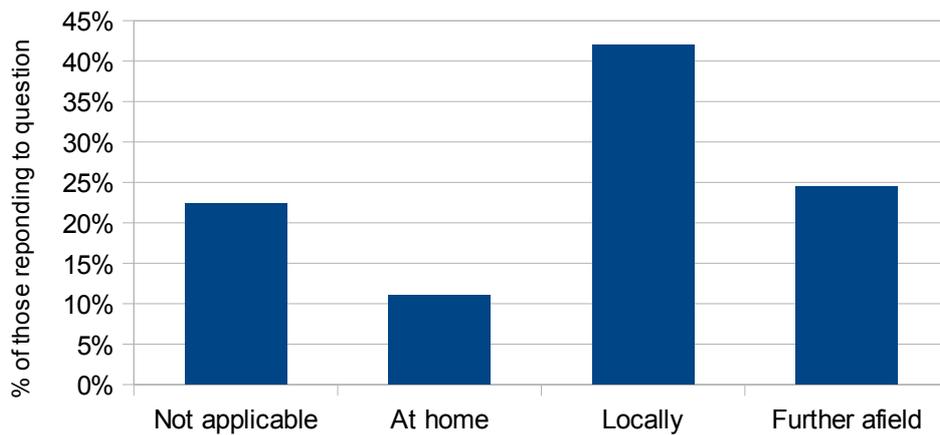


Reasons for moving to the village

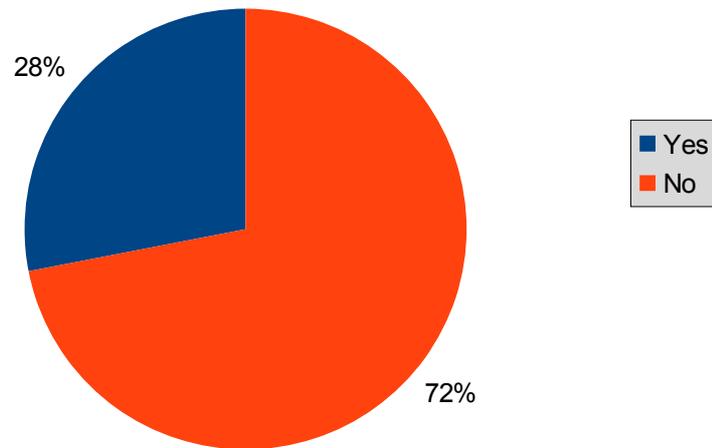


Note: This was a multiple choice question. In multiple choice questions, respondents could tick as many options as they wished. Therefore the total of all the responses will exceed 100%.

Where do you work or study?

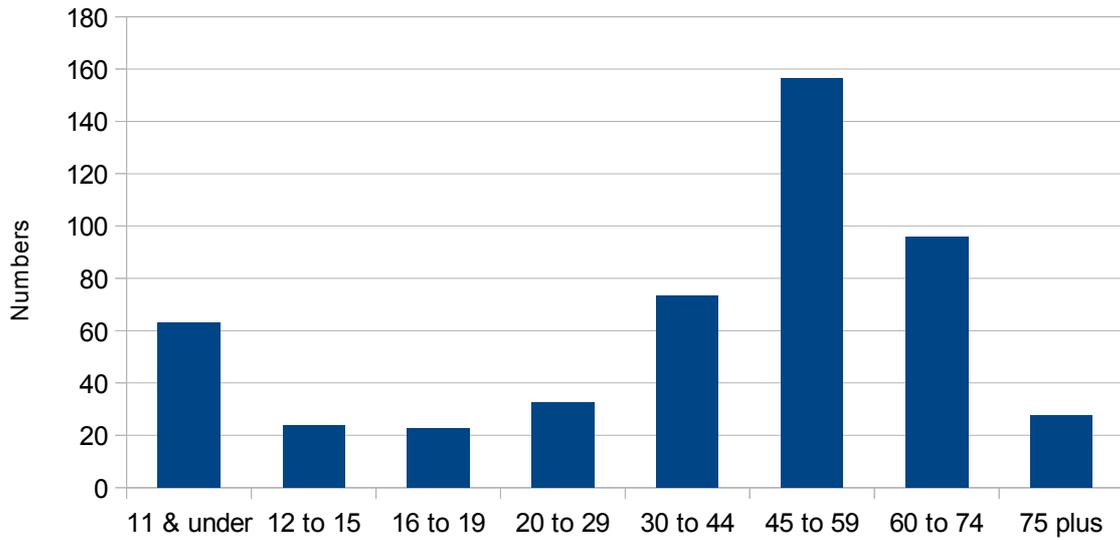


Do you have any dogs
in your household ?



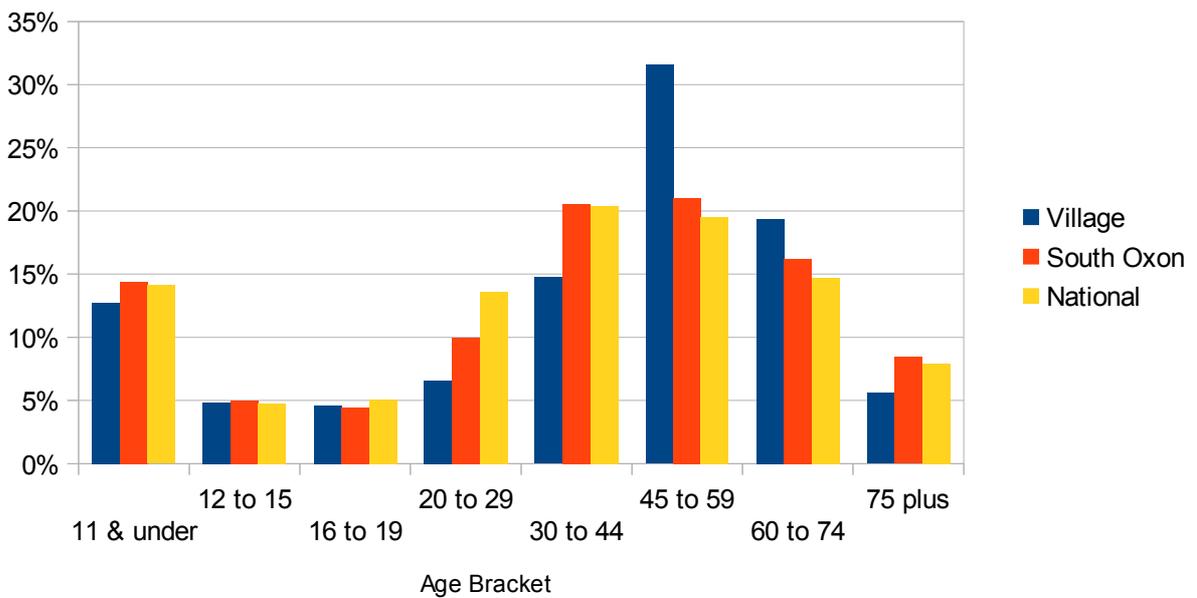
From the data provided, it is also possible to derive an extrapolated total population of the village of 496, which breaks down as follows:

Extrapolated village population



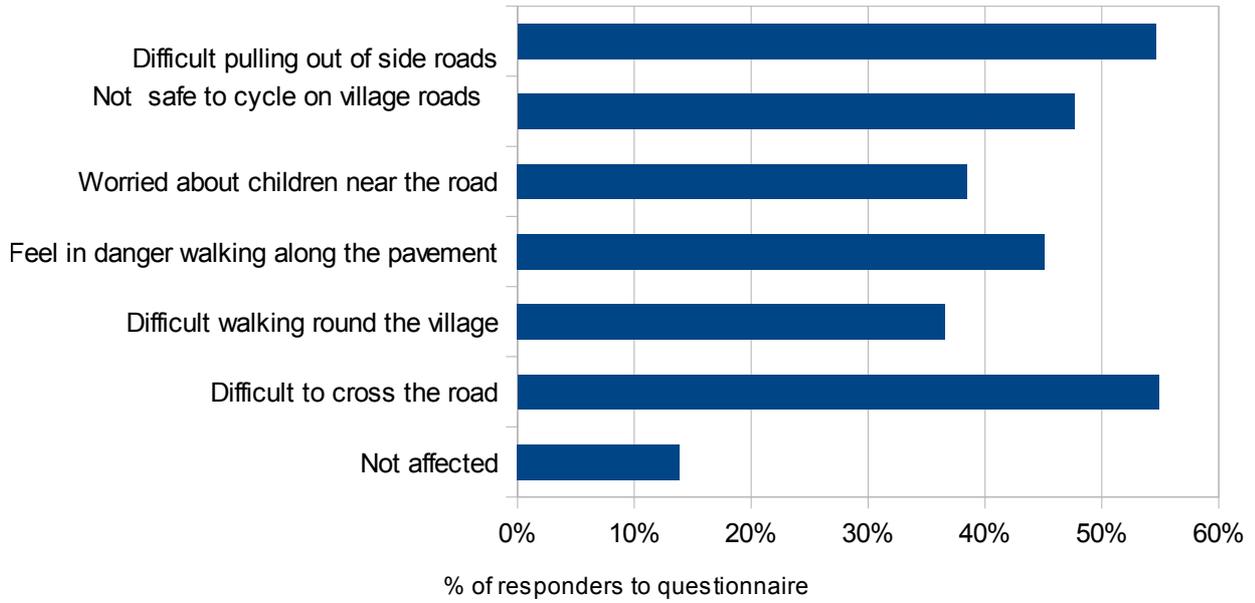
This data has also been compared with 2011 census information for South Oxfordshire and the United Kingdom:

Village Age Profile compared with South Oxon and National data



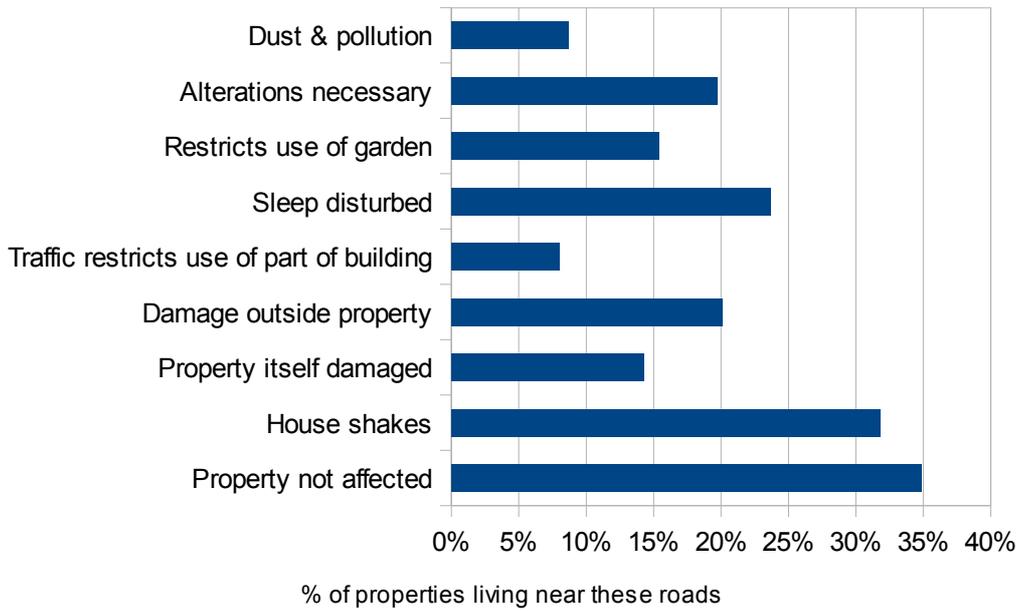
TRAFFIC

Affect of through traffic when out and about in village



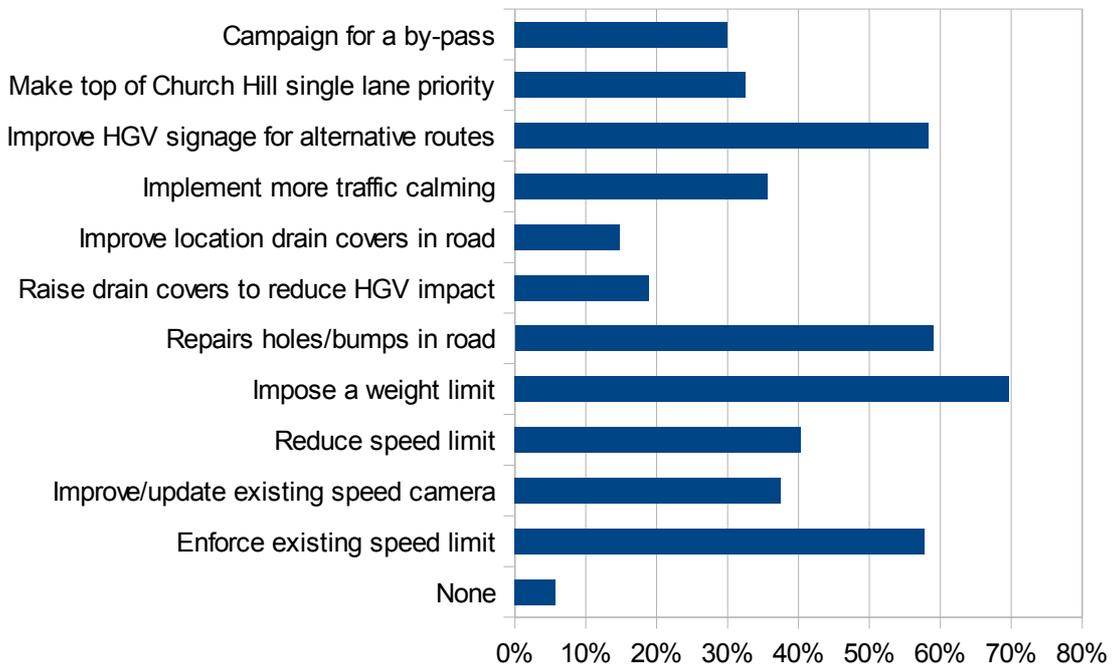
Note: This was a multiple choice question.

If living near the A329 or Haseley Rd, effect of traffic on property



Note: This was a multiple choice question.

Measures supported to reduce impact of traffic on A329

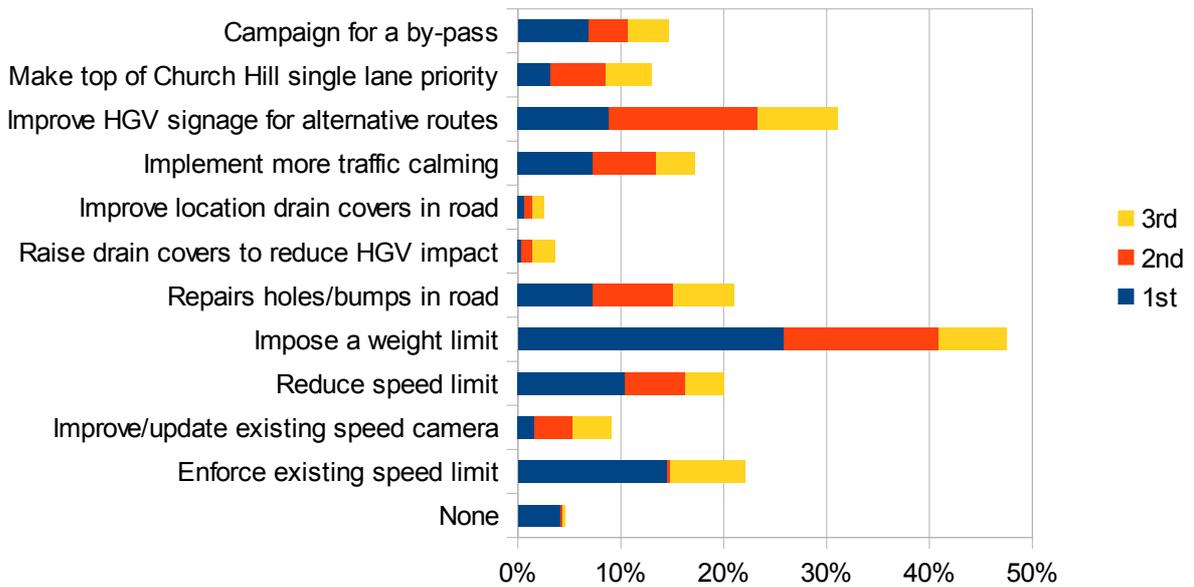


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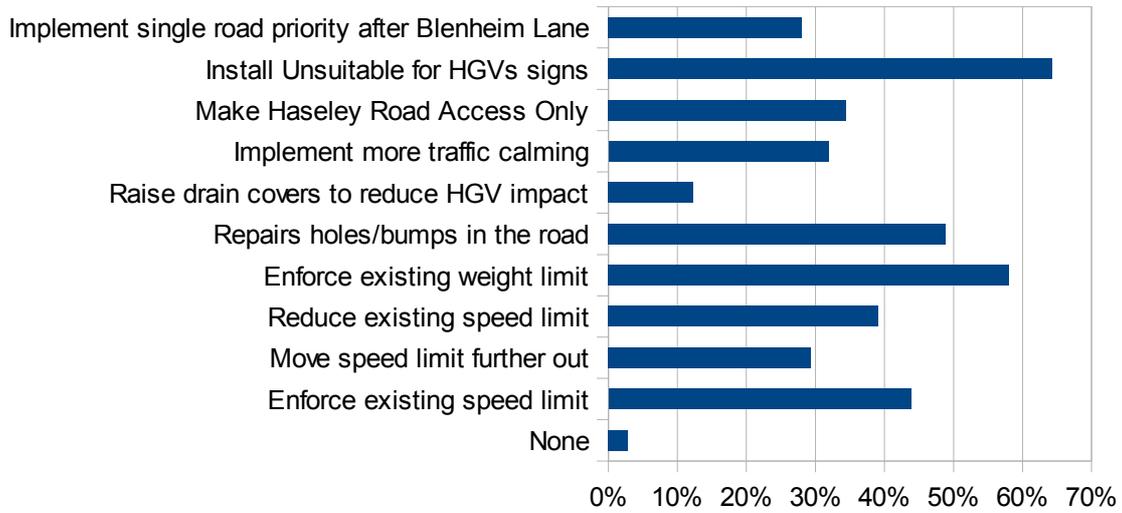
In representing the importance people placed on the various measures available for the A329 and the Haseley Road, we asked people to select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd priority. The results have been added together weighted as follows:

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| 1 st priority | 100% |
| 2 nd priority | 85% |
| 3 rd priority | 70% |

Priority of preferred measures on A329

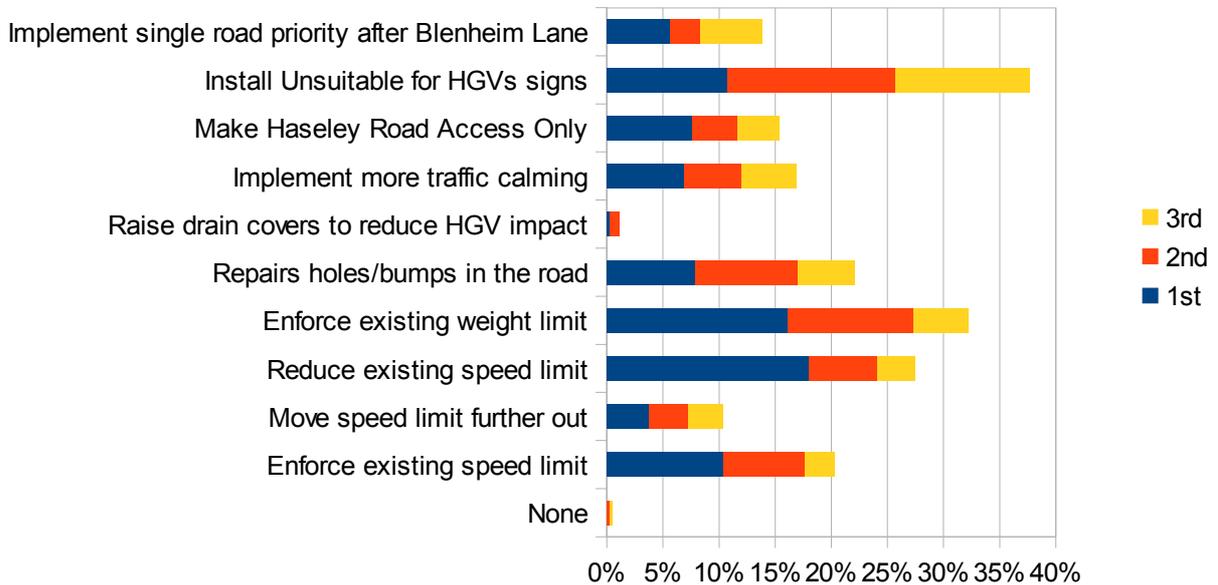


Haseley Road traffic measures supported

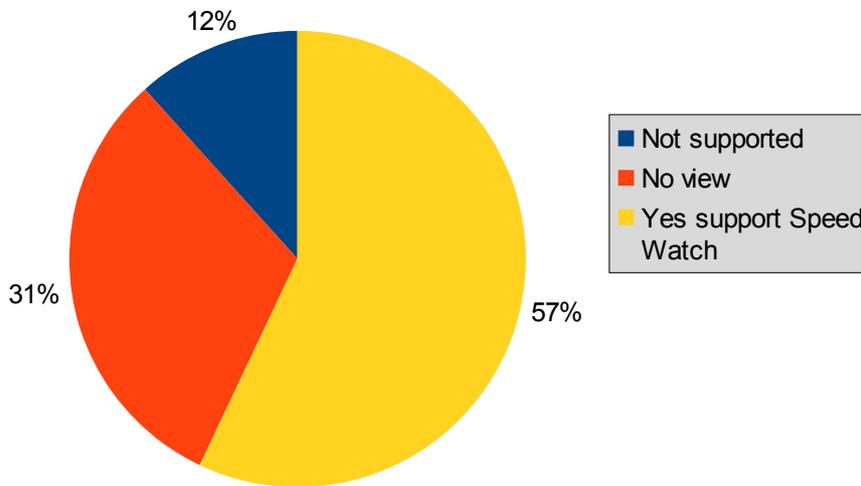


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Priority of Haseley Road measures

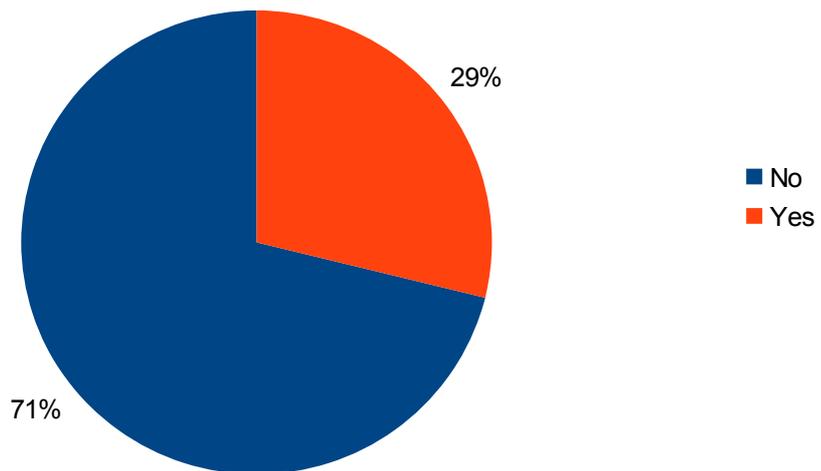


Support for Community Speed Watch scheme

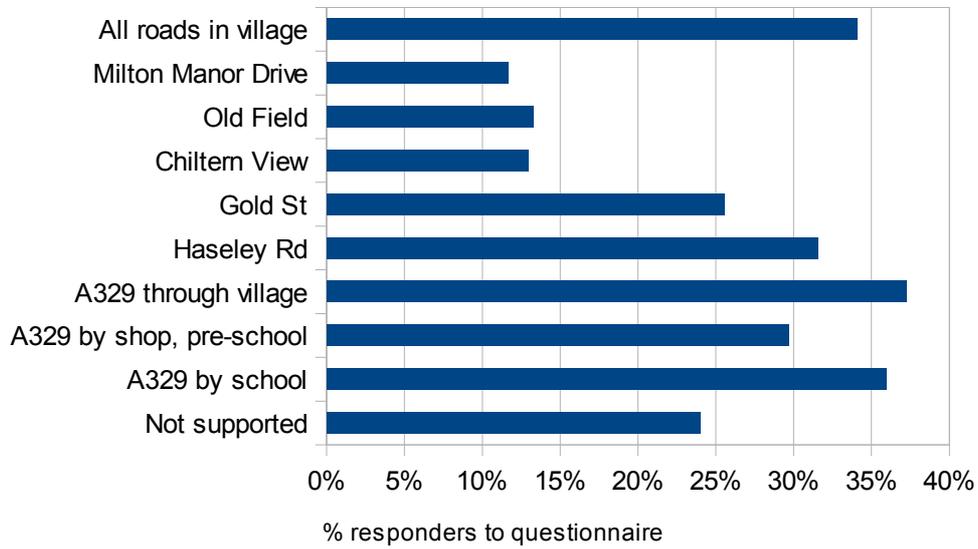


Speed Watch is a scheme whereby volunteers from within a community can assist police in checking the speed of vehicles within the village.

Is the lay-by on the Stadhampton Road needed?

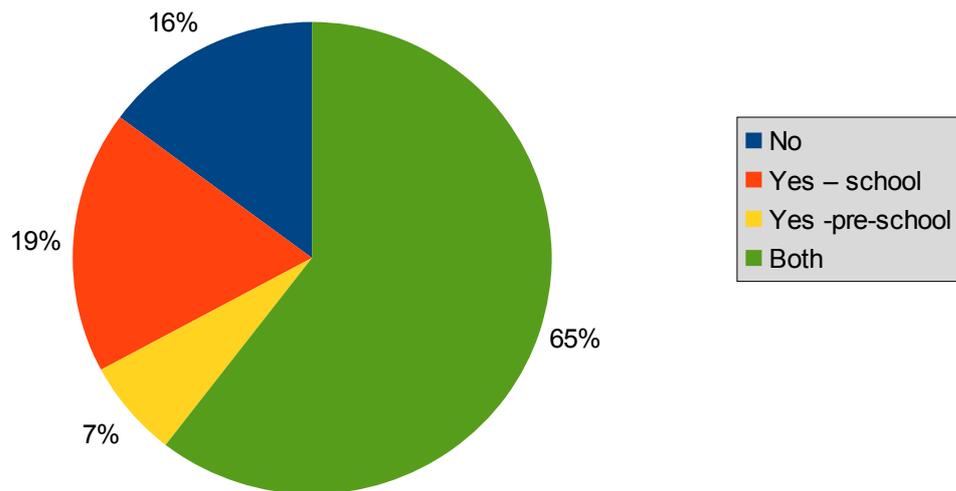


Support for 20mph speed limit and where in village

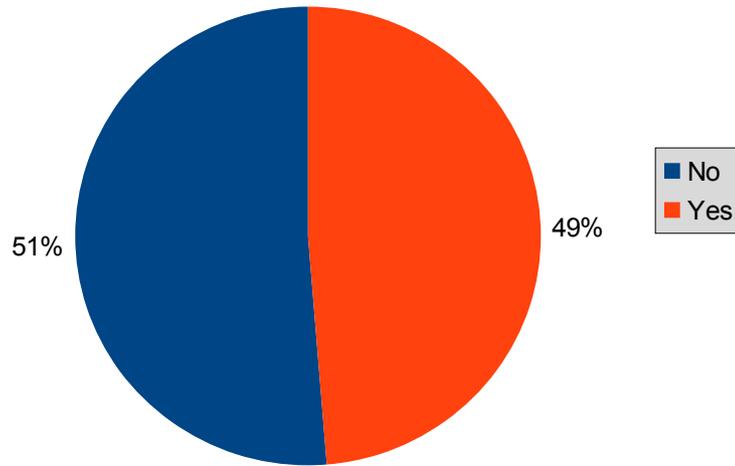


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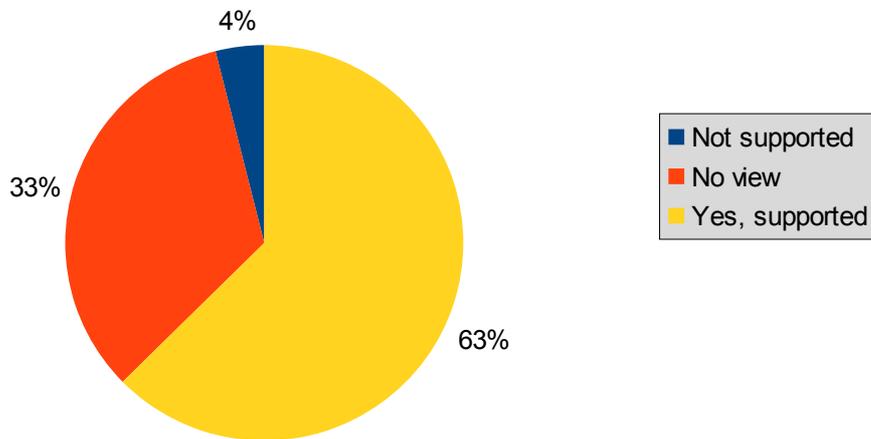
Support for reducing the speed of traffic near school or pre-school



Support for a by-pass

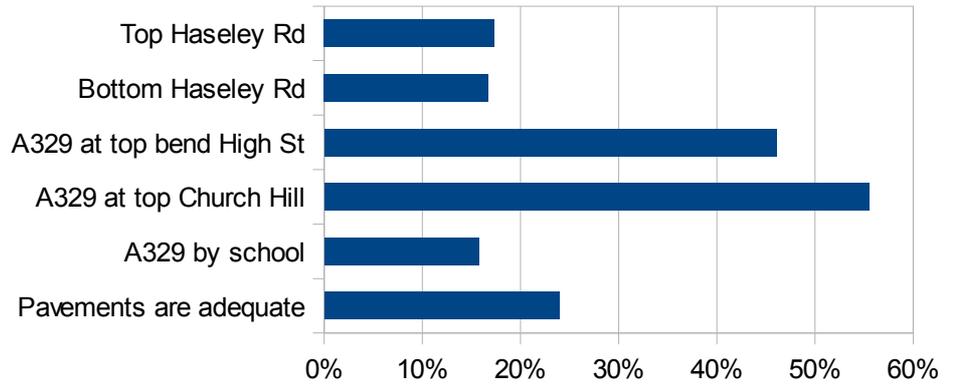


Support for Trading Standards vehicle weight enforcement scheme



This a scheme whereby community volunteers can assist Trading Standards in enforcing lorry weight limits

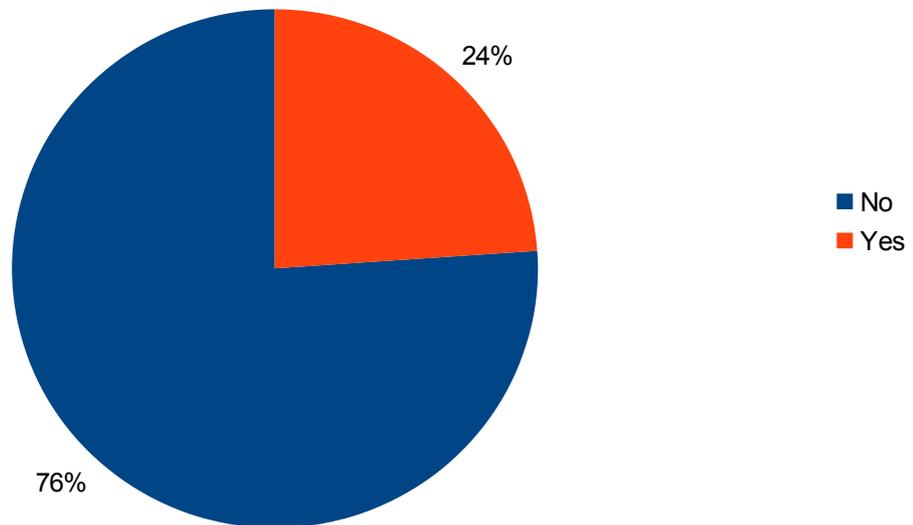
Where do you think pavements could be improved?



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ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE and MAINTENANCE

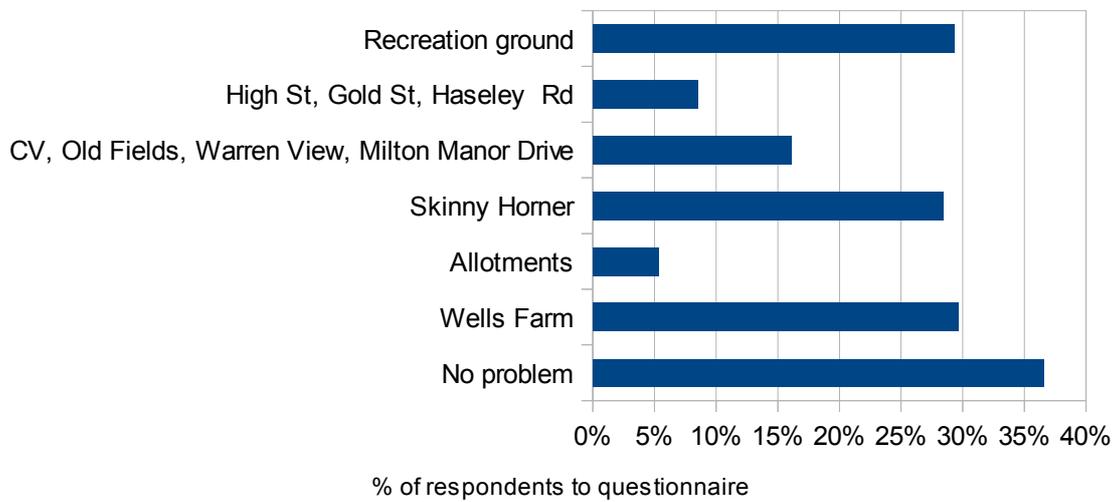
Are you affected by excess water/flooding in the village?



We realised that the answer to this question did not tell us much, so we broke the Yes responses down by post code:

| | | No of Yes responders |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Haseley Road (lower) | 7QE | 12 |
| Haseley Road (upper) | 7PP | 11 |
| Stadhampton Road | 7QD | 10 |
| Chiltern View | 7QP | 8 |
| High Street | 7PU | 8 |
| Milton Manor Drive | 7PT | 4 |
| Church Hill | 7QB | 3 |
| Old Field | 7PY | 2 |
| Gold Street | 7FJ | 2 |
| Ditch End | 7QG | 2 |
| Thame Road | 7PZ | 1 |
| Blenheim Lane | 7QF | 1 |

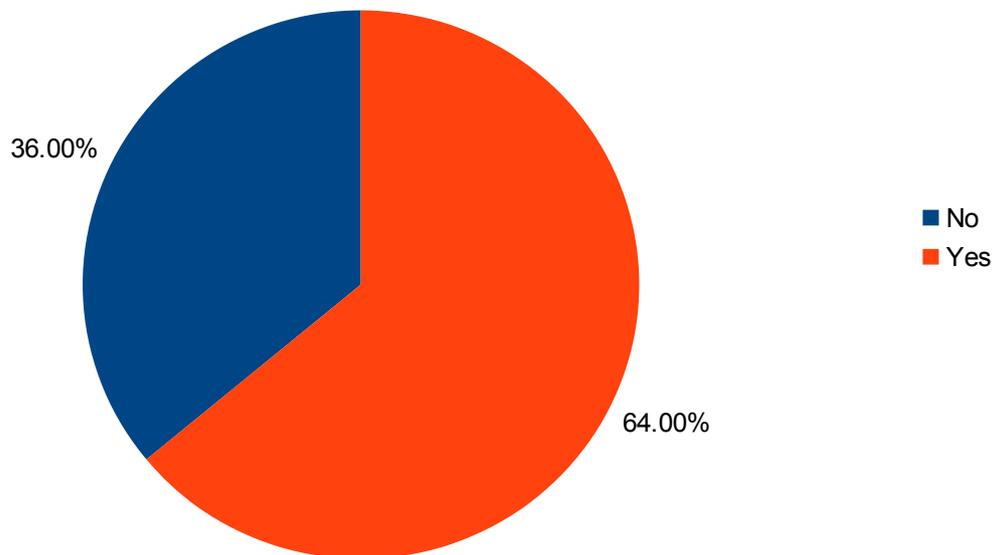
Do you think dog fouling is a problem? If so, where?



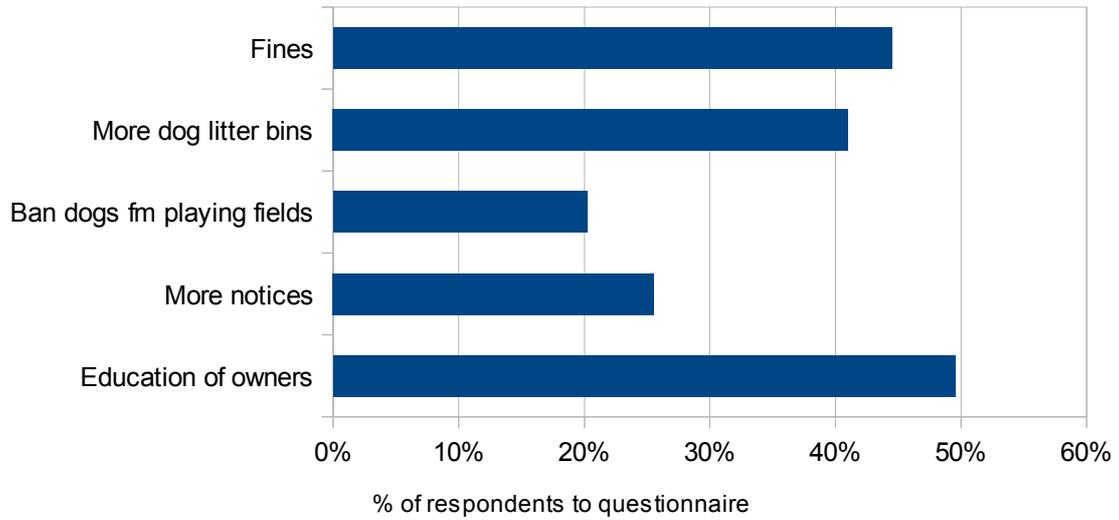
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We interpolated this data as follows:

Do you think there a dog fouling problem somewhere in the village?

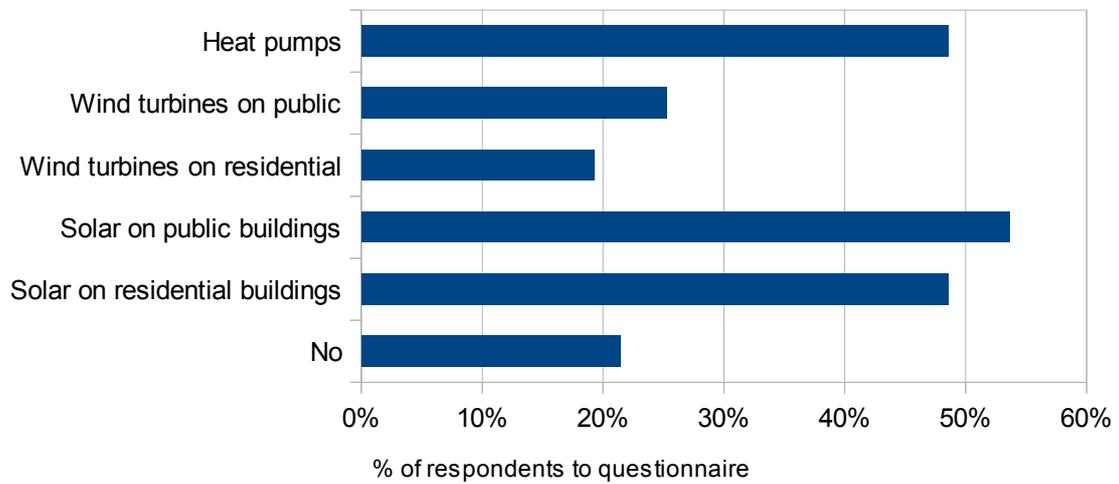


What should be done to improve the dog fouling situation?



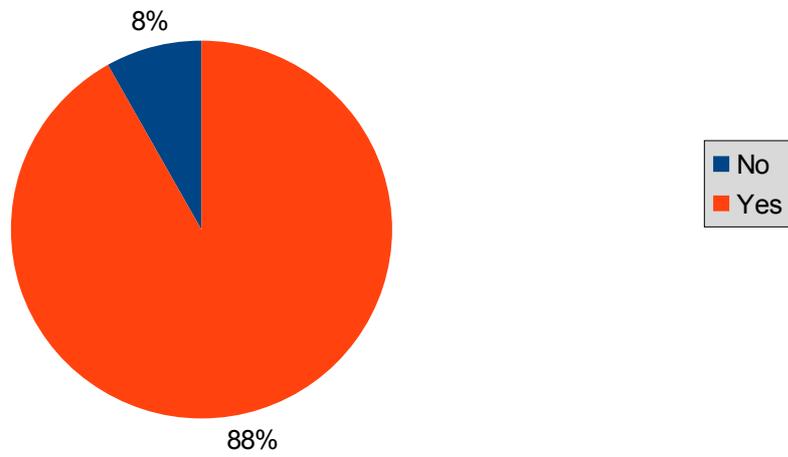
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Are you in favour of more sustainable and renewable energy resources in the village?



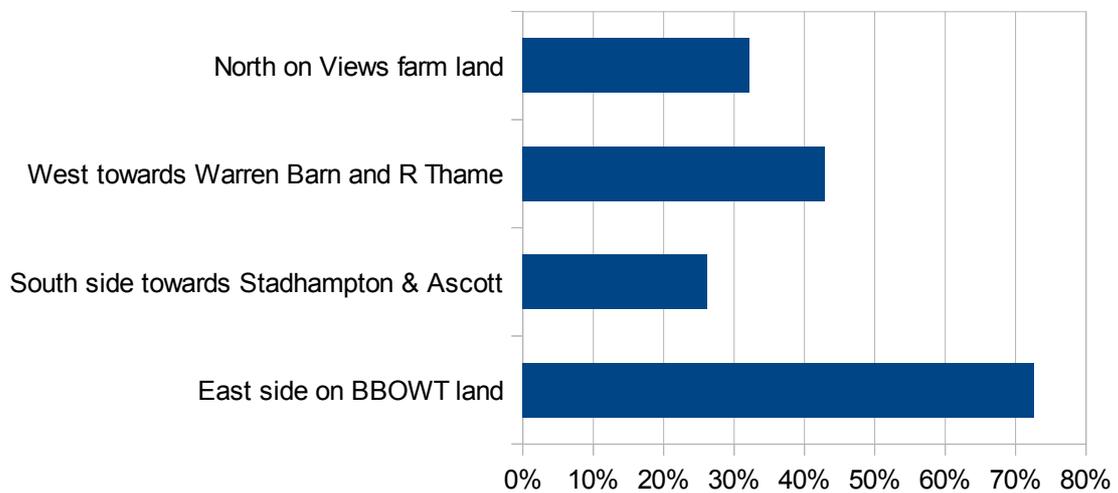
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Are you in favour of carbon capture schemes in the village?



Note: 4% of responders did not answer this question

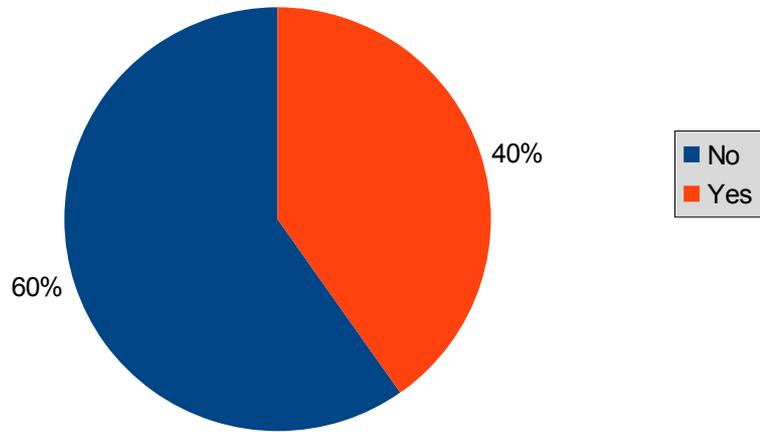
Which footpaths do you walk at least once per month?



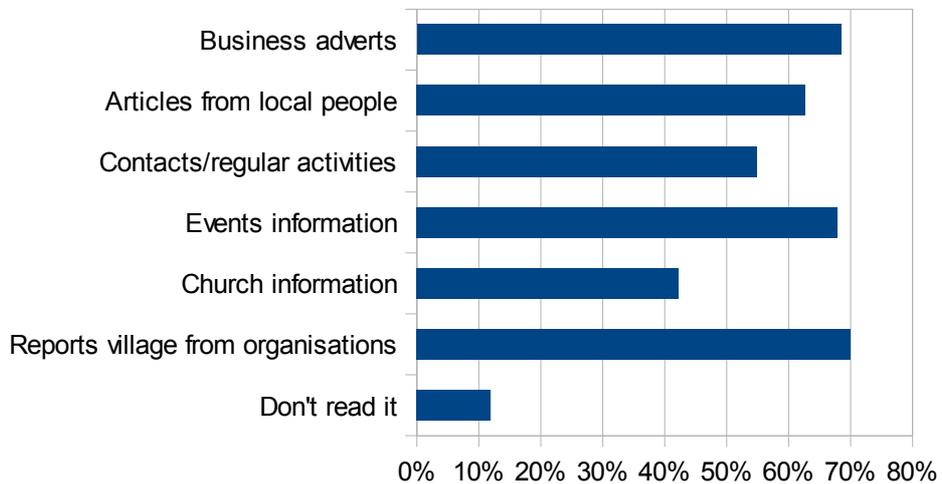
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VILLAGE COMMUNITY AND FACILITIES

Have you looked at the new village website?

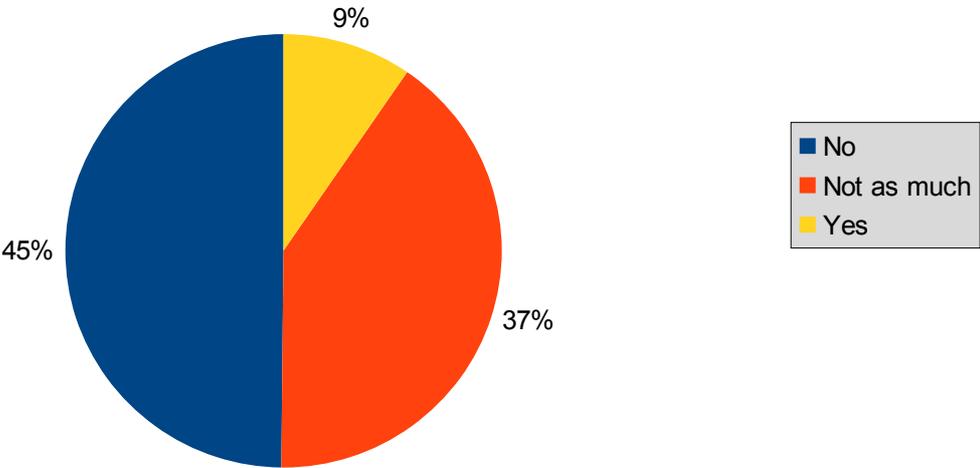


Which sections of the newsletter do you read?

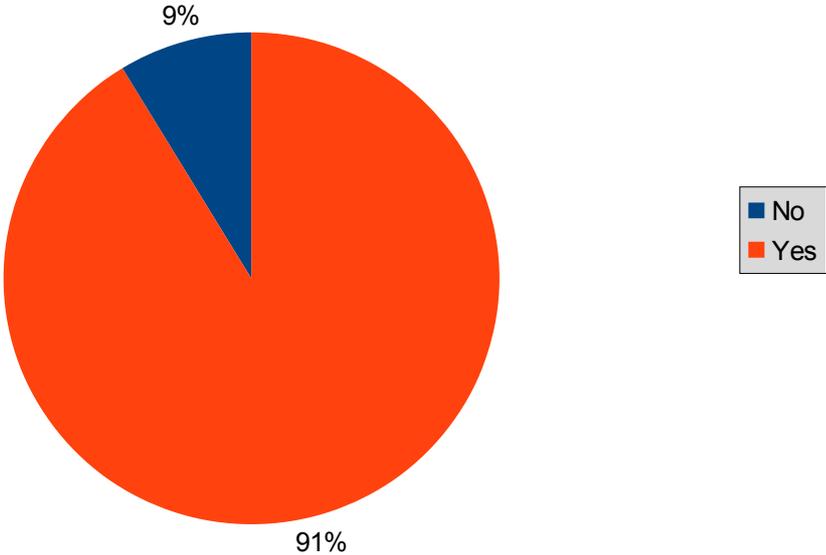


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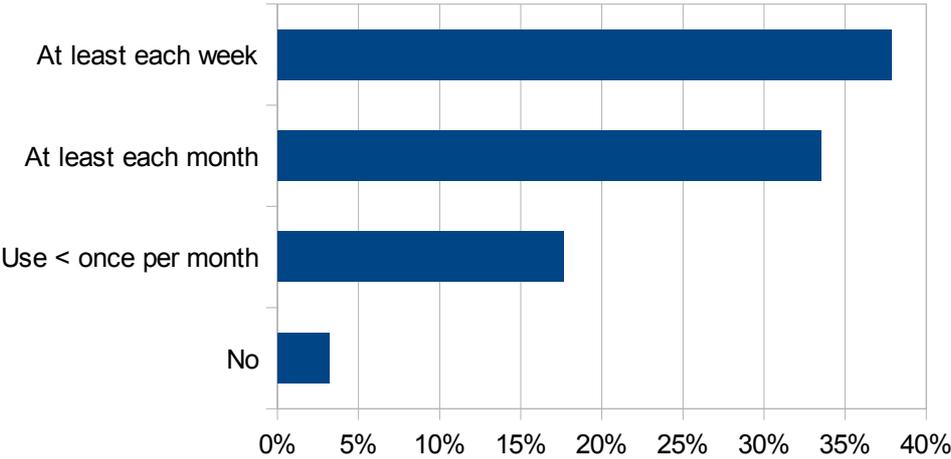
Would you read the newsletter if it were only available on the village website?



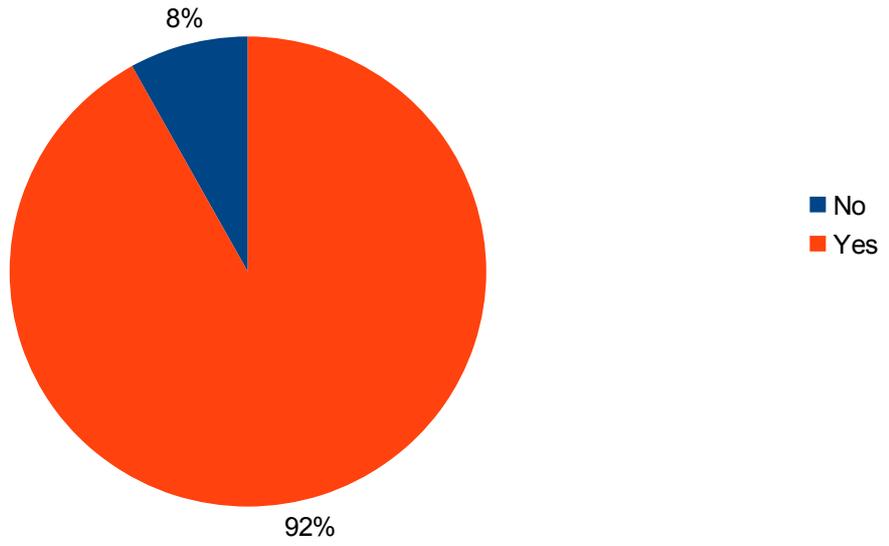
Is the village shop important to you?



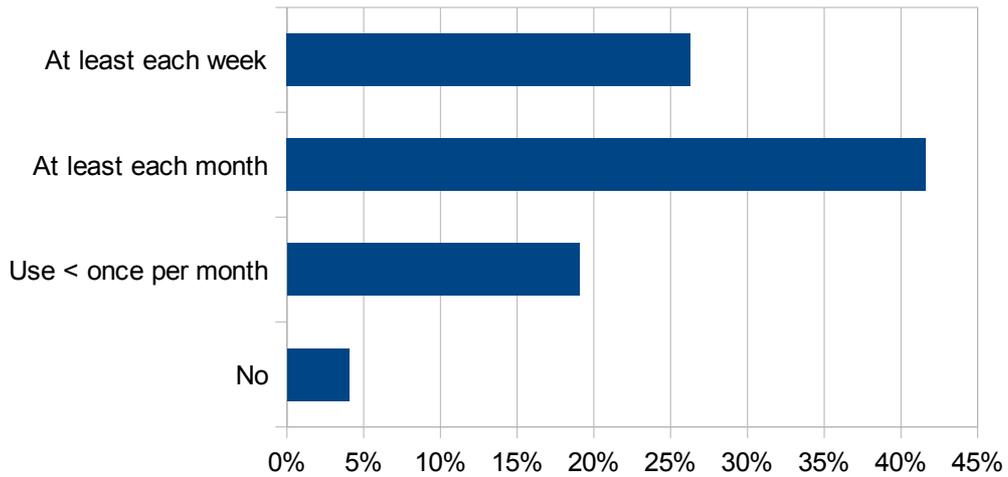
Do you use the village shop?



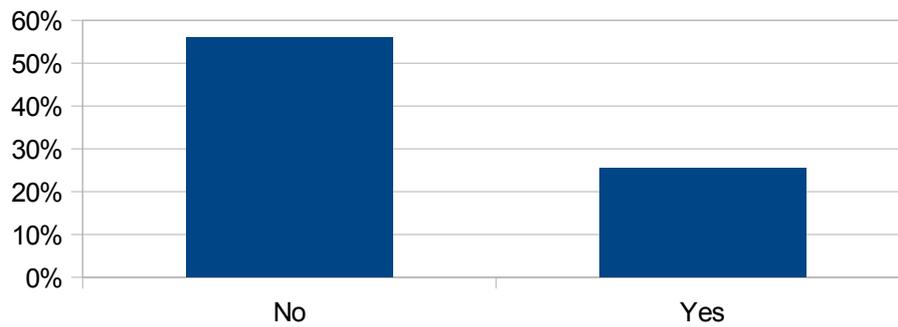
Is the Post Office important to you?



Do you use the Post Office?

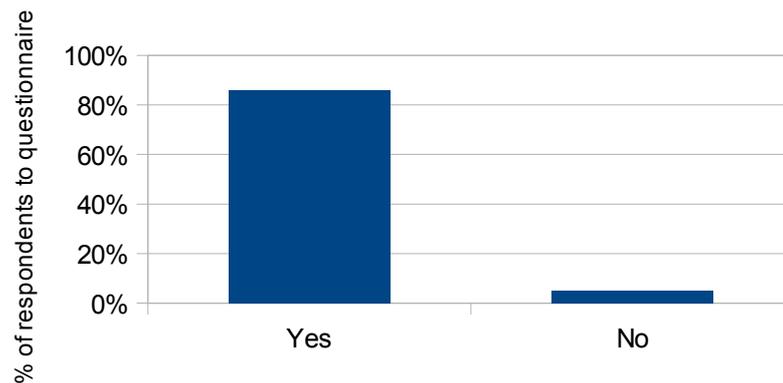


Are there any other products or services that customers want the post office or shop to provide?



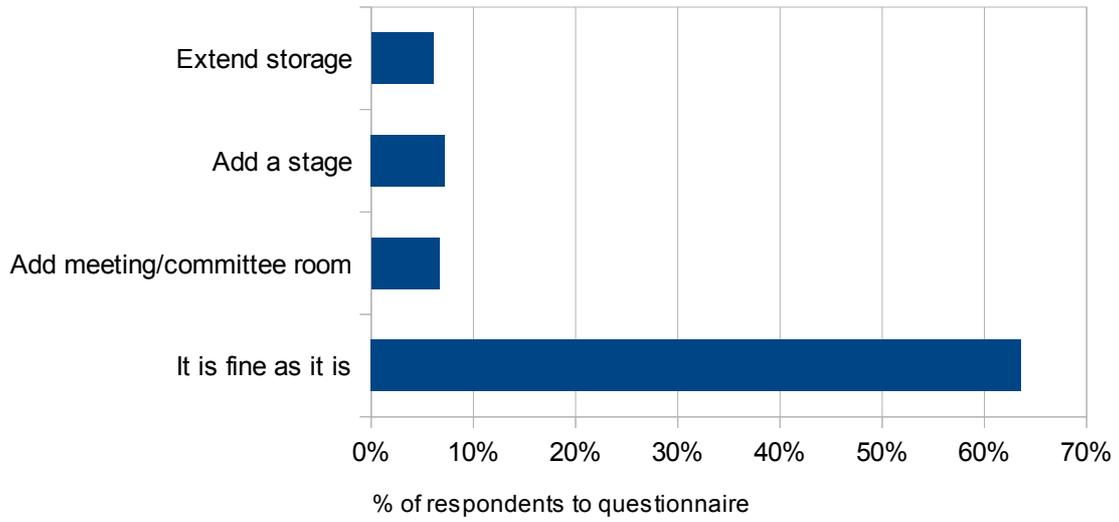
Suggestions for other products or services were collected as free text answers and have been passed on to the Shop Committee.

Do the current shop hours meet your needs?



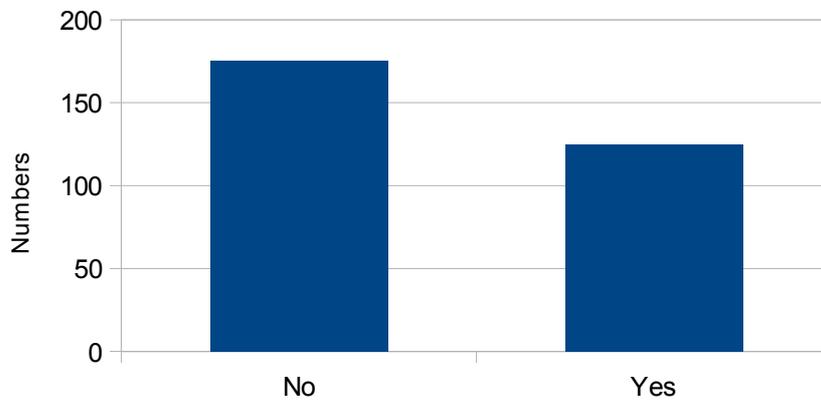
Suggestions for changes to the shop opening hours were recorded as free text answers and passed on to the Shop Committee.

Is there anything that could be done to improve the Pine Lodge?

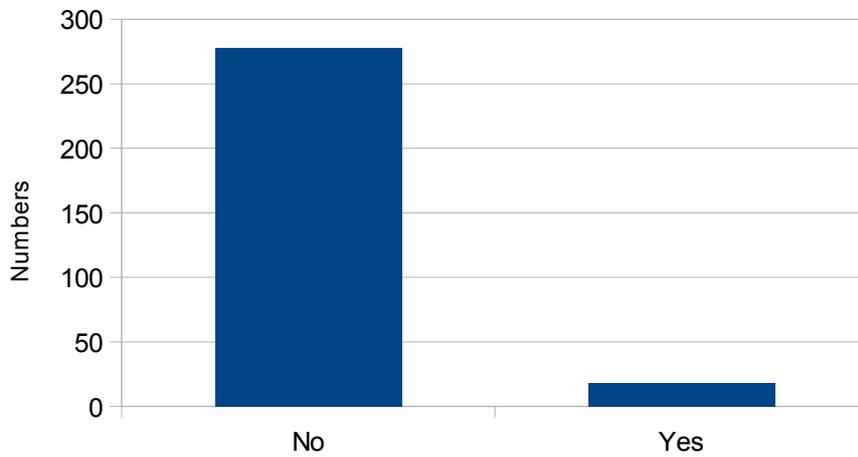


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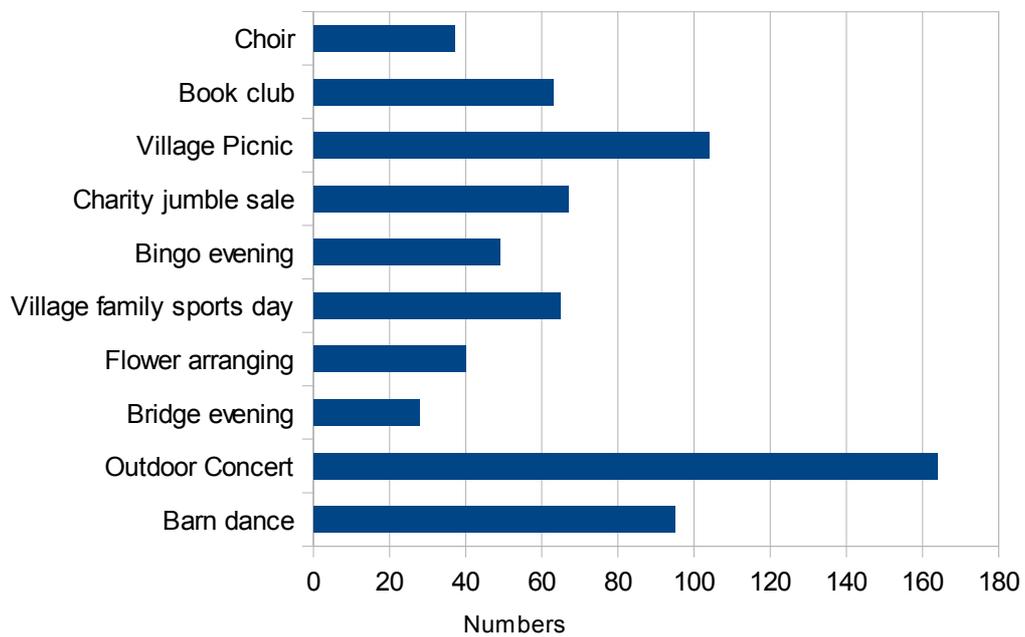
Might you attend evening classes or other activities at the Pine Lodge?



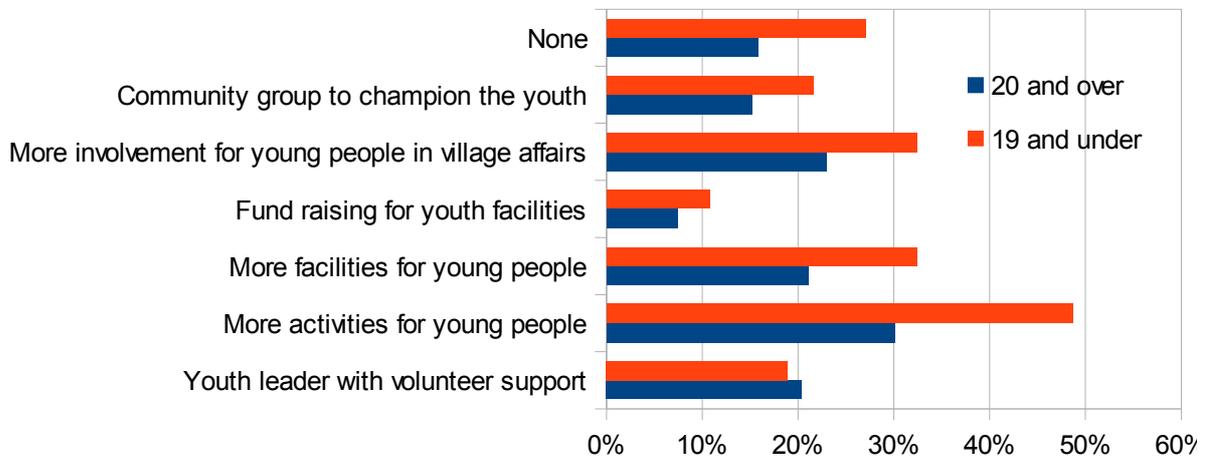
Have you a skill you are prepared to teach others in the village?



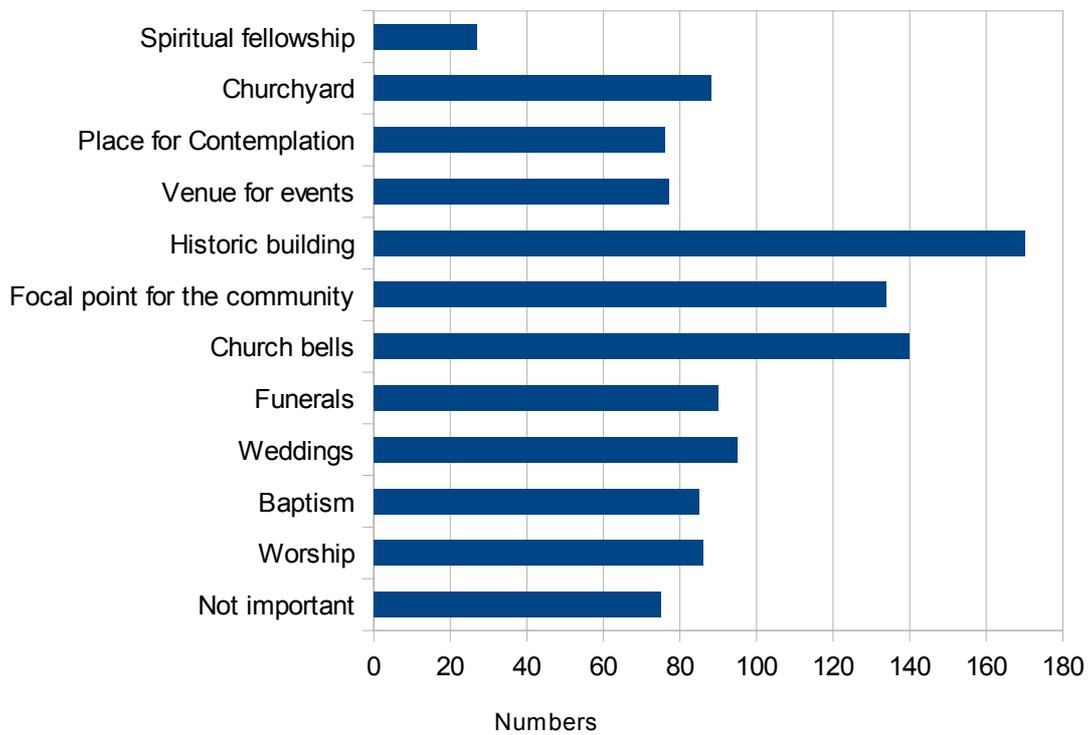
Which new village activities might you support in the future?



What sort of youth schemes do you think our village needs?



Is the church important to you for any of the following reasons?



Does your household have children in the family who will be starting at the **Village School** within the next 5 years?

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| No | 151 |
| Yes, one | 9 |
| Yes, two | 5 |
| Yes, more than two | 0 |

Pre-School Questions

Does your household have children under 5?

| | |
|-----|-----|
| No | 146 |
| Yes | 15 |

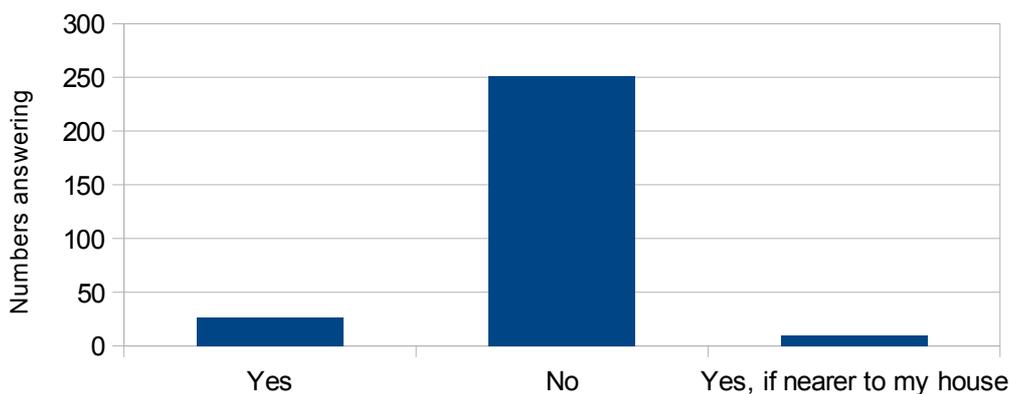
Do your children attend any form of pre-school?

| | |
|-----|----|
| No | 8 |
| Yes | 10 |

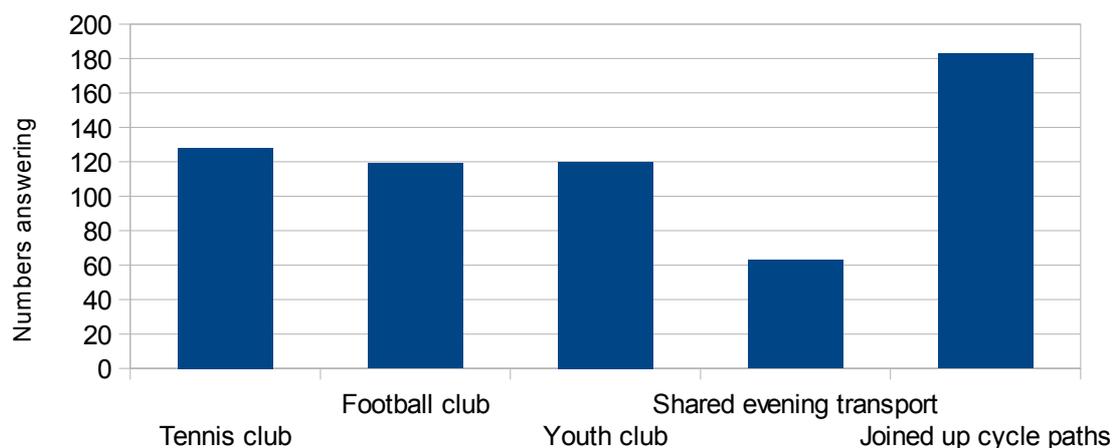
If your children use a pre-school other than The Orchard, we are interested to know the main reason it was chosen

| | |
|---|---|
| The hours don't work for what I need | 5 |
| I prefer a different pre-school/early years setting | 2 |
| I don't wish to send my children to pre-school | 0 |

Would you use an allotment if there were more available?

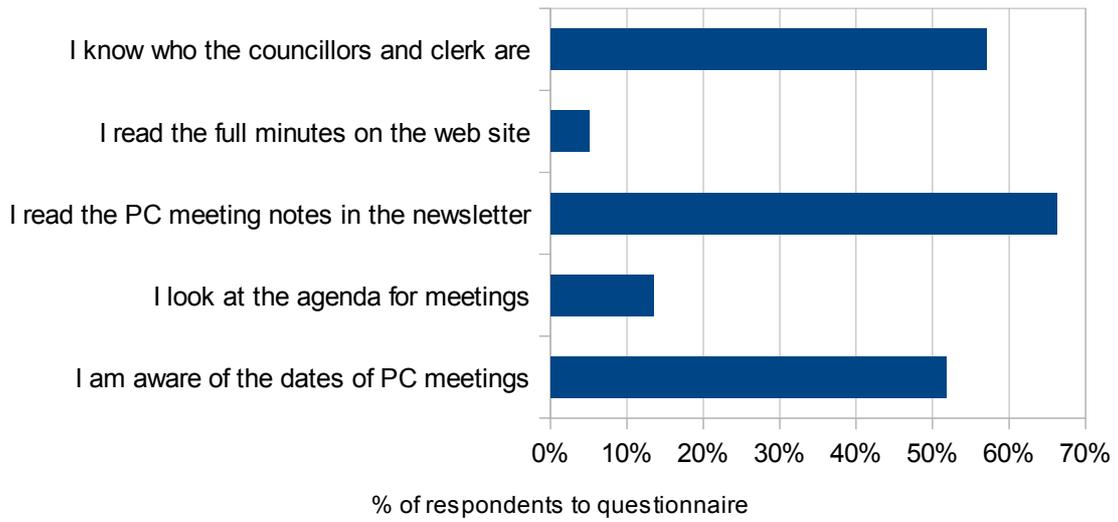


Which of the following could be shared with neighbouring villages?



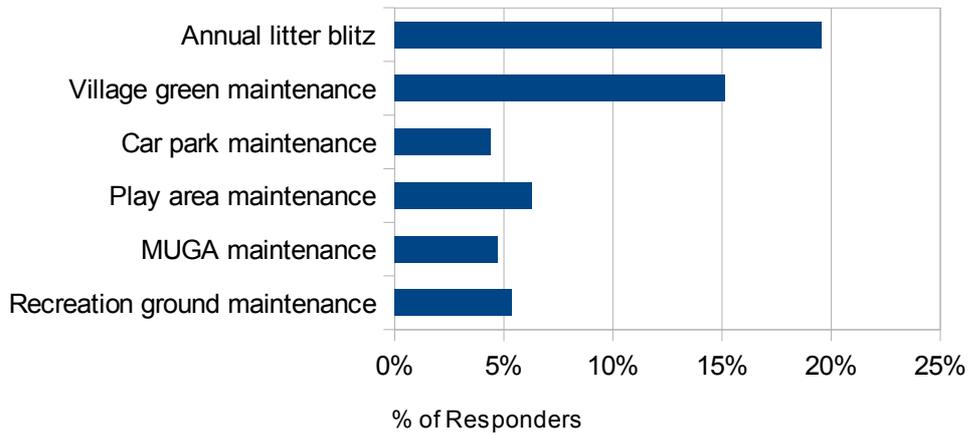
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Interest in Parish Council matters



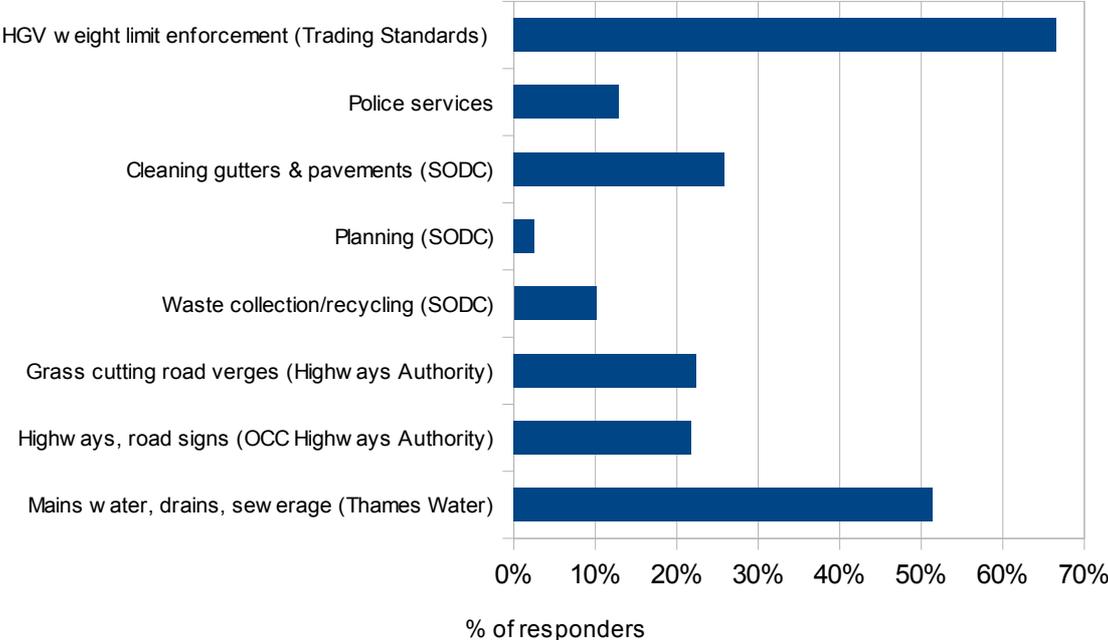
Note: This was a multiple choice question.

Which areas for which the Parish Council is responsible need improving?



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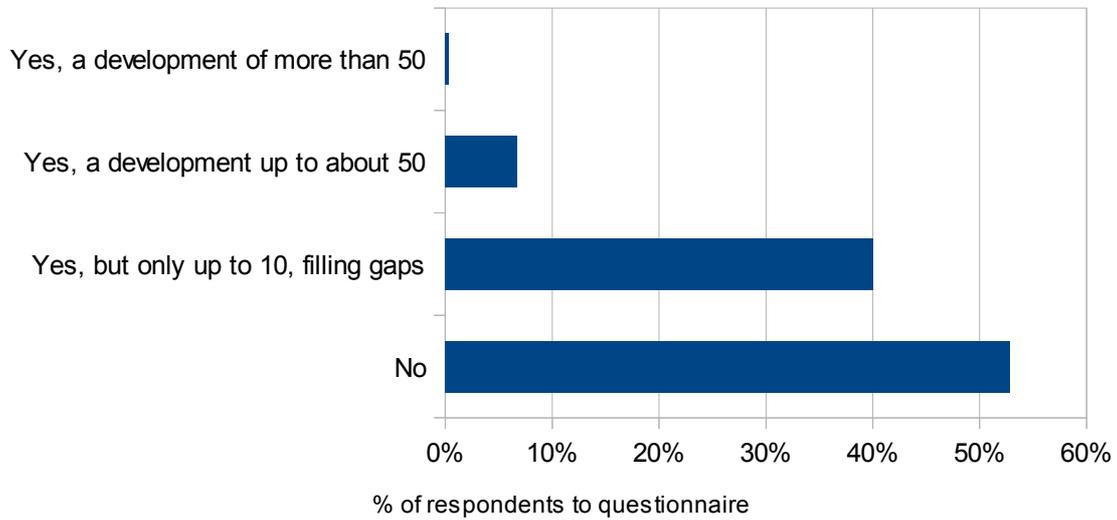
Which of the following services need to be improved?



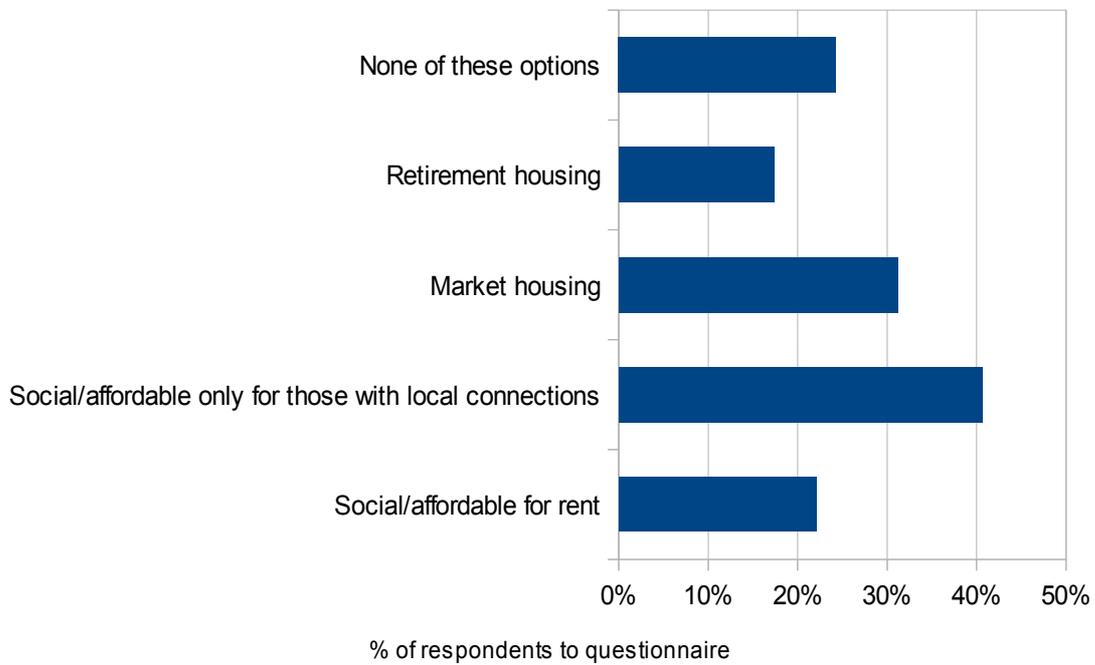
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HOUSING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT & UTILITIES

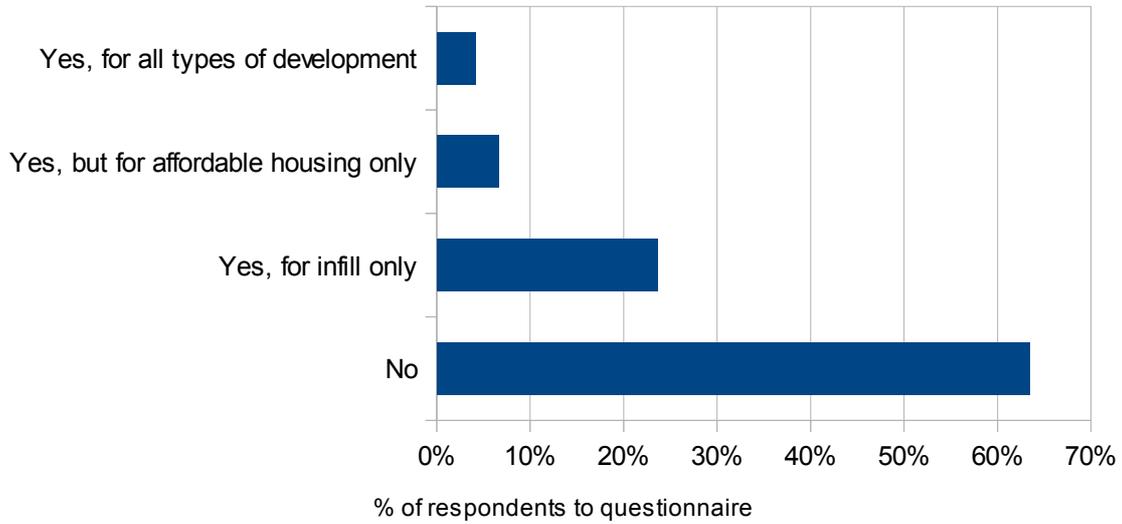
Do you think more houses should be built in the village?



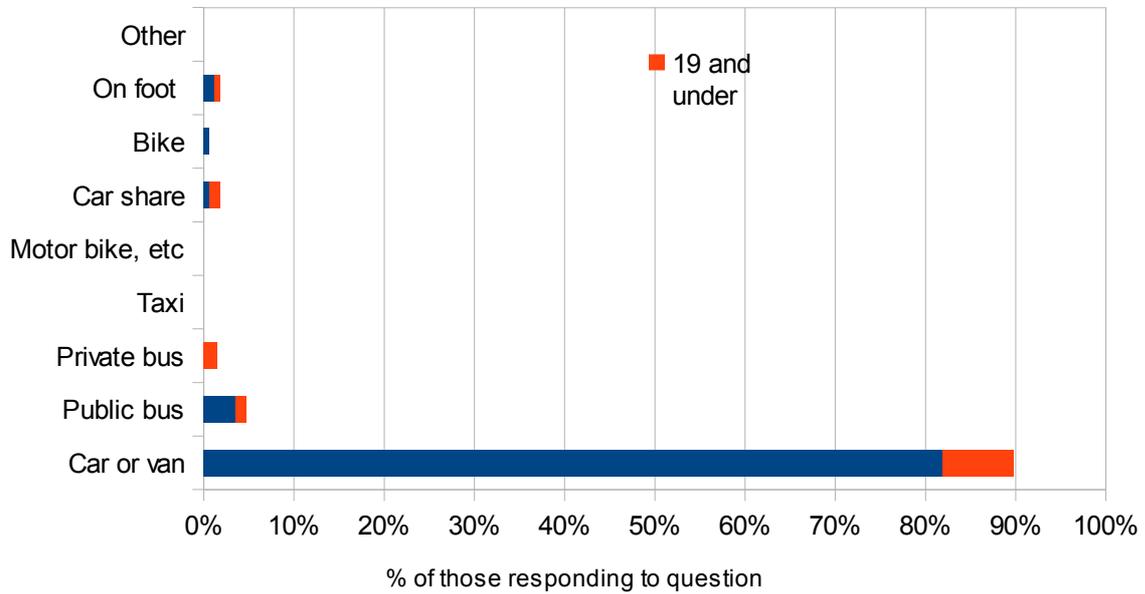
If there were to be any new development, what types of houses should be included?



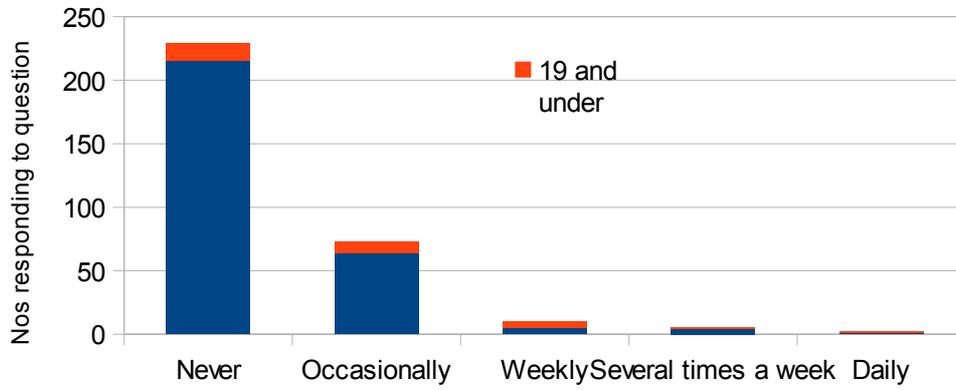
Do you want houses built on Green Belt land?



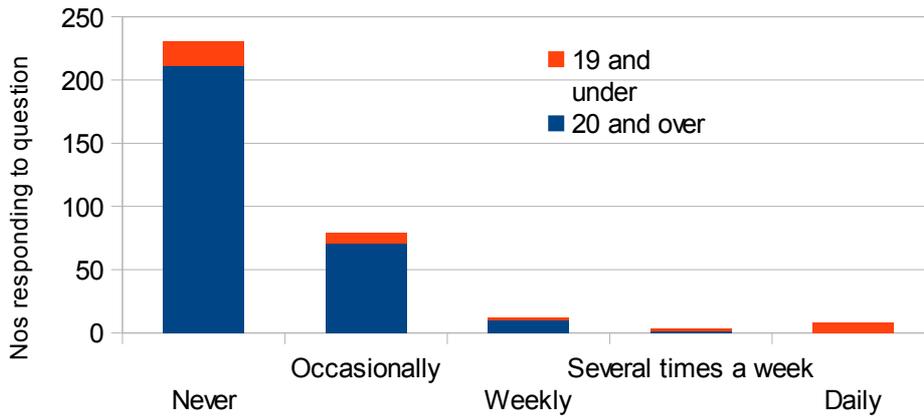
What is your main means of transport out of the village?



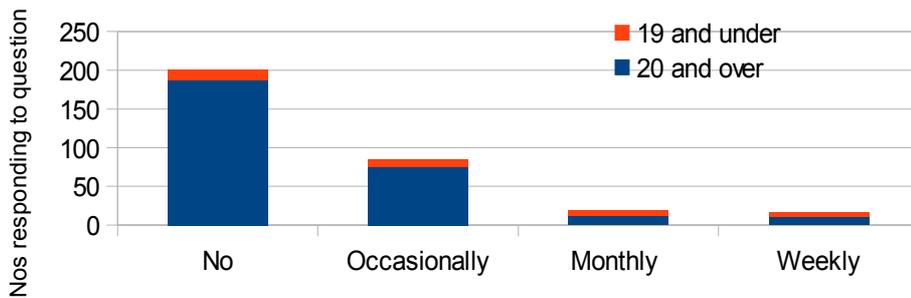
How often do you use the current 103/104 service?



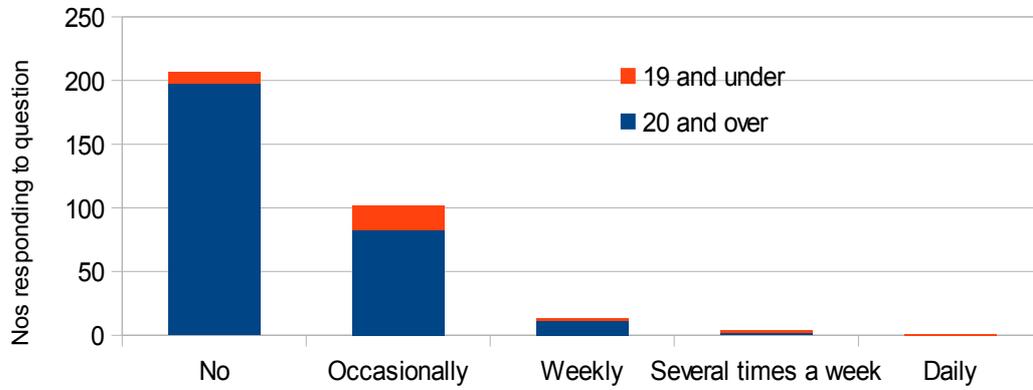
If there were a later 103/104 service Mon-Fri, would you use it?



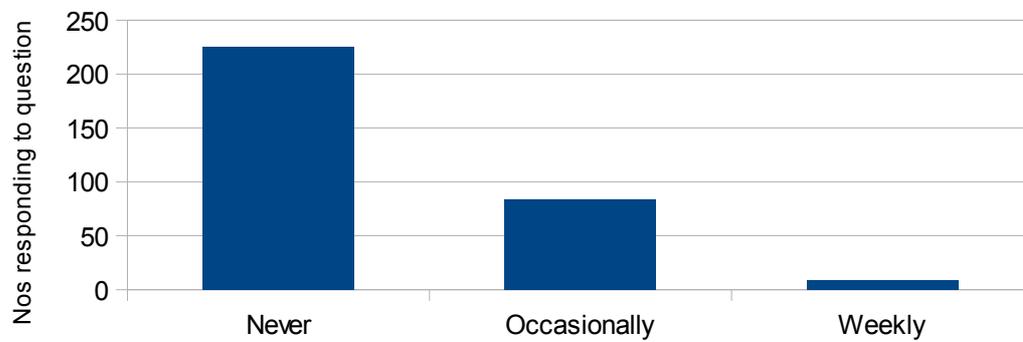
If there were an evening 103/104 service on Saturdays, would you use it?



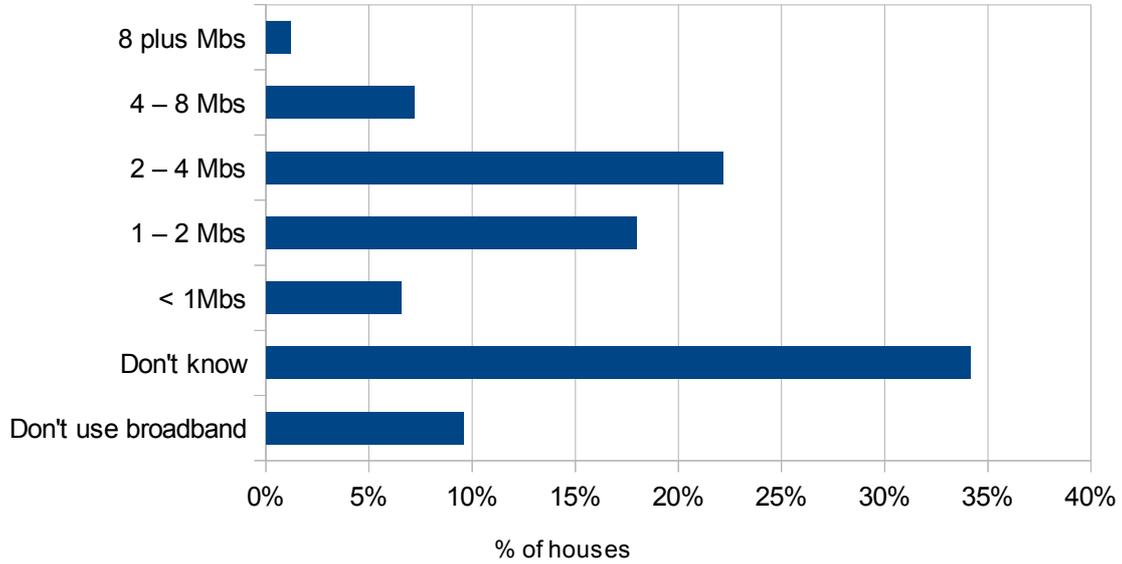
If there were an evening service connecting with the 280 at Wheatley, would you use it?



If the weekly Tuesday day time service to Thame were re-instated, would you use it?

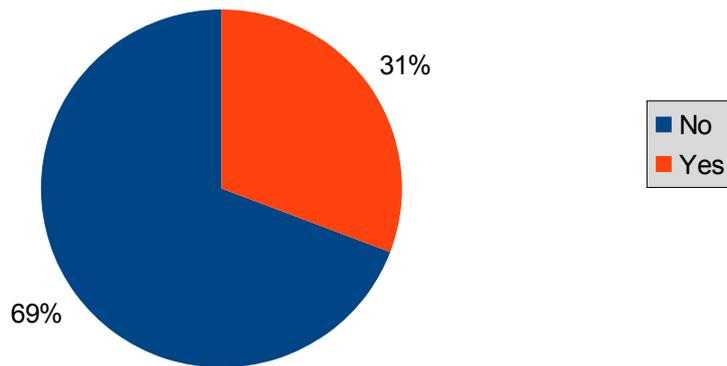


What is your current broadband speed?

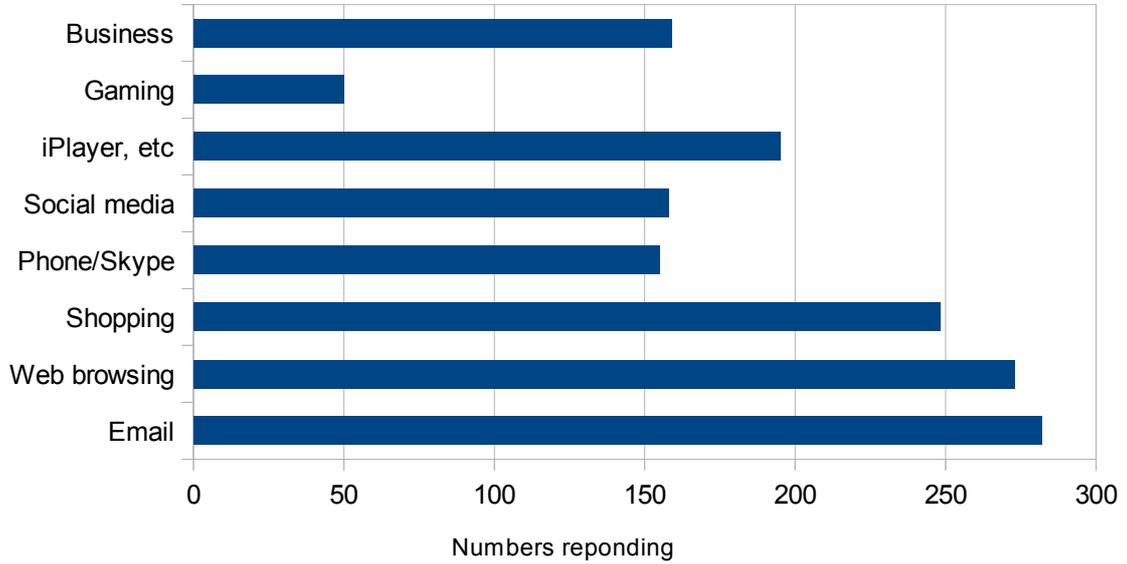


Note: Only 1 house in the village reported broadband speed >8Mbps

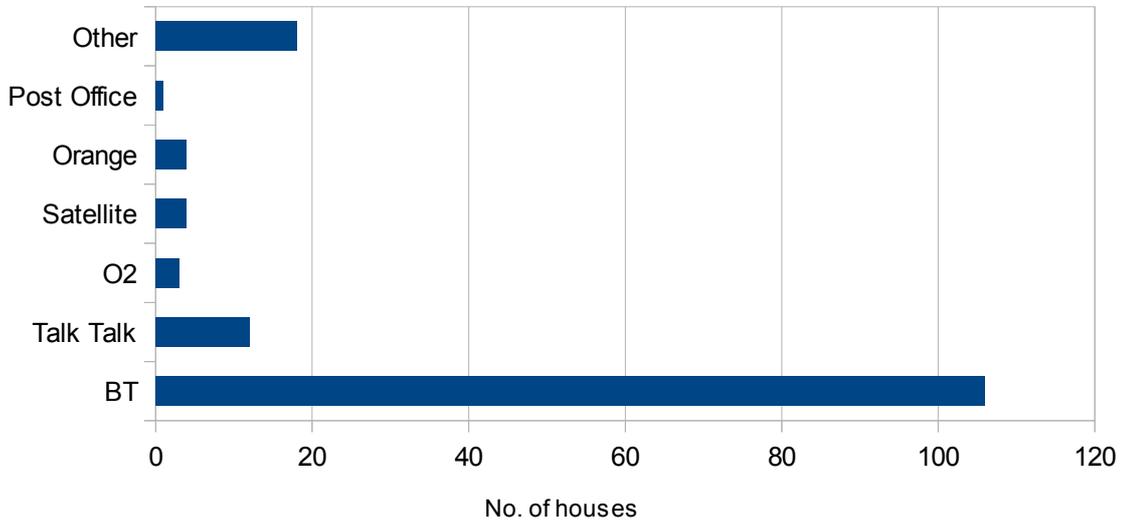
Do you think your current broadband speed is reasonable?



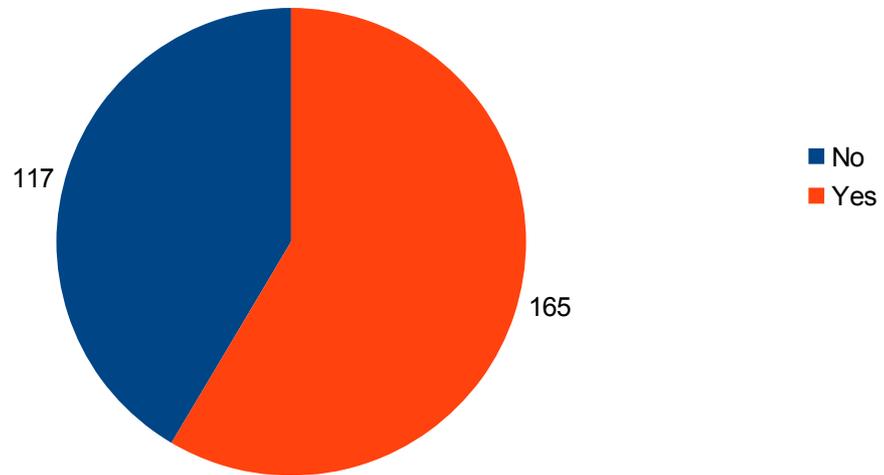
What do you use broadband for?



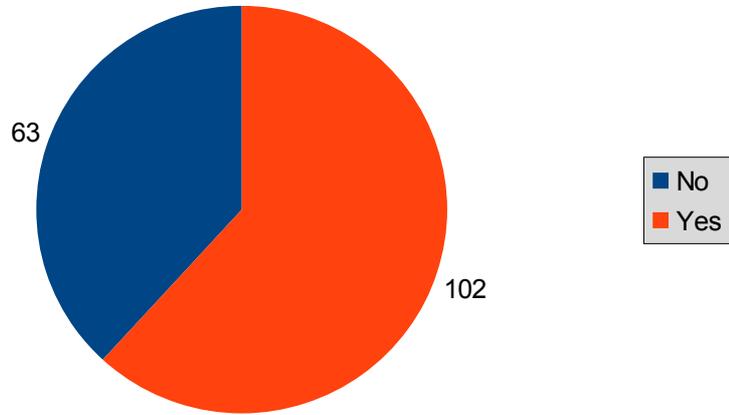
Who is your current broadband provider?



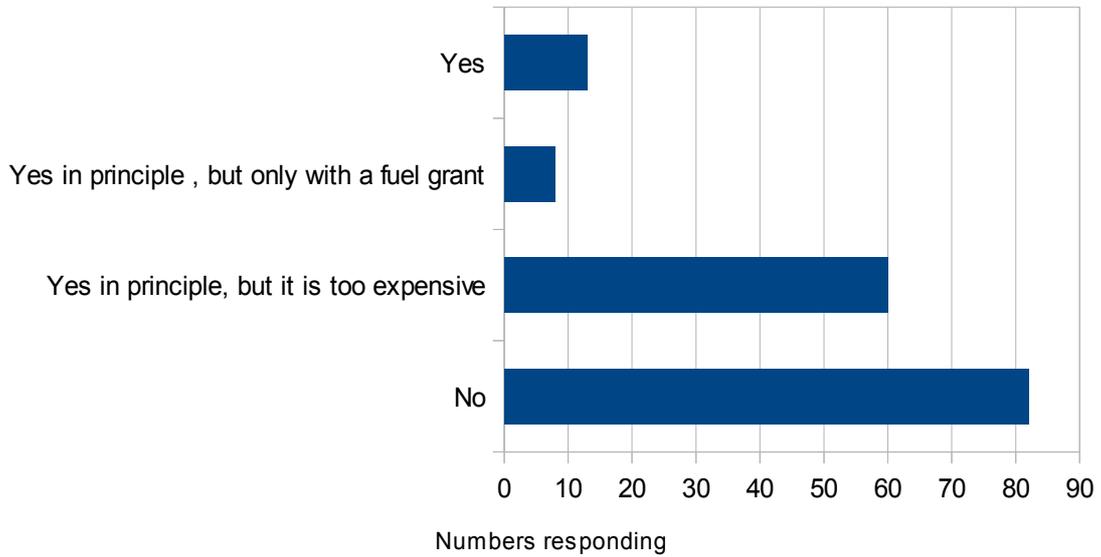
Are you prepared to wait until 2015 for the national/county programme to deliver faster broadband?



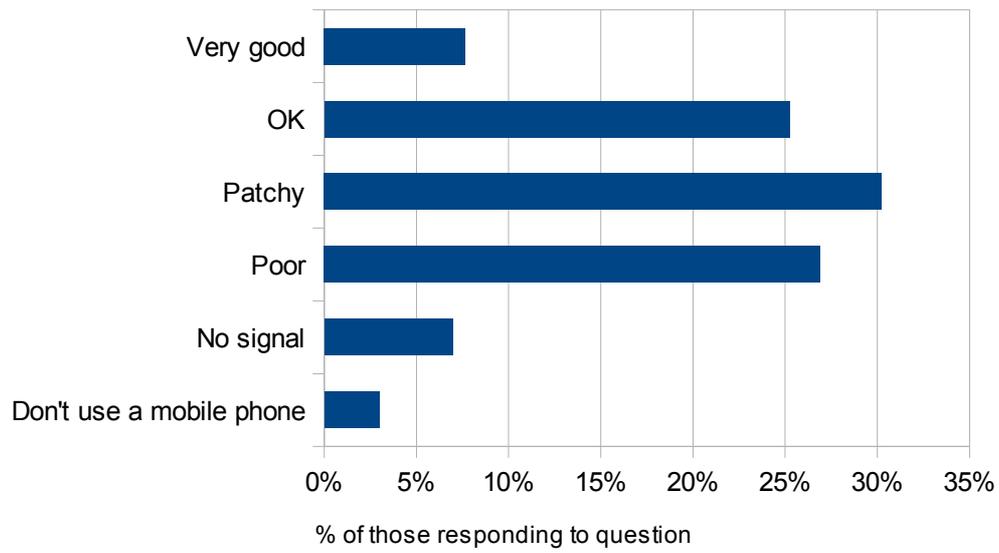
Would you like a mains gas supply to your house? (Answered by household)



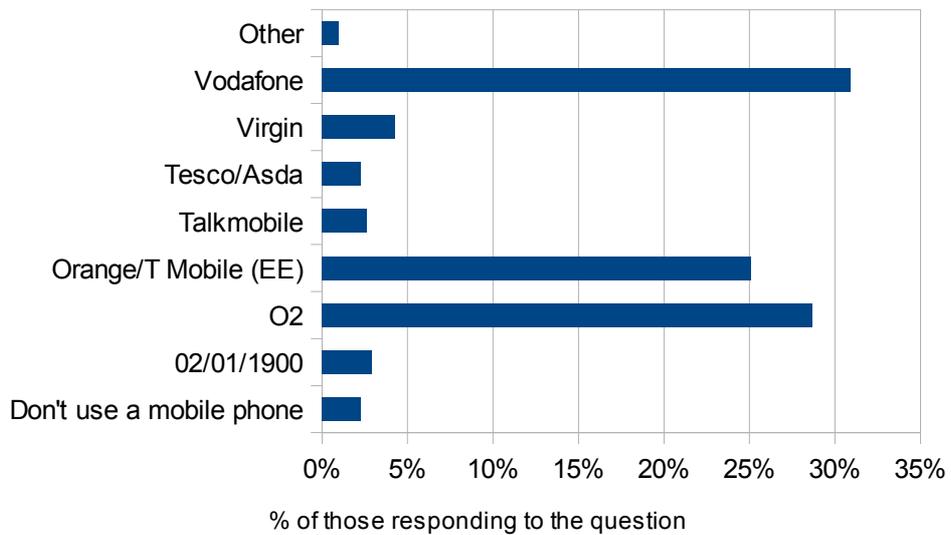
Are you interested in signing up for a mains gas supply under the terms offered ie. several thousand pounds cost per household?



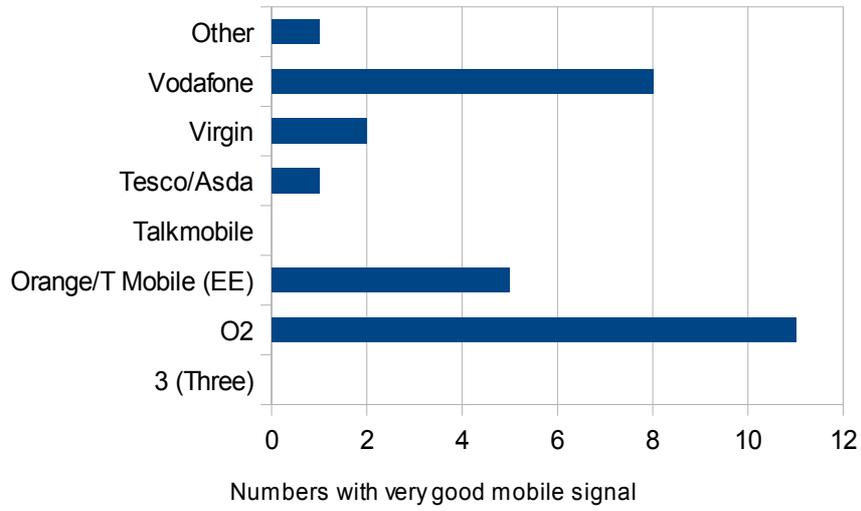
How do you rate the mobile phone coverage in your house?



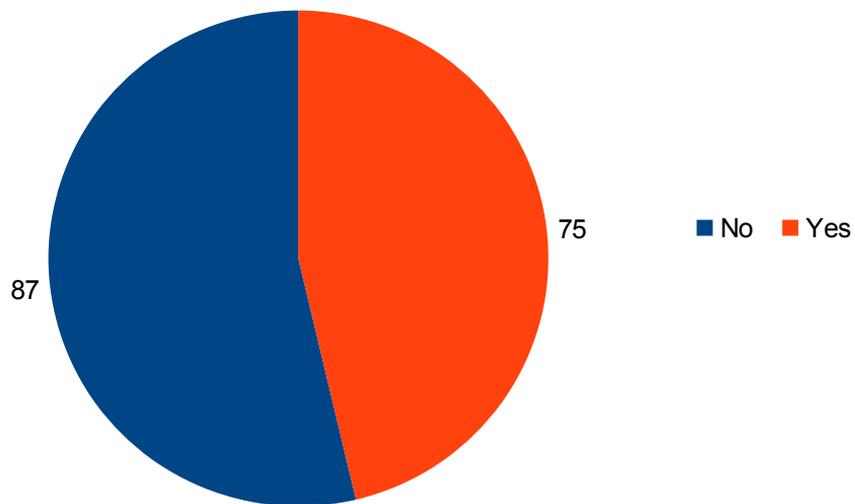
Which mobile phone provider do you use?



If your phone coverage is very good, which provider do you use?

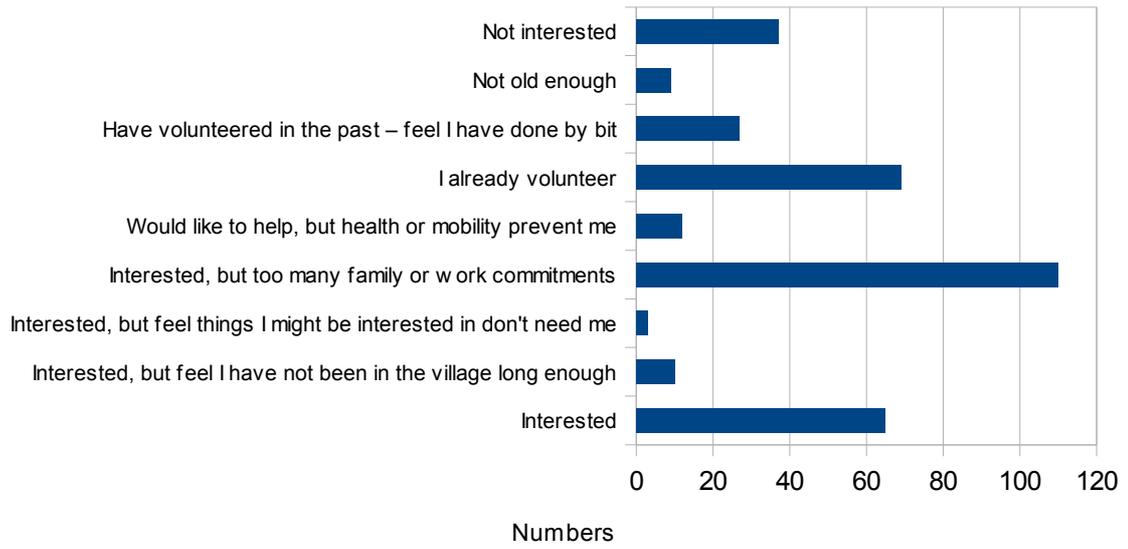


Would you be prepared to see an increase in your Council Tax to fund any improvements mentioned in this questionnaire?



This was a one response per household question

How do you feel about volunteering to help in the village?



FREE TEXT COMMENTS – DRAWING OUT COMMON THEMES

Introduction

A very large number of comments were made in the questionnaires.

22 questions were included in the survey largely at the request of client organisations – parish council, shop, school, etc. The comments made against those questions were passed on unedited so as to allow those organisations to interpret the suggestions themselves. However the responses to 2 of the questions in this section might also be of interest to more than one village organisation and so have been analysed below.

However, for all the other questions, an analysis which draws out common threads was thought to helpful. The results of such an analysis are shown below. Note that a comment had to be made at least twice to be included in the tables. One-off comments, whilst helpful, are, by definition, the view of just one person.

Other reasons for moving to the village

There were very few comments made against this question.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Moved to join spouse/partner | 4 |
| Job location/ease of commuting | 3 |

Traffic

There were 5 questions specifically on traffic where comments could be added, and many people also covered traffic issues in the final two questions of the survey as well. This means that the 'count' of responses on traffic issues is particularly high.

| | Comments made in traffic section of questionnaire | What one thing would most improve your life in Little Milton? | Finally, any other comment you would like to make? | Total number of times comment made |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Speed of traffic is too high | 36 | 14 | 1 | 51 |
| Traffic in general a concern | | 35 | | 35 |
| HGVs are a problem | 17 | 18 | | 35 |
| We should make certain roads single priority (either Church Hill or Haseley Road) | 9 | | | 9 |
| Exiting premises on to the main road is difficult | 9 | | | 9 |
| High St pavements are inadequate | 8 | | | 8 |
| Make A329 a B road | 6 | | 1 | 7 |
| Haseley Road/Church Hill junction needs re-aligning or improving | 6 | 1 | | 7 |
| Gold St parking is a problem | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Road widths should be adjusted to control HGVs | 4 | | | 4 |
| Signage for HGVs should be improved | 4 | | | 4 |
| Noise of traffic affects me | 4 | | | 4 |
| Haseley Road parking near the top is a problem | 3 | | 1 | 4 |
| Traffic causes splashing of premises, dirt or damp | 3 | | | 3 |
| Dust from HGVs is a problem | 3 | | | 3 |
| Motor cycles – speed through the village too high | 3 | | | 3 |
| Parking issues in general | 1 | 2 | | 3 |

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Haseley Road traffic – general concern | 2 | 2 |
| Litter on roads | 2 | 2 |
| Discourage use of village as a rat run | 2 | 2 |
| What we can achieve will be limited | 2 | 2 |
| We need passing traffic to support local businesses | 2 | 2 |

Pavements

Comments regarding specific pavement improvements were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Haseley Rd | 8 |
| In reality, it is impracticable to improve pavements | 5 |
| Church Hill | 3 |
| Gold St | 2 |

Dogs

Respondents were asked to identify any other areas of the village, other than those listed in the question, where they thought there was a dog fouling problem:

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Paths behind the church | 10 |
| General problem everywhere | 4 |
| BBOWT land | 4 |
| Milton Manor Drive | 2 |

And when commenting on what should be done about it:

Provide more dog bins 4

Renewable energy

In support of wind turbines on open land 4
 Depends on cost/benefit or return on investment 3
 Against wind turbines 3

Village Activities

Those that people might support, other than those already listed in the questions:

| | Within our village | Share with neighbouring villages |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cricket team | 4 | 1 |
| Car boot sale | 2 | |
| Freecycle | 2 | |
| Music events | 2 | |
| Running club | 2 | |
| Netball | 1 | 2 |
| Sunday school | 1 | 1 |

Final Questions

The final two questions gave people the opportunity to say what they liked. Many comments were about traffic.

| | What one thing would most improve your life in Little Milton? | Finally, any other comment you would like to make? | Total number of times comment made |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| See Traffic Section for Traffic comments | | | |
| Improved broadband | 20 | 1 | 21 |
| Public transport improvements | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| Village is fine as it is, good place to live, etc | 9 | | 9 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Activities for teenagers | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Improved pavements | 7 | | 7 |
| Stopping dog fouling | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Thank you to people in the village for doing what they do – volunteers, etc | 7 | | 7 |
| Bypass supported | 5 | | 5 |
| Improved street lighting | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Gas supply | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Extended shop hours | 3 | | 3 |
| Cycle ways | 2 | | 2 |
| No more housing | | 2 | 2 |
| Litter is a problem | | 2 | 2 |

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So far, funds have been spent on:

- Launch Event (March 2012)
- Banners and village map for the stall at 2012 Fete
- Printing Questionnaires