

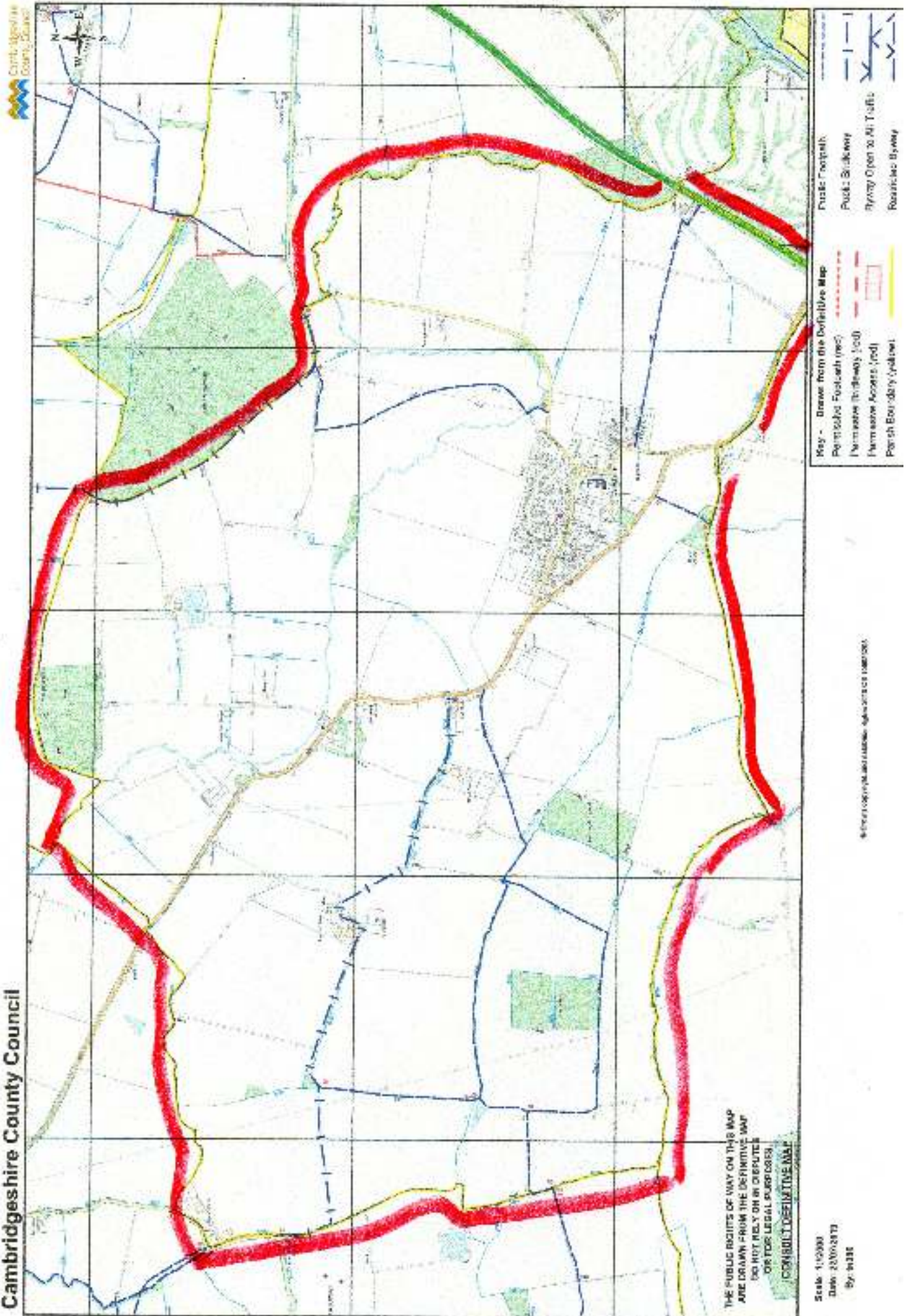
# Hail Weston Community Plan 2023-2027





# Parish of Hail Weston

Cambridgeshire County Council



## **Introduction - A Community Led Plan for Hail Weston**

A Community Led Plan (CLP) is a way for a community to come together to decide what they want to achieve in their area. This may include actions the community can undertake alone, and actions to address in partnership with local authorities or other agencies. A CLP is informed by the views of as many local residents as possible.

This is the second CLP created for Hail Weston (which covers the village as well as the surrounding areas which form part of Hail Weston for local government purposes.)

The 2016 Community Led Plan resulted in a number of significant improvements to Hail Weston and was generally regarded as a very successful exercise. This new plan aims to build upon that success and seeks to establish how views have changed in the past 6 years and what residents might like to see happen over the next five years.

This new CLP for 2022-2027 has been produced by volunteers working with the Hail Weston Parish Council (<https://www.hailweston.org.uk/parish-council>) and presents viewpoints of local residents collected in spring 2022 and an action plan based on those views.

Thanks to the pandemic it has been a far from straightforward process as our progress was punctuated by lockdowns and we had lots of meetings with open windows and face masks. We began with a well-attended public meeting in November 2019 and formed a steering group from the volunteers who put themselves forward at the meeting. Our progress over the following two years was sporadic and punctuated by various lockdowns and COVID inspired restrictions.

In April this year we festooned the entire village with a colourful display of posters, banners and leaflets. Residents had no excuse for not being aware the survey was at long last open!

The emphasis was on an electronic survey, but we ensured that paper questionnaires were available for those who preferred a more traditional format. We were delighted with the response of 297 completed surveys from village residents over the age of 12. (A copy of the questionnaire and data returned are available on the Hail Weston website.)

At long last we can publish our findings and set out your views on the future path for the village for the next half decade.

This exercise is nothing if not a fine example of teamwork and collaboration throughout Hail Weston. Sadly, during the extended period of the project we saw the passing of both Jeff Hubble who served on the steering group and Phil Gillett who helped with the distribution of the survey. They are much missed and we are very grateful for their contributions.

My thanks go to the whole steering group and the many others who have helped us along our journey.

**Nick Farnden – Chairman of the Community Led Plan Committee**

## **A Brief History of Hail Weston**

The parish of Hail Weston contains 1,583 acres. The subsoil is Oxford Clay, with sand and gravel. About two-thirds of the land is arable and the remainder grass, with about 53 acres of woodland.

- ❖ The name Hail Weston derives from the river (now called the River Kym), which was originally called the Hayle or Hail, and in earlier times the village was called Heilweston (12th Century), evolving to Hailweston and Haleweston later.
- ❖ Archaeological finds show that our parish has been occupied since Neolithic times and throughout the Bronze and Iron ages with significant Roman artefacts discovered, including a skeleton.
- ❖ In Saxon times Hail Weston was one manor, which was split into four manors after the Norman Conquest, although only 12 households were recorded here in 1086. Later the parish was linked to Southoe. There are records showing that services were held in St Nicolas' Church in 1208.
- ❖ Various local priories and convents owned land here until the dissolution of the monasteries (c 1536). An ancient bridge over the River Kym (or Hail) was mentioned in 1377.
- ❖ In Elizabethan times Star Chamber records mention that men destroyed fences and killed deer in Hail Weston parish. Our oldest church bell is dated 1589 and bears the inscription 'Feare God and Obeai the Quene'
- ❖ By 1597 the two Hail Weston Springs at Hail Bridge (by the A1), were well known. One was salty and cured eye problems and the other was sweet and good for skin complaints. People flocked to take the waters according to a contemporary account. The Springs were bought in 1884 by the Hail Weston Springs Company, which ceased trading in 1954. The springs are now capped off.
- ❖ The Royal Oak pub was built at around 1750. It is a grade II listed inn with a traditional thatched roof. Exposed beams and posts have been preserved, as well as the fireplace. It remains one of the centres of village life. The Baptist chapel (which was located in front of the Memorial Garden) was founded in 1757.
- ❖ By the 1800s the village was a self-supporting community. The 1881 census recorded farmers, farm labourers, horse keepers, a shepherd, a stock keeper, a bailiff, a gamekeeper, a cook, servants, gardeners, sawyers, brickmakers, a builder, carpenters, a butcher, a baker, a milkman, shopkeepers, a milliner, dressmakers, a tailoress, lace makers, a shoemaker, a Baptist minister, clerks, a postmistress, a letter carrier, general carriers and a charwoman. Papermakers went to work at the Little Paxton Papermill. The Village School (now The Village Hall) had two school mistresses and pupil teachers. There were three pubs.
- ❖ The 1900s saw a gradual decline in village amenities. By 1960 there were two shops a post office, two pubs, the school, and Cobbolds the undertakers. The school was closed in 1966 and the Baptist chapel closed later and was demolished. The shops closed and the Crown Pub also. New housing developments were built.

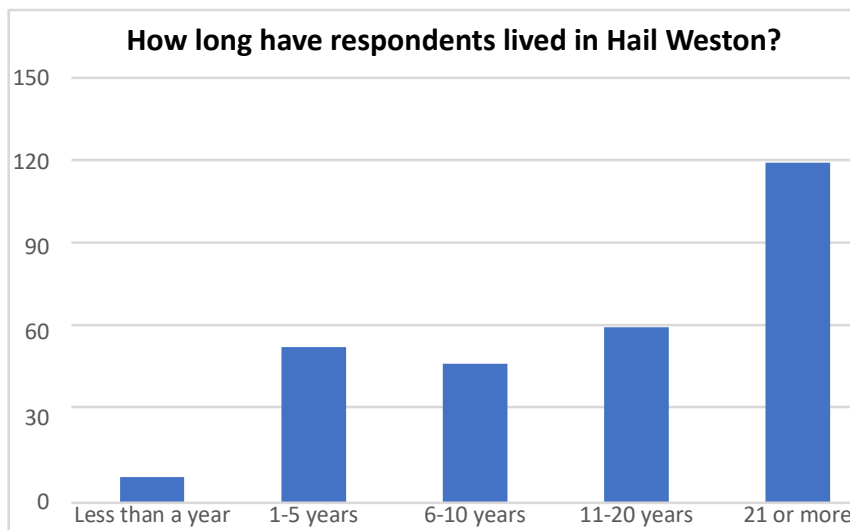


- ❖ Since the 2000s there has been a resurgence in small local businesses, and there are now enough resident tradespeople to cater for many of our local needs. The Royal Oak Pub re-opened in 2017 after a closure of five years, and with the Church of St. Nicolas, the Village Hall and the Playing Field, together form the hub of our village. Many local groups flourish, and with the Neighbourhood Café, bring our community together. The last Community Led Plan was instrumental in the formation of many of these groups, and contributed to many other improvements in village life.

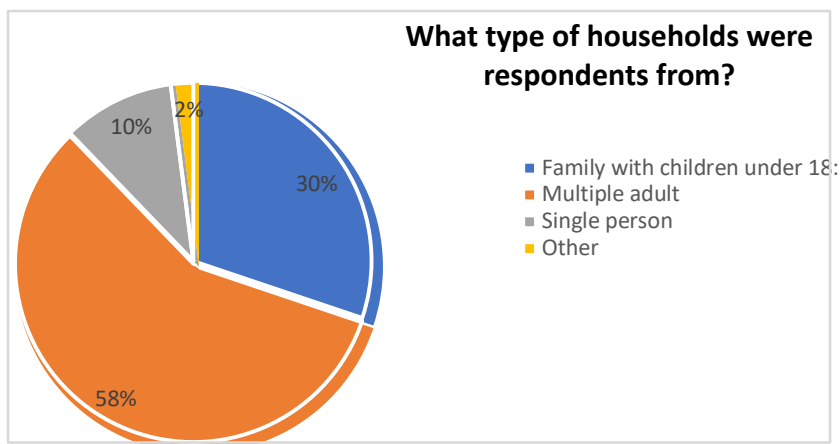
Our village has a long history of settlement, farming and tradespeople. This short account has highlighted some interesting facts and if you want to find out more, please visit [www.hailweston.org.uk](http://www.hailweston.org.uk) and click on [The Village](#) which links to more historical information about our village.

## Background Information

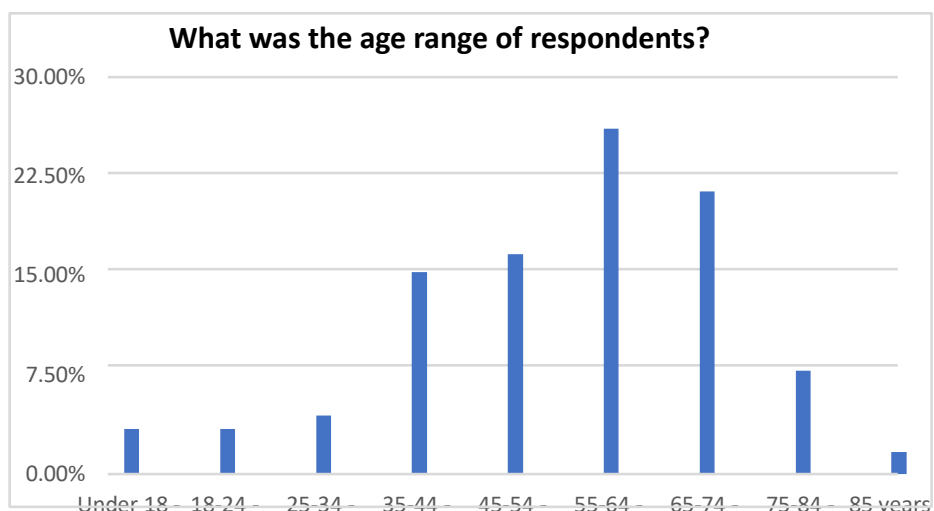
Two hundred and ninety-seven survey responses were completed during spring 2022.



Six out of ten respondents have lived in Hail Weston for over 11 years and four out of ten have lived here for 21 years or more.

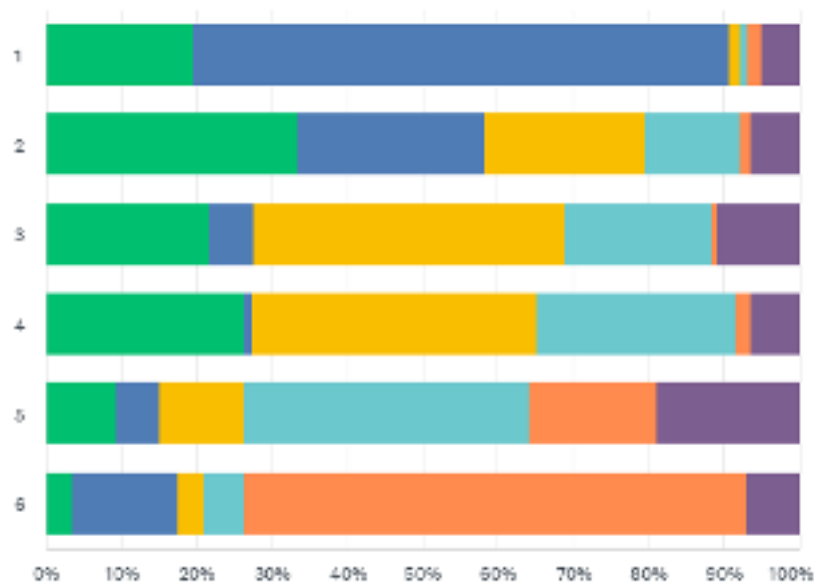


Six out of ten respondents were from multiple adult households and 3 out of ten were from households with children under eighteen.



**Age of respondents:** Most respondents (79%) were in the 35-74 age group with fewer respondents in the younger to older age ranges. About a quarter of respondents were within the 55-64 age range

## Respondents were invited to rank various reasons for living in Hail Weston



- By far the top choice for living in Hail Weston was 'the rural setting'. Ninety percent of respondents ranked it 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of what they like best about living in Hail Weston with 68% of respondents ranking it as their top answer.
- Next choices were being close to family and friends (55% ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to third) and good transport links (38% ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to third)
- respondents over 65 were more likely than younger respondents to make 'being close to family and friends' their top choice,
- Good transport links were most important to respondents in the 45-54 age group
- 61 respondents made further comments, most of which were positive.  
Belonging to a friendly community was most mentioned in further comments with peace and quiet and the Royal Oak also being mentioned frequently. Also mentioned multiple times were living in a small community, being separated from St Neots but close to it, proximity to nature (walks, river etc) and having lots going on.

- "There is a good community spirit in the village and people pull together when needed"
- "A quiet place that my family and I enjoy"
- "Having a pub like the Royal Oak"
- "I like the small rural size but convenience of being near to town"
- "The village hasn't grown in size"



## **Groups, Communications and Facilities**

### **Groups**

The survey revealed high levels of awareness of the Neighbourhood Café and the Parish Council and variable awareness of other groups listed. Respondents also mentioned existing groups not listed in the survey such as the Wildlife and Gardening Group and the newly formed Royal Oak Fishing & Darts Teams.

There is significant interest in forming an oil buying group, an over 50's or 60's group and a walking group. Some interest was shown in all the potential new groups suggested and further ideas for possible groups were shared.

### **Communications**

The preferred ways for most respondents to get news about Hail Weston are:

- The church newsletter (delivered to homes), favoured by 72% of respondents over 55
- The Hail Weston Facebook page which appeals most to a majority of 18–54-year-olds.
- The Mailchimp email newsletter which is popular with those over 35 years of age.

There is still a strong support from 80% of respondents to continue with the Mutual Aid Group that was originally set up in March 2020 to offer support during the coronavirus pandemic.

Social media is being used effectively to communicate what is happening in Hail Weston according to 71% of respondents. However, other forms of communication such as the notice boards are still required as there are respondents who do not have access to social media.

“There are a number of media available, and I think there is some confusion about which one is best or carries the most information.”

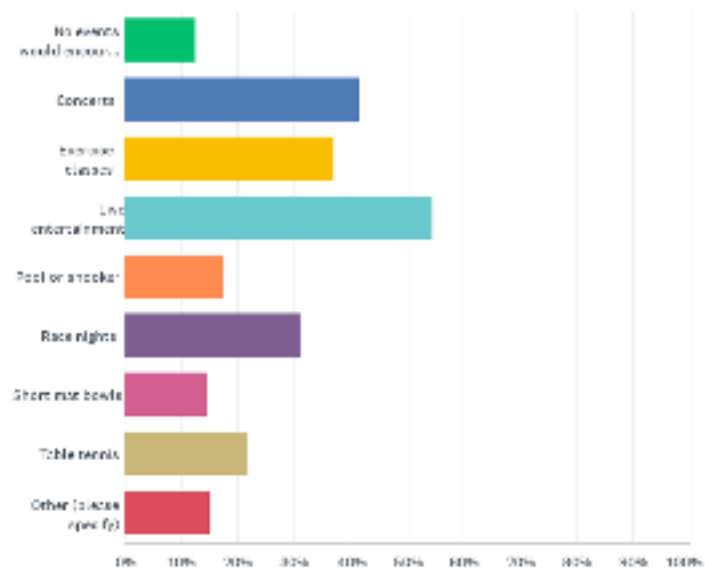
“Hail Weston social media platforms could be better publicised”

More people chose fairly satisfied than any other response when asked about their broadband speed (38%) and their mobile signal strength (33%). However, when it came to those who were very satisfied with connectivity 10% more people were very satisfied with their mobile signal strength (24%) than those very satisfied with their broadband speeds (14%). with mobile signal strength was slightly more evident in the under 45 group.

### **Facilities**

Respondents were invited to say what might make them use the Village Hall more often. Fifty five percent of respondents suggested live entertainment, with concerts and race nights being popular choices. Thirty seven percent said they would use the facility more for exercise classes.

## What would encourage respondents to use the village hall more often?





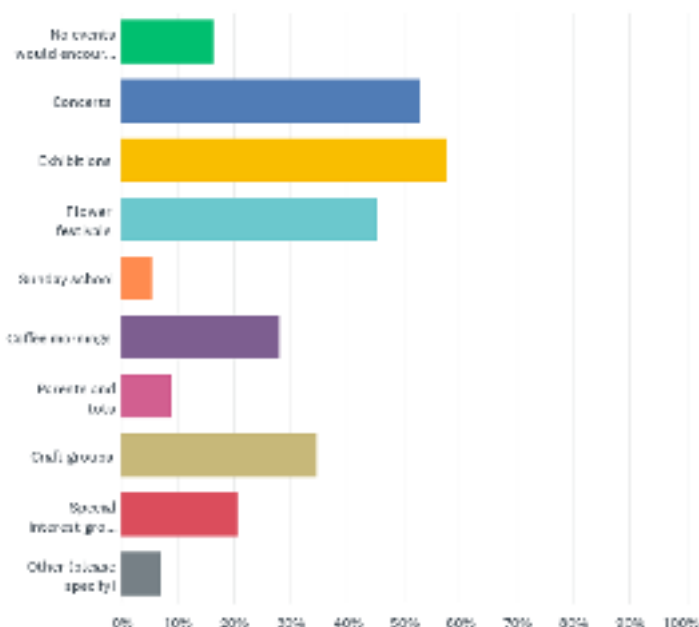
Other suggestions included

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Activities that would encourage respondents to use St Nicolas’ church more were exhibitions (58%), concerts (53%), flower festivals (45%) and craft groups (35%). Interestingly, only 16% said they wouldn’t use the church at all.

#### What would encourage respondents to use the St Nicolas’ church more often?



“We must use this venue; it is part of the history of the village and one we must not lose”

**The Playing Field** – From the list of ideas suggested the most popular potential additions to the playing field were tennis courts (44%), 5 a side football area (33%) and a table tennis table (30%). However, 25% of respondents felt that the playing field does not require any additional facilities. –

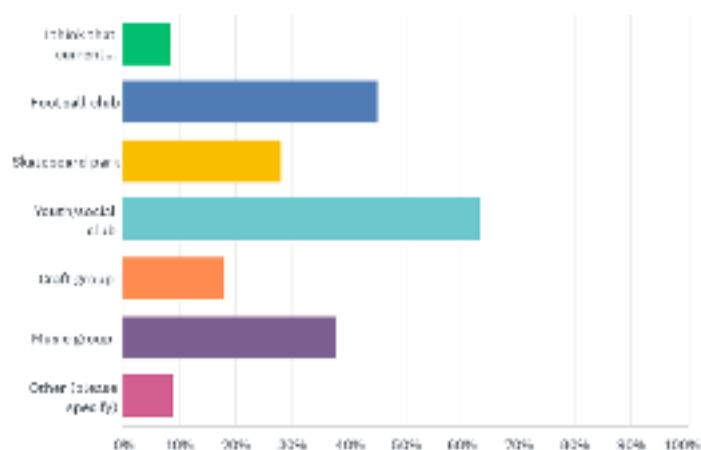


"It is an excellent resource enjoyed by many – well done Hail Weston"

## Young People

Interestingly, only 9% of people felt that there were adequate facilities for under 18-year-olds in Hail Weston. The most popular choice for additional facilities among all respondents is a youth club (63%). However, only nine under 18-year-olds answered this question and four made additional suggestions including toilets at the playing field and faster broadband speeds.

### What additional facilities did respondents think would benefit the under 18s?



## ACTIONS

- **Parish Council** to list all existing groups including contact details, meeting times and locations on all communication platforms and on the parish website –
- **Administrators** to publish details of how to join the Mutual Aid Group - invitation link
- **Interested Residents** could explore setting up an oil buying group
- **Village Hall Committee** to consider respondents suggestions for additional activities.
- **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** to consider respondents suggestions for additional activities



- **Parish Council** to consider all suggestions for improving the existing facilities at the Playing Field
- **All organisations** to review accessibility improvements to village facilities
- **Interested Residents** could set up a working party to explore the possibility of establishing a Youth Club and improving the facilities in the village for the under 18-year-olds.
- These groups were suggested by respondents and **interested organisers** would be needed to run them: Most popular suggestions:
  - activities for children of various ages
  - art and craft classes or groups
  - bingo
  - sales (exchanges, stalls or charity fundraisers)

Other suggestions grouped by type:

- specific sports
- social/ entertainment ideas
- skills classes (e.g. dance, art)
- Village Hall used as an essentials shop

A full list of suggestions is in the appendix.

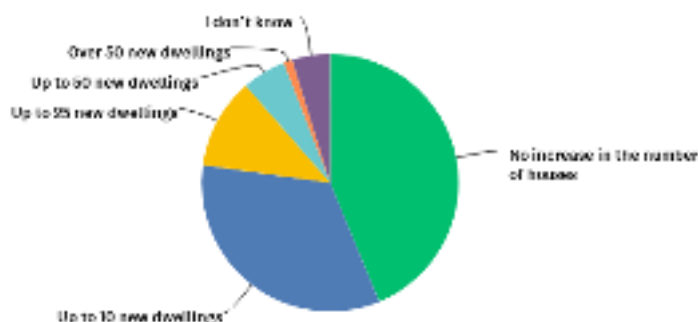
## **Housing and Development**

### **DEVELOPMENT – ACCEPTABLE EXPANSION & LOCATION**

Respondents were divided as to whether future housing development should take place within the Parish (44% against, 50% for).

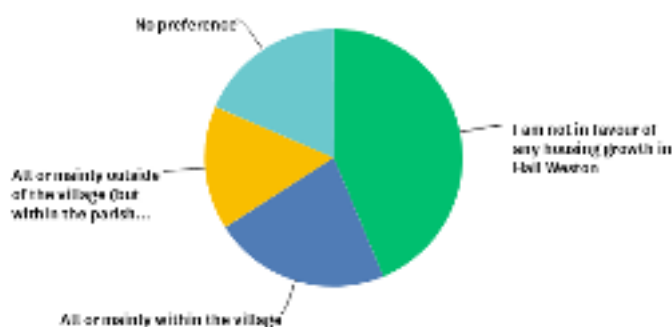
Of those in favour of further house building in the next five years, two thirds felt overall development should be limited to a maximum of 10 new homes. Only 7% of all respondents would be happy to see over 25 new dwellings built.

#### **What level of housing development did respondents feel would be appropriate for Hail Weston over the next five years?**



Regarding any preference for the location of new housing expansion, 44% were not in favour of any housing growth. Of the 38% who expressed any preference for the location of new housing growth, 6 out of 10 felt that this should be mainly within the village, as opposed to the wider parish of Hail Weston. 19% of respondents had no preference as to where any housing growth should be.

#### **Where did respondents think that any new houses should be built?**

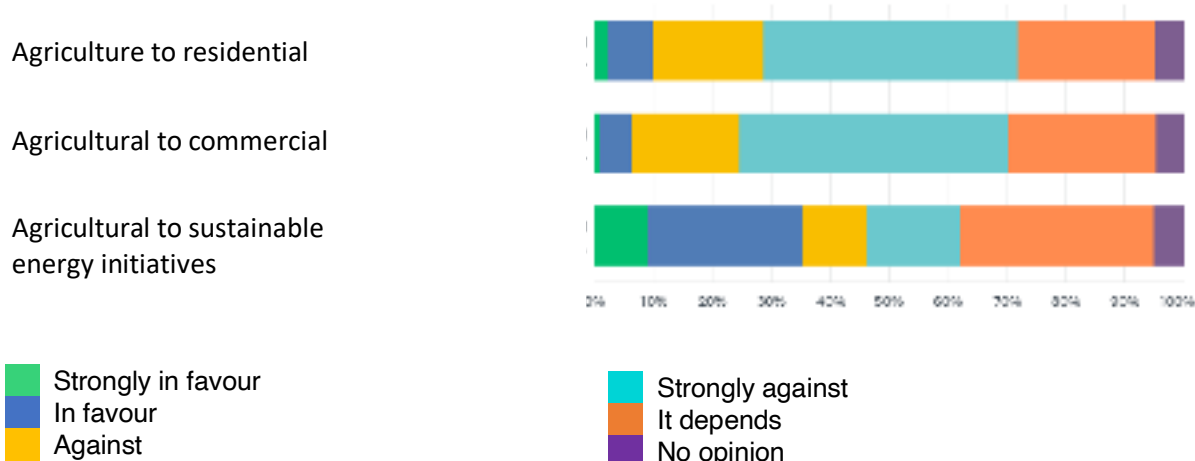


There was strong feeling against changing agricultural land to either residential or commercial use, (more than 6 out of 10 in each case), with fewer than 1 out of 10 being in favour in each case. In each case about a quarter said it depended on the location.

Views on change of land use from agricultural to support sustainable energy initiatives were more mixed, (37% of those who expressed an opinion were in favour & 28% against).



### How likely were respondents to be in favour of different types of development in Hail Weston?



For hypothetical housing development, respondents rated the following as of importance:

- Meeting sustainability criteria (94%)
- Not to obscure views of the church (93%)
- Housing for senior citizens (64%)
- Affordable housing (58%)
- Dwellings up to 3 beds (58%)

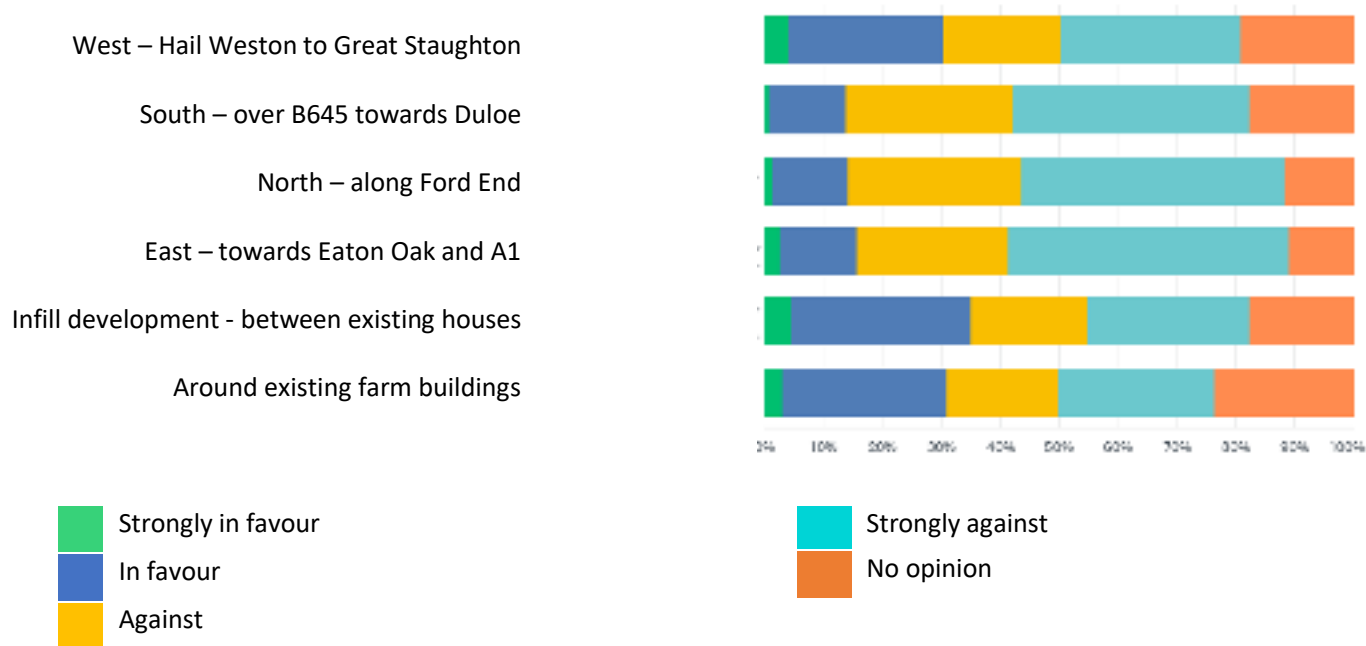
### BUSINESS – DEVELOPMENT

The majority view (59% of those expressing an opinion) was that development to support small businesses within the Parish is important, with 33% of respondents favouring the use of existing buildings rather than new purpose-built business units.

### TYPE & CONDITION OF DEVELOPMENT

There was a strong response with relation to the location of any future housing development within the Parish & outside of the village. Development between the village & St Neots, south of the B645 & along Ford End were objected to by a large majority of respondents who expressed an opinion (82%, 83% and 84% respectively).

### Where in Hail Weston might respondents be in favour of development?



As a potential Bedfordshire development south of the B645 has been recently mooted, this is an important barometer of respondents feeling towards such development.

### RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUNDING

Respondents were asked to consider a specific scheme exploring renewal energy with community benefit. There was great interest (86% of respondents in favour) in the Parish Council exploring the feasibility of the Rural Community Energy Fund Scheme (RCEF) for the Parish.

### ACTIONS

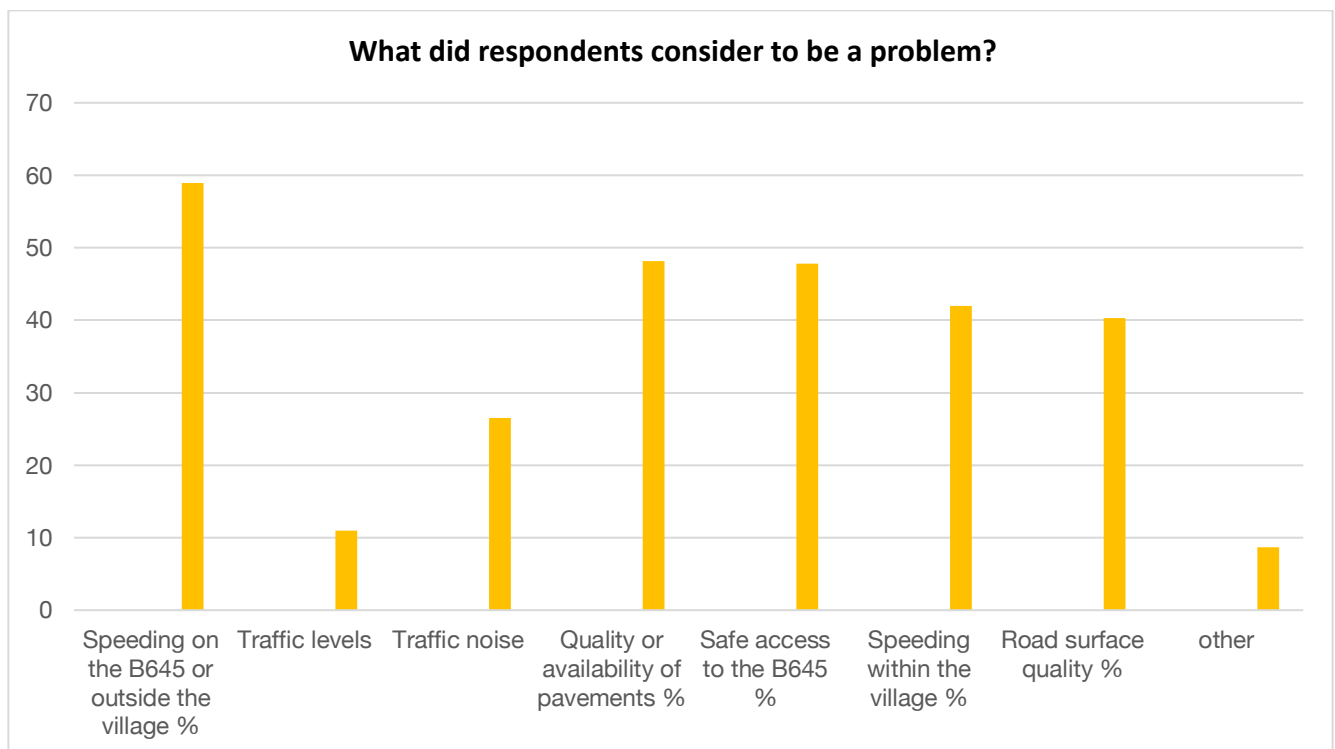
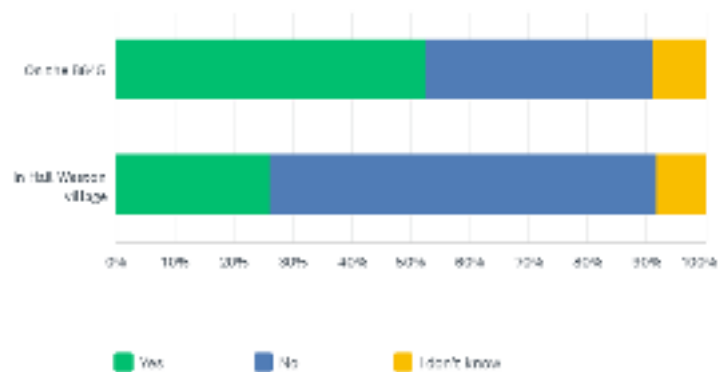
- **Parish Council** to use Respondents views in response to the CLP questionnaire to guide Local Authorities when considering development control issues in & around the Parish.
- **Parish Council** to explore the feasibility of the Rural Community Energy Fund Scheme (RCEF) for the Parish.

## Highways and Transport

### Speeding

Speeding was identified as an issue for Hail Weston in the Community Led Plan of 2016. Despite some significant work since that time to reduce the speed limit on the B645 from 60 miles an hour to 50 miles an hour and the village speed limit from 30 to 20 miles an hour, 58% of those who expressed a view, felt that “Speeding on the B645 or outside the village” was a problem. 42% also consider that speeding within the village is a problem. While only a quarter of respondents identified road noise as a particular problem, noise - especially from speeding motorbikes - was mentioned several times in comments as an on-going issue for respondents close to the B645.

**Speed limits on the B645 and in Hail Weston Village have been lowered recently.  
Are further road safety measures needed?**



- *"The traffic speed and noise, especially motorbikes on B645 is very dangerous and causes distress to our family living on Kimbolton Road."*
- *"Entering the village from the St Neots direction can be dangerous as the hedgerow on the left obscures the view of oncoming traffic."*
- *"Speeding is a larger issue in the village due to the fact that pavements are not always available, especially around the church."*

### **Pavements**

Half of respondents felt that the quality and availability of pavements in the Parish were a problem, and this was the issue that was then mentioned most within the comments section. Safety was also raised as an issue when there was a lack of pavements.

Respondents were asked how they would be prepared to see road and pavement improvements funded. 41% would be prepared to see an increase in local Council Tax for this purpose and 35% chose fund-raising events as a suitable approach. 5% chose 'personal contribution'. A quarter of respondents would not be prepared to fund road and pavement contributions through any of these routes.

Most respondents who left a comment felt that road and pavement improvements should be covered by existing Council Taxes. Some suggested that contributions could be found elsewhere, for example from grants or developers.

- *"There are no pavements to allow easy exit from a bus..."*
- *"Pavements are highly unsuitable for anyone with mobility problems"*

### **Road safety**

Blind corners (some caused by vegetation growth) were also mentioned as a safety issue. Most frequently mentioned were the turning into the village on the east (St Neots) side and the corner near Pound Close.

Changing the colour or texture of a road surface, at the entrance to a village or residential area, is reported to help reduce crime and traffic speed by identifying a 'new area' (known as Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). Fifty four percent of respondents said that they would be in favour of adopting this measure in Hail Weston village, while a quarter of respondents were undecided.

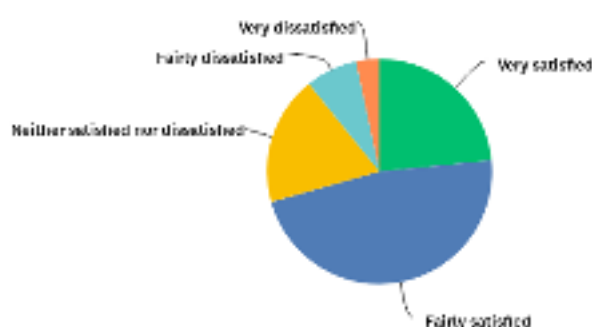
The white lines on roads within the village have worn. Half of respondents supported the reinstatement of white lines on bends and junctions through the village.

### **Street Lighting**

71% of respondents were very or fairly satisfied with the levels of street lighting in the village. Improvements were mostly suggested for the stretch of road between the church and the first entrance to Orchard Close, closest to the Royal Oak Pub. Entrances to the village, Green Lane, Bird Lane and Newtown were also mentioned as needing improvement



## How satisfied were respondents with the level of street lighting in Hail Weston?



A notable number of comments reflected the desire to prevent light pollution.

- *"We need some lighting but not too much as this affects the wildlife and we are a country parish."*
- *"Solar lighting for particularly [dim] areas [such as the] village hall and cycle path."*

### Buses

The majority of respondents (87%) feel that it is important to have a bus servicing Hail Weston. The HACT bus continues to run a timetable through the village, but it does not appear to be well used, though the reasons for this may vary widely. Regarding the TING bus project currently underway, allowing passengers to book a bus, it will be interesting to read the outcome of the trial.

### ACTIONS

- **Residents and Parish Council**, to continue to lobby Cambridgeshire County Council for lower speed limits on the B645 past the village.
- **Parish Council** to consult the residents about the possible addition and cost of adding one or two streetlights in addition to those already funded by the Parish Council between the church and the first entrance to Orchard Close.
- **Parish Council** to investigate with the County Council the possibility of further dimming street lighting after midnight.
- **Parish Council** to consult the residents about the possibility of changing the colour and texture of road surface at village entrances
- **Residents and Parish Council**, to alert CCC regarding poor paths/roads and lack of dropped kerbs especially with regard to disabled access/pushchair users.
- **Residents and Parish Council**, to approach Highways Department to reinstall the white lines in the middle of the road and at junctions.
- **Parish Council** to use its best endeavours to improve visibility, liaising with local farmers to manage hedge height levels on the bends approaching the east side of the village.

## Wildlife and Environment

Hail Weston parish is part of a diverse landscape, with a range of environments for wildlife and public amenities.

### **The River and Ford**

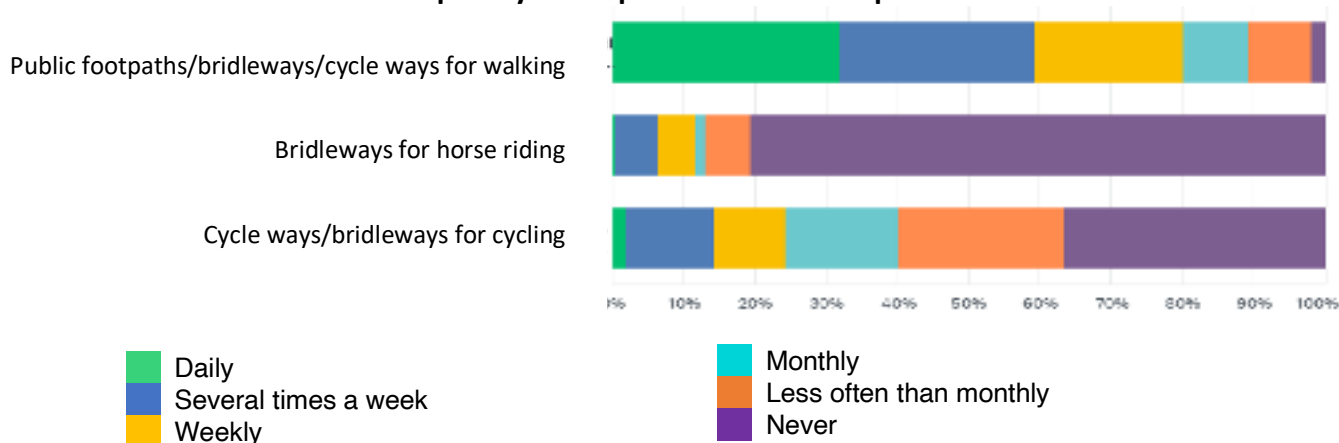
Two-thirds of respondents felt the signs for closure of Ford End were adequate but recognise that motorists ignore the information and this could lead to safety concerns regarding walkers. Up to one-third of respondents felt the signs for the road being closed were inadequate, highlighting that it is not easy to recognise the road is closed until you are travelling on it. Useful suggestions include larger signage at point of entry, a notice of pedestrian use and the unsuitability for lorries.

- *"I like it when it is shut as it is safe to walk along especially for children."*
- *"There should be a large additional sign to make sure that any car traffic is aware that this area is used frequently by pedestrians, and therefore extra care must be taken."*
- *"There have been far too many [lorries] caught there over the years, because the satnav still sends them that way."*

### **Footpaths bridleways and cycleways**

98% of respondents say they use local paths for walking, cycling or horse riding regularly.

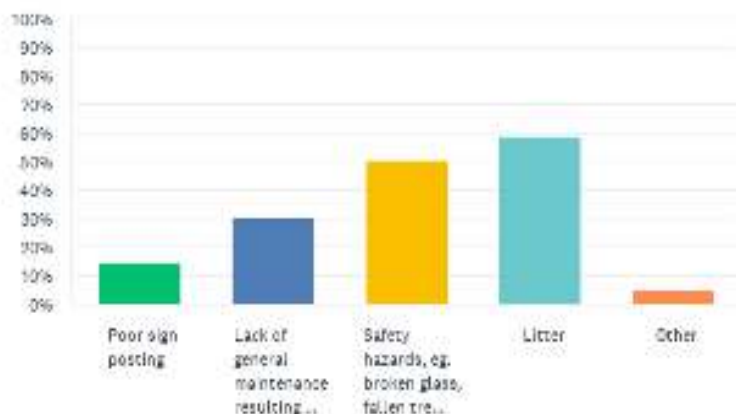
**How frequently do respondents use local paths?**



The most frequent comments from respondents regarding hazards and barriers were about dog fouling, lack of maintenance to footpaths, Hail Weston to St Neots cycle path and fly-tipping near the ford. There was also concern regarding litter in the village and accessible pavements for wheelchair and other users.

- *"Grant to extend Cycleway/footpath towards Gt Staughton"*

## Which hazards or barriers to access public rights of way have respondents experienced?



- *“Even though there are poo bags situated at various points in the village there is still dog mess around.”*
- *“Fly tipping down Ford End is a problem”.*
- *“Trees and bushes growing over the cycle track near the A1 bridge.”*
- *“The ground level is uneven causing..... balance issues and slipping. Brambles and hedging have been cut back and new fencing reinstated which is good.”*

### Outdoor amenities

Most people are satisfied with the provision of benches, litter bins and dog fouling (signs and poo bags) in the village. But there was a significant number who felt they should be improved. (Monies from the village fete have funded a new wheelchair friendly bench at the Playing Field.)

While 63% of respondents have not found snow clearing an issue, one third of respondents did report their concern.

### Biodiversity and Wildlife.

When asked to choose from a list of possible wildlife or diversity projects, more than half of respondents chose more flower, shrubs and trees on communal land and bird boxes. Over 40% favoured bat boxes and hedgehog passes. 68% of respondents were in favour of the Parish joining a scheme to promote biodiversity or to enhance the appearance of Hail Weston (such as Britain in Bloom). Most other respondents chose “maybe”.

- *“A pond or waterbody. Water is a great way to encourage insects.”*
- *“Community garden projects where we look to provide the right wildlife environment.”*
- *“Community vegetable garden.”*
- *“Save time and money and benefit wildlife by not cutting back hedgerows unless absolutely necessary.”*

## ACTIONS

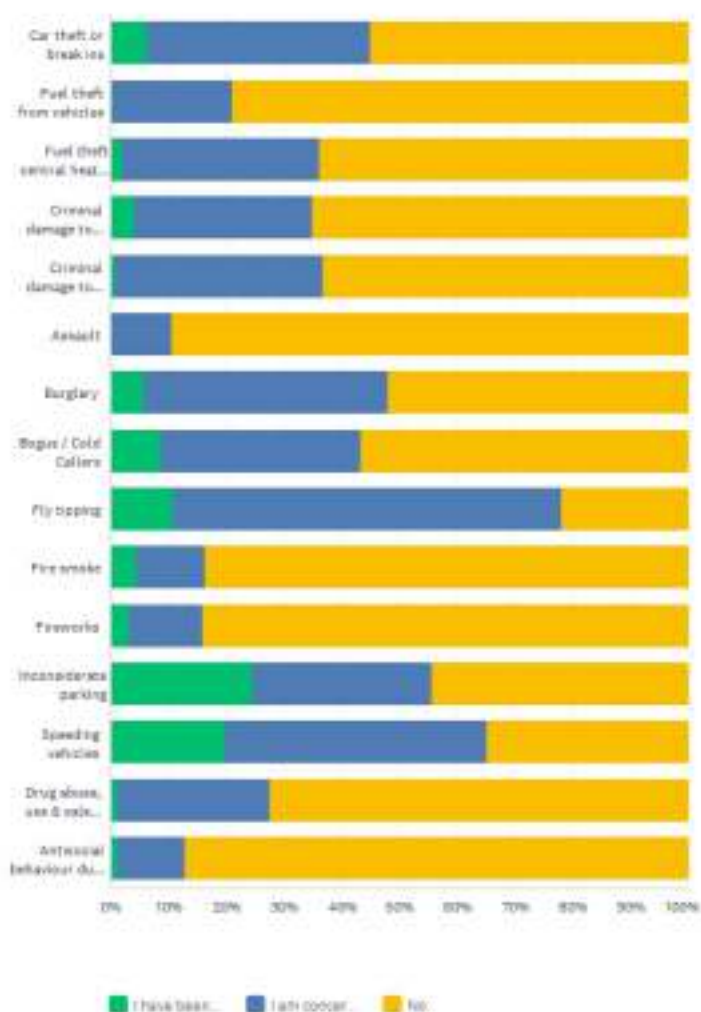
- **Parish council** to look at concerns and ask for reconsideration of ford closure signs and information.
- **Parish council** to consider the provision of extra litter bins e.g., by the ford
- **Parish council** to check that grit boxes are filled in case of inclement weather. **Residents** can also report empty grit boxes on the Cambridgeshire County Council Website – See appendix at the end of this booklet.
- **Residents** can report poorly maintained footpaths bridleways and cycleways on the Cambridgeshire County Council Website – in the Residents section. See appendix at the end of this booklet.



## Crime, Antisocial behaviour and Safety

Hail Weston is generally considered to be a safe place to live with the majority of issues affecting respondents more aligned to thoughtlessness rather than to criminal behaviour. Fly tipping (78% either affected or concerned) and speeding (65% either affected or concerned) were the top concerns raised. With over half affected by or concerned about inconsiderate parking. At least 1 out of 20 people had been affected by burglary, car theft or break-ins, bogus/cold callers

### **What issues have respondents been affected by over the past 5 years?**

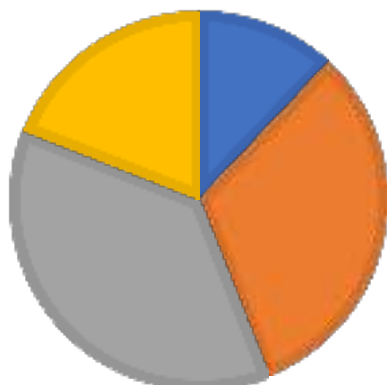


With some incidents of theft from cars, one potential solution mooted was the use of a subcontract guard force, patrolling the village during the night-time. Survey responses indicated the majority of respondents would need more information on this type of approach in order to take a view. Only 15% said they would support the Parish Council in paying a private security firm to make patrols. 34% would not support this and the remaining half of respondents would need more information before making a choice.

An alternative proposal was the use of CCTV at respondents' homes. Some respondents (28%) expressed interest in installing CCTV to their property if this could be discounted due to volume of orders. 39% said they would need more information before responding.

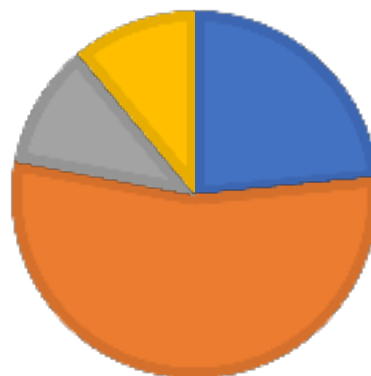
## How effective did respondents think these measures could be in helping to prevent crime?

### A PRIVATE SECURITY PATROL



- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Unlikely
- Don't know

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME



- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Unlikely
- Don't know

## ACTIONS

- **Parish Council** to approach local Police on possibility of additional patrols.
- **Parish Council and Interested Residents** to consult the Parish about obtaining more information on sub-contract guard patrols.
- **Parish Council and Interested Residents** to call Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.
- **Interested Residents** to form a group to investigate feasibility and potential costs for CCTV provision.

## **Action points**

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- **Parish Council** to consider all suggestions for improving the existing facilities at the Playing Field
- **All organisations** to review accessibility improvements to village facilities
- **Interested Residents** could set up a working party to explore the possibility of establishing a Youth Club and improving the facilities in the village for the under 18-year-olds.
- These groups were suggested by respondents and **interested organisers** would be needed to run them: Most popular suggestions:
  - activities for children of various ages
  - art and craft classes or groups
  - bingo
  - sales (exchanges, stalls or charity fundraisers)

Other suggestions grouped by type:

- specific sports
- social/ entertainment ideas
- skills classes (e.g. dance, art)
- Village Hall used as an essentials shop

A full list of suggestions is in the appendix.

### **Housing**

- **Parish Council** to use Respondents views in response to the CLP questionnaire to guide Local Authorities when considering development control issues in & around the Parish.
- **Parish Council** to explore the feasibility of the Rural Community Energy Fund Scheme (RCEF) for the Parish.

### **Highways**

- **Residents and Parish Council**, to continue to lobby Cambridgeshire County Council for lower speed limits on the B645 past the village.
- **Parish Council** to consult the residents about the possible addition and cost of adding one or two streetlights in addition to those already funded by the Parish Council between the church and the first entrance to Orchard Close.

- **Parish Council** to investigate with the County Council the possibility of further dimming street lighting after midnight.
- **Parish Council** to consult the residents about the possibility of changing the colour and texture of road surface at village entrances
- **Residents and Parish Council**, to alert CCC regarding poor paths/roads and lack of dropped kerbs especially with regard to disabled access/pushchair users.
- **Residents and Parish Council**, to approach Highways Department to reinstall the white lines in the middle of the road and at junctions.
- **Parish Council** to use its best endeavours to improve visibility, liaising with local farmers to manage hedge height levels on the bends approaching the east side of the village.

### Wildlife

- **Parish council** to look at concerns and ask for reconsideration of ford closure signs and information.
- **Parish council** to consider the provision of extra litter bins e.g., by the ford
- **Parish council** to check that grit boxes are filled in case of inclement weather. **Residents** can also report empty grit boxes on the Cambridgeshire County Council Website – See appendix at the end of this booklet.
- **Residents** can report poorly maintained footpaths bridleways and cycleways on the Cambridgeshire County Council Website – in the Residents section. See appendix at the end of this booklet.

### Crime

- **Parish Council** to approach local Police on possibility of additional patrols.
- **Parish Council and Interested Residents** to consult the Parish about obtaining more information on sub-contract guard patrols.
- **Parish Council and Interested Residents** to call Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.
- **Interested Residents** to form a group to investigate feasibility and potential costs for CCTV provision.

If you are interested in pursuing any of these action points, please contact the Parish Council (see appendix for contact details).

## **Appendix**

**Report a highways fault**, such as Manholes or gratings that are missing, pot holes, damaged street furniture, Ford bridge repairs

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

**Refilling road grit bins**

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow>

**Report fly-tipping**

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/fly-tipping/>

**Street lighting**

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/streetlighting>

**Locking ford road** – <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk> or [clerk@hailweston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hailweston.org.uk)

**Highway verges** – <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/> Search for Grass Cutting

**Hail Weston Website**

<https://www.hailweston.org.uk>

**Parish Council**

<https://www.hailweston.org.uk/parish-council>

**Jill Gooch** – Chairman. Email - [Jillhwpc@gmail.com](mailto:Jillhwpc@gmail.com)

**Jen Abell** – Parish Clerk. Email - [clerk@hailweston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hailweston.org.uk)

**Church website - benefice website**

<https://swhw.co.uk>

**Village Hall website -**

<http://www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk>

<b>CCC responsibilities</b>	<b>HDC responsibility</b>	<b>Parish Council responsibility</b>
Highways Education Social care Libraries Recycling	Planning Rubbish collection Housing benefit Leisure facilities Parking Council tax Street cleaning	Lighting Parks Cemetery Allotments Represent village views on planning applications



## Appendix 2 – Contacts for existing Village Groups

Parish Council - <https://www.hailweston.org.uk>

Village Hall - bookings/ fitness classes/NCT(National Childbirth Trust) and other booked activities - [hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk](http://hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk)

St Nicolas Church and Parochial Church Council, Church Coffee morning, Church Band Group

- Elaine McCarthy 01480 474542,

- Reverend Nicki Bland 01480 869385

SWHW | The Staughtons with Hail Weston (Links and contacts for the above)

The St Nicolas Restoration Group - [annemarie@thewoodfarm.com](mailto:annemarie@thewoodfarm.com)

Hail Weston Neighbourhood Café - [hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com](mailto:hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com)

Carers Coffee Group, Darts, Fishing and Bridge Groups - <https://www.royaloakhailweston.com>  
and click the [What's On](#) button

Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group - [hwwgg@yahoo.com](mailto:hwwgg@yahoo.com)

The Women's Institute - 01480 214582

The Mondays (singing group) - Elaine McCarthy 01480 474542

Tuesday Coffee morning - [ladymiahill@gmail.com](mailto:ladymiahill@gmail.com)

Book Club - [carolclapham0@gmail.com](mailto:carolclapham0@gmail.com)

Hail Weston Needle and Thread Group – 01480 476282

### Full list of groups people would like to see in the village

- Art, drawing, painting
- A group for children/ brownies – use the hall and playing field
- Knitting/crochet and/or craft group (bring a craft and have a chat)
- A community group to own and/or support the Royal Oak pub garden
- Youth group
- Football
- Street gardening
- Music band for adults
- Table tennis
- Petanque or bowling team
- Classic car group
- Board games
- Walking Group
- Home/remote workers group
- Running
- Yoga
- Meditation
- Badminton
- Weekly bingo
- Dominoes
- Fitness
- Single persons group - make friends etc
- Hobbies such as painting, photography, U3A
- Outside visits
- Festive workshops (wreaths etc)

## **Membership of CLP committee and volunteers**

Chairman Nick Farnden  
Secretary Val Moran  
Mike Brown  
Veronica Bolton  
Nigel Burdett

Ann Clark  
The late Jeff Hubble  
Elaine McCarthy  
Keith Moran  
Jane Sugars

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# RESULTS FROM THE 2016 HAIL WESTON COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Over 70% of residents took part in our first 'CLP' by completing the survey which was published in a booklet in 2016. The plan led to many improvements to village life, some of which are shown below.

Church Restoration Group



Neighbourhood Café

Lower speed limits



Wildlife and gardening group



Re-purposed telephone box

New community website



E-Newsletter

Church restoration update,  
Pinner's Night, Summer Fayre,  
Plant Sale, Paxton Pits Trip,  
World Cup Watching, Cafes, WI  
Talks



Church Restoration Update

Tuesday, 22nd May. An Italiane  
monument for St Nicolas Church, as we  
finally received planning permission from  
Haringdon District Council for the  
symbolic changes which need to be  
made to the church in order to enhance its

Defibrillators



The 2016 plan made a great contribution to life in Hail Weston and we hope that the new plan will have a similarly beneficial impact.

**This is your opportunity to have your say and help shape the future of Hail Weston!**