UPPER HEYFORD COMMUNITY-LED PLAN

SURVEY REPORT

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ABOUT COMMUNITY FIRST OXFORDSHIRE

Community First is a community development and placemaking charity which helps communities and individuals to identify issues that affect them and find their own solutions. We support and advise volunteer-led actions in Oxfordshire, helping hundreds of volunteers fulfil many roles in their communities. We support the principles of Asset-based Community Development. We think that stronger, more sustainable communities are built using the skills and gifts that people already have.

COMMUNITY-LED PLANNING

CFO is funded by Cherwell Oxfordshire District Council **to support community groups undertaking a Community-Led Plan (CLP)**. Our team has supported over 100 Oxfordshire communities in carrying out CLP's and related social action projects.

Community Led Planning (CLP) is an inclusive, step-by-step comprehensive planning tool that is structured to support and empower a community to reflect upon, research, identify and address a range of different social, economic, environmental, and cultural issues. These might include land use, housing issues, community facilities, play areas, transport and services.

The community of Upper Heyford is currently undertaking a Community-Led Plan.

AIMS OF THE COMMUNITY SURVEY

A comprehensive community survey is one of the key means of finding out what residents think about a range of issues.

The survey is an important part of the evidence base underpinning the plan, with the results helping guide the next stage of plan-making, including the discussion of priorities and the drafting of the CLP Action Plan.

Upper Heyford Parish Council, in liaison with CFO, devised the survey questions. CFO analysed the survey returns and produced this report. CFO also created a Survey Monkey version of the survey to facilitate online responses.

DISTRIBUTION AND RESPONSE

In order to carry out the Community Survey, hard copy questionnaires were delivered by hand to each Upper Heyford residence in September 2026 with additional copies available at the reading Room and the Village Hall an electronic version publicised on the Parish Council website, promoted via the Parish Council news bulletins, in the Valley News which was delivered to every household, and via social media using Facebook and the Village WhatsApp Group.

The survey deadline was 5 October 2026.

75 surveys were returned – 69 online and 6 via hard copy

HEADLINE FINDINGS

The following tables give an overview of responses to selection of survey questions (percentages are calculated by using the number of people who responded to each question - response rates to each question vary).

Details of responses to all questions can be found in in the next section - **Detailed Findings**.

Top 3 things that people like about living in Upper Heyford	**- Rural setting/ countryside** **- Community spirit/ feeling** **- Peace and quiet**	**Top 3 things that people least like about living in Upper Heyford**	**- Increase of/ and speed of traffic** **- Lack of/ poor public transport** **- Over-development**
Of those who responded to the question 21% feel VERY INVOLVED and 45% feel FAIRLY INVOLVED in village life **Valley News and the Village WhatsApp group are the top 2 preferred ways of finding out information**			
The most supported community innovations, according to a weighted average out of 5: GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE - Village emergency plan (4.27); EVENT - Takeaway food vans (3.72); ACTIVITY - Local food markets (3.97); FACILITY - Cycle track/walking circuit (3.91)			
Top 3 supported measures to benefit the parish environment	**- Traffic-calming** **- Maintenance of public hedges/verges** **- Planting more trees/flowers/shrubs**	**Top 3 supported eco-friendly schemes in the parish**	**- Solar panels on Village Hall/ Reading Room** **- Tree planting** **- Wildflower areas**
Of those who answered the question, 52% USE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS DAILY		**Of those who answered the question, 80% NEVER CYCLE AROUND THE PARISH**	
Top 3 traffic concerns from options given (weighted average out of 5) **- Potholes (4.57)** **- Speed of vehicles passing through village (4.21)** **- Volume of traffic passing through village (4.15)**			
When asked about HOUSING DEVELOPMENT in the parish in the next decade 54% would like to see no development, with 1-2 bedroom homes being most supported			
Top 3 most important things the Parish Council should focus on over the next 5 years: **- Keeping the village a village / stop encroachment of developments** **- More community cohesion with events and initiatives** **- Road safety / traffic-calming**			

NARRATIVE OVERVIEW

DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

75 responses, representing 143 individuals, were received through online and hard copy versions. This is nearly half of the population living in Upper Heyford, which is estimated to be just under 300 by the Parish Clerk. (Official figures from the 2011 census are not accurate as they include the residents of Heyford Park as well).

Out of the 143 people in households represented in the survey, 49 were adults aged between 45 and 64. Out of 109 total choices, 46 were either in full-time employment or self-employed. 28 were retired and 17 were children and young people either under school age, in school or in further/higher education. Out of 92 total choices, 62 worked, studied or volunteered outside the parish or at home.

Out of 125 total choices, 23 had a long-term health condition that impacted on their day-to-day life. There were 8 suggestions about facilities and activities that would help them:

- A GP surgery
- Good bus service to Bicester/Oxford
- Ensuring the village remains a safe environment without extensive builds and additional traffic
- Assistance to attend meetings and functions
- Help to get doctor/dentist appointment
- A toilet near the playground
- More access to reserved disabled parking to enable participation in village events
- More exercise options for those retired and living with mobility challenges

SUMMARY OF SURVEY SECTIONS

PART 1 - LIVING IN THE PARISH

The top 3 things that respondents liked about living in Upper Heyford were its **rural setting**: 71 out of 205 comments, **community spirit:** 32 out of 205 comments, and **peace and quiet:** 32 out of 205 comments.

The three things they least liked were the **increase in traffic / speed of traffic:** 24 out of 177 comments, **lack of/ poor public transport:** 21 out of 177 comments, and **ever-encroaching / over-development:** 17 out of 177 comments.

It is notable - looking at these top three themes - that there were considerably more comments about what respondents liked than what they didn't like.

PART 2 - COMMUNITY

More than half of respondents (48 out of 73) said they felt fairly or very involved in village life. A very high proportion (63 out of 73) felt fairly or very informed about village life. Valley News, the Village What's App group, the Parish Council email, and word of mouth were the top 4 channels of communication for finding out what was going on in the village. These 4 methods represented 160 out of 280 total choices.

The top three **community spaces** that are most used are the **Village Hall** (61 out of 73 respondents), the **Barley Mow pub** (54 out of 73 respondents) and the **Reading Room** (52 out of 73 respondents). Areas which are used less include the allotments (never used by 53 out of 73 respondents), the children's play area by the Reading Room (never used by 53 out of 73 respondents), and the children's play area by the Village hall (never used by 46 out of 73 respondents).

Although 57 out of 73 respondents said that they used **St Mary's Church** infrequently (i.e. only annually) or never, it scored well in terms of importance as a historic building and a place for remembrance and life events, while also being valued for its bells. All the above scored more than 3 out of 5 (on a scale of 1-5, where 5= very important) by 71 respondents. Someone commented that it was "a cool space in heatwaves", which may well become more important as climate change means that increasingly hot summers are likely.

The **Village Hall** attracted good scores regarding importance (over 3 on a scale of 1-5, where 5= very important) from 71 respondents as a place that was important for village fundraising events, the flower and produce show, Christmas fayre, May Day fayre, meetings, and one-off private hire. Likewise, the **Reading Room** was valued for village fundraising events, one-off private hire and monthly afternoon tea parties. One respondent said they'd like "more events or classes but it takes people to organise them".

When asked about **improved facilities for children and young people**, all options were well supported (scoring over 3 by 70 respondents on a scale of 1-5, where 5= very keen). These included formation of youth clubs/facilities, facilities for teenagers, improved playground facilities for 7-12 year olds, and improved playground facilities for under 6-year-olds. The most popular suggestions were new facilities for teenagers. This was backed up by 3 comments – for example, "teen facilities [are] most important". This suggests the greater need would be to improve spaces for young people.

Good Neighbour initiatives were popular, with almost all suggestions scoring 3 or 4 by 71 respondents (on a scale of 1-5, where 5=very keen). Top 2 priorities were a village emergency plan and training volunteers to act as emergency first aid responders. These were followed by village litter pick, village directory of skills and expertise, volunteer drivers for medical appointments and prescriptions, help with odd jobs and gardening, befriending scheme, garden and domestic equipment sharing scheme, and grocery deliveries.

In response to the question about whether people were aware of the **Upper Heyford Community Fund,** a majority – 47 out of 71 respondents were not aware. This is a significant finding and highlights a need for more publicity, being clear what its purpose is, how much is available, what the eligibility criteria are, how to apply, and how awards are made.

Respondents were enthusiastic about **events,** with 10 of the options scoring over 3 (on a scale of 1-5, where 5= very keen). The top four were regular take away food vans, talks and workshops, quiz nights, and film nights. Other things mentioned in comments were "good old singalong", "clean out your closet sale" and support with losing weight, as well as appreciation for the events that are already on offer "thanks to villagers who make an effort".

There was also interest in various other food and drink/ social interaction activities. In order of importance these were local food markets, cooking for elderly people, and coffee mornings. One person suggested "cooking lessons for all". Another said, "something for new mums".

The top four **facilities** that respondents would like to see were a cycle track/ walking circuit to adjoining villages, a village Christmas Tree, a warm space/community café, and a shop. Improved

connections between the communities of Heyford Park, Lower Heyford, Caulcott, and Somerton were also highlighted as priorities: “Heyford Park access along camp road is dangerous, narrow footpath/ traffic” and “[there is a need for a] footpath from Upper Heyford to rail station in Lower Heyford”. There is also interest in shared Community Action Groups (CAG) and more joint social events.

PART THREE - ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Responses in this section are closely linked to the things that respondents said they liked in Part 1 of the survey about living in Upper Heyford, namely the **rural setting and being close to nature**. The following features were all weighted fairly equally (above 4 out of 5 in terms of importance, where 5= very important) by 71 respondents: views across open countryside, relative peace and quiet, trees, hedgerows around the village, mature trees, green spaces within the village, living next to working farmland, and dark night sky. Comments included: “rural nature is the reason we live here – urbanisation will push us out” and “maintain open green spaces between villages”.

In terms of improving the **parish environment**, the 4 most popular responses were: traffic calming measures (45 out of 217 total choices), maintenance of public hedges and verges (37 out of 217 total choices), planting more trees, flowers, and shrubs (34 out of 217 total choices), and restriction of vehicles parking on verges (31 out of 217 responses).

When it comes to **green/ cheaper energy sources**, support was above 3 (on a scale of 1-5, where 5=fully support) for both group buying of energy and a community renewable energy scheme. The top four potential **eco friendly schemes** in terms of support were: solar panels on the village hall and reading room, tree planting, wildflower areas, and hedgehog highways. These were followed closely by community sharing shop, repair shop, community orchard, community vegetable patch, smaller allotments, and more allotments. Previous responses suggested that the allotments were underused, and perhaps this is to do with their size and people’s capacity to maintain them. This could be a good starting point to consider alternative arrangements that might enable some of these suggestions to be incorporated (e.g. making smaller patches available, and identifing a space for a community patch and/or orchard).

A little over half of total respondents (37 out of 70) rated the importance of **biodiversity** in the parish as 5 (on a scale of 1-5, where 5= most important). This sends a clear message about the strength of feeling around protecting and restoring nature, linking to the support in previous questions for planting more trees, flowers, shrubs, and enabling hedgerows, verges and other green spaces in and around the village to flourish.

PART 4 - ROADS, TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT, AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Unsurprisingly, the most popular **method of transport** was the car. 68 out of 72 respondents used their car weekly. This was quite closely followed by the 54 respondents who walked on a weekly basis. All other options were a very long way behind including bus (10), train (7), bike (5), car lift from friend (5), motorbike (3) or commercial vehicle (3).

The **bus service** was deemed the most important parish transport facility (4.75 out of 5, on a scale of 1-5, where 5= very important). A relatively small number of people use the bus regularly, but it is likely that more would do so if the services were more frequent and reliable, with varied routes.

Given the relatively high number of respondents who use public footpaths through and around the parish daily (37 out of 71) and those who use them weekly (21 out of 71), **public footpaths** scored the

second highest importance score as a transport facility (4.6 out of 5 on a scale of 1-5, where 5= very important), followed by adequate pavements (4.25 out of 5)

It is notable that 57 out of 71 respondents never cycle from or around the parish. However, if **cycle paths** were created, the number of those who say they would use them looks very different. 47 out of 77 choices are for using them for leisure and exercise, 19 to get to social events and activities, 6 to travel to work and 5 to travel to school.

In terms of **traffic matters**, the following aspects were fairly equally rated (in order of importance): potholes, speed of vehicles passing through the village, volume of traffic passing through the village, safety for pedestrians, size of vehicles passing through the village, safety for cyclists, and inappropriate parking. Comments were made about reckless driving, parking on pavements and junctions, and HGVs driving to and from nearby housing developments.

In addition, there were also a total of 17 comments about **crime and anti-social behaviour** from 14 respondents. 6 comments referred to allotment break-ins, 4 to drug dealing in Allen's Lock and 3 linked an increase in crime to nearby developments. These are relatively small numbers, and it is suggested that the allotment break-ins could be reviewed as part of a potentially larger project, as discussed above.

PART 5 - HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Responses in this section match up with the earlier question about what respondents least liked about the area they lived in. One of their top three concerns was about **ever-encroaching/ over-development,** largely linked to Heyford Park where over 1,200 homes have been built in the last ten years with an additional 9,000 planned.

The high levels of anxiety about large scale development on their doorstep may explain why 69 out of 70 respondents said that they either wished to see very limited development or no development in their own village.

If there was to be development, top choices were 1-2 bedroom homes (41 out of 154 total choices), supported retirement/supported homes (26 choices), supported affordable/social rented homes (24 choices), 3-bedroom homes (23 choices), supported shared-ownership (16 choices), and supported self-build plots (15 choices). Comments included: "include renewable energy measures", "renovation of existing properties", " bungalows for elderly", "don't support development at all" , "infill of 1 only", and "Heyford Park supplies a lot of these".

As far as suitable sites within the village goes, the most support was for development to be on "land which is already occupied (rebuilds)", which was scored as 3 by 69 respondents (on a scale of 1-5, where 5= fully support). All other options were closer to opposing development, especially on green spaces within the village, in fields outside the vilage boundary, and in large gardens of existing houses.

PART 6 - FURTHER COMMENTS IDEAS AND OPINIONS

In response to the question "what is the **single most important thing** that the Parish Council should focus on over the next five years", just over a third (24 out of 63 respondents) picked the option "to keep the village a village / stop encroachment of developments (especially Heyford Park)". The second most important thing (11 out of 63 comments) was to have "more community cohesion, with community events and initatives", while the third most important (6 out of 63 comments) was "road safety/traffic calming".

A range of other ideas and opinions were expressed and are included in the main report.

Encouragingly, 54 respondents said they would like to help out with the Community-Led Plan and/or potential projects and initiatives related to topics covered in this survey (please see the separate spreadsheet for details). This is a very good outcome, and puts the community in a strong position to implement areas for action, once they have been agreed.

"We can achieve a lot working together.
There is no shortage of skills or people with time."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are potential areas of focus:

Community

- Building on the community spirit that already exists, establish more good neighbour initiatives. These could include - volunteer drivers for medical appointments and prescriptions, help with odd jobs and gardening, befriending scheme, garden and domestic equipment sharing scheme, grocery deliveries and cooking for older people, village directory of skills and expertise
- Continue to build community cohesion through running events and activities, open to all including neighbouring villages
- Consult with local young people to find out what kind of facilities / activities they would be interested in, eg a youth club. Explore possibilities for involving them in the good neighbour initiatives as above and environmental improvements as below
- Promote the Upper Heyford Community Fund as a potential source of small grants for new community projects
- Carry out feasibility study for a village shop/café/warm space or alternatives such as using existing spaces for coffee mornings / sales of refillable eco friendly products (links to section below on sustainability)

Environment and sustainability

- Maintain what people like about the village and make further improvements to support biodiversity, encourage active travel (walking, cycling) and develop opportunities for community food growing projects
- Improve connectivity between Upper Heyford and other nearby villages and the station at Lower Heyford by creating/improving footpaths & cycleways, ensuring these are well lit and regularly maintained. Offering cycling proficiency courses to help people build confidence
- Encourage greater use of the allotments, including potentially creating a community vegetable patch, community orchard, and making the area more secure
- Set up a food market selling local produce
- Offer local cooking lessons & recipe ideas which could be linked to produce grown on the allotments
- Plant more wildlife friendly trees, flowers, shrubs, and enabling hedgerows, verges and other green spaces in and around the village to flourish (including preventing cars from parking on verges)
- Organise talks on wildlife gardening and drought resistant approaches
- Install solar panels on the Village Hall and Reading Room
- Set up community oil buying scheme and a community renewable energy scheme
- Introduce traffic calming measures

- Organise village litter picking
- Start a repair café
- Develop an Emergency Plan, including recruiting and training first aiders.
- Given the interest in matters of climate and sustainability, arranging a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing could be a popular initiative: https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film

NEXT STEPS

Once the findings of the Community Survey have been shared a village meeting could be held to discuss priorities, responsibilities, and next steps.

DETAILED SURVEY RESULTS

- *Total responses:* 75
- *Note: graphs are based on total responses. Where the total is less than 75, a respondent(s) declined to answer the question.*
- *Comments may have been edited for brevity and to maintain confidentiality.*

PART 1 – LIVING IN THE PARISH

1. **What three things do you MOST LIKE about living in the parish?**
   TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71

71 respondents, 205 total comments			
Surrounding countryside/rural setting / views/nature / village feel / pretty	71	Community/ community spirit/ community feeling	32
Peace and quiet	32	Good neighbours and friends	12
Local pub	9	Community events/activities	9
Green spaces, parks, play areas	6	Walks around the area	5
Canal (specifically)	4	Access to M40	3
Proximity to local towns	2	Proximity to local facilities	2
Convenient for Oxford/London	2	Small size	2
Lack of traffic/ traffic noise	2	Low level light pollution	1
Charming villages	1	History of village	1
Church	1	Allotments	1
Surroundings being taken care of	1	Well-maintained communal areas	1
Outdoor and indoor space	1	Proximity to station	1
Accessibility	1	Dog friendly park	1
Broad range of people and personalities	1		

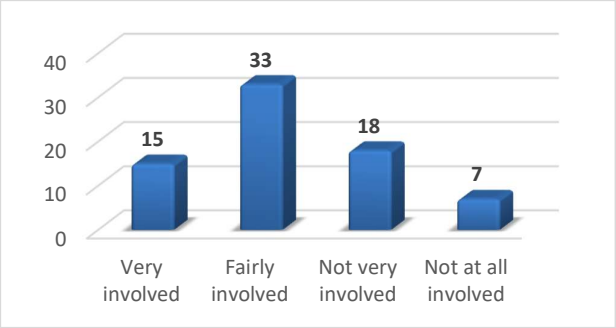
2. **What three things do you LEAST LIKE about living in the parish?**
   TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 63

63 respondents, 177 total comments			
Increase in traffic / speed of traffic	24	Lack of/ poor public transport	21
Ever-encroaching/ over-development	17	Heyford Park / proximity to HP	8
Potential expansion of Heyford Park	7	State of roads / potholes	7
Lack of shops/amenities	7	Cars parked on paths/pavements	5
Roadworks / road closures	3	Lorries	3
Uneccessary 20mph limit	3	Unreliable opening of Barley Mow	3
Having little influence on plans / poor planning / wrong decisions made	3	Dorchester	3
Cliqueness / unwelcoming	3	Dog poo / dog poo bags	3
Untrained/unleashed dogs / too many dogs	3	Dog walkers coming from Heyford Park	3
Lack of community integration	2	Building work in surrounding areas	2

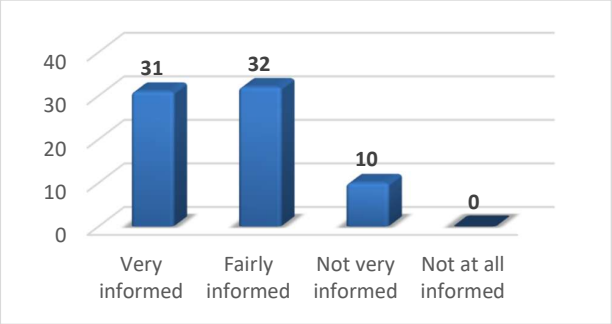
Lack of parking by post box / pub	2	Lack of parking in general	2
Lack of decent pub/food	2	Increase in light pollution	2
PFAS contamination	2	Noise pollution	2
Oil heating / no gas	2	Industrial encroachment	1
Potential Ardley freight station work	1	Growing influence of local development	1
Upheaval caused by water works at Heyford Park	1	Negative response from some for reviving local events	1
No opportunity for local businesses	1	Inequality	1
Loneliness	1	Uneccessary drama	1
Difficulty accessing events for disabled	1	Lack of help for elderly	1
Lack of young population	1	Lack of activities for young people	1
Crossing road by hall with children	1	Increase in crime	1
Church is isolated	1	Lack of street lights	1
Broken footpaths	1	Poor mobile phone signal	1
Distance to healthcare	1	Post office failing deliveries	1
Lack of small community gatherings	1	Not much entertainment if don't drink	1
Drivers not abiding by 20mph limit	1	Sloping driveway	1
Empty house on Orchard Lane	1	Bad neighbours	1
Disregard for upkeep of village	1	Untidiness of front gardens	1
Too opinionated	1	County water	1
Helicopters late at night	1	Uncertainty for rural communities	1

PART 2 - COMMUNITY

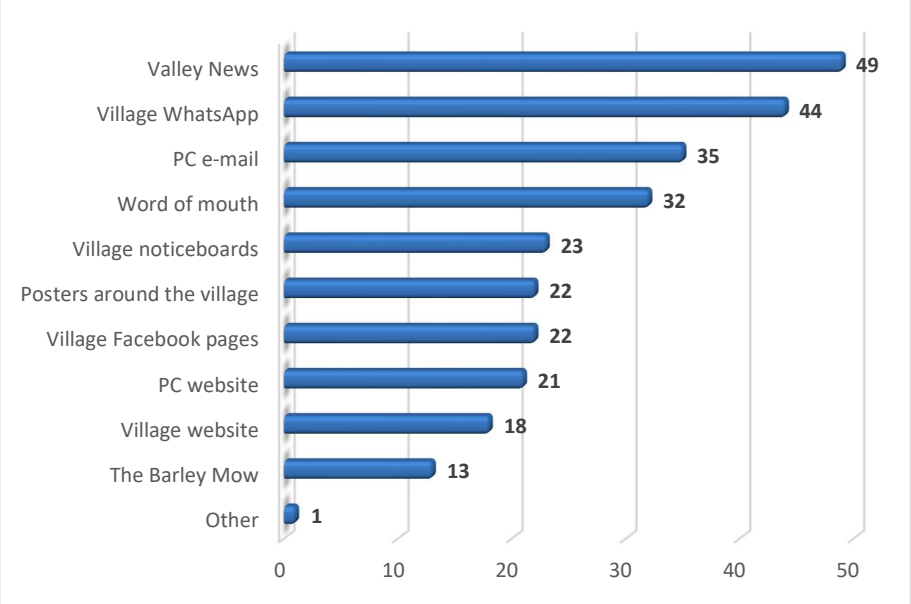
3. How involved do you feel in village life?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 73



4. How well informed do you feel about village life?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 73

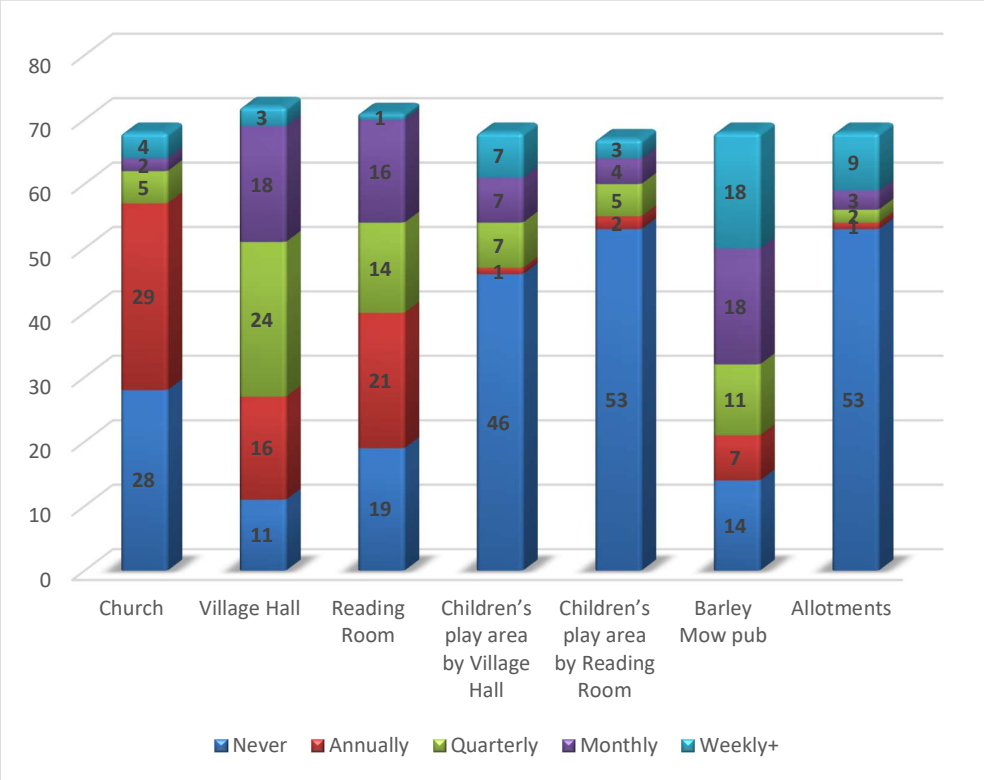


5. **What are your preferred ways of finding out about what is happening in/around the parish?**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 73 (280 TOTAL CHOICES)

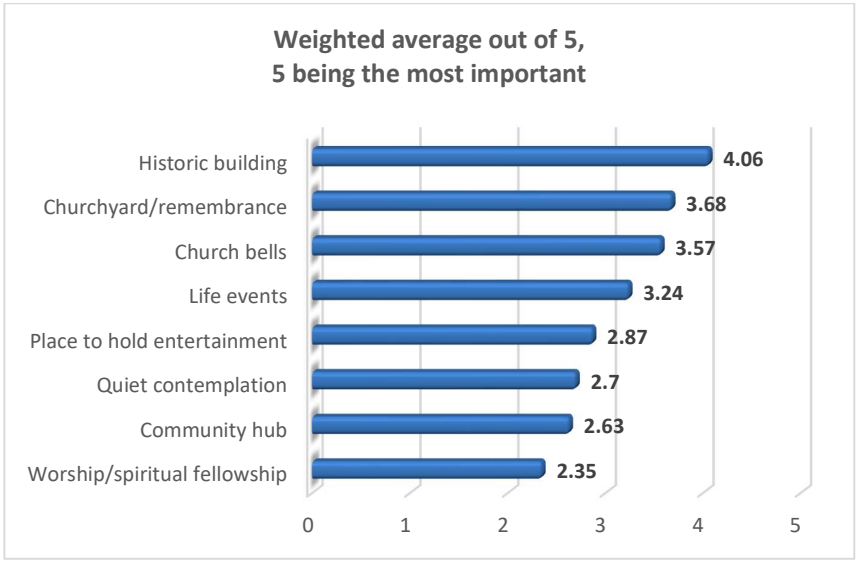


Other: 1 respondent			
SMS updates	1		

6. **How often do you use the following community spaces in the parish?**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 73



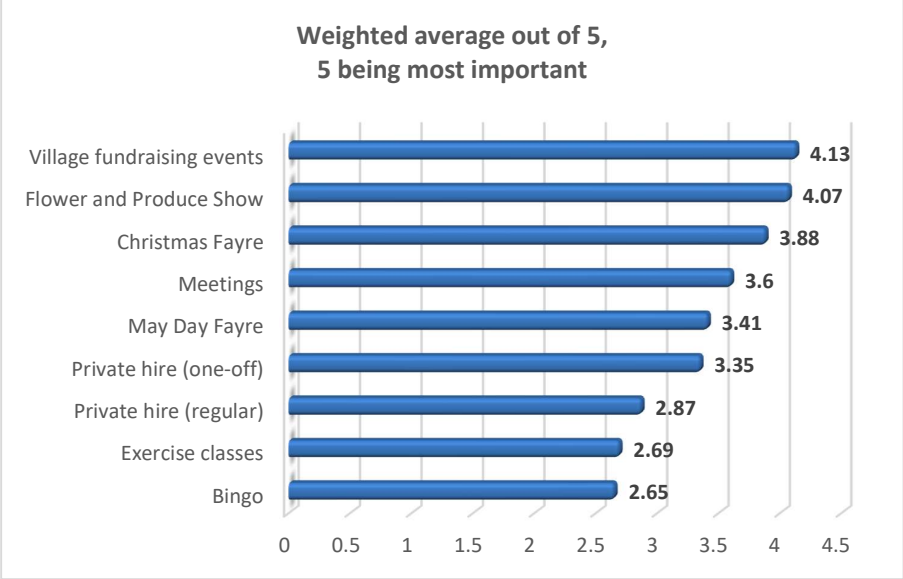
7. **How important is St. Mary's Church to you for the following uses, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important.**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



Other: 5 respondents, 5 total comments			
Not really used for / didn't know it was used for entertainment	2	Church is for worship not entertainment	1
A cool space in heatwaves	1	Remembrance Sunday / Christmas Eve	1

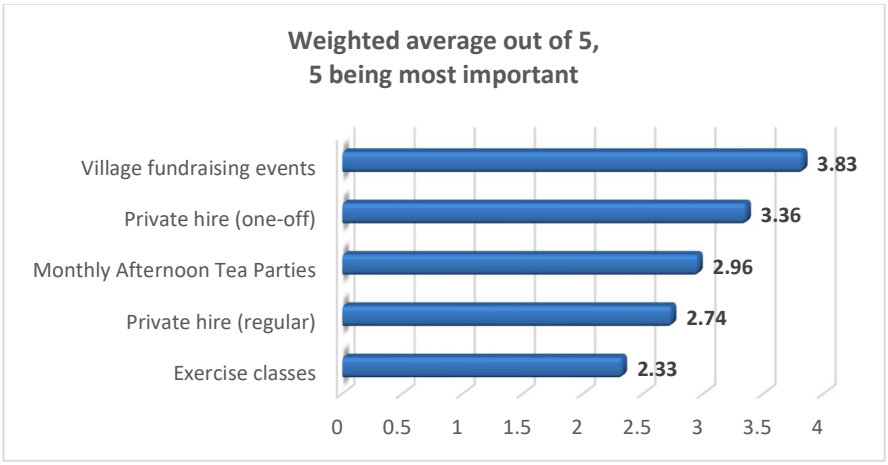
8. **How important is the Village Hall to you for the following uses, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important.**

TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



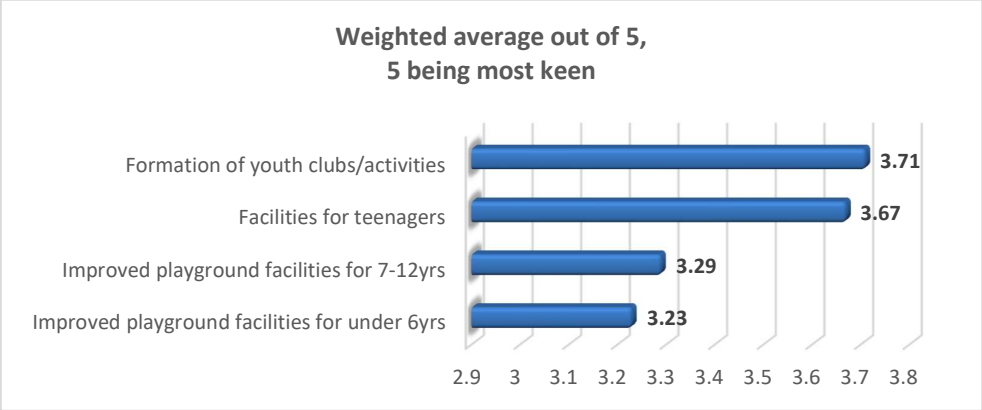
Other: 2 respondents, 2 total comments			
Christmas carol singing	1	Important part of rec field/pavilion	1

9. **How important is the Reading Room to you for the following uses, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important.**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



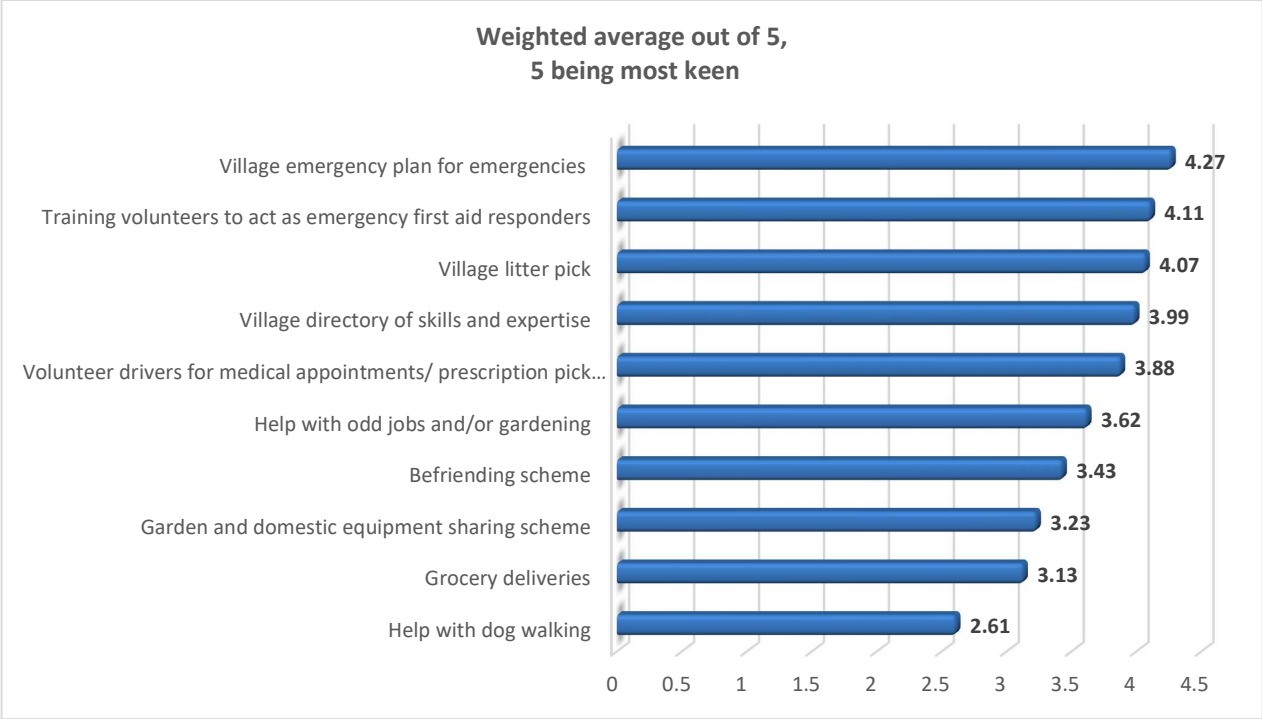
Other: 2 respondents, 2 total comments			
More events or classes but it takes people to organise them	1	Fundraising for church	1

10. **How keen are you to see the following facilities for young people in the parish, if they were possible and money was available, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all keen, 5 = very keen.**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 70



Other: 3 respondents, 4 total comments			
Youth sports facilities	1	Support for local crafts	1
Teen facilities most important	1	Exercise area for local teenagers	1

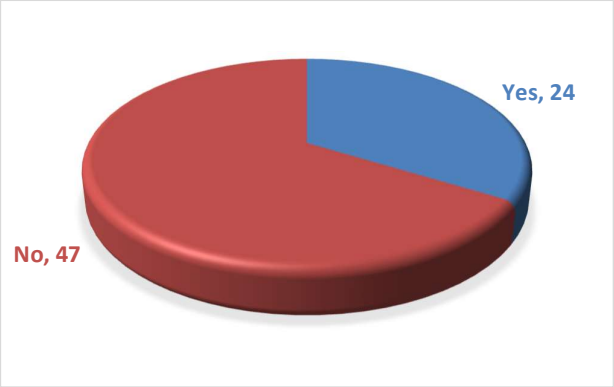
11. How keen are you to see the following good neighbour initiatives in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all keen, 5 = very keen.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



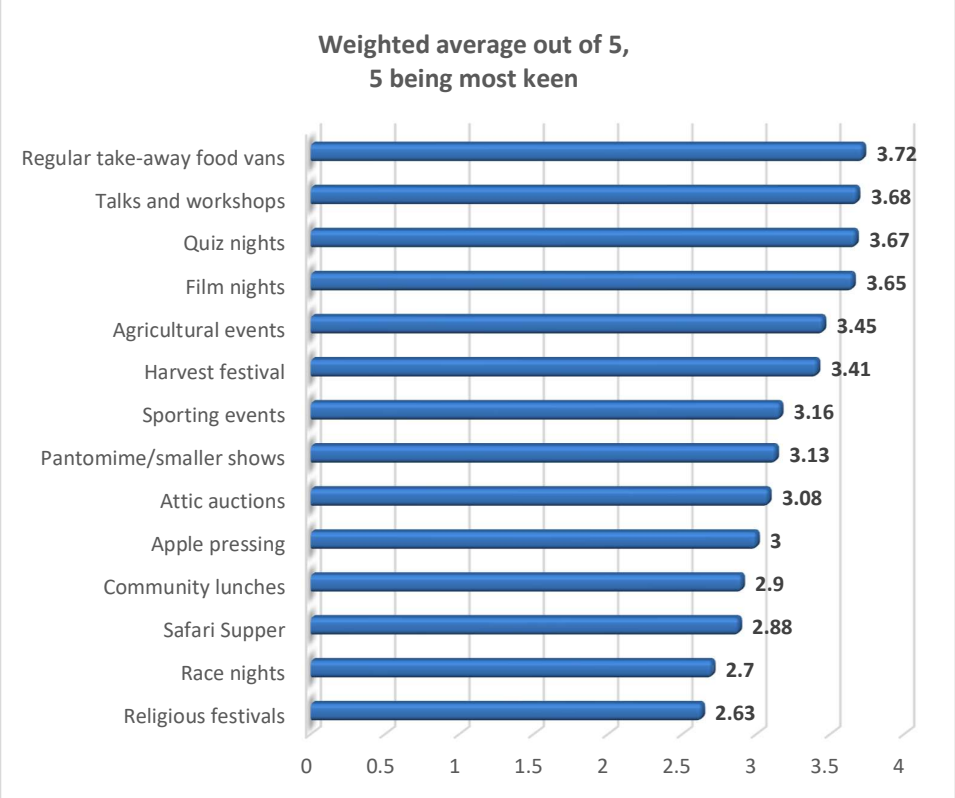
Other: 3 respondents, 3 total comments

Are good neighbour initatives free? We already have paid-for skills services	1	Hard to know who to call when you need a job doing	1
Sports clubs	1		

12. Are you aware of the Upper Heyford Community Fund – what it's for and how to access it?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71

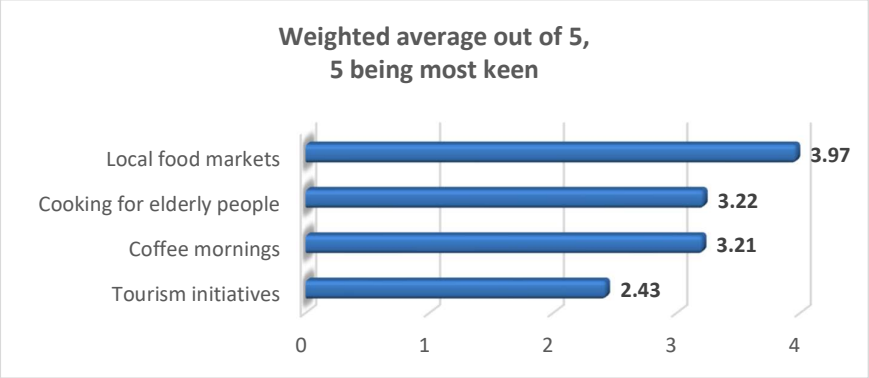


13. If it was possible, how keen would you be to see the following events in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all keen, 5 = very keen.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



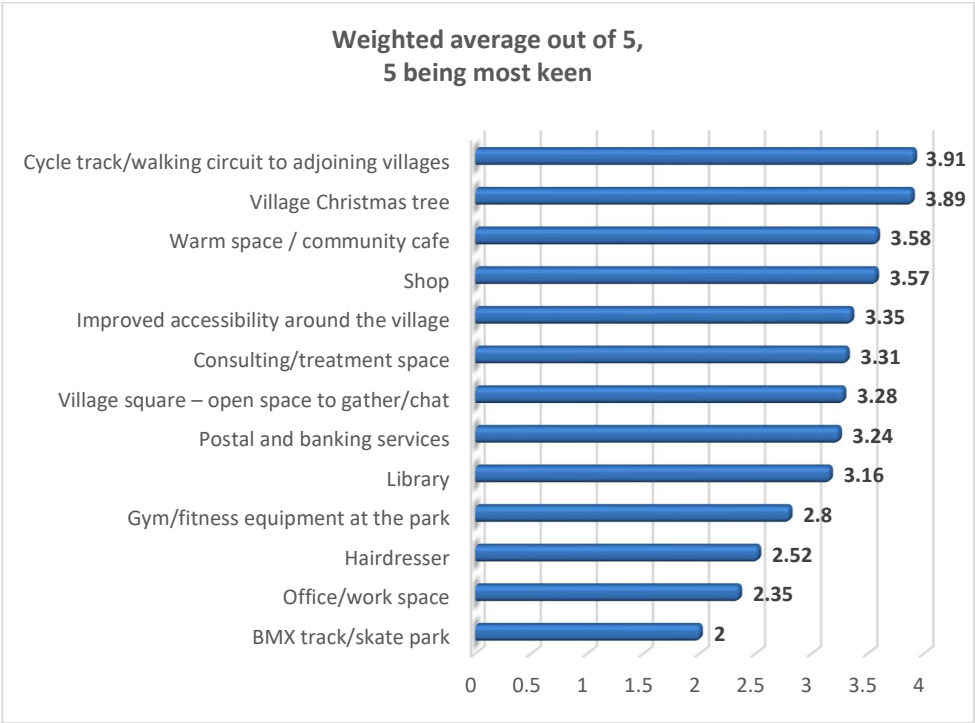
Other: 4 respondents, 4 total comments			
Good old singalong	1	5 / 2 diet eat low calorie on Mon/Tue	1
Clean-out-your-closet sale	1	Thanks to villagers who make an effort	1

14. If it was possible, how keen would you be to see the following activities in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all keen, 5 = very keen.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



Other: 2 respondents, 2 total comments			
Cooking lessons for all	1	For new mums	1

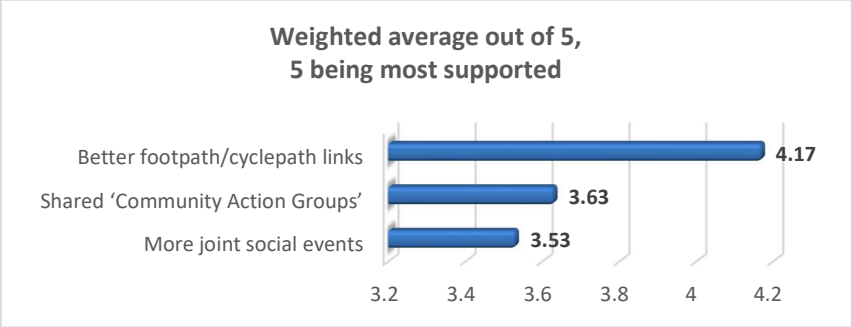
15. If it was possible, how keen would you be to see the following facilities in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all keen, 5 = very keen.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



Other: 2 respondents, 3 total comments

Christmas tree – only if planted tree	1	Re gym/fitness – what park??	1
Re postal – even one afternoon a week	1		

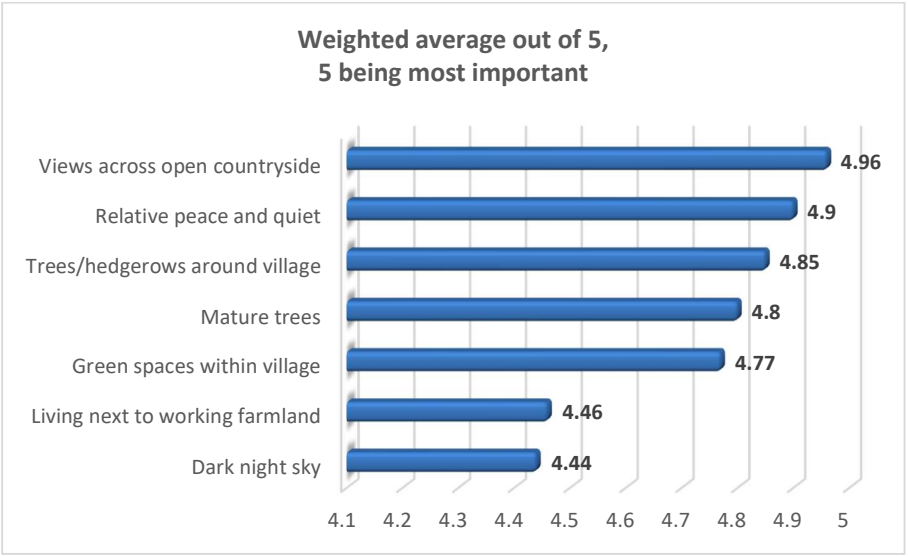
16. **How strongly would you support these measures to enhance the connections between the communities of Heyford Park, Lower Heyford, Caulcott, and Somerton, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = strongly oppose, 5 = fully support.**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 70



Other: 4 respondents, 4 total comments			
Footpath from Upper Heyford to rail station in Lower Heyford	1	Heyford PARK access along camp road is dangerous, narrow footpath/traffic	1
Heyford Park is town, not village, don't want to assimilate	1	Walking routes good – don't spoil rurality of village	1

PART 3 – ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

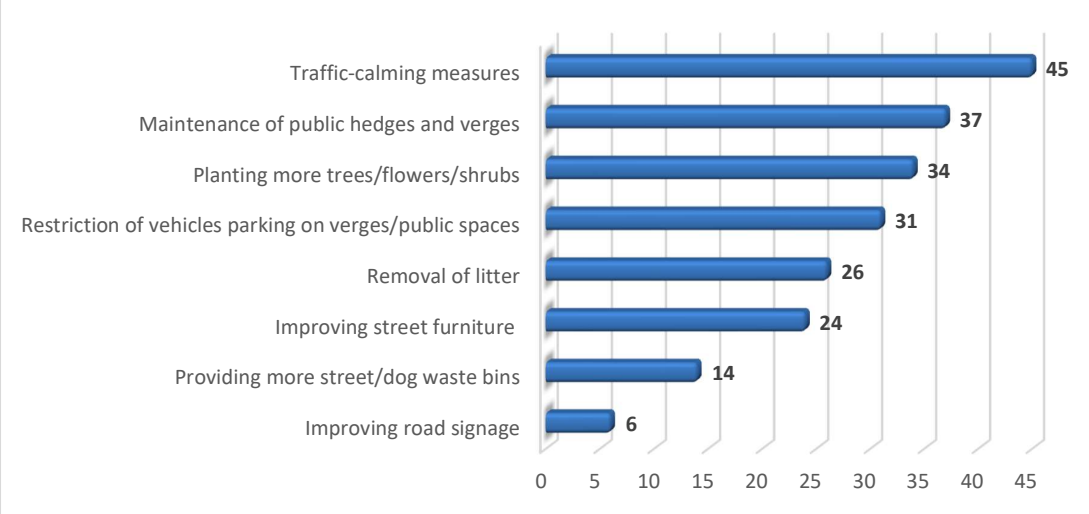
17. **How important to your life in the parish are each of the following, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important.**
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



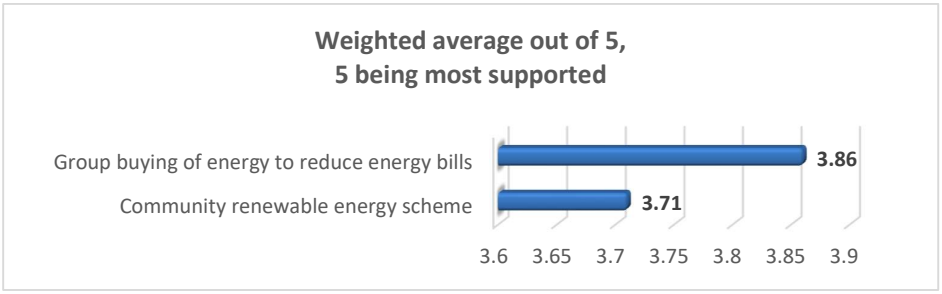
Other: 3 respondents, 3 total comments			
Rural nature is the reason we live here – urbanisation will push us out	1	Maintain open green spaces between villages	1

5 tall lime trees on High St. need cutting back	1		

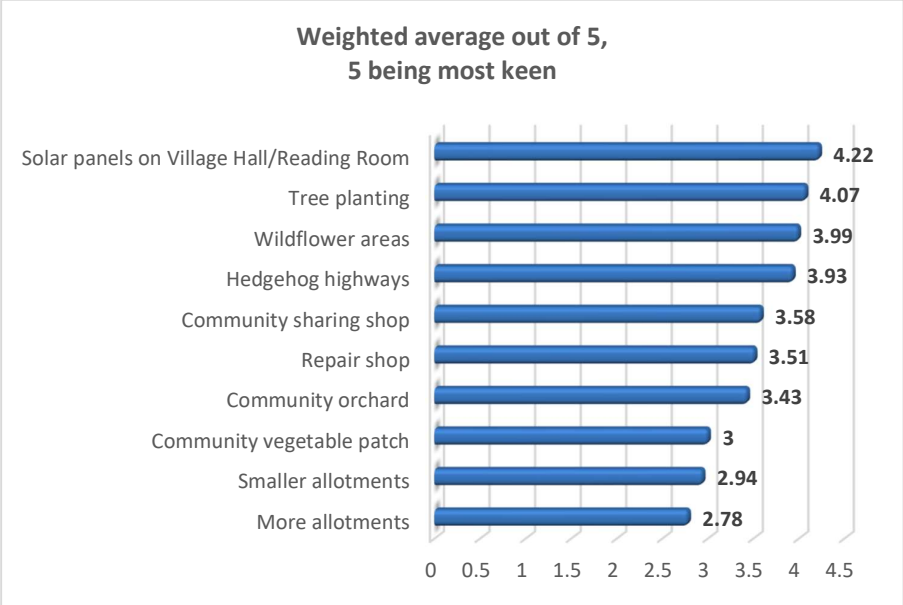
18. Which THREE MEASURES do you think would most benefit the parish environment?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71 (217 TOTAL CHOICES)



19. How strongly would you support green/cheaper energy in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = strongly oppose, 5 fully support.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 70

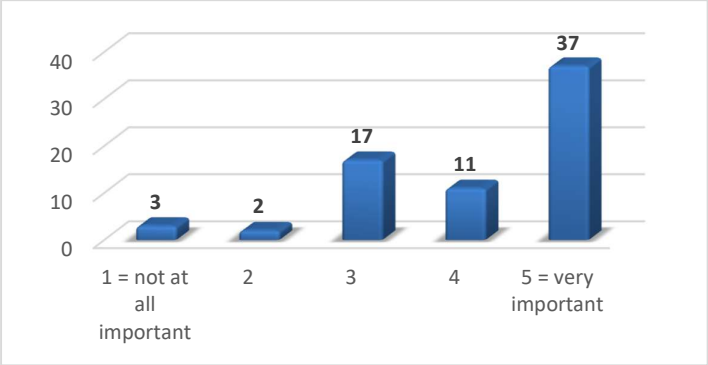


20. If it was possible, how keen would you be to see the following eco-friendly schemes in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all keen, 5 = very keen.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 70



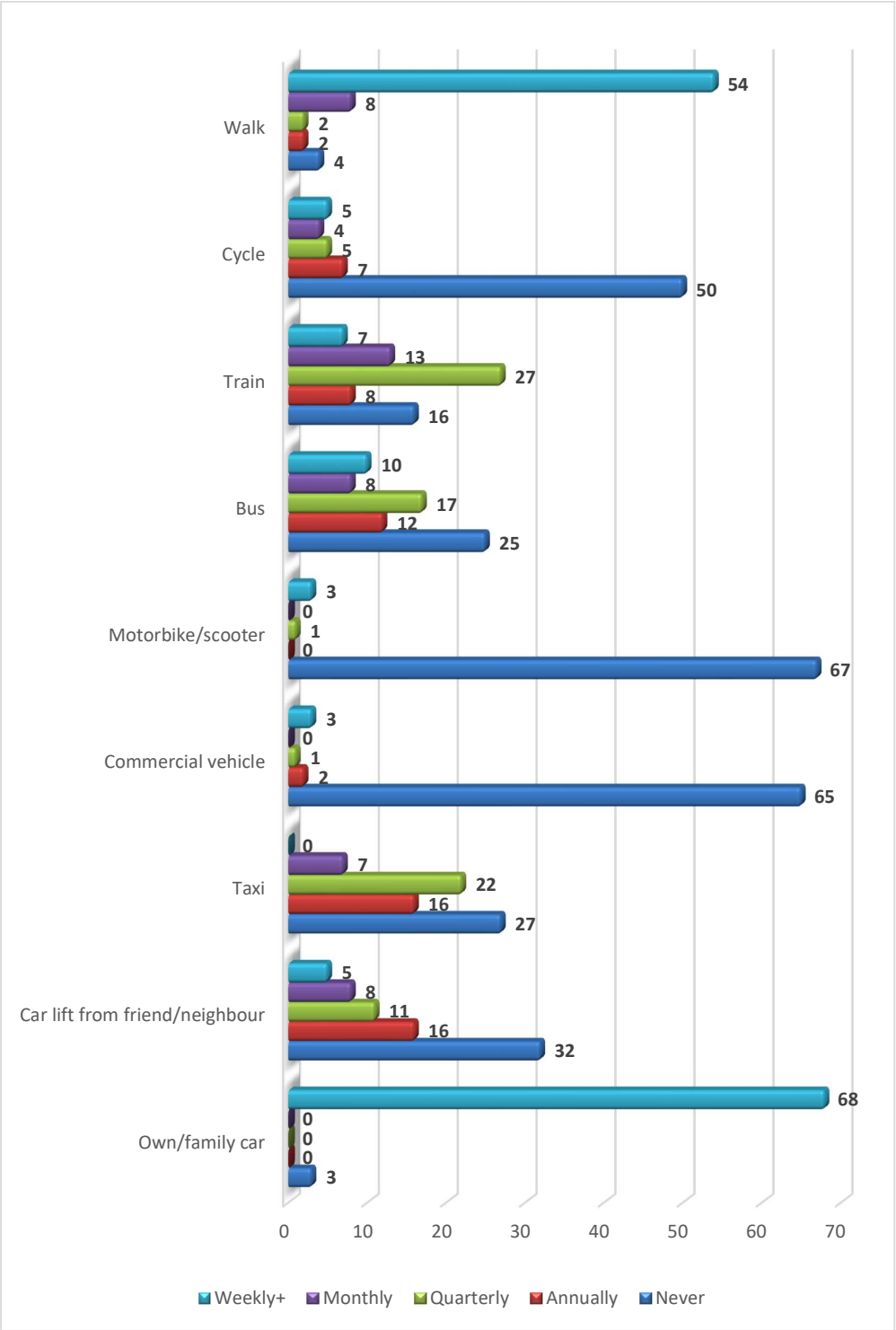
21. How important to you is biodiversity in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important.

TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 70

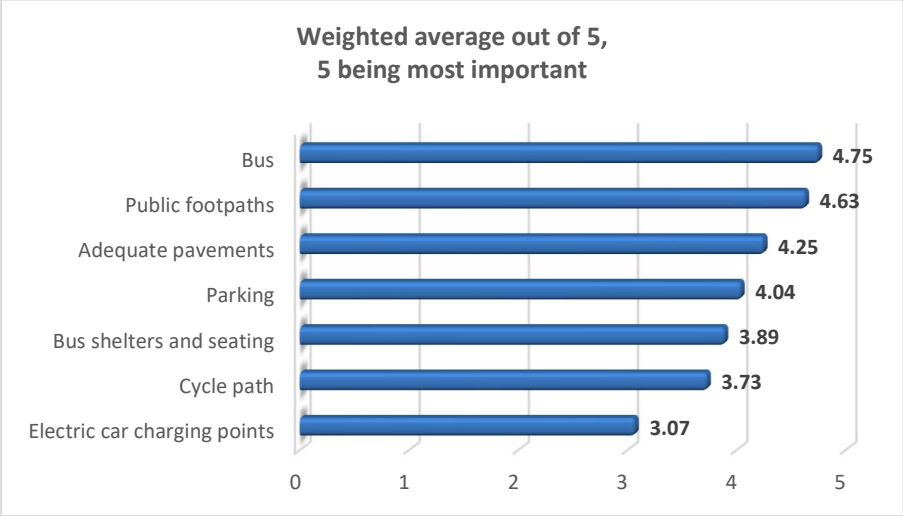


PART 4 – ROADS, TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT, AND PERSONAL SAFETY

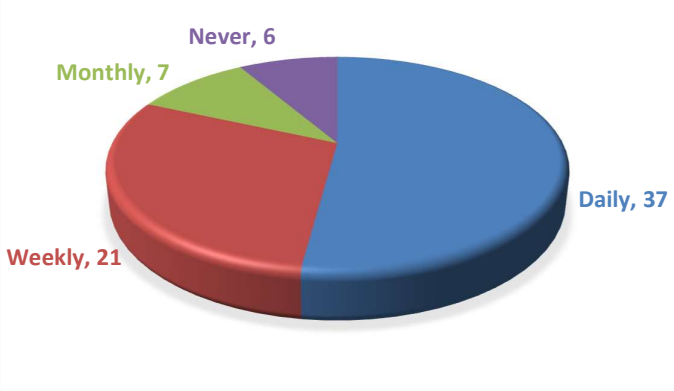
22. How often do you currently use the following modes of transport?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 72



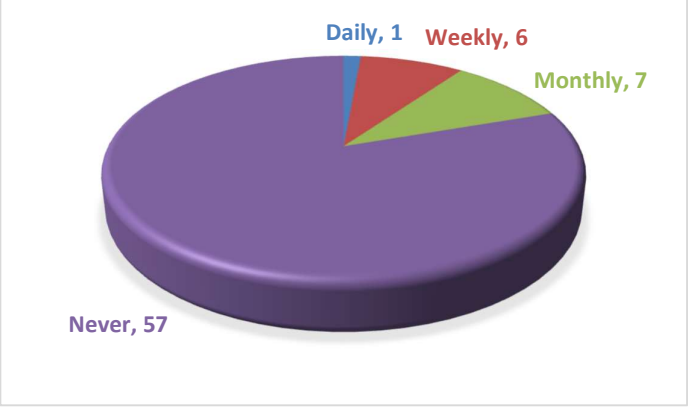
23. How important are the following transport facilities for the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 72



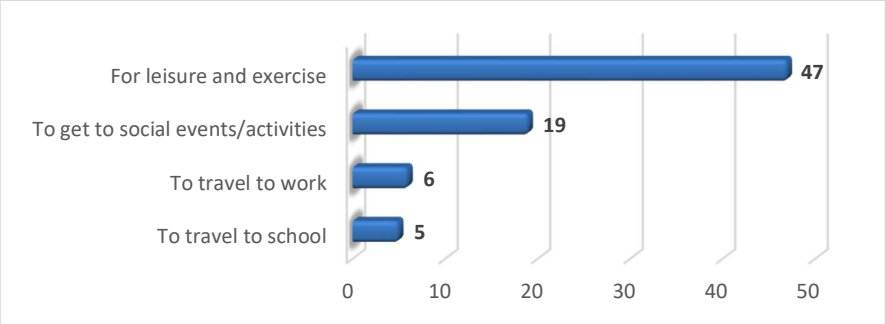
24. How often do you use public footpaths through and around the parish?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



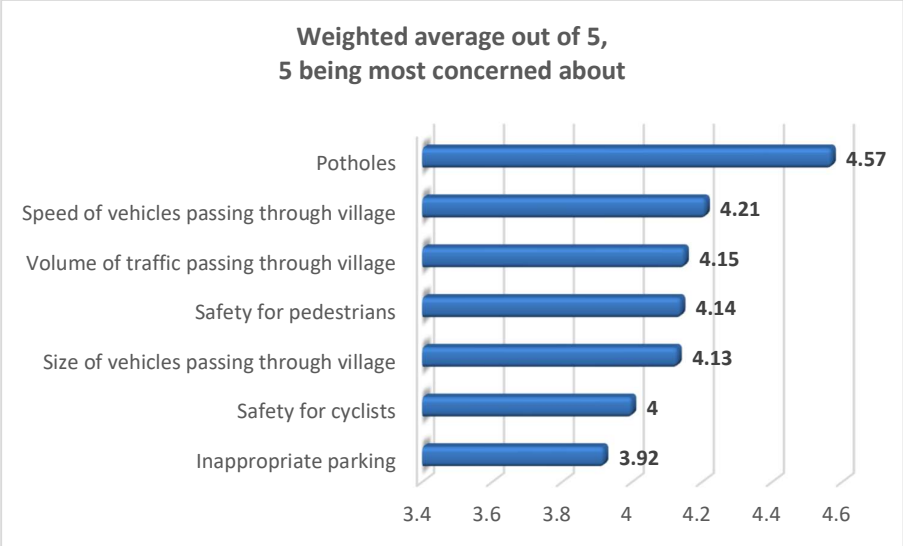
25. How often do you cycle from or around the parish?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 71



26. If cycle paths were created, which of the following reasons would you use them for?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 48 (77 TOTAL CHOICES)



27. How concerned are you with each of the following traffic matters, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not at all concerned, 5 = very concerned.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 72



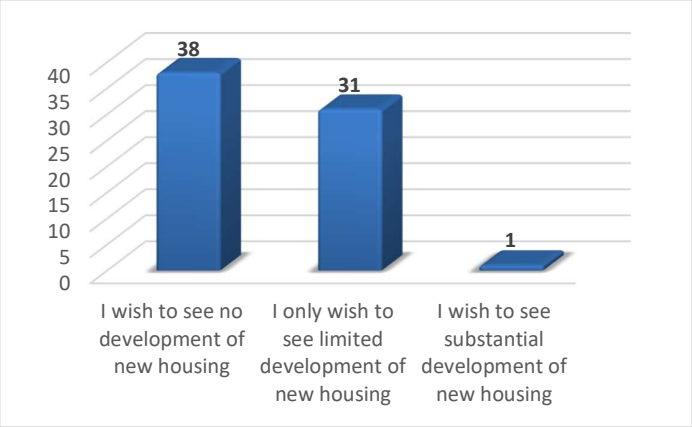
Other: 5 respondents, 6 total comments			
HDVs due to Heyford Springs	1	Reckless driving	1
Parking on pavements/junctions	1	Some of the inappropriate parking ensures people slow down	1
Overgrown verges stopping you seeing	1	More potholes = slower traffic	1

28. Do you have any particular concerns about issues of public safety or crime in the parish?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 14

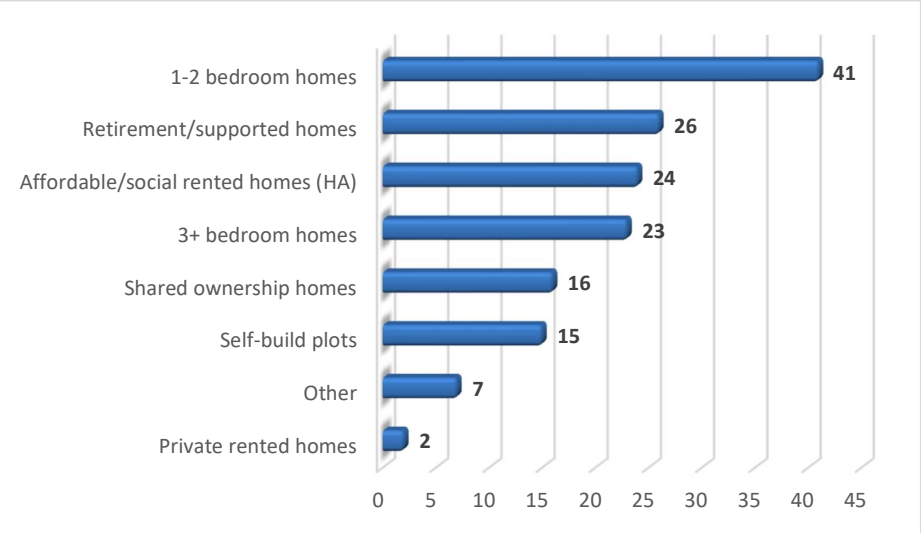
Comments: 14 respondents, 17 total comments			
Allotment break-ins	6	Drug-dealing (Allen's Lock mentioned)	4
Increase in crime due to increase in development/population	3	Convert area by allotments into path for safer access to park	1
Street lighting not great	1	Would love cycle paths	1
Females after dark on public transport	1		

PART 5 – HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

29. Which of the following comes closest to the housing development you would like to see in the parish in the next decade?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 70

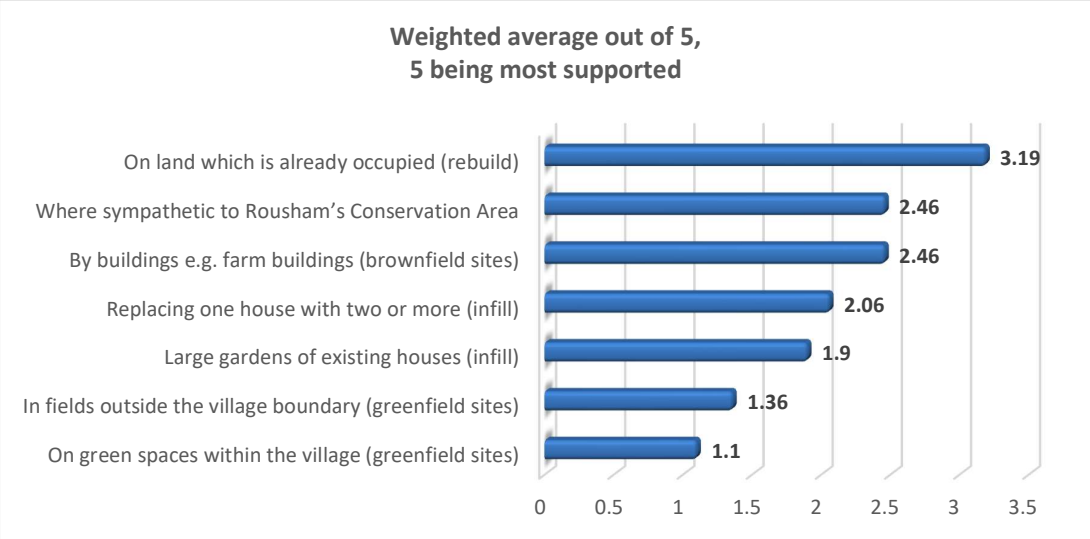


30. If the development were to take place, please indicate which type of future housing development in the parish you would support?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 66 (154 TOTAL CHOICES)



Other: 7 respondents, 7 total comments			
Heyford Park supplies a lot of these	2	Bungalows for elderly	1
Include renewable energy measures	1	Infill of one only	1
Renovation of existing properties	1	Don't support development at all	1

31. How strongly would you support/oppose future housing development on each of the following types of site in the parish, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = strongly oppose, 5 = fully support.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 69



PART 6 – FURTHER COMMENTS, IDEAS, AND OPINIONS

32. What is the single most important thing the Parish Council should focus on over the next five years?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 54

Comments: 54 respondents, 63 total comments			
Keep the village a village / stop encroachment of developments (especially Heyford Park)	24	More community cohesion, with community events and initatives	11
Road safety / traffic calming	6	Poor parking around village	3
State of roads	2	Shop and amenities	2
Keeping costs low for residents	2	Bus service	1
Affordable housing	1	Affordable energy	1
Climate crisis	1	PFAS chemicals	1
Renewable energy for halls	1	Better street lighting	1
Mobile phome signal	1	Wider use of church	1
Attract younger residents	1	Support/encourage rural communities	1
Cut ties with controllers who dictate facilities	1	Continue to oppose mutliple extension building permits	1

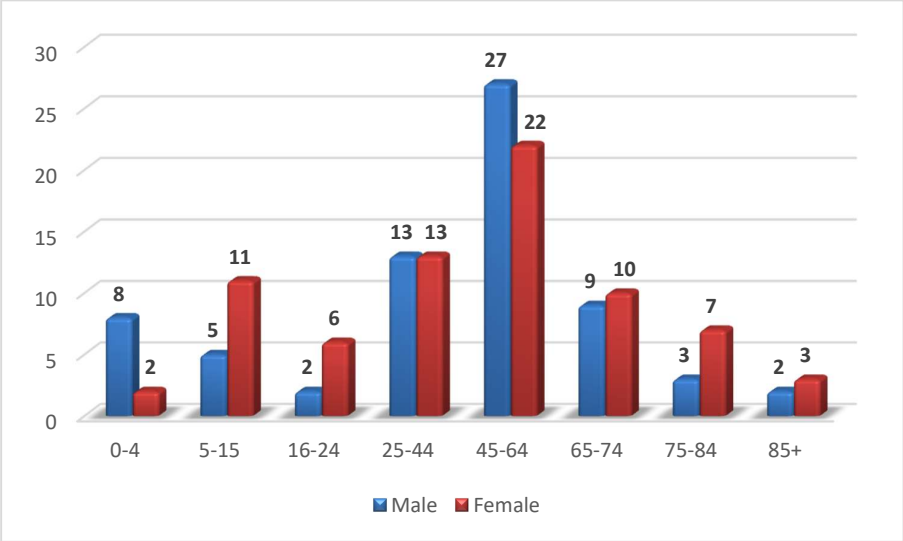
33. If you have any further comments, ideas, and/or opinions, please write them below.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 15

- Upper Heyford villagers enjoy living here as a peaceful, quiet place in the country with a friendly community. The addition of any new facility (or extension to existing facility) must be considered carefully to ensure it does not result in many more people coming into the village on a regular basis and negatively changing what the villagers love about living here.

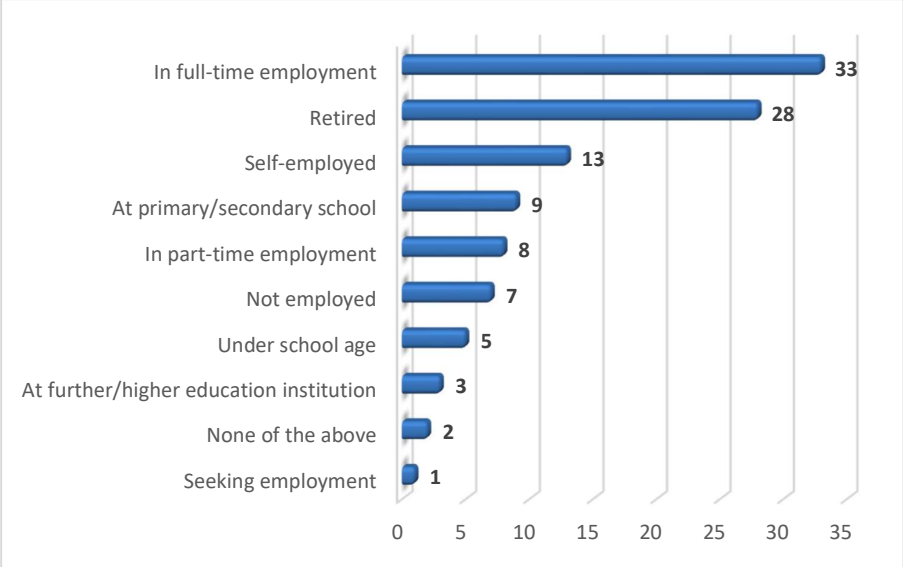
- Opposing the development and protecting us from PFAS contamination.
- Dangerous parking at the top of High Street and Mill Lane and outside the pub. Vision is severely impacted.
- Set up a car share option not just for doctor appointments, pick up of prescriptions etc. to compensate for poor bus services.
- Please ensure that the line of the old Roman Road is reinstated and in future only small infill is permitted in the village West of the line of the Roman Road.
- We moved here to be in a rural village to escape an urban environment now we find urbanisation is following us, and it seems some residents are keen to urbanise our village.
- To ask questions about the safety of the pump track, the access to it as this is so dangerous and completely unmanaged.
- Restrictions on the Somerton Road speed and access would be appreciated, with the risks that road poses to animals and children it's one of the few things that would drive us from the village.
- Can the Parish Council do something about the post not being delivered in Mill Lane. Only have a delivery about every 10 days.
- No more house building and we need the bus to Oxford.
- We can achieve a lot working together. There is no shortage of skills or people with time - they just need persuading!
- Footpath to Lower Heyford, safe walking, some sort of parking enforcement.
- Roads management in the area is very disjointed and knee-jerk. Speed limits are being unreasonably lowered on main roads, yet cars still speed through villages. Camp Road is a main road with a lot of HGVs and houses set far back from the road, so 20mph with road narrowing makes no sense. On Somerton Rd through Upper Heyford, 30mph would be ideal, but because the road is quite wide and there's no enforcement, it's largely ignored.
- Potholes are a serious concern and speeding of vehicles.
- Some people in the community do not know what the Parish Council do and are responsible for. Could this be explained somewhere? How can the Parish Council engage and involve more younger couples and families of the community into parish life? Maybe this survey is the answer!

PART 7 – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

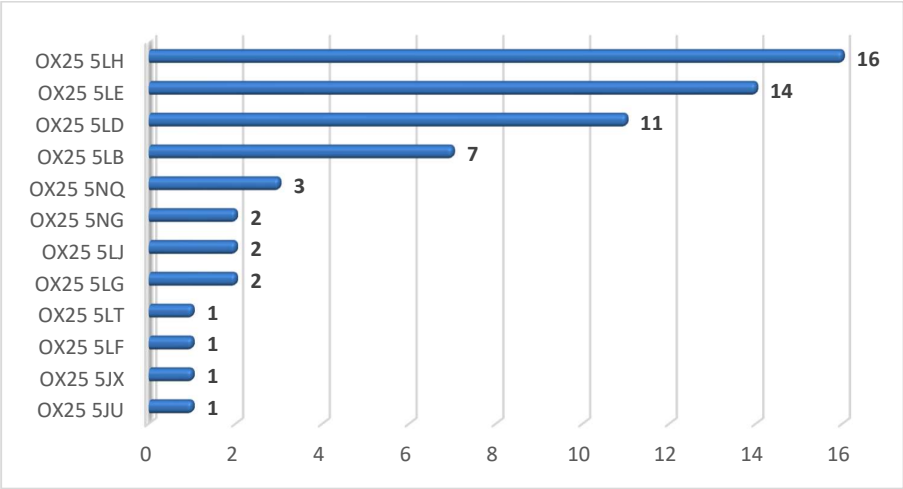
34. How many people of each age group and gender live in your household?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 65 (143 INDIVIDUALS)



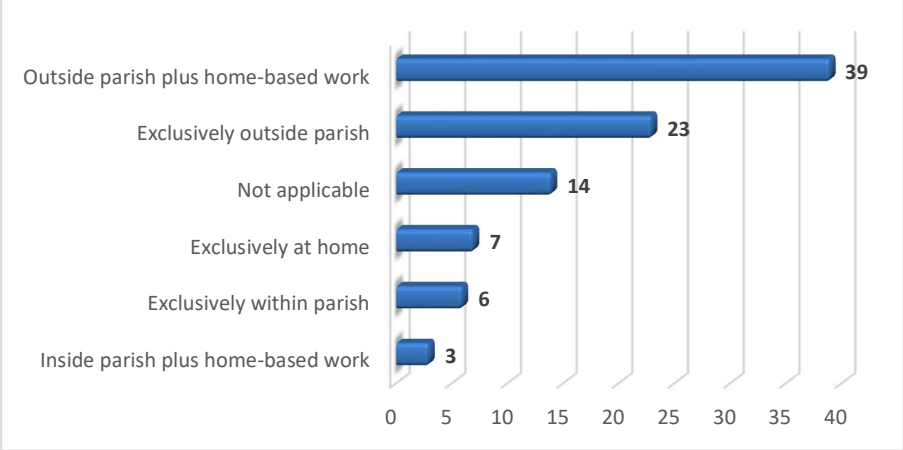
35. Which of the following best describes you and the members of your household?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 67 (109 TOTAL CHOICES)



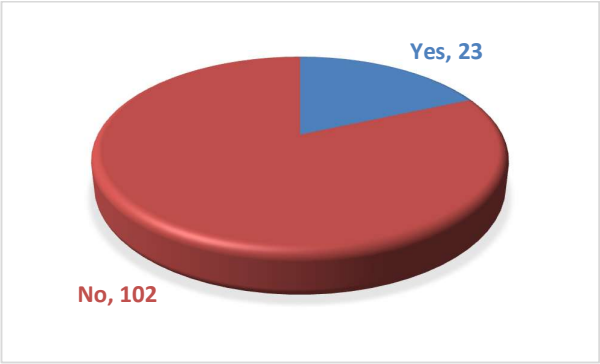
36. Please select your post code.
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 61



37. Where do people in your householf work, study, or volunteer?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 65 (92 TOTAL CHOICES)



38. Do any members of your household have a long-term health condition that impacts on their day-to-day life?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 66 (125 TOTAL CHOICES)



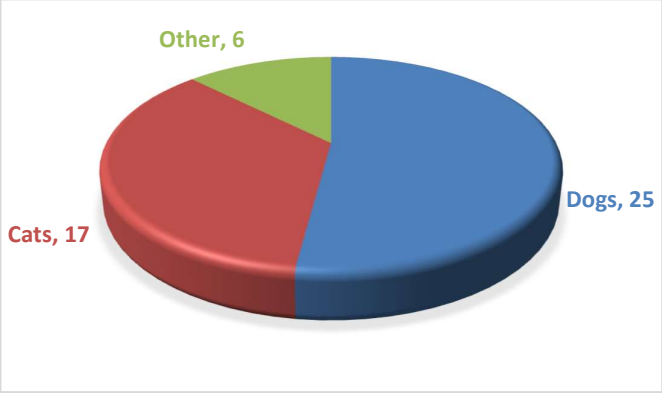
39. If members of your household do have a long-term health condition, and they have comments or suggestions for facilities/activities (not already mentioned in the survey), please write them below.

TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 8

Comments: 8 respondents, 8 total comments			
Doctor's surgery on base	1	Help to get doctor/dentist appointment	1
Good bus service to Bicester/Oxford	1	Toilet near playground	1
Ensuring the village remains a safe environment without extensive builds and additional traffic	1	More access to reserved disabled parking to enable participation in village events	1
Assistance to attend meetings and functions	1	More exercise options for retired and living with mobility challenges	1

40. Do you have any pets in your household?

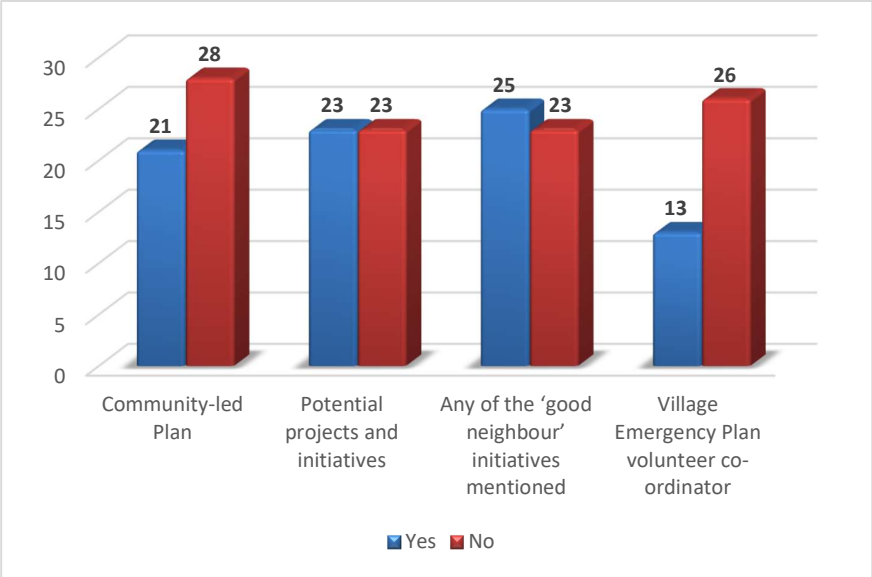
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 37



Other: 6 respondents, 10 total comments			
Rabbit	3	Fish	3
Tortoises	2	Guinea pigs	1
Chickens	1		

PART 8 – GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY

41. Please let us know if you would like to help out with the Community-Led Plan and/or potential projects and initiatives related to topics covered in this survey?
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 54



42. If you answered yes to Q41, please give your contact details below
TOTAL RESPONDENTS = 32

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