



Hail Weston Community Plan Analysis of Questionnaire Results

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Demographics

Of the 237 households who received a questionnaire, 363 from residents took part in the research to inform the Hail Weston Parish community Led Plan.

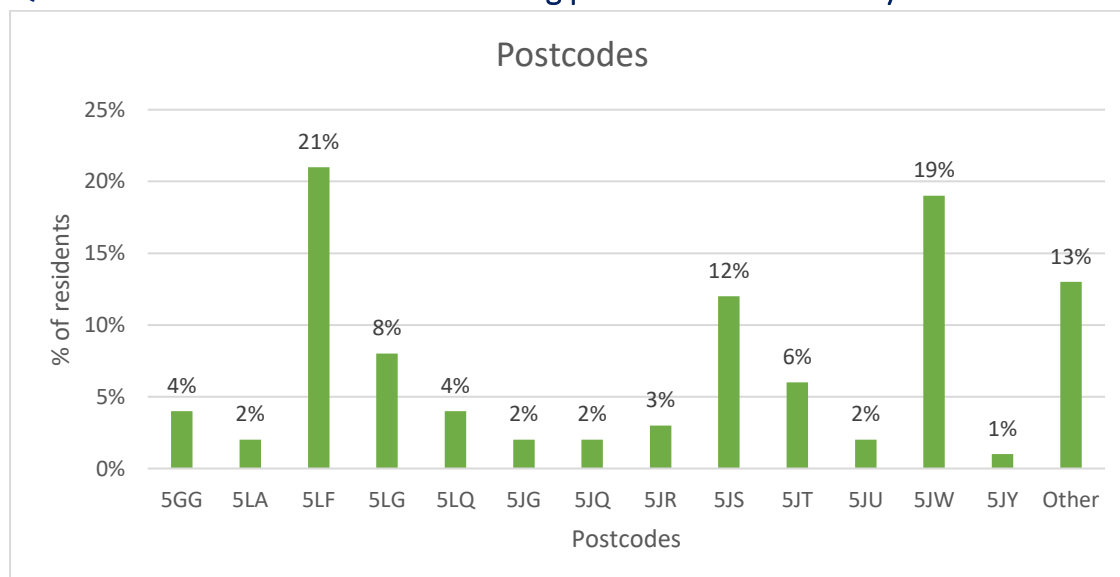
The majority of residents that took part in the research have the postcode 5LF (21%) and 5JW (19%), have 2-3 people resident in their household and have lived in Hail Weston for over 11 years. There was a good spread of responses from all age groups, though less so from those aged 18 years to 34 years (7%). The majority (21%) of those who took part were aged 45 to 54 years of age.

Hail Weston's rural setting is the feature of living in the parish most appreciated by residents, as is living close to friends and family. Good transport links as well as being close to good schools is also appreciated.

Younger residents aged 12 years and younger, most appreciate (30%) living closer to family and friends, while those aged 12 years to 24 years most appreciate the rural setting. Few residents would choose to move away from Hail Weston parish.

When asked what other aspects of living in the parish they most appreciated, residents mentioned the community spirit and the benefit of being located close to a busy market town while maintaining the peace and quiet of a rural village.

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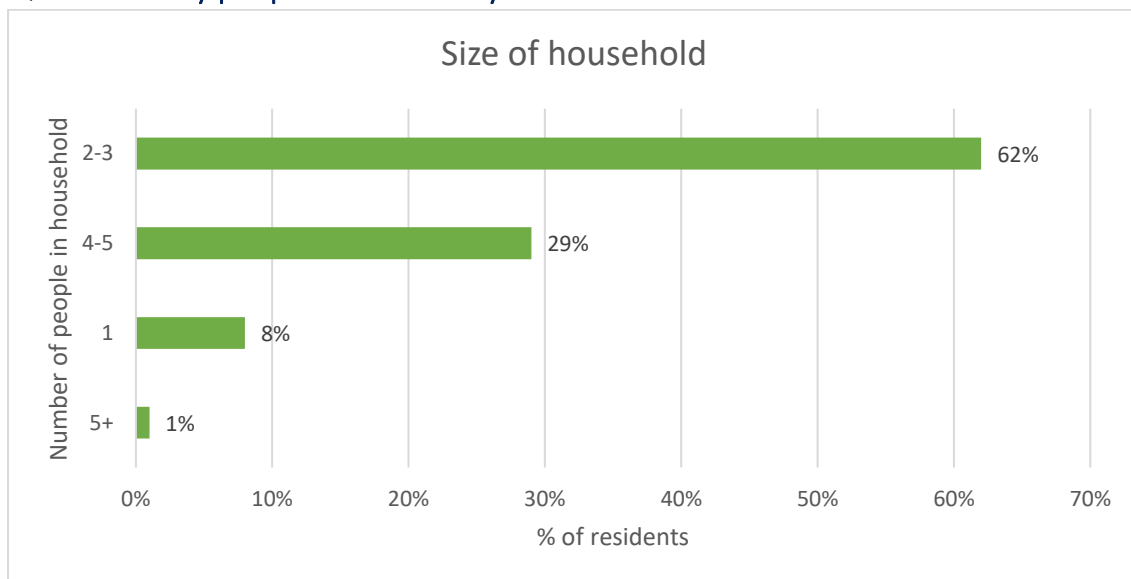


- The majority (21%) of respondents live closest to postcode 5LF

Other postcodes:

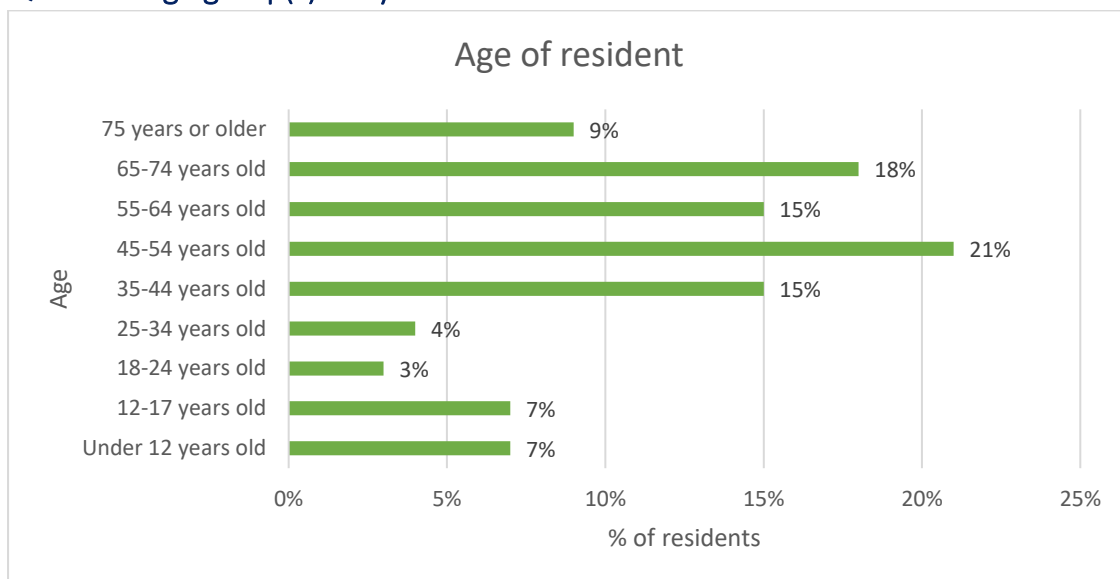
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Q2. How many people are there in your household?



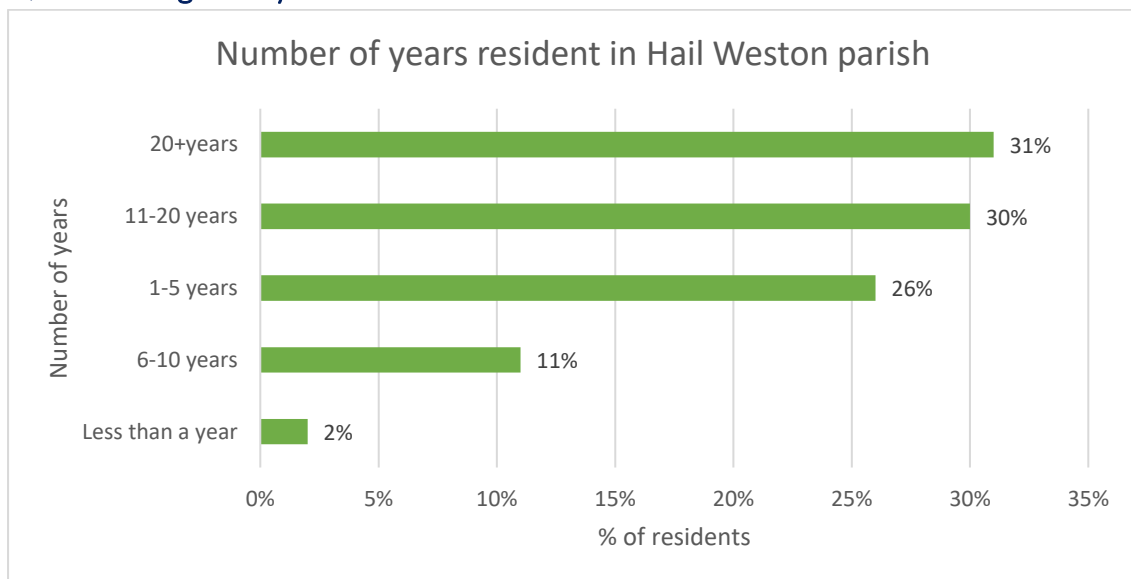
- The majority (62%) of households in Hail Weston Parish have 2 to 3 people resident
- 29% of households, are home to 4 or 5 residents
- Just 1% of residents have 5 or more people in their household

Q3. What age group(s) are you in?



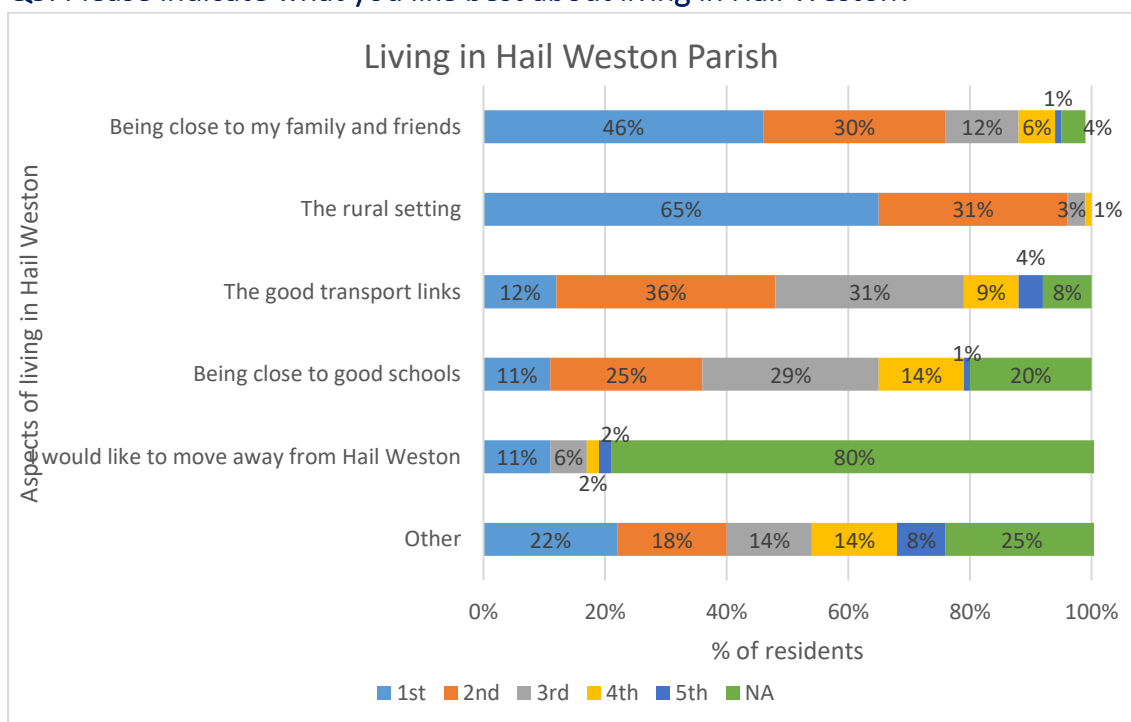
- The majority (21%) of those who responded to the survey are aged between 45 and 54 years old.
- Just 3% of residents aged 18-24 took part in the survey. 9% of those who took part were aged 75 years or over

Q4. How long have you lived in Hail Weston?



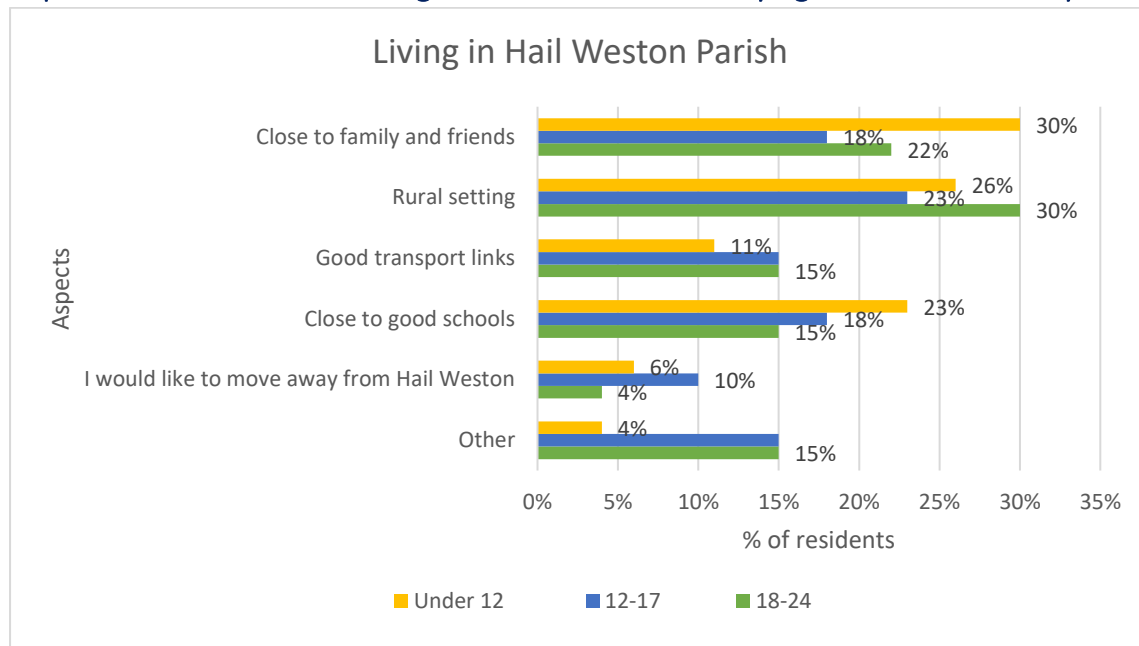
- The majority (61% of residents had lived in Hail Weston for over 11 years.

Q5. Please indicate what you like best about living in Hail Weston?



- The rural setting is the aspect of living in Hail Weston, most liked (65%) by residents, followed by being close to family and friends (46%).
- Just 11% of residents would like to move away from Hail Weston

Aspects most liked about living in Hail Weston Parish by age - under 12 to 24 years



- For those residents aged 12 years and under, being close to family and friends is their favourite (30%) aspect of living in Hail Weston.
- Those aged between 18 and 24, (30%) and 12 and 17 years, (23%) like the rural setting.
- 10% of those aged 12 to 17 would like to move away from Hail Weston.

Other aspects of living in Hail Weston favoured by residents include:

Community

"Being in such a nice community"

"I love living in Hail Weston, because it has a lovely community, and the residents of the village are friendly. I have met allot of new friends, and love all the functions organised by them. The countryside around me is great for power walks. You do not get the community spirit living in a town. Having been living in St Neots most of my life, you only get to know who lives in your street"

"Good community"

"I like the sense of community within our village"

"Friendly village atmosphere"

Location

"Calm setting"

"I like the park"

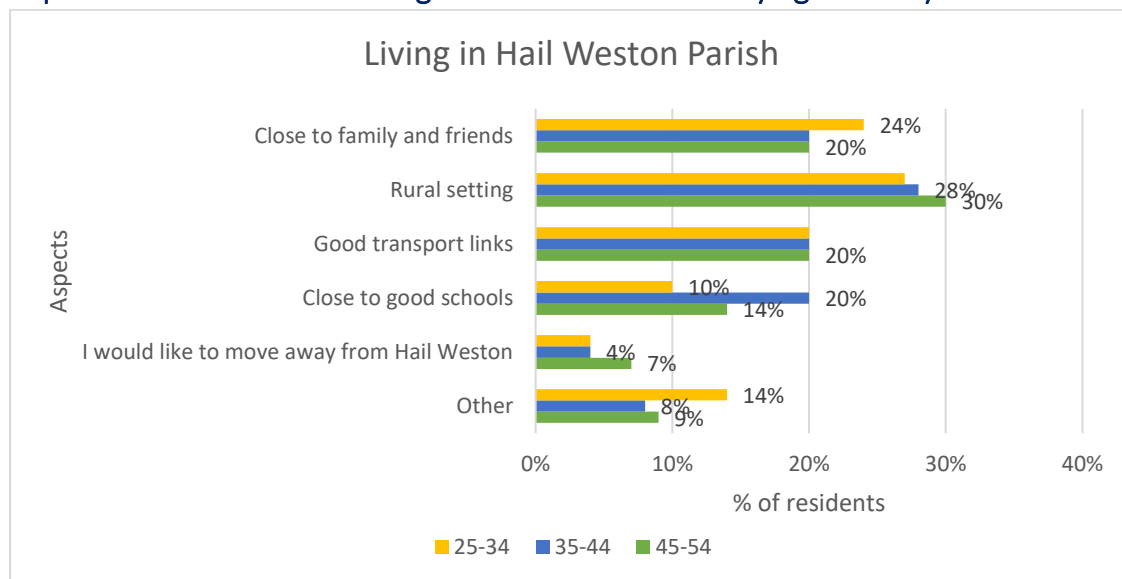
"As a family it is central to all our needs, work and school. It's a nice well-kept village"

"Family feel safe"

"How peaceful it is"

"The Playing Fields, easy to walk/ride into St Neots, no through traffic"

Aspects most liked about living in Hail Weston Parish by age 25-54 years



- For those aged between 25 and 54, the rural setting is the aspect most liked about living in Hail Weston parish.
- 14% of residents aged between 25 and 34 would like to move away from Hail Weston.

Other aspects favoured by residents in this age group include:

Community

"The small close knit and friendly village is why we moved here in the first place"

"Community feel"

"The quality of living, sense of community & closeness to towns & cities"

"Being part of a community that has pride for looking after its village and people"

Location

"Close to the busy town of St Neots, but it is a beautifully quiet location, not on a busy 'rat run'"

"Great neighbours and location"

"Safe pleasant environment for children to be brought up - good for building a family life - good quality of life"

"Quiet location but accessibility to town"

"Being away from the rat race, noise and built up areas"

"Good for employment commute to Kimbolton"

"Is very well looked after village in terms of street, green space and buildings condition"

"Great Village"

"The peace and quiet without being too far from town"

"Being close to work"

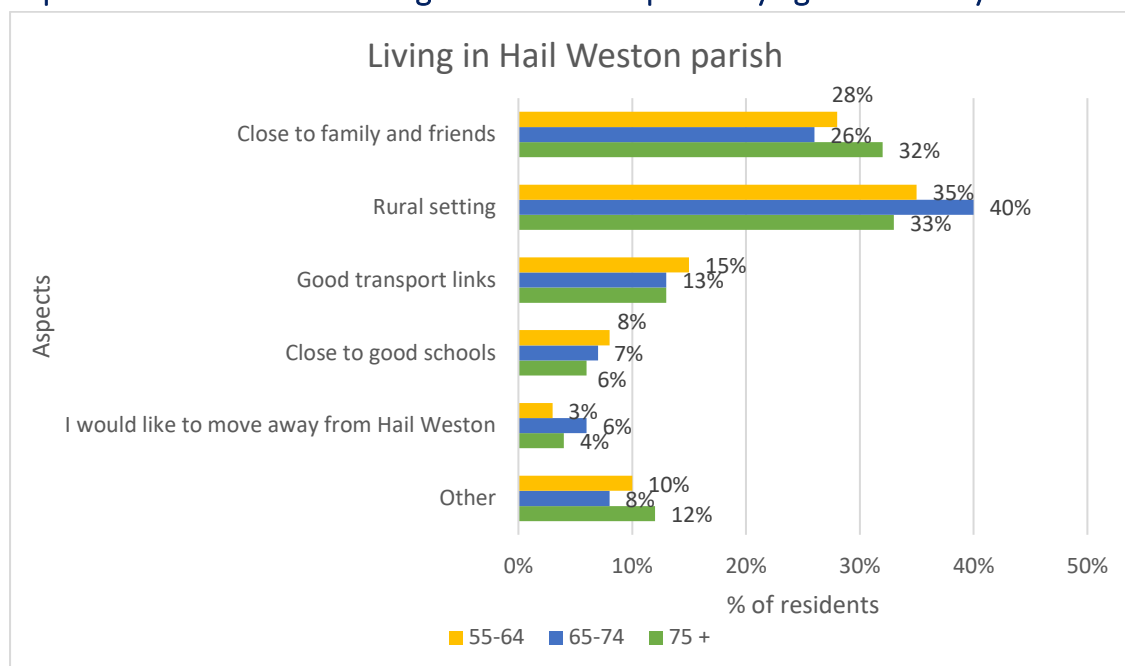
Facilities

"Proximity to good cycle tracks and walking environment"

“The Playing Fields, easy to walk/ride into St Neots, no through traffic”

“The pub when it opens again!”

Aspects most liked about living in Hail Weston parish by age 55 to 75+ years



- The rural setting and being close to family and friends is important for almost a third of those residents aged 75+.
- The majority (40%) of those aged 65-74 most like rural setting of Hail Weston.

Other aspects favoured by residents in this age group include:

Community

"Friendly Community"

"The general sense of being in a community"

"This has been my home for 77 years"

"Roots"

"Being part of the community and participating in community events"

"It's a quiet, friendly supportive community"

Location

"Familiar with the area"

"Close to wide choice of larger towns and places of interest"

"Our business is here"

"Tranquillity and seclusion of my property"

"Being close to work"

"A nice village to live in close to St Neots"

Facilities

"Church and pub"

"Friends and pub"

"My home, and good access to cities and towns"

"The playing fields, easy to walk/ride into St Neots, No through traffic"

“Nice village to live in close to St Neots”

Groups, facilities and communications.

While there is a high level of awareness of the various groups active in the village, the most of residents are not interested in becoming involved in the majority of them. The Pub Society and the Neighbourhood watch have more members in the village than others. A small number of villagers have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the groups extant, notably the Pub Society, Neighbourhood Watch and the Fitness classes.

Of the new groups suggested, there is most interest in a buying group for the purpose of obtaining discounted heating oil, while a walking group or wildlife group would also be of interest. Only a small number of villagers would be interested in creating or leading these groups. Alternative suggestions for new groups included crafts, cycling and football.

The village hall is important to the majority of residents though only a small number use it frequently. The most popular use for the village hall is to attend village events, such as Harvest Festival supper, or race nights. While the village hall is used by the Hail Weston Pre-School during the day, an alternative daytime venue would not be used the majority of residents.

The majority of residents feel it is important to have a church in the parish, though just over a third of residents don't use it. Most residents use the church to attend festive services, weddings and funerals. Two thirds of residents thought it unlikely, should the internal dimensions of the church be modified, that they would use the space created as an additional venue.

Just over half of residents would support a fundraising event to strengthen the church tower, while a little over a third indicated that perhaps they would, suggesting that more information on what the fundraising event would involve, would help them to make up their minds.

Most residents think that having a pub in the village is important and should it be reinstated, having somewhere to enjoy a drink would be the most popular use, followed by somewhere to have food. A community shop would also be a popular alternative use for the pub.

The village playing fields are important to the majority of residents, with just over a third of residents using the fields to attend village events in the last two years. Of the additions suggested, the BBQ area would be favoured by most residents.

Most (57%) of residents think a public pay phone is not an important facility in the village, though a third of residents feel it is important to have one available. Should the existing pay phone be decommissioned however, most residents would like to see it used as a book exchange point with almost as many suggesting it should be a resuscitation point.

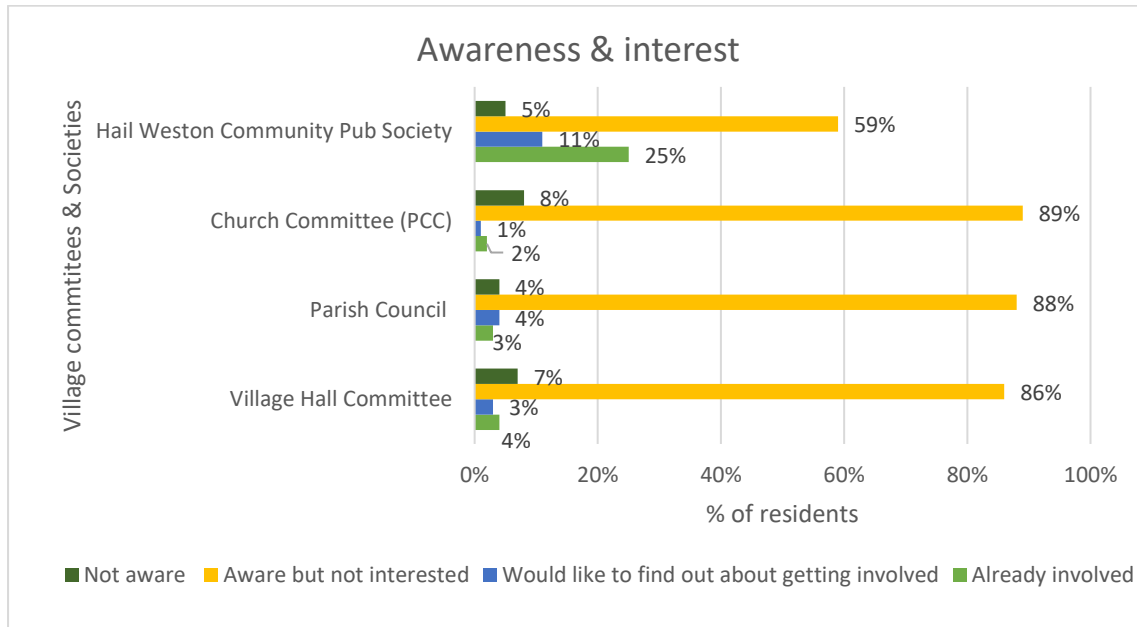
Most residents are unlikely to use the mobile library when it visits Hail Weston. Suggestions made by residents as to what would be a convenient time for the library to visit varied in the extreme, making choosing a time to suit all very difficult.

Two thirds of residents thought they received enough information about Hail Weston parish, with the church newsletter the most popular source of information for the most residents, and the parish council newsletter also a useful source. A very small number of residents said they didn't receive any information. Having the Hunts Post delivered free of charge to a central collection point would be very welcome to the majority of residents.

Groups

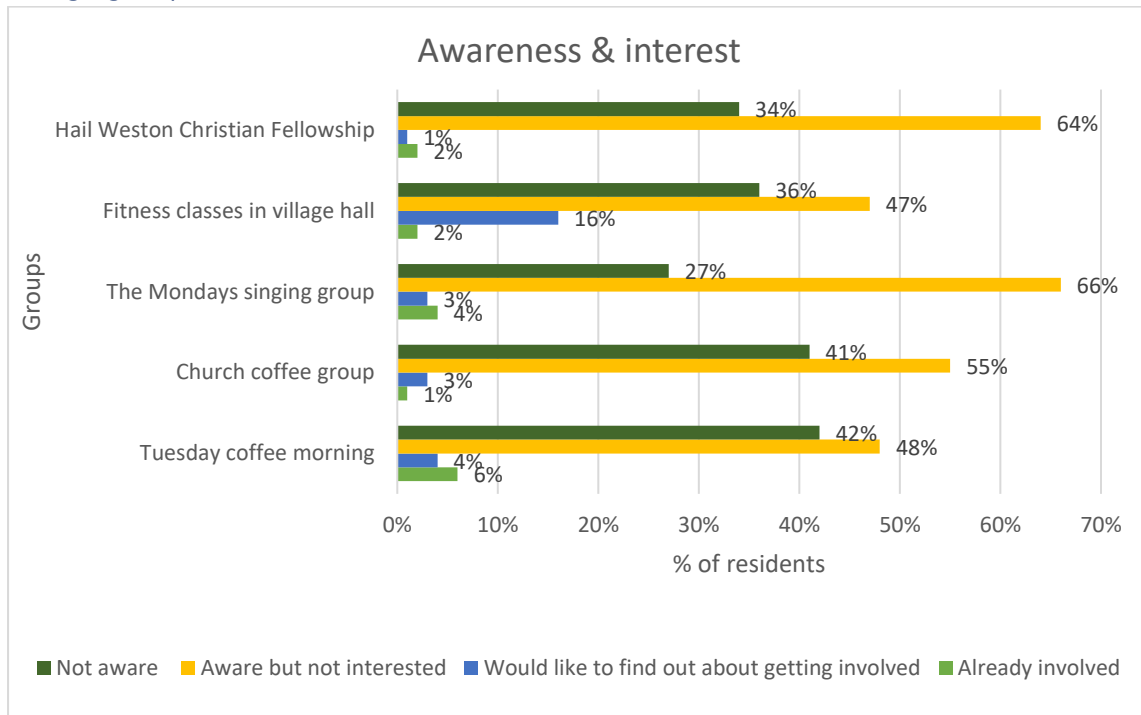
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Village committees and Societies



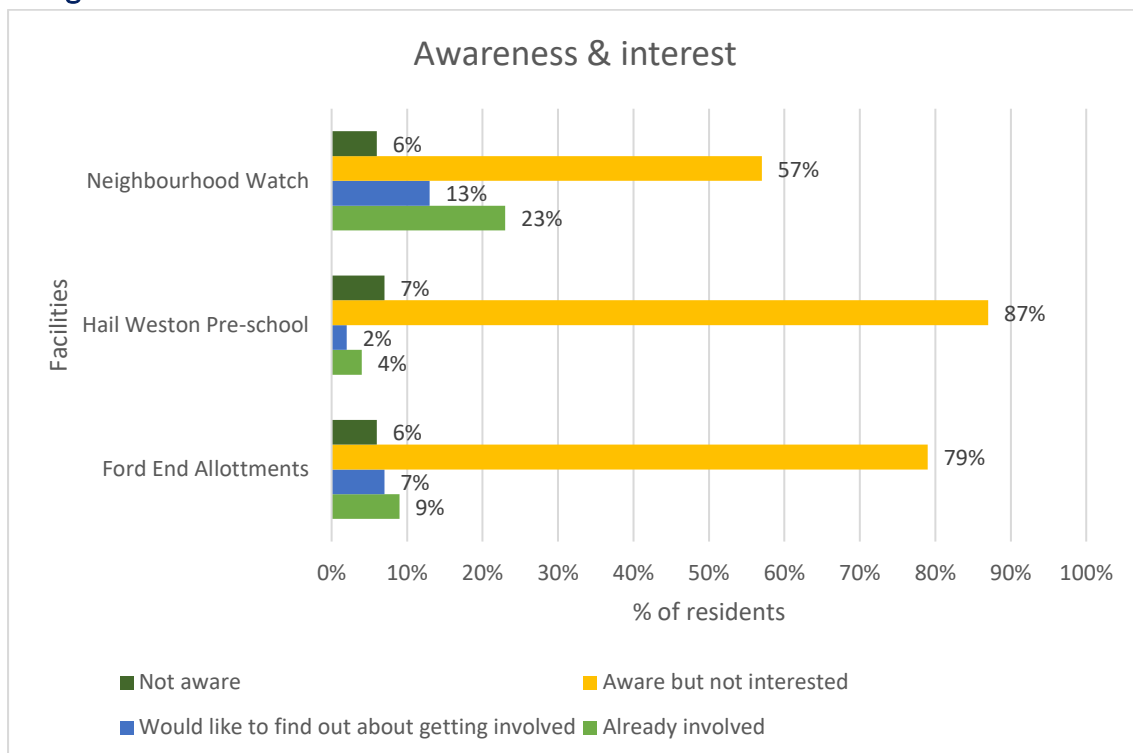
- The majority (86%) of residents are aware of the various village committees and societies though are not interested in joining.
- Residents were less aware (59%) of the Community Pub Society, though 11% of residents indicated they would like to be involved.
- A very small minority (1%) of residents expressed any interest in becoming involved in the Church Committee.
- 4% of residents indicated an interest in becoming involved in the Parish Council and 3% in the Village Hall Committee.

Village groups



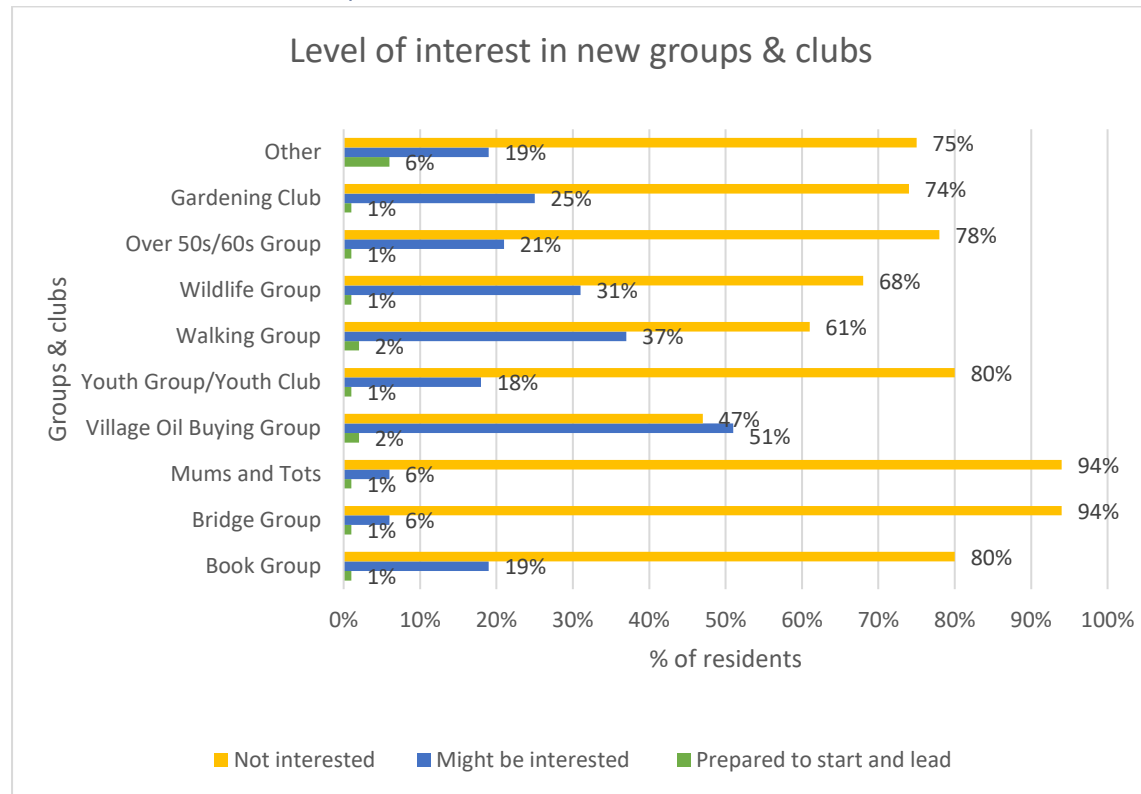
- Residents were slightly less likely to be aware of the different groups that are active in the parish.
- 27% of residents were not aware of the Mondays Singing Group and over a third of residents were not aware of the other groups. The Fitness classes in the Village Hall is of interest to 16% of residents.

Village facilities



- Over half of residents are aware of the different facilities available in the parish, but are not interested in becoming involved, or with regard to the Hail Weston Pre-school, perhaps because it isn't relevant to them.
- 23% of residents are already involved in The Neighbourhood Watch scheme, with another 13% expressing an interest in becoming involved.

Q7. Which of the following groups would you be interested in joining if they were available in Hail Weston parish?



- Over half (51%) of residents would be interested in a Village Oil Buying Group.
- Other groups in which residents expressed an interest were a Walking Group (37%) with 2% interested in starting and leading such a group, or a Wildlife Group (31%) or Gardening club (25%).
- There was very little interest (1%) expressed in starting and leading any of the suggested groups.
- 19% of residents had suggestions for other groups which included:

"Cycling"

"Craft group"

"Painting, sewing & craft. There is already a book group"

"Walking, football, astronomy"

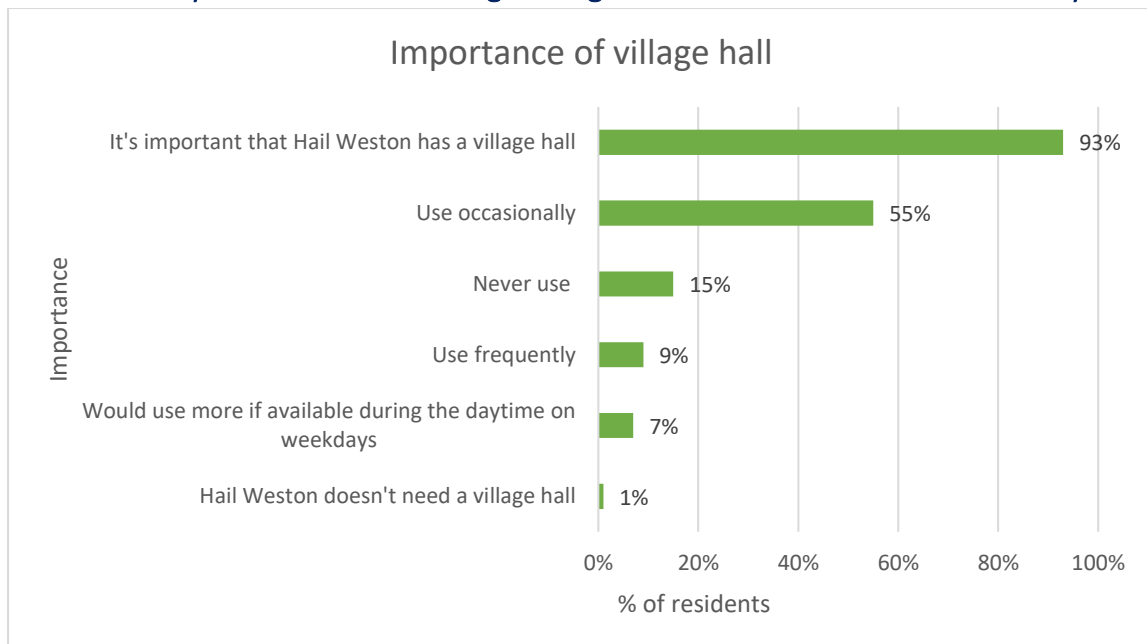
Theatre group"

"Crafts - jewellery making and card making"

"Help other elderly people by visiting/shopping etc."

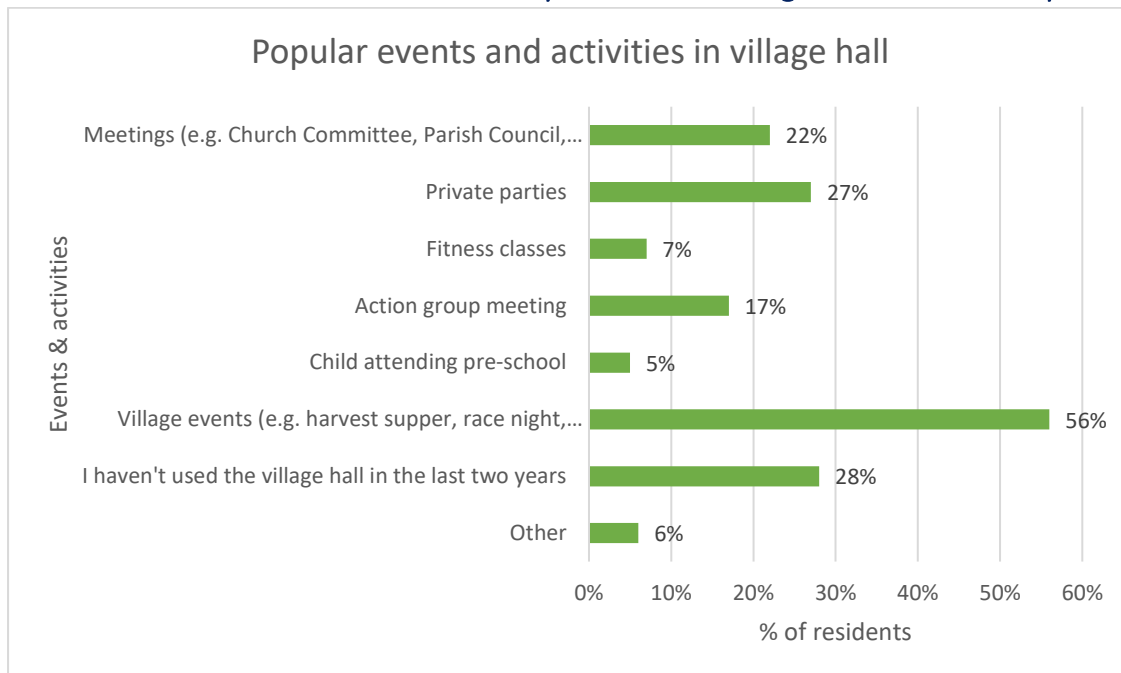
Facilities

Q8. What do you think about having a village hall for the use of the community?



- The majority (93%) of residents feel it is important that Hail Weston has a village hall, though over half (55%) only use it occasionally.

Q9. For which events or activities have you used the village hall in the last 2 years?



- The majority (56%) of residents use the village hall to attend events such as the harvest supper, or race nights.
- 28% of residents haven't used the village hall in the last two years.

Other village hall activities include:

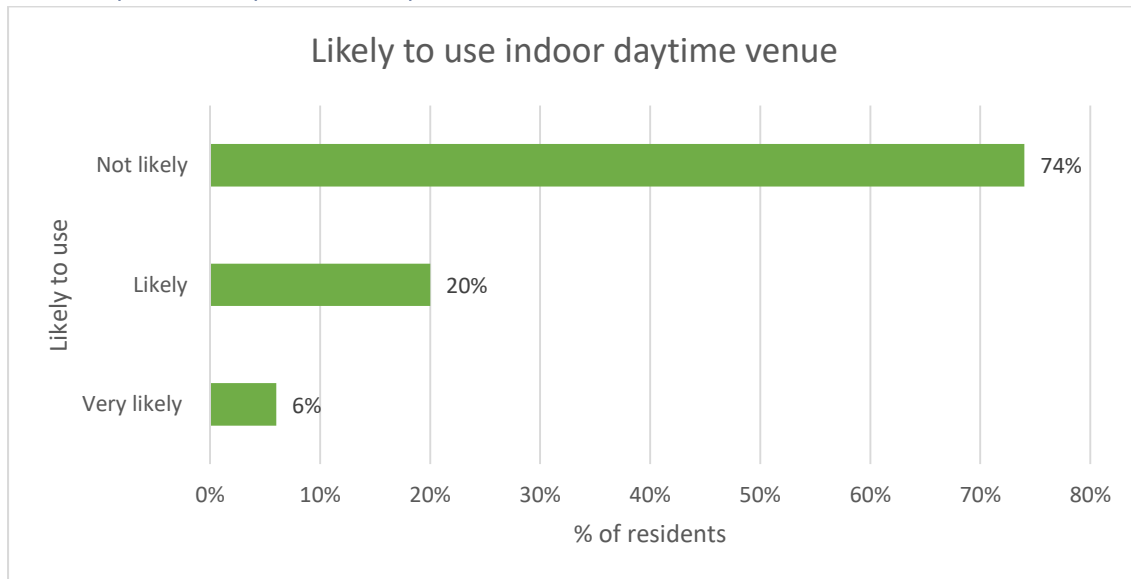
"Voting"

"Pub committee meetings"

"Flower Arranging/Art classes/Crafts"

"Ladies night"

Q10. If there was an indoor venue available in Hail Weston during the daytime on weekdays, would you be likely to use it?



- 26% of residents would be likely or very likely to use an indoor, daytime venue, with the following suggestions made for its possible use:

Groups

"Luncheon Club /Doctors surgery"

"Retired focused groups"

"Pilates, social meeting, keep fit, club meetings, weddings, funerals etc."

"If there was a book /reading group"

"Some of the aforementioned group's may like to have access to a space that isn't a private house"

"Classes; gardening club meetings; art classes"

"Art classes, book club"

"Crafts, keep fits, Pilates."

"Elderly persons' activities"

"Arts/ Crafts/Dance fitness"

"Book club, Coffee, Internet cafe, interest groups/wildlife, local history, music club, sewing bee, etc."

"Clubs, bridge, gardening & flower arranging, Pilates, fitness"

"Carpet Bowls and for selling local produce"

"Classes - study/leisure"

"Body Shop open days"

Social

"Social occasions"

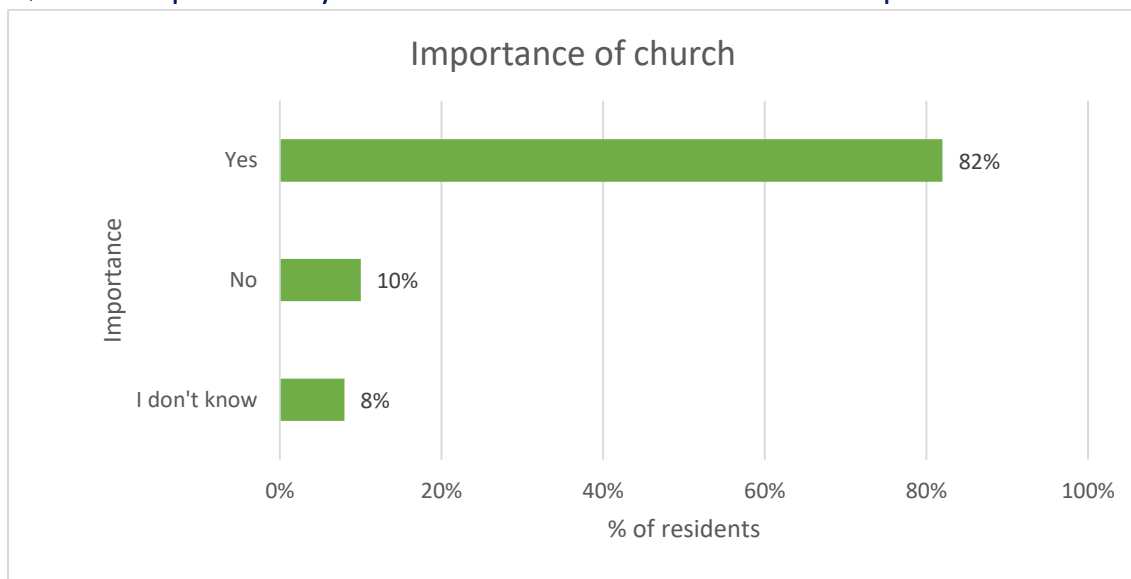
"Social events and interest groups"

"As a community centre, for example social events, perhaps a licensed bar, club house"

"Possibly as a venue for meetings/training courses"

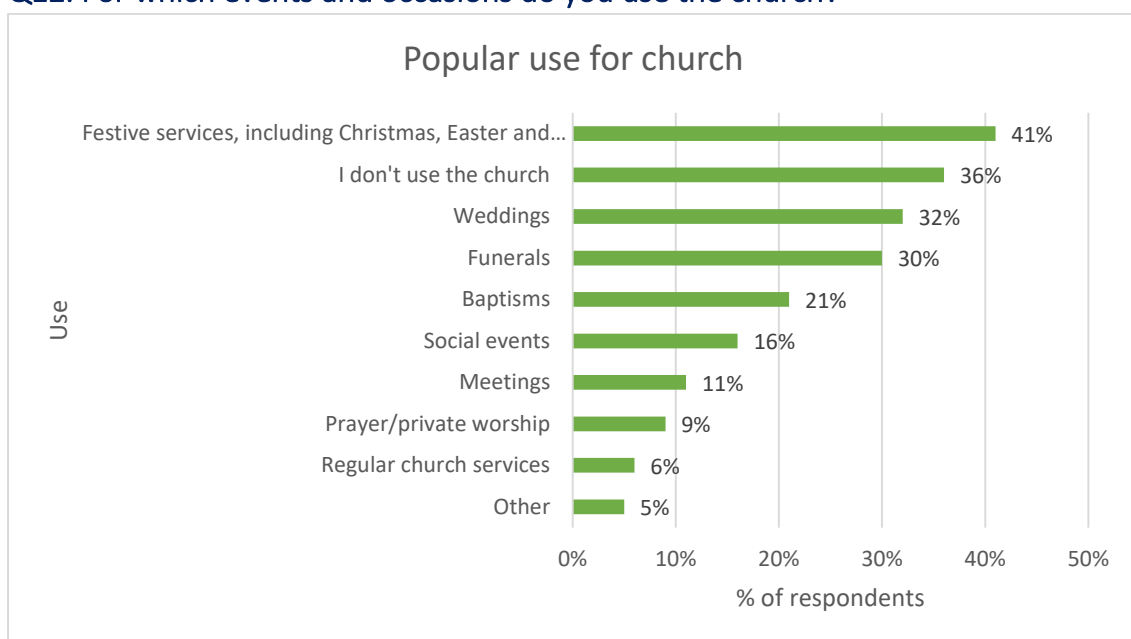
"Coffee mornings"

Q11. Is it important to you that there is a church in Hail Weston parish?



- The majority (82%) of residents feel it is important to have a church in the Hail Weston parish.

Q12. For which events and occasions do you use the church?



- The majority (41%) of residents use the church on festive occasions, with 6% attending regular church services.

Other reasons for using the church include:

"Historical interest, I think the church should be used by all denominations for worship and other events"

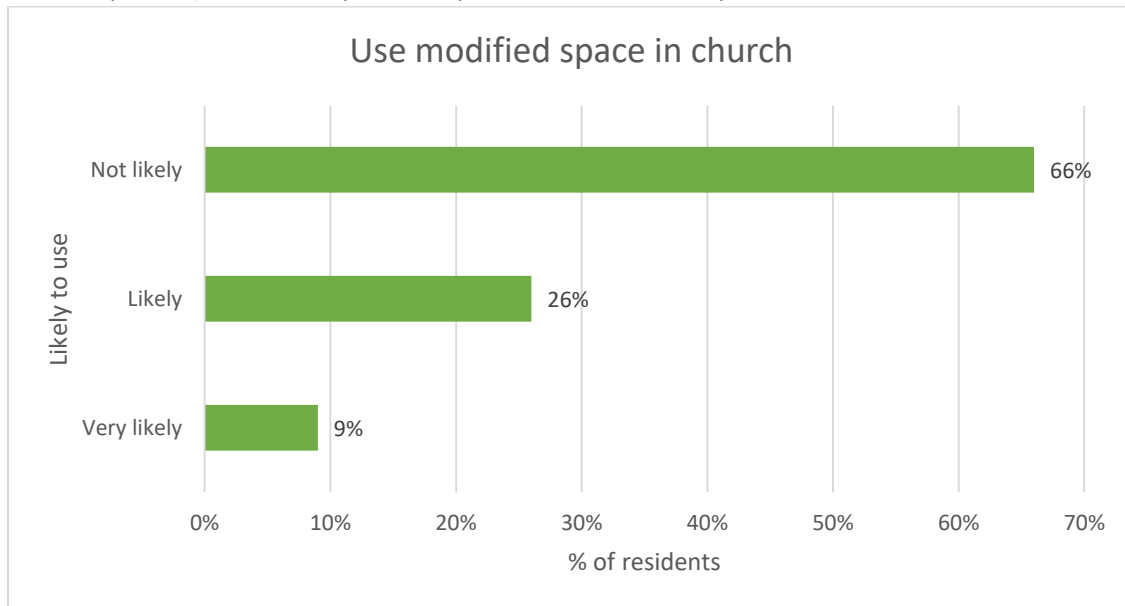
"Monday's singing group"

"Cream Teas in the summer"

"My young grandson likes looking around it when he comes to visit"

"Clean church brass" "Visiting churchyard to place flowers on family graves"

Q13. If modifications were made (to allow the church to be used as an additional venue for the parish), how likely would you be to use this space?



- The majority (66%) are not likely to use the modified space within the church as an additional venue.
- 35% of residents would be likely or very likely to use this additional venue, suggestions for its use focused on village events:

"Social events/meetings if there is no pub and the village hall is not available"

"Concerts"

"Charity fund raising event"

"Coffee mornings Cream Teas Refreshments and toilet facilities for village fete, harvest supper, funerals, etc."

"Mondays singing group, social functions"

"Coffee, small groups i.e. music/book club, support group"

"Stay longer at events because if at a function toilet facilities would be of use"

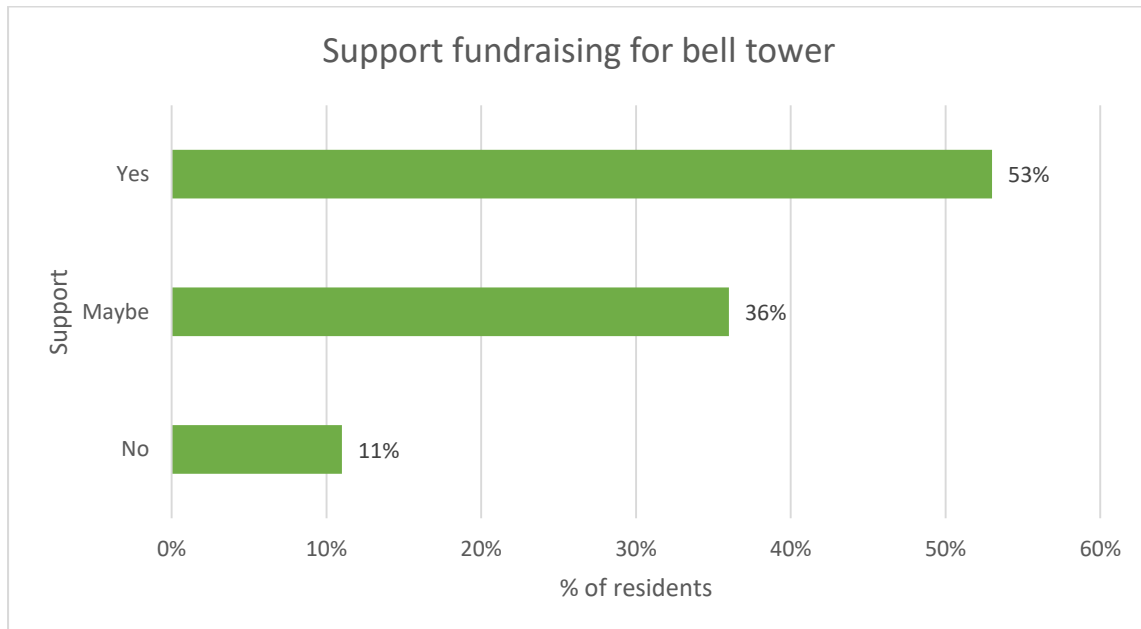
"Maybe space usable if the village hall is booked"

"Opens up the space for a wide range of groups and meetings to take place"

"Meetings, lectures e.g wildlife/historical etc."

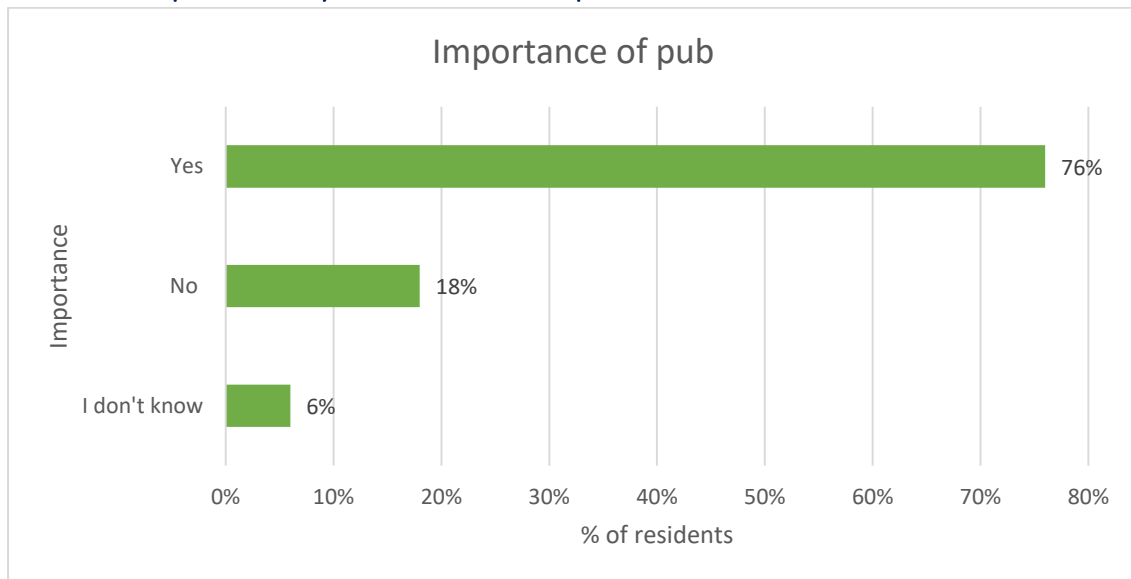
"Installing a toilet"

Q14. Would you support a fundraising effort to strengthen the (structurally unsound) bell tower at the Church of St. Nicholas?



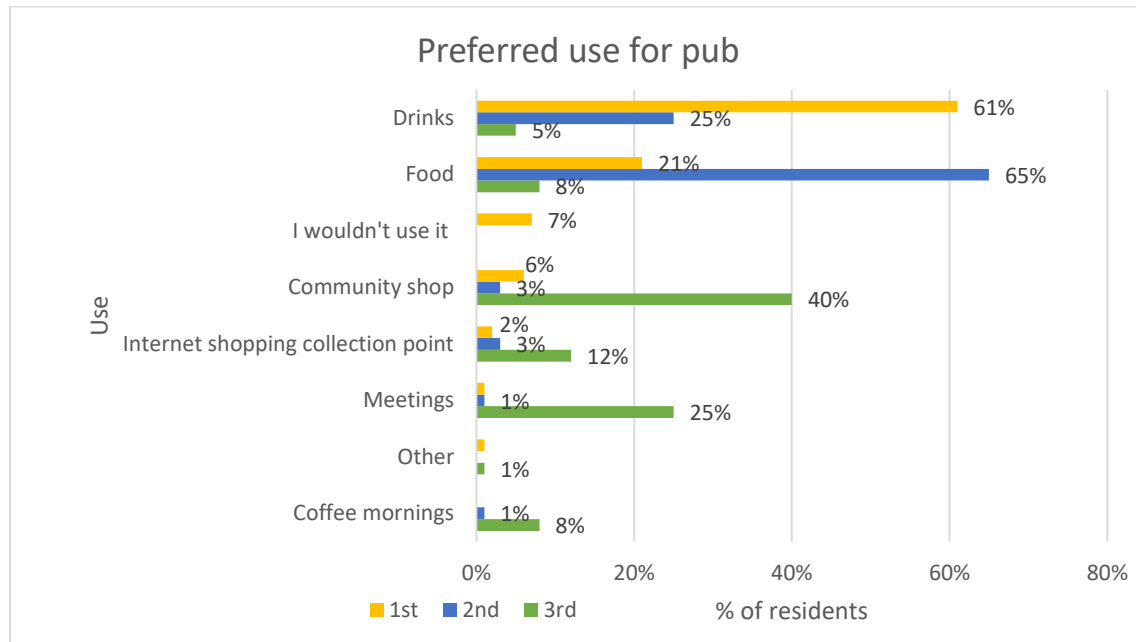
- Over half (53%) of residents would support a fundraising event for the bell tower, with 36% indicating they would maybe support such an event.

Q15. Is it important to you that there is a pub in Hail Weston?



- The majority (76%) of residents feel it is important to have a pub in Hail Weston.

Q16. If a pub was reinstated in Hail Weston, which of the following activities would you like to see it used for?



- The first choice for the majority (61%) of residents would be to reinstate the pub as a place to enjoy a drink.
- Serving food was the second choice for 65% of residents.
- A Community Shop is favoured by 40% of residents as a third choice.

Other proposed uses for pub include:

"Collection point for Hunts Post"

"Re-introduce pub sports e.g. Darts, games nights, boules, quiz nights"

"Book and record swap, pensioner daytime activities"

"Mini/charity book swap, point for parcel despatch, e.g. Hermes. Too close to St Neots for community shop, didn't work before, & the one in Staughton has closed now. We should encourage groups to use as their base, e.g. walkers, etc. Sale of Sunday paper? Private individual next village down does well"

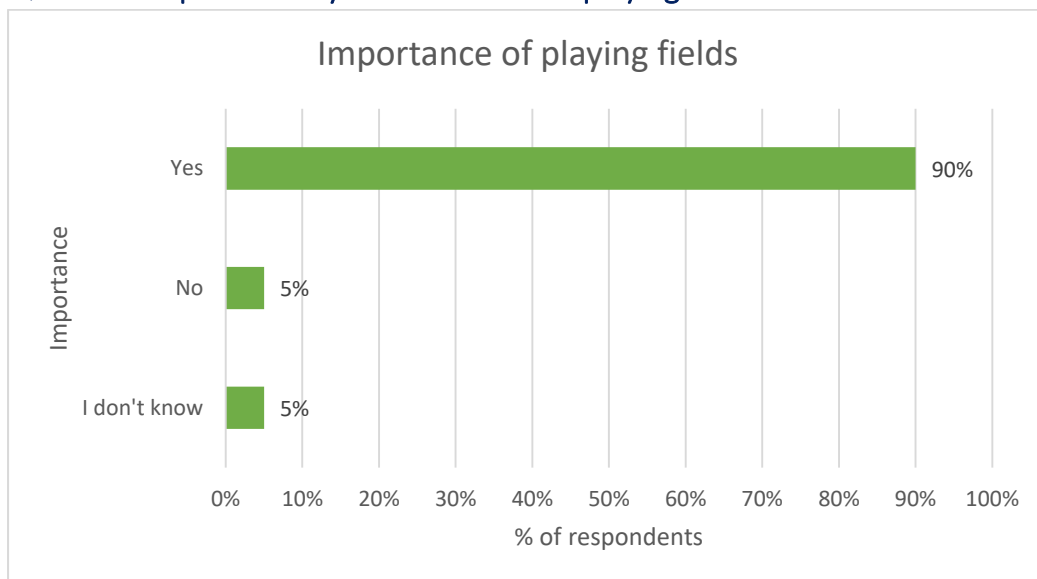
"Mobile services, i.e. library, bank, post office"

"Possibly a Darts team, or Pool team?"

"Live music"

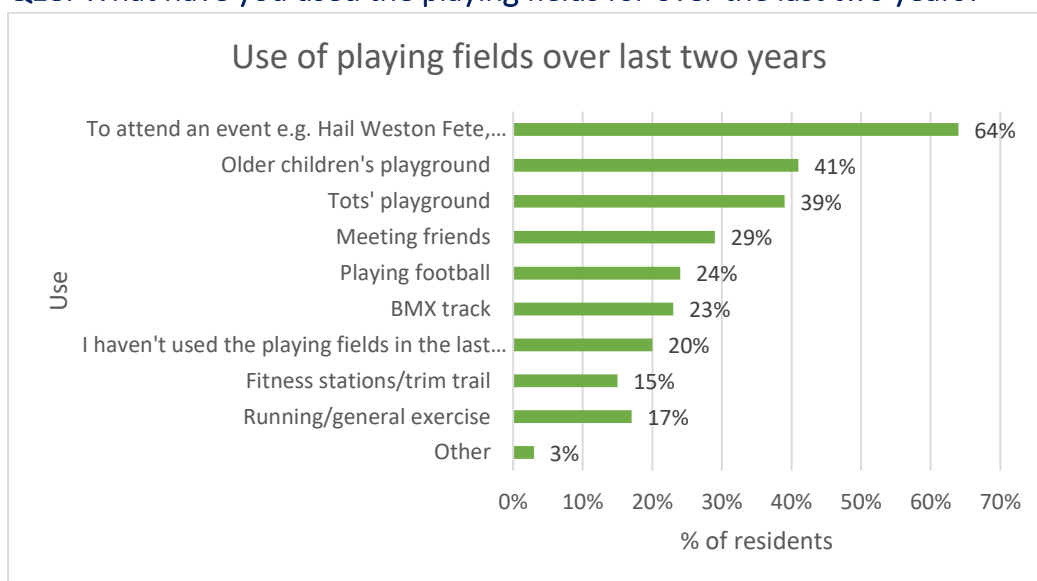
"Post office?"

Q17. Is it important to you that there are playing fields in Hail Weston?



- 90% of residents feel that it is important to have playing fields in Hail Weston.

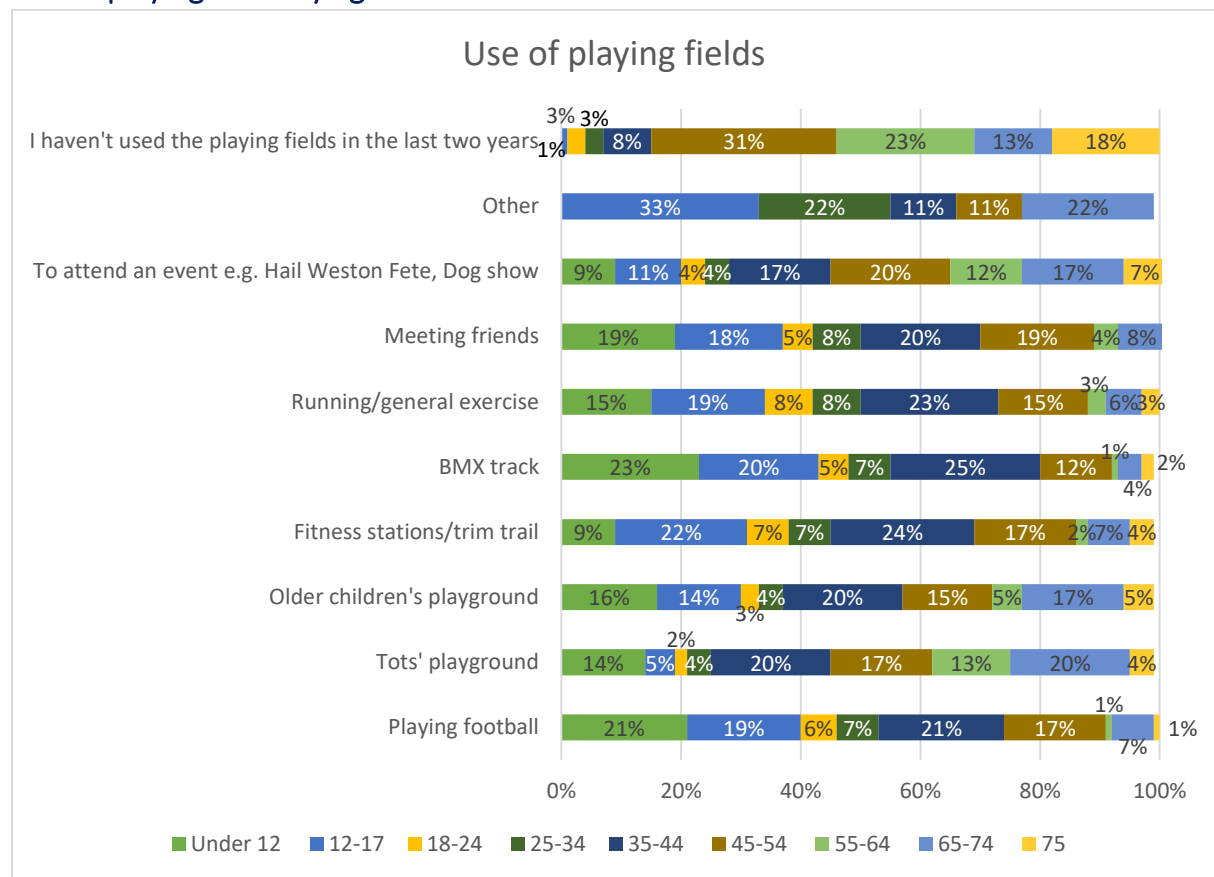
Q18. What have you used the playing fields for over the last two years?



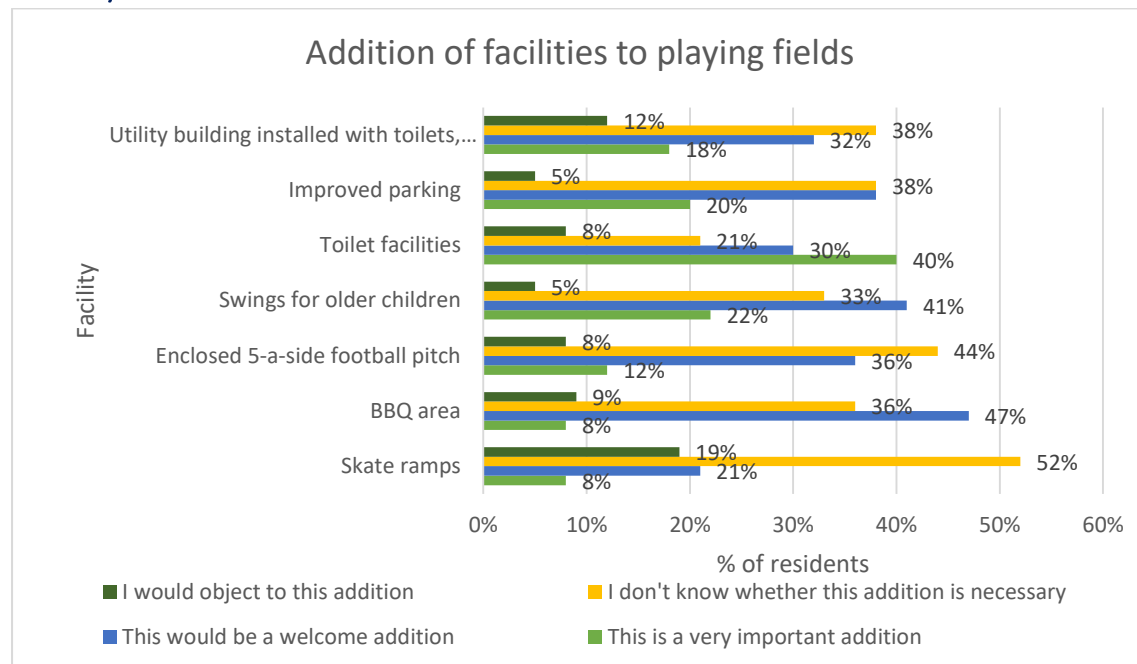
- The majority (64%) of residents have used the playing fields over the last two years to attend a village event.
- 20% of residents haven't use the playing fields in the last two years.
- Of the 3% who have used the playing fields for other activities, these included:

"As part of working parties engaged on maintaining the facilities"

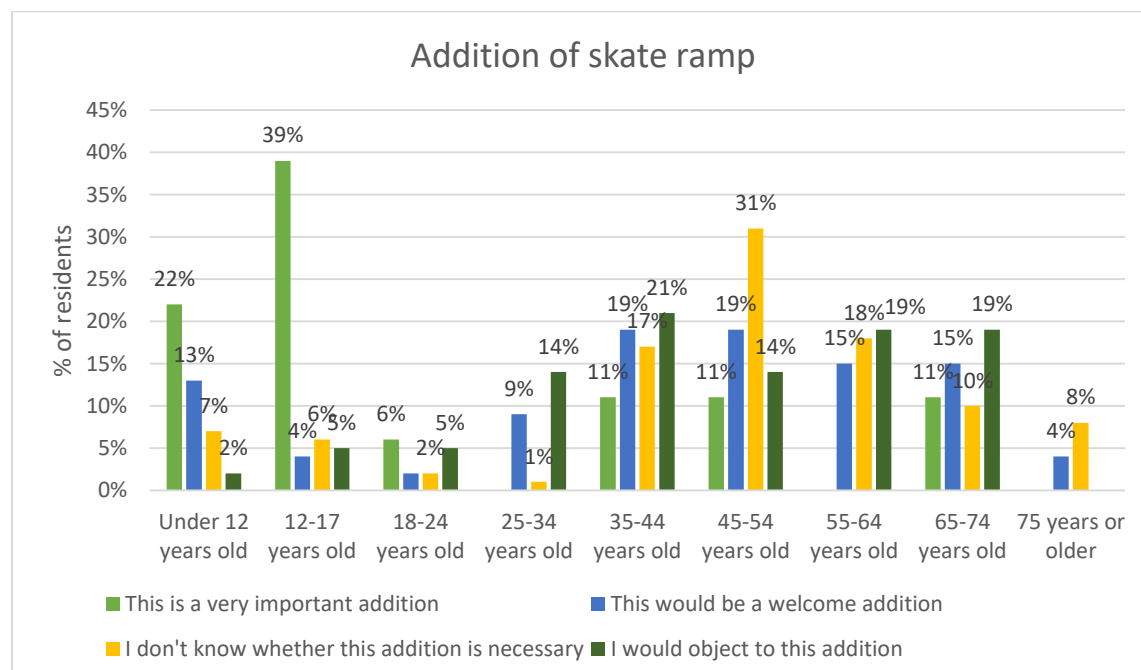
Use of playing fields by age



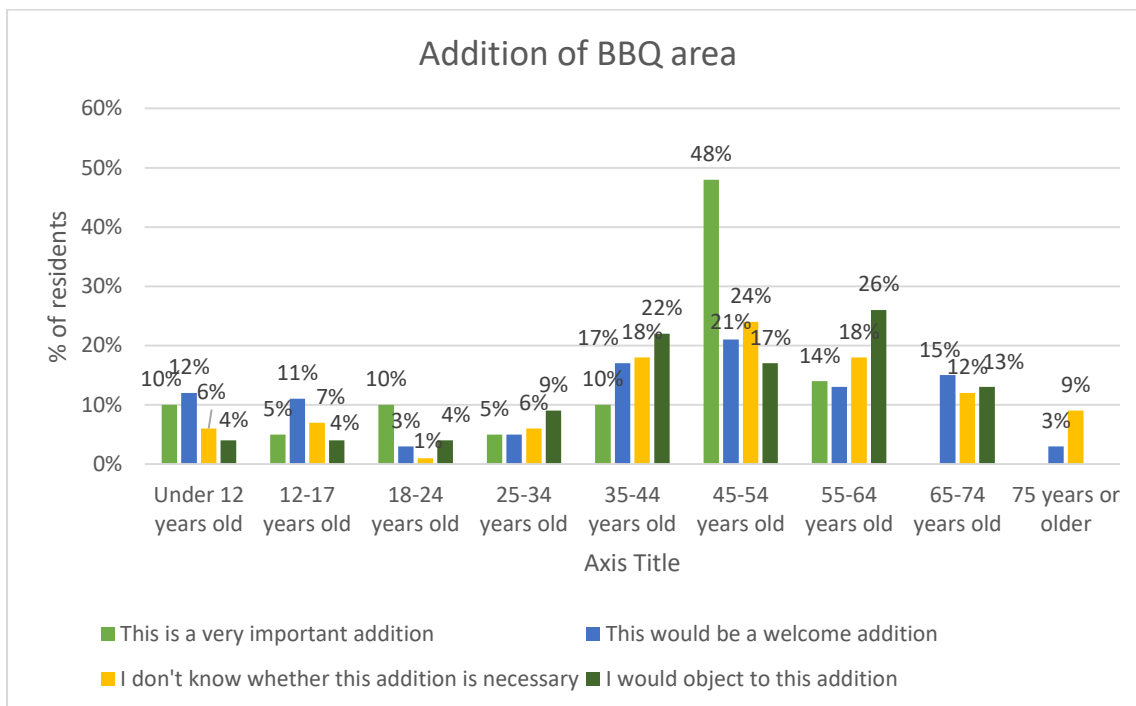
Q19. If funding were available to do further work on the playing fields, what additions would you like to see?



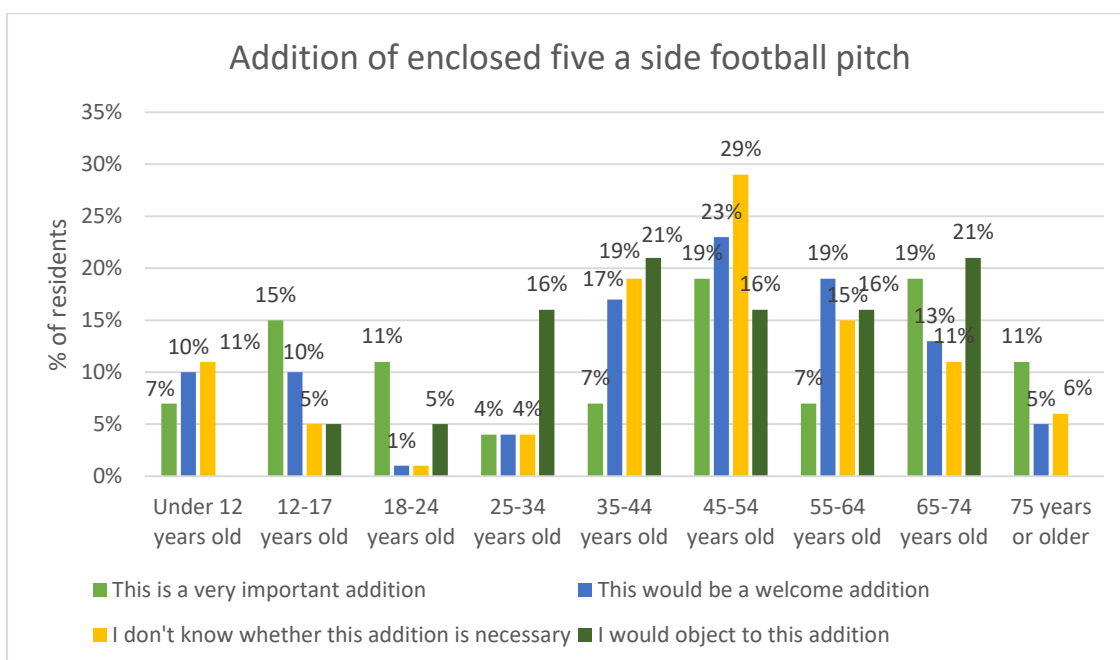
- 52% of residents are not sure that skate ramps are a necessary addition to the playing fields
- 47% of residents would welcome the addition of a BBQ area
- 40% feel that toilet facilities at the playing fields would be an important addition



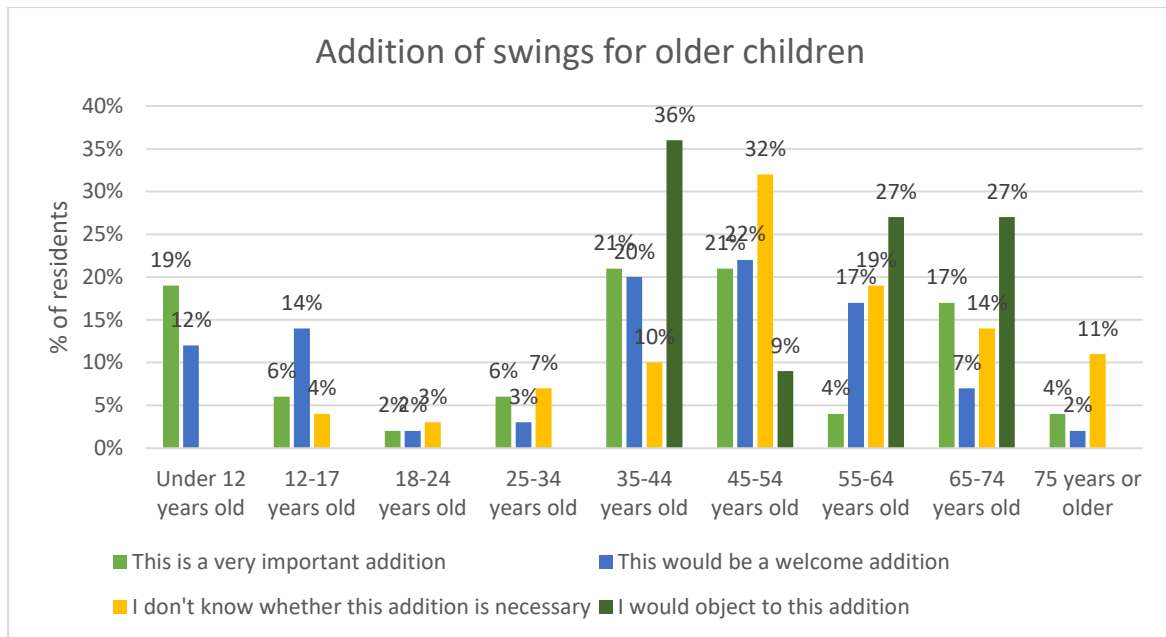
- 39% of 12 to 17 year olds feel that skate ramps would be an important addition to facilities at the playing fields
- 31% of 45 to 54 year olds are not sure that the addition of skate ramps is necessary



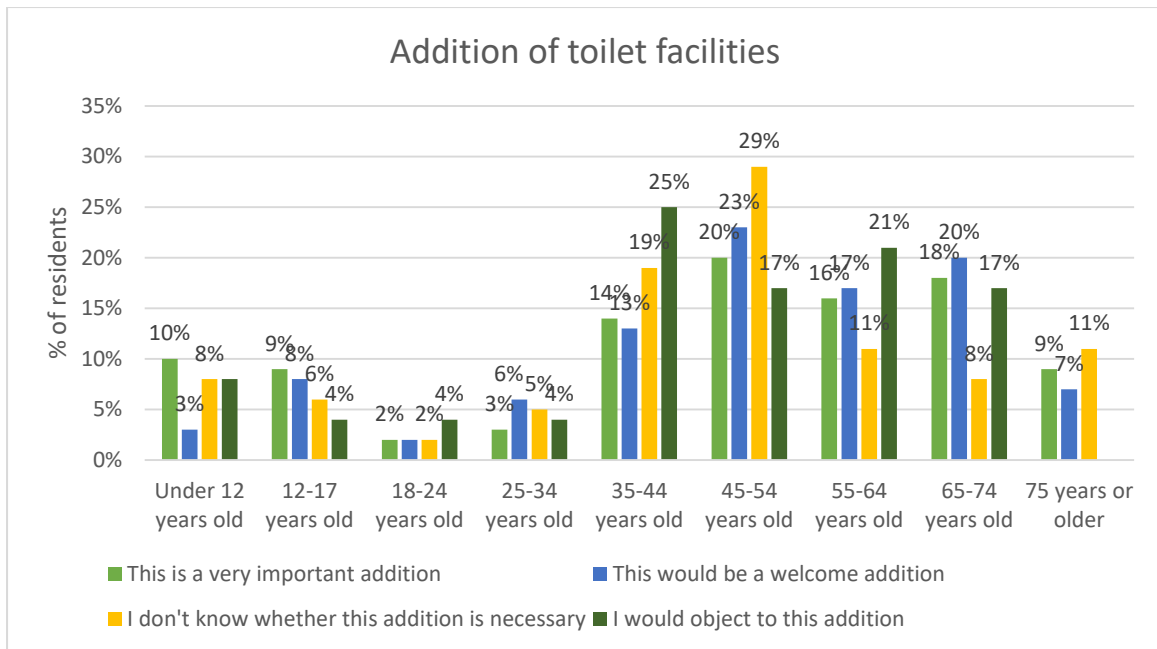
- 48% of 45 to 54 year olds feel the addition of a BBQ area is very important
- 11% of 12 to 17 year olds would welcome a BBQ area at the playing fields



- 29% of 45 to 54 year olds are not sure that the addition of an enclosed five a side football pitch is necessary
- 15% of 12 to 17 year olds feel this facility would be a very important addition

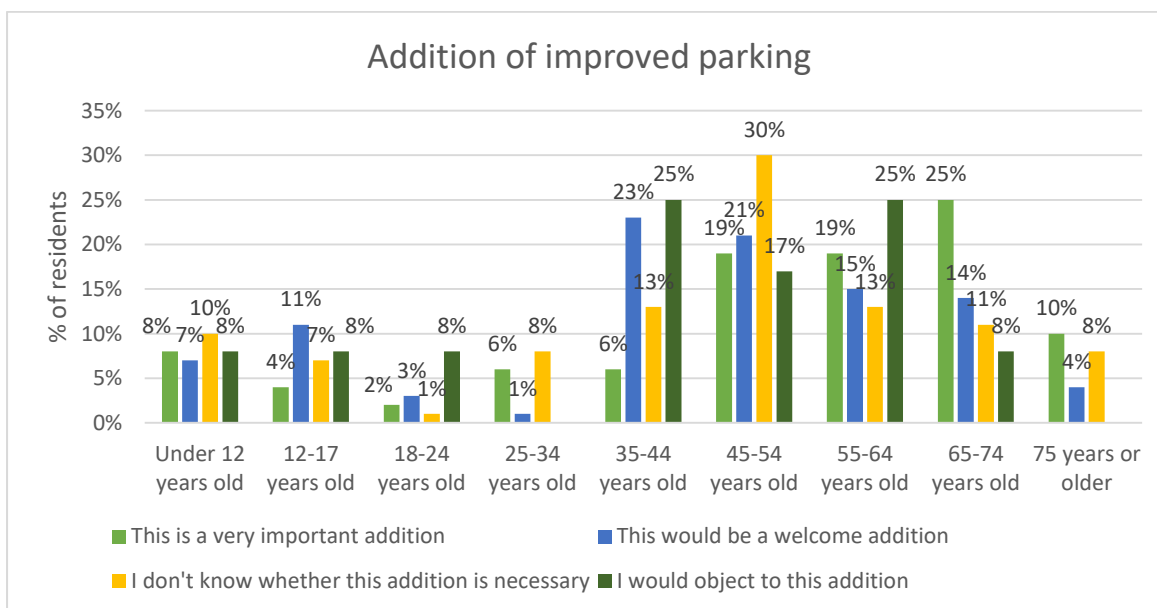


- 36% of 35 to 44 year olds would object to the addition of swings for older children
- 19% of under 12 year olds feel that swings would be a very important addition



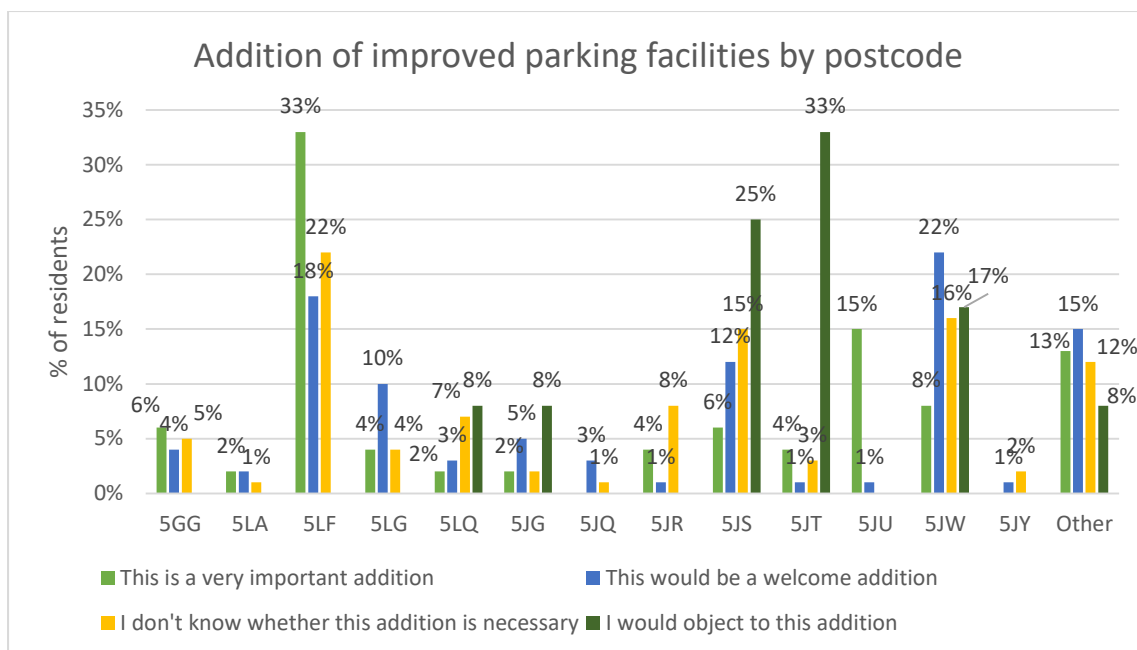
20% of 45 to 54 year olds feel that toilet facilities would be a very important addition

25% of 35 to 44 year olds would object to this addition



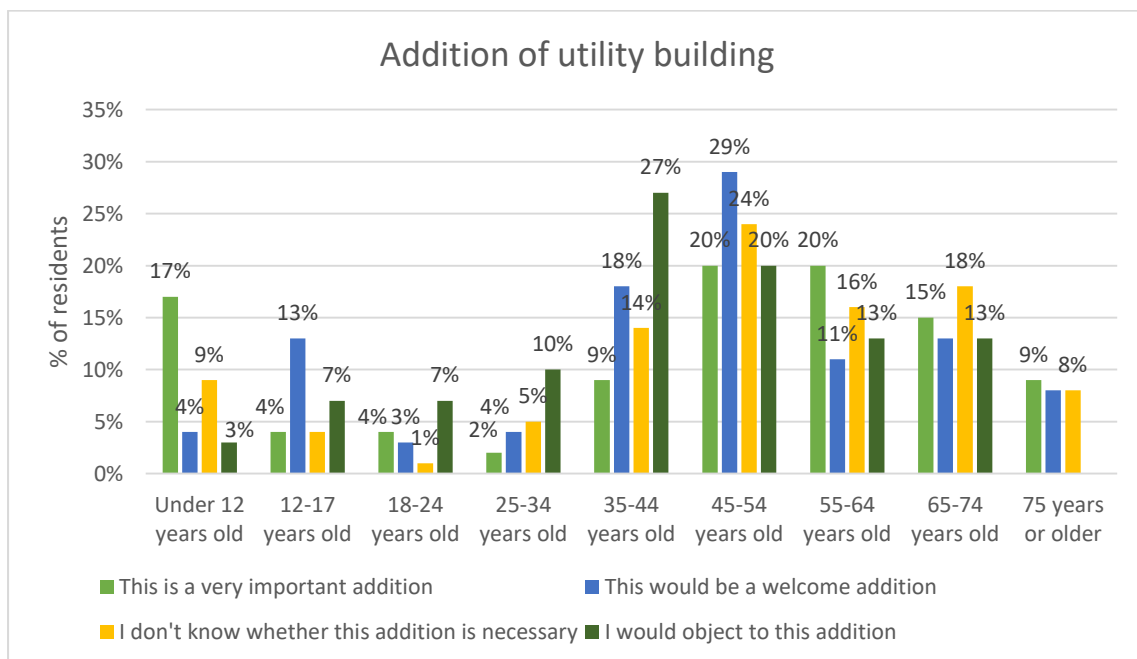
25% of 65 to 74 year olds feel that improved parking would be a welcome addition

30% of 45 to 54 year olds don't know whether this addition is necessary



33% of residents living near the postcode 5LF feel that improved parking facilities would be a very important addition

33% of residents living near the postcode 5JT would object to the addition of improved parking facilities



29% of 45 to 54 year olds would welcome the addition of a utility building

27% of 35 to 44 year olds would object to this addition

17% of under 12 year olds feel it would be a very important addition

Other additions to the playing fields that residents would like to see include:

"Wildflower meadow area planted"

"Drinking fountain"

"A more creative BMX track"

"Although we have lots of places where people can walk their dogs, they don't always take the necessary steps re hygiene. A fenced off "dog run" where (particularly the elderly and the younger set) can run their dogs whilst keeping an eye on them may be useful"

"Could the utility building possible be designed in such a way to become a new village hall with a bar to replace the old pub?"

"Full size football pitch and/or cricket pitch to enable village teams to be established.

All weather tennis court, bowling green"

"A basketball court and a permanent ping pong table would both be welcome additions"

"Tennis, badminton, Rounders"

"More benches"

Pavilion that could be a bar

"Sports pavilion & bar"

"Marked out rounders pitch"

"Forest school area, nature trail, mini house hunting area/wildlife pond/log circles"

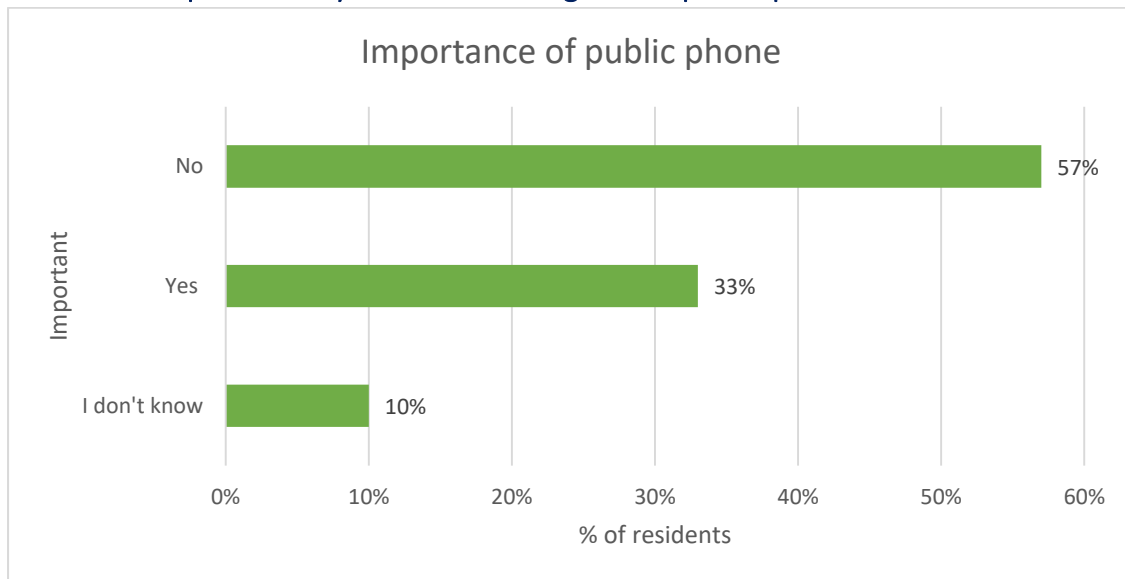
"A skate ramp like the one in Gt Staughton has would be fantastic for my children"

"I fear that toilets by themselves would invite vandalism and are an area that couldn't be monitored effectively for anti-social behaviour"

"As a resident who lives directly near the park we strongly feel that an extension to the existing limited parking when peak times occur would be of great importance aiding a safer use for all"

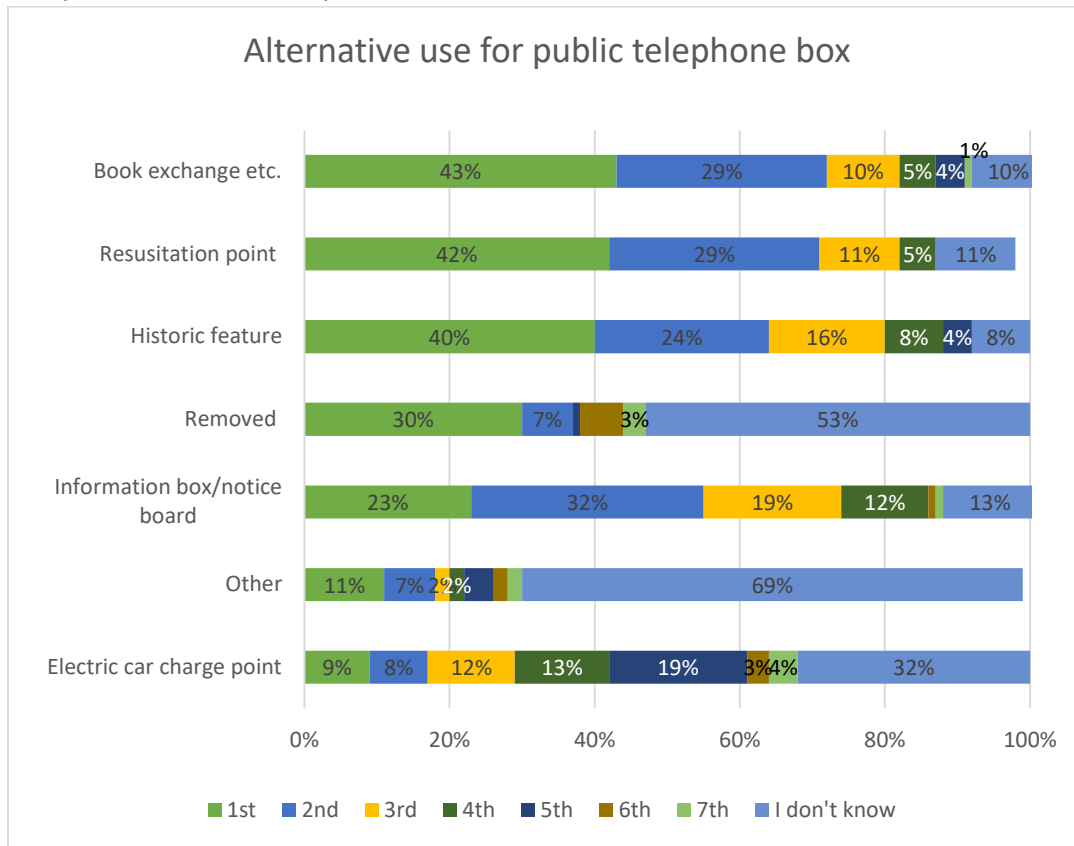
"Many of these suggestions are appealing, how do we contain the use or prioritise the use to village dwellers?"

Q.20 Is it important to you that the village has a public phone available?

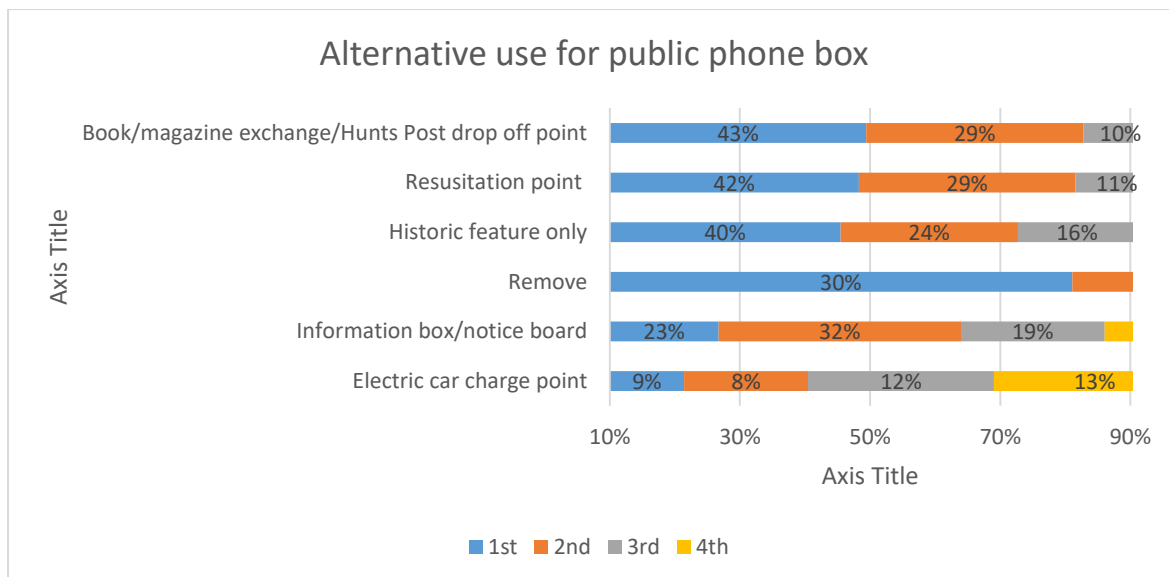


- Over half (57%) of residents do not think it is important to have a public phone in the village.

Q21. If the existing telephone box was to be decommissioned by BT and obtained by the parish, how would you like to see it used?



- A book exchange would be the preferred alternative use for the public phone box for the majority (43%) of residents.
- 42% of residents would like to see it housing a resuscitation point as their preferred use.



- The first choice of alternative uses for the public telephone box are a book exchange (43%) resuscitation point (42%) or an historic feature (40%).
- For 30% of respondents the first choice would be to have it removed.

Other suggestions for alternative use of the public telephone box:

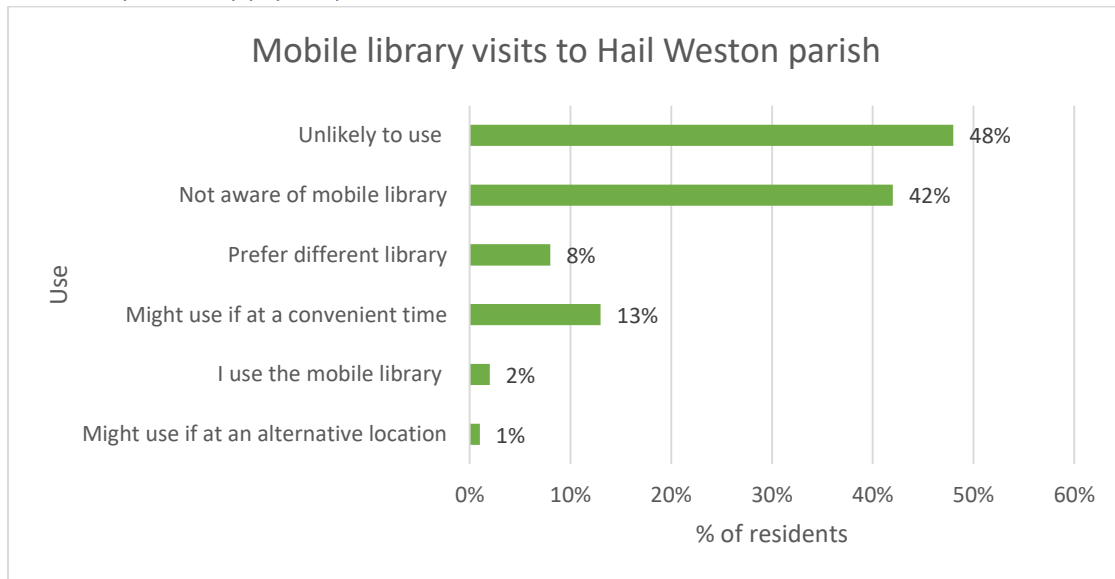
“The box should be removed if no alternative use can be agreed”

“We no longer get hunts post or town crier - collection point for same”

“Resist decommissioning”

“Keep as a phone box as not everyone has a mobile phone”

Q22. The mobile library visits Orchard Close every fourth Wednesday of the month.
Which options apply to you?



- 48% of residents would be unlikely to use the mobile library, with 43% of residents not aware of the mobile library visiting the village.
- An alternative time would make it more attractive to 13% of residents.
- Just 1% would use the library if it was in a more convenient location.

Suggestions made by residents:

Time

"3pm"

"Longer duration of stay"

"Most probably use it now retired"

"10.20pm - 10.40pm"

"7pm any day"

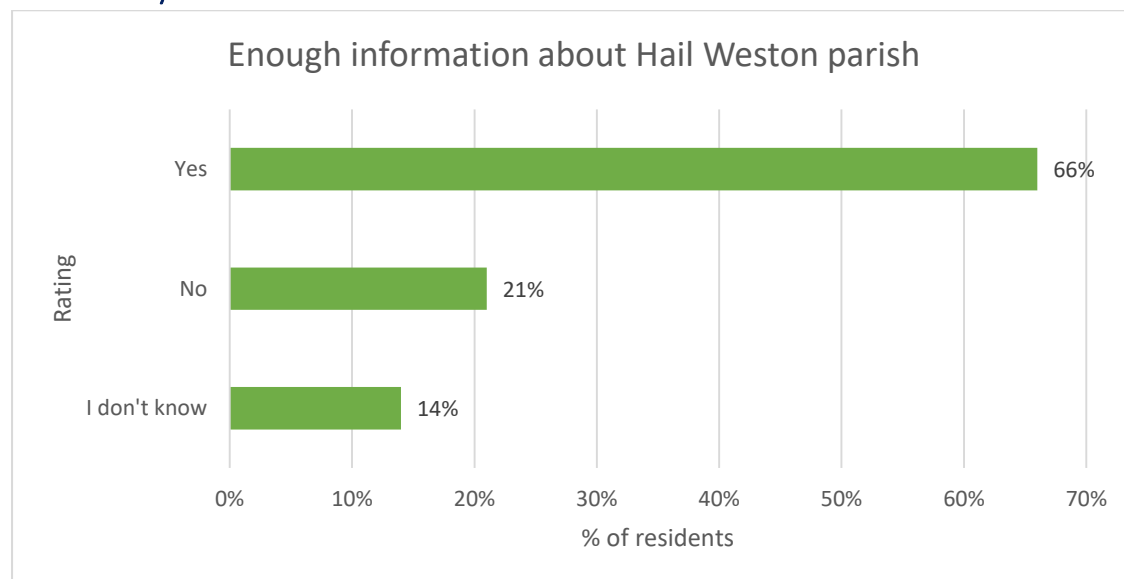
"Evening/week-ends"

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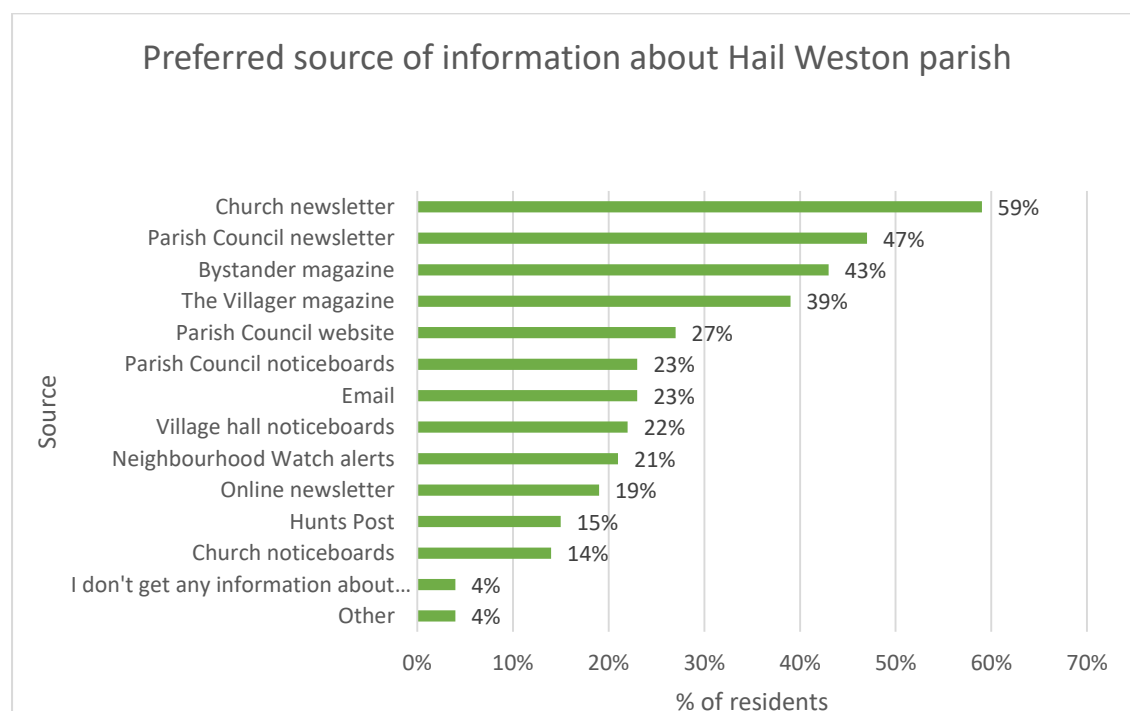
"High street"

Communication

Q23. Do you feel you are getting enough information about Hail Weston and Community issues and events?



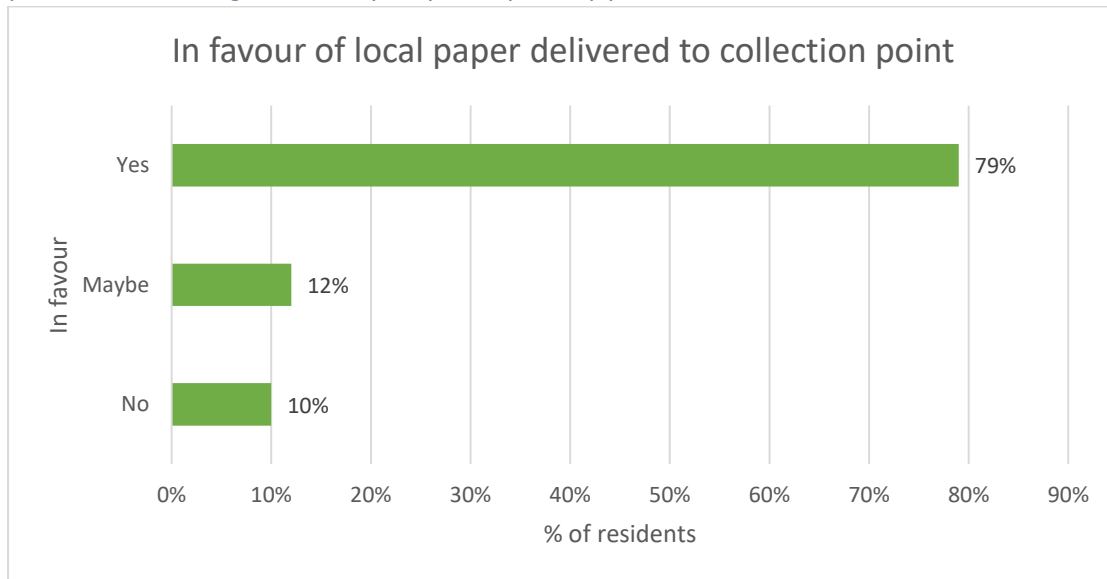
- 66% of residents feel they are getting enough information about Hail Weston parish community issues and events.



- The Church newsletter is the preferred source of information about the parish, for 59% of residents.
- Just 4% of residents who took part in the research, said that they didn't get enough information about the parish.

Other sources of information included: *"Word of mouth"* *"Leaflet drop"*

Q25. If the Hunts Post or other local paper could be delivered free of charge to a central point in the village, would you pick up a copy?



- The majority (79%) of residents would be in favour of having local paper delivered free of charge to a central point in the village.

Crime, antisocial behaviour and safety

Levels of concern over crime and antisocial behaviour in the parish are quite high among residents though in most cases only a small percentage have been directly affected by these issues. Theft of central heating oil concerns the majority of residents, with a small percentage directly affected. Dog fouling is the issue that has directly affected most residents. Residents generally feel safe walking through the village at any time of the day or night.

Just under half of the residents taking part in this research feel they have enough information about crime in the parish, though a third of residents feel they don't have sufficient information.

Most residents are aware of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, with over a third already members of the scheme. Residents are least aware of the Bobby Scheme, or Fire Service Advisory Board.

Residents would like to see a 'Help a neighbour' scheme introduced to the village, with 47% offering to provide support to others. However just over a quarter of residents weren't sure about this scheme, suggesting more information would be of help.

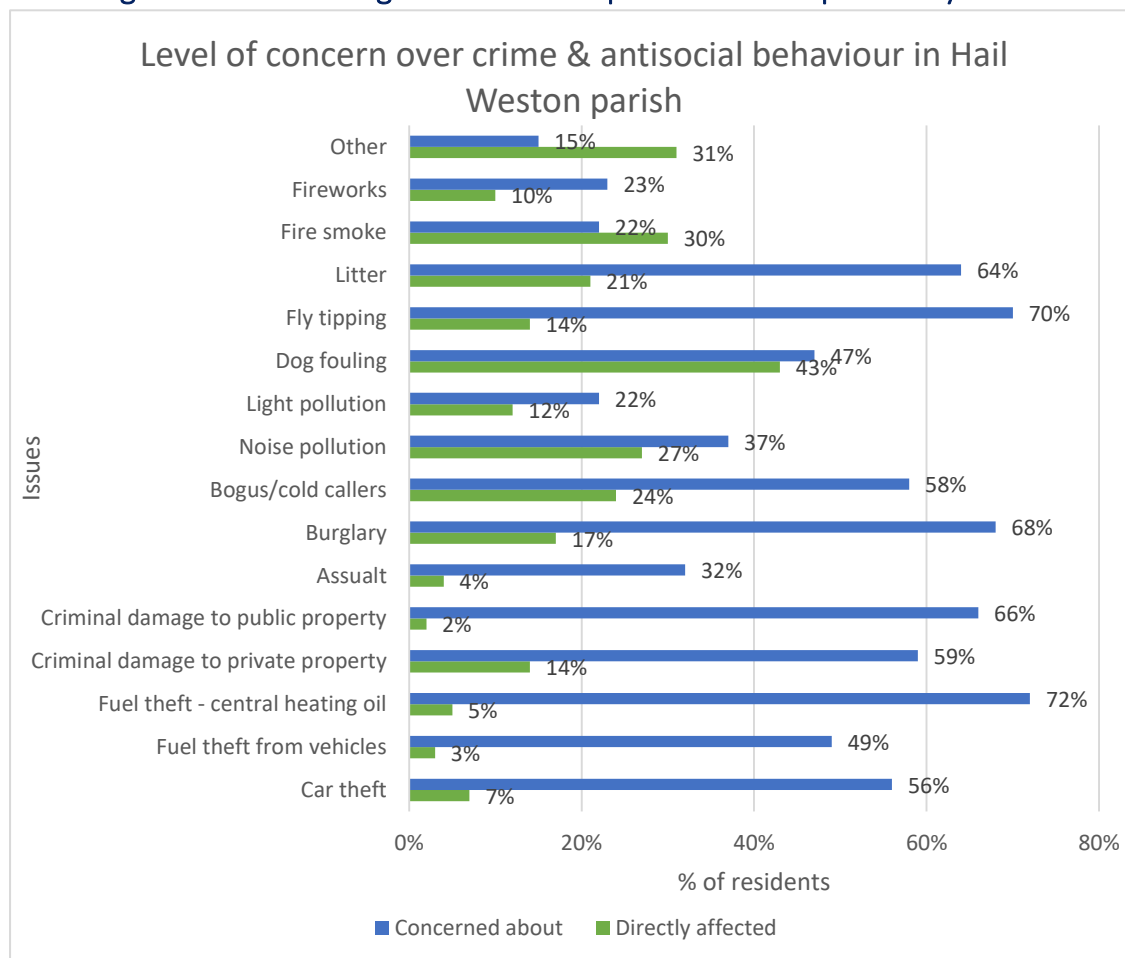
Residents are generally satisfied with the levels of street lighting near their homes. However, there are areas in the village, identified by post code, where levels of dissatisfaction are reasonably high, and should be investigated. Those who were not satisfied gave additional information about the problem and the location. Most residents are not affected by the lack of lighting along the footpath/cycle way running parallel to the B645.

Almost a third of residents rated the condition of the pavements close to their homes as okay. Looked at by postcode, certain areas were identified as hazardous and should be investigated.

Having a defibrillator in the village was thought a good idea by most residents.

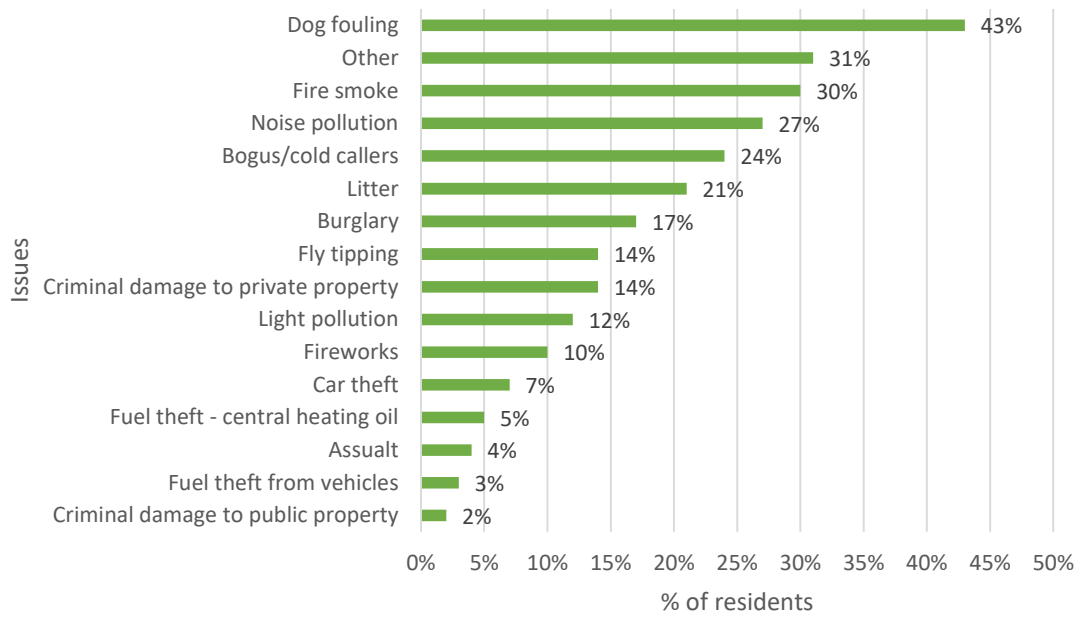
Crime and antisocial behaviour

Q26. Are you concerned about or have you been directly affected by any of the following issues whilst living in Hail Weston parish over the past five years?

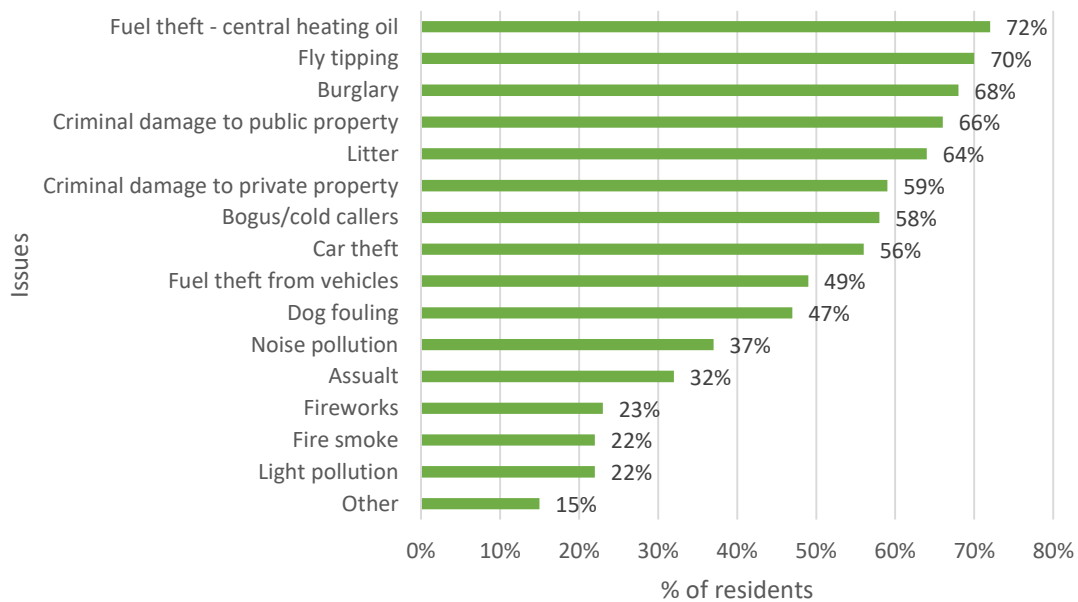


- Residents have been most directly affected by instances of dog fouling (43%) in the parish, with 47% concerned over this issue.
- Fuel theft from Oil drums concern 72% of residents, though just 5% have been directly affected.
- Burglary has directly affected 17% of residents, with 68% concerned about the level of burglary in the parish.
- Criminal damage to public property is of concern to 66% of residents, while 2% have been directly affected by this.

Directly affected by crime & antisocial behaviour



Level of concern over crime & antisocial behaviour



Other issues of concern to residents include:

"Wheelie bins left on pavements after dark"

"I do not live in the village"

"Attempted burglary"

"Cars speeding through village"

"Car parking at the village playing fields, inconsiderate parking affecting residents of Newtown"

"Inconsiderate car parking"

"The street light being removed from Orchard Close outside our house"

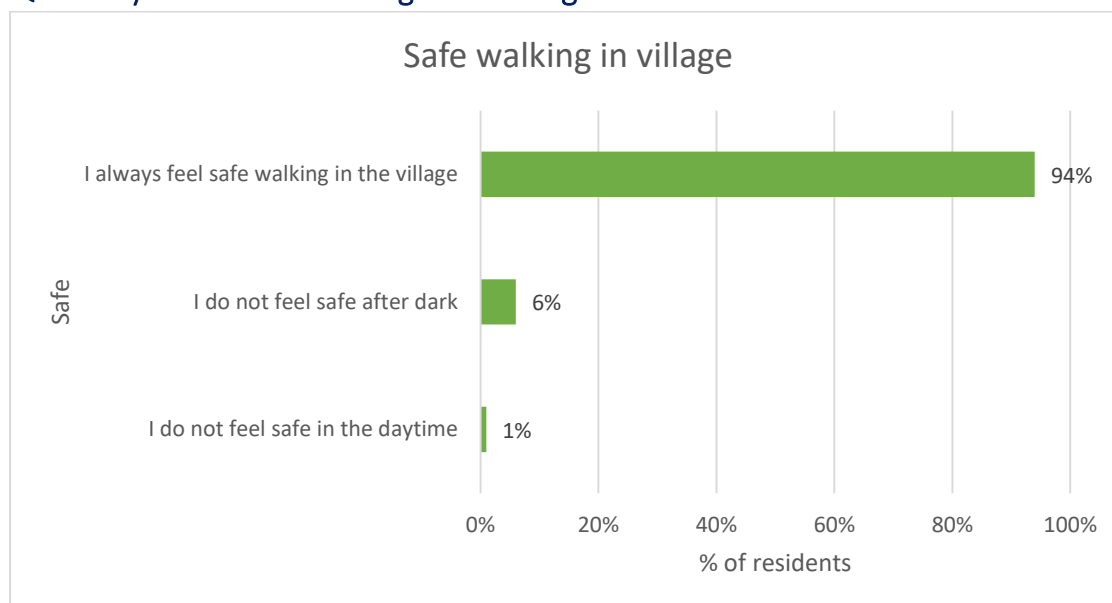
"Early dog barking!"

"Car theft number plates stolen"

"Dog walkers using extremely long leads, allowing dogs to roam inappropriately in people's gardens"

"Dog walkers using extremely long leads allowing pet to roam inappropriately in other peoples gardens"

Q27. Do you feel safe walking in the village?



- The majority (94%) of residents feel safe walking in the village, with just 6% feeling unsafe to walk in the village after dark, and 1% of residents feeling unsafe during the day.
- When those that felt unsafe were asked to explain why, comments were made on the level of lighting in the village:

"I do not walk in the village"

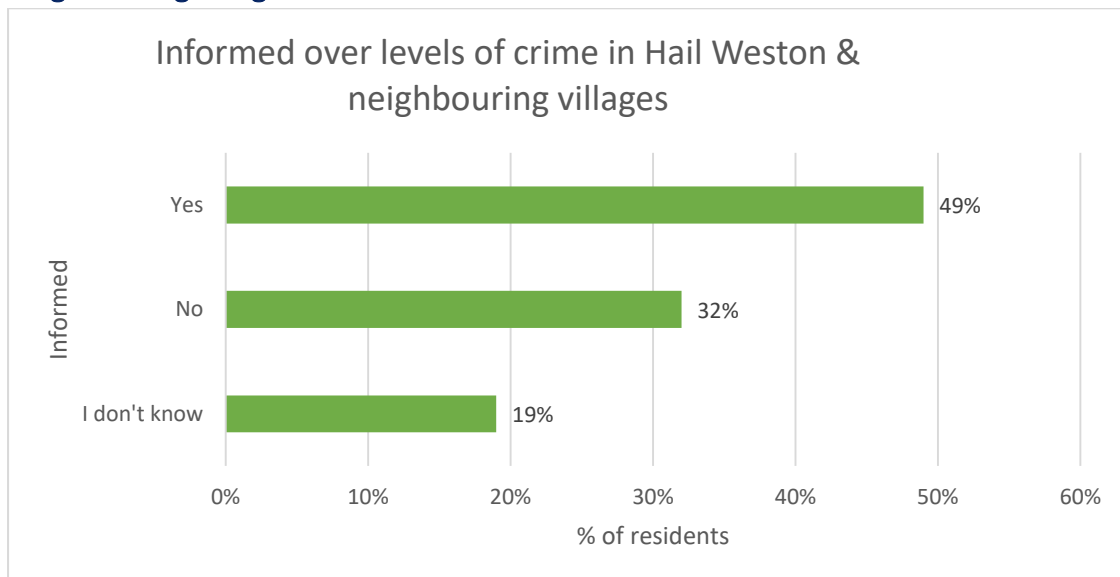
"It's dark by the pub"

"Do not feel completely safe when alone after dark"

"Some places need more lighting such as the church corner and in the church grounds"

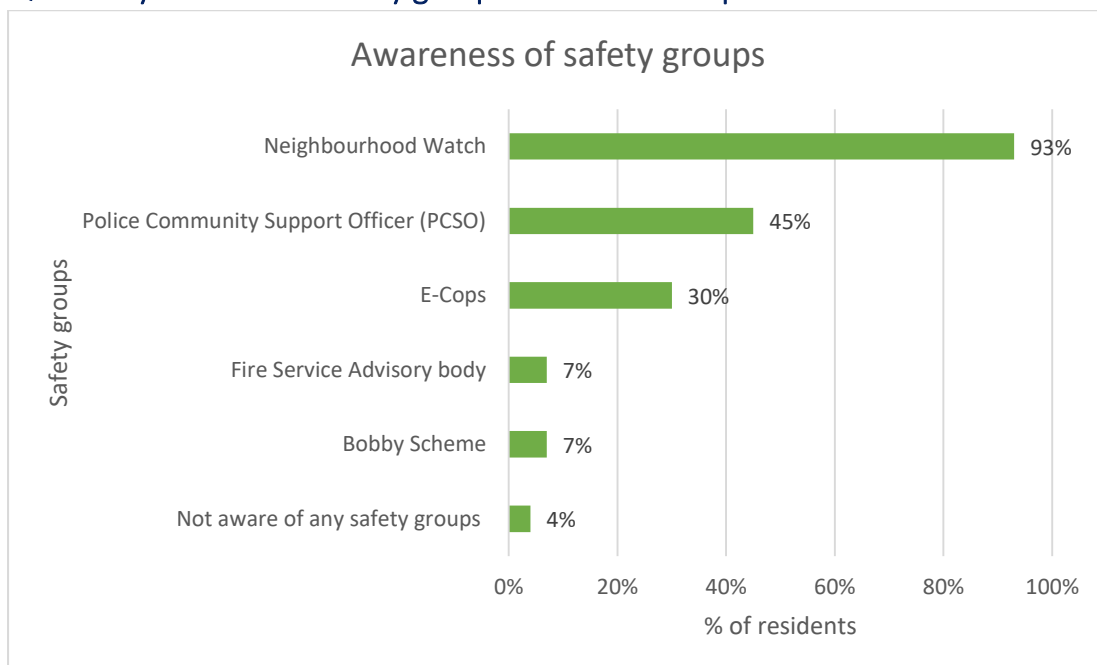
"Not enough street lights"

Q.28 Do you feel sufficiently informed about crime levels in Hail Weston and neighbouring villages?



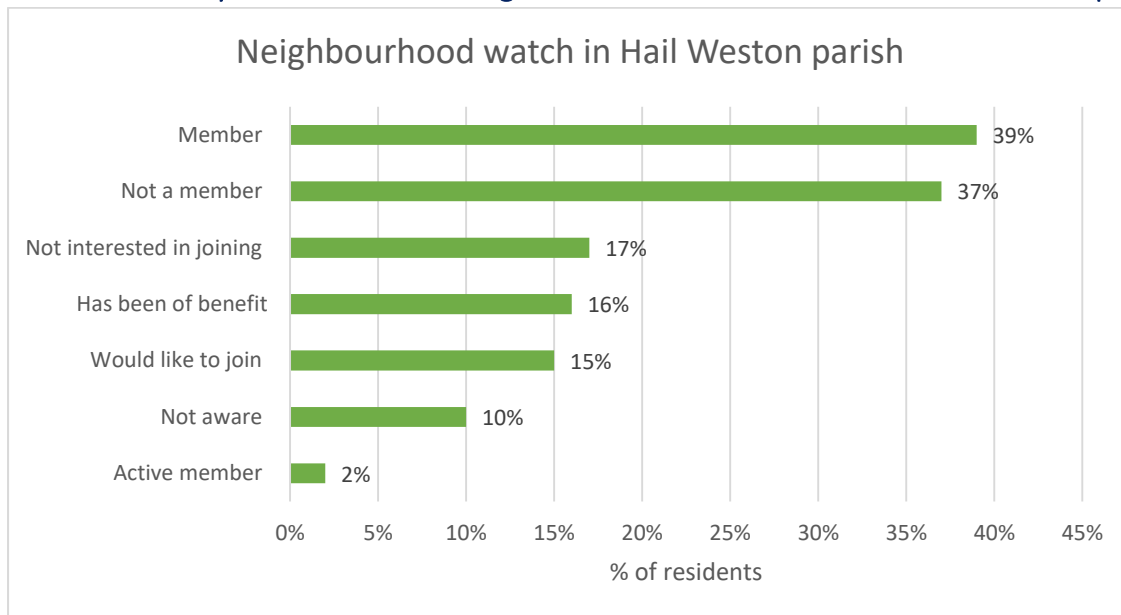
- 49% of residents felt they had sufficient information about crime levels in Hail Weston and the surrounding villages.
- 32% said they weren't sufficiently informed.

Q.29 Are you aware of safety groups in Hail Weston parish?

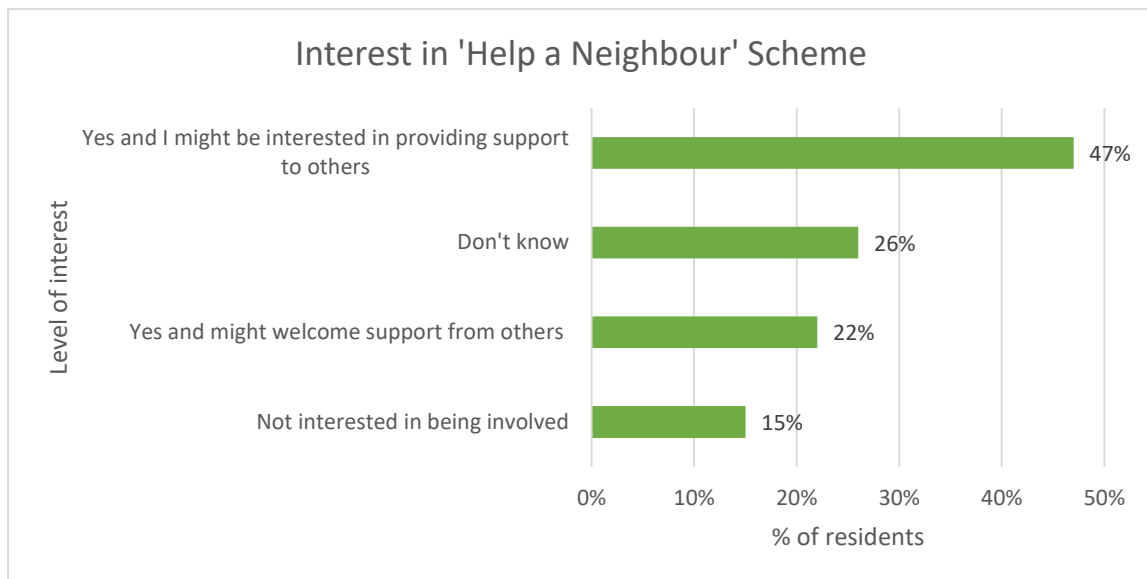


- The majority (93%) of residents were aware of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
- 4% were not aware of any of the safety schemes operating in Hail Weston parish.

Q.30 What is your view on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Hail Weston parish?



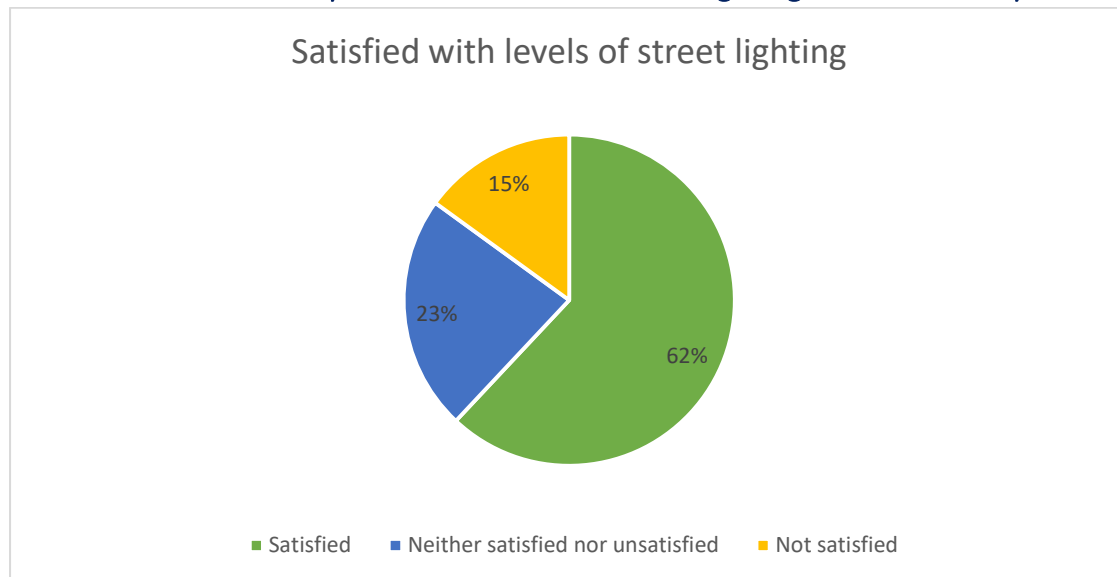
- The majority (39%) of residents are members of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, with 15% interested in joining.
- 16% of residents felt the scheme had been of benefit to them.
- 37% of residents are not members.
- 17% are not interested in joining the scheme.



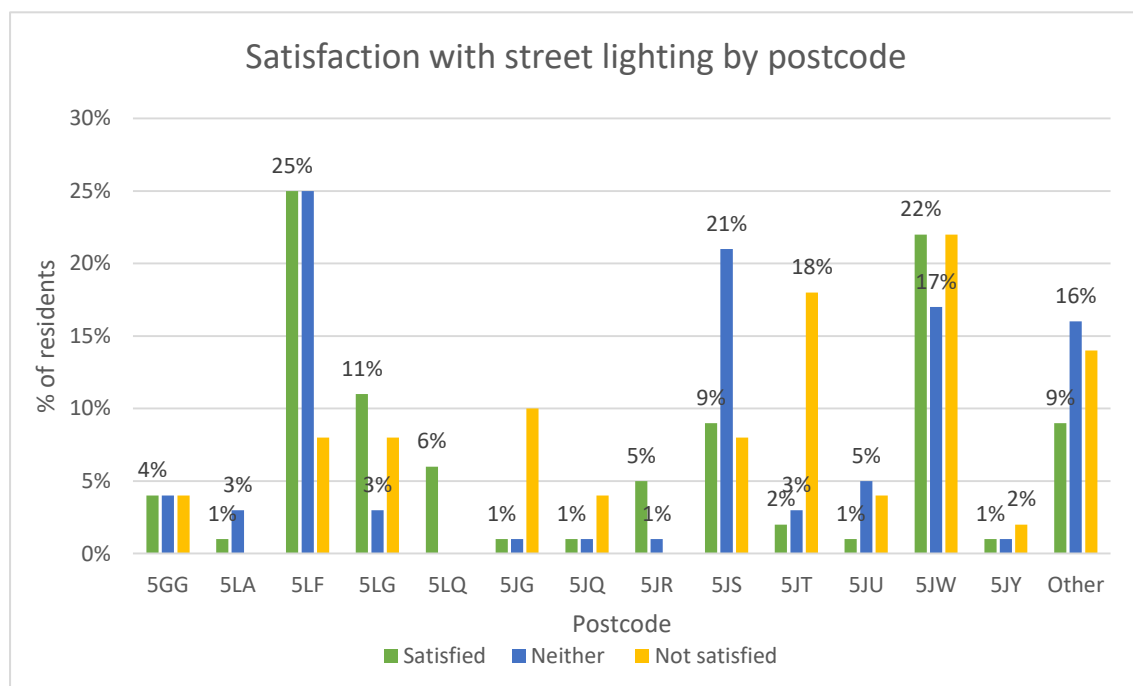
Q31. Do you think a 'Help a neighbour' scheme, where residents can be contacted in times of need, distress or concern to help others, should be started in Hail Weston parish?

- 47% of residents would like to see a 'Help a Neighbour' scheme introduced to Hail Weston parish and would be happy to lend support, through the scheme, to others who might need it.
- 22% of residents would also be happy to see the scheme introduced, and would welcome support from others.
- 26% of residents remain undecided about the scheme.

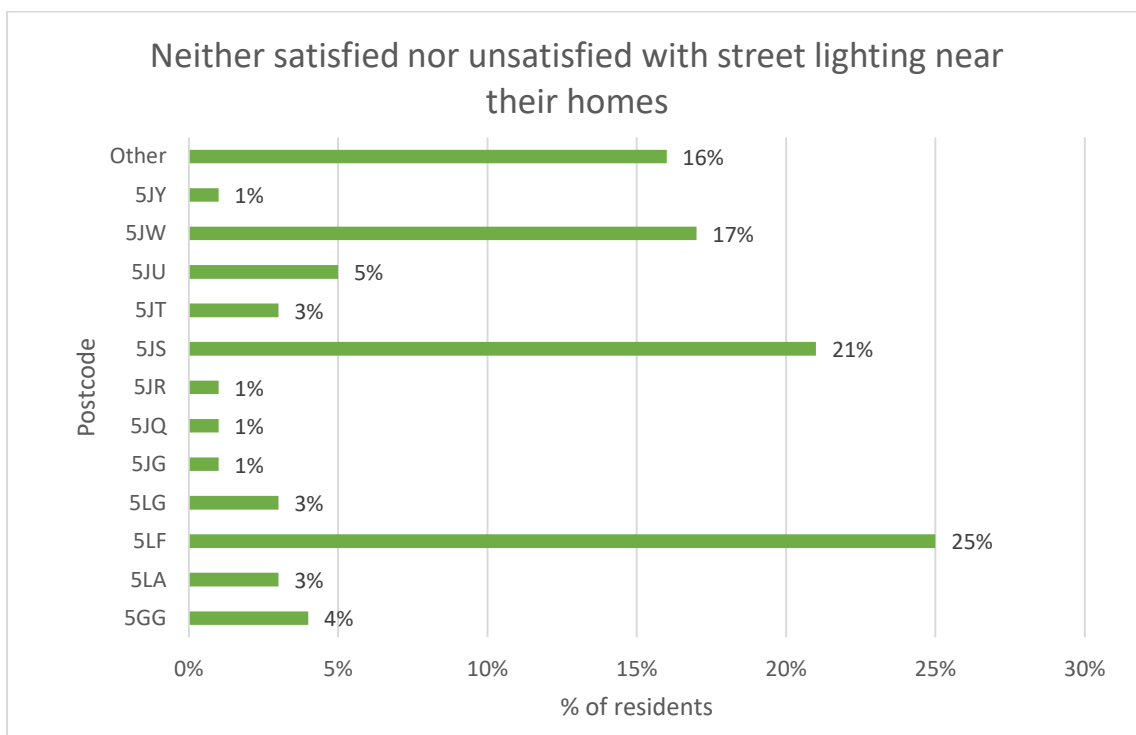
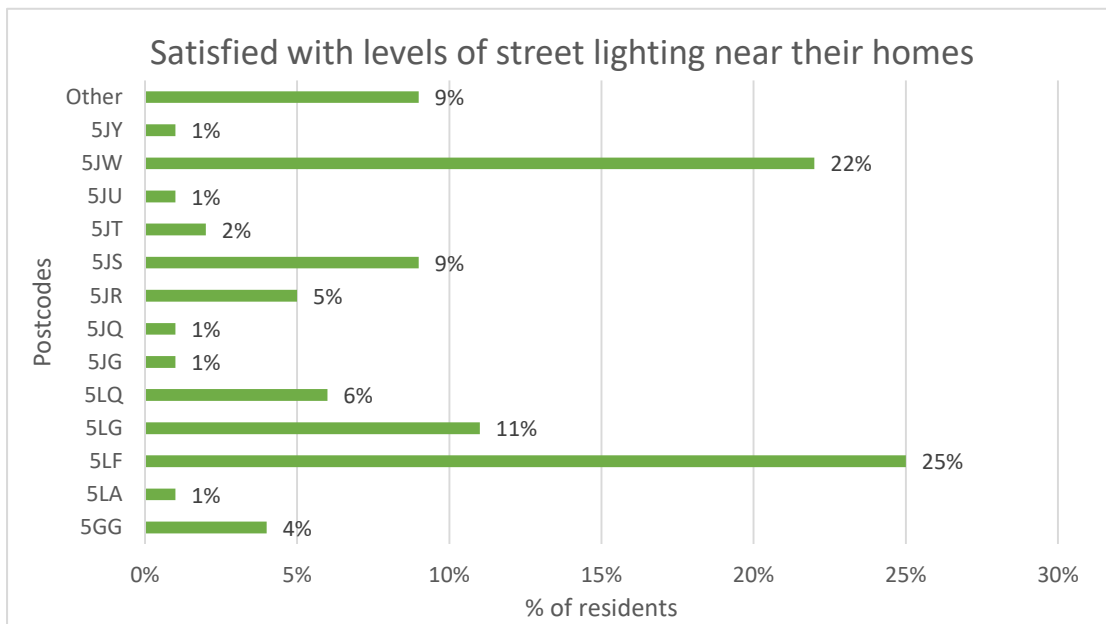
Q.32 How satisfied are you with the level of street lighting near to where you live?

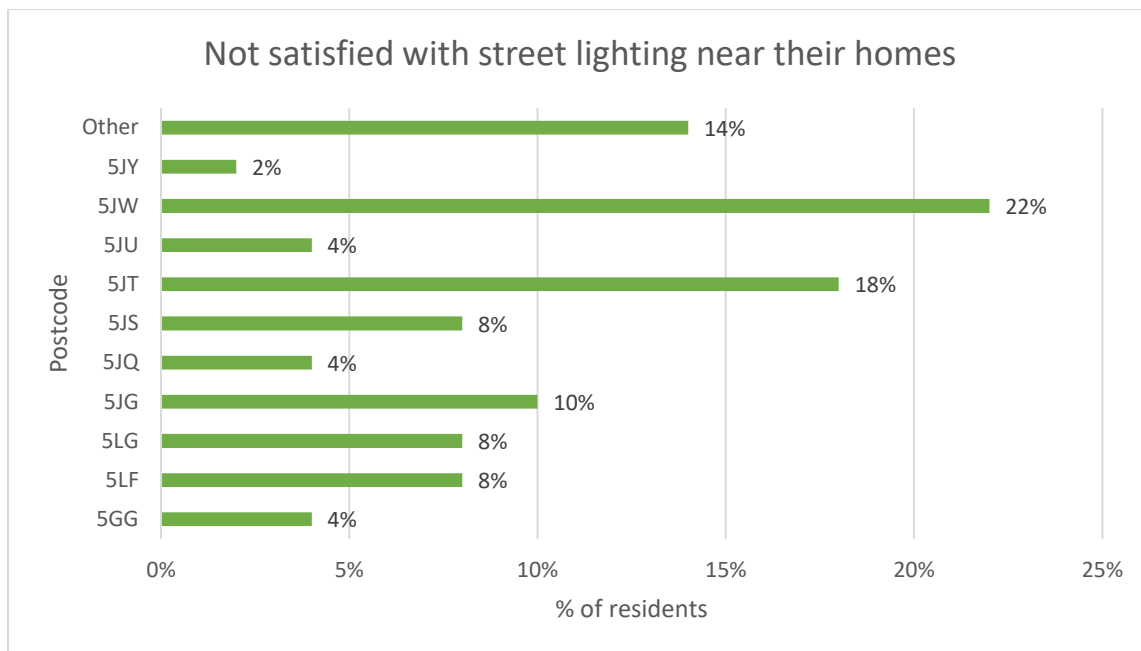


- 62% of residents are satisfied with the level of street lighting near their homes.
- 23% are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.



- Residents living nearest postcode 5LF were more likely (25%) to be satisfied with the street lighting near their homes.
- 22% of residents living near postcode 5JW were not satisfied with the level of lighting near their homes. However the same number of residents said they were satisfied. This postcode represents the upper end of the village toward Kimbolton where lighting is irregular.





Those residents not satisfied with the level of street lighting were asked to comment:

"Lighting could be brighter up to 11o'clock and then reduced after this time, in particular the High Street"

"Poor lighting along the High Street especially up past the church where people leaving the village hall have no footpaths"

"New type is in most of village but not Pound Close, we still have the old dim type"

"There is a usable pole but not a street lamp, lighting the western end of the High Street junction with the B645. At night time and in poor weather conditions it is difficult to see the junction when approaching from the east"

"End of road is not adapted therefore nearest light is some distance away"

"Better light needed at pub. First entrance to village from A1 needs a light"

"Street lighting is installed on one side of Orchard Close only it should be installed on both sides of the road"

"Some street lights have been removed by the council without any consultation leaving some areas dark at nights, leaving some houses prone to burglary"

"Could be better at the end of Manor Way"

"No street lights - install street light - junction B645 & Bird Lane"

"We would like our light reinstated"

"We need more street light around the village and especially along the High Street"

"The new estate gets new lights but they seem to always neglect the playing field end, Pound Close and High Street"

"Need more lights for playing field end, Pound Close and High St"

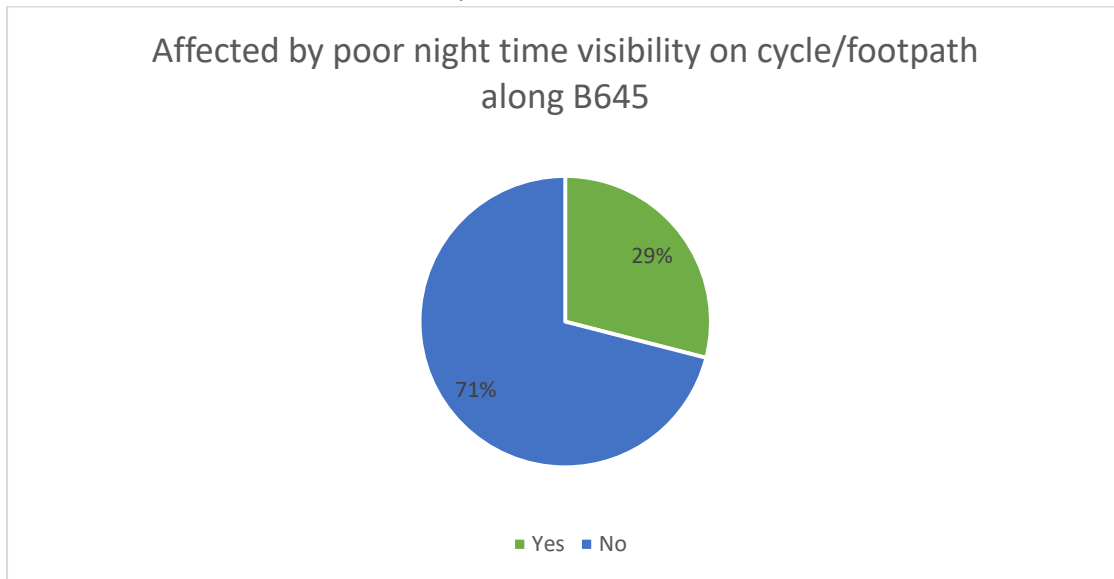
"Too much after 12.00 midnight - affects sleeping"

"Green Lane only has one street light which is not enough"

"I would like to see more lighting by the pub between orchard close and ford end"

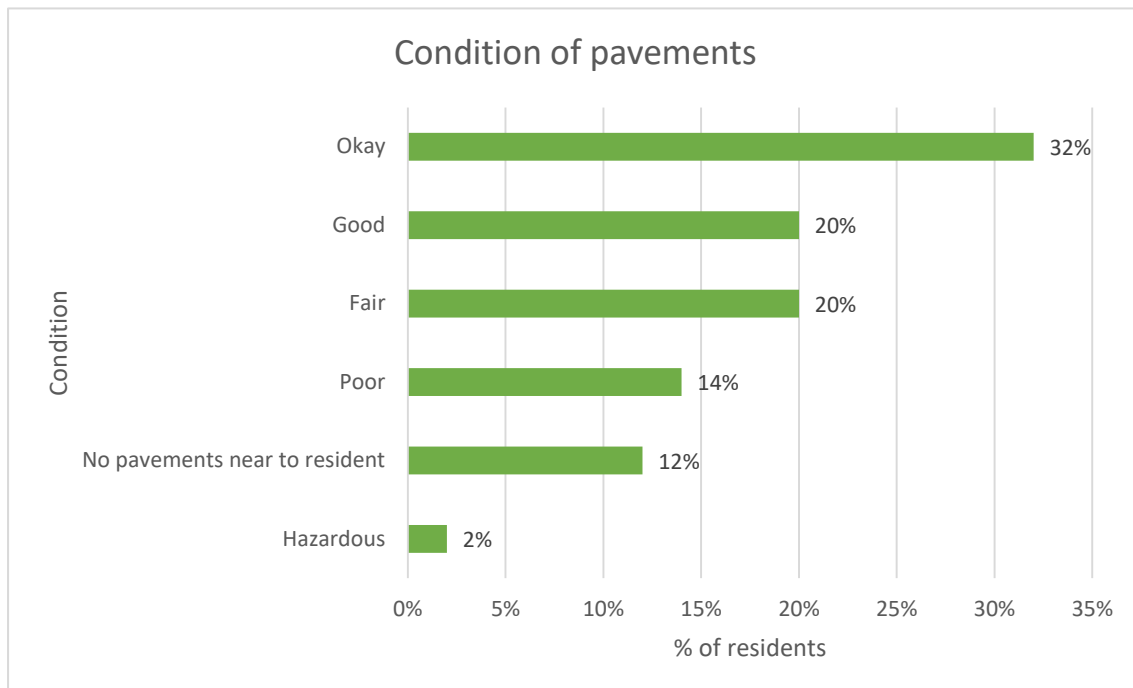
"High Street poorly lit. More street lighting and not so dim!"

Q.33 Is poor night time visibility on the cycle/footpath along the B645 from Hail Weston to St. Neots an issue that affects you?



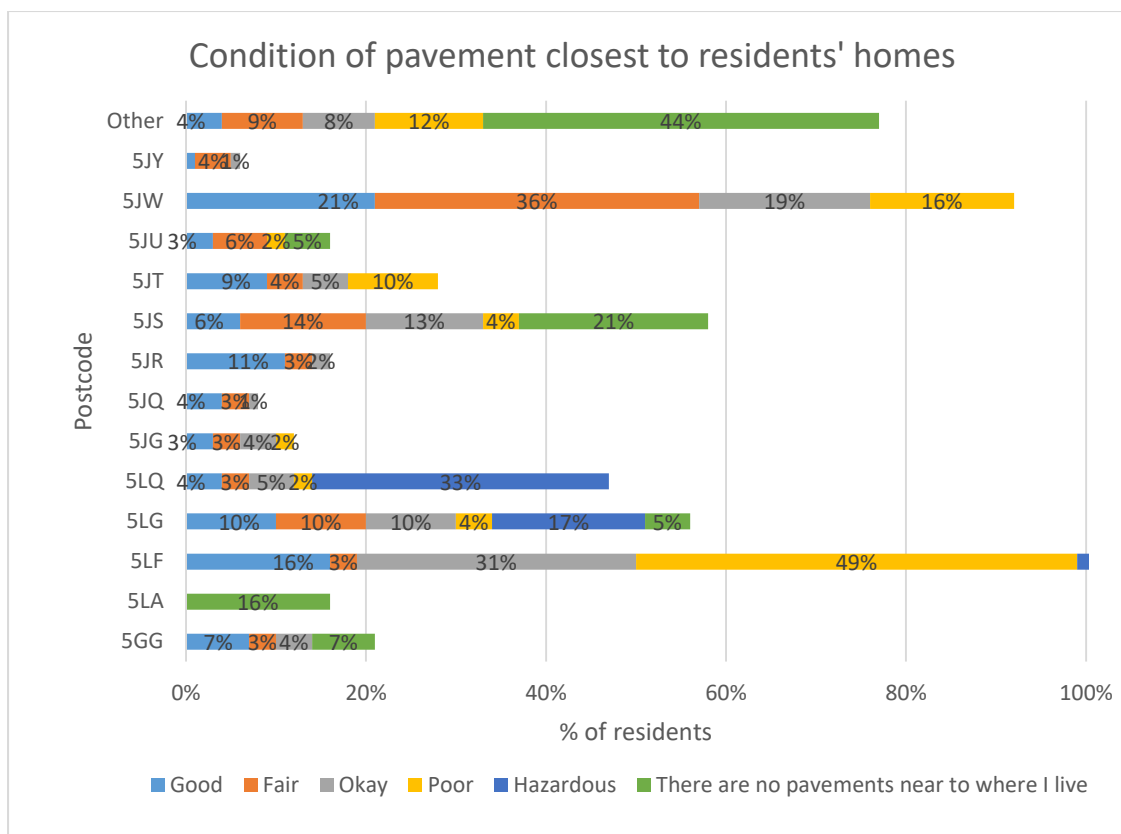
- The majority (71%) of residents are not affected by poor night time visibility along the cycle/footpath.

Q.34 How would you rate the general condition of the pavements near to where you live?

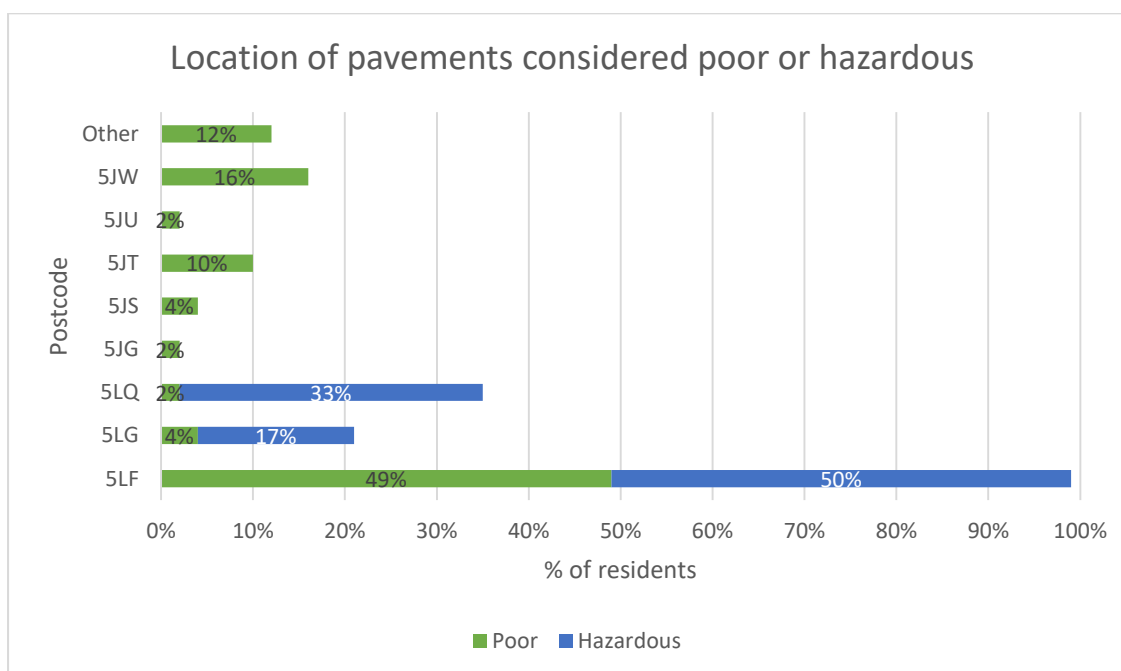


- 40% of residents rated the condition of pavements near to them as good or fair.
- 2% of residents thought the condition of the pavements were hazardous.

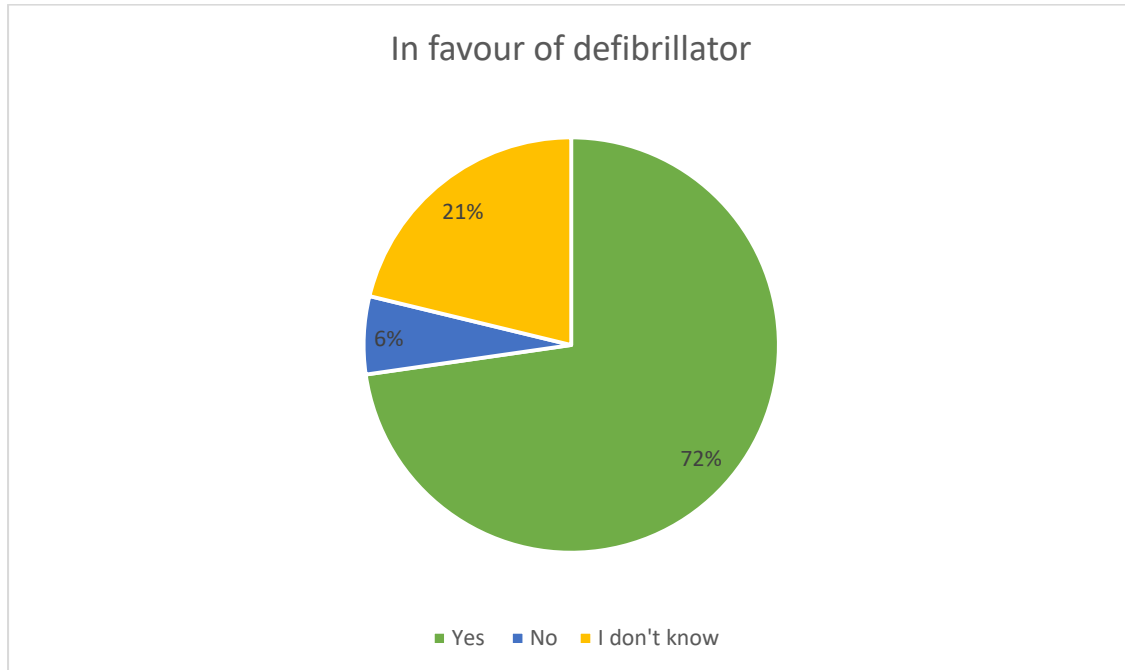
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How would you rate the condition of the pavements near to...																
Good	-	7%	-	16%	10%	4%	3%	4%	11%	6%	9%	3%	21%	1%	-	4%
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Okay	-	4%	-	31%	10%	5%	4%	1%	2%	13%	5%	-	19%	1%	-	8%
Poor	-	-	-	49%	4%	2%	2%	-	-	4%	10%	2%	16%	-	-	12%
Hazardous	-	-	-	50%	17%	33%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
There are no pavements near to where I live	-	7%	16%	2%	5%	-	-	-	-	21%	-	5%	-	-	-	44%



- The majority (99%) of residents living closest to postcode 5LF rated the condition of pavements near them as poor or hazardous.
- A third (33%) of residents living close to postcode 5LQ rated the condition of pavements near them as hazardous.
- Residents living closest to 5JW rated pavements near to their homes as fair (36%) or good (21%)



Q.35 Do you think it would be a good idea to have a defibrillator in Hail Western parish?



- The majority (72%) feel it would be a good idea to have a defibrillator in Hail Weston parish.

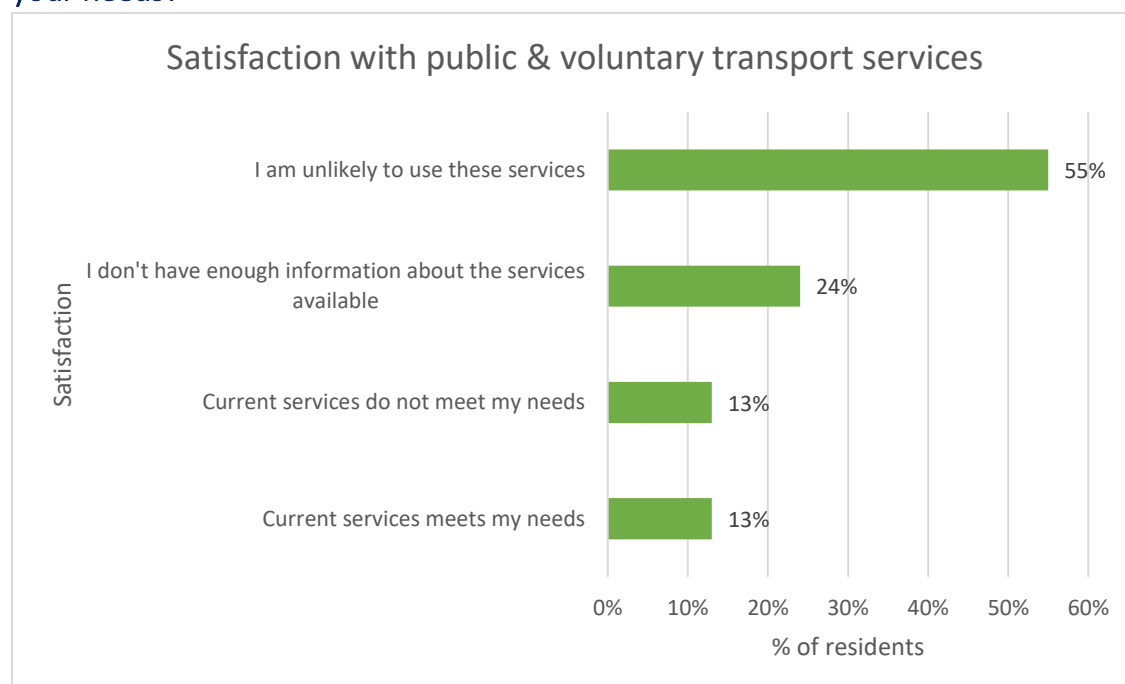
Transport and highways

Most residents did not feel that they would ever need public or voluntary transport services, though a quarter of residents would like more information about these. Of the services suggested, residents would be most likely to use a public or voluntary transport service to access St Neots train station outside rush hour.

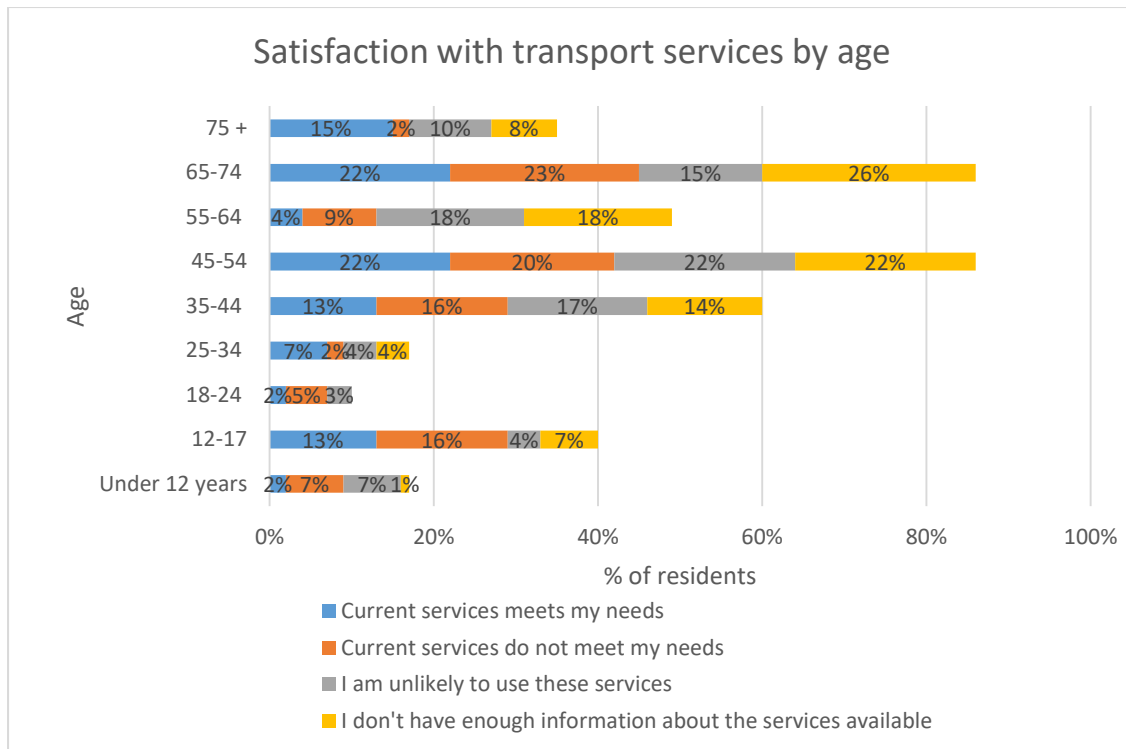
Speeding motorbikes and motor vehicles generally, along the B645 is considered a problem by nearly two thirds of residents, and there are also high levels of concern over speeding vehicles along Ford End and through the village. Residents feel that visibility is poorest at the junction of Green Lane and the B645, and that visibility around the eastern entrance to the village could be improved. Residents are also concerned that horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists are at risk when using Ford End.

Residents feel that the footpath alongside the B645 is sufficient for all users, and would like to see something similar running to Great Staughton. Most residents would like to see any upgrade to the A1, carried out along the existing route, though almost as many would prefer not to see any upgrade.

Q.36 Do current voluntary and public transport services to and from the parish meet your needs?

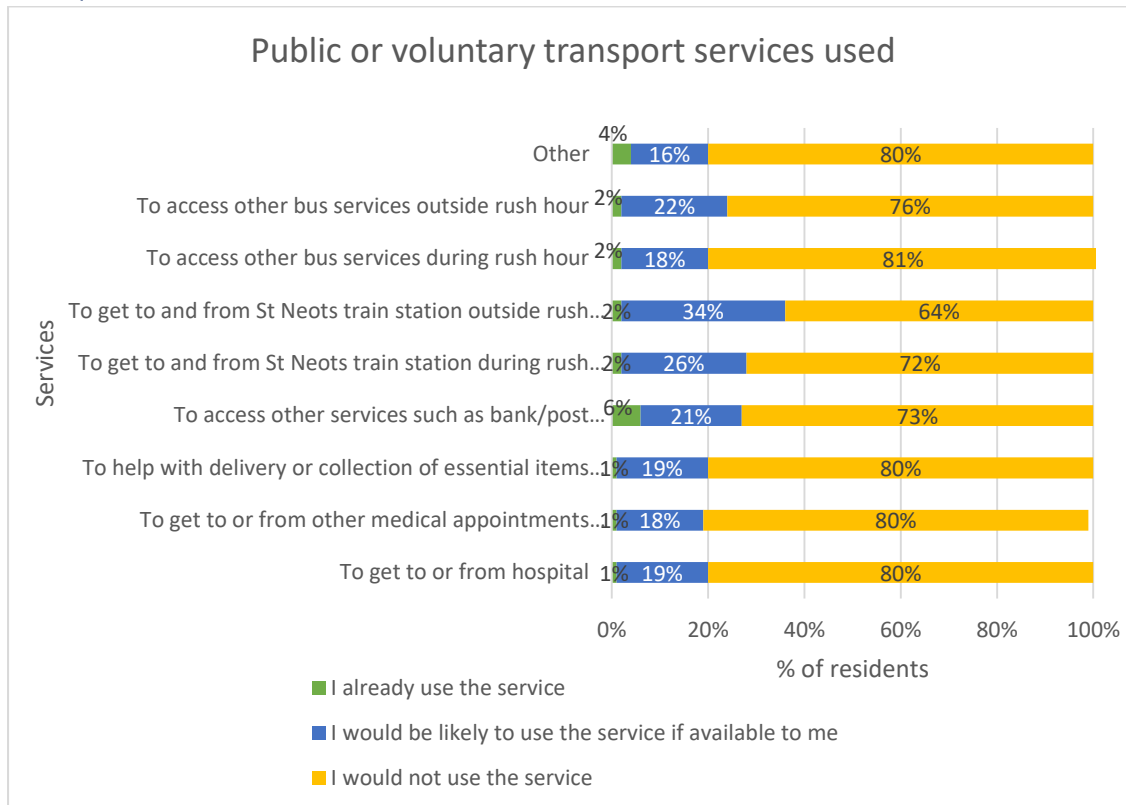


- The majority (55%) of residents feel that they are unlikely to ever need public or voluntary transport services.
- 24% felt they did not have enough information about the services available.



- Over a quarter (26%) of 65 to 74 year olds feel they do not have enough information about the services available.
- 16% of 12 to 17 year olds, and 35 to 44 year olds, feel that current services do not meet their needs.

Q.37 For which of the following purposes do you, or would you, use public or volunteer transport services?



- The majority of residents feel that they would not be likely to use public or voluntary transport services, with 80% not likely to use it to get to or from medical appointments or hospital.
- 26% felt they might use these services to get to St Neots train station during rush hour.
- 6% of residents already use these services to access other services such as banks and post offices.

Residents who felt they would use these services for other purposes, made the following comments:

"I would be very likely to use a service to & from St Neots. Currently very poor service"

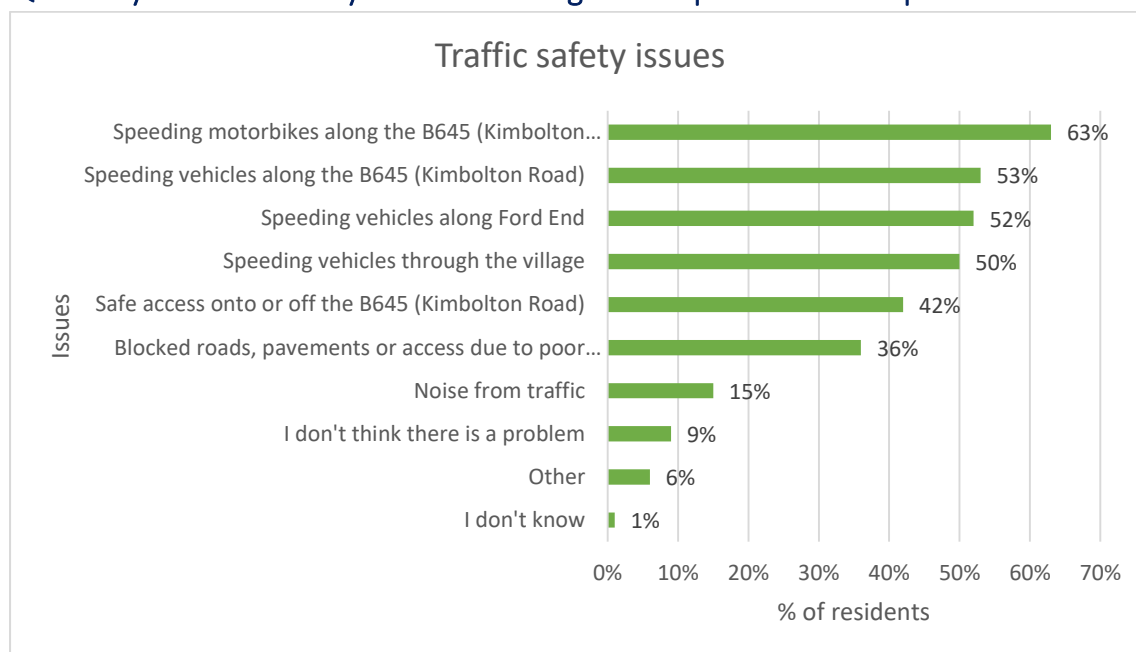
"Currently I am able to drive but may need to use public or volunteer transport services in the future when I am no longer able to drive"

"I am able to drive at present but may need to use other services when I get older (just retired)"

"I may well use some of these services in the future"

"Drive a car so would not be needed. However the elderly Hail Weston Population should be given every consideration. That will be us one day!"

Q38. Do you consider any of the following to be a problem in the parish?



- For the majority (63%) of residents, speeding motorbikes along the B645 are the main traffic safety issue in the parish.
- Over half (52%) consider speeding vehicles along the Ford End road to be a problem
- Speeding vehicles through the village are an issue for 50% of residents.
- 9% of residents don't think there are traffic safety problems in the parish.

Other traffic issues considered a problem by 6% of residents are:

"Potential danger for cyclists leaving the cycle track at the entrance to the village. Cyclists have to cross the road at a point where vehicles may be turning from the B645 into the village at speed. The cycle track should be extended so that it terminates at a safer point"

"At the village end of the cycle path, cyclists are forced to cross the traffic entering and exiting the village. An extension to the cycle path into the village is needed"

"Large commercial vehicles using Ford Road"

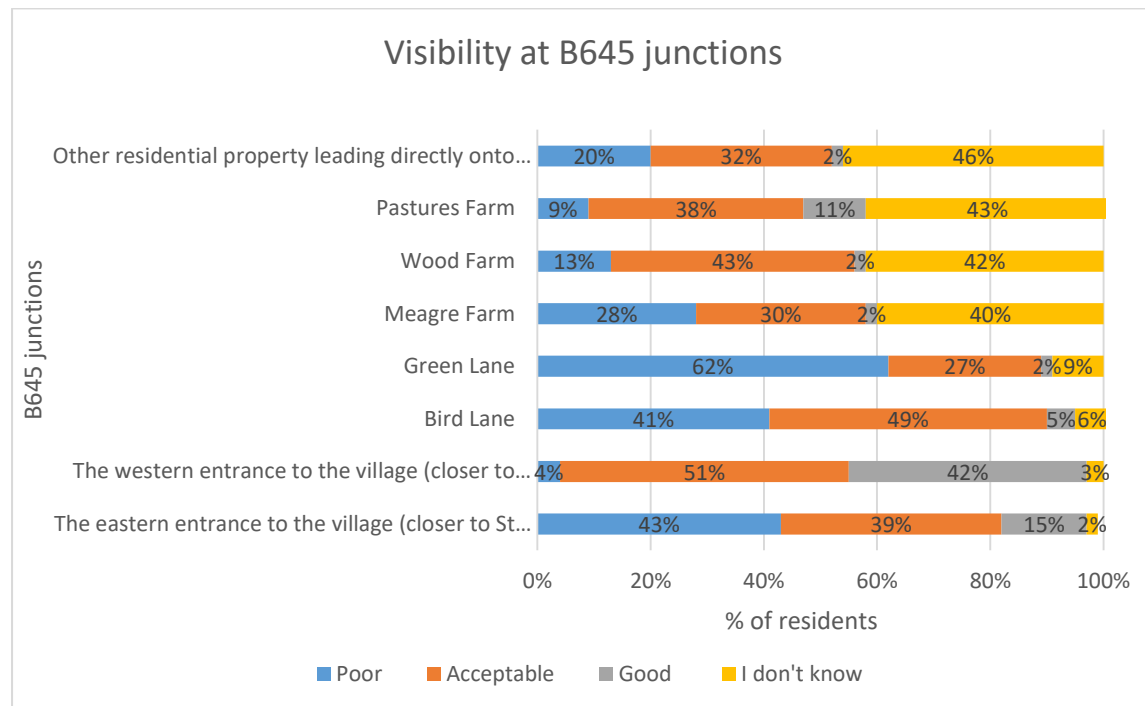
"1. Need mini roundabout 2. Need speed cameras 3. Need speed/traffic calming"

"There is no road sign indicating existence/position of High Street when approaching from the east (Staughton end) yet there are 4 signs flagging St Neots end of High St when approaching from east. A low cost solution would be to relocate on of the existing signs"

"Large lorries using ford end road (noticed not to be farm) as a cut through - can a sign at the A1 & High Entrance dissuade their use?"

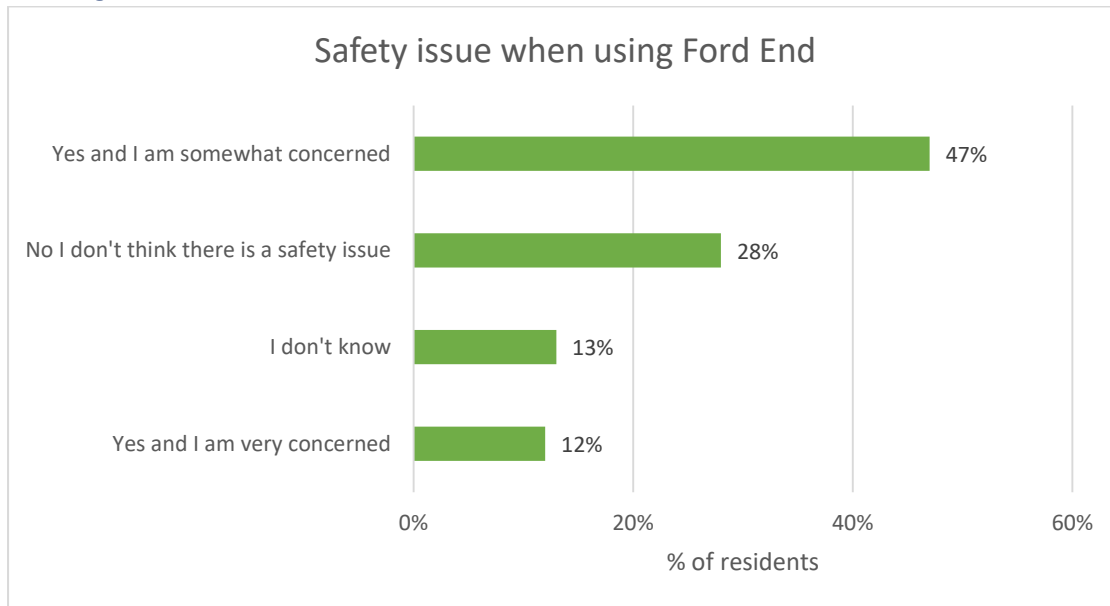
"Speeding of vehicles in Newtown Lane"

Q.39 How would you rate the visibility for road users when leaving or joining the B645?



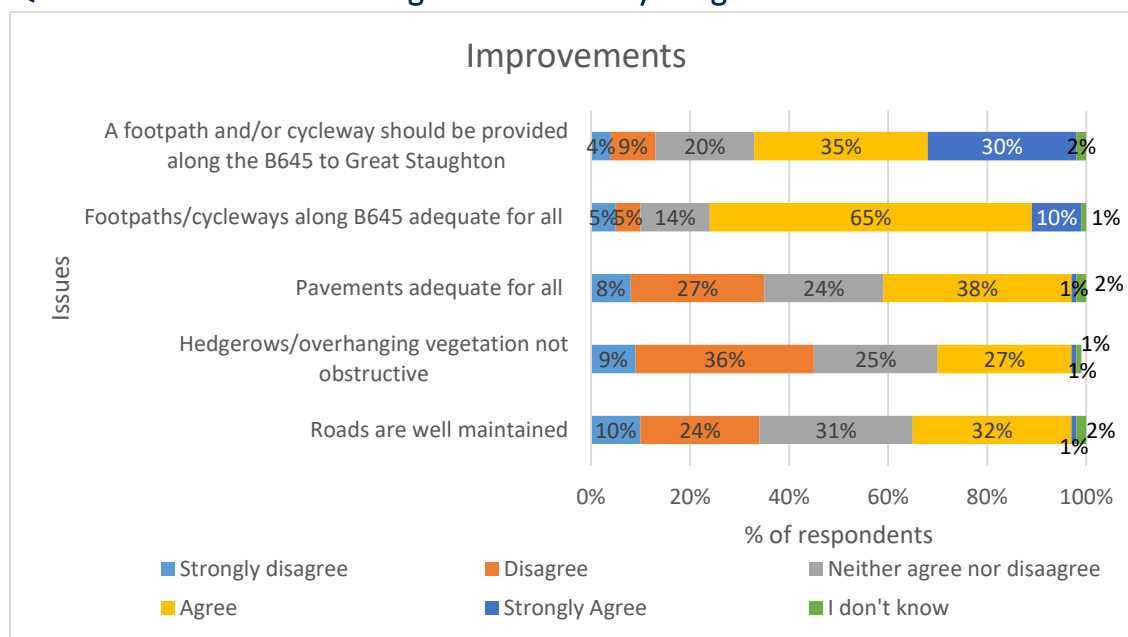
- The majority (62%) of residents feel that visibility is poor at the junction of Green Lane and the B645.
- 51% of residents feel that the visibility at the western entrance to Hail Weston is acceptable.
- 43% of residents feel that the visibility at the eastern entrance to Hail Weston is poor.

Q.40 Do you feel there is a safety issue for horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists when sharing Ford End road with motor vehicles?



- 59% of residents feel there is an issue with safety when sharing Ford End road with motor vehicles, with 12% of these being very concerned.
- 28% of residents do not think sharing the road presents a safety issue for horse riders, pedestrians or cyclists.

Q. 41 Which of the following statements do you agree with?



- 75% of residents agree or strongly agree that the footpaths running alongside the B645 are adequate for all users.
- 65% of residents agree or strongly agree that there should be a footpath or cycle way along the B645 to Great Staughton.
- 45% of residents disagree or strongly disagree that hedgerows and overhanging vegetation do not obstruct pavements.
- Opinion on whether roads in the parish were well maintained were fairly evenly divided. Just over a third (34%) of residents disagree or strongly disagree with this statement while 33% agree or strongly agree that the roads are well maintained.
- 31% neither agree nor disagree that the roads in the parish are well maintained.

Those residents who felt there were problems with highway and vegetation maintenance were asked to provide information on the location of these:

Vegetation

"Hedgerow on High Street adjacent to Newtown junction. Hedgerow on Kimbolton Road west of Green Lane. Seasonal growth overhanging footpath on Ford End road"

"Overhanging hedges at east end of village before it joins the B645"

"Because of overhanging hedges the pavement has become very narrow on the east end of High Street around Pound Close and The Town"

"Hedgerows, dependent on time of year - Ford Lane, High St nr Newtown and Kimbolton Road west of Green Lane"

"Hedgerows and vegetation; sometimes along path B645 difficult if dog walking"

"The footpath from Newtown to the B645 has frequently got overhanging vegetation"

"Bush growth at both ends of Bird Lane"

"Orchard Close Road, Path narrowing leaving village at east end. Vegetation near village hall"

"Overhanging vegetation from some private gardens is a problem and impedes walking on the pavements."

"Overhanging growth along ford end"

Roads and pavements

"The Footpath / Cycle path does not extend all the way to St Neots and should do so"

"We need a complete cycle path all the way to Staughton and St Neots and surrounds"

"Pavements are missing in places. Cycle track should be extended further into the village"

"Orchard desperately needs resurfacing. Pavements are missing in places forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. For safety of cyclists the cycle track needs to be extended into the village"

"The pavement is frequently unpassable due to shrubs etc. between main road and church hall. There is not a usable pavement which can cause a risk to walkers especially if you have a push chair as well"

"Orchard Close is in need of resurfacing and footpaths need checking more regularly for remedial repair"

"The road surface in Orchard Close, particularly near numbers 1 -5 is in a dreadful and probably dangerous condition"

"Footpaths are none existent along parts of the High Street especially up past the Village Hall and church and very narrow up to the B645. A cycle/footpath from Gt Staughton would be dangerous as currently the speed limit is 60 mph and very winding"

"Some are breaking up and could affect young and unsteady people"

"B645 poor surface at Brickle Hill"

"Combining pedestrians and cyclists on footpaths is dangerous, particularly at night"

"Pavement quite narrow after Newtown towards B645 and lack of pavement near to village hall and church. This is only a problem due to parked cars and excessive speed of traffic. A footpath to Gt Staughton is too expensive an option to justify"

"Lots of potholes at beginning of Orchard Close (outside numbers 1 – 11)"

"Potholes in all of Orchard Close"

"Holes in high street. Paths overgrown"

"West end of the village onto B645 on left"

"Between Newtown and B645"

"Footpath/cycleway B645 to Gt Staughton - amount of usage and safety for users would probably not justify cost"

"Roads at west end of Orchard Close"

"Roads!! And access to cycle path leaving village using a mobility scooter is impossible due to width of path and overgrown hedges along High Street/Newtown junction"

"Roads!! Can't get to cycle path out of village on a mobility scooter"

"High Street from Royal Oak to near top of High Street. Exit from Hail Weston towards eastern end of B645"

"1. Orchard Close Road 2. Path gets narrow leaving village at east end 3. Vegetation near village hall"

"Ford Road/Hedges at both ends of Bird Lane, Hedge on bend of B645 when turning into the village"

"Many of the roads in Hail Weston are poorly maintained, there are lots of potholes and cracks in the road surfaces"

"Road surface is poor in Orchard Close. Eastern entrance from B645 into the village: road and pavement surface is poor; cycle path should be extended further into the village"

"Roads in the village are badly maintained with lots of potholes and cracks that have been there for more than 5 years"

"Various potholes in the roads around the village. A lot of cyclists use the road instead of the cycle path provided into St Neots"

"Footpath and cycleway between B645 and Pound Close is poor, too narrow and badly maintained. Should consider traffic calming along Ford End"

"The road leading to the playing field is a disgrace - pot holes since playing fields are being used regularly"

"Sometimes by exit from village to St. Neots"

"They are not well maintained and pot holes are filled in badly - the repairs do not last"

"Weey (?) and cracking pavements are problem along High Street"

"There are potholes which are badly repaired on the High Street and down Ford End Road. Some private gardens have overhanging foliage on High Street and Kimbolton Road"

"Road in Green Lane always full of holes"

"Roads surfaces are dreadful, cyclists should not assume that they are the only ones on the road! Why don't they ALL use the cycle path to St Neots? Sign should indicate they must use it"

"There is a problem with footpaths at Orchard Close, opposite old post office and High St from Pound Close to B645"

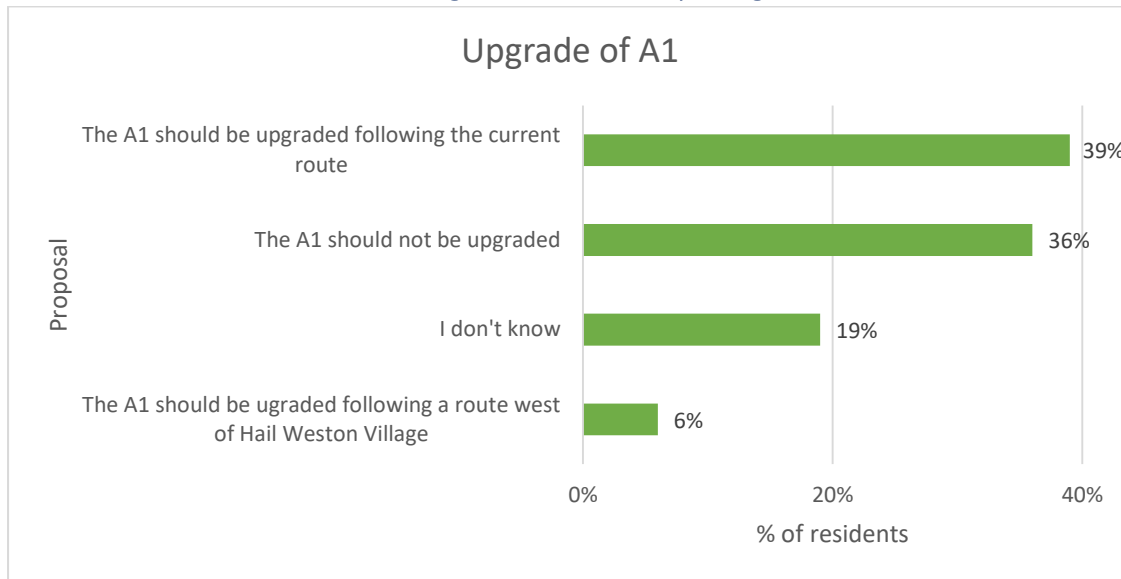
"Footpath in Orchard Close opposite Old Post Office and Pound Close to B645 Orchard Close road very poor"

"Roadways across the Parish are generally poor"

"All public footpaths; from Newtown to B645"

"Pathway towards St Neots towards cycle track"

Q.42 The government is looking into whether to upgrade the A1 locally to Motorway standard. Which of the following statements do you agree with?



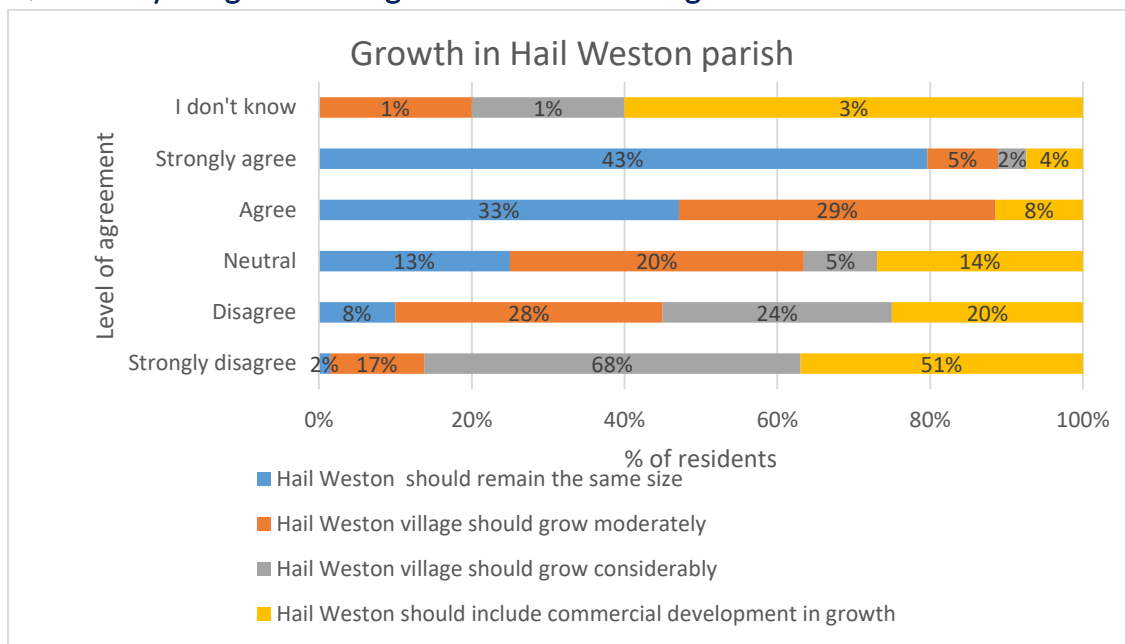
- The majority (39%) of residents feel that an upgrade of the A1 should follow the current route.
- 36% of residents feel that the A1 should not be upgraded.

Housing and development

Most residents would not like to see Hail Weston grow considerably, and would like to see it remain the same size, with no increase in the number of houses. However, if there is any development, they would like to see the parish benefit. Any development should also provide adequate off street parking as a priority and should ensure that the views around the church are maintained. New purpose built business units are not thought appropriate to the majority of residents and any new business units should be developed within existing buildings.

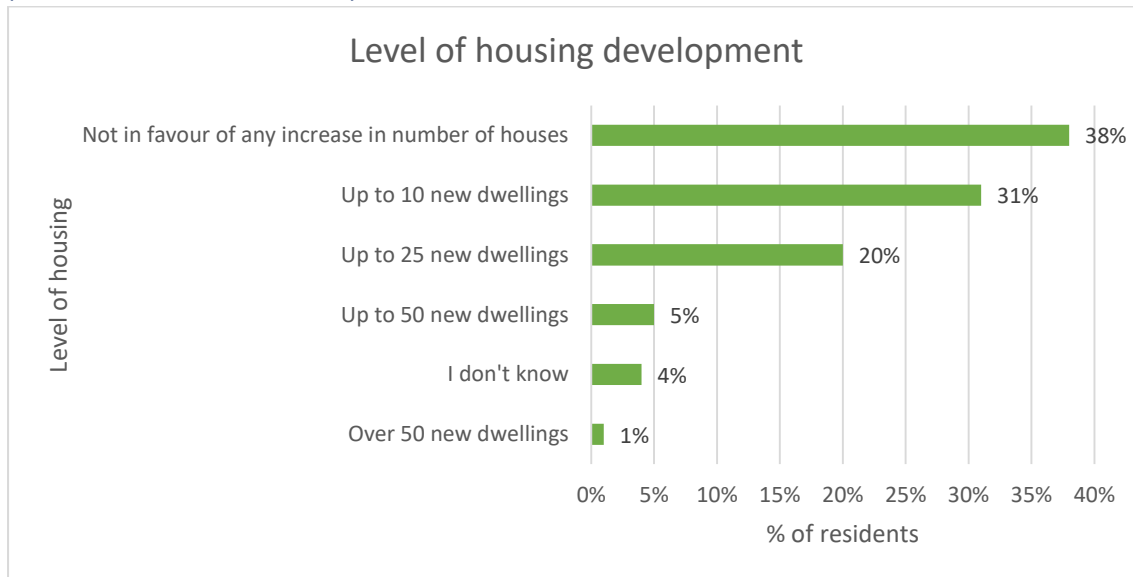
Residents would least like to see the village being developed eastwards towards St Neots and are most in favour of 'infill' development.

Q.43 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



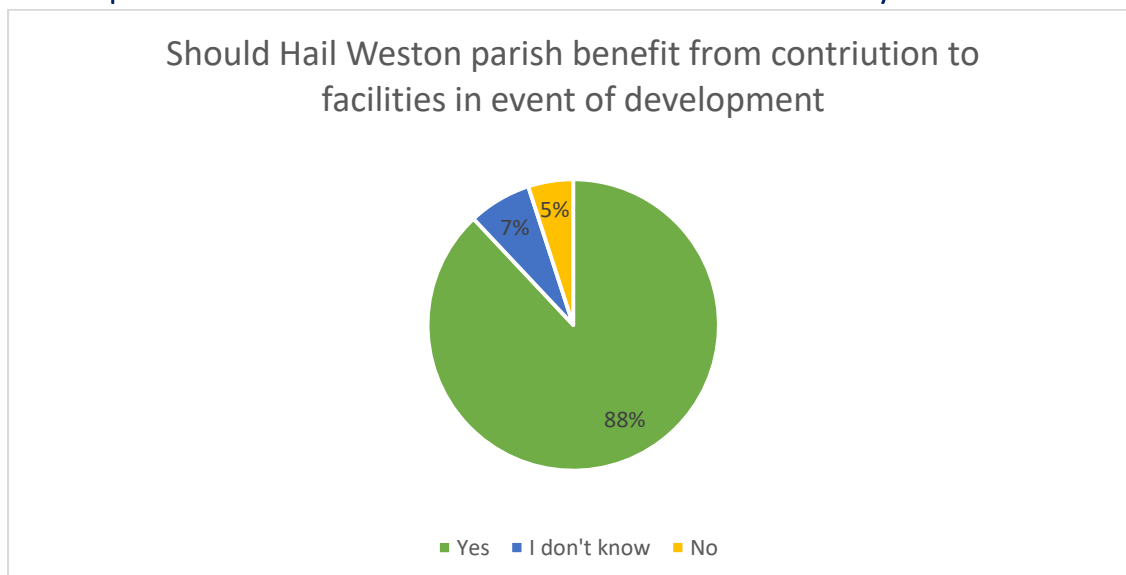
- The majority (68%) of residents disagree with the statement that Hail Weston should grow considerably.
- 43% of residents strongly agree with the suggestion that Hail Weston should remain the same size.
- 33% of residents agree that Hail Weston should grow moderately.

Q.44 What level of housing development do you feel would be appropriate for the parish over the next five years?



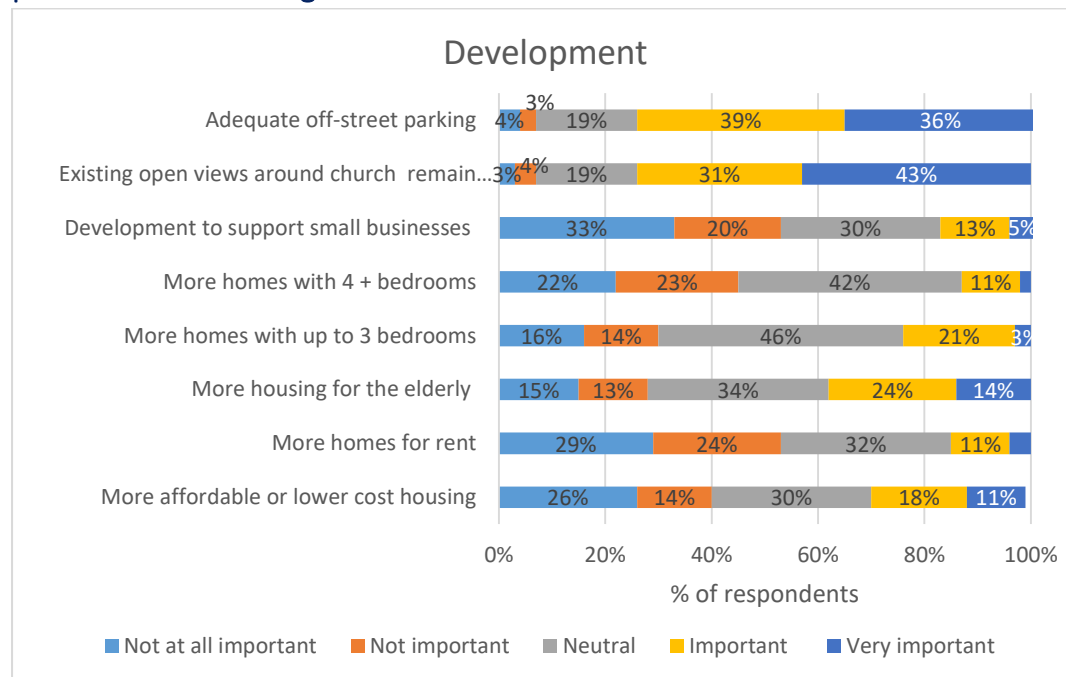
- The majority (38%) of residents are not in favour in any increase in the number of houses.
- Just 1% of residents would like to see an increase of over 50 new dwellings in Hail Weston parish.

Q.45 In the event of development within the parish do you think it would be important for the parish to benefit from a contribution towards community facilities?



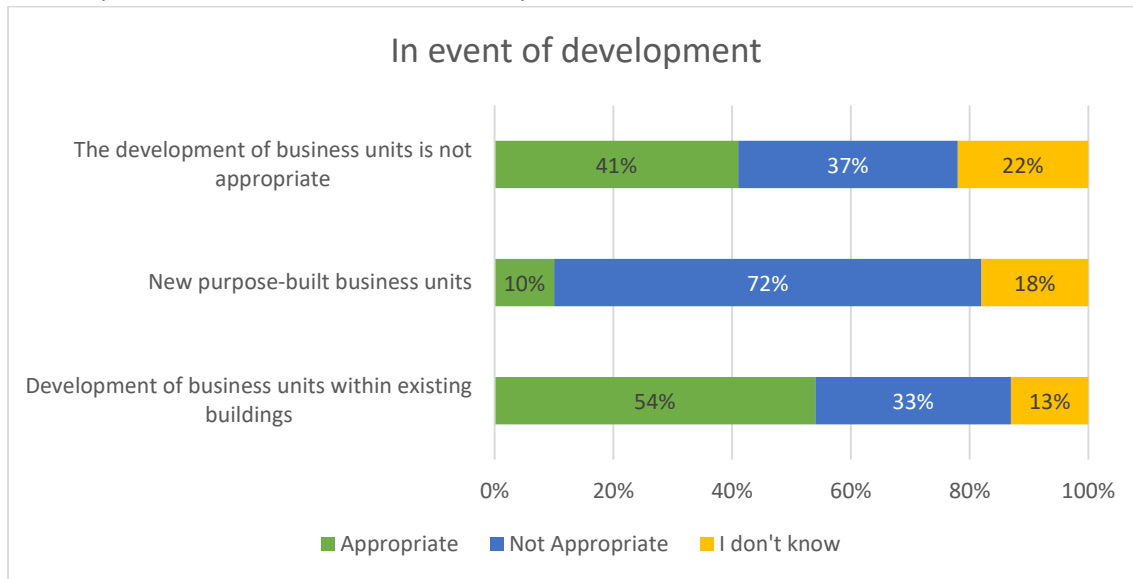
- The majority (88%) of residents believe it is important that Hail Weston parish should benefit in the event of development.

Q.46 In the event of development within the parish, how important would it be that it provides the following?



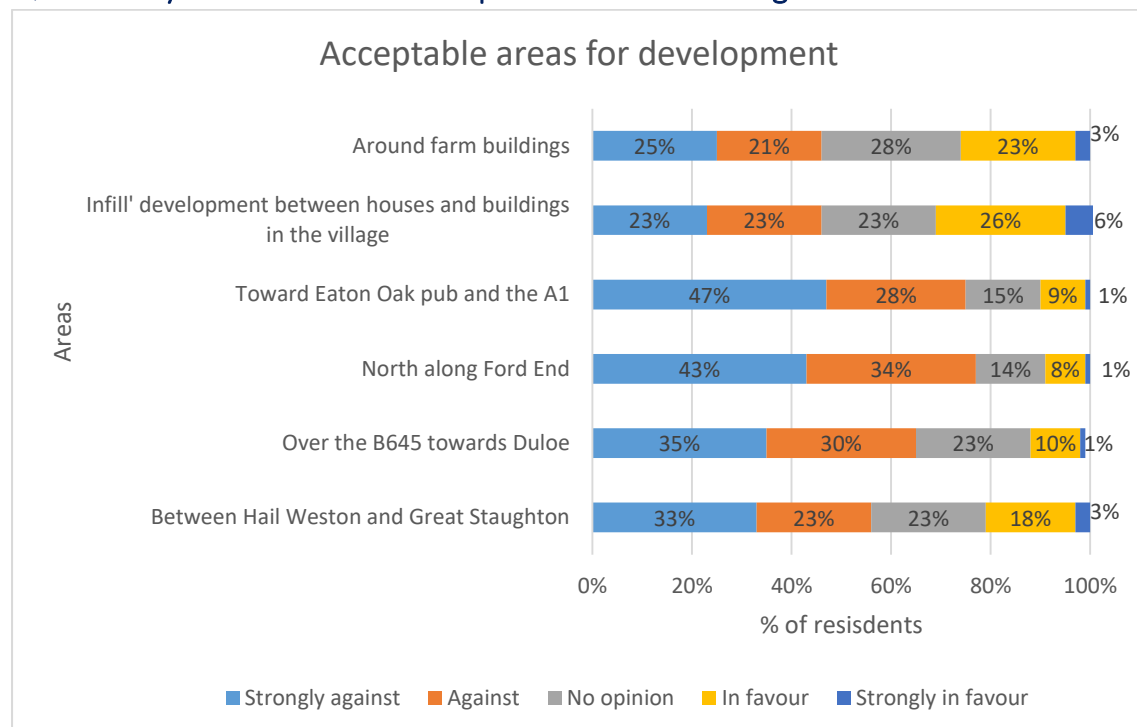
- 74% of residents feel that maintaining the existing open views around the parish Church of St. Nicholas is very important.
- 75% of residents feel that it is important or very important that any development includes adequate off-street parking.
- 29% of residents feel it is important or very important the any development in the parish includes affordable or low cost housing.

Q.47 Which of the following do you think is appropriate when considering the development of business units in the parish?



- The majority (72%) of residents feel that new purpose built business units are not appropriate.
- 54% of residents feel that new business units should be developed within existing buildings.
- 41% of residents feel that development of business units is not appropriate for the parish.

Q.48 Are you in favour of development in the following locations?

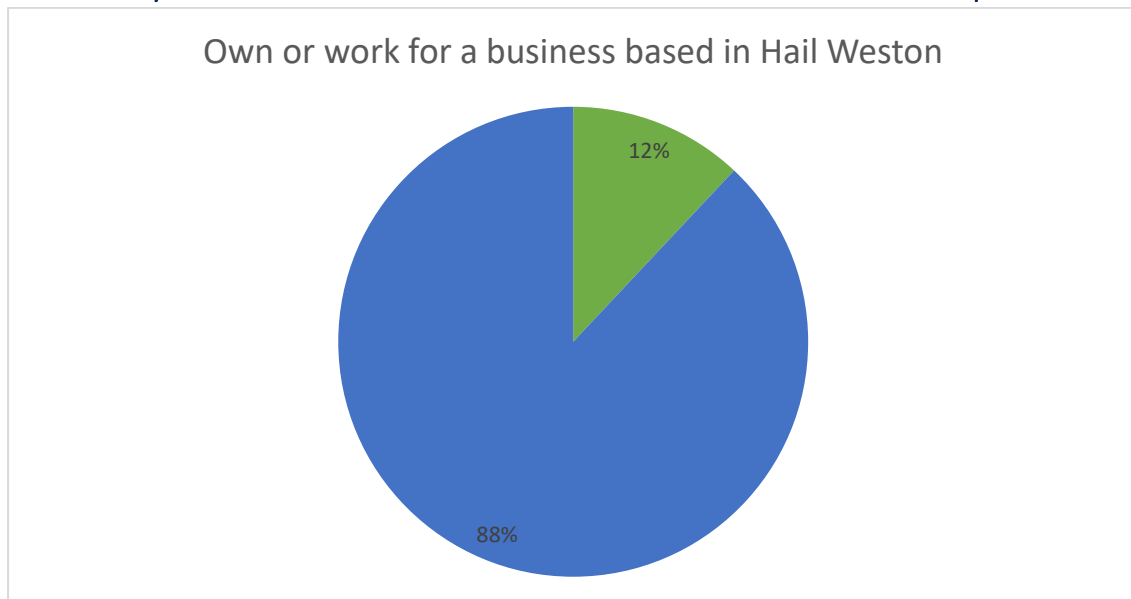


- The majority (47%) of residents are strongly against development east of the village toward the Eaton Oak pub and the A1.
- 43% of residents are against development north of the village along Ford End.
- 35% of residents are against development south of the village over the B645 toward Duloe.
- 26% of residents are in favour of infill development between houses and buildings in the village.
- 23% of residents are in favour of development around farm buildings.

Local economy

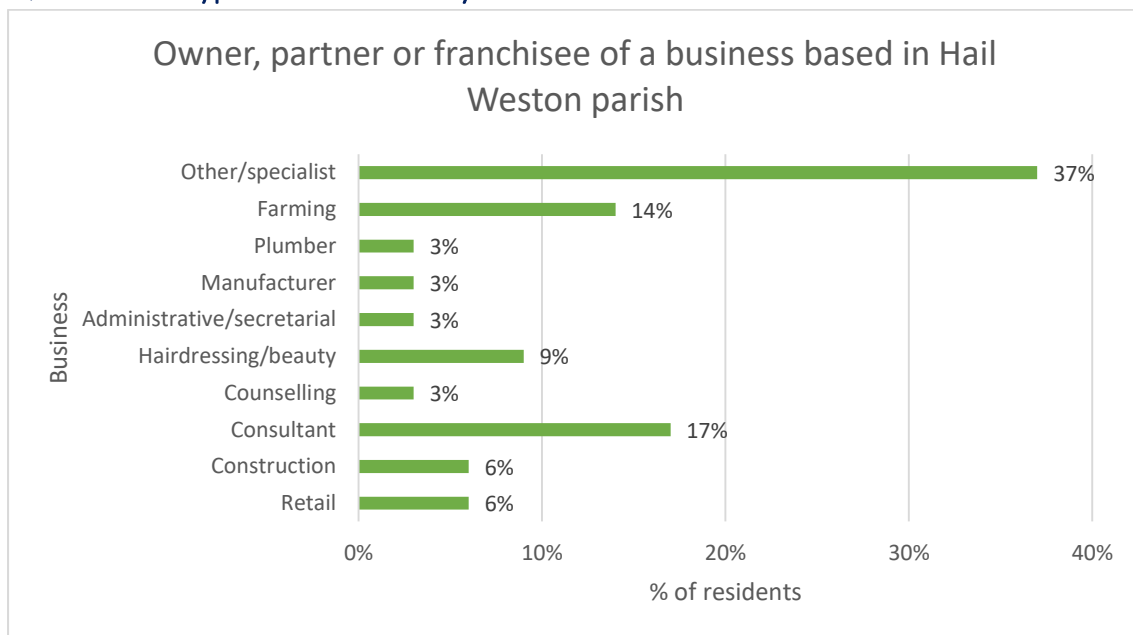
A small number of residents own or work for a business based in the parish, the majority of these being specialist companies, and employing just one person, suggesting these are self-employed. Insufficient broadband speed was mentioned as a limiting factor by a small proportion of businesses, and most businesses would like to be included in a directory.

Q.49 Do you own or work for a business that is based in Hail Weston parish?



- 12% of residents own or work for a business that is based in Hail Weston parish.

Q50. What type of business do you own or work for?



- 37% of residents who took part in this research own, are partners or franchisees in specialist businesses based in Hail Weston parish.
- 17% of residents own consultancy practices.
- 14% of residents own or are partners in farms.

Other types of businesses operating out of Hail Weston parish include:

“Chairman and Trustee of a rural support group”

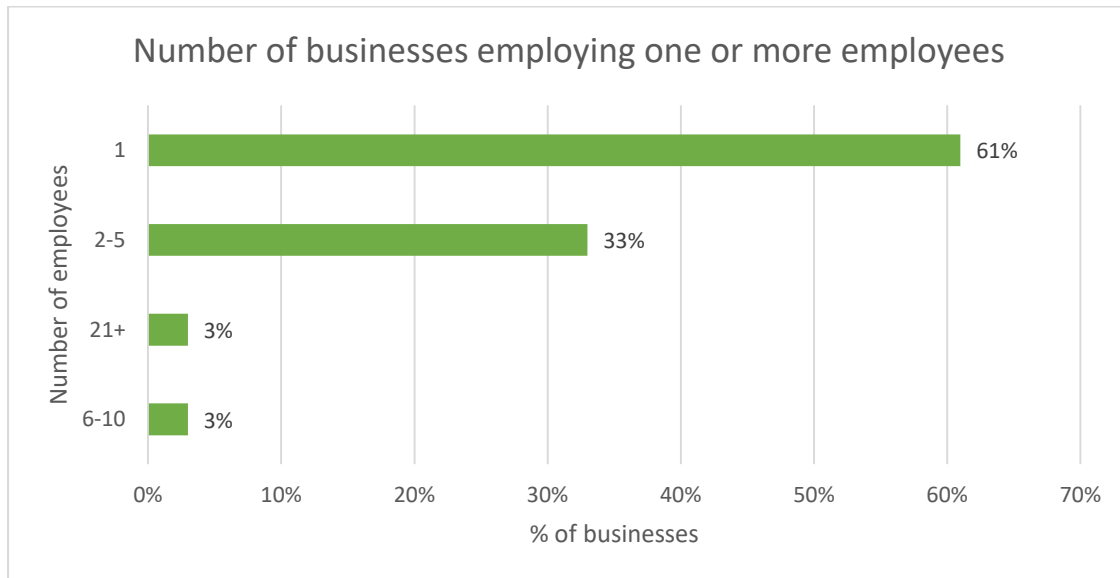
“Engineering”

“Music Teacher and also provide general tuition in Mathematics and English. Freelance Musician”

“Medical/dental”

“Registered Farrier”

Q.51 How many people are employed in the Hail Weston based business that you own or work for?



- The majority of businesses based in Hail Weston, employ just one person.
- 3% of businesses employ between 6 and 10 people.

Q.52 Are there any factors that limit further development of your business within the parish?

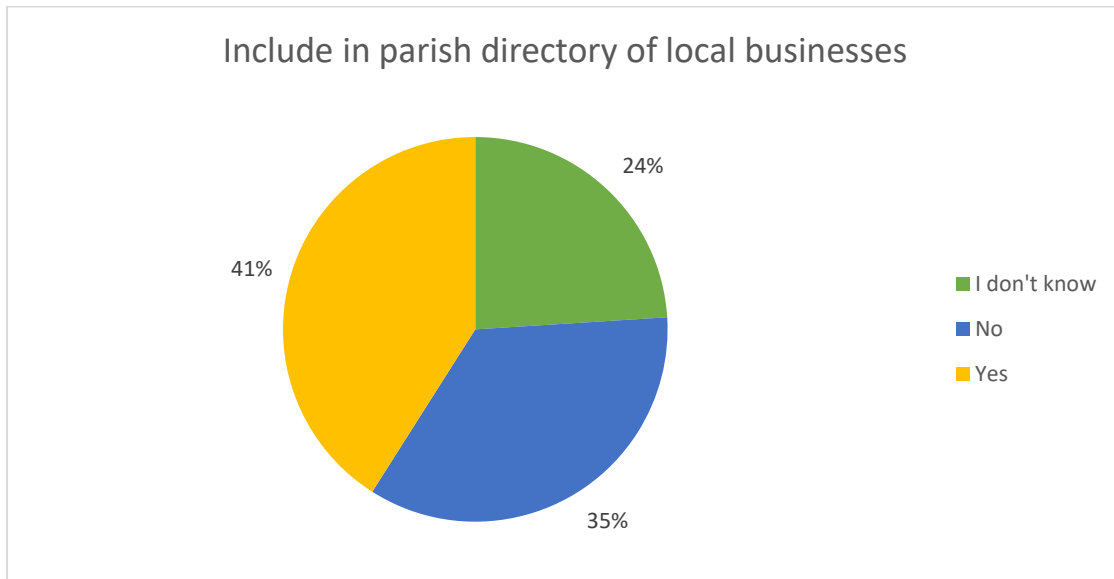
Asked to confirm if there were any limiting factors, residents made the following comments:

"Insufficient broadband speed"

"Useless broadband speed"

"Units to rent"

Q.53 Would your business like to be included in a parish directory which would list all the businesses in the area?



- The majority of residents (41%) would like to be included in a business directory.

Wildlife and environment

Most residents do not find their journeys impeded by having the safety gates shut, and enjoy it when the gates are shut so that they can use the Ford End without danger from cars.

The footpaths, bridleways and cycle-ways are used most frequently by residents, with most encountering safety hazards such as broken glass or fallen trees when out and about. The three issues that generated most comment from residents were dog fouling, fly tipping and general maintenance of these right of ways.

The installation of a cycle ramp is the improvement most residents would like to see, with better maintenance of the verges also important. More dog waste bins and benches are thought necessary.

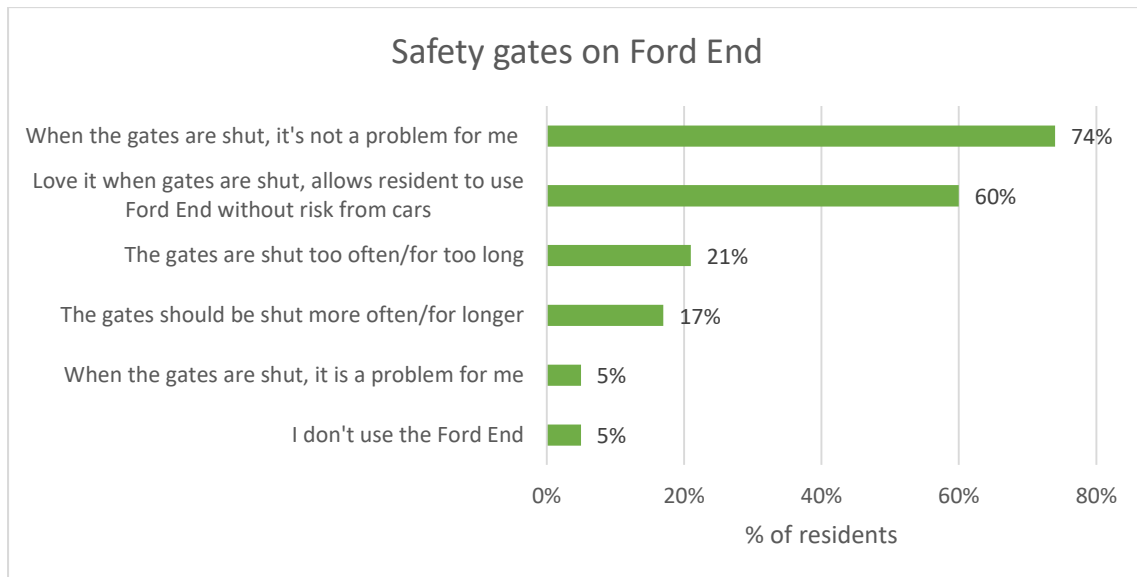
When asked about their willingness to get involved in the different improvement schemes, most residents thought they might like to, suggesting that more information is needed to encourage them to take part.

A lack of gritting during icy weather has been an issue for most residents.

Alternative energy farms, either close to, or within view of the parish, are not desirable for most residents.

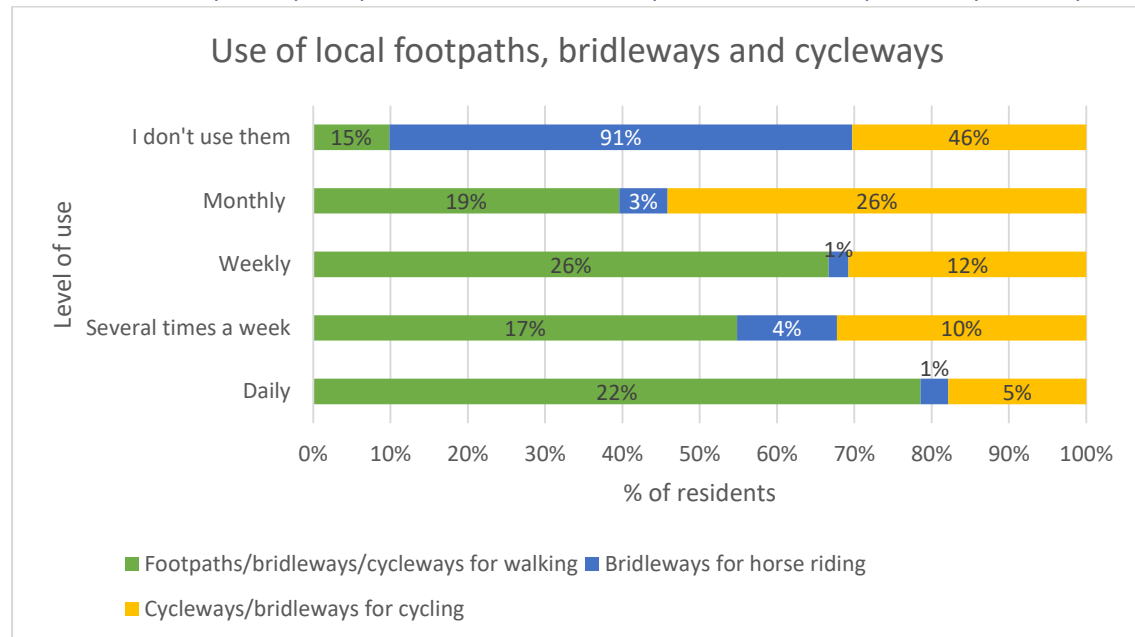
Environmental issues thought important by residents, that were not included in this research, centred mostly on wildlife and encouraging biodiversity, particularly around the River Kym.

Q54. Safety gates located on Ford End are closed in the event of flood warnings to prevent vehicles access through the ford. Which of these statements do you agree with?



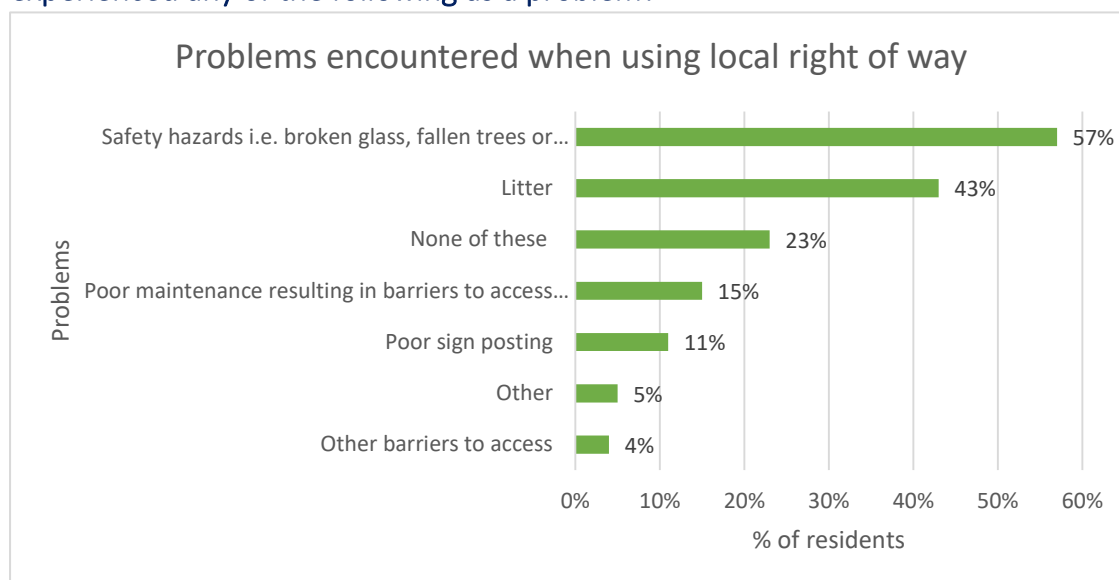
- The majority (74%) of residents do not find their journeys impeded when the safety gates are shut.
- 60% of residents enjoy the safety gates being shut as they are then able to use Ford End without risk from motor vehicles.
- 21% feel that the gates are shut for too often, or for too long.

Q55. How frequently do you use the local footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways?



- The footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways are used most frequently, with the majority (26%) of residents using them weekly and 22% using them daily.
- Cycle ways are used less frequently, enjoyed by (26%) of residents perhaps once a month, with 12% of residents using them weekly.
- 46% of residents don't use the cycle ways at all.
- Bridleways are not used at all by the majority (91%) of residents. Just 4% of residents use them several times a week and 1% on a daily basis.

Q56. When using the local footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways, have you experienced any of the following as a problem?



- The majority (57%) of residents have encountered safety hazards such as broken glass or fallen trees, when out and about in the parish.
- 43% of residents had come across litter on the right of way paths in the parish.
- 23% of residents haven't experienced any problems when using the local right of way.

5% of residents have experience other problems when using the local footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways. There are three issues that have generated most comments, dog fouling, fly tipping and general maintenance. Some of these comments are included below:

Dog fouling

"Dog fouling along narrow sections of pathways"

"Dog fouling is a menace. More bins and more signs required"

"Doggie fouling, getting worse"

"Dog fouling on most paths in the village"

"Dog fouling on pavements at Ford End and High Street"

"Some people do not pick up their dog pooh"

"Dog fouling is a problem. Dog walkers don't tend to clear up the mess on bridleways and cycle ways"

"Dog fouling is becoming an issue on some local farm tracks and paths so dog walkers need to be reminded to act more responsibly"

Fly tipping and rubbish

"Fly tipping on opposite side of ford quite often existent. Rubbish around ford left by cars parked particularly evenings/overnight"

"Fly tipping other side of ford. Rubbish around ford left by cars evening and nights"

"Litter at both gates and also at the ford; poor footpath at the pumping station"

"Whether walking or cycling on the path between Hail Weston and the A1 bridge it is always noticeable that there are large amounts of litter and old road work signs (?) thrown into the ditch at the side of the path"

"Rubbish thrown from cars around the farm openings next to the ford"

"Road users dumping rubbish near "pull ins". Cyclists disposing of empty drinks bottles and energy bar wrappers. Rubbish along B645"

"Ford Road and dumping of litter and fly tipping sometimes at ford"

"Fly tipping is a rare nuisance, but doesn't always get cleared quickly enough"

"Much of the footpaths across farmers' fields are littered by old farm machinery in ditches"

Maintenance

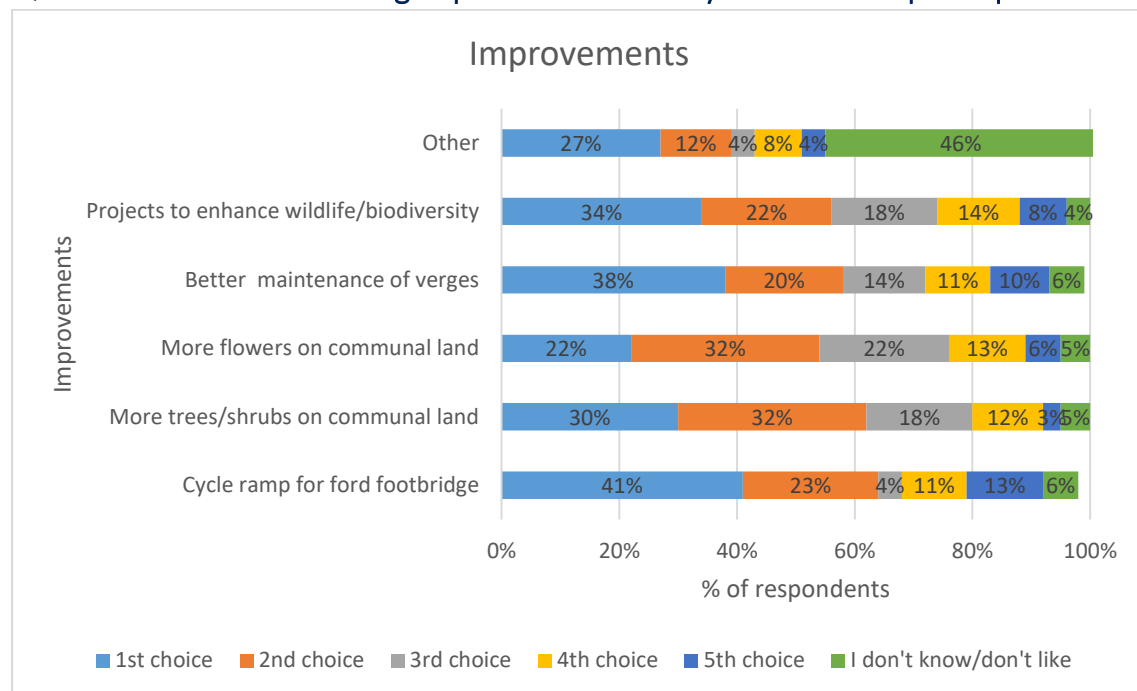
"Bridleway not passable due to lack of ditch maintenance flooding pathway. (Bridleway off Ford end road beyond ford) Vegetation next to sewage pumping station and through to river bridge"

"Generally public right of ways within parish are poorly signed if at all, this has been an anomaly compared with other parishes.... Great Staughton for instance have a walks guide book or did"

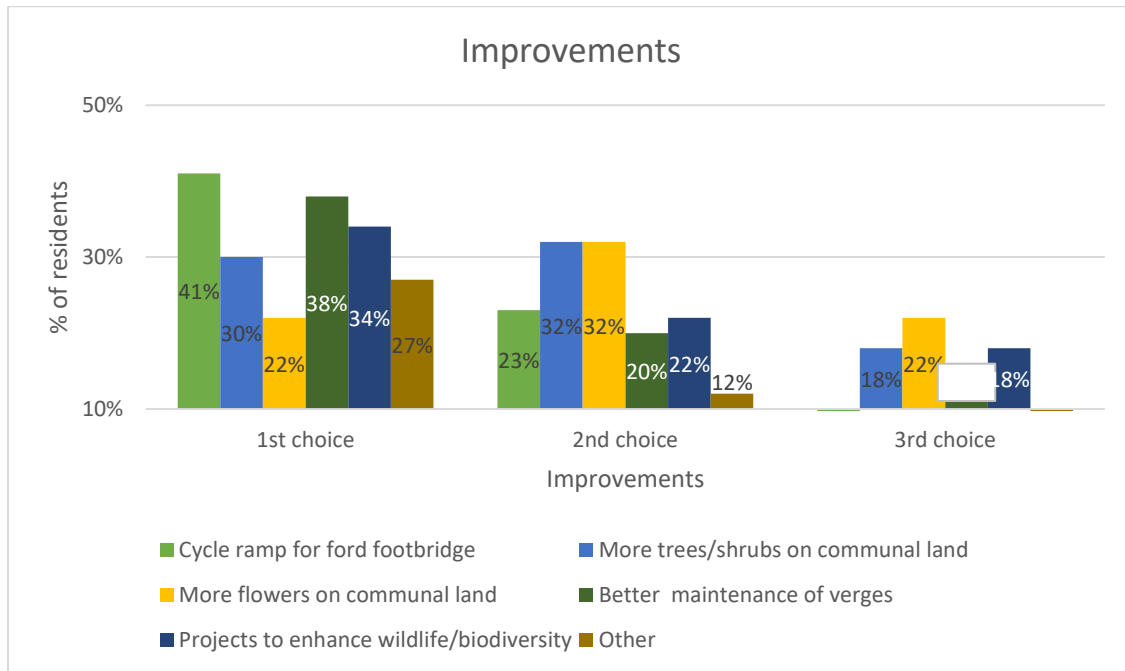
"Poor drainage on bridle path just beyond ford necessitates deviating from path"

"Overhanging vegetation on footpath next to sewage pumping station obstructs access. Hedges not trimmed on cycle path"

Q57. Which of the following improvement would you like to see put in place?



- A cycle ramp for the ford foot bridge is first choice for the majority (41%) of residents.
- 38% of residents would like to see better maintenance of verges as their first choice of improvement.
- More flowers, trees and shrubs is the second choice of improvement for 32% of residents.
- Projects to enhance wildlife or biodiversity would be first choice for 34% of residents.



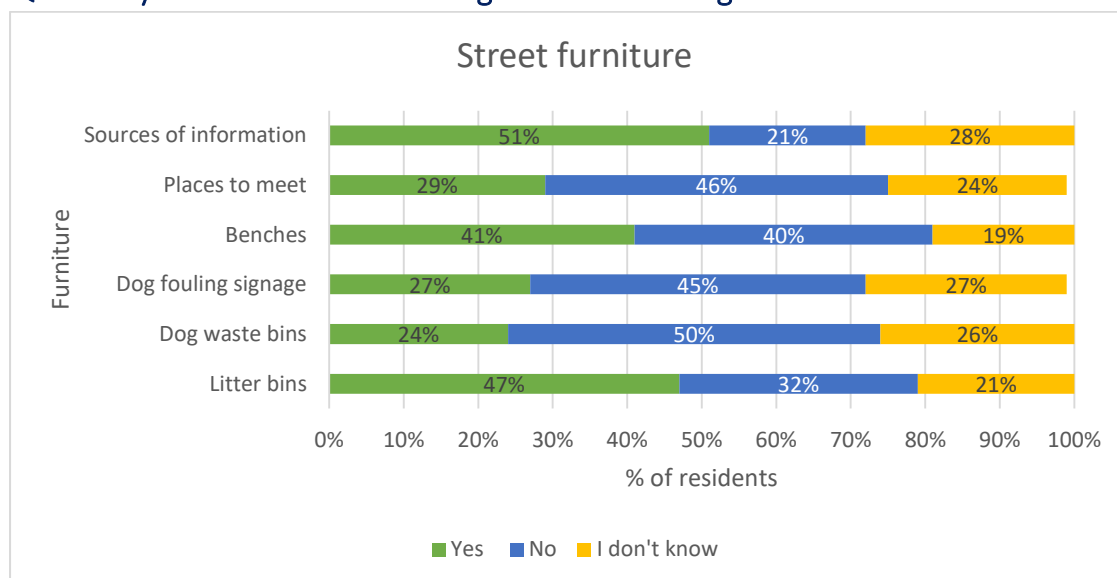
Other suggestions for improvements:

“Projects to improve biodiversity of River Kym”

“Better footpaths and signs”

“It would be nice to have more trees planted if the council clear the leaves and keep the drains clear and if there is not shading of houses”

Q58: Do you think there are enough of the following?



- 51% of residents feel there are enough sources of information in the parish.
- 50% of residents feel there are not enough dog waste bins available.
- 47% of residents feel there are enough litter bins available.
- 46% of residents would like to see more places to meet.

Residents also commented that they would like to see more of the following:

Places to meet

"Without a community pub or daytime access to village hall there is little in the way of public meeting places."

"The village needs a pub. Daytime access to a meeting place e.g. village hall"

"Pub or village kitchen /dining room"

"Pub for meeting place for usual drinks, coffee, snacks"

Information

"A broader monthly newsletter as a source of information with an on line edition. Improved communication by e mail to interested parties"

"Village information could be improved with better use made of the website, email and newsletters, and a village handbook"

Bins

"More dog bins"

"Additional dog bins on Ford End. Numerous black bags abandoned in road most times"

"Dog bins of Ford End. Bin at ford"

"Dog & litter waste bin along Ford End"

"Ford Road litter and dog waste bins"

"Generally more bins are needed, both for litter and dog fouling, plus larger signs. The current signs are rather too subtle"

"Dog waste bin on west side of village at end of High Street"

Benches

"More benches on playing field"

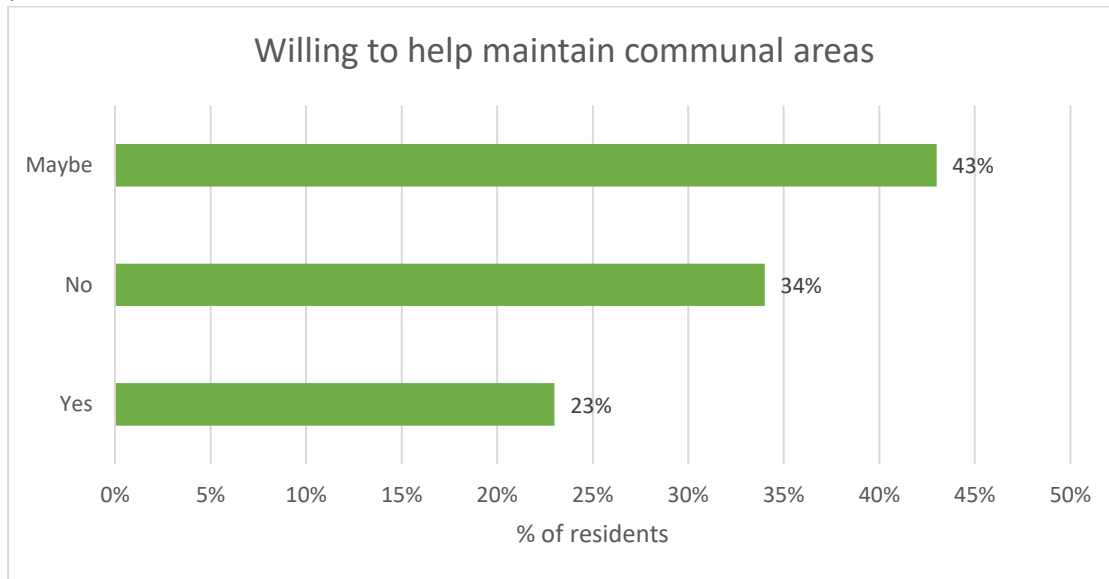
"More benches along the main streets"

"As far as I'm aware there are only two benches in the village it would be nice to have another along ford road"

"A bench in Ford end "

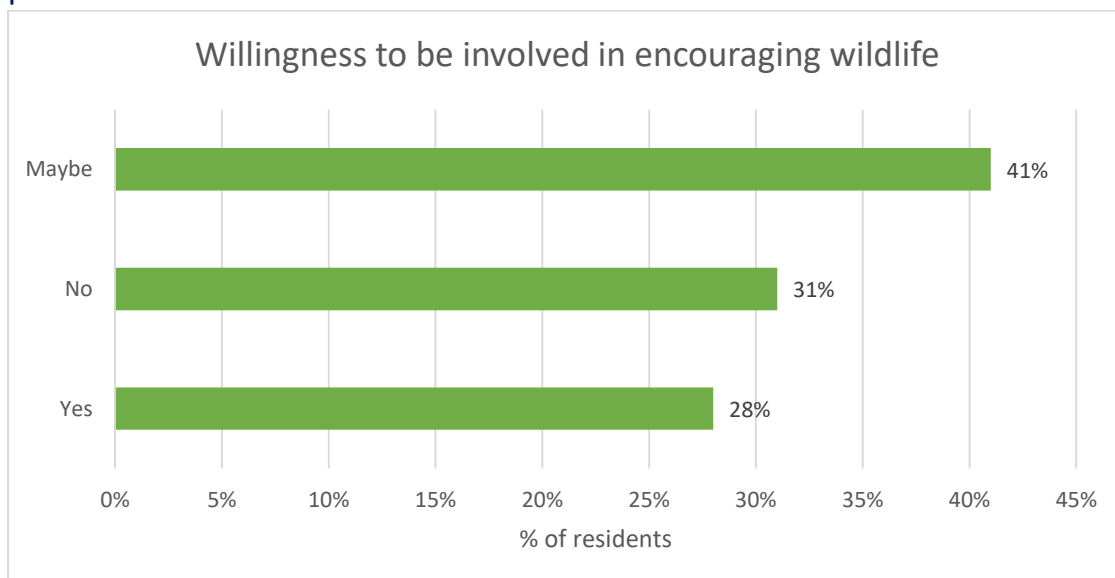
"Bench to west of High Street and by ford "

Q59: Would you be willing to help improve or maintain communal areas within the parish?



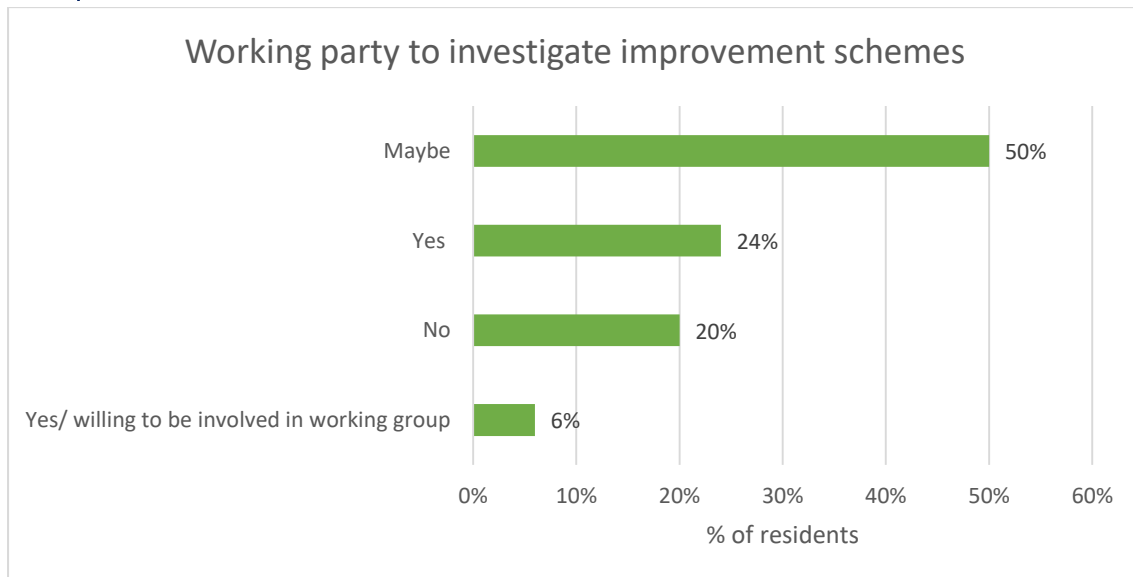
- The majority (43%) of residents might be willing to get involved in plans to improve or maintain communal areas in the parish.
- 23% would be willing to help with these plans.

Q60. Would you be willing to get involved in measures to encourage wildlife within the parish?



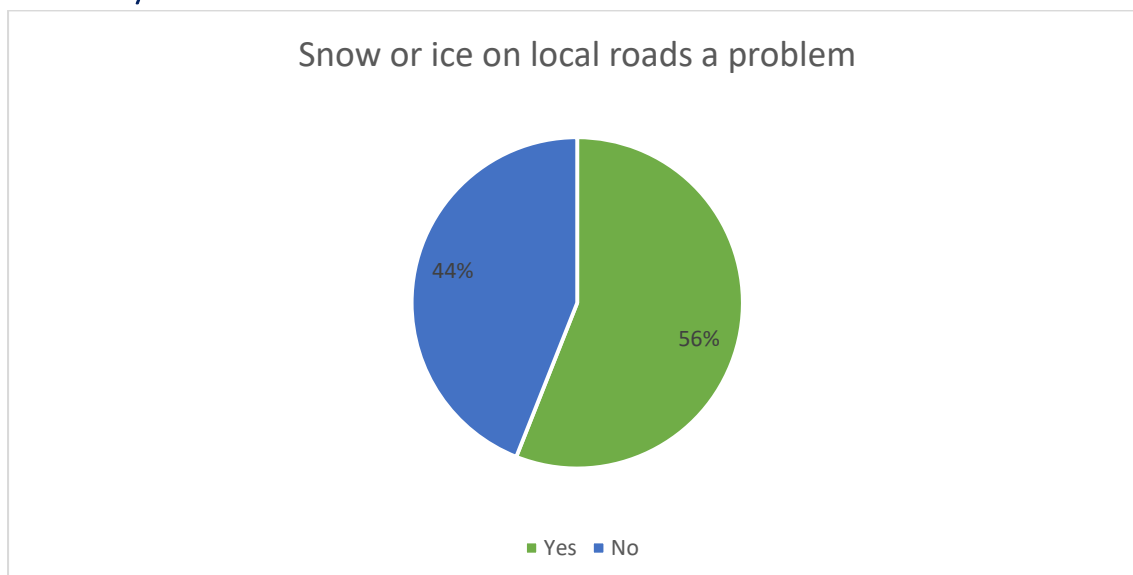
- The majority (41%) of residents might be willing to involve themselves in measures to encourage wildlife in the parish.
- 31% of residents would not want to get involved in these measures.

Q61. There are national, regional or local schemes we could support to promote improvements in the appearance of the village. Do you think a working party should be set up to look into this?



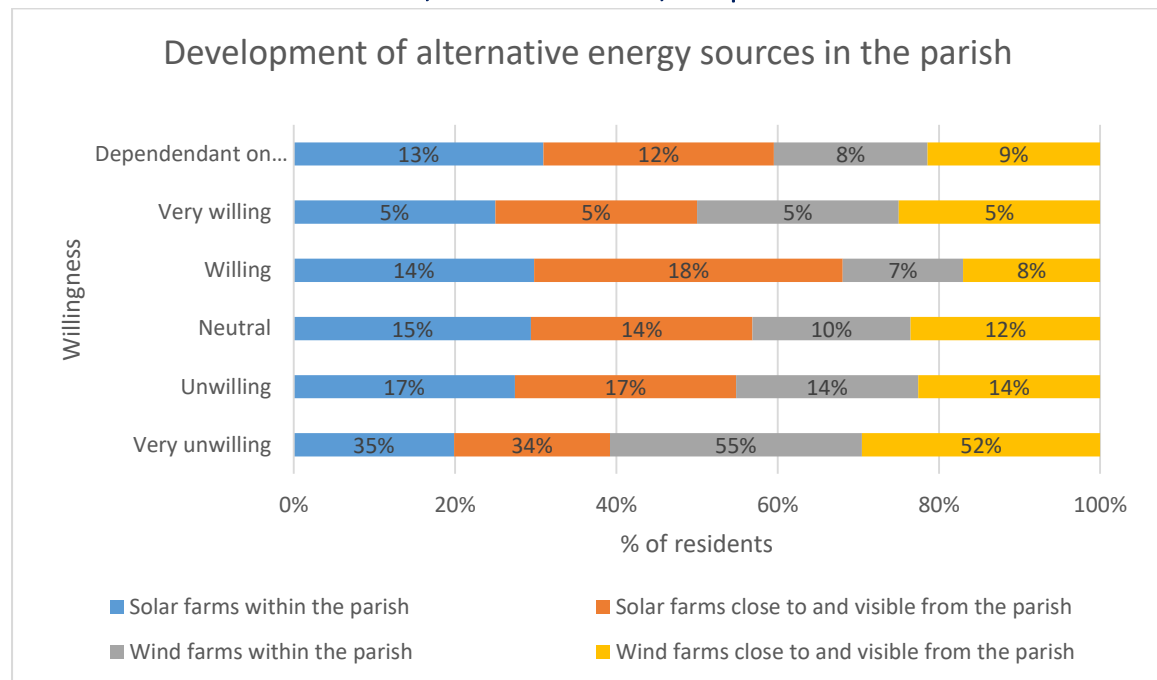
- The majority (50%) of residents feel that maybe a working party ought to be set up to investigate these schemes.
- 24% feel that a working party should be set up and 6% would be willing to get involved.

Q62. Have you found the lack of gritting or snow clearance on village roads to be an issue for you?



- Over half (56%) of residents have found snow or ice on local roads a problem over recent years.

Q63. To what extent would you be willing to see the following alternative energy sources introduced to areas in, and visible from, the parish?



- 55% of residents would be very unwilling to see a wind farm introduced to the parish, with 52% very unwilling to have them close to or visible from the Parish.
- 35% of residents would be very unwilling to have solar farms within the parish, with 34% very unwilling to have them close to and visible from the parish.

Q64. Tell us about any other aspects of environmental protection or enhancement that you consider important and relevant to life in Hail Weston parish.

"The River Kym fails to meet Biodiversity standards more needs to be done to address this problem. The poor water quality could be an issue for children playing in the river. Involving residents in enhancing the biodiversity would be an excellent way of providing education on wildlife and general country code i.e. learning to respect the countryside"

"Biodiversity of River Kim is poor and should be addressed"

"We need to encourage green principles and access funding to enable the parish to participate in lowering the CO2 output. Bee friendly (wild) flowers should be planted - we all rely on bees pollinating food plants. Think global - act local"

"More wild life plants on the way to the ford, Blue bells, Cowslips"

"Improve the appearance of the entrances at both ends of the village"

"Perhaps the trees to the ford could do with more looking after"

"Trees up to the ford could do with more looking after"

"Improve pathways along river"

"Dog walkers should not allow their dogs on residents' front gardens or let them out at night/early evening on their own"

"Dog walkers should keep dogs on a lead and clear up any mess. Also prevent dogs getting out on their own and messing on peoples gardens"

"Upgrade to sewage works on Ford End - smell sometimes is very strong and pollutants evident in water at times of rainfall"

"I would like to see Hail Weston remain as a rural village and would not wish it to become part of a greater "St Neots" ribbon development"

Q65. Are there any other issues that you feel are important that have not been raised by this questionnaire?

"The possibility of additional footpaths and improved access to the countryside generally could be explored, for example a footpath alongside the river Kym through the parish"

"Improved access to the countryside. Permission to use more farm tracks for walkers and cyclists"

"Support or facilities for the physically or mentally disabled"

"The future of the Pub. I wonder if it would be more sensible to forget about the present building and develop the present village hall with much improved parking like they have done in Over and Somersham"

"I think that the B645 should have 30mph extended to just beyond the western exit towards Gt Staughton. This would have a psychological effect (at least) of getting drivers/riders to slow down and as such reduce accidents and noise. May be a traffic calming option as per the ones as you enter Gt Staughton"

"Relevant to Q58, more benches are needed at the bottom end of the playing field for families to sit with children on the cycle ramps as there is only grass and if wet not very good, as all benches are at the top of the field"

"Measures to reduce the speed of vehicles leaving the village at Pound Close 'corner' i.e. sleeping policeman"

"Better signage for Ford End road, both ends. i.e. 'Single track road', 'Unsuitable for HGV' 'Blind bend/oncoming vehicles in middle of road' Max speed limit"

"The speed limit in the village should be reduced to 20mph and this limit should be extended along Ford End Road towards the sewage works"

"The church grass is disgusting - needs regular cutting. Why not do a collection to pay someone like they used to? You collect for everything else"

"Speeding through the village; sometimes 50-60mph at western end of High Street (particularly delivery vans/couriers). Sleeping policemen in the High Street would improve the situation. The Ford is used by lorries and vehicles as a rat run - driving too fast up the Ford Road"

"There should be a minimum 40 mph speed limit on B645"

"Cars should give way to cyclists on Ford Rd"

“Flash alerts” to notify residents on their mobile phones in case of burglaries, suspicious persons in the village (rogue vendors etc.), road closures and also pets who go missing. Very little information in weekly newsletter on important issues, therefore instant notifications could solve problems very quickly via phones”

“Dogs, Children, Adults allowed to rampage through fields full of crops”