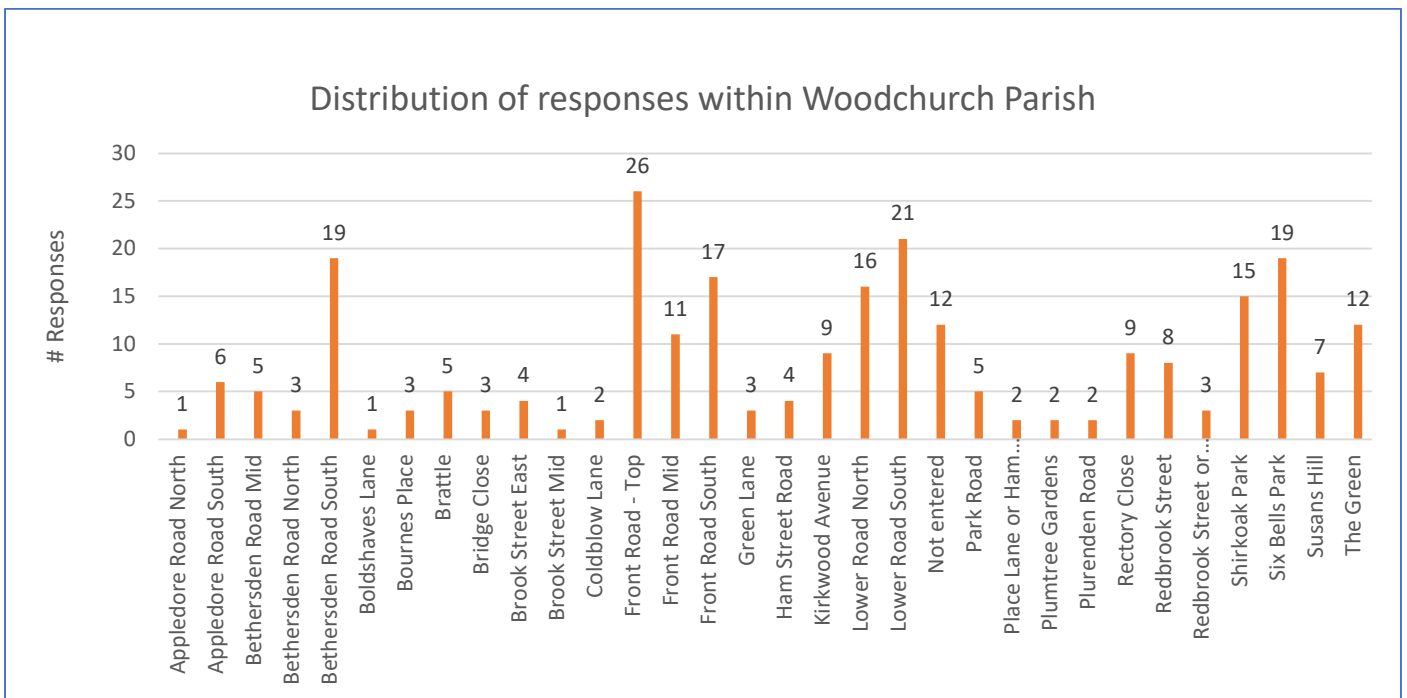


# Woodchurch Community Survey Highlights

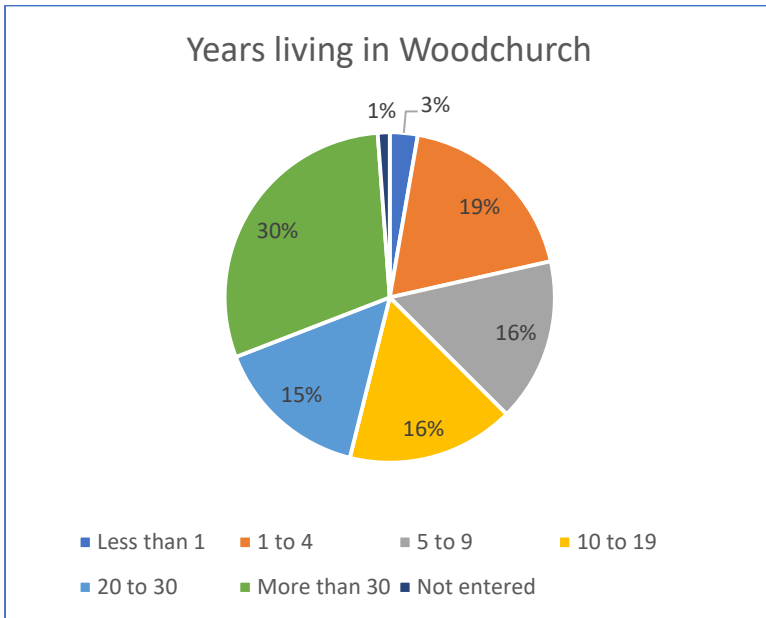
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## Your Household

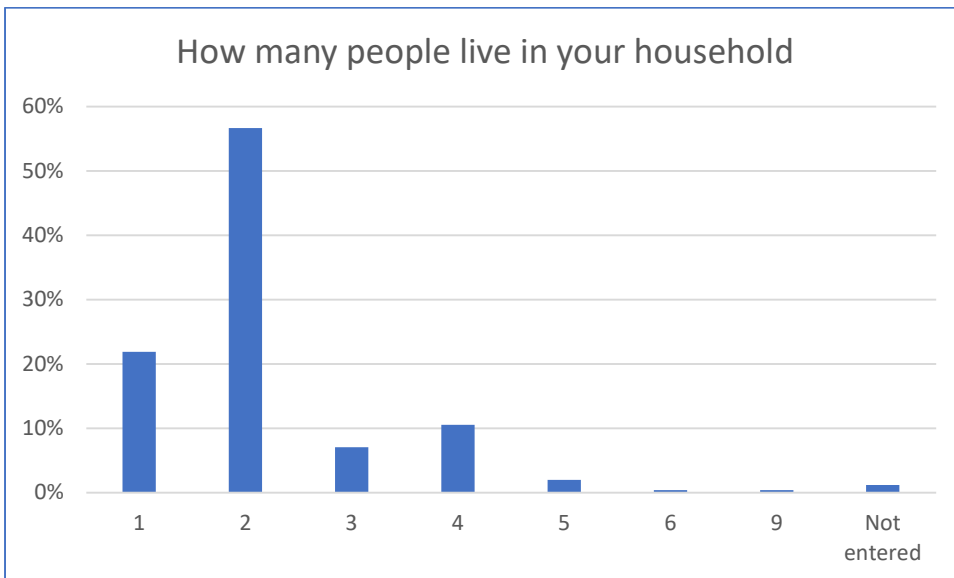
Distribution of responses within Woodchurch Parish



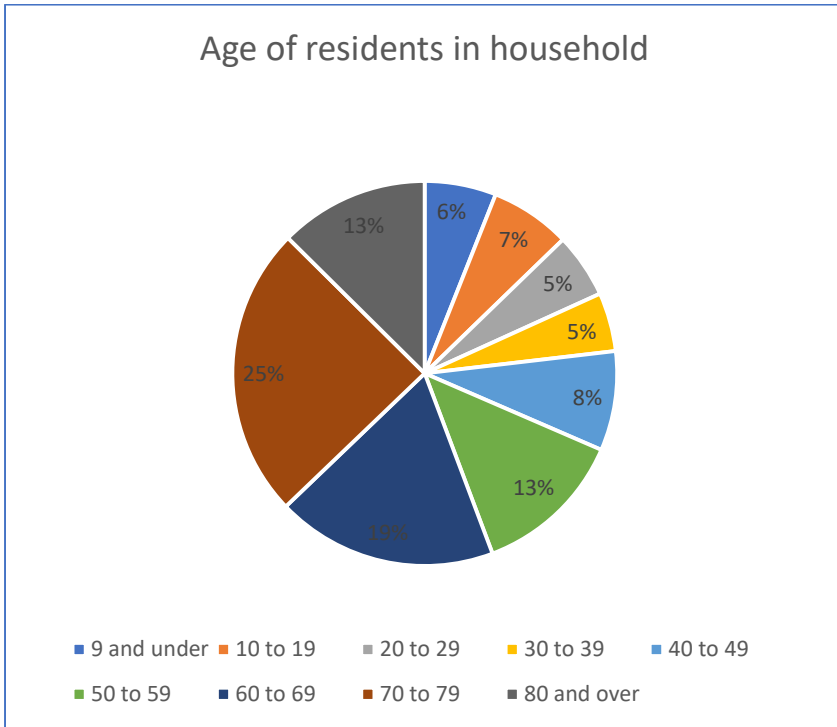
How many years have you lived in Woodchurch?



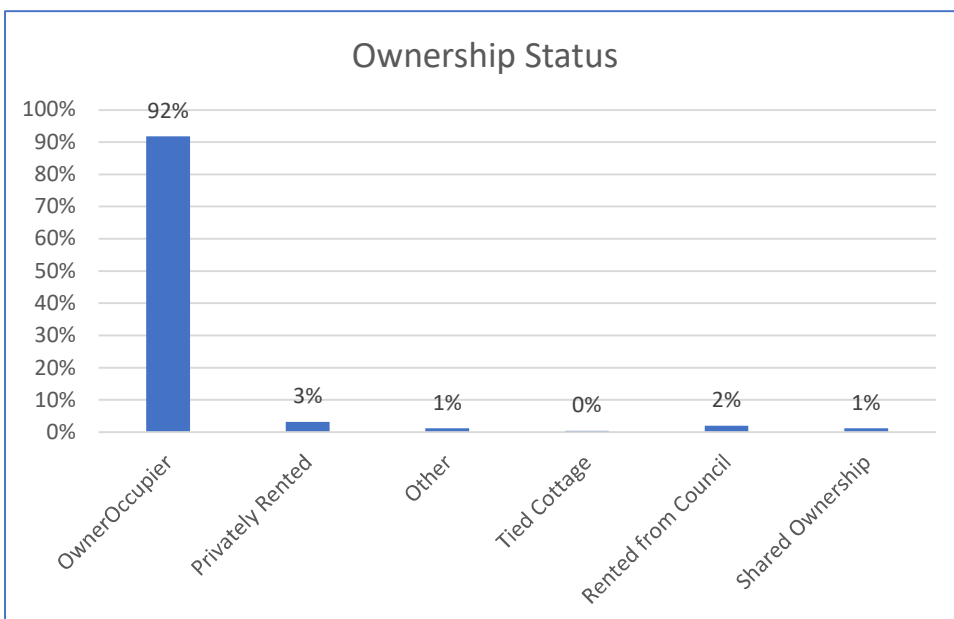
How many people live in your household



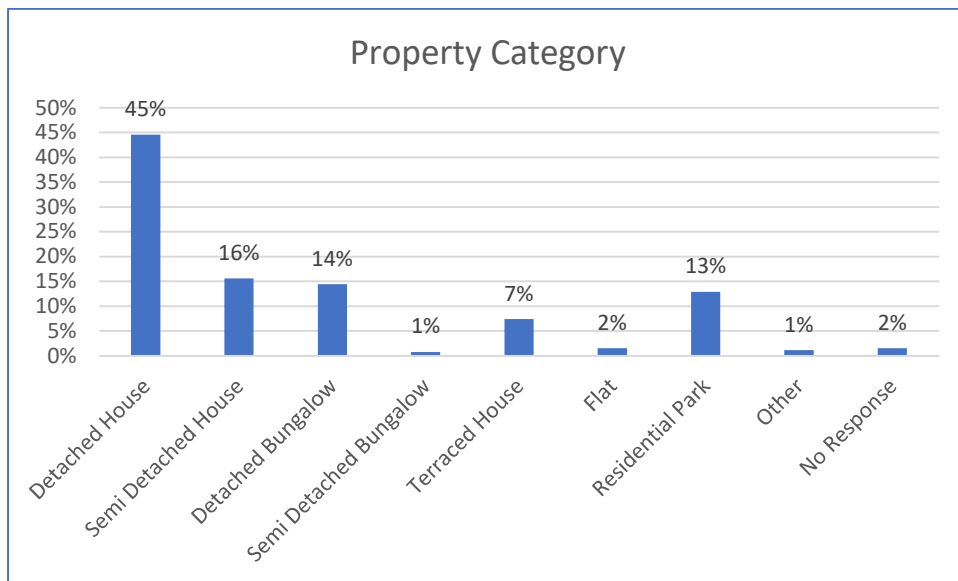
How many people in each age category live in your household



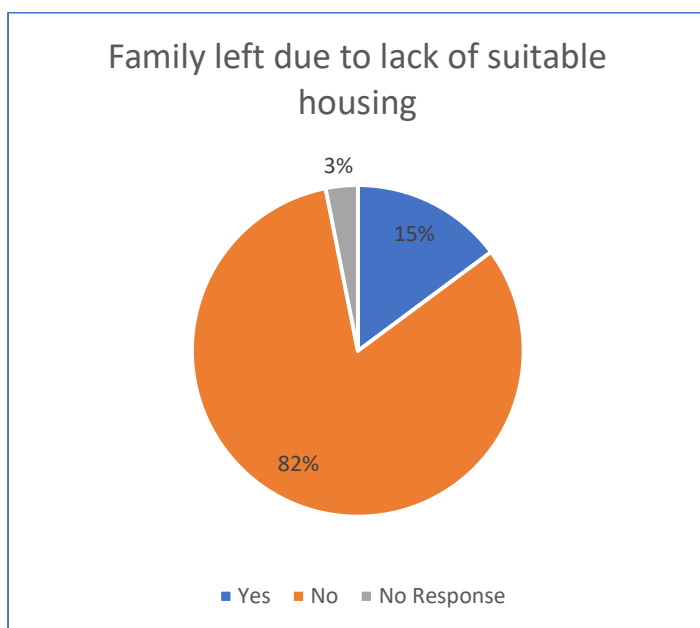
What best describes the ownership status of your house/home



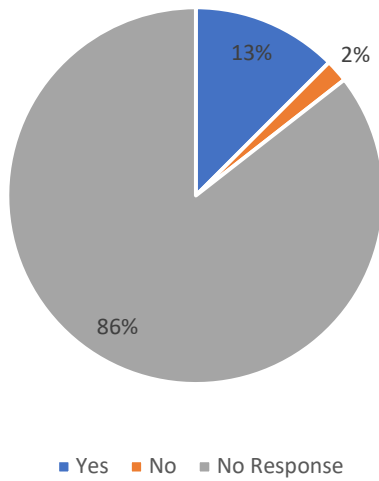
How would you best categorise your property



Have members of your family moved away from Woodchurch Parish due to a lack of suitable/affordable housing in Woodchurch

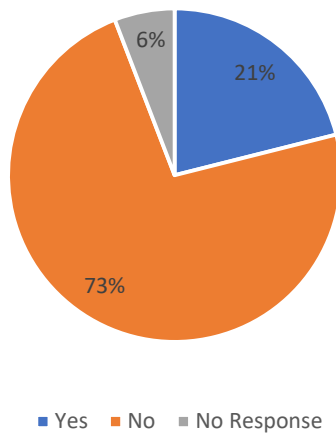


### Would they move back

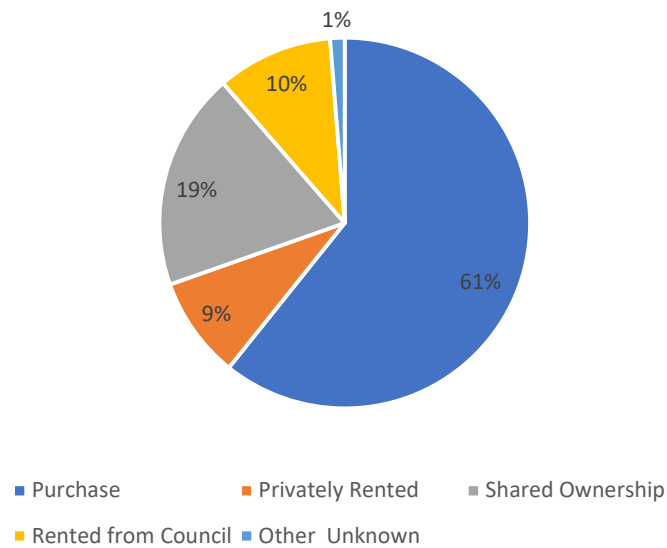


Do you have members of your family who are (or will be within the next 5 years) looking for a property in Woodchurch

### Will family member move back within 5 years

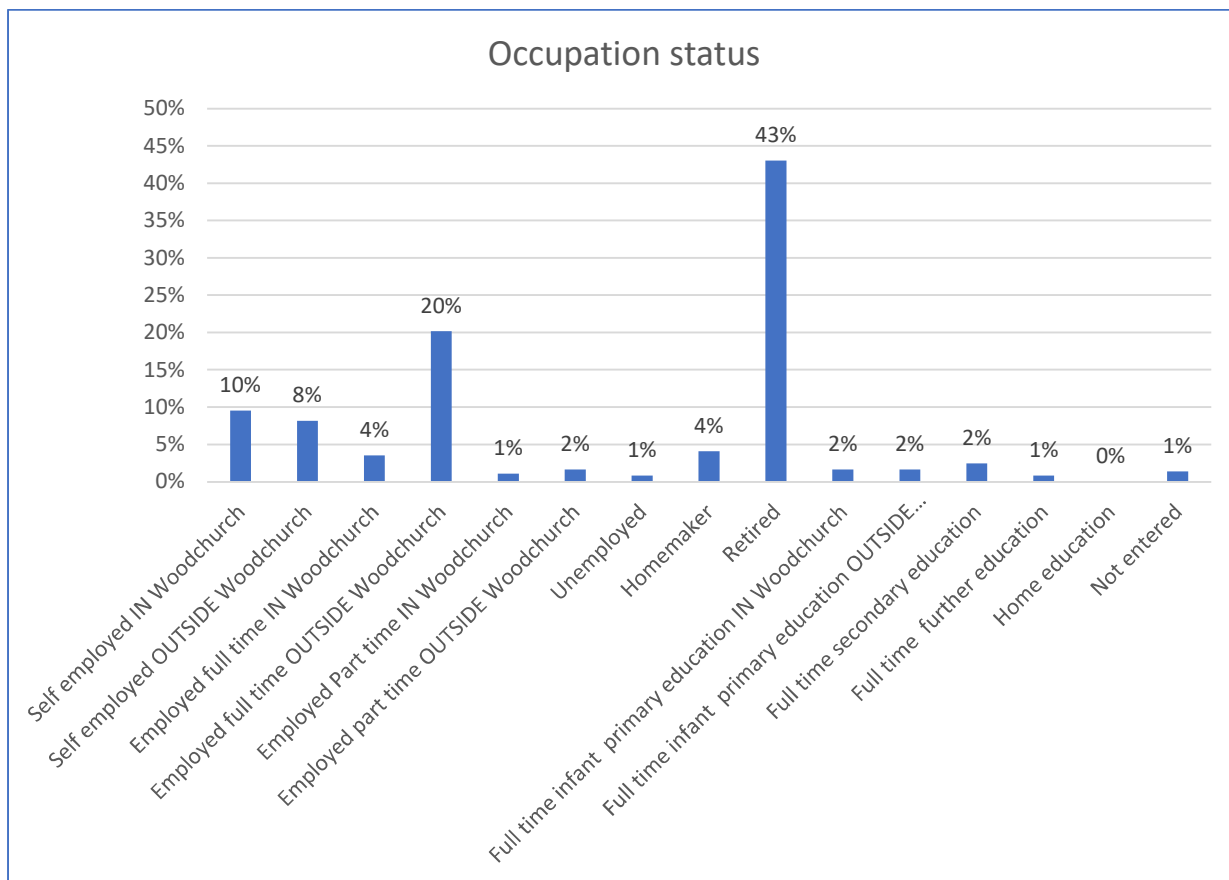


## What type of housing would they be seeking



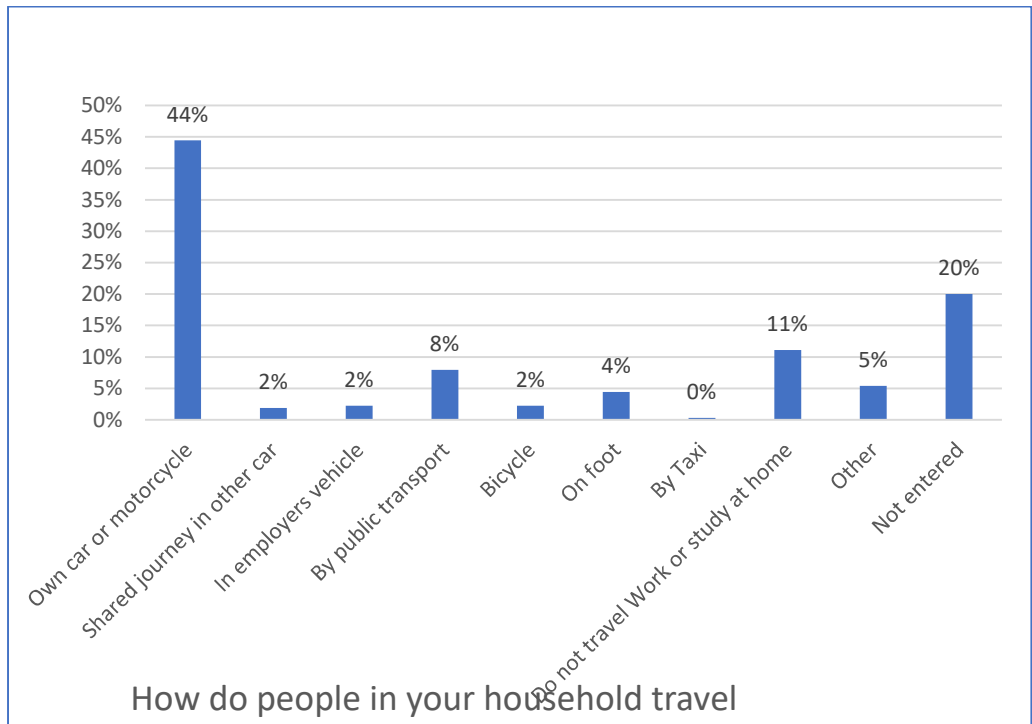
## Work and Education

What is the occupation status of people in your household

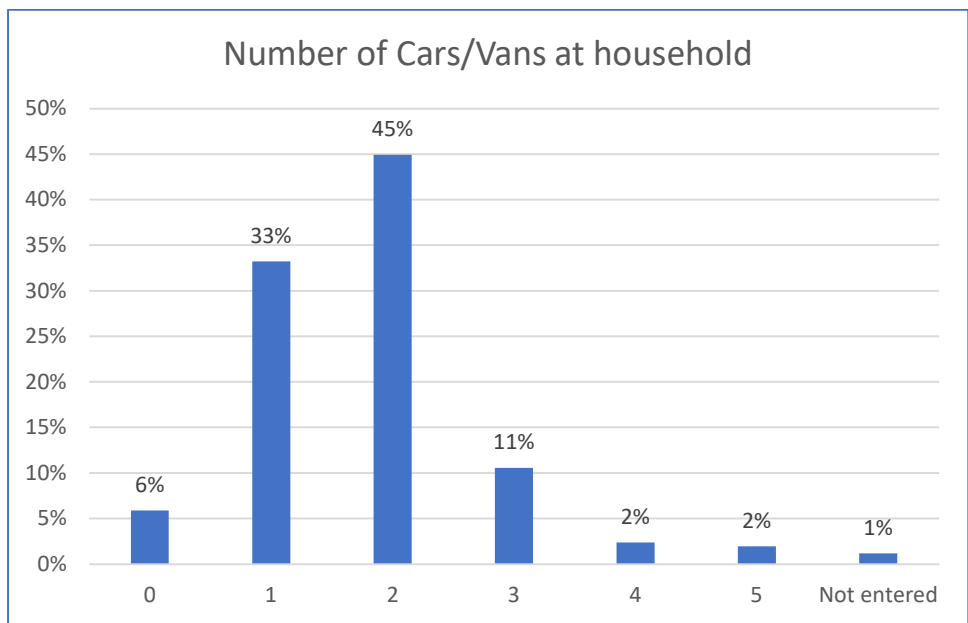


# Transport

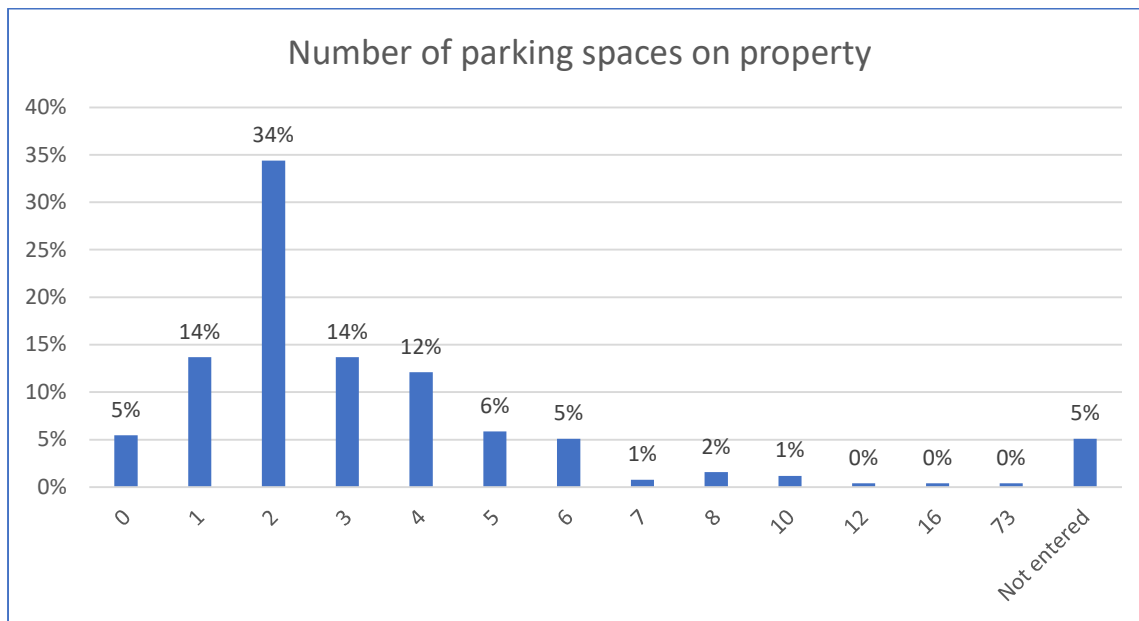
## Personal Transport



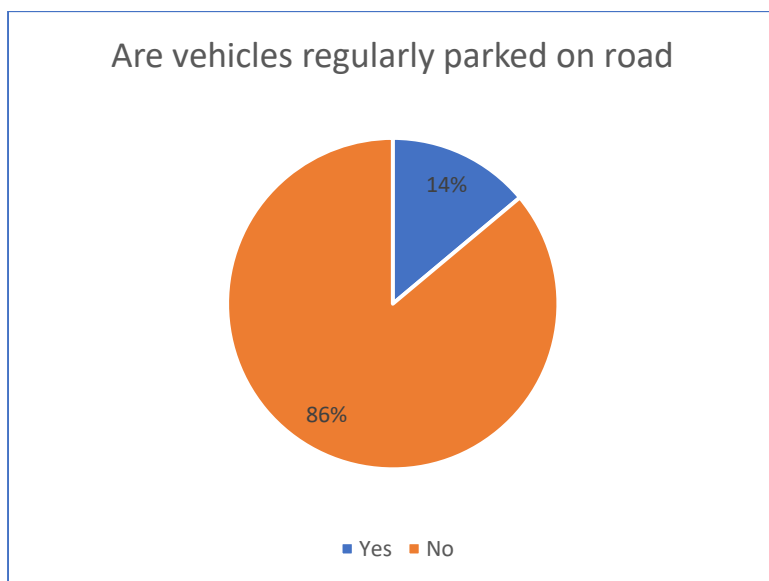
## How many cars/vans are regularly kept by your household



How many parking spaces do you have on your property

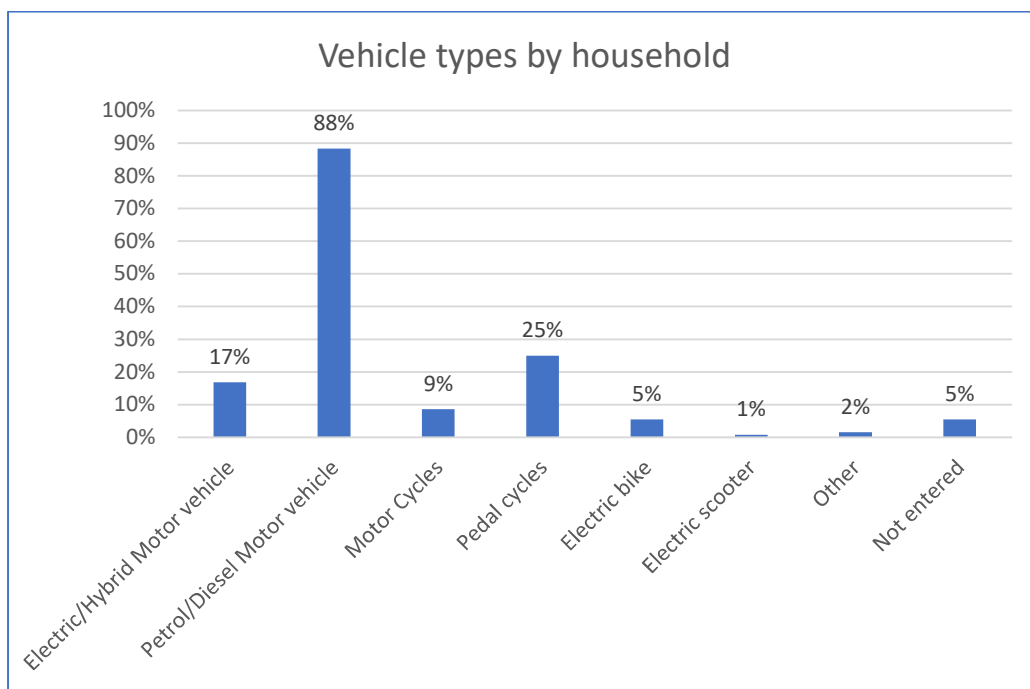


Does your household regularly park vehicles on the road



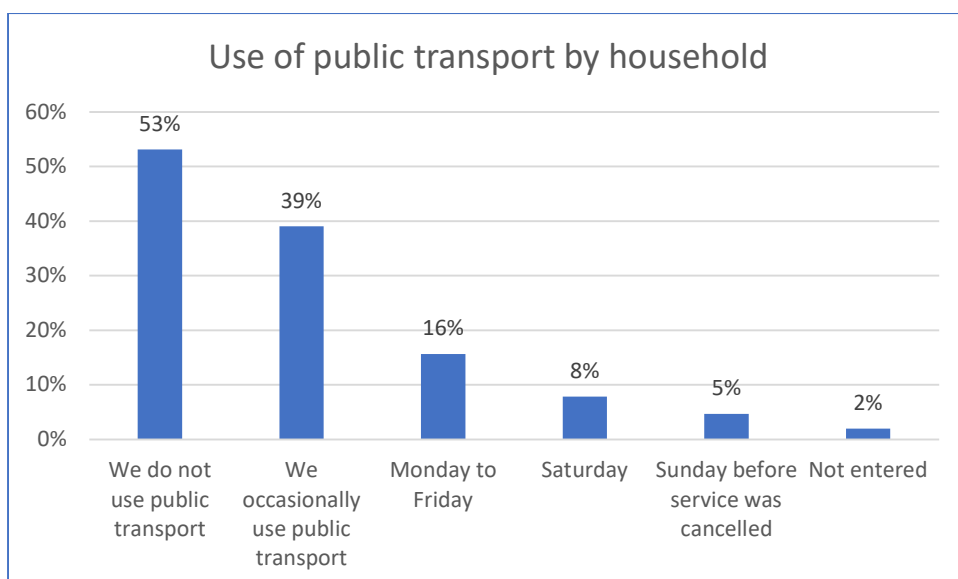


## Which vehicles are owned by your household

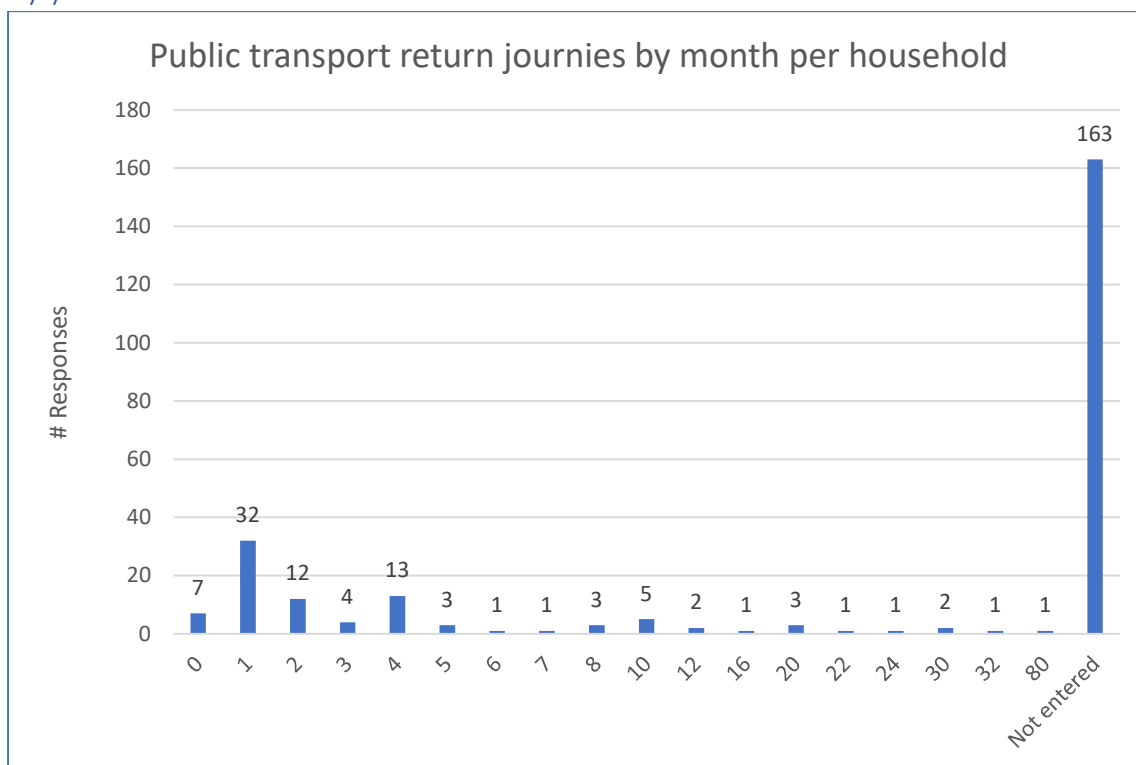


## Public Transport

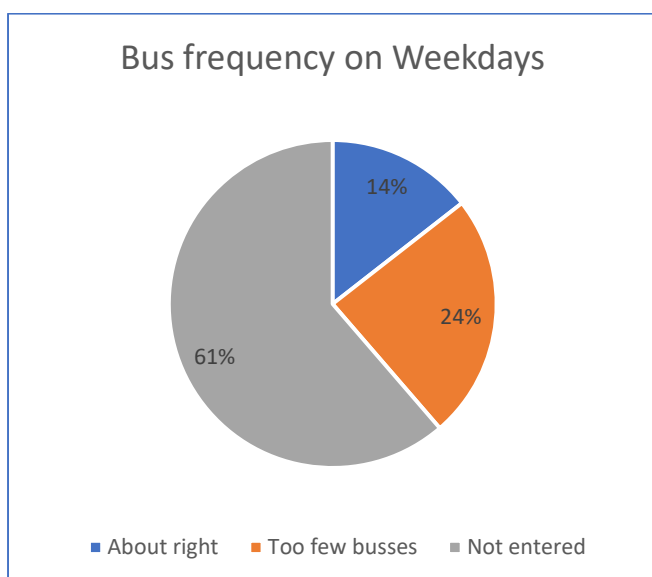
Does your household use public transport (bus) to, from or within Woodchurch and? If so, on which days



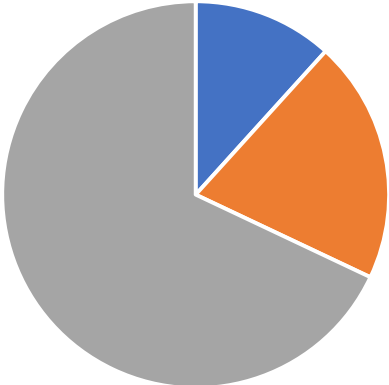
If you use the public transport, approximately how many return journeys per month would be made by your household



If you use the public transport how is the service frequency



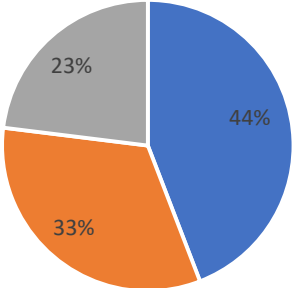
### Bus frequency on Weekends



■ About right ■ Too few busses ■ Not entered

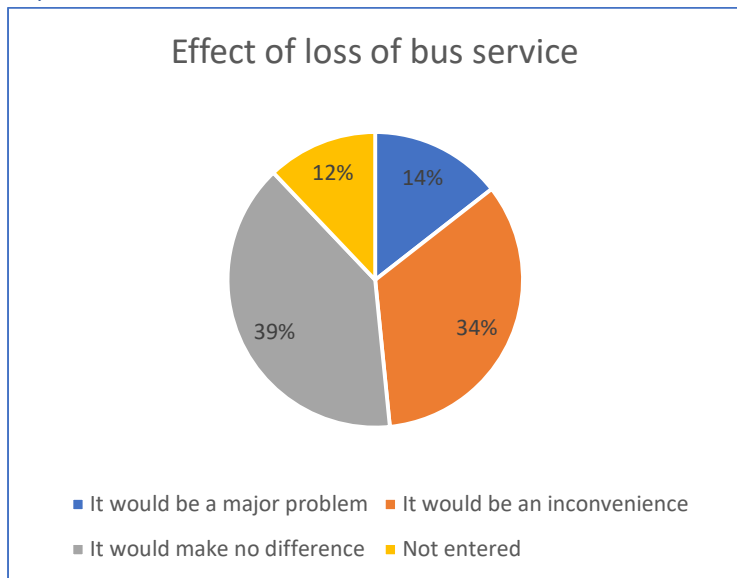
If public transport was more frequent, would you use it more often

### If more frequent would you use more often



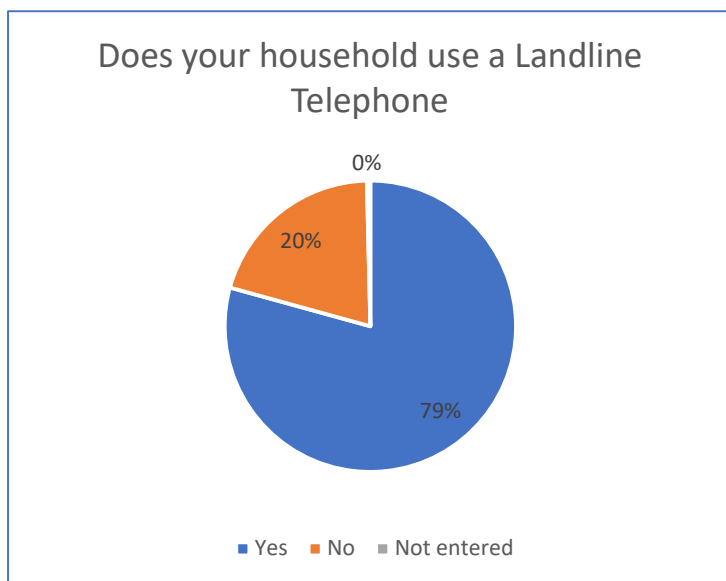
■ Yes ■ No ■ Not entered

If you were to lose the bus services how would this affect you

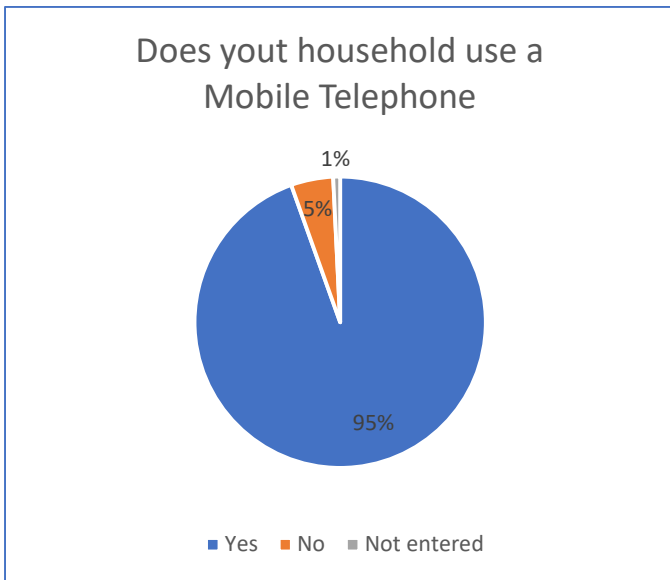


## Connectivity and Communications

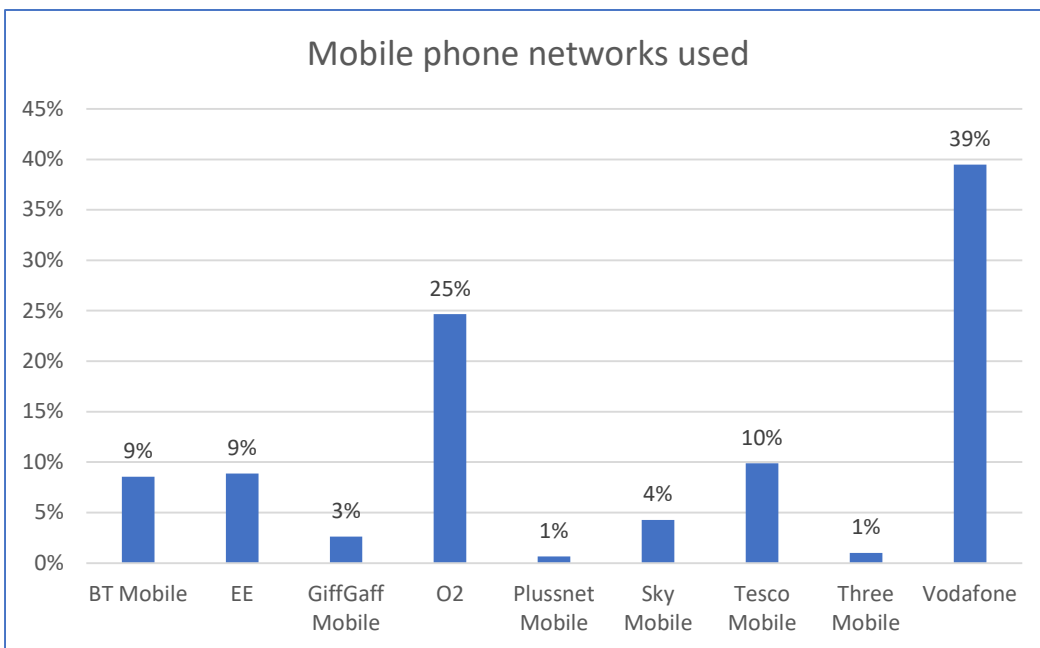
4.1- Does your household use a landline telephone at home (e.g. BT telephone)



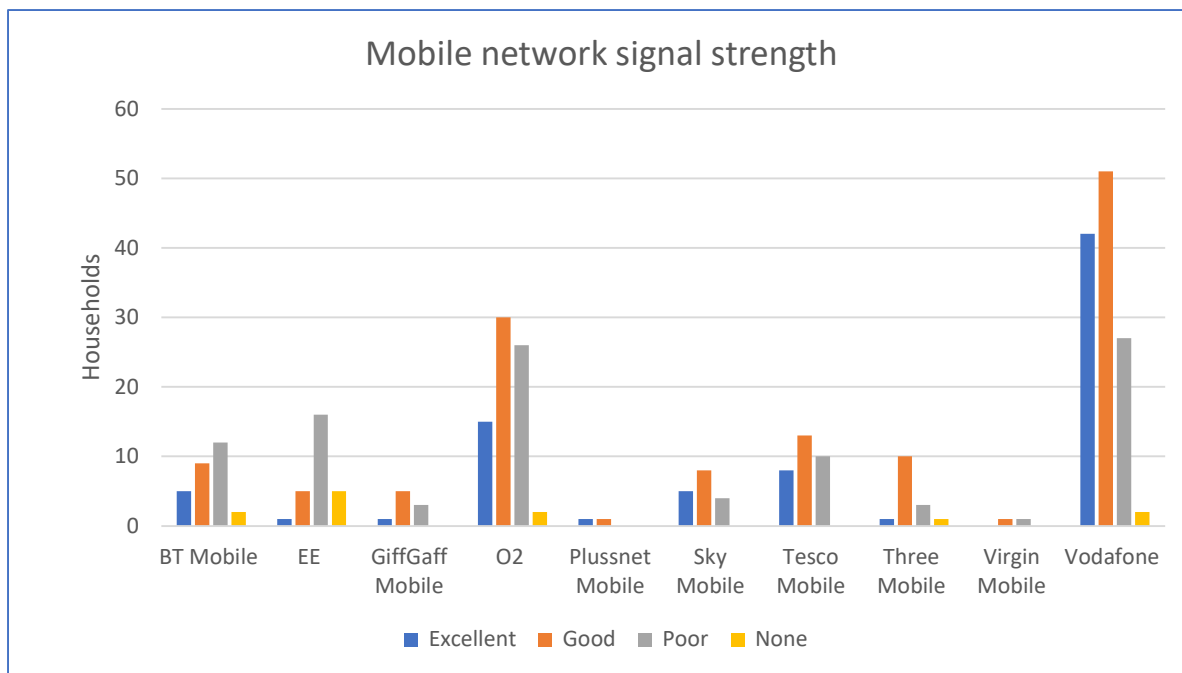
Do members of your household use a mobile telephone



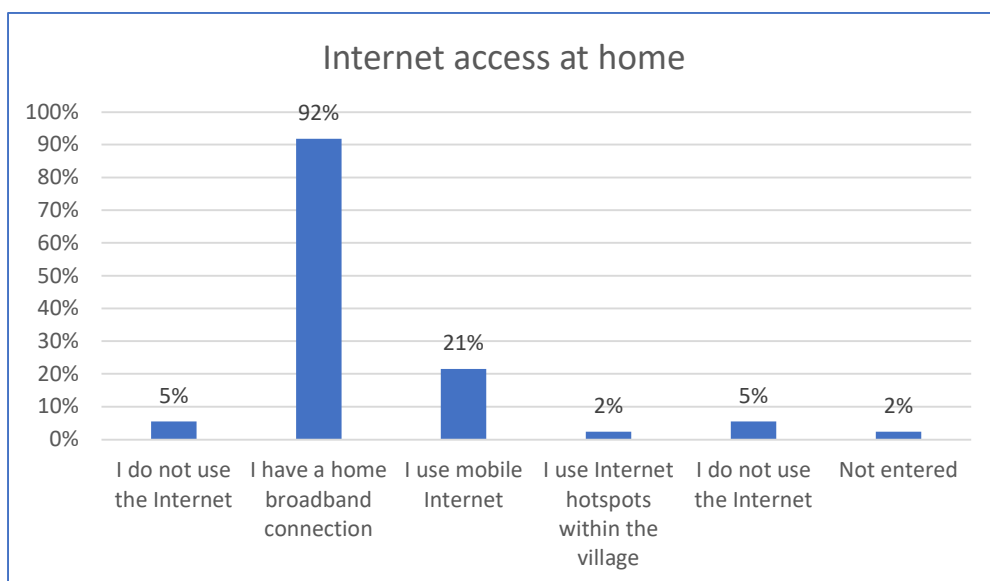
Which networks you connect to



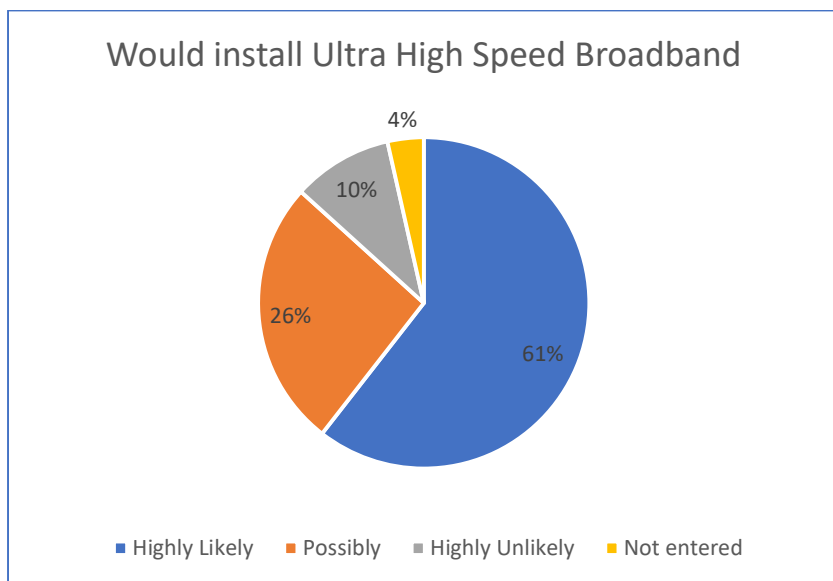
How good is their mobile phone signal is where you live



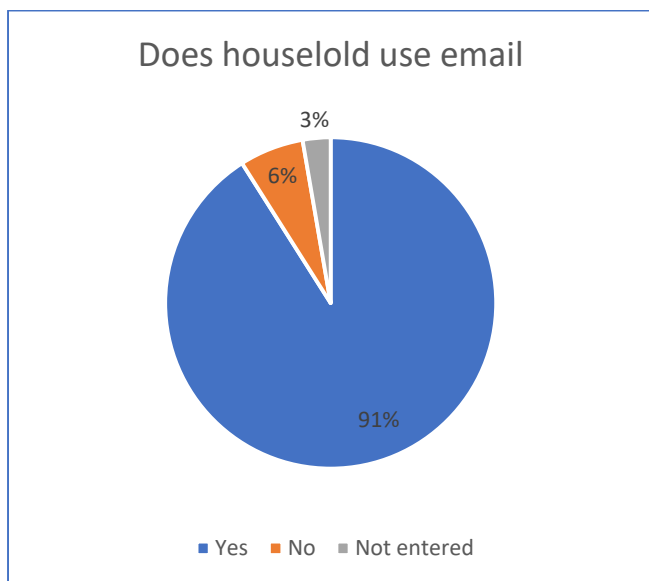
Internet access at your home



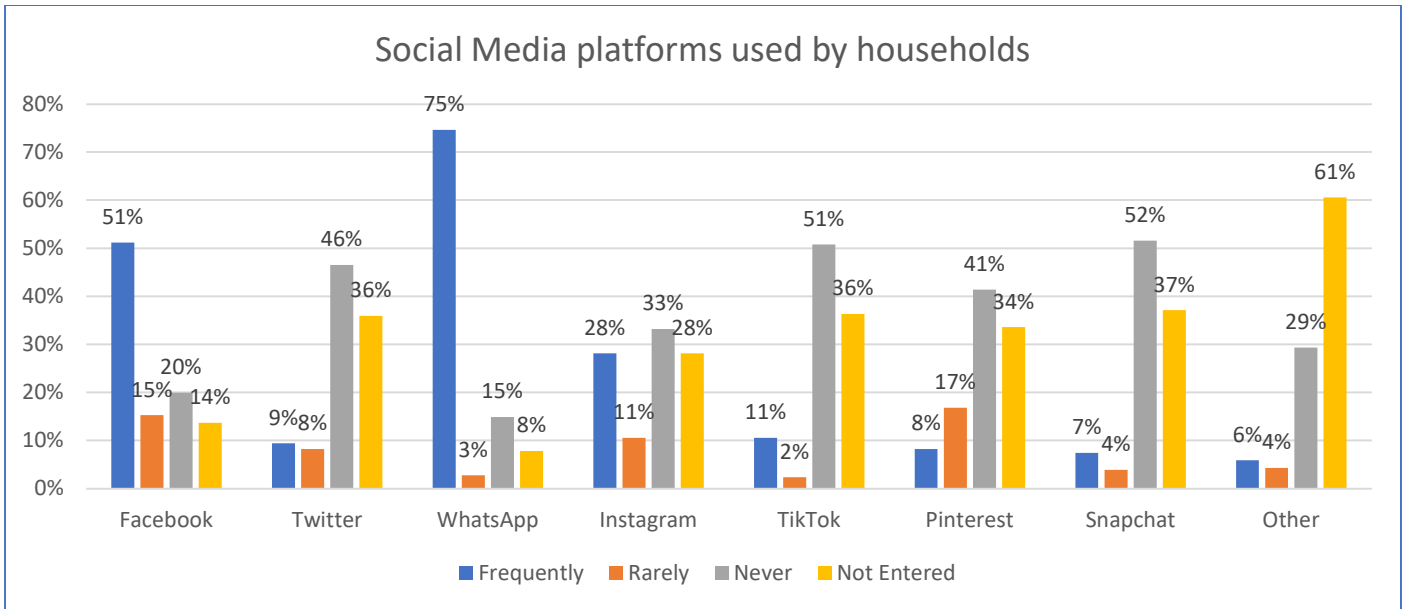
Currently Ultra High Speed broadband (fibre directly to your house) is currently not available in Woodchurch. If the service became available how likely would you be to use it?



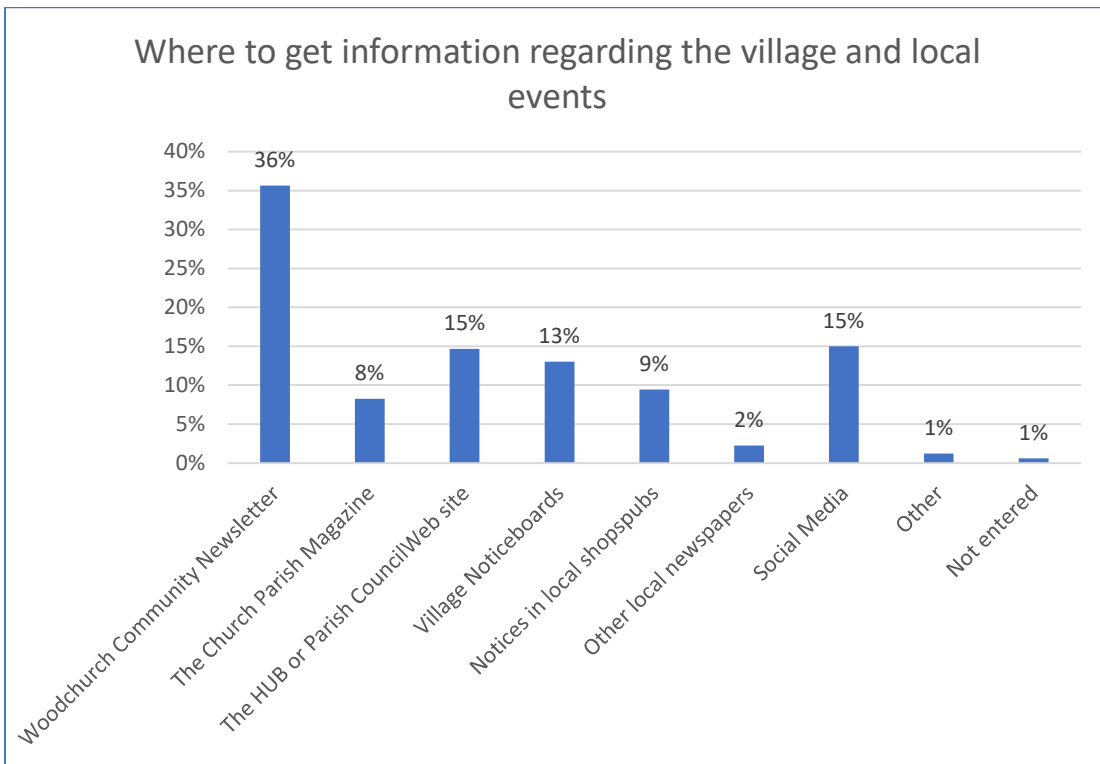
Do members of your household use email?



Which Social Media platforms do you use in your household?



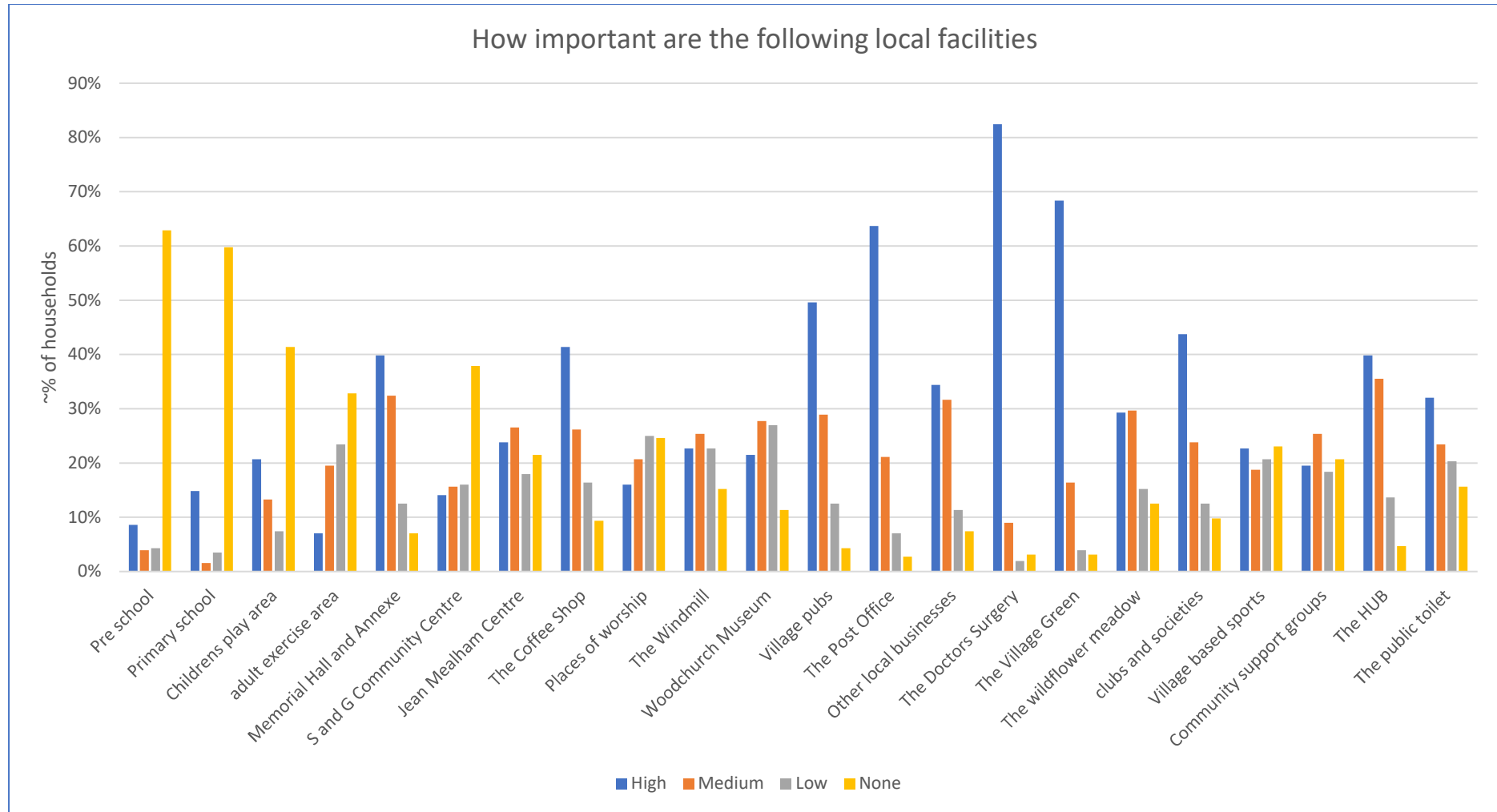
Where do you usually look for information regarding the village and local events?





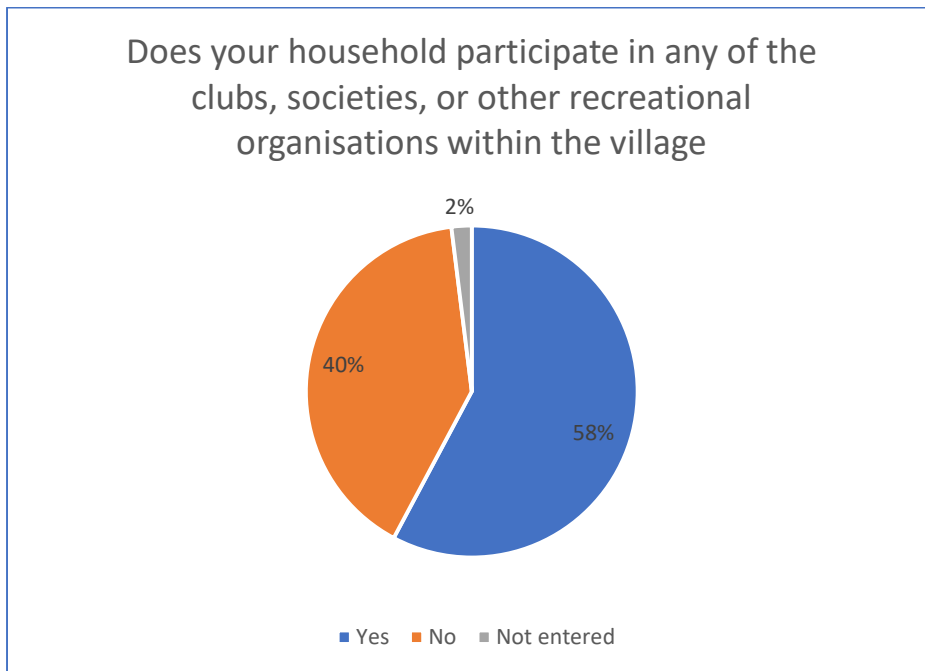
# Village Amenities

How important are the following local facilities for people in your household



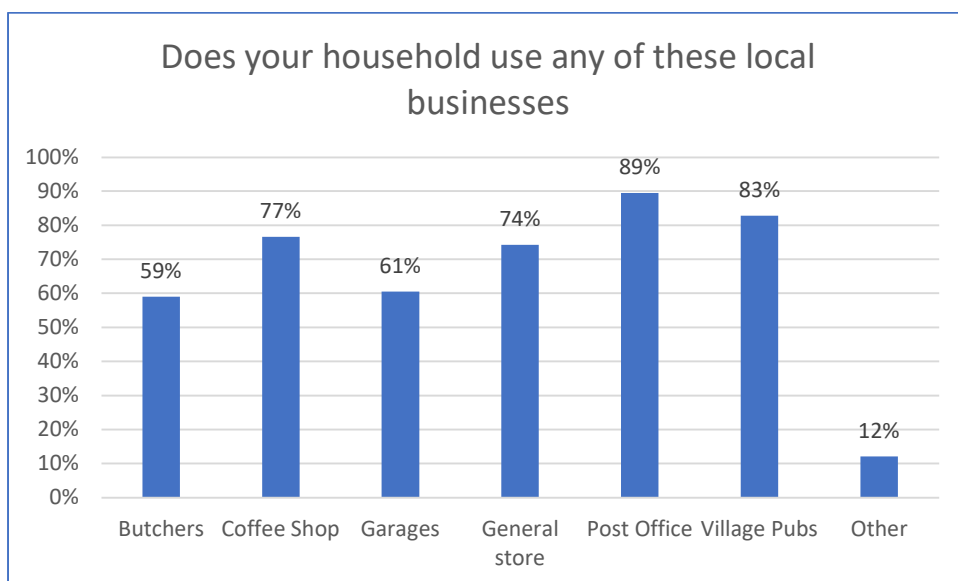
## Societies

Does your household participate in any of the clubs, societies, or other recreational organisations within the village



## Businesses

Does your household use any of these local businesses within the village



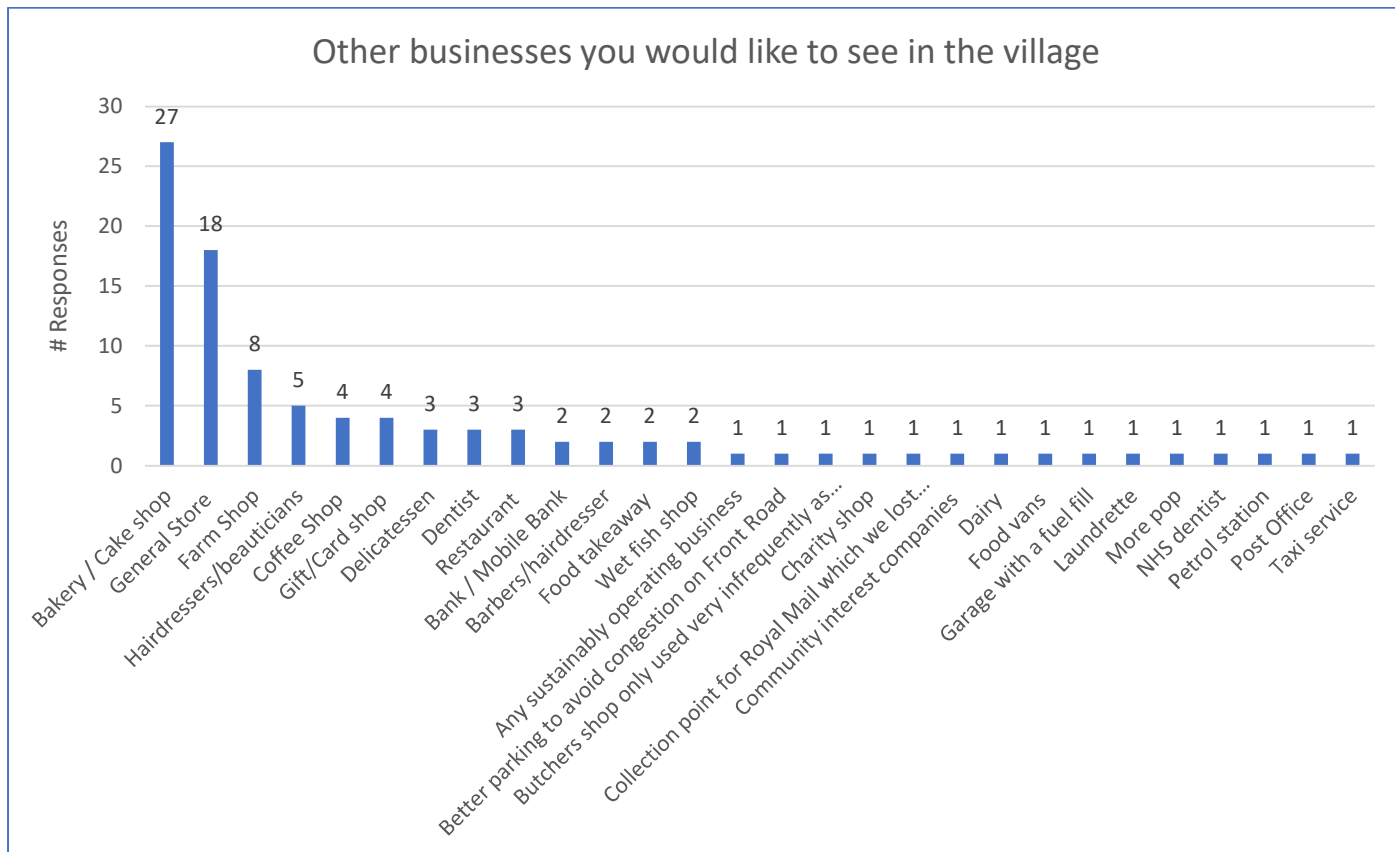
Please list other local businesses used

Business names given if provided, otherwise "Others"

Woodchurch Vineyard	6
Fish and chip van	5
Tree surgeon and hedges - Pete Shaw, Others	5
Builders - Jamie Andrews, Rob Dallan, Others	4
Electrician - Glyn Haynes, Others	4
Milk delivery - Plurenden	3
Dolman Conservation - Oak frames and logs	2
Ernest Doe	2
Gardener	2
Local Trades people	2
Massage and Sports Physio - Sam Hollyer, Others	2
Painter Decorator - Mark Taylor, Others	2
Rare Breeds Centre	2
RJB Steel	2
Roofers and fencers	2
Window cleaner	2
Woodchurch Surgery	2
Carpenters	1
Fishmonger van	1
Furniture Restorers	1
Garden/plants	1
Holiday lets	1
Jackies News	1

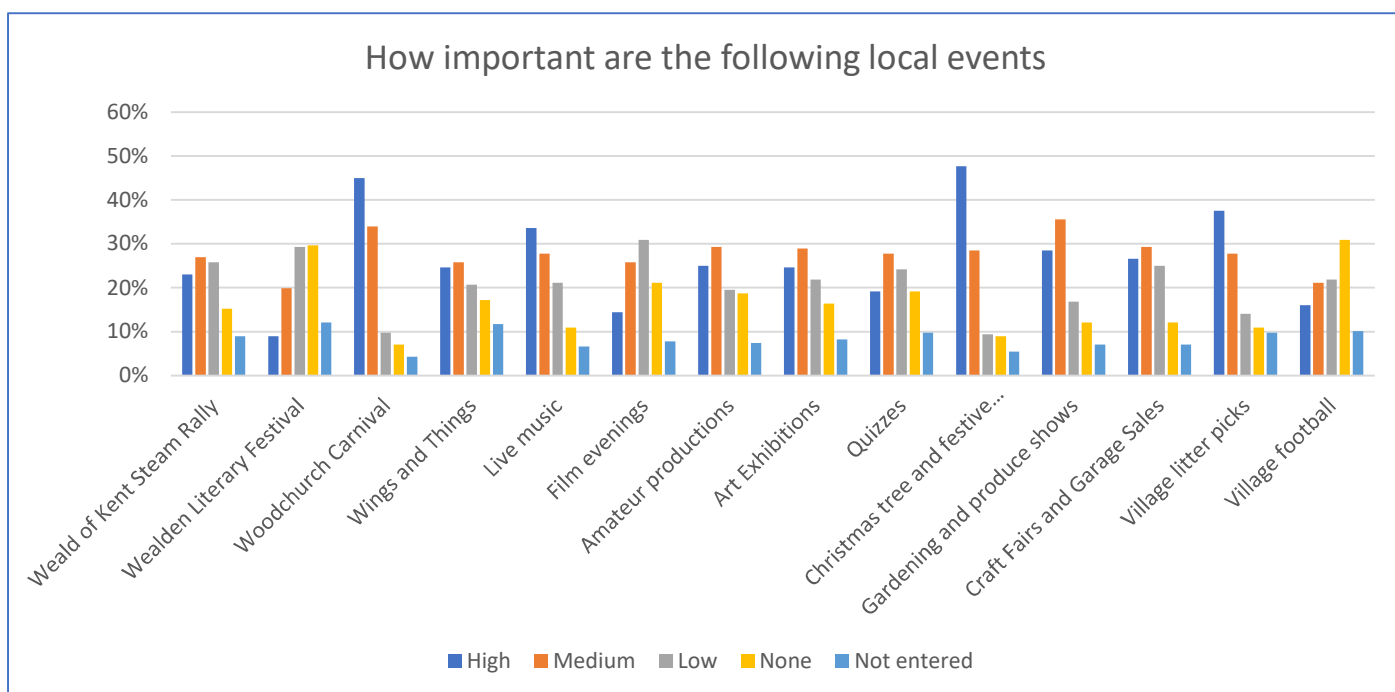
Plumber	1
Reflexologist	1
The butchers is naff	1
Woodchurch Cottage Flowers	1

Are there any other businesses you would like to see in the village



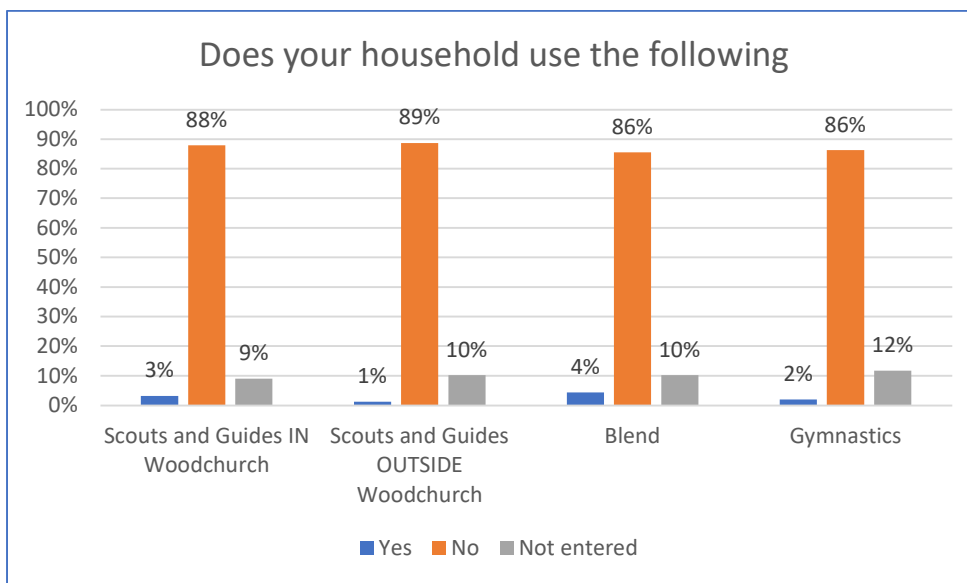
## Local Events

How important are the following local events to people in your household



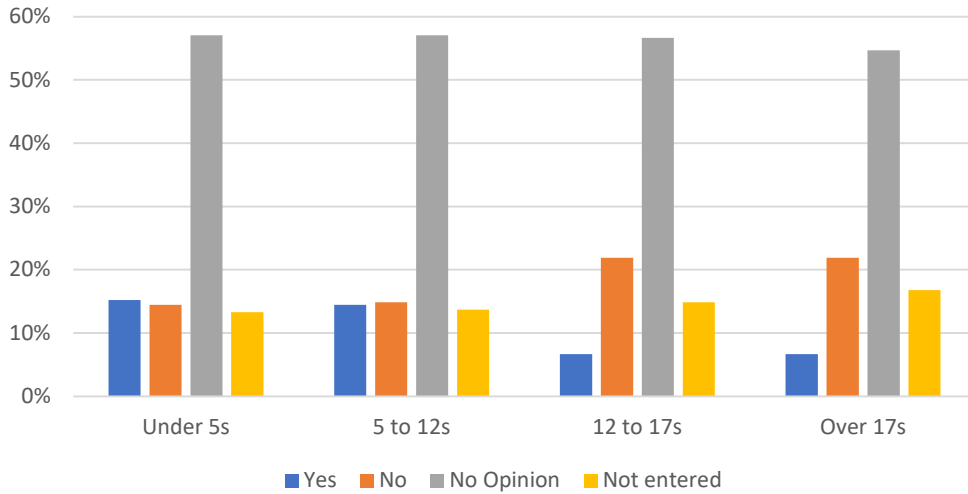
## Youth

Within your household do you use the following



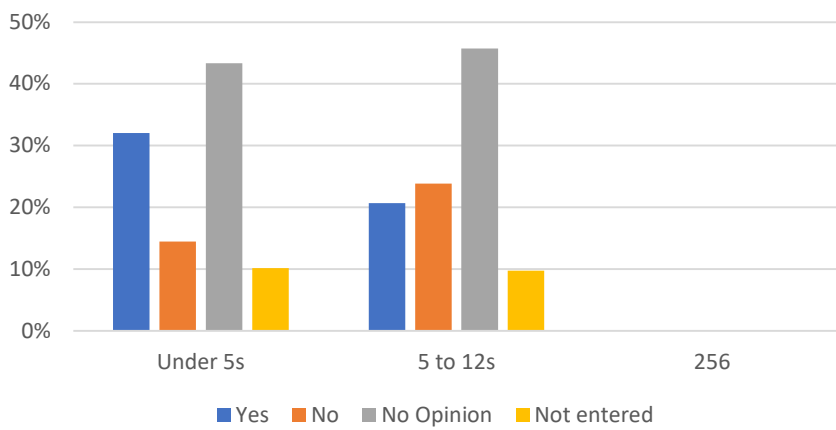
Are there sufficient recreation facilities/provision made within the village for

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Does the current children’s play area offer sufficient facilities for

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## What additional facilities, if any, would you like to see provided to support the youth in Woodchurch

General	A club for the teens, badminton, billiards, darts, computers.
General	A joint venture with kcc to bring a youth club for adolescents into our village.
General	A joint venture with the tennis club to provide facilities for young people who may not be able to afford to take part in club sessions.
General	A late bus service.
General	Access to facilities in Ashford and Tenterden e.g. Minibus to Leisure Centre
General	Anything that stops poor behaviour of some of the local youth
General	Anything that supports physical activity
General	Better equipment on green
General	Classes / courses to learn things
General	Community kitchen and garden where they can learn to grow and cook food
General	Dance club
General	Film / Fitness clubs - wider interests. Subsidised for vulnerable families
General	Lifeskills
General	Not enough for teenagers
General	Social events
General	Stocks
General	The list is absolutely endless
General	Volunteering opportunities
General	We are involved with young people but feel that anything more that could stimulate them and prevent boredom and antisocial behavior would help
General	We don't have children but in any community, it's important for there to be activities to support and encourage the next generation, aside from just outdoor play activities, things to encourage children of all ages to get involved in community activities (gardening, volunteering, etc)
General	Wildlife/nature groups
General	Work with youth to discourage from vandalism
General	Young Farmers Club
General	Youth community groups
General	Youth games
General	Youth led activities
Meeting Place	A specified safe undercover area for young folk to meet, socialise and participate in popular activities eg pool, snooker.
Meeting Place	Youth shelter
Meeting Place	Youth shelter
Meeting Place	Youth shelter,
Multi Surface	An all-weather / mini football/multi-use pitch would be useful. No goal posts just the weather proof surface
Multi Surface	Athletics track marked out in the summer
Multi Surface	Cycle Track
Multi Surface	Provide multipurpose sports surface within the green.

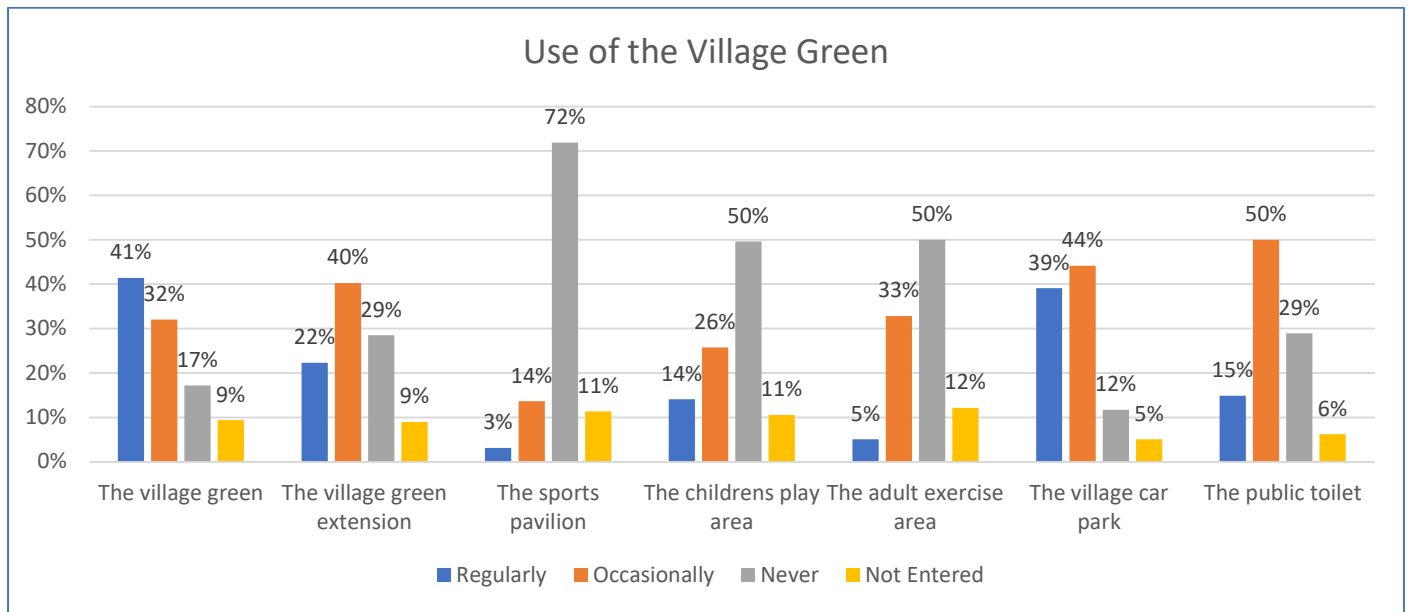


Play Area	How about sKate-board park at bottom of Green to stop boredom and vandalism
Play Area	A playground with larger facilities/activities for older children.
Play Area	Better park
Play Area	Better playground
Play Area	Bike jump track
Play Area	Bike trials - bomb holes
Play Area	BMX type course for all ages
Play Area	Cycle track
Play Area	Outdoor play equipment that suits their age and interests
Play Area	Roller skate area. BMX /Skateboard area
Play Area	Skate park
Play Area	Skate park
Play Area	Skate park
Play Area	Skatepark or pump track.
Play Area	Small skateboard ramp
Sport	A youth cricket team
Sport	Access to tennis courts
Sport	Access to tennis courts
Sport	Bigger basketball court - or could the tennis courts be used to access another sport?
Sport	Combined 5 a side / Basketball court such as the one at Greatstone
Sport	Cricket club
Sport	Cricket club
Sport	Football goals
Sport	General fitness
Sport	More clubs/sports - 10+ on the green and in the hall - ie basketball/netball/football/fitness
Sport	More sports
Sport	Ping pong table
Sport	Re-erect the five a side goal posts on the green.
Sport	Something like a table-top gaming centre?
Sport	Sports clubs for kids
Sport	Sports facilities for them
Sport	The second goal to be reinstated + nets provided to both.
Sport	Youth football club or training
Sport	Youth football training such as Little Kickers. Not club level, just fun
Sport	Youth sports
Youth Club	
Youth Club	A youth club.
Youth Club	A youth equavelt to the Jean Mealham would be a perfect solution but the world is not perfect and volunteers limited.
Youth Club	Adventure clubs
Youth Club	An activity club so as to get them from roaming around the village looking for mischief.
Youth Club	Club

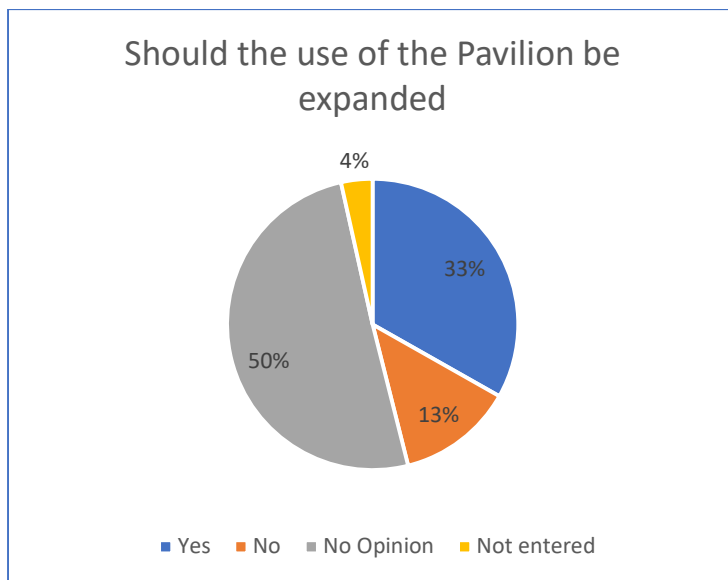
Youth Club	Clubs - places to meet in winter groups
Youth Club	Clubs for older teenagers/young adults
Youth Club	Non religious youth group
Youth Club	Our children are now adults but when they were young they did use the youth clubs and facilities in the village.
Youth Club	Social Club
Youth Club	Teenage Club
Youth Club	Youth club
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Youth Club	Youth club
Youth Club	Youth club
Youth Club	Youth club
Youth Club	Youth club / table tennis
Youth Club	Youth club for all teens
Youth Club	Youth club for teenagers
Youth Club	Youth club for teenagers
Youth Club	Youth club one eveing a week
Youth Club	Youth club/meeting places
Youth Club	Youth clubs
Youth Club	youth group - in scout hut or memorial hall
Youth Club	Youth groups

## Village Green and Car Park

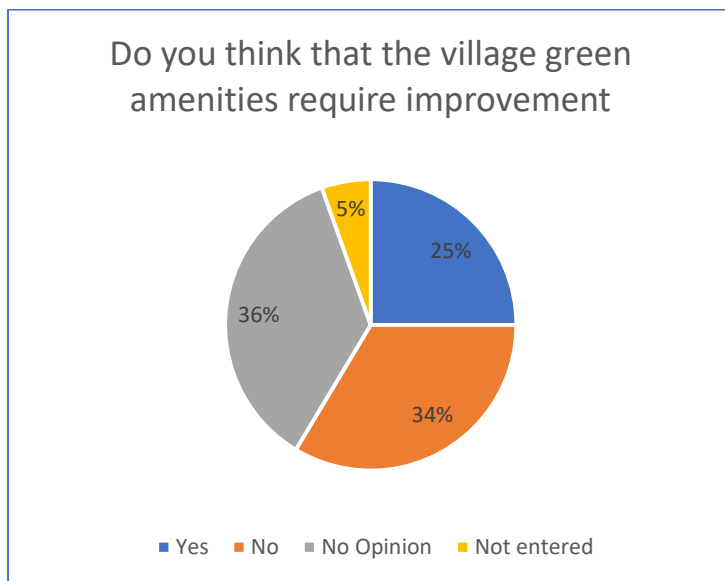
Use of the Village Green – do you use any of the following



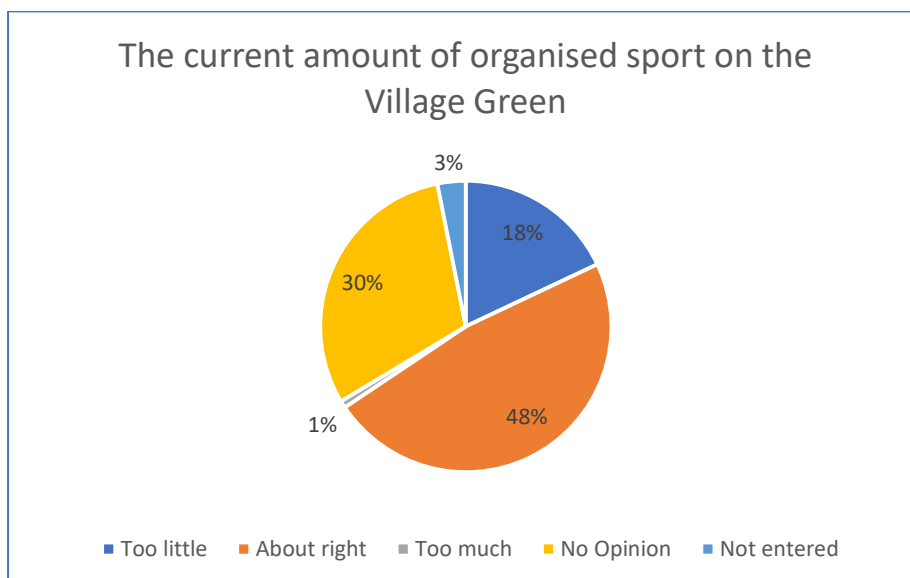
Should the use of the Pavilion be expanded to provide facilities for residents and village organisations to hire for events



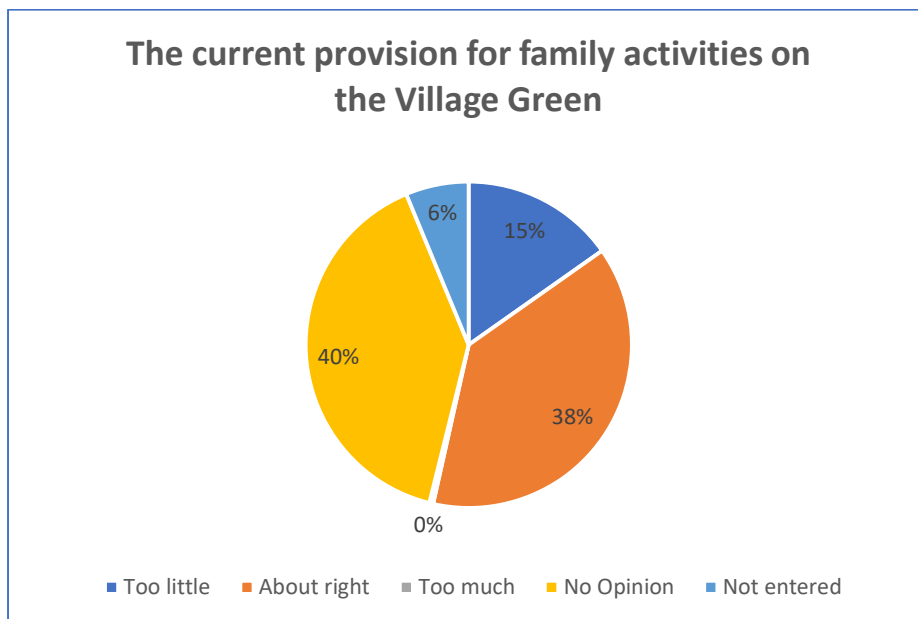
Do you think that the village green amenities require improvement



The current amount of organised sport on the Village Green is



The current provision for family activities on the Village Green is

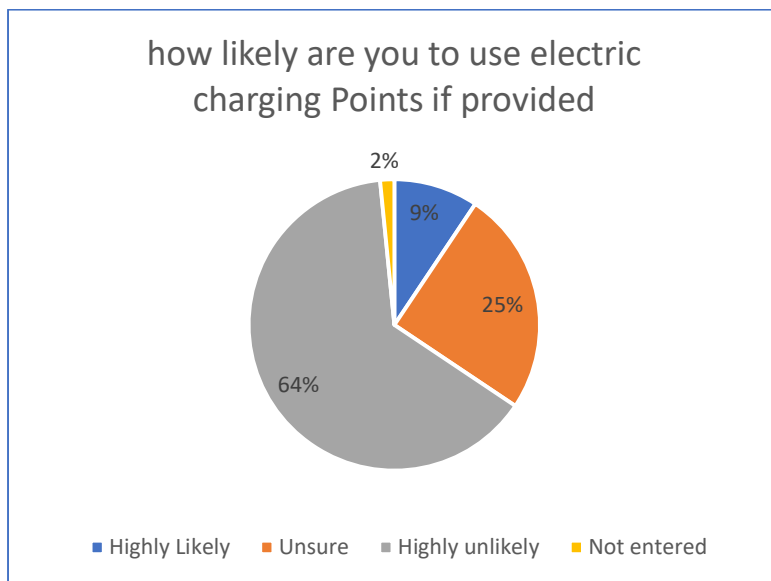


If there any other facilities that you would like to see added to the Village Green please give details

A maypole would be lovely but I think that is probably me being nostalgic
A nature based club
Geo-caching route
A pond with ducks
An ATM machine
Another public toilet for people with access needs. The current toilet in the hub is too difficult for people in wheelchairs to get inside it and doesnt have the proper accessible features for them.
As well as football and cricket, organise rounders for kids or the like
Basketball/five a side court
Benches
Better access for wheelchairs
better drainage so that the green is useable during winter.
Better use of wild meadow
Boules pitch
Bring back the cricket club.
Concrete table tennis table
Cricket
Cricket
Cricket team
Cricket Team
Cricket, as above
Cycle track
EV Charging points. We would be more likely to purchase an electric vehicle. We cannot keep one now as our house does not have a dedicated driveway.

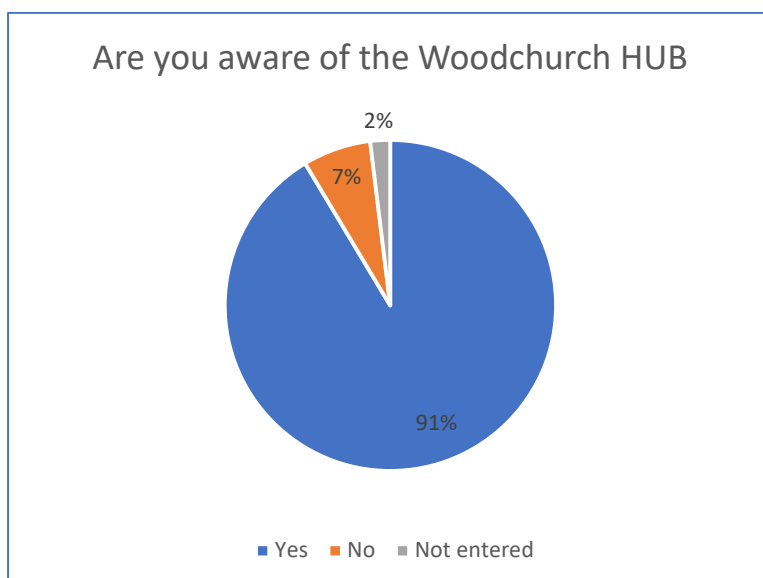
I feel that I have not lived here long enough to give an opinion
Improved benches / more benches
Information boards
Lanes marked for running - maybe 100m
Marked out athletics track
More dog waste bins
More junior organised sport/clubs/events
More poo bins
More provision for sport for girls/women
More shaded areas
More toilet facilities - currently only 1 available if pavilion or hall not in use.
No
None
Not at this time
Outdoor bowls
Petanque courts
Petanque pitch
Pickleball Court
Power for e.g. Christmas tree
Public swimming pool
Re-start village cricket
Return of cricket
Robust cycling machine
Rounders matches (youth + adult/family)
Skate park, bile pump track
Some trees would be nice in the wildflower meadow.
Sports clubs for 5+
Sports day events.
Tables
The trees as above
Too much adult football
Youth shelter
Youth/Girls' Football Club

If electric vehicle charging points were to be provided in the village, how likely are you to use them?

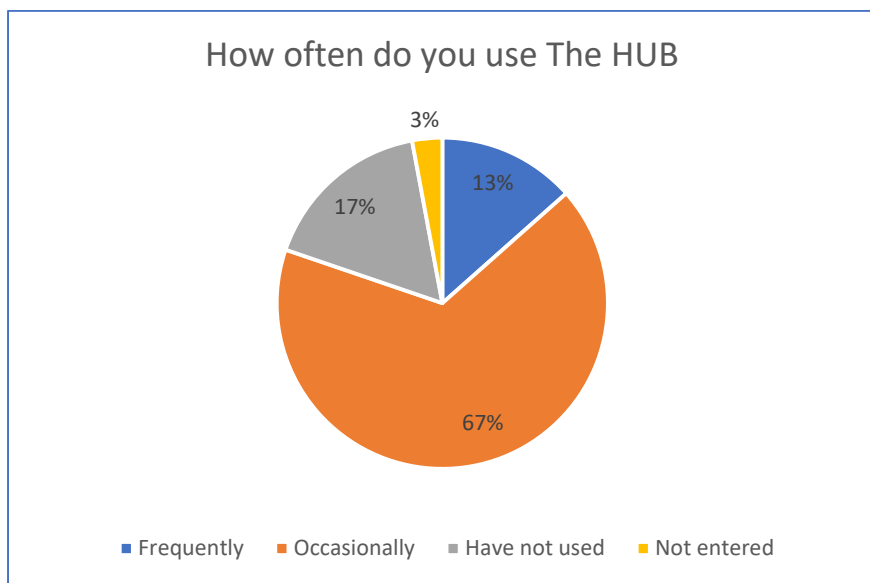


## The Woodchurch HUB

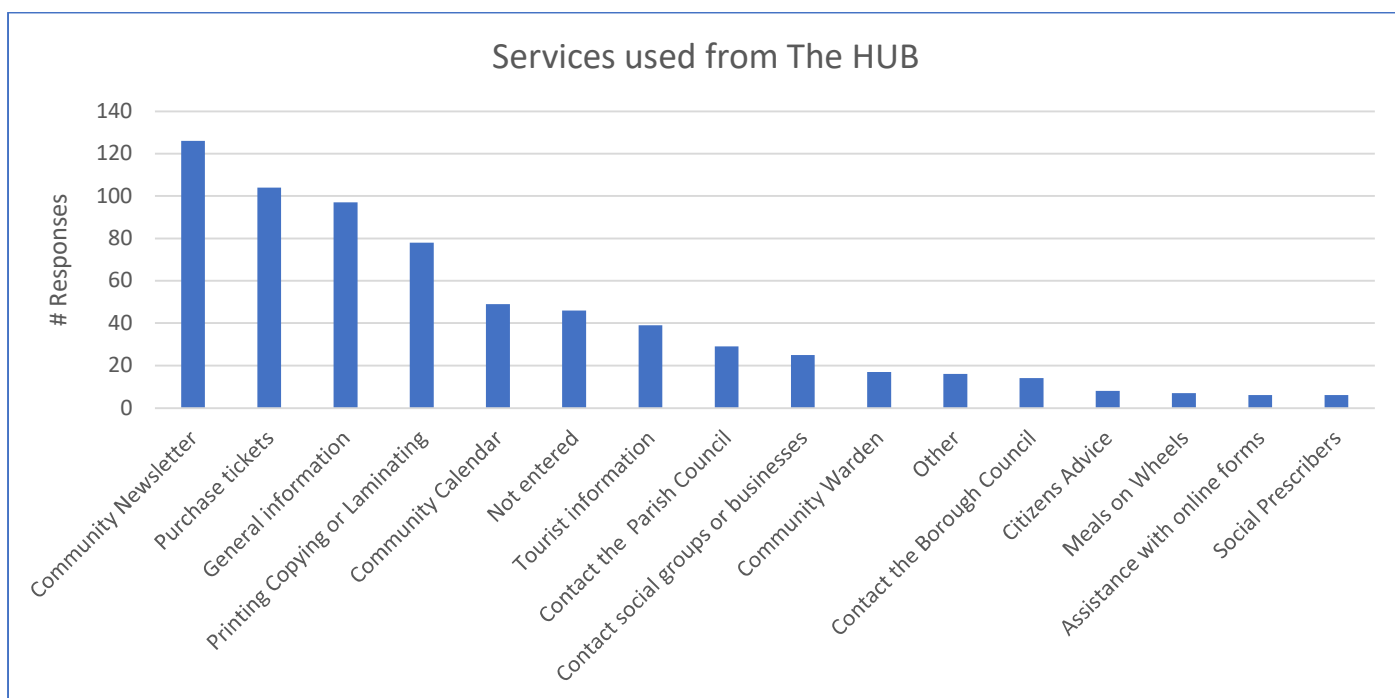
Are you aware of the Woodchurch HUB and the services it offers



## How often do you use The HUB



## Which of these services have you used from The HUB



## Which additional services, if any, would you like The HUB to provide

A paid taxi service or signposting to a taxi service that covers the area. When I called in no one knew who I could contact.

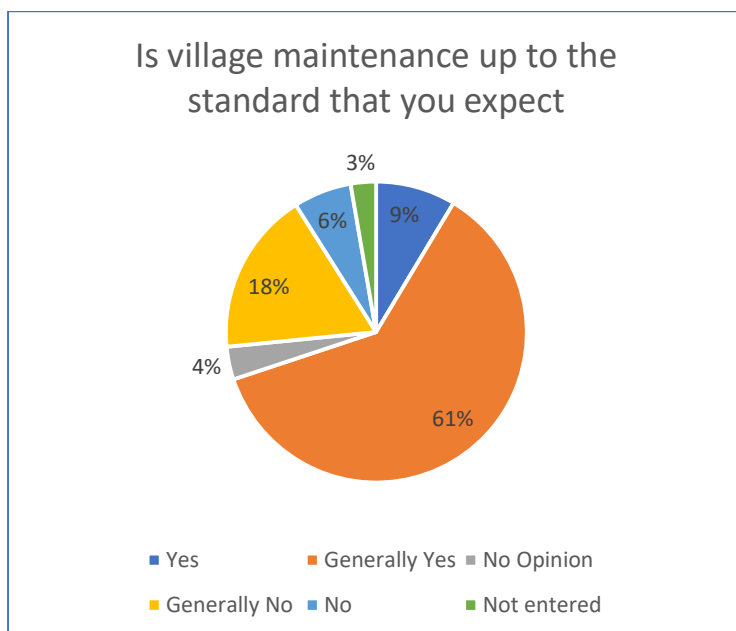


Better website and; digital comms - I would like regular e-letter. I've signed up for this more than once + never received.
Community BUS service - Woodchurch Wagon!
Cream teas
Electronic pay (I owe them £1.20p)
For older people to have computer classes
Im not sure about additional services, however I often get confused between activities at the village hall and the Jean Mealham Centre regarding who organises what? We have fantastic village assets that perhaps need coordination.
It is a valuable resource - many thanks for a useful point of contact. A very good starting point for information
Lead on nextdoor.com. I used to be the lead but not any more. It could advertise events in the village.
Lovely as it is
Maybe somebody from Age Concern could come in once a month with information about their service.
More information on local walks
Not for myself but help with computers or social media help with helping people online.
Organised coach trips to places of interest
Hire of electric bikes
Seems adequate
Support in funding to set up new groups clubs.

## The Village and its Highways and Byways

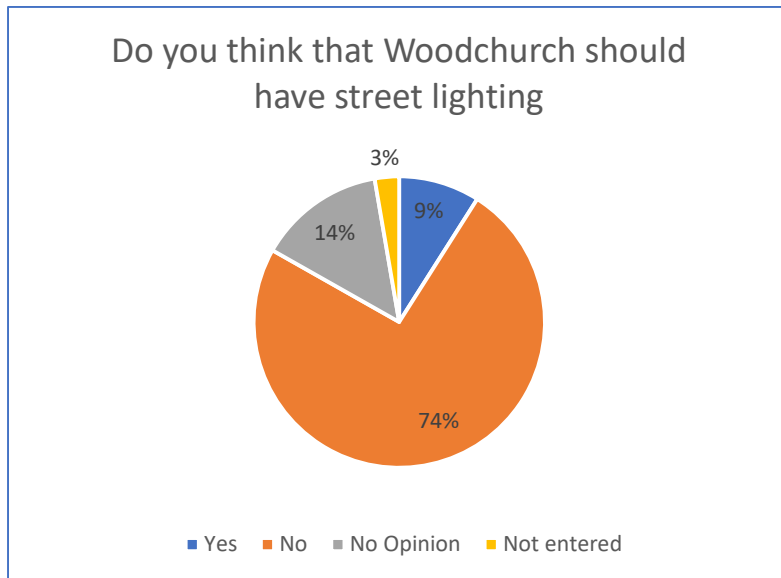
Roads, pavements, footpaths and bridleways

Is village maintenance up to the standard that you expect



## Street Lighting

In a previous consultation the village chose not to have street lighting in the village as Woodchurch is a designated Dark Skies Area. Do you think that Woodchurch should have street lighting

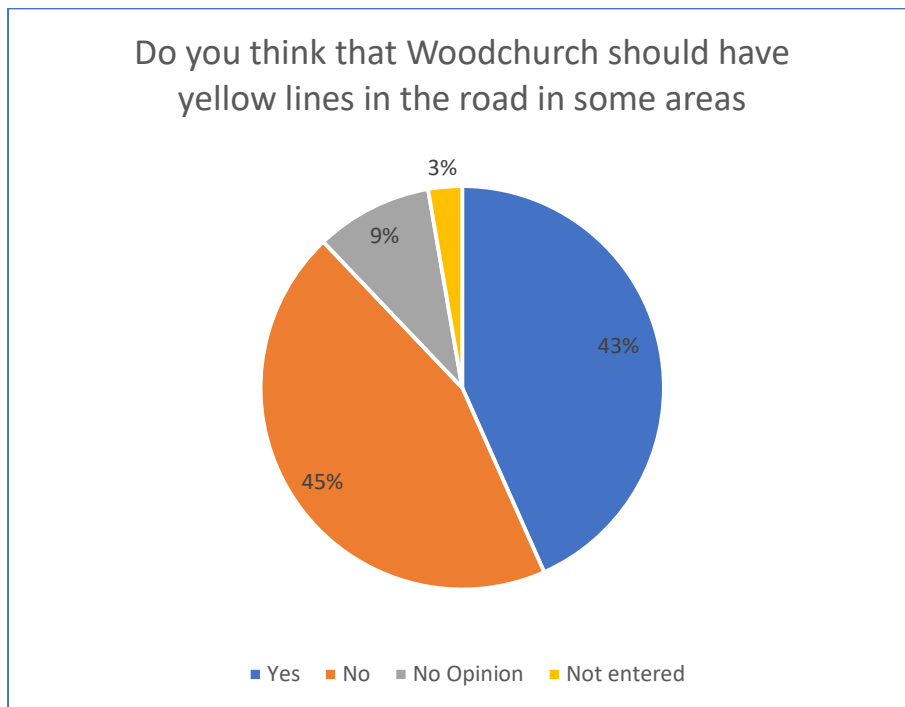


If you would like streetlights please give examples of where you think they may be needed

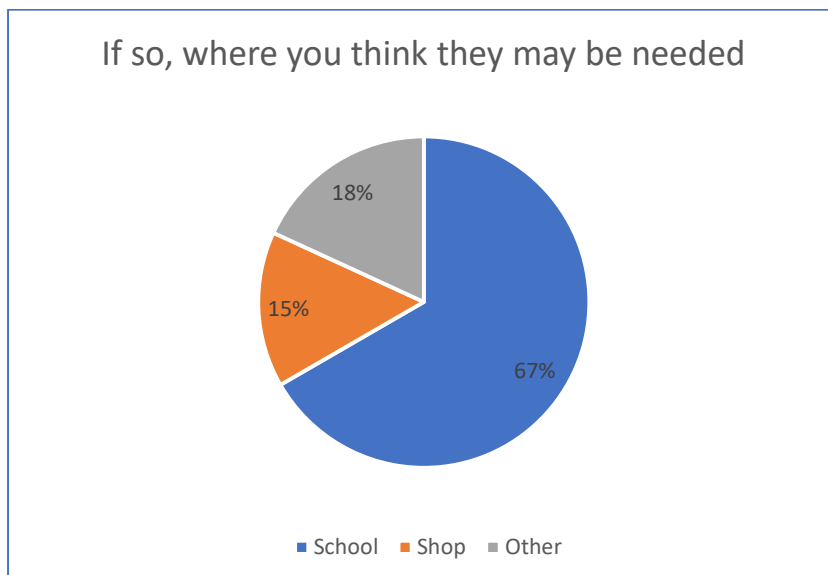
All around the village, this would enable safely walking around the roadways after dark especially in the Winter months when it gets dark by 4pm. It needs to be all of the main roads however, to allow for adequate walking.
Around the Green where there is no footpath.
Around the village hall and leading roads
Car park
Front road from grocers to pubs
Certainly at the bottom of The Green as the pavement is present for a very short distance of the turning off Place Lane/Lower Road and pedestrians are obliged to walk in road which could be very dangerous if a car comes round at speed. Generally would like lights sparsely spaced so not complete darkness.
Down Front Road and The Green. Infrequent lighting is needed
Everywhere
Everywhere for the safety of residents and visitors
Front Road and Lower Road to indicate where 30mph restrictions are.
Front Road and Lower Road
Front Road.
Potentially around the green + car park
Safety
some of the roads leading to the village are very dark and some lighting would be good such as Bethersden Road
Street light near the village shop
The decision should be made at a parish council meeting with the residents input - to keep people feeling safe
the foot paths have some potholes that belong in the road, of a night time you have no chance. lights from dusk till midnight and six till sunrise would be good

## Yellow Lines

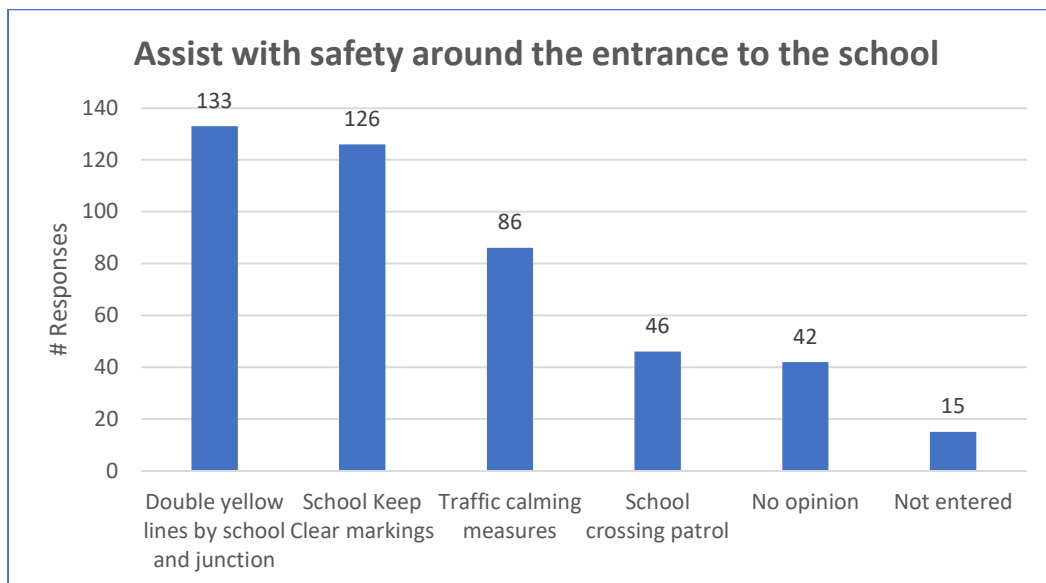
In a previous village consultation the village chose not to have yellow lines on its roads in order to preserve the rural nature of the village. Do you think that Woodchurch should have yellow lines in the road in some areas



If you think Yellow Lines are required please give examples of where you think they may be needed

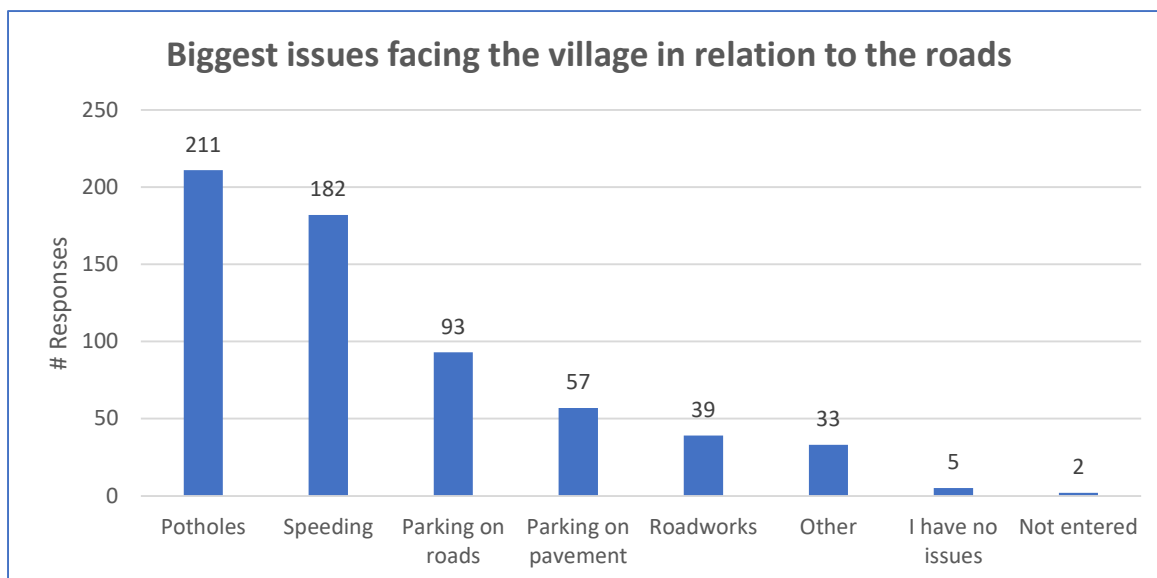


Would you like to see any of the following measures put in place to assist with traffic and pedestrian safety around the entrance to the school

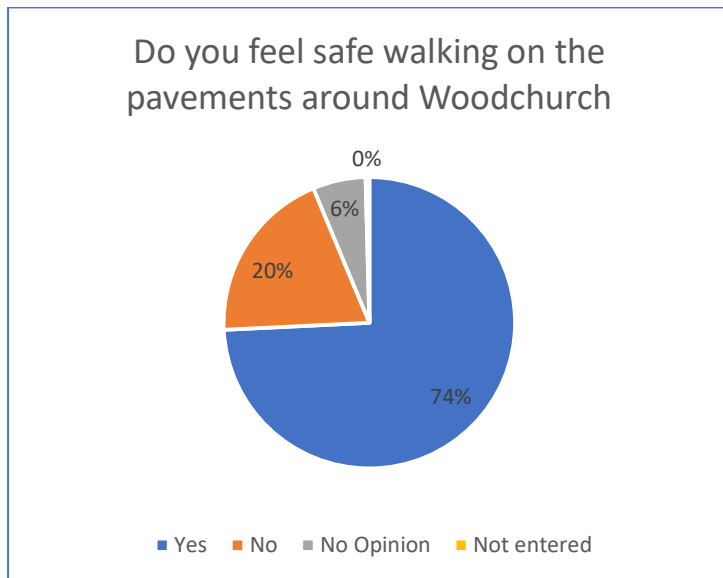


Double yellow lines by school and junction	133
School Keep Clear markings	126
Traffic calming measures	86
School crossing patrol	46
No opinion	42
Not entered	15

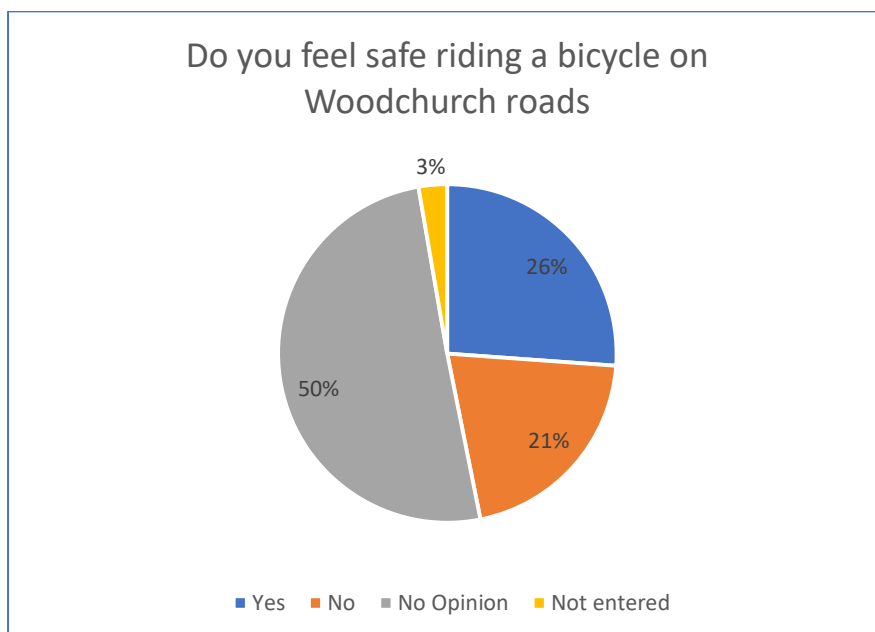
What do you consider to be the biggest issues facing the village in relation to the roads, if any



Do you feel safe walking on the pavements around Woodchurch



Do you feel safe riding a bicycle on Woodchurch roads



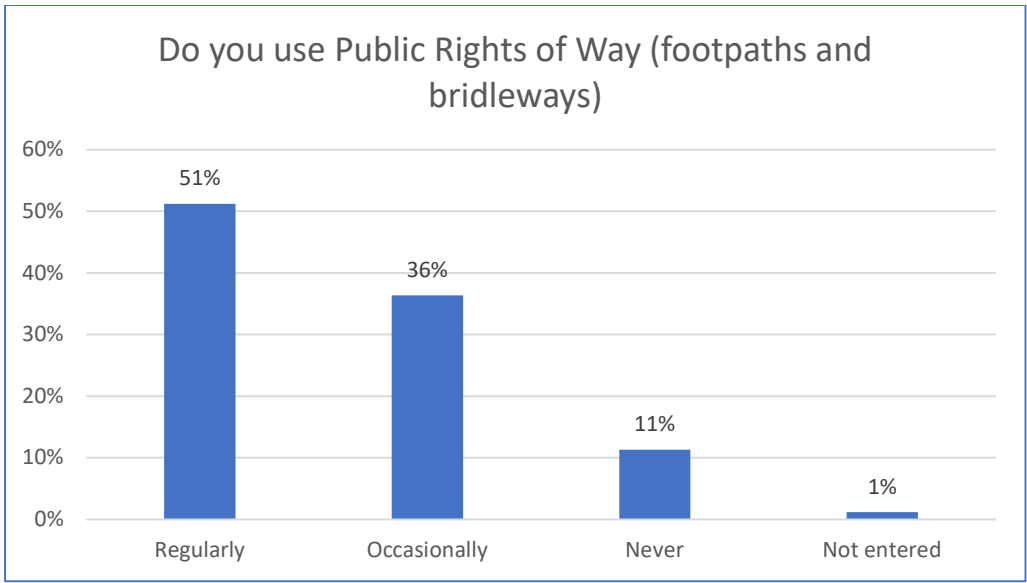
If No please explain

Car drivers imatient and drive too fast
Car drivers speed past cyclists
No cycle paths
Cars speed all day long ignoring 30mph. We need more traffic calming!!!
Cars too fast
Dont often cycle now but the junction at the bottom of The Green/Lower Road/ Place Lane could be hazardous

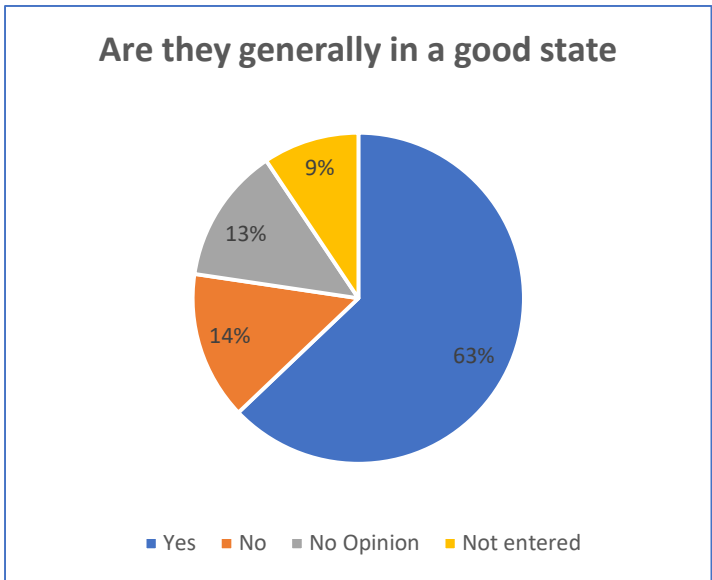
Excessive speed of vehicles along Brook Street - dangerous. Have raised endlessly with Parish Council/police/Highways. Nothing has been done
I dont cycle because I dont think it is safe to so so because of the state of the roads or the speed of motorists.
I run and dont feel safe due to people speeding
I use Redbrook St. + drivers, drive too fast there is no speed signs of any sort
I would not dream of doing so because of the regular speeding traffic and the way cars drive right over the central road division line trying to avoid potholes along the edges and the narrow + winding country lanes.
Is anywhere safe! Just lots of parked cars you have to negotiate, but that can't be changed I know.
Lower Road is dangerous parking on both sides makes it v. narrow + cars/vans weave in and out. Road edges v. uneven.
Motorists go too fast and pass too close
Once outside the 30mph area, cars are going too fast.
People drive too quickly and there is nowhere safe and car-free to cycle.
Potholes
Potholes and road surface
Potholes and speeding
Potholes!
Potholes!
Roads in the area are not conducive to safe cycling. Pot holes and inconsiderate drivers
Speed od some drivers
Drivers cutting corners
Speeding
Speeding cars
Speeding cars
Speeding cars + tractors
Speeding cars and potholes / bad roads
Speeding traffic
Speeding
Pot holes
State od roads. Potholes etc.
The traffic is too fast and do not consider people on bikes
The village is ok but the roads outside are dangerous as people drive too fast
Too many parked cars
Too many types of surfaces/pot holes/muddy & wet areas
Too many vehicles
Too many vehicles speeding
Traffic goes through much too fast
Traffic is too fast
Traffic too fast.
Traffic too fast. Too much parking
We prefer to use designated cycle paths.

## Public Rights of Way

Do you use Public Rights of Way (footpaths and bridleways) around Woodchurch Parish



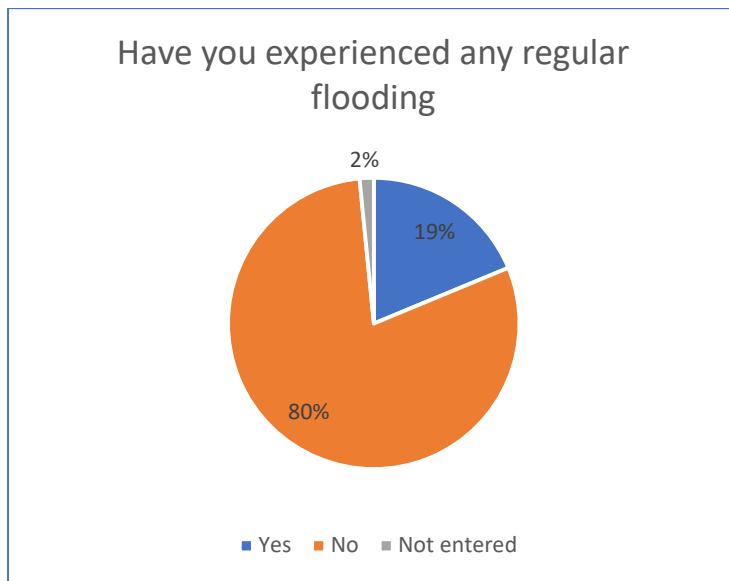
If you use the Public Rights of Way, are they generally in a good state



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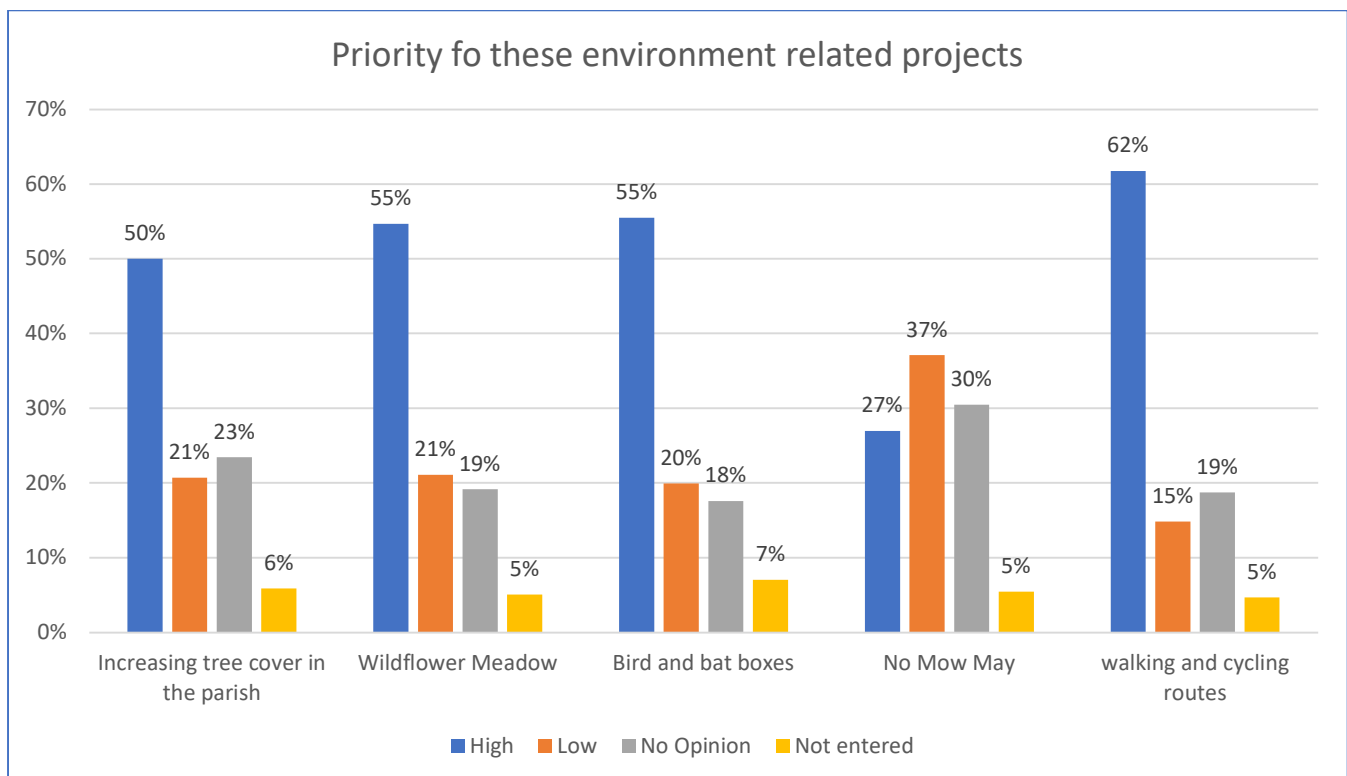
## Flooding

Have you experienced any regular flooding issues where you live (either surface water or sewage)



## Environment

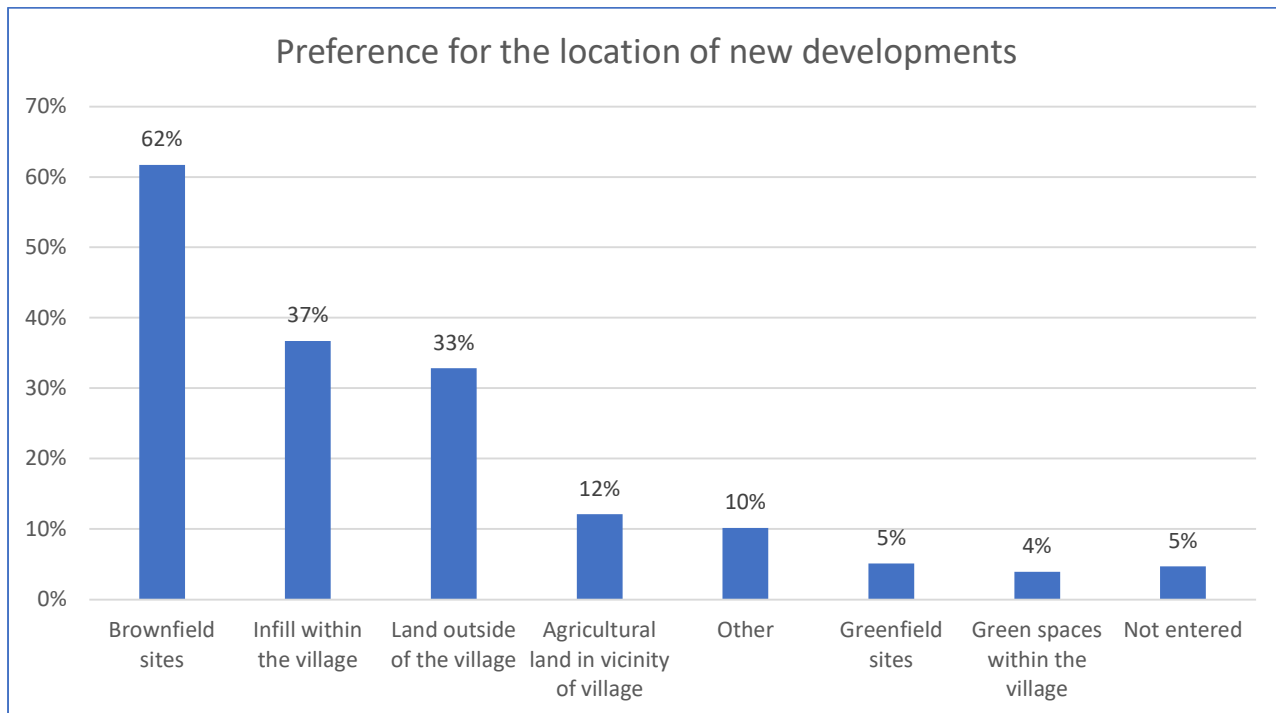
What priority would you give to these environment related projects



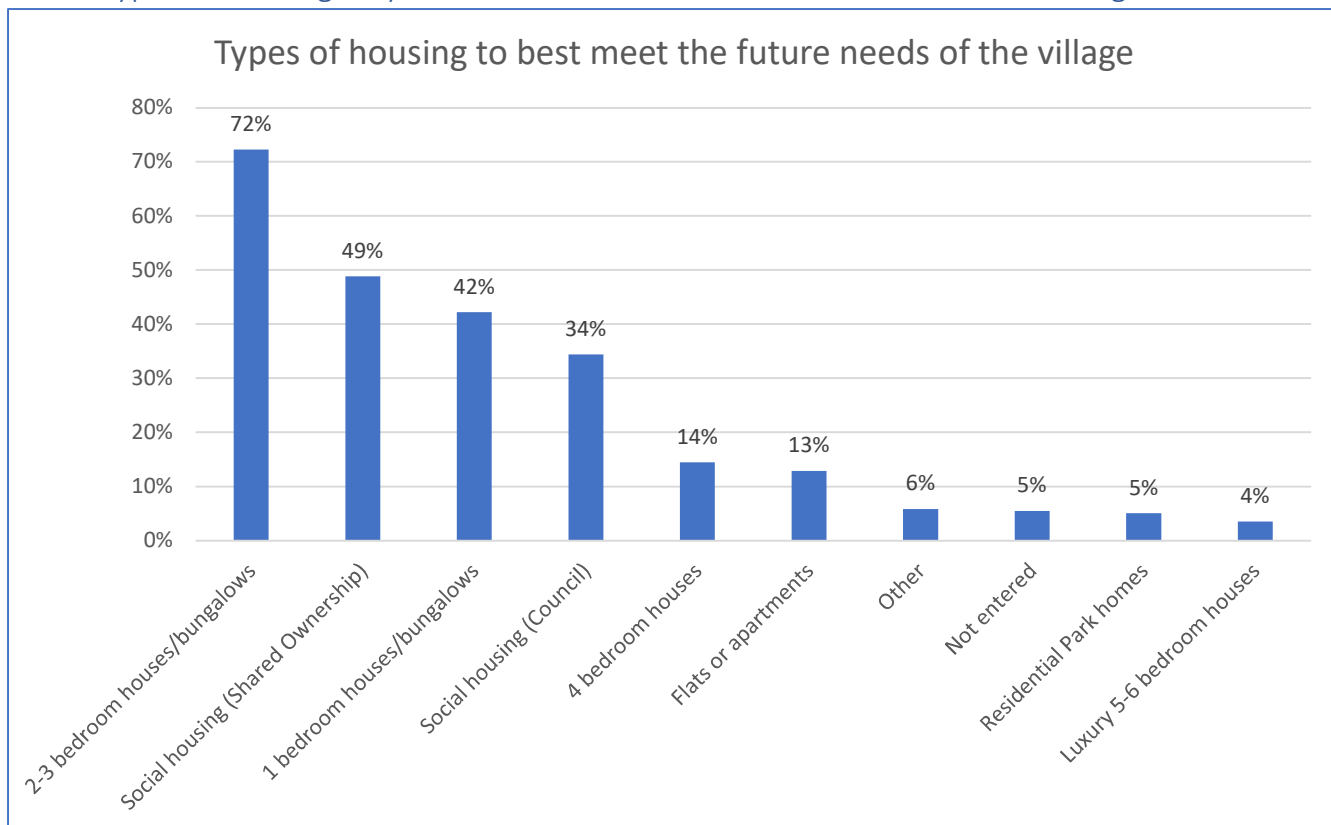


## Housing and Development

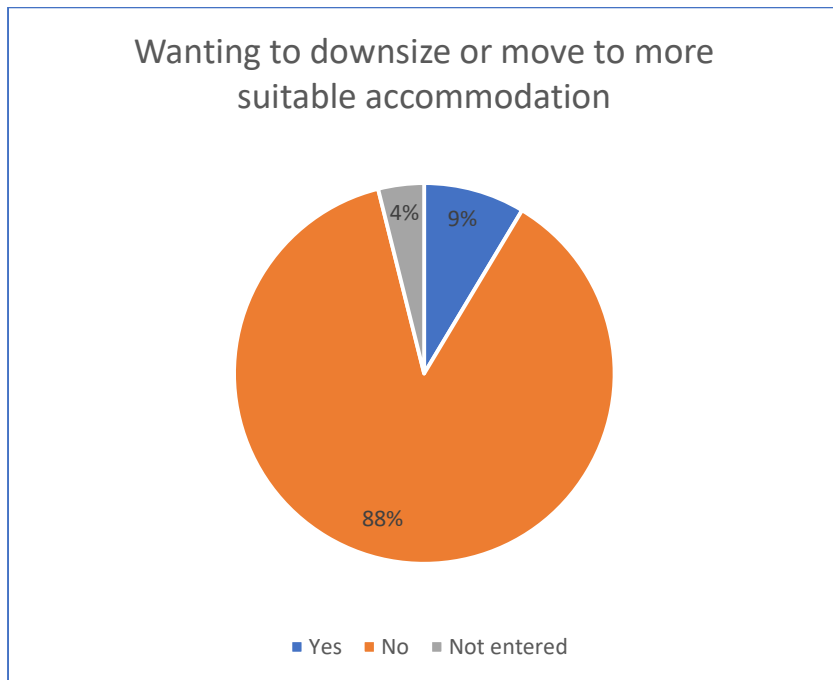
What is your preference for the location of new developments within Woodchurch Parish



Which types of housing do you think will best meet the future needs of the village

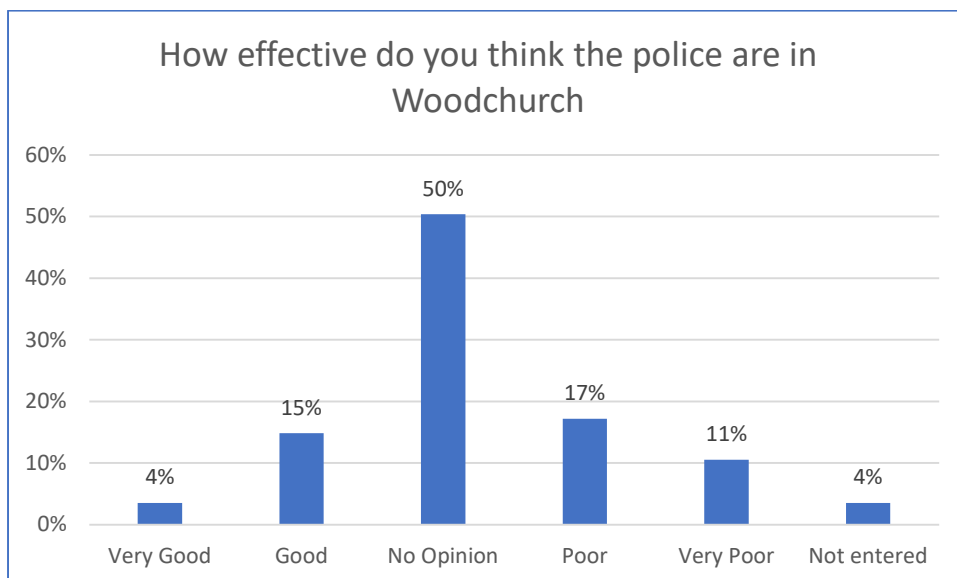


Are you an older person, or person with disabilities, wanting to downsize or move to more suitable accommodation

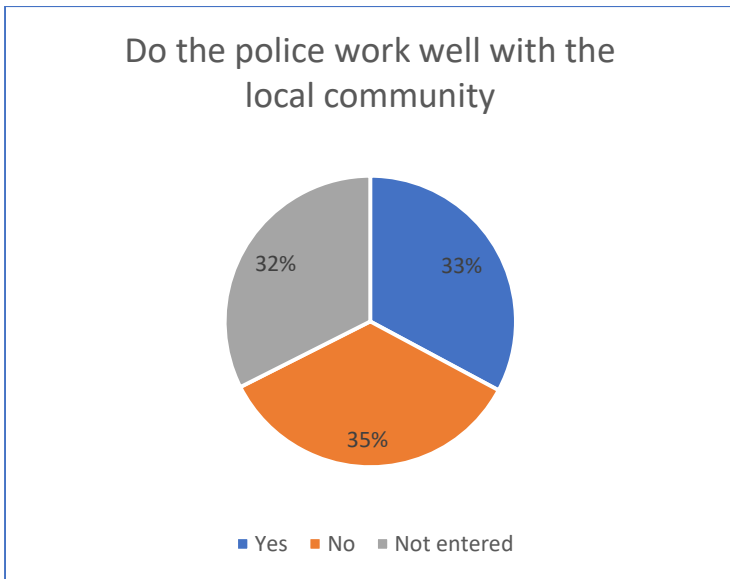


## Crime

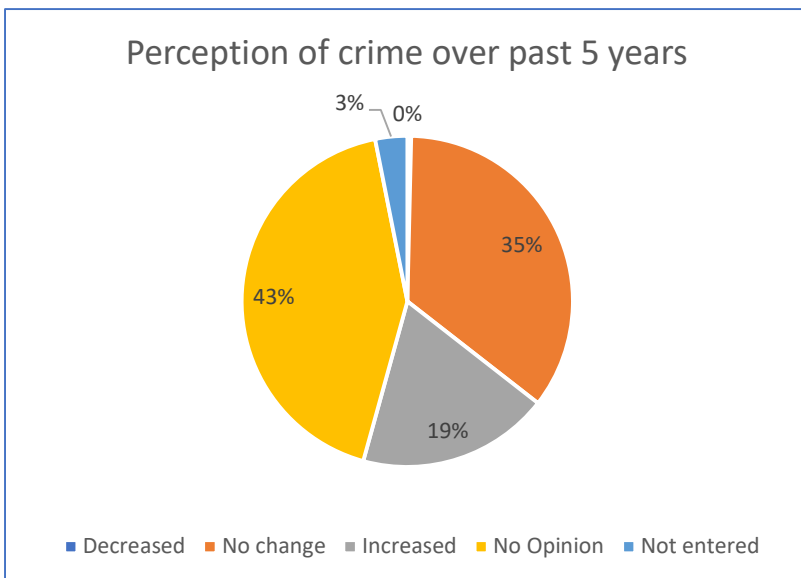
How effective do you think the police are in Woodchurch



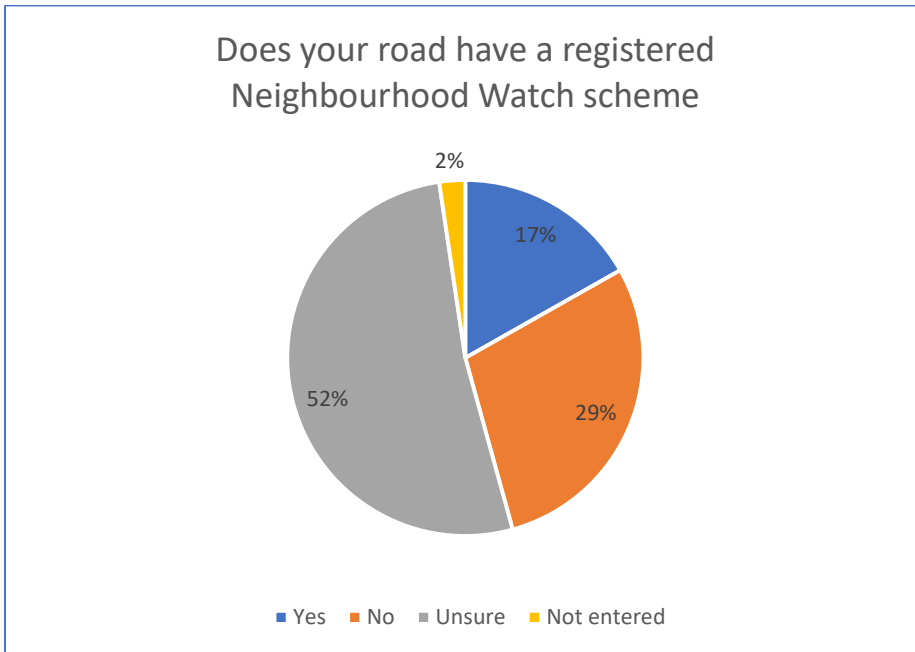
Do you think that the police work well with the local community to identify and address local crime and disorder issues



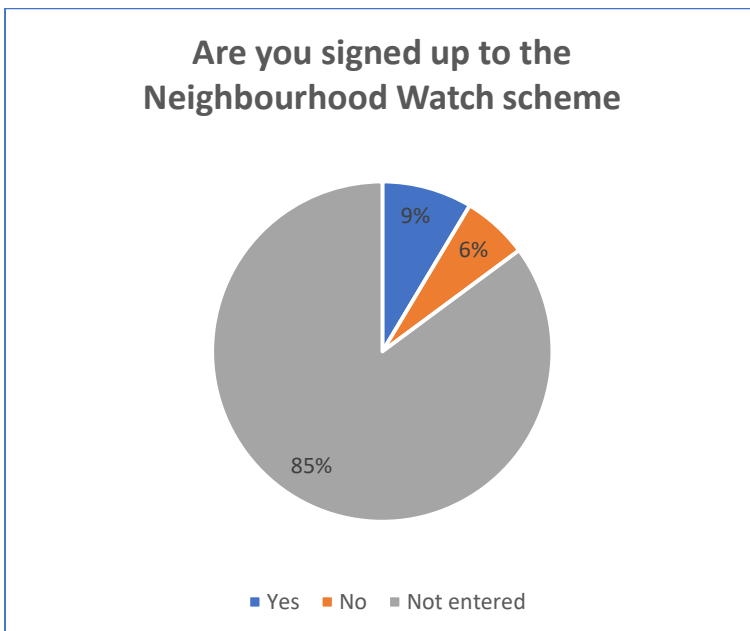
What is your perception of crime in Woodchurch compared to 5 years ago



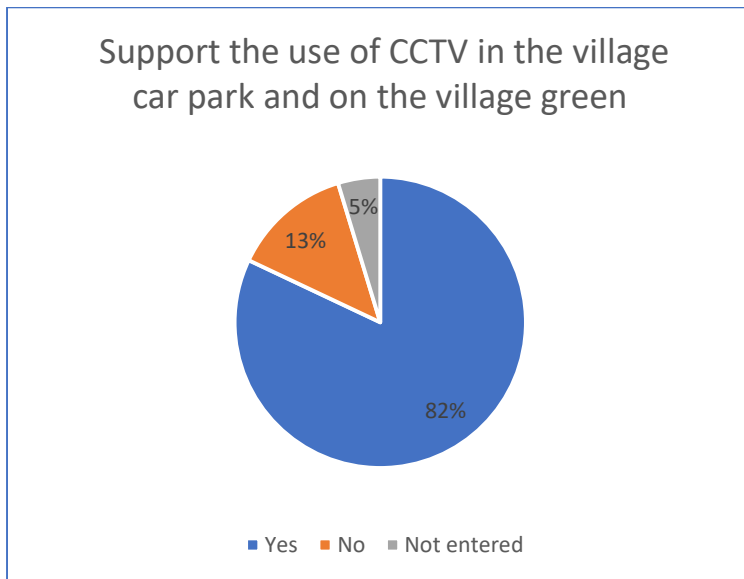
Does your road have a registered Neighbourhood Watch scheme



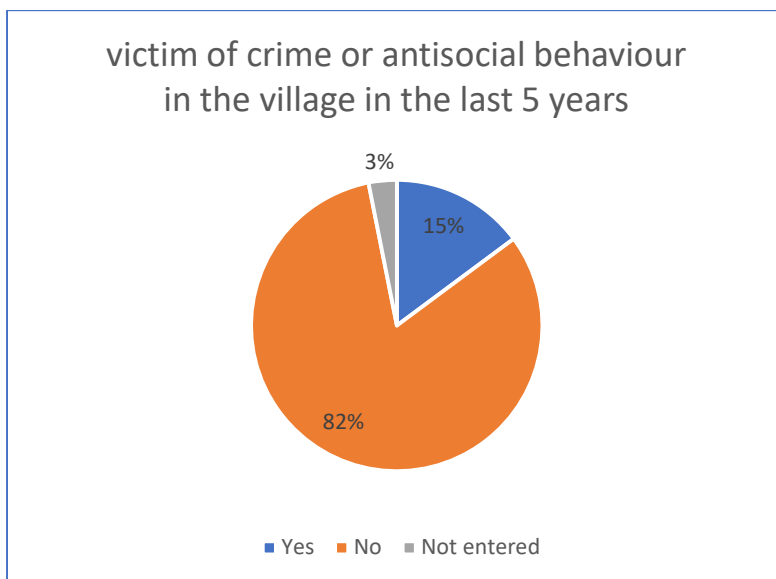
Are you signed up to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme



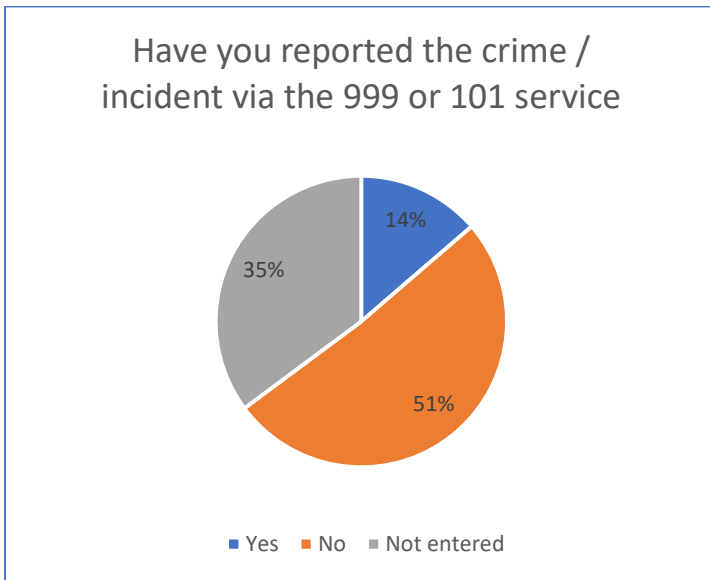
To help address vandalism and antisocial behaviour, would you support the use of CCTV in the village car park and on the village green



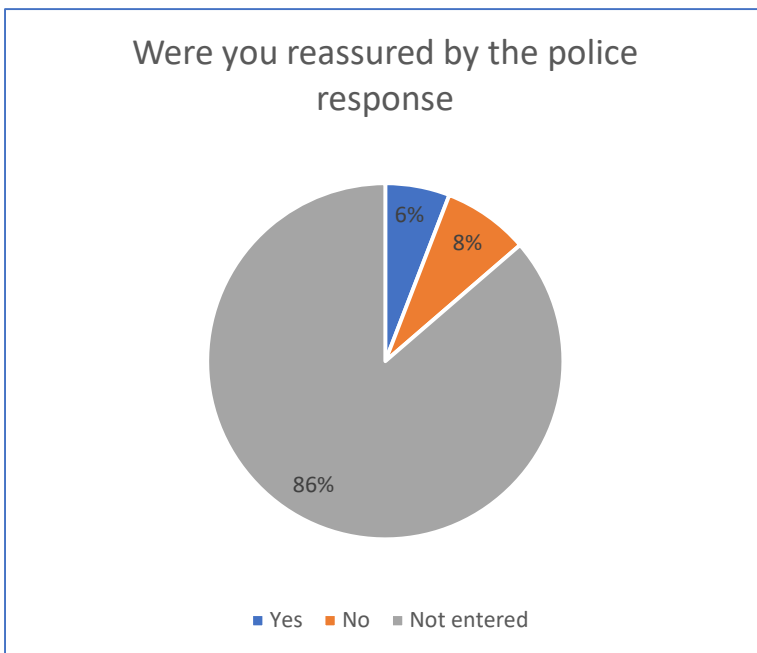
Have you been a victim of crime or antisocial behaviour in the village in the last 5 years



Have you reported the crime / incident via the 999 or 101 service to obtain a crime reference number

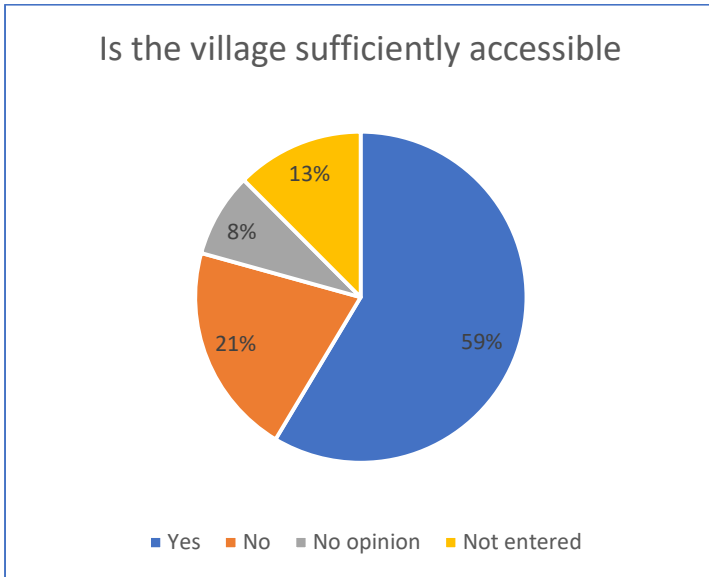


Were you reassured by the police response

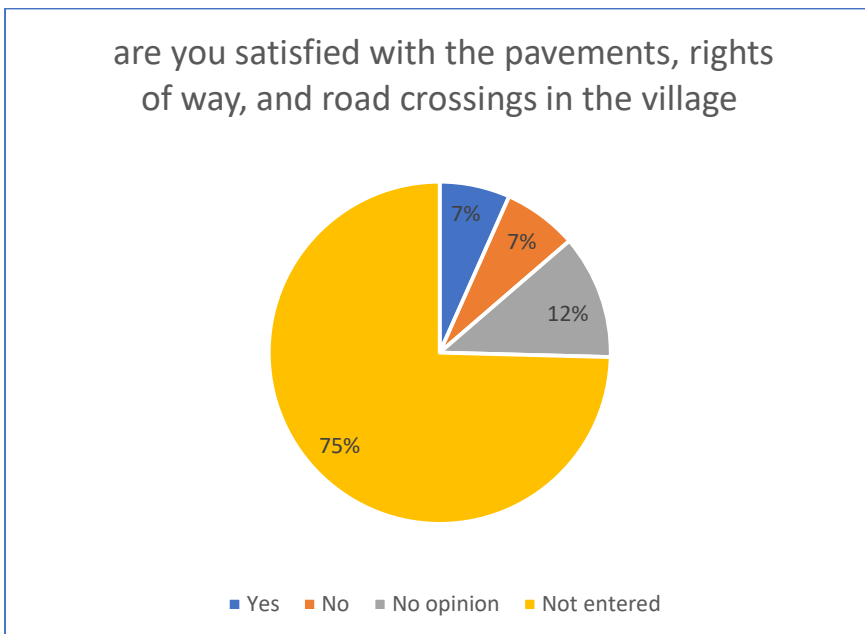


## Accessibility and Inclusion

Do you feel that the village as a whole is sufficiently accessible for those with mobility challenges

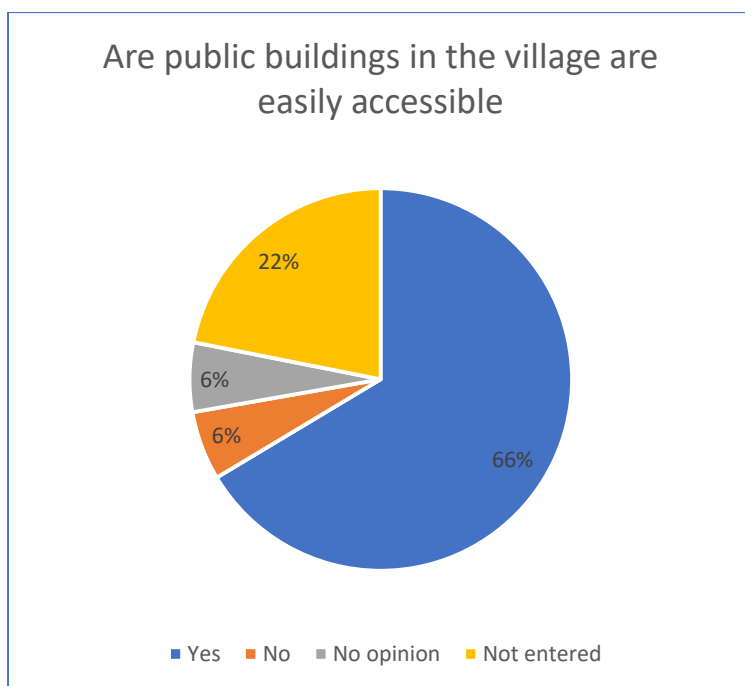


If you are a wheelchair/mobility scooter user, are you satisfied with the pavements, rights of way, and road crossings in the village



Footway too narrow for people to pass. Traffic passes too close to pedestrians. No footpath at all on Thr Green. Footways generally in poor condition
Mobility scooter of a visitor became entangled in overhanging hedge.
More pavements are required
My family are and there is no way they could be independent in Woodchurch.
Narrow pavement in Lower Road
Pavements are terrible - poorly maintained, inconsistent/ non-existent in places, no ramps to get off when pavement stops, too narrow etc etc. No suitable parking if the village car park is full.
Pavements very difficult when in a wheelchair
You are housebound in Woodchurch if you are in a wheelchair

Do you feel that the public buildings in the village are easily accessible

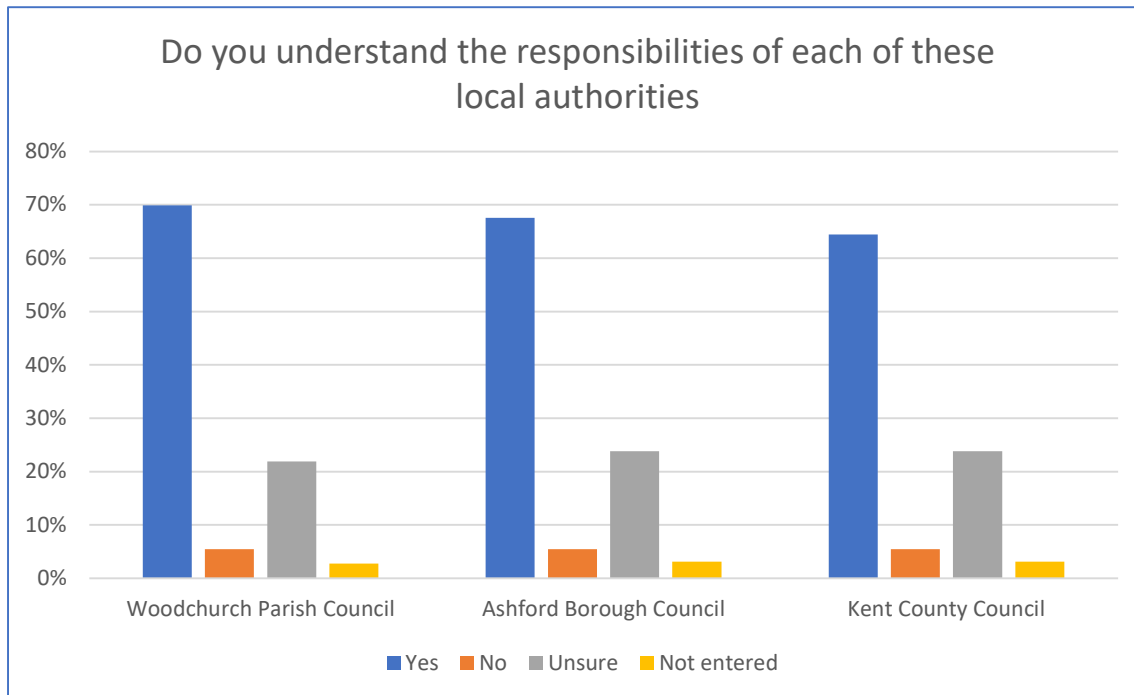


Church is not currently accessible to wheelchair users unless assisted. This is being addressed.
Especiallyt near pubs, shop, top end of Front Road and The Green
I regularly use my scooter. Pavements are narrow, but people lovely. Access to Memorial Hall tight. Access to church difficult access to pubs difficult. Access to shops difficult (though possible)
Insufficient dropped kerbs
Lack of accessible toilet facilities for wheelchair users
Main shop has narrow doorway - not easy if in a chair
Most are - butcher is not easy with two steps
Not all, but some
Only place wheelchairs can go is Jean Mealham. Toilets unaccessible in Memorial Hall
parking near the Church & the School can present a problem.
See 10.1
Some make it difficult to access and walk around comfortably
The hub has limited space
Very narrow footpaths
You need to get a lift or be still able to drive.



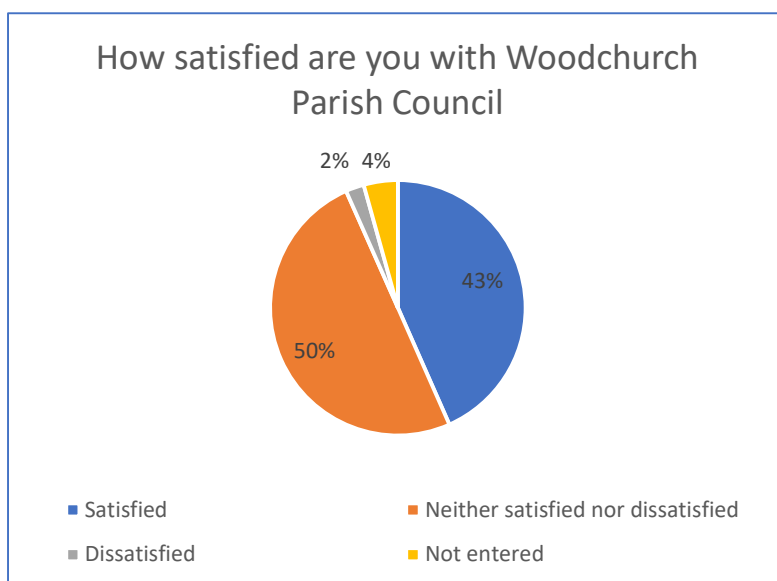
## Work of Local Authorities

### 11.1-Do you understand the responsibilities of each of these local authorities

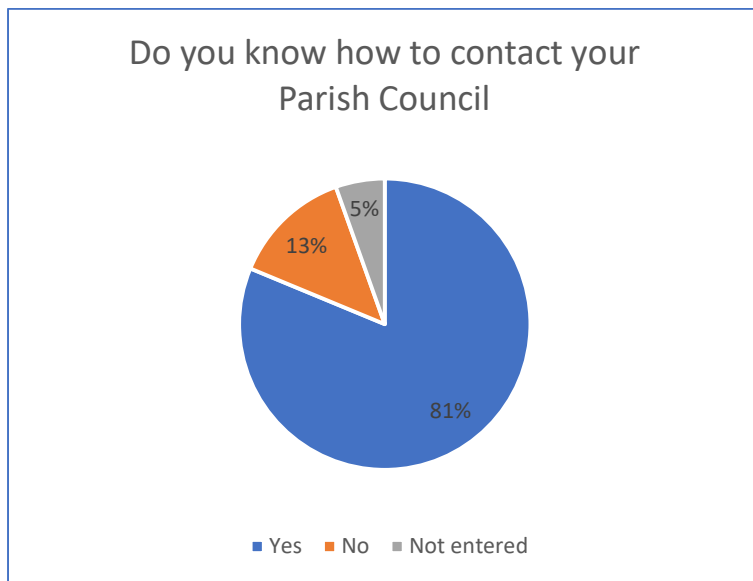


## Woodchurch Parish Council

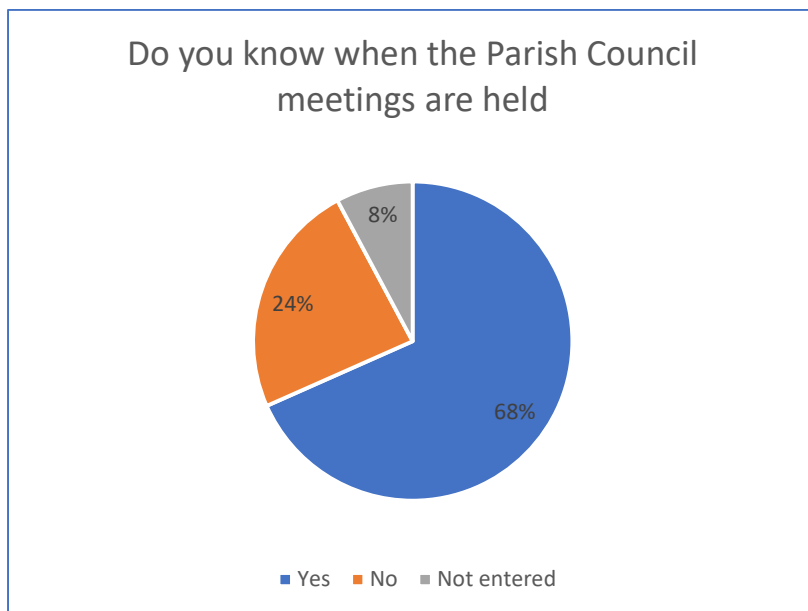
### How satisfied are you with Woodchurch Parish Council



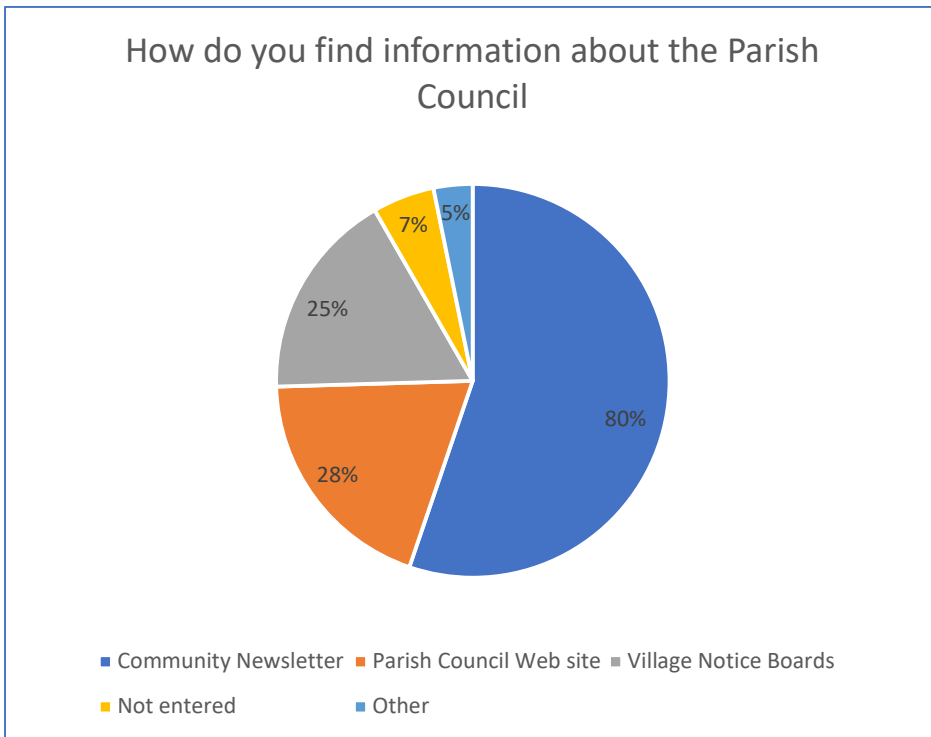
Do you know how to contact your Parish Council



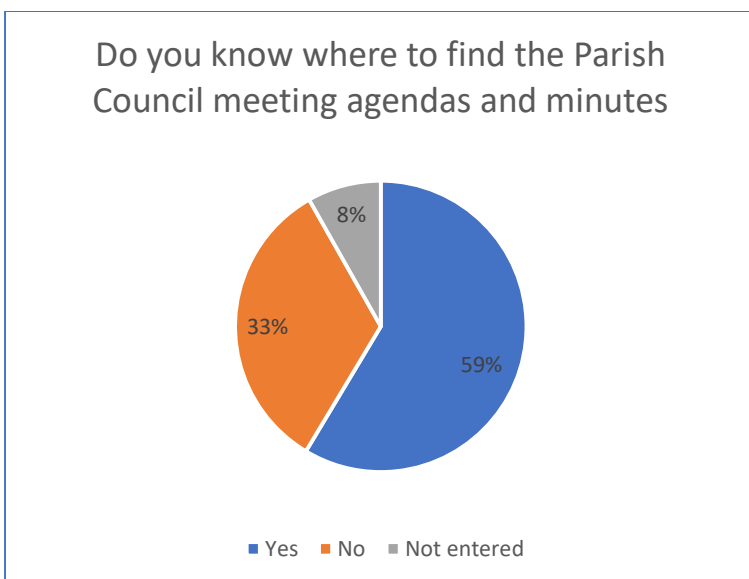
Do you know when the Parish Council meetings are held



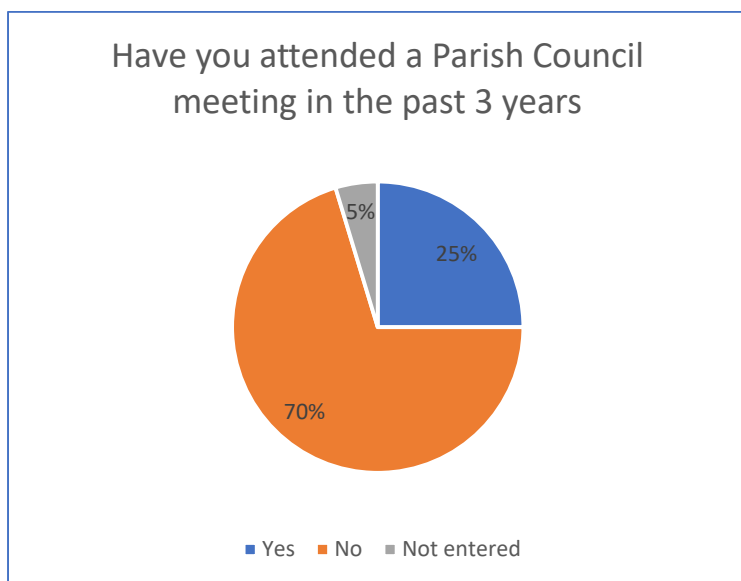
How do you find information about the Parish Council



Do you know where to find the Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes

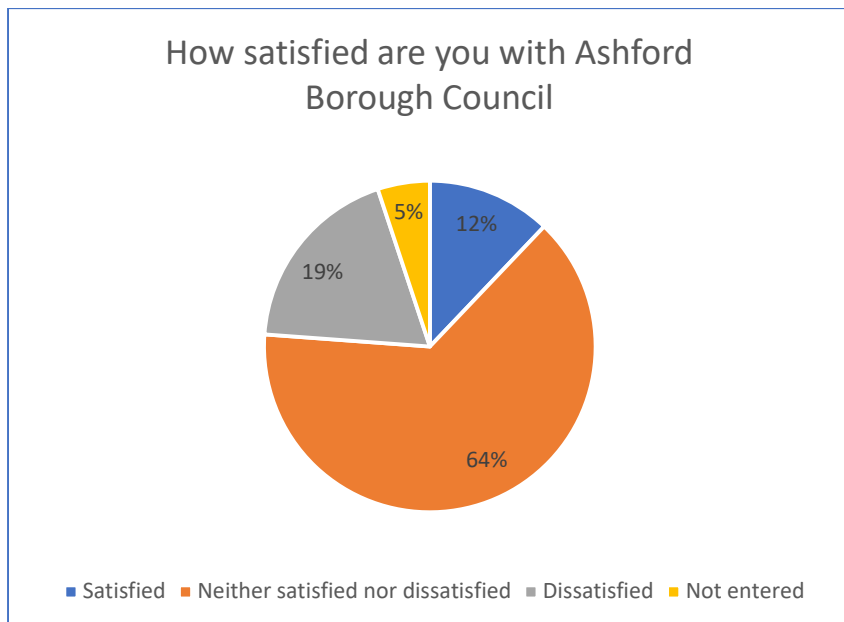


Have you attended a Parish Council meeting in the past 3 years

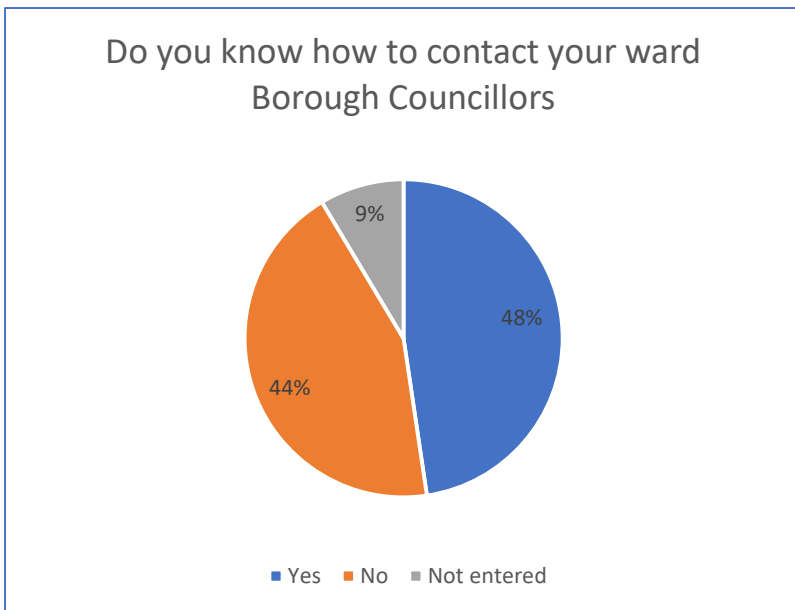


### Ashford Borough Council

How satisfied are you with Ashford Borough Council

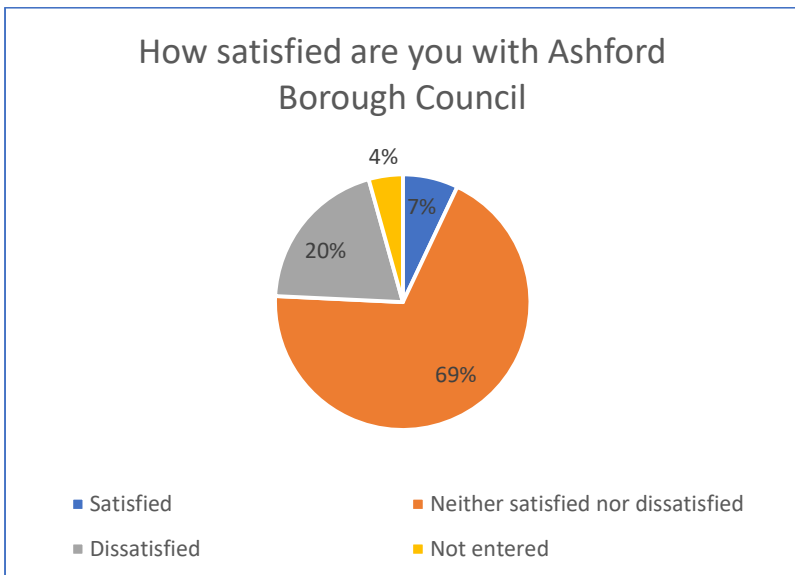


## Do you know how to contact your ward Borough Councillors



## Kent County Council

### How satisfied are you with Kent County Council



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