

Woodchurch Community Survey

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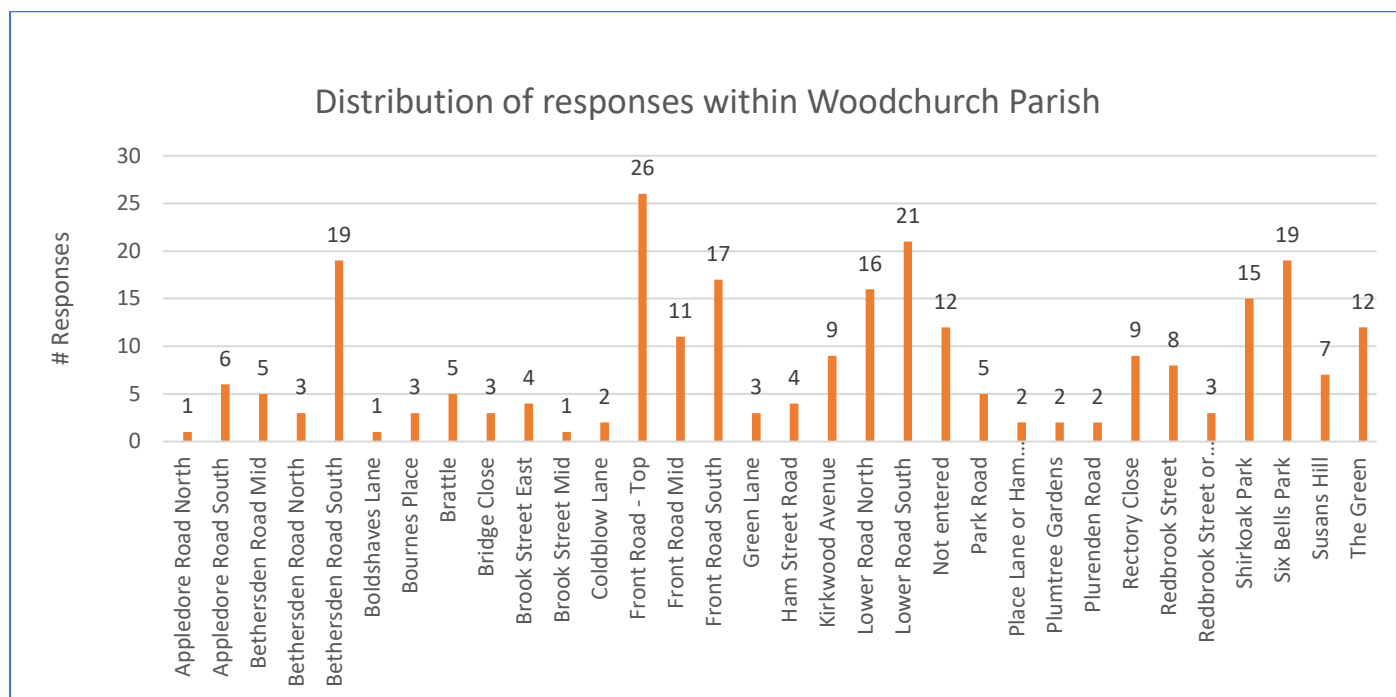
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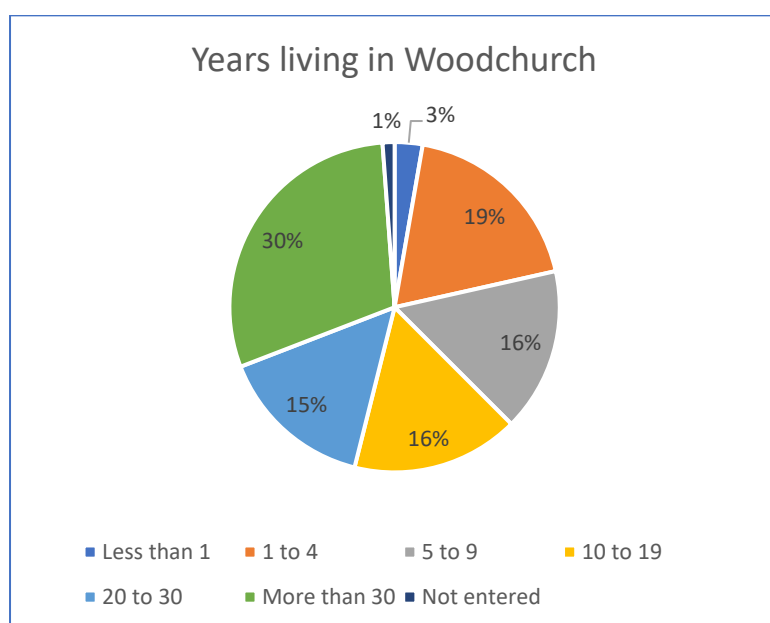
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1- Your Household

1.0- Distribution of responses within Woodchurch Parish



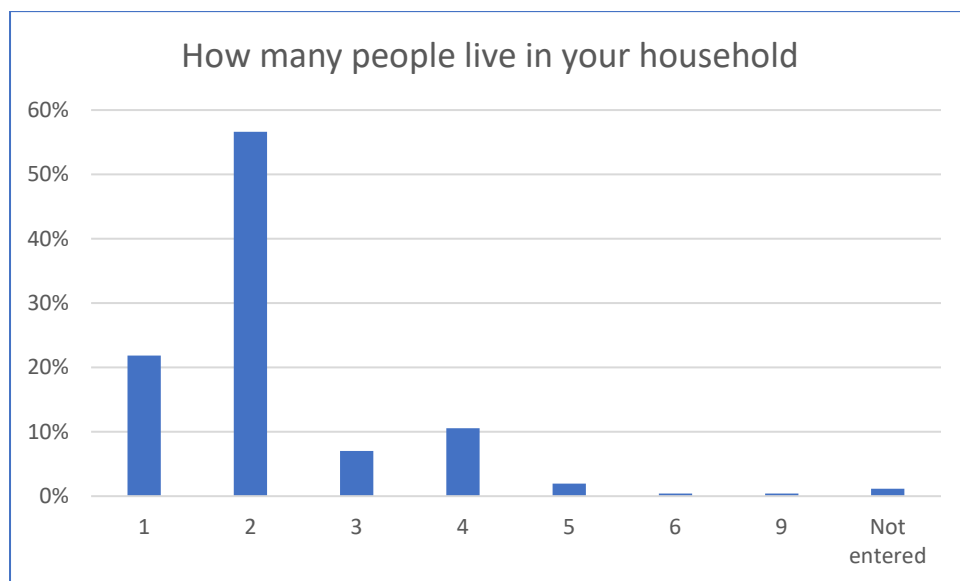
1.1- How many years have you lived in Woodchurch?



Less than 1	7	3%
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1 to 4	48	19%
5 to 9	41	16%
10 to 19	42	16%
20 to 30	39	15%
More than 30	76	30%
Not entered	3	1%
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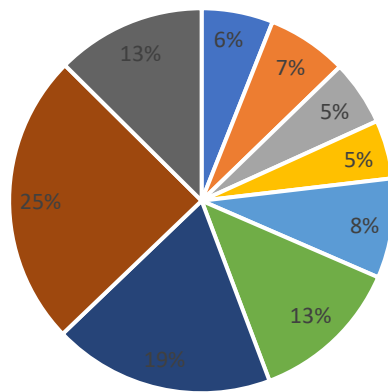
1.2- How many people live in your household



1	56	22%
2	145	57%
3	18	7%
4	27	11%
5	5	2%
6	1	0%
9	1	0%
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1.3- How many people in each age category live in your household

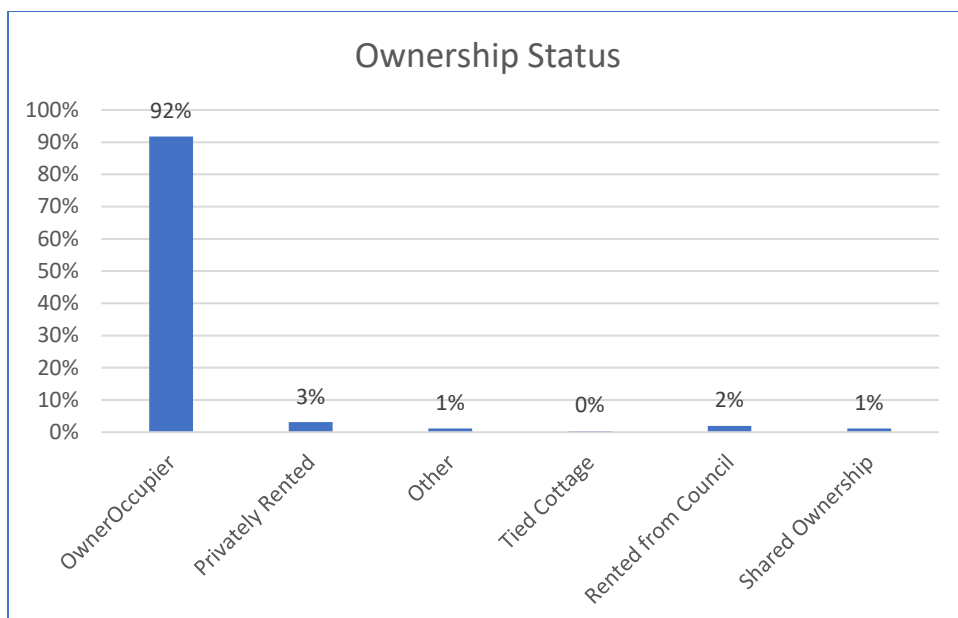
Age of residents in household



■ 9 and under
 ■ 10 to 19
 ■ 20 to 29
 ■ 30 to 39
 ■ 40 to 49
■ 50 to 59
 ■ 60 to 69
 ■ 70 to 79
 ■ 80 and over

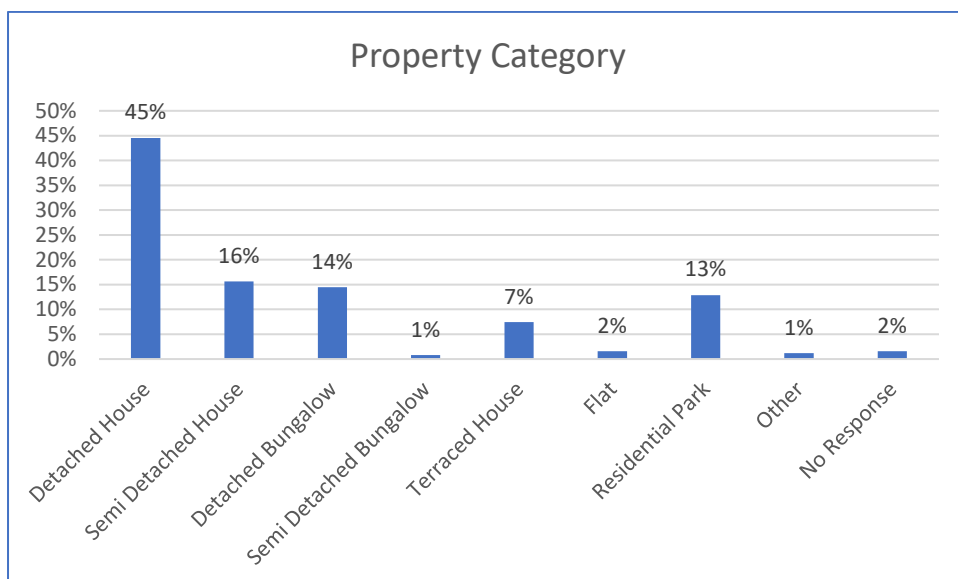
9 and under	33	6%
10 to 19	37	7%
20 to 29	30	5%
30 to 39	27	5%
40 to 49	46	8%
50 to 59	70	13%
60 to 69	102	19%
70 to 79	135	25%
80 and over	69	13%
	549	

1.4- What best describes the ownership status of your house/home



Owner/Occupier	235	92%
Privately Rented	8	3%
Other	3	1%
Tied Cottage	1	0%
Rented from Council	5	2%
Shared Ownership	3	1%
No response	1	0%
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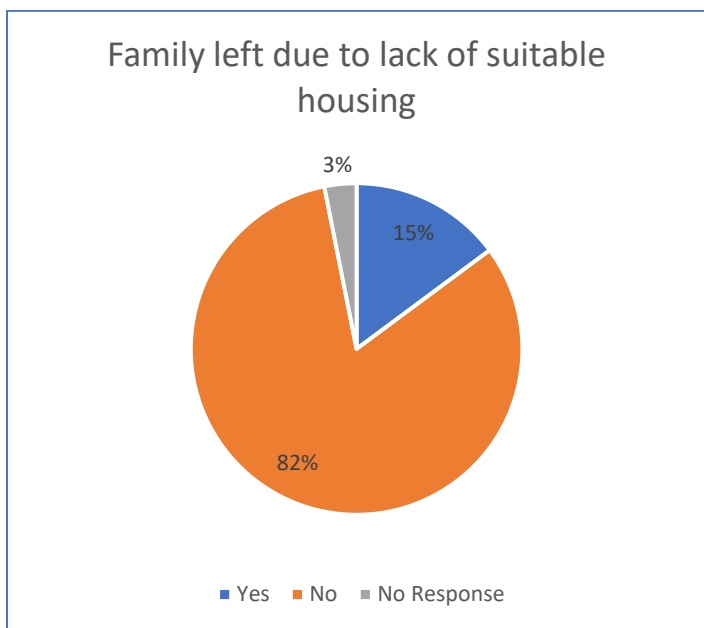
1.5- How would you best categorise your property



Detached House	114	45%
Semi Detached House	40	16%
Detached Bungalow	37	14%
Semi Detached Bungalow	2	1%
Terraced House	19	7%

Flat	4	2%
Residential Park	33	13%
Other	3	1%
No Response	4	2%
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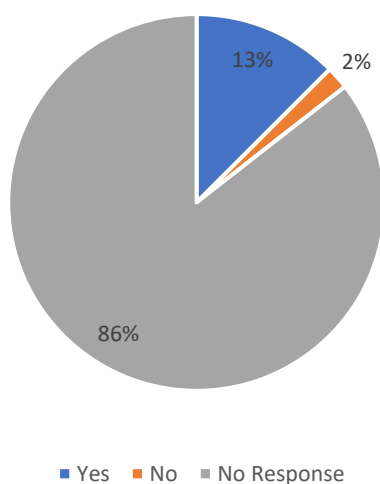
1.6- Have members of your family moved away from Woodchurch Parish due to a lack of suitable/affordable housing in Woodchurch



Yes	38	15%
No	210	82%
No Response	8	3%
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If so, would they want to move back to the village if suitable/affordable housing was available

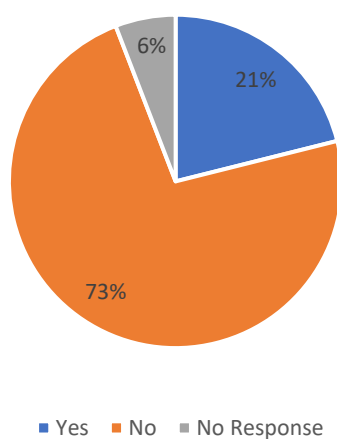
Would they move back



Yes	32	13%
No	5	2%
No Response	219	86%
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1.7- Do you have members of your family who are (or will be within the next 5 years) looking for a property in Woodchurch

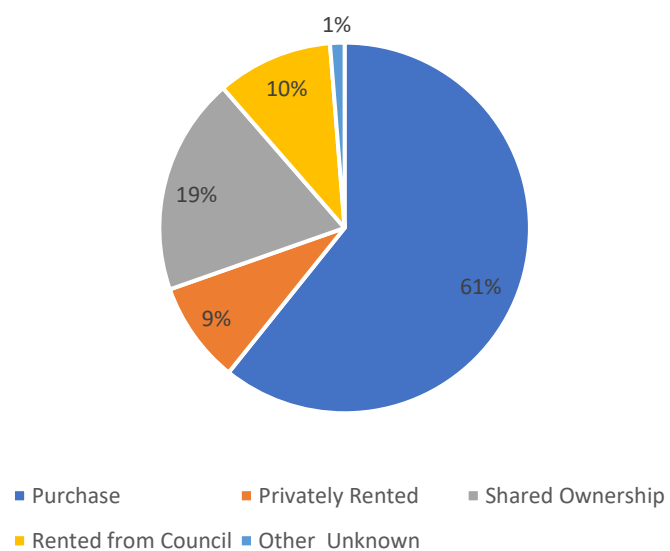
Will family member move back within 5 years



Yes	54	21%
No	187	73%
No Response	15	6%
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If so what types of property would they be seeking

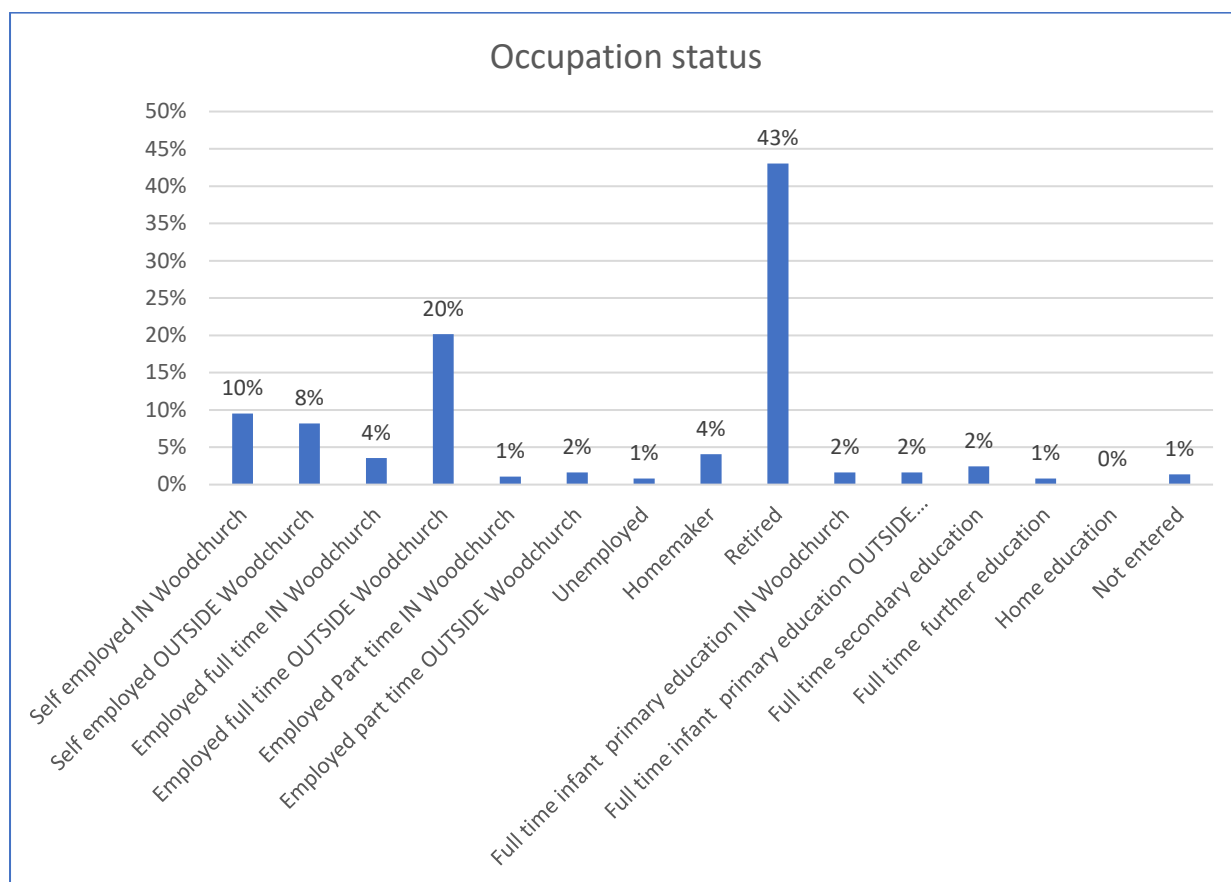
What type of housing would they be seeking



Purchase	48	61%
Privately Rented	7	9%
Shared Ownership	15	19%
Rented from Council	8	10%
Other Unknown	1	1%
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No response	202	

2 – Work and Education

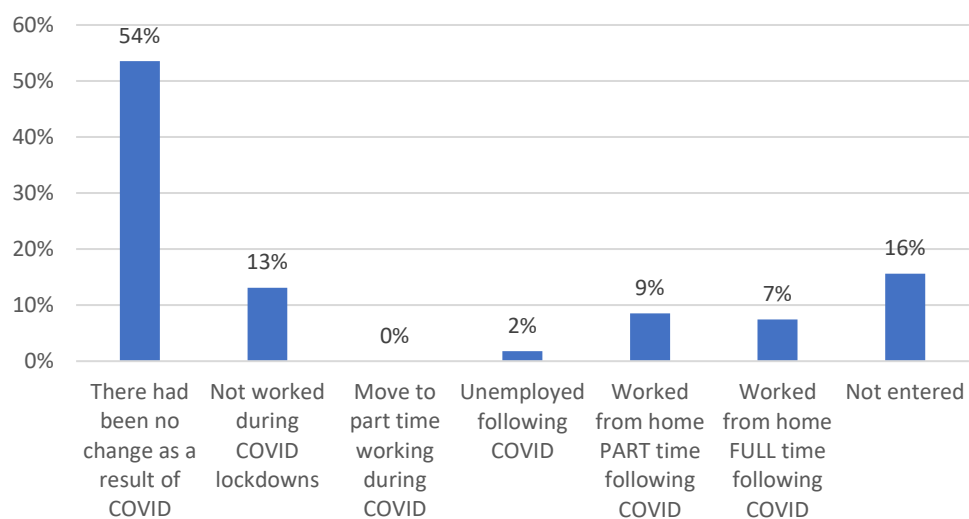
2.1- What is the occupation status of people in your household



Self employed IN Woodchurch	35	10%
Self employed OUTSIDE Woodchurch	30	8%
Employed full time IN Woodchurch	13	4%
Employed full time OUTSIDE Woodchurch	74	20%
Employed Part time IN Woodchurch	4	1%
Employed part time OUTSIDE Woodchurch	6	2%
Unemployed	3	1%
Homemaker	15	4%
Retired	158	43%
Full time infant primary education IN Woodchurch	6	2%
Full time infant primary education OUTSIDE Woodchurch	6	2%
Full time secondary education	9	2%
Full time further education	3	1%
Home education	0	0%
Not entered	5	1%
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2.2- What were the effects of COVID on place of work for people in your household

Effect of Covid on place of work

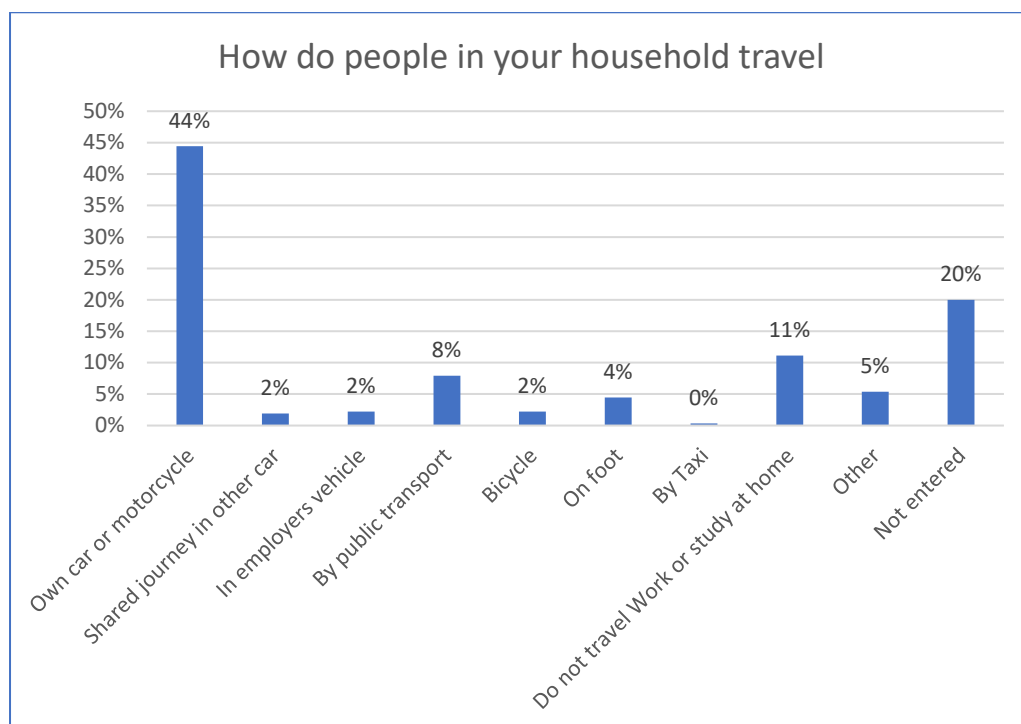


There had been no change as a result of COVID	151	54%
Not worked during COVID lockdowns	37	13%
Move to part time working during COVID	0	0%
Unemployed following COVID	5	2%
Worked from home PART time following COVID	24	9%
Worked from home FULL time following COVID	21	7%
Not entered	44	16%
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3- Transport

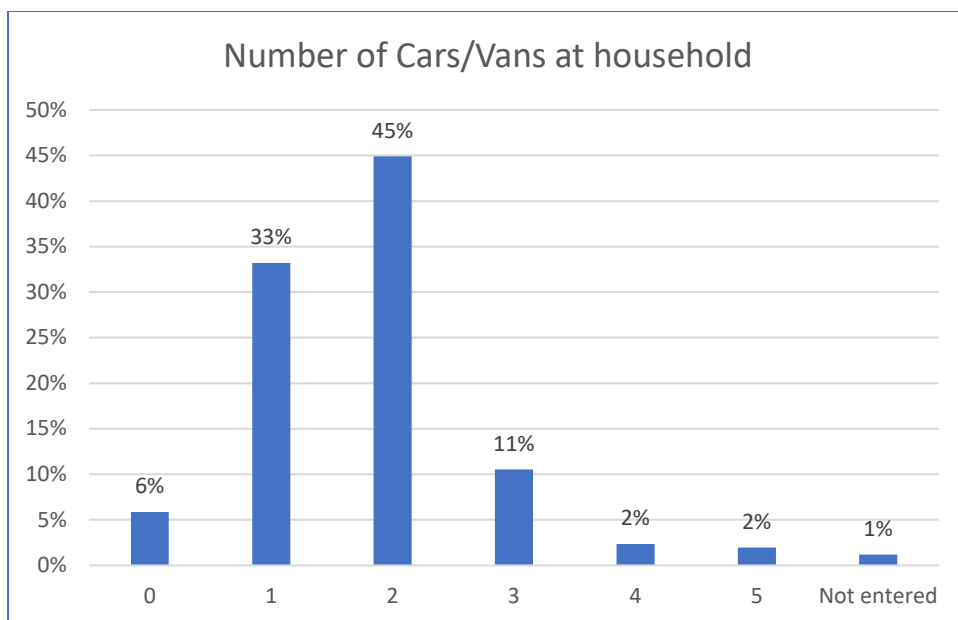
Personal Transport

3.1- How do people in your household travel to work or place of education



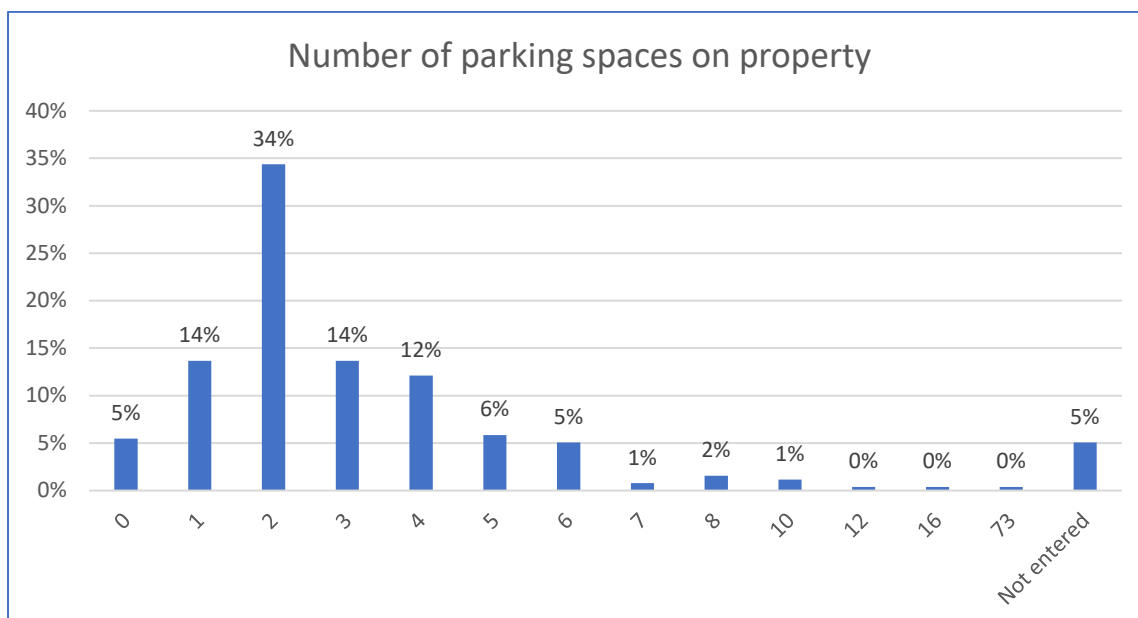
Own car or motorcycle	140	44%
Shared journey in other car	6	2%
In employers vehicle	7	2%
By public transport	25	8%
Bicycle	7	2%
On foot	14	4%
By Taxi	1	0%
Do not travel Work or study at home	35	11%
Other	17	5%
Not entered	63	20%
	315	

3.2- How many cars/vans are regularly kept by your household



0	15	6%
1	85	33%
2	115	45%
3	27	11%
4	6	2%
5	5	2%
Not entered	3	1%
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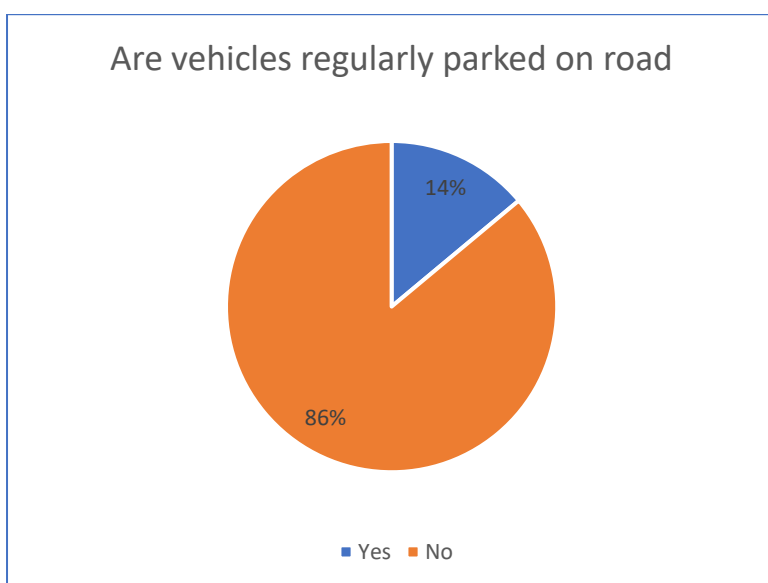
3.3- How many parking spaces do you have on your property



0	14	5%
1	35	14%
2	88	34%
3	35	14%

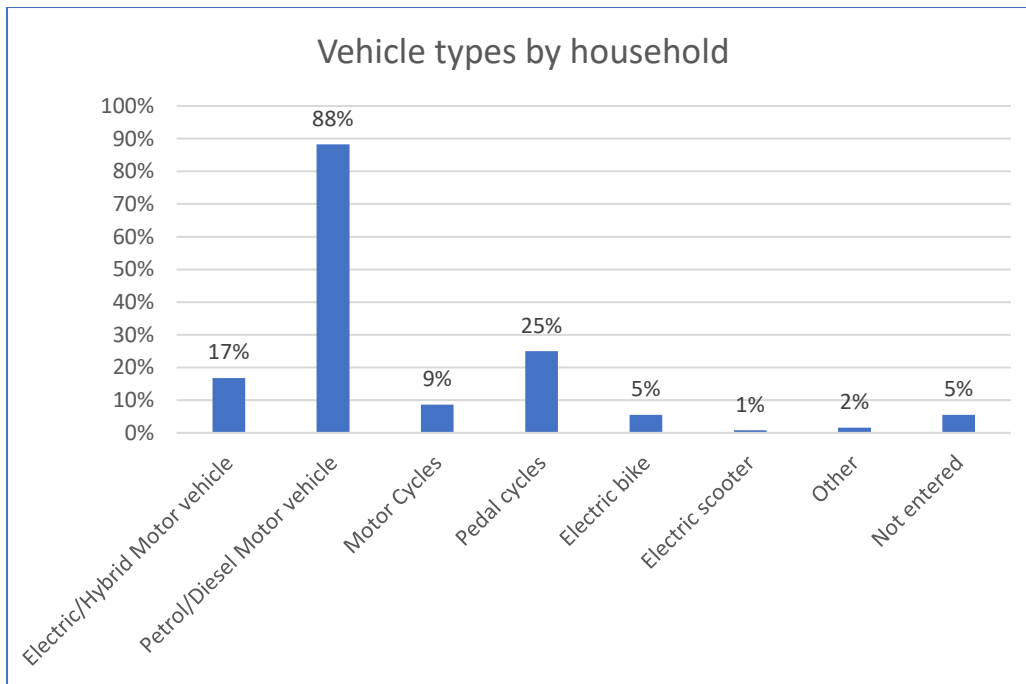
4	31	12%
5	15	6%
6	13	5%
7	2	1%
8	4	2%
10	3	1%
12	1	0%
16	1	0%
73	1	0%
Not entered	13	5%
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3.4- Does your household regularly park vehicles on the road



Yes	35	14%
No	216	84%
Not entered	5	2%
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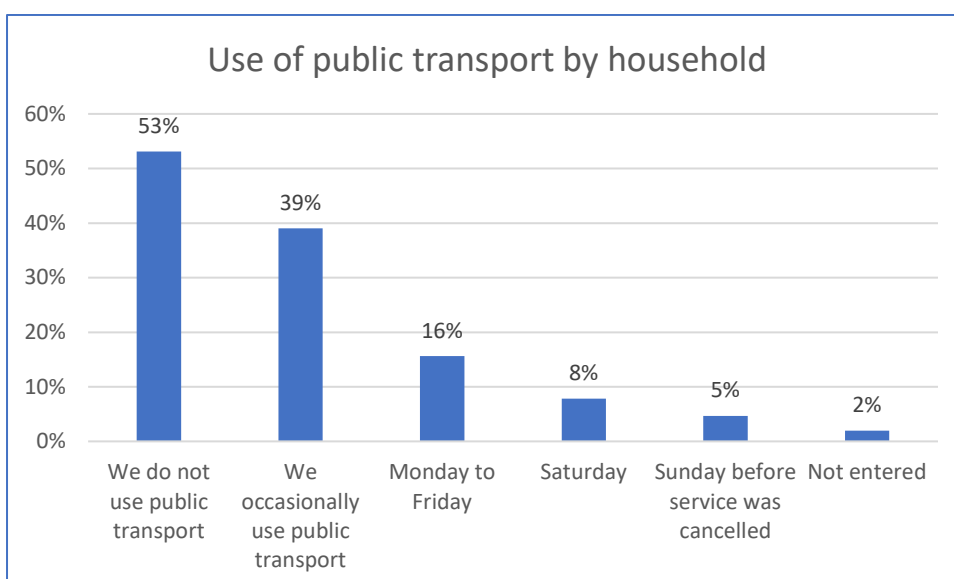
3.5- Which vehicles are owned by your household



Electric/Hybrid Motor vehicle	43	17%
Petrol/Diesel Motor vehicle	226	88%
Motor Cycles	22	9%
Pedal cycles	64	25%
Electric bike	14	5%
Electric scooter	2	1%
Other	4	2%
Not entered	14	5%
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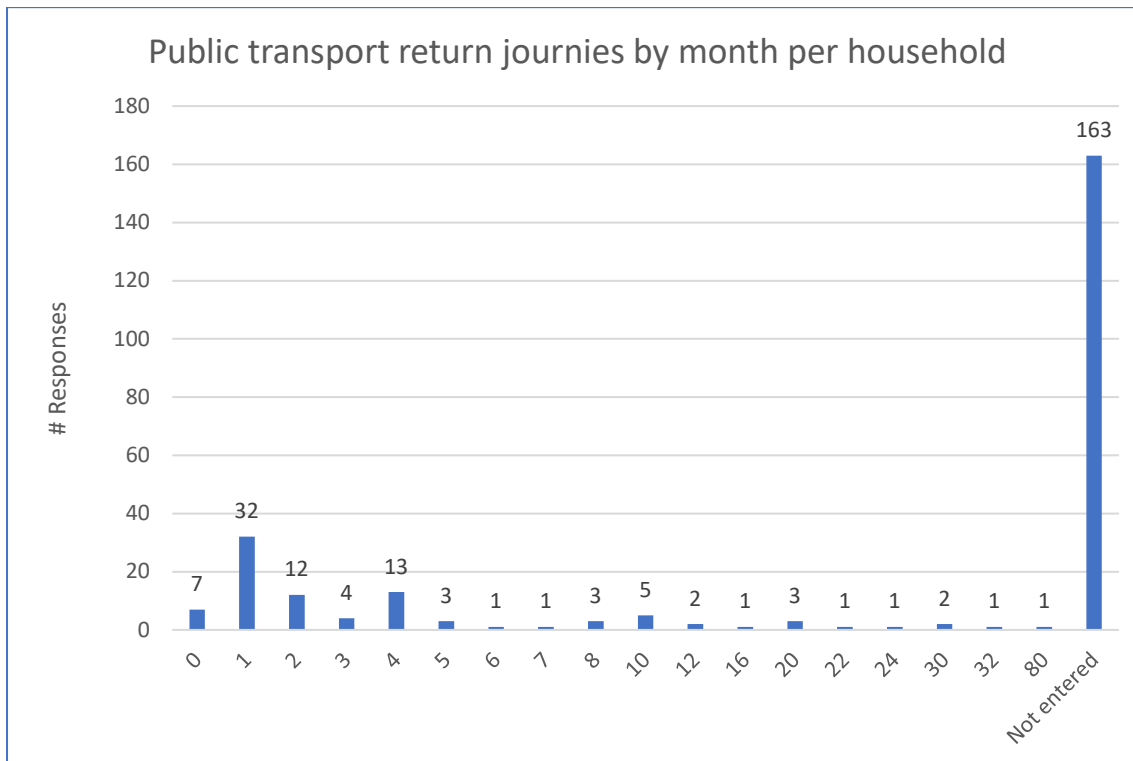
Public Transport

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



We do not use public transport	136	53%
We occasionally use public transport	100	39%
Monday to Friday	40	16%
Saturday	20	8%
Sunday before service was cancelled	12	5%
Not entered	5	2%
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3.7- If you use the public transport, approximately how many return journeys per month would be made by your household

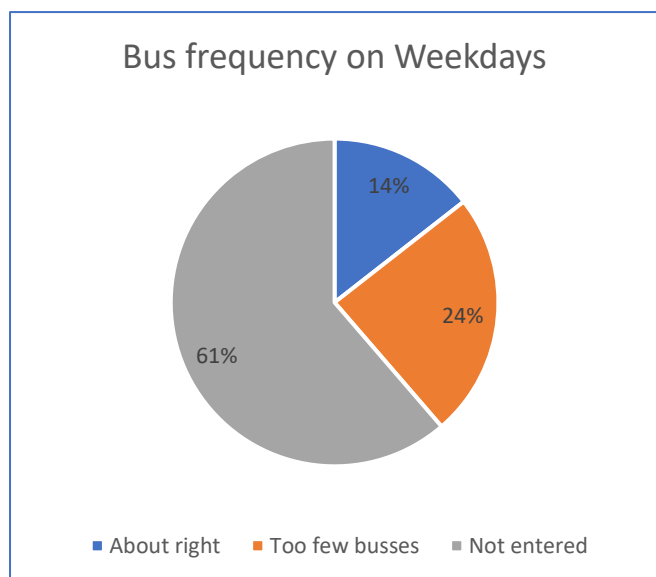


0	7
1	32
2	12
3	4
4	13
5	3
6	1
7	1
8	3
10	5
12	2
16	1
20	3
22	1
24	1
30	2

32	1
80	1
Not entered	163

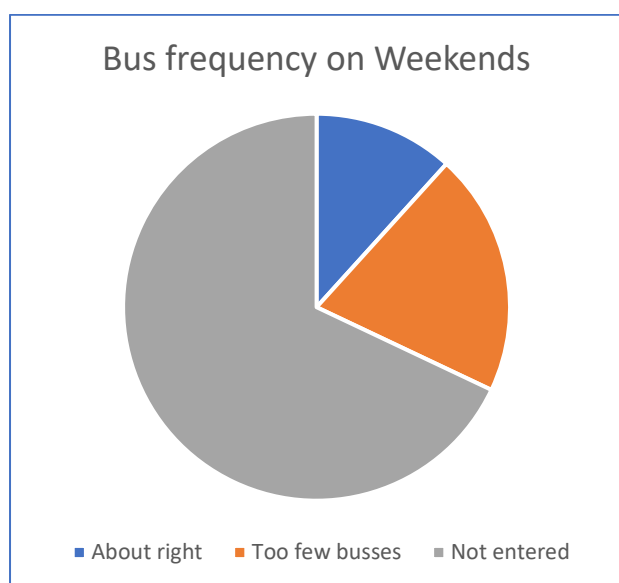
3.8- If you use the public transport how is the service frequency

Bus frequency on Weekdays



About right	37	14%
Too few busses	62	24%
Not entered	157	61%
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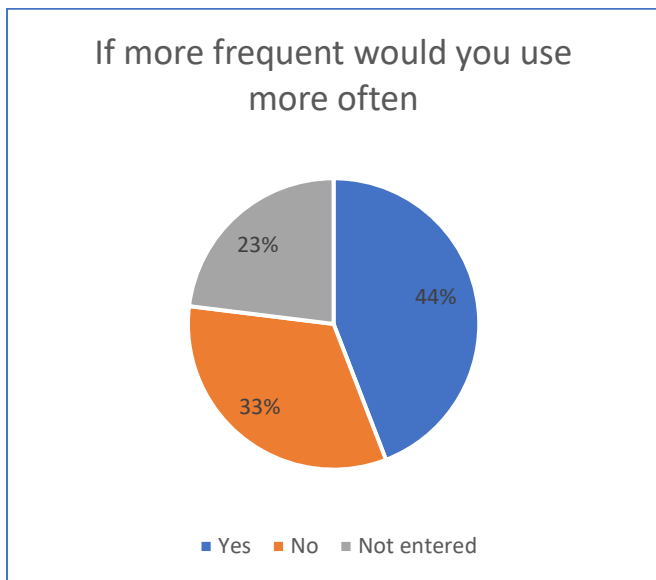
Bus frequency on Weekends



About right	30	12%
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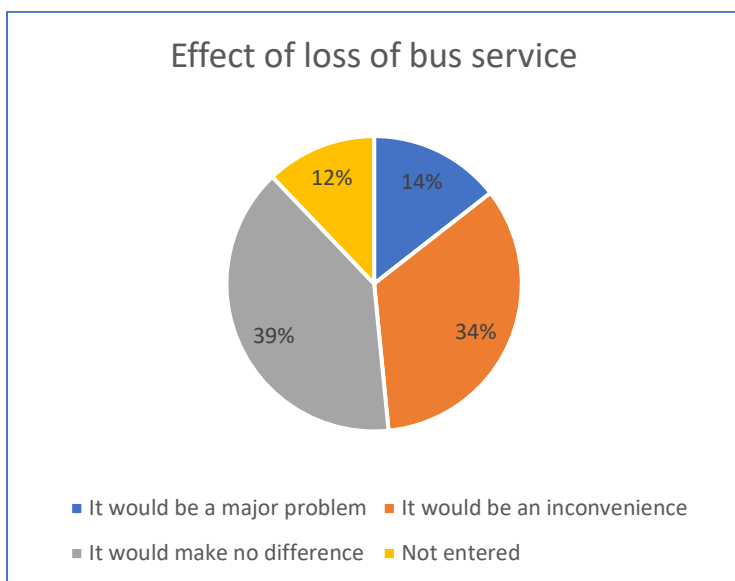
Too few busses	52	20%
Not entered	174	68%
	256	

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



Yes	113	44%
No	84	33%
Not entered	59	23%
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3.10- If you were to lose the bus services how would this affect you

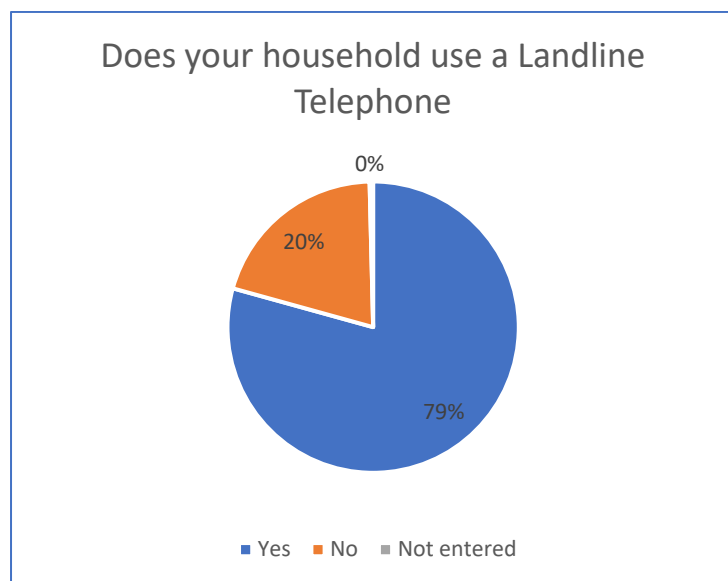


It would be a major problem	37	14%
It would be an inconvenience	87	34%
It would make no difference	101	39%

Not entered	31	12%
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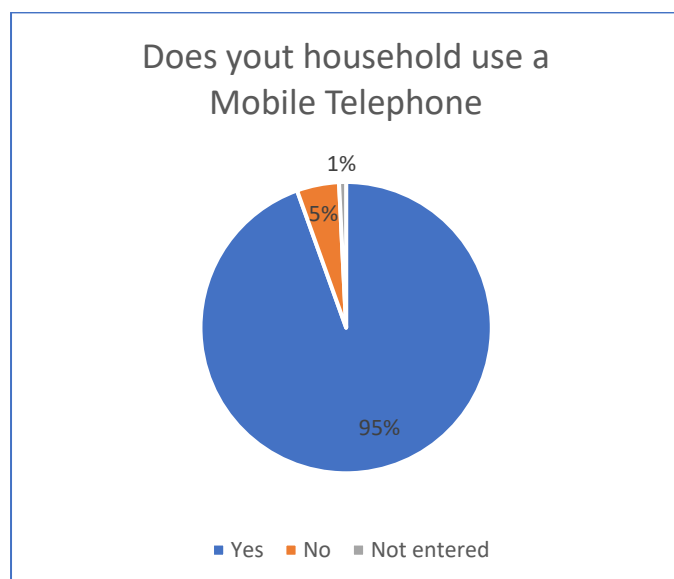
4- Connectivity

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



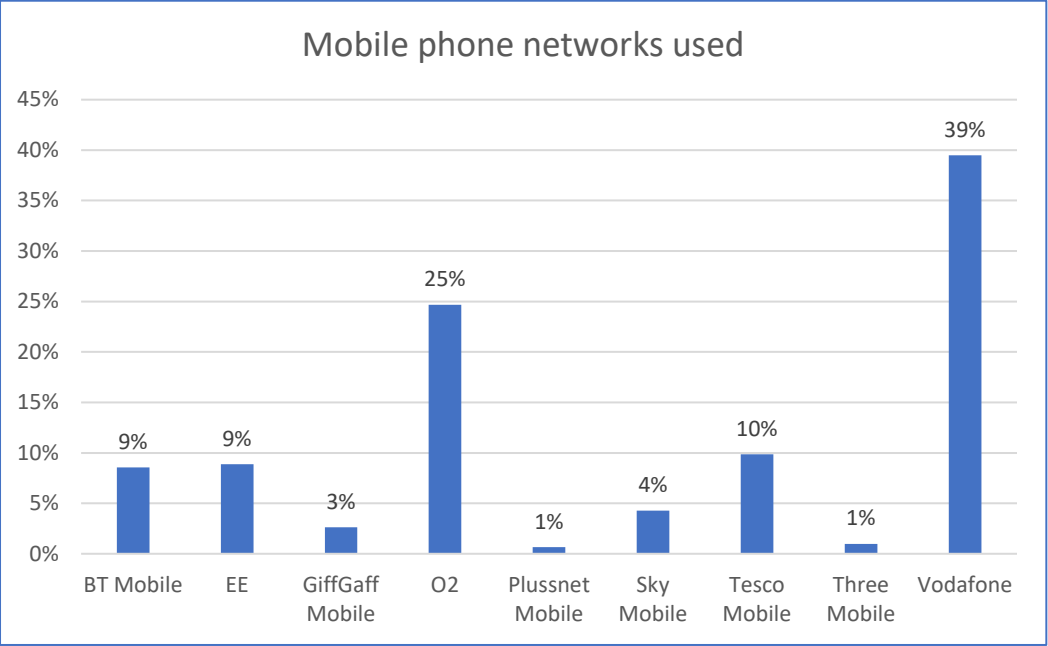
Yes	203	79%
No	52	20%
Not entered	1	0%
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4.2- Do members of your household use a mobile telephone



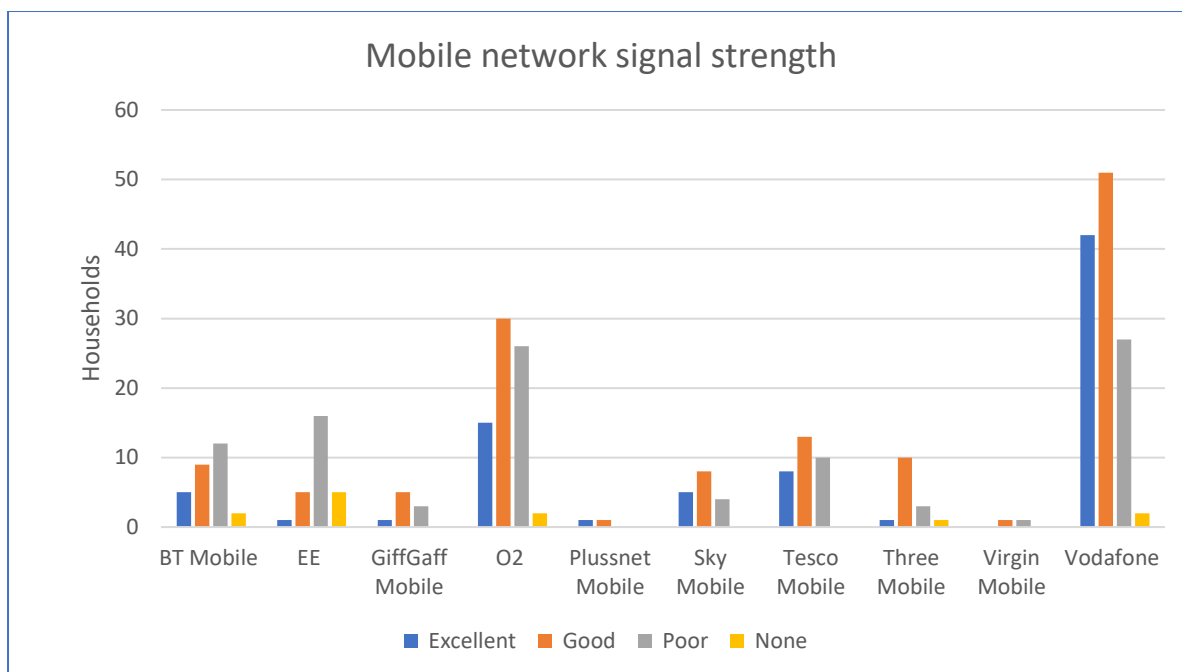
Yes	242	95%
No	12	5%
Not entered	2	1%
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Which networks you connect to



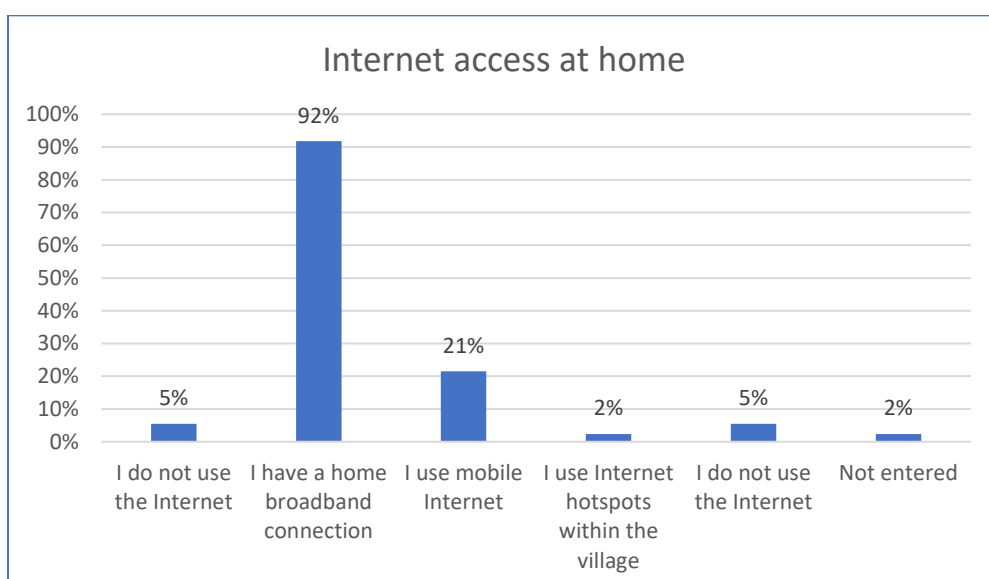
BT Mobile	26	9%
EE	27	9%
GiffGaff Mobile	8	3%
O2	75	25%
Plussnet Mobile	2	1%
Sky Mobile	13	4%
Tesco Mobile	30	10%
Three Mobile	3	1%
Vodafone	120	39%
	304	
Not entered	226	

How good is their mobile phone signal is where you live



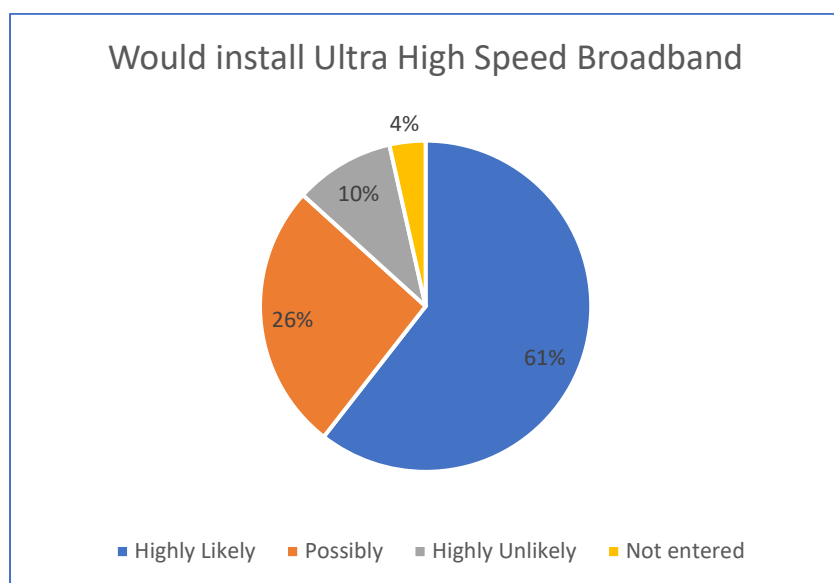
	Excellent	Good	Poor	None
BT Mobile	5	9	12	2
EE	1	5	16	5
GiffGaff Mobile	1	5	3	
O2	15	30	26	2
Plussnet Mobile	1	1		
Sky Mobile	5	8	4	
Tesco Mobile	8	13	10	
Three Mobile	1	10	3	1
Virgin Mobile		1	1	
Vodafone	42	51	27	2

4.3- Internet access at your home



I do not use the Internet	14	5%
I have a home broadband connection	235	92%
I use mobile Internet	55	21%
I use Internet hotspots within the village	6	2%
I do not use the Internet	14	5%
Not entered	6	2%
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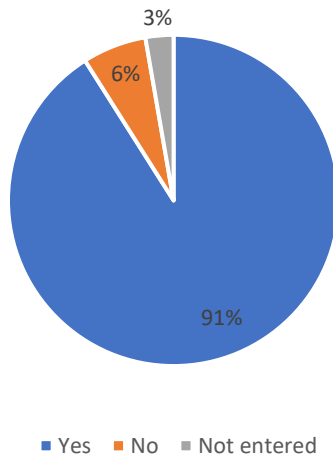
4.4- Currently Ultra High Speed broadband (fibre directly to your house) is currently not available in Woodchurch. If the service became available how likely would you be to use it?



Highly Likely	155	61%
Possibly	67	26%
Highly Unlikely	25	10%
Not entered	9	4%
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4.5- Do members of your household use email?

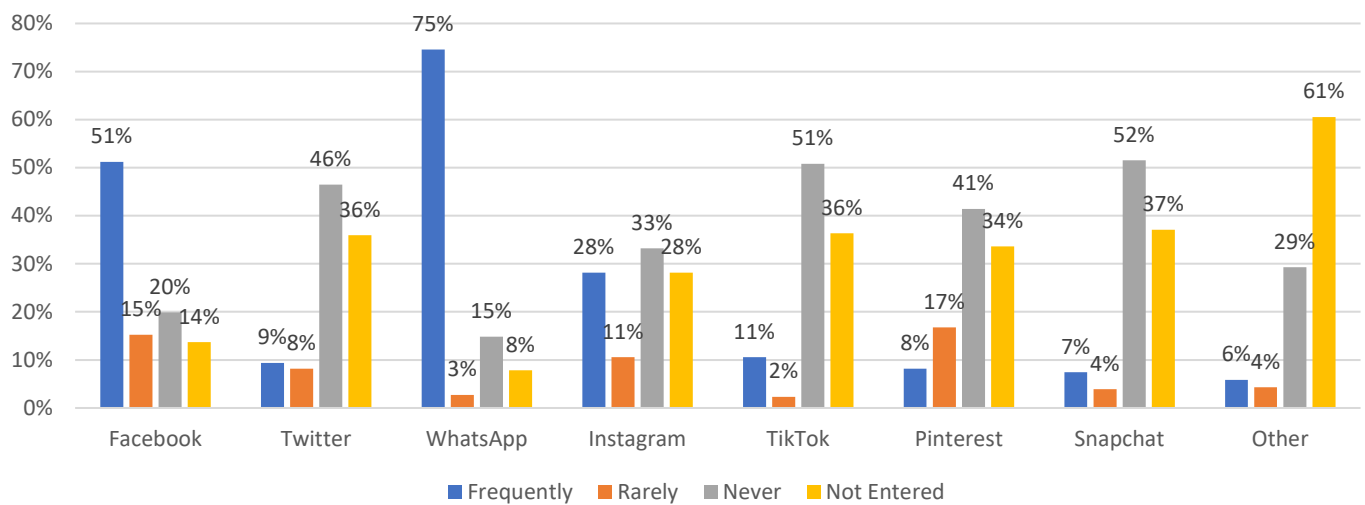
Does household use email



Yes	233	91%
No	16	6%
Not entered	7	3%
	256	

4.6- Which Social Media platforms do you use in your household?

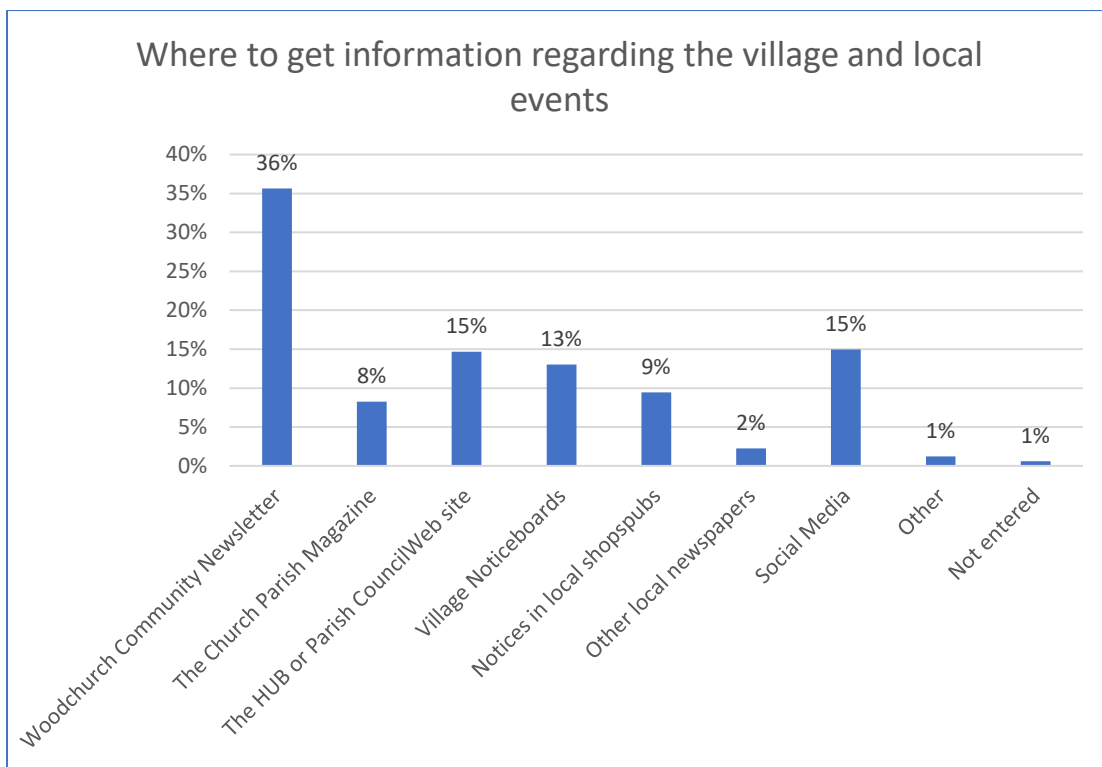
Social Media platforms used by households



	Frequently	Rarely	Never	Not Entered
Facebook	51%	15%	20%	14%
Twitter	9%	8%	46%	36%
WhatsApp	75%	3%	15%	8%
Instagram	28%	11%	33%	28%
TikTok	11%	2%	51%	36%
Pinterest	8%	17%	41%	34%
Snapchat	7%	4%	52%	37%

Other	6%	4%	29%	61%
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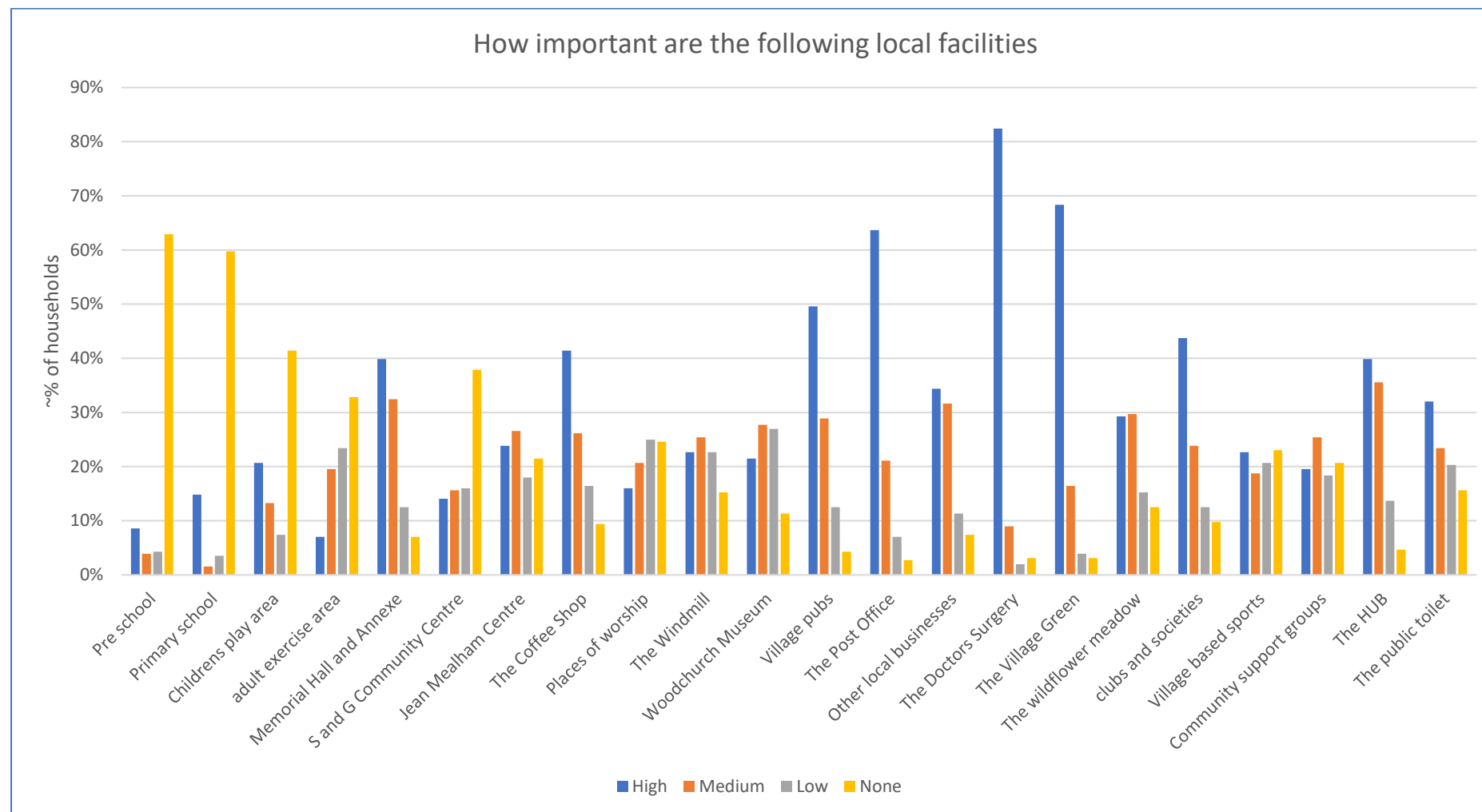
4.7- Where do you usually look for information regarding the village and local events?



Woodchurch Community Newsletter	238	36%
The Church Parish Magazine	55	8%
The HUB or Parish Council Web site	98	15%
Village Noticeboards	87	13%
Notices in local shops/pubs	63	9%
Other local newspapers	15	2%
Social Media	100	15%
Other	8	1%
Not entered	4	1%
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Village Amenities

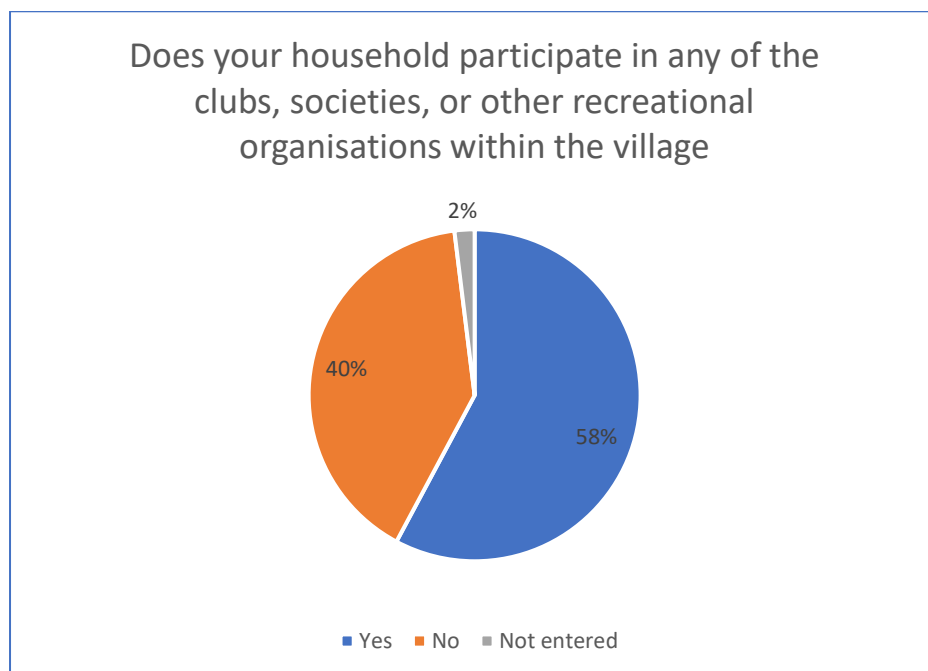
5.1- How important are the following local facilities for people in your household



	High	Medium	Low	None
Pre school	9%	4%	4%	63%
Primary school	15%	2%	4%	60%
Childrens play area	21%	13%	7%	41%
adult exercise area	7%	20%	23%	33%
Memorial Hall and Annexe	40%	32%	13%	7%
S and G Community Centre	14%	16%	16%	38%
Jean Mealham Centre	24%	27%	18%	21%
The Coffee Shop	41%	26%	16%	9%
Places of worship	16%	21%	25%	25%
The Windmill	23%	25%	23%	15%
Woodchurch Museum	21%	28%	27%	11%
Village pubs	50%	29%	13%	4%
The Post Office	64%	21%	7%	3%
Other local businesses	34%	32%	11%	7%
The Doctors Surgery	82%	9%	2%	3%
The Village Green	68%	16%	4%	3%
The wildflower meadow	29%	30%	15%	13%
clubs and societies	44%	24%	13%	10%
Village based sports	23%	19%	21%	23%
Community support groups	20%	25%	18%	21%
The HUB	40%	36%	14%	5%
The public toilet	32%	23%	20%	16%

5- Societies

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



Yes	148	58%
No	103	40%
Not entered	5	2%

With which are you regularly involved

Club/Society		Club/Society	
Local History Society	23	Tai Chi	2
Jean Mealham Centre	19	Village Hall	2
WinBloom	15	Woodchurch Ancestry Group	2
Art Society	14	Woodchurch Film Society	2
Woodchurch Players	14	Book Store	1
Tennis Club	12	Brownies	1
W.I.	12	Christmas Fayre	1
Pilates	11	Christmas Light Switch On	1
Museum	8	Church craft stall	1
Table Tennis	8	Church gardening	1
Film society	7	Church music events	1
Jo Furneau Fitness	7	Church services	1
Woodchurch Yard Together	7	Church singers	1
Football	6	Church social functions	1
Book club	5	Church soup days / warm spaces	1
The Big Thin Red Line	5	Coffee Morning	1
Church	4	Concerts	1
Church coffee mornings	4	Crib Club	1

Patients Participation Group.	4	Flextone	1
Woodchurch Morris	4	Football (walking football)	1
Ashford astronomical society	3	FOWSA	1
Beavers/cubs	3	Golf Society	1
Bell ringing	3	Guides	1
C.A.R.M.	3	Gymnastics	1
Carnival	3	Hall activities	1
Exercise classes	3	Help on the churchyard	1
Fitness groups	3	Horticultural Show	1
Knit and Natter	3	Jean Mealham Centre Concerts	1
Margaret Morris Movement	3	Kids youth club	1
Quizes	3	Maintenance of churchyard and clock	1
Village Green	3	Memorial Hall coffee mornings	1
Windmill	3	Memorial Hall social functions	1
Yoga	3	Others before retirement	1
Badminton	2	Race night	1
Craft Fayres	2	Rainbows	1
Doctors Surgery	2	Six Bells pub	1
Forest School	2	Taekwon-do	1
HUB	2	Tennis	1
Line Dancing	2	Tia Chi	1
Memorial Hall	2	Try to support other events when we can	1
Pub	2	Village Fete	1
Puzzle Club	2	Walking Football	1
Scouts	2	Wildflower meadow	1
Scouts and Guides community hall	2	Woodchurch Flower and Produce Show	1
Scrabble	2	Woodchurch Running event	1

5.3 – Are there any other activities you would like to see in the village

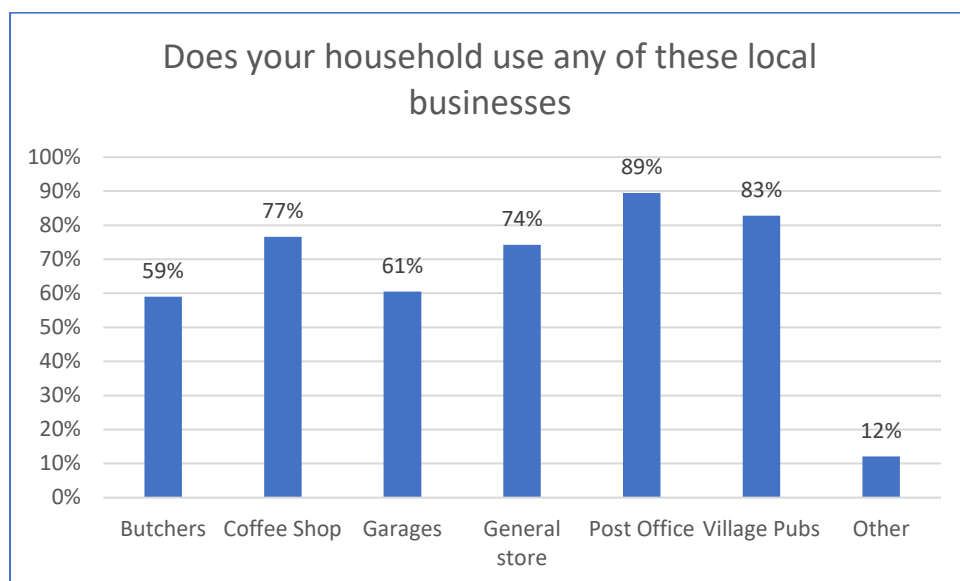
Category	Count	Request
Art and Craft	2	Craft group
Art and Craft	1	Crafts for children - Local art/craft/sewing clubs for children and teens (I would be happy to run these if premises was cheaper - 07564 446973)
Art and Craft	1	Greater Arts and Crafts Groups
Art and Craft	1	I would like to see art and/or creativity sessions. The village has many talented and creative people but they all exist in isolation.
Businesses	1	Artisan baker
Businesses	1	Model shop
Community	1	Village cleanup campaign - with better awareness ie posters around the village. Its held once a year and turn out can be low.
Community	1	Village volunteers- led by the parish council. They could do community tasks to ensure the village remains a place we can all be proud of. They could be the pro-active/ re-active arm of the parish council completing community tasks such as: Lit

Community	1	Volunteer Drivers - Hub to hold a list of volunteer drivers who could drive blue badge holders to shop at other shops than supermarkets. Weekdays only. Friends not always available to take b/b holders or perhaps to go to appts in other villages
Community	1	Windmill - A fully working village-owned windmill
Community	1	Windmill - Enhanced Windmill support group (friends?)
Festivals	1	Annual village festival or food festival
Festivals	1	Carnival - the carnival was wonderful and I hope community events continue to be well-supported and thrive as wonderful and special activities bringing the community together.
Music and Dance	4	Choir
Music and Dance	1	African drumming group
Music and Dance	1	Dance classes daytime
Music and Dance	1	Irish dancing classes
Music and Dance	1	More dance classes
Music and Dance	1	Scottish Dancing
Nature	1	Allotments, which would be a multi-generational facility, especially in the current economic situation for people to support each other
Nature	1	Bird watching group
Nature	1	Gardening - allotments
Nature	1	Gardening society
Nature	1	Nature group
Societies	4	Book club
Societies	1	Cards - (Bridge, Cribbage, Euchre 9cards) clubs
Societies	1	Cards - Whist Drives
Societies	1	Digital photography classes
Societies	1	Evening classes
Societies	1	Film club
Societies	1	Film nights with better food options for different diets, not just fish and chips!
Societies	1	Firework display
Societies	1	Fireworks - Annual fireworks on Green
Societies	1	Fireworks night
Societies	1	French/language society/circle
Societies	1	Model railway club
Societies	1	More evening classes in village to suit working people better
Societies	1	Photography Club
Societies	1	Repair Cafe
Societies	1	Repair Shop - A 'repair shop' or similar to promote recycling and repair
Societies	1	Talks / art and craft fairs
Societies	1	Vegan group
Societies	1	W.I. - more modern group
Sport and exercise	17	Cricket
Sport and exercise	6	Petanque (Boules) court
Sport and exercise	3	Walking group
Sport and exercise	2	Cycling Group
Sport and exercise	1	Badminton on a full court i.e School hall
Sport and exercise	1	Basket ball court
Sport and exercise	1	Bowls - Indoor bowls

Sport and exercise	1	Bowls - Indoor/outdoor
Sport and exercise	1	Bowls - Short mat bowls daytime
Sport and exercise	1	Croquet
Sport and exercise	1	Evening Pilates or Yoga
Sport and exercise	1	Fitness / games / updated playground for under 5s
Sport and exercise	1	Football - Better football goals pitch for the kids to practice on
Sport and exercise	1	Football - Childrens Football
Sport and exercise	1	Football - Childrens Woodchurch football teams
Sport and exercise	1	Football Childrens five-a-side
Sport and exercise	1	Football club
Sport and exercise	1	Meditate classes
Sport and exercise	1	More fitness outside working hours
Sport and exercise	1	Netball
Sport and exercise	1	Pub pool team
Sport and exercise	1	Spin classes
Sport and exercise	1	Sports facilities for the elderly - e.g walking football pitch, indoor raquet sports area
Sport and exercise	1	Sports for teenagers - Activities/sports for teenagers - ie football, girls football, girls netball
Sport and exercise	1	Swimming
Sport and exercise	1	Table Tennis - outdoor an All Weather ping pong
Sport and exercise	1	Table Tennis Club
Sport and exercise	1	Tennis for 4 year olds
Sport and exercise	1	Walking - Monthly footpaths walking group
Sport and exercise	1	Walking Groiup
Sport and exercise	1	Walking Group - A village walking group using both paved and public footpaths
Sport and exercise	1	Walking group during weekdays
Sport and exercise	1	Walking group/Footpath Society
Support	1	Befriending - But I don't know what they could be - Befriending maybe
Support	1	IT Support - More facilities for those who own computers/phones, to have access to live tutorials for understanding HOW TO use the equipment safely and for learning new concepts.
Support	1	Mental Health group
Support	1	Something for old people to meet at weekends
Support	1	Talkin Tables - I heard about Talkin tables discussed on the radio recently where volunteers set up a 1 hour slot in cafe or pub for lonely people to be able to meet and chat with people who lived walking distance from cafe or pub.
Youth	1	Activities for teens
Youth	1	Activities for teens (14+) - youth club?
Youth	1	Childrens activity groups to enjoy gardening
Youth	1	More children's activities such as festive parties in the hall
Youth	1	Skate park and other activity for the oldewr children in the village
Youth	1	Toddler group?
Youth	1	Very few weekend activities for children
Youth	1	Volunteering opportunities for older teens
Youth	1	Youth club

Businesses

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



Butchers	151	59%
Coffee Shop	196	77%
Garages	155	61%
General store	190	74%
Post Office	229	89%
Village Pubs	212	83%
Other	31	12%
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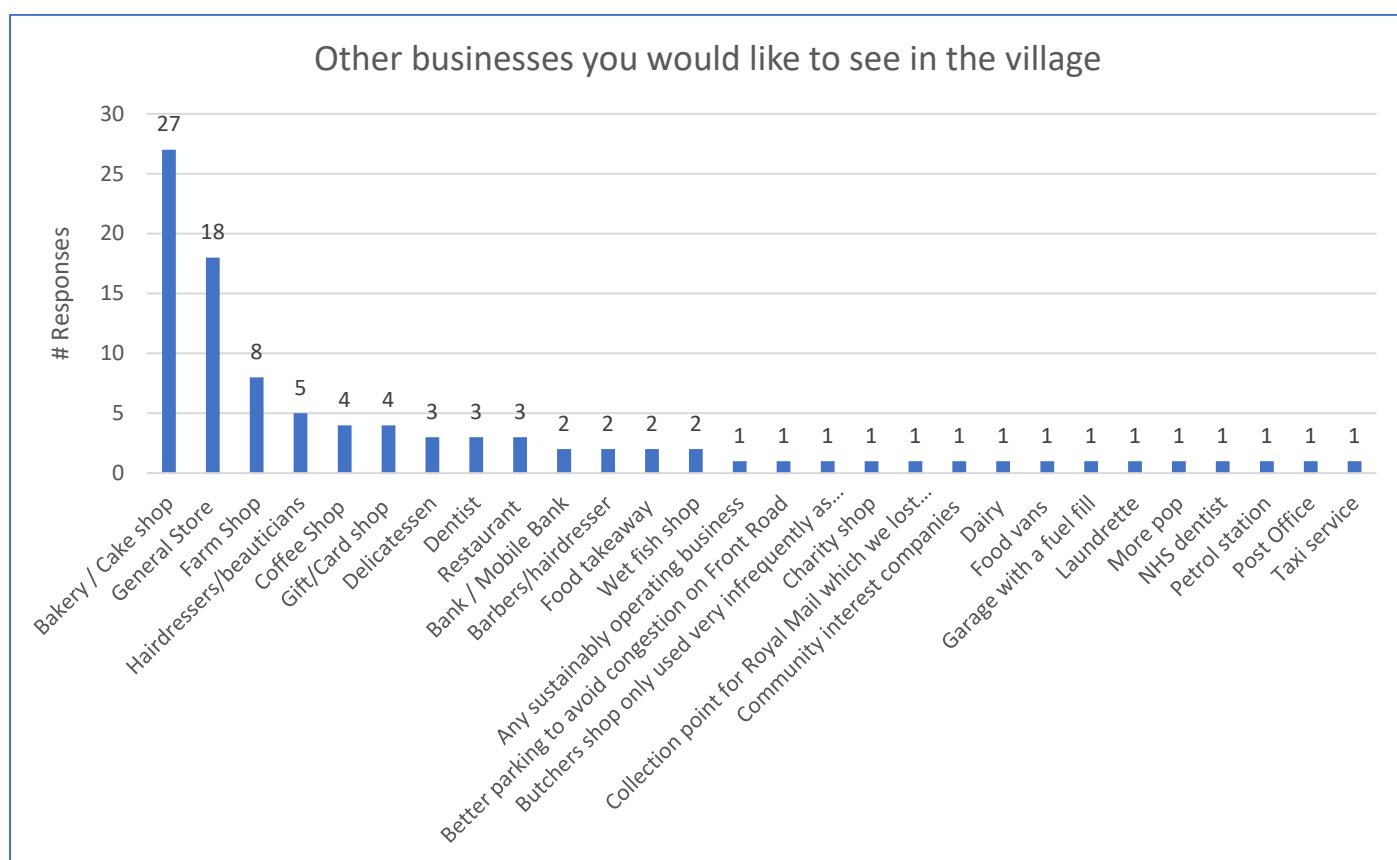
Please list other local businesses used

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

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



Bakery / Cake shop	27
General Store	18
Farm Shop	8
Hairdressers/beauticians	5
Coffee Shop	4
Gift/Card shop	4
Delicatessen	3
Dentist	3
Restaurant	3
Bank / Mobile Bank	2

Barbers/hairdresser	2
Food takeaway	2
Wet fish shop	2
Any sustainably operating business	1
Better parking to avoid congestion on Front Road	1
Butchers shop only used very infrequently as buy meat when doing main shop.	1
Charity shop	1
Collection point for Royal Mail which we lost when the post office moved	1
Community interest companies	1
Dairy	1
Food vans	1
Garage with a fuel fill	1
Laundrette	1
More pop	1
NHS dentist	1
Petrol station	1
Post Office	1
Taxi service	1

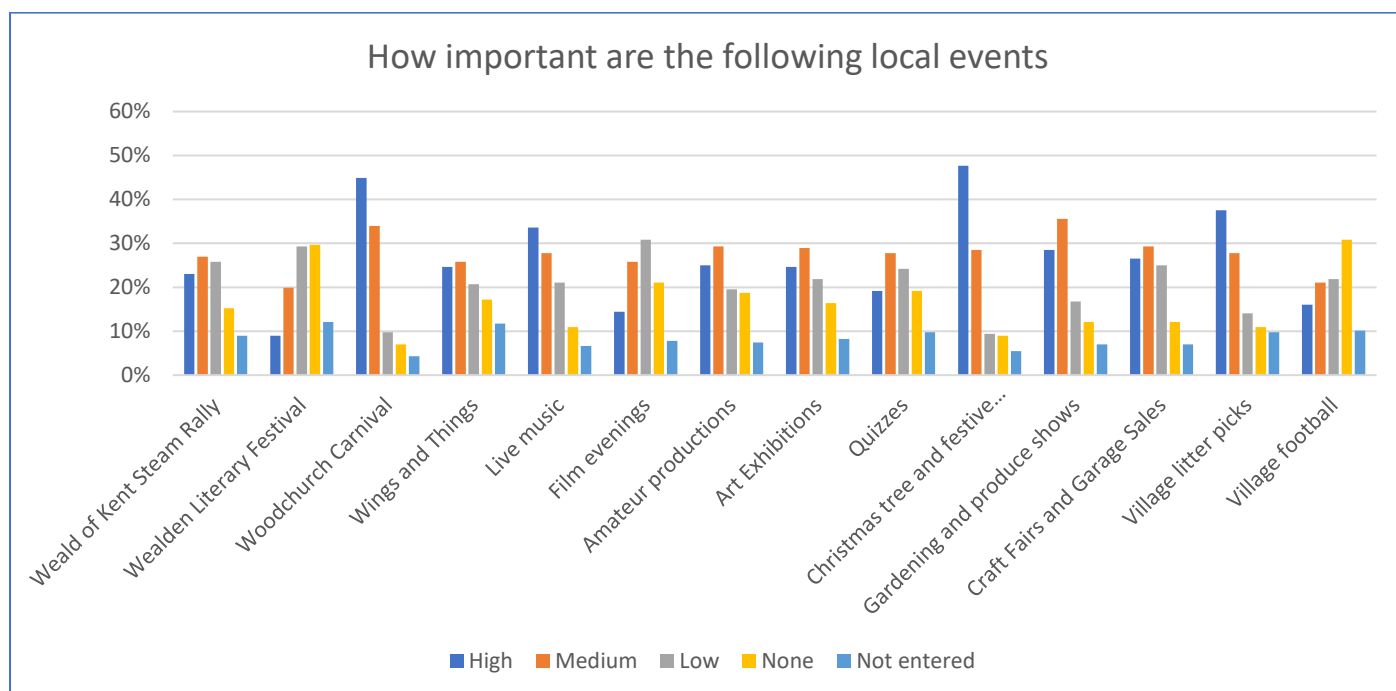
Comments- where provided

Coffee Shop	
	Café
	Coffee shop too close to where we live so tend to forget about it being there
	Tea shop for cream teas
	The coffee shop is an amazing addition to the village
Farm Shop	
	A farm shop selling local produce/crafts/flowers etc.
	A good farm shop
	A nearby farm shop
	Fruit and veg shop
	green grocery
	Greengrocers / Farmshop
	Greengrocers/florists
Food takeaway	
	A chinese takeaway would be nice
	Food takeaway shop
General Store	
	Would love to see a small co-op maybe get a prospective builder to put one on new estate as part of a condition of being able to build in the village (quid pro quo)
	The existing village shop/Post Office needs improvement. (see Appledore Stubbs Cross High Halden etc for models)
	Improved local shop facilities

	Another shop disabled access needed
Gift/Card shop	
	card shop with gifts
	Elegant Balloons and more would love space in the village
	Gift/Antiques/Bookshop
	Small gift/card/balloon shop
Restaurant	
	Good restaurant
	Restaurant of good quality.

Local Events

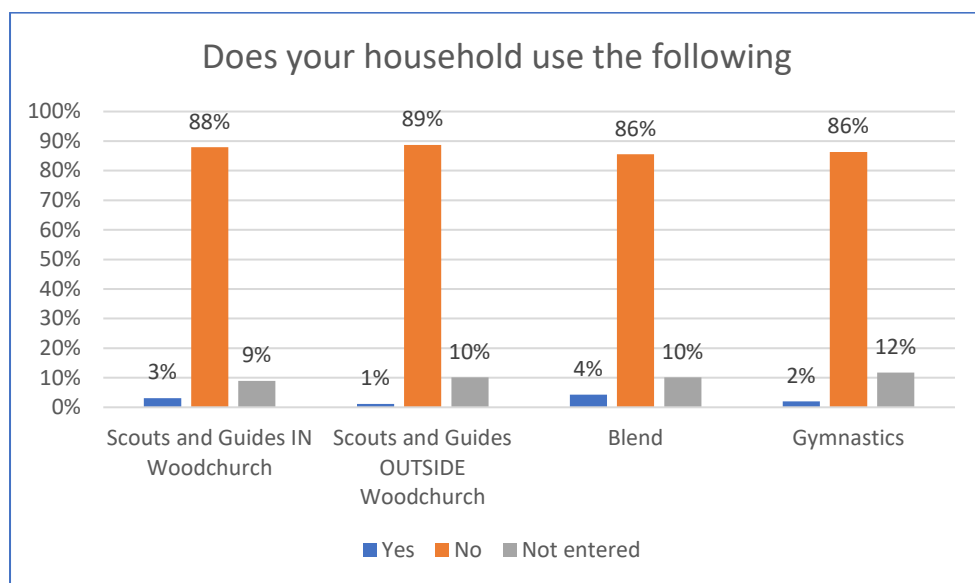
5.6- How important are the following local events to people in your household



	High	Medium	Low	None	Not entered
Weald of Kent Steam Rally	23%	27%	26%	15%	9%
Wealden Literary Festival	9%	20%	29%	30%	12%
Woodchurch Carnival	45%	34%	10%	7%	4%
Wings and Things	25%	26%	21%	17%	12%
Live music	34%	28%	21%	11%	7%
Film evenings	14%	26%	31%	21%	8%
Amateur productions	25%	29%	20%	19%	7%
Art Exhibitions	25%	29%	22%	16%	8%
Quizzes	19%	28%	24%	19%	10%
Christmas tree and festive events	48%	29%	9%	9%	5%
Gardening and produce shows	29%	36%	17%	12%	7%
Craft Fairs and Garage Sales	27%	29%	25%	12%	7%
Village litter picks	38%	28%	14%	11%	10%
Village football	16%	21%	22%	31%	10%
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5 – Youth

5.7- Within your household do you use the following



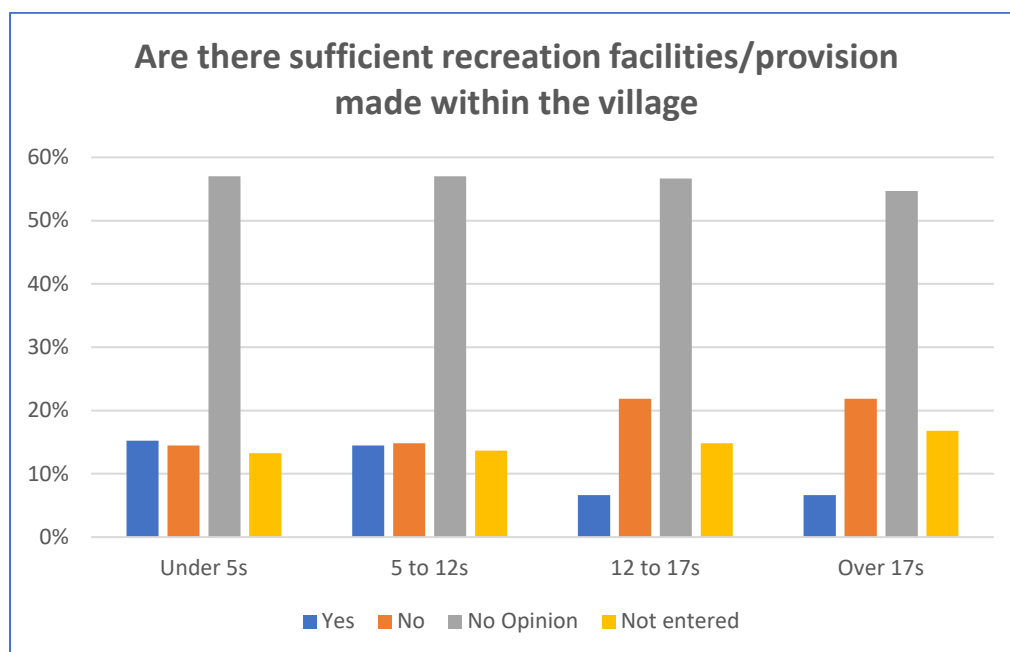
	Yes	No	Not entered
Scouts and Guides IN Woodchurch	8	225	23
Scouts and Guides OUTSIDE Woodchurch	3	227	26
Blend	11	219	26
Gymnastics	5	221	30
Other			
Other details			
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	Yes	No	Not entered
Scouts and Guides IN Woodchurch	3%	88%	9%
Scouts and Guides OUTSIDE Woodchurch	1%	89%	10%
Blend	4%	86%	10%
Gymnastics	2%	86%	12%
Other			
Other details			
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Others youth activities

Coffee morning - church
Dance clubs in Warehorne and Tenterden
Forest School
In the past all of our children were involved fully in the Scout/Guide movement in Woodchurch. This is very important.
Irish dancing outside of Woodchurch
Jean Mealham
Pilates

Players
Taekwon-do
Tennis
The football pitch. The second goal needs to be reinstated + nets added to both.
Village Hall (WI), craft shows, amateur dramatics shows
We would use Scouts and gymnastics but our children are all grown up now
Cranbrook Rugby Club
Swimming at Tenterden Leisure Centre
Woodchurch Players

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



	Yes	No	No Opinion	Not entered
Under 5s	39	37	146	34
5 to 12s	37	38	146	35
12 to 17s	17	56	145	38
Over 17s	17	56	140	43
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Not entered
Under 5s	15%	14%	57%	13%
5 to 12s	14%	15%	57%	14%
12 to 17s	7%	22%	57%	15%
Over 17s	7%	22%	55%	17%
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More detail

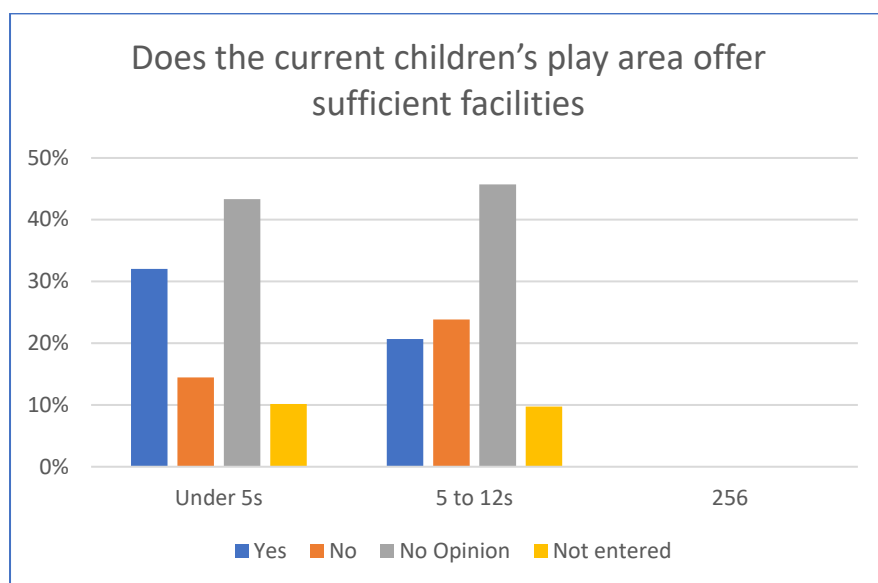
General	Could be more available.
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General	I feel there is always room for more recreation facilities for any age
General	If any of my family were still at home I would not live here it is too isolated
General	Lack of youth facilities
General	Limited to Scouts and Football
General	More facilities for childrens leisure would be welcomes - I know nothing about teenagers in village
General	More for adults please
General	Name one that exists
General	Often the young ones have to go further afield to be able to participate in activities therefore they find it harder to meet keep village friends
General	Other than scouts, guides, tennis there is a lack of facilities for 12-17
General	Social events for young people
General	Somewhere safe to congregate for recreational activity and/or learn skills eg car and bike mechanics, IT skills, cooking
General	The difficult age where cant yet drive, not old enough to go to the pub. Need a place to go
General	The provisions available in the village for all ages of children are very poor.
General	The young need to be occupied all the time, then they would not wreck the beautiful things in Woodchurch
General	The youth really need to be focussed on or this community will see people leave. The facilities are non existent for children over the age of 8. We need to look at other areas for inspiration. Investment is needed for the younger community which will engage families, increase retention and make Woodchurch more desirable.
General	The youth, who do not want to be part of a uniformed organisation , are poorly served. We do have a youth cafe weekly in church (Blend). The church also run a holiday club for 4-11's. However, the young need somewhere, safe, where they can meet up, chat and use the internet safely.
General	There are plenty of provisions available for the older spectrum of the village, feels like the children have been forgotten.
General	There does not appear to be an offer beyond scouts /guides, Blend, beavers etc. there is nothing for the disaffected/ poorly engaged young people in our community
General	Volunteering opportunities
General	With decline in bus services teens have ever more limited options for free time. Scouts is a good option but thats about it.
Play Area	Always seems to be safety barriers in the park area with repairs being done
Play Area	Given the expanse of Green that we have, I feel that there could be a much greater provision of a range of activities and equipment for all ages - along the lines of The Victoria Park play area in Ashford with zip wires, climbing wall, sandpit & a multitude of other equipment.
Play Area	Lack of up to date play equipment across different age groups
Play Area	Larger play area with wider range of facilities
Play Area	Play area could be updated to cater more for under 5s (Ham Street has good balance)
Play Area	Play area needs more equipment
Play Area	Playground could be so much better
Play Area	Playground is poor compared to surrounding voillages
Play Area	Playground needs significant investment and not new areas created in different places in the village.
Play Area	Poorly maintained facilities
Play Area	The childrens play area isnt suitably equipped for older age group or for a village this size
Play Area	The children's playground is very poorly equipped. I have 4 grandchildren who stay with me often and I find I have to take them in a car somewhere else if they want to go to a playground

	as the offering in Woodchurch is so poor. For most of last summer the roundabout and swings were roped off and unusable.
Play Area	The Green is a great space but poorly used with few facilities for children to play with. An upgraded, larger playground would be useful considering the large number of children in the village and the school and a cycle track around the Green or a rounders pitch or marking out an athletics track in the summer would be a welcome addition.
Play Area	The green park/play area is more for younger children. We need something for 9+ years old e.g. skate park, bike track/jumps, youth hub/shelter and youth football team
Play Area	The park seems used by younger children but very little for 7-11 year olds and nothing for older kids - except the green for football
Play Area	The play area needs updating and extending. There needs to be more in the village for teenagers.
Play Area	The play area on the green needs updating and expanding with new equipment
Play Area	The playground does not meet the need of the local children. It is too small, often has items awaiting attention, is outdated and unstimulating. For a village this size, especially one with a school, it really does need improving. If money were to be generated from builders it should be spent on the childrens playground as a priority
Play Area	The playground isn't really suitable for children over 5, so we go to Tenterden.
Play Area	There is precious little in the way of equipment that they could make use of.
Play Area	There is very little available for older children, football goals are broken, there is half a basketball court and very little else. Much development required in this area.
Play Area	Very dated park would be great if updated similar to Victoria Park
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Play Area	Very small play park for under fives.
Play Area	
Sport	Football posts and nets for youngsters in addition to the one on the green (number of young lads requested this)
Sport	Goals for football. Climing wall, skate park, free use of a tennis court
Sport	No youth sports clubs
Sport	Sports organisations especially for women
Sport	The wild meadow is a waste of space. It could be used to have a sport cage where kids could sport away from the road.
Teenagers	An internet cafe might be helpful if policed properly.
Teenagers	Dont have any members of household involved but I am not aware of much available for 12+ age group.
Teenagers	Don't know of any options for teenagers
Teenagers	Lack of facilities for teenagers (skate park)
Teenagers	Lack of teenage activities
Teenagers	Local 12 to 17s meeting place. Possibly a section of the Pavilion on the Green.
Teenagers	More needed especially for girls and teenagers
Teenagers	Nothing for teenagers - skate park, cycle track instead of wild meadow or even more parking there.
Teenagers	Nothing for teenagers that I can see
Teenagers	Nowhere for teens
Teenagers	Spaces for teens needed
Teenagers	The teenagers have nowhere to go so that causes them to get bored and cause a nuisance to the locals

Teenegers	If teenagrs aren't scouts, I'm not sure what there is to do?
Under 5s	Limited preschool get-togethers apart from scout movement nothing
Under 5s	Only Forest School for under 5s
Young Adults	Nothing for over 17 age group. Most clubs and societies aimed at older age groups
Youth Club	All-comers youth club
Youth Club	Appears to be no youth clubs
Youth Club	Not aware of a youth club
Youth Club	Not aware of any youth club etc (except cubs/scouts)
Youth Club	Nothing obvious such as youth club or similar facility
Youth Club	We dont have children of any age but feel that there is little available for the teenage years beyond the traditional organisations those who are potentially more at risk of being disruptive might benefit from a lighter touch youth facility / drop in youth club
Youth Club	Youth clubs needed at times everyone can make

5.9- Does the current children's play area offer sufficient facilities for



	Yes	No	No Opinion	Not entered
Under 5s	82	37	111	26
5 to 12s	53	61	117	25
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Not entered
Under 5s	32%	14%	43%	10%
5 to 12s	21%	24%	46%	10%
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What additional facilities are needed

A better play area with more facilities would be nice for the children. There is hardly anything for the older ones.
A climbing structure would be good, maybe additional swings
A few more activities for children would be better eg climbing frame, bigger slide for older children.
A much larger area with more interactive equipment, plus play equipment for a wider age range of children such as a zip wire.
Some seating where families can sit together and have picnics inbetween playing.
Anything which would mean families can spend more time together outdoors
An updated park would be amazing and such an asset to the village.
An updated play park with equipment from the 21st century.
Football posts on the green with nets etc.
A hard play area enclosed with goals / netball / basketball hoops.
Upgrading of The Green to better include our youngsters
Badly maintained, needs upgrading
Climbing equipment
Youth Shelter
Climbing frame
Climbing, Zip wire, etc, Only available at Rare Breeds
Compared to a lot of other villages our play area is very outdated and doesnt provide enough variety for the younger children
Completely knocked down and rebuilt with a modern play area for all ages. Would suggest ziplines, climbing walls etc, something for all ages.
I would consider moving the park to the wild meadow area as that plot seems pretty redundant. This would also help in moving the children away from a busy main road and the bad language used every Saturday and Sunday during football matches.
Equipment for older children zip wire, climbing frame
Given the space it could be an amazing park. See the one in Folkestone near the barracks
I feel that more creativity could be used to make the play area more exciting. It needs to be expanded with up to date equipment.
Permanent goal posts would encourage the youngsters to use the green instead of going home and using their mobile phones all the time.
There are lots of children in the village who could all benefit.
Just take a look at Spearpont pavilion or the new playground in Victoria park to see what a good playground looks like. The play area at Bridgefields is also a good local example of what can be done.
It is always shut
It is very poorly provisioned.
It needs ripping up and creating from new. Facilities are terrible, dangerous and not fit for current guidelines.
Lack of up-to-date play equipment across different age groups
More challenging and bigger. Playground options for older lads
More climbing facilities
More facilities of different types
More variety of equipment/play area would make more choice
Needs expanding for toddlers. More interesting and exciting equipment for all ages. Looks dated
Needs to be upgraded not just refurbished. Very outdated
Not sure, asking wrong demographic , assume questions are within the youth survey
Nothing to climb on (excellent for development and confidence). Have you ever been to a playground in surrounding villages? Money would have been better spent in this than "adult exercise area". In

spite of lovely position, very poor playground. What about a geodesic dome, safe, inexpensive and possible to fit in. Lots of children here (have written before but no reply). Granny of 8.
Older play equipment would be amazing - Like the Zip line at Northiam or the wooden assault course at Bethersden
Only swings suitable for older children
Playground is poor compared to surrounding villages
Not aware of any youth club etc (except cubs/scouts)
Outdoor table tennis similar would be ab excellent addition for teenagers racquet sports, practise wall, athletics club, girls' football club, anything sporty.
Plenty of children of all age groups
Poorly maintained facilities
The childrens play area isnt suitably equipped for older age group or for a village this size. Inadequate, dated equipment
The equipment is suited for younger children
The facilities are too small to interest children over 5.
The park seems used by younger children but very little for 7-11 year olds and nothing for older kids - except the green for football
The play area need modernising and expanding for all ages and new facilities added for teenagers within the village
The play park is aimed at 1-6 years old - not older children. They need climbing wall, skate park, shelter for this age range
There could be more apparatus
Very poor play equipment
Very dated
Wet weather facilities
When I take my grandchildren to the play park it has been broken for some time.
With just 2 older swings - often busy - not large enough equipment for teens
Would be nice to have maybe something for older primary school (extend adult gym area/basketball area)

5.10- 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

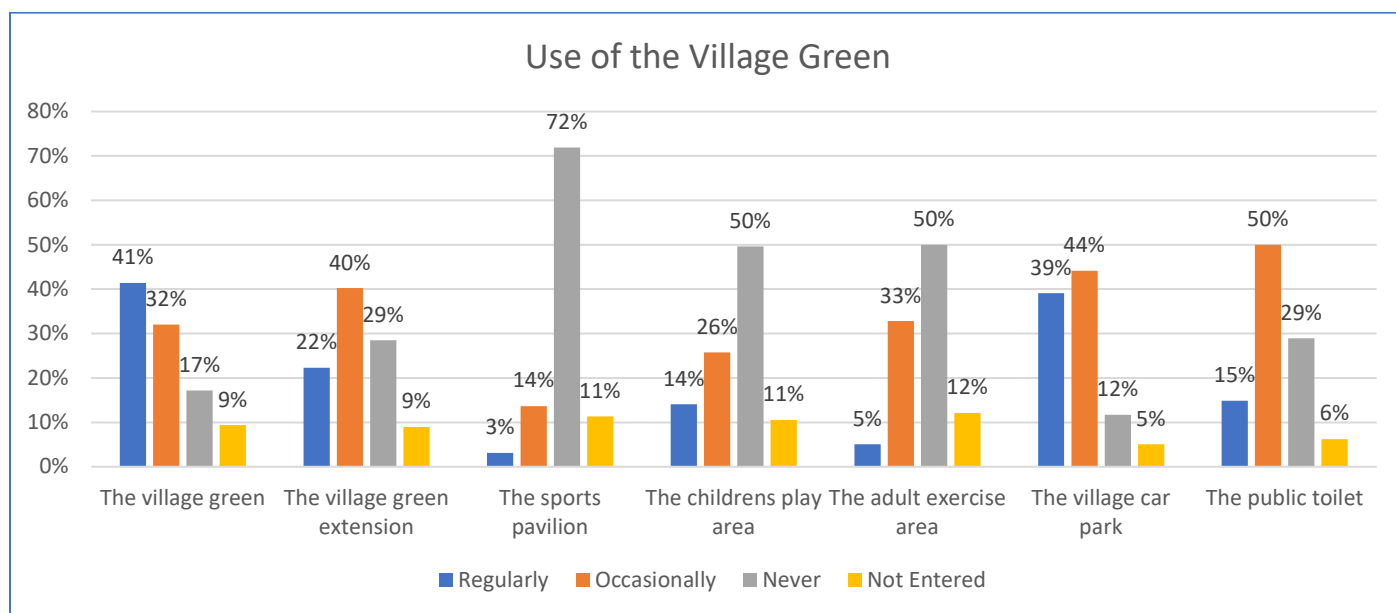
General	The list is absolutely endless
General	Volunteering opportunities
General	We are involved with young people but feel that anything more that could stimulate them and prevent boredom and antisocial behavior would help
General	We don't have children but in any community, it's important for there 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
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

5- Village Green and Car Park

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



	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Not Entered
The village green	41%	32%	17%	9%
The village green extension	22%	40%	29%	9%
The sports pavilion	3%	14%	72%	11%
The childrens play area	14%	26%	50%	11%
The adult exercise area	5%	33%	50%	12%
The village car park	39%	44%	12%	5%
The public toilet	15%	50%	29%	6%

5.12- Please let us know the main uses you make of the village green (e.g. Sport, exercise, dog walking etc.)

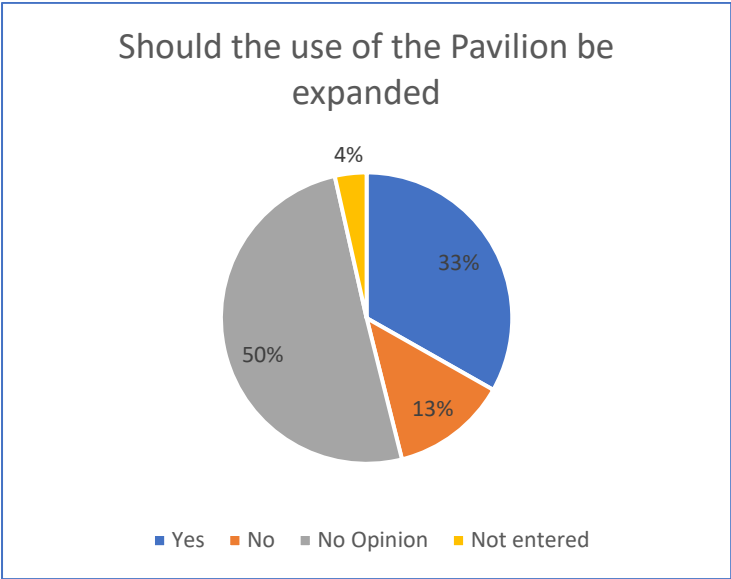
Exercise	58	Walking
Exercise	43	Exercise
Exercise	2	Running
Exercise	1	Adult exercise area
Exercise	1	Boot Camp
Exercise	1	Bootcamp
Exercise	1	checking on the wildflowers
Exercise	1	Enjoy fresh air and sunlight
Exercise	1	Exercise classes
Exercise	1	For children to run around
Exercise	1	Fresh Air
Exercise	1	Jogging
Exercise	1	Just walking across - Lower Road to Front Road
Exercise	1	Part of our walk around the village
Exercise	1	Transit
Exercise	1	Use of exercise area

Exercise	1	Walking - we dont walk through it when the lower part becomes too boggy
Exercise	1	walking/sitting
Exercise	1	Walks
Exercise	1	Wildflower walks
General	2	Fish and Chips
General	1	More pop-up food facilities would be great
General	1	A path around the road part behind the pavillion would be amazing!
General	1	Admiring the green and pleasant surroundings-views this is a great asset for Woodchurch!
General	1	Enjoy the view every day
General	1	Enjoying the wildlife and greenery.
General	1	Enjoyment of the open space
General	1	Entertaining grandchildren
General	1	Fish and Chip suppers
General	1	Food van
General	1	Food vendors
General	1	General Recreation
General	1	it is a beautiful centre for the village
General	1	It is very uplifting to walk around there and saved us from madness during the pandemic
General	1	It's such a peaceful place to sit and watch the world go by (when no sports are being played)
General	1	Just love sitting on a bench on the green
General	1	Just to look at a beautiful classical English village green
General	1	Just to look at it.
General	1	Legacy from us now to those in the future
General	1	Love the view of The Green from our house and to see it being used
General	1	Parking
General	1	Simply enjoying its presence
General	1	To know there is a green heart to our village
General	1	Toilet
General	1	Wildflower meadow - why not plant native trees and turn it into a wood (Ike ERII encouraged)
Pets	84	Dog walking
Play Area	7	Childrens play area
Play Area	1	I would use the playground a lot with my grandchildren if it were better but they would rather go elsewhere
Play Area	1	Kids play area
Play Area	1	Play area/gym area + ball games etc
Play Area	1	Play equipment
Play Area	1	Play park for grandchildren
Play Area	1	Taking children to the play area
Play Area	1	Taking grandsons to childrens play area
Social	18	Events
Social	16	Picnics
Social	5	Watching Football
Social	4	Playing with grandchildren
Social	4	Socialising

Social	3	Kite flying
Social	2	Games
Social	2	Meeting people
Social	2	playing with our children
Social	2	Watching Sport
Social	1	Club activities
Social	1	Disabled and partially sighted - sometimes use scooter to have variety of ride/sit and watch dogs
Social	1	Enjoying events on The Green
Social	1	Enjoyment
Social	1	Family games
Social	1	Fun with grandchildren - kites, frisbees, footballs
Social	1	Grandchildren recreation
Social	1	Just watching the world go by
Social	1	Learning to cycle
Social	1	Meditation
Social	1	Meet and socialise with rest of community
Social	1	Meeting friends
Social	1	meeting friends/family
Social	1	Meeting point
Social	1	Occasionally just sitting
Social	1	Peace and relaxation
Social	1	Place to sit
Social	1	Play ball games with Grandchildren
Social	1	Play for children
Social	1	Play with children
Social	1	Play with our children
Social	1	Playing with grand children
Social	1	Recreation
Social	1	recreation - picnic etc
Social	1	Recreation and social
Social	1	Recreation for grandchildren ball games
Social	1	Relaxing
Social	1	Relaxing in the spring/summer
Social	1	Sit, chat, read
Social	1	Sitting
Social	1	Sitting and chilling
Social	1	Sitting and enjoying the space.
Social	1	Sitting on a summers evening
Social	1	Sitting on benches
Social	1	Socialising with other families
Social	1	Somewhere to meet
Social	1	Taking my grandchild
Social	1	Taking son
Social	1	Taking visitors to walk about the village
Social	1	Teaching them to ride bikes
Social	1	Watching football and cricket
Social	1	Well being and relaxation
Social	1	Socialising

Sport	15	Sport
Sport	5	Football
Sport	1	Ball Games
Sport	1	Basketball
Sport	1	Childrens sports
Sport	1	Football spectator
Sport	1	Football, cricket etc
Sport	1	Football. Our son is also on the football team and uses the green for training and matches
Sport	1	Playing
Sport	1	Watch football/cricket

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



Yes	85	33%
No	33	13%
No Opinion	129	50%
Not entered	9	4%
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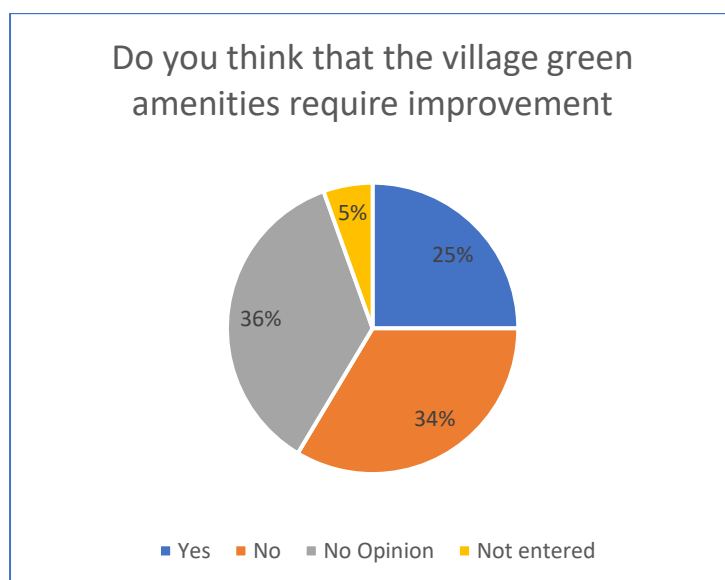
What facilities should the pavilion provide

Adequate toilet facilities and a small kitchen (updated)
Also small gathering for private activities or new club venues.
An updated pavillion would be a great use of space.
Any additional facilities would be welcome
Anything families wish to use it for
Basic catering function.
Changing rooms.
Shower and toilets for users.
Gazebo / outdoor furniture for hirers to use only.

Basic kitchen for picnic hire, summer birthday teas etc.
BBQs
Better accessibility
Better kitchen and toilet area
Catering facilities
Could be useful for small groups
Definitely!
Depends on interested parties
During village events for kitchen/toilets.
Football toilet and changing rooms
For events held on the green
For music events.
For petanque, croquet clubs
For use of other sports organisations
Fun days during summer holidays
Hiring for catering
Hiring out would bring more funds into the village
I don't know what the current facilities are but anything to bring the community together and have space to meet is only a good thing
I have never been inside the pavillion so cannot comment on what it already has
It appears to be under utilised at present.
It is used for village green events and is an important amenity.
It needs fully updating
it would be nice to have regular craft fairs and other markets to buy from maybe something for the gentlemen of the village who are interested in anything mechanical e.g. bike markets
Kitchen and toilets for village events
Make kitchen and open area within the pavilion available for any event that is held on the green
More sporting events in village
NO - There is already lots of meeting places for events in the village. The Green is serviced by the memorial hall inc car parking
Not with several halls already but possibly use it for e.g table-top gaming centre - an unsatisfied community demand
Open to ideas but needs to be used to gain funds for up-keep etc.
Option for hire - kids parties, meetings etc. - daytime only
Option to rent - could then hire in summer for gatherings
Overflow catering events
Parish Fundraisers such as Summer BBQs.
Parties.
Quality working kitchen for events like parties and weddings etc.
Reading-room.
small gatherings of 20.
Small parties
Small Wedding receptions
Social gathering
Somewhere the teenagers can go and meet
Sports meetings.
Suitable for mixed sex sports
Summer club
Table tennis + book clubs etc

Tea and coffee facilities, heating, usable showers, more comfortable seating.
That is up to the potential new users to identify, but wider use of an existing asset is to be encouraged
The Pavilion has all the facilities needed for meetings etc.
The Pavilion is in need of refurbishment but it does not need to be larger.
The pavilion needs a massive upgrade to make it usable for existing football team which also contribute to the enjoyment of everybody that watch and play. Also extra revenue to local pubs and would be missed if forced to play elsewhere.
The pavilion provides a real focal point for the green and villagers should be encouraged to use it for small gatherings where the memorial hall and annexe are too large and too expensive to hire
To support village events
Toilets and showers
Updated showers for sports events
Upgrade to catering and changing facilities
Upgraded so that groups/families can use for parties and other celebrations.
Not just a football club amenity.
It's a beautiful setting that is underused.
Weddings
Whatever is needed to keep the building alive.
Whatever the event, wedding parties etc I'm sure it would be welcome income for the pavillion.
Workshops possibly
Would be nice to see the pavilion used in the summer for parties etc.
Youth Club
Youth Club
Youth meetings.

5.14- Do you think that the village green amenities require improvement



Yes	64	25%
No	86	34%
No Opinion	92	36%
Not entered	14	5%
	256	

What improvements are needed

A 5 a side football pitch?
A cricket strip as there was earlier
A designated footpath all of the way down the side.
A Petanque (Boules) area would add interest.
A Bandstand would be nice?
A duck pond
A secluded area for sitting in/near/within
A walking/cycle path around the green
All weather surface - as per Hamstreet
Allow people to donate a tree or bench etc to remember someone
An area of colourful shrubs for all round year interest
An edging for where grass meets road
Basketball court too small and wrong height and too close to the road
Beacon should be removed
Better park for children
Bollards to stop cars parking on the green at the top
Car Park
Car park can get crowded
Car park is too small. Requires 100 spaces. Needs fixing
Complete revamp of the play area to make a safe, interesting, active and accessible space for all parents/grandparents with children
Construct multipurpose playing surface
Could benefit from several picnic tables
Designated picnic area with tables
Disabled access
Drainage around memorial hall and annexe
Drainage on the green
Ensure mobility scooters can be parked behind the bins out of sight of vandals or thieves attending events and They can be seen from the hall windows so owners can keep an eye
Facilities for older children. Basketball skateboard.
Fix the playground, use a more sustainable material like chip that would require regular maintenance but be much cheaper, softer and would be less polluting to the environment. There are plenty of play areas still using chip and without associated impacts to health and safety.
For croquet
Goals
Grow an avenue of trees along the road leading into and out of the green - like France.
I don't think so, we're incredibly fortunate to have this wonderful space to use as a community and appreciate that funding is limited for all of the amenities in the village, available funding should be used where it's most needed to retain the amenities most needed by the community.
I love the fire beacon in the village and it was wonderful to join the lighting of it for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.
I think it would be better to concentrate on improving the facilities in the village hall rather than splitting attention (or budget) between the Pavilion and Hall.
It would be nice to see the local flora and fauna sign back
Just the inside of the pavilion.
Maintenance of existing benches
More benches

More comfortable seating in the village hall
More for the youth
More picnic tables or benches.
More regular cutting. Also around borders.
New kitchen - showers and make more secure
Not sure what amenities are offered at present.
One extra toilet would be useful.
Pavilion improvements
Pavilion needs some TLC. Would be lovely to have a cricket team back!
Picnic area / benches
Play area
Play area
Play area needs updating
Play area needs updating.
Play area needs work, think PC knows this though...
Play area requires significant development/ expansion.
Play area upgrade.
Play area.
Play equipment needs updating and fixing
Play park
Play park upgrade
Re-erect five a side goals
Reinstate cricket?
Repair to car park entrance urgent
Separate designated youth (12 - 17 years) meeting area
Signage could be more reflective of ensuring everyone enjoys this fantastic amenity with less on the X is not permitted approach...
Some picnic benches would be a good idea.
Some trees would be nice in the wildflower meadow.
Something for older children to encourage physical activity and outdoor fun e.g. Climbing wall, zipwire
Summer village BBQ?
The childrens play area needs an extensive update and more interesting and fun play equipment.
The Green does not require any more clutter
The green needs to be made adolescent friendly by the provision of a suitable area for year round use, i.e caged area with lighting
The pavilion needs a massive upgrade to make it usable for existing football teams which also contribute to the enjoyment of everybody that watch and play so one of the village also extra revenue to local pubs and would be missed if forced to play elsewhere.
The pavilion should be updated to provide the facilities mentioned above
The play area is closed regularly.
The play park
The playground
The playground needs updating
The toilets need updating
Tighter regulations for dog walkers
To encourage or accommodate a village cricket team
To help identify funding for petanque pitch area that is flat.
Toilets don't always smell/look good... but it's so brilliant to have as a facility.
Toilets need refurbishing

Under utilised. Very few people use it.

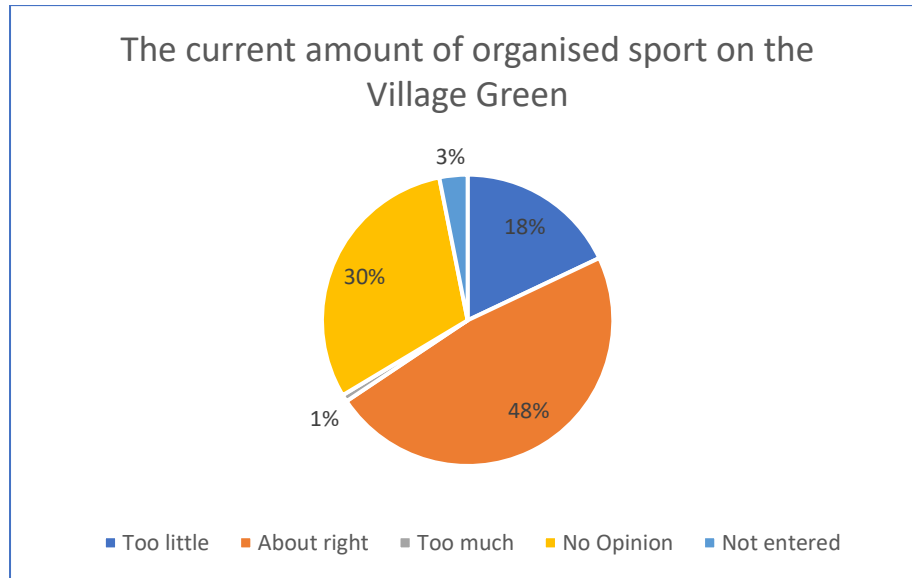
Updated kitchen and toilet facilities

Upgrade pavilion and enlarged covered area.

Wild flower meadow needs a lot of attention

Would be nice to be able to use the green for other sports

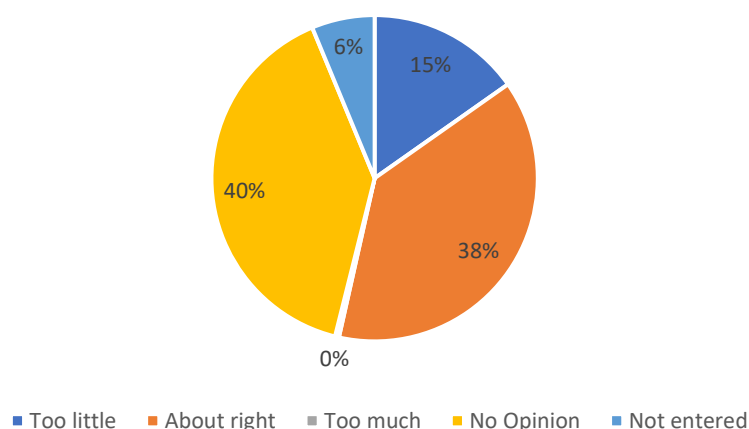
5.15- The current amount of organised sport on the Village Green is



Too little	46	18%
About right	122	48%
Too much	2	1%
No Opinion	78	30%
Not entered	8	3%
	256	

5.16- The current provision for family activities on the Village Green is

The current provision for family activities on the Village Green



Too little	39	15%
About right	98	38%
Too much	1	0%
No Opinion	102	40%
Not entered	16	6%
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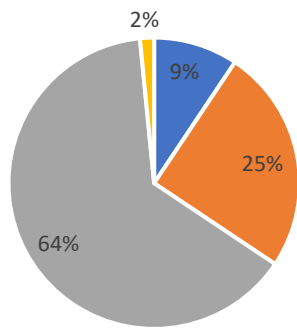
5.17- If there any other facilities that you would like to see added to the Village Green please give details

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

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

how likely are you to use electric charging Points if provided

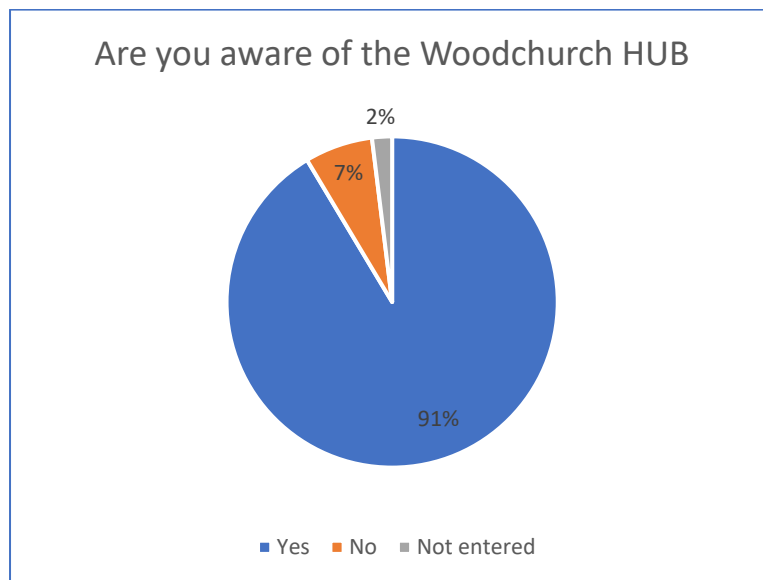


■ Highly Likely ■ Unsure ■ Highly unlikely ■ Not entered

Highly Likely	24	9%
Unsure	64	25%
Highly unlikely	164	64%
Not entered	4	2%
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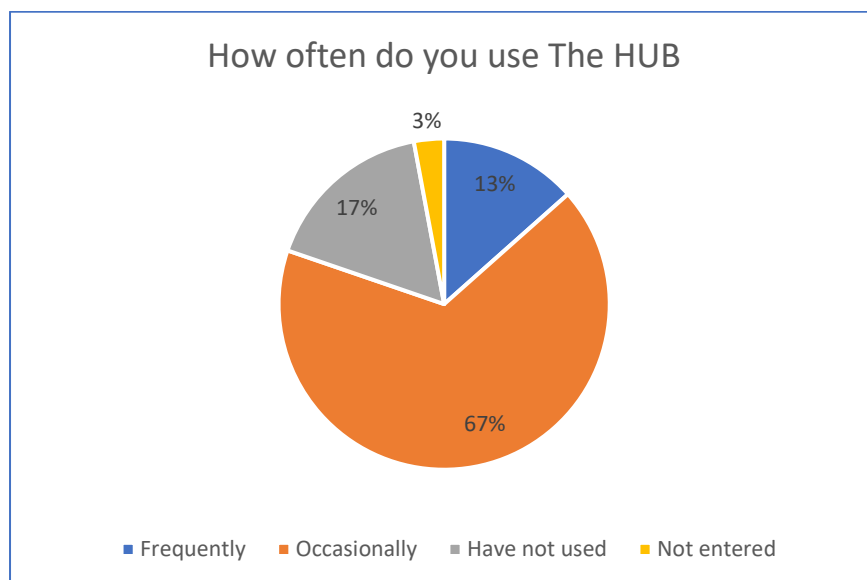
5- The Woodchurch HUB

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



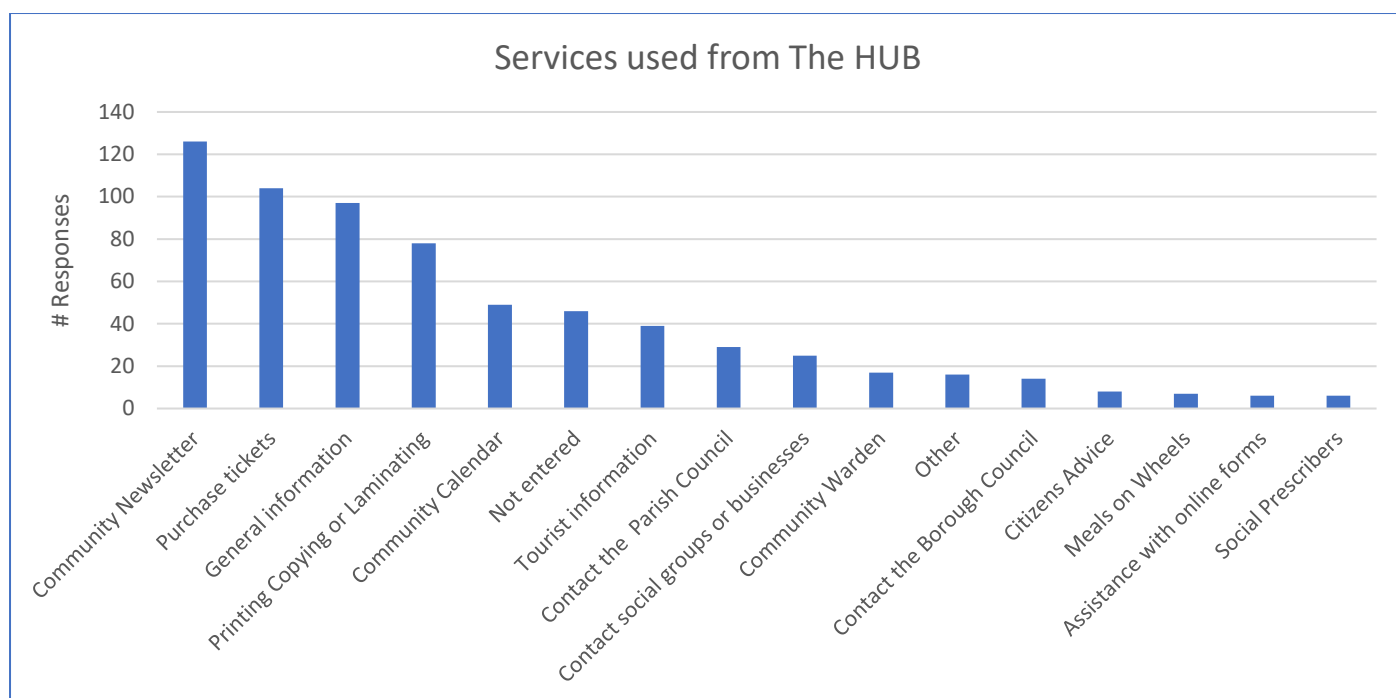
Yes	234	91%
No	17	7%
Not entered	5	2%
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5.20- How often do you use The HUB



Frequently	34	13%
Occasionally	172	67%
Have not used	43	17%
Not entered	7	3%
	256	

5.21- Which of these services have you used from The HUB



Community Newsletter	126
Purchase tickets	104
General information	97
Printing Copying or Laminating	78
Community Calendar	49
Not entered	46
Tourist information	39
Contact the Parish Council	29
Contact social groups or businesses	25
Community Warden	17
Other	16
Contact the Borough Council	14
Citizens Advice	8
Meals on Wheels	7
Assistance with online forms	6
Social Prescribers	6

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

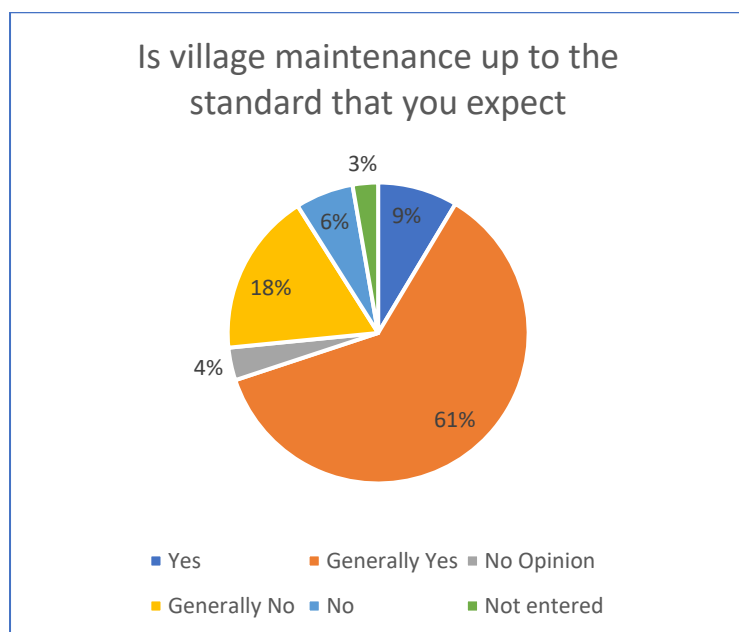
A paid taxi service or signposting to a taxi service that covers the area. When I called in no one knew who I could contact.
Better website and; digital comms - I would like regular e-letter. I've signed up for this more than once + never received.
Community BUS service - Woodchurch Wagon!
Cream teas

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.

6- The Village and its Highways and Byways

Roads, pavements, footpaths and bridleways

6.1- Is village maintenance up to the standard that you expect



Yes	22	9%
Generally Yes	157	61%
No Opinion	9	4%
Generally No	45	18%
No	16	6%
Not entered	7	3%
	256	

Please give examples of where you think that maintenance needs to be improved.

All roads, apart from now Front Road, School parking and not the parents but the 4 vehicles thar park from Susans Hill to Rectory Road. A major accident waiting to happen as vehicles going towards that area are travelling on the wrong side of the road.

Bench damaged

Bench on green with hazard tape

Benches around the green in need of refurbishing

Benches on Green

Bins often overflowing

Bins overflow

Brattle has potholes that need repairing due to the amount of large vehicles that use the estate.

Car park pot holes

Car park requires major work

Car parking near school is appalling

Constant water main failures.

Damage to water pump not repaired.

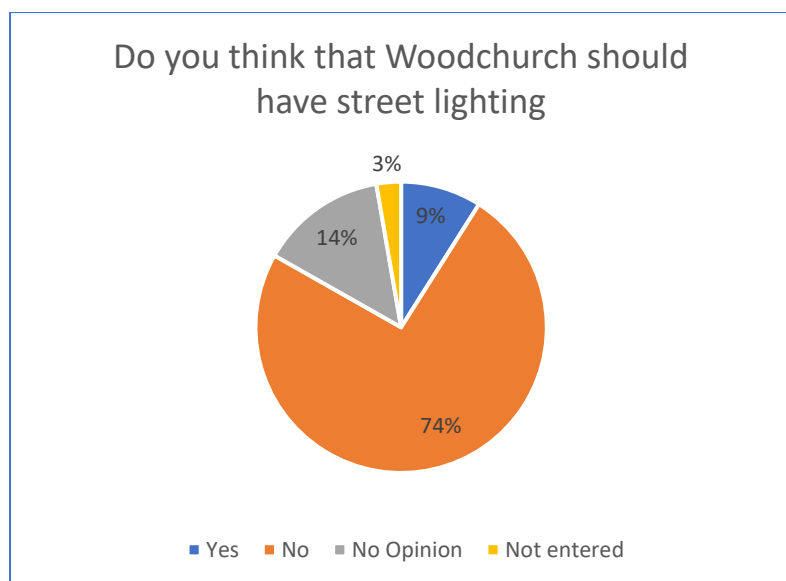
Dog bins.
Drainage around memorial hall and annexe
Drains are never emptied
Drains/rainwater drains blocked in the lower end of the village causing flooding
Driving would also be made easier if residents (on e.g. Susans Hill) would be deterred from placing rocks along the side of the road
Electricity system failing - continuous power cuts
Footpath clearing of hedges.
Footpaths need maintaining
Front hedges are not cut back sufficiently to allow for pushchairs or people to walk side by side. This is especially risky for those parents walking children to school.
Generally Yes
Generally Yes
Generally Yes
Generally Yes
Generally Yes
Generally yes
Generally yes
Generally Yes.
Generally Yes; but my only current moan is the frequent flooding of the cut through footpath, known as Engine Alley next to the nash's property in Lower Road
Grass cutting a problem at the beginning of this year
Grass cutting lapsed earlier in year
Green is cut too short.
Gutter clearance to prevent blockages
Hedges are cut too often.
Hedges not cut back to allow access to pavements.
Illegal parking on pavements causing damage
It was a shame the grass wasn't cut on the village green, summer 2023. Although I'm an advocate for wildlife it really did spoil the picturesque scene of our lovely village.
Landscaping
Litter
Litter is also an ongoing problem.
Main roads through the village regularly has pot-holes
Maintaining water pump etc.
Maintenance of benches and info points
Maintenance of road surfaces and drains
Many hedges need cutting back, especially if there are brambles, because it/they reduce the width of the pavement
More drop curbs for mobility scooters.
Notice boards not fit for purpose / broken
Noticeboards and bins need freshening up
Parking by the school.
Pavements are a nightmare for wheelchair users
Pavements need more attention for holes and too few dropped curbs not accessible enough.
Pavements needs to be regularly cleared back to boundary fences to prevent damage to small children, scooters, prams and safety
People who don't cut their hedges which overhang paths + reduce width of footpath
Play area seems to need improvement always something fenced off
Play equipment not sufficient for older children

Poor quality roads
Pot holes
Pot holes but its an ongoing issue.
Pot holes continue to appear and in places puddles seem to be there all the time.
Pot holes not repaired.
Potholes
POTHOLES
Potholes
Potholes and proper road covering (like Redbrook Street)
Potholes in roads
Potholes in roads
Potholes!
Potholes!!
Rain water drainage from Place Lane requires restructuring
Regular pot holes occurring in roads and edge erosion, the latter along Place Lane.
Road and pavement maintenance (ongoing)
Road maintenance
Road maintenance on Front Road and Lower Road has improved but the road surface on The Green is awful, particularly at the lower road crossroads with Place Lane and Georges Hill
Road maiontenence (potholes etc)
Road sign cleaning
Road surfaces
Road surfacing - potholes road edges broken away
Roads
Roads - potholes drainage
ROADS + SPEED
Roads already potholed after re surfacing.
Roads and pavements, quality of, potholes etc, (having caused personal injury already this year)
Roads and potholes
Roads are bad around the village with dangerous pot holes for cars/cyclists or scooters
Roads in general.
Roads terrible
Sewage system in state of disrepair and inadequate for use
Sewer clearance
Some drains still need attention on The Green and Lower Road
Some of the pavements especially where there are manhole covers are a trip hazard.
Street Lighting
Surface water drains continually blocked
The area around the top of the green is dangerous where there is no pavement, lots of potholes and cars parking in the hedgerow so people are forced to walk on the road.
The centre is generally clean and free of rubbish but you dont need to travel far particularly at crossroads to find rubbish that thrown from vehicles. Not sure who is supposed to clean this up but it doesnt happen often.
The foot path to the windmill is a mess and has been for more then 5 years, the Yard tried to give it a tidy up year before last, but to no avail.
The main drain at Lower Road and Front Road junction floods in heavy rain. This has flooded my property twice and will get worse when the new houses are added to the drain system
The pavillion needs to be updated
The road to the village car park is in really dreadful condition and needs fixing
The roads
The roads are poorly surfaced and are used by heavy traffic farm machinery and heave lorries

The standard of road surfacing and drainage needs improvement.
The state of some of the roads is bad.
The volunteer groups should be congratulated on keeping the churchyard so well and WYT make the village look attractive
There seems to be constant issues with rain water and sewerage in the village too. We worry about the impact on that of building more houses. Again, it needs to be fixed properly before the village is allowed to expand.
Too many road potholes
Vegetation clearance on sides of footpaths
Verges have litter.
Verges need more regular cutting + tidying
Village car park surface
Village Green was poorly maintained early in the summer 23
Village pump
Village pump
Village pump is a wreck
Village wildlife board should be repaired and replaced (too long has this been left)
Water leaks / floods
Water pump on green should be repaired / refreshed
Well maintained notice boards
While the Green, Waste Bins, Benches, etc are well kept by the PC., the Village's foul and storm water reticulation system is antiquated and as evidenced by regular flooding, poorly maintained by those responsible.
Wildlife sign not replaced or removed when vandalised.
Wildlife sign that was vandalised not removed or replaced
Windmill in a state of disrepair.
Woodchurch wildlife board missing for most of this year.

Street Lighting

6.2- 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



Yes	23	9%
No	190	74%
No Opinion	36	14%
Not entered	7	3%
	256	

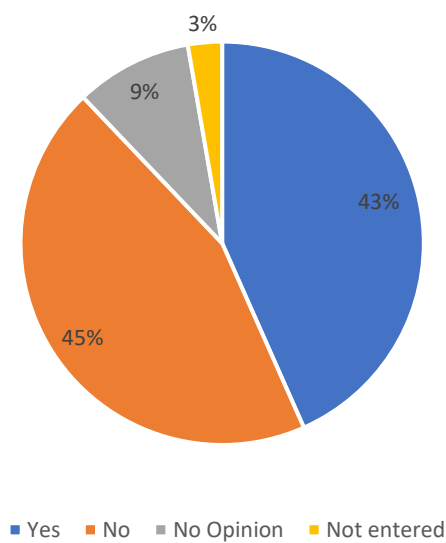
If you would like streetlights please give examples of where you think they may be needed

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 road lines

6.3- 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

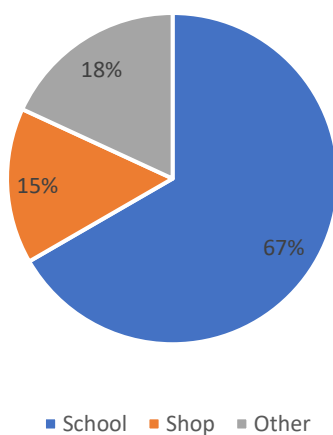
Do you think that Woodchurch should have yellow lines in the road in some areas



Yes	111	43%
No	114	45%
No Opinion	24	9%
Not entered	7	3%
	256	

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

If so, where you think they may be needed



School	92	67%
Shop	21	15%
Other	25	18%
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School	Although I dont like the aesthetics of yellow lines I think something needs to be done outside the school as it is becoming dangerous the way people park there
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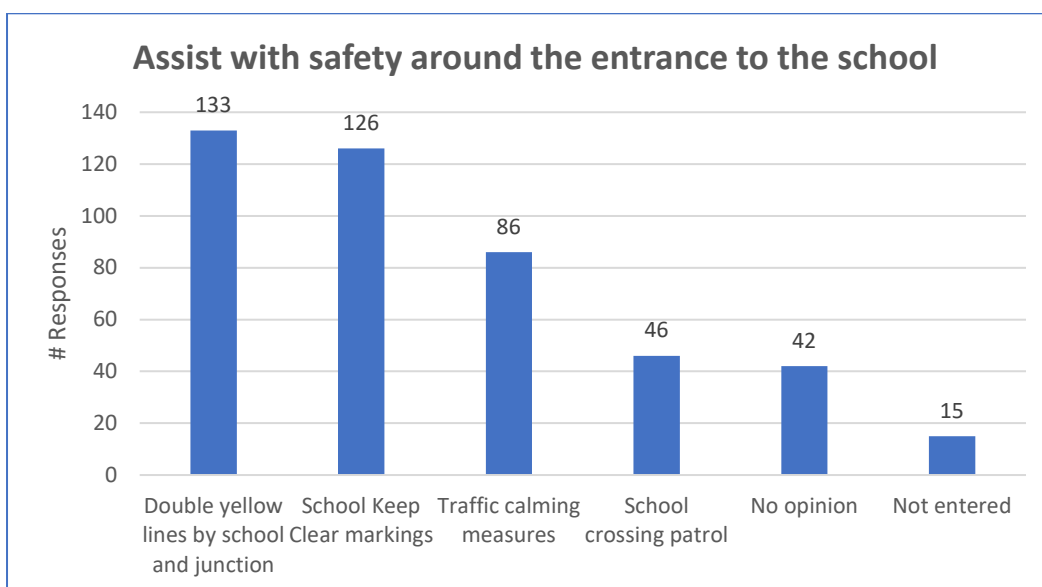
School	Around school and Bethersden Road / Susans Hill corner
School	Around school and bus route at the green
School	Around the school
School	Around the school
School	Around the school area as there is going to be an accident one day as the parking going round to the windmill road is terrible anytime of the day
School	Around the school the parking is atrocious! Parents outside Woodchurch could be encouraged to park at the green and walk up!
School	Around the top of Susan's Hill, which is very dangerous at school times.
School	At bend between school and Susans Hill. This is an accident waiting to happen
School	At the school
School	At the top of Susans Hill by the school. VERY dangerous parking
School	Bend (corner) near Susan's Hill
School	Bethersden Road either side of Rectory Close. But would need monitoring or would be ignored!
School	Bethersden Road on the left between Susans Hill and Rectory Close. Particularly dangerous at school dropping and collecting times - sharp bend no sight lines - cars speed down the hill - this is an accident waiting to happen,
School	Between Rectory Close and Susans Hill.
School	Between Rectory Close & the entrance to Susan's Hill where parking is dangerous.
School	Between Rectory Close and Susans Hill
School	Between Rectory Close and Susans Hill
School	Between Rectory Close and Susans Hill on north side
School	Between Rectory Close and Susans Hill to reduce danger from vehicles entering the village. Double yellow!
School	Between school and Susans Hill
School	Between school and Susan's Hill junction.
School	Between Susans Hill and Rectory Close. Both sides - if you only do one side the idiots will park the other, making it even more dangerous.
School	Between the entrance to Rectory Close and the road to Susans Hill. Cars parking there are a danger to cars going along the Clappers Mead corner. Yellow lines are NOT necessary in front of the school
School	By school + towards Susan's Hill - unfortunately Woodchurch suffers from creeping urbanisation!
School	By school/pub corner at butchers
School	By the corner near the school as very dangerous parking. Had many a near miss
School	By the school
School	By the school
School	By the school
School	By the school entrance and Susans Hill
School	By the school to deter dangerous parking.
School	By the school, near the bend to Susans Hill plus other bends and road junctions
School	Corner next to school (very important)
School	Double yellow lines should be installed by Susan's Hill bend near the primary school to deter dangerous parking on said bend by teachers and parents. Cars travelling in the opposite direction can often be in the middle of the road, making accidents more likely.
School	During school term time that area is very dangerous. Parking should be limited to essential use only.
School	Especially around and near the school
School	From the border of the cemetery school around the corner of the hill coming down from the Windmill Hill - left hand side just beyond Susan's Hill junction
School	From the school to Susan's Hill
School	From the school to the corner of Susans Hill

School	Front Road around the school.
School	Front Road either side of Rectory Close as when coming from school vision is impaired in both directions all day monday/friday
School	Front Road vicinity of School - Susans Hill
School	Generally not in favour of yellow lines, however school parking is dangerous on the bend by Susans Hill
School	Junction around Susans Hill. Parking is a safety hazard at times there
School	Just by Primary School
School	Main Road + Jct with Susan's Hill just before the bend. Stop parking on by the school.
School	Maybe by the school
School	Most definitely. Double yellow lines on left hand side of roadway from school frontage up to junction with Susans Hill. There is an accident just waiting to happen at present
School	Near school
School	Near school and around the bend on Bethersden Road
School	Near Susans Hill bend
School	Near the school and at Susans Hill. It is dangerous
School	Near the school junction with Susans Hill
School	Near the school. Especially to the left on Bethersden Road as you exit Rectory Close
School	Next to the school
School	Nr School especially approaching Susans Hill
School	On corners of Rectory Close very dangerous
School	On the blind bend connecting the main road to Susan's Hill. Surprised there has not been a serious accident during school time with cars parked round this corner meaning if you leave the village you are on the wrong side of the road on a blind bend.
School	On the corner by the school near Susan's Hill - an accident waiting to happen
School	On the left just before Susans Hill on the bend. Very dangerous parking there. Just past the school.
School	On the road around the school - where cars park on junction between Bethersden Road and Susans Hill - an accident waiting to happen
School	Only near the school on the corner of Susan's Hill
School	Only to restrict dangerous parking for school pick up/drop off
School	Outside primary school, parking is dangerous
School	Outside school and junction to Susans Hill. Especially road beteen Rectory Close and Susan's Hill junction
School	Outside school on bend
School	Outside school/Susans Hill
School	Outside the school
School	Outside the school
School	Outside the school running down to Susan Hill.
School	Outside the school and Rectory Close, particularly on the corners
School	Outside the school for a start. Also outside the post office/ shop. That corner is dangerous.
School	Outside the school! Continuing down Susans Hill
School	Outside the school, particularly on the bend near Susans Hill turning. Inconsiderate drivers park on that bend making it dangerous for other road users. Accident waiting to happen!!
School	Outside the shool on main road by Susans Hill it is so dangerous everyone parking there by the bend.
School	Outside village school and down part of the junction/road to Susans Hill
School	Round the corner by the school - vision of oncoming traffic is impossible when cars are parked on corner of Front Road and Susans Hill
School	School area
School	School area

School	School/Susan's Hill
School	SERIOUS issue with heavy parking from school to Susans Hill - tragic accident waiting to happen
School	Susans Hill - Rectory close
School	The corner of Bethersden Rd coming into the village outside the school is very dangerous on school days because of the parked cars. An accident waiting to happen.
School	The corner of Front Road by school to Susans Hill
School	The corners of roads by the school
School	The school parking is an issue which needs sorting
School	There are a few very dangerous places! Between Rectory Close and Susans Hill is an accident waiting to happen! This needs to be double yellow lines now !!
School	Very important to have yellow lines on the main road at the bottom of Rectory Close heading out of the village and the junction of Susans Hill. The cars parked there all day are causing a risk of a major accident as cars have to drive on the wrong side of the road around the blind corner. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident there
School	Woodchurch School on bend at the junction @ Susans Hill & Bethersden Rd. BEFORE THERE IS AN ACCIDENT! Parking there is ridiculous.
School	Woodchurch School to stop people from parking on the blind bend - A serious accident waiting to happen. I cant understand why parking is allowed near a blind bend
School	Yes - if no other way can be found to discourage dangerous parking around school/Susan's Hill junction. I would hate to see yellow lines in the village.
Shop	Around village shop/garage corner
Shop	bend on Front Road by village shop can be dangerous also further down
Shop	By the shop (post office)
Shop	By the village shop
Shop	Front Road by shop - much debate in this house as to whether it's a good idea...
Shop	Front Road near garage and Post Office
Shop	Front Road vicinity of Post Office
Shop	Maybe towards and between the shop and the village green to stop double parking either side of the road.
Shop	Near the shop - blind bend
Shop	Near the shop/bend.
Shop	On bend outside post office
Shop	On corner by shop (Townland Stores)
Shop	On tight bends ie near garage and Post Office
Shop	Outside Post Office
Shop	Outside the post office!
Shop	Outside the Village Store
Shop	Post office
Shop	The area of the coffee shop
Shop	The shop
Shop	Top of Susans Hill on school side of road
Shop	Yellow lines were promised outside Post Office when it moved to the bend of Townland Stores
Other	Adjacent to the proposed new development of 40 houses in Front Road
Other	Along front road around shop areas on corners on one side of road would be helpful
Other	Around Squire's Cottage brick wall where Hyland's Row meet Front Rd. I understand this is now called Back Lane but will always be Hyland's Row to me
Other	Between the coffee shop and service road on south side

Other	Bigger car park so people can park there and walk up. Create a walking bus
Other	Brattle near flats on first bend
Other	Corner of Back Lane and Front Road
Other	Exiting Six Bells Park is often very dangerous as cars/vans park both sides of the exit and in the centre !
Other	From the butchers to opposite the Six Bells
Other	However consideration should be given to discourage some households that have four plus cars some of which are large that park directly next to the drive of other households. This has become dangerous as one cannot see any oncoming traffic.
Other	I don't believe single yellow lines are necessary in the village.
Other	If people wish to preserve a rural nature to the place then why do they clutter Lower Road with parked cars and park on the pavements on Front Road in certain places?
Other	In front of 97 -99 Front Road to aid safe passing of line of parked cars and safe egress for properties 132, 132a and 132b Fronr Road which is currentlt hazardous
Other	Mission Hall blind bend
Other	Near junctions so it is easy to pull out in a car - so you can see oncoming traffic
Other	Near the garage next to the car park - the parking from the garage makes the walking route from the car park to the coffee shop a nightmare esp for wheelchair users.
Other	On all bends and blindspots
Other	On main road one side parking only
Other	On the bend near the butchers shop
Other	Opposite Woodchurch Garage on the north side
Other	Outside the butchers on that corner.
Other	Outside the pubs. The top end of The Green by the Six Bells Pub (very dangerous leaving the Pub car Park.
Other	Six Bells Pub - dangerous parking
Other	Totally to stop the parking problems depending on where - should certainly be outside shop.
Other	Traffic calming measures outside Shirkoak - speed presently 60mph

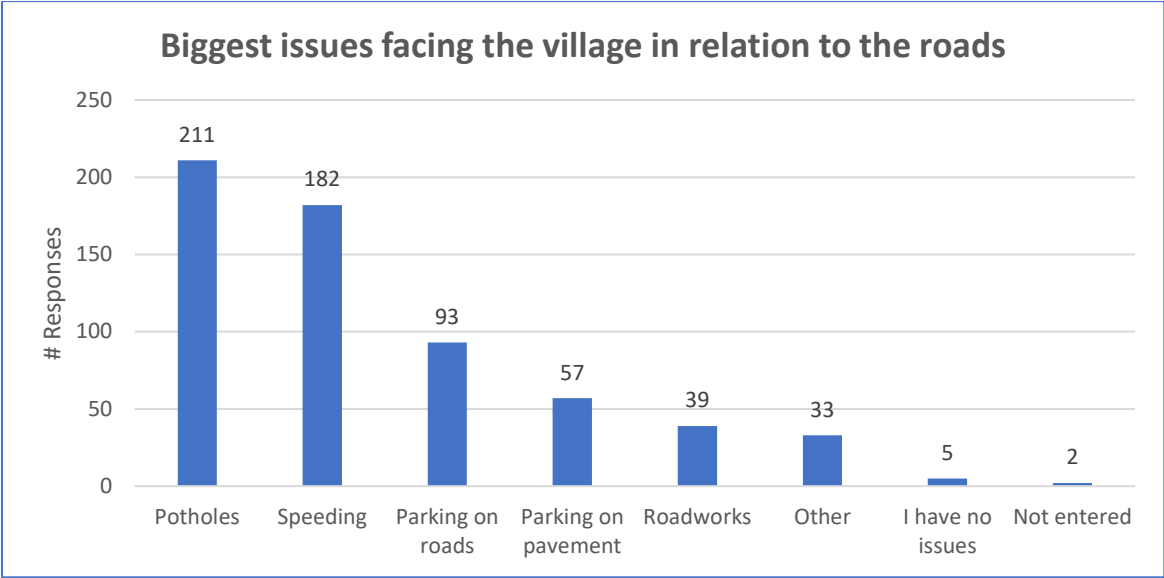
6.4- Would you like to see any of the following measures put in place to assist with traffic and pedestrian safety around the entrance to the school



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

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



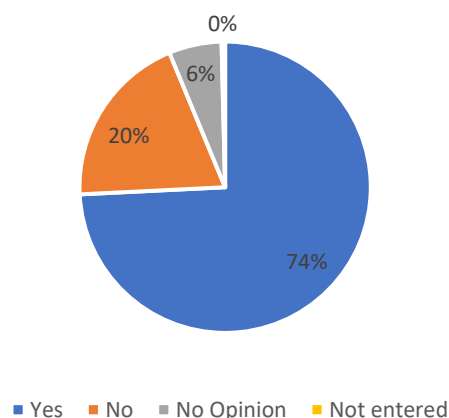
If Other - Please give details

A roundabout needed at Kirkwood Rd junction to deal with new developments which show a lack of roads to by pass Front Road. They are needed too.
A speed restriction on Bethersden Road from Redbrook Street to sharp bend past Shirkoak Park. Elderly people crossing road to get to bus stop. Red SLOW sign on road not reducing speedsters
Also difficult when coming back into Plum Tree Gardens as other cars behind take junction too fast if you are waiting to turn you could be hit up the rear
Blocked drainage grills
Cars coming from Front Road into Lower Road cut the corner making it difficult for pedestrians and drivers coming out of Plum Tree Gardens
Construction vehicles accessing the village areas where new/previous development is.
Continuous line of parked cars at the bottom end of Front Road
Damaged KCC signs
Drivers cutting junctions
Flooding, from small areas of ponding to water flowing along the roads after rainfall events.
Front Road into Lower Road and Brook Street/Appledore Road into Front Road
Gullies not being cleaned by KCC Highways resulting in flooding
I would like to comment on speeding on our road (B2067) - why is the speed limit set at national speed when the A28 is 50? Driver regularly race along this road and it is VERY dangerous. I would like to see it reduced to 40.
Inconsiderate parking
Lack of traffic calming to slow traffic such as width restriction right of way islands especially on Lower Road and on entry to the village
Need more parking space
Oversized vehicles driving too fast.

Parking around to school - so dangerous.
Parking near school near Susans Hill
Parking on roads is an issue but hard to avoid in houses with no "pull off" areas.
Parking on the bend in the road outside village shop
Parking on the corner by the shop.
Parking on 'tricky' corners - by the shop and by the school
Parking outside Townland Stores on bend and on bend towards Susans Hill beyond the school. V. dangerous! Brook Street - frequent speeding outside Brattle between the two bends - accident is inevitable, needs traffic calming measures urgently.
Parking which blocks access to private driveways
Place Lane is nothing but a rainwater drain. The ditches are blocked on both sides and the run off is not captured by the drains
Residents placing stones by the side of the road
Roads whilst have to be resurfaced in areas have already been dug up a number of times
Speeding down Susans Hill
Speeding on Front Road
Susans Hill is used as a main thoroughfare from Woodchurch to Tenterden and without pavements it is not pleasant and certainly not safe for children walk to and from the village, particularly in winter when the footpaths are not useable. It would benefit from a pavement, and/or a 30 mph limit to the vineyard.
The parking around school
The surrounding roads are a disgrace not just a Woodchurch problem but the charges to motorists certainly dont get put back to road upkeep
TOO MANY CARS + LARGE LORRIES ETC PASSING THROUGH
Traffic calming measures outside Shirkoak - speed presently 60mph
Traffic calming needed to reduce speed of non residents through village.
Traffic calming on Front Road
Vehicles parking on the junction of Back Lane and Front Road
When walking down The Green, especially in wet weather when we might not want to go on the grass, it feels often quite dangerous with cars passing very fast. And on a couple of occasions children have dashed out to retrieve balls, Couldn't the whole road be a play road where pedestrians have priority + cars are secondary users?
When you enter village (from Ashford/Bethersden Road) the 30 mpk should be at the Redbrook Street crossroads! I live by the windmill and people speed past us into village. Recent big crash there too.
White lines being eroded then people cutting the corners - esp at the top of hill out of village

6.6- Do you feel safe walking on the pavements around Woodchurch

Do you feel safe walking on the pavements around Woodchurch



Yes	190	74%
No	50	20%
No Opinion	15	6%
Not entered	1	0%
	256	

If No please explain

Bethersden Road has no pavement
Blind and disability access
Definitely not!! The pavements, especially along Lower Road on the opposite side to the Jean Mealham Centre - approaching the lower end of the Green are far too narrow. The regularly speeding vehicles + large speeding vehicles (often recklessly and excessively breaking the speed limit and lacking control) compounded with inadequate footpaths make walking along this route perilous and extremely stressful. It is a main + regular route for children and parents on the way to school + The Green, often with buggies, scooters + bikes, they are in great danger of losing their lives! This has been reported many times + nothing has been done!
Del/vans, 4x4, parked vehicles on pavements when you have to walk in the road with fast moving traffic.
Despite the very dubious speeding reports from the council, drivers travel too fast for the conditions and often drive with wheels on the footway to avoid parked vehicles. Traffic calming methods should be put in place to slow traffic,
Difficult if cars parked on pavement
During day yes - Not at night in dark
from woodchurch along bethersden road - full length there are no pavements so if the verges could be made flatter and a little wider so you can walk along them to the village . its very dark as well and is not safe to walk them after dark and the cars travel fast along the road
Front Road/Lower Road/Plumtree Gardens area - Cars cut corner not safe for elderly pedestrians. Also not safe for drivers coming out of Plumtree Gardens
Hedges are sometimes overgrown into the pavement area and speeding lorries and cars
Hedges etc overgrown
Hedges overhang
Wheelie bins on pavement
I am disabled and use crutches to walk. Cars on pavements, overgrown hedges and very mossy uneven pavements make this difficult
In front of Woodchurch House - speeding cars and no pavements.

In places the pavements are uneven and manholes a trip hazard.
In some areas it is necessary to step into the road due to overgrown hedges/uneven areas where tree roots are
In some areas where people park on the pavement.
Inadequate provision of pavements
Jutting out hedges. Awkward for prams and small children, scooters to get into the road & they should not have to.
Lower Road pavements are poor many trip hazards
Many trip hazards
A lot of areas develop very big puddles which you cannot step over e.g. outside 3 new houses in Lower Road, means you have to step out into the roadway
Narrow path in Lower Road
No footpath between Brook Street to village
No pavements on Redbrook Street
Not always due to speeders
Not always outside Six Bells Pub due to customers parking
Overhanging/overgrown hedges restricting pavement
Parking on footpaths
Pavement is too narrow on Lower Road from the bottom of the Green towards the new houses and there's uneven tarmac.
Pavement is too narrow on Lower Road from the bottom of the Green towards the new houses and there's uneven tarmac.
Pavement on front road at narrows , so speeding traffic is very close
School run on pavement down Susans Hill
Some areas around the bonnie and pavements to downland have holes that belong in the roads. very poorly maintained
Some of the hedges come out too far & have not been cut back sufficiently.
Some of the walking areas on the pavements get very narrow with the hedges not cut back by the owners of the adjacent properties.
Some raised drain covers on pavements, uneven or dipped areas on pavements need attention. Pedestrian crossing area at junction of Lower Road and front Road at times dangerous, especially for the elderly & young children
Speed of passing traffic
Susans Hill junction with Bethersden Road is a nightmare at school time, parents can use Bonny car park but dont.
The pavements are hazardous for the elderly
The pavements do not work well for wheelchair users. Pavements end with no ramp to get off, they're too narrow and they're insufficiently maintained. I've often had to wheel into the road. The pavement between the car park and coffee shop is usually obstructed by parked cars so wheeling in the middle of the road is often the only way to make progress.
They are not wide enough in certain areas especially top areas of Lower Road where the hedges are not kept tidy
Thin in parts on Lower road with speeding vehicles
Too many people park on pavement.
Too narrow due to overgrown vegetation. Sometimes you have to walk in the road.
Traffic does not adhere to speed limit. Would like 20mph limit throughout village
Traffic too fast
Cars parked on pavement
Bins left on public path
Keep walking on road or the verge
Uncut hedges overhanging the pavement reducing their width locally
Uneven and narrow

Uneven paving and overgrown hedges are difficult for the elderly and vehicles parked over the pavement

Walking in the dark (which we like!) can be difficult with hedges overhanging and wheelie bins on the pavement.

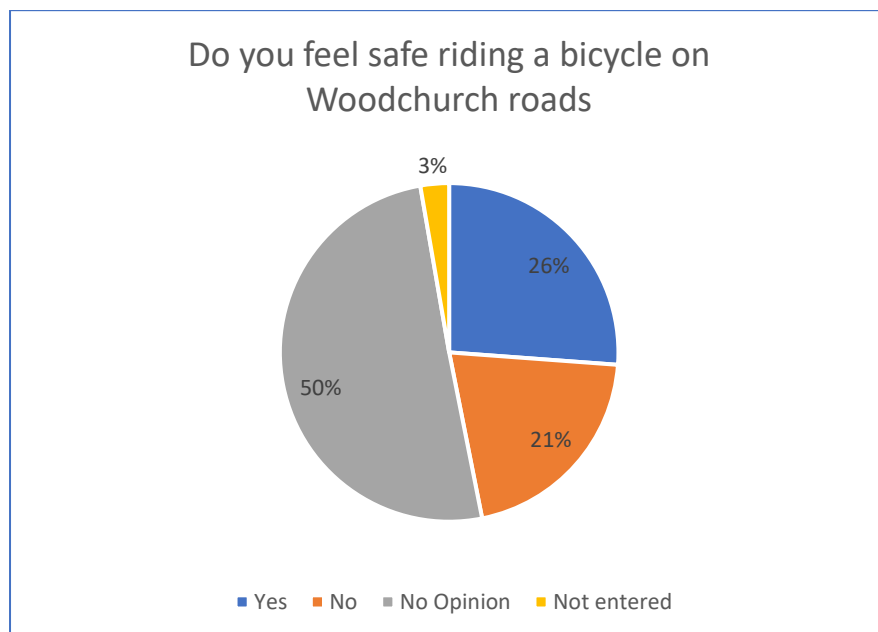
A visitor using a mobility scooter become entangled in an overhanging hedge (during the day)

When vehicles are parked on the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk in the road

Without adequet lighting it is not possible to see any trip hazzards etc.

Yes but - Along Lower Road and Front Road mobility scooter access is very bumpy and due to steep dropping off kerbs, sometimes you are almost thrown off also can't take my scooter into Brattle.

6.7- Do you feel safe riding a bicycle on Woodchurch roads



Yes	67	26%
No	53	21%
No Opinion	129	50%
Not entered	7	3%
	256	

If No please explain

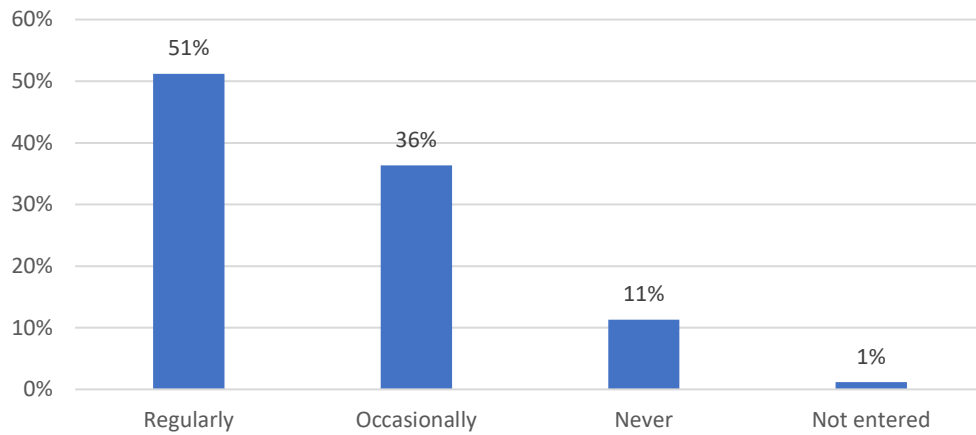
Car drivers imatient and drive too fast
Car drivers speed past cyclists
No cycle paths
Cars speed all day long ignoring 30mph. We need more traffic calming!!!
Cars too fast
Dont often cycle now but the junction at the bottom of The Green/Lower Road/ Place Lane could be hazardous
Excessive speed of vehicles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

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

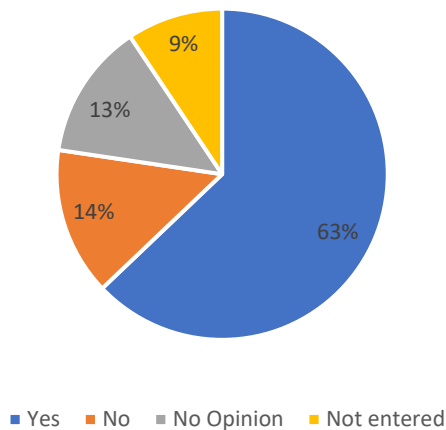
Do you use Public Rights of Way (footpaths and bridleways)



Regularly	131	51%
Occasionally	93	36%
Never	29	11%
Not entered	3	1%
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6.9- If you use the Public Rights of Way, are they generally in a good state

Are they generally in a good state



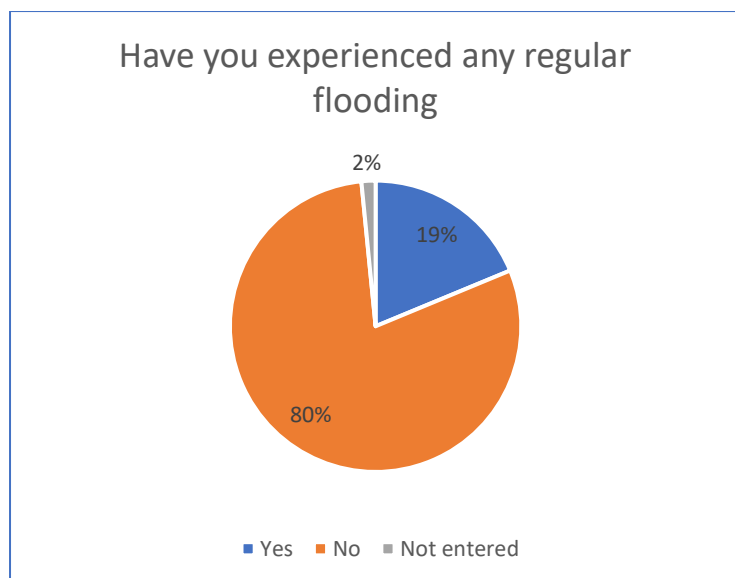
Yes	161	63%
No	37	14%
No Opinion	34	13%
Not entered	24	9%
	256	

If No please explain

A number now are blocked by farmers planting crops over them or gates locked due to livestock - VERY restricted walking around here.
Brambles stinging nettles by stiles and covering footpath
Footpath from Windmill to the village needs to be improved due to the flooding which occurs every time we have a lot of rain, making it inaccessible without full wellie boots.
Footpaths between Front Road Lower Road very muddy
Generally yes but sometimes farmers seem (this bit is illegible) - overgrown hedges, (rest is illegible)
I used to walk up to the windmill but it is in need of attention and (?) to barrier at the top
Many farmed fields do not use or maintain clear footpaths or footpath signage. Deliberate attempts by landowners to keep people off the land. Could and should be much better waymarked footpaths + walking routes around Woodchurch
Most are but not all
Not all the time! Could be better maintained
Not always marked clearly and well maintained
Not maintained, sometimes closed off.
Once again overhanging hedges are an issue plus the centre of the cut thoughts from Lower to Front Road get very muddy
Outside the village footpaths are poorly maintained
Overgrown / flooding
Overgrown hedges covering footpath sign along coldblow by S bend is farm gate closed having to climb gate to get into field. Path narrowing between front road & lower road buiding waste taking over
Overgrown massively in places. Cut off completely in others.
Poor definition
Very muddy areas near gates/stiles in wet weather especially in winter
Poor signage and often muddy
Public footpaths around the centre of village going south are blocked. Landowners are putting in fences and letting vegetation overgrow into the footpaths and not keeping up the styles.
Some are very overgrown. i.e. Windmill footpath
Some PRW are not clearly marked across fields and woodland and are not maintained by the land owner, If we had a walking group who regularly tramped across the PRW this might help
Stiles are often in need of repair
Brambles and nettles can be a problem
Stiles in need of repair
Still - reported stile off Frogs Hole Lane a couple of years ago but still broken and barbed wire around it - makes difficult to cross. Trees down across just beyond too (a year ago).
Overgrown paths - through Marden Wood currently
Styles not always in place, some locked gates.
The footpath in Silcocks Wood/Hornbrook is and has been obstructed by fallen trees for some time
The paved alley (p/f) between Front and Lower Road (subject to continuous flooding in wet periods)
The right of way in front of hte Old Post Office that leads in front of the houses and into the church yard is not at all suitable for mobility scooters neither is the path up to the Church from the Bonny.
The short p/f between Lower Road (opp Roseleigh House) & Front Road is in poor condition
There are good and bad. Brook Street footpaths tend to be very poorly maintained
Too much dog mess
Various syiles etc have rotted and need replacement
Very overgrown paths in places. Inaccessible bridle path and other rights of way - including gateways

Flooding

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



Yes	48	19%
No	204	80%
Not entered	4	2%
	256	

1 in 3 houses here share a water supply. When another house has water problems their supply is switched off stopping my supply as a service
ALL THE TIME - SURFACE AND SEWAGE
All the time! Southern Water issues
Almost - We were nearly flooded when the drains were blocked by a plain of wood and the drainage system was poorly maintained. We were unable to use toilets and sinks etc for days on end prior to this problem being resolved (We had to use public conveniences on the Green in the middle of the night in Winter.)
Although we have not as yet actually flooded, being the lowest point of the village and backing on to the stream we are experiencing much higher water levels. It is only a matter of time before we do in fact have issues with flooding
Annexe and extension of memorial hall since new building concreted over previous drainage
As road drains are not kept clear, surface water is becoming an issue.,
Flooding around the treatment plant at bottom of village
Flooding on the track next to my home. Nothing has been done since reported many many years ago.....
Front Road has continually flooded from driveway to Nos 31-37a to end of village garage frontage. It may improve following extensive repairs during 2022/23!!
Generally drainage is not well managed.
Hopefully this has been rectified with recent work (pipe)
In heavy rain we have flooding around our property. We have sorted it ourselves because Wylderest dont give a damn
Internal foul water flood due to mains sewer blockage (December 2022), forcing our property to be vacated for six months to facilitate drying, decontamination and rehabilitation.
Garden flooding at the same time.
Regular toilet backing up during 2022.
Junction by Woodchurch House - Junction between Lower and Front Road by surgery.
Lower Rd flooded end of 2022
Lower Road terrible as ditches and new houses cause run off

My only current moan is the frequent flooding of the cut through footpath, known as Engine Alley next to the nash's property in Lower Road
On residential park
On the bad bend at Susans Hill junction
On The Green there is often water running down the road towards Lower Road
Our track/road is always under water
Outside house, main drain. Fixed in September after 5 years!!
Poor drainage on road at entry to 31 - 37 Front Road
Rear garden and road
Regular flooding at front (down back lane)
Regular flooding at back - source unknown but from direction of Six Bells Park
Regular flooding through garden of mixed sewage and surface water. After 7 years finally got Southern Water to install non-return valve in drain
Residents had patios collapse because of flooding Residents have had flooded gardens
River of water flows off fields down onto Lower Road. I have never experienced flooding before like we see in Woodchurch driving up the hill out of the village from Lower Road.
Road drainage not well maintained
Sewage backs up into my drain and manhole at my property from flooding on road between Stonebridge and Front Road/Lower Road junction when surface water unable to escape down roadside drains and goes into sewer instead.
Sewage from main drain at junction Lower Rd and Front Rd has flooded my property twice. This will get worse when new properties are added to the system. My house insurance has increased due rto claims. If this happens again we will have to try sell our home and move from the village we both love.
Sewage rising in my drain during heavy rainfall Surface water enters the sewer causing over capacity. Living in constant fear of flooding - neighbours actually flooded
Since resurfacing rain water does not flow along the curb into the road gully but onto my drive
Site owners refuse to put in proper road drainage to take water to main drains.
Some surface water
Southern Water have partially fixed problem in this part of Lower Road (so no river every time it rains) but still a problem in heave rain. Husband says NOT fixed. 3 drains still totally blocked - 1 on corner of Green and 2 outside No 8 and 10
Surface flooding and overflowing drains are a big problem in Woodchurch, recent rain has seen huge puddles of water on the roads and drains overflowing. It does seem to be an issue in the village whenever there is moderate to heavy rain and a noticeable issue that requires attention.
Surface water flooding due to high water table and poorly draining soil
Surface water running down stret & collecting in some gardens
Surface water.
The ditches surrounding our property are dredged or cleared regularly enough. Water runs on to our property on a regular baais
This has been a continual and on-going issue both with surface water - all drains from upper road and across green lead into our property and more recently with sewage. We have undertaken comprehensive works ourselves but the volume of water is too great for the drains to deal with and we are regularly flooded in the garden. I have contacted Southern water and they have little interest in dealing with a proper solution - taking the public drainage onto public land. We are left with regular flooding and fear that this will not be addressed and further exacerbated by development as any loss of absorption results in greater surface water run off and developments 'plumbing in' to a system that can not cope with the present volumes of water. We have also had problems twice in the last 6 months, of sewage leaking all over the garden and backing up. This is also, I was told by a Southern Water engineer,because Woodchurch can not deal with the present number of houses on the original old sewer line in times of rain.

Waste drainage backup which comes out of our manhole cover. Access surface water from the critical water course coming into our garden. This has worsened over the past 8-10 years.

We have to have a non-return valve installed in the downstairs toilet, so sewage doesn't come in when there is heavy rain

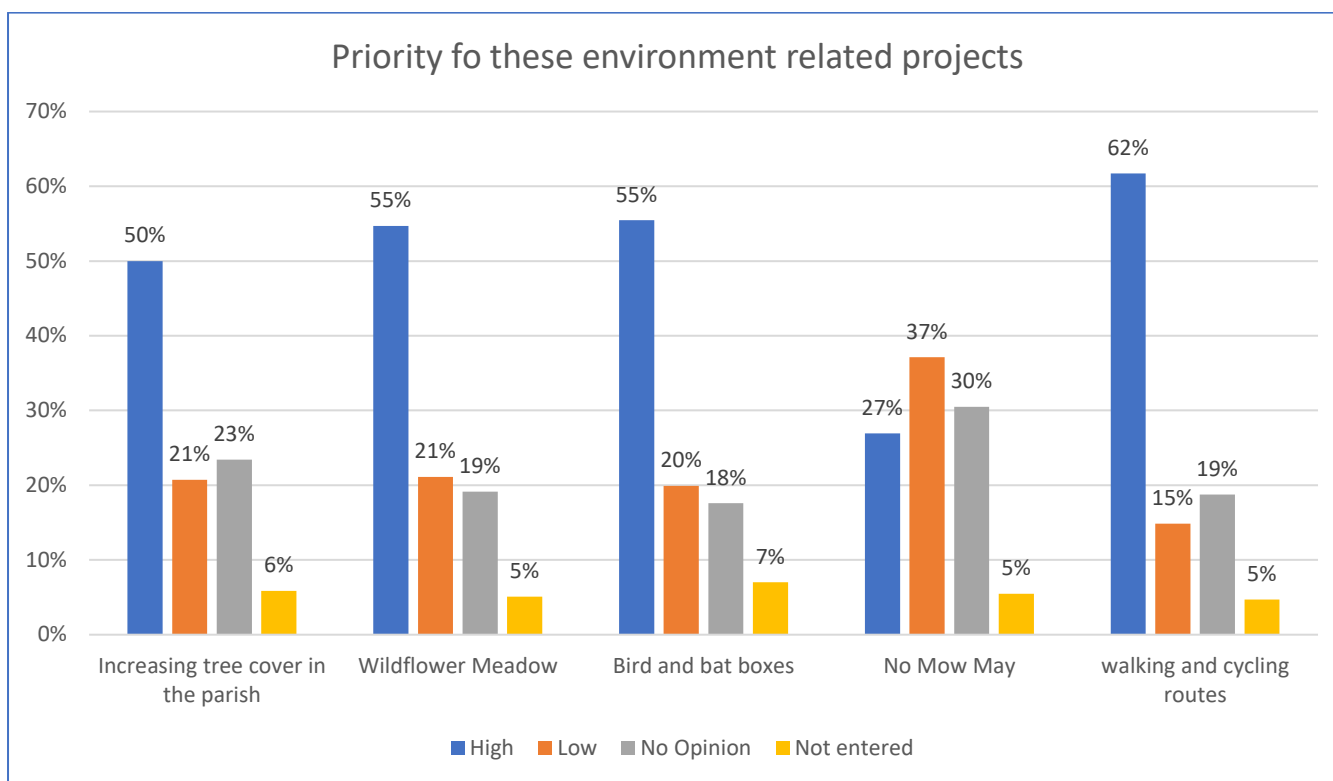
We live on the Green and we have surface water issues a lot - almost all of it from other parts of the village. We have had to invest significant sums to stop our garden flooding which is frustrating as none of the water is from our land but comes from elsewhere. We have improved the gully to the front of our house by putting a pipe in. This is an issue that really needs to be resolved by the Council as it is getting worse as the climate worsens.

When heavy rain, constant surface works on Six Bells Park

Yes, but recently repaired so hopefully OK now

7 – Environment

7.1- What priority would you give to these environment related projects



	High	Low	No Opinion	Not entered
Increasing tree cover in the parish	128	53	60	15
Wildflower Meadow	140	54	49	13
Bird and bat boxes	142	51	45	18
No Mow May	69	95	78	14
walking and cycling routes	158	38	48	12
	High	Low	No Opinion	Not entered
Increasing tree cover in the parish	50%	21%	23%	6%
Wildflower Meadow	55%	21%	19%	5%
Bird and bat boxes	55%	20%	18%	7%
No Mow May	27%	37%	30%	5%
walking and cycling routes	62%	15%	19%	5%

Other

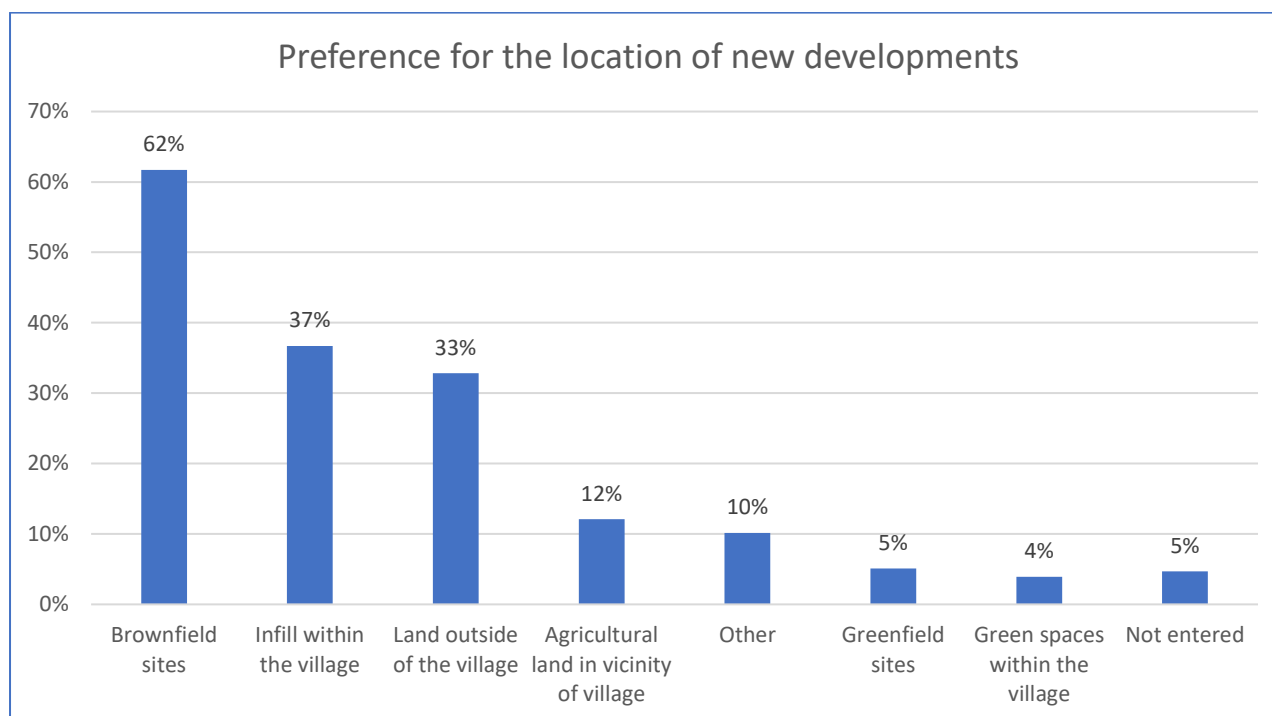
Anything that helps the environment and protects biodiversity would be much supported.

Anything to preserve and increase biodiversity in the village and surrounding countryside is only a good thing. Activities to involve the community and younger generation in increasing and preserving should be encouraged. To an earlier question about street lighting, we should preserve the dark skies commitment, a unique feature to the village, it would be hard to go back if street lightening introduced

Dealing with rat problem in the village.
Designated wildflower corridors
Do as much as possible to reduce light pollution so the village can retain its great dark skies
Duck pond
Encouraging the wild flowers; the churchyard looked particularly beautiful this summer
Establishment/encouragement/enhanced awareness of small mammal corridors under fences and hedges.
Formation of allotments
Hedgehog signs
Increased provision of water sources for wildlife e.g. ponds
Make a plan for the environment and sustainability and stick to it.
Create more areas of scrub in the village.
Help the hedgehogs - these animals are endangered and specifically vulnerable in rural areas where they're not able to connect their habitats due to lack of connected scrub.
Don't just promote routes, help create more sustrans connections with connecting villages and places with train stations (Hamstreet and Appledore).
More recycling - cartons, crisp packets etc.
More sympathetic cutting of hedgerows and verges around village.
No to wildflower meadow. We like it tidy! The green needs cutting regularly during the summer months
Not using herbicide on the green.
Parking both sides of road adjacent to village green as makes access difficult, have had to reverse from village sign back to butchers as larger vehicle coming in opposite direction.
Person stated next to No Mow May: Verges become dangerous to car users when overgrown
Recycling for items not collected by council including "community swaps" + donation points for second hand goods inc. clothes, electrics, furniture
Re-establishment and enhancement of information boards (wildlife, birds and trees)
Surge water management scheme to avoid local flooding
There are hardly any wild flowers so I can't see any reason to call it a wildflower meadow
Too many uncontrolled Ilylandia (sp) trees growing high and depriving village of sunlight in winter. Other trees on residential borders also need topping.
Wildflower meadow only on new area, not on whole green

Housing and Development

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



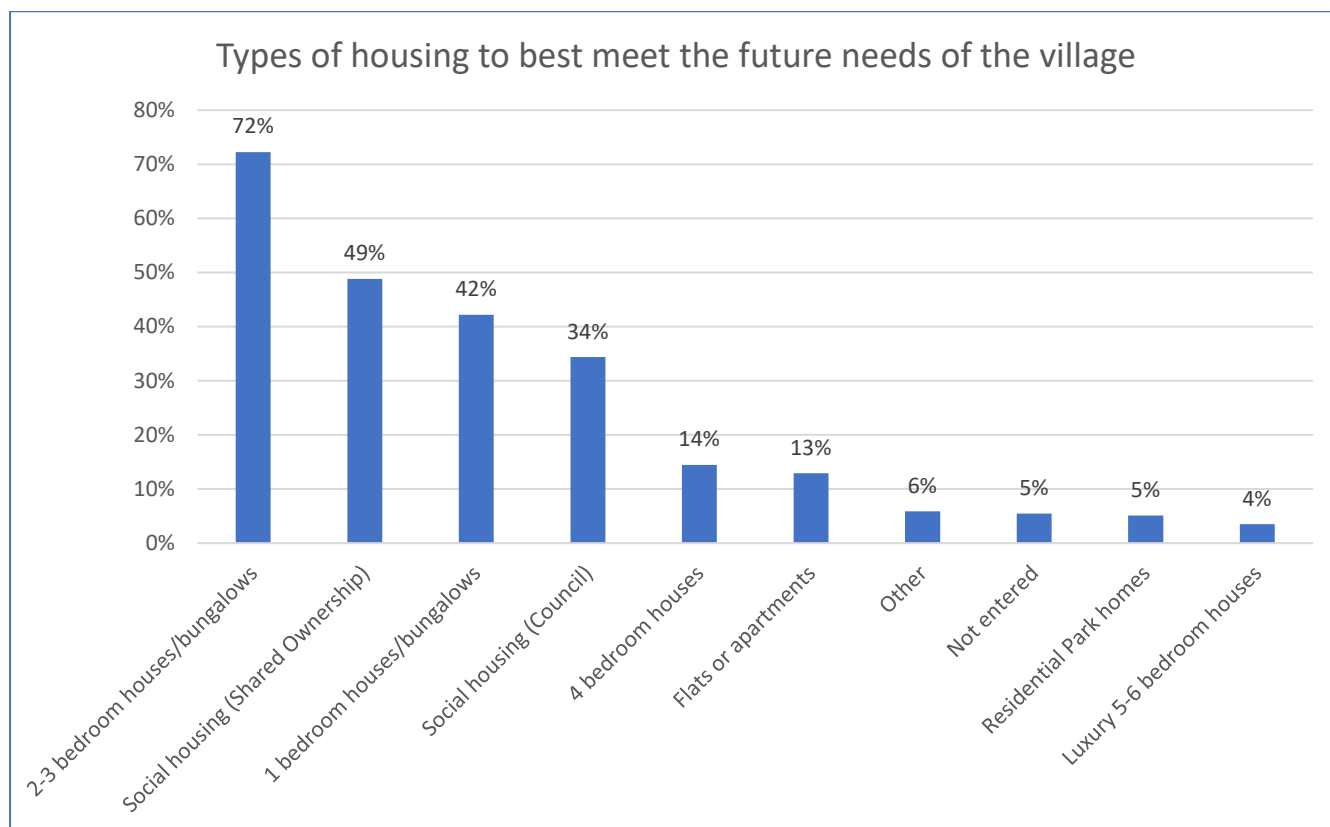
Brownfield sites	158	62%
Infill within the village	94	37%
Land outside of the village	84	33%
Agricultural land in vicinity of village	31	12%
Other	26	10%
Greenfield sites	13	5%
Green spaces within the village	10	4%
Not entered	12	5%
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Other

Any abandoned residential property or derelict buildings compulsory purchase by ABC and repurposed into low cost housing for young adult members of Woodchurch families so they can stay in the village
As previously agreed in the Ashford Plan but constantly ignored by planning
I am at a loss as to why Woodchurch needs to adopt more housing to become a suburb of Ashford. It is already going to get 40 dwellings in the field opposite the Mission chapel plus planning is likely to be granted for a further 37 houses on the Appledore road.
Woodchurch has a problem with flooding and surface water and is at capacity as far as sewage goes - as told to me by Southern water engineers, I strongly feel that this needs addressing before anymore housing is agreed. Developers will use existing sewage and drainage to cut costs and rarely effectively mitigate for the loss of absorption that green field drainage provides.
In moderation
Infill in keeping with existing character of properties. NOT housing estates, along existing roads, no back fill
Land identified within the 2030 Development Plan

My preference is for no more development
Neither village is big enough as it is
No more building - it is a village. If we need anything it is starter homes or village will die
No more new housing developments needed in this village
No new building as village infrastructure wouldn't be able to cope.
No new development is needed.
No new developments
No opinion
None
None of the above. We have enough already
NONE we are big enough already and DRAINAGE CAN'T COPE
None! We have enough and cant cope with more
Not in favour of any further development in Woodchurch
Not in this village
NOTE: A complete overhaul of the sewage system and water supply will be required before any building expansion takes place
Nowhere really. Leave Woodchurch alone and go somewhere else.
Not sure what infill is. Our preference is to prioritise use of brownfield sites, but we recognise the need to build affordable housing and other (illegible) will obviously be needed
There are too many houses already. No more development
There should be a limit to village development rather than infilling every available plot
Limited capacity of existing drainage/sewerage
Use land near Brattle

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



2-3 bedroom houses/bungalows	185	72%
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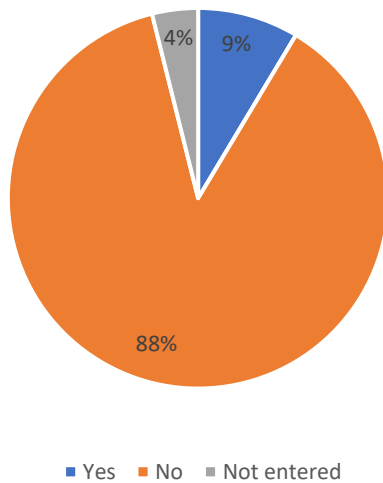
Social housing (Shared Ownership)	125	49%
1 bedroom houses/bungalows	108	42%
Social housing (Council)	88	34%
4 bedroom houses	37	14%
Flats or apartments	33	13%
Other	15	6%
Not entered	14	5%
Residential Park homes	13	5%
Luxury 5-6 bedroom houses	9	4%
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Other property types

4 bed bungalows
Cheaper terraced or smaller homes for younger local kids that are forced to move away from the village to live and work. Also for those young people some facilities that are affordable to run own businesses.
Disability bungalow for families
I don't need any more
I feel that I have not lived here long enough to give an opinion
Limited housing development - catering for all categories but within constraints of utilities infrastructure facilities
Mix of all above
No more houses
No opinion
None
None
None of the above. We have enough already
Sheltered housing and wheelchair adapted homes.
The village is populated enough
There needs to be more provision for young adults that have grown up in the village to be able to afford housing in their village

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

Wanting to downsize or move to more suitable accommodation



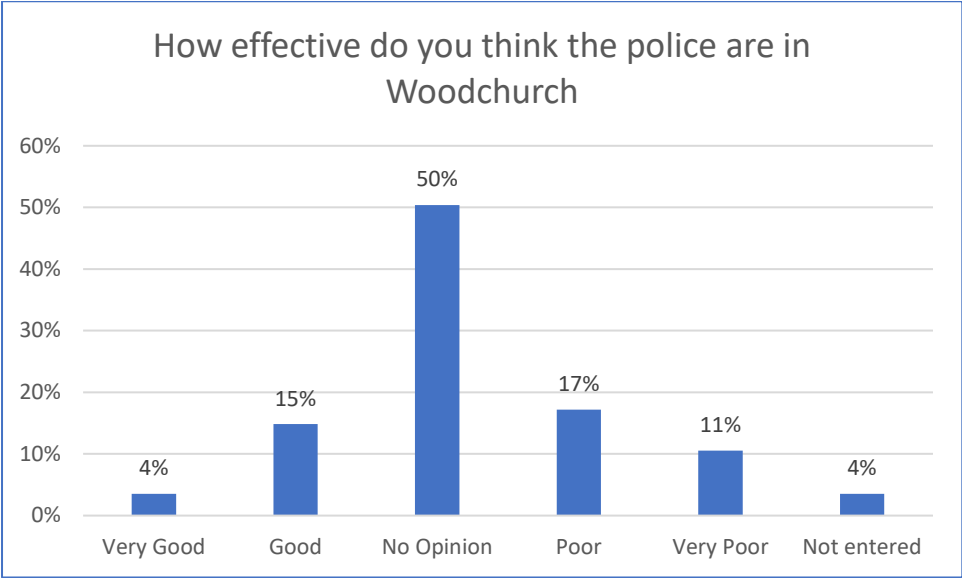
Yes	22	9%
No	224	88%
Not entered	10	4%
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Desired property

1/2 bed bungalow
1-2 bedroom bungalow
2/3 bed detached or semi detached with a garden
3-bed bungalows
Any ground floor with a little outside space
Bungalow
Bungalow
Bungalow
Bungalow 2 bed
Flat or bungalow
Need bungalow
Smaller 2 bedroom house
Smaller house + garden but with garage.
To 3 bedroom
We will want to downsize soon from 5 bedrooms to 3
Would like an affordable bungalow .

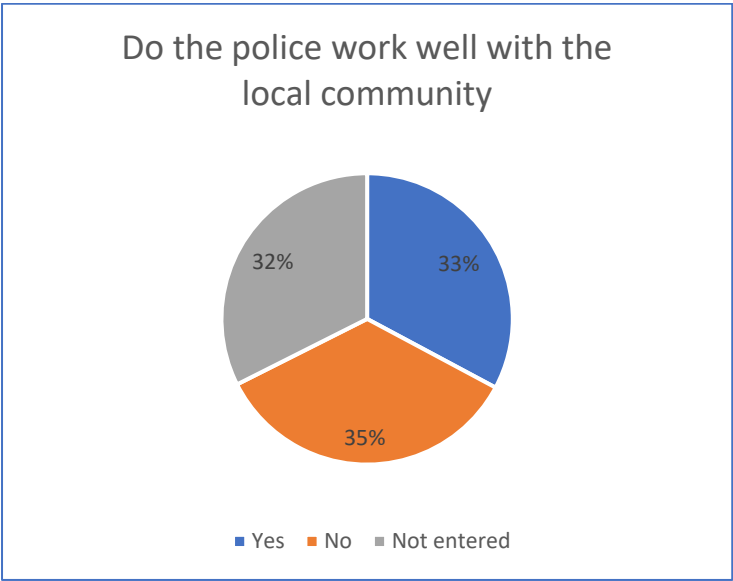
Crime

9.1- How effective do you think the police are in Woodchurch



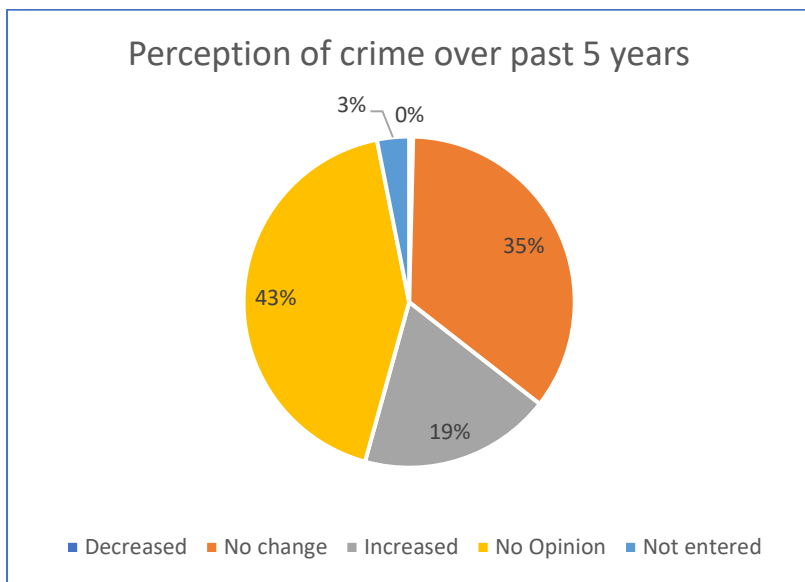
Very Good	9	4%
Good	38	15%
No Opinion	129	50%
Poor	44	17%
Very Poor	27	11%
Not entered	9	4%
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9.2- Do you think that the police work well with the local community to identify and address local crime and disorder issues



Yes	84	33%
No	89	35%
Not entered	83	32%
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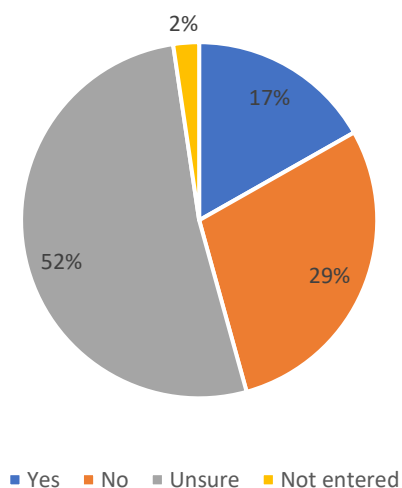
9.3- What is your perception of crime in Woodchurch compared to 5 years ago



Decreased	1	0%
No change	90	35%
Increased	48	19%
No Opinion	109	43%
Not entered	8	3%
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9.4- Does your road have a registered Neighbourhood Watch scheme

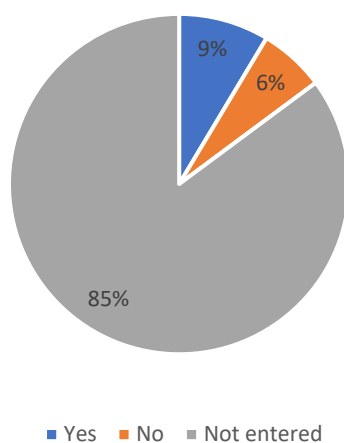
Does your road have a registered Neighbourhood Watch scheme



Yes	43	17%
No	74	29%
Unsure	133	52%
Not entered	6	2%
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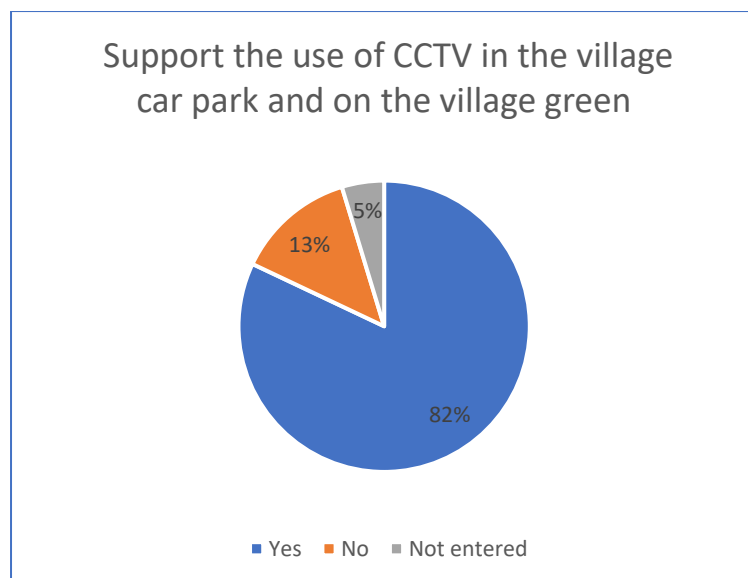
Are you signed up to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme

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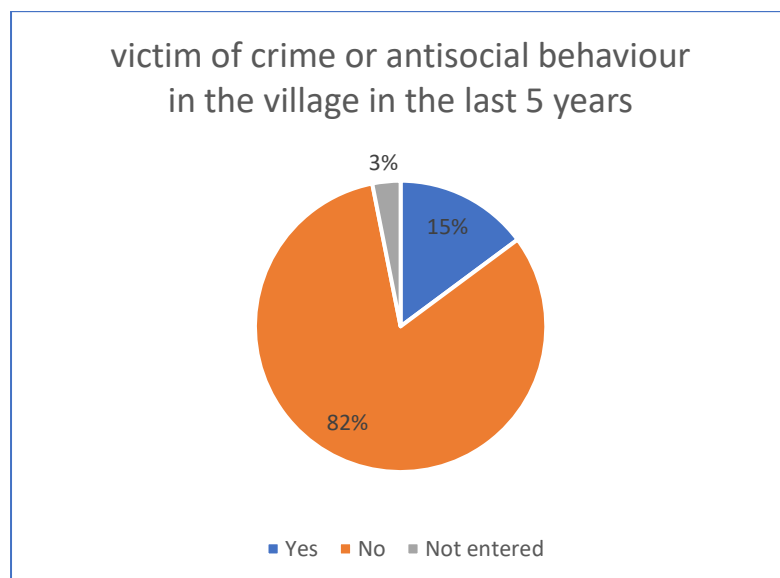
Yes	22	9%
No	16	6%
Not entered	218	85%
	256	

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



Yes	210	82%
No	34	13%
Not entered	12	5%
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9.6- Have you been a victim of crime or antisocial behaviour in the village in the last 5 years



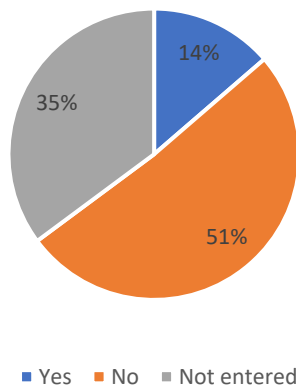
Yes	38	15%
No	210	82%
Not entered	8	3%
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If you are happy to share, please give details

A Neighbour who has since left the village
Antisocial activity in Cole Wood by local youths. Dealt with without involving police
Attempted break in - about 4/5 years ago. We were asleep in the house + they tried to get hand through the cat flap and open back door. Police response was very swift + they were great.
AWEFUL NEIGHBOURS!
Barn broken into twice, fence cut etc. vehicle stolen
Bogus workmen who were conmen
Break in of van
Break in, nothing stolen, some damage.
Broken door pane, probably by catapult
Burglary
Car broken into
Conned out of money for a job very poorly completed
Council tenants who argue and swear foul language. They have plenty of their own parking but are obstructive to long time villagers. Leave rude notes, confront people who park in the lane which is a public road - etc.
Glass panel in front door, glass broken possibly by use of a catapult at night
Had my dog stolen
House broken into and jewelry and cash stolen
House burglary
House burglary/car theft
Damage to car paintwork
House was burgled on 19th March 2023 during the day. Much taken - nothing was achieved by the police to resolve issue.
Items stolen from our garden
Laptop computer stolen from car.
Local teens using our property (accessed via public footpath) to use drugs and leave drug paraphernalia on our property.
On behalf of the Church. Door on the south side broken into.
One vehicle broken into and tools stolen. 2 other vehicles hit by a drunk driver
Our car was stolen from our driveway in 2022
Person has put "no" but has added: I do pick up litter left by youth on Green. Problem less than what it was!
Robbery of outbuildings
Someone let their dog do its business on my front garden and left it there.
Stone thrown up at our bathroom window and smashed
There was an incident with a street seller who came to my door. He was an ex-prisoner.
Threatening behaviour

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

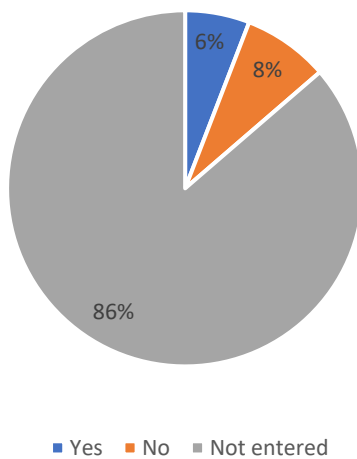
Have you reported the crime / incident via the 999 or 101 service



Yes	35	14%
No	131	51%
Not entered	90	35%
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Were you reassured by the police response

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Yes	15	6%
No	20	8%
Not entered	221	86%
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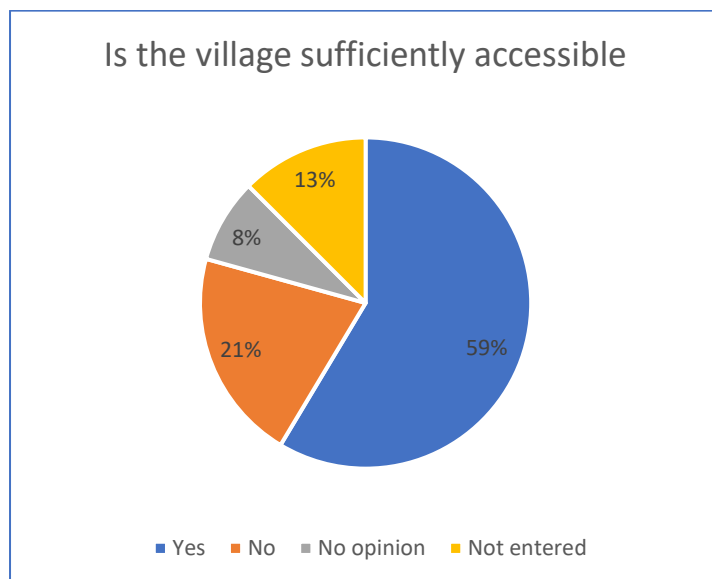
9.8- If you have any additional comments regarding crime and antisocial behaviour in Woodchurch please detail below

Cars speeding at night in Lower Road
CCTV around all the village
Don't like not having a police station that you can walk into in ashford, talking via an intercom is rude, not parking provided at the not station/building. waste of time.
Football matches/training on the green - foul and abusive language
For the above, went to the local police presence as well as putting it on the village FB page.
For the theft of the vehicle, smashing uof door etc - no response
For the theft of the a dust bin I was offered cancelling!
Generally, it feels like a really safe place to live. Happy dog walking in the dark etc... But some of the 'anti-social' behaviour as perceived seems like it might just be kids who are bored.
Georges Hill sometimes has cars parked and I reported suspected drug activity to police. No idea if it was acted on
Have not seen a policeman for ages. Speeding on Lower and Front Roads needs urgently to be addressed
Higher police profile - more visibility
As a household we pay more than £300 per year as a contribution to policing. Taken as a whole for Woodchurch parish we should be able to employ and equip a full time police officer dedicated to specifically the parish. Do we get good value for this contribution?
I have seen the result of criminal damage on village green - broken benches etc.
I thought a test in a free box might be helpful too!
I would be reassuring to see a policeman/woman walking around the village at poignant times (eg rush hour periods, eventimes and busy times such as school entrance/exit times.
I wouldn't be against CCTV in the village car park, not sure about CCTV covering the green, it's a community space and not sure having CCTV there would be a good thing (i.e. could feel like an invasion of people's right to enjoy the open green space without feeling 'watched'. An occasional police presence in the village would be welcome, perhaps a drop-in at The Hub on a monthly basis so residents could report minor things that are bothering them, community police team to walk around the village from time to time to get to know residents (everyone so friendly here, an officer walking around might be able gather useful intel from residents in passing about issues concerning them)
I'm concerned about the recent increase in vandalism of public, commercial and private properties. There needs to be a laser focus on addressing this issue.
Involve young people in local projects from the Primary School
Prevention is better than cure
Provision of activities for likely perpetrators, devil makes work for idle hands
Publicised clear pathways for reporting both serious and low level antisocial behaviour
Clear fair locally orientated consequences for wrong-doing - direct restitution
It would be good to see more police patrols
Litter dropping on the outskirts of the village is very bad. It is collected within the village centre, but the lanes around Woodchurch can get very bad. Hence the need for volunteers to pick up.
Litter left around Pavilion
Vandalism of signs
Suspicion of drug trafficking via cars
Loud exhausts on cars
Never seen any police in the villlage.
No answer to CCTV. Dont oppose it per se but dont expect it to make it go away = more likely to move it where there arent any cameras.
No police presence in Woodchurch
On this occasion were given a CRN but told that police would not attend due to lack of witnesses
Person mentioned "stop drugs drops"
Please keep away from use of cctv.

Recent road traffic accident on Appledore Road. Police response very poor. Paramedic response time unacceptable
speeding (it is a crime) through village there be more speed reduction measures and 20 mph limit from windmill down through village
Speeding approaching Townland Stores from the south is a real problem
Our garden suffers from litter after persons visit Townland Stores (Cans and crisp packets &&c)
The presence of a police officer (not just passing by in a car) would be good - NOT a PCSO or Warden who do nothing as far as I can see. Talked to one about 4-5 years ago. Speak to people!! that's how you learn what is really going on. Not everyone is mobile enough to get to hub "surgery".
The rural police have been very proactive && helpful for farms && similar areas outside the main village.
Very happy to register as part of neighbourhood watch scheme. Just need further information as to how this can be set up.
We cannot avoid criminal activity or antisocial behaviour. It is the duty of all of us to monitor the situation and report any misbehaviour to the police.
We have always found the PCSOs and Community Wardens to be very supportive and approachable. With the recent changes in structure we are concerned this may be last
Would like to see more police in the village

Accessibility and Inclusion

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



Yes	150	59%
No	53	21%
No opinion	21	8%
Not entered	32	13%
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Where does it need to be improved

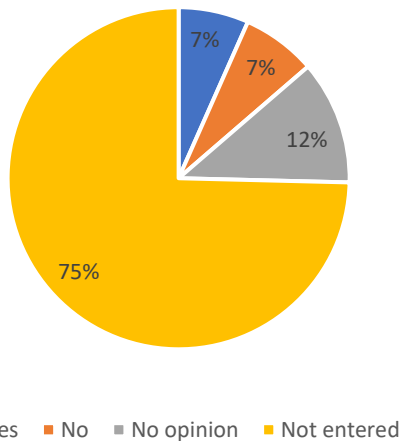
Pavements and Roads	As previously noted, negotiating pavements can be an issue
Pavements and Roads	Card parking on paths
Pavements and Roads	Cars always park across drop kerbs
Pavements and Roads	Definitely insufficient due to ridiculously too narrow pavements, or as at the side of The Green - no pavement. Also pavements uneven + in poor condition.
Pavements and Roads	Drop kerbs for scooters
Pavements and Roads	Dropped curbs
Pavements and Roads	Dropped kerbs are obstructed/ not necessarily respected / not plentiful enough Some hedges need trimming to allow wheelchair access / side by side walking
Pavements and Roads	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
Pavements and Roads	Inconsistant paths

Pavements and Roads	keeping pavements clear. more dropped kerbs pavement surface improvements required
Pavements and Roads	Lack of speed restriction enforcement
Pavements and Roads	More drop curbs, trees and bushes cut back regularly to allow disabled to use narrow pavements safely
Pavements and Roads	More Pavements!
Pavements and Roads	Narrow pavements + speeding traffic!!
Pavements and Roads	No pavement to Doctors
Pavements and Roads	Not enough drop curbs Paths obstructed - cars, bins etc Access to shops - wheelchairs
Pavements and Roads	Not enough dropped curbs
Pavements and Roads	Parking on pavements
Pavements and Roads	Pathways are narrow and bumpy (although inherently they are just village pathways , so we should not be surprised)
Pavements and Roads	Pavement - paths. Uneven or poor state of repair particularly on some pavement areas. Generally ok but some small isolated but potentially hazardous parts require attention please.
Pavements and Roads	Pavement access is terrible.
Pavements and Roads	Pavement should be extended from Stonebridge junction to surgery on that side to enable a crossing to be put in further away from the junction, cars can be upon you when they come from Tenterden before you finish crossing.
Pavements and Roads	Pavements are narrow and uneven for small mobility scooters
Pavements and Roads	Pavements are not wheelchair friendly. Pavements are tripping hazards, eg tree roots. We should be able to report unsafe places to avoid serious falls. It is not easy for people to live independently when they have a disability. Hop on hop off transport from Appledore Road up to pub and cafe would be great.
Pavements and Roads	Pavements are uneven.. ~hedges are overgrown.
Pavements and Roads	Pavements bad condition and not connected and too narrow.
Pavements and Roads	Pavements too narrow & not even No pavement along green steps to butchers
Pavements and Roads	Pavements uneven and narrow. No suitable crossings. 20 mph needed
Pavements and Roads	Pavements very difficult when in a wheelchair
Pavements and Roads	Pavements very narrow in some places and plants hanging down and not trimmed back
Pavements and Roads	Pavements, dropped curbs, access to paths all unusable. Need level crossing by Doctors
Pavements and Roads	Some paths narrow (Lower Road

Pavements and Roads	The pavements are uneven making walking with an elderly relative difficult and often cars park inconsiderately for pedestrians
Pavements and Roads	Tight pavements for people with disabilities
Pavements and Roads	Too many motorists park their cars and vans on the pavement, blocking access for prams and mobility scooters
Pavements and Roads	Too many parked cars obstructing the way.
Pavements and Roads	Village car park is uneven for walking on.
Pavements and Roads	Wheelchair and mobility vehicles have problems up/down pavements and access to places as the church.
Access	Access to most public venues are not wheelchair friendly.
Access	Doorways too small, steps up (except coffee shop which has excellent accessibility)
Access	No room in shop to access mobility scooter/wheelchair or buggy
Access	Post Office has limited access for those disabled and a step to go in.
Access	The shop/post office isn't accessible at all, but I do think that Mercy + Donald would go out of their way to help if someone wanted something. Don't use wheelchair/mobility scooter, but people are ignorant parking on the pavement - not sure how PC can fix it though.
Other	Circumstances changes too quickly to give an answer
Other	Inadequate local transport
Other	Memorial Hall has a ramp now and seems to be fully accessible.
Other	Not an issue for us but I expect more could be done (as anywhere)
Other	Not sure as I dont have challenges of this nature
Other	Steps and no bannisters - postbox a distance to go
Other	Try using crutches for a week and see how you get around. Let alone a wheelchair.
Other	Wheelchair access must be difficult in a few places.

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

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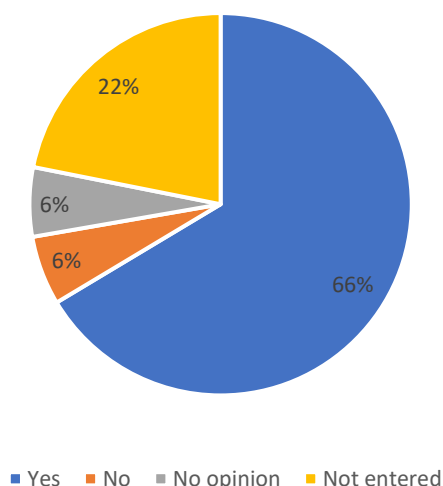
Yes	17	7%
No	18	7%
No opinion	30	12%
Not entered	191	75%
	256	

Please give details

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

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

Are public buildings in the village are easily accessible



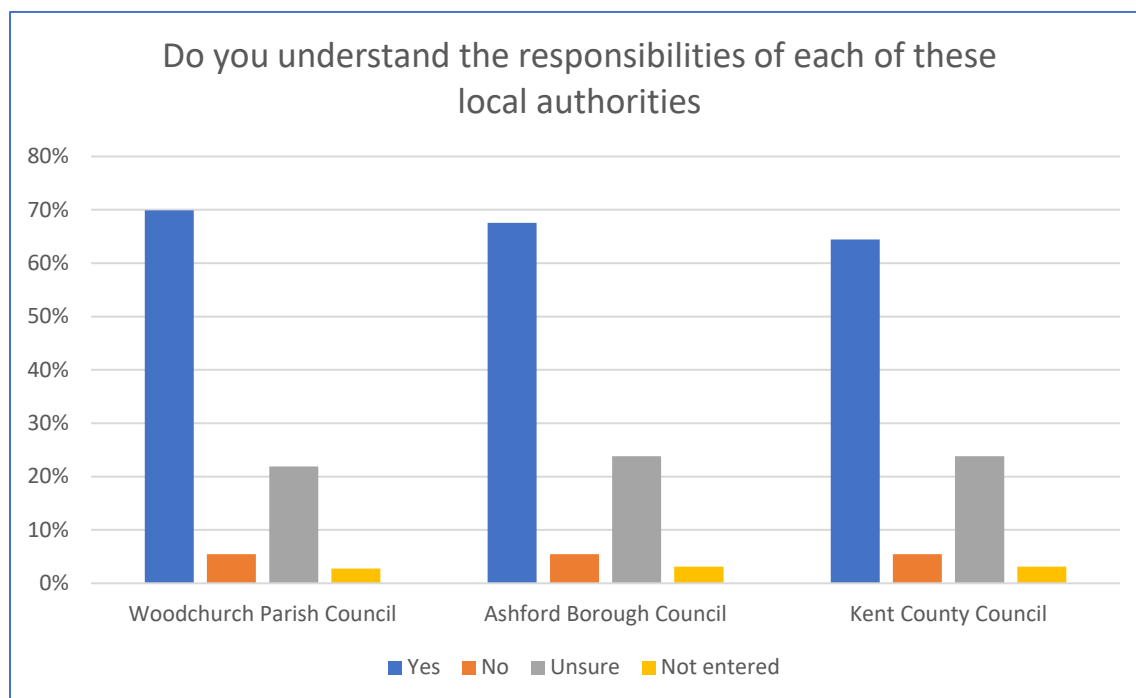
Yes	170	66%
No	15	6%
No opinion	15	6%
Not entered	56	22%
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Please give details

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.

11- Work of Local Authorities

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

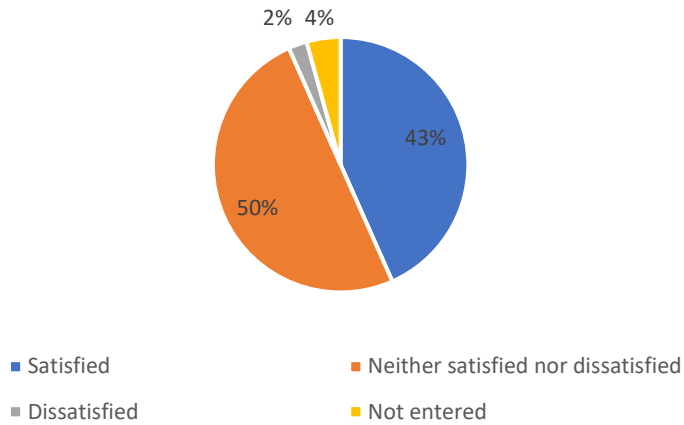


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Yes	179	173	165
No	14	14	14
Unsure	56	61	61
Not entered	7	8	8
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	Woodchurch Parish Council	Ashford Borough Council	Kent County Council
Yes	70%	68%	64%
No	5%	5%	5%
Unsure	22%	24%	24%
Not entered	3%	3%	3%
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Woodchurch Parish Council

11.2- How satisfied are you with Woodchurch Parish Council

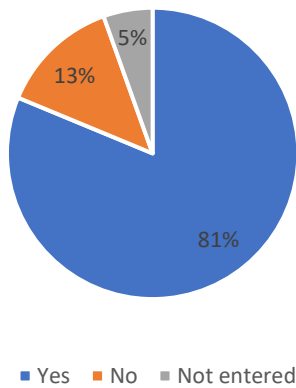
How satisfied are you with Woodchurch Parish Council



Satisfied	111	43%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	128	50%
Dissatisfied	6	2%
Not entered	11	4%
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11.3- Do you know how to contact your Parish Council

Do you know how to contact your Parish Council



Yes	208	81%
No	34	13%
Not entered	14	5%
	256	

11.4- What do you think the Parish Council does well

As far as I can tell
Asking people what they think! Its great to have a survey but it needs more comms to encourage people to fill it out. e.g hold an open session at some village events in the time period this is live so that people can ask questions about it.
Meeting often.
Being there i.e. volunteering their time, for the good of the community.
Bin emptying around village (dog and rubbish)
Aranging local events
Communicate
Communicate well with village
Communicates with locals
Communicating with people
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Communication is good
Communication is regular and clear
Communication
Maintaining the Green
Communication.
Covers a broad range of issues and gives due consideration to all angles
Dedicated people who work hard for the village
Dissemination of information
Do a good job
Dog mess bins well maintained & plenty of them
Village green mowing (eventually in 2023)
Don't know
Don't know
Don't know!
Events
From what I know of the parish council, they work hard to preserve the integrity of the village, in terms of proposed housing developments to ensure they are right for the village rather than just a 'building houses for the sake of it' approach. Appear to be a dedicated group of people wanting the best for this special village and have a desire to make it the best it can be for residents and visitors.
General maintenance of village
Give out information about road closures. Also when meetings are being held.
Good community
Grateful to those who volunteer. Looking after best interests of village and community. From experience we know its a much under appreciated body which deserves more respect
Green always looks good, bins are always empty the village looks presentable. Also supports local groups with their events etc...
Has regular meetings open to the public. Listens to village views and concerns. Councillors give up their own time to work for the village
Have not been here long enough to tell
Helps organise local events
I do not know what they provide - how can I find out? Is there a list of services? If so, where is it?
I feel that I have not lived here long enough to give an opinion
Information - the Hub, online information. Coordination with other organisations. General upkeep of village

Issuing forms and having meetings
It is a good village
It maintains the village hall and its surroundings and has maintained the Green effectively. The Hub is useful and provides an excellent point of contact. The village public toilets are well maintained.
It represents the views and aspirations of the community.
Keep the village clean, the green maintained, good dissemination of information.
Keep us informed of all activities
Keep village tidy + events
Keeping the kerbs clean
Keeps me informed via newsletter
Keeps people informed of what is going on
Keeps the green and play area well maintained
Keeps the village tidy & well maintained. Keeps lots of societies and amenities going in the village.
like the newsletter, the hub and general communication is good
Links with ABC and KCC
Listens to the people of the Parish. First line of planning applications
Local Issues
Looking after Green. Street cleaning
Looking after The Green and village amenities and pressing for more affordable new housing
Looks after the village in a very good way, sensibly and in keeping with its history
Lots of debate but powerless to make changes
Lovely village since we have lived here
Maintaining public areas within the village
Maintenance of the green
Maintenance, clean and Tidy. Village events
Manages the public facilities very well
Managing the finances. Supporting the local community. Managing local planning applications. Disseminating information
Meets regularly and welcomes visitors and comments supported when required.
Monthly reports in HUB magazine
Most things. Thank you to the councillors
Need information on its targets and plans to judge performance
Not a lot
Not a lot
Not much. Takes too long to realise something needs attention
Not sure
Nothing
Organise meetings to discuss issues
PROCRASTINATES!
Prompt Response
Providing public toilets including wheelchair accessible toilets. Running the Hub. Alerting us to planning applications.
Reacting to some residents needs on a day to day basis
Reasonably
Regular Newsletter
Represent the villagers interests
Represent village
Responds to the needs of the village
Response to queries is good

Satisfactory overall
Sticks within remit
Supports much in the village
Takes an interest in the views of residents, conducts elections with a variety of candidates, communication
Their commitment
They have been good at fighting over building projects in the village.
They seem to be very interested in the life and wellbeing of Woodchurch
Unsure
Unsure
Up keep of village
Whilst we do not know who sits on the Parish Council, we do know where to find information/notices etc should we need them.
Woodchurch monthly newsletter
Work with event organisers
Keep village looking good but need to ensure pavements etc./trees
Yes

11.5- What do you think the Parish Council could do better

Have advice clinics where you can take an issue - just to talk it through and gauge feelings and views.
Chase the windmill project - it is important for the identity of Woodchurch. It is what attracted me here and is so disappointing to now look at.
30mph signs throughout village
Act faster, Have more of the Parish Council actively working to support the village day-to-day
Act quicker
Addressing the speeding in village and state of roads
Allow a small increase of the precept to fund long-term preservation of the windmill
Answer letters
Be more inclusive of people living outside actual village - feel ignored e.g. speed limit
Be more visible + pro-active
Be quicker when considering planning applications
Carrying out repairs
Making decisions
Circulate the agenda and minutes by email (as per Newsletter)
Publish Targets and plans
Publish spending targets
Communicate more with the village, join the dots between online and offline communication and help people understand the parish council roles and responsibilities by sharing what they are. Tell people when the parish council is meeting and what is being discussed.
Do more to stop development requests from being submitted for anything other than brownfield sites.
Contribute more to nature recovery planning at borough council level.
Communicating with the village
Maintaining things like The Pump
Communication has improved. The last clerk made a huge difference , responding in a timely manner to written communications. It is to be hoped this continues.
It is clear from attending PC meetings that a number of councillors make very little input whilst others are clearly working very hard to make things work. It is disappointing having seen the claims made in the recent election by some newly elected councillors that they have not followed through on areas they have said they felt strongly about .

It is disappointing that churn continues so close to an election . Hopefully the PC can establish a settled membership to allow for consistency and shared workload.
Consider impact of house building on school doctors etc
Consult on best choice for communal facilities e.g. playground. Money allocation - choice of vendor plus way of spending money
Control speeding on entry to the village. Start petition to have 60-30 mph further back. Sensors and signs flashing advising when over 30mph
Could be seen to be more proactive. Encourage people to speak to them. If there is an issue let the "complainant" and the village know the result. Encourage photos to be sent to them of parking on pavement etc....
Do a good job
Don't know
Encourage more village participation but don't know how!
Engage with dog owners and provide enforcement procedures to control dog excrement being left on pavements, roads & other public areas in the village (I am a dog owner and attempt to behave responsibly)
Everything
Expand its views to encompass all residents of the parish, not just those that live in the centre of the village. Woodchurch is a relatively large rural community as well as a village hub.
Fill the potholes
Road maintenance
Clear road drainage
Fix the windmill!
Find out whwether there is a copy somewhere of the 2005 Village Plan. It will be useful as a companion with the findings of the 2023 Appraisal. Chrid Dudman, ex village postmaster may be able to assist as he was selling copies at the time. Not trying to be obstructive but history needs to be correctly reported etc.
Fix the potholes
Get the playground fixed
Have better leaders
Have not been here long enough to tell
Help sort road situations. Parking, potholes etc.
I do not know what they provide - how can I find out? Is there a list of services? If so, where is it?
I feel that I have not lived here long enough to give an opinion
I think this questionnaire is a great way to help the PC better understand what is important to villagers and key priorities
I think you could do more on your profiles on website so we know who you are, what are your reasons for going on, what your role is and what you would like to achieve. Also maybe draft minutes could be posted earlier.
A bit more pro active, looking back at minutes things seem to take a very long time to action, if at all. And spend some money. Â£50k is a lot to be sat in the bank, hopefully this is what the survey is about as much as anything.
It needs more active resources
Just a quick email to say they have received a communication instead of silence.
Keep an eye on developers over building in the village and suppounding areas. Many seem to be able to do what they like
Leading responses to further development
Highlighting need to improve road surfaces
Liase with sport and social clubs better
Liasing with villagers better oin important issues
Listen
Listening to longer term needs of residents. Having a stable set of council members able to work together as a team would be a good starting point

Looking after village pump which is listed
Maintaining important village features.
Make themselves better known in the village - not just open invitations to PC meetings. Meetr and greet sessions once a quarter
Manage the new area of The Green
All village noticeboards need attention
More financial support for Jean Mealham Centre please && Museum
More of the above.
More youth activities
Not a lot
Not sure
Not sure
Not sure
Oppose development with positive strength
Perhaps some things could be done better, but our Councillors are all volunteers who give up their time on our behalf. We should be grateful for their support in managing our local affairs to a high standard.
Persuade parkers not to make exists from gateway into 6 Bells Pub && residential park dangerous to get onto the back road or front road. It seems only a death will sort it
Planning decisions
Prioritise the play park. Not just repairs but a new park. Woodchurch is known for the poor park!
Provision of things for youngsters to do
Publicise meetings more effectively
Consider holding them, for example, at The Bonny function room - encourage any who wish to view the whole meeting but make it possible for others to attend only the participating element by making an announcement in the public bar.
More work to be done re toilet facilities
Pump on village green needs sorting.
Publicize the planning process - people wil moan about new developments + blame the PC because they don't understand the process.
Push ABC on refurbishing the windmill
If necessary, form a working party to support the above and hold specific events to make it possible to restore and future-proof the mill
Push for affordable housing rather than large luxury housing developments
Put more pressure on to get the water/drainage issues in the village sorted
Refusing the builds for more housing in rents that people can afford
Respond to questions/enquiries
Have only had the need to contact the Parish Council once (last year) and the clerk was very rude and dismissive and told me to email the Chair, which i did. However I did not receive a reply.
Sort out parking outside school along Bethersden Road
Sort out drainage in village
Provide more notceboards around the village - people from other villages who use surgery may not look at social media and wouldnt receive newsletters.
Start a campaign to get our Windmill fixed
Stop charging for police on our rates. Never seen one in years
Stop over development of large properties when smaller properties are more affordable and needed.
Support affordable housing applications and self build projects within the village
Support local clubs and societies
Better notice boards
The Website is a bit of a muddle
To advertise how they can be contacted better.
Too much self-interest from councillors

Unsure

We have a beautiful village and I believe the PC could involve the community in ensuring it stays that way. They should introduce village volunteers as their proactive/ reactive workforce to identify and improve the village, linking in with the Village shed and village in bloom.

I for one would be more than happy help keep our village beautiful.

Examples of this would include;

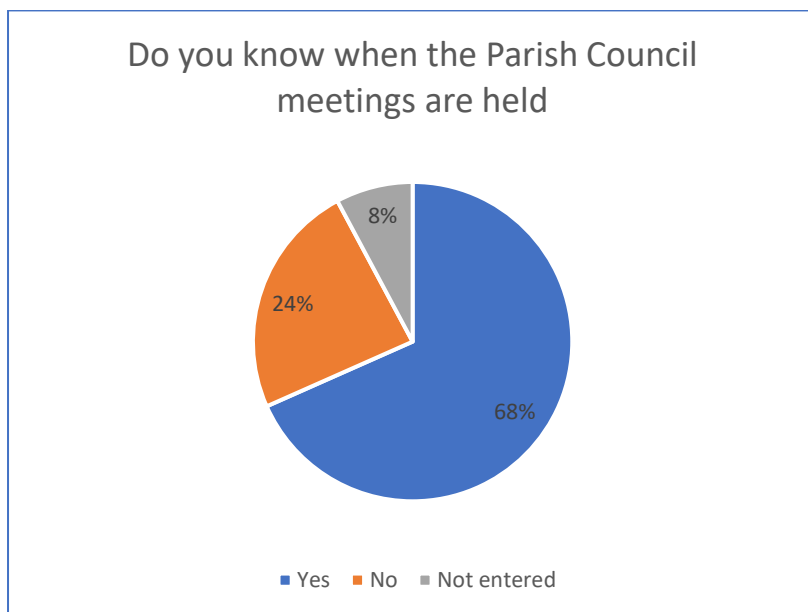
clearing overhanging hedges from footpaths.

Maintains benches , notice boards etc

Clearing roadsigns (the recent speeding campaign was good however the official speed limit roadsigns are dirty and in some cases obscured which defeats the object of the campaign)

Working with the police and others on vandalism. The Parish Council really needs to focus on getting us a proper mobile phone signal, especially on Shirkoak!

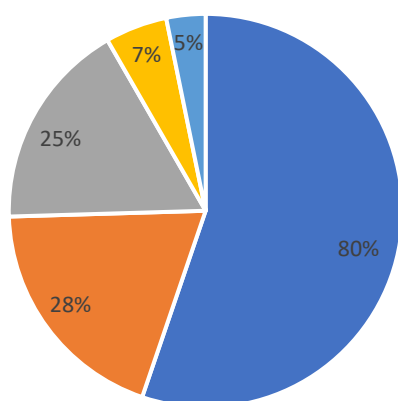
11.6- Do you know when the Parish Council meetings are held



Yes	175	68%
No	61	24%
Not entered	20	8%
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11.7- How do you find information about the Parish Council

How do you find information about the Parish Council



■ Community Newsletter ■ Parish Council Web site ■ Village Notice Boards
■ Not entered ■ Other

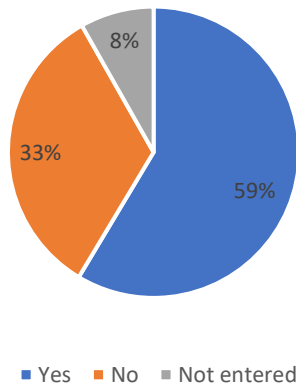
Community Newsletter	206	80%
Parish Council Web site	72	28%
Village Notice Boards	64	25%
Not entered	19	7%
Other	12	5%
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Please give details of Other

Email
Facebook
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Facebook
How indeed!
Parish council website is very slow to load and not accessible on a mobile phone screen. Never see any parish council info on the village notice boards.
Partially sighted - social what about issues
The Hub
The HUB

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

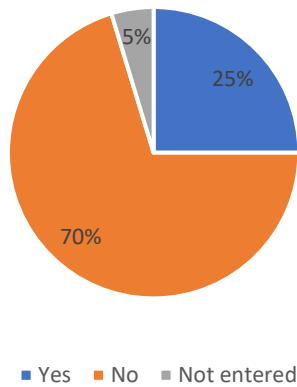
Do you know where to find the Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes



Yes	150	59%
No	85	33%
Not entered	21	8%
	256	

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

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



Yes	64	25%
No	180	70%
Not entered	12	5%
	256	

Is there a specific reason that you have not attended

A terrible excuse but time is limited owing to work commitments, I would like to attend future meetings and will try to do so as how this community evolves is something that's important to us as we love living here.
Apathy
As a previous councilor in other area I realise that the parish has no power to influence any decision either at borough or county level
Beaurocracy and entrenched attitudes of certain council members
Been in the past made "no" difference
Cannot get to any venue
Can't drive. Poor sight so can't research issues well
Didn't know they were on or what was on the agenda
Didn't know where/when +/- or if an issue was directly concerning me
Don't know where or when
Have only recently moved back to the village after 5 years away
I am disabled and housebound
I can read the minutes afterwards
I don't like driving at night. No-one to go with.
I don't like going out in the evenings
I have attended several
Its lack of support for new builds
Lack of time.
Meetings tend to stray quickly off the actual point, people tend to want to speak over people and this makes a meeting a waste of my time.
Mobility, health
No
No
No
No
No
No
No
No
No
No - I should do and will do in the future.
No need - councillors are in most areas
no need , but maybe we should occasionally when is the AGM ?
No particular major concerns
No particular interest
No transport
Normally forget to attend
Not needed to
Not really
Not really !!
Not really. It seems that not a lot has changed through them in over 35 years.
Nothing has been done when attending P. Council meetings. Waste of time
Nothing on agenda of interest
Thursdays are not convenient
Time
Too busy running family business
Too busy with domestic commitments

Unaware of meetings - dates - times
We have only just moved here
Where and when?
Working hours coinciding with meetings.

11.10- Do you have any other comments regarding the Parish Council's support for the Woodchurch community

Appreciate the chance to complete this survey - thank you. BUT majority should be completed online - it would be free to produce + use significantly less paper and ink. Paper surveys are archaic + should only be provided where someone has no access or is unable to use the internet.
Discount at the Rare Breeds for locals. Even if membership can't be discounted, food and drink or something for those that live close would be amazing!
Do their best in difficult circumstances and do not seem to have the ear of Ashford Boro' Council
Don't forget us over here on Shirkoak! I think our committee would appreciate your support, especially in relation to environmental issues.
I am unclear what specific support the PCC gives - the expenditure budget might indicate this.
I know it is difficult but they should try to engage with the community more. There is a fantastic community which could be harnessed to the benefit of the village.
I would like to see the drains cleared more regularly and the school parking dealt with asap
In general great support to the village but the limited comms makes it feel a little like an exclusive club rather than an inclusive group. Seems odd that individuals in the parish council are doing so much and volunteering lots of time to help but there's been a 34 year gap since its asked the village for feedback. I offered support to the parish council and not heard back.
Inconsistent support of housing developments
It would be helpful to have clarity of how to best ask questions to the Parish Council (in writing or in person) - and expected timescales for responses
KEEP GOING
Keep up the good work. It can be a thankless task
Lack of inclusivity
Needs more new young blood!
Parish Council seem to be indecisive in decision making, a lot of decisions seem to be moved to the next meeting. The priorities of the parish Council seem to be somewhat skewed.
Please do not lose focus on the church. If you lose that not only will you never get it back but you will lose all the support mechanisms the church offers, community teas, friendship, the food bank, emotional support, and so forth.
Promotion of fibre broadband provision/campaign
They do a really hard job + only seem to get credit for problems!
Thank you - it's not an easy job and we appreciate it.
They do good work.
Very good communications via HUB newsletter
We need help getting from a to b even surgery or local shops cannot walk too far
WELL DONE ! A very comprehensive document enabling residents to be democratically consulted. I look forward to seeing the feedback in the Community Newsletter
What projects are they currently working on?
Woodchurch is a lovely village to live in
Woodchurch is a well ordered village and we are so fortunate to have church school, surgery, garages and shops - and (not yet) over development.
2 complaints
We are well provided with footpaths, much used land. But during prolonged spells of wet weather the

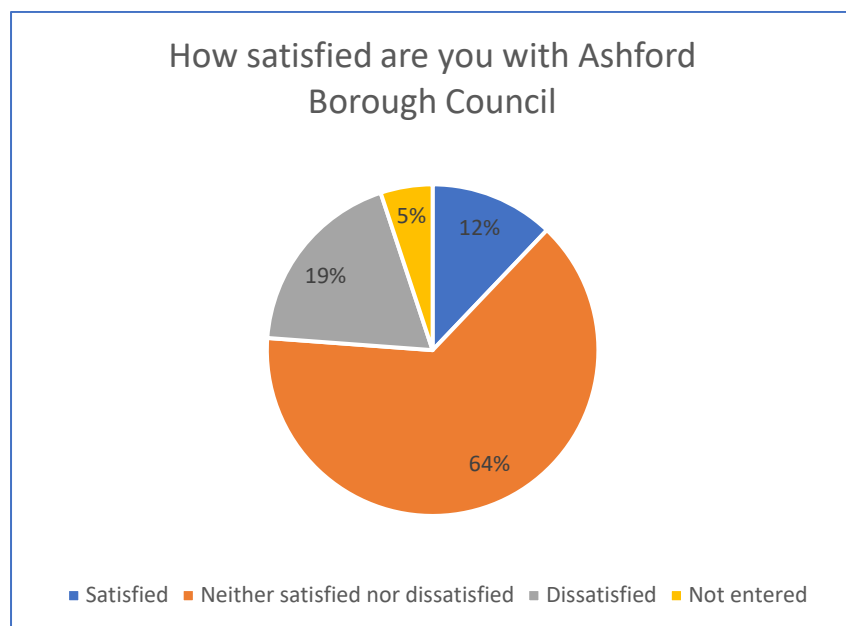
gateways between fields are so muddy as to be positively dangerous. One solution might be an application of wood chips, not expensive or difficult, they would rot down during the year, to be put down at the gates and immediate surrounds

Windmill - I know that the windmill belongs to the Borough Council but it might be helpful if the Parish Council had some influence over the surrounding area. The litter bin is old, unsightly, leans towards the SW. It is generally full of fast food litter, dog poo bags, beer cans etc. this spoiling an attractive area. It is seldom emptied (once this year?). It would be worth removing it, putting up a notice asking people to take their litter home and not spoil the beautiful view. (If they can carry it in, they can carry it out!)

Yes, we were told by a Local Councillor, Parish Councillors and an Ashford Borough Councillor that traffic monitoring would take place along Lower Road following our concerns and complaint 2 years ago and to my knowledge this still has not taken place. I feel extremely strongly that this matter needs to be taken very seriously and dealt with as a matter of absolute urgency prior to a serious accident occurring. We are told regularly that you have to and wait for 'something' to happen before anything can be done, but I'm afraid I find this totally unacceptable!

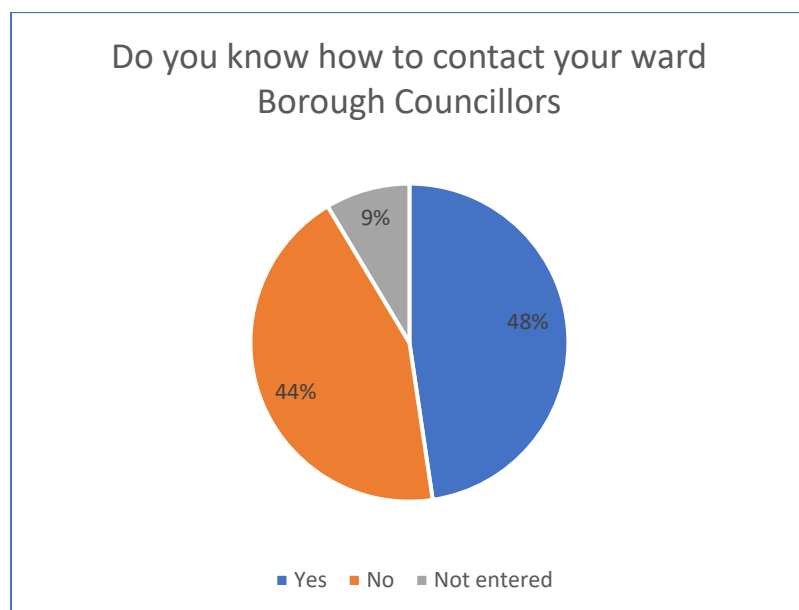
Ashford Borough Council

11.11- How satisfied are you with Ashford Borough Council



Satisfied	31	12%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	164	64%
Dissatisfied	48	19%
Not entered	13	5%
	256	

11.12- Do you know how to contact your ward Borough Councillors



Yes	122	48%
No	112	44%

Not entered	22	9%
	256	

11.13- Do you have any comments regarding Ashford Borough Council's support for the Woodchurch community

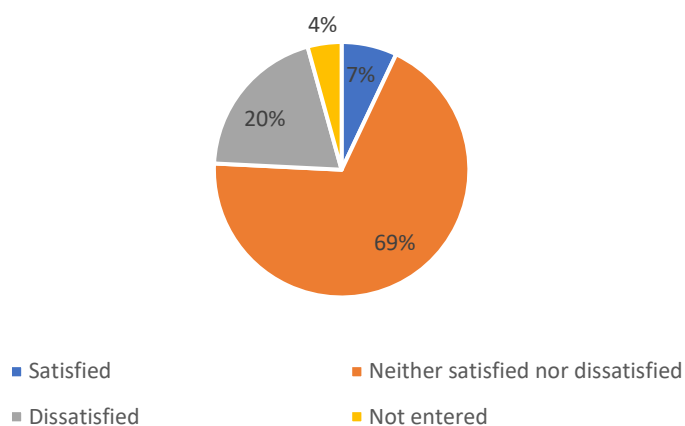
ABC have no interest in the outlying villages. Only Ashford itself
ABC seemed to go into meltdown during Covid. I am hoping that it will return to normal soon.
Badly let down regarding the 40+house planning application for Front Road which was allowed to go through to appeal because on lack of response from A.B.C. in appropriate time
Basic services good
Local councillors committed
Councillors are accessible and helpful. ABC is slow to deal with issues
Difficult to contact if no Internet access
Phone calls not answered
I am unaware of what exactly ABC's support is (apart from waste collection)
I can not understand how they allowed Gladman developments to ride roughshod over community wishes about development.
I feel that they are under pressure to build wherever they can and put up little objection.
I don't know their responsibilities
I don't see any.
I imagine like most councils they are slow to act + react to things - windmill issue?
I think it is terrible the way the windmill, which is an important part of Woodchurch, has been left to fall into disrepair as it is a focal point of the village and is on all signs and emblems.
I think they need to do something about our windmill. A lot of people have put a lot of effort into it over the years especially the older generation to get it started and I hate to see it as it is now. I have lived here nearly all my life and my dad would hate to see it now.
I would like to know more about how ABC supports the Woodchurch Community and any blockers that the Parish Council encounter when dealing with ABC (or what works well in their interactions with ABC). I will endeavour to attend a future parish council meeting as keen to understand more
In A-B-C- order W is at the bottom of the pile so ABC never get to us
Inconsistent support of housing developments
It is very difficult to communicate with ABC
Its usually been good but last years swing to the left may not be beneficial
Licence dept need to be stricter about Landlords doing necessary maintenance etc.
Limited insight but on basis of what we have seen around Ashford as a town council is hardly inspiring
No improvement with repairing our wonderful windmill!
No support as regards the Windmill
None
None evident
Not enough support
Not impressed with lack of knowledge/sympathy for upholding of village conservation area with ref to infill development. They feel out of touch with community
Not sure what they do
Only as stated above at 11.10 - traffic calming is desperately needed in Lower Road for the reasons outlined at 6.6, 6.7 and 11.10.
Speeding is excessive and regular!
Only one major moor - they do not look after the windmill but I do understand it is not a priority

Only re the windmill
Other than refuse collection and redusing bus services I am not aware of other support.
Its failure to address the windmill has now been ongoing for 5 years with absolutely zero result
Our experience has always been good
Planning office is understaffed and has a high turnover of staff.
When phoning the ABC the telephone reception message is too long and generally not relevant.
Please fill in the potholes
Pleased to know there has been some financial support, thank you
Pot holes
Pot holes
Pot holes
Pot holes
Pot holes
Seem to turn down parish council recommendations regularly particularly on housing.
Seems very good
The councillor used to pop into the hub. Don't know if that is still the case.
The perception that ABC prefer to support larger areas of urbanisation (Ashford/Tenderden).
Poor Planning Approval process not accounting for local opinion, leading to significant erosion of Green heart and green land around the village.
The provision of a dog/litter warden occasionally to prevent/enforce the laws pertinent to control of the above.
The situation regarding the repair of the Windmill needs to be resolved and plans made for necessary repair work.
The urban [band] ABC disregards and has no understanding of rural issues and requirements
The windmill is neglected. It is a symbol of the village and should be refurbished.
They don't support the village particularly wth regard to development
They need to focus on sorting the windmill. It looks awful without its sails! If we need to fundraise they need to organise that.
Thinking of the Windmill particularly - Very unsupportive
Traffic calming urgently needed on Brook Street
Useless
Very good
Waste collection - good
Roads repairs / potholes poor. Front Road has already been dug up again !
What about the windmill
What are they doing about the windmill?
What particularly does ABC provide to Woodchurch
What support?
White lines, road markings. Drains all need dealing with.
Why cant they allow Grade 2 listed buildings to have double glazing (that looks exactly like single glazing)
Windmill sails need replacing
With car parking charges in Tenterden
Would like to see support for the windmill restoration

Kent County Council

11.14- How satisfied are you with Kent County Council

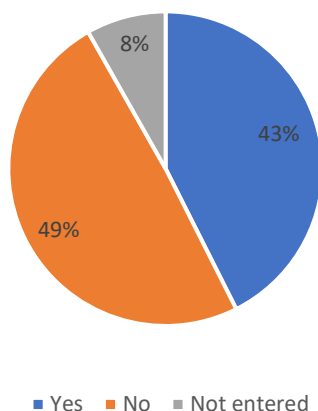
How satisfied are you with Ashford Borough Council



Satisfied	18	7%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	176	69%
Dissatisfied	51	20%
Not entered	11	4%
	256	

11.15- Do you know how to contact your County Councillor

Do you know how to contact your ward Borough Councillors



Yes	109	43%
No	126	49%
Not entered	21	8%
	256	

11.16- Do you have any comments regarding Kent County Council's support for the Woodchurch community

Again I don't really see any.
Although some improvements have been made to roads, there is still a big problem with potholes (e.g. by The Green crossroads at The Green/Lower Road/Place Lane Throughout the county (including Woodchurch parish) there appears to be excessive zeal in trimming grass verges on roads but NO attention to trimming vegetation obscuring road signs - with serious implications for road safety.
At times seem to have little regard for integrity of village - eg housing - their recommendations seem to be 'tick-box' exercises.
Close it down. Westminster should act straight to Parish Councils. Too many cooks spoil the broth.
Condition of roads is poor and poor quality of workmanship and very slow response
Discount for locals at the Rare Breeds . With lots of young families moving to the area a form of discount on membership or even food/drink would be amazing.
Do they know where Woodchurch actually is?
Don't know how they support us directly to be honest
Ensure infrastructure issues are dealt with professionally and promptly rather than cheaply
Have been told by KCC thar road drains would not be cleared until after our property has been flooded. Not my idea of support
I am not aware of support from KCC but that may be my own fault for not always reading the minutes of council meetings
I would like to know if any KCC councillor has any knowledge of any of the villages in the county?
I would like to see a report from the Parish Council about the success or otherwise of this survey and the Youth Survey, and important points it has revealed. D/A 93A Front Rd.
I would like to see speed on the roads and lanes surrounding Woodchurch lowered to 30mph or less and cameras put up especially in Redbrook Street and Plurenden Lane and potholes repaired in the road and verges as they are very deep as tractors regularly churn them up.
Inconsistant support of housing developments
Is there any??
It would be useful for the Parish Council to publish how ABC and KCC actually do support Woodchurch. Our council tax contributions are the same as other communities but I could not identify a single element where Woodchurch has benefitted (other than road surfacing)
K.C.C. needs to work in conjunction with both Ashford Borough Council and the Parish Council in order to resolve the speeding traffic problems and inadequate pavements within the village as aforementioned at 6.6, 6.7, 11.10 and 11.13. This issue needs to be prioritised as a matter of urgency.
KCC appear to be slow in rehabilitating potholes and verges. Their programme should be more transparent. KCC Highways (road drainage) should consider taking a leading role in efficiently working with the Environmental Agency (open drains, streams and rivers) and Southern Water (sewerage management and treated discharge) to achieve an effective flood management system. At the moment one organisation appears to blame the other for the local floods!
KCC has no interest in anything apart from petty politics
KCC needs to do more in supporting our case for Southern Water to remedy the sewage/flooding in the lower village
KCC Highways is generally unsympathetic to the village views when considering Planning Applications. To say the speed limit is 30mph is a non-solution when dangerous areas are highlighted
KCCs support seems to be nil - far too busy closing M20 and making roads impassable.
Know your audience and support as appropriate. Rural location - poor transport links. Lots of social groups that are not easy to get to without support from neighbours and family can be very isolating.
Lack of road repairs
Mike Angel was always a very good friend and supportive of events and requirements in the village. Wouldnt know who the current KCC councilor is or where he lives
Needs to sort the road problems out - as previously commented on
No reply to emails.
No email address for roads dept.
Non existent

None
None
Not sure what they do
Section 5
5.1. Pre school, school and play area are not used by our family now as we no longer have young children however they are still a very important facility for the village.
5.7. as above - Guides/scouts etc were used when children young - and an asset to the village.
3. Transport
3.6 - Although we do not use the bus much as residents, visiting relatives from Ashford do, and find the service too limited and miss the Sunday service.
Not sure what they do.
Do not support the village with regards to planning applications
Pot holes
Useless ***** do know how to waste money
Re KCC Highways - need to pay more attention to deteriorating road surfaces and potholes and act promptly when notified of problems.
Reduce number of lorries on local roads
Repairs of the roadways are appalling
Road between Shadoxhurst and Woodchurch needs maintaining better
Road maintenance
Speeding signs increased
Zebra crossing
Road maintenance needs improvement
Traffic management needs improvment (20mph)
Flood management needs improvement
Road surfaces are in a very poor state and repairs take far too long.
Any repairs carried out are a "quick fix" and don't last very long.
Roads in poor state
Traffic calming is needed.
roads roads roads
Roads, Roads, Roads !!
Seems very good
Some years ago I asked if it would be possible to construct a chicane at the speed limit sign at the bottom of Place Lane as it becomes Lower Road in order to slow incoming traffic. I was told the road layout did not lend itself to such a measure. I therefore asked if the "red" marking on the road at that point could be refreshed. I am still waiting for this to happen.
I would write again suggesting the provision of rumble strips but I fear nothing will happen until there is an accident.
The requirement to book the waste disposal site is unnecessary and an irritation
The roads are generally full of potholes. The odd time I've contacted the council they never responded.
The roads are in a shocking state. The pavements are too.
The roads need attention, potholes are not repaired in a timely fashion, many of the road gullies are blocked causing local flooding to the roads.
The water drainage and pothole issues in Woodchurch need attention.
They had cut surestart facilities for babies and young mothers
Thinking of the Windmill particularly - Very unsupportive
To provide routine enforcement (police) of the local speed limits (ie not just on a Sunday morning)
Unsure of what KCC's support to Woodchurch is.
Verely limited insight
We need more and appropriate support

Windmill

Potholes - roads are a mess

Post Code to Parish Area Lookup

TN26 3JW	Plurenden Road
TN26 3NX	Front Road - Top
TN26 3NZ	Six Bells Park
TN26 3PA	Front Road - Top
TN26 3PB	Front Road - Top
TN26 3PD	Bournes Place
TN26 3PE	Front Road - Top
TN26 3PF	The Green
TN26 3PJ	Coldblow Lane
TN26 3PT	Plurenden Road
TN26 3PU	Bethersden Road North
TN26 3PY	Bethersden Road North
TN26 3QB	Front Road - Top
TN26 3QD	Rectory Close
TN26 3QE	Front Road - Top
TN26 3QF	Front Road - Top
TN26 3QG	The Green
TN26 3QJ	Bethersden Road South
TN26 3QN	Bethersden Road South
TN26 3QP	Park Road
TN26 3QQ	Bethersden Road South
TN26 3QR	Redbrook Street
TN26 3QS	Redbrook Street or Plurenden Lane
TN26 3QT	Redbrook Street
TN26 3QU	Redbrook Street
TN26 3QW	Bethersden Road Mid
TN26 3QX	Bethersden Road South
TN26 3QZ	Boldshaves Lane
TN26 3RE	Susans Hill
TN26 3RF	Susans Hill
TN26 3RG	Susans Hill
TN26 3RP	Shirkoak Park
TN26 3RQ	Place Lane or Ham Street Road
TN26 3RR	Shirkoak Park
TN26 3SA	Front Road Mid
TN26 3SE	Kirkwood Avenue
TN26 3SF	Front Road South
TN26 3SG	Lower Road South
TN26 3SH	Front Road South
TN26 3SJ	Plumtree Gardens
TN26 3SL	Front Road South
TN26 3SN	Brook Street East
TN26 3SQ	Lower Road North
TN26 3SR	Brook Street East
TN26 3ST	Green Lane

TN26 3SW	Brattle
TN26 3SX	Ham Street Road
TN26 3SY	Brook Street Mid
TN26 3TG	Appledore Road South
TN26 3TJ	Appledore Road South
TN26 3TQ	Appledore Road North
TN26 3TW	Bridge Close