

Sutton St. Nicholas Community-led Plan Questionnaire report

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Presentation of results

Where percentages are used, they are rounded to the nearest whole number. All the percentages are calculated as a proportion of respondents to each question except where a large number of survey respondents did not answer the question, in which case the percentages are calculated as a proportion of total survey respondents. Where the number of respondents to the question was very low, only the number of responses is shown. Note that if respondents could select more than one answer to a particular question, the percentages may add up to more than 100%. In some instances quite high numbers of respondents did not answer a particular question and this should be taken into account when interpreting the results.

For those questions that included a free text box for 'other' options please note that as this option was not always listed as a tick box option in such cases those that selected 'other' are not included in the responses to the main question. The 'other' responses appear in the separate lists of free text comments.

Where possible the text comments have been included with the commentary on the numerical results to the survey. However, in some cases there are too many comments so they have been listed separately in Appendix 1 and a summary is incorporated with the commentary in the main body of the report.

The last question of the survey was a general one. Where appropriate, comments written in at this point have been added in to the appropriate section of the main report discussing the relevant issue.

Results

One questionnaire was complete on behalf of all the members aged 18 or over in each household. There were 269 completed responses received for the adult questionnaire while a total of 75 responses received for young people's questionnaire.

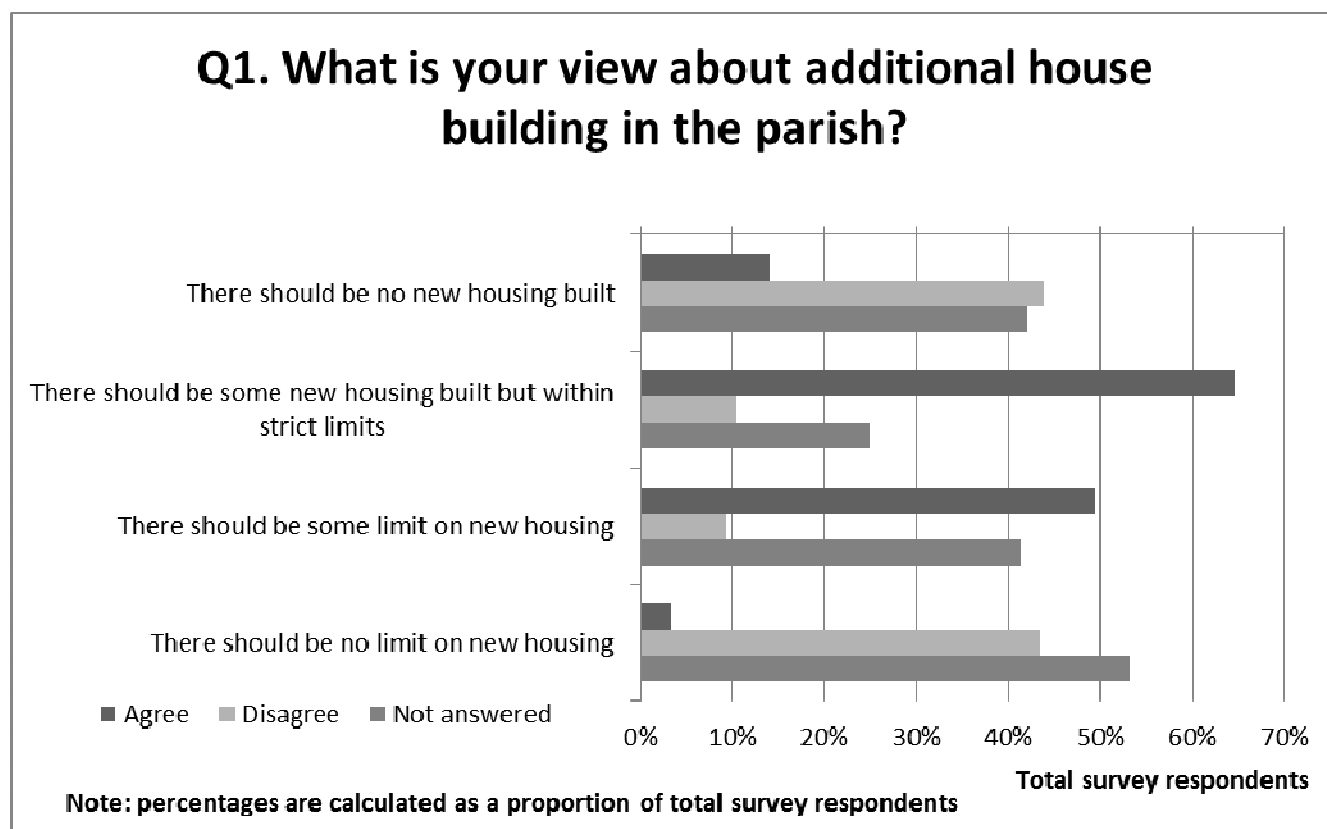
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Q1. What is your view about additional house building in the parish?

Over half of the respondents to the survey thought that there should be some new housing but that limits needed to be set on development. Only 3% thought that no limit was necessary whilst 14% believed that there should be no new housing at all. These findings are shown in the following table and chart. It should be noted that a large number of respondents did not answer this question and therefore the percentages are calculated as a proportion of total survey respondents (269).

Q1. What is your view about additional house building in the parish?	Agree		Disagree		Total responses	Not answered	Base*
	Number	%	Number	%			
There should be no new housing built	38	14%	118	44%	156	113	269
There should be some new housing built but within strict limits	174	65%	28	10%	202	67	269
There should be some limit on new housing	133	49%	25	9%	158	111	269
There should be no limit on new housing	9	3%	117	43%	126	143	269

*Base: Total number of survey respondents

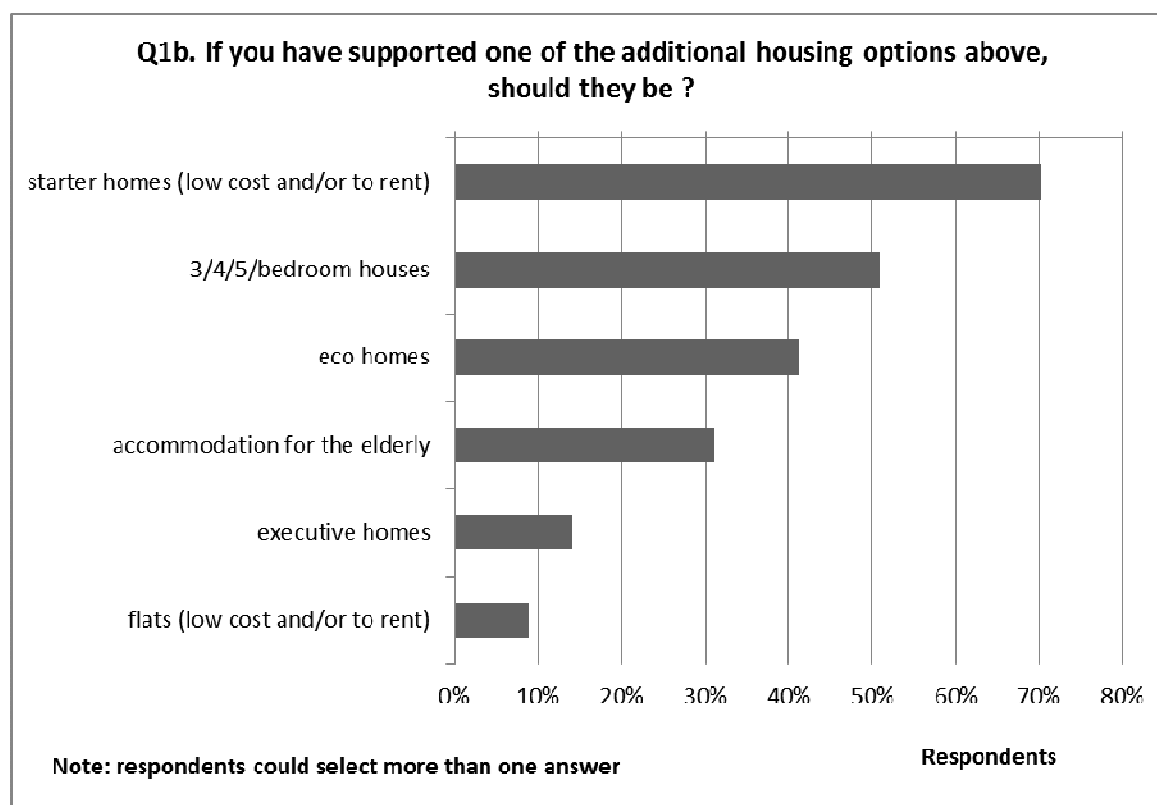


Q1b. If you have supported one of the additional housing options above, should they be? (please tick all boxes that apply)

Respondents who supported additional housing development within the parish were presented with a list of housing types and asked which should be provided. Of the 228 respondents, 70% saw a need for starter homes for rent or low cost purchase and just over half (51%) thought there should be more larger homes of 3/4/5 bedrooms. Eco homes would be supported by 41% and just under a third (31%) agreed with provision of more accommodation for the elderly. Flats were a less popular choice – 9% would support such development. The findings are shown in the adjacent table and chart below.

Q1b. If you have supported one of the additional housing options above, should they be?	Number	%
3/4/5/Bedroom Houses	116	51%
Starter Homes (Low Cost and/or To Rent)	160	70%
Eco Homes	94	41%
Accommodation For The Elderly	71	31%
Flats (Low Cost and/or To Rent)	20	9%
Executive Homes	32	14%
Total Respondents	228	
Not Answered	41	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer

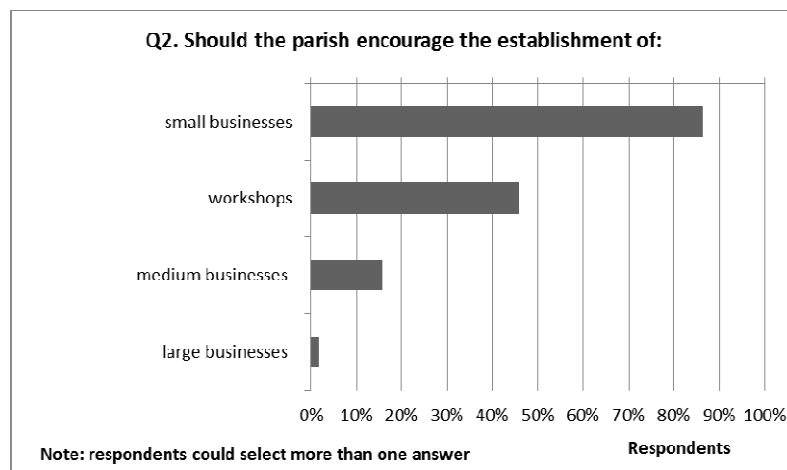


There were 24 comments on additional housing requirements which are listed verbatim in Appendix 1. This list has been augmented by comments on housing posted in Q38, the general comments section. Many of the comments emphasised the need for a mixture of housing to suit local need, constructed within the village settlement boundary and in keeping with the existing local architecture.

Q2. Should the parish encourage the establishment of- (please tick all that apply)

In general, there was support from the majority of respondents for a proposal to encourage small businesses in the parish; from 86% of the 233 respondents who answered the question. Just under half of the respondents (46%) would support encouraging workshops. Medium or large businesses, with support from 16% and 4% of respondents respectively, were seen as less desirable entities for encouragement to come to the parish. These findings are shown in the table and chart below.

Q2. Should the parish encourage the establishment of	Number	%
Small Businesses	201	86%
Medium Businesses	37	16%
Large Businesses	4	2%
Workshops	107	46%
Total Respondents	233	
Not Answered	36	



Respondents were invited to comment on business development and these comments are listed verbatim in Appendix 1. Relevant comments from Q38, the general comments section have also been listed. Sixteen respondents mentioned a need for a village shop. Others expressed the opinion that businesses should not be encouraged. Two expressed concern about any resultant increase in traffic from business development.

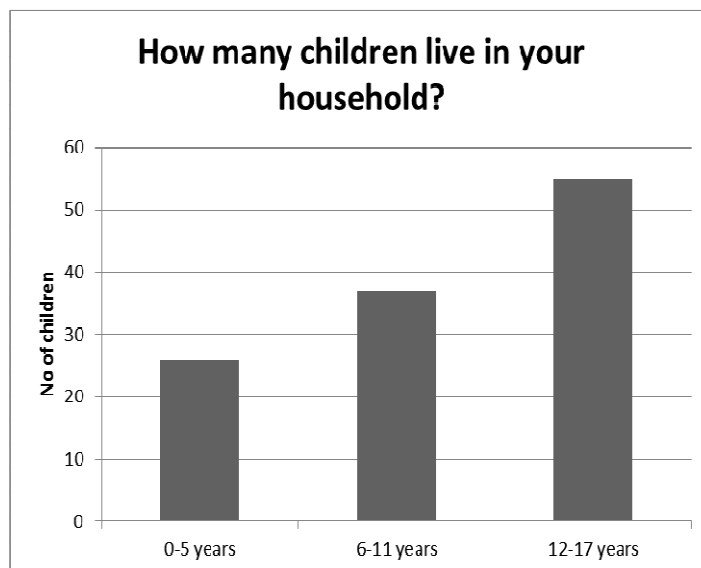
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

People without children were instructed to go on to Q7.

Q3. How many children live in your household?

There were 70 households with children responding to the survey, just over a quarter of the 269 total responding households. Between them, these 70 households had 118 children; 26 were aged 5 or under, 37 were aged between 6 and 11 years and 55 were in the 12-17 age group. The numbers in each of the three age groups are shown in the table below and chart adjacent.

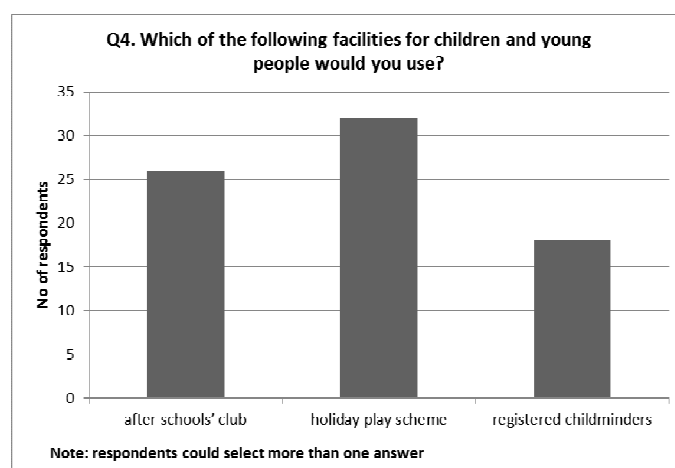
Q3. How many children live in your household?	Number of children
0-5 years	26
6-11 years	37
12-17 years	55
Total number of children	118



Q4. Which of the following facilities for children and young people would you use? (please tick all that apply)

The respondents with children were asked if they would use an After School Club, Holiday Play Scheme or Registered Child Minders. Viability of such facilities depends on level of support in absolute numbers rather than a percentage of total respondents, so the latter have not been provided. Thirty seven respondents, about half of the households with children, indicated that they would support one or other of these three schemes; 32 a holiday play scheme, 26 and after school club and 18 registered child minders. These findings are shown in the table and chart.

Q4. Which of the following facilities for children and young people would you use?	Number
After Schools' Club	26
Holiday Play Scheme	32
Registered Child minders	18
Total Respondents	37



Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

Respondents were invited to suggest other facilities they would support. The following statements were made:

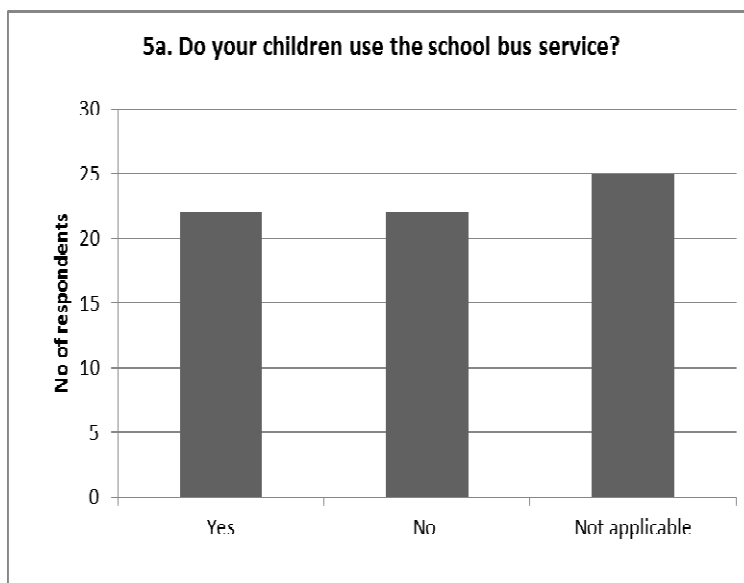
Baby-sitting.
Crèche, nursery.
Improved play equipment for 0-5yr old children
Made family arrangements.

None - they are old enough to look after themselves.
Scouts, GP surgery.
Youth club (3)

Q5a. Do your children use the school bus service?

Nearly all the 70 respondents with children answered the question on use of the school bus service; one did not. Twenty two families used the service, another 22 stated that they did not and 25 stated that it was not applicable; as shown in the table and chart.

Q5a. Do your children use the school bus service?	Number
Yes	22
No	22
Not applicable	25
Total respondents	69
Not answered	200



Respondents were asked why they did not use the school bus service. Twenty-one answers were received of which 15 gave reasons as to why the service was not appropriate for their needs. Of the six that provided other reasons, five cited cost and one mentioned a problem with bullying on the bus. The comments are listed below:

2 attend school in town, one is too young.

Boarding school.

Bullying on the bus.

I drive as cheaper.

I have to go that way to get to work so give a lift.

n/a

No need at Sutton Seedlings and I walk there.

No old enough.

Not at school yet.

Not at secondary school yet.

Not old enough.

Not old enough.

Now price has risen and with neighbour's children going, they share lifts.

One child at village school, the other at 6th Form.

Our children attend Lugwardine Primary School.

Taken by car.

Too expensive and unreliable, often arrived at school late. No flexibility, eg Bishops children HAD to stay to 4pm alternate Mondays but no bus service

Too expensive.

Too expensive.

Too young.

We live next to the village school.

Not old enough.

The next point relating to the school bus service was made in the General Comments section (Q38).

Bus shelter should be provided for the children going to Secondary School in the school car park.

Q6. How many of your children attend:

Respondents were asked how many of their children attended various educational settings. The findings are shown in the following table and chart.

Respondents were also invited to specify "other" educational institutions – eight did so and the list was:

At nursery.

Attends nursery close to where I work.

Hereford Cathedral Junior School.

Marden primary school.

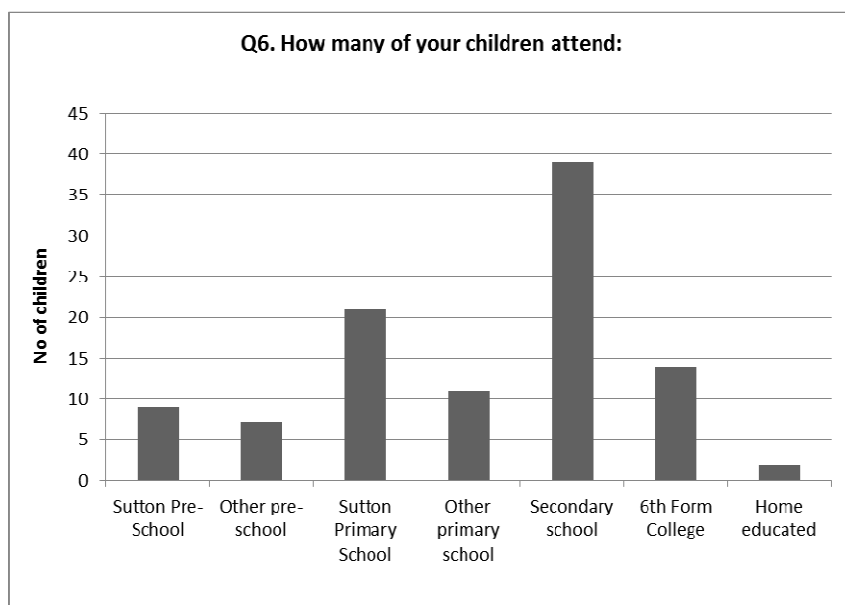
My other child is only 10 months old.

Nursery - he's only 20 months.

One at university.

Shrewsbury School 2

Q6. How many of your children attend:	Number of children
Sutton Pre-School	9
Other pre-school	7
Sutton Primary School	21
Other primary school	11
Secondary school	39
6th Form College	14
Home educated	2
Total number of children	103



ENVIRONMENT

Q7. Has your property (house and/or garden) suffered from flooding in the last 10 years because of? (please tick as appropriate)

Respondents were invited to “tick” whether their property had been flooded in the past ten years from one or more of: River or Stream Overflow, Field Run Off, Road Run Off (drains and ditches unable to cope), Sewers Overflowing.

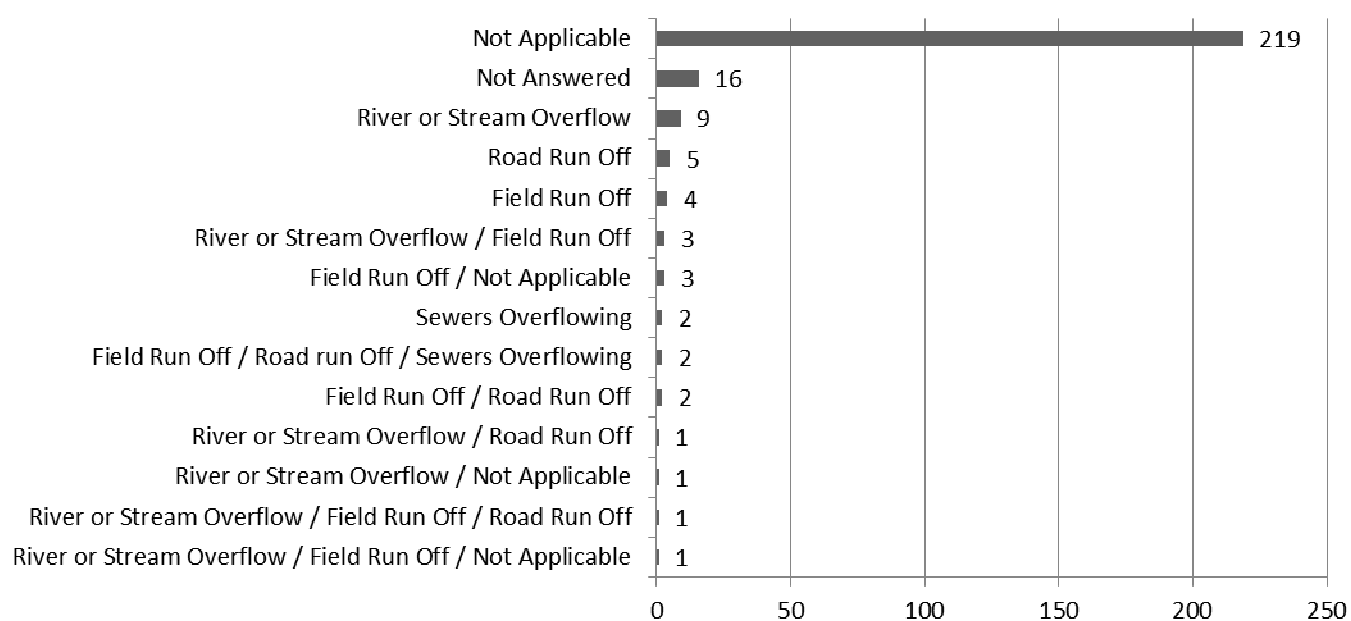
Respondents who had not experienced any of these problems were invited to tick a “Not Applicable” box.

There were 269 respondents to the survey, of whom 219 indicated that the question was not applicable and another 16 did not answer – together representing 87% of the total. Of the remaining 34 respondents, (13% of the total) who indicated that they had experienced flooding, 5 also ticked the “not applicable” box. The decision was taken to include these 5 in the analysis of flooding experiences included the table and chart below. The reader can exclude these 5 and re-calculate the results if that is considered more appropriate.

Amongst these 34 people who had experienced flooding the most likely cause was river / streams overflowing (16 respondents) of field run off (15 respondents). Eleven had been flooded due to run off from roads and 4 had experienced problems with overflowing sewers.

Q7. Has your property (house and/or garden) suffered from flooding in the last 10 years because of? (please tick as appropriate)	Number
River or Stream Overflow / Field Run Off / Not Applicable	1
River or Stream Overflow / Field Run Off / Road Run Off	1
River or Stream Overflow / Not Applicable	1
River or Stream Overflow / Road Run Off	1
Field Run Off / Road Run Off	2
Field Run Off / Road run Off / Sewers Overflowing	2
Sewers Overflowing	2
Field Run Off / Not Applicable	3
River or Stream Overflow / Field Run Off	3
Field Run Off	4
Road Run Off	5
River or Stream Overflow	9
Not Answered	16
Not Applicable	219

Has your property (house or garden) suffered from flooding in the last ten years because of



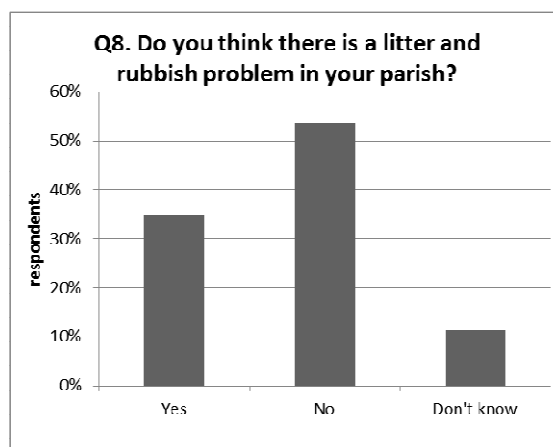
One respondent made a comment on flooding in Q38, the general comments section:

Q7 - house flooded 13yrs ago due to field run-off and lack of drain/ditch maintenance. Road still floods though less frequently. Flooding has occurred since the new estate was built.

Q8. Do you think there is a litter and rubbish problem in your parish, if “yes” please state where.

When asked if they thought there was a litter and rubbish problem in the parish, just over half of the respondents (54%) disagreed, just over a third (35%) agreed and the remaining 11% did not know. These findings are shown in the table and chart below.

Q8. Do you think there is a litter and rubbish problem in your parish	Number	%
Yes	93	35%
No	143	54%
Don't know	30	11%
Total respondents	266	
Not answered	3	

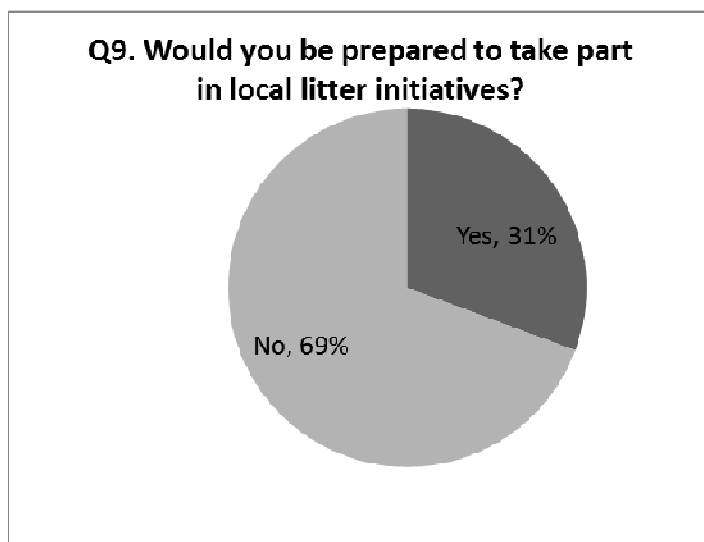


Those who believed rubbish and litter to be a problem were invited to state where. Ninety-nine comments were received and these are listed in Appendix 1. Comments made in Q38 (asking for general comments), where pertinent, have also been listed. The comments indicate that, in general, for those who think there is a problem, litter and rubbish dropping are widespread along most roads and there are issues with fly tipping and canine excrement.

Q9. Would you be prepared to take part in local litter initiatives? If “yes”, please leave details on the “Contact Page” at the end of the questionnaire.

The responses from the 251 participants in the survey who answered the question, 77 (just under a third) were prepared to take part in local litter initiatives. The remaining 69% were either unwilling or unable to take part. These results are shown in the table and chart.

Q9. Would you be prepared to take part in local litter initiatives?	Number	%
Yes	77	31%
No	174	69%
Total respondents	251	
Not answered	18	



A comment in Q38, the General Comments section, states that there is already a band of litter pickers.

Q10. Are the following a problem for you where you live? (please tick all that apply)

Respondents were invited to indicate whether any of the following environmental issues were a problem to them: bonfires, agricultural spraying, fly-tipping, road noise, dog fouling, noisy neighbours or on street parking. Over half (55%) of the survey participants agreed that one or more of these were an issue to

them. The biggest problem was dog fouling, “ticked” by 20% of respondents, followed by bonfires (17%), road noise (16%) and on-street parking (14%). Smaller proportions suffered from fly-tipping (8%), noisy neighbours (6%) and agricultural spraying (5%). These findings were shown in the following table and chart.

Q10. Are the following a problem for you where you live?	Number	%
Bonfires	46	17%
Agricultural Spraying	13	5%
Fly-Tipping	21	8%
Road Noise	43	16%
Dog Fouling	53	20%
Noisy Neighbours	17	6%
On Street Parking	37	14%
Not Answered	120	45%
Total Respondents	149	
Base*	269	

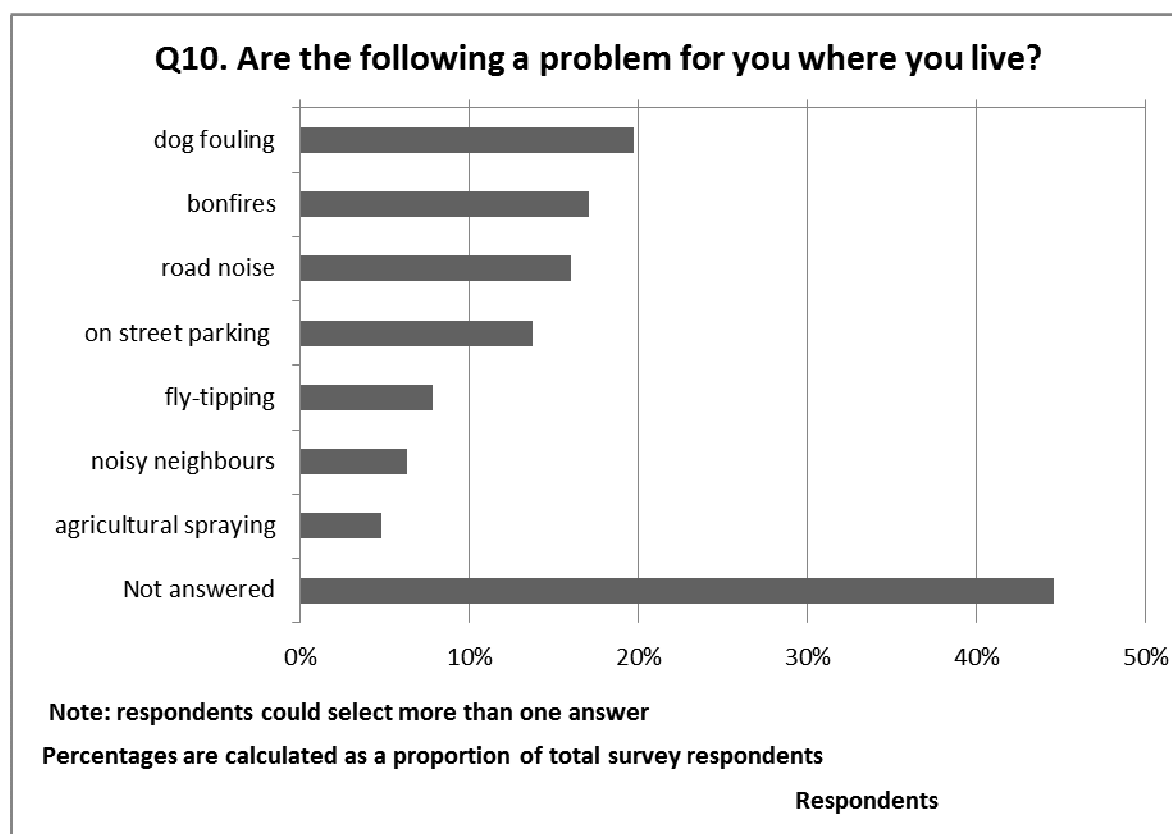
Note: respondents could select more than one answer

*Base: Total number of survey respondents

Respondents were provided with an opportunity to mention other environmental problems. Some did; and others used the space to emphasise their reasons for ticking particular answers from the list on the survey form. The 59 comments are listed verbatim in Appendix 1 and the list has been extended to include relevant remarks from the General Comments section. One respondent helpfully returned a map showing locations where fly tipping has occurred.

Other issues mentioned most frequently were barking dogs and smells, dust, noise and traffic from agricultural activities. Also mentioned were cat fouling, low flying aircraft and smelly drains, ice cream vans, activities at the pub, and barbecues.

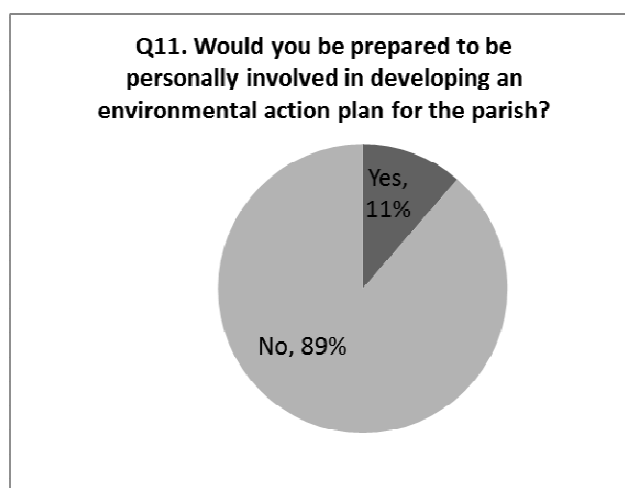
Several respondents mentioned speeding and traffic issues; these are considered in a later section of this report.



Q11. Would you be prepared to be personally involved in developing an environmental action plan for the parish? (if “yes” please leave details on the Contact Page at the end of the questionnaire)

Twenty-eight respondents, representing 11% of those who answered the question, said that they would be prepared to be involved in developing an environmental action plan for the parish, as shown in the table and chart. This is an issue where a minimum number of individuals prepared to be involved, rather than a certain proportion of respondents, is likely to be the critical factor in determining the viability of such a project

Would you be prepared to be personally involved in developing an environmental action plan for the parish?	Number	%
Yes	28	11%
No	219	89%
Total respondents	247	
Not answered	22	



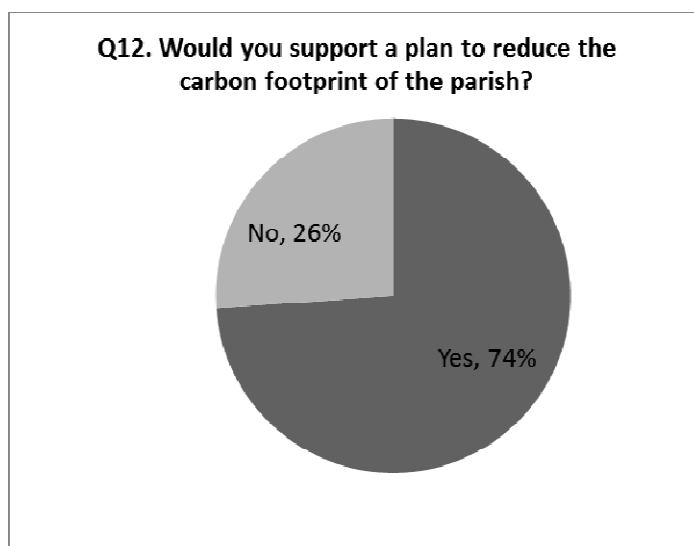
The following comment was made in Q38, the General Comments section:-

Q11 should give some explanation of level of involvement.

Q12. Would you support a plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish?

Of the 241 respondents who answered the question, nearly three-quarters (74%) said that they would support a plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish. These findings are shown in the table and chart.

Q12. Would you support a plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish?	Number	%
Yes	178	74%
No	63	26%
Total respondents	241	
Not answered	28	



One respondent made a pertinent comment in the General Comments section at Q38.

We would support a reduction but do not see any viable method.

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Q13. What do you think of the following aspects of your local police service?

Respondents were invited to consider various aspects of the local police service and grade them into very good / good / poor / very poor. The numbers answering each part of the question vary so the percentages are not directly comparable between the 6 sub-questions, eg 50% of 250, the number answering the part about clear up rates, represents 125 people whereas 50% of 256, the number giving a view about helpfulness, is 128 people.

The full set of answers in both number and percentage terms is shown in the table below.

For each of the six aspects of policing, there were high proportions of respondents who did not have sufficient knowledge to express an opinion, ranging upwards from a 35% who had no knowledge of visibility to 86%.

In general, more respondents rated Local Presence and Visibility as poor/very poor (47% and 53%) respectively than good/very good (14% and 13% respectively). The proportions purporting to have no knowledge were 39% for Local Presence and 35% for Visibility.

Very high proportions of respondents had no knowledge of Response Times (79%), Clear Up Rates (86%) or Helpfulness (66%). Where individuals did express an opinion on these aspects of policing, the balance of opinion was favourable for Response Times and Helpfulness but negative for Clear Up Rates.

Overall, 45% of respondents gave an opinion on Local Policing Overall. 15% thought it was good / very good but nearly double, 29% thought it was poor / very poor.

Q13. What do you think of the following aspects of your local police service?	Very good	Good	Poor	Very poor	No knowledge	Total respondents	Not answered
Local Presence	2	34	56	66	101	259	10
	1%	13%	22%	25%	39%	100%	
Visibility	2	29	64	73	89	257	12
	1%	11%	25%	28%	35%	100%	
Response Times	6	23	13	12	199	253	16
	2%	9%	5%	5%	79%	100%	
Clear Up Rates	2	12	9	11	216	250	19
	1%	5%	4%	4%	86%	100%	
Helpfulness	7	45	20	15	169	256	13
	3%	18%	8%	6%	66%	100%	
Local Policing Overall	3	37	42	33	142	257	12
	1%	14%	16%	13%	55%	100%	

Some respondents made pertinent comments about this question in Q38 the General Comments section.

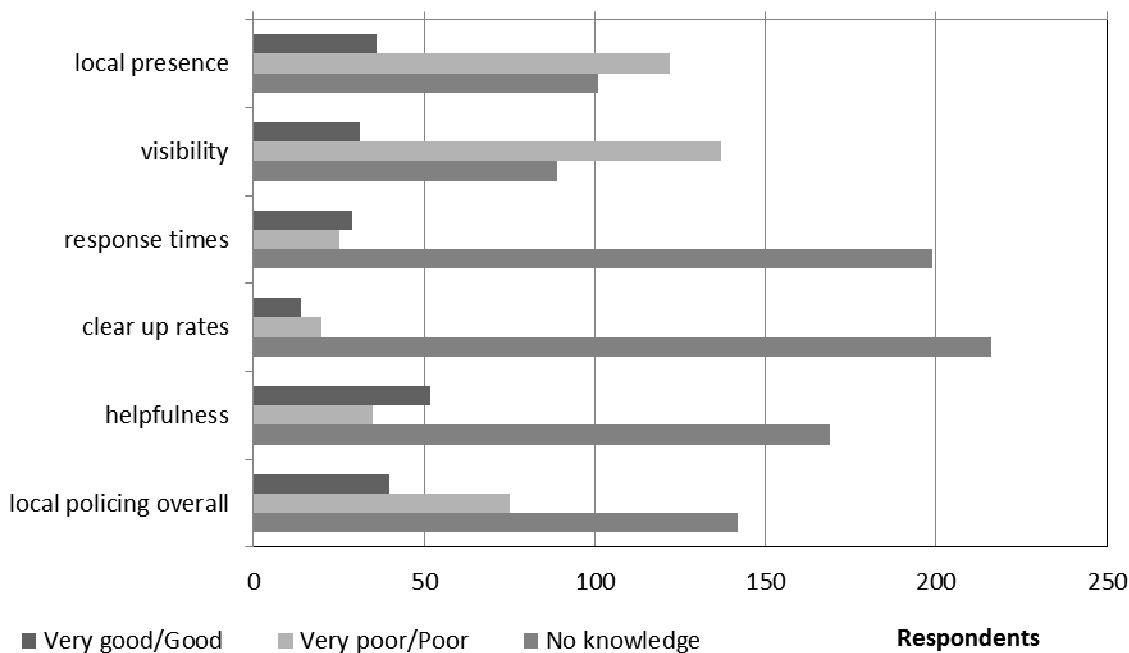
This question is irrelevant. As a community we will not have input into our local police service. Whether we like it or not all public services are spread thin across a large area.

Questions (v.good, good, poor, v.poor) do not have an average rating so immediately our answers are weighted.

Local policing: " we pay for a non-service."

The following chart shows the results in graphical form. The bars represent numbers, rather than proportions as the numbers responding to each part of the question vary.

Q13. What do you think of the following aspects of your local police service?

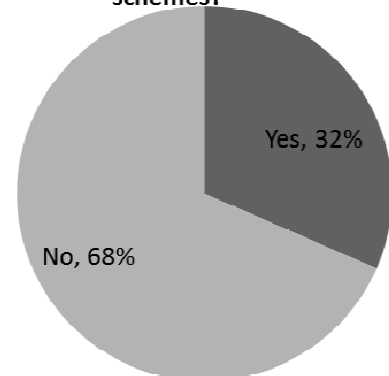


Q14. Would you participate in the establishment of neighbourhood watch/farm schemes? (if “yes” please leave details on the contact sheet)

Just under a third of the 225 respondents answering the question indicated that they would be prepared to participate in a neighbourhood watch or farm watch scheme. This proportion amounts to 71 households / individuals.

Q14. Would you participate in the establishment of neighbourhood watch/farm schemes?	Number	%
Yes	71	32%
No	154	68%
Total respondents	225	
Not answered	44	

Q14. Would you participate in the establishment of neighbourhood watch/farm schemes?



Q15. What are your feelings about the following within this parish?

Respondents were asked about their feelings on aspects of personal and community safety within the parish:- Anti-Social Behaviour, Vandalism, Burglary / Housebreaking, Violence, Walking Alone at Night, Walking Alone in Daytime, Feeling Safe at Home, Leaving the House Unattended and Drug Dealing. The results, in both numbers and percentage terms are given in the table on the next page. It should be noted that the percentages are based on the number of respondents answering each sub-question and these vary. Consequently, proportions are not strictly comparable between different aspects. The chart that follows the table shows the results in terms of numbers to enable comparability of the perceived size of the problem between the various issues.

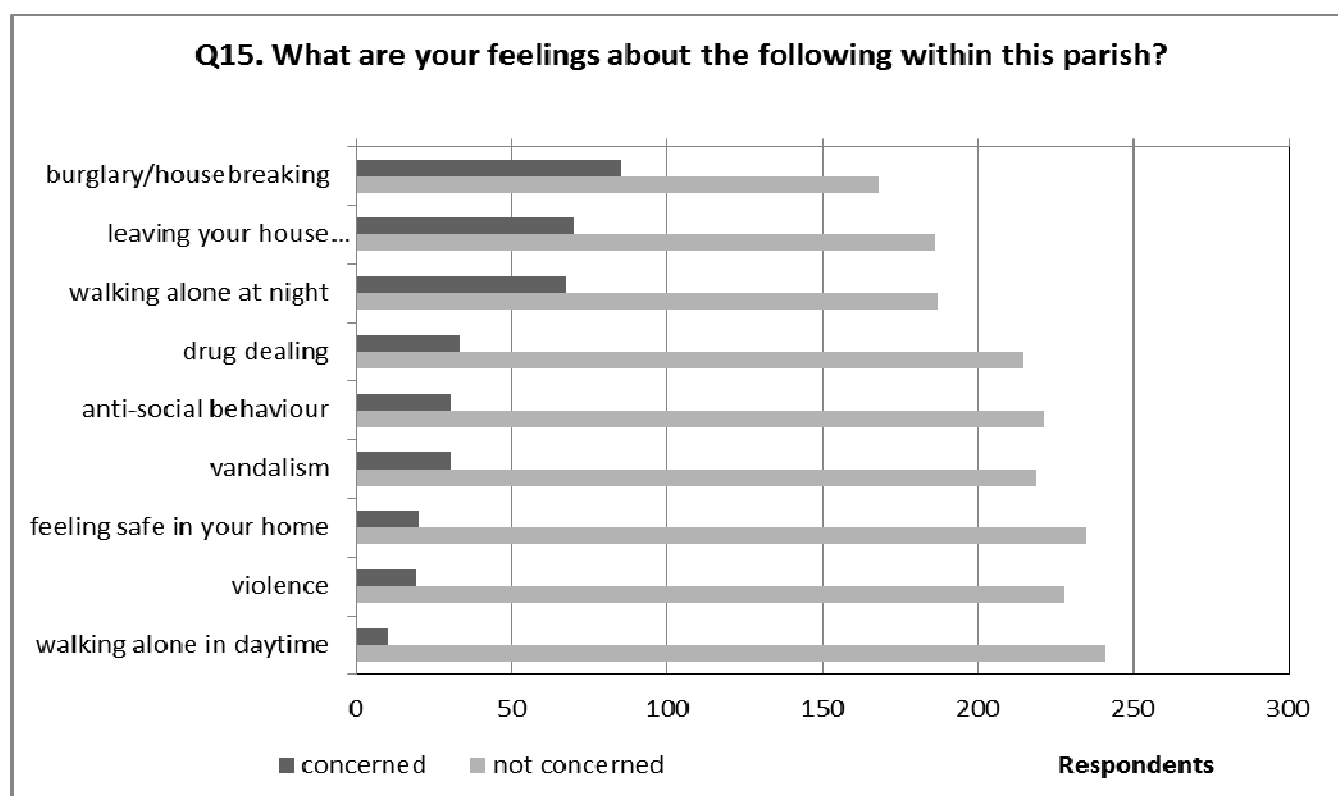
Most respondents were unconcerned about each of the nine issues listed, ranging from 66% (Burglary / Housebreaking) to 96% (Walking Alone in the Daytime).

The issues causing most concern were Burglary / Housebreaking (85 respondents) followed by Leaving the House Unattended (70 respondents) and Walking Alone at night (67 respondents).

Thirty individuals were concerned about Anti-Social Behaviour and Vandalism and 33 about Drug Dealing.

In relation to the total number of respondents, small numbers were concerned about violence (20), Feeling Safe in the Home (20) and Walking Alone in Daytime (10). However the fact that these numbers are small does not mean any real or perceived personal threats should be dismissed lightly.

Q15. What are your feelings about the following within this parish?	Concerned		Not Concerned		Total	Not answered
	Number	%	Number	%		
Anti-Social Behaviour	30	12%	221	88%	251	18
Vandalism	30	12%	219	88%	249	20
Burglary/Housebreaking	85	34%	168	66%	253	16
Violence	19	8%	228	92%	247	22
Walking Alone At Night	67	26%	187	74%	254	15
Walking Alone In Daytime	10	4%	241	96%	251	18
Feeling Safe In Your Home	20	8%	235	92%	255	14
Leaving Your House Unattended	70	27%	186	73%	256	13
Drug Dealing	33	13%	215	87%	248	21



There were five pertinent comments relating to personal safety in the General Comments section:

An abusive and lying neighbour who thinks she owns the village has stolen 6 cats from my home, has taken photographs of my daughter's car and of my family as she has passed by in the bedroom. Also photographed my garage.

We have always felt safe here so when we were burgled it was a real shock. We now have externally visible security measures.

Antisocial behaviour is rare, a few months ago we had someone's "for sale" sign thrown over our fence by a rowdy group at night. There have been other sporadic concerns.

A month ago a man in a car flicked a cigarette at my son on his pony and shouted that we shouldn't be on the roads! This type of behaviour is becoming more common but to get to a bridleway we have to do a lot of road work to get to any.

While walking by The Rhea and Sutton Walls we have been chased by roaming dogs. These should be kept in their homes and not let loose.

No problems of burglary.

Q16. Are there any places in the parish where you think road safety is an issue? (please specify location and nature of the problem in the box)

There were 189 comments made at this point to specify the places where road safety is an issue and these are listed verbatim in Appendix 1. Other pertinent remarks in the General Comments section have been listed in Appendix 1 as well and considered here.

The most important issues raised were:

- Poor visibility at the Golden Cross junction, mainly due to parked vehicles,
- Speed at which vehicles travel through the parish, especially the Ridgeway and Wyatt Road;
- HGVs using roads which are unsuitable for large lorries;
- Lack of footpaths in places, especially Marden Road.

Other issues mentioned were:

- Visibility at Churchway junction;
- Safety of cyclists;
- Mud left on roads by farm vehicles;
- Parking at Fieldway;
- Requirement for pedestrian crossings in places

Q17. How do you think road safety could be improved in the parish? (please tick all that apply)

Respondents were presented with a list of twelve possible measures that could improve road safety in the parish and invited to indicate which, if any, they thought would be effective. Of the 247 who answered, 63% thought re-routing HGVs would lead to an improvement, 46% thought speed indicator devices help and 38% supported the construction of better pavements.

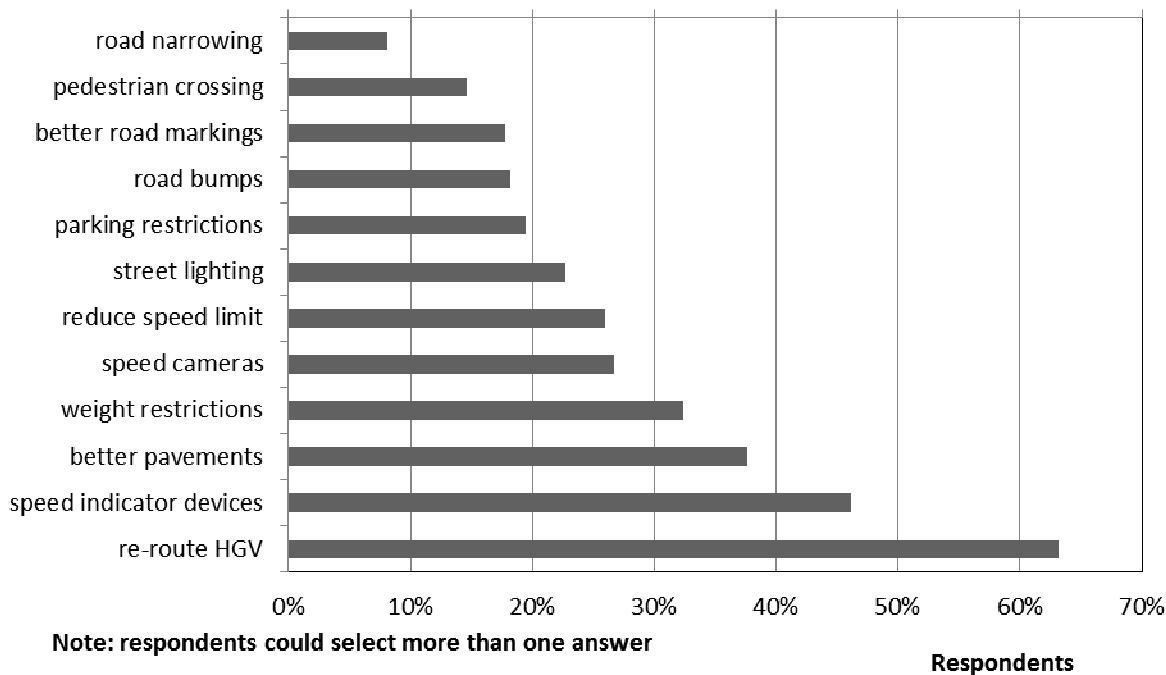
Other suggestions were generally thought likely to have less impact on improving road safety – weight restrictions (32%), speed cameras (27%), reduced speed limits (26%), street lighting (23%), parking restrictions (19%), road bumps (18%), better road markings (18%) and a pedestrian crossing (15%).

The other option offered, road narrowing, was only felt likely to improve road safety by 8%.

These findings are displayed in the adjacent table and the following chart.

Q17. How do you think road safety could be improved in the parish?	Number	%
Road Bumps	45	18%
Road Narrowing	20	8%
Street Lighting	56	23%
Speed Cameras	66	27%
Reduce Speed Limit	64	26%
Weight Restrictions	80	32%
Re-Route HGV	156	63%
Better Road Markings	44	18%
Speed Indicator Devices	114	46%
Pedestrian Crossing	36	15%
Better Pavements	93	38%
Parking Restrictions	48	19%
Total Respondents	247	
Not Answered	22	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

Q17. How do you think road safety could be improved in the parish?

Respondents were invited to suggest other ways in which road safety could be improved. 44 comments were and these are listed verbatim in Appendix 1. Additional pertinent remarks from the general comments section have also been included and considered. Most of the comments emphasised the “ticks” individuals had entered in the tick box section of the question but two additional suggestions were made by several respondents:

- Parking restrictions at Golden Cross
- More enforcement of speed restrictions.

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE

Q18. Do you have difficulty in accessing the following healthcare facilities? (please tick all that apply)

Survey participants were asked if they experienced problems in accessing various health care facilities:- doctor, dentist, chiropodist, hospital, pharmacist or physiotherapist. Approximately 10% of respondents, 26 households or individuals, had difficulties in using one or more of these services. These were invited to explain the nature of the problem and their comments are augmented by concerns from other respondents who did not have a problem but used the questionnaire to express their views. The table below shows the numbers having problems accessing each service and appropriate reasons / comments. It should be noted that a large number of respondents didn't answer this question, therefore it was not appropriate to show the results as a percentage of respondents to the question.

Service	Number having problems	Comments relating to the particular service
Doctors	14	A local GP would be extremely helpful especially when you have young children as it is very difficult to get appointments at Bodenham surgery. Can never get an appointment in less than 3 days. Village doctor surgery required. Nothing available in the village. transport to town difficult unless you have a car. Parking when you get there is difficult. Waiting times are horrendous. The only GP that would take us on (new to the area) was in Greyfriars, Hereford. the facilities are all mainly in Hereford. We use Bodenham surgery but when it is not open have to go to Leominster. This causes problems. Would like a GP in Hereford but have been told it is not possible. We are not happy.
Dentists	17	Calls only every two months. Can never get an appointment in less than 3 days. NHS dentist is hard to find. Nothing available in the village. transport to town difficult unless you have a car. Parking when you get there is difficult. Waiting times are horrendous. the facilities are all mainly in Hereford. Waiting lists. When we moved here there were no NHS dentists registering new patients. Lack of NHS dentists.
Chiropodists	7	Nothing available in the village. transport to town difficult unless you have a car. Parking when you get there is difficult. Waiting times are horrendous. the facilities are all mainly in Hereford.
Hospital	8	There should be no parking charge for anyone visiting relatives/friends in Hereford hospital. Hospital car parking charges. Distance from car park to wards, especially old wards (huts). Too far to walk at our age (75 years +). Nothing available in the village. transport to town difficult unless you have a car. Parking when you get there is difficult. Waiting times are horrendous. the facilities are all mainly in Hereford.
Pharmacist	10	Have to travel into Hereford to collect prescriptions - not always easy with two children in tow and prescribed items needed urgently.
Physiotherapists	1	
Total Respondents	26	
Not Answered	243	

Respondents were invited to mention any other health care services they had problems accessing. No other services were brought up.

Many of the comments were of a more general nature rather than directed at a particular healthcare service and reflected the dependence on private transport to access services in Hereford. These comments are:-

Not an issue at present but as I'm a senior citizen - might be in the future.

Not a problem at present as I can drive, but maybe in the future.

Not a problem while we can afford our own car.

Only because I have a vehicle.

None of the above as far as we are aware, problem only arises with distance and parking.

We have a car otherwise we would have a problem accessing these services.

None locally available except chiropody in Marden (excellent) I drive so no problem.

No real problems due to provision in Hereford.

No but we do have our own transport.

None of these facilities are in the parish, have to travel to Hereford or Leominster. This means driving if you are disabled as bus cannot reach all amenities and is infrequent. With price of fuel and parking it proves an expensive outing.

I am 92 and have to rely on family for access to all the above.

I have to use taxis, very expensive.

No problem at present whilst able to transport elderly mother.

None local but all accessed in town.

Not at present.

We are mobile so do not rely on public transport to access facilities in Hereford but as we get older and less mobile many issues and concerns raised here will become more important to us.

Q19. What activities would you use in the parish? (please tick all that apply)

Respondents were presented with a list of activities and asked if they would use any of these in the parish. One hundred and thirty one answered the question and the numbers choosing each option are shown in the adjacent table. Percentages have not been supplied as viability of the interest groups listed depends on the minimum numbers of potential members / attendees rather than a large proportion of residents being supportive.

The most popular option was keep fit classes (76).

Coffee mornings, Over 60s activities, and IT could achieve between 30 and 40 attenders from the survey respondents. Bingo and a Youth Club would be supported by 20-25 survey participants.

Tea Dances and Whist were least popular – ticked by 13 and 14 respectively.

Q19. What activities would you use in the parish?	Number
Bingo	23
Keep Fit	76
Coffee Mornings	37
Tea Dance	13
Whist	14
Over 60's	35
Youth Club	21
It	32
Not Answered	138
Total Respondents	131
Base*	269

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

*Base: Total number of survey respondents.

Respondents were also invited to suggest sporting interest clubs they would use in the Parish. The many different responses, and the numbers mentioning each, are shown in the table below. The most frequent suggestion was a walking / rambling club.

Sport	Number	Sport	Number	Sport	Number
Walking / rambling	13	Football	5	Judo	1
Tennis	9	Badminton	5	Roller skating	1
Cycling	7	Yoga	5	Short Mat Bowls	1
Golf	6	Running	5	Table Tennis	1
Various forms of dance (line dancing, ballroom dancing, zumba, tap)	6	Angling / fishing	3	Triathlon	1
		Pilates	3	Archery	1
		Cricket	2	Horse Riding	1
		Gym	2		

Respondents were also invited to suggest other interest clubs they may attend. The following suggestions were made. By far and away the most popular was a History group.

Interest	Number	Interest	Number
History (including Local and Family History)	23	Scrabble, Mah Jong, WEA, Toddler Groups, Lunch / Dinner Club, Produce Share, U3A, Craft, Wildlife, Gardening, Church Bell Ringing, More for young children, Wine Club, Arts and Craft for Children, IT Support network	One each
Art / painting	6		
Photography	4		
Singing	3		
Music	3		
Dog walking / dog training / dog walking area	2		
Book Club	2		
Drama	2		
Vocational Evening Classes	2		
Flicks in the sticks	2		

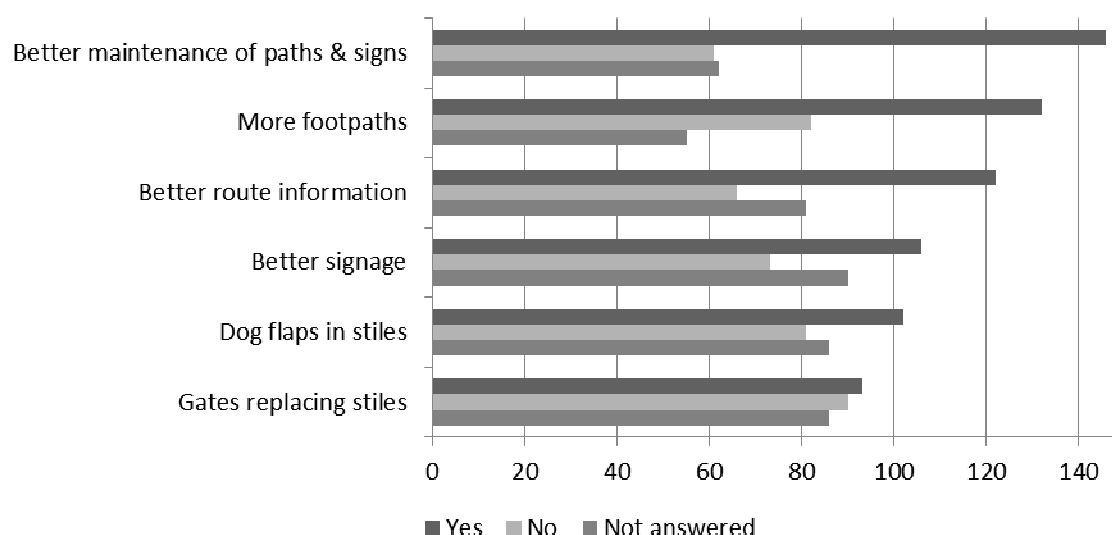
Q20. With regard to public footpaths, would you like to see: (please tick one per line)

In this section about the public footpaths, respondents were asked whether they did or did not want to see; more footpaths, dog flaps in stiles, better signage, gates replacing stiles, better route information and / or better maintenance of paths and signs. The numbers answering each part of the question varied – from 183 to 214. Therefore percentages are not comparable between each possible improvement. For all six items, there were more people in favour than against although the difference was marginal for the suggestion that stiles be replaced by gates where 51% of the 183 respondents were in favour and 49% against. The most demanded improvement is better maintenance of paths and signs (146 respondents) followed by more footpaths (132 respondents) and better route information (122 respondents). 106 wanted better signage, 102 valued dog flaps in stiles and 93 would like to see stiles replaced by gates. These results are shown in the following table.

Q20. With regard to public footpaths, would you like to see:	Yes		No		Total respondents	Not answered
	Number	%	Number	%		
More Footpaths	132	62%	82	38%	214	55
Dog Flaps in Stiles	102	56%	81	44%	183	86
Better Signage	106	59%	73	41%	179	90
Gates Replacing Stiles	93	51%	90	49%	183	86
Better Route Information	122	65%	66	35%	188	81
Better Maintenance of Paths & Signs	146	71%	61	29%	207	62

The chart shows the responses in terms of numbers to each of the six suggested improvements.

Would You Like to See...



Some comments made in Question 38 on general points are relevant:

Q.20 Public footpath on Sutton to Marden road. Dangerous for pedestrians when HGV's from strawberry farms go up that road.

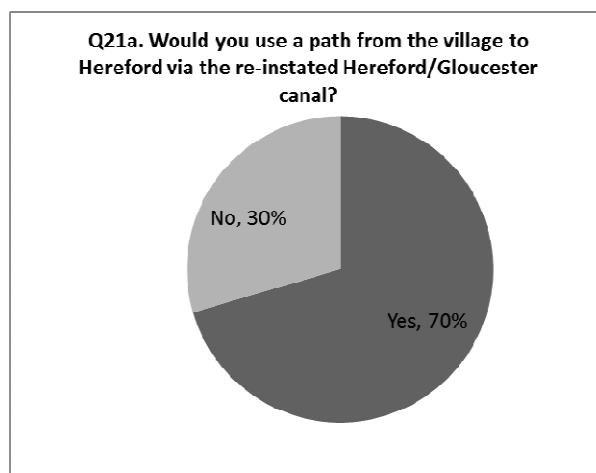
Stile western side of copse is dangerous, one part is right out of the ground. On lane that leads to Old Post Office.

We need more bridleways formed to be able to ride off the busy roads as much as possible as there just aren't enough.

Q21a. Would you use a path from the village to Hereford via the re-instated Hereford/ Gloucester canal?

Nearly all respondents, 261 out of 269, answered the question the desirability of a footpath alongside a re-instated Hereford / Gloucester Canal. Of these 70% would like to see such a path, more than double the 30% who did not want such an amenity. These findings are shown in the table and pie chart below.

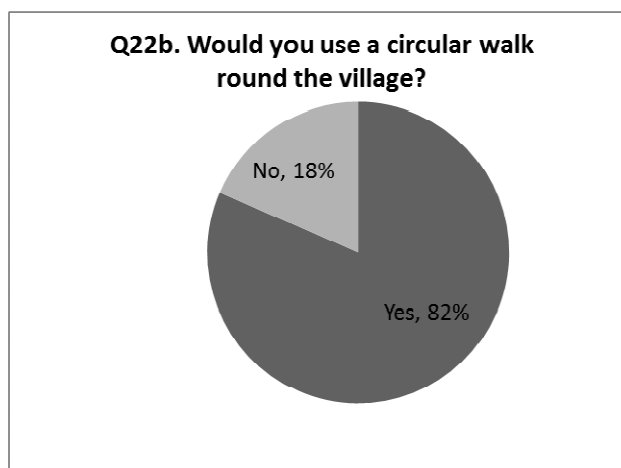
Q21a. Would you use a path from the village to Hereford via the re-instated Hereford/ Gloucester canal?	Number	%
Yes	184	70%
No	77	30%
Total respondents	261	
Not answered	8	



Q22b. Would you use a circular walk round the village?

When asked if they would use a circular path around the village, the majority of respondents (82%) agreed. The response rate for this particular question was good – 260 of the 269 survey respondents answered it. The findings are shown in the following table and pie chart.

Q22b. Would you use a circular walk round the village?	Number	%
Yes	212	82%
No	48	18%
Total respondents	260	
Not answered	9	



STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Q23. How important do you think the following are to the life of a community?

The questionnaire form included a list of 11 services / facilities / amenities and respondents were asked for their opinion on whether they were important to the life of the community. The list is given in the table below together with the numbers who thought they were important or not or did not know. Percentages are also given but as the numbers answering each part of the question vary, then the base for calculating the percentages changes and percentages are not directly comparable between services / facilities / amenities. For example, 94% of those answering the question about the village hall thought it was important as did 94% of those answering the question about playing fields. However in the first case 94% equates to 241 respondents; in the second case 94% equates to 234 respondents as more people answered the first question than the second. (256 compared with 249).

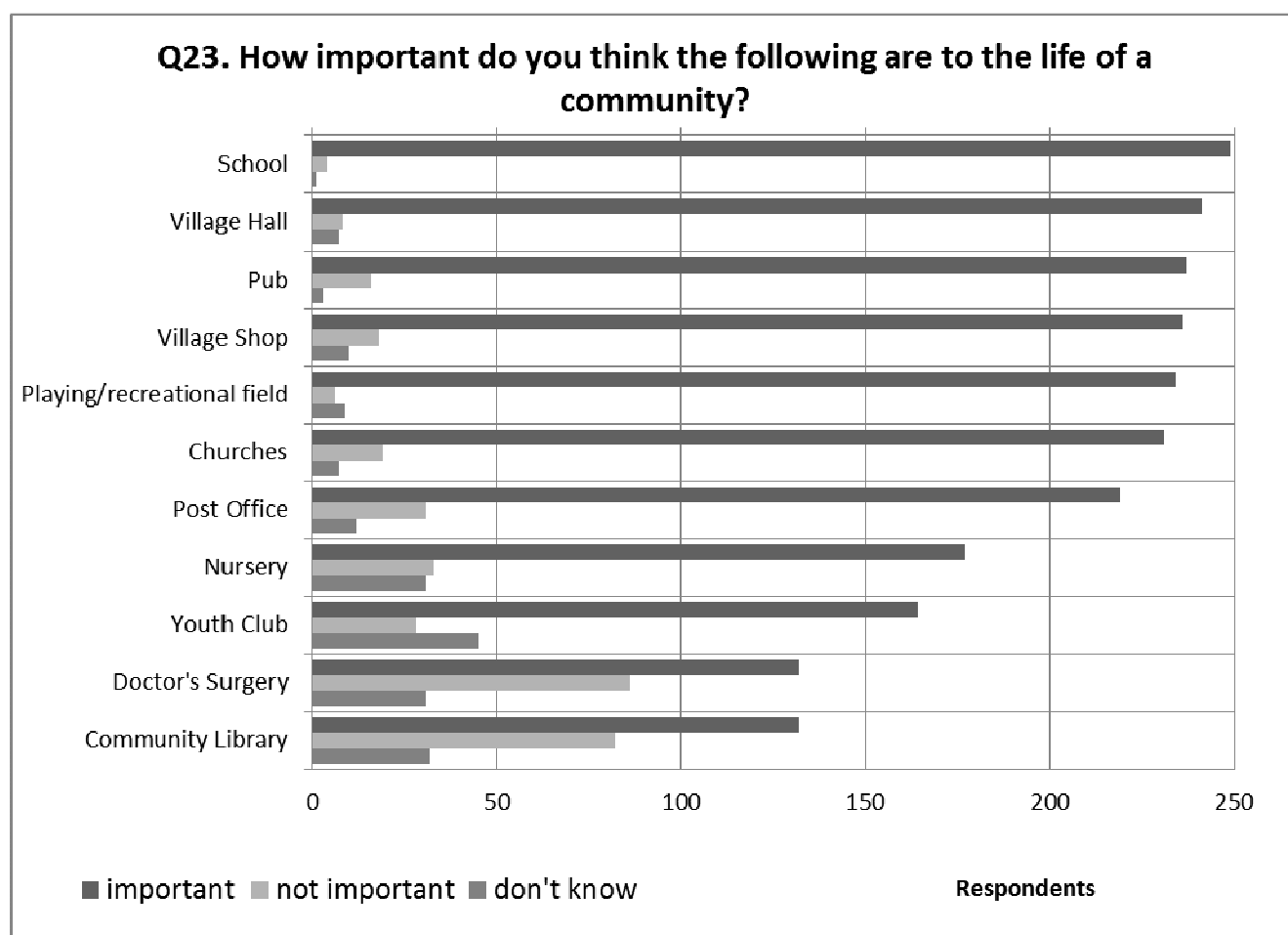
For all 11 items more people thought they were important than not. The ordering of importance, based on the survey findings would be: school, village hall, pub, village shop, playing field / recreational field, churches, post office, nursery, youth club, community library, doctor's surgery.

Q23. How important do you think the following are to the life of a community?	Important		Not Important		Don't Know		Total Respondents	Not Answered
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%		
Village Shop	236	89%	18	7%	10	4%	264	5
Post Office	219	84%	31	12%	12	5%	262	7
Village Hall	241	94%	8	3%	7	3%	256	13
School	249	98%	4	2%	1	0%	254	15
Doctor's Surgery	132	53%	86	35%	31	12%	249	20
Nursery	177	73%	33	14%	31	13%	241	28
Pub	237	93%	16	6%	3	1%	256	13
Churches	231	90%	19	7%	7	3%	257	12
Youth Club	164	69%	28	12%	45	19%	237	32
Playing/Recreational Field	234	94%	6	2%	9	4%	249	20
Community Library	132	54%	82	33%	32	13%	246	23

Although no comments were requested at this point of the survey, two respondents made relevant points in the General Comments section at Q38:

It is not sustainable for every village to have all the facilities it needs and we should work toward each providing something in a "clutch" of villages. Bodenham has GP, shop, pub. Marden hairdresser, shop/Post Office, pub, Moreton has fish and chip shop, shop. Sutton should perhaps look to provide things that are missing from the other local villages such as community library, drop-in inter-net facility. This is just a wish list; we would all like a GP, shop but they are businesses and have failed previously due to lack of support.

The chart shows the results in terms of numbers of respondents.

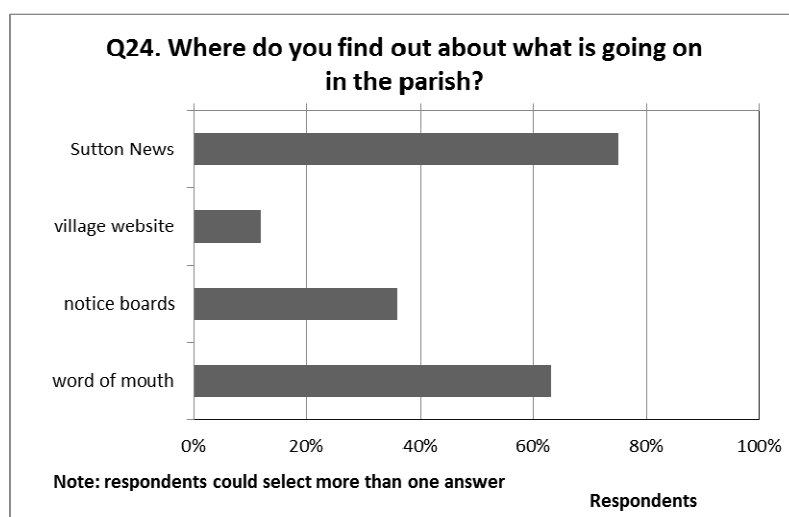


Q24. Where do you find out about what is going on in the parish?

Most people find out about what is going on in the parish from Sutton News (75%) or Word of Mouth (63%). Just over a third (36%) find out from Notice Boards and 12% from the Village Website. These findings are shown in the table and chart below.

Q24. Where do you find out about what is going on in the parish?	Number	%
Sutton News	196	75%
village website	31	12%
notice boards	94	36%
word of mouth	165	63%
Total respondents	261	
Not answered	8	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.



Respondents were invited to choose as many means as appropriate to indicate where they got village information. Most used more than one method but 103 people only gained knowledge about what was going on in the parish exclusively from one source; 60 from "Sutton News", 30 by Word of Mouth, 10 from Notice Boards, and 3 from the website.

Respondents were asked about other means of finding out what was going on in the parish. Some other places of information exchange were mentioned; the school and the pub; but others commented on the existing means. Two issues came up several times; the need to improve the parish website and the lack of delivery to every home in the parish of the Sutton News. The comments are listed below.

After it happens. Too many closed-door meetings over important issues with same self-interested people.

How do we get a copy of "Sutton News" ?

I never get to know anything what is going on in the village.

School.

Marden News & Views, Hereford Times.

None of above no not get to know.

Not able to participate.

Notices on telegraph poles.

Pub sign at bus stop

Pub.

Lamp post on corner by Old Post Office. Pub notice board.

Sutton News (CofE parish mag.).

Sutton News could be made a newspaper so many folk are involved in many different activities.

Village website is currently useless, but would use it.

Village website is very limited and dull.

We do not receive "Sutton News" where we live.

We do not receive a copy of "Sutton News"

we don't get "Sutton News" but would like to.

We only get Marden News delivered.

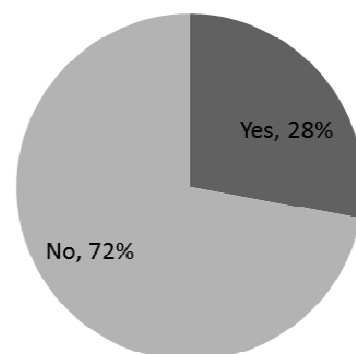
Website needs to be re-done.

Q25a. Do you think there is a need for new notice boards in the parish?

Most respondents (72%) did not see any need for more notice boards in the parish but 28% disagreed and wanted more. Two hundred and forty four people answered the question. These findings are shown in the table and pie chart.

Q25a. Do you think there is a need for new notice boards in the parish?	Number	%
Yes	68	28%
No	176	72%
Total respondents	244	
Not answered	25	

Q25. Do you think there is a need for new notice boards in the parish?



Respondents were invited to suggest sites for additional noticeboards. There were 51 responses, many suggesting possible locations and some making more general comments. The comments are listed verbatim in Appendix 1. There were many suggestions for new sites but the most frequent were:– at the cross roads, near the church, the school, and at the village hall. Respondents also made the points that a notice board somewhere where cars could pull up would be advantageous, old notices should be removed, current notice boards could be enlarged and that notices on telegraph poles are unsightly.

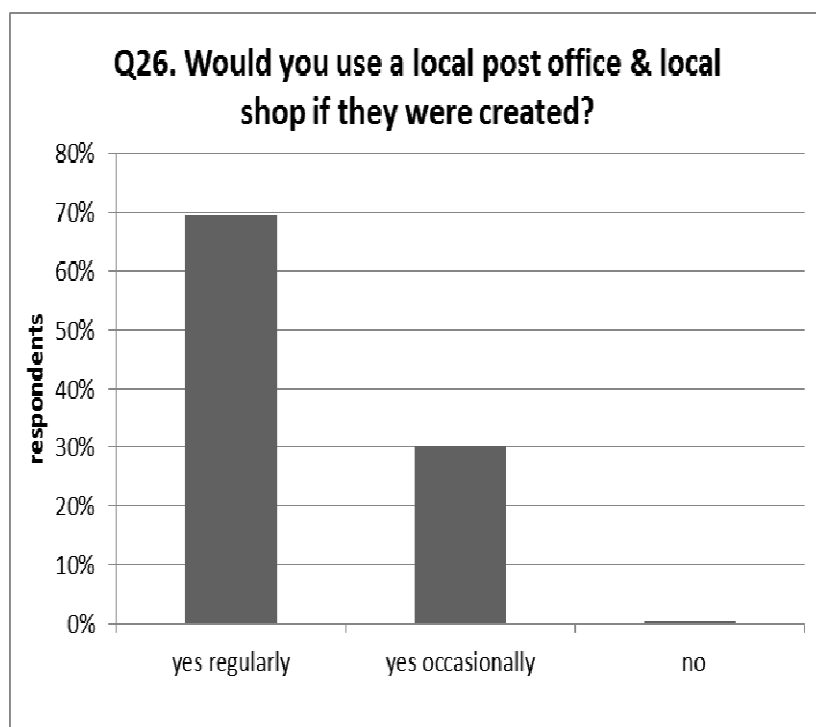
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE

Q26. Would you use a local post office & local shop if they were created?

All but one of the 268 respondents who answered the question said they would use a local shop / post office regularly (69%) or occasionally (30%). This high level of potential support is shown in the table below and adjacent chart.

The terms “regularly” and “occasionally” were open to personal interpretation.

Q26. Would you use a local post office & local shop if they were created?	Number	%
Yes, regularly	186	69%
Yes, occasionally	81	30%
No	1	0%
Total respondents	268	
Not answered	1	

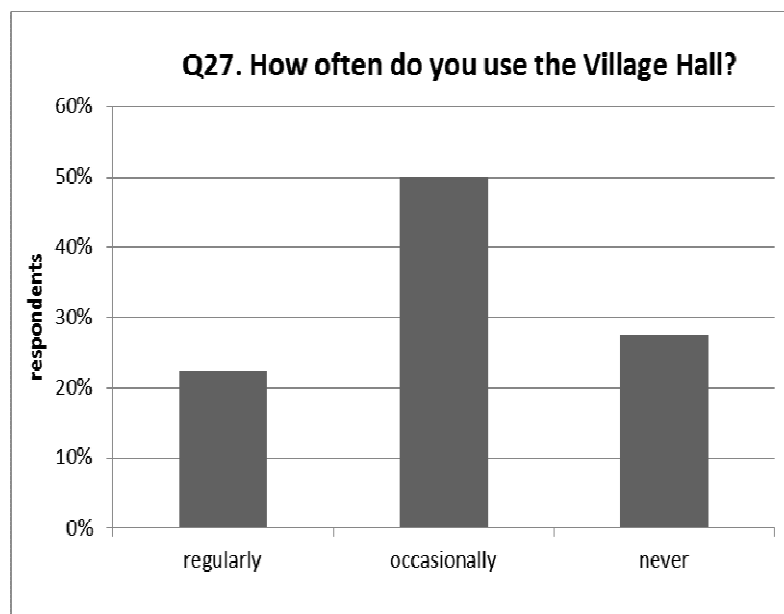


The survey did not ask for comments at this point on the form, but sixteen respondents emphasised the need for a village shop in free text boxes at other points in the questionnaire.

Q27. How often do you use the Village Hall?

Half of the 268 respondents who answered the question said that they used the Village Hall occasionally. Another 22% use it on a regular basis. About a quarter (28%) never use it. The terms “regularly” and “occasionally” were open to personal interpretation. These findings are shown in the table and chart.

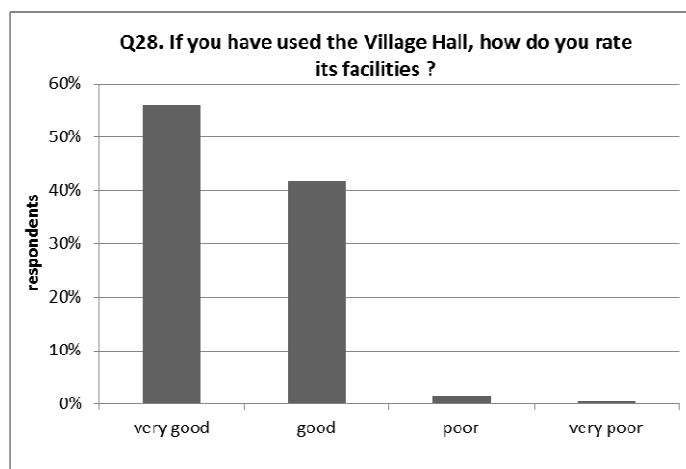
Q27. How often do you use the Village Hall?	Number	%
Regularly	60	22%
Occasionally	134	50%
Never	74	28%
Total respondents	268	
Not answered	1	



Q28. If you have used the Village Hall, how do you rate its facilities?

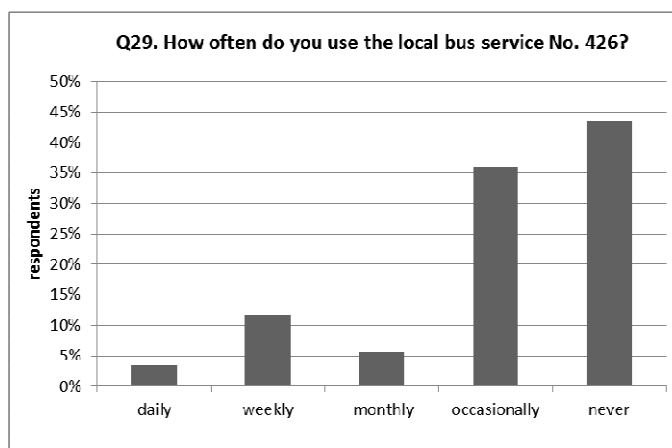
Respondents who had used the Village Hall were asked to rate its facilities. An overwhelming majority of the 198 who answered thought they were either “very good” (56%) or “good” (42%) but a small minority rated them as “poor” (2%) or “very poor” (1%). These findings are shown in the following table and chart.

Q28. If you have used the Village Hall, how do you rate its facilities?	Number	%
Very Good	111	56%
Good	83	42%
Poor	3	2%
Very Poor	1	1%
Total Respondents	198	
Not Answered	71	

**Q29. How often do you use the local bus service No.426?**

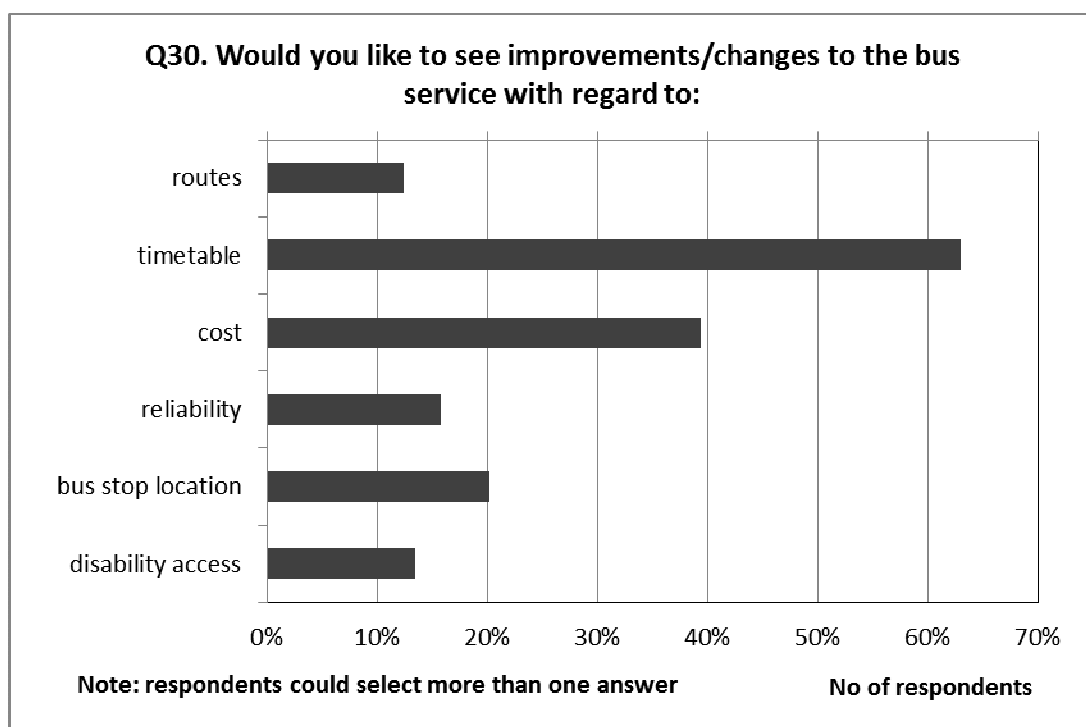
Over half (57%) of the 265 respondents to the question use the 426 bus service at least occasionally. Three per-cent use it daily, 12% weekly, 6% monthly and 36% less frequently. These results are shown in the table and chart below.

Q29. How often do you use the local bus service No.426?	Number	%
Daily	9	3%
Weekly	31	12%
Monthly	15	6%
Occasionally	95	36%
Never	115	43%
Total Respondents	265	
Not Answered	4	

**Q30. Would you like to see improvements/changes to the bus service with regard to: (please tick all that apply)**

A large number of respondents didn't answer this question on what improvements they would like to see to the bus service; for the 89 who did the most important possible improvement would be to the timetable, selected by 63% - nearly two-thirds. Thirty-nine per cent would like to see changes in cost, and 20% wanted changes to the locations of bus stops. Improvements to disability access were requested by 13% and changes to routes were seen as desirable by 12%. These findings are shown in the adjacent table and chart on the next page.

Q30. Would you like to see improvements /changes to the bus service with regard to:	Number	%
Routes	11	12%
Timetable	56	63%
Cost	35	39%
Reliability	14	16%
Bus Stop Location	18	20%
Disability Access	12	13%
Total Respondents	89	100%
Not Answered	180	



Respondents were invited to suggest other changes and improvements; 41 comments were received and these are listed verbatim in Appendix 1. The list has been augmented with pertinent comments from the General Comments section of the survey. Nine of the comments expressed satisfaction with the current service. Thirteen respondents suggested time table improvements, mainly a later bus from Hereford, more weekend services and extra services to relieve overcrowding in the late afternoon in summer. Five cited costs as needing to be changed, e.g. re-introduction of bus pass use before 9:30am and cheaper return tickets. Extra bus stops were suggested by 3 people; by the school and by the church. Two respondents requested route changes, one to include Wyatt Road / Ridgeway on the route to Hereford whilst another wanted a service between Golden Cross and Marden. One person suggested that bus use would be encouraged if a copy of the timetable was delivered to every house. There was one complaint about punctuality.

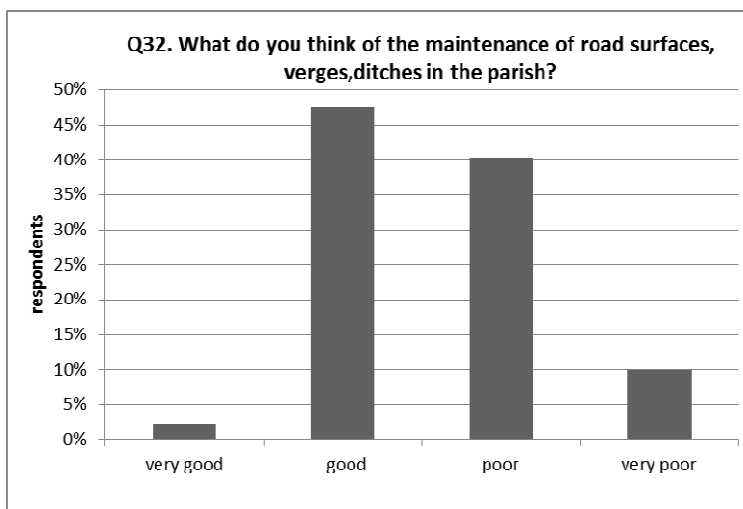
Q31. Would you like to see some form of parking control introduced within the village? If so please specify the location/s and the form(s) of parking control you would most favour in the box below:

Eighty-one respondents filled in the box on the survey form asking if they wanted to see some form of parking control introduced, but 24 of these used the facility to state that there was, in their opinion, no problem. Fifty-two respondents thought there was a problem of parking around the Golden Cross pub and towards the crossroads. Suggested solutions were double yellow lines and sharing parking with the school / village hall. Another parking problem, mentioned by a few respondents, appears to be in Fieldway where people leave their vehicles in the turning circle. Other places mentioned once each were around the church, Orchard Close and the entrance to the Woodville Estate. All the comments are listed verbatim in Appendix 1.

Q32. What do you think of the maintenance of road surfaces, verges, ditches in the parish?

Respondents were invited to rate the maintenance of road surfaces, verges and ditches in the parish as "very good", "good", "poor" or "very poor". The 261 respondents who gave a rating were very evenly divided; 130 giving a grading of "good" or "very good" and 131 giving a grading of "poor" or "very poor". However there were more "very poor" ratings than "very good", 26 compared with 6. The full range of results is displayed in the following table and chart.

Q32. What do you think of the maintenance of road surfaces, verges, ditches in the parish?	Number	%
Very Good	6	2%
Good	124	48%
Poor	105	40%
Very Poor	26	10%
Total Respondents	261	
Not Answered	8	



The following comments were made under Q38, the General Comments section:-

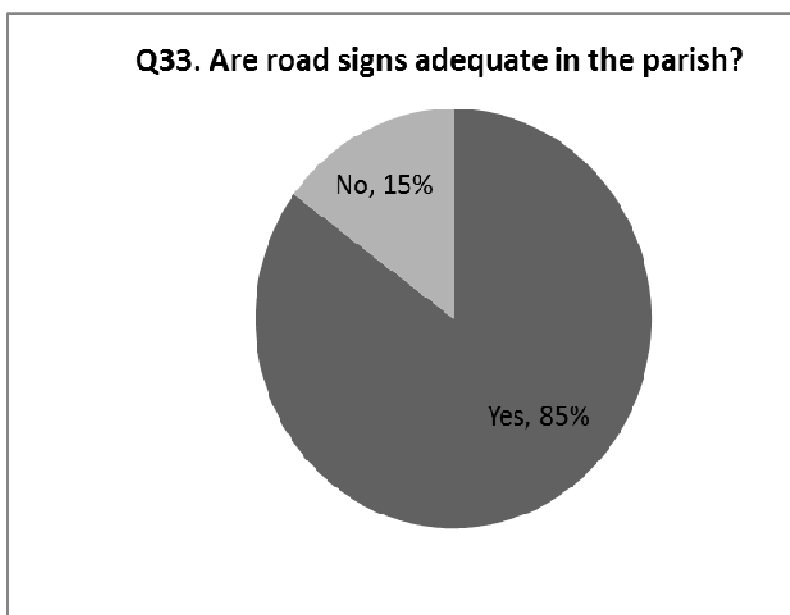
Temporary road fillings are useless; revert to potholes the minute it rains. Hundreds of HGV's use the Marden-Withington road. Has anyone even checked The Rhea recently?

HGV's cause damage to surface of Ridgeway Road and the potholes are often left for long periods, this road is not suitable for the number of HGV's that use it.

Q33. Are road signs adequate in the parish?

A majority of respondents, 85% of the 255 who answered the question, thought that the road signs in the parish were adequate, as shown in the table and chart.

Q33. Are road signs adequate in the parish?	Number	%
Yes	217	85%
No	38	15%
Total respondents	255	
Not answered	14	



Respondents were invited to make comments on road signs. Forty did so and their statements are listed in Appendix 1. In addition, pertinent comments made in the General Comments section (Q38) have also been included.

The main issues that were mentioned several times were:

- The need for improved signage at the crossroads to improve safety, eg replacing "Give Way" signs by "Stop" signs;
- The poor condition of some signs, ie dirty or obscured;
- More road names needed, eg The Ridgeway, not least to help the emergency services;
- More prominent 30 mph signs required.

Other issues mentioned less frequently were:

- More warning signs for horse and rider required, especially on The Ridgeway;
- Larger mirror at Churchway
- Warning of dangerous bends on road to Hereford.

And some respondents were of the view that there were too many signs already.

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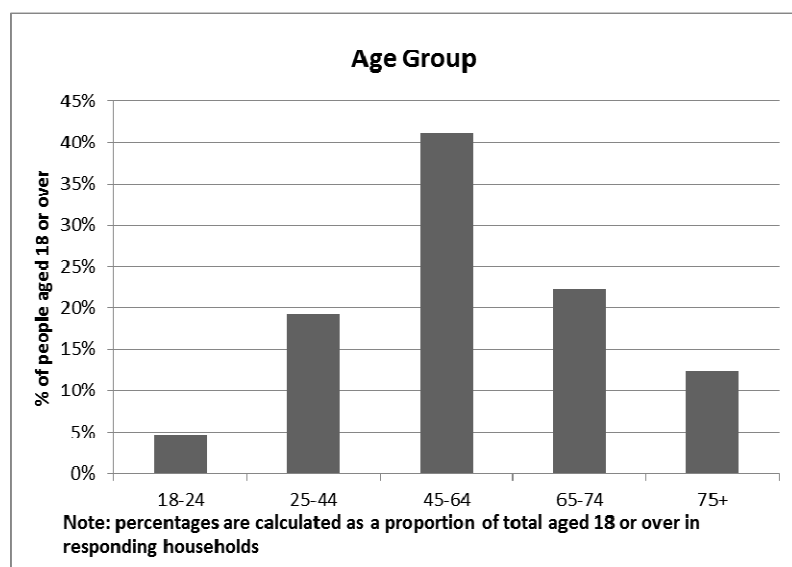
For the following analysis base is the total number of people aged 18 or over in all responding households for each question. Once the results of the 2011 Census of Population results become available for the Parish it will be possible to compare characteristics of the respondents who participated in the survey with those of the underlying population to see whether they are representative.

Q34. Age Group

The majority of adult residents in responding households were middle aged and above, in that 41% were aged between 45 and 64 and 34% were older than 64. Just under a quarter were under 45. The proportions in each age range can be seen in the adjacent table and the chart below.

Q34. Age Group	Number	%*
18-24 years	20	5%
25-44 years	81	19%
45-64 years	173	41%
65-74 years	94	22%
75+ years	52	12%
Base	420	

* Percentages are calculated as a proportion of total number of people aged 18 or over in responding households

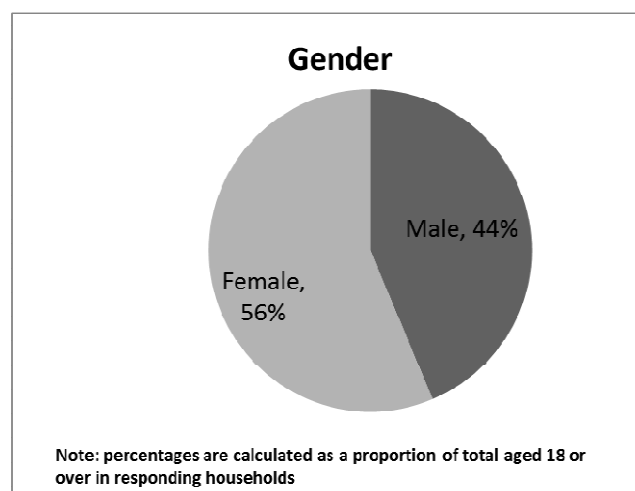


Q35. Gender

All but 6 respondents gave information on the number and gender of household members. Females outnumbered males in the 428 residents of remaining 263 households. Of the 428, 56% were female and 44% were male as seen in the table below and pie chart to the right.

Q35 Gender	Number	%*
Male	187	44%
Female	241	56%
Base	428	

* Percentages are calculated as a proportion of total number of people aged 18 or over in responding households.



Q36. Economic Activity Status

The survey included a question asking how many adults in the respondents household fell into each economic activity category; employed full time, employed part time, retired, self-employed, unemployed, student full / part time, voluntary work, full / part time carer, homemaker, or permanently sick / disabled. It should be noted that these categories are not mutually exclusive, e.g. an individual can be a student and work part time, someone can be a carer and be retired, someone can be self-employed and do voluntary work etc. Respondents were invited to consider all categories that applied rather than the main descriptive.

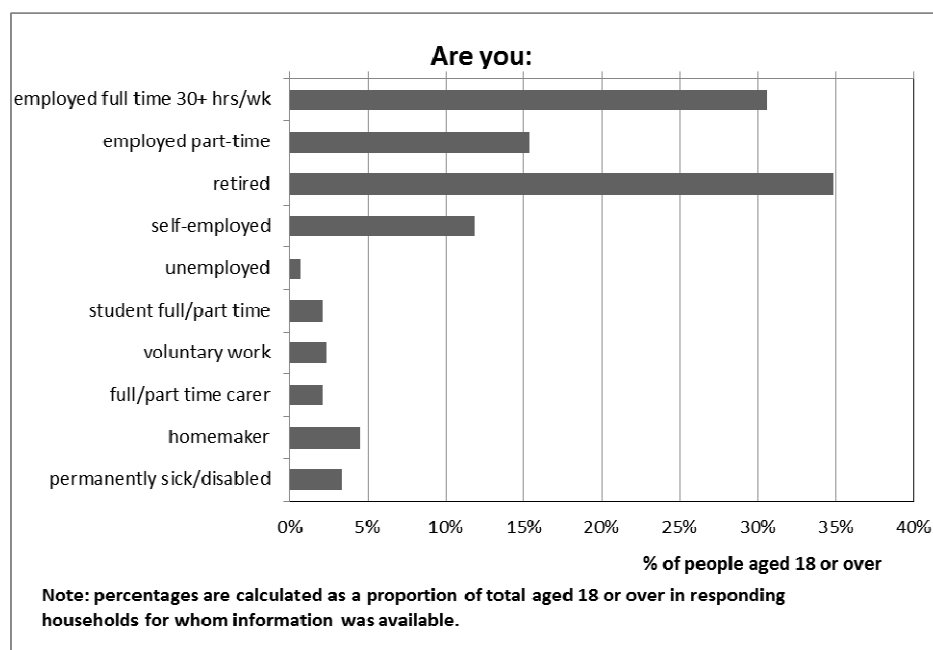
The proportions in the following table are based on the number of adults for who information was provided and because many have dual roles the percentages add up to more than 100%.

Just over a third (35%) of the occupants of responding households were retired.

Information was available for 422 members of responding households and this number has been used as the base for calculating proportions falling into each economic activity category in the following table and chart.

Q33. Economic Activity	Number	%*
Employed Full Time 30+ Hrs/Wk	129	31%
Employed Part-Time	65	15%
Retired	147	35%
Self-Employed	50	12%
Unemployed	3	1%
Student Full/Part Time	9	2%
Voluntary Work	10	2%
Full/Part Time Carer	9	2%
Homemaker	19	5%
Permanently Sick/Disabled	14	3%
Base	422	

* Percentages are calculated as a proportion of total number of people aged 18 or over in responding households for who information was available. Individuals could fall into more than one category.



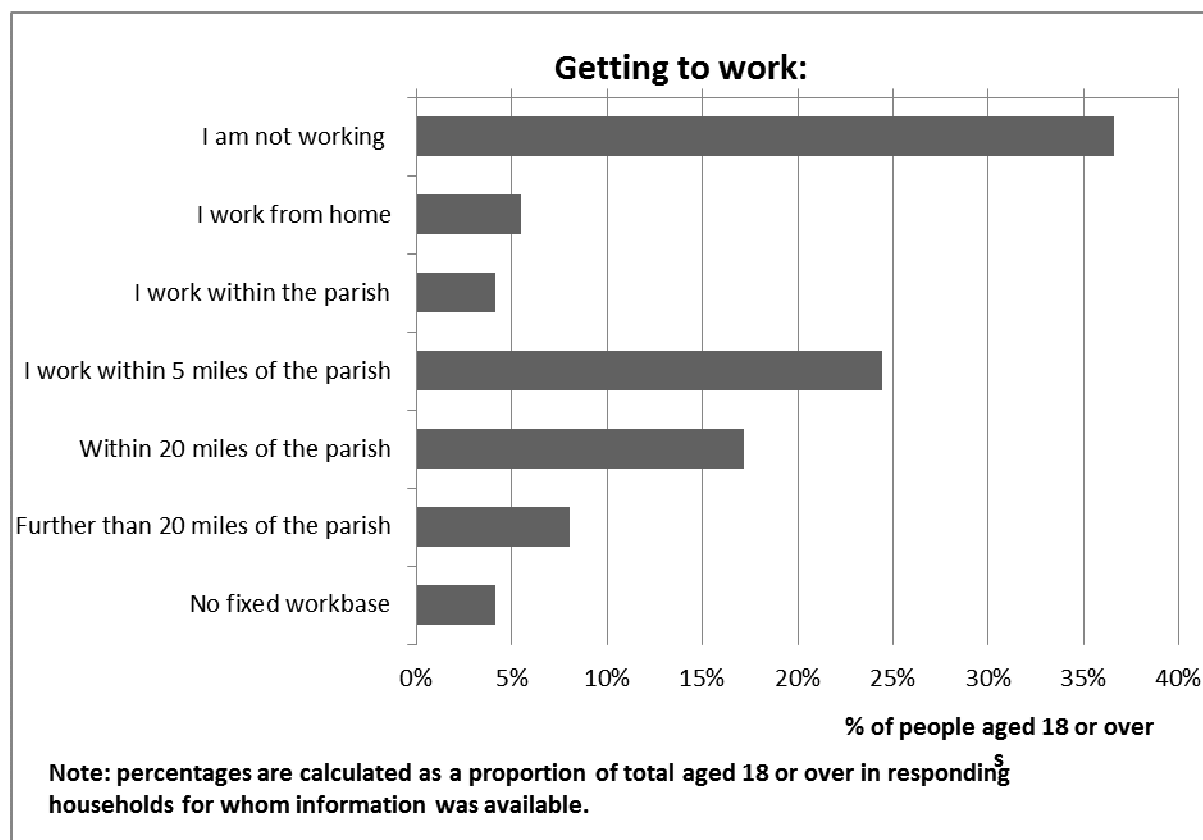
Q37. Getting to work

Information was provided on the commuting patterns of 385 adult residents in responding households.

Of these 37% were not working. Nine per cent either worked at home or locally within the parish and a further 24% travelled less than 5 miles. Seventeen per cent travelled up to 20 miles and 8% had longer commutes. Four per cent had no fixed workplace. These findings are shown in the table below and following chart.

Q37. Getting to work	Number	%*
I am not working	141	37%
I work from home	21	5%
I work within the parish	16	4%
I work within 5 miles of the parish	94	24%
Within 20 miles of the parish	66	17%
Further than 20 miles of the parish	31	8%
No fixed work base	16	4%
Base	385	

* Percentages are calculated as a proportion of total number of people aged 18 or over in responding households.



Q38. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, PLEASE MAKE THEM BELOW:

There were 55 comments made in this section of the survey form. Where these comments are pertinent to topics previously discussed in this report, they have been included with the topic. Consequently this section only “picks up” new themes and issues not already addressed. The new topics and comments are listed in the following table:

Topic	Comments
Broadband	<i>Better broadband service (internet) as currently we are only able to use one computer at a time when we have several. Broadband speed in HR1 3NP is very slow and erratic. regular loss of signal particularly at peak times/school holidays though can occur any time.</i>
Cycle Path to Hereford	<i>A cycle path between village and Hereford would make sustainable transport more of a viability. Cyclists - we need a cycle path from Sutton to Hereford. A cycle path to Hereford along the old canal would be better than a footpath. When weather permits I cycle to/from work in Hereford - a hazardous undertaking given I'm sharing the road with vehicles travelling 60mph and more between Sutton and Aylestone roundabout. I appreciate the costs are prohibitive, but I would like the parish to have a medium term goal of establishing a separate cycle/footpath between Sutton and A465 that cyclists and pedestrians can use in safety. Would like a super cycle route to Hereford. There is a very overgrown route that goes from the bottom of the Rhea over the railway and ends up at the bridge over the Lugg. It is possible on a mountain bike, but if it had a better surface then many people may choose to cycle to Hereford.</i>
Community Led Plan Process	<i>Given the emphasis on Neighbourhood Plans in the Localism Act (2012), would it be helpful for the Parish to consider preparing a Neighbourhood Plan rather than a more traditional community led plan? Having returned to Herefordshire only 2 years ago I'm not fully acquainted with all aspects of the survey, however I'd like to gain wider knowledge of my new home. I'm a native of Fownhope. Nice form, well laid out. Will it make a difference ... no chance! Q.15 So poorly marked as to be meaningless. The questions are biased toward what you want the answers to be.</i>
Mobile Library Service	<i>I would appreciate reinstatement of mobile library service (books are so heavy to carry) and taxi fares are out of the question on a single pension.</i>
Allotments	<i>I would like to see allotments within the village for residents only.</i>
Street Lighting	<i>I would quite like some street lighting.</i>
Playground Equipment	<i>I'd like to see that rock climbing thing recently installed in the park changed. Everything else is fine but that rock climber is extremely dangerous. Most of the mums I've spoken to have concerns about it. On several occasions we have had to rescue our children from it and quite a few have scraped themselves badly on it. It's only a matter of time before there will be a serious accident on it. The park could do with more for young children/toddlers. Sometimes the baby swing seat is missing or bigger kids sat on it (which I know you can't control).</i>
Parish Council	<i>It would be useful to have the minutes of Parish Council meetings published on the Sutton St. Nicholas website. We appreciate the work of PC and improvement of playing field, and enhancement of school and village hall. (The next few paragraphs are from a two A4 page addendum that was received from one respondent with the survey form) Regarding the community led action plan questionnaire and when read in conjunction with recent Parish minutes it is apparent that we suffer from some of the most inward looking parish council mismanagement and the associated problems that often materialise when parish</i>

	<p><i>council members have a personal interest in preventing change for the sake of change. With an approach to change based upon the mantra / stance, “not in my backyard”.</i></p> <p><i>As the majority of the Parish council is comprised of an unrepresentative proportion of our community being that members are in the main over 60 years of age it is evident that the old ways are by and large the easier and less cumbersome to manage and maintain.</i></p> <p><i>A significant change in the way Parish councillors are elected on to the Parish Council is most apparent; where parish residents elect the most appropriate candidate by a local postal vote system. Electing members is at present from within a network of personal acquaintances, which is biased, misguided and undemocratic as it selectively excludes those who may want to participate in the modernisation, improvement and the management of the parish and its duties.</i></p> <p><i>A more representative cross section of our community would need electing to represent “all” the village interests. A maximum serving term of one to four years, and no longer per parish council member could be adopted. Members with direct or vaguely indirect vested interests (particularly in local property development) would have to be positively excluded for example, local business proprietors, Property developers and local landowners and Farmers. In addition their close relatives would have to be excluded from becoming active members also.</i></p>
School Crossing Lights	<p><i>School crossing lights need not be green all the time. They are especially dazzling at night. Sutton is in danger of losing its individuality and becoming urbanised. School traffic lights are an example</i></p> <p><i>We consider use of traffic lights at school after school hours a waste of electricity. Also they are extremely bright, another waste of power. Please think to reduce the carbon footprint!</i></p> <p><i>There is also no need for the traffic and school light to be left on all night it is a waste of electric.</i></p>
General	<p><i>An excellent village and we are very happy here.</i></p> <p><i>Recently moved to the village specifically for village life, NO street lights, ease of access to Hereford but also walks around the village.</i></p> <p><i>Remember this is a village not a suburb of Hereford. It's clear that people come from that environment to the village and then try to turn it into the environment they have just left. Mad. Sutton is in danger of losing its individuality and becoming urbanised. School traffic lights are an example - instead of working at the village traffic problems the blinkered attitude of the council missed a great opportunity to improve overall safety. It would be a pity if the remaining green areas in the village were lost - opposite Brook House and beyond Post Office, these areas keep the village rural. Replacement of the lost orchard opposite Brook house would enhance the village.</i></p> <p><i>We have lived in Sutton over 20 years and are happy here. It's enjoyable to live in countryside but still be a short distance from the city. Long may it continue !</i></p> <p><i>Village fairly well run.</i></p> <p><i>(The next three paragraphs came from the same respondent who submitted comments in a 2 page addendum to the survey questionnaire)</i></p> <p><i>Sutton St. Nicholas suffers from a substantially disproportionate elderly influence and as the elderly are to a greater extent, the majority residential property owners; the needs of the young to a certain but substantial and increasingly apparent noticeable degree have less priority in such a village. The closing of the football club highlights the influence of those who would prefer less noise i.e. the elderly residents.</i></p> <p><i>Sutton St. Nicholas demographically has to a greater extent reached the end of the road. The village has reached the 21st century and needs to expand and renew to survive. The dated materialistic influence of parish members is potentially suffocating the village with its very evident pre-1980s approach to parish and community management.</i></p> <p><i>Sutton needs substantial regeneration to make the further advance of a diverse community without changes the community will become less active as residents age and become less inclined to participate, resulting in a village that stagnates and declines both in popularity and importance.</i></p> <p><i>Members of the parish need to address the needs of both young and old and reflect upon the decline in younger families and approach the need for serious housing and regeneration including the creation of long-term businesses.</i></p>

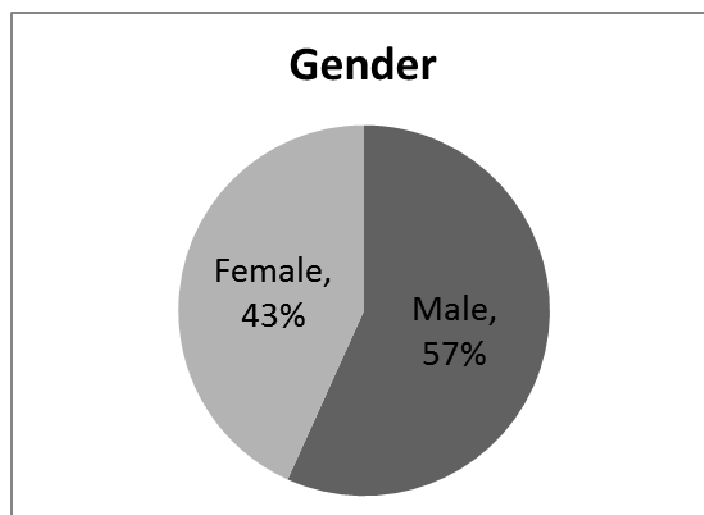
Young People's Questionnaire

There were a total of 75 responses from children aged 6 to 17 received for the young people's questionnaire.

Q1. Are you male or female?

The 75 young people were unevenly split between male and female. There were 10 more boys than girls. One young person did not indicate his / her gender. Overall boys made up 57% of the survey respondents for whom gender is known and girls 43%, as shown in the table and chart

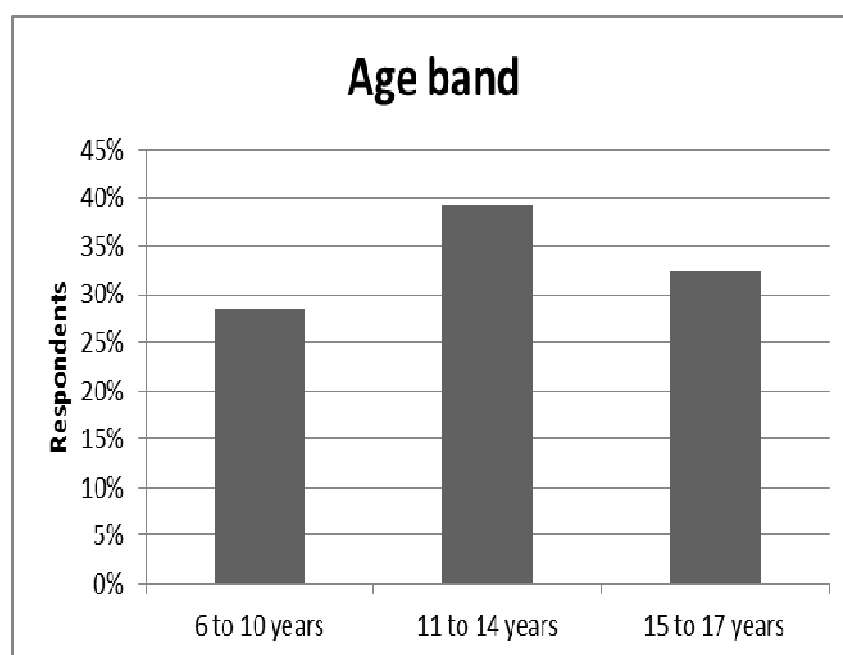
Q1. Are you male or female?	Number	%
Male	42	57%
Female	32	43%
Total Respondents	74	
Not Answered	1	



Q2. How old are you?

All except one of the young people indicated their age band. On balance, they tended towards the top end of the age range with 24 (32%) in the 15 – 17 age group, averaging at 8 in each single year cohort. There were 29 (39%) in the 11 to 14 age group, averaging at just over 7 in each single year cohort within the group. There were 21 (28%) in the 5 to 10 age group, averaging at just over 4 per single year within that group. This age distribution is shown in the table and chart.

Q2. How old are you?	Number	%
6 to 10 years	21	28%
11 to 14 years	29	39%
15 to 17 years	24	32%
Total respondents	74	
Not answered	1	



Q3. Do you use the school bus service?**Q4. If you have ticked “yes”, what do you think of the bus service?**

Nineteen young people use the school bus service of whom 15 thought it was good and 2 very good. One non-user also thought it was very good. These findings are shown in the following tables but since the number of responses are small it was not appropriate to show the results as a percentage.

Q3. Do you use the school bus service?	Number	%
yes	19	26%
no	55	74%
Total respondents	74	
Not answered	1	

Q4. If you have ticked “yes”, what do you think of the bus service?	Number
very good	3*
good	16
poor	1
very poor	0
Total respondents	20

* includes one non-user

Q5. If you travel to other towns, how do you get there? (please tick all boxes that apply)

When asked how they travelled to other towns, 72 of the young respondents answered. As a group, they were heavily dependent on lifts with 93% using other family members and 21% using friends. Twenty-nine per cent used the bus, 11% cycled and 7% walked. Four per cent and 3%, respectively, drove themselves in cars or scooters – they were the older children in the group. These findings are shown in the table and chart.

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

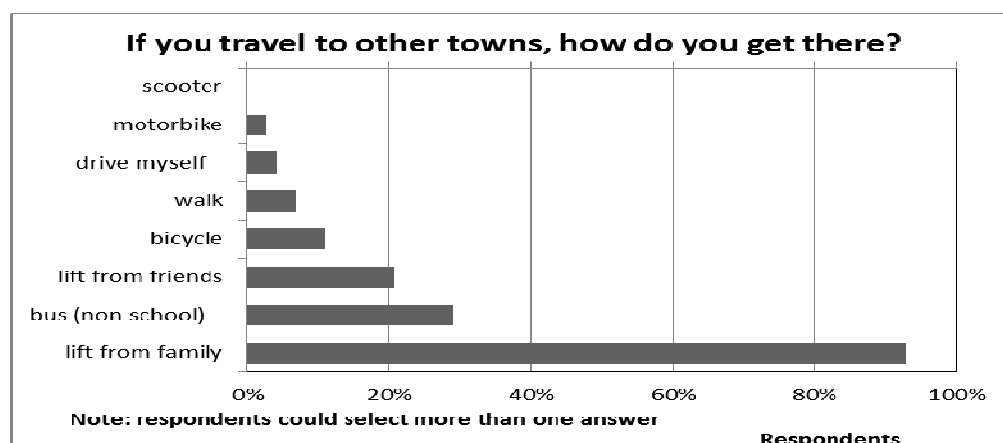
Respondents were also invited to specify other means of transport and the following answers were received.

“Lift in my mother’s boyfriend’s car”

“Mum or dad (2)”

“Train”

Q5. If you travel to other towns, how do you get there? (please tick all boxes that apply)	Number	%
Lift From Family	67	93%
Bicycle	8	11%
Drive Myself	3	4%
Lift From Friends	15	21%
Scooter	0	0%
Motorbike	2	3%
Bus (Non School)	21	29%
Walk	5	7%
Total Respondents	72	
Not Answered	3	



Q6. What do you do in your spare time? (please tick all boxes that apply)

Respondents were provided with a list of 14 leisure time activities and asked which they did in their spare time. Large proportions watch TV (93%) or Played computer games and used the internet (89%). Spending time with friends, at 81%, was also very important although just under half (48%) belonged to a club. Exercise was important to many; 53% took part in sports, 60% walked, 52% rode a bicycle, 39% went swimming, and 16% who went horse riding. Performing arts were undertaken by the 32% who played a musical instrument, 7% who danced and 3% who engaged in drama. Just under half (45%) went shopping and 8% engaged in church activities.

These findings are shown in the adjacent table and chart below.

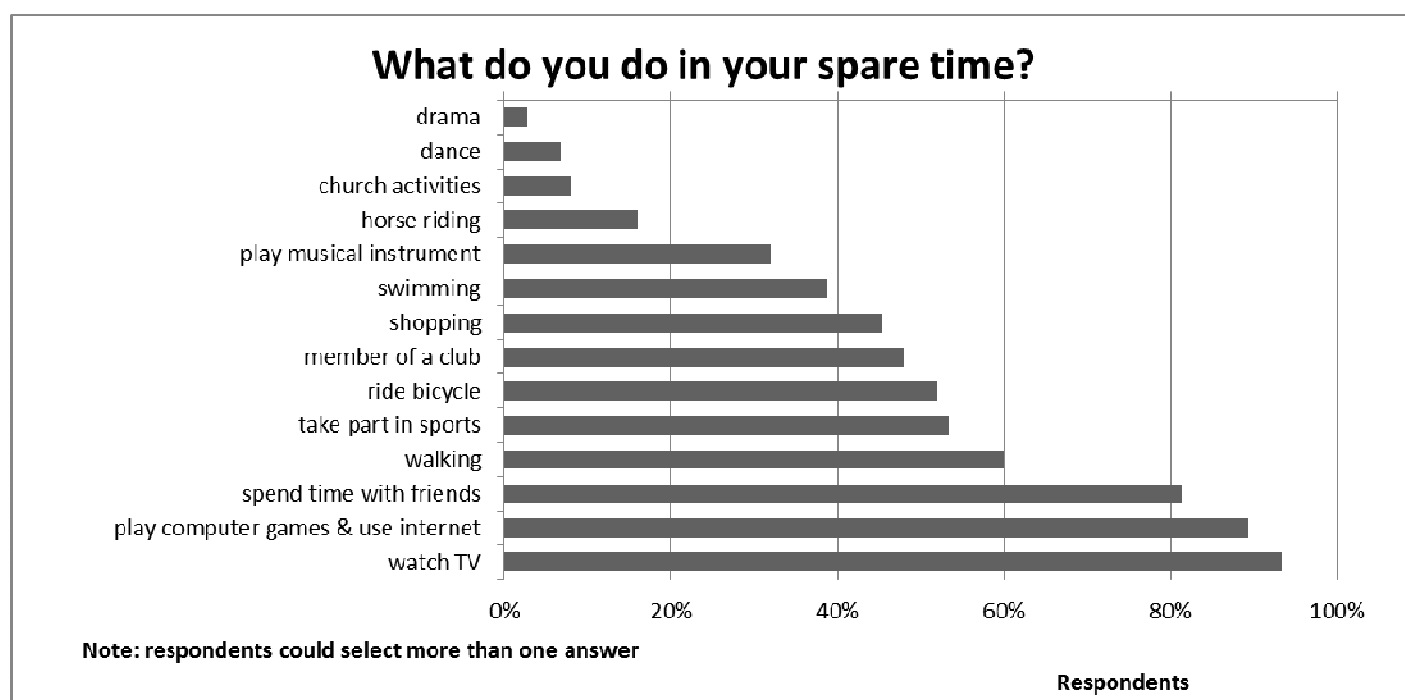
Q6. What do you do in your spare time?	Number	%
Spend Time With Friends	61	81%
Play Computer Games & Use Internet	67	89%
Watch TV	70	93%
Take Part In Sports	40	53%
Ride Bicycle	39	52%
Member Of A Club	36	48%
Church Activities	6	8%
Drama	2	3%
Horse Riding	12	16%
Dance	5	7%
Play Musical Instrument	24	32%
Swimming	29	39%
Shopping	34	45%
Walking	45	60%
Total Respondents	75	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer

Respondents were also invited to say what other spare time activities they did. The responses given were:

"Combined Cadet Force"
"Go-kart racing"
"Judo"
"Outdoor activities"

"Quad bike riding" (2)
"Reading" (2)
"Rowing and tennis lessons"
"Work"

**Q7. Would you use any of the following if they were provided in the parish? (please tick all that apply)**

The young respondents were presented with a list of 9 facilities and asked if they would use any of them if they were available within the parish. Viability of such facilities depends on absolute numbers likely to use them, rather than whether a majority or not would be in favour. Therefore, commentary is provided in terms of numbers.

The most popular suggestion was a Tennis Court which 47 said they would use. Next came a football pitch (27), basketball hoop (26), fishing club (26), youth club (25), skate board track (23) and disco (21). Least popular with the children (but maybe more so with their parents) were an after school club (15) and a holiday play scheme (13).

These findings are shown in the adjacent table and chart below.

Respondents were asked for other suggestions. There were 9 comments made:

"A shop to buy bread with small things as it saves going all the way to Hereford"

"All a waste of public money. Better spent on the present infrastructure"

"Bike track"

"Climbing wall"

"Cricket, rounders, baseball"

"Library"

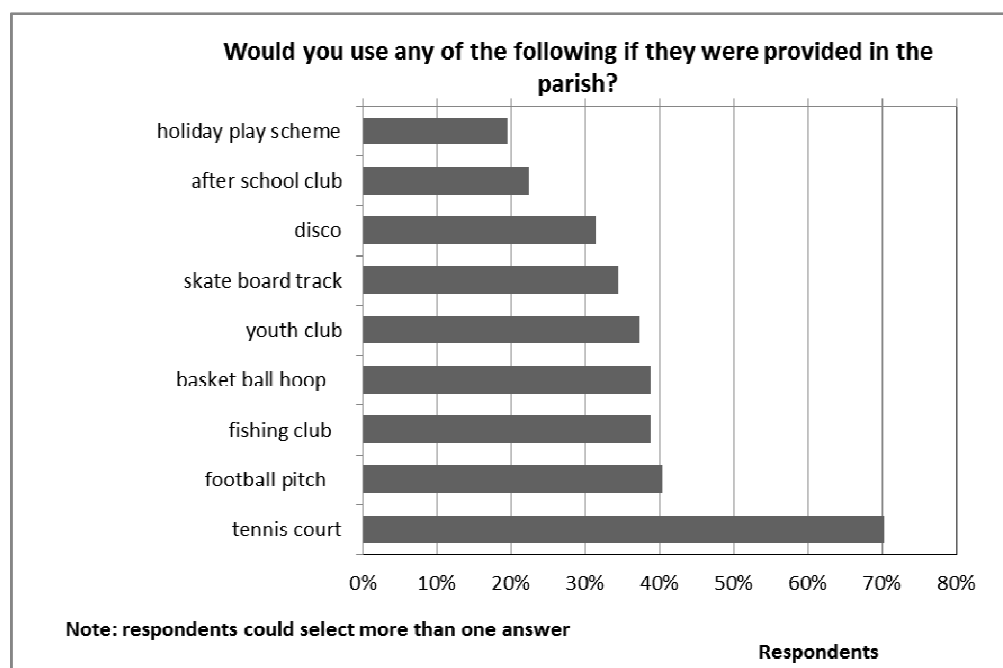
"local shop"

"Rugby posts"

"Village shop"

Q7. Would you use any of the following if they were provided in the parish?	Number	%
Tennis Court	47	70%
Football Pitch	27	40%
Disco	21	31%
Basket Ball Hoop	26	39%
Fishing Club	26	39%
Youth Club	25	37%
After School Club	15	22%
Skate Board Track	23	34%
Holiday Play Scheme	13	19%
Total respondents	67	
Not answered	8	

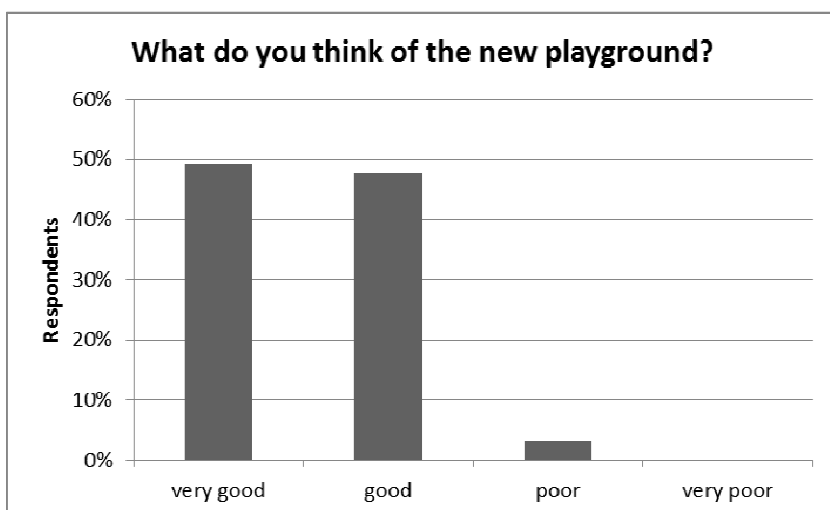
Note: respondents could select more than one answer.



Q8. What do you think of the new playground?

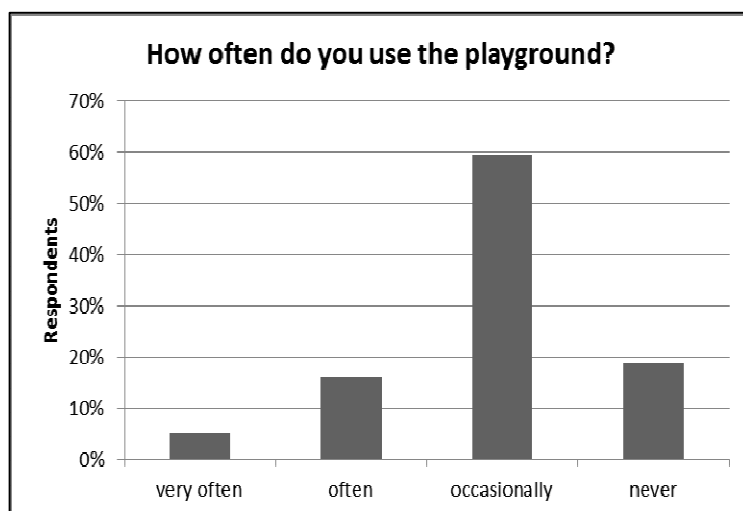
The young people were generally positive about the new playground, 97% thought it was “good” or “very good” with 3% thinking it was “poor”, as shown in the table and chart.

Q8. What do you think of the new playground?	Number	%
very good	33	49%
good	32	48%
poor	2	3%
very poor	0	0%
Total respondents	67	
Not answered	8	

**Q9a. How often do you use the playground?**

Over 80% of the young people use the playground at least occasionally; 5% use it very often and 16% often. These terms were left open to individual interpretation. The findings are shown in the table and chart.

Q9a. How often do you use the playground?	Number	%
very often	4	5%
often	12	16%
occasionally	44	59%
never	14	19%
Total respondents	74	
Not answered	1	

**Q9b. If you have ticked “never”, please state why in the box below:**

There were 16 comments on why some young people did not use the playground and these are listed below this commentary. Seven respondents reported that they were too old for playgrounds, although one said he / she would have loved it when they were younger. There was a comment that the equipment was unsuitable for very young children. Four young people confessed to being unaware of the playground’s existence.

The comments were:

“A bit too old for that”

“Although the new playground looks very good I am too old to use it. I would have loved to have played there when I was younger”

“Didn’t know there was one”

“Do a lot of sport, so I don’t have time”

“Good, nice, small and quiet village to live we’ve got everything we need here, I have been”

“I am 15 and too old for playgrounds”

“I am too old”

"I don't even know where it is"

"I think the facilities available are enjoyable for younger children but I find them less interesting being the age I am"

"No need to go"

"The equipment provided is for younger children"

"The playground is more suitable for older children, my 2 year old sister cannot use much of the facilities"

"Too old" (2)

"We did not know that there was one there" (2)

Q10. Is there anything else you would like to say about where you live? (please write in the box below)

Twenty-five young people made comments about the parish and raised a variety of different issues. Ten thought there was a need for a village shop and several wanted to see more facilities and clubs for their age group. Three wanted better internet access.

The 25 comments were as follows:

"A safe cycle route to Hereford. A shop and Post Office"

"A shop in the village would be useful because we have to use the 'Mace' shop in the next village" (2)

"A small shop would be pleasant. Make sure the fate is known about to encourage the community to get involved"

"Being a full time C/W singer would love to put on some shows to raise money for Sutton"

"Better internet access" (3)

"Cheaper non-school buses would be good"

"Clubs for young people, Cubs, Scouts etc. A youth club"

"Community/parish police officer needs to be here more often. Kids movie screening. Airfix and Lego building, hunting club (+12), Board game, art and craft, horse riding/pony trekking, Wildlife Watch, cookery clubs. Produce shop, sweet shop"

"I believe that a shop would definitely improve the village and I would frequently use it, as would others"

"I like living in Sutton because I have lots of friends"

"I like playing in Sutton quarry"

"I love living in Sutton St. Nicholas"

"It's quite quiet and there's not much for young people to do partly because families with younger teenage children moved away to places with local amenities. Sutton's got plenty of facilities for young children and the elderly but it often feels like young people are left out of decisions regarding events etc in Sutton"

"Like the new(ish) school"

"Litter free, friendly people, kind children"

"The cars parked outside the pub because I can't see when I walk to/from school"

"The park is very nice built perhaps there could be more benches (not in the wooden hut). I get on the bus every morning and sometimes it rains, maybe a small but shelter would be nice. We drive to Marden to play tennis or get a loaf of bread - maybe there could be these in the village"

"The reason I ticked 'good' on the park is because in school assembly they showed us what it would look like, but it looks nothing like the picture"

"The village would be better with a shop so people don't have to drive into Hereford or Marden. A Post Office for everyone in Sutton. More stuff for children to do like disco's and more at the playfield"

"Village shop in Sutton!" (2)

"We should have a village shop"

Appendix 1 – Text Responses to Particular Questions

Question 1b – Comments on additional housing development

2 bed bungalows with small private garden.
 2 beds homes, single parent/retired type
 A mix for all people.
 A mix for the above.
 A mixture.
 A mixture.
 Build on brown land only within the village envelope.
 Character builds sympathetic to village architecture.
 Development of land between St. Michaels church and moreton junction.
 Homes in keeping with traditional design of the village no more cheap looking matchbox monstrosities
 Housing deemed necessary by parish council, not speculative developments.
 Housing for rural economy workers.
 Housing should be mixed and not of one type.
 Important to support a mixed community.
 Limited number of additional housing from starters to larger.
 Limited number of well designed starter homes - no estates.
 Mix of all types lead to better community.
 Mixed housing.
 New housing in keeping with existing and within village envelope not green belt.
 None.
 Provide for youngsters living in the village so they can stay in their home community if they so wish.
 Starter homes restricted to people with definite village connection.
 Starter homes; all builds sympathetic to rural environment.
 Sutton cannot take more housing.
 The plans should be for the demand and requirements for now and the future.
 The school is now full with children in year 1 being taught in the corridor. If new housing is built the school needs to be enlarged by 1 -2 classrooms.
 The two properties on Wyatt road that have been empty for a number of years and are falling into a state of decay.
 The need for more housing, particularly low cost housing, is very evident across the whole nation and is noticeably reflected in the very low numbers of younger families in the village of Sutton St. Nicholas. Increasing the number of rentable properties in the area would encourage younger families and increase the need for a village shop.
 The need to move the green belt boundaries to enable further development and encourage a more diverse community benefitting the village as a whole. The boundaries should be relocated to allow property development between St. Michael's Church and the Sutton St. Nicholas to Moreton-on-Lugg junction.

Question 2 – Comments on types of business that should be encouraged

A good general store and Post Office.
 A new village shop - urgent.
 A shop.
 A village shop.
 Affordable workshop spaces for small independent business at affordable rates.
 Agri-business service sector.
 Businesses should not significantly increase traffic levels in the village.
 Convenience store or village shop.
 Depends on environmental effect on the village, noise, sight and site.
 General store - milk, bread, papers etc.
 Local shop.
 no (6)
 No. Should be in built up areas, Sutton is very close to Hereford/Moreton/etc.
 Not keen on any business in the village as it will mean even more HGV traffic.
 Not needed here.

Not sure it's viable.

Planning of new businesses and housing should be sympathetic with a rural village environment.

Shop.

Village shop (3)

Village shop / hair dresser etc.

Yes at Greens Court Farm

Village shop and Post Office.

a local shop.

Village needs a shop.

Would love a village shop!

The need to encourage business and enterprise in the community is necessary to ensure its development and longevity. By encouraging the development of businesses, new employment opportunities will appear which would have a serious economic benefit for the village. There are a number of locations in the village where small business development could be positively encouraged without affecting the village centre; such as the disused farm at Greens Court opposite Sutton walls for example. A workshop type business estate would encourage small business to locate in the village encouraging small local enterprise and local employment.

Q8. Do you think there is a litter and rubbish problem in your parish, if "yes" please state where.

All roads, play area, footpaths.

Along hedgerows on main road through Sutton.

Along main road from Hereford to Sutton.

Along main road through village.

Along main Sutton rd.

Along roadsides.

Along the main road.

Along the Marden road.

Approach roads to village

Beer cans, food containers thrown from vehicles, Wyatt Road.

Bodenham Road.

Country roads leading out of the village.

Ditches/verges in Wyatt Rd - cans bottles wrappers etc.

Dog excrement should be removed by dog owners.

Dog fouling on verges and bridleways.

Dog fouling is a problem around the village so much so that I now take my dog walking at Queen's Wood, Aylestone Park, Lugg Meadows. As a dog owner I'm embarrassed as my fellow dog owners do not behave responsibly and pick up after their dogs as I do.

Dog muck on footpaths, waste bins in general, rubbish blowing around.

Doggy poo's

Down Ridgeway Road.

Drivers throwing rubbish from passing vehicles.

Fast food/drinks containers on verges and garden rubbish sometimes in hedges.

Fly tipping along The Rhea.

Fly tipping and rubbish thrown from vehicles. Plastic bags of dig muck left in hedges.

Fly tipping around The Rhea.

Fly tipping at times.

Fly tipping on Ridgeway Road between Tony Walmsley's home and Bromyard Road.

Fly tipping, dig fouling.

Fly tipping.

Fly-tipping / dumping garden waste at end of the Rhea (on bridle path). Rubbish thrown from cars.

General food packaging litter, some dumpin in lanes, dog fouling.

General litter especially in term time. Fly tipping on main road to Hereford.

General roadside rubbish. Fly-tipping garden rubbish on Old School footpath.

Golden Cross to Wergins Bridge.

Grass verges along main road and my front garden. Alleys from main road to park.
Hedges and verges full of rubbish thrown from vehicles. Eyesore particularly in winter.
Hereford and Wyatt roads - litter thrown from traffic. Amey clear it up if requested.
Hereford-Bodenham Rd.
I don't think there is a significant problem.
In the playground, the bins are not emptied frequently enough.
Increasingly road from Aylestone Hill to S.S.N. becoming littered.
Lane behind old school, back of Fieldway. Rubbish in hedges.
Litter along Ridgeway Rd and Hereford Rd.
Litter everywhere except when local gentleman collects it - good for him!
Litter on roadside up the Ridgeway.
Litter on verges, drinks cans.
Litter seems to have increased; route to school has lots of dog muck not cleared up by owners.
Litter thrown from cars blights the roadside verges, esp Ridgeway Rd and Bodenham Rd.
Litter thrown from cars on main roads into village.
Litter thrown from traffic, Sutton - Marden road.
Local school children (11-18) need reminders.
Lower Rhea Rd - fly tipping. Churchway & Ridgeway Rds residents dumping grass cuttings by roadside
Main road from Hereford. The Rhea has lots of old rubbish from ????Main road verges. People put
refuse out before collection, bags get ripped open by animals.
Main roads into village from Hereford.
Main roads.
Main roads. Hereford - Bodenham. Ridgeway.
Minor.
Most verges are a disgrace we need more bins plus dog excrement bins (currently none).
Not a big problem but there is litter about.
Not litter free but could be worse / could be better.
On bridle/footpath round The Rhea.
On grass verges.
On outskirts of village - Wyatt Road.
On road between Sutton and Hereford.
on the Sutton to Withington Road, Ridgeway Road.
Over fence of the orchard.
Path at Fieldway and at the back, hedge needs cutting to stop the people tipping their rubbish.
Pavement/grass opposite village hall, leading to old school.
People not picking up dog muck especially near play area.
People need to pick up excrement (horses and dogs).

Playing field area. Back of Fieldway in Orchard Close opposite playing field.
Quite a lot of dog muck on pavement on way to school and on grass outside school.
recycling bins in village.
Rhea lane - fly tipping and general litter.
Rhea, some bridle ways. residents put refuse out too early.
Ridgeway
Ridgeway Rd between Sutton and Bromyard Rd. Outskirts of village. Fly tipping at bottom of Rhea.
Ridgeway Road and bottom of The Rhea.
Road between Wergins Bridge and Aylestone Hill roundabout.
Road from Sutton to Worcester roundabout. Takeaway litter in hedgerows.
Road leading to Orchard Close.
Road toward Bodenham from Old school to Burmarsh turn. hedges / ditches heavily littered.
Road verges especially approaching the village.
Road verges on roads surrounding the village.
Roads leading into the parish.
Roadside dumping.
Roadside rubbish, discarded fast food containers etc.
Roadside verges, thrown from cars.
Roadside.
See my attached plan showing where rubbish is tipped.
Sometimes when walking children to school pavements have dog excrement on them.
There are already a band of litter pickers.
There is also a lot of dog fouling up the rhea bridleway. Dog walkers should be made to pick it up as it is not very pleasant when walking, cycling and horse riding up the lane with the amount of Dog mess that has been left up there. (a sign and a dog mess bin would be helpful!)

To combat dog fouling put dog muck bins up and signs warning of potential fines.
Toward Marden and past church.
Verges and hedgerows.
Verges between village and shellwick.
Verges of Wyatt Road.
We need about 3 dog muck bins in the village. No point asking dog owners to be responsible if there are no bins.
Worse on village outskirts but thanks to individuals eg Ken Clutterbuck centre is relatively clear.
Wyatt Rd empty bottles, cans etc in ditches.
Wyatt Rd toward Marden lots of litter also Willow rise. Fly-tipping on The Rhea and Churchway.
Wyatt Road ditches contain litter and cans.
Wyatt Road verges, beer cans etc.
Wyatt Road.

Q10. Are the following a problem for you where you live?

Abuse from local farmer
Aircraft and low flying planes.
An abusive lying neighbour who thinks she owns the village has stolen 6 cats from my home (see Q.38)
Articulated lorries driving along Ridgeway Road.
Barking dogs (continuously) next door.
Barking dogs.
Barking dogs.
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BBQ's
Better control needed at Golden Cross.
Bonfires are a nuisance.
Businesses are noisy enough on a typical day.
Cars park in the slip road to access the Goden Cross.
Cat fouling. Chicken manure spreading.
Cats in my garden leaving excrement.
Churchway Lane in farm gates and in ditches.

Churchway Road.

Dog fouling is a problem down The Rhea.

Dogs barking, external chimes.

Dogs barking.

Drivers well over speed limit on a regular basis.

During the day when the washing is out.

Dust and noise from the potato processing plant at the farm at crossroads.

Extra traffic with new school.

Fly-tipping down The Rhea, some of it local I suspect !

From Appletree Cottage, paintballing, motor racing.

Foul smelling bonfires throughout the year. We have to keep windows shut during hottest summer nights.

Sitting in the garden of an evening has also been a problem because of the smoke and smell. Having to re-do the washing is annoying, uses up more water, electricity and is ecologically unsound.

Grass track events are becoming increasingly regular in Withington (Thinghill) and Marden. Noise and pollution from these events is a nuisance and becoming worse on weekends and Bank Holidays even though the sites are some distance away.

Golden Cross pub on Friday evenings, loud music, worse in good weather.

HGV's using Ridgeway Road as a short cut.

HGV's using Ridgeway Road.

HGV's using road from Marden.

House covered for days with dust/debris from recent fertiliser spraying.

Ice cream van chimes very annoying. Neighbours tree falling over our garden and trees blocking views

Inconsiderate neighbours blocking our drive and Cul-de-Sac turning point. Bonfires, dogs barking.

Just moved here, unable to say.

Large lorries going to marden.

Large lorries using Ridgeway Road.

Lights of the Pelican crossing by school are too bright. Do they need to be on outside school hours.

Loose dogs running onto our property. Fly tipping at end of The Rhea.

Lorries on Marden Road.

More dog muck bins at strategic points.

Nil. A lovely quiet village.

no (3)

Noise from Woodville Grove mostly !

Noise in evenings from poultry huts - fans and filling food bins.

Noisy chicken farm at Thinghill.

Noisy dogs.

None of the above apply to us.

None of the above (2)

Not really.

Parking directly in front of the Golden Cross block view of crossroads.

Road noise along Marden Road mainly caused by container lorries going to S.A.Davies, Marden.

S&A HGV's especially at weekend when families may wish to walk and cycle the lanes.

S.A.Davies lorries using Ridgeway Road as a short cut.

Smelly drain in road reported many times to HCC, nothing done.

Speeding cars and noisy cars (belonging to a particular person in Willow Rise).

Speeding down Wyatt Road.

Traffic on Sutton - Marden road speeding.

Traffic speeding on Ridgeway Rd into / out of Sutton (Withington end).

Q16 Are there any places in the parish where you think road safety is an issue?

30mph limit on Wyatt Rd needed. Churchway / Ridgeway Road junction.

Cross road at golden Cross is very dangerous. Blind crossing at Golden Cross mainly due to cars parked in front of the pub.

30mph limit signs as you enter village from Hereford, cars do not slow.

All roads - speeding. Marden Rd needs pavement from Old Post Office to St.Michael's church, very dangerous having to walk in the road, constant use by articulated HGV's from Marden.

All roads through village - speeding. Golden Cross crossroad - parking is unacceptable.

Approaching Golden Cross on Withington Road visibility is very poor due to cars parked at the front of the pub.

At golden Cross Inn satnav's apparently do not recognise it as a crossroad junction, it is marked as a through road. Smaller roads across are not marked on satnav systems. There have been lots of accidents here.

At the crossroads - Bodenham / Marden roads near the pub.

Bodenham-Hereford traffic fast between village sign boundaries. School buses and HGV's, vans etc in particular ignore 20/30mph flashing sign. "New" crossing traffic lights have encouraged speeding! They should be left green only a short time after red then switched off - using electricity and causing speeding.

Busy crossroads at golden Cross public house, lots of blind corner spots on Sutton Road. Traffic travels too fast into the village.

By the pub. Excessive speeding throughout the village.

Car go much to fast along my road, Sutton to Marden; way above 30mph. Some of the lorries are so large they can pass only by mounting the grass bank.

Cars etc driving too fast down Wyatt Road.

Cars parked in front of Golden Cross blocking view when emerging from Ridgeway. Speeding vehicles along Marden Road.

Cars parked in front of Golden Cross pub affects visibility on crossroads. Bend between church and Golden Cross on Ridgeway Rd - cars in middle of road on bend and can't see cars approaching them.

Cars parked in pub car park obscure view of main road at crossroads.

Cars parked outside Golden Cross - cannot see traffic approaching along Hereford Road. Mirror on wall opposite Churchway does not show traffic coming from Golden Cross.

Cars parked outside the Golden Cross in front by the doors obscure your vision of main road whrn coming out of road from Withington direction making crossing the main road dangerous.

Churchway junction, poor visibility even with mirror, the angle doesn't seem correct to pick up cars as they come past the farm.

Coming out of Churchway is dangerous because of very poor visibility. Farm wall blocks exit. S.A.Davies lorries go too fast between Golden Cross and Bromyard Road.

Crossroads at the local pub.

Cross road at Golden Cross - visibility poor.

Crossing the road by the pub with the children walking to school and also when pulling out at the junction it is very nerve racking as you cannot see what is coming from Hereford direction especially when cars are parked outside the pub.

Crossing the road when coming / going to / from Woodville, normally bad but much worse at night, no lights. The cross roads.

Crossroad at Golden Cross - speeding and ignoring road signs.

Crossroad at Golden Cross - cars not stopping at junction coming from Marden. Fieldway - cars parked on roadside making accessibility difficult and vision of obstacles (small children) impaired.

Crossroad at Golden Cross - poor visibility. The bridge: I have seen many accidents here over the years and have contacted the council directly to request speed indicator signs and other safety measures but nothing is done cars continue to crash through the barrier.

Crossroad at Golden Cross - vehicles park at front of the pub causing extremely poor visibility of main road. Some drivers drive too fast.

Crossroad at Golden Cross especially when vehicles are parked at the front of the pub.

Crossroad at Golden Cross for pedestrians and traffic. Traffic too fast and visibility at junction is car one has to edge out very cautiously due to poor visibility.

Crossroad at Golden Cross parking of vehicles reinstating visibility. Speeding through village on the main road and Marden Road.

Crossroad at Golden Cross particularly when cars/vans are parked in front obscuring the view.

Crossroad at Golden Cross pub, numerous RTA's occur here. Speed and ignoring give way signs causes the problems. Enforcement by police haphazard and not carried out at an appropriate time of day.

Crossroad at Golden Cross pub.

Crossroad at Golden Cross pub. Car parking spaces in front of the pub block the driver's view of the main road when travelling/approaching from The Ridgeway.

Crossroad at Golden Cross pub. Cars parked in front of pub restrict visibility if approaching from Ridgeway and turning right or going straight on.

Crossroad at Golden Cross.

Crossroad by Golden Cross pub. Pavement required on Marden Road especially by Ordis Farm.

Crossroad next to Golden Cross pub. Very restricted view in some directions meaning it is very difficult to cross - especially when cars are parked in front of the pub.

Crossroads at Golden Cross coming from Ridgeway and turning right there is complete obstruction of view along main road toward Hereford when cars park in front of pub. There have been accidents and many near misses as visibility is completely obstructed. Driving or walking you need to be in middle of road to be able to see if anything is coming towards you from Hereford. This is a waiting time bomb before there is a fatality.

Crossroads at Golden Cross pub - poor visibility going south from Ridgeway Road, due to cars parking in front of the pub.

Crossroads at Golden Cross pub, especially parking in front of pub which restricts view to left when approaching from Withington direction.

Crossroads at Golden Cross pub. Cars parked on front of pub adjacent to crossroad obscure vision when exiting The Ridgeway.

Crossroads at Golden Cross very dangerous especially when trying to cross with children.

Crossroads at Golden Cross, no street lights and cars parked close to the junction particularly on Friday nights. John's sign re extra parking at village hall is useless - too far away and unlit at night.

Crossroads at golden cross. Vehicles parked in front of pub block sight and have caused many accidents.

Crossroads at Sutton; mainly European sized lorries on small local lanes. Sooner or later a serious accident will take place.

Crossroads by Golden Cross pub, limited sight line from Ridgeway Road.

Crossroads by Golden cross, anywhere along through roads, drivers too fast and HGV's on roads not built to carry them.

Crossroads by Golden Cross. Cars parked in front of Golden Cross obscuring the view of traffic on main Hereford road. Speed of cars, lorries, tractors passing through the village.

Crossroads by Golden Cross. Turning right out of Ridgeay Rd when cars parked at front of pub. Bend between church and "the craft" due to articulated lorries.

Crossroads by pub - visibility poor in all directions.

Crossroads especially for pedestrian crossing the road.

Cyclists - we need a cycle path from Sutton to Hereford.

A cycle path between village and Hereford would make sustainable transport more of a viability.

HGV's between Marden and Sutton and Withington. Flashinh warning sign at Wergins Bridge.

Crossroads Golden Cross.

Crossroads in village centre. Parking in front of Golden Cross restricts visibility. Excessive speeding on Marden and Withington roads particularly stretches close to 30mph limit signs.

Crossroads outside Golden Cross public house. Traffic lights are required.

Crossroads. Pavement from Woodville and crossing road in a wheelchair.

Difficult visibility turning left from Ridgeway Rd on to the main road due to parking in front of Golden Cross pub.

Excessive speed down Ridgeway Road.

Excessive speed Marden Rd between cross roads and church, at times reaching an estimated 45-50mph.

Excessive speed on main access roads to village. Excessive speed and dangerous driving (overtaking in inappropriate places, tail gating/harassment) on main road to Hereford.

Farmers/labourers should be periodically reminded to reduce the volume of mud they leave on the roads. This includes S&A Davies vehicles which sometimes leave mud on main Sutton Bodenham road in vicinity of Amberley Arms (Marden Parish?).

From Golden cross to St. Michael's church the road is too narrow to accommodate HGV's and large modern tractors that use it. When they pass they use the grass verge damaging it and drains and water meter covers.

From Golden Cross to St. Michaels church for walkers.

General speeding through the village especially on Ridgeway Road.

General speeding. Golden Cross junction and parking.

Golden Cross - parking at front of pub prevents visibility for motorists approaching from Ridgeway direction. Motorists/pedestrians approaching Golden Cross junction from Marden have to be wary of traffic from bodenham travelling too fast.

Golden Cross - parking at the front on main road and the small car park to the left of the main road crossing is an accident waiting to happen. Friday nights and Bank Holidays mean you take your life in your hands on this busy section of road.

Golden Cross - people parking outside pub, visibility is very poor for driving and walking. HGV's coming along Ridgeway Road on the corner by The Vicarage.

Golden Cross crossroad - very poor visibility for drivers particularly when vehicles are parked at front of the pub. This has a knock-back effect for cyclists, pedestrians etc. especially when heading to village from Withington side.

Golden Cross crossroad. Approaching from Marden it is not possible to see traffic approaching from Bodenham direction without crossing into the centre of the road. Lack of pavements on Marden road regularly used by HGV's. Elderly/infirm people crossing from Woodville to reach bus stop. Lack of layby on Hereford bound side of Golden Cross. Lack of respect for speed limits on main road.

Golden Cross crossroads- poor visibility, pedestrians crossing + near misses. Sutton strait where used as racetrack + car/bike test run (raw power kit cars as example)

Golden Cross crossroads. Difficulty turning right from Ridgeway Rd when vehicles are parked outside the pub.

Golden Cross crossroads: vehicle speed excessive. Sightline for drivers from Marden and St.Nicholas' church are obstructed by cars being parked outside the pub. Post Office bend and by Ordys cottage: traffic speed, no pavement, very narrow road. Brook House bend: traffic speed, vehicles driving on wrong side of the road.

Golden Cross junction - cars parked on the corner (in a parking space right outside the pub) are a real problem - especially when its an estate 4x4. These cars obscure the view to the left when approaching the junction (especially as not everyone sticks to the 30mph speed limit).

Golden Cross junction - visibility is very poor if cars are parked in spaces outside the pub when exiting Ridgeway Rd. Where Lingen Field cul-de-sac meets school roads some residents seem oblivious of children crossing the road.

Golden Cross junction from Ridgeway Rd, cars parked at front door of pub restricting visibility toward Hereford and over to Marden. This happens even when the pub car park has plenty of vacant parking spaces.

Golden Cross junction visibility restricted due to parking in front of pub. Ban artic lorries from The Ridgeway then the bend at Brook House becomes less of an issue. Bright traffic lights dazzle drivers and cyclists and pedestrians at night and make it difficult to see oncoming traffic. reduce their brightness and turn them off outside school hours. General excessive speed.

Golden Cross junction. Due to speeding traffic and parking at the front of Golden Cross. Dense parking along roads surrounding the pub/crossroads by customers of pub. Also speeding traffic through village including school buses.

Golden cross pub. Outrageously dangerous parking!! Cars parked right outside main entrance completely block your view of the road. Cars parked all down the surrounding roads in evening is very dangerous. There will be a very serious accident if this issue is not resolved!! PLEASE DO SOMETHING!! URGENTLY!!

Hereford-Bodenham main road, Marden-Withington road - traffic not adhering to speed limits. The bend just before St.Nicholas church (by Brook House) and the danger from large S&A trucks using the whole road.

HGV lorries on our small roads should be diverted around on more suitable roads, will probably cause a death at some time.

I live opposite the Primary School close to 30mph speed limit boundary. Very often cars entering the village from the north are travelling far faster than 30mph making the road outside my house quite hazardous.

I obviously have concerns about all of the above - but not in our parish - I hope I am right.

I think there should be a 20mph speed limit through Sutton St.Nicholas due to school children playing in the area and cars speeding through the village.

I have done a small survey recently - one in eighteen vehicles seems to observe speed limit and the majority do not slow down when the 30mph sign flashes. The only way to stop this behaviour is with speed cameras. Having had many close shaves with cars not allowing enough room whilst walking along roads within the village perhaps consideration to creating more pavements is needed. During winter the slope by main gate of St.Nicholas church becomes very icy. I have fallen several times there and so have other people who, like me, walk their dogs early in the morning. I have already requested the council look into this.

Junction at Golden Cross pub. Cars parked directly in front of the pub causes poor visibility for drivers trying to come out of Ridgeway Road onto main Hereford / Bodenham road. Suggest traffic lights.

Junction at Golden Cross. Cars parked at front prevent sight of traffic coming from Hereford if you come there from Ridgeway. You cannot see round the parked vehicles until you are in the middle of the crossroads. It's very dangerous.

Junction by Cross Keys, site of numerous accidents. Needs better marking out. Cars often come through village too fast. Speed bumps or cameras are the only way to reduce speed.

Junction by Golden Cross cars should not be allowed to park outside the front obstructing visibility. Some of the S&A Davies lorries are too big for the lanes, but there is no real alternative.

Junction by Golden cross is a blind spot if turning out of Ridgeway Road.

Junction by Golden cross pub. Cars coming from Hereford and cars from Withington cannot see to the left because of vehicles parked in front of Golden Cross.

Junctions, Churchway/Ridgeway/Rhea visibility poor - mirror not very effective. Traffic speed on Marden Rd combined with very large lorries driven with little consideration for other road users.

Just moved here, unable to give an opinion.

Main concern is the cars parked in front of Golden Cross pub restricting visibility for other traffic especially when turning out onto Hereford Road. You have to get to middle of the road before you are able to see approaching traffic.

Main junction at Golden Cross pub.

Main road between Woodville Grove and Golden Cross. Danger due to bend and footpaths terminating on opposite sides of road. A pedestrian crossing would be helpful.

Main road from Hereford at Golden Cross. Road from Withington by small bridge. Needs pedestrian crossing close to Golden Cross crossroads. Worried about traffic speed through village.

Main roads - attitudes toward cyclists not enough room given.

Marden road speeding - I walk a small dog with no footpath for most of the road. Concerned about speeding.

Marden Road, walk from Old Post Office to St.Michaels church. a pavement would make it a lot safer.

n/a

n/a

no

no footpath St.Michaels church to Old Post Office.

No pavement between Woodville and Golden Cross the traffic is very busy and fast !!

no, speed is very well controlled.

Not seen police in the area for the past 12 years. Golden Cross crossroad with cars parked outside the pub can be hard to see main road to left or right. There have been a couple of accidents there in past 12 months.

Only at crossroad by Golden Cross across main road to other side for elderly and children.

Outside front of pub, parking reduces visibility. Ridgeway Road - all drive very fast and S+A lorries drive like idiots.

Parking around Golden Cross especially at the front, obstructing visibility at the crossroads.

Parking at front of Golden Key a hazard when coming out of Ridgeway Road. This makes it difficult to see traffic coming from Hereford direction.

Parking in front of pub makes exiting Ridgeway Road very difficult.

Parking at front of Golden Cross obstructs the view towards Hereford when emerging from The Ridgeway.

Any action to stop parking would contribute greatly to road safety in Sutton. Pedestrian crossing would be useful between Wooden Barn opposite Court Farm and The Old Shop on Hereford-Bodenham road.

Poor visibility at Golden cross crossroads there should be a stop junction not "give way".

Poor visibility both ends of Wyatt Road unable to see traffic from left. Pedestrians at risk from high speed drivers on Wyatt Road.

Problem with very large HGV's on narrow lanes, eg Ridgeway Road.

Pub crossroads and general speeding.

Pub junction - when cars are parked at front, visibility is a problem.

Restricted vision at Golden Cross junction due to parking of vehicles at front of pub.

Ridgeway Road, cars, vans, lorries etc driven too fast most of the time i have a child on a pony and some don't even slow down when asked.

Ridgeway Rd., HGV's, tractors not many motorists take any notice of the speed limit. Golden Cross - cars parked restricting view when pulling out of ridgeway rd. Many people park on pavements particularly The Croft and Ridgeway Road.

Ridgeway Road - speeding traffic !!! Heavy vehicles (non-farming).

Ridgeway Road - speeding.

Ridgeway Road - too many large HGV's using it as a short cut. Crossroad at Golden Cross especially when long vehicles are parked in the disabled places at the pub restricting visibility when turning left out of Ridgeway Rd or crossing over. Speeding.

Ridgeway road - traffic speeding. Golden Cross junction - traffic to Bodenham speeding. Lack of visibility from side roads at junction.

Ridgeway Road articulated lorries.

Ridgeway Road frequently used by HGV's travelling too fast. Parking at the front of Golden Cross and at roadside - no visibility when emerging from Ridgeway Road.

Ridgeway Road used as a 'rat-run' used by very large S.A.davies lorries. Millway: used as a drag strip by a certain household with very loud vibrating exhausts that may be not legal / compliant for road use.

Road from the pub to Aylestone Hill roundabout. Cars travel too fast. Speed cameras required.

Road safety along the ridgeway is a problem due to large lorries.

Road safety at Golden cross crossroad. Traffic speeding through the village.

Road to Marden from the crossroads.

Speeding traffic and the number of HGV's on Ridgeway Road heading towards Withington and back.

Traffic speeding on Ridgeway Rd into / out of Sutton (Withington end).

Sharp turn just below church. Heavy vehicles pass on wrong side of road, white lines would help.

So called disabled parking at front of Golden Cross. it is impossible to see any traffic approaching from Hereford direction when driving up Ridgeway Road.

Some modest lighting would be good on road at night. Not concerned about safety at night from people threat just a traffic threat.

Sped limit needs to be increased to 40mph not 30mph to benefit(named individual).

Speed limit in Wyatt Rd is 60mph which is excessive. There have been 3 accidents outside our house due to excessive speed on the bend. Bromyard Road at Cross Keys pub there is 40mph limit but traffic often goes much faster making junction with Wyatt Rd dangerous. There has never been a speed trap check there as far as we know.

Speed limit often abused on all roads. Parking in front of golden Cross and slip road opposite is a road safety problem.

Speed of traffic approaching village from Hereford.

Speed of traffic on Ridgeway Road, especially large artic lorries, and commuter cars going to/from work.

Speed through the village main road.

Speed through village.

Speeding along N-S and E-W roads. as a pedestrian walking where there are no footpaths is very scary.

Speeding along Ridgeway and Marden Road. Too many HGV's using village as a rat-run. Visibility at cross roads particularly when cars are parked outside the Golden Cross pub. Parking in the slip road/bus stop opposite the pub.

Speeding in 30mph zone from Golden Cross to 30mph speed increases sometimes well above limit plus noise from certain cars and motorbikes.

Speeding on Ridgeway Rd visibility leaving churchway into Ridgeway church crossroads.

Speeding on the straight between St.Michaels church and Ordys Farm. Articulated HGV's coming through village using lanes to get to S&A Davies - why are they allowed to do this at the weekend when villagers including children want to walk and cycle. SO DANGEROUS.

Speeding through village, especially Ridgeway Road and Marden Road. Crossroads at Golden Cross for pedestrians and drivers trying to get out of junction. The cars parked outside the pub front limit the view of main road traffic.

Speeding traffic on Ridgeway Road - more signs? Crossroad next to Golden Cross, extra care needed more easy sight towards the school from Ridgeway. Parking outside pub front obstructs vision from Ridgeway.

Speeding vehicles between Sutton and Cross Keys along Ridgeway Road.

Speeding vehicles makes walking/cycling/running on the road dangerous and unpleasant. Churchway/Ridgeway junction opposite church is also very dangerous due to speeding cars and poor visibility despite the mirror.

Speeding vehicles throughout the village. HGV's on unsuitable roads.

Sutton crossroads - visibility.

Sutton crossroads visibility by Golden Cross pub.

Sutton crossroads. Poor visibility and layout of junction by the Golden Cross pub.

Sutton to Marden road and other roads where there is no footpath. Cars vans and lorries do exceed speed limit. Tractors, very large ones, do drive through in excess of speed limit.

The crossroads - parking in front of Golden Cross makes visibility very poor.

The junction at Golden Cross.

the lack of footpaths between marden/Sutton church combined with the significant number of village dog walkers makes the speeding traffic through the village a real concern to me. i have often had to jump out of the way of cars doing 40mph+ so no longer walk my dogs along the road.

The main road into Sutton - speed.

The majority of these concerns are not currently pertinent to the village thankfully.

The road junction by the Golden Cross - very difficult to see when coming from Ridgeway Road (especially when cars are parked at the pub).

The roads are not too bad but they are too fast

There is a major safety concern principally at the crossroad at Golden Cross. unsafe and inappropriate parking makes poor visibility worse and parking on pavement obstructs pedestrians from walking safely and forces them to use the road.

Traffic comes into village from Marden too fast as road is downhill.

Traffic speed from Hereford direction usually well over 30mph !!! By the entrance to Woodville Grove.

Traffic speed through village is often a concern particularly through crossroad at Golden Cross.

Traffic speeding on Marden road; as a dog walker I'm frequently sworn at by angry drivers who have to slow down for me. Verges along here are worn back. Very few drivers obey the speed limit.

Traffic speeding through the village. Poor visibility at crossroads by Golden cross especially if cars parked in front of the pub.

Traffic speeds through the village when walking children I continually have to move to the edge. Drivers seem to ignore speed limits. Golden Cross crossroads are "blind" from Ridgeway Rd (2 bad accidents last year). What about a roundabout like in other country area (Preston Cross - roundabout installed after bad accidents).

Traffic speed on Ridgeway Road particularly in "rush hours" Bends near The Craft traffic often takes the bend at speed in middle of road a hazard to traffic coming in opposite direction. Tractor drivers are particularly discourteous and downright dangerous when driving in the village.

trying to cross the road on foot, all places at crossroad at Golden Cross. You have to look in all 4 directions all the time to feel safe.

Vehicle speed on Hereford-Bodenham road through village. Vehicles crossing the Hereford-Bodenham road at Golden Cross.

Very dangerous junction at Golden Cross from Ridgeway and trying to cross over main road toward Marden or right towards school.

Very difficult to cross the road by Golden Cross pub. Traffic speeds along road to school from village ignoring 20mph signs. From school the visibility to cross from footpath across to Golden Cross pub you have to step off path into road for visibility.

Very fast traffic through village. Large number of HGV's travelling at high speed. Dangerous walking along road as there are no pavements.

Very large HGV's using the road from Marden through the village to Bromyard Road.

Very large lorries travelling both ways along Ridgeway road at speed.

Visibility at A465 / Wyatt road junction. Traffic exceeds limit A465 Cross Keys area.

Visibility at crossroads by pub - parking does reduce visibility. Speeding near Old Post Office several near misses of pedestrians here. HGV's using Ridgeway Road.

we are pleased with the new speed restrictions through village.

When approaching Golden Cross junction from Marden direction the view of traffic coming from the left is very restricted. It is necessary to cross the stop line to get a clear view.

When at crossroads in Ridgeway Road the view to the left, towards hereford is totally obscured by vehicles parked adjacent to front wall of Golden Cross pub. An accident waiting to happen.

Wyatt road, speed of traffic and number of HGV's.

Wyatt Road. It has several straight parts where people speed but are unaware of the bend in the middle. no care is taken of pedestrians or horses on the road. A restriction for speed should be imposed.

Yes at the Golden Cross parking in the front blocks views.

Yes no street lights in Fieldway.

Yes, commercial lorries should be banned. Speed limit should be in place all over the parish.

Yes, Golden Cross parking in front and opposite. Also speeding through village.

Yes, in the middle of the village by Golden Cross pub when vehicles are parked directly in front of the pub it is very difficult to see properly to cross from Ridgeway Road towards Marden.

Yes, many vehicles are driven too fast on all village roads, regardless of speed limits. Help please.

Yes. Crossing the road by the Golden Cross. If a car is parked outside the pub entrance vision is obscured if turning into Hereford direction from Ridgeway.

Q17a Other Suggestions for Improving Road Safety

Ad-hoc manual police speed checks.

Amey's pathetic flashing speed light is a waste of money - speeding has increased since its installation. Cameras to calculate speeding near village boundary signs are the only way. Huge trucks and fast school buses will cause an accident one day.

Ban parking in front of Golden Cross pub.
Cameras as per Bodenham and Marden showing actual speed.
Cars parked in front of Golden Cross restrict visibility on main Hereford-Bodenham road.
Clamp down on noisy and speeding boy racers, through more policing maybe?
Clear exit from Churchway.
Clearing a view to the left of crossroads from Marden.
Common sense - more signs please.
Could police actually monitor speeding in the village periodically ?
Crossroad by pub, no parking at front.
Desperate need for a footpath on Marden Road.
Enforce existing speed limits.
Enforce speed limit through village. Stop cars parking in front of Golden Cross they reduce visibility.
Everyone speeds up to catch the green light.
Limit the number and times of HGV's especially at weekends.
More consideration for pedestrians on country lanes.
More pavements.
New signs at 4 routes into Sutton "Sutton St. Nicholas Please Drive Carefully"
No road bumps please !
None
Parking restrictions needed at Golden Cross.
Parking at front of Golden Key a hazard when coming out of Ridgeway Road. restricts visibility.
Parking in front of pub should not be permitted. It blocks the view of traffic.
Parking outside the Golden cross pub blocks view when coming out of Ridgeway Road.
Parking restrictions at pub.
Police presence required to deter speeding or speed cameras. Speed indicator a waste of time.
Possibly extra lighting at crossroads.
re the above: the village is perfect don't change it and waste unnecessary money.
Regular radar speed checks.
Replace the slow strips by bridge on sharp turn to prevent further accidents when people drive too fast
re-route HGV's - urgent.
Residents allowing hedges to encroach over pavement, some so bad you have to walk in the road.
Roundabout at Golden Cross crossroads - traffic would have to slow down.
Speed indicators do not work, every car sets them off, nobody slows down.
Speed indicators.
Speed of vehicles from Worcester roundabout to Sutton, Wergens Bridge.
Street lighting and too many restrictive signs reduce rural feel of the village.
Street lighting is not eco-friendly, expensive and counterproductive.
the fruit lorries are the best driven.
There are too many HGV's eg S.A.Davies using Ridgeway into village - too narrow for HGV's
Traffic calming in centre, improved road markings.
Traffic lights at Golden Cross would help.
Traffic on Marden Road needs calming measures, dangerous walking with a buggy and dog with large container HGV's bearing down on you ! No more huge lorries through our village please. Adherence to current restrictions should suffice.
Visibility at Golden Cross junction.
We moved here to stay away from street lights.

Q25b Suggested Places for New Notice Boards

A better board across road from Golden Cross rather than using the post. remove old out of date notices.
Adjacent to Sutton St.Nicholas church.
Alongside playing field.
At crossroad by bus stop.
At the crossroads, HCC should then stop flyposting on poles.
At the crossroads.
Bus stop needs replacing with a bigger one. Would be good to have one by the school and somewhere on the Marden Road.
Bus stop outside Golden Cross. Notice board outside Junior Schools - S.S.N and Marden to show adverts for upcoming events.

But would be helpful if classes/events etc were advertised in village hall notice board.

By churches.

By Old Post Office.

By playing field or by post box area

By the Golden Cross bus stop.

By the Old Post Office instead of using the lamp post.

Central. Somewhere you can easily pull over in car to read.

Centrally located in the village.

Church - regular and updated (SSN) as you can easily park to read. Corner by gate.

Close to The Rhea and church.

Community hall.

Cross roads by church and Ordis Farm; Reinstate use of board by Black Barn.

Crossroads by Golden Cross, church. Posters on poles are unsightly.

Don't know.

Extra boards might reduce fly-posting on telegraph poles etc. Perhaps bigger boards are needed?

Opposite church

If there were more notice boards around the village it might stop people putting notices on telegraph poles.

In place of present one in village centre, but larger.

Just larger boards where they are at present.

Larger board at Golden Cross.

Near St.Michaels church.

Near the pub.

Needs repairing.

Not sure where.

Not sure.

On entrance to village both sides. Village hall. Bus stops.

Outside church.

Outside local church, village hall and at bus stop.

Outside school / village hall.

Outside St.Nicholas church.

Outside Sutton school.

Outside the pub near the playing field.

Outside village hall.

recreation playground.

Regular intervals.

Somewhere central.

St Nicholas/Willow road area

The only one I've seen is opposite the pub. Maybe by the church?

To replace unofficial "pole" sites.

Village centre opposite Golden Cross.

Village hall, church, crossroads.

Where it was at the crossroads.

Woodville Grove.

Would like to see a general notice board outside village hall not one just for council details.

Q30 Desired Improvements / Changes to Bus Service

A later bus from Hereford during the week.

Bus along Wyatt Rd - Ridgeway to Hereford, return 2hrs later weekly mid-morning

Bus between 4:30 and 6pm 4:30 bus is usually full in summer (standing room only)

Bus timetable ends too early in evenings. This means it is not always practical

Buses are pretty good but expensive.

Extra bus during fruit picking season as by the time it gets to me its full.
I hardly ever use the bus since the late service was stopped.
More early morning and at least one later evening, say 8pm.
More services inc weekends.
Need a later bus from Hereford.
No evening service so I use the bus less. Higher evening fare would be realistic
Reinstate late bus service at weekends.
re-instate service Friday and Saturday evenings.
All alright !!
All OK
Bus services is good.
Current service very good.
Everything OK.
Excellent bus service.
It's fine
Seems good now.
£3.45 return is a lot of money monthly.
2 bus stops needed one near St.Michaels church is a must.
Ability to use bus pass before 9:30. Service 426 is very good.
Bus stop at school would be safer.
Bus stop too far from my home, cannot carry my shopping all that way.
Do not use.
Don't know.
Don't use the bus very often, once in 6 years.
Frequency and slow driving through village.
I don't use it.
I think a timetable in every door would make more people use the bus.
I would use it more if it cost less or you could buy a return ticket.
May use the bus in the future so any improvement now would benefit regular user
n/a
n/a
Never use it but might in future when children are older.
none
None of the above.
Often late/early, I get to bus stop in good time to find it has already left.
Re-instate the late night bus service so you can get into Hereford and back on a weekend evening without a car.
Route from Golden Cross to Marden.
We don't use the bus at the moment.
If I drop a child off at school there is no bus into Hereford until after 9am so I have to take my car.

Q31 Locations around the village where parking control is needed.

Around crossroads.
Around Golden Cross junction. Not sure what would work as the problem is mainly at night and who would enforce it ?
Around the pub on a busy night the cars parked around the junction present a hazard.
Around the pub.
At golden Cross crossroad - opposite and in front of pub.
Cars parked at front of Golden Cross causes a problem with visibility when approaching from Ridgeway Road.
Cars parked close to junctions eg Golden Cross crossroads/pub.
Cars parked outside pub at crossroads block view when exiting Withington Road.
Control of parking on public highways around Golden Cross and cross roads.
Crossroad at Golden Cross pub. Cars parked in front of pub restrict visibility if approaching from Ridgeway and turning right or going straight on.
Double yellow lines alongside pub.
Double yellow lines at Golden Cross

Double yellow lines might help parking problems at the crossroads.
 Double yellow lines outside pub.
 Front of Golden Cross pub - private land but restricts junction visibility
 Golden cross - double yellow lines on surrounding roads.
 Main road outside Golden Cross. Too many idiots abandon their cars and it will not be long before someone is killed on this stretch of road.
 More parking for pub clients and a ban on parking outside the front of the pub. It is far too dangerous at the moment.
 No cars to park in front of Golden Cross public house as they block view of main road for cars pulling out of Ridgeway Road.
 NO PARKING at front of Golden Cross.
 No parking in front of Golden Cross pub as it blocks vision from Ridgeway Road.
 No parking on any pavement. No parking in front of Golden Cross.
 No parking outside Golden Cross public house or road verges/pavements in surrounding area.
 Outside and opposite Golden Cross.
 Outside pub.
 Parking around Golden Cross pub (especially Friday nights) has no regard for road safety.
 Parking around Golden Cross pub especially directly outside front door. Very often visibility is reduced depending on what is parked blocking the view when coming from the Ridgeway.
 Parking around pub - see answer to Q. 16.
 Parking at front of Golden Cross should be prohibited. it obstructs traffic.
 Parking at front of Golden Key a hazard when coming out of Ridgeway Road. This makes it difficult to see traffic coming from Hereford direction.
 Parking at front of pub is a road safety issue. the masses that attend music events there could use village hall car park. parking congestion at pub is a safety issue.
 Parking at Golden Cross is dangerous and needs some control.
 Parking restrictions in a village this size sounds mad, but the 3 spaces in front of Golden Cross pub make the cross roads even more dangerous.
 Parking at Golden Cross makes visibility poor and is dangerous. Perhaps an overflow car park at school/village hall rather than double parking outside the pub and through The Craft.
 Parking in front of Golden Cross - ban it within 100yds of the crossroad. Driving along Fieldway is like negotiating an obstacle course with some drives obstructed by inconsiderate parking. Emergency services have restricted access. Enforcement needed for those vehicles causing obstruction.
 Parking outside Golden Cross and surrounding area. Street parking in Fieldway.
 Parking outside Golden Cross creates poor sight-lines / accident risk on foot from ridgeway.
 Parking outside Golden Cross is dangerous and often illegal.
 Parking restrictions in area of Golden Cross pub.
 Pavement opposite pub and in close proximity to the crossroads.
 Perhaps 2 car places at front of Golden Cross would improve road safety?
 Poor visibility outside main door of Golden Cross when vehicles are parked outside. Very much a concern after a couple of near misses !
 Stop parking in front of Golden Cross, or reduce to one disabled parking place near main door.
 Stop parking outside front of Golden Cross. These 3 places when filled completely obstruct the view to the left for cars from Hereford when trying to exit Ridgeway onto main road.
 the crossroads gets full of parked cars when there are events at the pub. School/village hall car parks could be used, they are only 5 mins walk away.
 The Golden Cross public house.
 The only issue is the parking outside the Golden Cross pub.
 There should be NO PARKING in front of the Golden Cross pub. there is no way you can see past these if you are approaching from Withington direction.
 Turning out of Ridgeway at Golden Cross to Bodenham very restricted view of vehicles coming into village from Hereford.
 Very difficult to see and get out of junction from Ridgeway Rd and turn right at pub when cars are parked outside front of pub. Would like to see this addressed.
 Yes - around the pub.
 Parking around the pub can be an issue. People park in the slip road.
 Fine as it is.
 I don't think this is necessary.
 n/a (3 respondents)

Never noticed a parking problem in the village.

No (14 respondents)

no! no! no! it's a village not a suburb.

No. Normal highway rules should apply.

none

Not required.

Around St.Nicholas church as The Rhea gets blocked during big events.

In Fieldway cars often block or restrict private drives, the ambulance turning end is used regularly as parking spaces.

No parking on main through road and roads surrounding the village pub.

Parking at entrance of Woodville estate. this is landlords responsibility and has been raised by residents but nothing gets done.

Signs in cul-de-sac turning areas reminding not to park/obstruct.

With new houses built on old school site we DO NOT want people parking outside our property in Orchard Close.

Q33. Problems with road signs.

"STOP" signs at Golden Cross junction not "GIVE WAY"

30mph signs are not prominent enough.

30mph signs Hereford-Bodenham road need moving 100-150m out. Why sign "traffic lights in 60m" if you cannot see then you should not be driving !

A "stop" sign at crossroads where there have been accidents. Approach road is on a rise junction not seen.

A road sign / chevron warning of traffic emerging from Churchway onto Ridgeway Road.

Advance signing at crossroads. Better signing at Woodville.

Blame amey.

Bridge on Sutton - Hereford road.

Church cross roads larger mirror - for safety from Church Way.

Concern over signs by crossroads near Golden Cross pub where accidents happen.

Cross road needs more signs, more obvious, bilingual.

Crossroad (Golden Cross) "stop" sign not "give way" Ridgeway Rd opp Brook House "dangerous bend" sign needed

Crossroads and Woodville.

Drivers go too fast through village on all roads.

From Ridgeway Rd to crossroad there should be a "stop" sign and "slow down" sign by telephone exchange.

Golden Cross crossroads needs better signs - I've seen vehicles from marden shoot straight across.

Junctions and estates all round the village.

Many are dirty and poorly located. Care should be taken not to modernise too much. Many new signs lack character.

Need road signs to state 1/ Ridgeway Road. 2/ Name of road Sutton - Marden. 3/ Clear signpost to marden village.

no Ridgeway Road sign or "number" of Hereford-Bodenham road. Sign near Cross Keys Withington indicating right turn to "Sutton" is often obscured.

No road names. I'm regularly asked where a road is by motorists.

No sign for Ridgeway Road.

Not enough speed signs and road names.

Old, tatty, some overgrown.

Only concern is around Golden Cross pub.

Orchard Close.

Ridgeway Road not signed at all, it's a main route into Sutton.

Road into Hereford has neither name or number. Friends broke down along it and had great difficulty explaining their location to the AA.

Road sign from Ridgeway from Withington Road is not clear.

Road sign to St. Ethelbert Close could do with being renewed - was hit by a van a year or so ago.

Roads should have name plates displayed.

Signs are very poor at cross roads.

Signs hidden in hedge at crossroads by chapel.

Some roads not signed at all; others lack names.

Something to emphasis the severity of the bend on Wergins Bridge.

Sometimes obscured by foliage sometimes poorly lit.

Speed signs.

Take a look outside The Rise.

Take most of them down.

There are too many of them.

there's only one set of horse & rider signs going out of the village toward bodenham. But there are a lot of horses that use ridgeway road

We badly need road name boards on St.Michaels side of village. Emergency services cannot find us.

Appendix: The Questionnaires