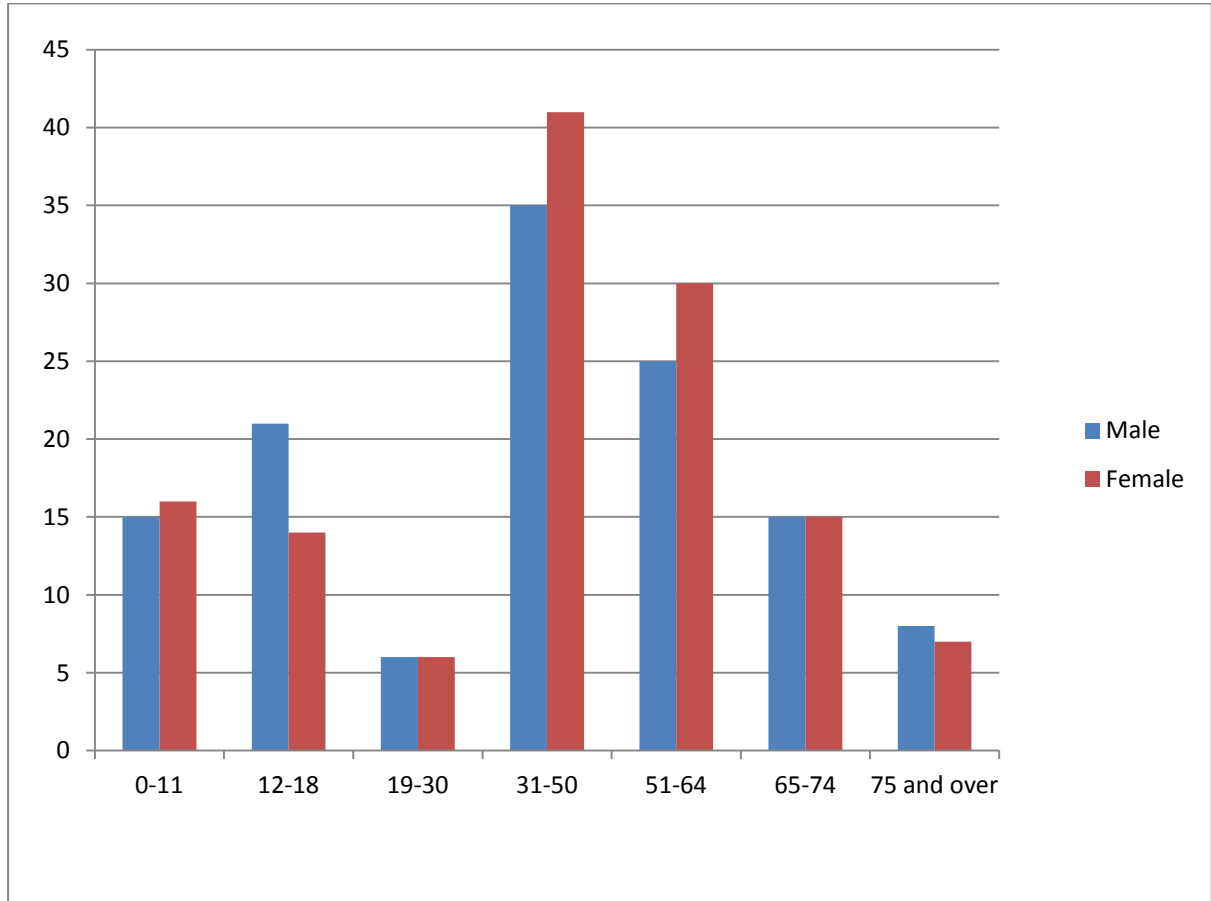


Ogbourne St. George Parish Plan Initial Findings

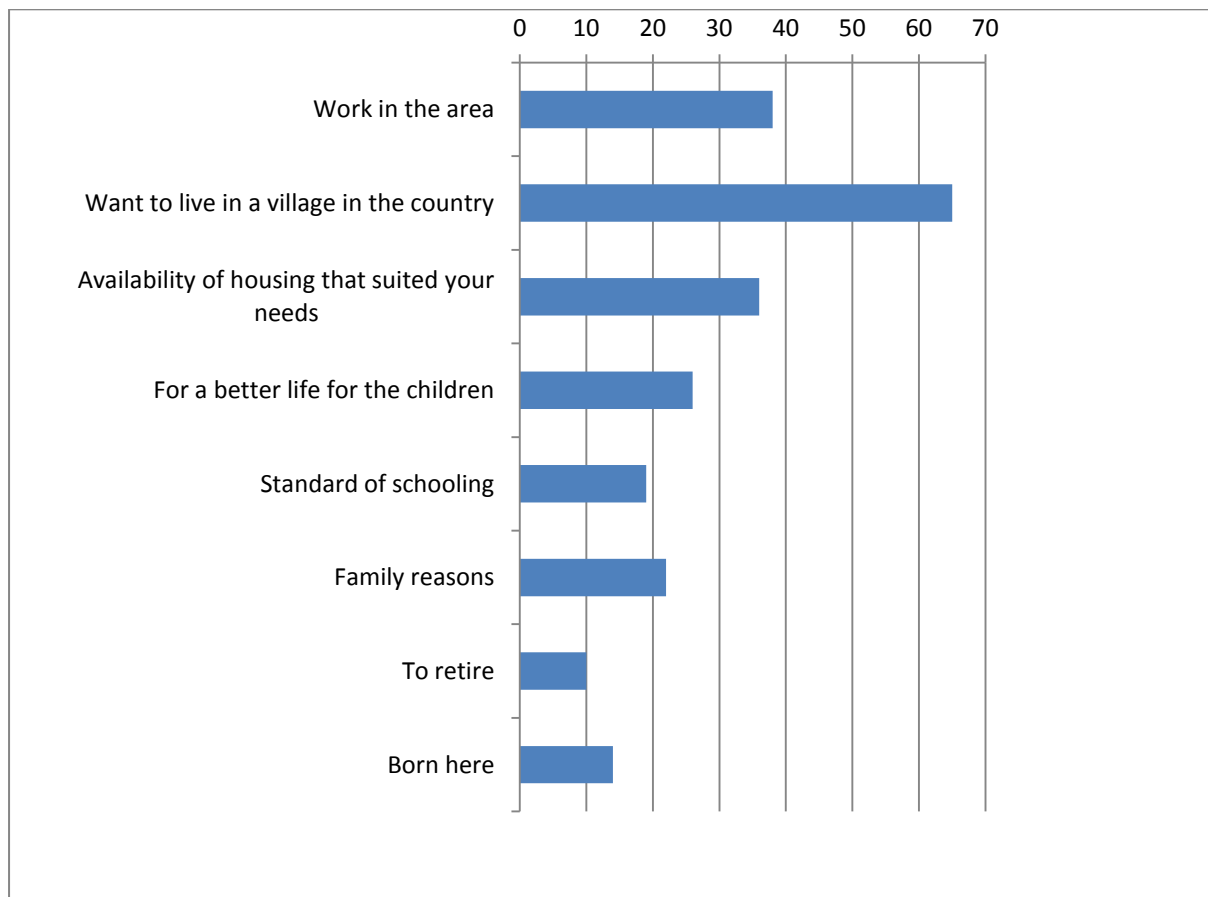
We distributed a total of 201 questionnaires to every house in the parish of Ogbourne St. George and received 98 completed questionnaires back, a return of 48.8%.

OUR HOUSEHOLD

1. Please enter the number in each age group and gender in your household.



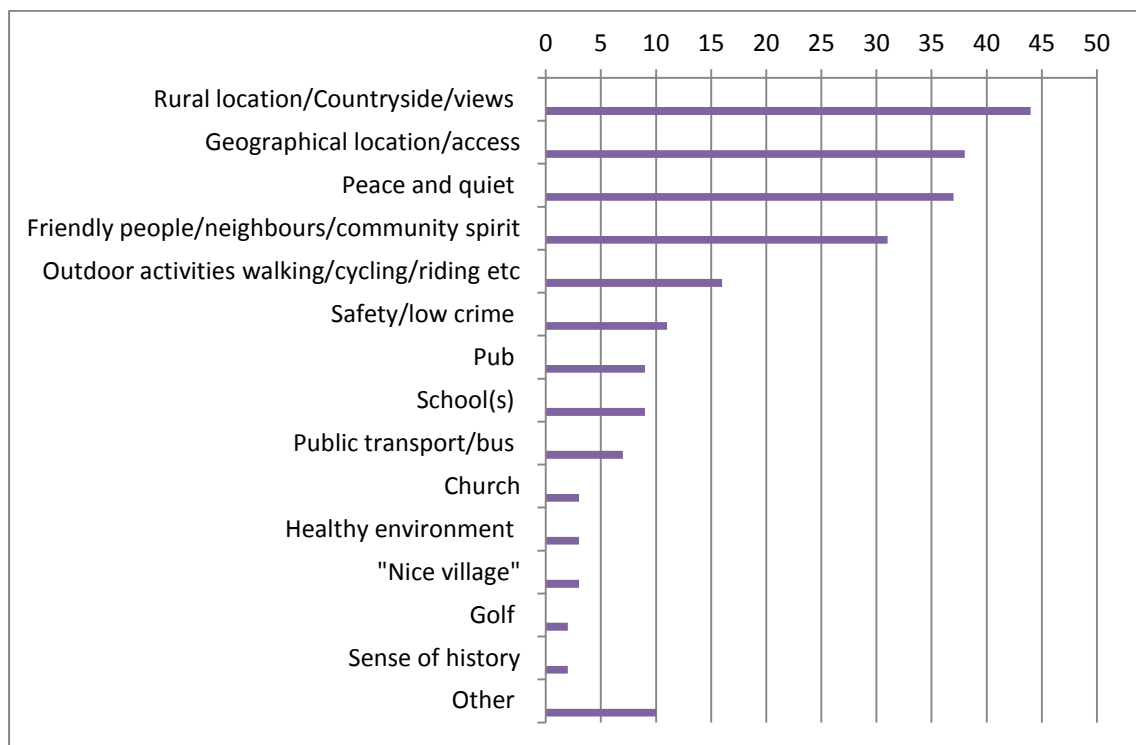
**2. Why do you live in the Parish of Ogbourne St George?
Please tick all that apply to your household.**



Other (please specify)

- Have lived here for 42 years
- 4 generations of my family have lived in OSG
- Been here 24 years
- 2 children born here
- I needed a house and this was the one I was offered.(Born here)
- Retired from working in village and stayed
- Inherited property
- Bought shop and Post Office
- Convenient for London
- Possibility of commuting to London when we first came in the 1980's
- Get away from development in Swindon
- Peace and quiet
- A quiet village not just any village

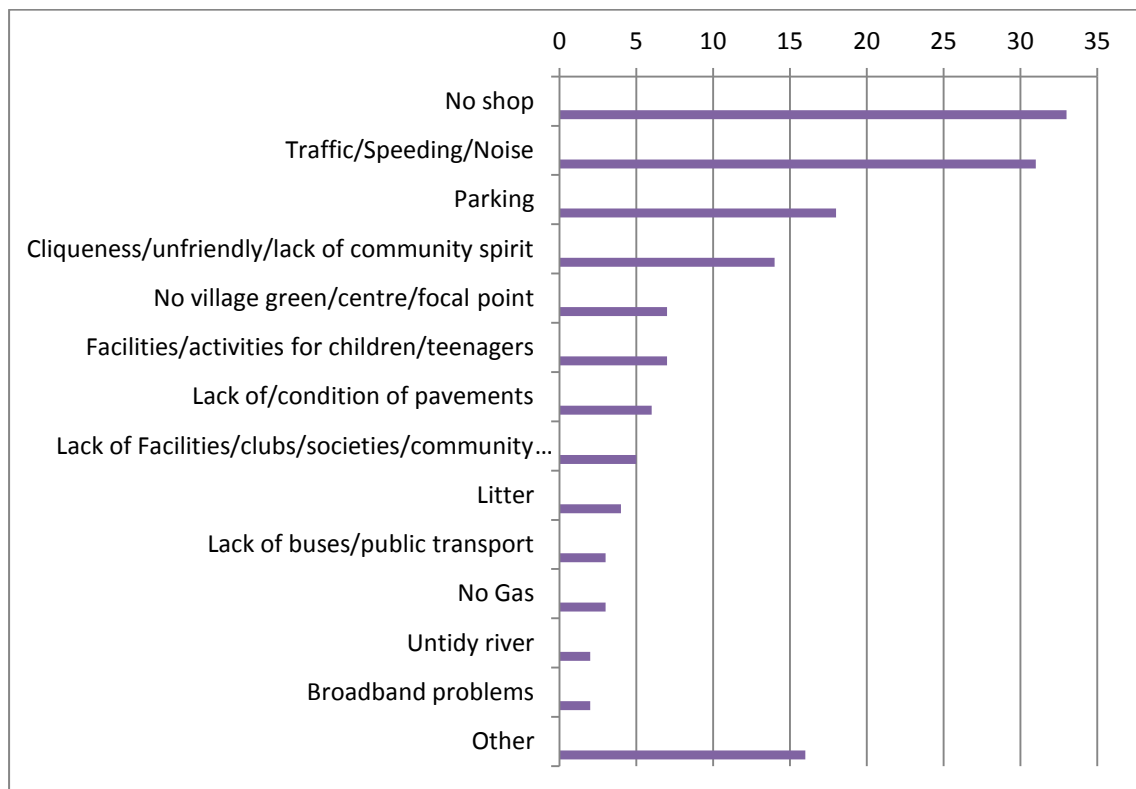
3. Can you please list up to three things you most like about living in Ogbourne St George?



Other:-

- Home
- Family
- To make my wife happy
- Good community with hardworking parish committee
- Not a 'weekend' village
- Dark
- Village activities e.g. Church/village fete
- Village life
- Hotel
- Bell ringing

4. Can you please list up to three things you most dislike about living in Ogbourne St George?



Other:-

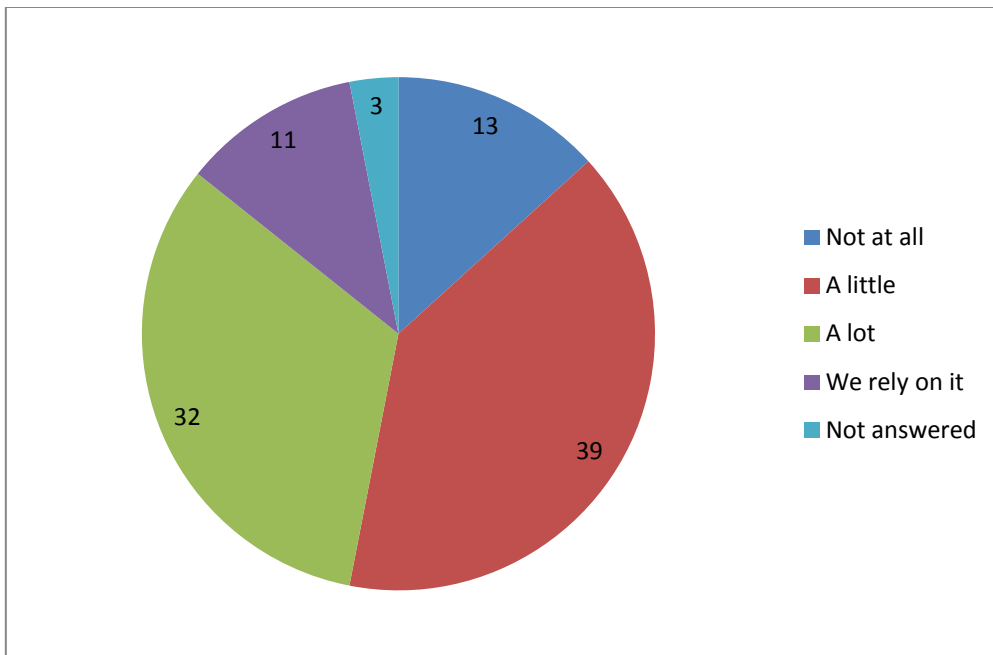
- Length of time it takes to get things done via Parish Council
- Lack of street lighting
- Community too dominated by the school
- Open land being forested for the first time for centuries and access being stopped.
- Money being wasted on the pretentious fake gates at the start of the village. They look absurd and that money could have gone to something worth while.
- Not all residents understand country life and habits!
- Bonfires [when dustbin has been collected]
- Pressure for changes based on minority view
- Attempts to provide activities/ facilities not sustainable by size of this village
- Lack of investment in village hall
- Changed from farming and rural community to commuter community with consequent NIMBYism
- Rail fares are expensive to London
- Blocked public footpaths (not clear)
- Disappearing footpaths
- The school – its self importance, traffic chaos caused by inconsiderate parents picking up and dropping off (and meandering about the road)
- The school hall – an eyesore and “threat” to our peacefulness

3 households said none.

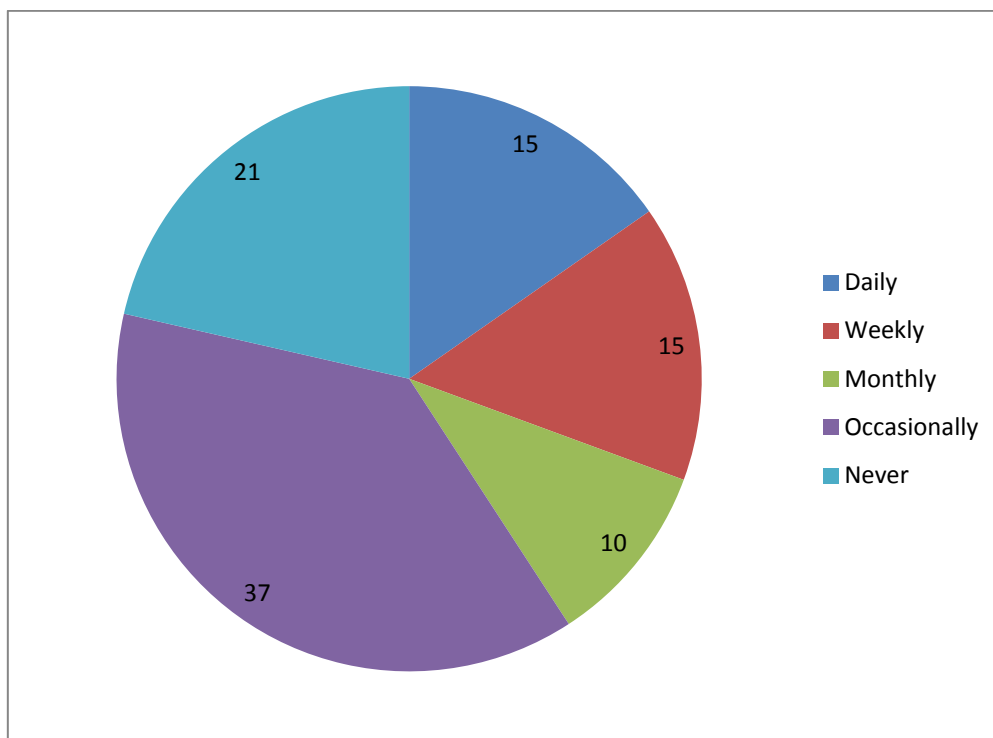
TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

Bus service

5. How much does your household value the bus service?

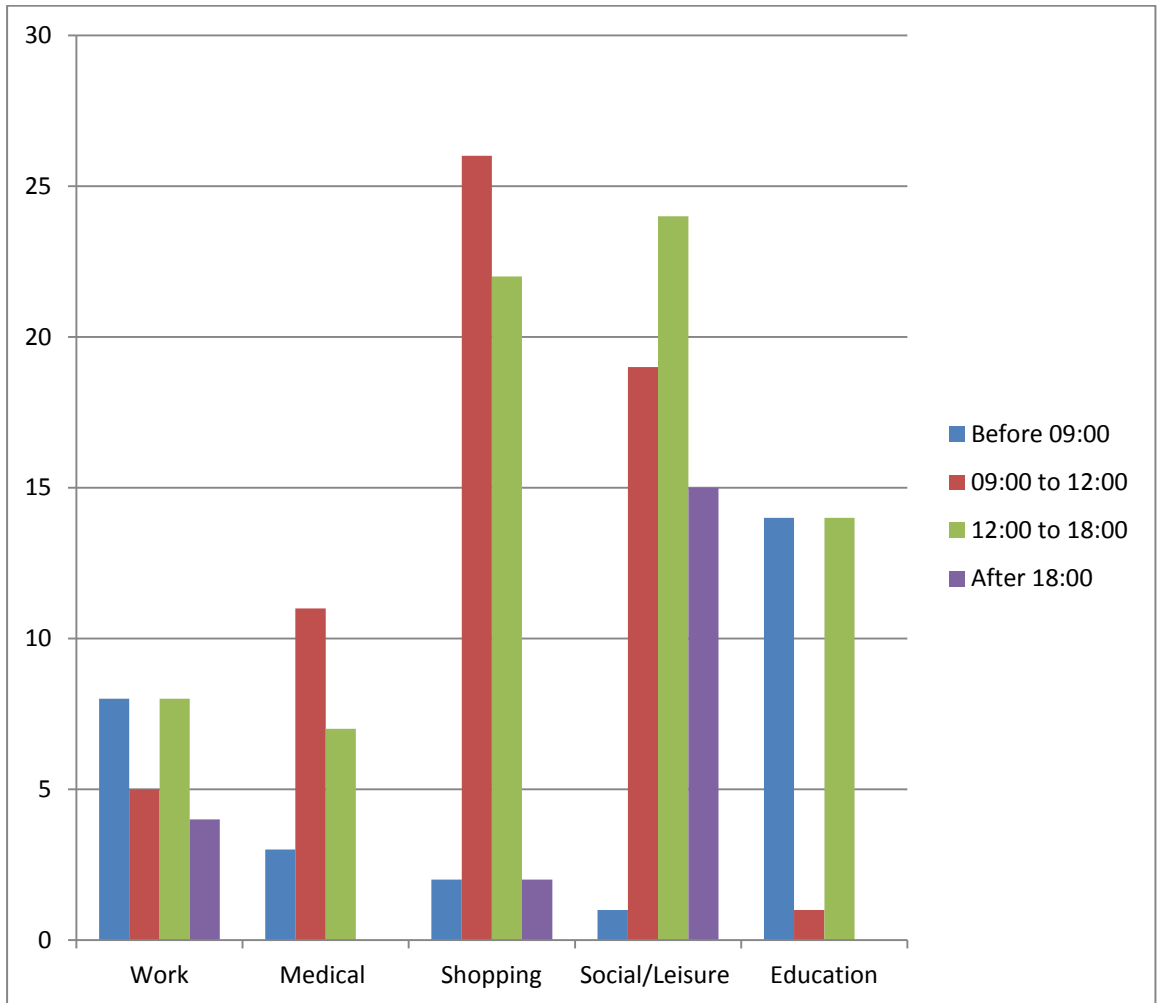


6. On average, how often does your household use a local bus service?



7. Why does your household use the bus service and at what times?

Please tick all that apply.



Any other comments about the bus service?

- It is most important
- Would not want to see the end of the bus service, as I don't intend to drive forever
- Intend to use it more in the future and know its more important to many
- Sunday bus service now very good.
- An excellent service for a small village
- I don't use the bus as I have a car, but when the car had broken, I've used the bus. I think it's vital for students and OAPs.
- Please keep it coming through the village
- We are very lucky to have such a regular bus service
- Please keep it its a lifeline especially for the older residents
- Normally on time
- Important, especially for those without cars
- This will become more valuable to us as our children get older / more independent
- Wouldn't like to see services reduced
- We use the bus very rarely, but recognise its importance to many. Glad to have it available.
- Very good
- Great to have it
- Needed for local people without transport
- Useful for our nanny plus the children enjoy bus rides
- We anticipate using the service more often as the children grow up
- The bus service is frequent enough for our small village
- It is important for the elderly, young/youth and those who can't drive, walkers quite often use
- We do not use the bus service regularly now, but value it for others and for us as we get older and potentially need it more.
- It seems good, runs to time, helpful and friendly drivers
- Excellent for visitors
- Very much improved with the X5 as now we have a regular service along the main road again.
- Half hourly service (as now) is very valuable
- Essential for elderly or non-car users
- Good and on time
- To go to Marlborough and Swindon
- We do not rely on it at the moment, but will do in the future (2)
- Good bus service for a village (2)

- The bus stop is quite a long way away and cannot walk very far so we have to have a car
- Bus stop difficult to get to and dangerous
- X5 bus stop at top of slip road by Golf Club is unsuitable and potentially dangerous
- Buses travel too fast in and out of the village
- As before bus travels too fast. Even outside the village it doesn't slow down or move over
- The bus drivers drive erratically along High Street
- Not punctual seems to be prone to vehicles breaking down
- Always seems to be late!
- Needs to be cheaper
- Do not use as often as I would like as expensive
- Fares prohibitive for group use – cheaper to use the car/taxi. Suggest a group saver or BOGOF tickets. Put forward half price off peak use, etc. cheaper season tickets
- Not enough of them especially on Sundays and Bank Holidays
- Sunday service?
- The late bus service from Marlborough should be reinstated
- Lack of night time service an issue
- Needs to stop on request at Manor House as has happened in past
- A better taxi service to and from Marlborough
- Is the timetable at both stops up to date?
- The time table in High Street bus shelter is out of date!!
- Would like more info – time tables available at bus stops
- Keep web info up to date apps particularly useful when planning more complex journeys

Traffic in the village

8. Consultation in the village at public meetings and focus groups suggests that three issues for parishioners are Parking, Speeding and Condition of roads. If you share these concerns please use the map on the following page to highlight where they impact your household.

Parking If you have a problem with cars parked on the road in the village, please indicate by putting a 'P' on the map. **(64 Households)**

Speeding If you have a problem with speeding in the village, please indicate by putting an 'S' on the map. **(61 Households)**

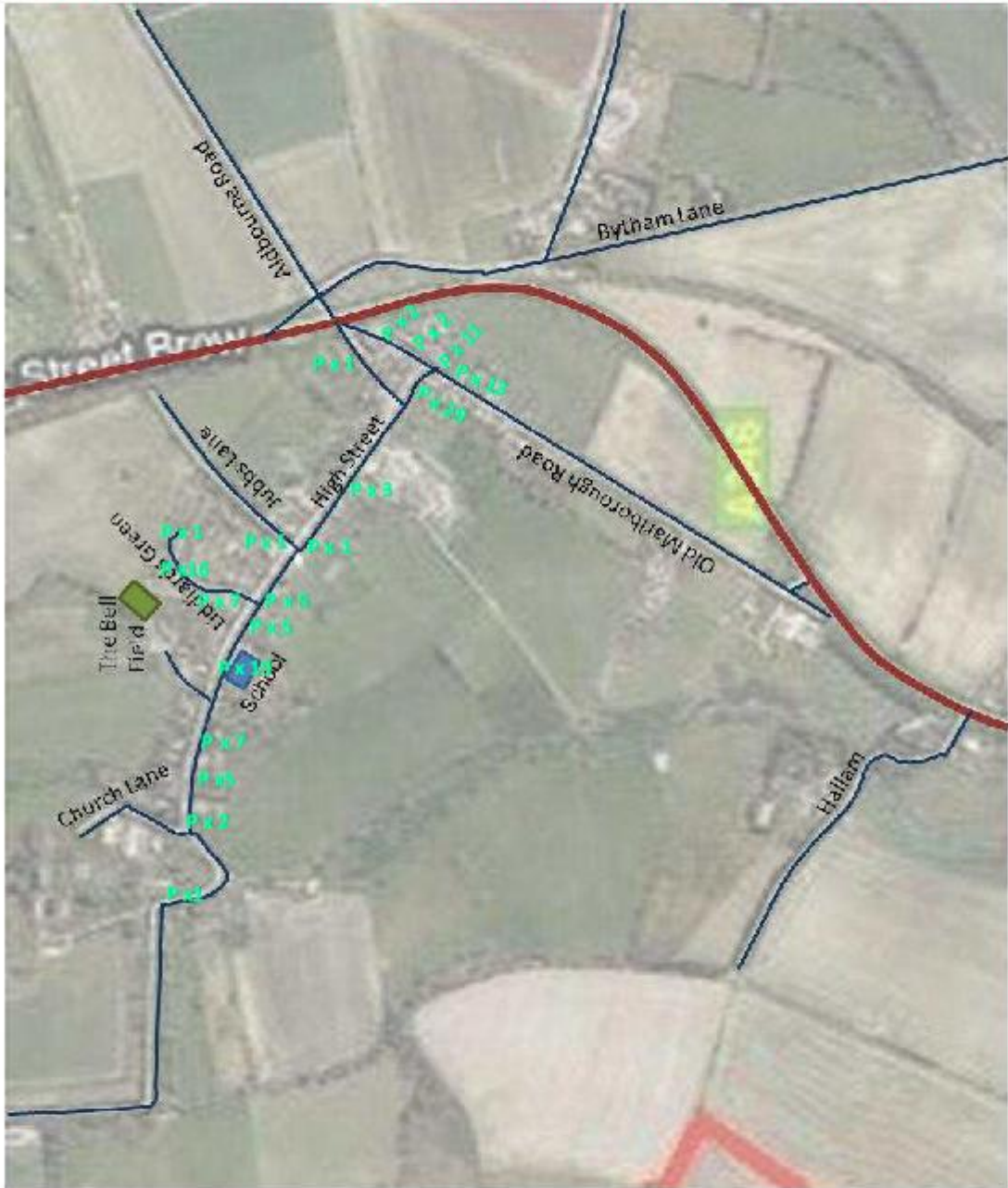
Condition of roads If you have a problem with the condition of any roads in the village, please indicate by putting an 'R' on the map. **(26 Households)**

Comments on the map

- Lower Herdswick, part of the parish of Ogbourne St George, but not on map, WHY?
- Parking during drop off and pick up at school – very dangerous for people who walk, may I suggest people walk children to school or park in the church car park and walk up
- Inconsiderate and poor parking during dropping off and picking up areas (school). No concerns of speeding or road conditions but people use the Ridgeway for vehicles when closed and are sometimes very aggressive.
- Relief road built in sections to take traffic away from centre of the village.
- Road along the back of Liddiards Green to Bell Field so we are able to park in our own back garden.
- Basically speeding on main routes into village-particularly from Aldbourne Road into Bottom Lane, and through main routes through village.
- Perhaps a mirror will help this corner –many cars cut across this corner (where Ridgeway joins at West End of village)
- Cars parked here are a real danger to all road users and especially those turning right into the High Street (from Marlborough Road), especially for larger, slower vehicles having to negotiate this.
- Presumably the areas marked (Marlborough Road/High Street junction) are illegal for parking under the Highway Code.
- Width of pavement on the Old Marlborough Road
- Condition of pavements or rather lack of them on the High Street

Ogbourne St. George Village Map

P = PARKING X NUMBER OF RECORDED COMMENTS ON PARISH PLAN 2012



Ogbourne St. George Village Map

S = SPEEDING X NUMBER OF RECORDED COMMENTS ON PARISH PLAN 2012



Ogbourne St. George Village Map

R = ROAD REPAIRS X NUMBER OF RECORDED COMMENTS ON PARISH PLAN 2012



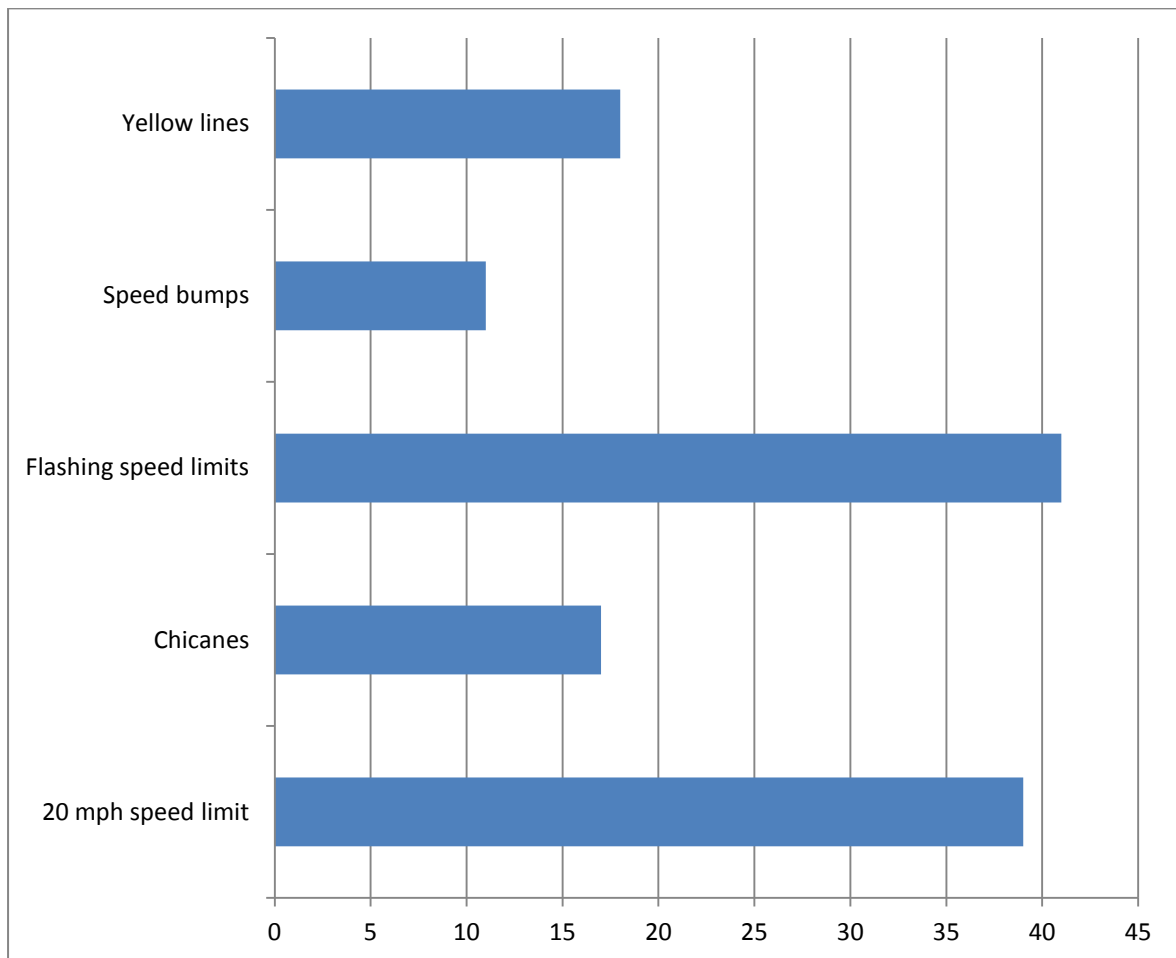
Parish Council Comment

A speed measuring system was placed in the village to measure the speed of vehicles along the Old Marlborough Road. Unfortunately at the time it was not considered by to be enough of a problem to put in traffic calming measures.

The Parish Council has requested speed guns for volunteer villagers to use and a Village Speed Watch Group to has been formed. The group has been waiting some months for their training from Wiltshire Police. We are told the delay is due to personnel changes and reassignments to the Swindon area. Parishioners are welcome to lobby the Police for faster action. Baydon Parish has also got a Speed Watch Group and we will be asking them for their lessons on what has been most effective.

Reclaim Our Villages Project. This project funded by Wiltshire Council is to be carried out by a firm of transport planning consultants and will produce a strategy for village issues – speeding/parking/school travel plans – for the whole area. The first stage of the project will look at a number of villages, consider their issues and hold a community seminar. Stage 2 will involve 7 to 8 villages and develop a strategy and list of recommendations. As a village we have signed up to Stage 2 so the issues and concerns identified by the Parish Plan questionnaire will be a good starting point. Stage 3 will be the implementation of low cost solutions and applications for the funding of these to Wiltshire Council.

9. If you feel traffic-control measures are required around the parish, which of the following do you think could be considered?



Other:

- Yellow lines-for parking on T junction
- Yellow lines at T junctions
- Yellow lines top of High Street
- Yellow lines in certain places
- Double yellows 100yds both directions from school

- Speed bumps if big enough to be effective
- Speed bumps Bottom Lane

- Chicanes at the Marlborough entrance and the bottom of Aldbourne Hill
- Chicanes on Old Marlborough Road

- By the school 20 mph (2)
- 20mph speed limit in school area
- 20mph speed limit at school during drop off and pick up times
- 25 mph speed limit
- Extending the 50mph speed limit as far as the Golf Course (A346)

- Perhaps a mini roundabout at junction of High St and Old Marlborough Rd to slow traffic down
- Speed camera with film
- Large numbers on road surface (2) and possibly coloured stripes
- The newly installed gates at either end of the village should be closer to the road. They are having no impact in their present position
- The thing is you won't do anything about it if 30 mph stickers does nothing you need physical control measures
- Park vehicles in relevant places to slow traffic down
- No parking at the entrance to Liddiards Green!!! This is for mothers/fathers too lazy to walk
- Wider pavements on Old Marlborough Road
- An education programme to encourage responsible parking & motoring would be better than restrictive traffic measures which inconvenience responsible motorists. Ensure local children (incl. Those on bikes) know their road safety.

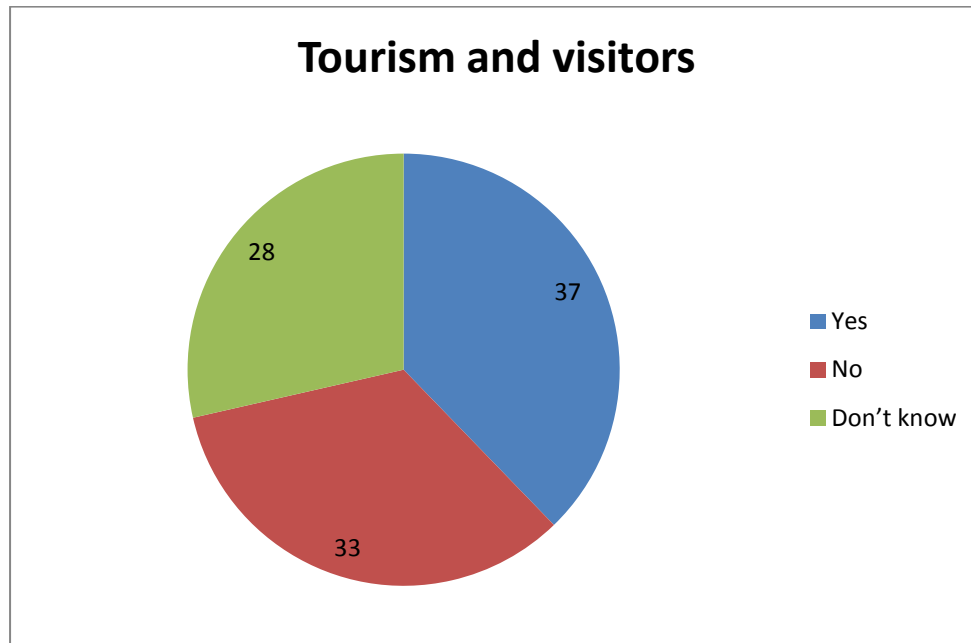
- Unfortunately nothing will be effective-it all boils down to driver education and consideration.

- None of these. All and any of these would damage the rural nature of the village.
- None – this is a rural village, there is no requirement for traffic control
- We have not really lived in the village long enough (7 months) to have any concerns about speeding, parking or conditions of roads
- None required
- Definitely **No** to any of the suggestions (2)

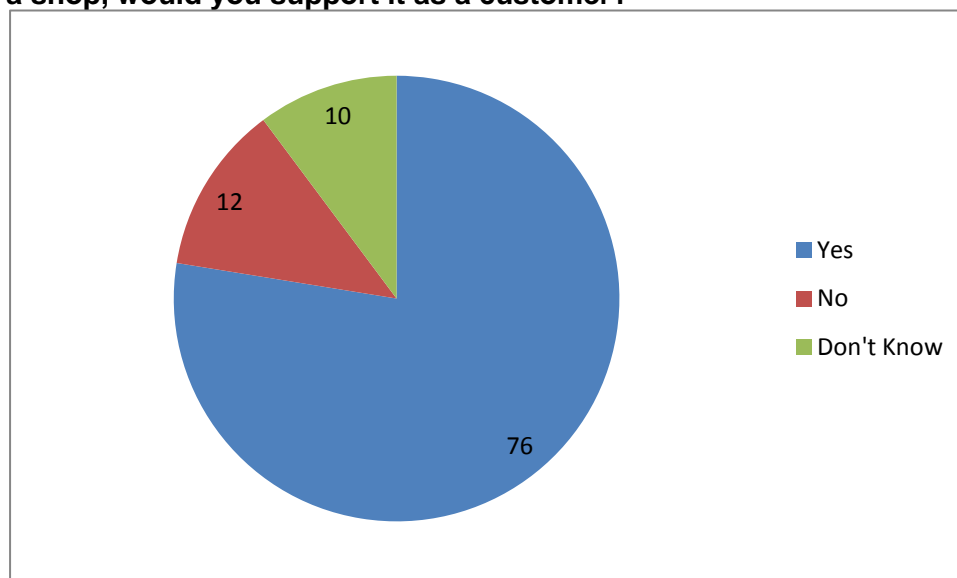
OUR SOCIETY

Community

10. Do you think the village should do more to encourage the following?



11. There has been considerable interest (for and against) a Village Shop. If there was a shop, would you support it as a customer?

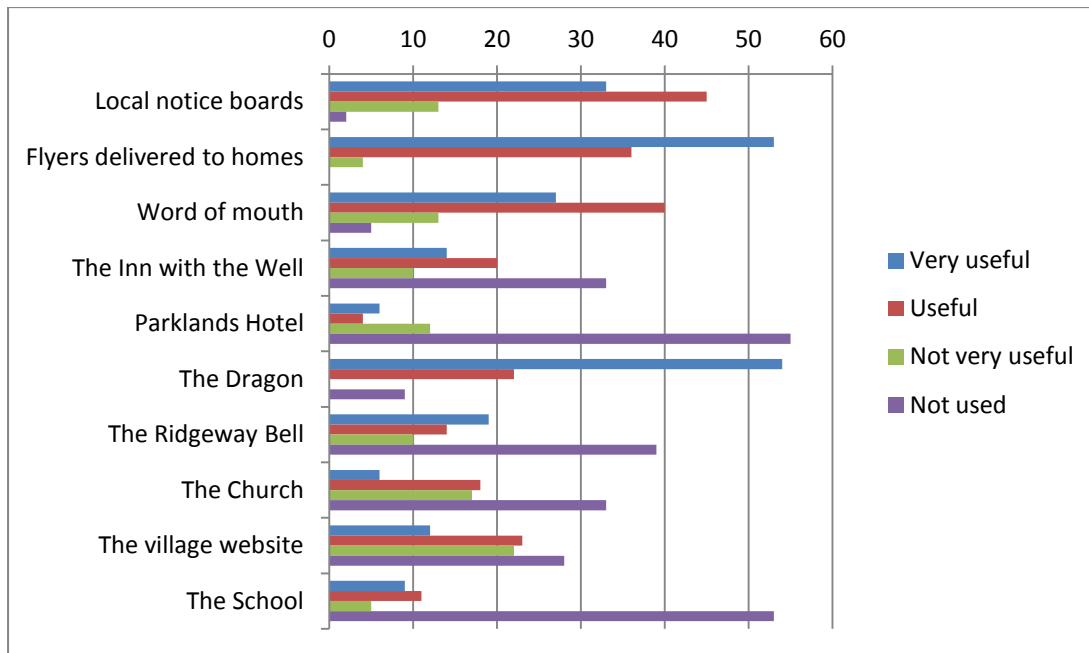


Comments:-

- Pity it wasn't supported in 1980s
- Unfortunately its too late-how many Tesco etc vans are there here daily? E.g. East Garston closed – reopened (twice)-closed again permanently
- No – Possibly small items milk, bread etc would not be enough to make it commercial.

Communication

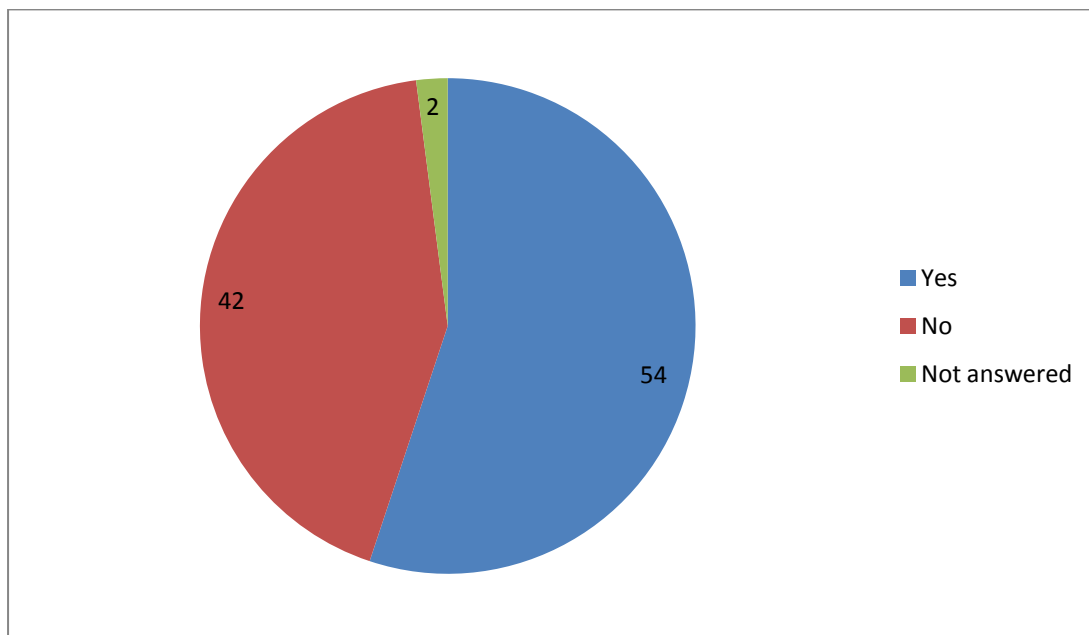
12. How useful do you find the following ways of finding out about activities and issues in the village? Tick as appropriate



- Dragon not delivered to us any more.
- Notice boards and website useful if up to date

Village Website (www.ogbournestgeorge.org.uk)

13. Do you access the Village Web Site?



For What?

- News
- To keep up with village news
- Very occasionally to see news updates etc
- News
- General interest
- For info
- For info
- General information
- To see what's on but not much on there
- General info, keeping up to date
- Information
- Information & what is going on
- General use
- Everything
- Various
- Occasional curiosity
- Local /general information /news /events (12))
- To be nosey

- Historical information
- Village history (4)
- Curiosity and village history
- Historical data /history of village – keep up to date (2)

- To look at parish agenda
- Parish council minutes(2)
- Parish council info
- PC minutes and up to date (2)
- Activities
- Events(2)

- Old photos/events
- Photos

- Looked at it when moving here to see what is on offer for parents and young children
- Local work and local information and lift shares to Marlborough
- To see what is on it & contact information for local business
- Up coming meetings

Parish Council Comment

As Editor of the website I would encourage you to visit ...

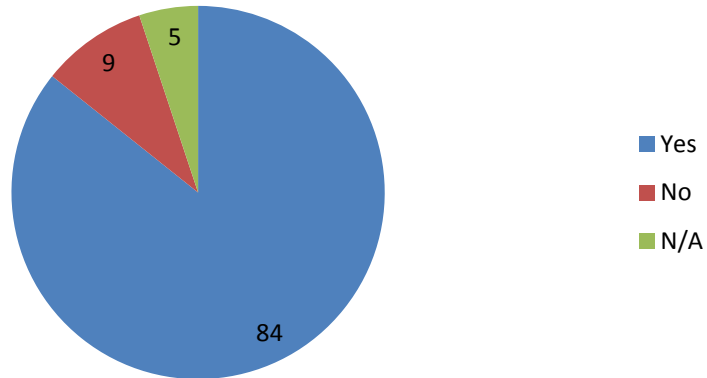
<http://ogbournestgeorge.org.uk/2012/04/04/what-do-you-want-to-say/>

14. What additional information would you like to see included?

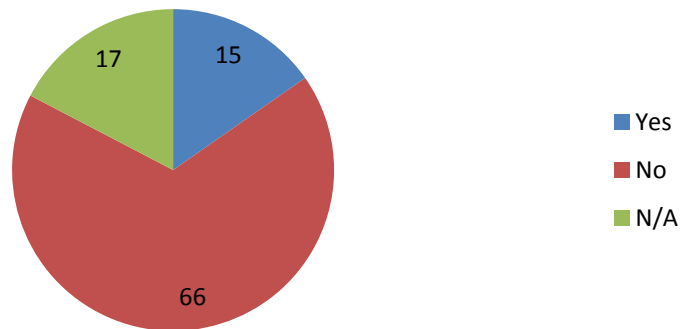
- Needs to be updated weekly
 - Keep it up to date
 - Up to date information-more frequent updates
 - Regularly updated village events
 - Anything as long as it is up to date
 - Could be better and more up to date
 - Just kept more up to date and refreshed regularly
 - Must be bang up to date and remove outdated items e.g. events which have happened-not things of historical interest
-
- Parish minutes updated regularly (not updated since May 11)
 - Up to date parish council minutes. No reason for them not to be up to date
 - Parish Council minutes
 - Minutes of PC meetings/agenda (3
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- More on what is happening and local points of interest
 - All events, all church, school, planning events (3) – see Aldbourne website
 - Diary of events
 - The dragon
 - Swop shop/recycle/for sale/wanted
 - Bus time tables (2)
 - Library bus time table
 - Names of community police officers
 - Correct information
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- We will take a look and get back to you
 - Sufficient as it is
 - Don't know

15. Broadband

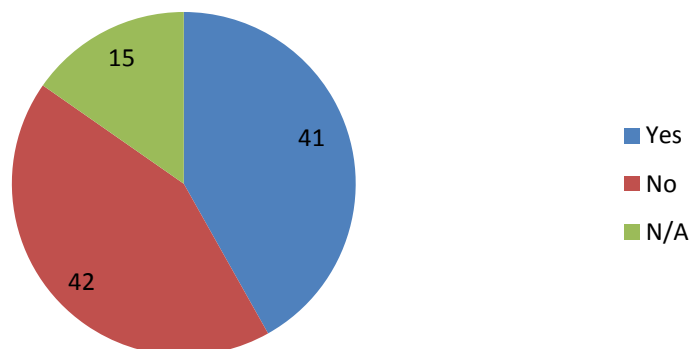
Do you use broadband?



Do you have problems connecting with broadband?



Do you have problems with broadband speed?



Any other comments?

- A faster than 6 megabyte speed would be welcome and happy to pay for a faster service-sometimes fails in poor weather.
- Broadband expensive because OSG exchange has not yet been upgraded.
- Have trouble in the early evening. But I think all towns and villages have that problem.
- It is a perfectly usable broadband speed, but faster LLU service would be very useful
- Yes to all – please sort it out
- We have a laptop, pay as you go – very slow and sometimes not available
- Often drops out at busy periods, don't have a problem with speed now but may have in future when demands increase
- Need phone exchange in Ogbourne St George to be updated soon
- Priority on keeping it optimised will help more people to work at home – results in more activity/resource in village during
- It is high time B.T. unbundled the exchange so that other providers can use it at a reasonable rate
- Could the school be used i.e. Once a week to assist people who do not have a computer to use it
- Our broadband continually drops in and out. Not good for a home worker!!
- Works well
- Village web site is not updated on a regular basis
- Do not have broadband

Local Government

Your Parish Council represents our community interests and is keen that you understand its activities

16. If you do not attend Parish Council meetings, please give reasons why.

- No interest, sorry
- My Dad goes instead
- The honest truth is apathy – will try harder
- Don't know if they have any relevance to us. (2) Didn't really realise they are open meetings
- Even when there is something of interest I generally forget when the time actually comes
- Read minutes on notice board-would attend for anything relevant.
- We have always trusted the parish council and have only attended occasional meetings when there was a matter we had a real interest in.
- We do not feel the need and would contact the council if necessary
- Only moved into village in July, still finding out what goes on
- Have not lived in village long and have not sought information about attending
- Childcare
- Usually working
- Generally at work
- Because I am at work
- Not at a time we can attend very often
- Usually at times when I have other commitments – I have attended AGMs.
- Time
- Work commitments and time
- Work long, irregular hours
- Always during the working week and not have too early and always on a Thursday which is impossible (Varied days would be better)
- Lack of time, fitting in around family life
- On many occasions we have been away – poor excuse – will try to work around in 2012.
- Young family & busy work commitments
- Time
- Forgot or clash of dates
- Not available (4)
- Because we cannot make Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings due to work commitments
- Lack of time, can read minutes on notice board

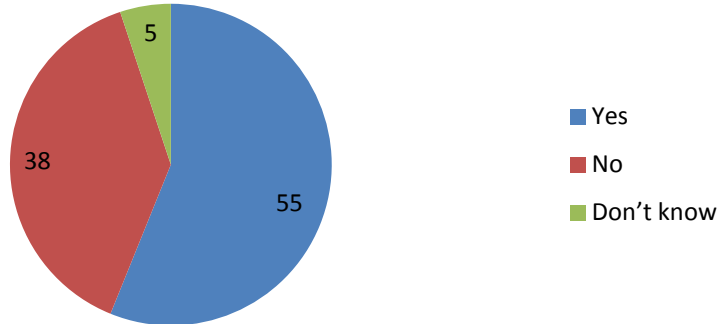
- As we are both elderly and a bit deaf, we do not feel comfortable to attend
- Not sure why, always intend to. Feel shy about going.
- Terrified of that sort of thing
- Invalid
- Too old to walk

- Not widely publicised and not always at convenient times for our household
- Never know when they are
- Not aware, when and where
- Lose track of when meetings are.
- Inconvenient times

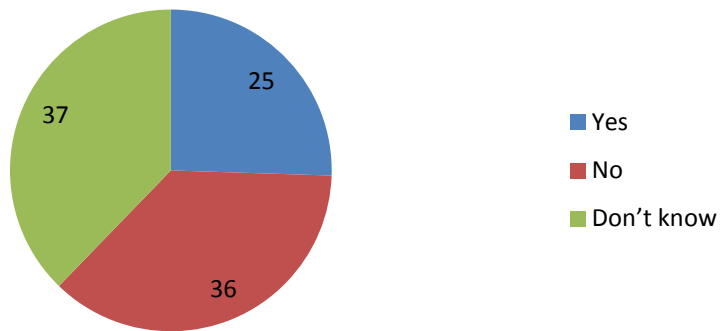
- Not sure! By reputation they are rather dull! Will try and attend more in future – would find it hard not being able to comment!
 - Minutes are not published on website up to date, so we can't easily keep track of what is being discussed or scheduled for discussion on the agenda
 - Not sure when they are on (4) and where?
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- Length of meetings
 - Go on too long and never seem to get anything done.
 - Other views in household – “boring”!
 - Long winded and badly organised
 - Do not believe Council is democratic
 - Petty. Too much in-fighting. Parish Councillors only interested in their own agendas
 - Previous lack of encouragement to contribute views and ask questions
 - They don't listen to the real problems. Sort issues that they want sorting not the people of Ogbourne.
 - If I did go nobody would listen
 - Meetings are not advertised as inclusive & impression is they are a closed shop, perhaps more could be done to increase attendance
 - The atmosphere is unwelcoming
 - Would normally attend selectively, hampered by unclear agendas, have not enjoyed the atmosphere
 - Instead of focusing on one thing and getting a positive result they try to do many things and achieve nothing
 - If I do attend, at times I wonder why?
 - PC does not achieve much
 - Too long and protracted and little is achieved – what has happened in last 12 months?
 - Wiltshire Council takes little notice of anyway apart from a few

17. More about your Parish Council.

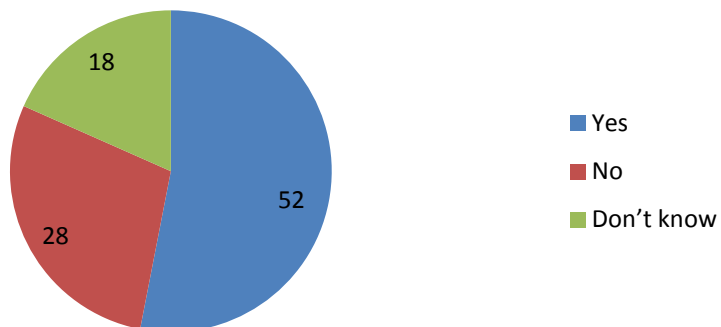
Do you know who your Parish Councillors are?



Do you think the parish council is effective?



Do you know how to raise issues with your councillors?



Any other comments

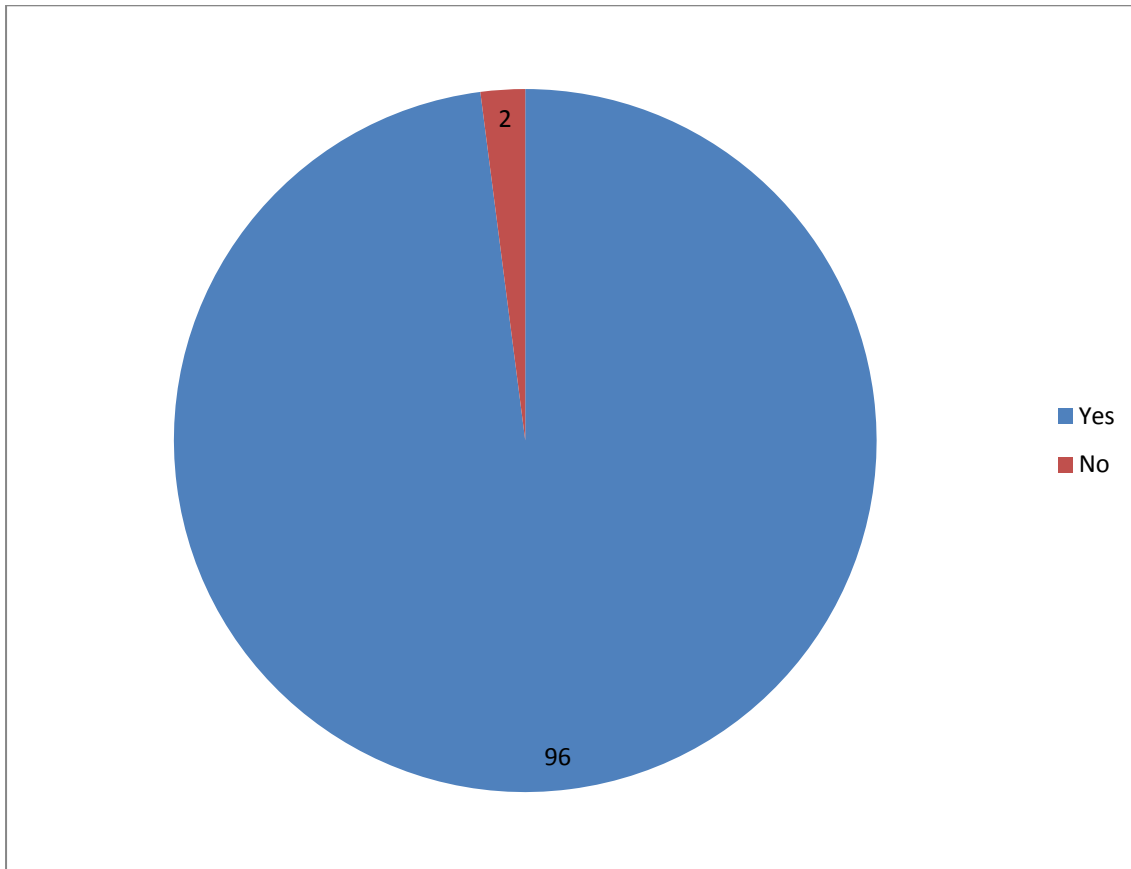
- Most of them are there for their own ends and not for the community
- Start working for the village
- Seems to involve internal fighting. People tend to join when they have a personal reason to e.g. planning applications
- Disappointed with infighting
- Parish Council is a local clique. Recently 3 members appointed with no election. 2 more members are to be elected out of 3 candidates but nothing provided re manifestos. How do you know who to vote for and what they stand for?
- Too much infighting and not enough action for the community
- Previous lack of interest by councillors discouraged raising issues
- Make meetings decisive. 5 concurrent resignations! Sort issues
- Council meetings should include participation from villagers who attend. More involvement required regarding issues with the individuals who raise them to really understand. Impression is that previous councillors seemed to have personal agendas and not village concerns at heart
- Some things take too much time to sort out/implement
- It took ages to get the wall of the Jubilee garden fixed which is strange considering we have builders in the village and presumably the services of a Parish Steward (or do we)? Like Og.St.Andrew. Not knowing about the village outline for building/letting the village boundary line lapse is a poor show
- The PC has no governance and needs to be more accountable to the village
- Would like endorse the Parish Council is worth the charge – living just outside the village, we feel slightly aggrieved that we get no benefit from the Parish Council. Whitefield's needs are totally ignored and anything we need to deal direct with the WC. Also we attended the meeting about the railway path in Chiseldon on 26/1/12 nobody from Ogbourne PC appeared to be there, yet the Mayor of Marlborough turned up!
- Communications about the parish council are poor.

- New comers to village need to be encouraged
- If we were not neighbours with a councillor, would not know how to contact
- To become more transparent, have minutes published on line and notice boards, but leave there till the next one is published

- Know one or two of the parish councillors. I think they do a good job for us, but wish we knew more about them and their functions.
- Feel more positive due to the recent events. Some new blood and new enthusiasm hopefully
- With recent changes it's difficult to remember all names, but the clerk is there – details on notice board.
- New Council may be an improvement
- Hope and trust it will be more effective from now on, would like more active approach to public areas – playground equipment/Coronation Garden bench etc
- Hope to see this change under the new regime!
- Too early to say

Safety, Security and Policing

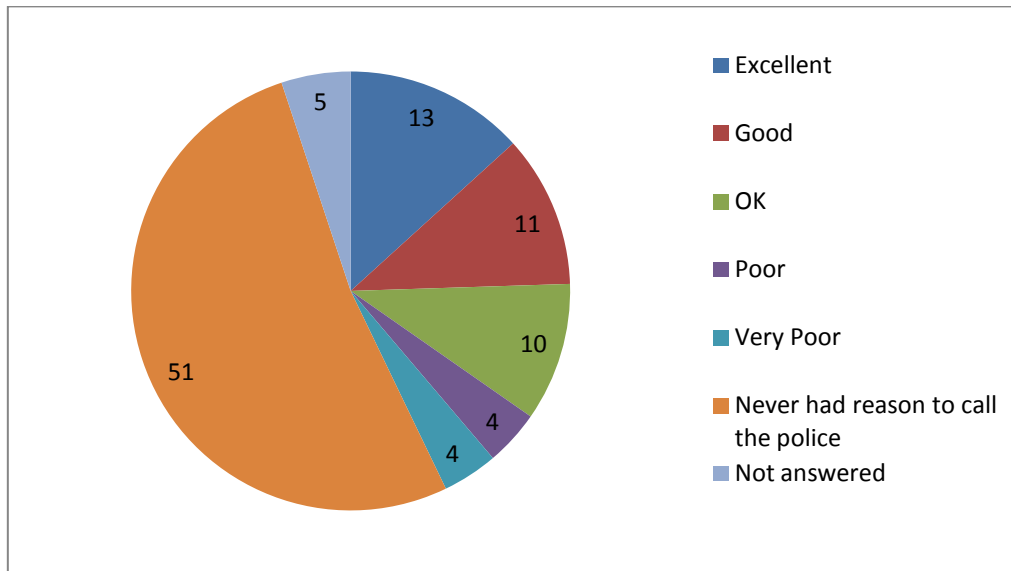
18. Do you feel safe in the Parish?



If you would like to explain, please do

- Good neighbours
- Very safe in the village
- Small amount of traffic in Hallam and watchful neighbours
- Yes – BUT big, uncontrolled dogs off the lead are an increasing problem. I have recently also seen a dog lead back at the workshop in Bytham Way, hopefully the Rottweiler is secured? NB some dogs are extremely well behaved and not the subject of this comment (or concern).
- During day time opportunist thieves call at property, at night attempted forced entries, insufficient Police presence
- There have been several burglaries from shed and outside in the past few years. Also 2 cars broken into
- I think neighbourhood watch would be good – don't feel safe walking in village with speeding vehicles. More footpaths needed – this would slow traffic
- Apart from walking children to school, as no pavement
- Nasty undercurrent

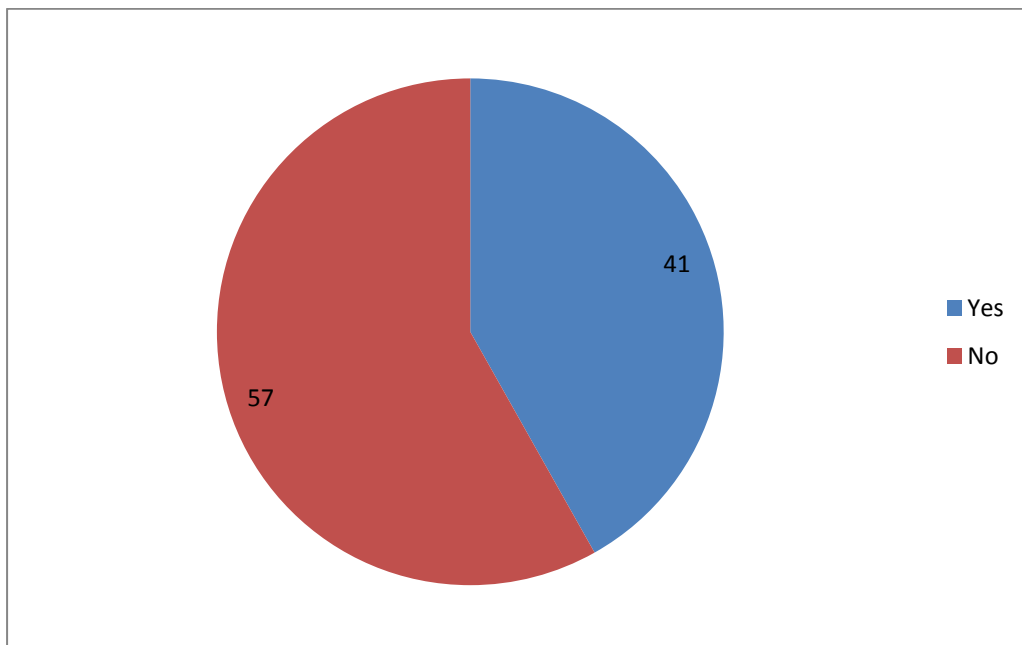
19. If you have had a reason to call the police how satisfied were you with the response?



Comments:

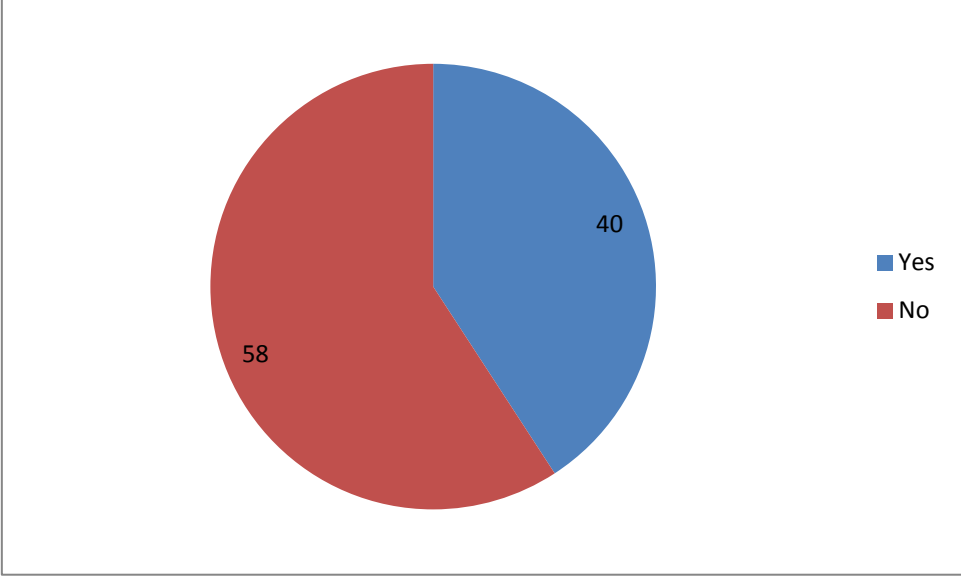
- I don't feel the police empathise at all

20. Do you know who your village community police officers are?



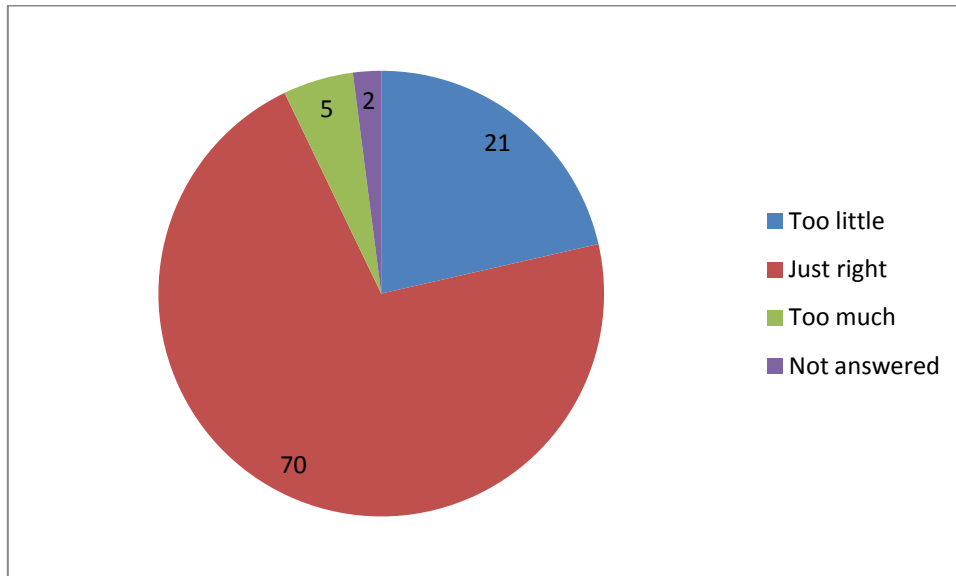
- No – though I know their name is on the notice board

21. Do you know how to contact the community police officers?



- Have seen on notice board.

22. Do you feel the street lighting in the village is too much or too little?



What changes would you like?

- More street lighting
- More and brighter lighting in some areas
- Between the Inn with the Well and St Georges Close can be very dark in winter – quite scary with cars speeding past.
- Extra lighting on the High Street
- Very dark walking towards Parklands, more lights needed.
- More lighting it is very dark around here especially when you need a bus at 6.13am
- More consistent lighting through village there are real black spots
- Street light in Bottom Lane to High Street
- Maybe a little more bright along High Street
- Perhaps a light positioned entrance to village on the Marlborough Road approach, near First House
- Light by the farmyard
- More street lighting

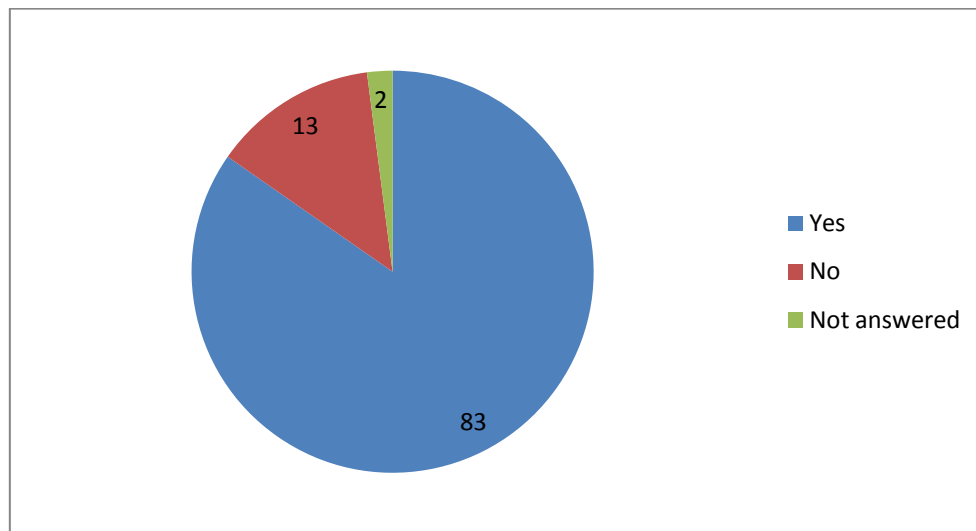
- Update the lights
- PIR lighting to save energy and light pollution
- Would like the lighting to match ie white/blue lights
- I would like to keep the white light but clean out insects and look at a few dark patches

- Turn lighting off during the night to save the planet and stop light pollution.
- Switch off after midnight to save money
- Shorter lighting times to save energy
- Some street lights are on during day time
- Turn out light after 10.30 outside 4 St. George's Close!

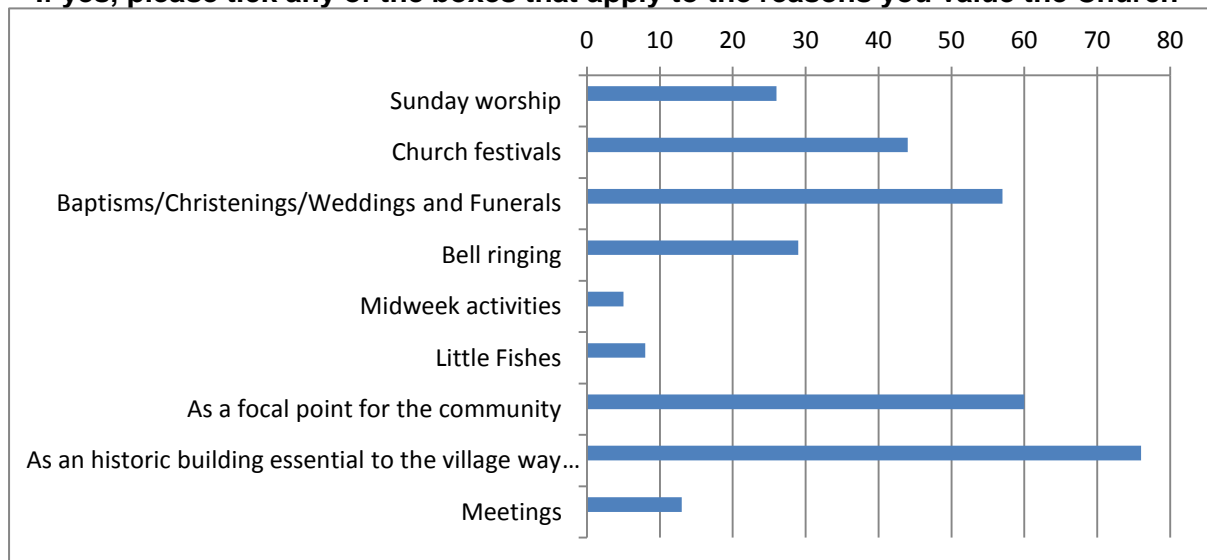
- None – lets not floodlight it!
- None

Church

23. Is St George's Church important to you?

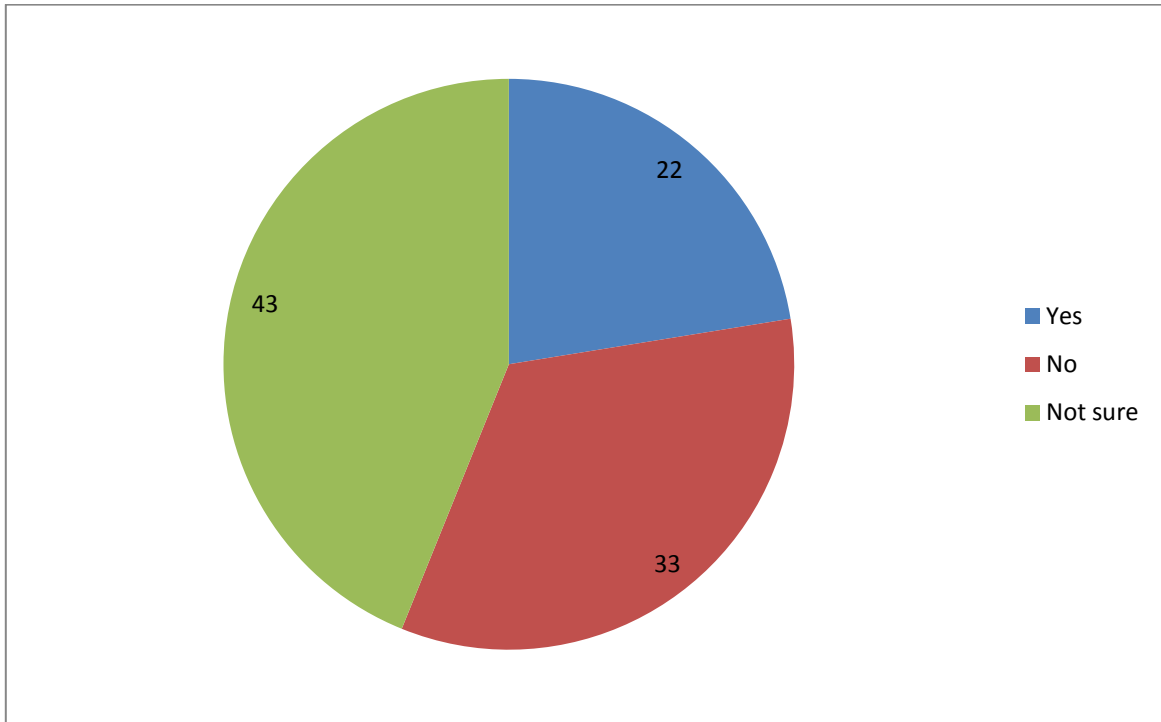


If yes, please tick any of the boxes that apply to the reasons you value the Church



- Attend out of village church on weekly basis as a whole family- otherwise we would attend much more regularly.
- My family members are buried there – 3 generations
- The churchyard may be as family buried there.
- The cemetery
- I enjoy others ringing the bells
- Sentimental – child christened in church
- Great for little children, mothers especially new to village (little fishes)
- Good school links
- Harvest supper
- Should the church building be open to be used by other 'religions'
- Should be used more for music
- We are Christians are we not?
- Disappointing lack of pastoral care outside of the regular congregation or school

24. Would you like to make greater use of the church building?



For what?

- Tourism – to attract people to the village
- Christmas tree festival
- Flower festival
- Coffee mornings
- Village social events.
- Little Dragon playgroup
- Relocate playgroup to Church
- Concerts (6)
- Piano concerto (Jack Gibbons) or other instruments
- Perhaps for fund raising activities such as concerts
- Meetings
- Classes
- Catholic mass services
- Social gatherings
- Tearooms?
- Monthly or bi monthly bistro
- Community activities
- Could it be hired for functions – help revenue or is that against the rules
- Anything that would make use of a 90% redundant and expensive building.
- Almost anything in reason, this might be helped by better pedestrian access (state of lane) + easier parking for bigger numbers
But not practical to do so unfortunately-needs to be more central to be of use
- PCC to decide and advertise

Health

25. Access to Health Services

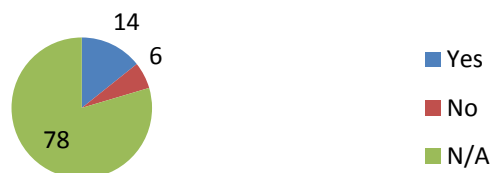
Are you satisfied with access to health services in the area?



Are you satisfied with the availability of health care in your own home?



Are you satisfied with access to social services in the area?



Are you satisfied with the availability of social services in your own home?



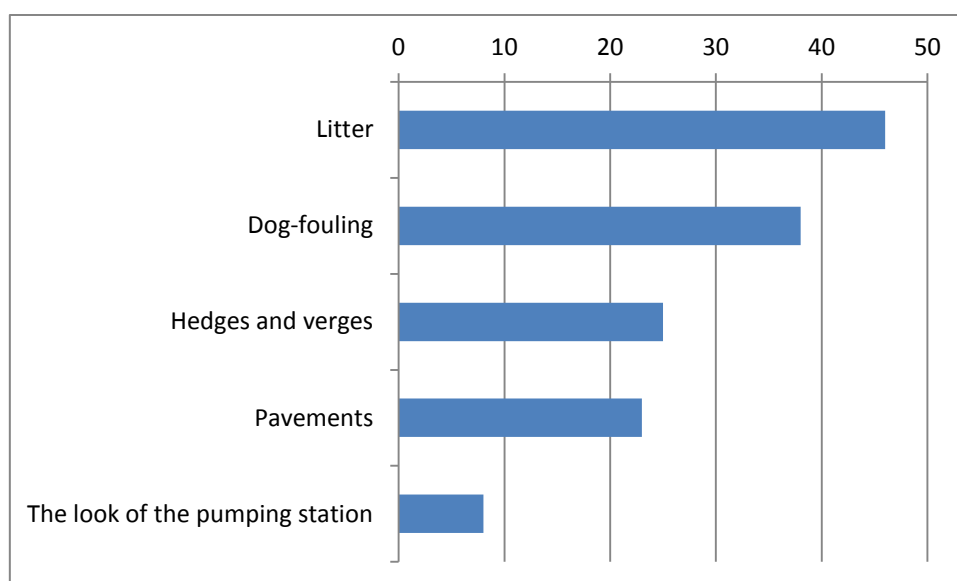
Any other comments

- Didn't realise how hard healthcare etc is to manage until recently when involved with disabled neighbour
- These ticks reflect our present situation we may need the second/third and fourth items as we get older and do not know how satisfactory the situation may be
- Booking system / repeat prescriptions on line improving – good to see
- At this moment ok but not sure as we age

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Look of the village

26. Do you find any of the following a problem in the village?



- Litter especially near school
- Fly tipping
- Litter on railway path
- Litter, especially by the bus stop and along Copse Drove Road. The amount of litter on the verges is horrible.
- Litter along Old Marlborough Road, thrown from cars
- Dog fouling along railway path
- Dog fouling on my lawn
- Cat fouling
- Hedges overhanging pavements eg on Marlborough Road
- Hedges and verges when in need of cutting back
- Verges often look scruffy particularly in summer
- Hedges and verges outside village are overcut and trimmed
- Tendency of more and more residents to erect visual barriers and spoil views a general sense of openness and community (competitive tree and hedge planting).
- Need more pavements
- Lack of pavements.
- I ticked pavements due to people parking on them when picking /dropping off at school
- Pavements – lack of them or separating area, walking to school with children could be made safer with pavements or road markings.
- Pavements would be nice
- Look of pumping station needs foliage
- There is nothing wrong with the pumping station
- Lighting that never turns off on the school hall
- The entrances to the village
- Delivery men trying to find people's houses
- If we have a parish steward could they not do useful things like keeping the streets/roads clear of hedges and litter?

Additional comment at Initial Findings meeting:

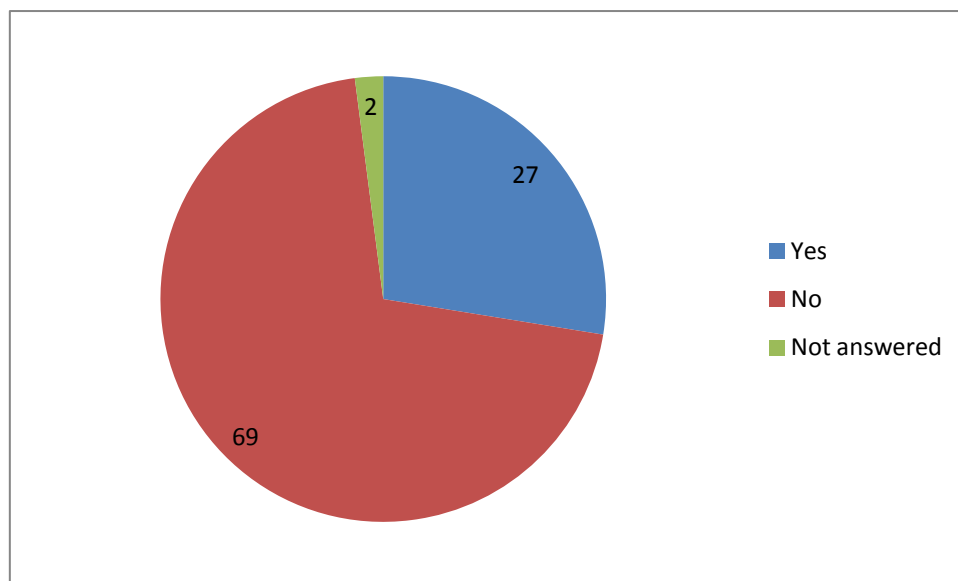
- People seem to think there is a problem with litter just outside the school, maybe the school could put a bin by their gate.

Parish Council Comment

(Litter was identified as the greatest problem.)

As a result of the Parish Plan Questionnaire a villager has volunteered to litter pick in the village. The Parish Council has provided him with a litterpicking stick, a high visibility jacket and black bags.

27. Do you have a problem with people finding your property?



- Yes – but that is unavoidable in a rural area
- No – but people have come to us claiming their sat nav tells them we should be something else

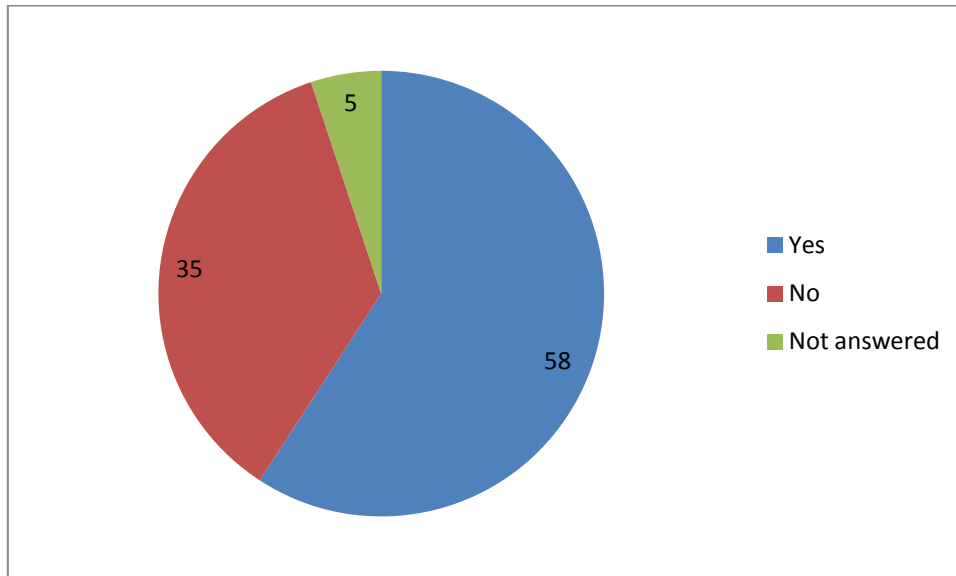
OUR ENVIRONMENT

Look of the village

28. Rubbish bins have been removed over the years. If you would like them re-instated please say where

- Put bins back in the lay bys and bus stops –Marlb.Rd (7) /Village Hall (7)
- Bus stops (8)
- Where children wait for school transport
- Liddiards Green-bus stop
- Returned to frequently used areas e.g. bus stop near Ridgeway
- Notice boards (2)
- In the High Street (3)
- High Street, Old Marlborough Road
- Outside the pubs
- Church
- The one by Park Farm was very useful when it was there
- Poole yard
- Earthline
- East end of village
- Railway path
- Where they were before
- The School and the Village Hall (2)
- Near the school, where inevitably litter seems to get dropped (7)
- Play area by village hall
- Village hall
- Around the village hall and playing field
- Maybe outside village hall and opp old Post Office
- Where useful
- No thanks
- If people throw litter on the floor they are not the sort of people who would use a bin.
- No
- No good – they were removed
- People should be responsible for their own litter, incl. Dog
- Only if maintained

29. Do you think there should be dog-poo bins in the village?



- People should take their own poo bags away with them
- Responsible owners should take own dogs poo home
- Railway would be good
- No-clear the mess up themselves and take it home
- Not sure as they cost a lot and need to go as clinical waste which may put up council tax which is not good

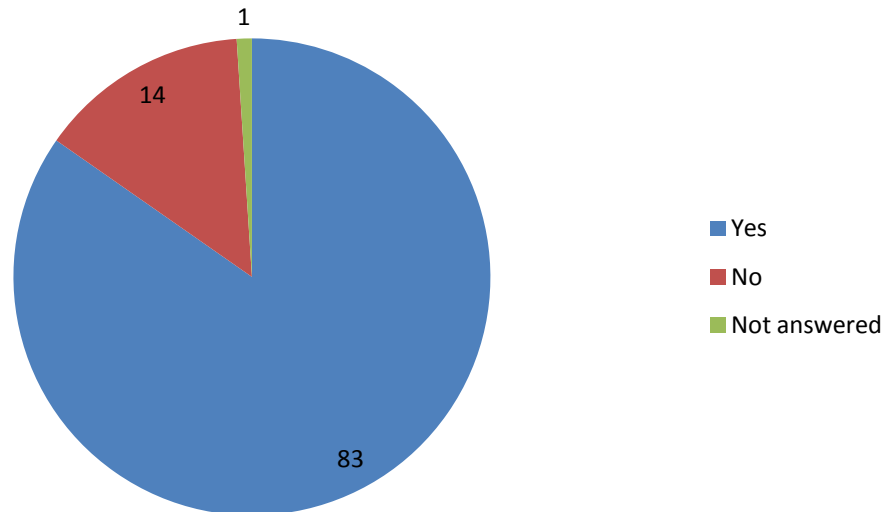
Additional comment at Initial Findings meeting:

- Define "in the village". No-one wants a poo-bin outside their house particularly if the bins are not emptied.

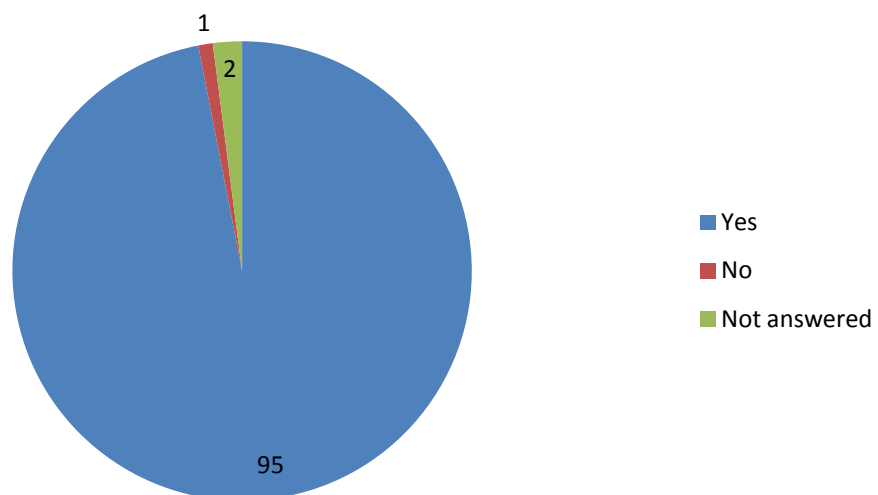
Footpaths and bridleways

30. Please indicate whether you agree with the following:

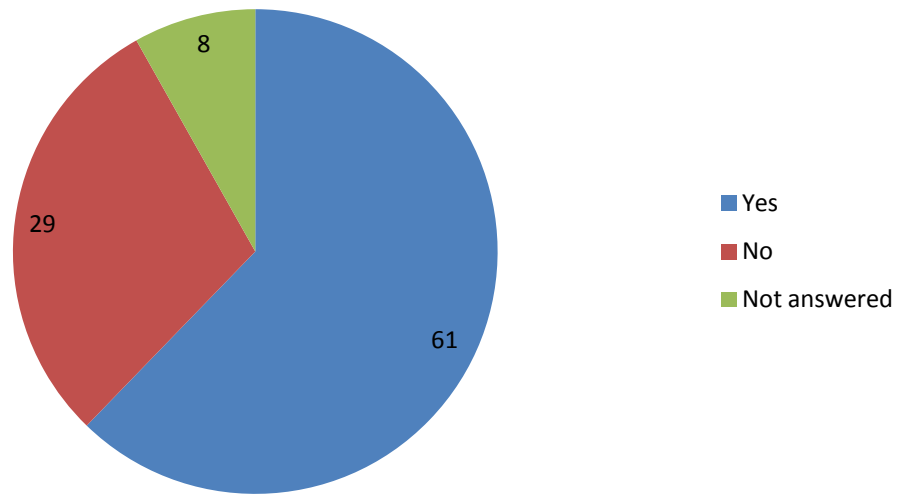
**You know where the footpaths, bridleways
and byways are in the village**



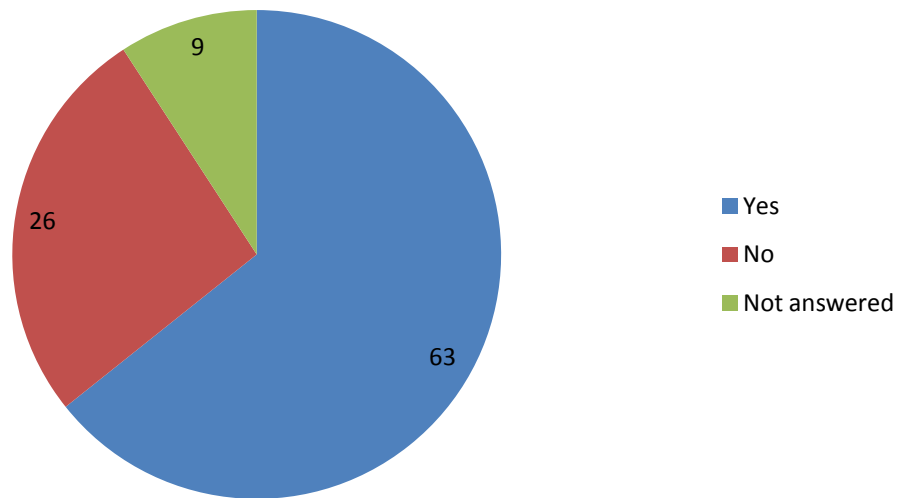
**It is important that they can be used
without difficulty**



They are well sign-posted



Gates and stiles are in good condition



Please add any further comments or specific issues

- Aware of most. Some are well signposted
- Well sign-posted/gates and stiles – reasonable
- Only been here 3 months so don't know

- Certain paths have been blocked. Not clear.
- Blocked footpaths should be unblocked
- There are blocked footpaths and bridleways. The path past the Old Rectory is now impassable
- Some footpaths blocked by farmer in village,
- Some gates and stiles in good condition and some footpaths impassable
- Some footpaths are overgrown making them inaccessible
- Several footpaths are very overgrown e.g. by Sonia Wrights nursery.
- Most gates and stiles ok-more concerned at overgrown paths (nettles)
- We have tried to use 3 footpaths that end up unclear either which route to follow next or end in a mess of brambles/bushes so had to return
- Restricted access to some paths and some gates/stiles on farm land are 'dodgy'

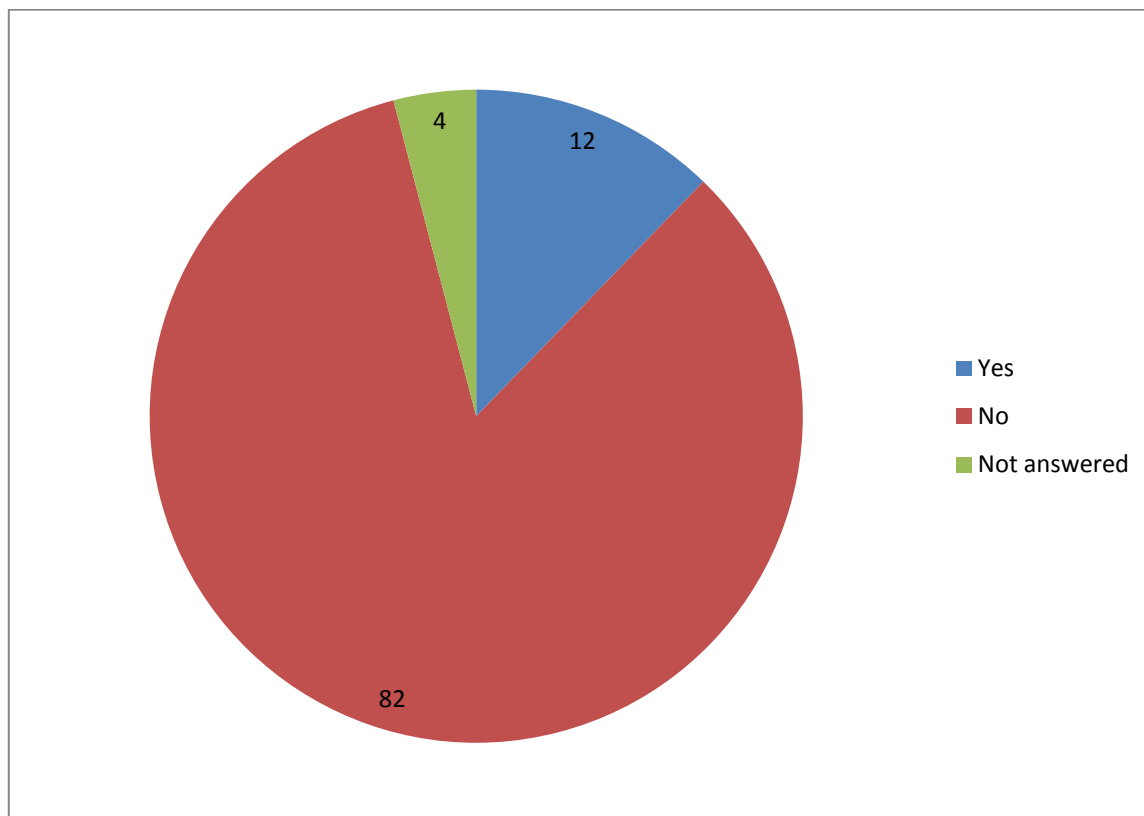
- Re-open Meadow Cottage bridleway
- The bridleway beyond Meadow Cottage to Bucklefields is still inaccessible
- Why is there a fence across the bridleway at Meadow Cottage
- Bridleway by Garden Centre along Og has been blocked for years
- Still unhappy about the blocked bridleway from nursery to pumping station
- Bridleways are blocked by barbed wire fences
- Bridleway/walkway by garden nursery blocked by fence with no stile or dog gate and needs clearing
- The bridleway along the Og and on to Buckerfields has been blocked for years.

- It would be nice for older people who can't walk far to have somewhere (here and there) to sit down on the bridleway to rest.
- As a wheelchair user, overgrowth and stiles with no gates make life impossible there
- Cannot use as in wheelchair

- Not all well signposted
- Should be information where to report stiles which need looking
- RoWs must be retained and maintained to permit circular walks round the village
- Footpaths are moved without proper court orders/procedures
- Mountain bikers have made the Old Chase Road almost unsafe for horses
- Railway bike kiosk is very useful and should be maintained/extended-hardcore surfacing required but preferably not tarmac
- Bridle way beside old railway path is not used by horses
- Field boundaries and fences not stock proof
- Dogs should be kept on leads especially when crossing fields
- PLEASE SHUT THE GATES AFTER YOU

Housing

31. Has anyone in your household ever had to leave the village to find affordable or sheltered housing or to find rented accommodation?



If you would like to give further details, please do

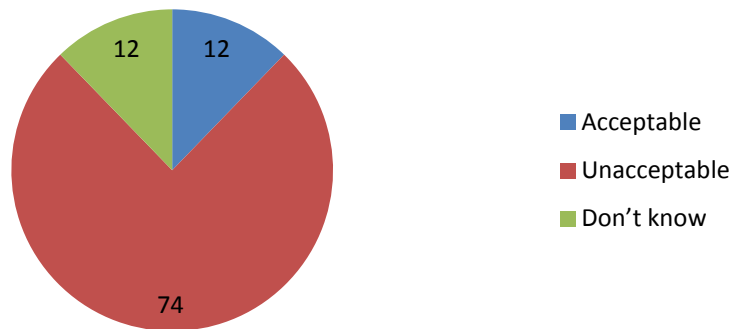
- Yes – more pensioners bungalows
- Yes – children had to leave village, could not afford to buy or rent privately, need social housing for Ogbourne people!!! The family as we know it, is being split so cannot offer help to the elderly/young as live miles apart. In years gone by families helped support families.
- Son is about to leave, because he could not afford Ogbourne

Parish Council Comment

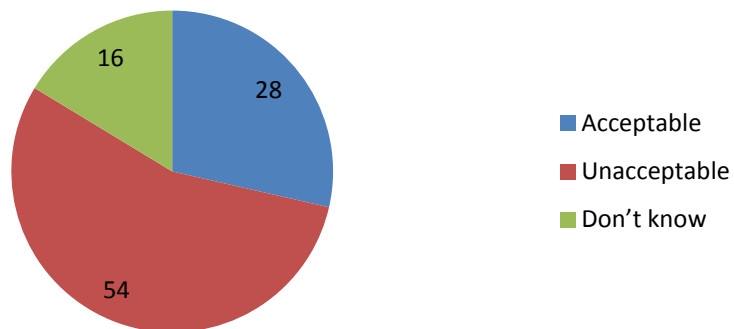
The Parish Council requested Wiltshire Council to carry out a Housing Needs Survey within the village to identify the type and size of affordable housing requirements. This will not only inform current planning applications but also any future development.

32. It may be necessary to build new housing in the parish. If new housing is to be built, which of the following is acceptable/unacceptable to you?

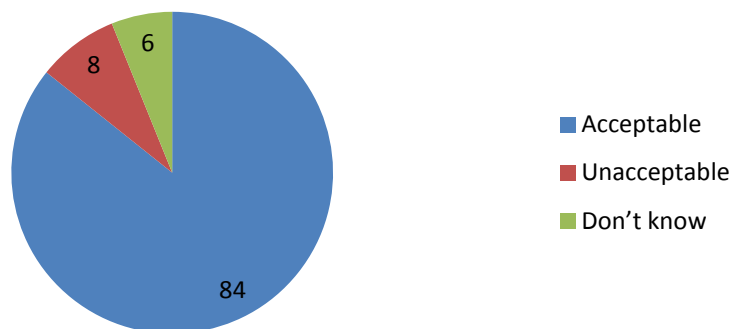
Green belt – building on new ground completely



Incremental green belt – building on new ground



Brown belt – building over existing structure(s)



Any other comments?

- Whilst there is probably a requirement for affordable housing, have to be careful not to ruin the village with inappropriate buildings, and need to consider extra traffic.
- What village boundary?
- We need more affordable and social housing, initiatives like Park Farm are to be encouraged.
- But it will happen!
- Plans to build beyond existing farm building boundary at Park Farm should be resisted
- We do not need a village green.
- We do need better facilities for children.
- What evidence is currently available to indicate that new housing is required in the village?
- Every new home will generate 2 new cars in the village.
- Ogbourne roads cannot cope with more traffic especially school days.
- Ogbourne has remained the same (reasonably) for the last hundred years and should remain so. It's only a small village and should be kept that way.
- This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and we would like to keep it that way
- Brown belt – any project must be 'in keeping' with the area. I would strongly oppose any green belt development.
- Under no circumstances should the village 'bounds' be extended
- It all depends on the siting and impact on the environment
- Make sure that any new houses, whether private or social housing is sustainable, meaning fit for purpose – don't build properties that need extensions because they are too small
- Each application needs to be considered
- Ideally some housing to be affordable for the less well off and young people. Also in keeping with the village and not overcrowded
- Don't want to see the village expand
- All development of more than 2 houses should be infill
- We would temper our views if new housing were for subsequent generations of villagers, and not for expensive houses, or to bring in new 'blood'.
- Brown belt: as long as in keeping of village.
- New blood is needed. It is important that a variety of homes is built. There is a shortage of 'starter plus' homes i.e. when a family outgrows the smallest on offer
- Building affordable housing within village is crucial to keeping village alive
- Ogbourne should not be allowed to 'sprawl' and therefore cease to have the 'small village' benefits it has at present
- It is extremely important we do not build outside the village boundary. It is important that there is not too much new housing which will change the nature of the village.

Parish Council Comment

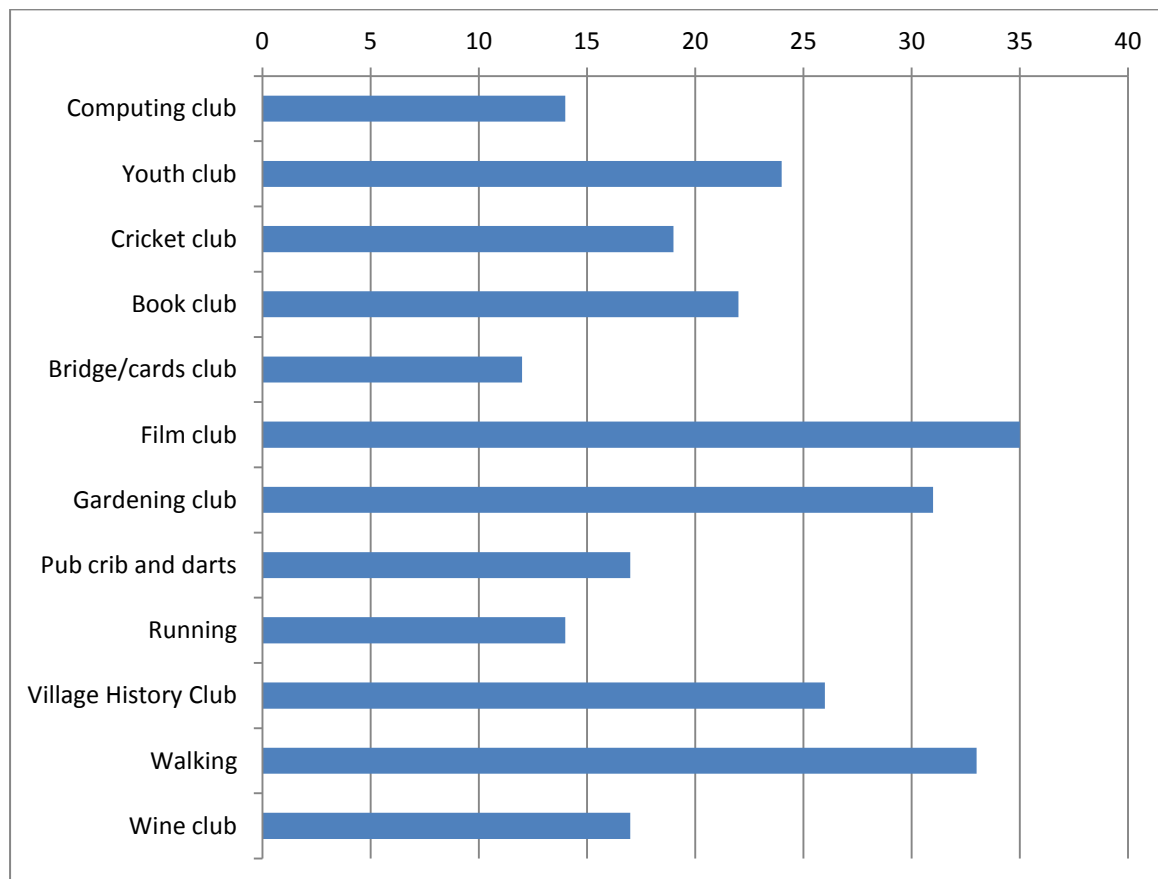
(74 households said building on green belt was unacceptable)

The Parish Council had advance notice of the response to this question and quoted the strong feelings of villagers against building on green field when replying to the planning application for the development at Pooles' Yard.

OUR LEISURE

Leisure Activities

33. Some suggestions for groups or activities in the village are listed below – what would you be interested in?

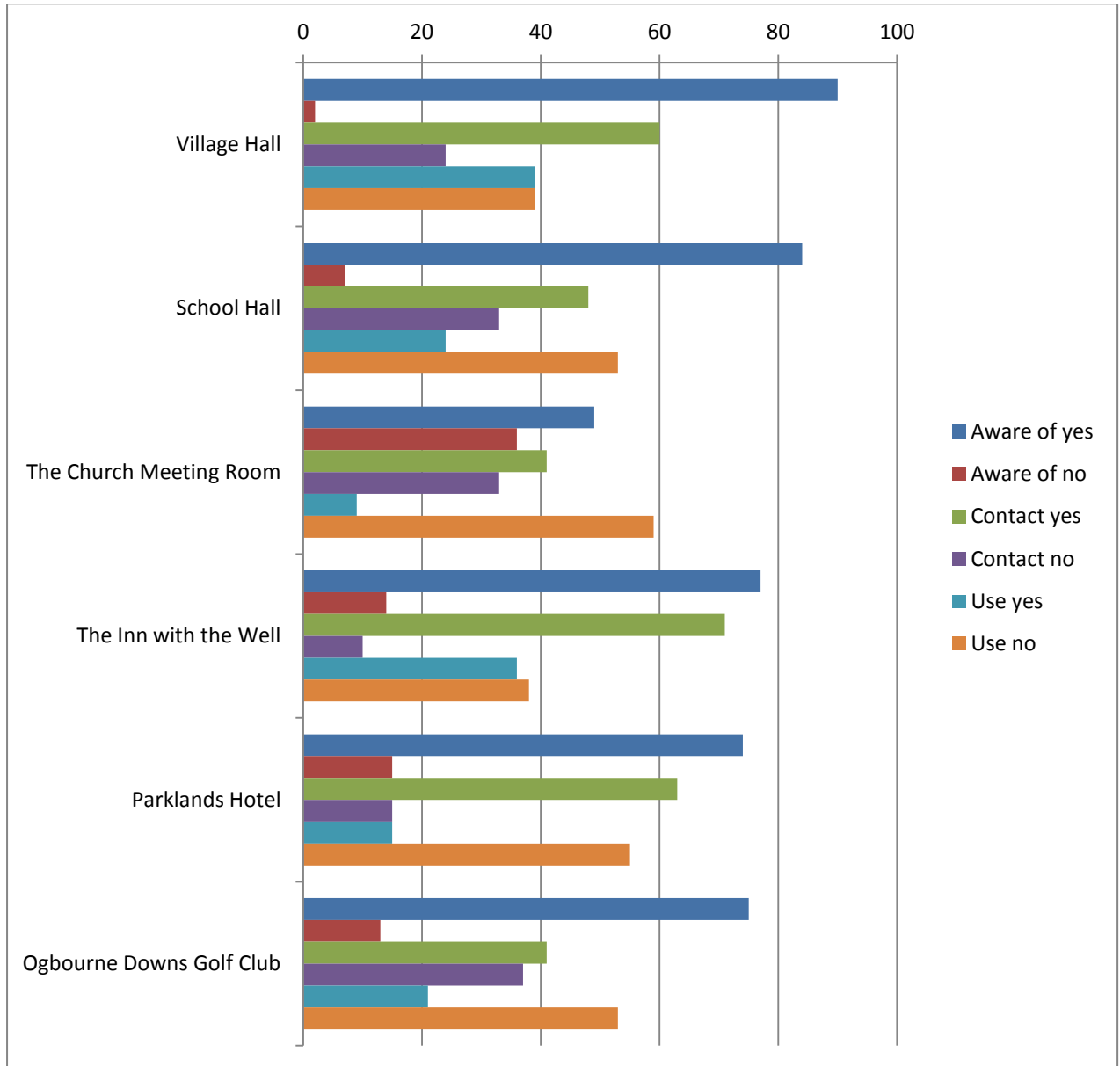


Other:

- Cycling (2)
- Annual village celebration around St Georges Day to raise funds for the village
- Art of some kind in the village hall
- Craft club
- Zumba, keep fit, diet
- Music-singing?
- All good ideas, drop in coffee for older generation
- Do our own thing thank you

Village Venues

34. There are several venues available for functions and meetings in the village.
Please indicate which you are aware of, whether you know who to contact and if you are likely to use the following.

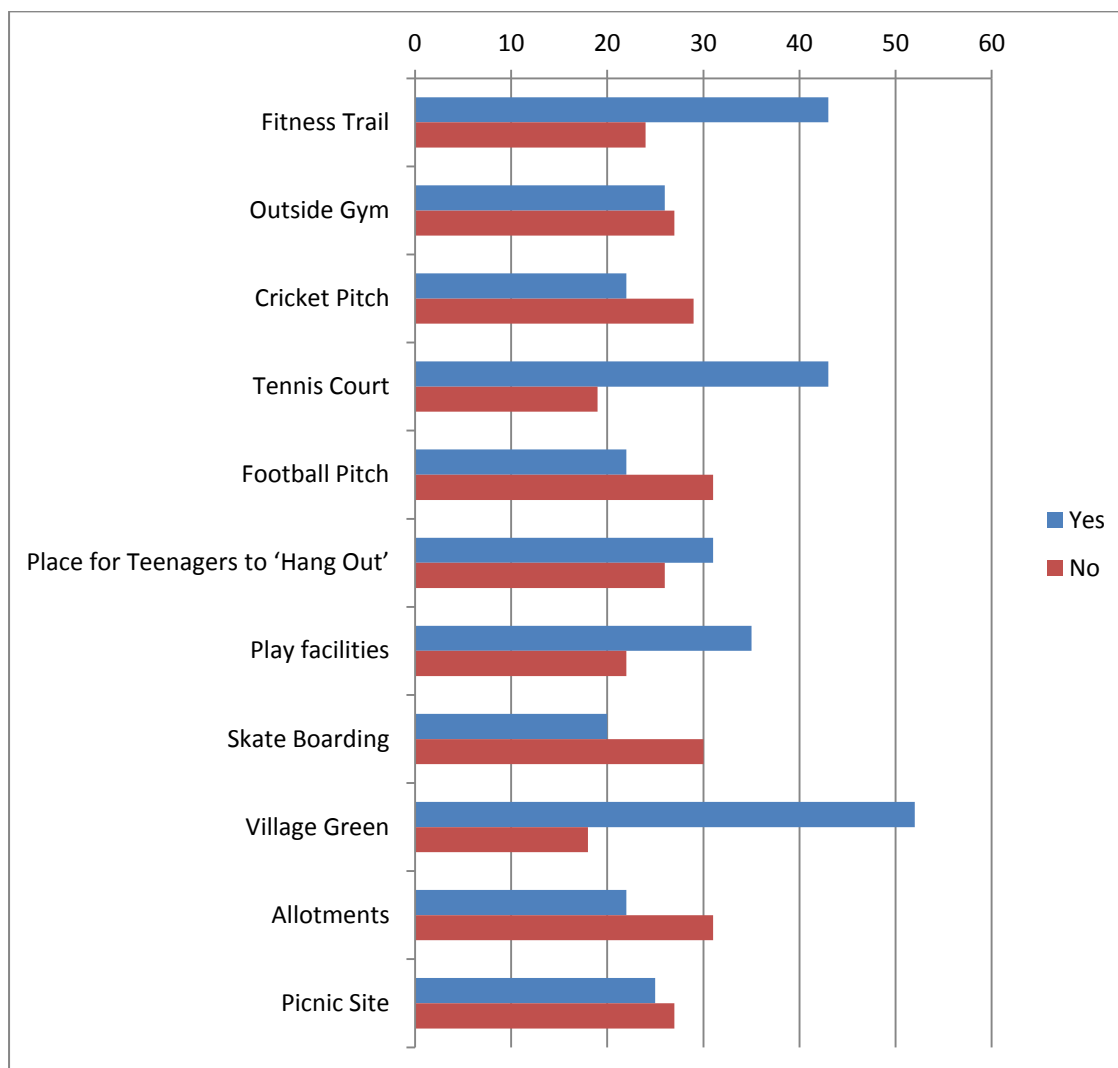


35. Any comments on these facilities?

- Was not aware that school hall could be used for functions
- Pity about school hall curfew it is a good idea to maintain facilities other than the lovely new school hall as use of that will always be (quite rightly) subject to school control, the benevolence of which is not essentially predictable.
- School halls – limited hours preclude proper use
- School Hall should be made available for major village functions – current time embargo should be changed to allow this to happen
- Extremely important the school hall is not allowed to be used after the current closing time given the considerable disruption likely to accrue. We were extremely pleased that the Parish Council was able to secure this protection for the local community.
- Clean up village hall or make school hall available later into the evening.
- Need a better village hall and school hall not available for whole village all the time
- Not allowed to have parties in village hall because neighbours complain – village hall was there before they arrived.
- Shocking lack of investment and information in our village hall. It is a disgrace and more investment and commitment is required.
- Village hall needs total refurbishment
- Village hall dominated by playgroup – very off putting
- Village hall often dirty and in need of updating
- The village hall is in desperate need of new toilets and a new kitchen, but at the very least a new mop and bucket and vacuum cleaner. The place gets dirtier and dirtier despite admirable efforts
- Village Hall – always has wall pictures, toys, etc. when hiring – not completely empty. Also not very clean!!
- The Inn with the Well could be smartened up (as The Silks)
- Given size of village we are lucky to have so many
- Fine
- Between them they offer a wide variety of services covering many different requirements. Very good balance
- Don't know who to contact, but I am sure we could find out

Sports/Recreational facilities

36. Please indicate which of the following facilities would interest you or your family.

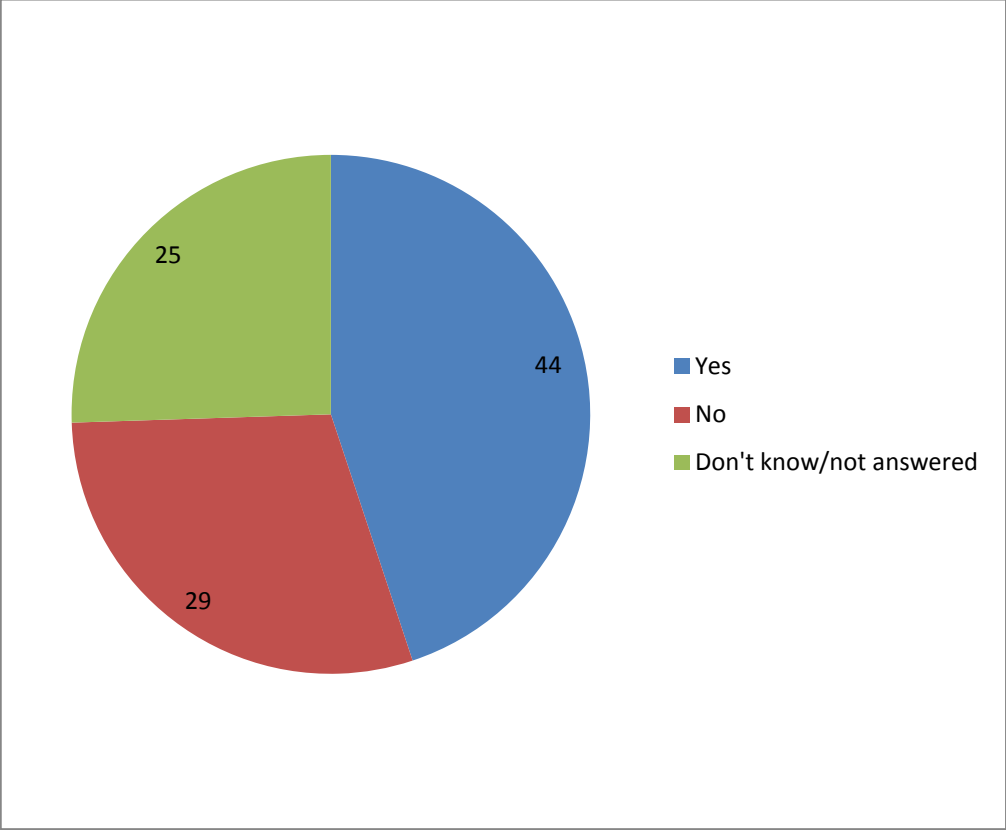


- Too old for any of the above
- Many of the above do not interest me but would like to see them in the village
- Many of these things could be disruptive and noisy (like a skateboard park) and should be avoided at all costs.
- What about the dead ground between bypass and Bytham Rd opp proposed new road (who does it belong to?)
- Rugby pitch

Additional comments made at Initial Findings meeting:

- A good place for a village green would be the nice flat farmland at the back of Liddiards Green and Jubbs Lane, bordering the railway line – good access.
- Teens do want a skate park!! Page on Facebook saying that people want a skate park www.facebook.com/oqbourneskatepark?refid=20&m_sess=SOAE15bV-rYOMXS8&ft_fbfbid.281334611943102. There is also a petition going round the village.

37. Would you like the Parish to improve the Bell Field? (See map for location)



If so, for what?

- Improve access, signage
 - Better access for wheelchairs and a dog bin
 - Level (5)
 - Levelled out so games easier to play
 - Make it flat
 - Levelled, flattened and improved access
 - Football the ground needs levelling
 - Football
 - Marking out a football pitch, getting rid of mole hills
 - Football/netball etc for 11 years plus
 - Ball games
 - Any child activities
 - Any of above (quest. 36)
 - Activities for adults and children
 - Possibly better swings/climbing frame
 - For children's play area.
 - Play area
 - Play facility but you would need to improve the slippery access path
 - Not sure – is it possible to sell for development and use proceeds to improve village hall and adjoining field?
 - Ball games, kids playground (2)
 - To be used for things like an annual village supper/summer barbeque
 - Also a site that the village could use for many more functions e.g. sport, fetes, farmers markets, car boot sales, fundraising events, the list is endless
 - The community to use for events
 - Public use
 - Village green
 - Picnic site
 - Picnic bench
 - Some seats for general use
 - Solar panel park
 - Plant an orchard and produce Ogbourne St George apple juice
 - Keep it tidy and clean
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- No-a new site should be found more open and with better access
 - No – location is problem
 - No-field on slope and inaccessible to vehicles (emergency access)
 - Has been tried and has not been a success
 - Seems a shame to be unused but it seems that its location is simply not ideal
 - Not sure how it can be done
 - I am not familiar with this
 - Not seen yet (3 Mths)
 - Will it ever work perhaps better concentrating on village green

38. The Parish Council has purchased the two disused telephone boxes for community use in the village. What would you like to see them being used for?

By the Village Hall

- Book swap (7)
- Mini library book exchange
- Lending library
- showing where all footpaths are, a static map + handouts of village walks
- Map of village & information kiosk
- detailed map of village and surrounds
- Information point
- Tourist information
- Notices and events, history displays
- Mini art gallery
- Plant swops
- comprehensive up to date bus timetables/
- swap shop
- Defibrillator (2)
- emergency resusc. unit
- No idea
- what a waste of money
- Scrap
- Remove

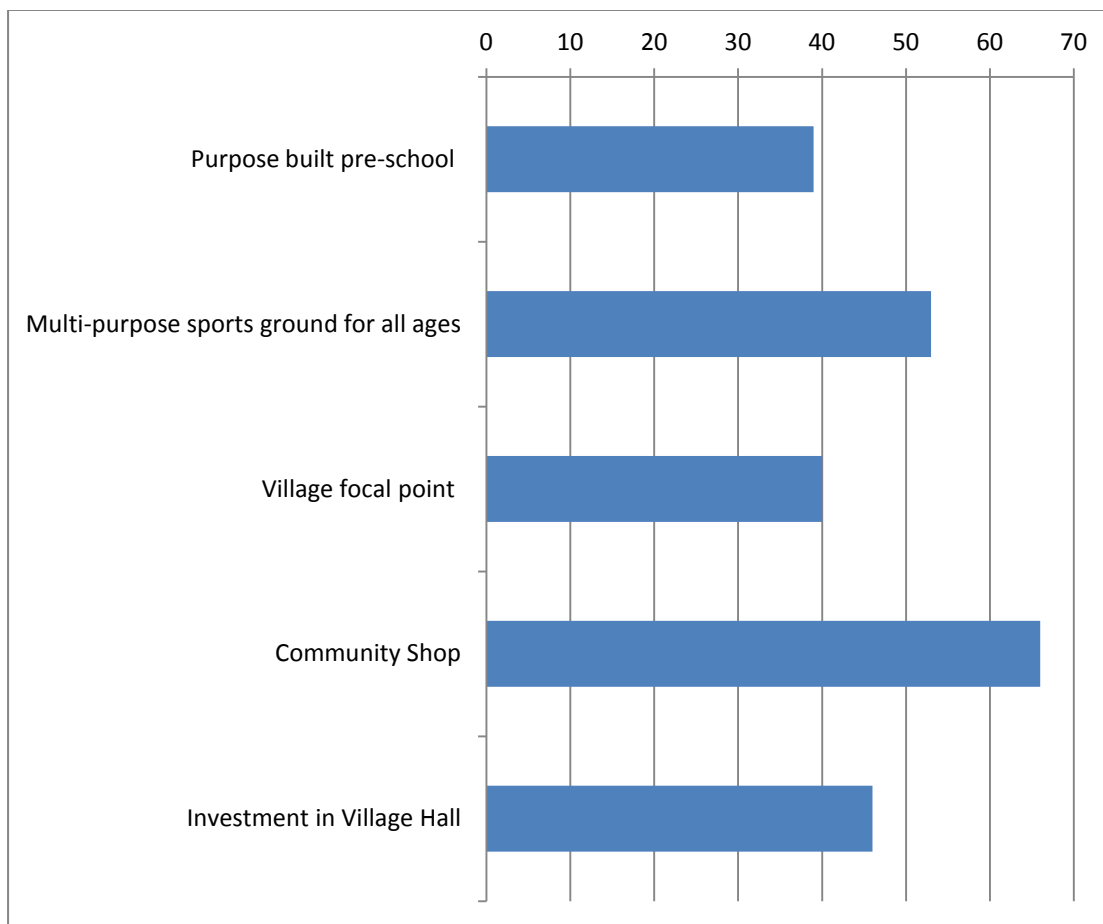
On the Old Marlborough Road.

- Book swaps
- Book Exchange
- Showing where all footpaths are, a static map + handouts of village walks/
- Map of village & information kiosk
- Tourist info brochures
- Plant swops
- Defibrillator
- Emergency resusc. unit
- No idea
- Not necessary really
- Scrap
- Remove

Either

- Book swap/exchange (8)
 - Barter exchange for services e.g. plumbing advice for technical PC support; plus vegetable and plant exchange
 - Village map
 - Information on village activities and also activities in the area
 - Information point
 - Mini information centres, leaflets, notices
 - Advertising inside/ outside
 - Advertising local events x2
 - Notice board
 - Recycled clothing point
 - DVDs (books) leaflets(walking paths)
 - Plants –honesty box
 - Photographic story of the history of Ogbourne. Plus map with High Street names that have no numbers.
 - Telephone box
 - As an old feature, locked and maintained
 - Run a competition, primary school and /secondary pupils for it's uses
 - Visitor loo
 - Anything but not so the children would wreck it
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- Nothing what so ever, what an obscure purchase
 - I didn't agree with the purchase
 - This is an eyesore and can only encourage vandalism and graffiti
 - Remove and sell if possible x2

39. Community benefits are often sought as part of new developments. If this opportunity arose in the Parish what would you consider would be important? Please tick all that apply.

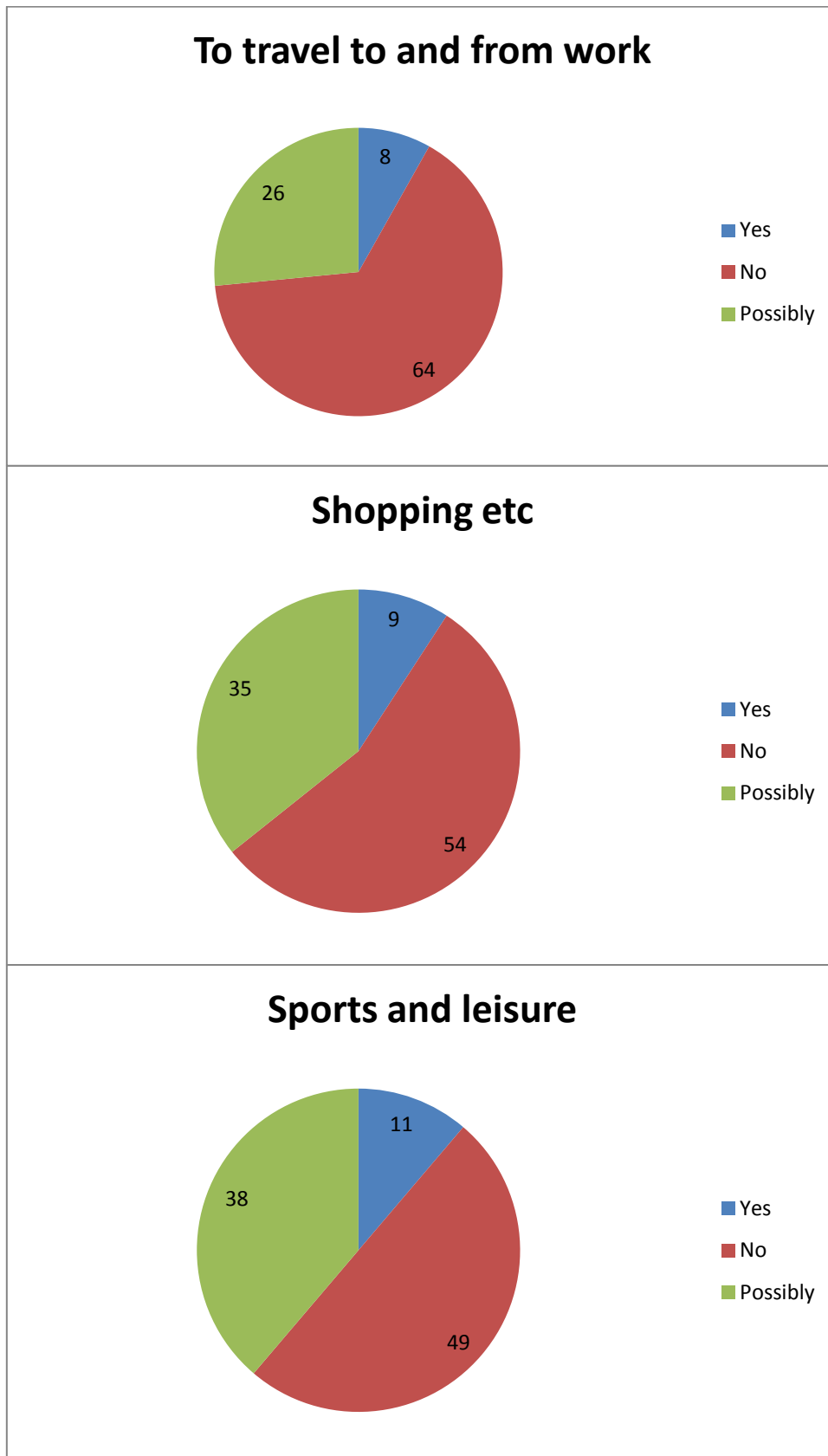


Other:

- Village Hall could provide all these
- (Investment in village hall only) Utilise village hall more – if the children (Dragons) cleared up after them people might be more inclined to use it. They leave it filthy and it's not helpful.
- Invest in Village Hall, parking provision
- Parking provision village hall
- Off street parking
- Parking for the school/residents.
- An equipped play area for under 12's
- No purpose built pre-school
- Investment in physical traffic calming measures due to increased volume of traffic, also investment to restore church
- Church Focal point
- Solar panels for electricity generation for the village on the Bell Field or new build farm building. Find other field for community use/playing field.
- Such benefits (under section 106 agreements) have to be directly relevant to and occasioned by the nature of the new development (see terms of latest local plan). This does not equate to fulfilling a 'wish list'

GREEN ISSUES

40. Would you use a car share scheme?



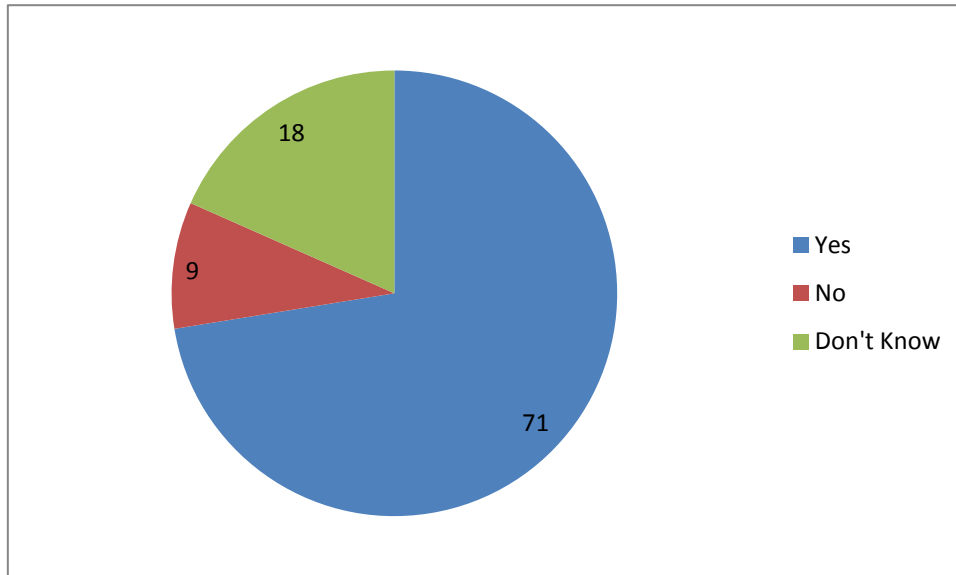
For other purposes please explain

- Support for those who need transport help i.e. a small group willing to give someone a lift somewhere.
- Always willing to give people a lift (2)
- Transporting children to activities
- Not suitable as a wheelchair user

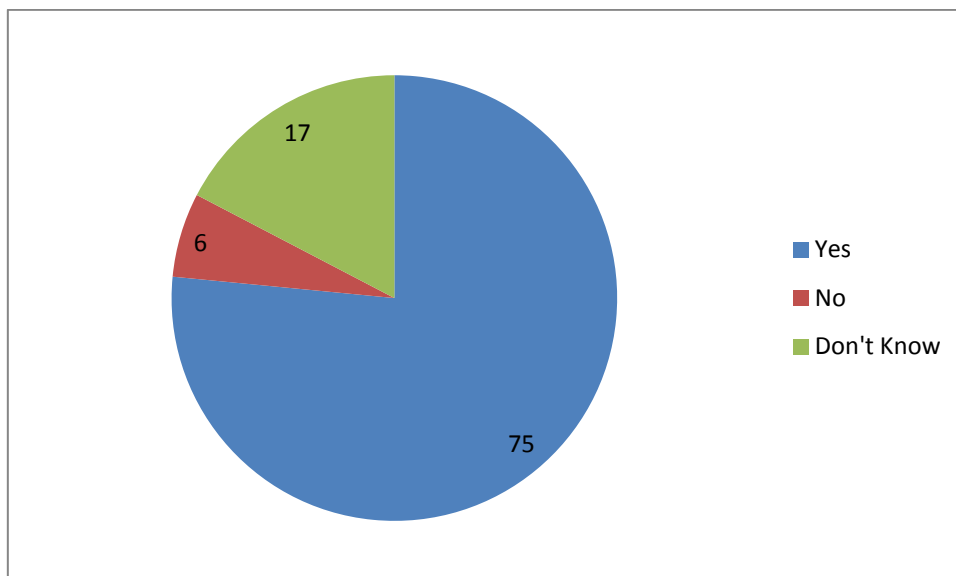
Renewable Energy

41. Would you be interested to find out how your community can be more environmentally friendly?

For private use:



For community benefit:



Additional comment at initial findings meeting:

- Collective heating oil purchase? (We already have this in place with CPL Petroleum – 01179 708000 – Ogbourne St George Consortium)

If you have any other comments about this survey or the village, please add them here:

- Brilliant questionnaire, comments clear and easy to complete – good luck with results
- Well done to the Committee for creating this questionnaire and under taking this task. We hope it proves a useful exercise and that all your hard work pays off with a robust Parish Plan.
- The survey is detailed and covers all the key issues which affect the village, well done to those who produce this.
- This has been a lot of work – much appreciated – hope things can go forward energetically in spite of the demands that will make and that lots of people will rally round.
- Good luck and many thanks
- Anything incorporated in a village plan should be based on an assessment of need or evidence based research into perceived problems. Projects sought by a minority of residents should face rigorous examination to determine feasibility and acceptability by the majority. Many appealing ideas may surface but their success or failure could depend on demographics of a small village or arrival/departure of appropriate leaders or members. Ogbourne St. George is a small rural settlement with a fairly small population. All planning for developments and projects should face up to the limitations this imposes.
- Nothing in here for the village elderly. Numbers of retired people in the village is expected to grow. Nothing about links to local charities
- Regret we are newcomers to OSG. We are not aware of anything outstanding that needs attention, just a lovely village
- Other than a few minor points we should leave the village as it is.
- This is a rural village. If you want traffic calming, pavements and more street lighting, move to Chiseldon. Reduce light pollution: turn off street lights; stop turning school hall light on out of hours (7 days a week). More support (led by the parish council and church) for older members of the community.
- We came to live here because we like the village not because we want to change it. We would be particularly concerned about having a village shop given the traffic it would undoubtedly bring – we only have to look at the effect of the small shop at Chiseldon on traffic flow. The school could benefit from some self reflection on how it is perceived by and engages with people who neither have nor ever have had children at the school. It is not the best or more important thing in the village, for some of us it is the worst. Please, please can we not have a skateboard park (the noise from the school playground after it is closed is already bad enough). We should focus on preserving what is good not change for the sake of change.
- We should create a sense of community and fundraising opportunities for things like the bell field, village hall, by utilising the name of the village with St Georges Day like many other villages do.
- Promote and advertise businesses within the village. Give more support to those businesses that employ local people.
- Thatched cottages need more protection from over development
- If a village space were to be created then a water feature would be nice to be incorporated i.e. duck pond
- Village Shop: If I had the money I would open one because I know I could run it.
- A proper pavement or footpath is needed by slip road to Golf Club & High Street to school

- More consideration from residents and other car users when parking in Liddiards Green – especially when dropping kids off at pre-school and school. Made to feel as though we are in the way. It seems that Liddiards Green – with exception of private residents – are deemed to be second class citizens, even the school has “the wrong end of the playground”. Council tenants have been made to pay for the cutting of grass by Hall and Jubbs Lane – not the private owners – not allowed to ask them for payments.
- Think the biggest problem in the village at the moment is the problem over parking. I live in Liddiards Green and have my own drive and garage. I try to use my garage but am unable to reverse out due to mainly the parents from the school and playgroup blocking me in. They also take up all the residents’ parking spaces. Also visitors to the glass studio and walkers clog up Liddiards Green, taking up residents parking rights. I feel Liddiards Green should be a residents parking zone only, and that comes from someone who has her own drive and garage. Why can’t parents and visitors to the school be more considerate? Why do they feel they all have to park within 20yds of the school or playgroup? Speed in the village is also a huge problem, mainly on the Old Marlborough Road. The solution is a mini roundabout with the junction of the High Street. It will slow everything down.
- We feel that Ogbourne roads are so much busier now due to the school. Parking (school) causes problems. We don’t need to make this school bigger, as it would cause more traffic and parking problems. Walking as a pedestrian can be dangerous as traffic cannot get past and pedestrians are at risk. The school should give priority to Ogbourne children. Also parents park on the garage access and kerbs of Liddiards Green.
- Any development on Chapel Meadow should not be permitted as this would have a detrimental effect on any future alterations of the A346 that might need to be made in time to come e.g. a roundabout between the golf club and Lime Kiln, which would slow down bypass traffic and reduce noise (as traffic on lower level) and reduce volume of traffic through village Aldbourne to Marlborough)
- I’m finding the them/us, have/have nots have grown over the years. Us as social housing dwellers are looked down on. The village now seems like a glorified executive estate. There is no balance and I don’t know how it can be rectified. Well I do – more social housing.
- Most of this does not apply as we are outside the village on Whitefield Road
- The PC has a pathetic record on traffic calming – all they do is talk & talk is cheap. A meeting was held to improve the junction of Bottom Lane to Old Marlborough Rd with Highways and PC. Agreed actions were taken to improve signage and road markings – nothing has been done yet again. With new planning application for housing this will increase the volume of traffic in Bottom Lane and the request to make Bottom Lane one way with Parklands the entrance and Police House being exit – but again this as all other requests has fallen on stony ground. For once let’s see if the PC can bring anything to fruition.
- I am quite new to the village and still finding my feet. I am concerned that the Park Farm Development will get bigger and bigger, encroach on surrounding green land. As the current plans stand it is okay, but will it stop there?
- T junction parking are a real danger to all road users and especially those turning right, as well as larger slower vehicles having to negotiate turning into the High Street

- The lack of pavement along High Street on the route to school is a huge problem. It is only a matter of time before a tragedy like that in Woodborough; where a young boy was run over and killed by a bus; happens here. I only have a short 'school run' every day with my young children, but it is incredibly stressful – and they are good children with excellent road awareness. It is so dangerous. The farm vehicles and buses that use the High Street have very little regard for pedestrians.
- Parking on Old Marlborough Road has significantly increased since The Inn with The Well was expanded to offer accommodation. This restricts the road and it is an accident waiting to happen. The lane running behind the Old Marlborough Road from The Inn with the Well (Old Police House) to the Parklands Hotel is used as a rat run. This should be stopped with the lane being for access only.