



SALC Priddy Community Review 2022-23

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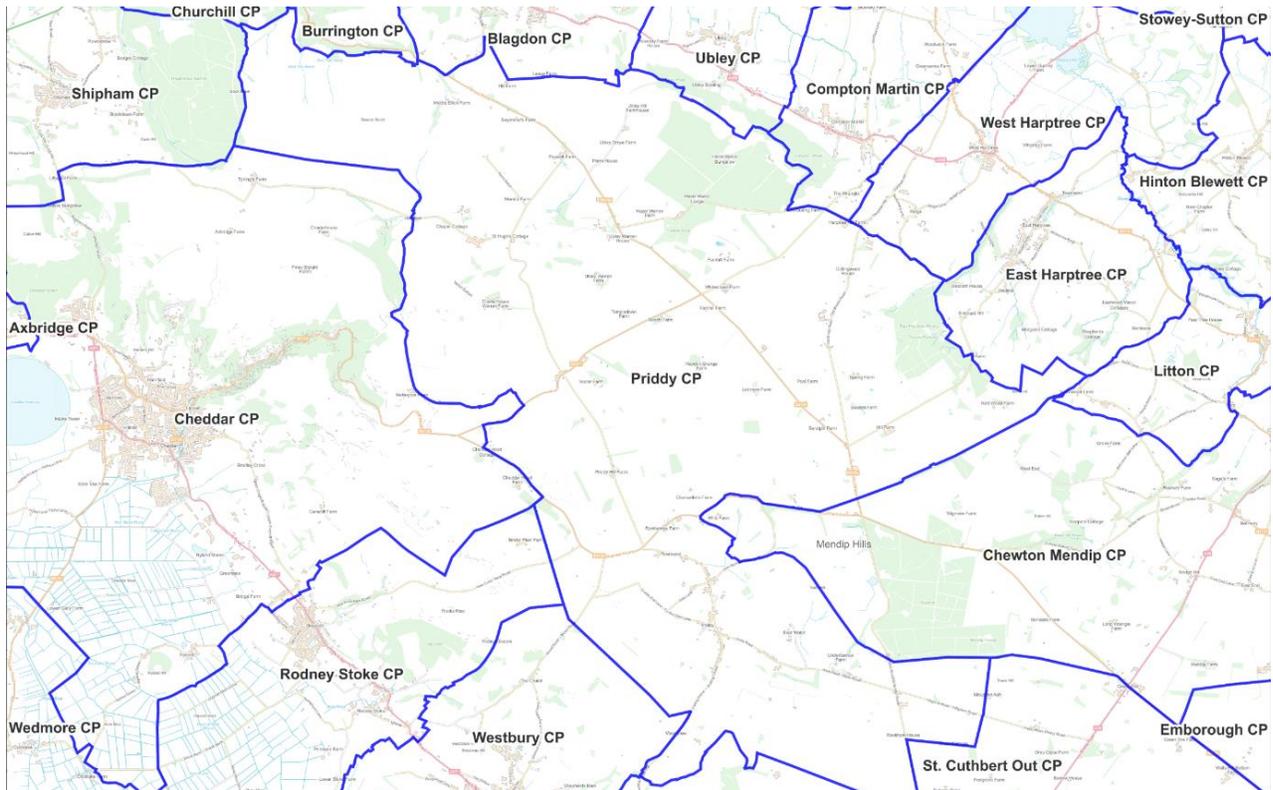
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Introduction



Background and Survey Purpose

The Parish Council is in the fortunate position of having a reasonable sum of money not tied to operational costs which we wish to use for the benefit of the parishioners. To do this, we must have a clear idea of what is important to the parishioners and that is why we worked with “Smart Communities” – <https://smartcommunities.online/> - (at no cost to the Council) to do a survey in December 2022.

The results of this survey will be used to help us prioritise where the funds will be used and where we should concentrate our efforts as we put together a longer-term Parish Plan. They will also provide supporting data when we bid for grants and engage with other governmental and non-governmental agencies (including the new Somerset Unitary Authority). Whilst the powers of the Parish Council are limited, data is important in helping us to influence and work with other bodies.

We received 102, responses, from within the Parish (and a further 6 responses from outside the parish), which, we estimate, represents 16% of the population or 40%-50% of households.

This document provides an analysis of the survey responses, with a detailed breakdown in subsequent sections.

Methodology

In September 2022 Parish Council called for members of the public to join the Community Survey Steering Group to formulate the survey and take the process through analysis, the action plan, and the publication of the Community Review. The group consisted of two members of the Parish Council and three residents of the parish, with the Clerk providing support. Throughout the process, SMART Communities provided guidance and managed the survey, analysis and action plan format. The Community Review will summarise the findings and indicate how the parish will act upon the feedback received through the survey.

The survey went live at the end of November 2022 and was open for a month until the end of December. Parishioners were informed through the Pew magazine, Facebook, and the Council's email bulletin as well as on noticeboards and at prominent facilities around the parish as well as being invited to input face to face at a public meeting.

Analysis of the data started in January 2023, the result of which is this paper. From this the Action Plan is being developed through the Steering Group. This may result in further consultation on specific projects and some actions are already being implemented. Please note where questions state please tick all that apply this will supply statistics that on first glance will indicate more than 108 responses.

The Community Review will be completed after the Parish Meeting, which will be the final means of consulting with the community as a whole.

Key Points

- The survey suggests that many people move to Priddy and stay, attracted by the environment and the community. There is a general desire to preserve the look and feel of Priddy, from conserving the wildlife to keeping the traditional look of housing.
- There is clear interest in sustainability and caring for the environment. For example, a significant number want to plant more trees and create wildflower areas and verges; just over 50% expressed interest in a wind turbine or solar farm.
- There is some concern with the impact of traffic on the community – 64% highlighting speeding. There is a general desire for better services, especially public transport (36%),
- Just over 40% answered a question on facilities for children / young people. Of these, 65% wanted a play area.
- Nearly 90% responded to the questions on housing. Of those, 59% want some affordable housing for locals and 46% want housing to be low carbon / “eco-friendly”, further reflecting the concern for the environment. 74% of respondents want housing to be in keeping with traditional styles (these two objectives are not mutually exclusive)

- There is enthusiasm for local events including bonfire night (69% of all respondents), a village fete (66%) and the Folk Festival (61%).
- Social Media – mainly village Facebook group – (72% of all respondents) and the PEW Parish magazine (51%) are the main ways people hear what is going on in the parish, but people would like to know more, and the Parish Council could do more to communicate (e.g. by improving the website).

What happens next?

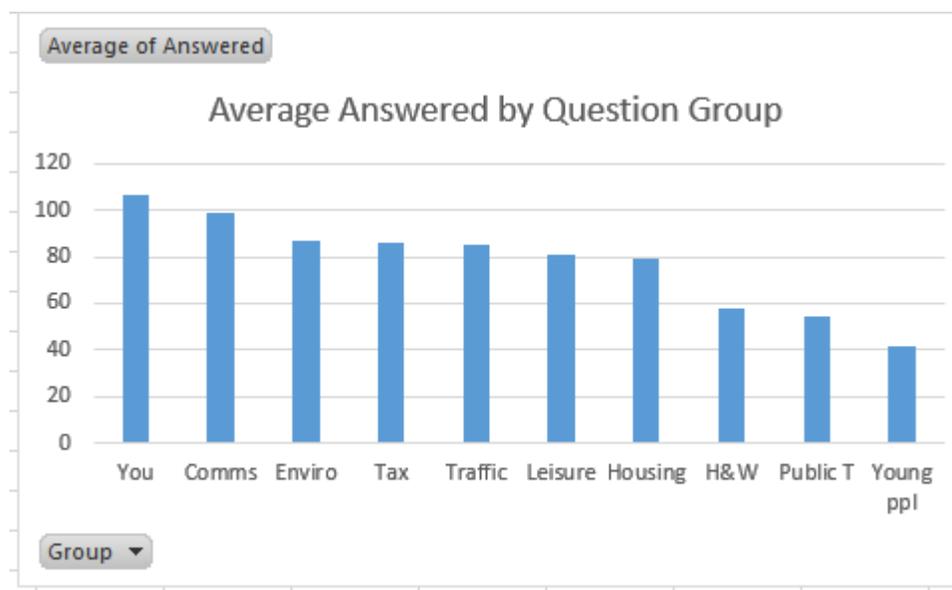
The survey results will be shared with local organisations who have an impact on Priddy (as well as being published in full on the website/s) and will be used as the basis for some discussions at the 2023 Parish Meeting.

They will also be used by the Parish Council to help formulate a longer-term Parish Plan and to support applications for funding for projects supported by the residents of Priddy.

How the parish responded

Communications received most response, with environment, tax, traffic, leisure and housing also being of keen interest to respondents.

The three groups with least responses, Health & Wellbeing, Public Transport and Young People all being target audiences.





Demographics

Priddy Parish has an estimated population of 673 within about 400 households. The 2021 Census gives us generalised data including the parish and neighbours of Draycott, Westbury and Wookey. The area is sparsely populated, 37 people per square kilometre, in which 56% are aged between 16 and 64, and 28% are aged 65 and over. The majority, 69%, live in single family households and 20% are one-person households.

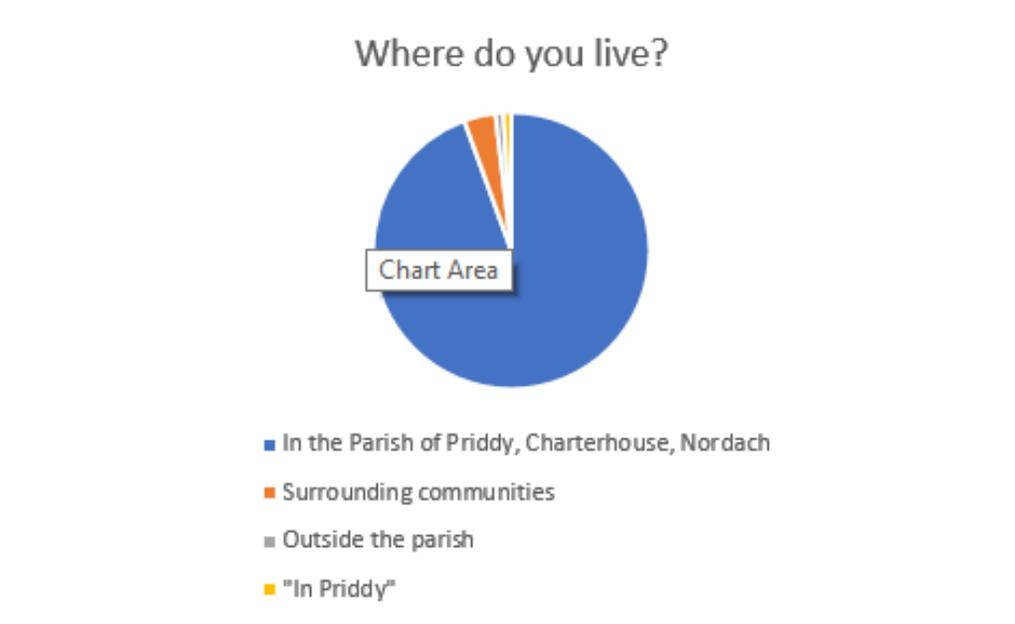
The vast majority of the respondents live in the village or the parish's hamlets. Whilst this reflects the demographic pattern of the parish (which covers a large geographical area with isolated farms), it may also tell us something about communications across the parish which is reflected elsewhere in the survey results.

Nearly three-quarters of the population had lived in the parish for over 10 years.

Q1 Where do you live?

Answered: 108

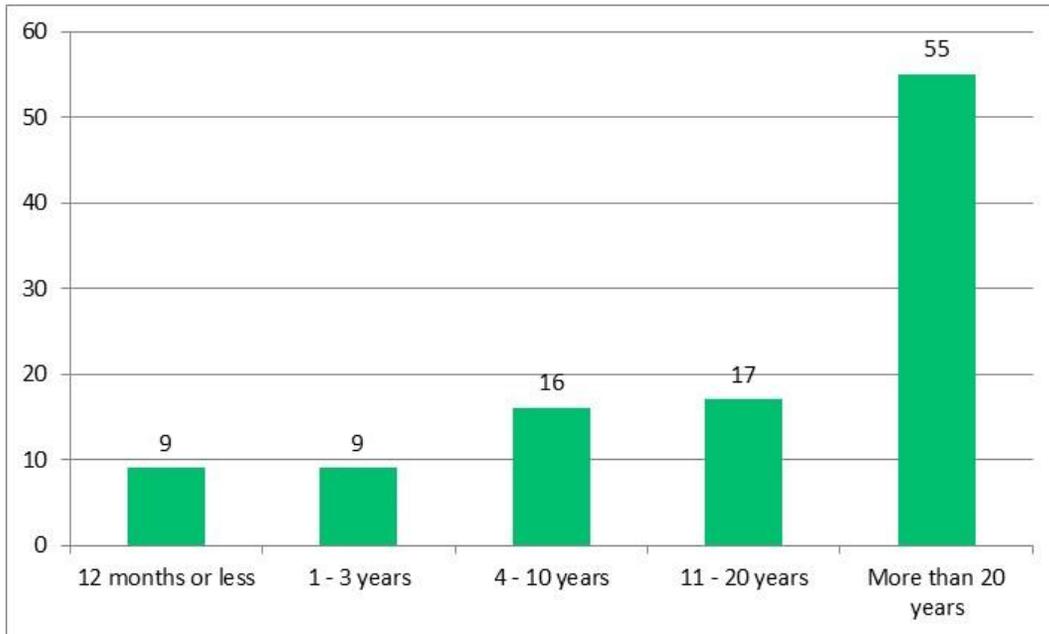
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Q2 How long have you lived in Priddy, Charterhouse or Nordrach?

Answered: 106

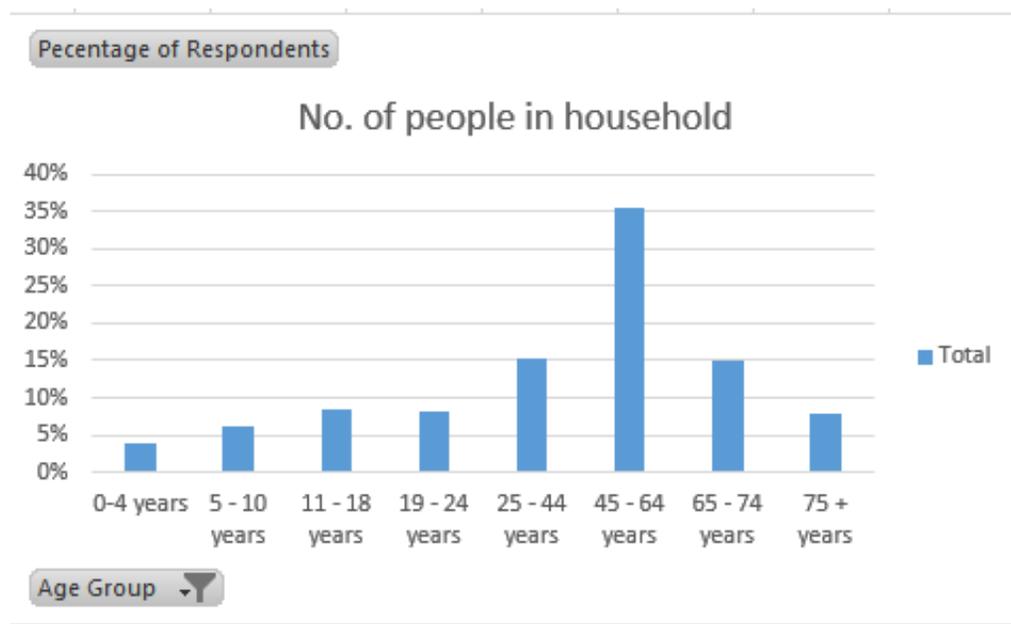
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Q3: How many people in each age group live in your household? (Please place a number in the relevant boxes.)

Answered: 108

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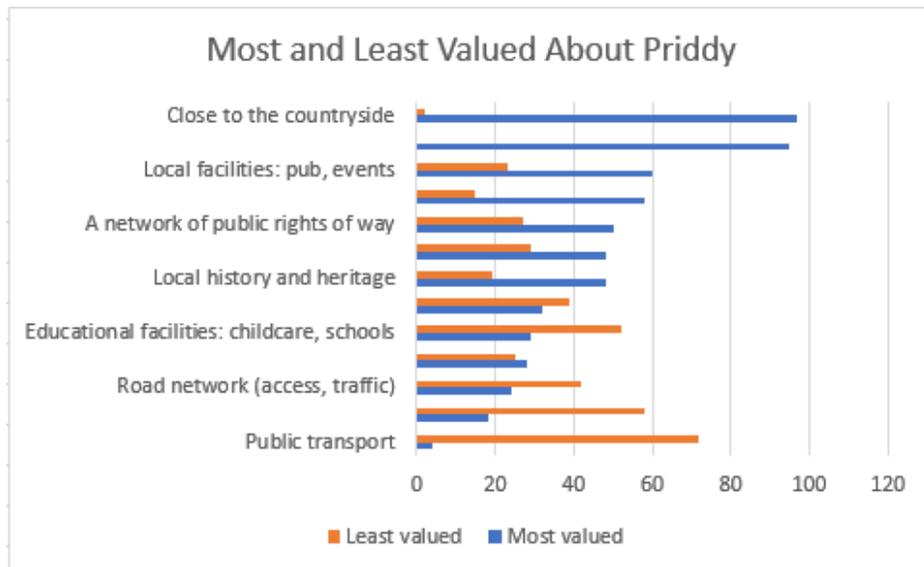


About 60% of those responding were in households within the 45-64 years old age bracket.

Q4: What do you like the most and the least about living in Priddy? Choose 5 that are most important to you and choose 5 that are least important to you.

Answered: 106

Skipped: 2



Respondents clearly valued the safe and peaceful countryside environment with its rich natural history and access to a good network of public footpaths, permissive paths and bridleways. People also commented on how valuable the dark skies policy was in the area and the access to caving opportunities. The availability of public transport was least valued.

Other (please tell us)

- A safe environment for local wildlife, meaning minimum of non-local visitors in woods and other areas.
- 3 respondents appreciate the wildlife, conservation, environment, and sustainable farming
- I appreciate the environment, peace and tranquil of Charterhouse
- Also good network of permissive paths Yeo Valley trail, Waldegrave Estate etc
- Caving - most valued & nearby cave access
- The neighbourliness of the community
- Dark skies were appreciated by 2 respondents
- One respondent wanted to see reduction of noise and traffic pollution and good maintenance of roads and verges.



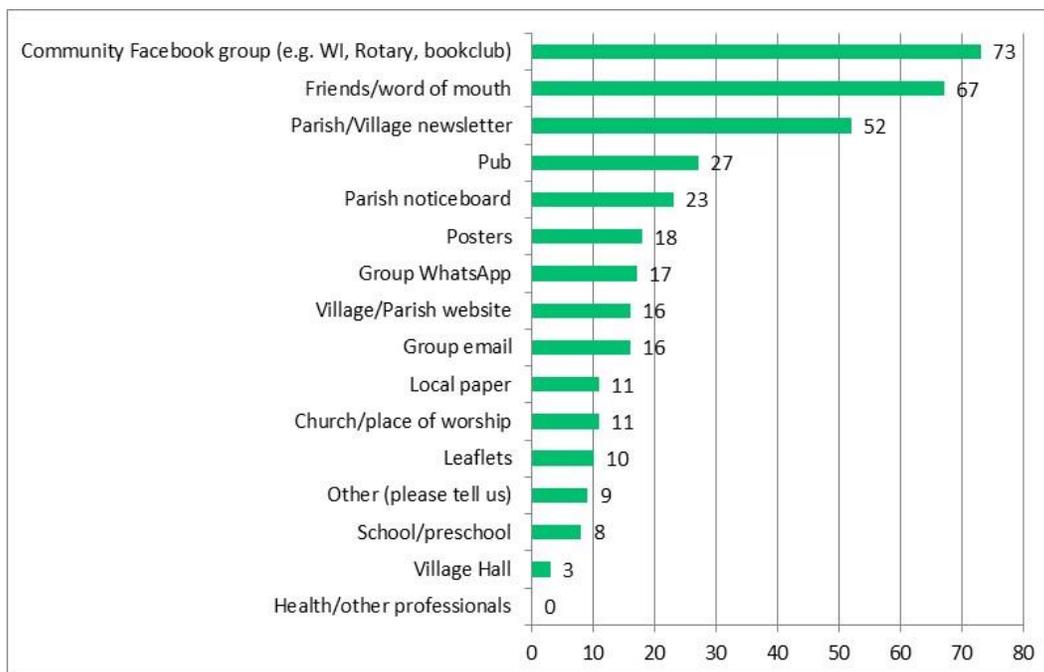
Communication

We wanted to find out which methods of communication are used to find out about what activities and events are going on in Priddy, as well as how people keep up to date with Parish Council matters and anything around local business and commerce. Findings will now help us improve our methods of communication and ensure that we communicate with the whole community effectively.

Q5: How do you find out about what's going on? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 103

Skipped: 5



Social media and the 'grapevine' were the most used methods of what was going on with the PEW (the parish magazine of Priddy, Easton and Westbury-sub-Mendip parishes) was frequently cited as an important source of communication.

Other (please tell us)

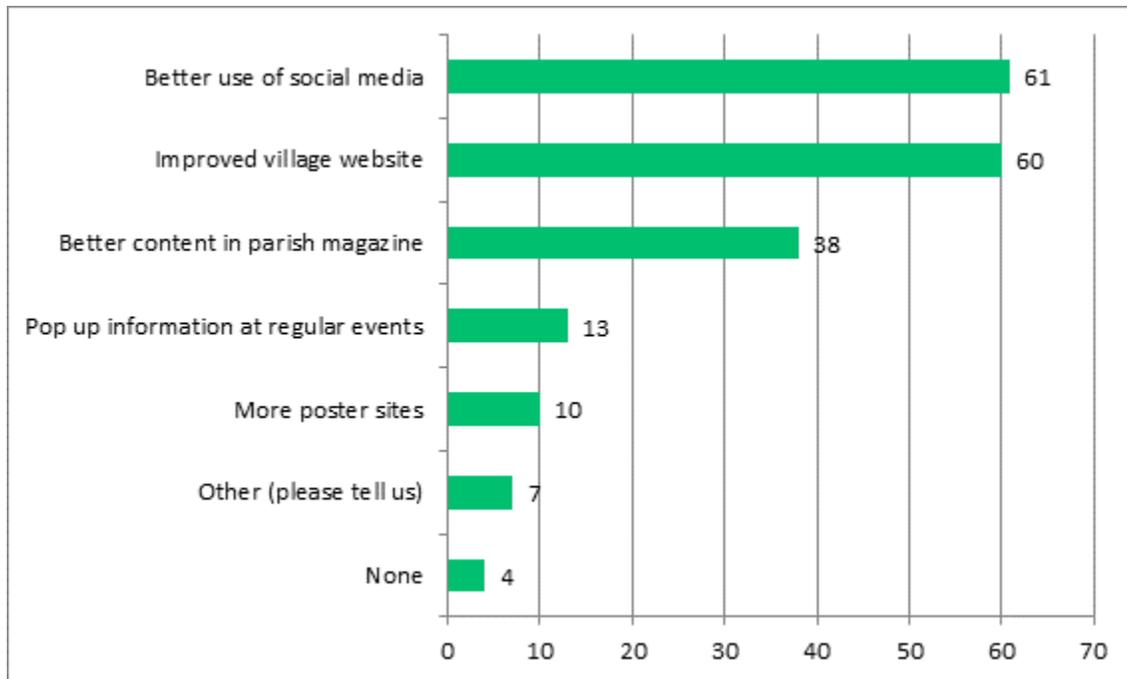
- 6 people noted the Pew magazine

Q6: What improvements could be made to keep you informed about local news?

(Tick any that apply)

Answered: 102

Skipped: 6



Respondents were keen to have better use of social media and to see an improved and updated parish website. The Parish Council needs to address any migration issues in the move over to the new website which is ready to be released. Many respondents also mentioned the need for better content in the PEW – as this is as good as the contributions it receives, better publicity is needed on how to get items placed and how to advertise a wider range of events.

Other (please tell us)

- Direct email and better access to the Pew magazine
- Don't like using Facebook other methods preferred
- Notices need to be sent to the Pew magazine on time
- Notice board at other end of village
- Parish Council information in the PEW magazine
- reconcile website - are both priddyparish.org and priddyparish.co.uk required.
- the residents of Charterhouse seem to be an afterthought. We receive too little Parish information



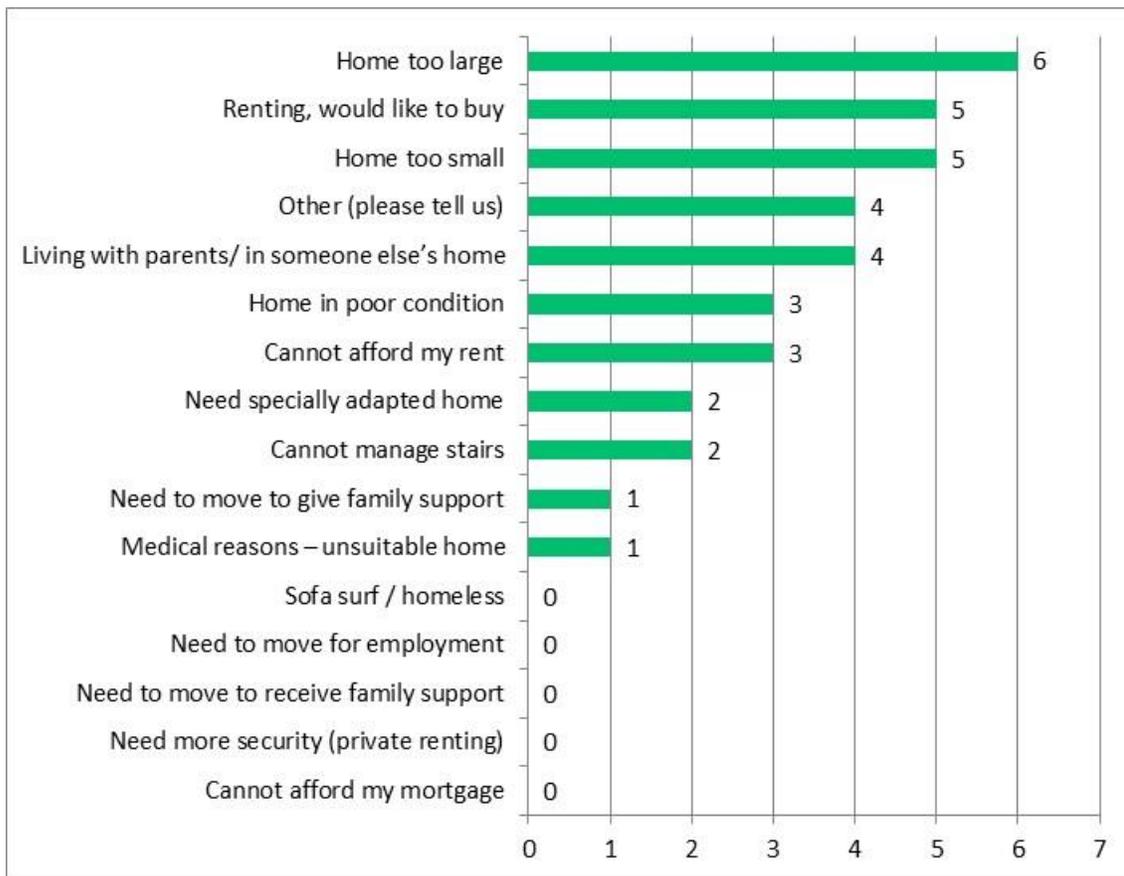
Housing

This overview of your needs and current housing situations will help inform the decisions made by the Parish council on planning applications for both large and small developments. Please note this is not a housing needs survey so will provide indicative information only.

Q7 If your current housing is not suitable, please tell us why? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 25

Skipped 8



Only 25 of the 108 respondents answered this question from which we have inferred that the majority of people are content with their housing situation. Respondents to this question cited a range of issues (cost of renting; wanting to buy; size of house being inappropriate to their needs). People also commented that there was a trend for people to buy small and then enlarge, taking them out of the first-time buyers' market.

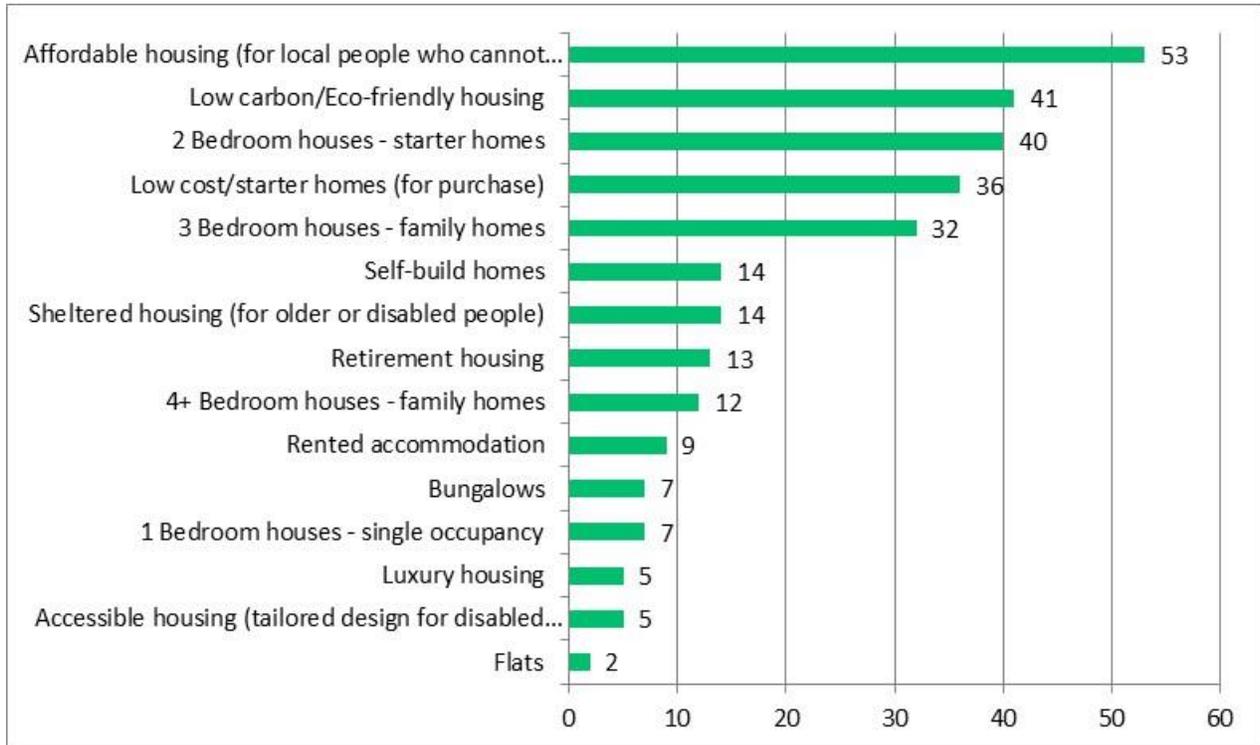
Other (please tell us)

- 2 people said None
- Poor insulation/thermal efficiency, and damp
- smaller properties are bought and then enlarged leaving a smaller stock of small houses

Q8: Please tick four types of housing that you feel the Parish needs most in the next 10 years. (Tick up to four)

Answered: 90

Skipped: 18



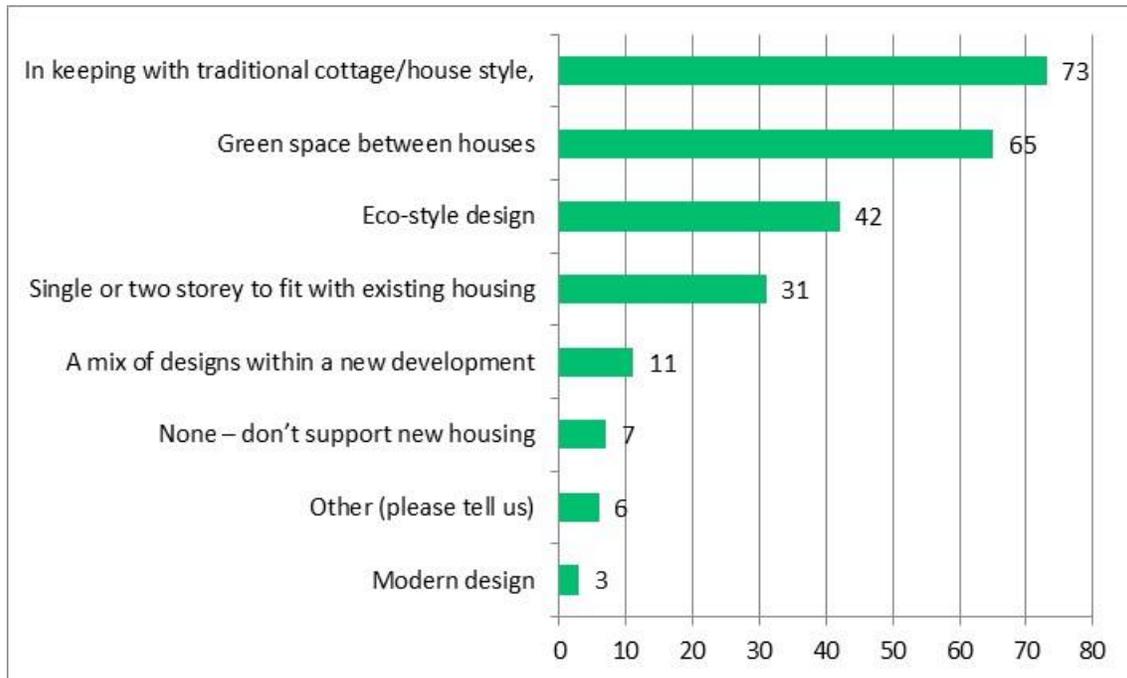
More people responded to this question (90) and there was a clear steer that the parish needed low-cost affordable starter homes.



Q9: What is important to you in the design of new build housing? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 99

Skipped: 9



There was a clear desire amongst respondents to retain the traditional cottage style of Priddy and its surrounding hamlets, with widely spaced plots and no infill on greenfield sites. There was also an interest in eco-style design (which is also reflected in other areas of the survey) but it is secondary to a generally conservative taste on building styles.

Other (please tell us)

- Appropriate location
- Don't support new housing on non-brown field sites.
- On brownfield sites or sympathetically sited within area - not eating up greenfield sites or countryside.
- Should be a minimum of new building in an AONB area.
- We support new development, but overly strict/restrictive design rules are unfair, particularly when there is very little uniformity of building design across the village.



Young People and Children

We want to offer children and young people in Priddy or who visit the Parish the best possible services so we can provide families an enriching experience. Having your opinions on current services and facilities now enables us to plan future services for children and young people.

Q10: What regular activities as a young person or child do you go to both inside or outside the Parish? Or what regular activities do you (as a parent or carer) take your children and young people to that are inside and outside of the Parish? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 40

Skipped: 68

	Inside the Parish	Outside the Parish
Church/Faith based groups	6	5
Dance	1	7
Drama	0	7
Forest School	5	11
Music	5	18
Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs	1	8
Playground	2	21
Swimming	0	30
Skate/Bike Park	1	16
Team sports (football, rugby, cricket etc.)	0	22
Village Hall activities (dance and exercise classes, etc.)	7	7
Youth Club	1	5
Other (please tell us)	5	

Many respondents to the survey skipped this question, presumably because they did not have young people living in their households. It is clear from the table that many activities are simply not available in the parish (such as team sports, drama and swimming). One person commented that facilities for young people are so poor that families with children go outside the parish for activities, (see Q18). This is clearly an area for concern if we are to keep a thriving community.

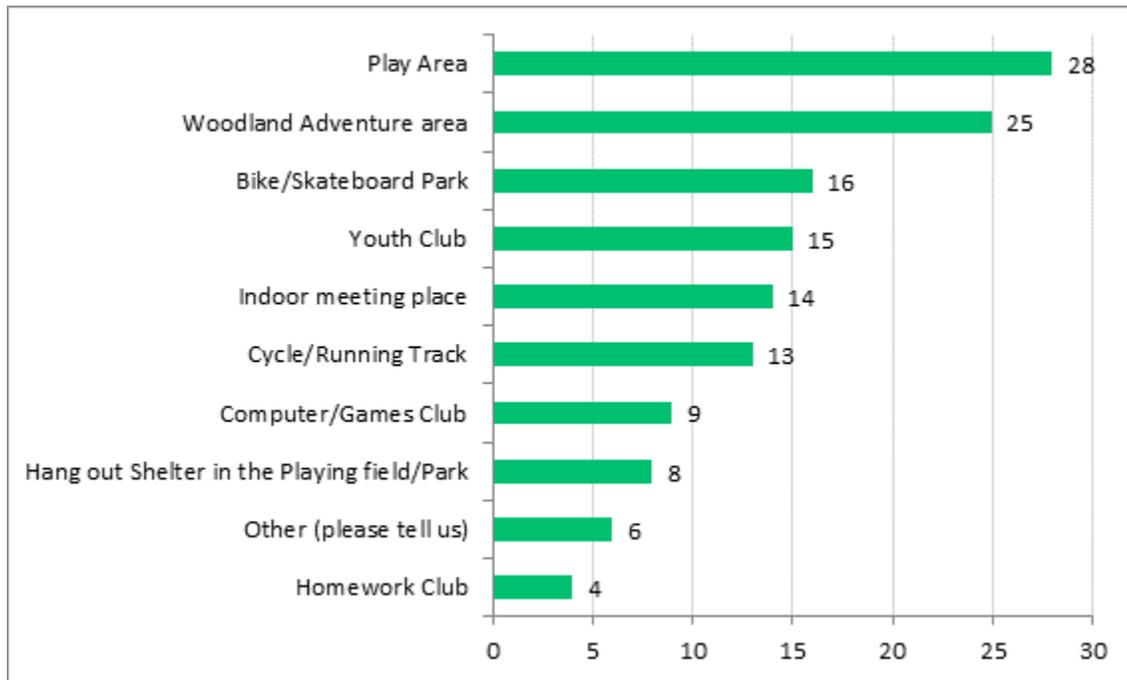
Other (please tell us)

- Gymnastics Shepton mallets
- Regularly take scouts caving both inside and outside the parish
- Running
- There used to be lots of children who rode horses and ponies
- Toddler clubs outside parish

Q11: Would the children and young people use any of the following facilities if they were to be provided in the parish? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 43

Skipped: 65



Although the response rate to this question was quite low, we have assumed that this question has mainly been answered by households with young people. 28 respondents to this question said they would use a play area in the parish if it were available. 25 respondents said they would use a woodland adventure area, and several comments mention the lack of somewhere to play football.

Other (please tell us)

- A purpose built play ground
- Allotment/community garden
- 2 people mentioned a city football pitch (3G)/games area
- Skittles club



Priddy Folk Festival Main Stage



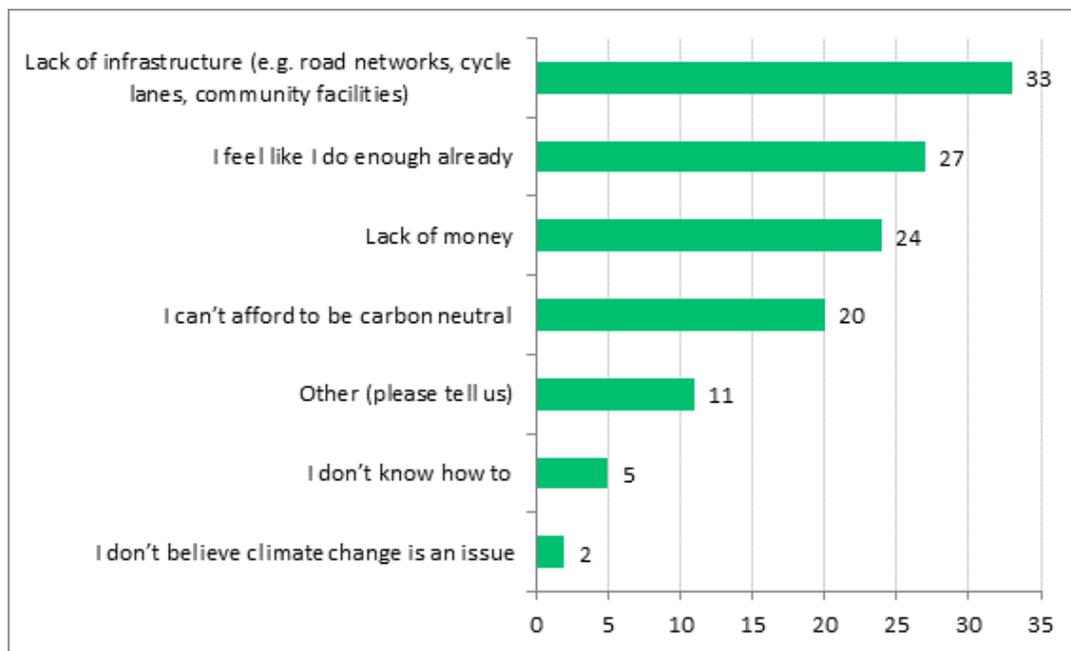
Climate Emergency/Environmental Issues

The Climate and Nature Emergency change is high on many people's concerns for the future. To address this, it is going to require positive changes to all our lifestyles. The information gathered from our residents, businesses and other key groups in the parish will highlight what we can all do as a community to help achieve the goal of being carbon-neutral by 2030.

Q12: What, if anything, is currently stopping you from being more environmentally friendly? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 82

Skipped: 26



There was quite a good response to this question (82 out of 108) with many people citing a lack of infrastructure (in particular, the road network and lack of public transport) stopping them from being more environmentally friendly. Respondents also cited the higher costs of eco-friendly products (such as solar panels and other eco-heating solutions) and their installation as a barrier.

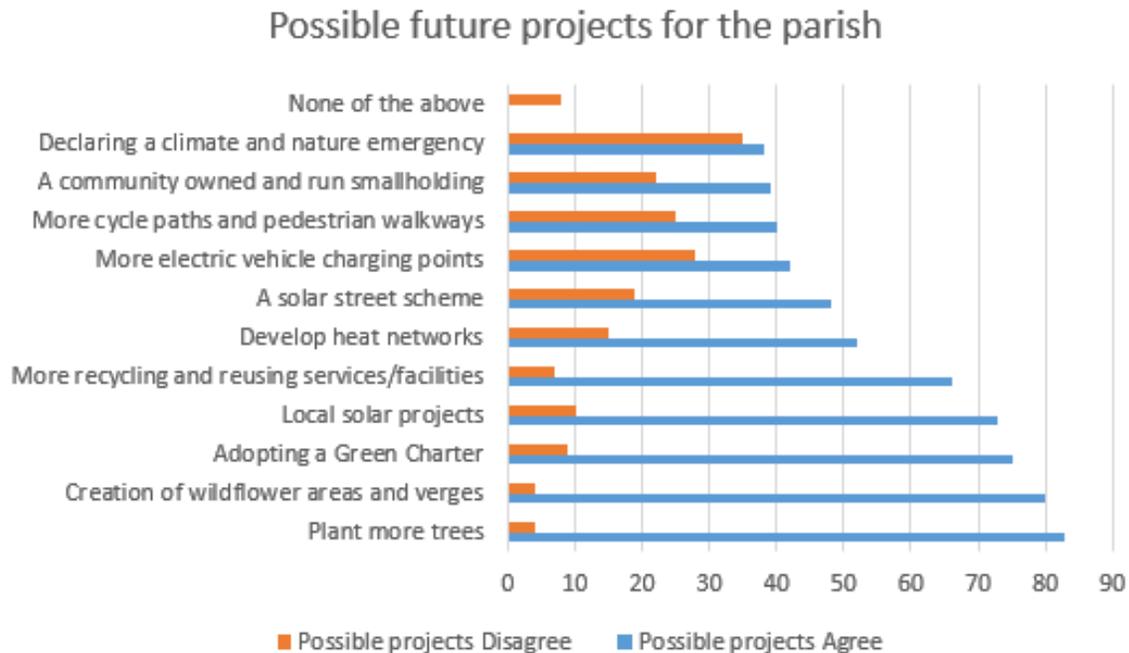
Other (please tell us)

- 3 people mention the cost of eco heating alternatives – solar etc.
- 4 people mention lack of public transport
- Greater variety of recycled materials
- Legislation
- Very difficult to move away from grid electricity/oil in a small, rented house!

Q13: Some of the future climate change actions are likely to involve the parish changing. Do you agree or disagree with the following changes?

Answered: 95

Skipped: 13



There was a good response rate to this question with positive support for creating wildflower areas, and more recycling/re-use services and facilities. There was also enthusiasm for the Parish Council to adopt a Green Charter which would guide future policies (e.g. with how they look at planning applications). Respondents clearly saw little value in declaring a climate and nature emergency in Priddy.

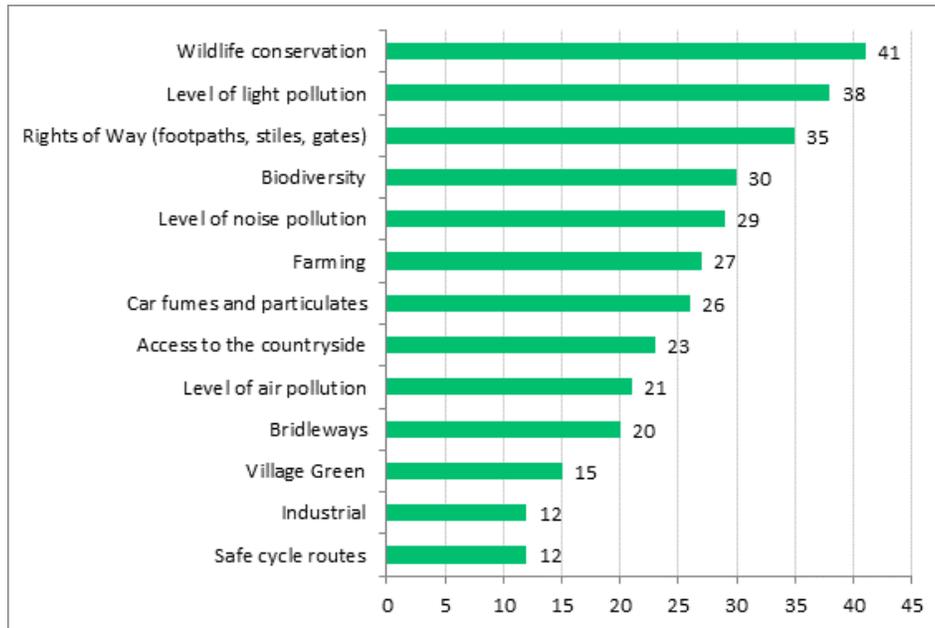
Other (please tell us)

- Access to advice from non-commercial sources
- 3 people mentioned Community wind power
- What is a solar street scheme if it is street lighting we strongly disagree.
- Minimise traffic and development of public entertainment facilities in the area.
- Please refer to multi user paths we live in the countryside where there are horses not the town! Cycling and walkways are not inclusive
- Big yes for wildflower meadows and verges!
- Conservation areas
- Maintain existing verges
- Car share community orchard/garden
- Please can we pay farmers for their time to plant trees (not just provide trees)?
- pressure on govt. through local govt. for grants for home and community buildings insulation improvements

Q14: Do you have any concerns about how any of the following issues effect your environment?

Answered: 77

Skipped: 31



Many respondents were concerned about conserving wildlife, a theme that is reflected elsewhere in the survey too. Many respondents were concerned about light pollution in what is a designated Dark Skies area.

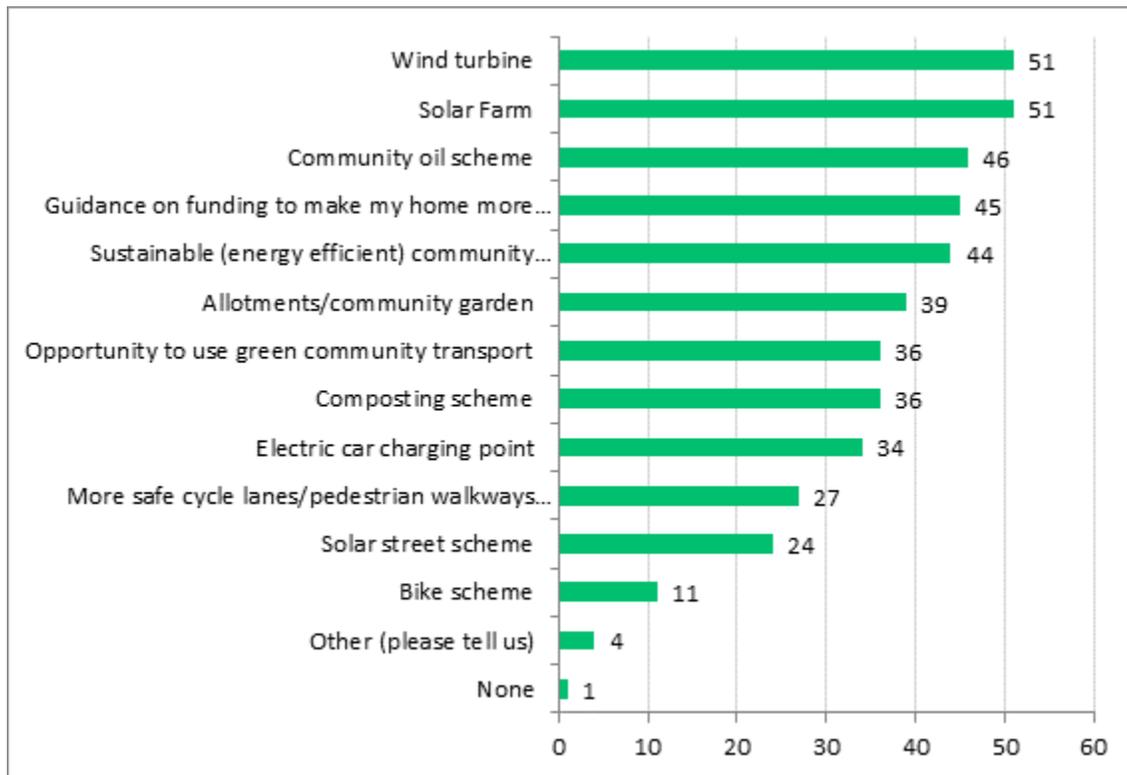


Wildflowers at St Laurence Church

Q15: Which initiatives would you support to help the Parish towards becoming carbon neutral? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 95

Skipped: 13



Many respondents showed an interest in innovative community initiatives such as power schemes such as wind turbines or solar farms, and in getting non-commercial advice on making their homes more energy efficient. Respondents valued the community oil scheme.

Other (please tell us)

- All new builds to have solar panels
- wind turbine if not detrimental to wildlife; similarly solar farm hence prefer on roofs
- Community cider press and cider making

The average number of respondents in this group was 87 and the section garnered most interest after Communications questions. Overall most respondents are interested in improving the environment through projects such as tree and wildflower verge planting, as well as adopting a Green Charter, recycling/reuse facilities, and support with sustainable energy initiatives. Initiatives respondents were supportive of included Wind Turbine and Solar Farm as well as Community Oil scheme, Guidance on energy efficiency and a Community energy scheme. Wildlife conservation, light pollution, rights of way and biodiversity were concerns. Lack of accessibility through cycle lanes and public transport as well as the cost of changing to sustainable energy systems were also concerns. There was some interest in community allotments/gardens, community transport and car charging points.

Community Facilities

We have a number of community facilities in Priddy, by that we mean buildings, equipment for recreation and places to assemble for meetings, events and social gatherings. These questions have helped us understand whether the facilities are suitable for the community, where improvements are needed or if new facilities are needed.

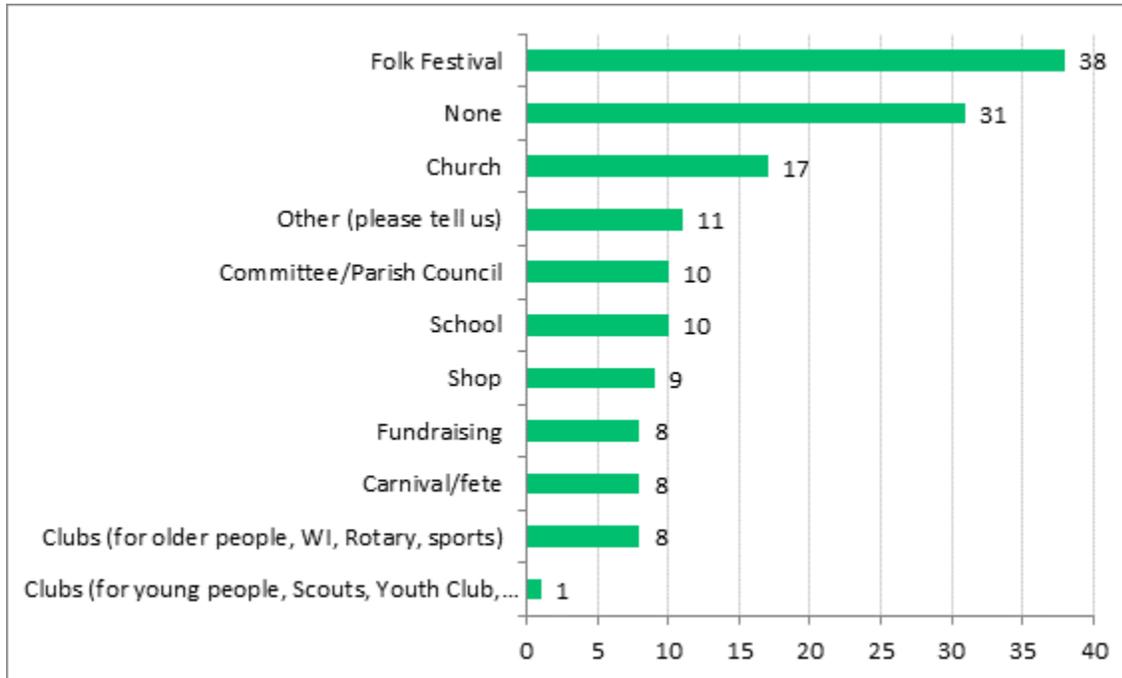


St Laurence Church Priddy

Q16: Do you currently engage with the Parish in any way (volunteering, attending activities, organising events, committee member)? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 92

Skipped: 16



Clearly, many respondents found involvement in the Folk Festival engaging, with others supporting church, school and Parish Council activities. Others commented that they were involved in other village activities that weren't specifically mentioned (such as the Friendly Society, History Group, and Village Hall Committee). However, 31 of respondents were not engaged in any activity. This may reflect comments elsewhere about the need for better communication.

Other (please tell us)

- 3 people mentioned the Friendly Society
- History Group
- PEW, Choir
- Traffic Group
- 2 people mentioned the Village Hall
- volunteering for Somerset Sight
- Don't feel part of the village (Wells Rd)
- Not any more

Q17: Which leisure activities and recreation facilities do you currently use in your Parish, and where are improvements needed? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 93

Skipped: 15

	Currently Use	Needs improvement
Bridleways	48	16
Right of way	57	17
Cycle routes	9	19
Parking facilities	18	11
Play area	0	23
Recreation field/Park	1	17
Village Hall	46	8
Cafe	14	16
Church, Place of Worship	18	5
Community fuel scheme (oil purchasing, solar panels etc.)	46	6
Community Orchard	1	11
Private owned shop	14	14
Pub	62	9
Mobile Takeaway	1	13
None	0	1
Other (please tell us)	8	

Respondents valued the pubs, rights of way, church, community fuel scheme and Village Hall facilities. People would like to see improvements in cycle routes, and the provision of a play area (see also Children and Young People section).

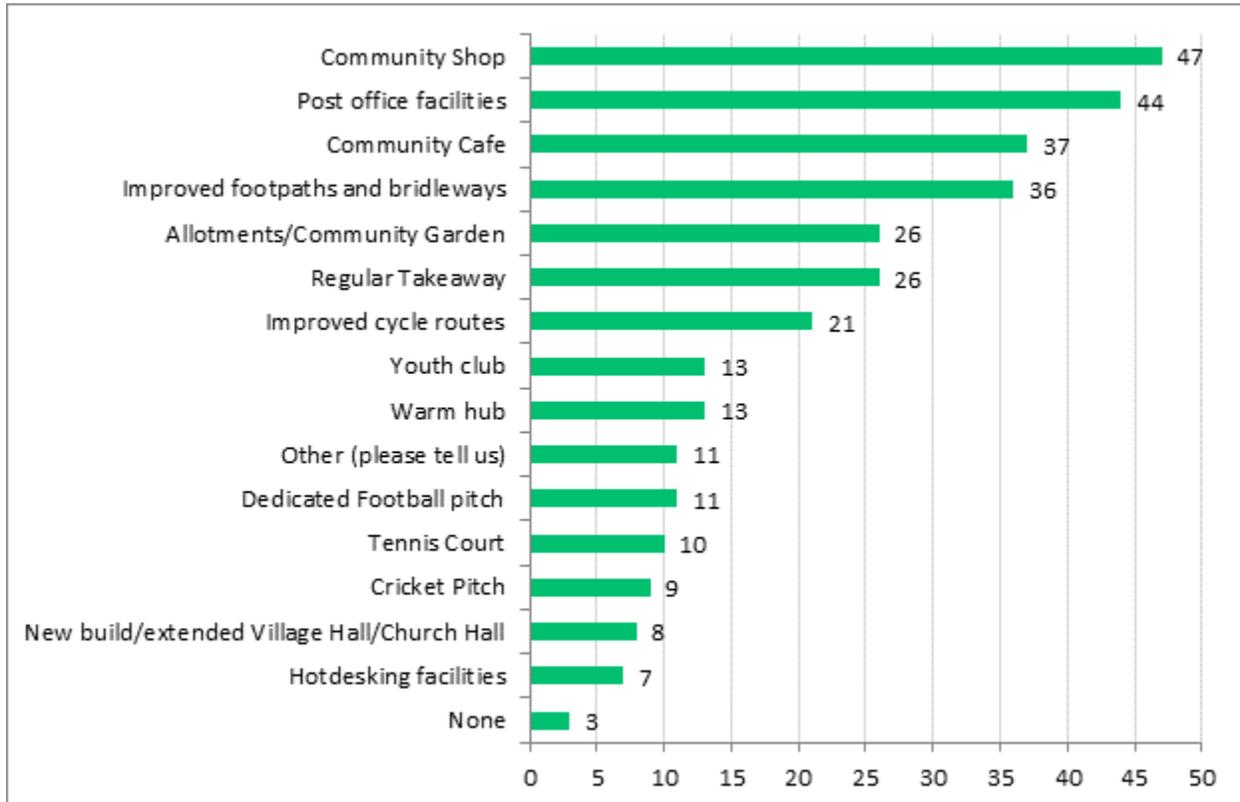
Other (please tell us)

- Improvement needed on new footpath gates, which bang and frighten away wildlife!
- Improvements needed in restricting damaging 4x4's on Bridleways
- The fenced section of the FP from Whitepit field to Dursdon Drove is a problem because it is fenced in and grows stinging nettles and is V-shaped. We lost a lovely circular route in exchange for this FP and it would be good to get it back. Riders lost the use of the verge up Coxton End, and the use of the verge at the end of Nine Barrows. Pelting Drove is gradually getting wider every time it is re-tarmacked, allowing traffic to go faster.
- Caves
- Try to restore pub on the green
- We really miss not having a Post Office.
- What is the mobile takeaway and community orchard
- A bridleway is a right of way, footpaths, restricted byways and byways are also rights of way but are not mentioned. These questions do not make sense

Q18: What facilities should be considered for future investment by the Parish?
 (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 88

Skipped: 20



Of the 88 people that responded to this question 47 supported the idea of a community shop and 44 supported Post office facilities while 37 respondents supported a community café. However, it is difficult, post-COVID, to envisage sufficient usage to make these facilities viable. Many people again commented on the provision of a children’s play area as being a top priority (see Children and Young People section).

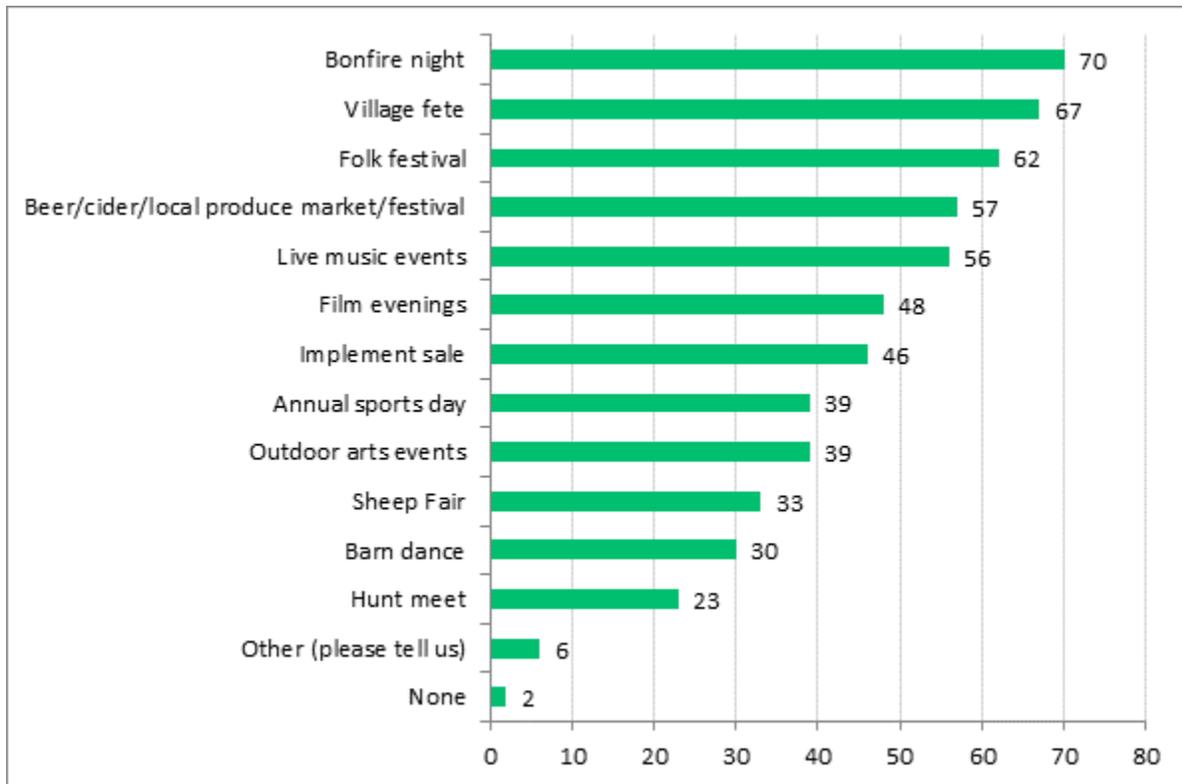
Other (please tell us)

- 5 people want a play area for children with 1 driving miles regularly
- A farm shop / cafe that focuses on fresh, locally-grown fruit, vegetables, bread etc,
- Mobile coffee unit on the green for walkers, cyclists and villagers.
- Basketball pitch
- New inn
- Village transport to Wells
- Wind turbine

Q19: What community events would you like to see take place in the village? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 96

Skipped: 12



There was lots of enthusiasm for local events, in particular, Bonfire Night, a Village Fete and the Folk Festival.

Other (please tell us)

- 2 people wanted to ban Mendip hunt meets from the village Green
- bonfire night is wonderful but climatically controversial ????????
- HIGH QUALITY CHILDREN'S PLAYPARK!! We regularly have to drive several miles to be able to find play facilities for the kids. Also a sunken pool type skatepark would be fantastic.
- Reuse / recycle jumble sale



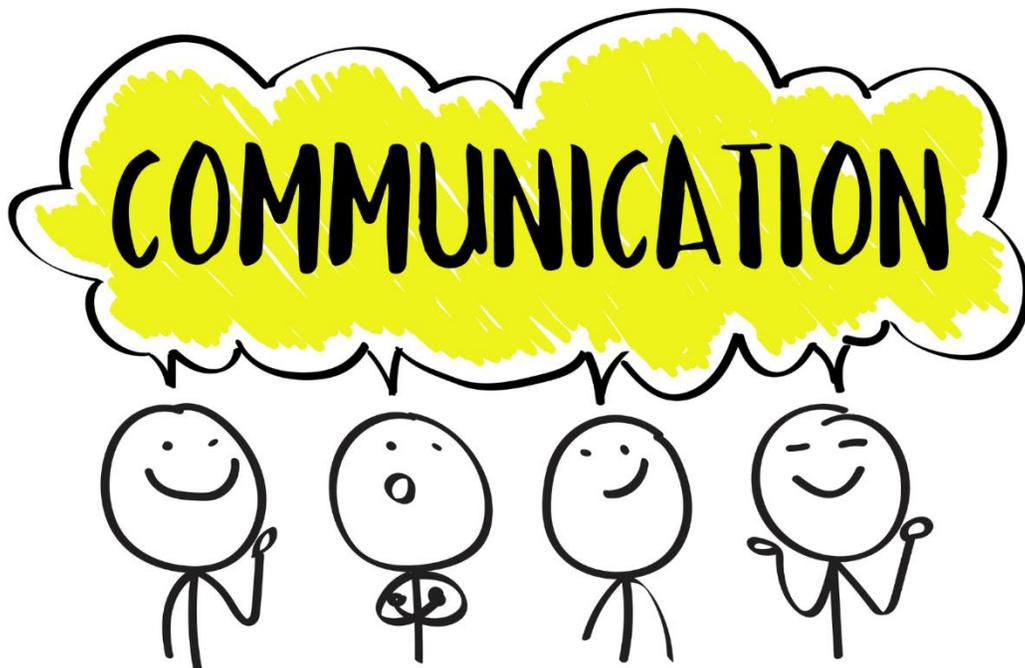
Q20: What help do you need to access any of these services? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 37

Skipped: 71

	Information (printed materials, website)	Guidance (in person, one to one help)
Healthcare and related support	21	2
Local social groups, leisure activities and learning opportunities	26	2
Housing and getting jobs done around the home and garden	21	4
Home adaptations and equipment to make life easier and safer	13	4

Despite the small number of respondents to this question, it was clear that people would welcome more information. This chimes in with a theme running throughout the survey that better communications are needed.





Traffic, Travel and Transport

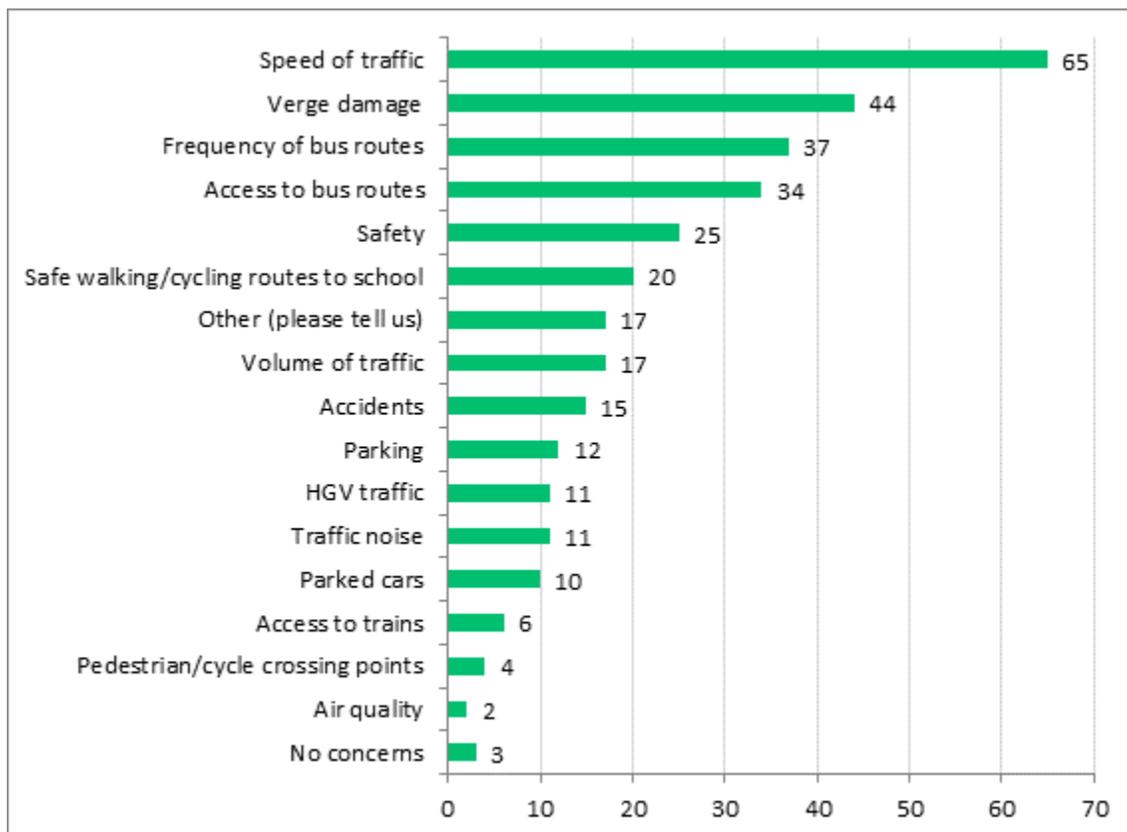
Cars are essential for many people in rural areas, but to address the challenges of congestion and climate change, we can look to improve the provision of public transport, and encouraging walking and cycling, to reduce car journeys.

This section can be seen as having two focuses – Traffic concerns; Public Transport. The two questions aimed specifically at traffic garnered most responses [91 & 80]; public transport questions averaged 55 responses (49% of the 108 total responders).

Q21: If you have concerns about the local traffic, please tick the top three issues in the Parish which currently affect you? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 91

Skipped: 17



65 respondents were concerned about the speed of the traffic, with many comments about joy-riding and anti-social speeding on roads and byways together with the conflict

between speeding vehicles and pedestrians and other road users. People were also worried about verge damage caused by large commercial and agricultural vehicles with 44 respondents citing it as an issue. 37 respondents were concerned about the frequency, and access, (34 responders), to bus routes

Other (please tell us)

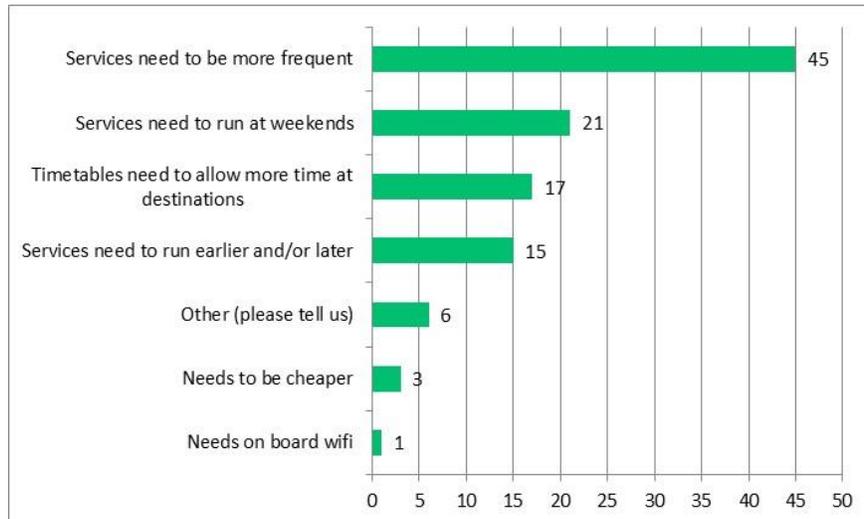
- 5 people mentioned 4x4 joy-riders, antisocial driving, etc.
- parking of visitors in a sustainable way
- Too many cycle events through the village in the summer months.
- Big industrial traffic
- Danger to pedestrians from increased traffic flow and unsuitable heavy vehicles using Dale Lane. Light and noise pollution
- 2 mentioned Farm HGV traffic and accidents caused by them
- Hunters Lodge junction
- It would be good to have footpaths that run parallel to some of the roads as there are significant gaps in the footpath network and using the roads for walking often feels a bit dangerous and unpleasant as cars pass too fast and too close.
- 2 people mentioned verge damage
- All pedestrians should wear Hi-Viz clothing when walking in the dark or bad weather in Priddy and outskirts.
- Pedestrians should wear high viz when walking in dark or foggy weather
- Potholes
- Why just pedestrian/ cycle crossing points? Horses cross the road too!



Q22 If you have concerns about bus services, would you use public transport more if this service were improved? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 51

Skipped: 57



Under half, (51) respondents answered this question, presumably because there is no bus service so people have to rely on the car in the absence of an alternative. However, the majority of those who did answer wanted services to be more frequent. Many comments assumed that there was no bus service at all so there probably needs to be more publicity for the once-a-week service to Wells. One person commented that they 'did not believe that bus services could be sufficiently improved within cost constraints to deter car journeys'.

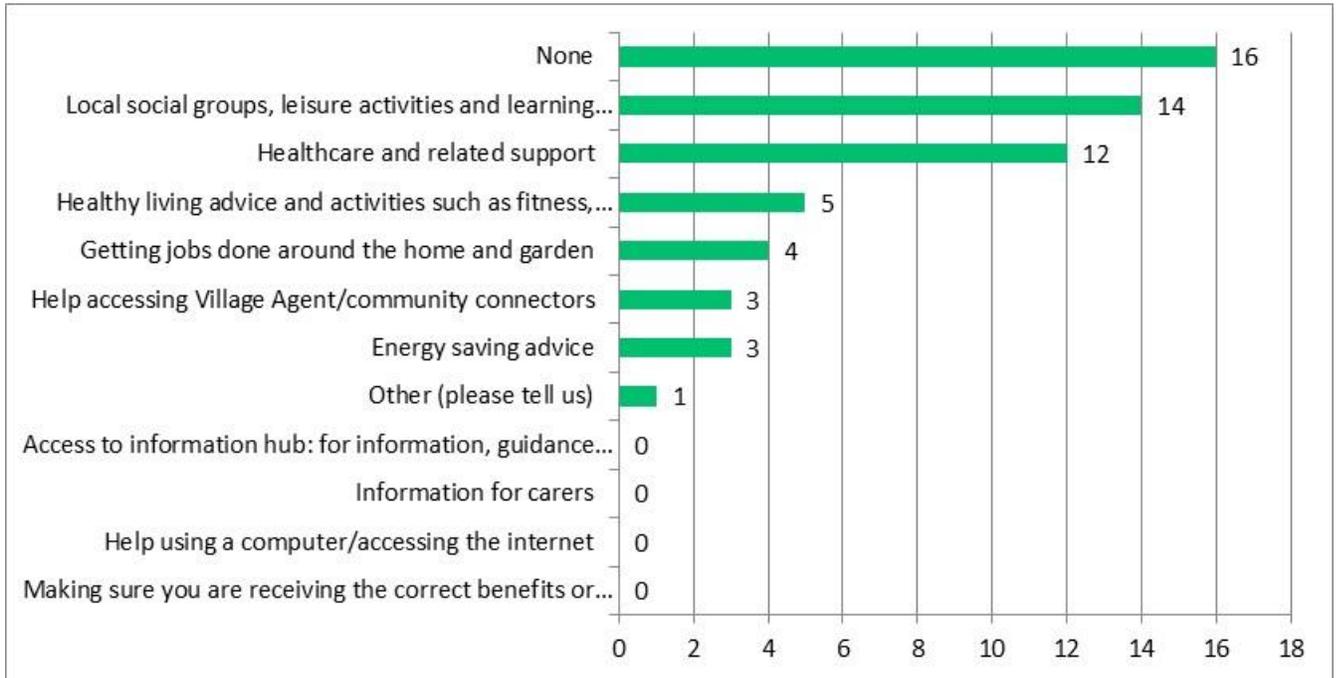
Other (please tell us)

- 5 people mentioned needing an adequate bus service
- I don't believe that bus services could be sufficiently improved within cost restraints to deter car journeys

Q23: Would better transport options help you access any of these services? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 40

Skipped: 68

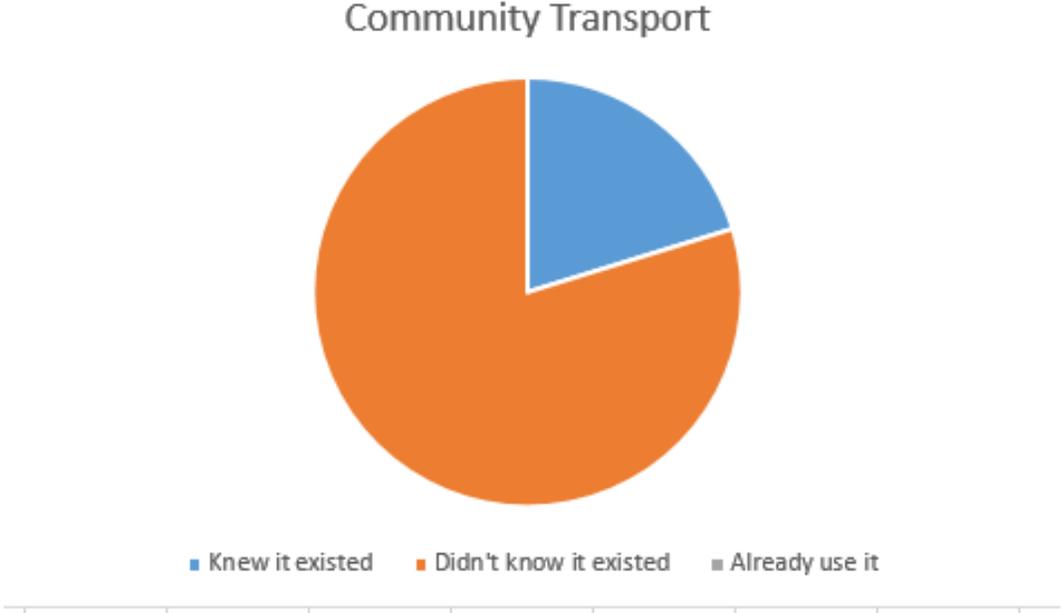


Less than half of the total number of respondents answered this question and of those that did (40), 16 said they believed there was no better transport option available to access services.



Q24: Did you know community transport (for those who do not have their own transport or find it difficult to access public transport) is available in your Parish?

Answered: 84
Skipped: 24

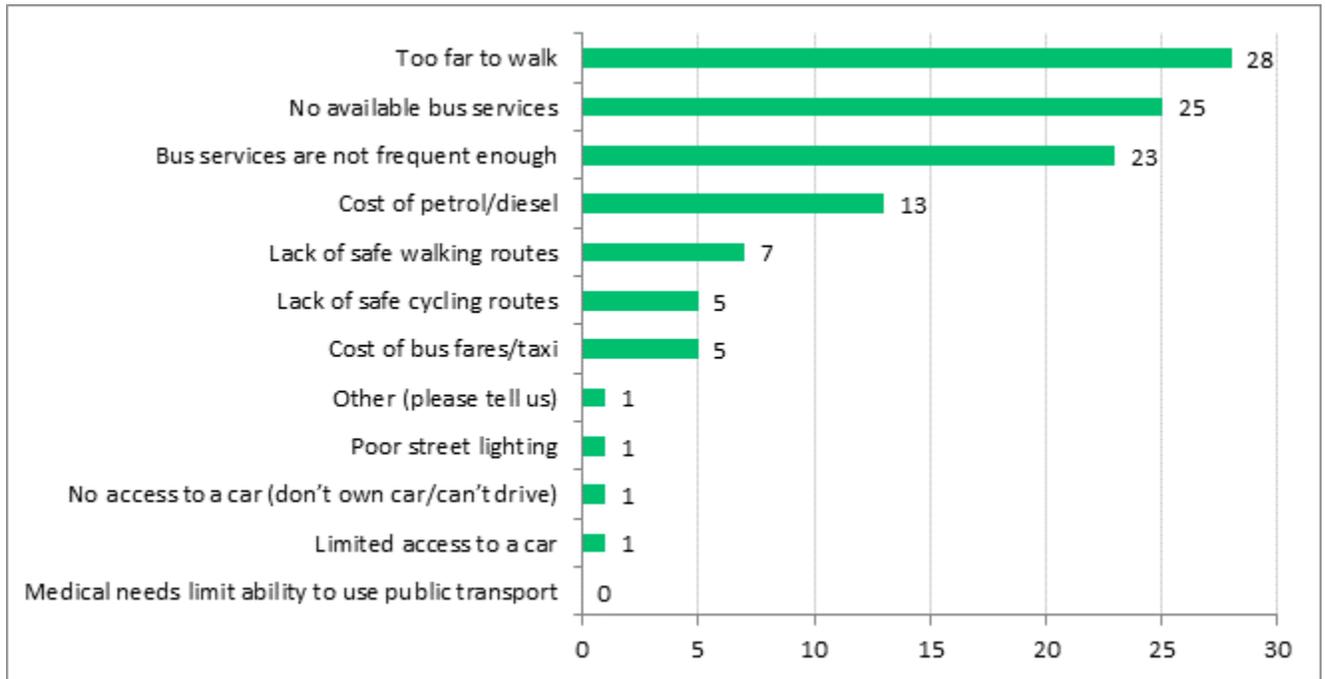


67 respondents were unaware that Community Transport was available within the parish. Publicity about the Community Transport available and clear advice about how it works and how to book it would be a quick win.

Q25: If you cannot easily reach your destination/amenities, what stops you from being able to get there? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 44

Skipped: 64



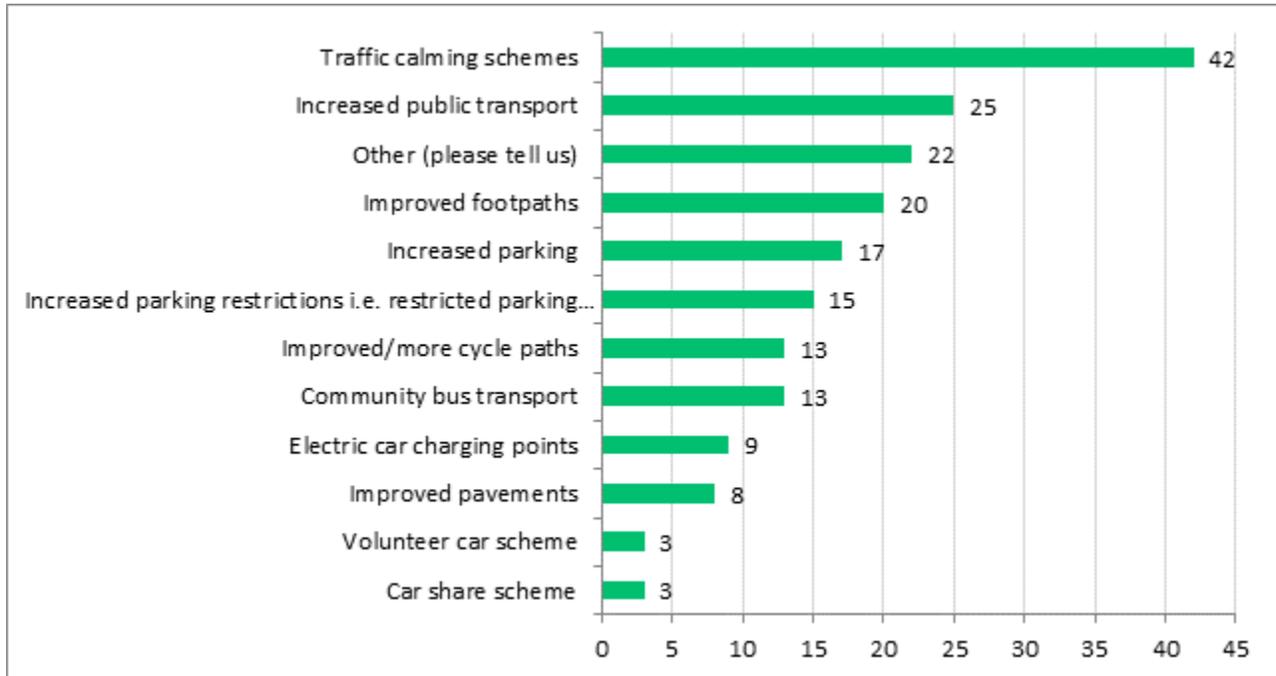
Of those answering this question, the majority (28), felt that it was too far to walk to access amenities, and that there was no frequent, reliable bus service to fill the gap. A third of respondents felt that car users, the cost of fuel was a limiting factor.



Q26: What do you think are the best ways to reduce traffic problems in the Priddy Parish? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 80

Skipped: 28



This question generated more comments than any other question in the survey, with most people concerned with the speed of traffic. Over half (42), respondents felt that traffic calming could help solve traffic problems in the parish, with many commenting that the speed limit should be lowered, and to prevent Priddy from being a through route. Many people also commented on issues of car parking within Priddy, and options for non-resident parking outside the village and walking or cycling in.

Other (please tell us)

- Create a 30 or 40mph zone through the village
- 7 comments on enforcing traffic legislation / speed limits / lower speed limits / speed cameras
- Police to enforce over 7.5 tonne regulations, which they do not.
- Better management eg lights at pub with no further parking makes it horrendous for residents
- 3 respondents wanted parking away from residences or park and ride from Hunters Lodge
- 2 were unhappy with Priddy being used as a cut through.
- Make the roads narrower by widening the verges, possibly putting a footway on the inside of the verge. Reinstate the verges currently obstructed by residents.
- Make planning permission for commercial scale farming is appropriate for available infrastructure
- Improved INCLUSIVE rights of way / public access network
- Better village shop so don't need to travel for groceries as regularly
- 2 were not aware of a traffic problem



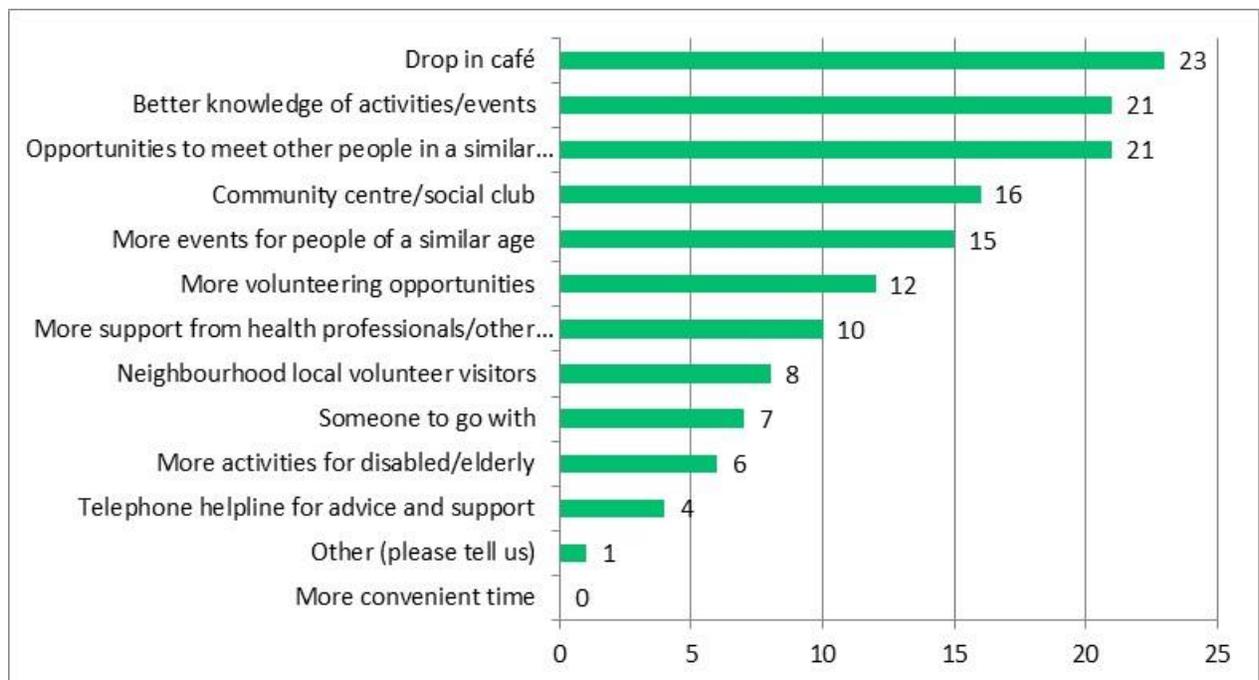
Retired and Older People

Many people post-retirement are often very active in their community and provide a valuable resource for action. However, we must acknowledge the challenges Somerset's ageing population will present to health, social care and housing providers.

Q27: What could the community or other professionals provide to give you more support? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 44

Skipped: 64



Although only 44 respondents answered this question, this may be because it was answered by the target demographic. Those that answered were keen to have a meeting focus where they were able to meet people in a similar situation to them. Ideally, this would be through a drop-in café or community hub.

Other (please tell us)

- Finance for a tree surgeon.



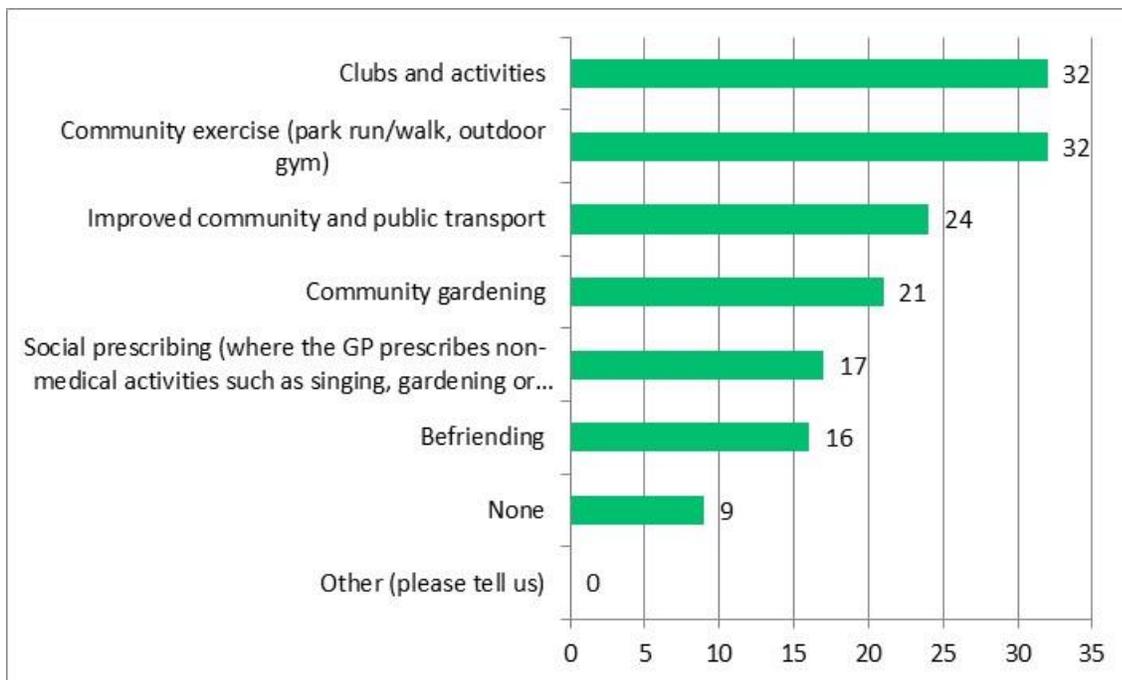
Health and Wellbeing

Health & Wellbeing is one of the priority topics for consultation in this Community Review process. You'll find that many of the other topics covered in this questionnaire will affect our health in some way too (Traffic & transport; Climate Emergency; Cost of Living Crisis; Covid recovery).

Q28: What could be offered in your community to help improve your health and wellbeing needs, including reducing isolation? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 72

Skipped: 36

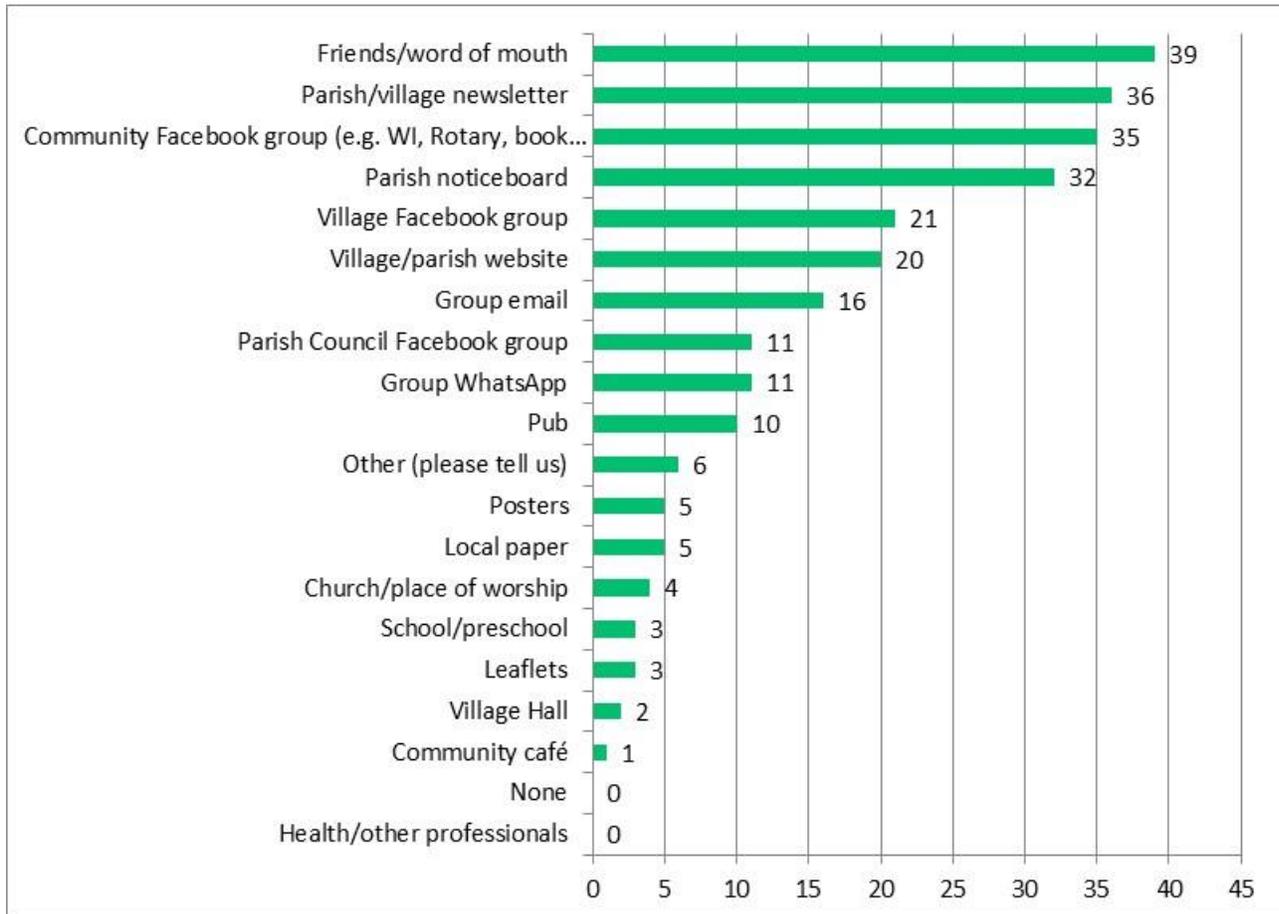


People were keen to improve their health and well-being through community activities, with, (32 respondents), with people citing community clubs and activities, with a similar number keen on community activities such as park run or outdoor gyms.

Q29: How do you find out about Parish Council matters? (Tick all that apply)

Answered: 94

Skipped: 14



39 respondents mention friends or word of mouth, as well as the PEW and the community Facebook page. The parish noticeboards were also quite popular with 32 responders. The parish website scored quite poorly (only 20 mentioned it) which may reflect the current state of flux in transitioning to the new website. Several commented that the parish communication process needed improvement. (See responses to Qs 5 and 6.)

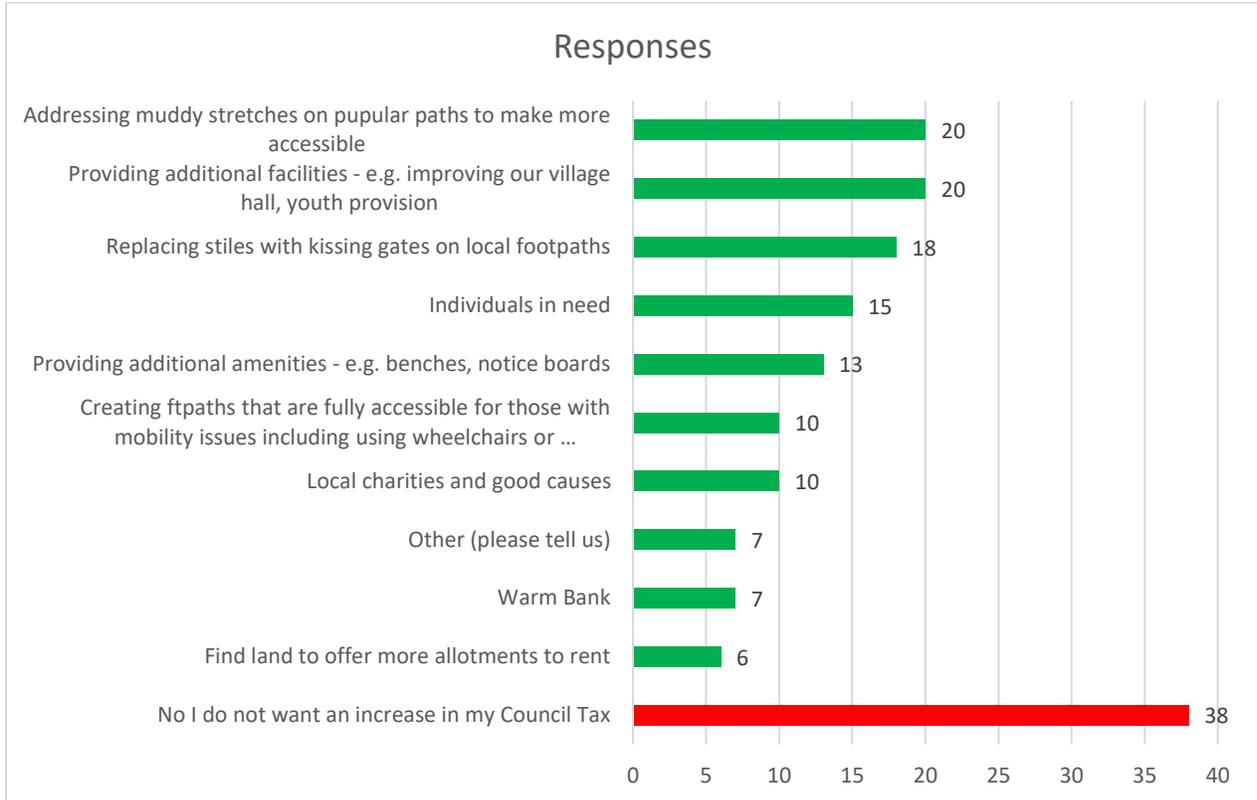
Other (please tell us)

- Checking the agenda and minutes online.
- I don't find out, word of mouth via third party got me this link.
- 2 mentioned Pew magazine
- the parish information process needs improving
- We don't know how to find out about Parish Council matters.

Q30: Do you think the Parish Council should raise more money through a small increase in your Council Tax to support any of the following improvements? (Tick any that apply)

Answered: 86

Skipped: 22



Whilst 38 of the respondents said no to increasing the Precept there were plenty of suggestions for projects from the other 48 responses.

Other (please tell us)

- 2 mentioned traffic calming
- Dealing with night-time offroaders in Dursdon Drove. No tarmac on rights of way.
- Play area for children
- Use what you have more judiciously!
- Why do you want to replace stiles with kissing gates? Neither of these are suitable for disabled people!

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