

Ambrosden Village Survey 2023

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Ambrosden Village Survey - Statements

- Survey was held between 1st March and 7th April 2023
- The survey was available:
 - Online
 - In paper form
- There were 126 separate responses
- This represents 13.6% response from the village households
 - It is assumed there were not multiple responses per household; there is no evidence of duplication or multiple entry
- 29 individuals provided personal contact details in support of volunteering within the Parish (section 10). These details are excluded from any public presentation of the data.
- Insights are based on the respondents as a cross section of the community
- These results are collected prior to recent village affecting events:
 - Reopening of Ploughley Road/A41
 - Planning committee decisions
- “Wordles” formed by standardising language as well as including specific response text

Ambrosden Village Survey - Insights

- The majority of engagement came from the “Old Village” but this was not significantly higher than other areas
- 21.5% of the responded population are younger than 18 years old
- 14% of the responded population 60 years old plus
- Engagement and outreach to areas like Springfield and Hawthorns is less successful than the average

Specific comments

- The village has a positive view of itself in that it is generally a quiet, peaceful environment, with a friendly feel, a community feeling, and a balanced location between countryside and Bicester
- Responses indicate that there is a real need for community spaces. “Better pub”, “café”, “Meeting rooms” are mentioned in all responses

Ambrosden Village Survey – Insights Continued

- Housing development and planning within the village is the most significant issue
- 90% of responses are against further development. The remaining 10% specifically mentioned a need for affordable housing or bungalows.
- Speeding is a significant concern in the village, with current measures having limited impact. A very real sense that the Parish Council should do more.
- Parish Council communication needs to improve, with a lack of visibility of who we are, what we do (and what we don't do). Channels to residents are not clear
 - For example, several responses did not know there was a PC website, and many assumed the private FaceBook page "Ambrosden Community" is managed by the Parish
- There is a real desire for more community events, either by the parish council or the village hall committee
- There are some concerns around crime in the community, with Car related crimes and a general assumption of increases due to the village growing

Ambrosden Village Survey – Next Steps

- Show results to Village

- Publish on Website
- Coffee morning displaying insights

- Identify immediate activities

- Events co-ordination
- Improve communications approach
- Address speeding concerns
- Maintain action against development

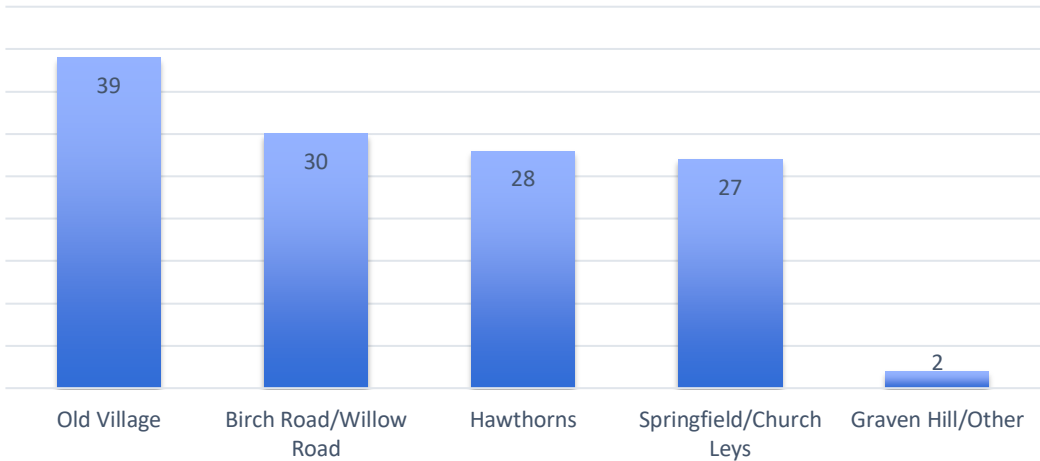
- Begin Neighbourhood Planning

- Create Village Vision (*“The Village History, The Village Today, The Village Tomorrow”*)
- Establish Plan Working group (Parish Council, Groups and non council participants)
- Connect with CDC Neighbourhood Planning Lead
- Research other Neighbourhood Plans
- Apply for Grants

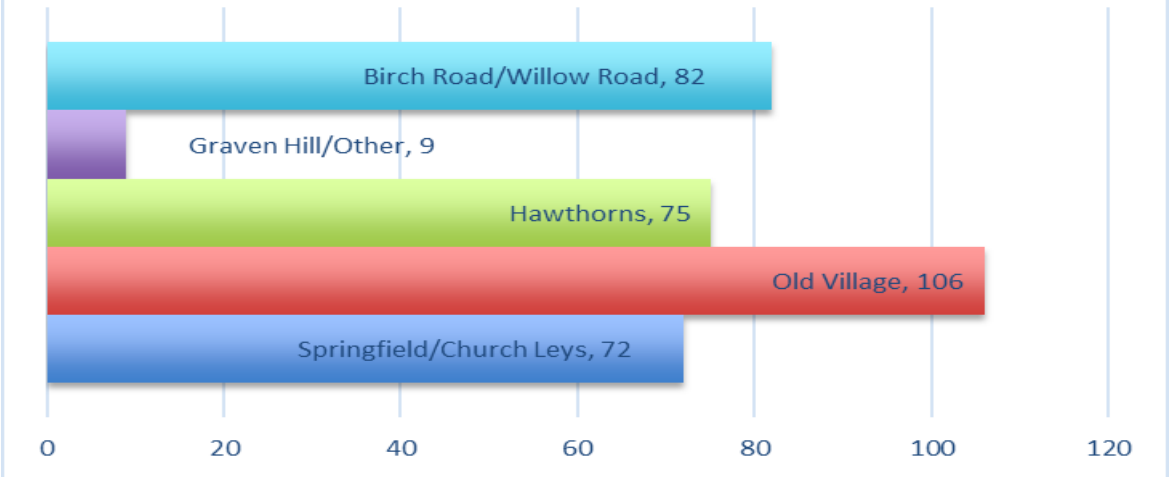
Responses and Presentation

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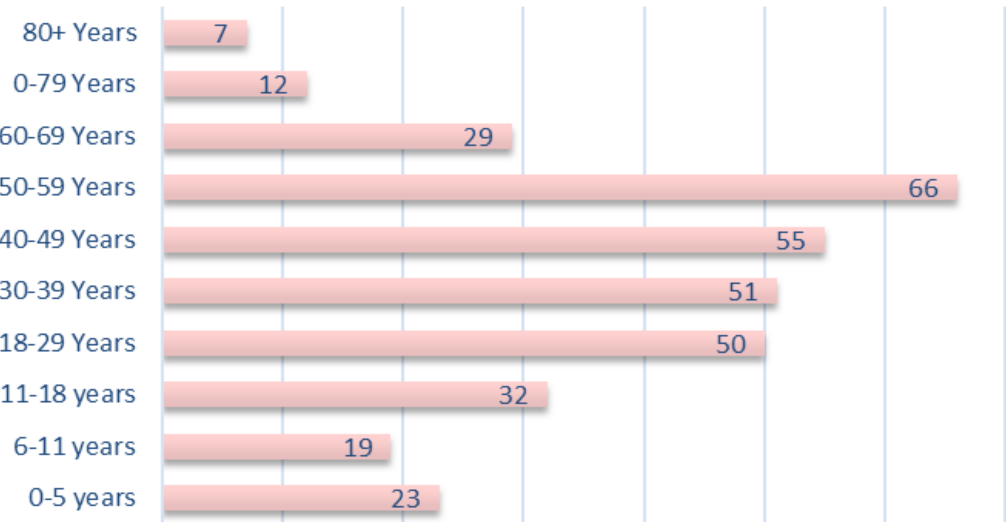
Responses by Area



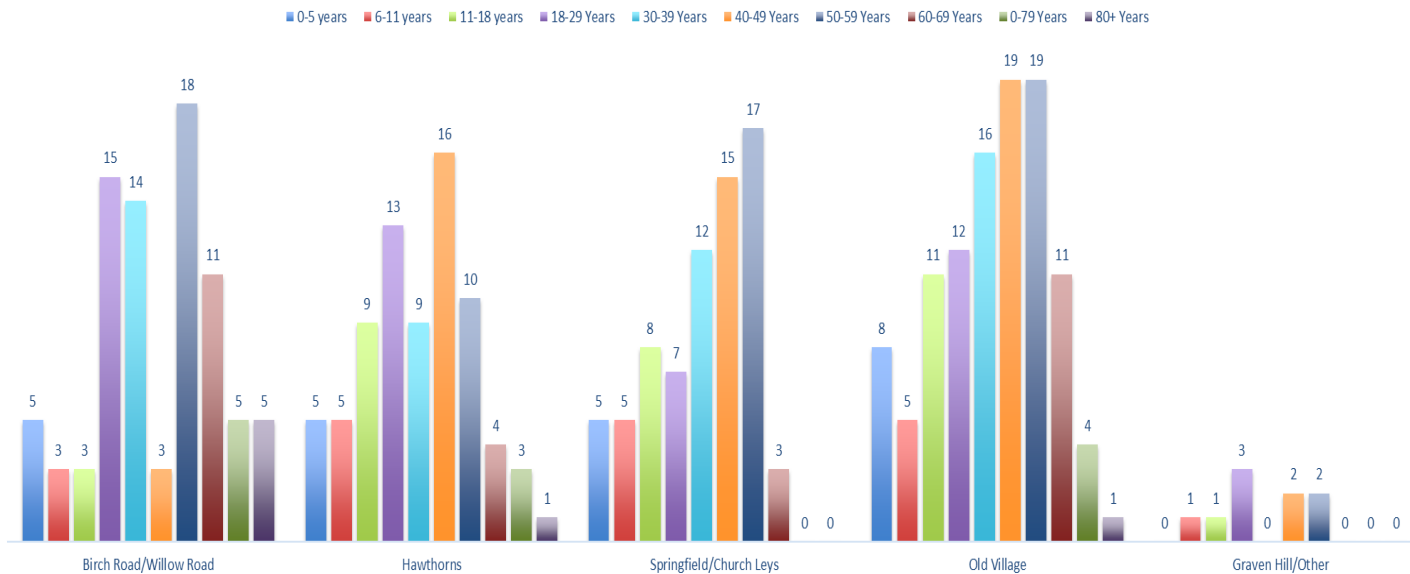
Residents by area



Residents by age range

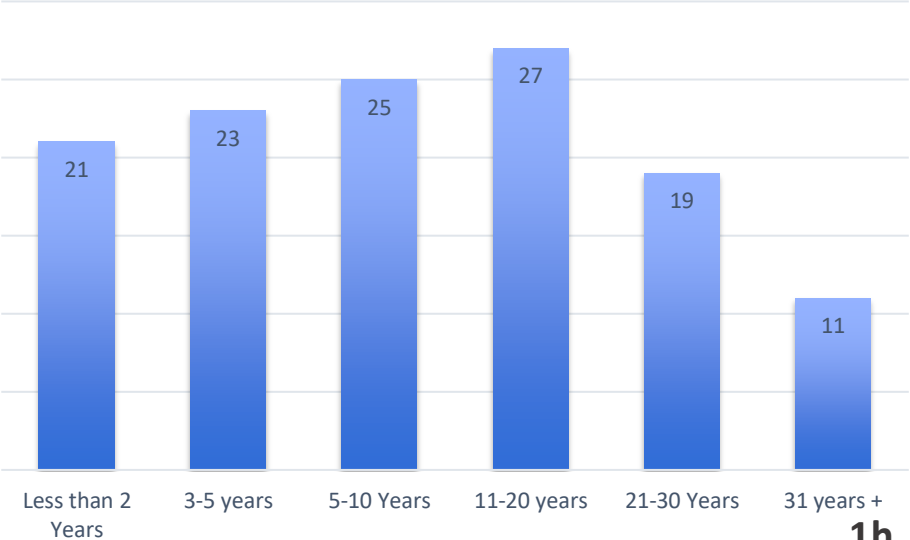


Number of residents by age and area

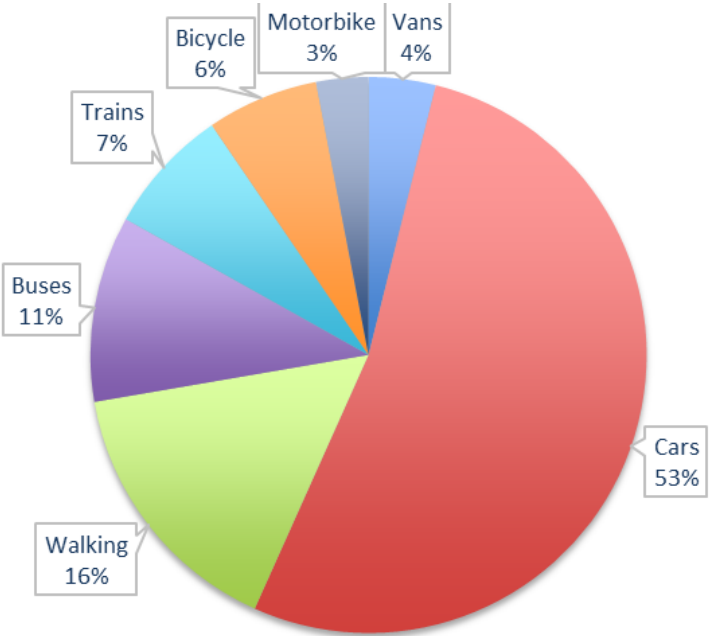


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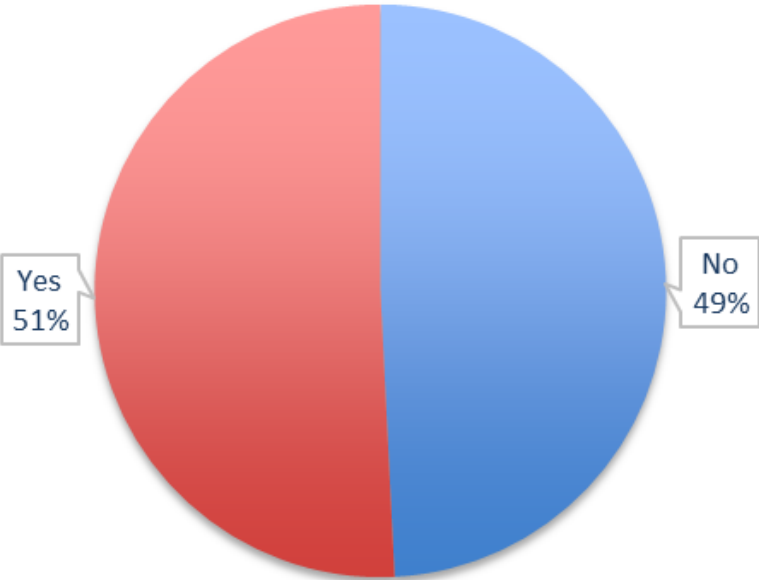
1e. How long have you lived in Ambrosden?



1g. Please could you tick all the methods you use to get to work or go shopping

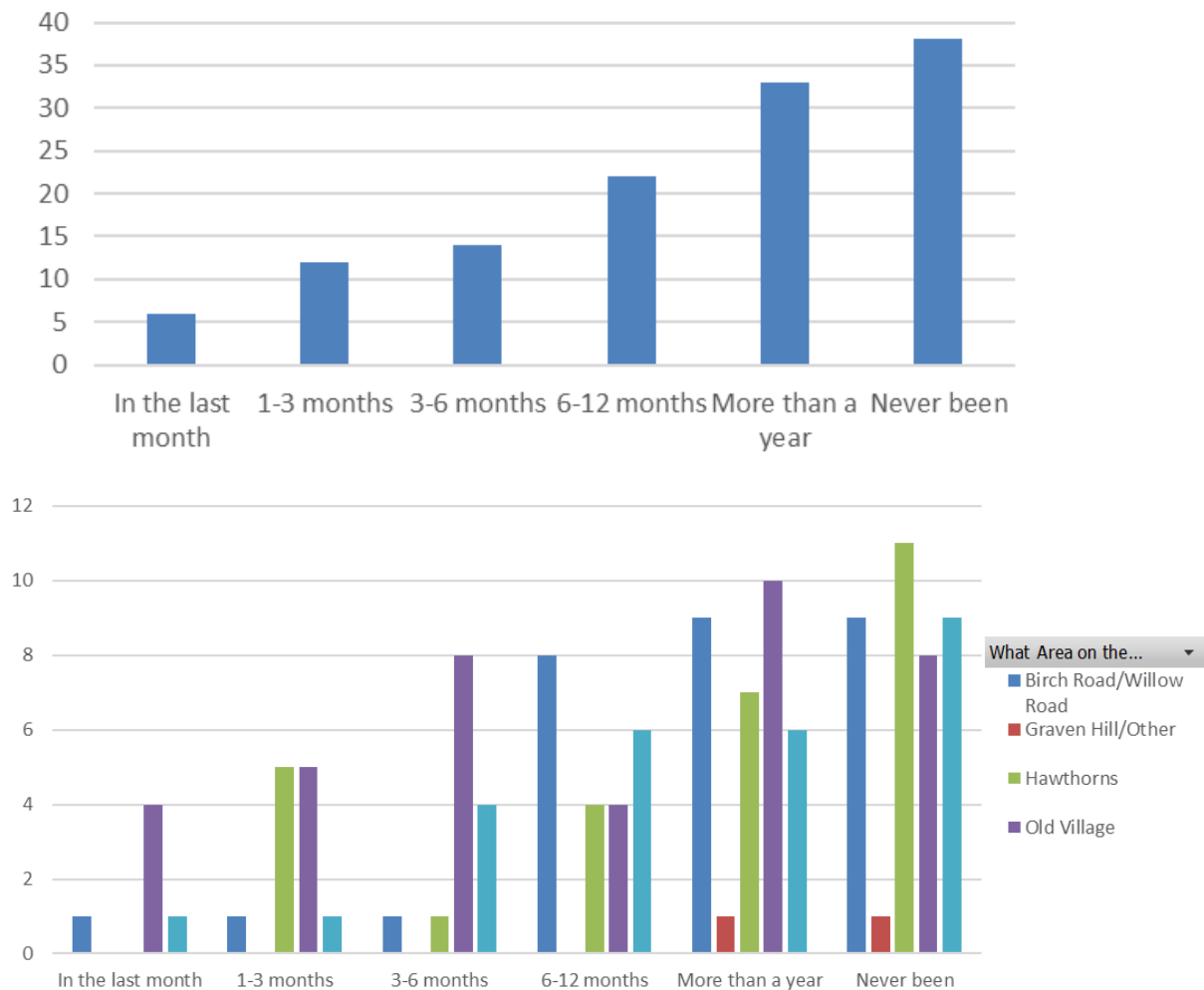


1h. Do you work at home some/all of the time?



Section 2 – Community

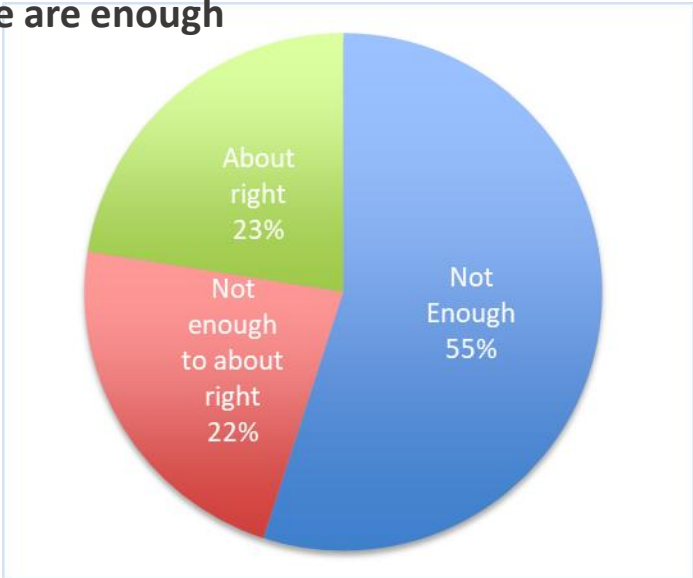
2a. When did you last go to an event organised by the community?



2b. What type of events would you like to see held in the village?



2c. Do you think there are enough community events?



More public footpaths around the local fields
 a shop selling fresh produce
 social clubs for older children
 basketball
 swimming pool
 Fitness clubs for all abilities and age groups
 Sports facilities
 chemist
 football pitch
 some form of food outlet
 recreation area for teens
 clubs for children
 improved village hall
 tennis courts
 social hub - all ages
 dance classes for children
 craft fair at village hall
 Running track
 smart hall
 Village Exchange Europe
 Football
 Play areas
 Basket ball courts
 dog walking
 gym
 Retail bakery/butcher
 football club
 Petrol station
 surgery
 Playing field
 Woodland (as included in planning application)
 cycle ways
 doctors
 pool table
 Supermarket
 restaurant
 more food outlets
 doctors surgery
 darts board
 geocaching
 Village Exchange UK
 darts
 cafe
 larger playgrounds
 charity shop
 a social space
 Football and cricket teams
 skate park
 dentist
 swimming pool - all ages
 cricket
 Better Bus service
 treasure hunt
 proper war memorial
 quiz nights
 takeaway
 young people activities

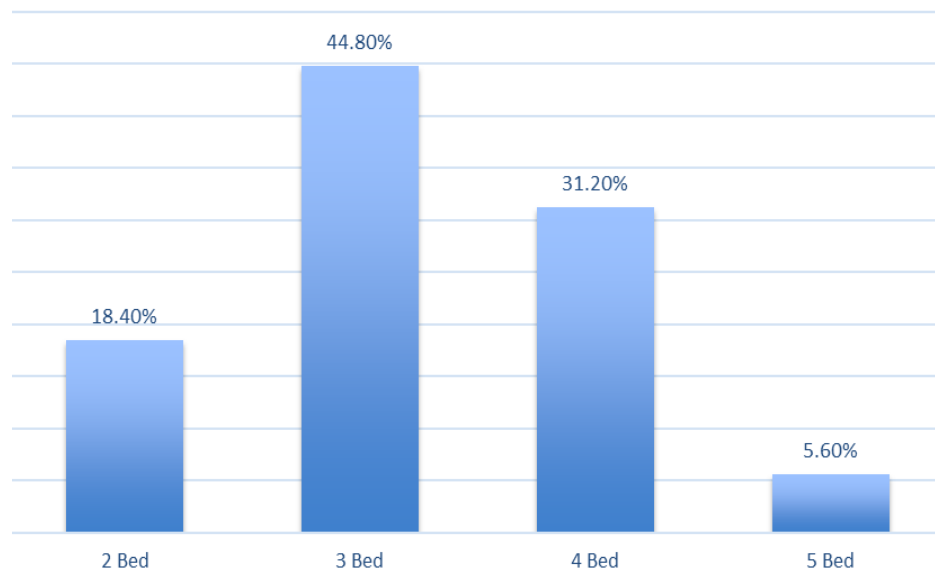
major overhaul
picnics more man power
well being classes
antiques fair
outdoor event space
cinema nights
affordable rates
pop up resturant
Classes
Cinema night
AV equipment
mens clubs
mum sessions
freshening up
Quiz Nights
Clubs
over 60's club
table tennis
workspace
WiFi
meeting rooms
licensed events
warm hub
go to place for information
village events
games nights
book clubs
bbq
pop up pub
Better Toilets
table top sales
sports use
new kitchen
craft events
social space for tackling loneliness
Meeting hub for activities
function space
café
multiple rooms

Section 3 – Housing and Development

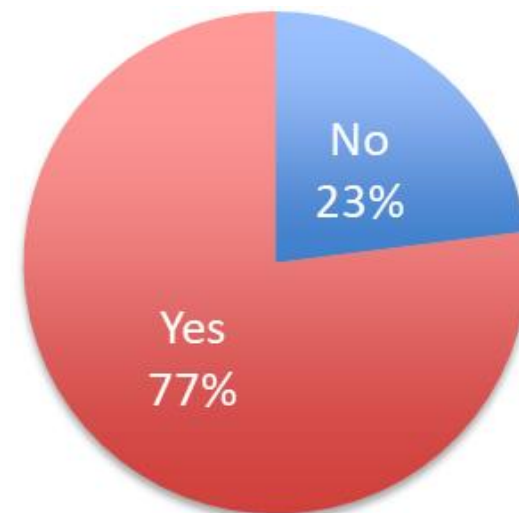
3a/b .What type of house/flat/bungalow do you live in?

Type of Home	Percentage
House	94.44%
Own/shared ownership	85.71%
Rent	8.73%
Bungalow	5.56%
Own/shared ownership	2.38%
Rent	3.17%

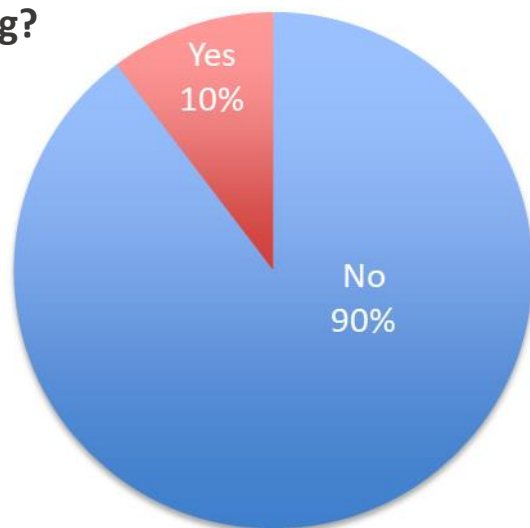
3c. How many bedrooms are in the property?



3h. Would you like more information about planned development and how to respond?



3f. Do you think the village needs more housing?

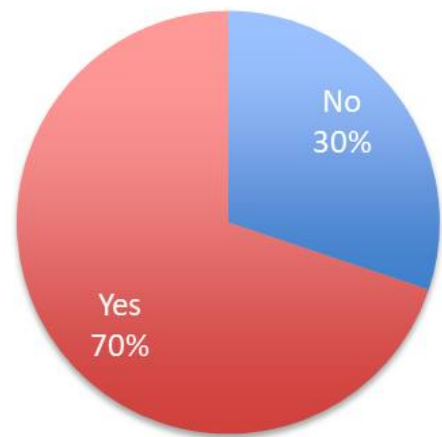


3g .What type of housing would you like to see in the village in the future?

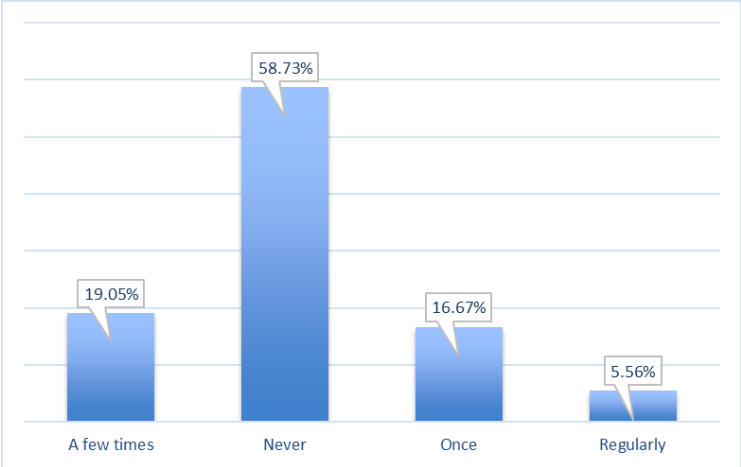


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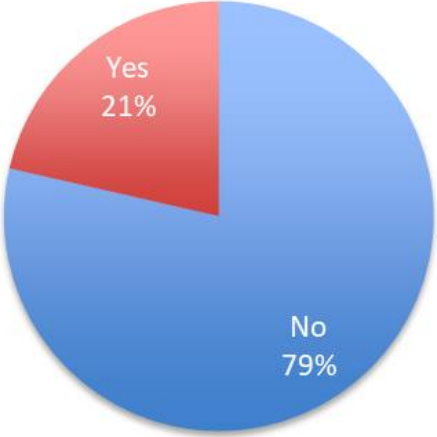
4a. Do you know how to get in touch with the parish council?



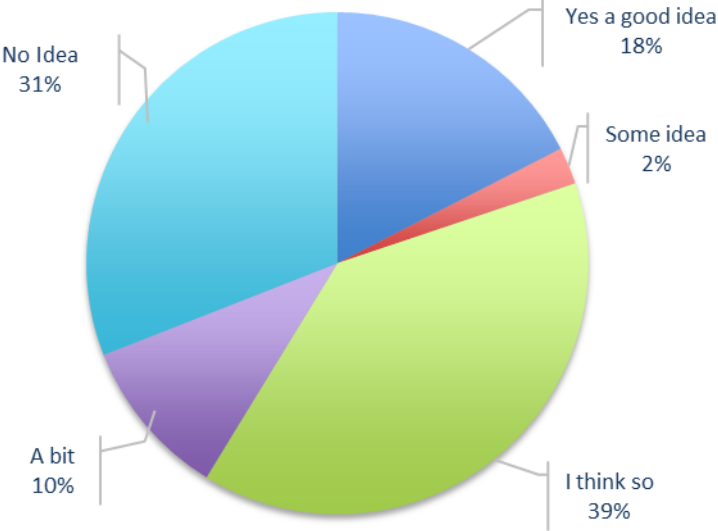
4b. Have you ever gone to a Parish Council Meeting?



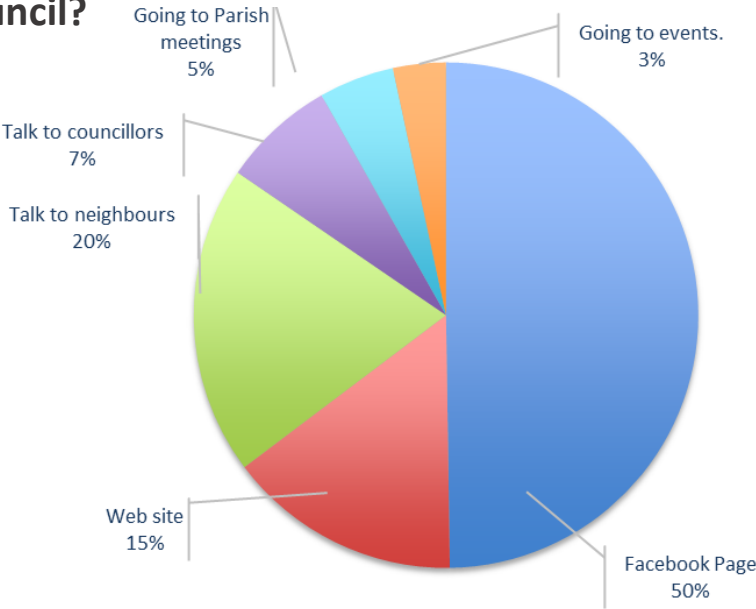
4c. Would you know the Parish Councillors if you passed them on the street?



4d. Do you know what the Parish Council does and doesn't do?



4e. How do you get information from the Parish Council?



Section 4 – Communication

4f. What do you think of the Parish Website?



4f. What do you think of the Notice Boards?



Section 4 – Communication

4g. What would you like to hear from the Parish Council?

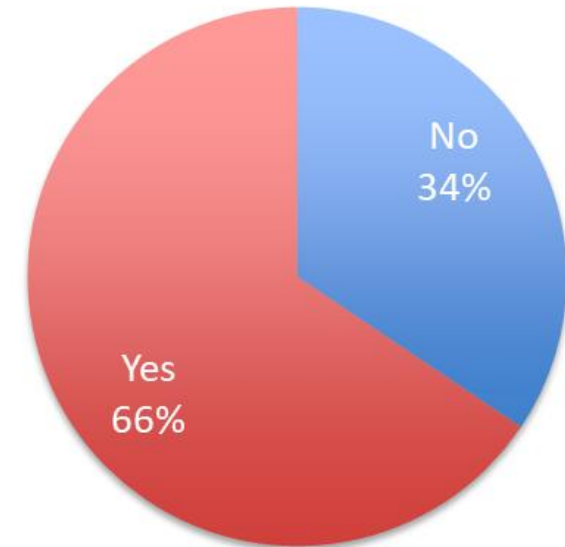


Section 5 – Environment

5a. Do you have any concerns for the village such as litter, waste, recycling, pollution, flooding?

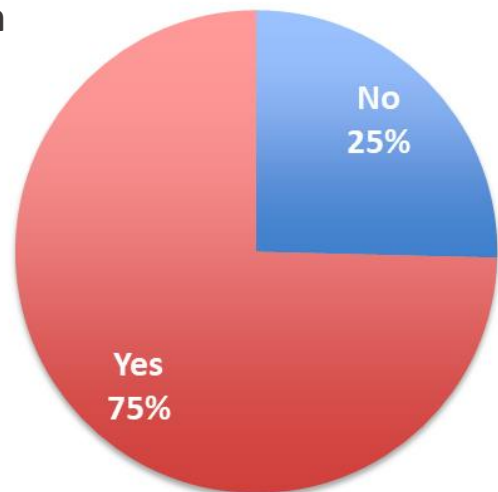


5c. Would you come along to a “Parish Litter Pick”?

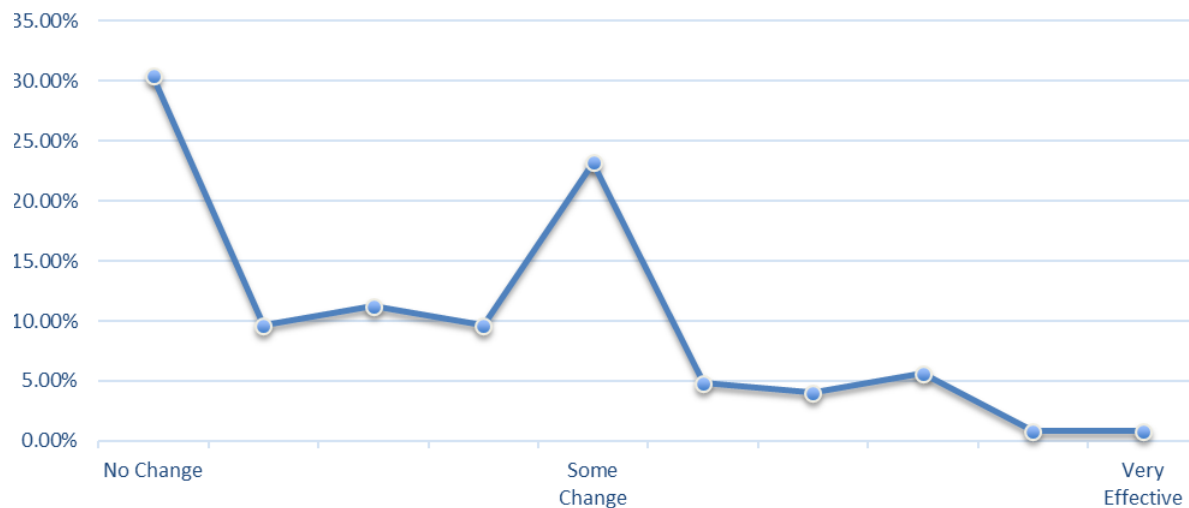


Section 6 – Transport & Highways

6a. Do you see speeding as a problem in the village?



6b. How effective do you think the new traffic calming & vehicle-activated signs have been?



6c. What could the Parish Council do to improve road safety?

Put yellow lines past post office, speed humps
Speed watch

Engage with Highways, raise concerns

Speed bumps
It's up to the police

Some form of parking restrictions by post office/shop
Cut the amount of lorries cutting through the village

Speed cameras

Address the speeding on the blackthorn road

Request more police enforcement

Get the Police to do regular checks do Community speedwatch
Speed humps along Merton road

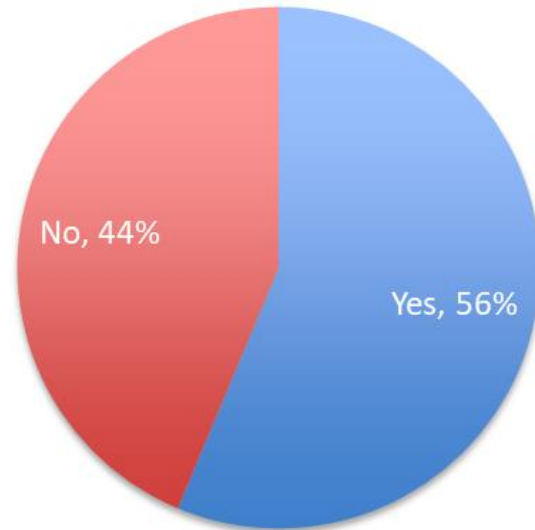
Chicanes entering village are good to slow traffic down on entry

Get police to enforce, speed cameras

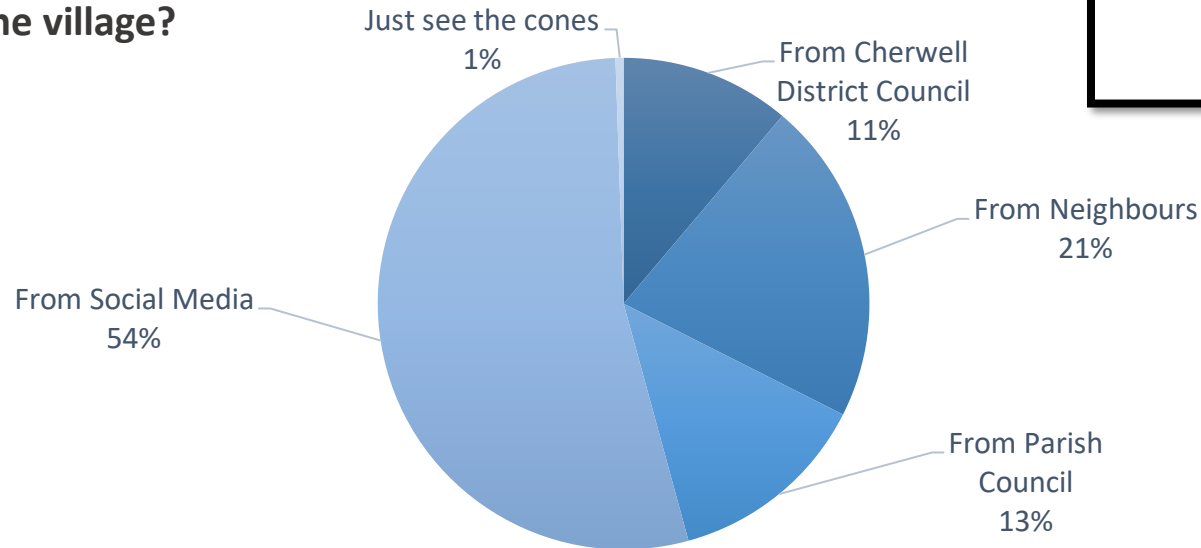
Move the speed sign before estate entrances on Blackthorn road
More passive measures to slow traffic down

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6d. Do you think the village has sufficient bus service?



6f. How do you find out about planned road works that affect the village?

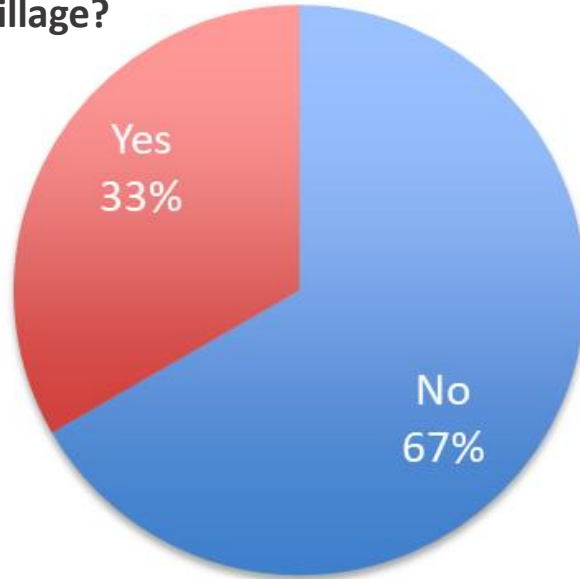


6e. What would you like to see improved with the bus service?

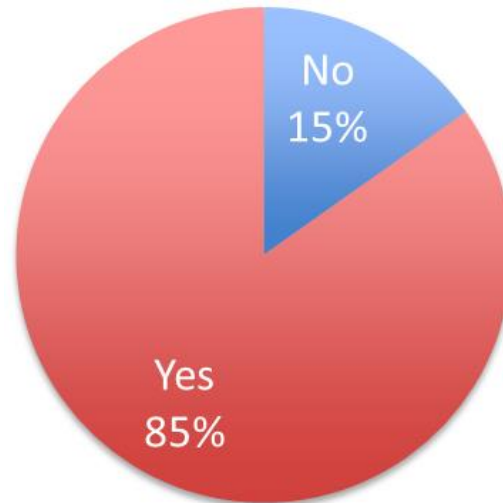


Section 7 – Crime and Community Safety

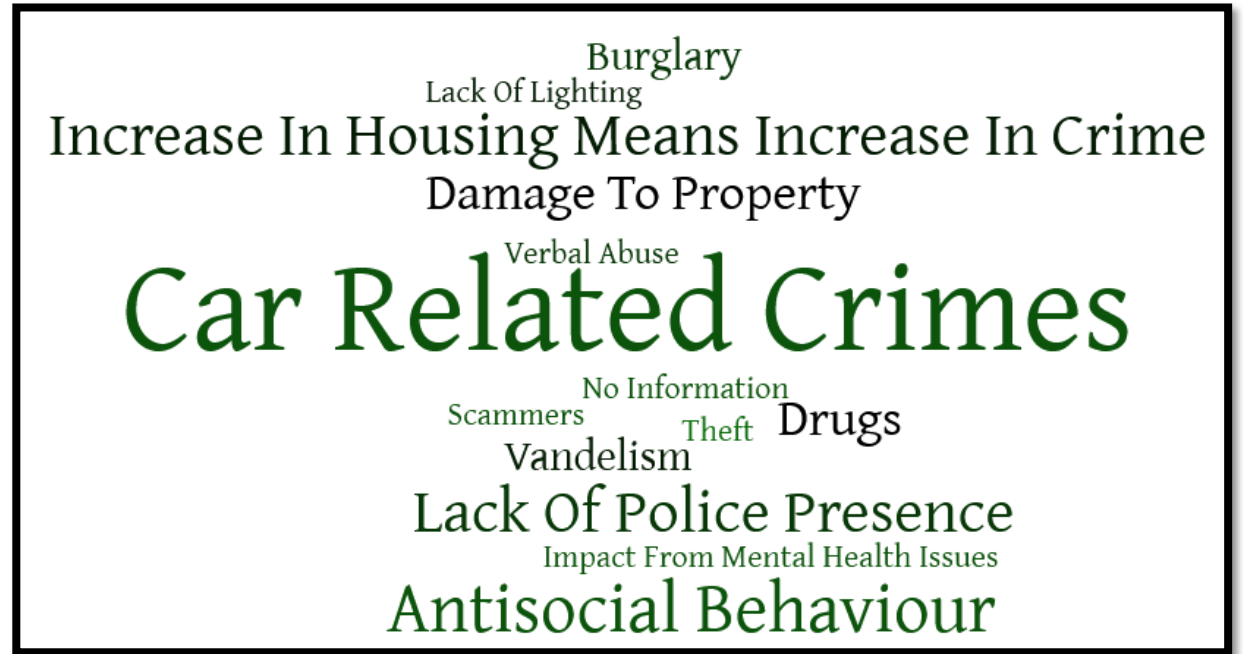
7a. Do you have any concerns about crime in the village?



7e. Would you support a neighbourhood watch group?



7b. What are they?

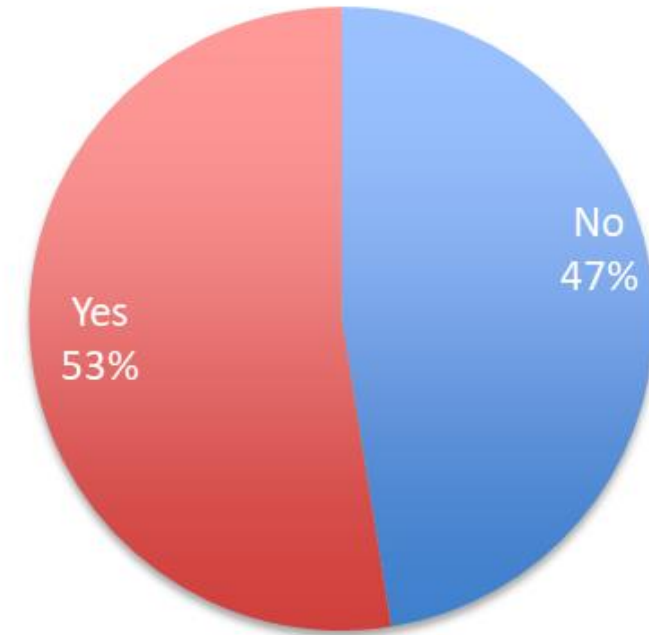


Section 8 - Business

8a. Are there any business facilities that you would like to see provided in the village? i.e., hot desking facility, meeting rooms, business hub?



8b. Would a village business register be beneficial for you? i.e., a “yellow page” for our village



Section 9 – Other Comments

9a. What do you like about our village?



9b. What do you think needs to be improved about the village?

A central community space, pub , community cafe, for all
better pub/improved hall/better parish council
Communication from the Parish Council.
Community resources and meeting places like a pub and football field type facilities
Community~spirit.
Decent pub with bar snacks, more community feel and maybe a pizza cafe up byCostcutter
Different ‘play’ areas and outdoor spaces. Stop people driving on pavements esp alongside Ploughly road. Places to gather socially
Facilities
Facilities such as a shop and takeaway to save endless journeys to Langford Tesco and Chinese!
Family friendly pub
Getting the Ploughley Road open and getting access back to Bicester. This must be a priority.
internet/phone
It’s not very aesthetically looking, village could do with a makeover, less roadworks as commuting out of Ambrosden to nearest supermarket in Bicester is horrendous a second route into Bicester could be useful
Lose the MOD links and the MOD housing which is ugly, having community sports teams, pub desperately needs a new direction
More facilities- pub, coffee shop, social places
More local amenities
More ways for community to meet up especially over 60's and retired. Get more for villagers to join in and meet.
Need more retail infrastructure
New infrastrucrure
No more housing,
Not an improvement as such, but no more housing development.
People's attitudes and a lack of people willing to do the work
Pub, better shop, more public space for walking, community events - can we use Springfield green for fetes etc in summer?
Public house
Reduce speeding, and tackle drugs
Restrictions on new housing
roads could be re-laid.
Roads Roads Roads Roads Roads Roads Roads Roads
Social interaction to build community spirit
social space
sports facilities
Stop all future planning applications
Stop building houses. Pavements
Stop the rat run, enforce the weight limit, better pub, parish council need to involve community more on issues, public meetings, need for sports facilities in the village, some villages have an outside gym, there is under utilised
land at Springfields where more community events could happen
Stopping any more housing estates being built, we want to remain a village and it's just growing and growing and whatever villagers say, we have no control over this
The area where cars park on the grass driving over the path to get there. Could that be made into a permit parking bay .
The roads and protecting our countryside.
Things for teens to do as well as adults
Village pub,

Section 9 – Other Comments

9C. What do you think the Parish Council could do better?

