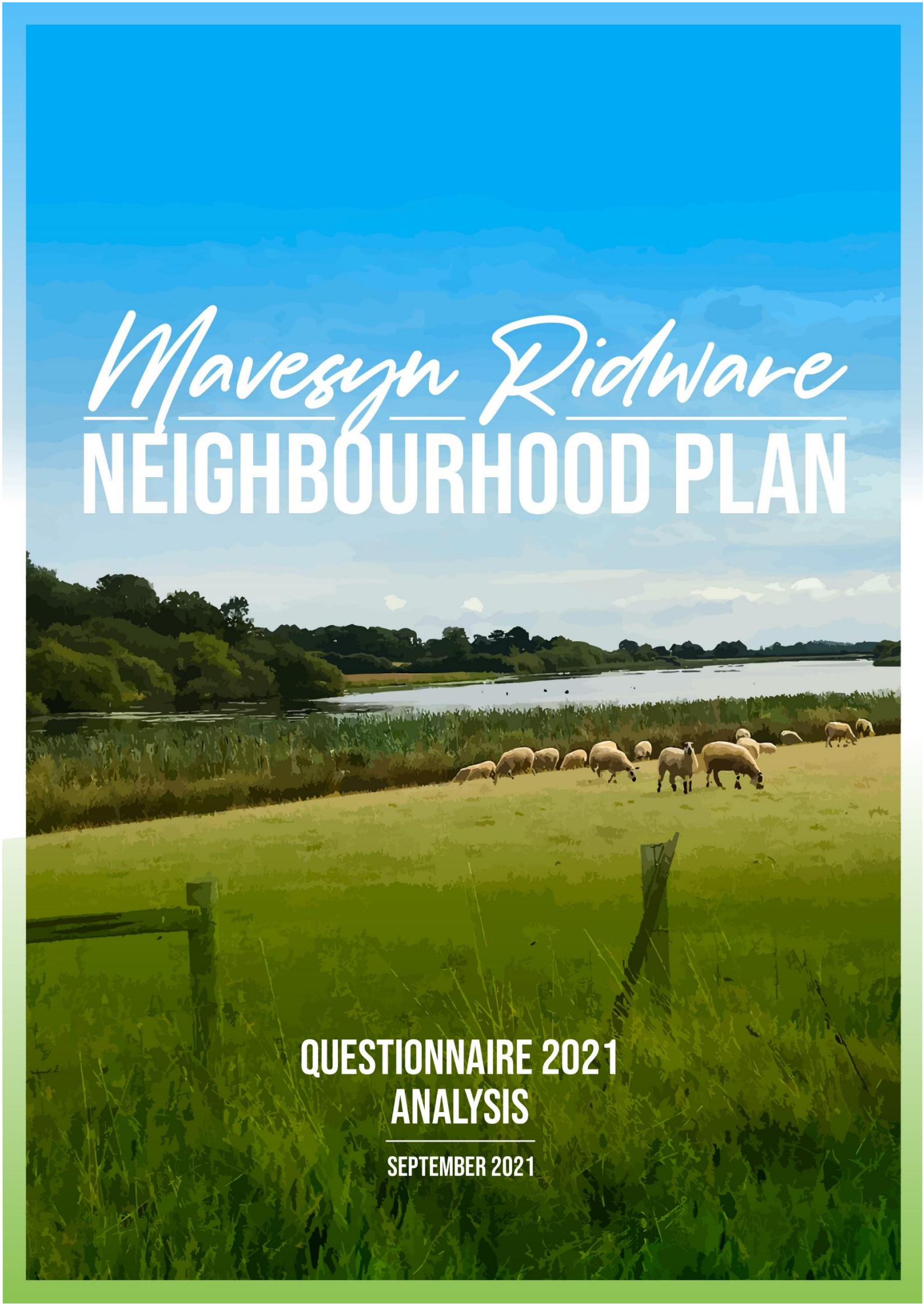




Mavesyn Ridware NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

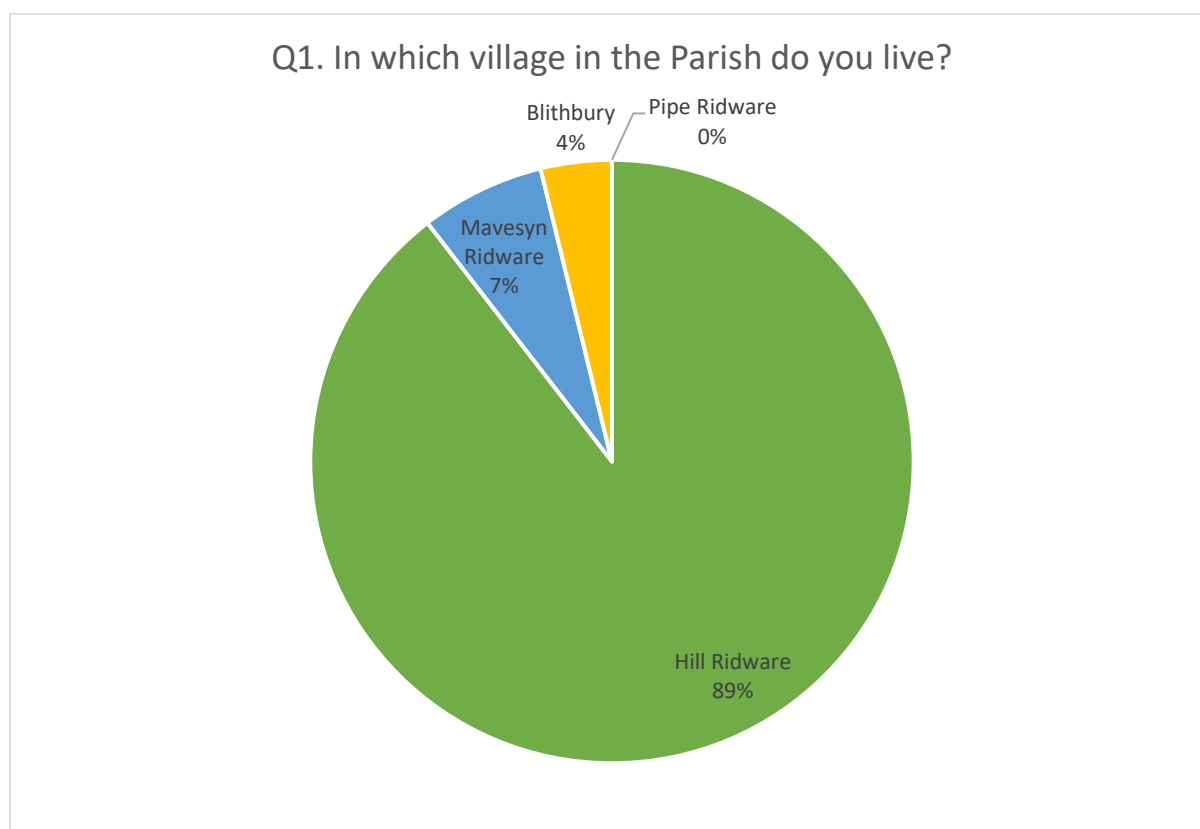
**QUESTIONNAIRE 2021
ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 2021

Respondents

Household Questionnaires were delivered to every household within the Parish in Spring 2021. The questionnaire provided an opportunity for residents to express their opinions and idea to inform the formation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Mavesyn Ridware Parish.

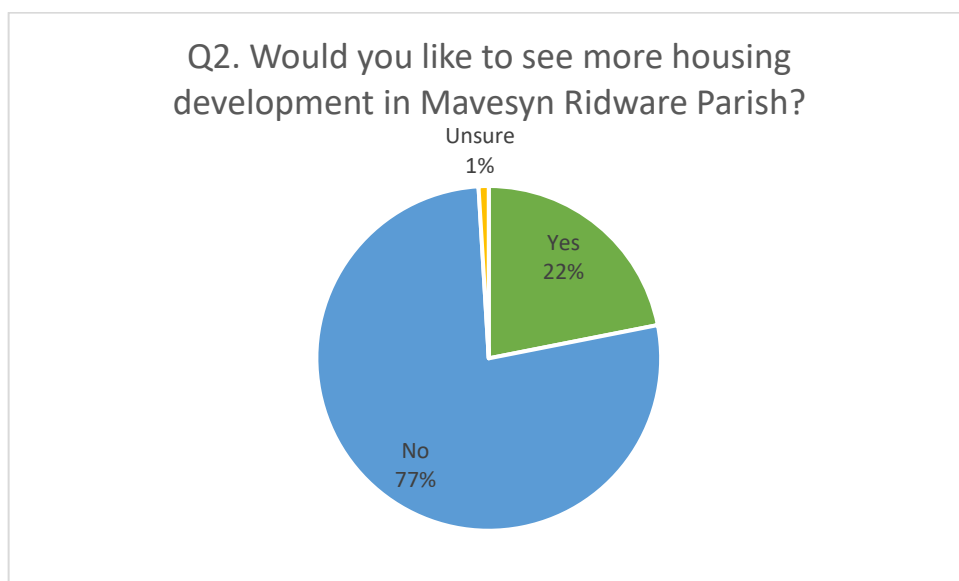
There were 105 household responses. The 2011 Census concluded there were 446 dwellings in the Parish in 2011. Since 2011 a number of dwellings have been built (including 48 dwellings on the Cameron Homes site and 33 dwellings on the Maplevale Homes site). Assuming there are around 530 dwellings within the Parish in 2021 a 20% response rate was achieved. It is considered a robust and representative response has therefore been achieved.



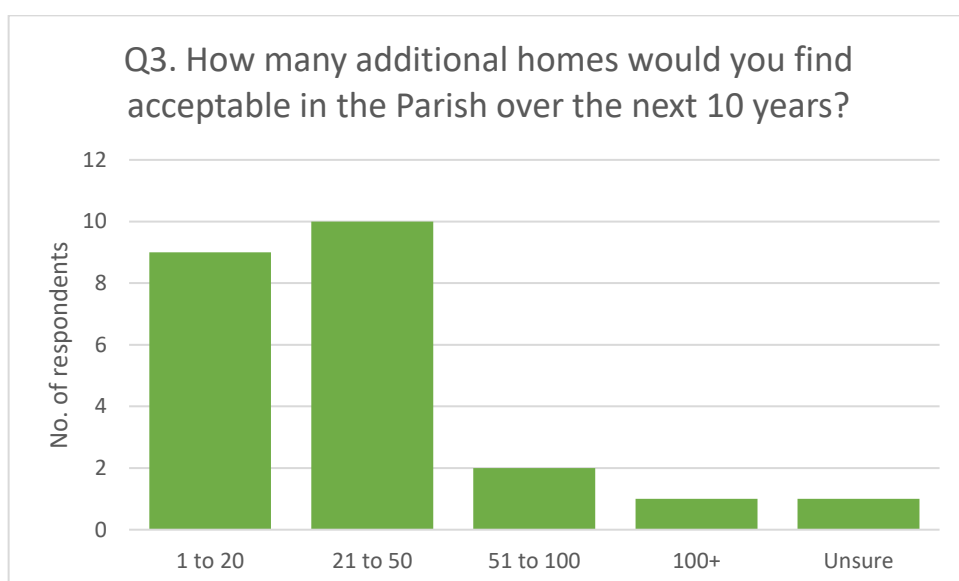
The majority of responses were received from households within Hill Ridware and this is unsurprising as the majority of households are located within this village of the Parish. It should be noted that a proportionate level of responses were received from both Mavesyn Ridware and Blithbury households, however no responses were received from the limited number of households in Pipe Ridware. Further community testing within Pipe Ridware is recommended through future consultations.

This report provides analysis of the responses received. Whilst many of the questions within the questionnaire were 'closed' questions and therefore the responses are self explanatory within this report, further narrative is provided on the responses to the 'open' questions where necessary.

Housing Development

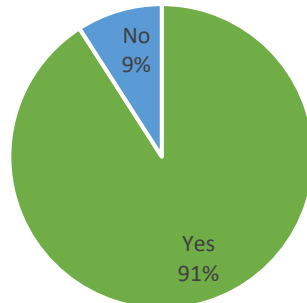


Over three quarters of household responses did not support the delivery of more homes within the Parish, however a level of support for additional homes was received from a minority of households. These households were located within the village of Hill Ridware.



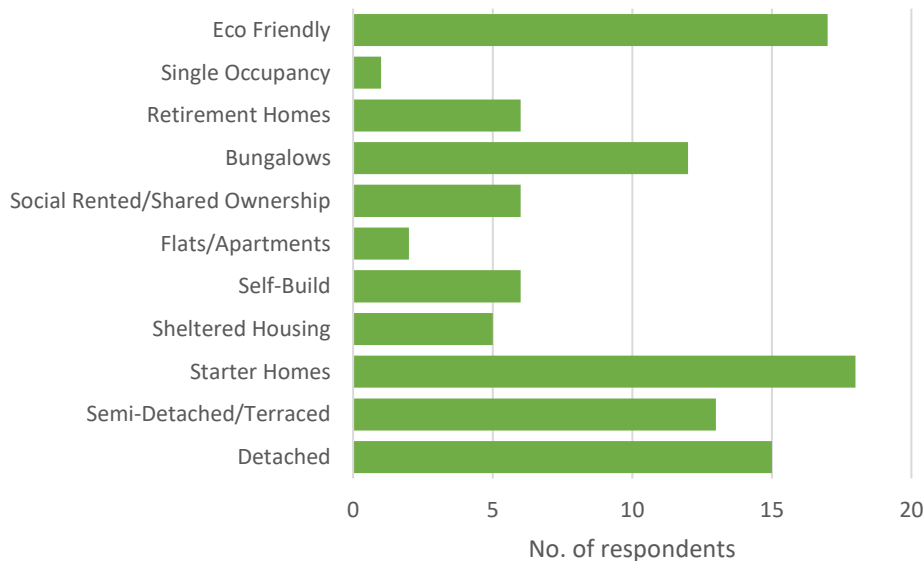
Of those households that would support the delivery of new homes within the Parish, there was no consensus on the number of homes that they would like to see delivered, with a high proportion of those supporting between 1 to 20 and 21 to 51 additional homes. A single response would find over 100 new homes acceptable. In addition, a further response considered that a Local Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken to fully understand the scale of local need within the Parish which should inform the number of additional homes supported in the Parish in the next 10 years.

Q4. For any future housing development would you like to see more architectural character designed into new homes?

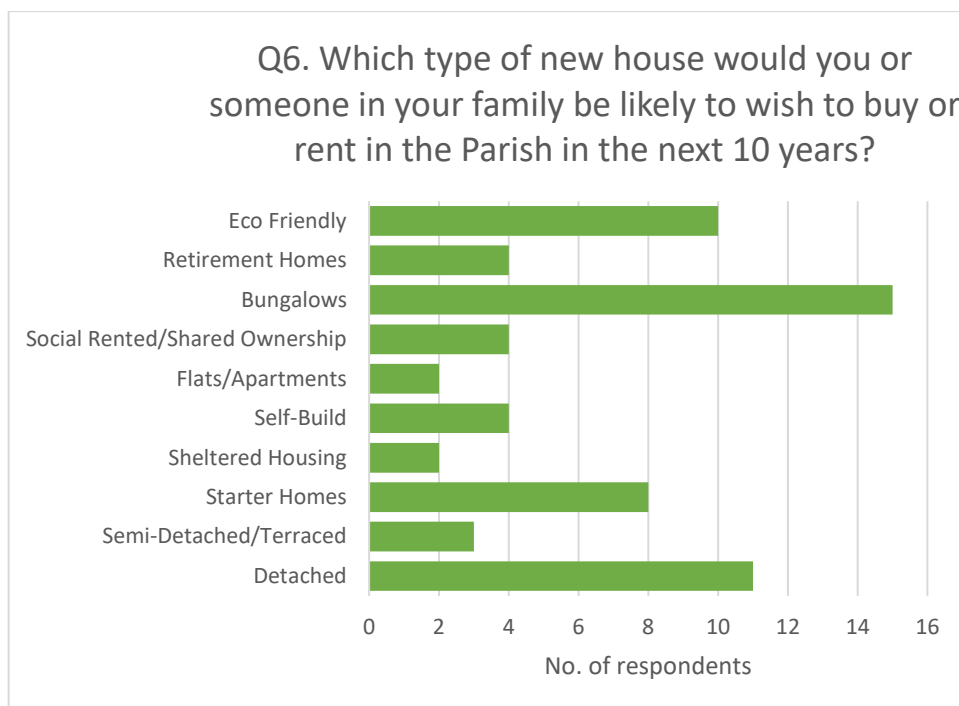


The clear majority of responses would like to see greater architectural character designed into new homes.

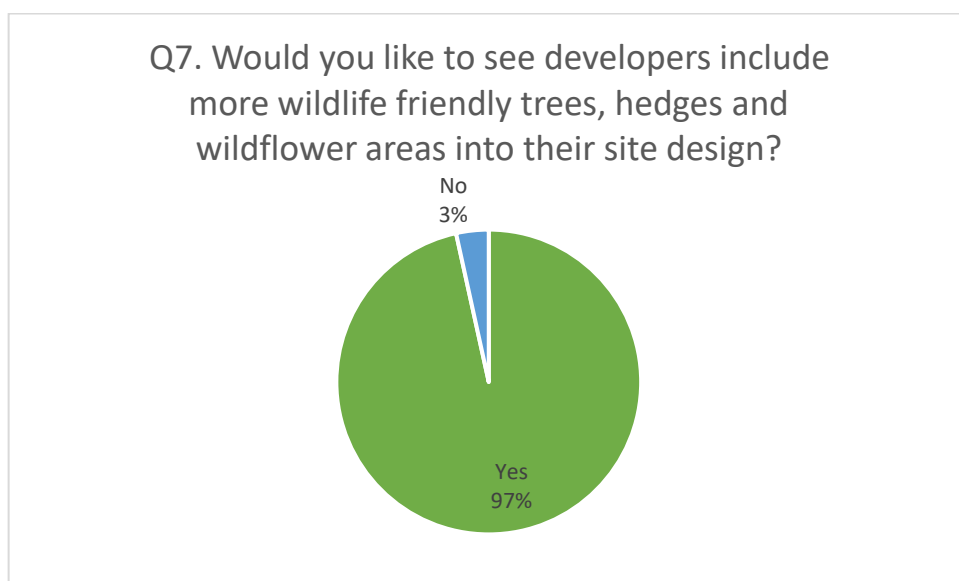
Q5. What type of housing would you like to see within any future development in the Parish?



Again, there was no consensus on the type of housing respondents would like to see as part of future housing development in the village. The responses show support for a range of house sizes, types and tenures and it should be noted that many of the options provided within the questionnaire are not mutually exclusive.

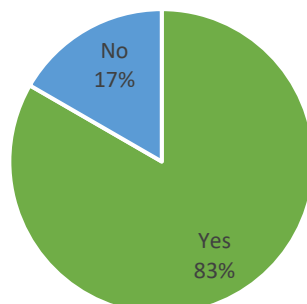


In line with the responses to Q5 above, there was no consensus on the type of new home needed by households in the next 10 years. However, in analysing the response to Q5 and Q6 together there seems to be greater support for ‘detached’ properties, ‘eco friendly properties’, ‘bungalows’ and ‘starter homes’ which would allow for younger residents to be retained within the Parish.



Of those respondents that supported the provision of new homes within the Parish, the vast majority wanted to see developers include wildlife friendly habitats incorporated into development schemes.

Q8. Would you like to see developers encouraged to include Bird and Bat friendly eaves into their plans?



Again, respondents supported the inclusion of bird and bat boxes within development proposals, however the responses demonstrated greater support for bird boxes. In addition, some respondents considered that bird and bat boxes would be more appropriate located elsewhere within the Parish, including within trees and field margins.

Q9. Which areas of the Parish do you value the most and would like to see protected from development?

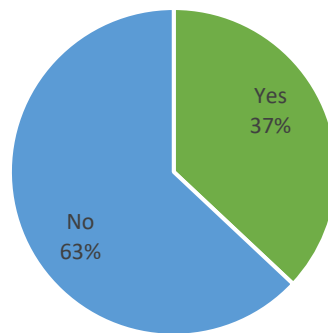
Of those that responded, the areas of most importance, to see protected from development, were:

- Playing fields and children's play area
- Area between Hill Ridware and Mavesyn Ridware, including land around the lake
- Village Hall
- Mavesyn Ridware Conservation Area and buildings of historic importance
- Public Right of Way (PRoW) network

Other areas valued included the Chadwick Arms PH, allotments, flood plain and flood attenuation areas and the best and most versatile agricultural land (BMV).

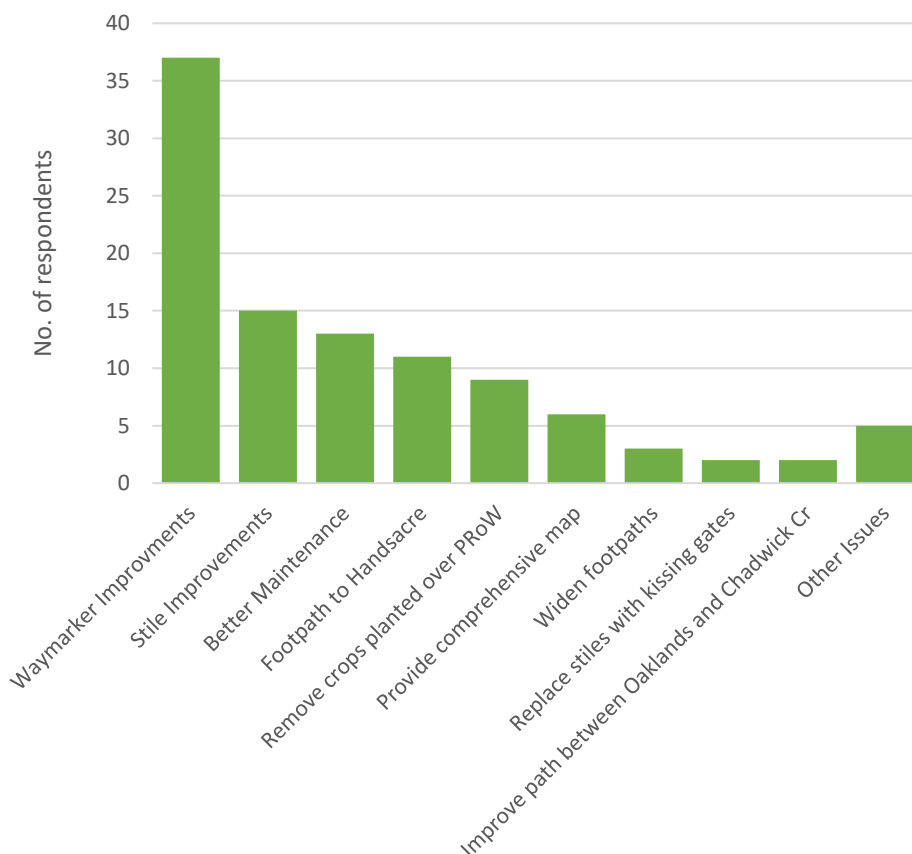
The Environment

Q10. Are you satisfied with the existing footpath and bridleway network and signposting in the Parish?

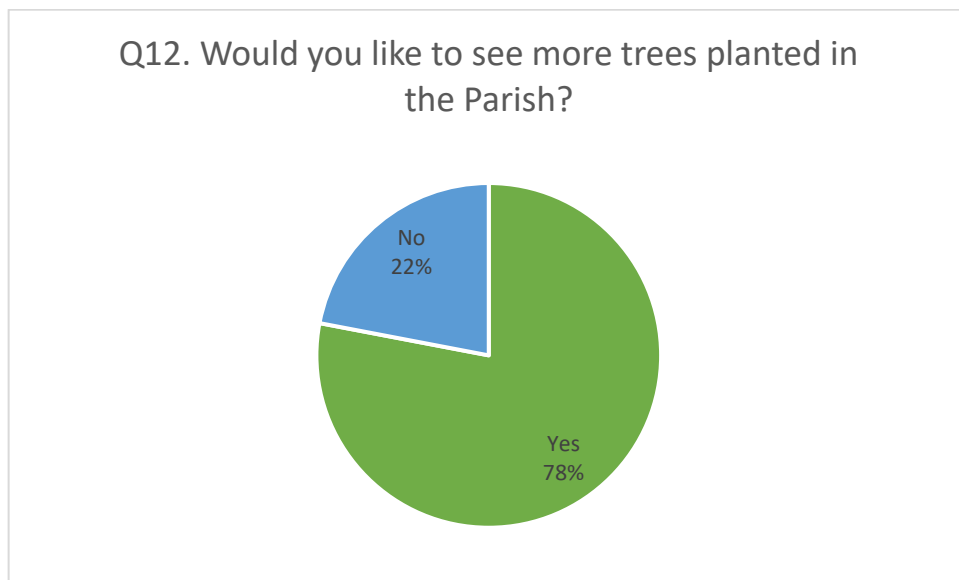


Nearly two thirds of household responses were dissatisfied with the existing footpath and bridleway network within the Parish.

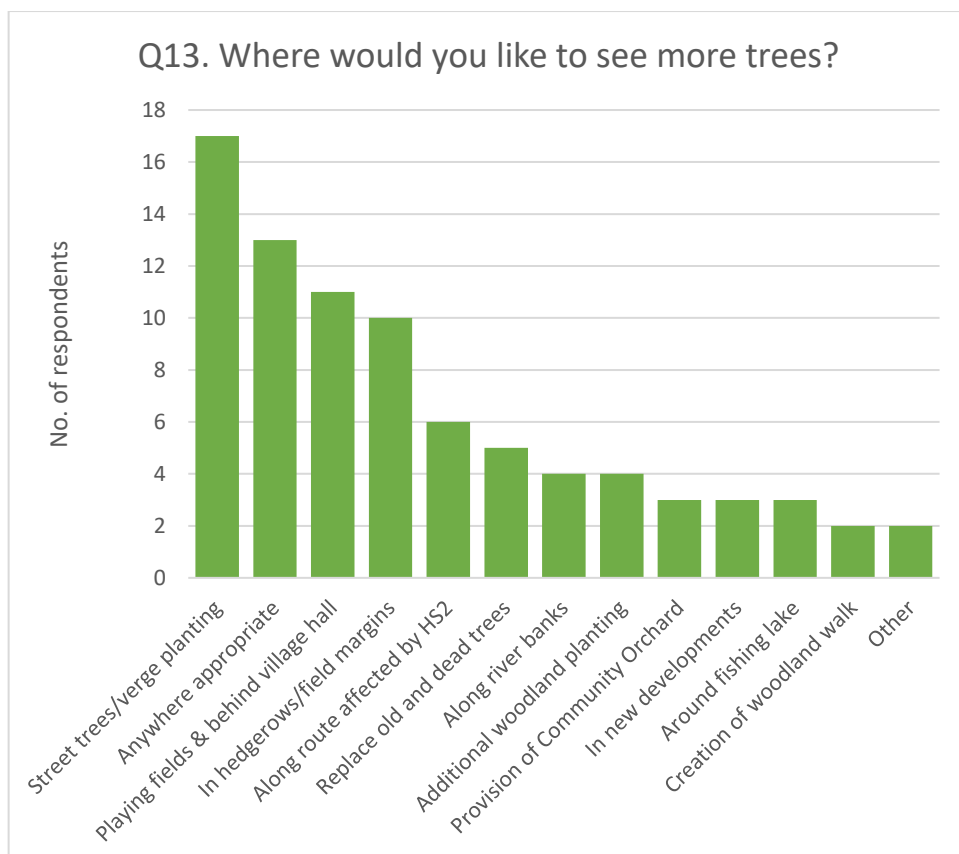
Q11. If not, what improvements can you suggest?



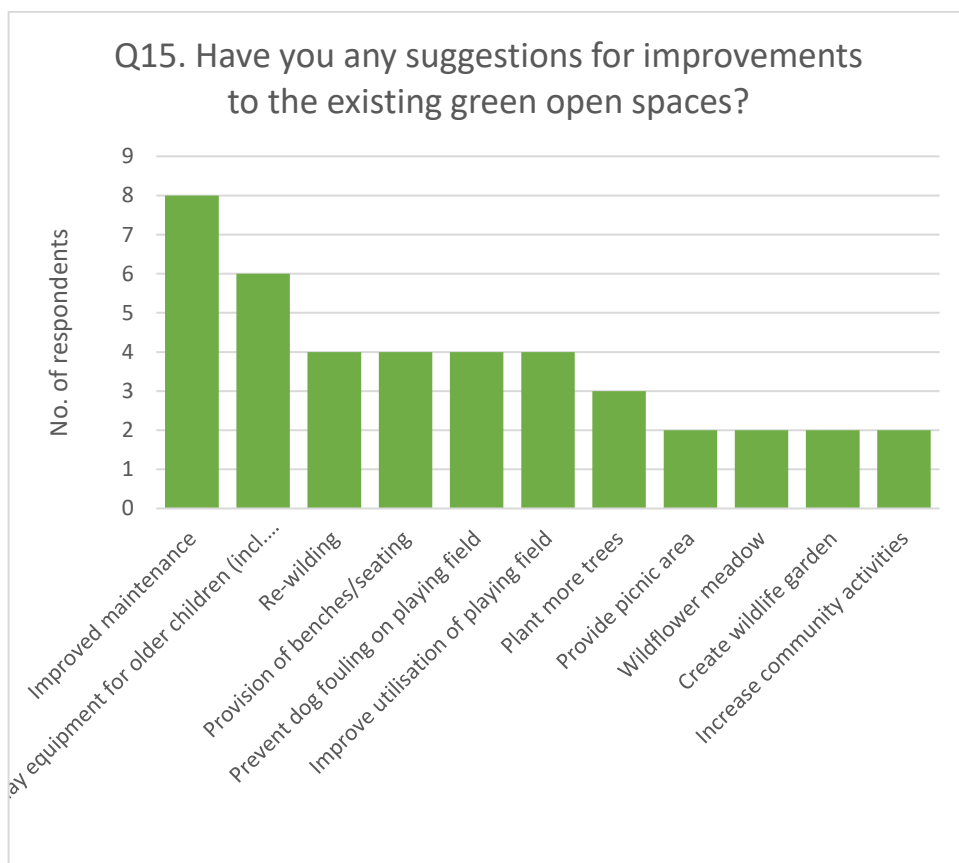
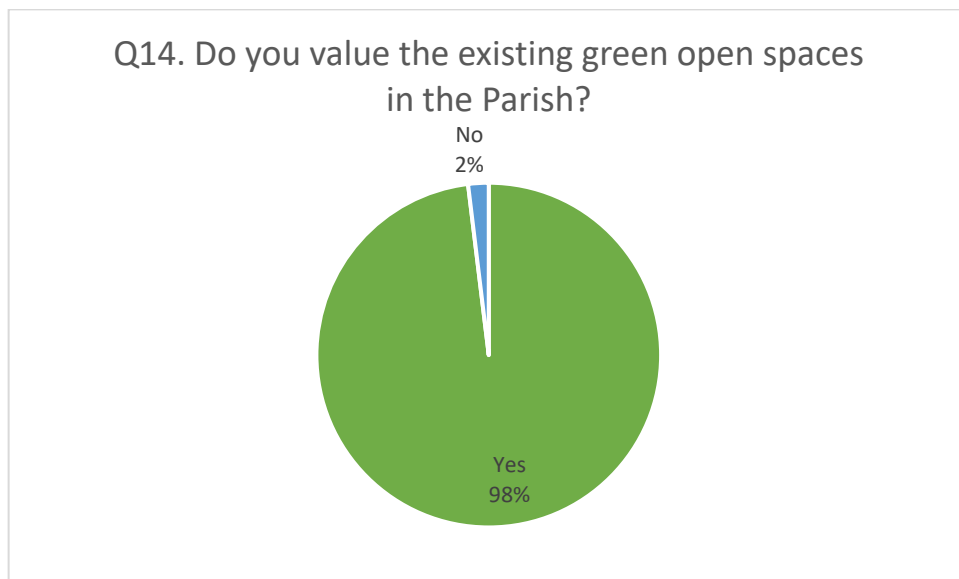
The dissatisfaction extended to footpaths associated with the highway and the separate Public Right of Way (PRoW) network. The biggest issue raised related to wayfinding and the lack of or poor state of signage/way markers associated with the PRoW network. Popular suggested improvements extended to improvement of existing stiles or their replacement with kissing gates, general maintenance (including maintenance of hedges), the provision of a footway between Hill Ridware and Handsacre along the B5014 and to work with farmers to ensure rights of way are clear once crops are planted. Support was also expressed for a comprehensive and centrally located map of footpaths and PRoWs within the Parish.



Over three quarters of respondents supported the planting of additional trees.



The responses demonstrate that there would be support for additional tree planting in many locations throughout the Parish. Many respondents sought to support tree planting in any location that was deemed to be appropriate.

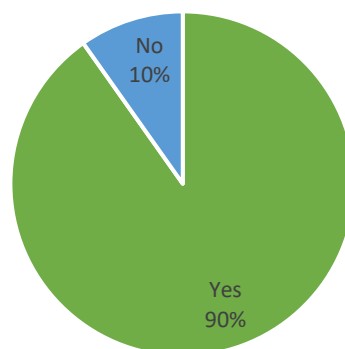


Other suggestions included provision of information board at High Bridge, provision of rain shelter at allotments, fixed water supply at allotments, improved security at allotments, more efficient re-allocation of allotments, provision of community orchard, provision of a secure dog exercising area, improvements to the area around the attenuation pond on the Cameron Homes development,

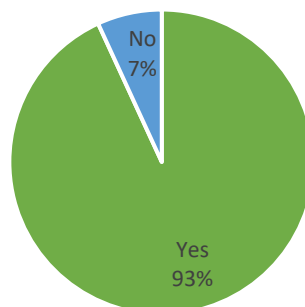
provision of a map to show all Public Rights of Way and an extension to the cemetery at Mavesyn Ridware.

A high number of respondents valued the existing green open spaces as they are now and requested continued protection and maintenance. Others considered that maintenance and the provision of facilities within these spaces could be improved and activities intensified to make best use of them.

Q16. Would you like to see more wildlife friendly areas in the Parish?



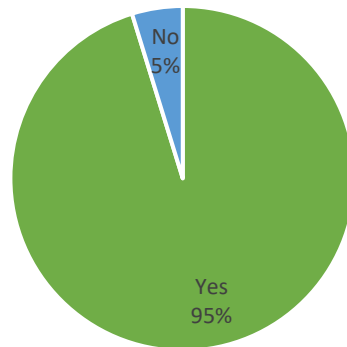
Q17. Would you support the re-wilding of parts of the Parish to help restore biodiversity and species recovery for wild flora and fauna?



There was strong support for the provision of additional wildlife friendly areas to be created within the Parish, although a number of respondents considered that re-wilding should be focused to appropriate locations as wild areas can look untidy and undermine the image of villages.

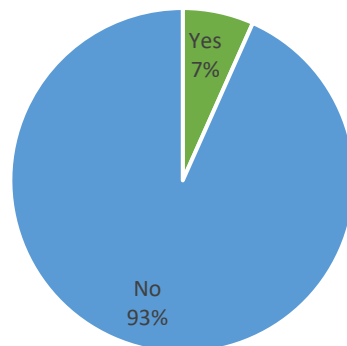
Energy Services

Q18. Do you have gas, electricity and mains water connected to your household?



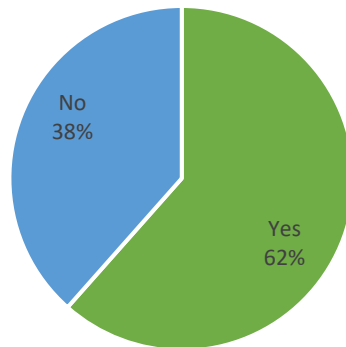
The vast majority of respondents confirmed full utility connection, however it should be noted that homes within Mavesyn Ridware and Blithbury do not have mains sewerage or mains gas connection.

Q19. Do you have solar panels installed at your property?

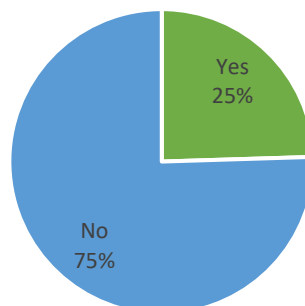


Sustainable Development

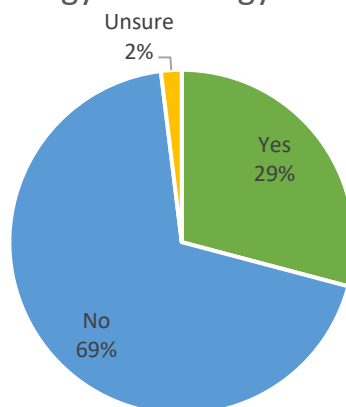
Q20. Have you insulated your house in addition to what was built in?



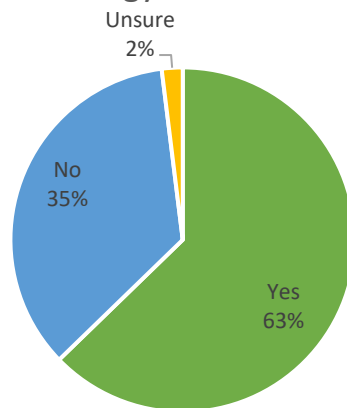
Q21. Would you be interested in receiving advice on insulating your house to lower your energy bills?



Q22. Would you welcome large scale wind turbine energy technology to our Parish?

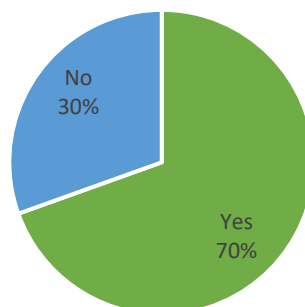


Q23. Would you welcome large scale solar energy technology to our Parish?



There was clearly greater support for large scale solar energy technology in the Parish than large scale wind turbine energy technology, however a number of respondents sought clarification on the term 'large scale.'

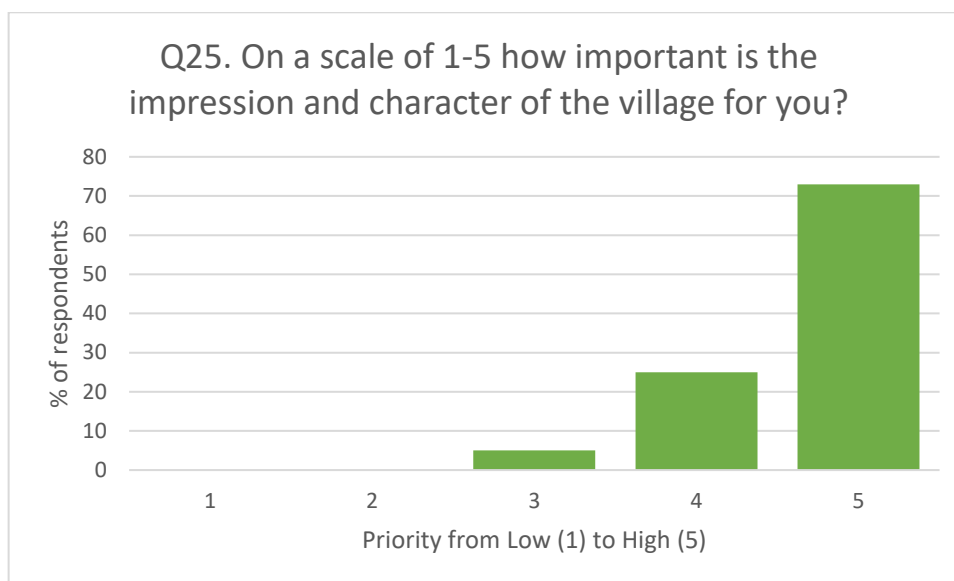
Q24. Would you support partial street lighting switch off during quiet periods at night to reduce energy consumption and evening light pollution?



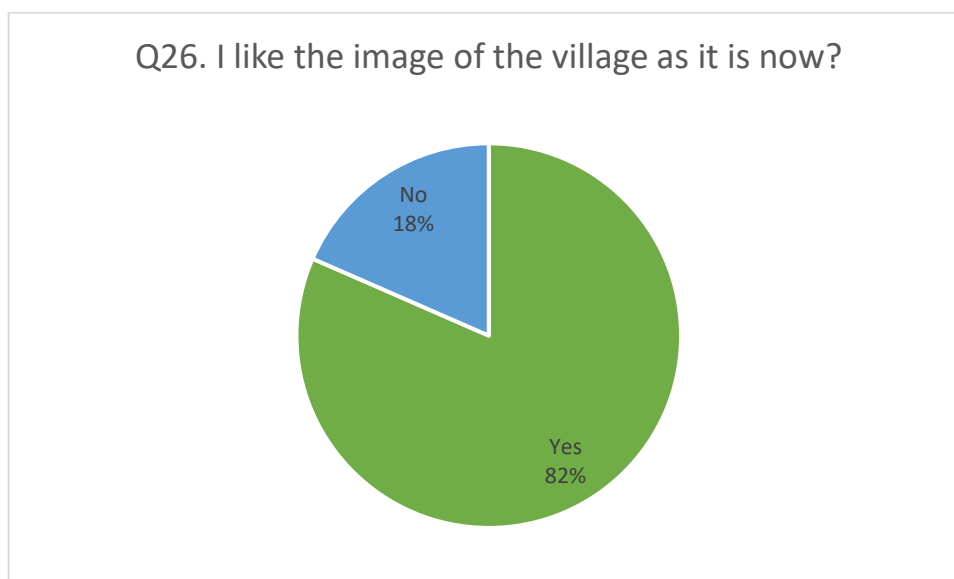
Whilst the majority of respondents supported a partial street lighting switch off during quiet periods a number of respondents felt it would be unsafe to do so. Suggestions were put forward of replacing the existing street lighting with energy efficient alternatives or reducing the power to the street lights during quiet periods.

Impression & Character of the Village

The impression and character of each village is clearly important to all residents within the Parish. This view was shared by residents in each of the villages where responses were received.



The overwhelming majority of respondents liked the image of the village in which they reside.

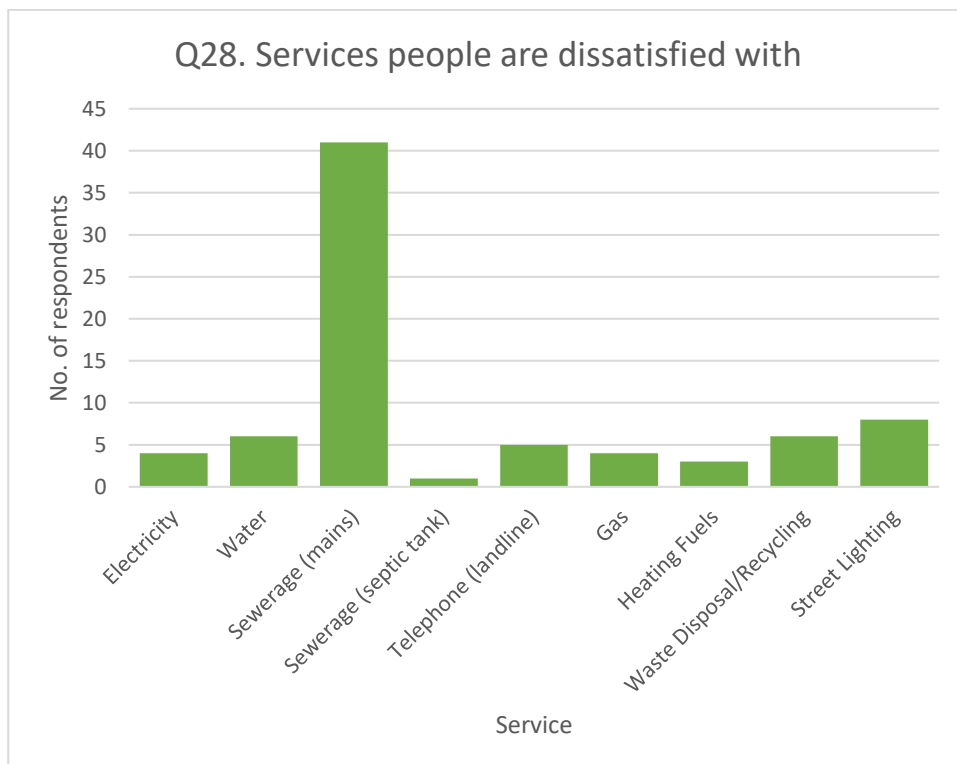


Where respondents felt the image of Hill Ridware could be improved, the following suggestions were identified:

- Reconsideration of the traffic calming scheme, including removal of speed humps, removal of mini-roundabout and replacement of speed humps with other measures including chicanes.
- Reduction in numbers of HGVs and speed of vehicles passing through village
- Improvements to the village entrances including the provision of village signs, provision of additional planters and planting of spring bulbs
- Planting of more trees and wildlife areas

- Provision of hanging baskets through the village, encouragement for garden upkeep and scaling up Best Kept Village efforts
- Increased facilities including a village shop
- Improvements to sports and play facilities
- Improvements to street lighting
- Greater emphasis on heritage assets
- Less-high density development
- Greater community involvement from school
- Join 'twinning' programme
- Creation of a hub to the village centred around village hall
- Sharing of resources with neighbouring villages
- Protection and improvements of village pub

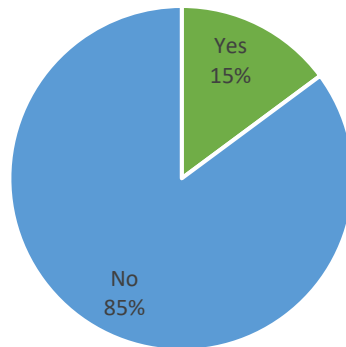
Outside of Hill Ridware very few improvements were identified other than provision of church car parking, weight restrictions on lanes at Mavesyn Ridware and improvements to village signs, reduction in speed limit and provision of a Christmas tree at Blithbury.



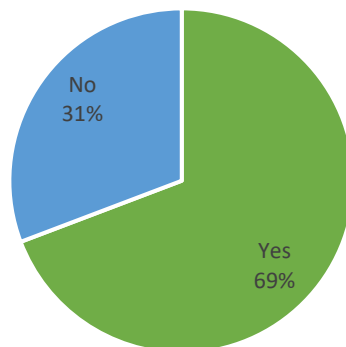
Nearly half of all respondents were dissatisfied with mains sewerage within the village. Issues were also common in respect of street lighting, mains water and waste disposal/recycling.

Roads & Transport

Q29. Are you happy with the current state of the Parish roads?

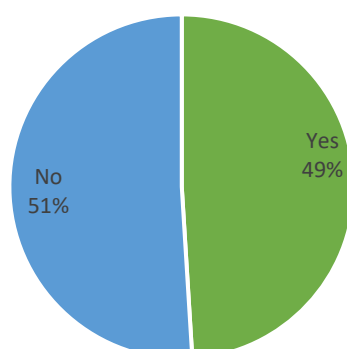


Q30. Are you happy with the current state of road signage within the Parish?

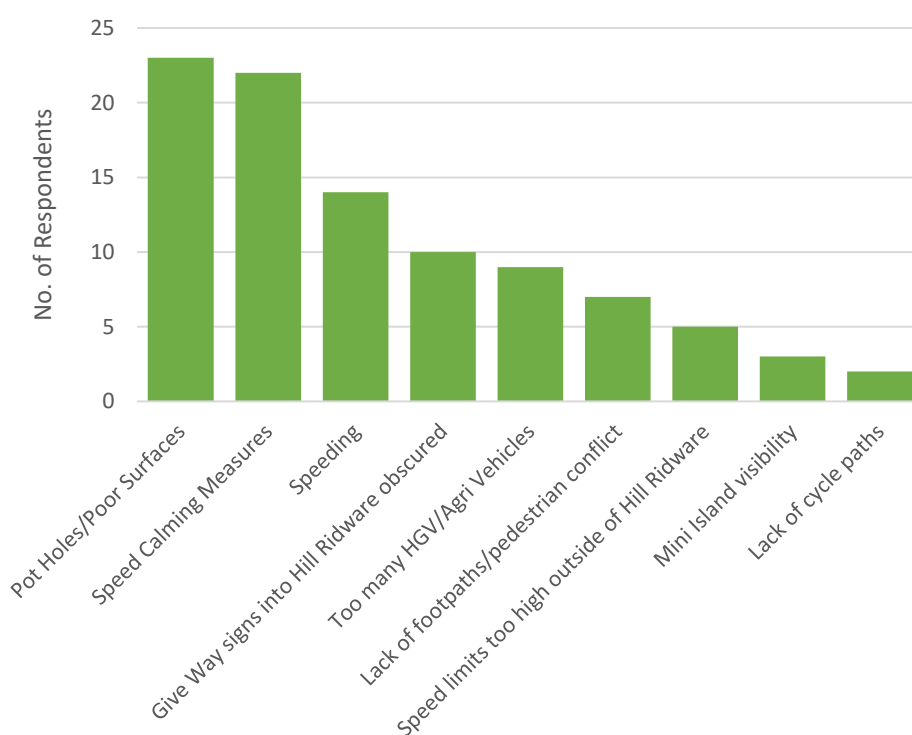


Of those that were unhappy suggestions put forward included the provision of new village entrance signs and removing street clutter by removing old signposts and unnecessary signage to improve the streetscene.

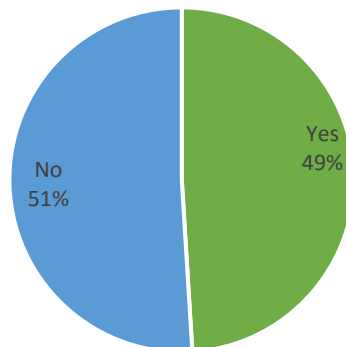
Q31. Do you feel safe driving/cycling on Parish roads?



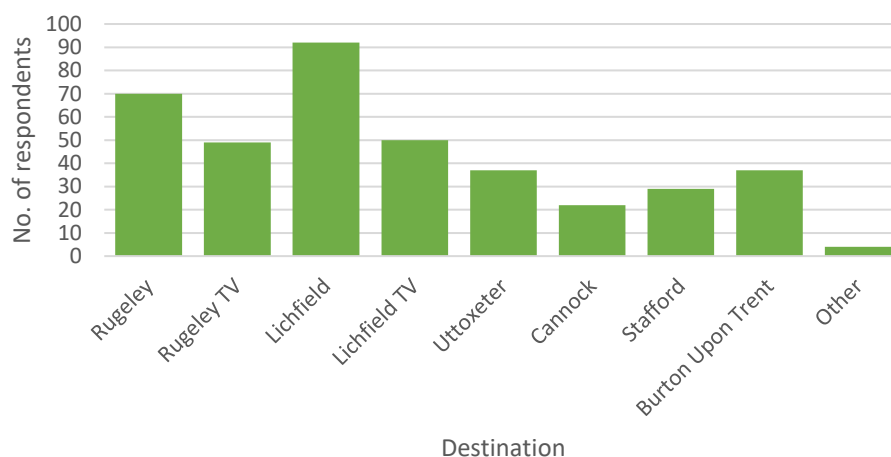
Q32. If you don't feel safe, why don't you feel safe?



Q33. Would you support the return of a bus service through the village?

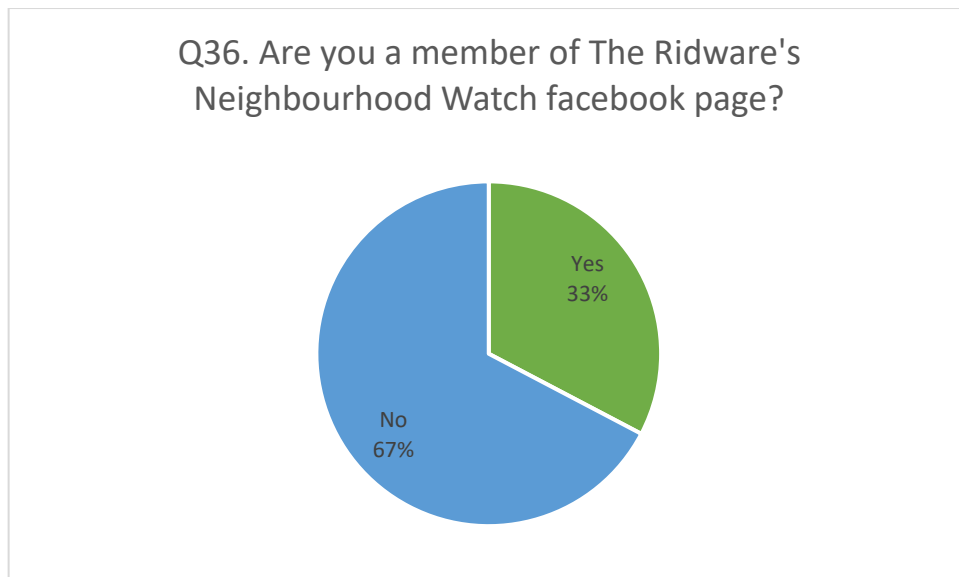
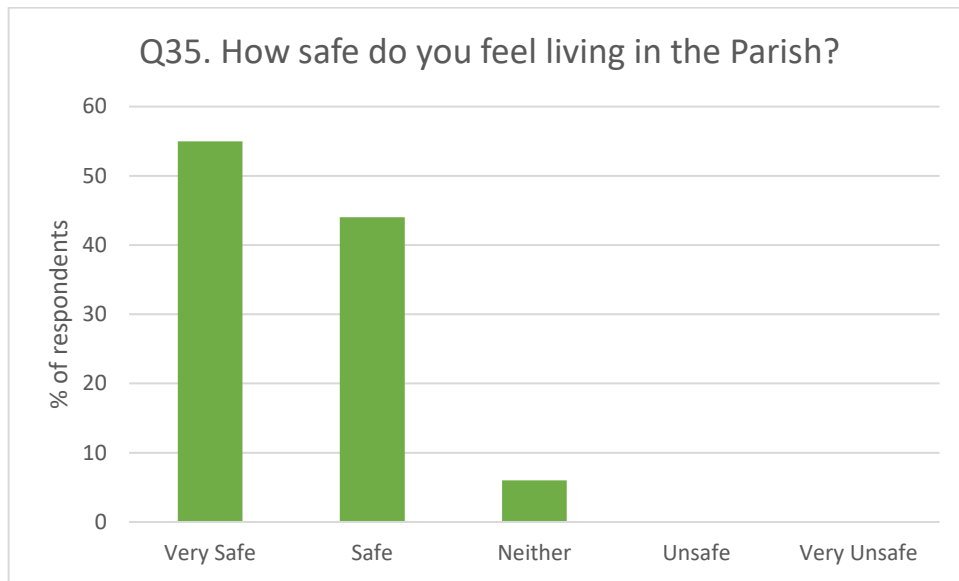


Q34. Where would you like to travel to by bus if there was a service?

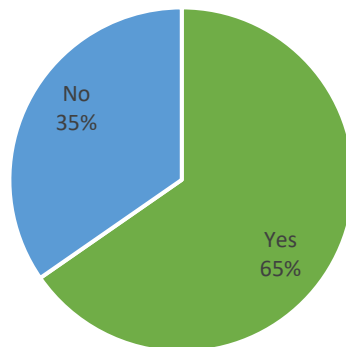


In respect of other destinations highlighted, this included Handsacre to provide access to existing bus services to Armitage, Kings Bromley and Yoxall to access shops, doctors and other services. It should be noted that a number of respondents who supported the return of the bus service, stated that they were unlikely to utilise it or use it on a regular basis.

Safety & Security

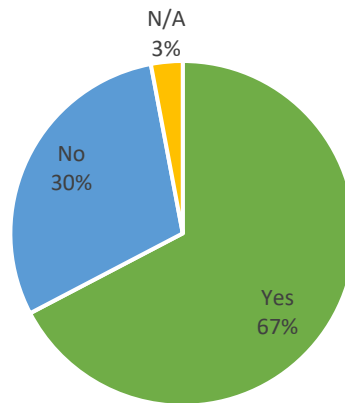


Q37. Would you like to see more Police presence
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Communication

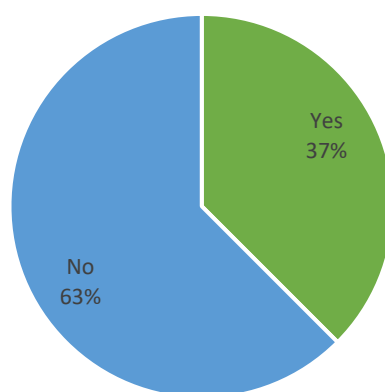
Q38. If you have broadband/internet access are you happy with the service you currently receive?



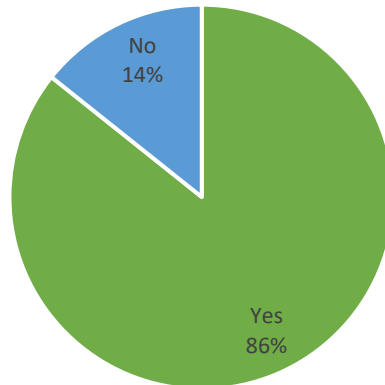
Q39. If you can please advise the average broadband speed (mb/s) you are currently receiving?

An average of 58.5mb/s was recorded from 48 responses with the lowest equating to 5mb/s and the highest 270mb/s. The highest download speeds were reported on the new housing developments where properties have been fitted with Fibre to the Premises (FTTP).

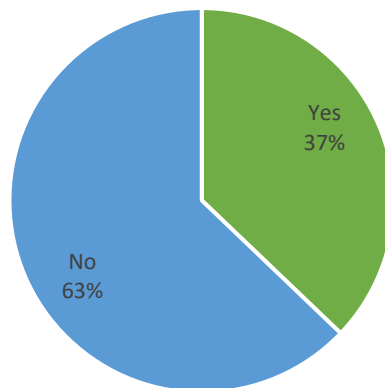
Q40. Do you work from home using a PC/Laptop?



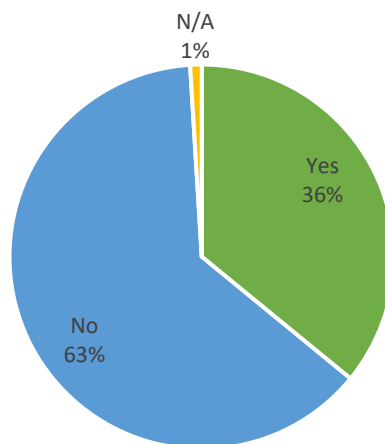
Q41. Do you shop online?



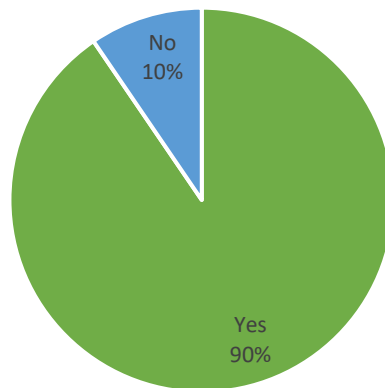
Q42. Do you shop for groceries online?



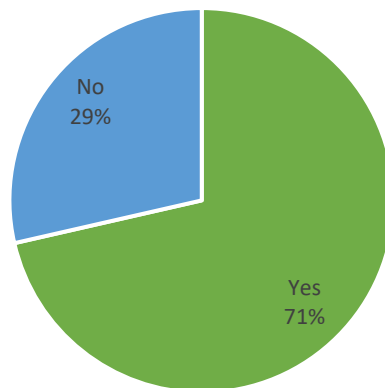
Q43. Are you happy with your mobile signal?



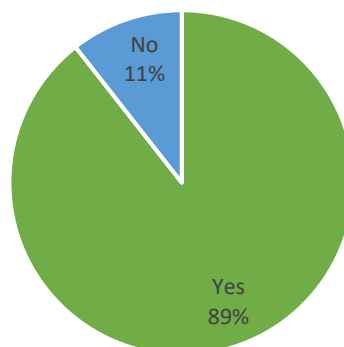
Q44. Do you use email?



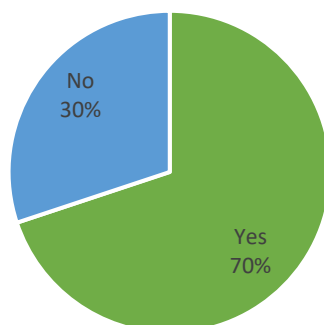
Q45. Do you use social media?



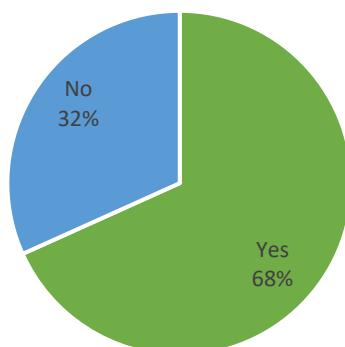
Q46. Are you aware of the Hill Ridware Facebook site?



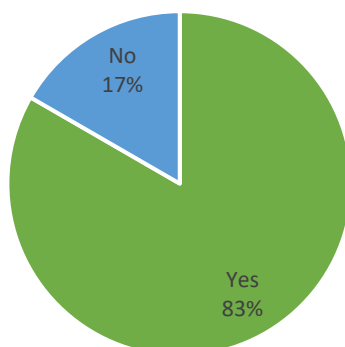
Q47. Are you aware of the Hill Ridware Village Hall Facebook page?



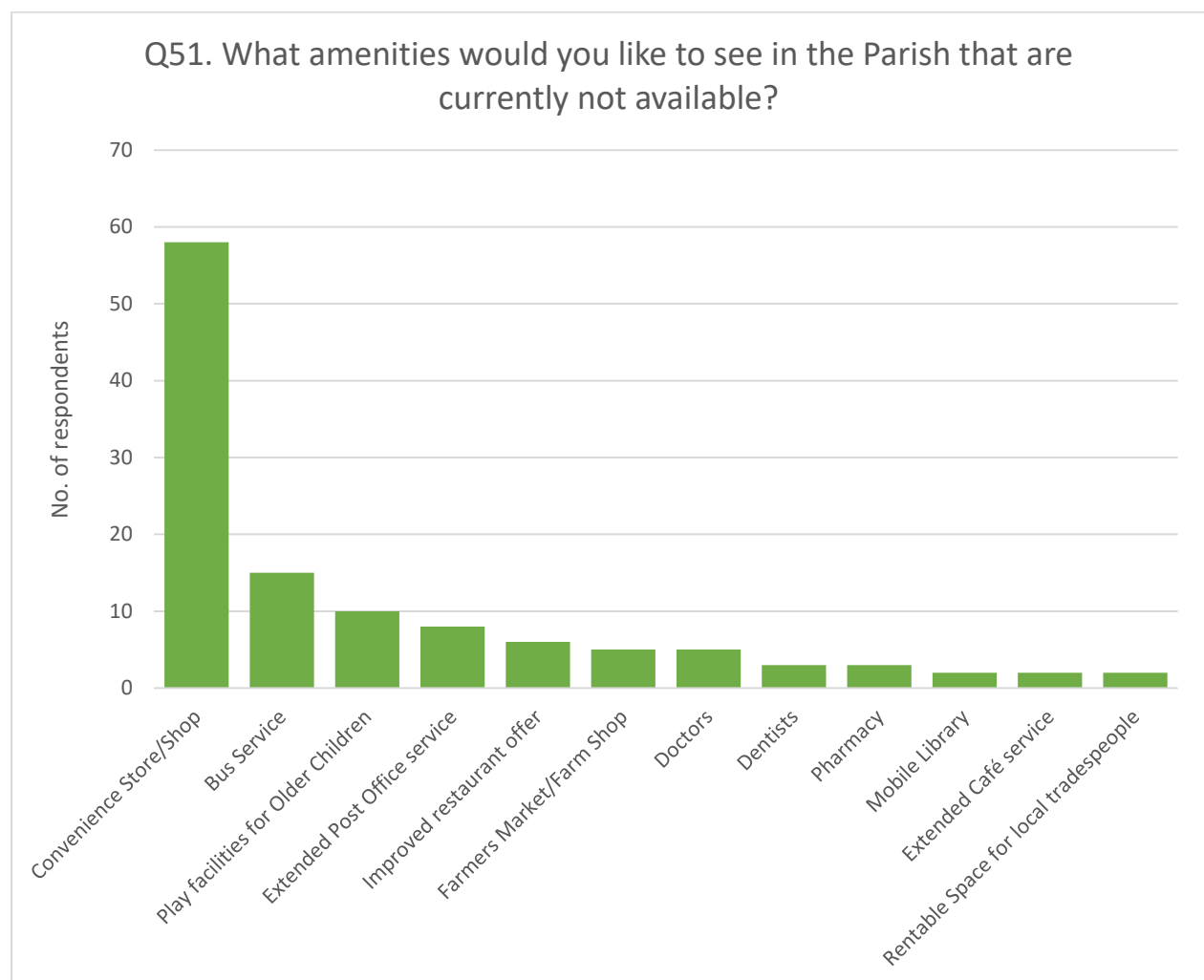
Q48. Are you aware that the Parish Council has a Facebook page?



Q50. Are you aware that the Parish Council has a webpage?



Parish Amenities

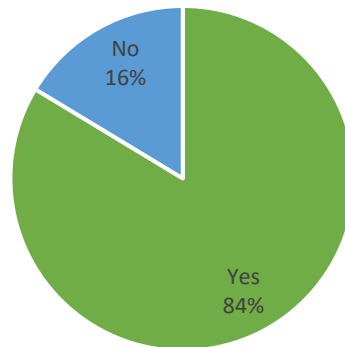


There is significant support for provision of a shop within the Parish. Suggestions were made that this could be collocated by the Chadwick Arms or utilise one of the outbuildings. Other suggested amenities included:

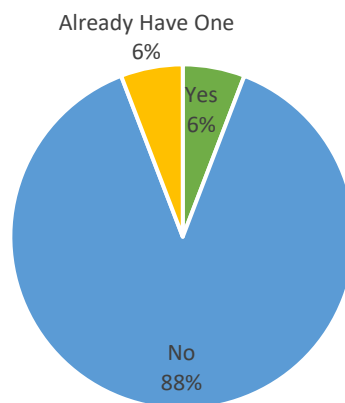
- Additional green spaces for walking
- Cycle path provision
- Community delivery service for elderly
- Petrol station
- Milkman
- Local information provided for visually impaired
- Food vans on pub car park
- Community Orchard
- Solar panels and EV charging stations at village hall
- Additional sports facilities to encourage establishment of local teams
- Swimming pool
- Bakery
- ATM
- More seasonal events

Allotments

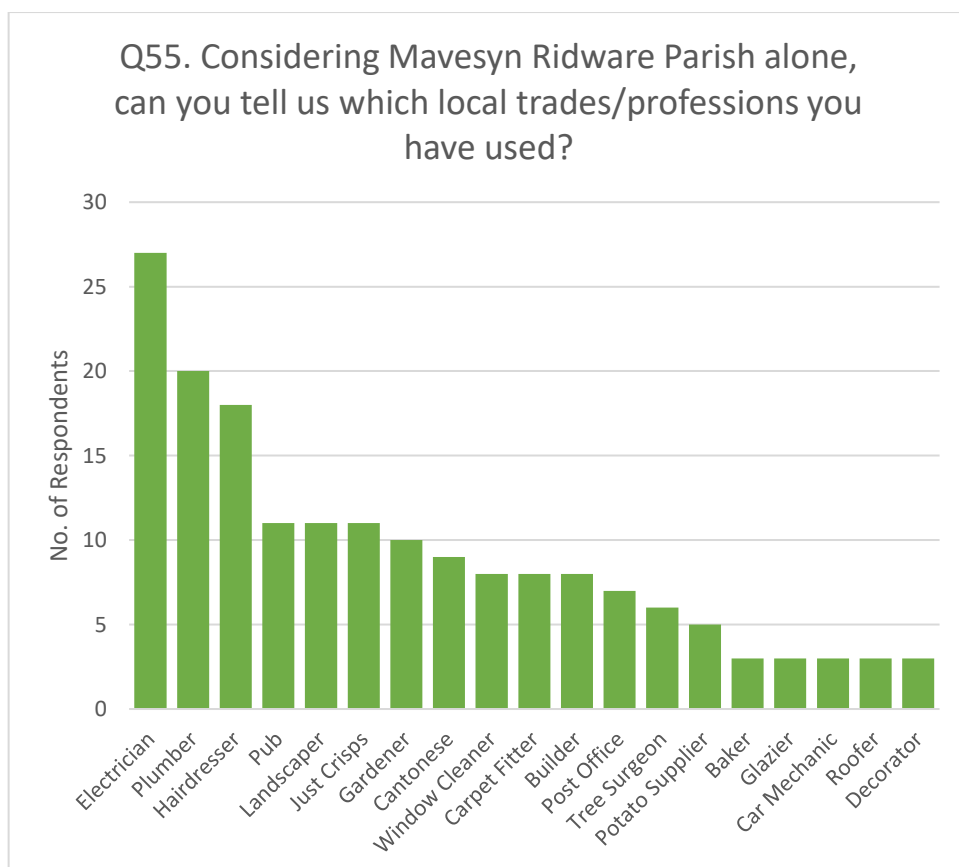
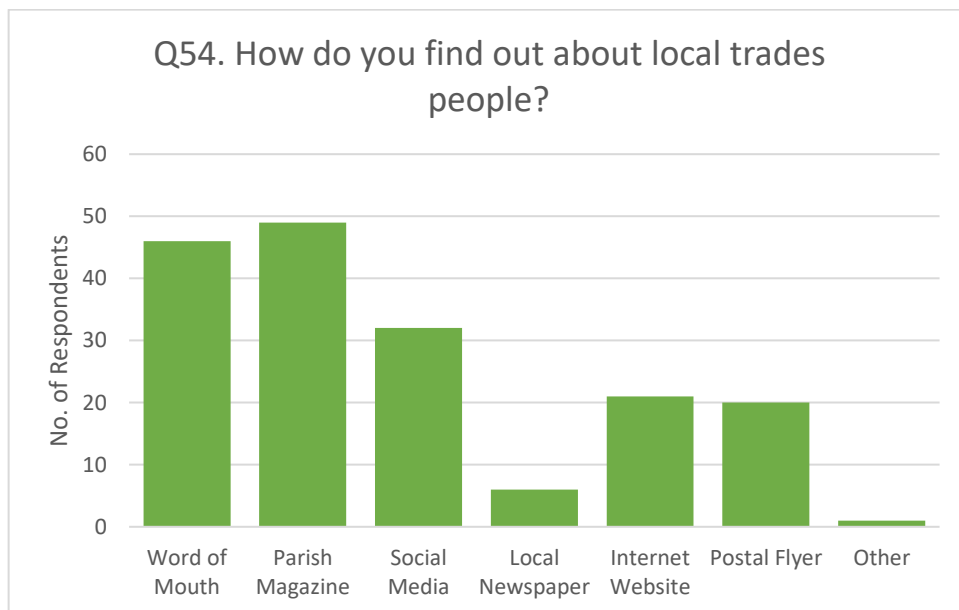
Q52. Are you aware of the Hill Ridware village allotments site?



Q53. Would you like an allotment if one were available?



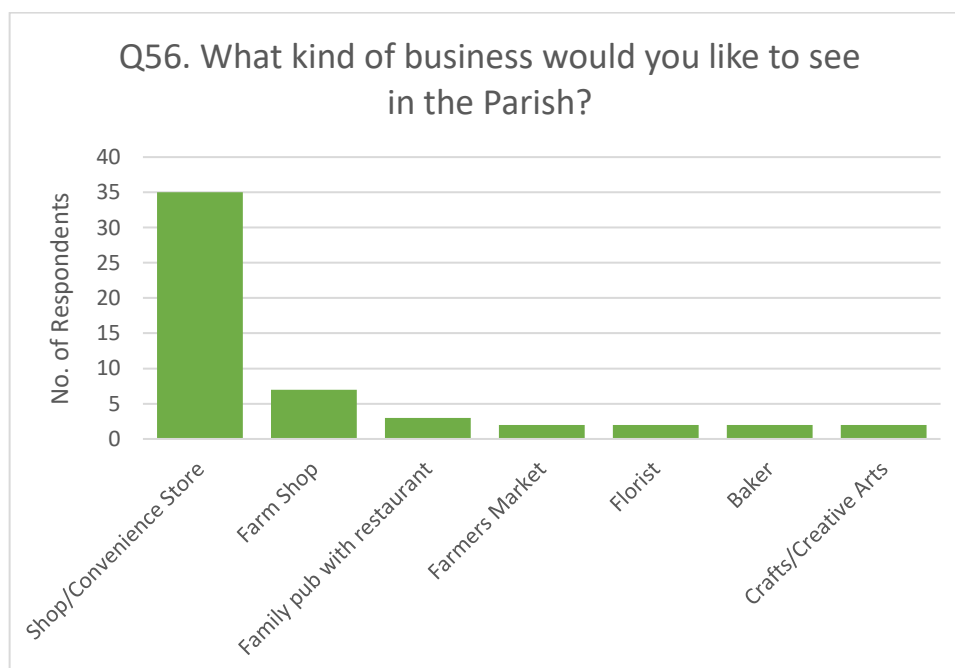
Local Employment & Businesses



Other trades/professions utilised included:

- Plasterer
- Village hall
- Pest Control

- Handyman
- Chiropodist
- Honey supplier
- Carpenter/Joiner
- Furniture restorer
- Waste removal
- Air conditioning
- Architect
- Pond cleaning
- Tiler
- Cleaner
- Fish supplier
- Milkman
- Gas engineer
- Beautician
- Financial planner
- Oven cleaning
- Jeweller
- Mushrooms

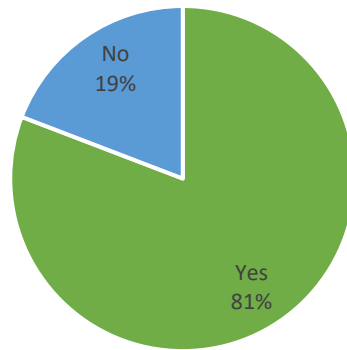


There was overwhelming support for a shop but other suggestions (from single responses) included:

- Restaurant
- Tea Room
- Stand alone Post Office
- Builder
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Tiler
- Holistic Services

Flood Defences

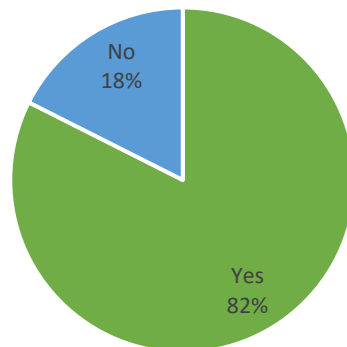
Q57. Do you feel the villages within Mavesyn Ridware have an issue with flooding?



Flooding issues identified include:

- General surface water flooding in all villages
- Drains and drainage ditches not maintained
- Mavesyn Ridware (in general)
- Outside church at Mavesyn Ridware
- Sandford Close
- Church Lane and around the lake
- 31-27 Uttoxeter Road
- Pipe Ridware by church
- School Lane by playing fields
- Wade Close
- Rake End
- Pipe Lane
- Drainage valves in Mavesyn need to be maintained
- Blithbury Road before Hadley Gate
- Junction of Newlands Road and Uttoxeter Road
- Blithbury Road between Blithbury and Colton

Q58. Do you feel the Villages within Mavesyn Ridware have an issue with sewage?



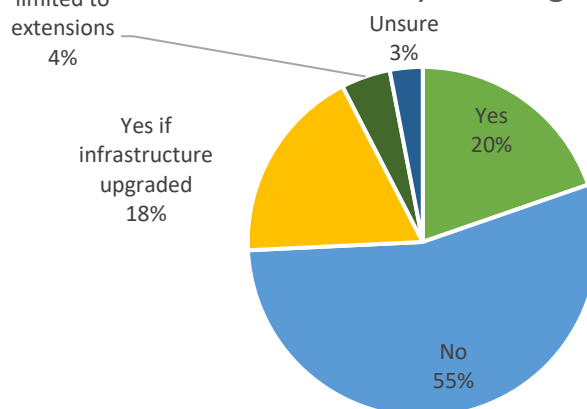
Sewage issues identified included:

- Combined sewerage system not able to cope in periods of heavy rainfall
- Mavesyn Ridware and Blithbury properties do not have mains sewerage system
- General smells from drains
- Too many homes built for existing network to cope

Areas identified as being affected:

- Sandford Close area
- Footpath between School Lane and Uttoxeter Road
- Uttoxeter Road
- School Lane
- Chadwick Crescent
- Oaklands Close
- Lower lying areas

Q59. Do you feel the Villages within Mavesyn Ridware have room for expanding without being affected by flooding?



Q60. Do you feel the Villages within Mavesyn
Ridware require new or improved flood
defences?

