

Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan

Residents' Survey Analysis Report

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Household Survey

Introduction and methodology

The Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group designed a residents survey and organised distribution of these to each household. We have been informed that 1400 forms were distributed.

The survey was intended to be a household one, where the views of everyone in that household were combined into one response but extra forms could be obtained or views submitted online. With the on-line system, the answers were not 'locked in' until the respondents clicked 'Submit' at the very end of the survey. A 'Back' button allowed returns to earlier sections to make changes. The online survey also offered a 'Restart' button to discard all previous answers and start again.

The deadline to complete the survey was 31st July 2020 but it stayed open until the beginning of September whilst the paper forms were being processed and to encourage a further response.

A total of 330 responses were received of which 125 were submitted online, the other 205 responses were transcribed and added to the online responses into specialist software for analysis. Of the survey forms distributed, 5 came back to us as undeliverable. One form came back entirely empty and three of the Freepost envelopes contained other documents (e.g council tax application) instead of a completed survey form. The overall response rate was 24%.

The data input process.

Staff at Shropshire RCC, an independent local community development charity have carried out the analysis of all the views collected as a result of this survey. Data from the paper forms was transcribed (data input) using a set of standard rules. This included blanking out any foul or unpleasant language or personal identifying details, by the phrase [word(s) removed]. Sometimes the transcriber has added additional notes deemed helpful and these are also shown in this way [], e.g. at the question about the draft strategy, the way the respondent answered the preceding question has been included. Where a respondent put 'See question xx', the answer at question xx has been repeated. Obvious spelling errors have been corrected at the time of data input. On occasions handwriting was a challenge to decipher and 'best effort' has been applied, to try and work out what was written, but there are a small number of instances where the comment [cant read word(s)] has had to be inserted. However, none of these appear to have been to the detriment of the overall sentiment of the comment.

The direct online entries have had a general foul language check and the helpful additional info added, but have otherwise been left untouched.

One person indicated (at the end of their paper form) that they also submitted an online response also. Luckily we were able to identify their case from the email address they supplied before analysis started/this info was separated, so the duplicate online response has been deleted.

A small number of respondents left contact details and where it was on a paper form, these have not been transcribed into the software, and instead they were scanned and have been passed straight to the steering group along with an electronic list of the contact details for those submitted through online entry. These online details have then been removed from the rest of the data.

Some respondents wrote additional comments where there wasn't a box provided. Where possible these comments have been included in the most appropriate text box or have been recorded at the end. Where possible, whilst carrying out the analysis, we have reported these comments in the text around the area of the survey in which they were made or refer to.

It is quite normal in this kind of survey that respondents don't answer all of the questions or even all parts of one question. This happens, but it is impossible to know the individual reason for this or to draw inferences in the absence of a clear mark on the form. Unless otherwise stated, where percentages are shown, they relate to the percentage of responses to that particular question/part of the question, not a percentage of the total questionnaire responses received. In this report, most questions have an individual response rate (and number of respondents) shown so the data can be interpreted against a back drop of how many respondents provided an answer to that particular question.

Two forms came back with page 10 and 11 totally blank and one missed out page 4 and 5 whereas they had a lot to say (incl in the margins) on most other questions so it is possible that they skipped these pages by accident.

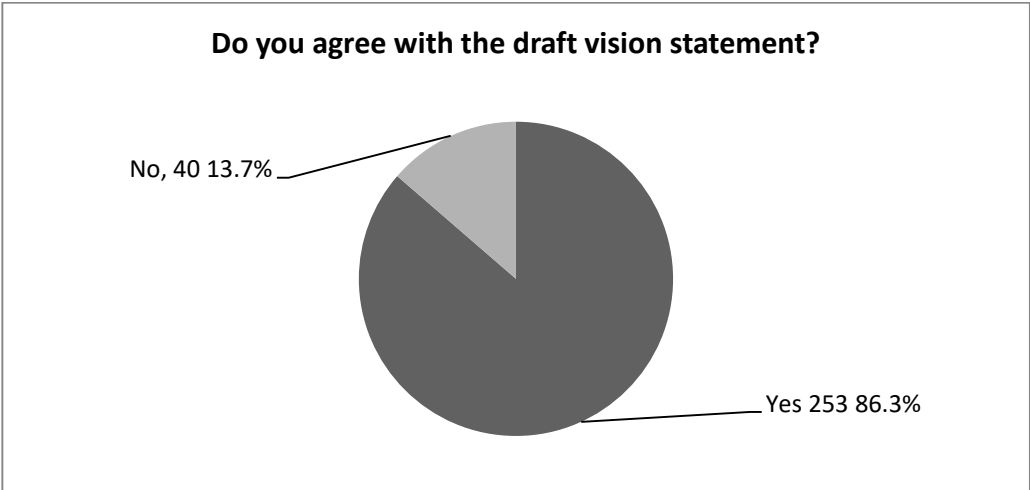
The report that follows contains the analysis of all of the data submitted and is shown in figures, graphs and via additional narrative. Open comments answers have been grouped where possible but if very diverse and lengthy, have been shown in full. The survey contained a high number of open comment fields, so the report is quite lengthy.

This report follows the natural order of the survey.

The Analysis

Q1 Do you agree with the draft vision statement?

A total of 293 respondents answered this question (response rate 88.8%), 253 of whom ticked Yes (86.3%) and 40 ticked No (13.7%).



Q2 Please write any comments about the draft vision statement here:

A total of 137 respondents left additional comments. Of the 40 respondents who said they did not agree with the vision statement, 38 provided further information as follows:

[No] As I haven't seen the draft vision statement I hesitated over the choice of answers in Q 1 but obviously there is an assumption that everyone has seen it and no alternative choice.
[No] Broadband might be good in Pontesbury but not on all the outer edges of the Parish. Not all tourists/visitors are respectful of the Country Code
[No] draft unobtainable, full of environmental [sp??], some already out of date. [plont?] making this draft useless is the missing road plan for both Pontesbury and Minsterley by passes taking away through traffic away from church and historic [can't read word] respectively. This traffic from A5 to A49 will increase and proposed industrial estate will exacerbate the problem
[No] I have just purchased a brand new property in Pontesbury. There is no charging point. High-speed broadband may be available but parts of the parish have no mobile phone coverage at all. I don't know what 'Dementia friendly' means.
[No] I haven't seen any electrical charging points!
[No] I think Pontesbury is perfect as it is. We have got every facility and amenity required expect for the provision of better broadband which is vital for people to work from home. I think it would be really sad to lose the lovely village quality that currently exists.
[No] I think the statement underestimates and/or overlooks the challenges that we face in the next 15 years. The current national political ethos does not support affordable housing (no matter what is said) and it will be difficult to provide it locally without this support. Are we even sure that this is what local people want? It would mean putting people before profit, starting now, and there hasn't been much backing for this idea so far. Yes, it would be wonderful if by 2036 there was adequate affordable local housing but there would have to be a real change in attitudes to architecture and sustainable building. Climate change may well have overtaken everything by 2036. Yes, I would be nice to see more tree planting and flood protection but it will have to be backed by an overarching national policy to have any real effect, and the will isn't there for that at the moment. Green space is nice, footpaths are nice. Both will serve to inform people of what they are losing. Green space - I
[No] I would like any further development in this parish to be avoided at all costs. We need to

keep the village feel
[No] Increased tourism is not just about diversification for farmers. this should lead to increased opportunities for all including the farming community. Development should be small scale (i.e. not holiday villages on green land) . What support is required by farmers from the Parish Council to maintain the rural landscape? If population increases then traffic on the A488 will increase despite any increase in local employment opportunities, access to the parish needs to be improved to enable the land use objectives to be achieved.
[No] It is just a pie in the sky wish list. it does not reflect reality
[No] It is written as if looking back from 2036 rather than a look forward to 2036
[No] It needs to be extended to include more environmental regulation. In particular for future proofing new housing for renewable energy. More small scale + rural suitable employment to avoid the parish being dormitory. More youth employment.
[No] It will end up like Minsterley
[No] Mixed response. Developpment onwards - great to have charging points in all new builds - where are the compulsory solar pannels as standard? Current development isn't embracing enough low cost housing for young people. They shouldn't have to depend on infill. Environment - good for trees, water management etc. how about more dedicated allotment areas for all those with minuscule gardens in the current new developments (and bigger gardens in the planning process). Transport - good more public but no mention of enabling more safe cycling between the villages especially for school pupils. The vision might be there but now is the time for more planning to show it is being implemented. Pontesbury village centre has been lost.
[No] More houses means more flooding. To alleviate the worst effects of heavy rainfall two things need to happen rainwater harvesting on all houses and buildings, commercial and agricultural. This water can be stored cheaply above or below ground and used to flush toilets water being pumped to header tank using solar powered pump. simplistic but effective. Secondly increase organic matter in both grassland and arable soils to dramatically increase capacity to retain water and carbon Leaky dams could help through earlsdale but are only effective if incorporated much higher upstream and out of parish
[No] Not entirely - Extra building endangers rural character especially when affordability is /can be the main priority
[No] Pontesbury is a village and has already lost its 'old' community centre with the urban style development at Hall Bank. It is not in need of development towards town status.
[No] Pontesbury is over populated, it floods, the speed restrictions are ignored
[No] Population explosion would no longer see Pontesbury as a rural location. It is not a town. Dams will not prevent flooding, Residents had to be rescued during early hours by Fire brigade and transferred to local residential homes temporarily, recently due to flooding of their precious homes. Too many houses cause too much surface water. Severn Trent aware of this. Traffic problems not overcome. Heavy traffic to and fro and in and out of Pontesbury. Lorries to nearby factories. Quarry intention to restart blasting (have letter to evidence this). Bus stops no layby evident on one way system. Big mistake at Cricket Meadows. Too many houses close together enhance risk of Covid 19 and other infections
[No] So vague as to be almost totally meaningless. Who can have any idea what will happen in 16 years time anyway.
[No] The facilities in Pontesbury are quite poor. Co-op is the only general food store with Hignetts being fairly specialist. No real facilities for the youth though I suppose Pontesbury is becoming quite an aged village due to people retiring there. However, this means the already stretched doctors surgery is increasingly unable to cope.
[No] The plan is too vague in its comments about alleviating traffic problems. Large-scale new house-building in the Rea Valley will result in massive traffic through the village centre, which will destroy the 'largely rural character'. More parking and speed restrictions are not the answer. Pontesbury needs its own integrated transport plan to allow bus/bicycle/e-bike connectivity to Shrewsbury Town Centre. This requires local buses to carry bikes, dedicated cycle lanes and a

safe bicycle crossing of the Shrewsbury ring road.
[No] There is too much building on green land as it is. Already schools, doctors and dentists are stretched as it is.
[No] There should be no further housing development from 2020. The village has grown too much. The fact that newly built houses have not sold and have needed to be reduced in price - and are still not sold - shows the demand simply does not exist. Stop selling out to the developers. One new build has been completed, unsold and unoccupied for over two years now. The primary school is bursting, 35 children in a class is unfair on children and teachers. Expanding to two form entry would threaten it's character as a rural school still further. It is already at the size where not all of the children know each other. Traffic on the A488 is a huge problem and every development in Minsterley makes the traffic worse for those of us alongside the road in Pontesbury. Air quality noticeably improved during lockdown. If you really, really must build new houses how about providing a public/private retirement complex next to the Dr surgery in place of school green, somewhere for pensioners
[No] There will be less facilities and less opportunities as Pontesbury became a village to live in with all fewer [hard to read word - actual?] etc they elsewhere. In 2020 there are many less [hard to read word - aclurtie (same word as before perhaps)] [cant read word - tarey?] place + rental sector is minute compared with previous years
[No] Too long and a bit dull. Need revisiting to take account of CV e.g bio-security, foodbanks, distribution hubs for food. Internet will be given need to consider homeworking space or creative hubs. Repair culture. Energy security:- building construction small open spaces for housing, allotments possibly in preference to parking spaces water resources are an issue
[No] Traffic has not been improved. You need better signs that light up and a crossing at Hall Bank bottom of main Road
[No] Vision regarding 'pop growth' and 'availability of low cost housing for young people' too vague. These seem to be a desire rather than a firm belief and commitment
[No] We do not have fast broadband offered along the B4386
[No] We think the vision is generic and weak & missed some really important issues. The vision is focused on Pontesbury village + largely ignores the surrounding hamlets + settlements. In order to experience good health + well-being, residents need to be able to breath clean air, feel part of their community + have a connection to nature. Biodiversity, reduction of pollution + local food are noticeable by their absence.
[No] Where is the extra parking in Hall Bank. needs more parking by the chapel on main road opposite police station road always blocked narrow pavements bottom of Hall Bank
[No] Where is the mention of safe travel to and from school for our children + young people? The present situation with buses and cars around the schools is unsafe + will only become worse as the parish becomes bigger. The narrow roads around the schools are unsuitable for buses and large volumes of cars, it is only a matter of time before something awful happens.
[No] With current new housing under construction village large enough but some in fill affordable housing. Better broadband speed however is required. In summary village is ideal.
[No] Any more development will turn Pontesbury into a small town, losing the existing charm of a Shropshire village
[No] I do agree with some of draft vision, however although you mention electric hook ups for new houses, there is no mention of how existing houses are meant to charge electric cars if the do not have a drive. I know the plan is looking at new houses but infrastructure is required for existing houses too. Also there has been no mention of the drug problems in the village, I myself have seen a syringe outside [a] house [words removed] when I was walking my dog. I also know that one of the pubs in the village where drugs were happening all the time and I feel it needs addressing.

[No] I don't agree that development should be confined to Pontesbury village, the village as it is, in 2020 is too large. The traffic situation has already been exacerbated with the development of an additional 80 houses on Hall Bank, plus the new ones on the Minsterley road. The proposed further development on the Minsterley road plus infills is sheer madness and has essentially ruined the village and the quiet rural life sought by many residents. A new Hub has been built on Hall Bank, in conjunction with the Co op and the proposed usage of the Hub, parking is already inadequate. Where do you propose to site additional parking?
[No] I note the guidance says the policies must focus on land use and not traffic, yet the vision statement talks about less traffic and speed restrictions. Given you included this and asked if we agree, I have to say no. If you think there will be less traffic on the roads and the 'modest' increase in population (good one!) will suddenly start obeying the existing speed restrictions you are wrong. Any increase in population will worsen local traffic problems, which will be magnified by all the other development further out that has to pass through Pontesbury to get to Telford and Birmingham (because let's drop any pretence otherwise, that's who we are building the new houses for, that's where the developers are currently leafleting the new Pontesbury properties to). The large scale development we have already seen recently, and will no doubt continue to see between now and 2036 will certainly not add to our community. The draft vision is flawed, though I doubt anyone drafting it really
[No] More parking provision needed around School Green area. Even though Co-op parking is now at Hall Bank, there is still congestion with church traffic. If you are encouraging more visitors, where are they going to park to avoid disadvantaging locals?

A further nine respondents who did not tick either Yes or No, left these responses:

[no answer provided] All new houses should have solar panels
[no answer provided] I'd like to see a vision statement more distinct and precise rather than talk of ' some employment opportunities in the service sector' and 'diversification opportunities for farmers' and 'enhanced range & services for all age groups'. Can we see instead some definitive proposals and ideas which sketch out what the future may actually look like.
[no answer provided] It is vitally important that the vision statement covers road improvements. Lack of improvement over many years has led to a totally inadequate system
[no answer provided] It would be better named if you took the R out of draft.
[no answer provided] Most
[no answer provided] No clear plans/objectives re nature of P on Hall Bank You anticipate MORE way marked paths - Where??
[no answer provided] No mention of brook & flooding problems
[no answer provided] Not sure how some of the objectives of the Vision Statement will be achieved as it is not very forthcoming on this aspect.
[no answer provided] Too vague to enable comment

Finally, the comments left by those who ticked Yes are shown below. Some, despite ticking Yes, indicating reservations or further suggestions for improvements:

[Yes] "The availability of high speed broadband throughout the parish..." We question this statement, as the 50 or so homes in Asterley certainly do not have high speeds, and sometimes none at all. We are very lucky to get 5 Mbps, usually much less. We would appreciate the PC lobbying BT Openreach to provide infrastructure to fulfil their commitment to connect high speed to all households.
[Yes] A little vague about transport. I would like to see something about a by-pass for heavy vehicles around Pontesbury, and firm restrictions on vehicles using small narrow lanes (e.g. at Cruckmeole) as shortcuts. I would also like to see railway stations at Hanwood and Pontesbury. This would compensate for the poor bus services, and provide a good alternative method of reaching the town centre.

[Yes] a) Improved flooding provision for sheltered housing in Station Road is essential but must not endanger Trelawney and Broomfield. b) Sewerage must be sorted out in Station Road to avoid the problems that Trelawney and Broomfield experienced in 2019. This is critical if there is more building in the village. c) Consideration be given to making more of our country lanes green lanes with speed limits to aid walkers, bicyclists, horse riders etc.
[Yes] Agree in general. Traffic problems need to be alleviated further. Speeding vehicles (including large tractors etc) along Main Road past School Green to the end of road. Also people tend to park on the right hand side of the road opposite and before the chemist in the evenings (usually customers of the Indian or Chinese restaurants) which means there is not enough room for larger vehicles i.e bus service to get past causing major tailbacks for a considerable length of time. THIS COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES SUCH AS AMBULANCES AND FIRE ENGINES WHICH WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH.
[Yes] All new housing developments should be village identifiable - no 3 storey dwellings, reduced housing density and a mix of house types to include low cost and locally affordable homes. Avoid the parish becoming a dormitory and in particular, Pontesbury. Promote low impact and rural friendly employment both in and on the outskirts of Pontesbury and on farms with redundant farm buildings. New housing and employment buildings should have south facing roofs if site conditions allow for future solar panels. New housing and employment buildings should be built or converted with ducting and wiring for future solar panels.
[Yes] All sounds pretty good.
[Yes] Although agreeing to a certain extent to the proposals I wonder how, if the intention is to produce more car parking facilities plus the intended building of further homes, you are going to be able to keep the 'green spaces' for improved leisure facilities. we appreciate that speeding restrictions are not to be considered in this questionnaire but I know of one site allocated for proposed building and we also feel that speed restrictions should be seriously taken into account when developing this site.
[Yes] An encouraging and positive look into the future
[Yes] but 'safeguarded the much loved rural environment' has been completely cast aside where the desire to build houses is concerned; the land off Mount Close for example, currently has beautiful views which are about to be destroyed.
[Yes] but should you also mention the role of local churches who provide community space and activities speaking on behalf of the congregational church , our hall, garden & rooms are used throughout the week. For a wide range of activities and groups - more detailed information could be supplied upon request.
[Yes] but we need a road crossing for people at the connections via Post Office and the speed restrictions dont seem to apply to traffic coming in from Minsterley
[Yes] BUT: Should you also mention the role of our local churches who provide community space and activities. Speaking on behalf of the Congregational Church, apart from the worship area our hall, garden and rooms are used every day of the week for a wide range of activities and groups. More detailed information could be supplied if requested. Sometimes I think we are providing more of a social service than worship service... but we are here to serve the communities needs (within certain parameters e.g. no alcohol to be drunk on the premises, or group developing philosophies contrary to Christian teaching).
[Yes] Commuter traffic - Park + Ride in Pontesbury please. Traffic Speed limits to be enforced e.g. average speed cameras (will quickly pay for themselves)
[Yes] Comprehensive
[Yes] Comprehensive
[Yes] current building does not meet the needs of residents especially the young ,itis more for wealthy outsiders
[Yes] Didnt know Pontesbury was a Dementia friendly village - in what way?

[Yes] Difficult to talk about a future plan without seeing specifics, but as an aim to work towards it seems fine. Reference to the traffic reduction being an outcome of better broadband & working from home may not be necessarily achievable although wishful.
[Yes] Even with the advent of electric cars and buses, more parking facilities need to be provided in the village.
[Yes] Farming should be supported not only for diversification opportunities - it should be a priority to retain dairying and sheep farming. Fragmentation of the very important rare habitats provided by our woodlands and hedgerows needs to be avoided - new developments that remove hedgerows and trees and introduce noise and light disconnect these habitats and impact species they support. It should be a priority to maintain connectivity of habitats outside of designation boundaries - birds and animals don't know about theoretical boundaries.
[Yes] Good sentiments, but by 2036, house prices will be astronomical. Low cost/affordable housing is, it has seemed to me, over the years, a very clever way of gaining permission to build estates. We need more manufacturing facilities, otherwise, low paying service sector jobs, will prevent youngsters the opportunity of getting a mortgage and the village dies on its feet.
[Yes] Good to have input from the community.
[Yes] Green space: there are no benches at the park - picnic table Somewhere to play ball games - watch children play - enjoy birds... Speed restrictions - more visual signs needed
[Yes] High speed internet is needed for all as a priority ASAP. It's slowing some business opportunities down.
[Yes] I agree that we must protect our landscape but we must also be open to new development opportunities that will offer a more diverse local economy. We must also embrace opportunities to re-develop derelict and dilapidated buildings, modernising them so that future generations can make best use of the sites already developed.
[Yes] I agree with supplying low cost / affordable housing for young people wishing to remain in the parish near to their families, but not for bringing in young people from other parts of the country, where we do not know the backgrounds
[Yes] I agree with the draft vision statement
[Yes] I am encouraged by the promise of plenty of low cost housing if we are to keep young people here to make it a thriving village. Also like the idea that we are basically a rural community.
[Yes] I have concerns already on all the new housing completed and underway in pontesbury just how little has been done towards electric car charging points. How come that there is not an effort to include on all new builds solar panels and air source heating options. It's so shortsighted.
[Yes] I like the future vision of what the parish may look like
[Yes] I think green issues for transport, land management, flooding, buildings heating, lighting etc should be more ambitious
[Yes] I think improving leisure facilities for young people, particularly teenagers, is a priority. So is maintaining all the playing field areas at the school and the community football/cricket pitches.
[Yes] I would hope the vision comes into effect. However, at what cost? What incentives are offered for those environmentally considerate villagers etc? Taking in a wide range from water to energy to growing own, planting trees etc. reflected in council tax possibly.
[Yes] I would like to see more emphasis on business development within the area

[Yes] I would like to think that Pontesbury parish can be the equivalent of a ‘centre of excellence’ demonstrating how a parish can be carbon neutral by 2030, demonstrating to other parishes the possibilities...a ‘can do’ approach, that others wish to follow. leading by example. I would also like to see it a traffic free village, access to off street parking for residents only and car parking on the edge of the village for visitors. No street parking. This would be enhanced by the provision of cycle/ pathways, such as the existing one that almost links Minsterley and Pontesbury, that extend throughout the parish linking up with neighbouring parishes. This provision would enable a safer and more carbon free environment within the village and ultimately parish.
[Yes] I'd be interested to see how Pontesbury Parish is going to help Shropshire Council become Carbon Neutral in the next 10 years. Also, how fast broadband is going to get to the remote areas of the parish.
[Yes] In broad terms I agree with with the vision statement but there are some individual points I am not sure about, e.g. I doubt that even with more people in the parish working from home it will lead to a reduction in commuter traffic along the A 488 because a lot of the traffic is coming from places beyond Pontesbury, e.g. Minsterley and out lying villages and future development in these places will result in more traffic using the A488.
[Yes] In principle. It says 62 houses been built on what is euphemistically called 'cricketers meadow' however, my understanding is that 81 houses are being built. I have a concern about the number of protected trees that were damaged & felled in the process. Having informed the tree officer it appears that no action was taken against the developer who then proceeded to fell further trees. The plan must protect existing trees - new trees take 100 years to grow we need them now to protect the wildlife and [ar ar?]
[Yes] Include the importance of cycling. Not sure the Hub will be a centre for providing ultra fast broadband will be relevant in 2035. Technology will have moved on significantly.
[Yes] increases in population should be minimal whilst ensuring there are opportunities for young people to remain in the village.
[Yes] It is a good vision. Let's hope the damage from Covid 19/Brexit becomes ancient history. Diversity in demography is vital if the community wants to continue to be vibrant. Therefore the needs of future residents need to be planned for.
[Yes] It is important to me that Pontesbury retains its village feel and does not become a town or be over populated
[Yes] It is very important that any new housing development includes a significant proportion of affordable housing, either for rent or shared ownership. If Shropshire Council aims to become carbon neutral by 2030 all new homes should be fitted with solar panels.
[Yes] It would be good if new houses were built with water saving devices such as low flush toilets, sinks etc. solar panels
[Yes] It would have been nice to see a plan for extending safe cycle routes between the villages around Pontesbury.
[Yes] It's a shame when the bus stop was moved on Hall Bank a layby was not created.
[Yes] More specific detail of the future plans would be useful
[Yes] Need some indoor exercise provision too
[Yes] Needs to consider / reference links to plans and actions of neighbouring parishes especially re housing and employment?
[Yes] Nice to see this aspiration. Pontesbury area is a natural treasure and it is encouraging to see how valued it is by others.
[Yes] No comments
[Yes] No mention of (improved) public transport. No mention of (improved) cycling facilities. No mention of anything to do with (improved) facilities for small business development within the village
[Yes] No provision for cycle path on A488 which is dangerous for cyclist now. Which parking places are you talking about. The field which was used as an overflow car park for church weddings and funerals has now been built on!!

[Yes] None
[Yes] Not bad it sounds feasible
[Yes] Nothing about the aging population and how older vulnerable people will be cared for
[Yes] On the whole I agree with the bulk of the statement. There are some areas missing that could improve the future of the village. But I can see they would come out as negative, probably best left to details later on.
[Yes] Parking spaces at Hall Bank?
[Yes] Partially agree re. alleviation of traffic problems. The sudden return of traffic after lockdown has highlighted how vulnerable some of the corners and narrow streets in the village are i.e Hignetts corner / Castle Meadows / Stallion Lane / Bogey Lane / Brookside. Maybe some traffic calmers or 20mph signs could help?
[Yes] Perhaps do more than explore public and community transport initiatives - there needs to be more available, otherwise people have to use cars.
[Yes] please address inequalities in composition of Pontesbury Planning Committee
[Yes] Pontesbury will only remain as attractive if the amount of traffic on the A488 is contained. After Covid-19 public and community transport initiatives must be explored encouraging greater use. Do the new houses, built in the last 18 months, have electric car charging points?
[Yes] Preservation of community spirit and rural environment very important to me.
[Yes] Sorry new to the village, area new to us!
[Yes] Sort of. needs to be more ambitious v-v local energy usage /production
[Yes] Speed restrictions on main road entering village (particularly from Minsterley)
[Yes] The current village hall has very limited parking and some older residents avoid coming to meetings there because there are inadequate parking spaces. I think that a longer term village amenity should be a new village hall with plenty of parking and outdoor space (Minsterley, Longden and Westbury have much better provision than Pontesbury) We should consider the ageing population and increase in residents in the village.
[Yes] The growth of tourism to the area is welcome but needs careful management it would be very easy for some developments to spoil the essentially rural character of the area
[Yes] The ongoing covid19 epidemic has created a whole new environment within which people are expected to live and work and this possibly creates the need for a review of how and in which trades/professions people may work from home. Maybe new developments should include space specifically to encourage home working, a return to cottage industries perhaps.
[Yes] The paragraph about availability of high-speed broadband does not apply to Shorthill, Lea Cross. Very poor internet connection.
[Yes] The parish should also aim to be carbon neutral. The traffic comment is a little weak. The plan should be trying to reduce traffic in the parish, not just alleviate problems otherwise the A488 will dominate and sever Pontesbury. Public transport should be thriving and cycle parking provided at destinations in Pontesbury. The disused railway line could be cleared to create a great traffic-free walking and cycling route from outlining settlements to Pontesbury. Should say opening up more waymarked footpaths and bridleways so cyclists and equestrians can benefit too.
[Yes] The plan sounds good as it is but I cannot see that it will be the same in a few years time. The traffic through the village is increasing all the tile - Hall Bank and junctions in particular. A bye-pass would be the answer
[Yes] The statement about "introducing speed limits in most residential areas" is, I'm afraid meaningless without proper and strong enforcement of the limits. Most drivers seem to think that the current speed limits never apply to them. I have witnessed some drivers travelling at about 50mph and even one or two travelling at speeds in excess of 60mph. The installation of speed cameras, and proper penalties against speeding drivers, would probably curb much of the speeding.
[Yes] The vision lacks comment on reducing the horrible smell that emanates from farmers carting chicken + animal waste through the village. Much of this would be used by them to generate electricity (+ more will be needed for electric cars) cheaply for local residents

[Yes] There should be more control of farm vehicles damaging verges. depositing mud on roads & blocking drains. Made worse by building development. Who will clean up after them?
[Yes] This draft vision is laudable but how much weight will it have in the event of another SAMdev fiasco. protecting the landscape should be one of the prime objectives
[Yes] To ensure that the affordable housing is allocated to young people from the parish and a caveat that it remains affordable for future generations from the parish
[Yes] Vague, could refer to anywhere
[Yes] Very comprehensive
[Yes] Very idealistic and I doubt if it all could come about in reality! Nice idea tho!
[Yes] Very pleased to see that the village hall is still being used in the future alongside the Hub
[Yes] Very positive and visionary
[Yes] We feel that tourism should be encouraged to this attractive area and that it would hopefully provide more local employment
[Yes] We think it is vital to the rural economy to open up opportunities for diversification in leisure and tourism, creating a gateway to access the benefits of the natural environment for residents and visitors alike.
[Yes] Well thought out. Hopeful!
[Yes] While working from home may reduce commuter traffic and demand for public transport along the A488, depending upon the nature of the business, there could be an increase in raw materials/ finished goods deliveries to individual premises rather than a central hub. Working from home does not necessarily mean less local traffic.
[Yes] Would like to see as many as possible wheelchair friendly paths to be able to take in special countryside views and landscapes. The one at Stiperstones by devils chair is wonderful. I am 89 and it gave me a lot of pleasure before lockdown as my little dog came too but does need extra parking for disabled people
[Yes] Would like to see houses with more Eco credentials like 'Heat source' technology. finding ways for small businesses to start up close to home, avoiding the need to travel too far. Use of Brownfield sites for Units, for example. Shared use of car parking spaces, for example, Wedding guests able to use the Medical Practice car park at weekends subject to getting permission.
[Yes] Would like to see new housing contained to brownfield sites if possible and the development of more cycling and walking paths within the area and links to neighbouring areas including Shrewsbury
[Yes] Would much prefer written as aims - very confusing put like this.
[Yes] Would prefer 'waymarked footpaths AND bridleways'

Next the survey covered questions grouped by several main themes (objectives).

1. Rural Landscape and Open Spaces

The survey explained that a Neighbourhood Plans can designate areas as 'Local Green Space' which gives them added protection against inappropriate development. *'To be designated as a local green space, the green space must be: in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; demonstrably special to the local community or holding a particular local significance (for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife); and should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land (e.g. Earls Hill).'*

Q3 With the above in mind, can you think of any specific green spaces that you would like to see designated as a Local Green Space? E.g. The School Green.

A large number of comments were submitted, thirteen of them stating 'No'. One respondent wrote: *'NO, BECAUSE OF RECENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS GREEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE HAVE BEEN ERODED AND DESTROYED. PONTESBURY IS A VILLAGE NOT A MARKET TOWN WHICH IS BEING SUGGESTED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.'*

Many respondents took up the suggestion of School Green as it featured in 96 of the comments.

A few other comments were received regarding School Green:

- *School Green used to be well used. With the moving of the co-op it has died a social meeting point. The old shop could be a community coffee shop with easy access to the elderly and youngsters and take out refreshments to the green.*
- *Keep school green as it is*
- *School Green is hardly a green space (only a very small grassed area). there was quite a good green space but this has been used as housing called Cricketers Meadow. Also land designated for graves was used to home people at St Georges meadow. Really Pontesbury desperately need a By Pass.*
- *Though the school green possibly can become a green space it isnt in the spirit of the legislation. Land would need to be bought to provide large areas*
- *Apart from School green all other green spaces in Pontesbury have been built on over the last five years.*

Other general comments respondents left were:

- *It would be helpful to have a map showing /highlighting all green spaces within the area so that it is easier to specify.*
- *Unfortunately there's not a lot of greenspace left in the village!*
- *Most of the green spaces within Pontesbury village have been built on. Do not lose the school fields and the sports ground. Protect the fields along the A488.*
- *If the village wants local green spaces I believe they should buy the land for this purpose at a reasonable price off the appropriate person. The village needs allotments. The other point to consider is that Earls Hill, Poles Coppice, the playground and School Green already exist for the enjoyment of the village. Earls Hill is already overused . The Railway line should be open towards Minsterley if*

- possible and be part of a circular route for walkers and cyclists.*
- *As a newcomer to the area (5 years) I'm still finding my way around. there is a field to the south of Brook Rd that is accessed by Public Footpath from Brook Rd and extends to the north side Pontesbury Hill. Clearly agricultural (crops). Presently well used by dog walkers and I'm sure would be widely used by existing young families (and those who will move into the Brook Mount development) as well as being accessible to elderly members of the community who are presently restricted by the bank up from Brook Side. I would imagine that pedestrian access from Pontesbury Hill would not be difficult.*
- *Red Kite have returned to the area and should be encouraged where possible.*
- *Each green space should be considered by individual merit - they can all be reviewed against the criteria. They will all contribute to the ecological value of surrounding designated protected sites. All green spaces will be in close proximity to the community; they all have beauty and historic significance; they can all provide recreational value and will be tranquil. Habitat and species surveys of each green space will support the designation for richness of wildlife. Each green space contributes to our parish landscape by having a key connecting role - designating these green spaces will contribute to the much wider landscape network or patchwork of habitats and sustain the diversity and abundance of species in our parish.*
- *Just no more building*

Unfortunately despite the short explanation of what a Designated Green Space is (i.e. not an extensive tract of land) several respondents suggested Earls Hill and Pontesford Hill (8 each) but one respondent suggested the Ant Hill field specifically.

Other comments which would be hard to follow up on as they may be too generic or general comments were:

- *Anything that is green now - I would have designated as L.G.S. to conserve the village going forward*
- *Earls Hill, Pontesford Hill needs special protection enshrined in law if necessary to ensure any development is not possible. Future generations need this land to be free for all.*
- *All the wooded land right as far as The Oaks, including the Lydd Hole The land from Hinton lane, including Mary Webb's house through Asterley to Minsterley, including the windmill*
- *We live within the AONB & conservation area. All our greenspace is afforded extra protection. There may be areas near Pontesbury.*
- *the other areas in Pontesford around the hill*
- *Most of the green space within the villages has been developed on*
- *Any area that could be used for facilities as per answer at Q7 below [Swimming pool, football pitch, large open area for children to play in, there is a play park but this isn't suitable for open play]*
- *All green belt areas in my opinion should be protected especially when shops in town can become housing*
- *Green space should have been by the community hub. Open at all times not just when the hub is open - there are excellent views - wildlife etc and it's fairly central.*
- *I think we have seen enough 'new buildings' in the Pontesbury village. Space has been filled - and I fully appreciate it has been needed - but let's try not to grow any closer to Hanwood + Shrewsbury / Minsterley/ habberley etc!*
- *Open up old train track routes as cycle paths*
- *As many as possible*

- *The areas around Arscott and Woodhall Drive where there is already an extensive footpath network serving Hanwood village as well.*
- *Small fields around the village.*
- *All areas around the hills*
- *Those that are at present fields*
- *The complete outskirts of the village. Build within village, so village outline does not get any bigger.*
- *Land surrounding Pontesford Hill & Earls Hill. A park would be amazing. Providing a community area. How about allotments?*
- *Views looking out from both sides of Pontesbury Hill Road to maintain the beauty of the local surrounding area.*
- *The area along the Rea Brook river*
- *The Rea Brook stream needs better protection and a footpath for walkers.*
- *The walk from the A488 to the waterfall at the Lyd Holes should be preserved.*
- *The land along the footpaths e.g the path from the main Shrewsbury road through Back Lane - special dog walking area & views*
- *Anywhere off the main road as parking would need to be thought of*
- *Other areas which are currently available for off-path walking within the curtilage of the main living areas. Infill housing development is all very well, but will detract from the area's appeal if taken to extremes.*
- *All the hills that are attractive to residents and visitors*

Comments which referred to more identifiable specific sites:

- *Green space around new hub Large grass verges in parts of the Parish e.g Brook Side, footpaths hedges + trees Poles Coppice + old quarries Wildlife corridor by Cricketers Meadow new development*
- *The land containing three ephemeral pools, meadow and woodland on Pontesbury Hill adjacent to the SCC countryside department's depot.*
- *Land to the rear of Hanwood village hall and adjacent school which currently offers views across the Rea Brook offering pleasant views to walkers on the designated footpaths.*
- *Possible to compulsory purchase some of the field between the Nag and Pontesford.*
- *The field that lies between the school and the hill car park.*
- *Marshy field on Bogey Lane*
- *Towards Pontesford Hill Near School playing field*
- *Area around from Gardeners Barn to end of play area*
- *The field area that has a footpath crossing it From small tarmac road (which leads to the special school centre) the footpath links with the pontesford hill car park.*
- *Nill's quarry*
- *The old quarry area on Pontesbury Hill by the countryside depot*
- *Callow quarry access road from the A488 to the footpath crossing it above the lane to access properties*
- *David Avenue leading to Back Lane Fields approaching Pontesford Hill*
- *The fields from New Mills Lane towards the Nag and Pontesford (actually behind David Avenue)*
- *The land outside the Police Station.*
- *The land off Mount Close*
- *The fields between Hill Farm Drive., Pontesford Hill Road and Grove Lane should*

be designated local green space

- *Hall Bank*
- *Green around Croft Cottages Linley Avenue Foot Bank*
- *Stream side below Llyd Holes all along the river Rea*
- *Small area opposite/below church, one seat*
- *Linley Avenue Green*
- *the green in Linley Avenue*
- *the green space behind the Pavilion.*
- *fields behind Ashford estate*
- *Behind new Wynnstay stores*
- *Field by Pontesbury Project with FP across it giving access to Pontesford Hill*

There were a number of comments relating to land around the ford by the Plough pub, 11 in fact as well as these below:

- *Patch from Whitewell Lane the Dingle and adjacent fields*
- *In Pontesbury: the double ford at the Plough Pub end of Brookside, the grass opposite the Plough Pub on Brookside, the field(s) that run up from the double ford with the oak trees, wildlife and footpaths and it's natural beauty.*
- *Area around the ford and the Plough could easily be made to look 'picture postcard'.*
- *Yes, the fields and bridge in the centre of the village by The Plough pub. This is a lovely quiet area of the village with a pretty pub and lovely fields with a babbling brook and horses playing in the fields. I feel the bridge over the ford could look better with some stone cladding which would not cost a huge amount, may be funds could be raised by the villagers to do this.*

A number of comments were received about specific areas in and around Cruckton:

- *Cruckton Horsehoe Green*
- *The green at Cruckton*
- *Green at Church Close, Cruckton Gardens in front of Cruckton School*
- *Church Close, Cruckton*

There were several comments about the sports facilities, playing fields and green fields around the schools, 18 in fact as well as the ones shown below:

- *Area opposite the Nag's Head pub.*
- *The remaining fields space between MW School + Pontesbury + Earls Hill*
- *The playing fields on Bog road side of Mary Webb School could be more accessible to the public.*
- *I should like to see the field in Bogey Lane across the lane from the school sports field which is almost permanently wet designated and perhaps used as a site for a wildlife pond.*
- *Sports and Mary Webb fields*
- *Recreation ground. What's left of the sports ground if there is anything left.*
- *I am concerned that the Mary Webb School fields and the Sports Field remain as such. With financial worries it might be possible at some time in the future that the school felt it had to sell part of its land so it would be good if those fields could be designated as Local Green Space. Perhaps more could be done to allow the community to use this space.*
- *Can Mary Webb playing fields be designated?*

There were also a further 14 stating the Cricket field should be designated as well as three suggesting the Bowling Green

Also getting many mentions were:

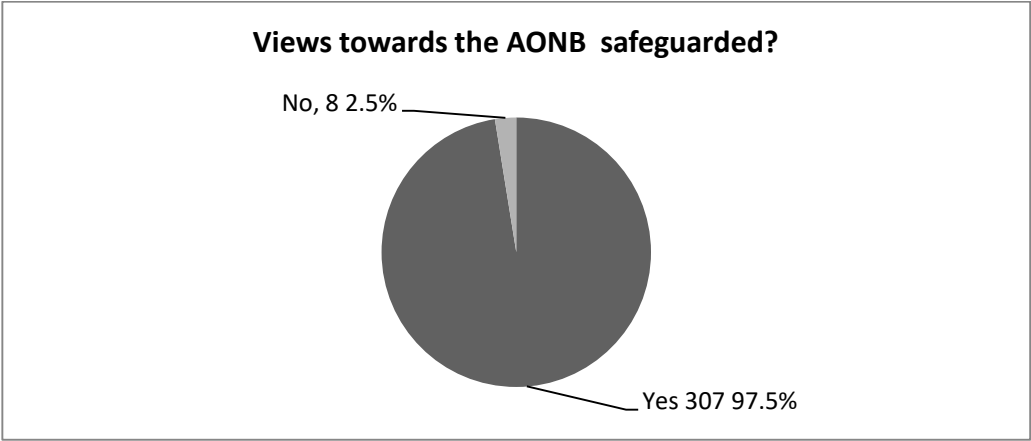
- *The Old railway Line – 29*
- *Children’s Play Area off Station Road – 32.*

As well as these two more general comments to areas near there:

- *the fields off the old railway line in Pontesford/Pontesbury*
- *The area around the playpark in Pontesbury*

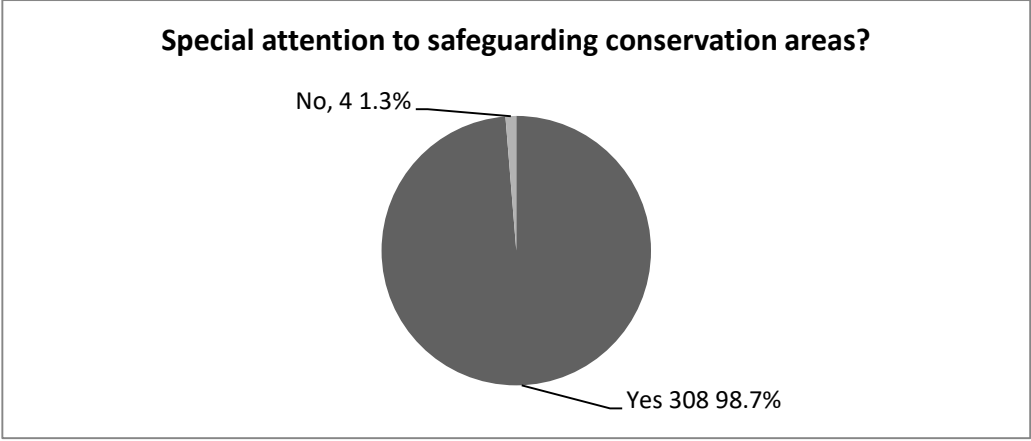
One respondent suggested ‘*St Anne’s Churchyard*’ and another simply ‘*Churchyard*’, one suggested ‘*Green cemeteries or natural burial space i e dual use land*’

Q4 Should views towards the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty be safeguarded?



Fifteen respondents did not answer this question (95.5% response rate)

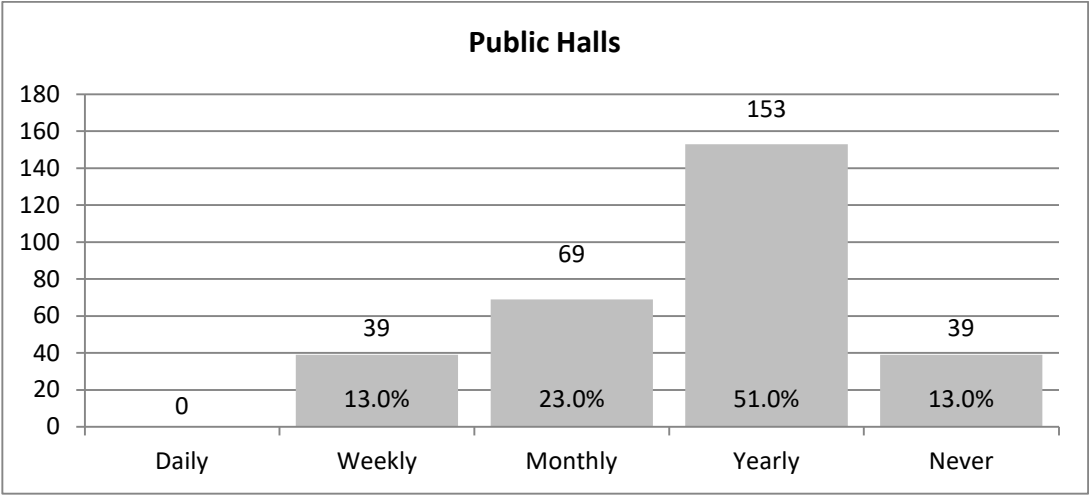
Q5 Should special attention be taken to safeguarding conservation areas within the parish?



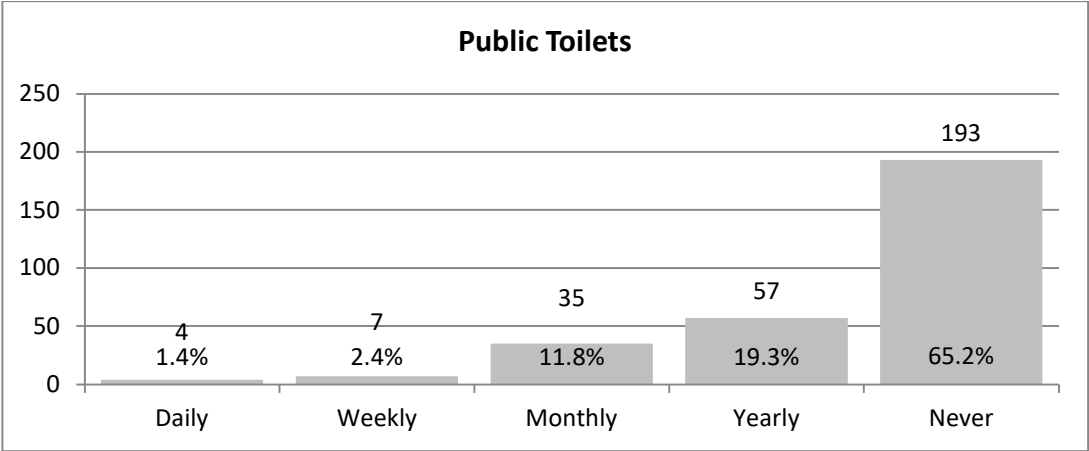
Seventeen respondents did not answer this question (94.5% response rate).

2. Protecting/developing community amenities

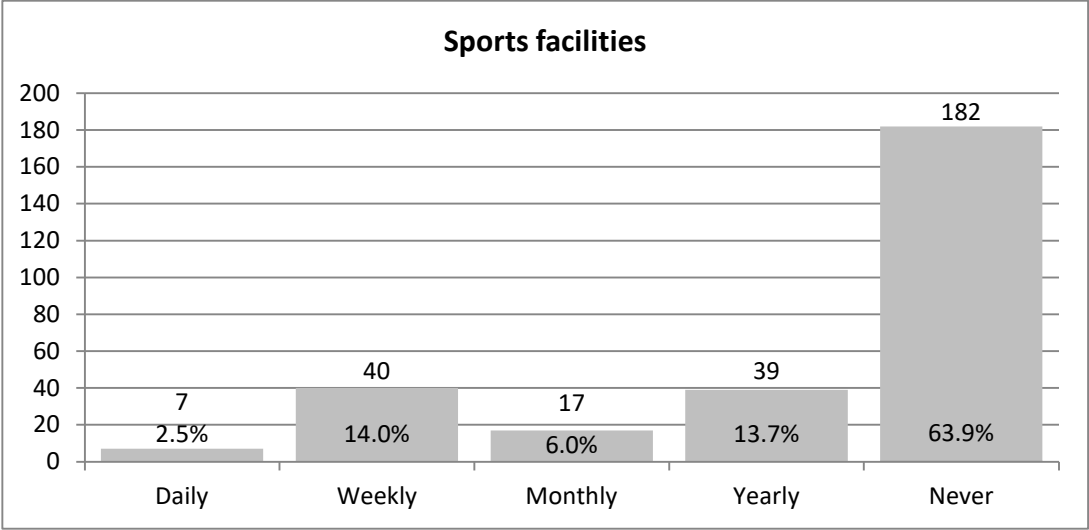
Q6 How often do members of your household use these local facilities?



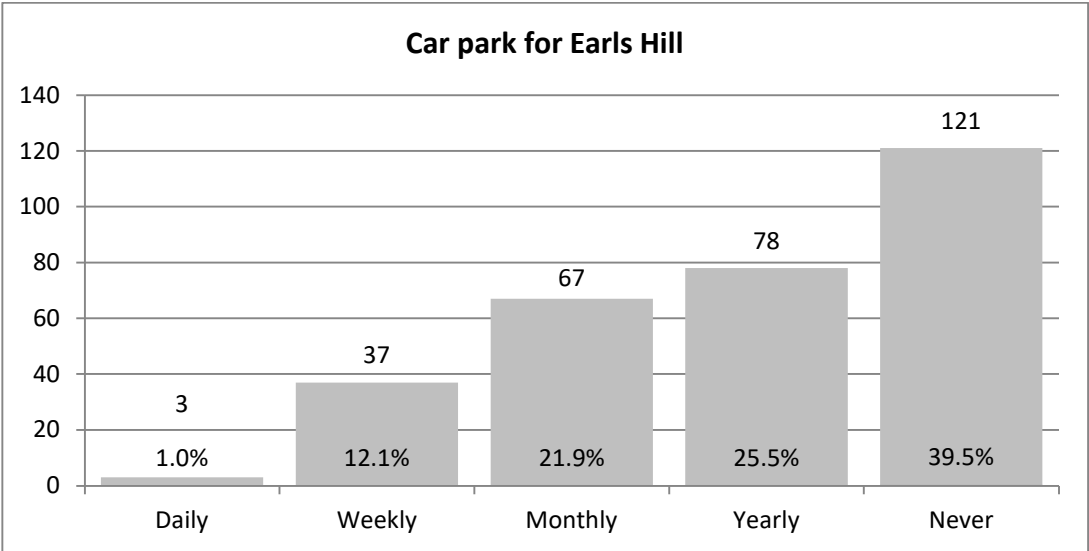
Thirty respondents did not tick any option here (90.9% response rate)



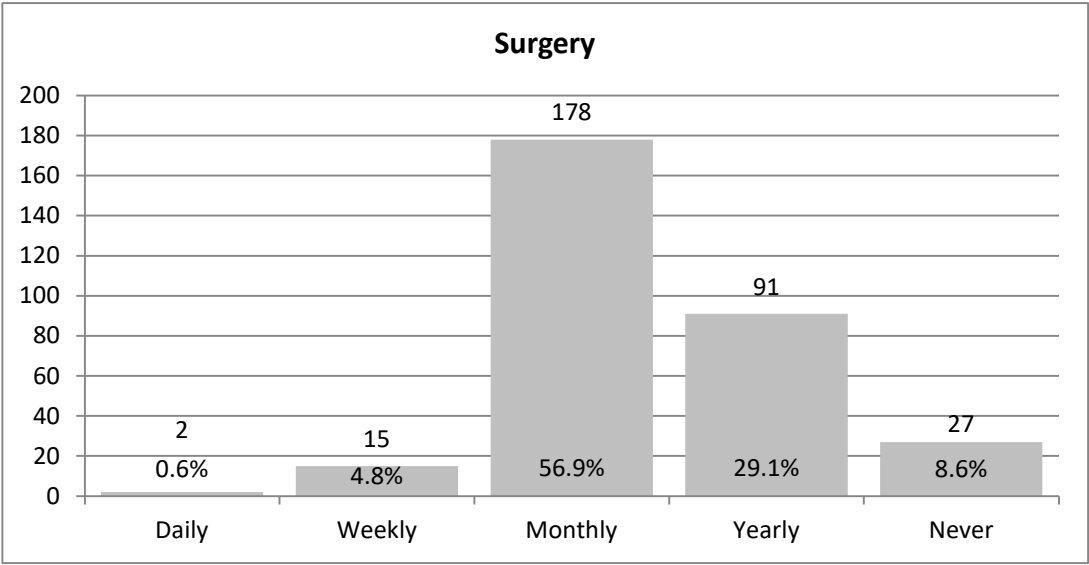
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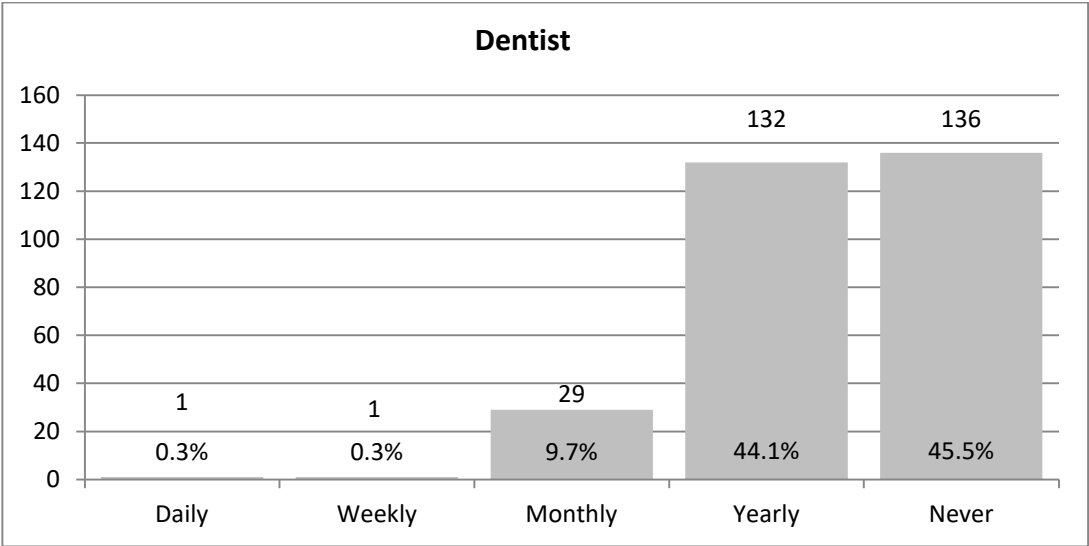
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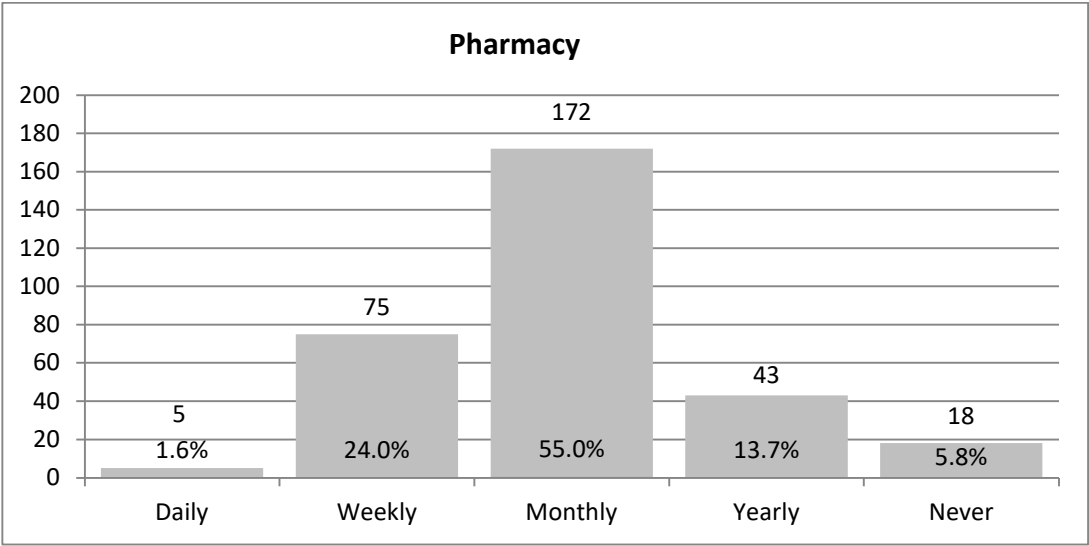
Twenty-four respondents did not tick any option here (92.7% response rate)



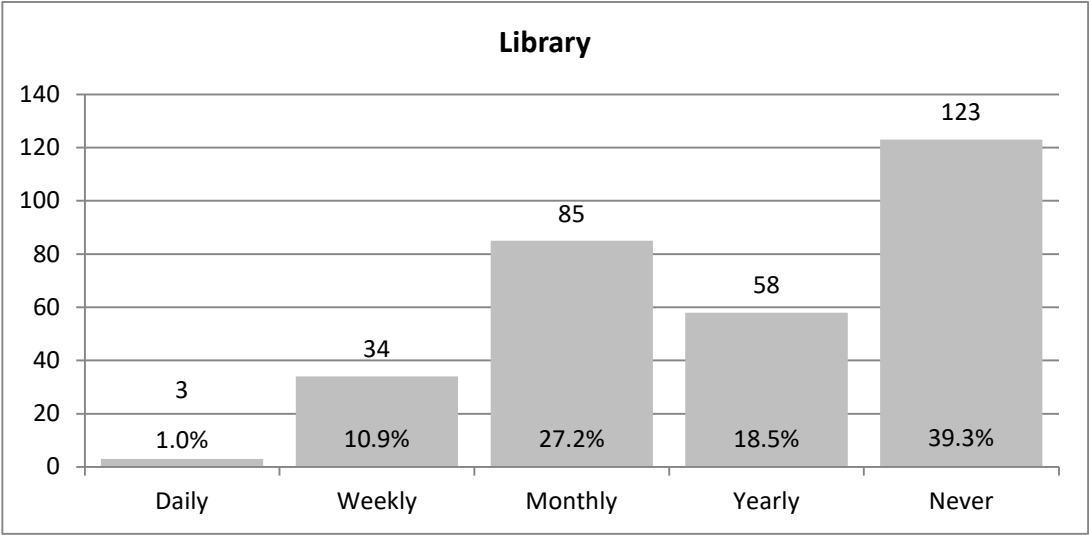
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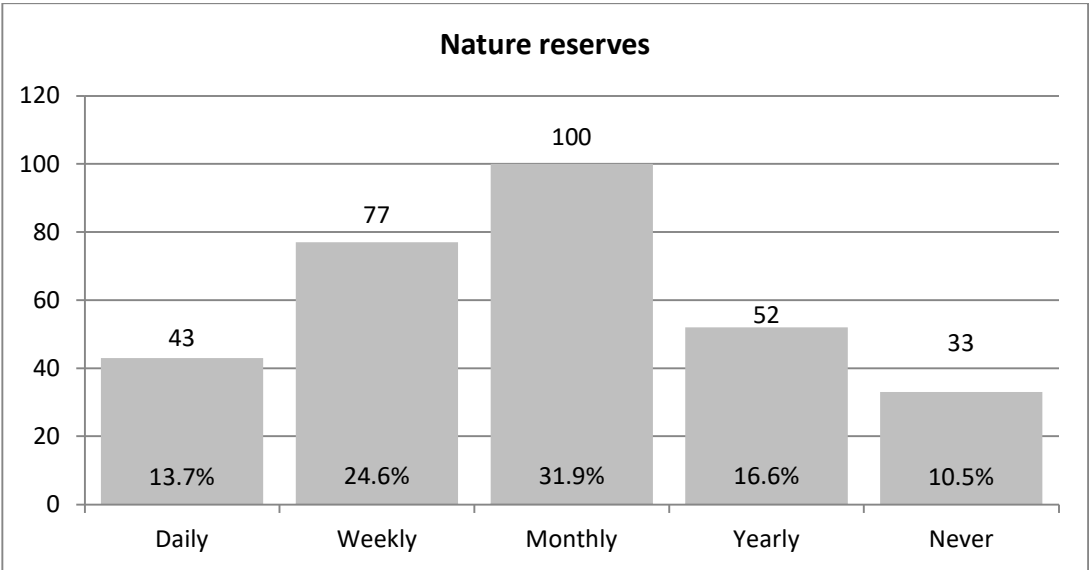
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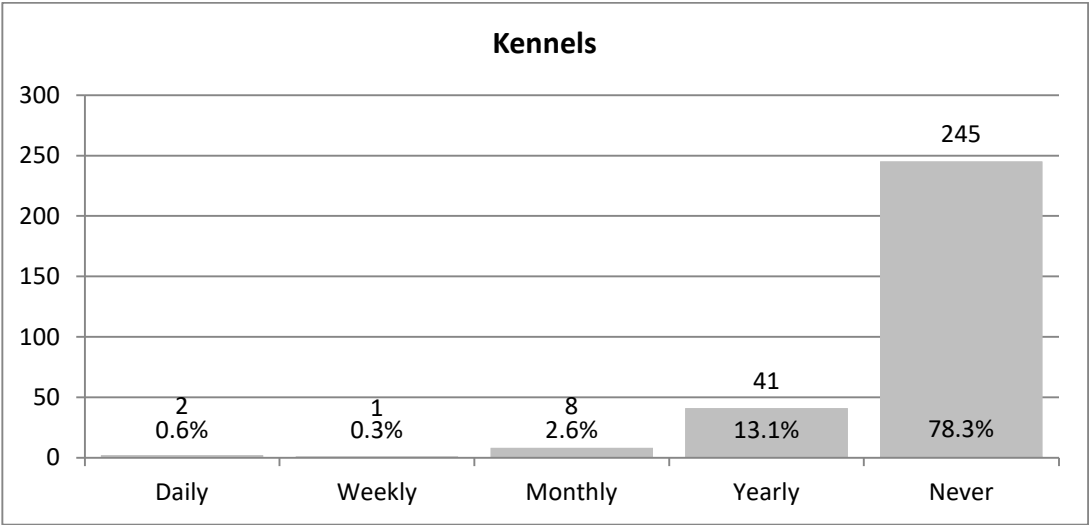
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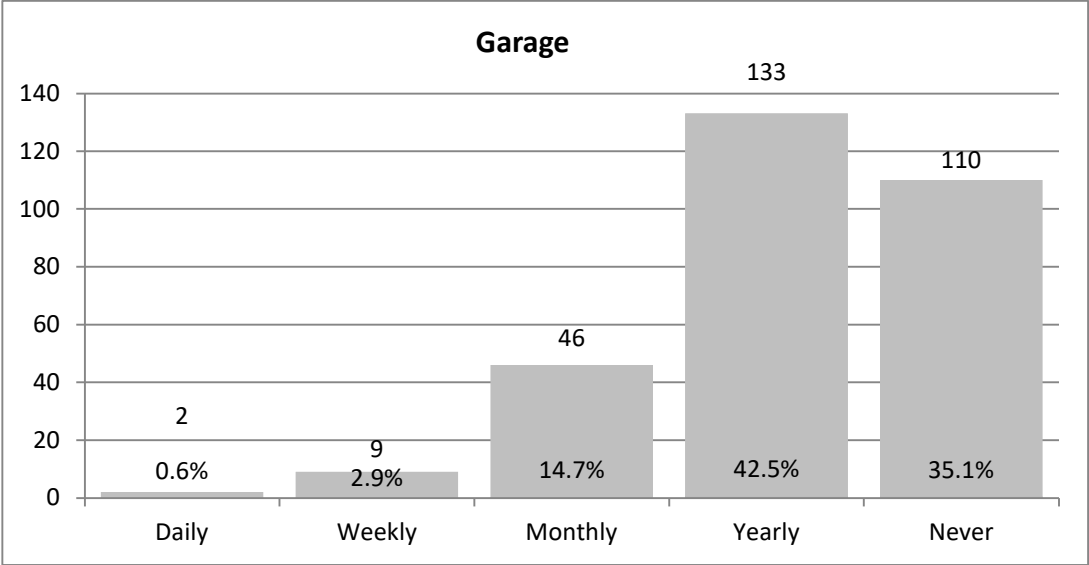
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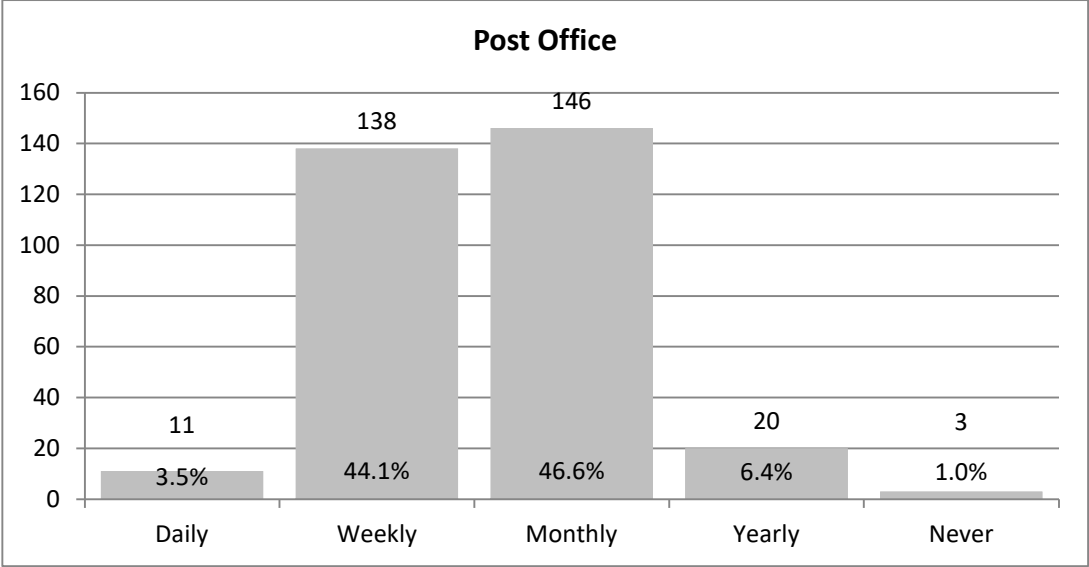
Twenty-five respondents did not tick any option here (92.4% response rate).



Thirty-three respondents did not tick any option here (93% response rate).



Thirty respondents did not tick any option here (90.9% response rate).



Twelve respondents did not tick any option here (96.4% response rate).



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One respondent left a comment in the margin: ‘*Where are the sports facilities?*’ Someone wrote ‘*Where is Victory Hall*’. Neither left contact details to follow this up. Another wanted a tick box option between monthly and yearly and another indicated they would have liked to have had the option to tick *occasionally* and one suggested *a ½ yearly* option would have been useful. One remarked that *the children’s play park* was missing from the options. One respondent found this question ‘*Pontesbury centric*’.

Q7 If the opportunity arose, what new facilities would you like to see in the Parish?

A total of 160 respondents left a comment here (although some said *None*), all are shown below:

A car park
A community garden would be nice.
A decent bridleway to enable horseriding to be carried out safely and mainly off road. What happened to the marketing plan [cant read word] a few years ago re farmers, markets, bridleways, tourism etc etc ???
A gym (small , that will not dominate the landscape) A childcare provision for age 5-11 eg holiday clubs
A high quality restaurant
A larger cafe / restaurant perhaps
A new pub/community centre. We lost the "Railway" pub, some years ago, replaced by featureless properties.....Speed and Greed !
A new village hall big enough for sports events and a lot of parking
A shop that supplies loose foods enabling us to refill our own containers. E.g. dried fruit, nuts, pulses, spices, etc, etc. A coffee shop that spills out onto the School Green, enabling people to sit outside, produce being Barista coffee, home made cakes, fresh fruit. These two ideas would be great based in the old CoOp.
A small cinema or for films to be shown in the Village Hall
A sports centre would be nice. There used to be one next to the school, but could do with being a bit bigger with more equipment. A monthly farmers market selling fresh fruit, veg, fish,

meat, local produce
A street market or use of Public or Village Halls for this purpose
A traffic management chicane to reduce the speed of vehicles entering Hanwood from Pontsbury direction, giving right of way to vehicles exiting Hanwood. This would make it safer for traffic emerging from the Cruckmeole Meadows development, the local school and village hall and the sharp bends under the railway bridge. Many vehicles currently ignore speed restriction signs.
A visitors' car park
Allotments
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Allotments Carpark - away from a designated shop Tourist information centre
Allotments Dog waste bins Swimming pool Old railway line converted into cycle track
Allotments for households without gardens
Allotments Youth Club Dog Bins
Allotments. Community food growing space. A solar panel 'farm' to provide energy for the community.
Allotments. More Cycle/Bridleways with facilities for carts/ carriages enabling them access the route/s. Also possibility encouraging people to use the new Eco scooters or other small Eco machines that may become available in the future. Getting people out of their cars!
Although have entered some 'never' responses that doesn't mean circumstances might change. It would be nice to see the return of an opticians to the village. An extra cafe would be nice or larger premises for the present one.
Am happy with the existing facilities
An open sided wood frame building suitable for a Pontesbury Farmers Market with solar panels and main road access plus carpark. The sides need to be closed at night and the space used for indoor sport (badminton etc) or as a venue for weddings. The proposed housing development to the west of Pontesbury, opposite The Horseshoes Pub should incorporate this facility as planning gain.
Another cafe for tea and cakes with parking. Better parking facilities for visitors. If there is a funeral at St. Georges where do people park? Anywhere around the village blocking roads and access.
Another shop. a gym?
Any new shop serving the village population
Better fishing venues to include better maintenance of local streams. Farm shop for local produce
Better parking facilities
better sports facilities - it is a pity the swimming pool has closed Opticians Bank
Better sports facilities/variety
Bring back a swimming pool. It was an incredible village resource.
Bus service facility (improved)
Bus service to/from outlying hamlets WEEKLY or TWICE WEEKLY as previously
Cafe, art shop, rest point for cyclists, improved bus service
Cafe/restaurant with outdoor seating
Cannot think of anything we havent got!
Car park More bins
Car parking Allotments
Car Parking, ALLOTMENTS, assistance for those of limited mobility in the Castle Meadows, School Green area with their shopping. Many relied on the old location of the Co-op but now the present location, while "easier" to park and the improved quality of goods, is not an easy place for a large number of people with limited mobility or age..

Carpark & improved toilets
Chip shop back open
Chip shop re-open
Churches (4) mentioned
Daily bus to outlying villages
Dancing in public hall (ballroom) Allotments
Decent chip shop
Designated public parking
Electric charging points
Evening classes - e.g. pottery, painting used to [be] held many years ago at Mary Webb
Exercise eg small gym / workout studio.
Existing facilities should grow in line with the large population increases caused by additional housing. The current developments in and around the village have led to a larger supermarket but the doctor, dentist, schools have all remained the same size (ie over subscribed).
Extend park or make another say smaller children's park. Make allotments garden area near Garden Trading Post (Station) or elsewhere. It is an excellent community building.
Facility for swimming - use of school?
Farm shop
Field for children/families to use
First of all, Q6 needs a 6 monthly box. Dentists and doctors are often used more than once a year, but seldom monthly! I would like to be able to play table tennis and badminton locally. None of the halls near Cruckmeole have the equipment to do so.
Fish + Chip shop Laundrette Cafe
Fish + chip shop Swimming pool 100% Leisure centre for which we could all use
Fitness Centre/ Sports Hall
Footpath/cycleway to Lea Cross and on to Cruckmeole
Fresh fruit and veg shop
Fuel Station incl H2 & Electric charging
Guest houses, small hotel to welcome visitors. Tea room.
Gym
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Gym Farmshop - good local meat & veg
Happy with current facilities (more litter bins would be appreciated re tourists)
I am 95 yr old widow living alone without transport so I dont think this section is relevant to me
Increased community sports facilities, even at the most basic level, and suitable for all ages.
It has everything we currently need.
Italian restaurant
Learning facilities (like the F E Centre we had that held various evening classes)
Leisure centre
Leisure centre e.g. swimming pool, gym Better broadband More cycle routes
Less new houses
long stay carpark
Mens hairdresser
More benches around
More cafes
More cycling paths and cycle friendly roads

More for the teenagers, possible youth club and events,
More further education classes for adults and day activities for the elderly. I.e. learning a new craft/skill whilst socialising over coffee, tea and cake.
More parking
more parking at Earls Hill cars end up all down the road
More places for entertainment Local swimming pool
More retail shops
More rubbish bins and pet waste bins (there are none of these). Litter is an increasing problem especially since the new houses have been occupied. Recycle bins for bottles etc.
N/A
New village hall with proper parking and outdoor space.
No preference
None
None
None
None!
None, I think the facilities are well [cant read word] for the size of our parish
None.
Not sure...compared with other villages we are pretty well served.
Opportunity for small business development
Optician
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opticians
Outdoor gym
Petrol/fuel stations Bank
Pontesbury farmers market - open 6 or 7 days a week in a permanent market hall with parking + renewable energy provision
Pool
Premises for teenagers to meet up
Public charging point for electric cars
Public Gym
Recycling centre eg for tetrapacks Cycle paths, including route to Shrewsbury Community transport scheme eg electric car hiring scheme Traffic free roads
Repair shop - electrical Youth club Tourist information inc activities
Return of a clean and friendly chip shop Cycle friendly cafe
Small car park
Some more independent shops, particulalry in the School Green area; a public notice board located in a well used location,
Something for teenagers to meet up for milkshake, snacks etc
Specific dog litter bins
Sports centre with pool. More shops, in current free buildings.
Sports Hall
Start up buisness units for small starters and self employed. Allotment areas for outdoor wellbeing, community involvement, sustainabilty, fewer food miles and exersise. A central car share (electric) scheme where the cars (just a couple to start with) can be booked and used on odd occasions. Based at the Pontesbury Hub for example. These run well in other places.
Swimming facilities & water sports (water polo etc)

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Swimming Pool - There need to be one at the secondary school but the [word removed] head replaced it with tennis courts - all the local kids learnt to swim there.
Swimming Pool Bike track
Swimming pool Football pitch Large open area for children to play in, there is a play park but this isnt suitable for open play
Tennis courts
The Halls are used much less than previously. Pontesbury needs a By Pass.
The old Co-op shop re-opened, maybe as a newsagent etc.
The old co-op site be put to some use.
The parish has quite a lot of facilities which are very handy
The Parish is well served as it is
The police station staffed. Also, if there isn't one already, a youth club.
The reopening of a shop to replace the Coop store that has moved. Also the shop next to it which used to be a sandwich shop and before a florist (sheets have for some time been covering the shop windows and is obviously being used as accommodation). These have detracted from the appearance of the village and are also inconvenient for School Green residents now they are closed.
The restoration of the old Co-op site at School Green - to become a newsagent with a small supply of groceries
There used to be a small swimming pool at Mary Webb; this was such a useful local facility for the schools + the public - a return of this would be great. Picnic area by play area Cafe to be open 7 days a week + evenings - useful for tourists
tourist centre info
Use of community hall for adult exercise classes such as yoga/aerobics. Training room(s) with I.T. facilities/computer/projection screen/electric outlets for teaching and learning equipment.
Vast improvement of the pavements and facilities for wheel chairs and scooters for the disabled
Veterinary Surgery Guest house/hotel accommodation
Village shop re-opened in centre of the village Village car park
Virgin broadband & TV A cashpoint in Hanwood More to be done about speed reduction on the road into Hanwood from Pontesbury where it changes from 60mph to 30mph
We are well provided for generally speaking. It would be good if the fish + chip shop re-opened
We have most things at Pontesbury.
we need allotment space and more parking spaces
We would like to a see a vet surgery, perhaps more farm shop/cafes, and accommodation and leisure facilities to attract visitors and tourism, providing a boost to the local economy.
Weekend indoor sport facilities e.g badminton / 5 aside. Recreation field for eg young people (ie not owned by school/sports assn
Wheelchair accessible park Museum/project
Where possible discretely placed large bins for rubbish and recycling, collected on a more frequent basis instead of bins at every house. It may mean a very short walk but much tidier and more hygienic.
Youth centre for young organising such as scouts, cadets, swimming pool, own equipment to be stored here

Youth Club for children 16 years and under
Youth club Swimming baths Recycling area Gym More cycle paths By-Pass of village Better pricing of any halls for more clubs to use

Whilst the comments are very varied and included community space (both garden and building related), leisure and sports facilities, retail opportunities (shops and market), car park, hospitality such as café and healthcare related such as optician, allotments, gym and swimming pool appear to crop up quite frequently.

3. Provision of adequate housing

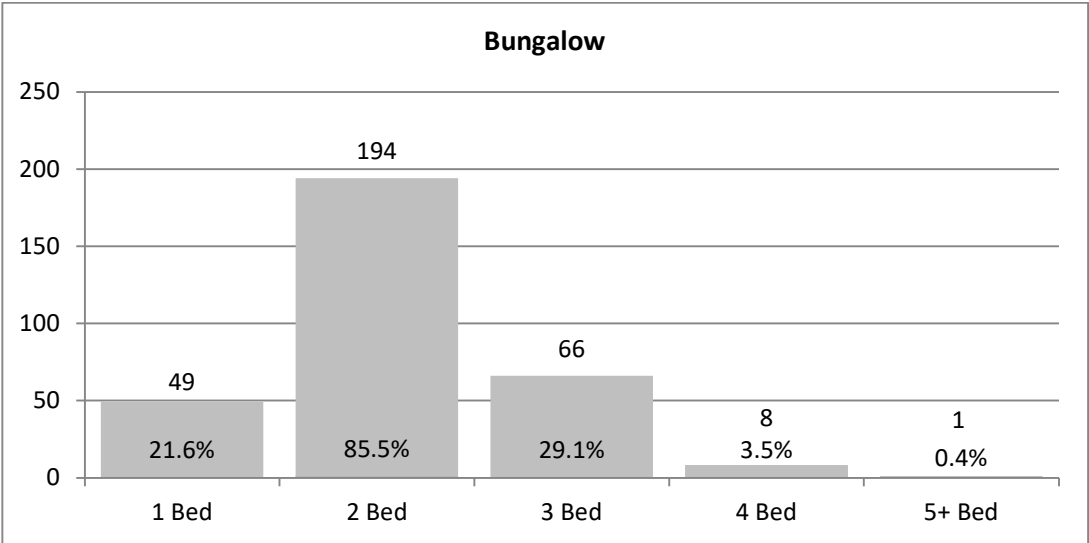
The survey stated that *‘There has been a relatively large number of houses built in Pontesbury Village in recent years in recognition of its market town status and to fulfil the Shropshire housing quota as directed by Central Government. Elsewhere in the Parish, relatively few houses have been built because development is strictly limited to Exception Sites by Shropshire Planning Policy. This Rural Exception Site policy (1) is the main safeguard against widespread development which would compromise our rural landscape. There are proposed changes to the Local Planning Policy in which Pontesbury Village would be changed to become a Community Hub; this will reduce the rate of house building’.*

It went on to state that *‘Consultation has been carried out between December 2018 and February 2019 on the Shropshire Council Local Plan Review (until 2036). The review includes a slight modification to the development boundary for the Parish, and a suggested further 62 dwellings to be built (over and above permissions granted to date). There is a recommended site in Pontesbury Village for up to half of the 62 dwellings and the others are envisaged to be satisfied by Windfall Sites (2). The review does not include preferred sites anywhere else in the Parish as these are classed as Open Countryside.*

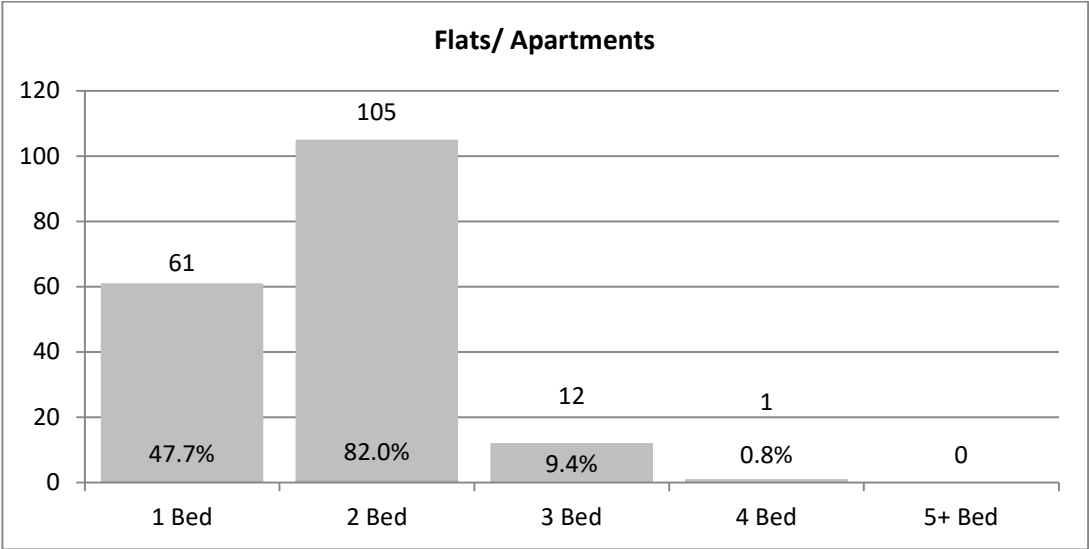
To assess individual housing needs, a separate questionnaire from Shropshire Council has been delivered to each household in September 2019. The questions below are designed to measure how people in your household feel about housing development in the Parish as a whole (the community's need).’

Q8 What type of dwelling(s) do you think should be developed?

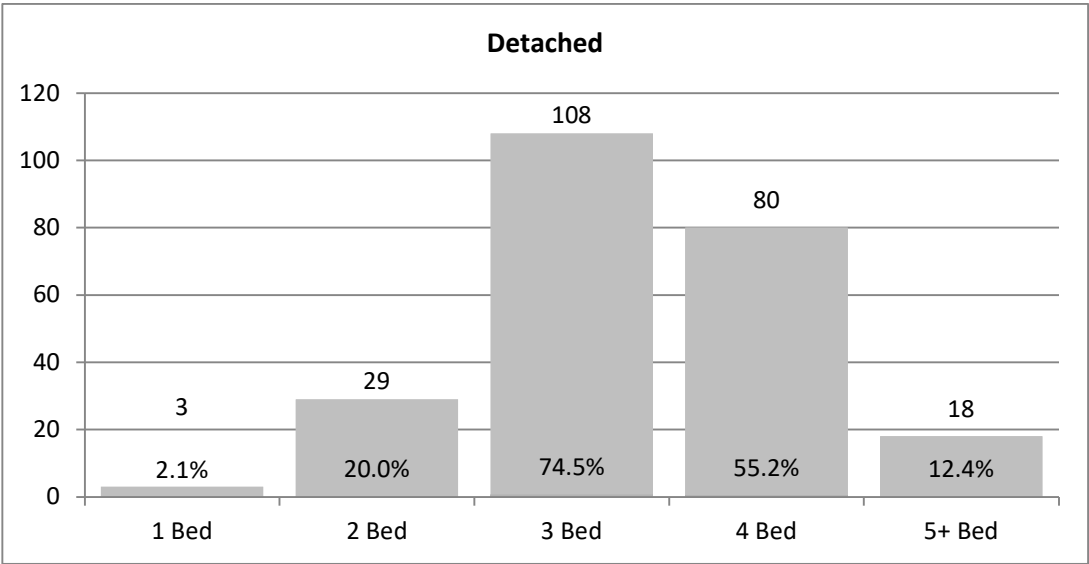
As respondents were able to select as many options as they would like, percentages will not add up to 100. Instead they are a number in relation to the total number of respondents for that sub question. So in the case of bungalows below, 85.5% of those who made at least one selection for bungalows ticked 2 bed bungalows.



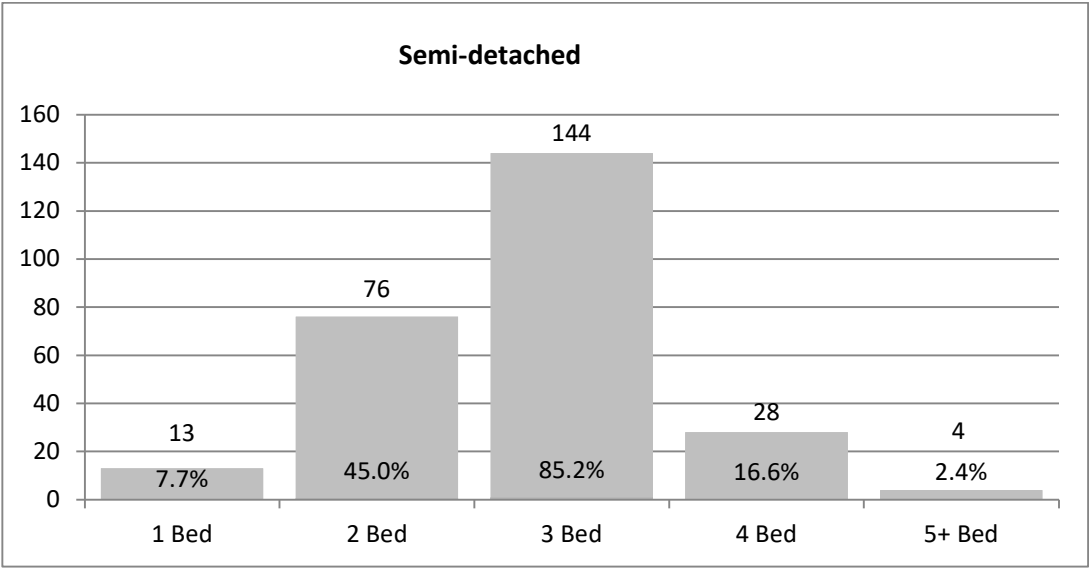
A total of 227 respondents ticked at least one size of bungalow.



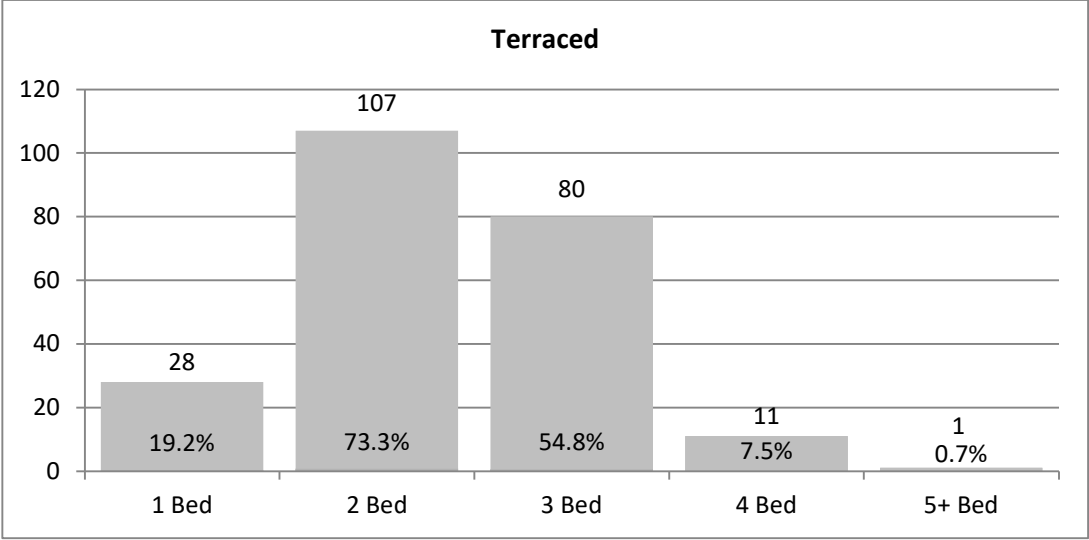
A total of 128 respondents ticked at least one size.



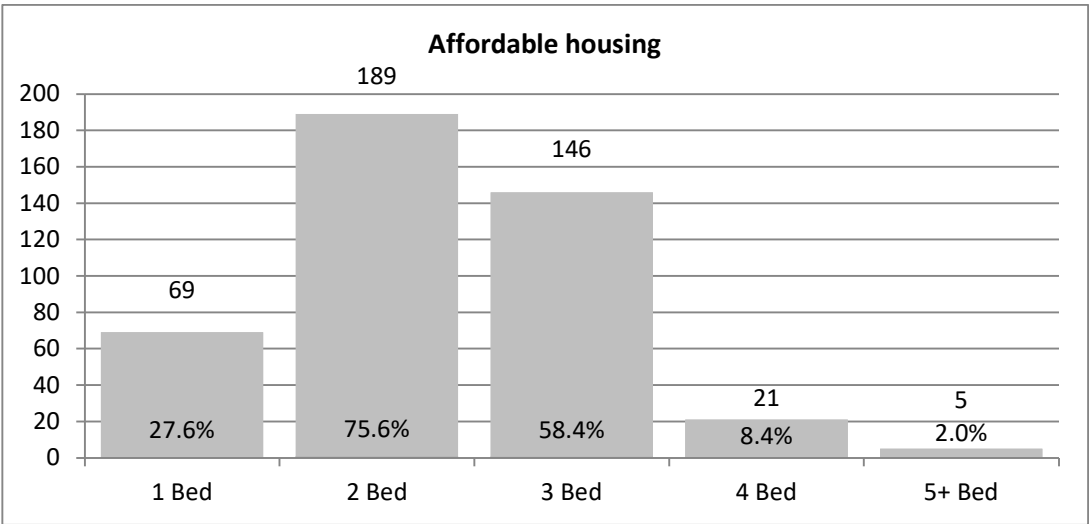
A total of 145 respondents ticked at least one size.



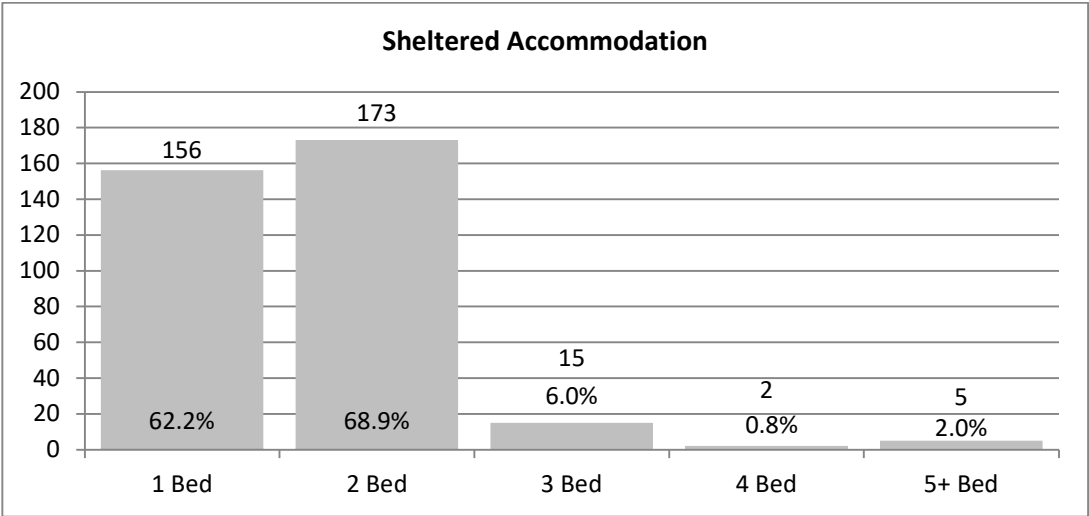
A total of 169 respondents ticked at least one size.



A total of 146 respondents ticked at least one size.



This was 'Affordable housing to meet a local need', 250 respondents ticked at least one size.

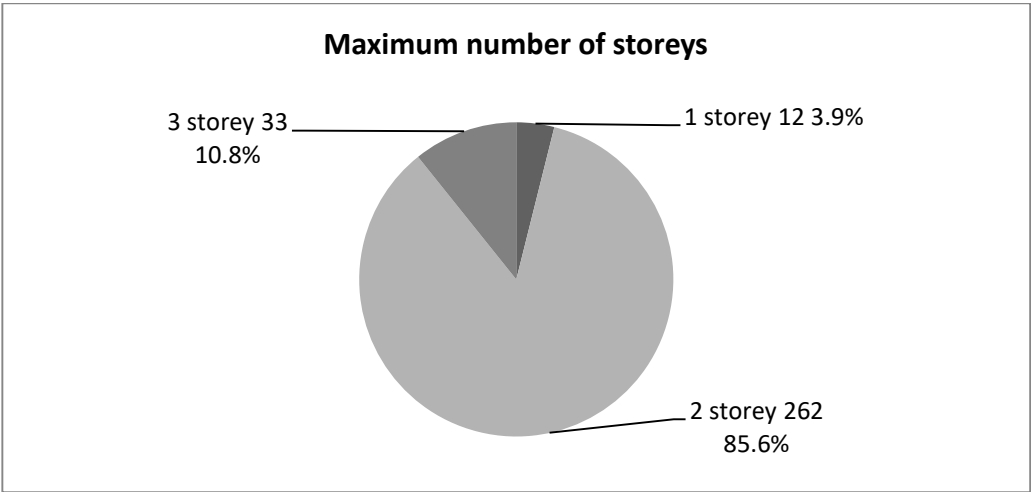


This was ‘Accommodation for the elderly’, 251 respondents ticked at least one size.

A number of respondents left some additional comments, one stated that the accommodation for the elderly should be for those with a local connection only and a small number wrote *None* across the table and ticked no options. One respondent had left this comment in the margin: *An analysis of needs matters more than my personal opinion*.

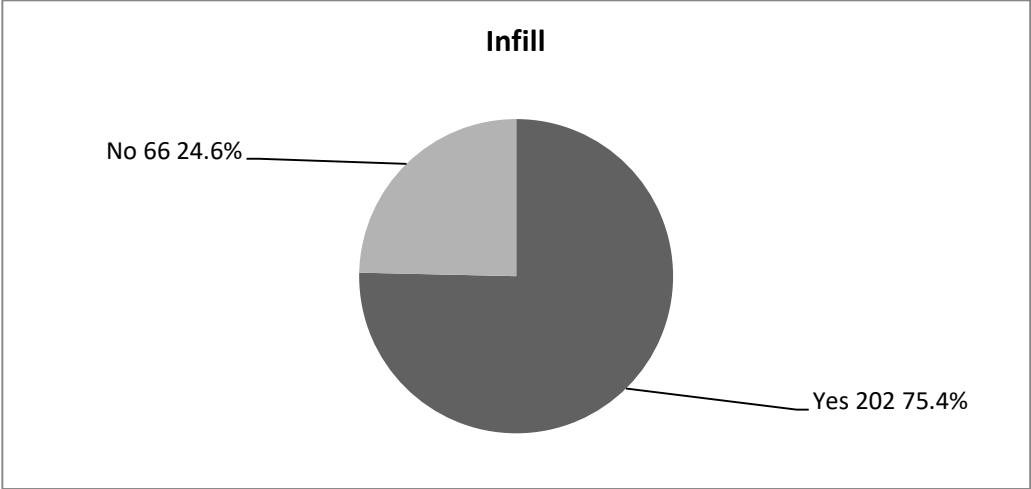
From the number of respondents for each sub element of this question we can see that the most responses were received for sheltered accommodation, affordable housing (in a range of sizes) and bungalows. The most popular size for a bungalow was 2 bed. Where detached properties were favoured, 3 and 4 bed were the most popular and for terraced and semi-detached the most chosen size was 2 or 3 bedroom. One and 2 bed sheltered accommodation was also quite popular.

Q9 What is the maximum number of storeys that should be permitted in any new development? (Please tick one)

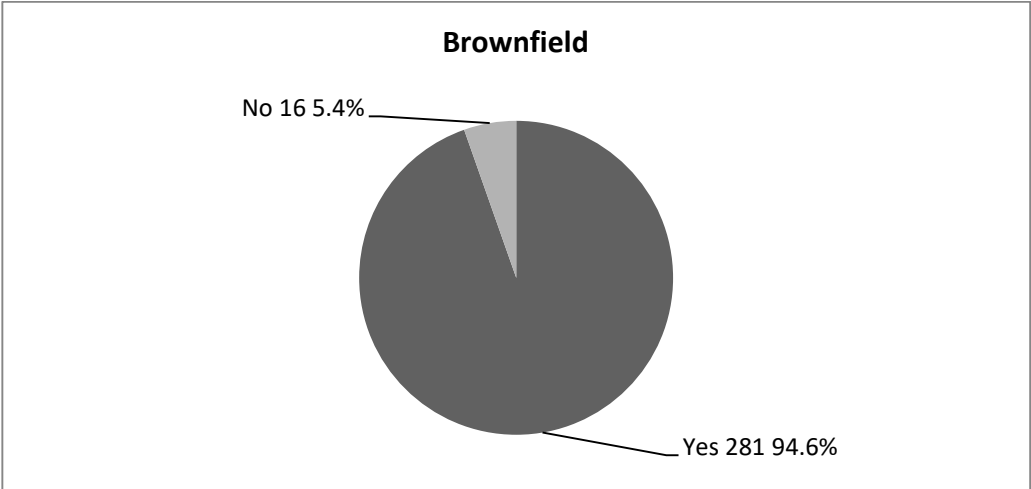


This question was not answered by 24 respondents (92.7% response rate).

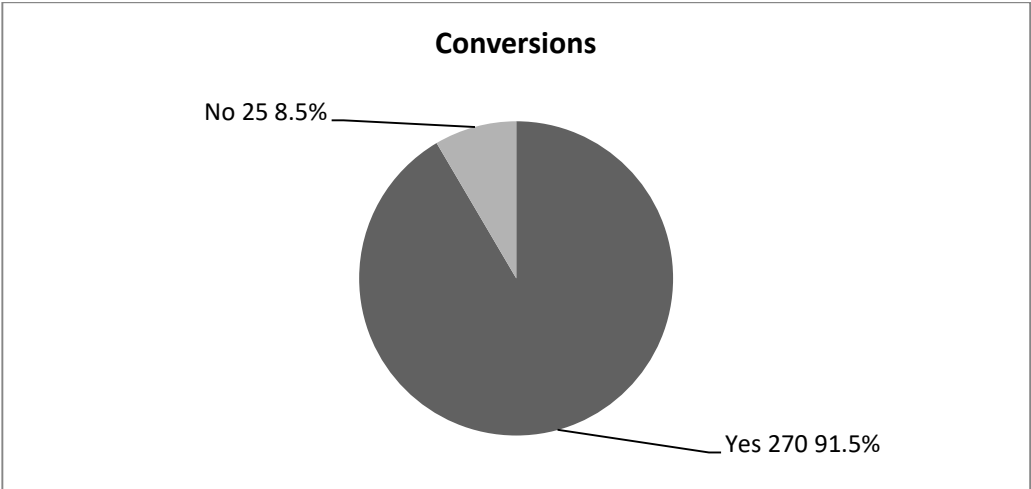
Q10 Please indicate the type of development your household would like to see.



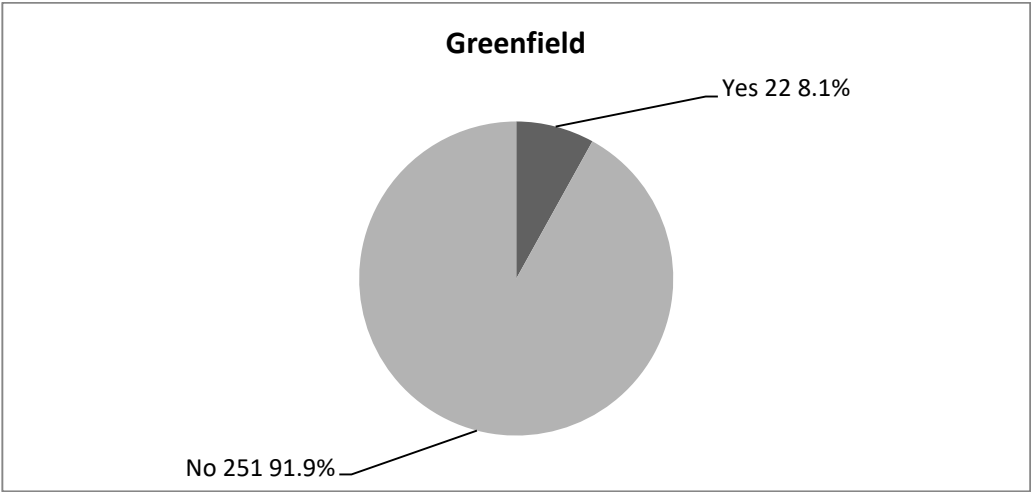
This question was not answered by 62 respondents (81.2% response rate).



This question was not answered by 33 respondents (90% response rate).



This question was not answered by 35 respondents (89.4% response rate).



This question was not answered by 57 respondents (82.7% response rate).

The majority view is that Infill, Brownfield and Conversions are ok, but Greenfield is not. A small number of respondents wrote *None* across the grid.

Q11 Do you have land suitable for development for community use, such as: allotments, employment, parking, or new footpaths?

Many respondents simply answered *No* or *N/A*, the rest of the actual comments are shown below:

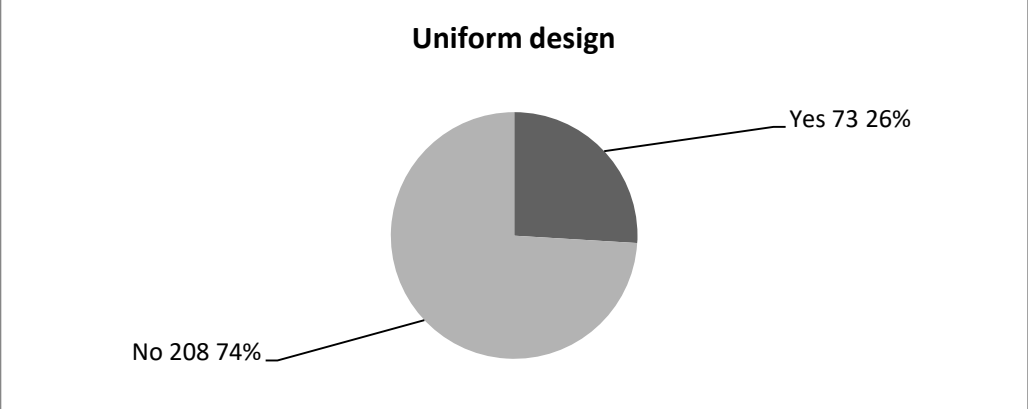
Affordable housing on brown fields site
Allotments
Attention should be paid to the infrastructure to support housing development particularly doctors & schools [particularly?] Primary schools as young families will be locating
Have purchased 3+ acres of dense steep woodland. Reason: to attract wildlife, coppicing & manage trees. Long neglected & grown wild. Provision of fuel for log burners.
I don't have suitable land but I am aware that land was offered to the council between Pontesbury Project at Hill Farm and Bogey Lane . The owner never had a reply regarding the offer. What about the land bordering the playground and gardening depot over the little bridge ? The parking could easily be improved along with facilities for ALLOTMENTS which have been promised for years.... Or the field along Whitwell Lane which has recently been for sale, with restrictions for development nobody will be able to fulfill.
It would be nice to have a new Village Hall with plenty of parking. the one we have has outgrown itself and parking is dangerous
Land used as a pony paddock should be within the village development area as should the area behind David Avenue. It seems that planning is given to the favoured few planning granted all down one side of Hinton Lane & refused the opposite side.
No, I have woodland on which there is a TPO
No. I wish I could develop a small allotment next to my house. There is some land there but it is unused...I would love to have a chunk for an allotment.
No. Site of the Police Station is underused - keep police station but could develop site.
No. There is enough houses being built in the village of Pontesbury. Not sure why the houses just above the Police Station were built because they are certainly not affordable to the young. Any council flats that become available are offered to people outside the village not the local
Parking space urgently needed
Possibly.
We need a new Public hall as the parking is not suitable with all the people that use it and more

people coming new to live
Yes
Yes - allotments , footpaths!

Unfortunately there is no way of easily following up those who answered *Yes* and *Possibly* as no details were left.

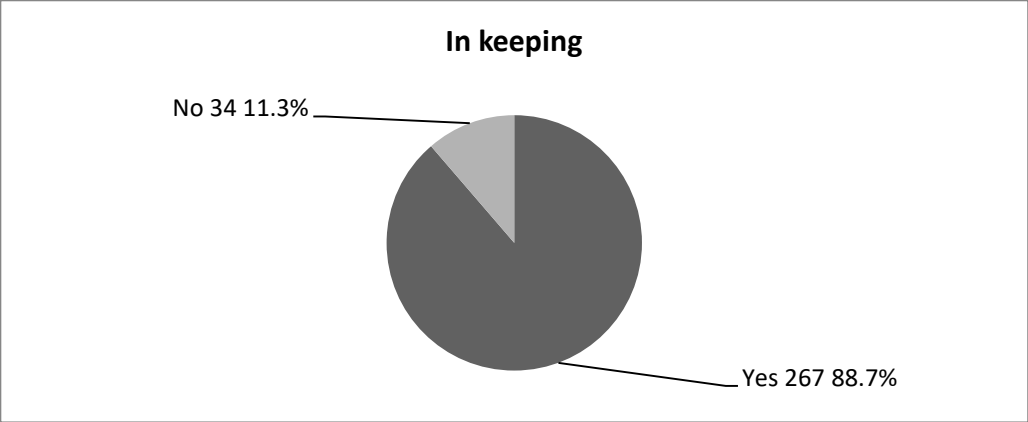
Q12 Neighbourhood Plans can have design policies. Do members of your household agree with the following statements?

Housing on sites larger than 3 units should be of uniform design



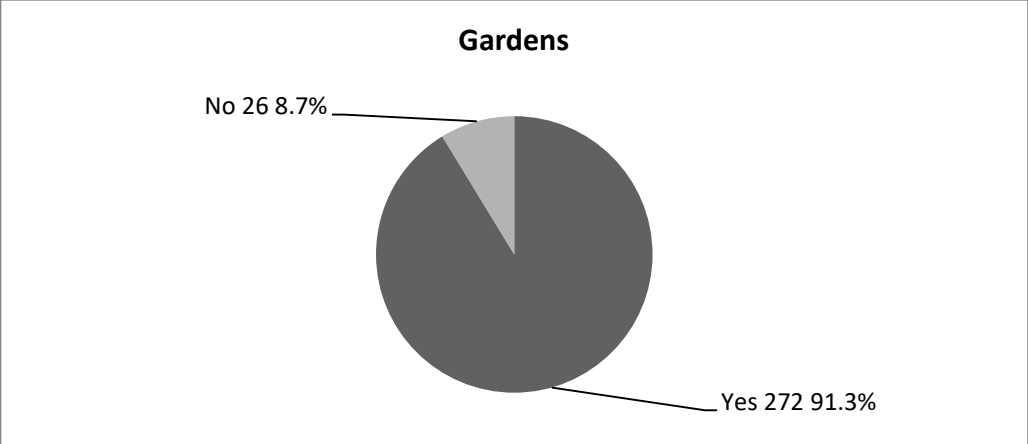
This question was not answered by 49 respondents (85.2% response rate)

Housing should be built in keeping with nearby/ local properties



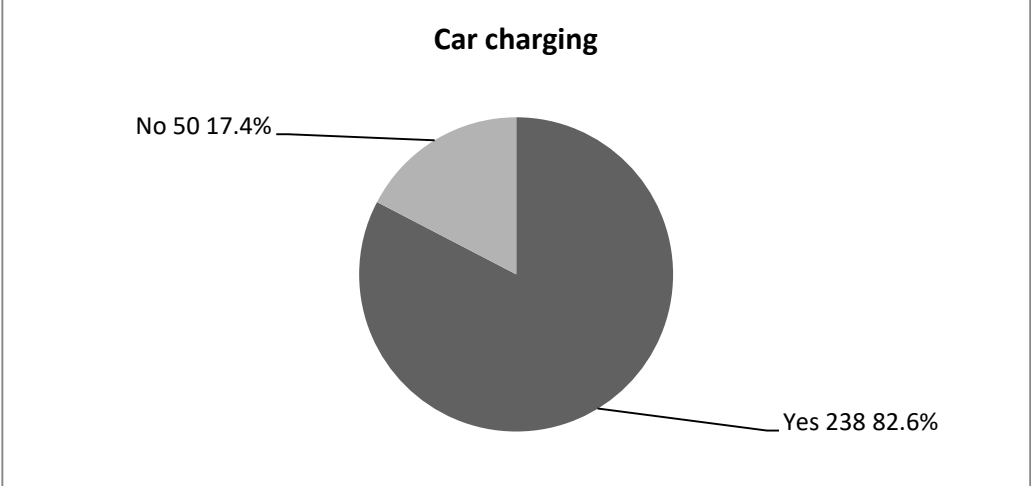
This question was not answered by 29 respondents (91.2% response rate)

All new housing should have its own individual garden



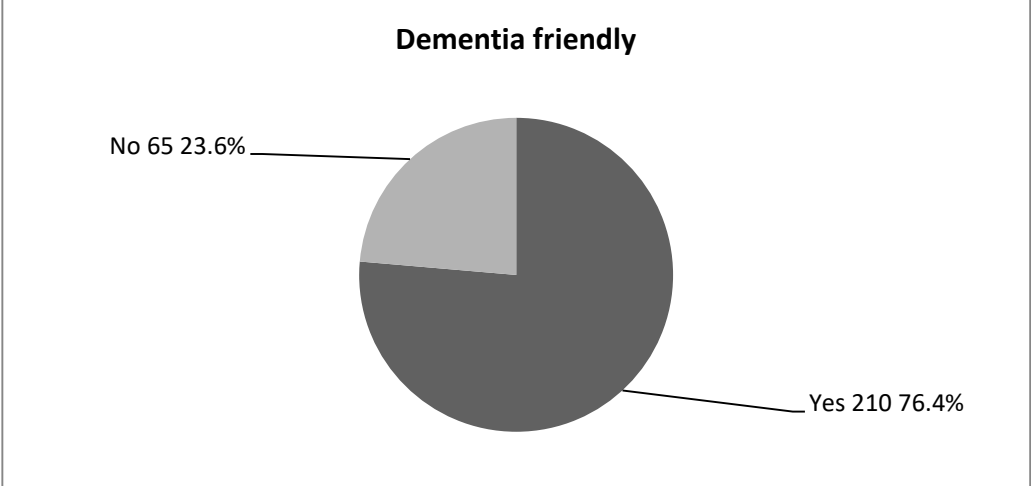
This question was not answered by 32 respondents (90.3% response rate)

All new housing should have electric car charging points



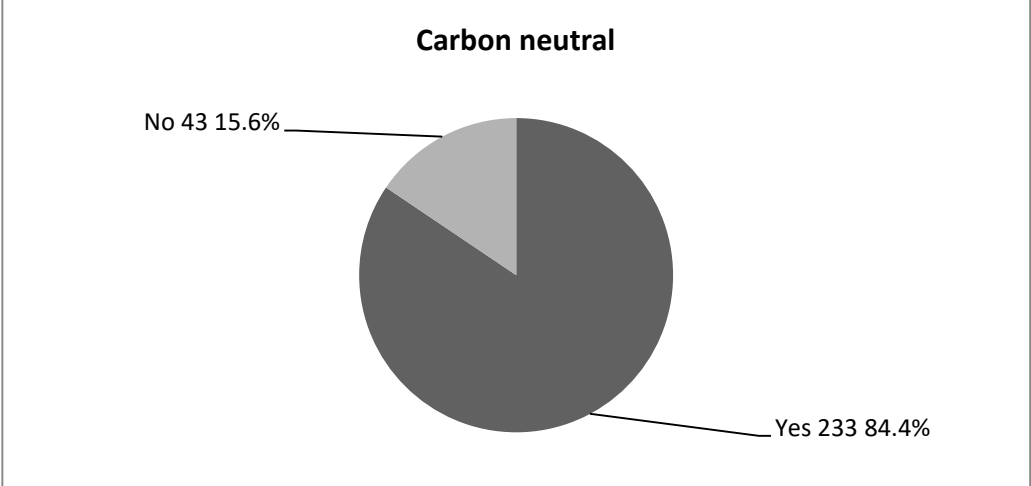
This question was not answered by 42 respondents (87.3% response rate)

All new housing should be Dementia friendly



This question was not answered by 55 respondents (83.3% response rate)

All new housing should be carbon neutral



This question was not answered by 54 respondents (83.6% response rate)

Other than for the uniform design each of these aspects received majority Yes votes.

There were a number of comments relating to what dementia friendly means, it seems quite a few respondents are not familiar with this concept. There appear also to be a few

people who are not familiar with the concept of Carbon Neutral. This may explain the slightly lower response rates for those elements of the question. Perhaps the steering group can follow this up by way of an explanation on their website. Solar panels were mentioned frequently (see below).

A small number of respondents had once again written *None* across the grid.

Respondents were invited to leave further comments and 113 did so, these are shown below:

[no answers provided] Do not want any further housing development
Abject nonsense
Affordable housing must be kept for locals not sold off enbloc to firms for rent to outsiders
All a bit nebulous
All building should be highest standard possible for energy efficiency, preferably carbon neutral. We want to be a zero carbon Parish
All houses should come with solar panels. Communal gardens should be provided in new 'estates'. Building on every inch of land is foolish when we already have serious flooding issues in the village.
All housing should be built to include as many 'green' facilities as possible especially to save water
all methods of greening developments should be incorporated - filters, solar inputs, re direction of air and water within the property. etc
All new builds should be lifetime standard - this goes beyond 'dementia friendly' + includes such features as wider doorways to accommodate mobility aids such as wheelchairs. Also what about space for gypsy + travellers?
All new developments should have solar panels. Installing electric car charging points is not cost effective, as I believe that case for electric car use is grossly overstated, and take up will not be widespread, compared to internal combustion vehicles. How green is the electricity used to charge up electric cars anyway? Hydrogen powered vehicles have in my view much greater potential, using fuel cells. The hydrogen could be produced using wind power and electrolysis.
All new houses should be equipped with solar panels
All new houses should be fitted with solar (hot water) panels, these are just as important as electric car charging points if we are serious about reducing CO2 emissions and will be especially beneficial for those living in social housing.
All new houses should be heated by electricity. Gas central heating should be abolished.
All new houses should have solar panels fitted.
All new housing must have two parking spaces to reduce road parking
All new housing should be carbon neutral
All new housing should have solar panels
All new housing should have solar panels and 'new' heating technology.
All new properties should be fitted with PV panels.
'All' should be changed to 'most' or 'where possible'. What do dementia friendly & carbon neutral involve?
Any flats build must have balconies big enough to sit out on. New houses should have small but manageable gardens - the need to escape the four walls has become more apparent since the Covid 19 restrictions. All flats should also have enough green space around to be both pleasing to look at from the outside as from inside the flat.
Any new development ought to reflect current thinking on environmental practices.
Appropriate parking should be provided for any new houses including provision for visitors [no idea what 'dementia friendly housing' means] [define 'carbon neutral housing', the building? the materials? the workers? delivery of material?]

At least one car parking space per house/flat
Carbon neutral desirable, however until the power needs of the dwellings are supplied by carbon neutral means difficult to stipulate
Carbon neutral is a good aim. We should be realistic about the on-cost for the initial build which may make the building process more carbon intensive.
Carbon neutral not possible in Pontesbury as lot of land in Pontesbury contaminated with lead due to previous site of smelting works. Pontesbury was a mining village need to conserve out wildlife havens
Carbon neutral or negative Should be high priority in any new properties
Consider input of CV in design eg bio security safe [cant read word] to become food waste collection gardens for mental well being
Constructing new builds to look like heritage properties can look awful, but any new properties should retain character and not look untoward.
Definitely carbon neutral
Definition of dementia friendly?
'Dementia friendly' sounds like a good idea, but dont have a clue what it means in the property
Design policy should not be unduly prescriptive Accessibility & readability are important for everyone!
Development taking place now have boring, uniform roof lines
Do not understand what this [dementia friendly] means
Does carbon neutral mean that they should generate their own power - all new houses should have solar panels and/or wind generators fitted.
don't cram to many houses in to new sites
Don't know what dementia friendly housing is. If houses are to be detached they need to have more space around them. Nowadays developers seem to build them with narrow gaps between buildings so they can sell them for more but might as well make them semi's.
Dont know what dementia housing is
Dont thnk necessary to be uniform. Part of the nature of the area is the variety of house styles
Driveways with turning points
Dubious about carbon neutral claims. Building all houses for all needs can be very wasteful. Would hate to see expensive charging points in sheltered accommodation and aids for the elderly in housing for young families.
Each property needs to be designed and built to suit the environment and the predicted usage, and this can mean that it matches its neighbours or that it is a totally radical design... both can work depending on the circumstances.
Electric car charging points should be available at central locations such as the the Hub/Library/Coop Store location
Electric cars are a waste of space until distance travelled equals that of petrol/diesel car. Carbon neutral is a buzz word pipe dream
Eletric car chargers should be put in the village somewhere
Grants would be needed
Harvest rainwater
Household parking is always a problem with barely enough spaces One particular problem on our estate is people parking in the cul de sac turning area - maybe double yellows or prohibition signs
Housing need is for Affordable for young families with low income, and step-down retirement units to free up family homes.We don't need commuter dormitory 4 bed 3 en-suite 2 garage.
Housing should be sympathetic to its environment but not necessary mirroring existing buildings
I dont see the need for another 62 houses. The village is gettin too big and losing its identity
I don't think al new houses should be carbon neutral but should have solar panels and be very well insulated to keep the use and cost of energy down.

I think Pontesbury has reached capacity in new housing. The village has doubled in size in recent years and is losing its individuality and charm. So far none of the new housing could possibly be described as affordable for local young people to buy or rent.
I tried to click yes to carbon neutral but the survey question is broken.
If entrance is from the main road, there must be off road parking must be available for all the cars to the house
In a perfect world housing should be carbon neutral but trying to get as close as possible is a good aim. Technologies such as ground source heating, solar pannels etc. should be part of any new development.
In keeping design doesn't have to be a copy of What has past. It can still be modern with reflections on what is already here.
It should be a requirement for house builders to 'green' the area around the houses by planting trees and shrubs. They should also ensure that rubbish bins can be housed safely out of sight.
Mandatory solar panels built in. On-site drainage Rural aspect to fast [puttns?] ie none/shared space
More Eco credentials, not just charging points. Sheep's wool insulation use would be good news for the Farming Industry for example.
More grants to encourage carbon neutral housing... No property to be built without solar panels and heated by air pumps or similar.. Green is wonderful but is it feasible ? If every household had an electric vehicle which run purely on electricity we would require 10 new power stations to make the power.... We need to develop hydrogen vehicles, splitting water to produce Hydrogen for fuel and oxygen to improve the atmosphere...
More social housing for locals
More solar, heat pumps etc grants to encourage carbon neutral housing. Water storage tanks
More use of solar panels ground source energy
Most housing should have a garden - not always possible for flats. Yes to carbon neutral builds - option didn't display on my phone.
New building systems should be used to ensure maximum sustainability. The look of new developments may be very different from the old fashioned stuff going up at present. Gardens need only provide a small outside space if there are allotments and community food-growing spaces.
New houses should have solar panel roofs
New housing needs space for growing some vegetables, where a few houses are built this could be shared. Given the need for more people to cycle, bike sheds instead of garages would make sense.
New housing should be a 'green' as possible in its running costs as well as biilding materials and environmental impact.
New housing should only be approved on brown field sites. No further housing should be on green field sites especially flood plane. Housing should only be built to enable locals to remain in village.
No more houses
No more housing
No more housing at all thank you but if you must...
No more new housing...
No new housing
Not sure what a dementia friendly house is?
Not sure what dementia friendly housing is.
Planning should favour local people particularly with applications concerning infill sites.
Pontesbury has already been spoilt by too much house building. Any future development should be infilling or brown site use only.
Prefer to see housing which appears to have evolved rather than uniform design (e,g Poundbury in Dorset)
Preference given to local people's housing needs over transferring from out of county

Proportion should be dementia friendly, but that restriction should not be put on larger family homes.
Read comment re vision statement
Should be as green as possible
should have insulation above min requirements and have solar, wind power built in
Similar building styles in an area. Whilst movement away from fossil fuels is admirable, need to be careful that replacement technology is not short lived. Much greater use of insulation would be helpful especially in floors and walls, but need extra land area to get corresponding thicker walls so availability of land should be compensated accordingly.
Solar and/or renewable energy Fibre-optic internet
Solar panels and sustainable energy should be the focus of all new builds.
solar panels for hot water shuld be fitted as standard
solar power on all new build properties
Some housing should be dementia friendly
South facing roofs should have solar electric panels/tiles as part of the new build
specifying carbon neutral will restrict/delay development and increase construction costs
The aim should be carbon neutral homes and dementia friendly homes but this is not always possible within a budget. Affordable bungalows should be dementia friendly.
The price of an electric vehicle, at the moment, is out of reach for the average family and disposal of used batteries will become a problem in the future. information is out there. I think that a garage, or workshop would be of great use, especially to retired people, to have a space to "tinker" in.
There should be no further housing development on Pontesbury Hill until better access is established.
they should be affordable which at the minute they are not
To conserve heat, bricks & space new houses should all be attached
Uniform design should not mean exactly the same but clearly in sympathy wth it's neighbours. Not everyone wants a garden these days
UNREALISTIC,many properties in the village are old, plus with the number of existing properties new and old the number of cars on the roads will have increased, being carbon neutral is unachievable.
Unsure what you mean by dementia friendly?
Use variety of local building materials
Village vernacular is a mixture, Good qualitydesign is key rather than particular style, pastiche is a mistake.
Weelbins + boxes - plan appropriate areas for hidden storage & access in new build homes
Well insulated
What about solar panels?
Where is the inclusion of solar panels/ groundsource heating as part of new developments? I hope that insulation is currently part of planning rules. New developments should plan for safe walking and cycling routes as part of the access to other parts of the parish.
While we should have dementia-friendly housing and houses with gardens, not 'all' properties need to be such. A proportion should be sufficient.
With housing being dementia friendly it must still be affordable, same with Carbon neutral
Would be good to see some more imaginative and innovative designs as well as construction.
Would be very good to have the old Co-op shop, sweets, papers, etc

The survey went on to state: *There is no National or County guidance for off street parking facilities on new build houses but off-street parking will be essential for the charging of electric vehicles. Given that Pontesbury is mainly a commuter parish, our proposed policy is:*

- 1 bedroom dwelling to have a minimum of 2 parking spaces
- 2-3 bedroom dwelling to have a minimum of 2 parking spaces
- 4+ bedroom dwelling to have a minimum of 3 parking spaces

Q13 Do you have any comments on this proposal?

A total of 189 respondents provided and answer for this question. A large number (48) of respondents registered their positive agreement with the proposals and simply answered *Agree, Agreed, I agree with this proposal(s), OK* or comments sharing those sentiments. A further 32 respondents answered *No, No comment*, and other short phrases to indicate they had no comments to make.

The rest of the comments are shown below as some are not as clear cut and we suggest the steering group analyses them further to break down perhaps into *agree* or *not agree*.

The 189 comments translate into a response rate of 57.3% for this question.

1 bed dwelling maximum of 2 spaces
1 bed dwelling in my view should only need 1 parking space. A local car share scheme could help either linking people making the same journeys and/or a couple of electric cars available to hire on an as needs basis with a charge for the milage. We should be aiming to reduce the number of cars each household ownd and uses!. Needs dedication I know.
1 bedroom = 1 car
1 bedroom = 1 car
1 bedroom maximum 2
2 parking spaces only
2 to 3 bedrooms need 3 parking spaces and 4 bedroom houses room for 4 vehicles. In rural areas teenagers drive at 17 . People have visitors by car not public transport. Also people have more than one vehicle each locally. Probably recreation and lack of public transport. In the long run it's better than having estates full of on road parking.
2-3 bedroom could need a minimum of three parking spaces
2-3 bedroom need 3 parking spaces - as family home
3 bedroom dwelling 3 parking spaces - due to poor public transport, 4 bedroom dwelling 4 parking spaces ditto do
3+ should have 3 parking spaces
4+ with 3 parking seems excessive as the benchmark
A 3 bed house needs three parking spaces, to allow for adult children. Why build houses for commuters? Build them within walking distance of the jobs, don't contribute to climate change by building houses where there are v few jobs within walking distance. Please, please, please - stop building. Regenerate harlescott and ditherington instead.
Affordable housing should be for people that need them, not for wealthy people to buy and rent them out at a rate thats hard for people to afford. This is exactly what has happened on the Shropshire Homes development
Agree essential in this modern age
Agree with proposals - minimum 2 parking spaces is sensible
Agree with the inclusion of off street parking as above, but add the inclusion of bicycle storage

facility in the building plan for every new dwelling
Agreed - reduce on street parking to minimum, to enhance safety and image, however requires more land per building (see previous comments)
All dwellings should have parking
All houses should have parking
All new houses must have off road parking for all cars,
All of the above should be reduced by one parking space.
All recent housing developments in Pontesbury and Minsterley have narrow roads with cars parked in the road or on pavements. Sometimes this is because of the lack of parking spaces in front of houses and sometimes it is because the families have too many cars !
Allocation of parking spaces at the proposed level may result in a higher proportion of tarmac area/hardstanding than currently. Visually, this may well make the development unattractive and thus detrimental to the village as well as having implications for stormwater run-off/ Suggest one -bedroomed dwelling has one space and 4+dwelling (which would also have garage) has two spaces
At least 1 charging point
Avoid parking dominating where development is intense. Different sized parking spaces rather than standard 2.4 m i.e. one for small car, one for regular/truck
Consideration of setting maximum parking spaces rather than minimum should be made to reduce the amount of tarmac which causes run off and absorbs heat which may contribute to global warming. The mesh system that allows grass to grow through reduces run off to ease the demand on public drainage. The minimum amount of parking spaces suggested seems a good maximum amount.
consumption of too much land for parking - 1 bed 1 place, others 2 places.
Create lawned strips between parking spaces.
Cut 4 bedroom dwellings to 2 parking spaces
Cycle storage?
Development should be restricted to 2-3 bedrooms as there have been too many 4+ bedroom houses built recently in the village
Does this encourage use of the local bus service which needs support? 2 spaces for any house max.
Each dwelling should only have two parking spaces but Communal or visitors parking should be included in the plans - charging units can be sited there as well.
Figures above [indicating agreement]
gardens may be seen as more important after CV and homeworking may reduce need or preference for parking space over home office or open space
Generally speaking 2 parking spaces are sufficient for most dwellings
Good luck!
Housing should have attached garages for electric vehicle charging
I agree they should all have spaces
I agree with the above suggestion, but also consider that households with teenagers may have at least 4 cars in use.
I agree with the parking facilities above
I agree. many families have more than one car and off road parking is essential
I believe we could do better than this. Each bedroom requires an off street car parking space and each home requires one spare off street parking space. So a 3 bedroom home needs 4 off street parking spaces and a 4 bedroom home needs 5 off street parking spaces. The spare is for a visitor to park off street and charge their car. If this cannot be achieved then double yellow lines need to be painted on the street outside the houses and car parks provided for overflow parking.
I don't agree that 4 bed properties necessarily require 3 parking spaces. Many families would use the 4th bedroom as a study and even larger families ultimately grow up and leave the household, thus reducing the need for more parking spaces than 2

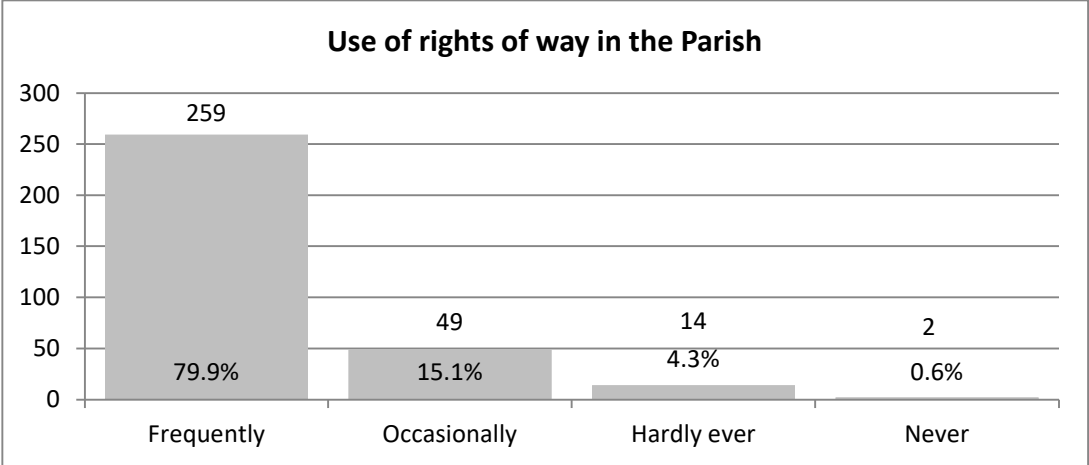
I would just re-iterate that while off-street parking will help roads no being clogged with cars, it means more land is concreted over and adds to our flooding problems.
I would think two parking spaces should be enough as we have a good bus service
If a development of flats is proposed within the village, parking could be underground
Is this an indication of projected increase in car users? Therefore surely we need to think of excess road traffic as well!,!
It is not happening [1 bedroom, 2 spaces too much, 2 and 3 bedroom tick]
It seems to reflect current patterns of car ownership
Less parking and more greenspace is more important . Commuters should be encouraged to seek alternative forms of transport i.e. cycling or car share
More parking = more land required - not good!
More people will be working from home in a post-Covid world. The use of all cars, even electric ones, should be reduced. Would prefer to see a large community parking area where all cars can be charged using the community solar panel farm (or whatever is the best technology). Make it streamlined instead of wasting valuable housing space on cars. Two cars max whatever size the household.
Needs to be more off street parking
New houses should have space for a maximum of two cars. If 3 or more are allowed it will encourage people to buy more and reduce potentially the benefits of a greener environment policy & greater risk of RTC.
No building
No more new housing...
No more property needing to be built
No new homes = no parking requirement
No new housing
Not if they are front 'garden' car park only want above garages?
Not of concrete or tarmac. Gravel for drainage & absorption of rain.
Not really
Off street parking is ESSENTIAL.. Agree with above.
One bedroom should only require one parking space, although two is encouraged/desirable (not essential)
One particular house in brookside has seven or eight cars at anyone time.
Plus extras for visitors
Rain management of floods from previous parking places
Reasonable
Roughly agree
Seems excessive to me [in relation to Pb being mainly a commuter parish] Would be useful how far this is true for the whole area for example, does the majority of the population in the village of Pontesbury undergo a daily commute?
Seems reasonable
Seems reasonable. Please keep village free from double yellow lines.
Seems sensible and may help to keep roads clear.
Seems sensible since as a rural community we need access to vehicles but with climate change in mind electric vehicles seem to be the best way to go.
Should be implemented
Sounds appropriate
Sounds excessive 1 bed = 1 parking space, 4 bed = 2 parking space
Sounds good
Sounds like a good plan.

Sounds reasonable
Sounds reasonable, personally wouldnt buy a property without off street parking
sounds sensible if they can be fitted in!
Sounds sensible, as long as it's in parallel with a better public transport provision.
That sounds adequate
That sounds like no gardens - which might suit some but this will not be in keeping
The above categories should be 2, 3, 4
They should definitely have provision for either drives for parking or designated parking spaces.
This encourages car use. Workers of the future will either be home-working or commuting locally. 1 bed= 1 car. Four bed= 2 car. Enhance alternatives, don't privilege the car.
This is a reasonable proposal
This is ridiculously high. New developments will just be car parks/ tarmac all over. It is encouraging car use when people should be planning to use public transport and active travel more. It's creating more problems in the long run. Why does there even need to be a policy on this? The policy should be ensuring there isn't too much parking built.
This seems a sound proposal as it limits parking on the street.
Too many, [can't read word] by 1 on each
Two parking spaces for all properties
Very (partly) disabled never out alone
Very sensible, minimum size of parking spaces should be specified
We must continue to reduce road parking. All new development must have a min of 2 spaces
What about off street parking for existing houses who don't have a drive to enable electric hook up. I think more investment is required to sort out what we have got and not build more
Where housing has been built with restricted parking it only leads to cars being parked inappropriately and dangerously on a pavement and as much I would like to encourage less cars the public transport s not supporting this and so houses should be built with space for parking
Whilst parking must be a priority spare spaces on larger properties should be available for more able bldgs such as green houses / summer houses/ BBQ site
Who are going to build the extra 10 new power stations to make the required electricity? Green is wonderful but is it feasible?
Who are going to build the extra power-stations to make the required electricity. Is it feasible ?
Who will pay for new vehicles
Why not have a communal charging facility in the village perhaps linked to a local renewable energy source (wind or solar)
Why would a 1 bedroom dwelling need 2 spaces, our 4 bedroom house needs 4 spaces
Yes I do. Whilst carparking on streets is an issue it is advisable to adopt carparking standards. I do not agree that being a 'commuter' village means more cars. All dwellings should have space for two cars only. Improving public transport would reduce the need for car use.
Yes, all houses should have parking space, especially if going to be carbon neutral for charging cars.
Yes, properties need good parking spaces. Young people drive as public transport is inadequate so more off street parking may be necessary

4. Movement and transport around the Parish

The survey stated ‘*Getting out and about in the countryside and into areas between villages and hamlets in the Parish is an important part of living in the Pontesbury Parish. We would like to know more about how much your household makes use of local footpaths and what improvements you would most like to see.*’

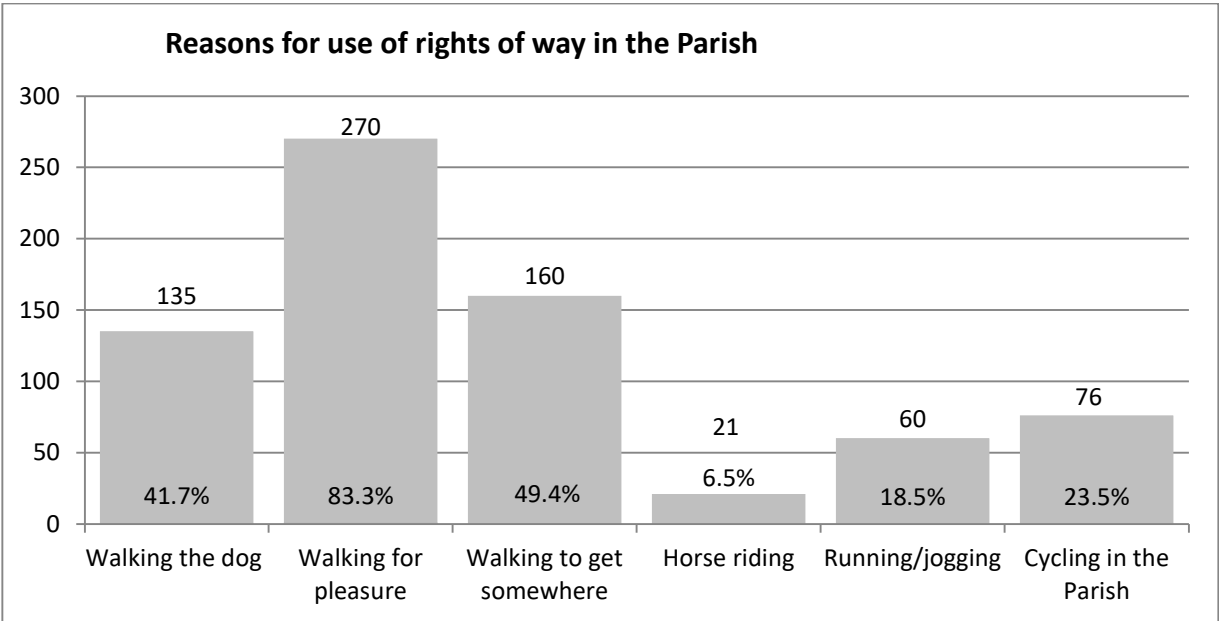
Q14 Do members of your household use public footpaths and rights of way in the Parish? (Please tick one)



Just six respondents did not answer this question, a response rate of 98.2%

This question did not have a text box for comments but one respondent wrote in the margin: *The pavements are very rough and sloping especially for scooters as will be more in the future.*

Q15 What are the main reasons for using local footpaths and bridleways etc.? (Please tick all that apply)



Again six respondents did not answer this question, response rate 89.2% and because this was a ‘multiple answers allowed’ question the percentages show how many of those who answered, chose that option.

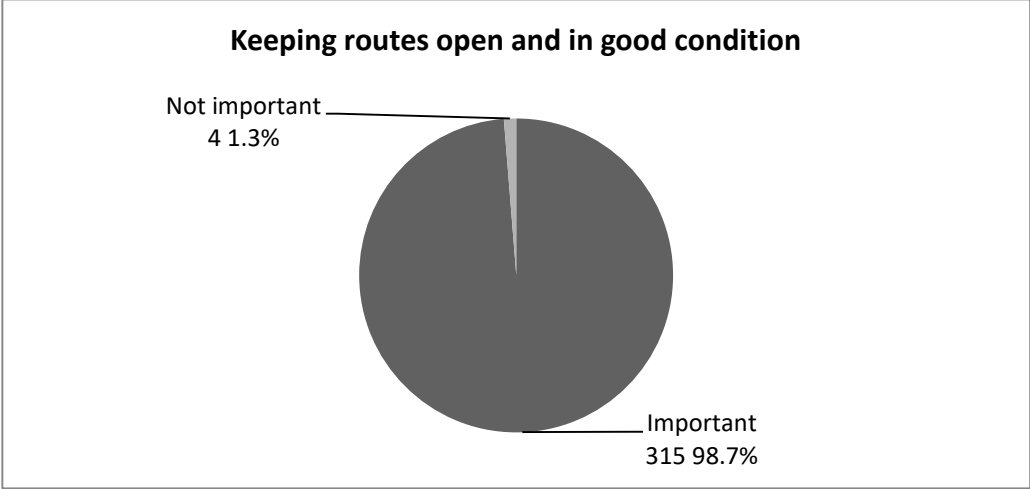
When processing the paper forms it was noticed that some respondents may have answered this question for the community as a whole, not just their household, ticking all of the boxes. It is possible they read the question as *The main reasons*, not *Your household's main reasons*, so possibly the figures are a little inflated.

The question had a comments box labelled, ‘Other, please give details’ but some of the 39 comments received merely elaborate on the respondent’s selections in the main question. The comments are shown below:

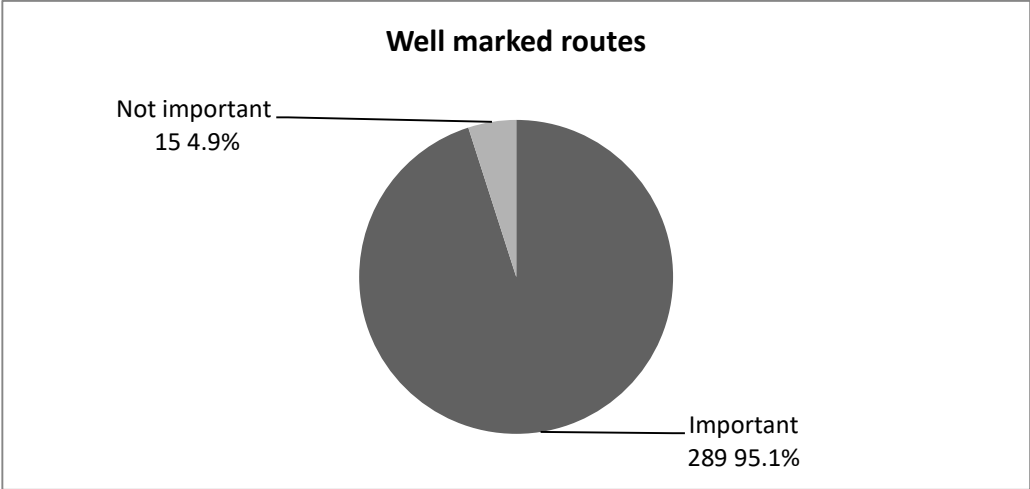
Access to tranquillity & natural beauty [and walking] to shops, churches, halls
Although I believe in footpaths, I do not agree with using footpaths that go through peoples gardens, intrusive footpaths etc
An elderly with disability, but used to walk [cant read word] for pleasure, some time ago
As a comment, pavements in the parish are in a parlous state. They are in a state of disrepair and present a safety risk for elderly people who have to use them. They are discontinuous when one wants to walk to e.g. the pharmacy. The fact that there are no pedestrian crossings anywhere in Pontesbury is dangerous when using the pavements.
Better sign posting of footpaths and where they lead to. Ban dogs on footpaths unless muzzled and on leads.
Bird watching Flora and fauna spotting
cycle traps
Do reccy work for P3 group (member)
Excercise
Farming use
footpath crosses over land used every day walking dog maintaining property
Footpaths are mainly well signed + usable Bins for rubbish and dog poo bags
Footpaths used as a Wildlife Trust Volunteer
for being sociable too
Fresh air and excercise
I did all 6 until the roads got busy
I enjoy bird watching, looking for signs of mammals & identifying wild flowers. I also like photography.
It would be nice if all footpaths were safe for mobility scooters they are very bad on the Horseshoes estate not at all safe
Meeting friends Shopping Connections Cafe
Orienteering
Picking blackberries and sloes
Picking up rubbish
Proper cycle tracks should be made including to Shrewsbury not just [hard to read word - Nashey? Dashing?] on side of a busy road
Socialising.
Starting to use the local paths and cycleways more and more as it provides good local, enjoyable exercese.
Taking children out
The B4386 is a regular cycle route for many people. they have no idea how dangerous it is with cars and lorries travelling fast. Please could a cycle path be proposed.
The majority of public footpaths are many hundreds of years old, they are part of our history.
To enjoy the wildlife and scenery + the seasonal changes etc.
To reduce use of car, to save money, to keep healthier.

Walking to get to the shops / facilities / visiting
walking to the shops, visiting friends and neighbours
Walking to visit family in area Walking to shops
We walk down bridge leys lane from Ashford Drive to get to school. It is a lot safer than the dangerous main road.
Wheelchair friendly paths
where accessible, on my electric buggy
Wildlife interests. Bird watching. Deer & badger encounters.
Woods in Pontesbury needed
Would have liked to have been able to use walking frame down Cruckmeole Lane but VERY LARGE lorries use it frequently so it is too dangerous I understand the need of farm machinery

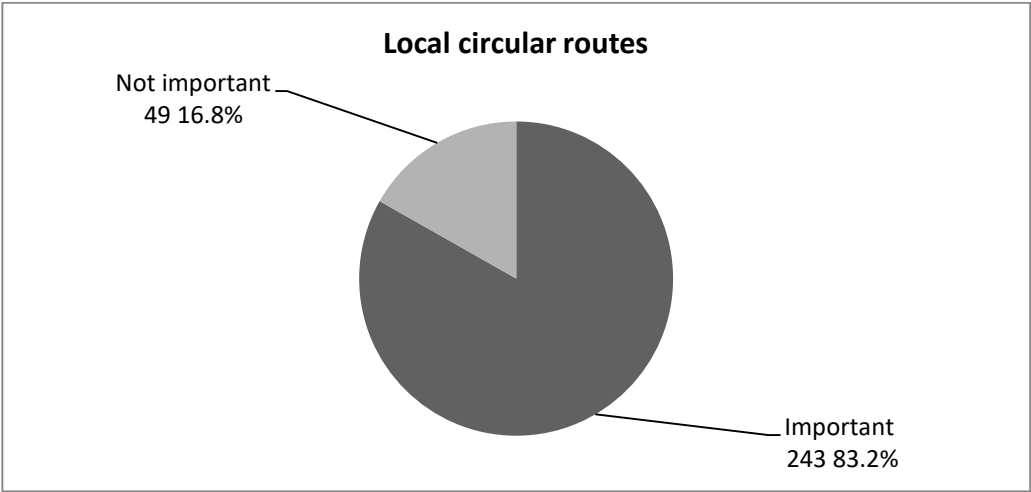
Q16 Which of the following suggestions for improvements to footpaths and rights of way are important?



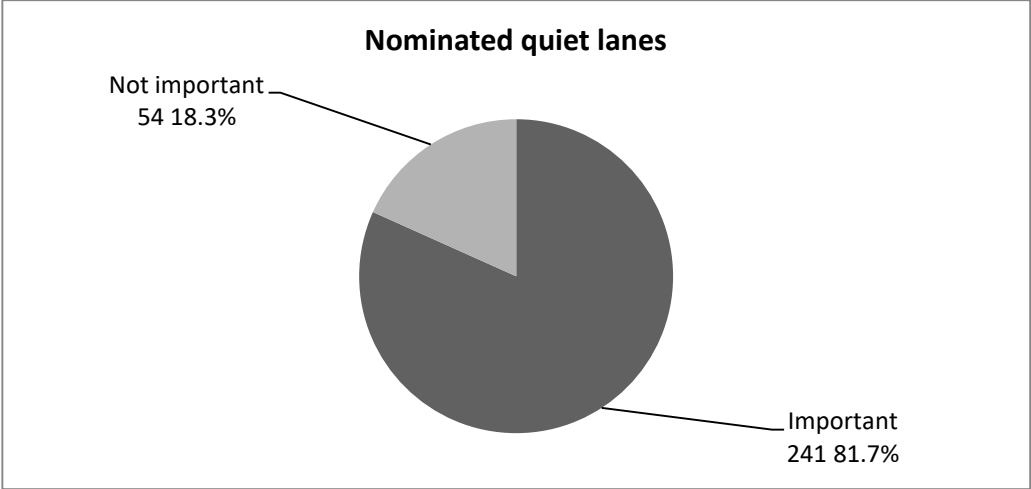
This question was not answered by 11 respondents (96.7% response rate)



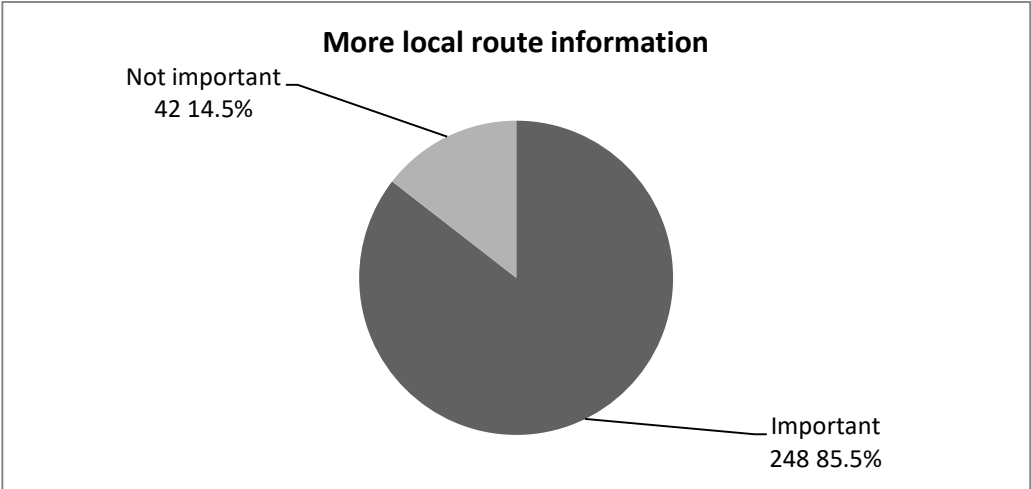
This question was not answered by 26 respondents (92.1% response rate)



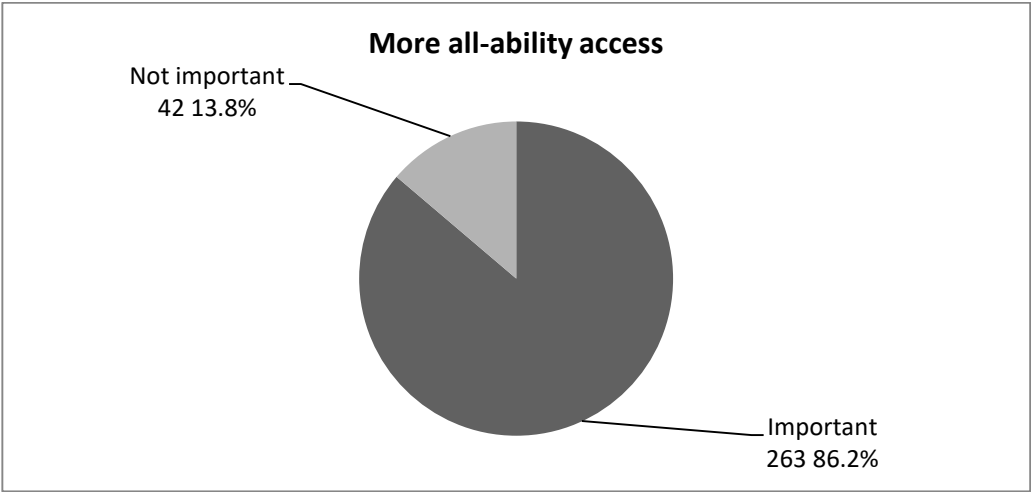
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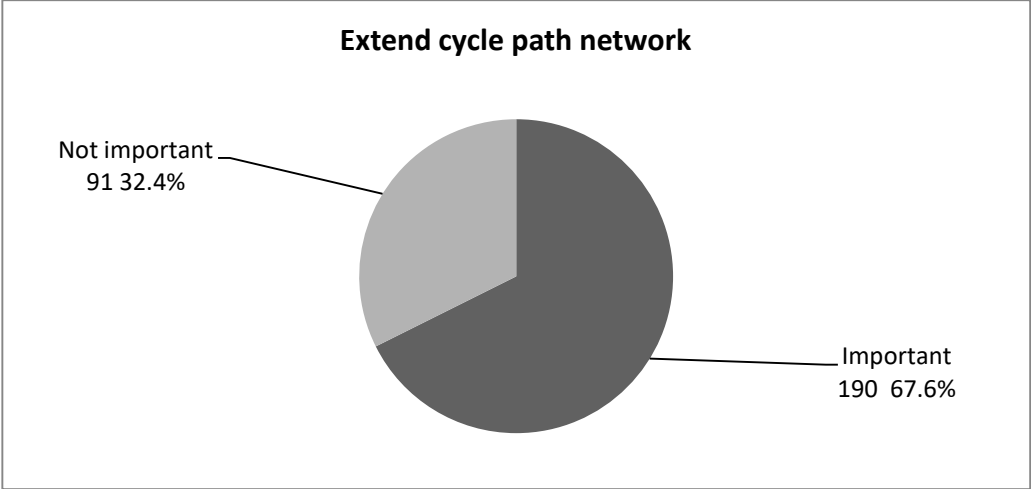
This question was not answered by 35 respondents (89.4% response rate)



This question was not answered by 40 respondents (87.9% response rate)



This question was not answered by 25 respondents (92.4% response rate)



This question was not answered by 49 respondents (85.2% response rate)

Respondents appear to agree that all of the measures are important but seem to care about cycling slightly less, reflected by the higher number of ‘*Not important*’ selections and possibly also the lower response rate of that element of the question.

This question had an ‘*Other, please give details*’ option and 75 respondents left a comment and these are shown below:

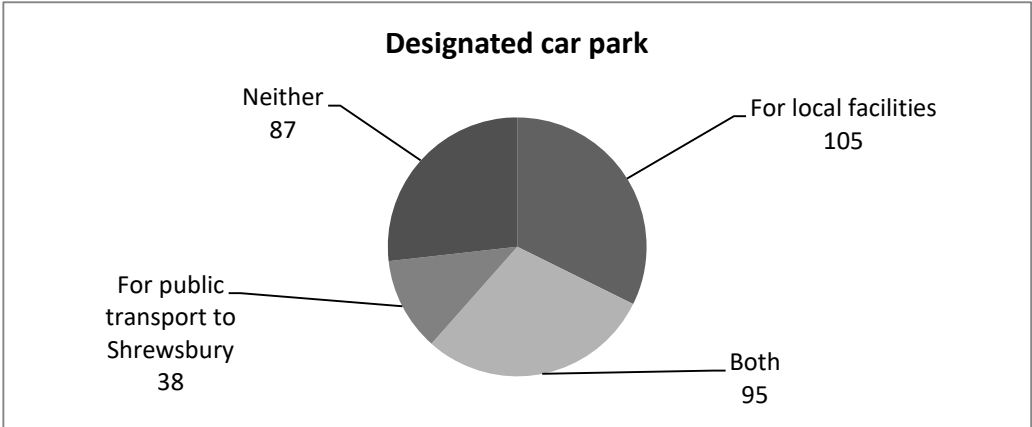
1. Some stiles wired over by landowners, making unsuitable for dogs. kissing gates or other would be welcome. 2. Cycle routes (eg. Pontesbury to Minsterley) ignored by cyclists, therefore no more should be provided - wasted money
A route to Shrewsbury for bikes would be great Community transport scheme would reduce need for car ownership (electric vehicles)
Active enforcement of rights of way. Make deliberate blockage a serious offence.
All footpaths should be kept natural, ie. no steps or additional fences to exclude areas which may considered slightly risky or dangerous. If any footpaths are modified in such a way they should be designated as being suitable for elderly or partially disabled people.
All footpaths should have gates rather than stiles!
At least one route to accommodate the disabled in wheel/self propelled chairs
Better funding for the local P3 group tp enhance path maintenance
By pass for Pontesbury

Car parking at Earls Hill has become a problem. Increasing parking availability is not the solution: increase foot, bike, bus access.
Current cycle path Pont --> Minster requires cyclists to proceed on main road, having to cross over at proposed quarry restart. Very dangerous if ever planning should be proposed to field opposite Horseshoes Pub. Also has water flow to field
Cycle network And pathways between rural properties important for low carbon communities
Cycle path question not working. My answer is important. Vital to have off road cycle route through village along a488 so village facilities can be accessed safely away from HGVs.
Cycle paths are brilliant - providing the cyclists use them. The Pontesbury to Minsterley path being an example
Cycles travel too fast on the Pontesbury/Minsterley path - there will be a nasty accident
Cyclists need to fit a bell and use it to alert pedestrians of their approach
Definitely extend the network of cycle paths to enable more people to feel safe cycling. This is a high priority in my eyes. Children need to be safe to cycle to school. More adults would feel safe to cycle with dedicated cycle paths. This has to happen to be part of a Carbon zero environment.
Dog poo waste bins / signs re dog poo
Dog Poo waste bins /signs re Dog Poo... I have frequently watched from our bedroom windows people I know very well, walk their dog, allow them to poo and make no attempt to clean it up... Not easy shouting from the window... "Eh clean up the poo" I would have few local friends than at present
During lock down it was much safer walking along for example Bogey Lane. Drivers are going too quickly along this is and main road. Can road calming measures or speed restrictions be introduced. Main road is at times extremely dangerous to cross because of the speeding traffic
Ensure provision is made for litter
Ensure that cyclists use cycle paths where available and not the roads (eg Pontesbury to Minsterley road.
ensure the farmers dont take the signs down
Extend dissabled access in such a way as to prevent use by motor cyclists. Existing cycling bans should be enforced. Warden(s) are require to oversee footpaths and arrange for timely repairs and regular upkeep.
Extend existing cycleway from Minsterley to Pontesbury towards Hanwood/Shrewsbury. Keep cyclists & pedestrians separate where possible.Improve footpath access to Pontesford Hill car park
Extending cycle paths would hopefully encourage an alternative means of commuting, both to work and school.
Footpaths are not level for mobility scooters
Forbid large lorries using the lane at Cruckmeole so that the lane can be used for a pleasure walk or cyclists. It has been used more like this with so much less traffic using it during lockdown
Good local maps would be very useful
Have meetings attended by rights of way & countryside officers & managers
High level of negative interaction with antisocial dogs + their owners. Been bitten by too many dogs to speak of. Fake closing of designated rights of way by landowners leading to conflict.
How fast moronic cyclists travel down footpaths and bridleways expecting everyone to get out of way - ban them!
I don't like public footpaths that run through people's gardens or farmyards. I feel uncomfortable and refuse to use them as I feel it is encroaching on their privacy. They should be rerouted.

I was recently made aware of the limitations locally of accessible routes for wheelchair users. They are very limited.
Important to extend network of cycle paths. Back lanes are not safe for cyclists. It would be great to be able to cycle in to pontesbury without risk of death from speeding delivery driver!
Increase number of litter bins, especially on the earls Hill car park.
It would help if footpath signs gave an indication of where they go to - especially for visitors and newer residents to the area.
Keep bridleways open and in good repair & joining up bridleways
Larger fines for irresponsible dog owners, who don't remove their pet's mess. It absolutely spoils your walk, when you step in it !
Lower national speed limit on lanes, narrow roads etc. & [cant read word] 'artic' to M & A roads nationally & locally
Make horseriding safe!!
make sure the general public is aware of not deviating from footpaths onto farm land and making sure dogs are on leads
More pavements needed in village
More pro active enforcement of public rights of way which have been blocked by householders / farmers. No point in have a right of way if it cannot be used.
More promotion on the internet for local walks, cycleways etc is needed with adverts in local papers and or other publications directing people to a pontesbury parish website. Unfortunately paper leaflets can lead to more litter. Can not emphasise the need for good safe cycleways around the parish. Preferably seperated from the road.
Not all cyclists use the existing cycle path. Cyclists should be instructed to use cycle when available to improve road safety for all road users.
Pathways should be kept nettle free + accessible. More dog waste bins + signs/procecuton for non -compliance with cleaning up dog waste
Plenty of notices + bins re dog fouling
pontesbury to cruckton path completed. it currently ends before the bridge over the railway
Pontesbury/Minsterley cycle path must be extended at each end to allow cyclists a safe route into each village. Pavements should be widened to allow pedestrian & cyclists to share. A488 towards Shrewsbury should have a designated cycle way
Providing routes for carriage drivers, horseriders and possibly new Eco transport. like the small scooters that may eventually be widely available
Re Q17 why would you have car park for people using public transport. You need only walk 100 mtrs to a bus stop in pontesbury. Crazy idea.
Re use of the old railway line, Pontesbury - Minsterley Pontesbury - Hanwood for cycle, walking to reduce the number of vehicles on A488 and health benefits, safety
Reduce speed of traffic going through Pontesford
Restrict all forms of cycling to public roads only
Safe cycle route into Shrewsbury
Safe cycle route to Shrewsbury utilising old railway line where possible
See answer to previous question [Ban dogs on footpaths unless muzzled and on leads.] Dogs frighten children and are a health hazard. Dog owners are irresponsible.
Some all ability trails (viz a viz the trail at Stiperstones)
Some foot paths are very over grown.
Some footpaths do not have gates/access flaps for dogs
Some more rural routes have become over grown.

Sufficient cycle paths if 'nominated quiet lanes' available. Cycling on/next to footpaths is unnecessary, disruptive to walkers and erodes footpaths.
The cycle path between Pontesbury and Minsterley should have the three 'give way' sections removed; ok to have them at each end but not in the middle; if the cyclist was on the road they wouldn't have to give way at these points.
the Pontesbury -Minsterley footpath/cycle path should extend all the way to Shrewsbury
The rights of way are not easy for horse riders. The the railway line is now getting very unsafe for those with dogs and horses as the play park is very busy with teenage children and younger children who are unattended. Often these children run into the path of a horse or dog.
The village is designed for car travel. Of course cars are valuable and allow us to get around, but why encourage people drive to the village shops or to the local school. The number of people who drive half a mile to school each morning is embarrassing. However, children are forced to walk along roads, often with no pavements, and no bike paths. In some ways it isn't surprising so many choose to drive. Other villages have tackled the problem with great success, making their village a nicer place to live. We should be ashamed if we do not do the same.
There's already some great local walks in a leaflet that can be bought from the library. The disused railway line is lovely for walking along but the majority of it is overgrown and unusable. If this was to be opened up further it would be a beautiful traffic free route from Cruckmeole/Lea Cross to Pontesbury which would be ideal for leisure and also cycling to the village.
Thought should be given to developing a dedicated cycle way to Shrewsbury say along the old railway line
Use traffic calming measures, where appropriate to encourage more family use of footpaths etc.
VISION says 'more way marked paths' - Where?
Walkers to shut gates on farm land
What has happened to the footpath going through Pontesford kennels?
Where possible keeping livestock & walkers separate (electric fencing footpath routes) would help to keep both stock & people safe
Would be good to extend the disused railway line as a cyclepath to avoid walking or cycling on the A488 going towards Shrewsbury
Yes, especially wheelchair/pushchair access

Q17 Would you like Pontesbury Parish to have a designated car park?



This question was not answered by 16 respondents (95.2% response rate).

A total of 200 respondents would like a carpark to access local facilities. Of those, 95 also indicated that they would also like a designated car park from which to take a bus to Shrewsbury which means 38 respondents want only such a carpark. A further 87 respondents want neither.

Two respondents wrote ‘Where?’ in the margin but did not provide an answer. One respondent wrote: ‘If there was a bus car park for MWS off Shrewsbury Road it could be used as overspill parking for the hill and village facilities.’

5. Employment and Business Opportunities

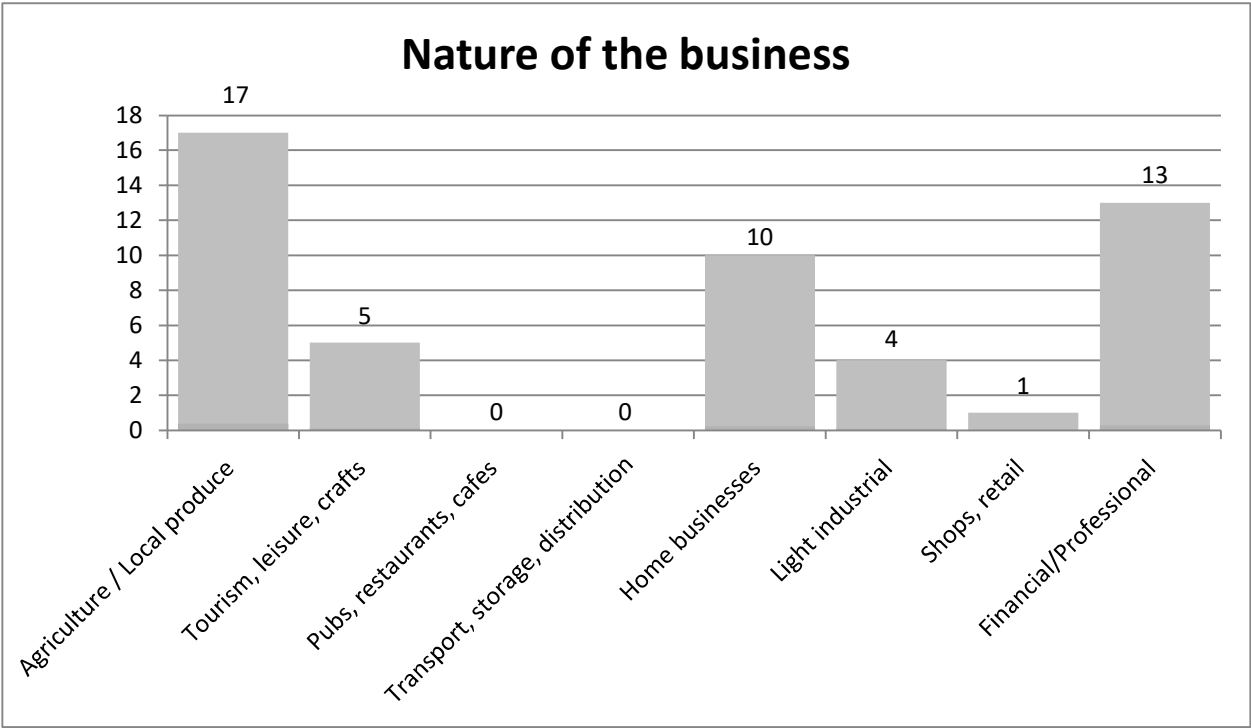
The survey stated: ‘Key to the proposed vision for Pontesbury Parish is an increase in employment and business opportunities, and we would welcome your views and comments.’

Q18 If you or anyone in your household runs a business within Pontesbury Parish, how many people work there?

This question was answered by 58 respondents. Forty nine of those have one or two members of the household working from home. The other nine respondents indicated that their household ran a business employing less than 5, between 5 and 10 and more than 10 in equal numbers (three households each).

Q19 What is the nature of this business? (Please tick all that apply)

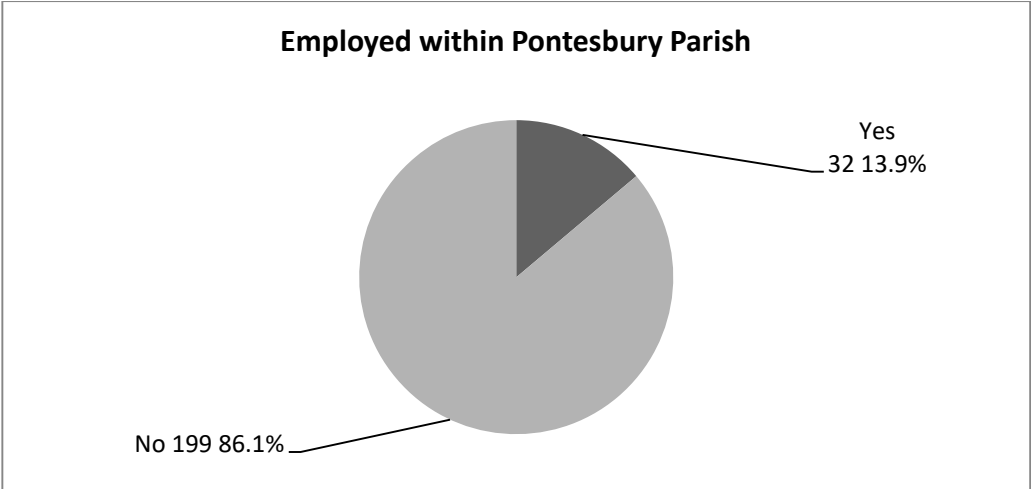
Forty four respondents gave an answer here and their choices are shown below.



The survey offered an ‘Other, please specify’ option and 22 respondents left a comment which are shown below:

Book sales to shops
Coach travel
Commercial and residential property rental and management
Construction
Construction
Construction + Services
Education delivery - going out to schools across Shropshire
Educational (online teaching)
Garage repairs
Gardener and garden designer. Also management consultant (second member of household)
Gardening
General Builder
Hair treatment offering home to home facility
Internet
IT & house maintenance
Kennels
Media
Medical
Plumbing
Training company
Website Design
Window cleaning

Q20 Do any members of your household work within Pontesbury Parish but NOT in your/their own business?

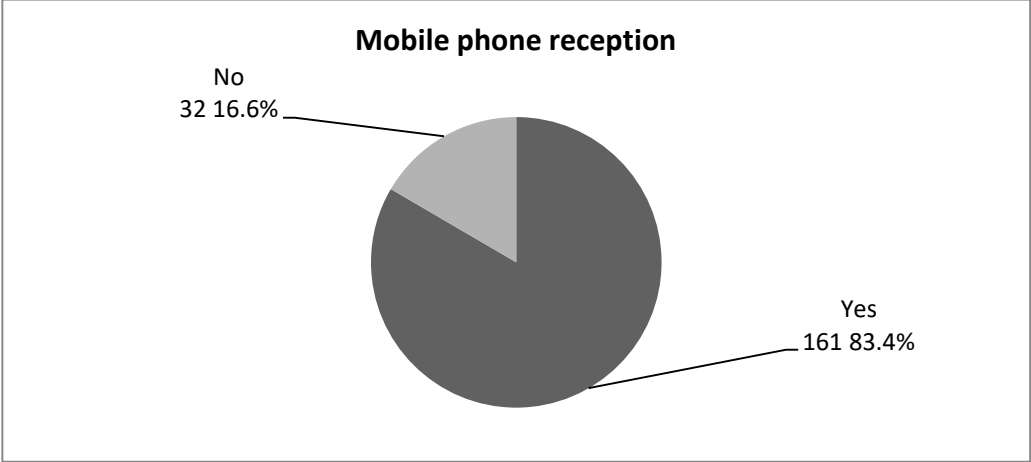


Just two hundred and thirty-one respondents answered this question (70% response rate). It appears that 32 households have members who are in employment within the Parish (but not in their own or household’s business). The group who selected ‘No’ will include those who are employed elsewhere, work for themselves in the Parish and are not employed/in employment (e.g retired).

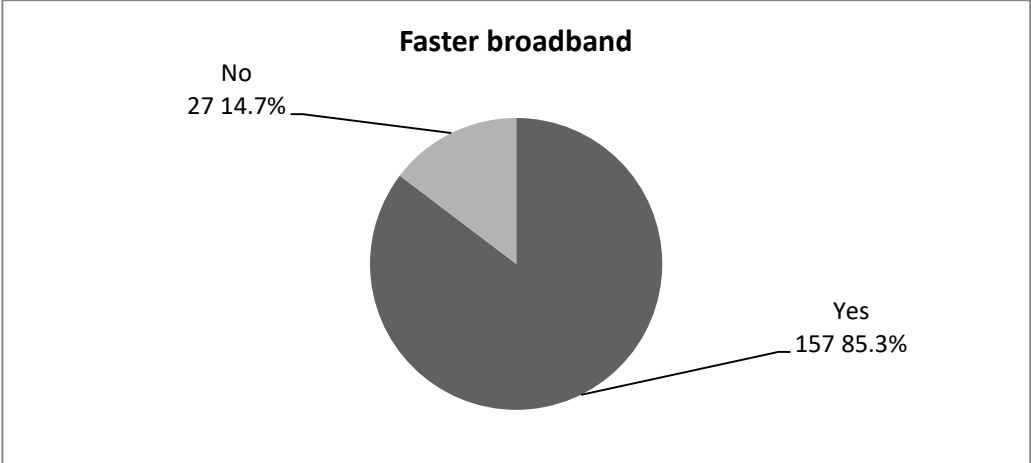
Q21 Would any of the following improve your household's experience of working in the Parish or support the growth of the business or service?

Looking at the response rate to question 18 and 20, this question has not only been answered by those currently working or running a business in the Parish, but also by other respondents. As the question asked about three different aspects, three response rates are reported here.

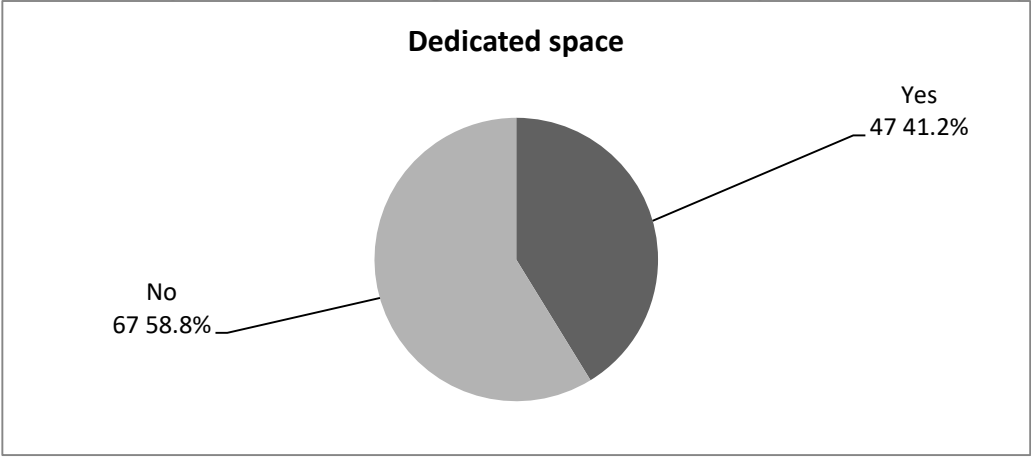
Improved mobile phone reception, response rate 58.5% (193 respondents)



Faster broadband, response rate 55.8% (184 respondents)



Dedicated space for networking and development, response rate 34.5% (114 respondents)

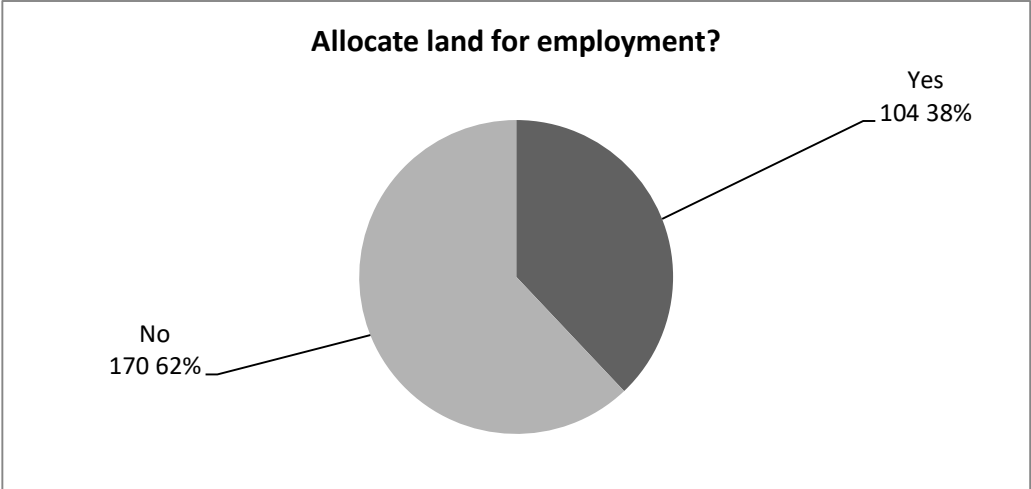


Not surprisingly mobile reception and broadband gets the largest number of Yes votes as these are issues affecting not just business but resident’s personal lives too. Of those who responded to this question just over 40% (47 households) felt a dedicated space would be useful.

Respondents were asked to make further suggestions on how services could improve their business and 11 left a comment and these are shown below:

A nice Tea Shop or community hub with plenty of seating and light bites
Commercial pressures will drive interner provision but creative hubs local to area eg extension of 'man shed' or repair cafe
Communications technology issues are the main obstacle
DIY store Furniture
Green waste recycling hub
Mobile phone reception & broadband speed are very important to our household
None of my household currently work.
Priority is made in any plan to getting Super fast fibre internet connection to ALL the villages in the parish.
See Q19 [Hair treatment offering home to home facility]
There is already excellent broadband available from SWS a local company. As there is excellent broadband there is no need for changes in mobile network since wifi calling can be used. I would NOT wish to see any more mobile masts & certainly no 5G
Working from home has proved problematic (Covid) 1 poor internet 2 poor reception landline

Q22 Should the neighbourhood plan allocate more land to encourage employment?



This question was not answered by 56 respondents (response rate 83%). A majority of 62% of those (170 respondents) wouldn’t like to see any land allocated for employment. One respondent wrote ‘*Not sure*’ in the margin.

Q23 If yes, where should such employment land be located? (please give details)

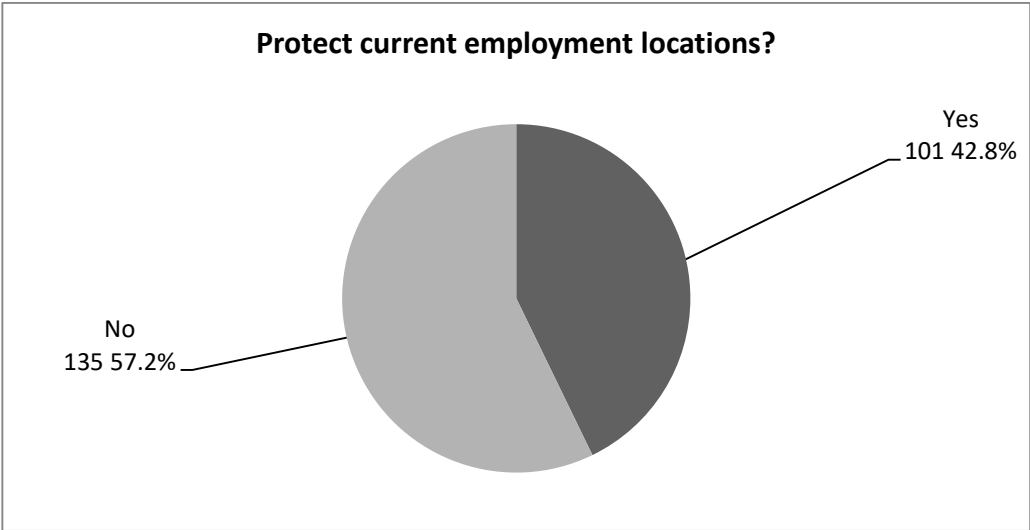
This open comment question received several comments but many are non-specific, 13 of them simply said ‘brownfield sites’, the remaining comments are shown below. Malehurst gets a few mentions and we recommend that the steering group further analyses the suggestions, however bearing in mind the majority view to not allocate for employment:

A CONTRADICTION, PONTESBURY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A COMMUTER PARISH AND A MARKET TOWN, THE ARCHITECTS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE CLEARLY CONFUSED!!!!
Along the road to Minsterley
Any unused buildings
Anywhere
Areas for mixed use domestic/commercial buildings should be considered, a return to the weavers cottage type of arrangement in areas where this would not upset the tranquility of our largely aged population.
As close as possible to village centre/local bus routes.
as near as possible to the main road
Away from populated areas & areas of AONB
Back Lane, Pontesford
Behind Wynnstay
Between Plealey Road + Pontesford
Central for workers without transport
Centrally or disused farm buildings
Centre of the Parish
Converted farm buildings or land with purpose built units on farms for diversification by farmers
Creative hub, repair cafe or man shed limited to library or information hub possibly day or hourly rental or local school tech centre
Dedicated business park
Doing what?
existing site already in area
Hall bank or Central in village
I am not aware of pressure on industrial units or sites. Future employment is likely to be computer-based or linked to agriculture. Many farmers need to diversify their yards into industrial units.
I suppose it depends whether we want the village to become an actual town and not a village. I prefer living in a village, but I can see the writing is on the wall. I'd agree we should support opportunities for local people to work locally, I'm not convinced that turning over more of our local green land to development would achieve this. Any development would inevitably be bought and run by non-local people or companies.
I would be cautious to agree and my consent would depend on where, what for and is landscaping included.
In areas that make use of existing resources, such as providing facilities to attract leisure and tourism within the abundant natural environment or providing access for visitors to enjoy this area of outstanding natural beauty.
In areas which have little or no impact on AONB
In the main parts of the area.
Infill
Knock down ugly bungalows in centre of Pontesbury build new sympathetic housing elsewhere and use area for central use car park + shops (centralise)
Malehurst

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Malehurst and Pontesford .
Malehurst Industrial Estate [only] Pontesford Wynnstay site [only]
Near Malehurst industrial estate Former Hare & Hounds, Cruckton
No point building houses without employment too
Not large industrial employment. Outskirts of village. Maybe a way of farmers diversifying
Not sure where but am thinking of small scale eg services and shops so necessarily would have to be near the centre...perhaps on the Cricketers Meadow site. Also how is the old Coop building going to be used? Perhaps the extension of the Malehurst site.
Not sure where it should be - perhaps near Community Centre or 'High Street', such as it is...
Not sure, but wondered if land in the Pontesford area near Brookside Farm (0431/18/1) or Back Lane (0431/13/2) could become available.
On brownfield and infill sites to maximise accessibility to residential and public transport links
On land between Minsterley & Pontesbury
On land currently under agriculture possibly and used for eg community food growing opportunities [or] renewable energy production
On the edge of the village. Possibly former agricultural land/buildings.
On the village periphery
Open to suggestions, but maybe in either the centre or outskirts of pontesbury. It would be good to locate it within walking distance of local businesses offering food at lunch time - Hignetts or one of the pubs, as opposed to being near the coop as this isn't going to bring as much money into the local economy.
Opposite Horseshoes Pub of off Tarmac Gates Road
outbuilding conversions
Outside of the town
outskirts
Outskirts of the village
Pontesbury
Pontesford and surrounding area
Quarry land - opposite Home Storage
School green
sorry I'm new to the area (18 months) so don't know where to suggest.
Sustainable local enterprises, serving local need. Starter units with existing building. NOT commercial land within centres for damaging industry to move in.
The 4 acre church commission field to the west of Pontesbury currently in SAMDEV for housing
The main opportunity seems to be tourism and sports/leisure,so I'd suggest that anyone with land who wants to develop facilities in these areas should be encouraged to do so by the Parish Council during the planning stage. Location isn't really that important, but the ability to walk / cycle to the shops etc would be beneficial but not essential.
The old Co-op shop
The Wharfage and Pontesford Wynnstay site
Town centre

Q24 Should any existing employment locations be protected from changes of use?

This question was not answered by 94 respondents (response rate 71.5%). A small minority of 57% (135 respondents) said they should not be protected from change of use.



Respondents were asked to give further details and their 53 comments are shown below:.

[No answer given] Only if detrimental to existing village
[No answer ticked] depends what & where
3 public houses
All agricultural business locations, shops. All local small businesses should be encouraged and allowed to expand.. engineering, building companies, encourage local farm shops and nurseries of the plant variety as well as for children.
Any regular business should where possible be kept as long as possible
Business units old bakery, zennas, nags head, horseshoes, plough, plough garage
Carver Street Malehurst
Connections Schools
Depends on business owners but Wynnstay comes to mind [no answer provided]
Depends on the type of change [no answer given]
Employment locations needed
Existing retail outlets on Main Road opposite School Green must be retained and reopened.
Farm to be proper working farms, not theme parks
Farmland that is on a thriving business
Hignets
I don't really understand where you are going with this question but for example, should the shops by the village hall be protected from being sold for housing - yes absolutely.
I would say possibly - it is no good having a facility nobody wants or can use
i.e the old Reavally tractor site - great country store & convenient for local people - it would be awful if this was lost & made a Land Rover garage!!
if a premises is empty for longer than six months, consideration should be made to change of use into affordable accommodation
If existing businesses close then the land and / or buildings should be recycled
In keeping with its situation i. e. changing from 'quiet' to 'noisy'
It is easy to alter the character of a village by changing business. if change of use applied for it should only be if it benefits the village

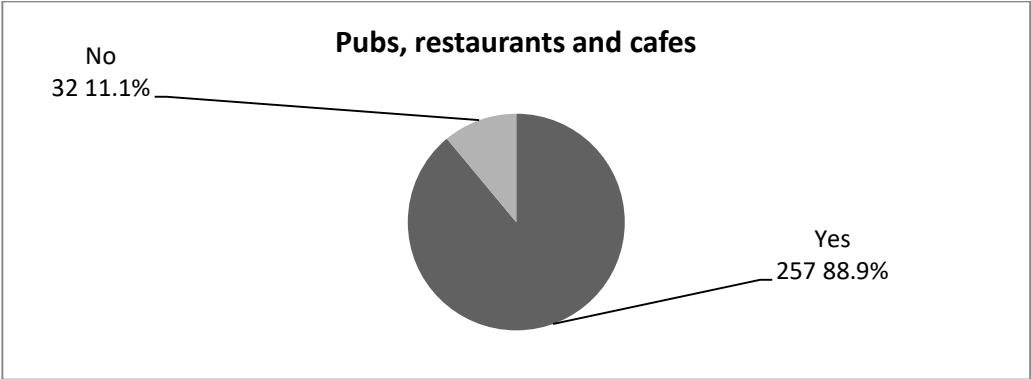
It preserves the current employment land for employment purposes rather than developing green fields
It really depends on what the changes would be and how it would affect the neighbourhood.
It would be good to protect jobs wherever possible. Change of use would be fine if that didn't eliminate a building from being a place of work.
Local shops Malehurst industrial estate Pubs
Malehurst Industrial Estate
Mary Webb School and surrounding fields should be preserved for expansion or community games/activities
Need all the employment opportunities available for young people especially
Need to have a minimum level of employment opportunity for local people.
No change of use to more housing.
No more pubs should be lost from the village
Nothing big
Only if they are in traditional buildings i.e Bennetts Stores in order to sustain the buildings economically
Oterwise it will be lost to housing development
Post office needed
pubs
Pubs
Pubs and other social facilities should have development restrictions which allow the community the opportunity to buy them before they are turned into housing etc.
Pubs, shops, garages, agricultural stores.
Retail premises in Main Street Pontesbury
See Q23 [Malehurst Industrial Estate and Pontesford Wynnstay site only]
Shops such as connections and the old coop should perhaps remain shops. The wynstey site should remain a rural business place.
Should not be made available for further housing needs
The change of use of the properties from Lunts to Zena was not beneficial to the village
The old co op should still be for a business (depending on what business)
The Old CoOp needs to remain a business, such as a coffee shop or a 'refill your own containers' type shop or combination.
The shops
To a certain extent. Wouldn't like to see heavy industrial industry be brought into Pontesbury.
To keep diversity of businesses
Where possible
Within reason
Within reason i.e. a chemical plant near houses is unsuitable

One respondent wrote '*Don't know*'.

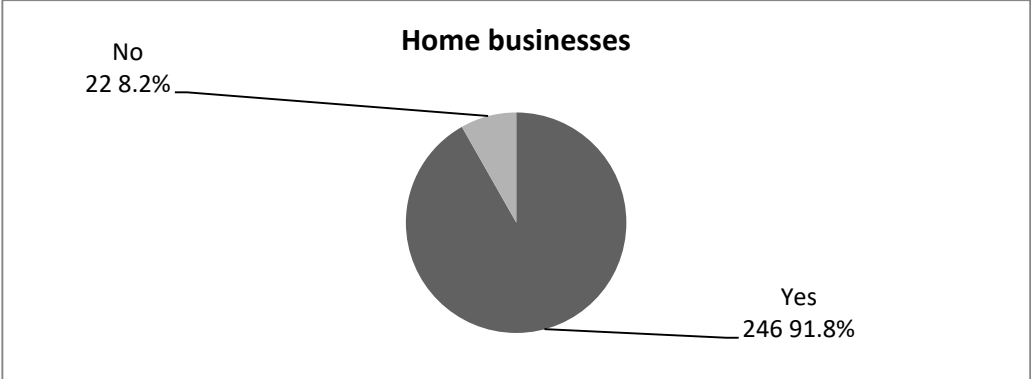
Q25 Thinking about the kind of employment the plan could encourage, do you support the following:



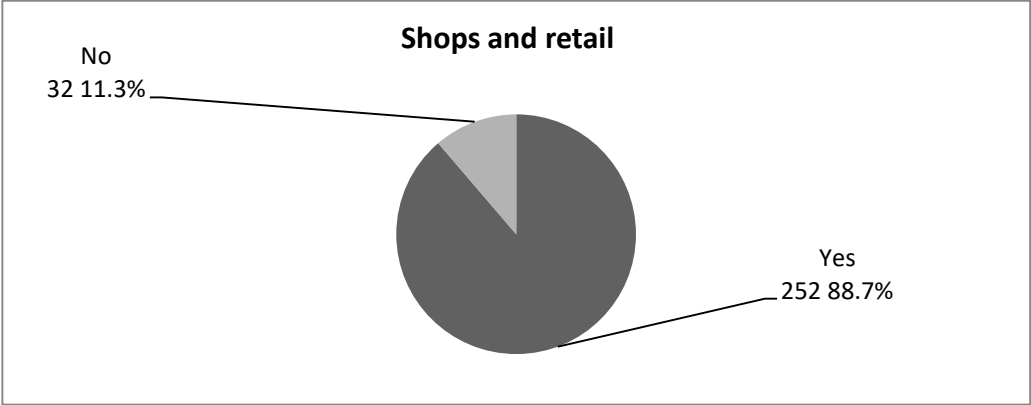
Response rate 92.7% (24 gave no reply).



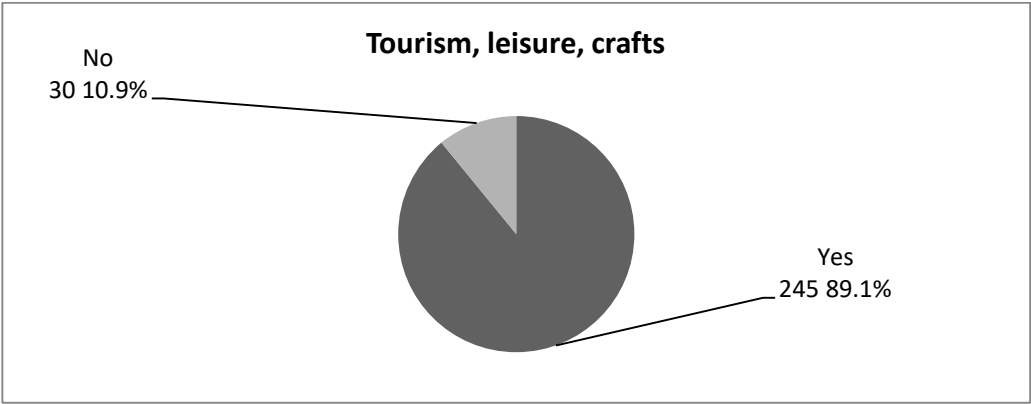
Response rate 90.3% (32 gave no reply).



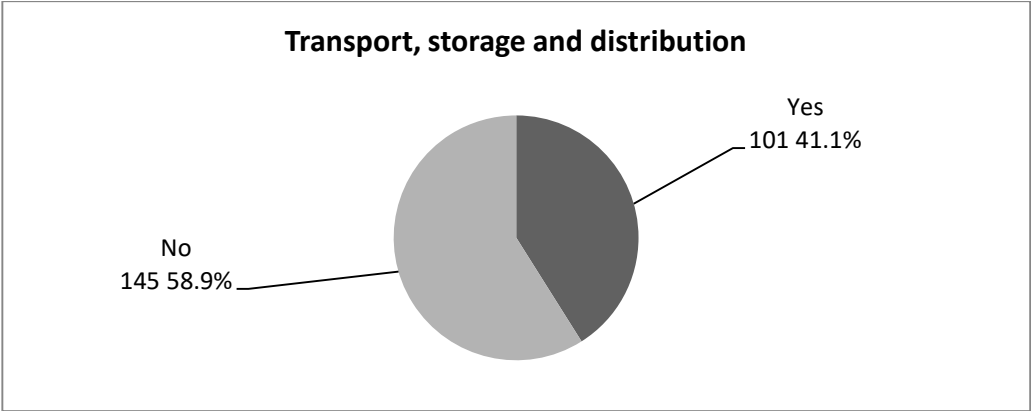
Response rate 81.2% (62 gave no reply).



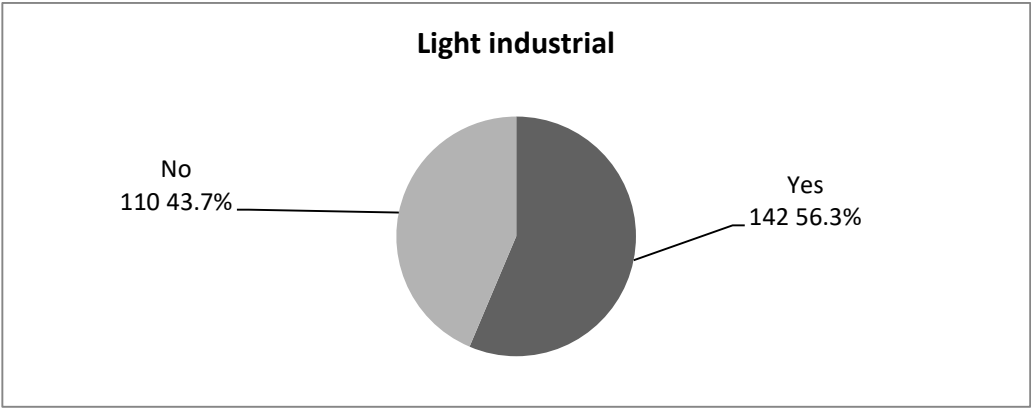
Response rate 86.1% (46 gave no reply).



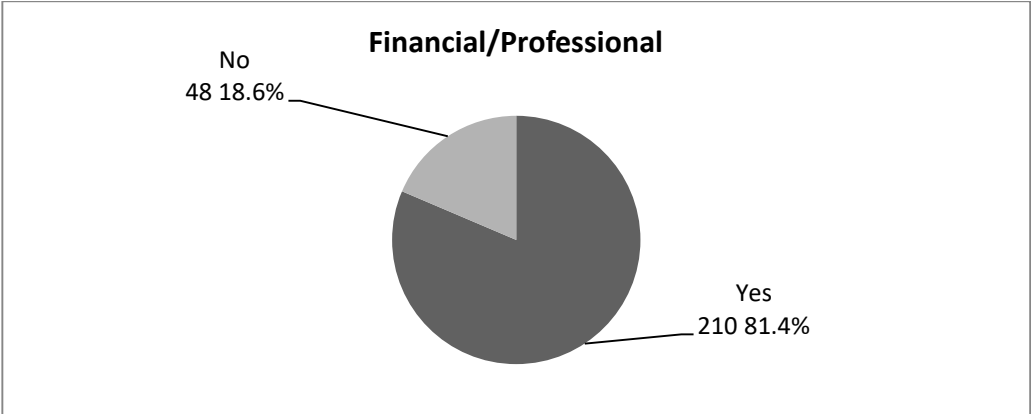
Response rate 83.3% (55 gave no reply).



Response rate 74.5% (84 gave no reply).



Response rate 76.4% (78 gave no reply).



Response rate 78.2% (72 did not reply).

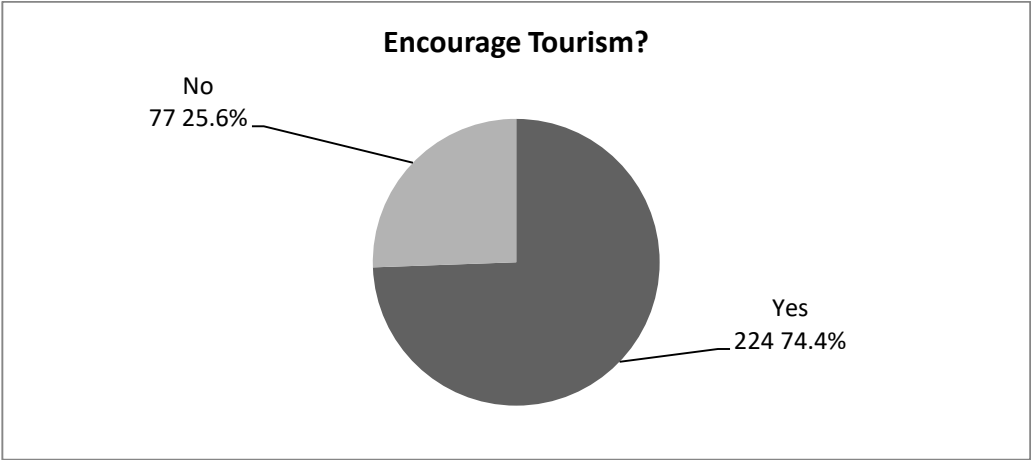
Respondents were then asked what other kind of employment they would support and 36 comments were received which are shown below:

[pubs etc, tourism etc, leisure etc] limited to 1 or 2 only, not widespread
Any employment is good! It all has to go through the planning process, so people objecting to noise in their back yard can do so at the appropriate time.
Anything from existing premises if not detrimental to village
Anything not too large that wouldn't be in competition with longstanding local businesses.
Anything that doesn't encourage heavy traffic through the village or surrounding hamlets.
Banking
Bed and breakfasts / small. A small bank
Courses, supporting & aligned to draft vision statement
Creative hub meeting space repair cafe / restoration workshops multi use space possibly hourly rental
Food processing - local produce
Forestry development
Green energy
Gym
Gymnasium
Health therapies
Horticultural
Horticultural
Hospitality - small hotel/guest houses
I can't answer some of these as I don't know enough about it. And the survey does not allow me to change my mind about anything.
I think that more businesses will not survive without a tremendous cultural change
It is not necessarily encouraging an increase in these business opportunities but ensuring we keep the ones we already have
Manufacturing
Market (maybe on somewhere like School Green monthly) for local grown produce and local crafters
Market gardening. A workshop where people can take tired or broken possessions and learn how to refurbish them.
Open air market/stalls
Opticians
Please do nothing to encourage heavy vehicles in this area.
Small Hotel to encourage tourism and Light industrial at Malehurst.
Space for crafts besides Mary Webb tech room
Summer Camps and play-scheme activities, Re-build the swimming pool for a wide range of activities.
Summer camps Caravan / camping/glamping facilities
Trades people care for the elderly
Very supporting all local businesses serving local need - goods & services. Creating a cyclical economy. Also the voluntary & charity sector are businesses too. Support volunteering + community enterprise
We already provide these kinds of employment within the village area
With good transport links to Shrewsbury, bigger business would be better suited to a larger site/area.
Would like to see a bank back in Pontesbury

The comments contain one stating ‘I can't answer some of these as I don't know enough about it. And the survey does not allow me to change my mind about anything’. This comment was received via the online system which for this question allowed changes from Yes to No and vice versa. However, once one of those was ticked the question could not be left blank so an opinion had to be given, perhaps that is what the respondent was referring to.

The survey went on to state: ‘Tourism is an important part of Shropshire’s economy. Shropshire Council’s strategic plans support increased opportunities for tourism including green tourism, making links with natural, cultural and historic assets, opportunities for walking, cycling and local food, drink and crafts.’

Q26 Do you think it is a good idea to encourage more tourism in the Pontesbury Parish?



Response rate 91.2% (29 respondents did not answer). Respondents were invited to supply further comments on any aspect of tourism and 91 did so, these are shown below:

A centre highlighting local produce, crafts and presenting information + history about the area (similar to 'The Bog')
A YHA hostel would be a good idea Walking/cycling oriented tourism would be a 'natural' for the area and an easy 'sell'
After seeing the deluge of people and cars on Earls Hill recently I am not in favour of encouraging this particular sort of tourism in Pontesbury
Align to local history e.g Iron age settlement
Amenities / facilities are already overstretched
An opportunity for guided walks of various themes. Need designated cycle tracks to link up to /from eastridge to benefit local hospitality business.
As in many Herefordshire villages, more attractive signs at village entrance, eg. flower beds, signage clear.
As long as car parks are provided on the outside edge of the village. For the village to become known as a traffic free area, making it a pleasure to walk around.
As long as it doesn't lead to too many cars on our inadequate roads and parking places

As long as there is adequate parking facilities
As long as this brings revenue into the parish directly
At the moment we have a healthy balance. We dont want the Lake district
B&B Youth Hostel Small Hotel (no riff raff) Small campsite
Both have merit [person did not tick either option]
Brings in revenue for shops /pubs eve
but not discourage. Media can + have turned quiet places into overcrowded nightmares [No]
But you will need parking facilities
CAFI
Camping / caravan site / glamping + activities
Camping /Caravan site/ Glamping and the development of local craft activities... or even our own REPAIR SHOP or Sheds for Men (and women)
Content to encourage visitors, but do not want to be overwhelmed by them.
Current level of tourism cannot be increased as complete log jam would ensue part at Pontesford Hill/Earls Hill area
Customers for shops / cafe
Cycling is already growing it may be more about meeting
Don't want the parish to loose its village feel
Eco-friendly tourism such as cycling and walking perhaps. I know Shropshire people aren't too keen on too many tourists!
emphasis on green tourism, not developing a honeypot site.
Encourage local accommodation [cant read word - optrais?]
Encourage rural tourism TASTEFULLY.
Encouraging our local hostelryes to take in paying guests for accommodation would help to increase job opportunities in the area
Feel there is enough tourism
For leisure walking the hills
Good for those with B+B or air B+B but good to keep crowds out.
Good walking area
Hiking, walking
I don't think Pontesbury is ever going to become a major tourist destination, most tourist are from elsewhere in Shropshire coming here for the day, or passing through, to cycle or walk. I think even with an increase in numbers it will still be a modest contribution to the local economy.
I don't think the village or our footpaths can support tourism using Pontesbury as a focus.
I think more opportunities for enjoying our countryside would be good for both local businesses and young people looking for interesting work and things to do.
I think the sentence above summarises my views very well.
if car parking, wcs, litter management also in place. [Yes]
In particular walking, cycling and leisure
It would bring employment business opportunities with it
Keep Pontesbury a village. People tend to drive straight through a densely built up area. Invite them to a bit of quaintness, with a feeling that makes them want to stop and explore.
Limited maybe. We dont want it to become another Cotswold [No]
Local holiday stay locations already available We already have many visitors visiting hills around village, perhaps bed / breakfast we have adequate tourism
Management of Earl's hill has turned it into a honeypot. Increased litter and a dog walking destination for people from Shrewsbury. It's a no go area if you don't like being harassed by off lead dogs. We don't need that.

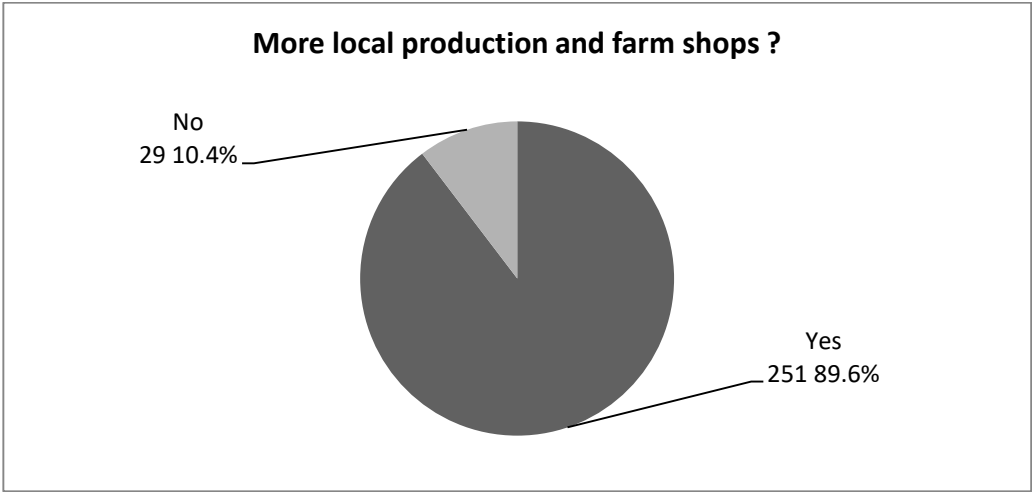
Might it be possible to develop a tourist 'trail' highlighting various aspects of local history which takes in a tour of the area?
More boards with details of history of the area, on walking and cycle routes
More traffic [No]
Most definitely. It is a beautiful place and would stimulate more spend in the local shops and cafe and encourage it to stay a nice little centre.
Need a carpark
NO BECAUSE IT IMPACTS ON PONTESBURY VILLAGE SOLELY, AND WOULD BRING MORE TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION INTO THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE.
No facilities for them. No parking, no well managed public toilets for the day tripper but B and B camp sites etc could be encouraged.
No real provision for accommodation of visitors, more than daily so high volume of car usage
Not too much
Only if there is the infrastructure in place ie car park / cafes/coffee bars & accommodation eg B&B Should there be a tourist information board/office?
Only insofar as supporting local businesses but not to encourage a significant increase in vehicle traffic
Pontesbury benefits from nearby tourism spots and through traffic stopping etc.
Presently climbing, walking, cycling, pubs, cafe all are in need of support
Providing it does not overwhelm the very thing that we seem to protect i.e. the quiet places when maybe should not be swamped by tourists
Providing more litter bins please
redevelop the sheltered housing in the middle of the village. redesign the housing and create an exciting tourist hub.
Small amount of green tourism which an improved bus service would support
Small Hotel, leisure centre
Small scale camping, self catering
Something needs to be done about parking available for the hill. Camping/caravan sites more locally would be good
Sustainable low-impact local responsible e.g. cycling & walking
The area is ripe for walkers and some climbing experience both of which is catered for. It would be good for it to be developed and advertised more.
The Rea Valley would provide an ideal bicycle touring hub which could be accessed from railway at Shrewsbury.
There are loads of opportunities which the Parish is not exploiting, and these would bring in all sorts of visitors, some for a few hours and some for many days.
There is enough at the moment
This would bring more money into the local economy
To enjoy the beautiful views
Toilet & waste facilities around hill & car parks
Too much tourism and you will loose what you have
Tourism is good, but it can cause unintended consequences. Would I like to see Pontesbury as popular as Church Stretton? I would not. Selfishly, this would make local beauty spots like the hill, much less pleasant. It is already overrun with dogs.
Tourism is important but not to oberwhelm the local villages & people
Tourism linked to enjoyment of the natural environment would be good if not too overwhelming. Local people do not want to find green areas crowded!

Tourism should be based on Shrewsbury where very good accommodation etc is available. Doesnt make sense to try to 'compete' with Shrewsbury in this regard [No]
Tourists will bring with them extra litter on streets and beauty spots. And they park where residents need parking on a daily basis [No]
Traffic is already far too much through village, speed limits should be better sign posted., Tractors especially travel at dangerous speeds.
Very poor parking facilities presently
Walking, cycling
Walking, cycling, enjoyment of the green spaces around the village.
We could make more of our sites with informative boards. Published leaflets.
Why encourage tourism? Look what happens to other beauty spots - the Lakes etc. They get spoilt!!
Yes - because it will bring money to Pontesbury [but] No - because it will become busy
yes but would need a car park, as offstreet parking is already at maximum usage
Yes if it encourages tourists to spend money in the local economy [did not tick either box]
Yes, but need good parking and public toilets. Accommodation essential. Possible visitor centre?
Yes, within limits

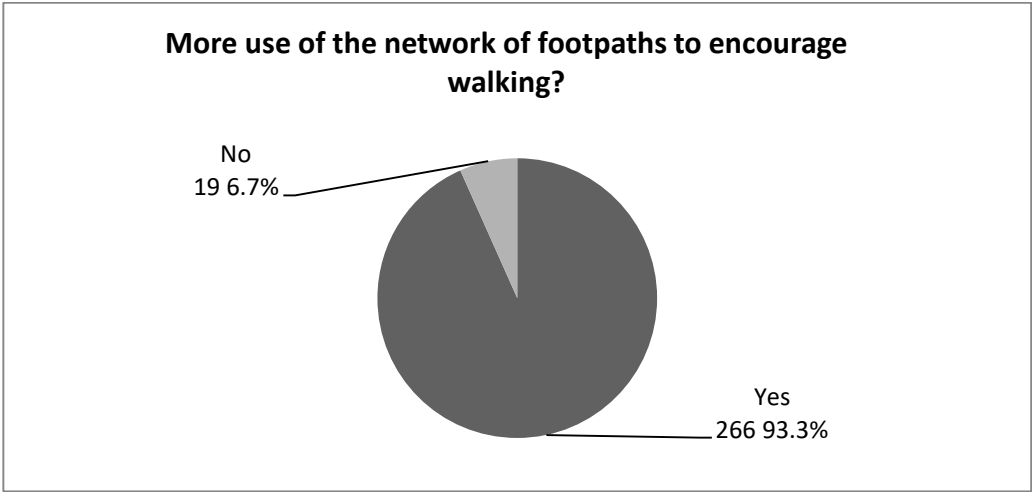
The survey went on to state: *‘If we want to encourage tourism, we need to think about what information is needed, what facilities are needed and what services could be offered.’*

Q27 What opportunities for developing tourism do you think are appropriate within Pontesbury Parish?

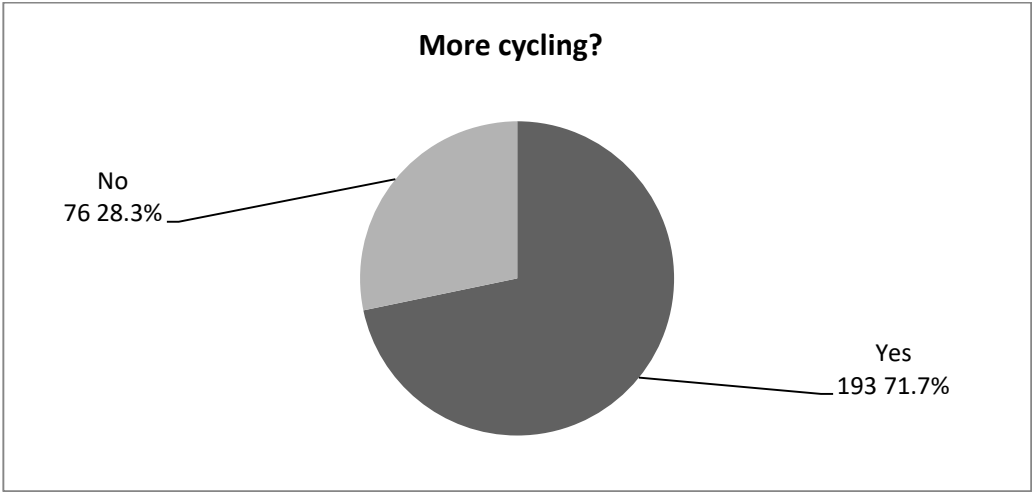
It was noted when transcribing the paper forms that some of the respondents who voted ‘No’ in Q26 did not answer this question. Checking the entire data set this was 17 respondents. However, only eight respondents who selected ‘No’ at Q26 responded with a blanket No for all of the suggestions here. The rest indicated at least to find some of the suggestions appropriate.



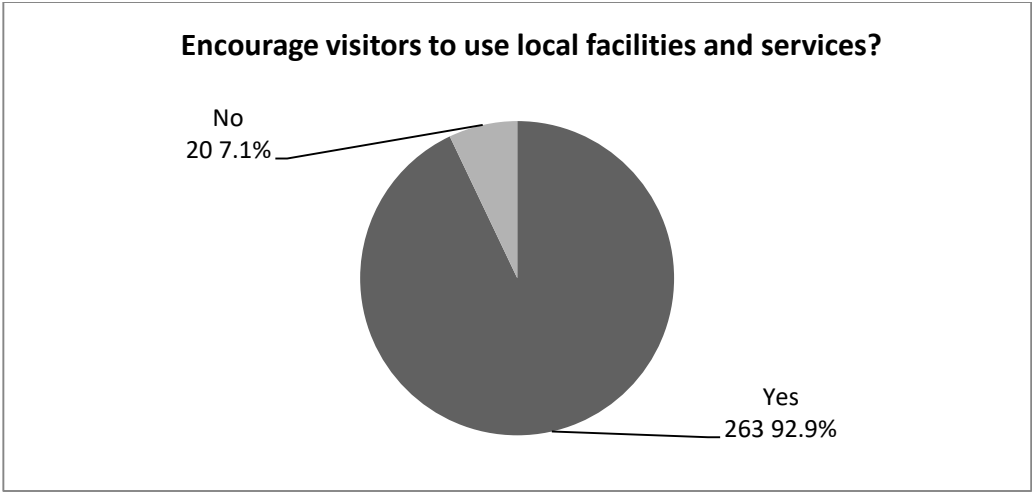
Response rate 84.8% (50 did not give an answer).



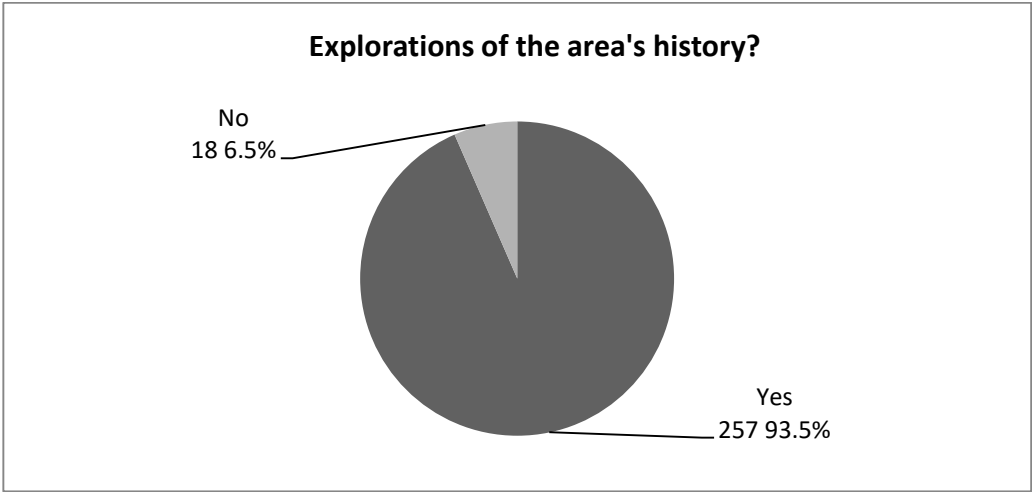
Response rate 86.4% (65 did not give an answer).



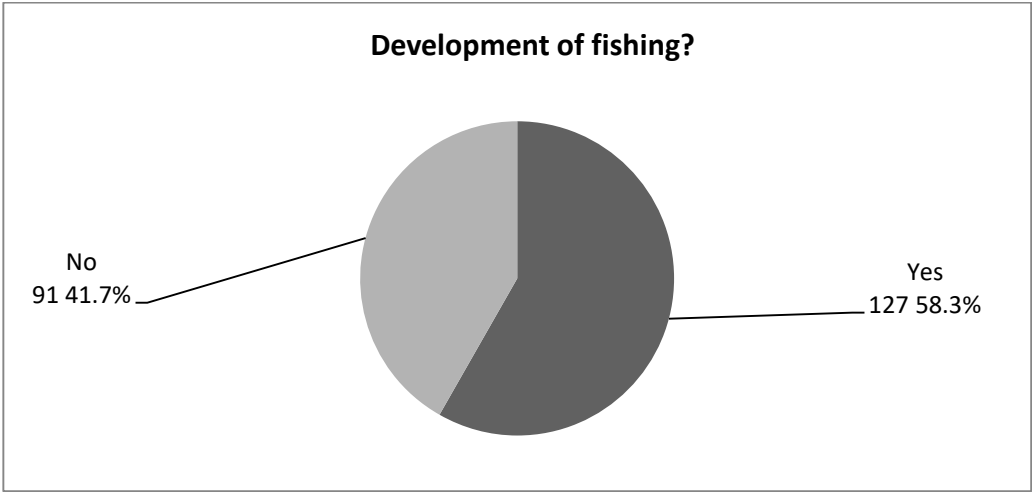
Response rate 89.7% (34 did not give an answer).



Response rate 85.8% (47 did not give an answer).



Response rate 83.3% (55 did not give an answer).



Response rate 66.1% (112 did not give an answer).

There was good majority support for all of the suggested opportunities. Even the Development of fishing came out with nearly 60% in favour but the much lower response rate was very noticeable when processing the paper forms where respondents had given an answer to all other suggestions but left that one blank.

Respondents were invited to make other suggestions and 48 of them left a comment and these are shown below:

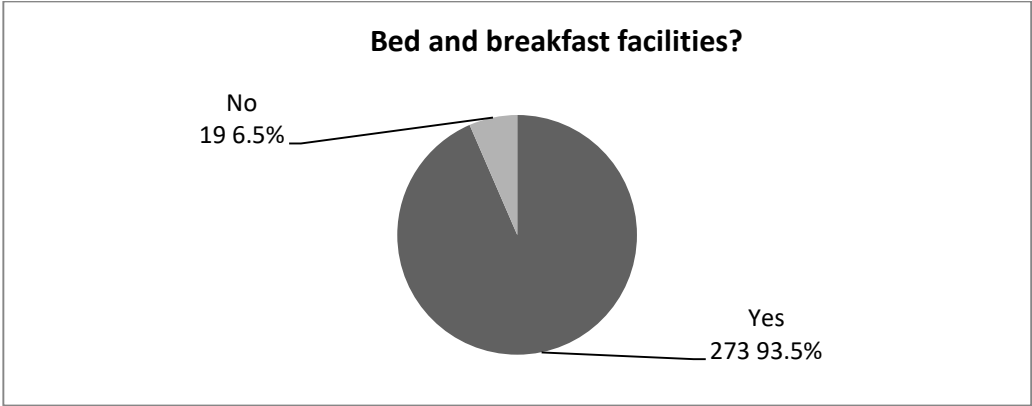
(not many fish around here really)
[More cycling] DANGEROUS narrow busy roads & pathways
[no answers given] Not necessary, village would lose charm
Are we twinned? Woodland crafts + accommodation?
As long as there is sufficient parking
B&B, camping etc
Better roads for cycling.... The cycling track down Hinton Lane is lethal due to very poor visibility and pot holes.. IF only we could extend the stoned Railway line to Minsterley or towards Shrewsbury !
Camping, small sites.

Co op and Hignetts already provide local produce, walking in village and to Minsterley much improved with cycle path. Visitors use the cafe at connections. Huge success. Library offer information. Fisheries at Plealey. We already have it. local farms also provide
Creative hubs as meeting centres. Too much cycling becomes a pain for locals e g parts of Box Hill in Surrey after growth of cycling post 2012
Cycle lanes & tracks require upgrading - extend the railway track
Cycling specifics: crossing the A5 bypass, using the extensive abandoned railway beds from Cruckmeole to Pontesbury, Minsterley and Snailbeach for cycle paths, equipping local buses to carry bikes.
Cycling would be fine if cyclists used BELLS, and were more considerate of walkers on narrow lanes, where they cannot be heard approaching from behind. This regularly causes near misses, especially when dogs are concerned.
Designated nature reserves, wild flower meadow if appropriate space available
Development of game shooting. A medium sized commercial shoot can turn over £1/2 million + and provide local employment
Do not know enough of fishing development, but know there have been issues in some areas of Shropshire with fishermen from the Cities not being respectful of local areas.
Existing fishing location. And others nearby why more?
Exploration of areas geology, ecology, biology etc
Fishing is a cruel blood sport. There are better ways to pass your time than tormenting the life out of a fish!!
fishing using the brook would be good but needs access. the lakes are too small.
Horse riding - trekking, lessons & bring your own horse - accommodation for horses & riders. Also craft, special interest breaks e.g learn pottery/art etc.
Horse riding facilities.
I dont believe we should encourage tourists to our parish
identification of historical features/buildings would be needed
In order to exploit thes activities in a safe and healthy environment any ot the accommodation referred to in Q28 below would need to be directly adjacent to the A488
Large stretches of the A488 and B4386 are unwalkable, having neither pavements, pathways or grass verges. The A488 between Cruckmeole and Hanwood has a very narrow pavement, but the speed and proximity of the traffic makes it lethal.
Local craft shops or fayres would be useful ?
Make more of the Iron Age fort. Make more of climbing opportunities.
Making facilities nice disability friendly. particularly for visually impaired people - signage should be kept clean, clear + larger font
Mini market one day a week in Parish Hall local produce etc
More designated/signed cycle routes on quiet roads
Most tourists want access to: car parking, a cup of tea or coffee and well signposted walkways/paths.
Open air market
Opening more of the old railway as the roads are unsafe to walk on
Opportunities for recreational sports - [cant read word], archery
Pony trekking up onto the Stiperstones Farm visitor centres explaining modern farming practices
rock climbing
Safer cycling Car parking
Some of these are a bit unusual for Pontesbury (fishing???) but why not? If someone wants to give a tourism attraction a shot, why not?
Sufficient existing footpaths plus national cycle route + mountain biking

There are too many cycles on the roads and footpaths - they are a nuisance
Tourism focus should be on walking, cycling and enjoying the local produce. National Cycle Route 44 goes through the length of the parish and is great.
Traffic increase & no parking on main road & have cars parking in front of my house [ticked no for everything]
We have Hignetts which is a good local shop.
We have some fantastic local gardens and lots of skilled gardeners in this area. Could this be made more of? The shropshire hills have produced some world class mountain bikers. Is it worth doing more to support and promote this? Young rural people are notoriously short on things to do. It would be good to support rural sports like mountain biking.
What was a nice friendly village is now a suburb of Shrewsbury
wildlife areas
Workshops - craft etc

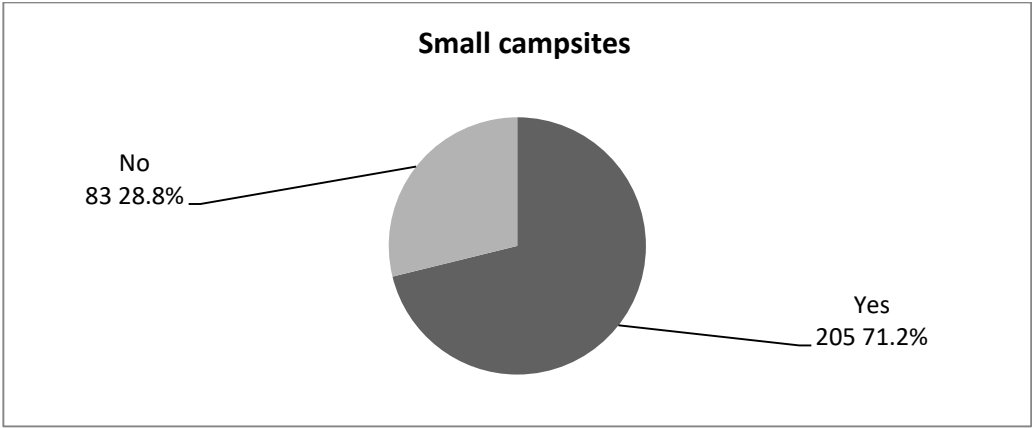
The survey stated that: *‘If tourism is to be encouraged, one option is to increase the amount and range of visitor accommodation.’*

Q28 If you agree with an increase in the amount and range of visitor accommodation, which of the following development do you think would be appropriate in Pontesbury Parish?



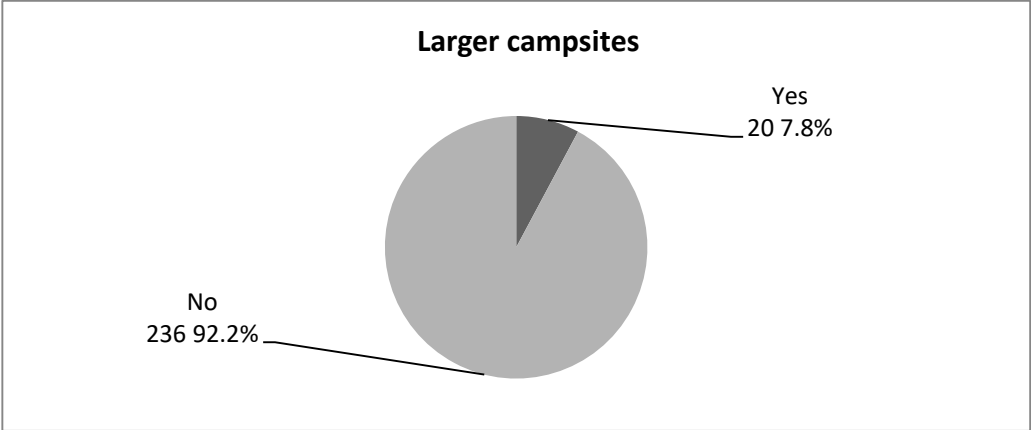
Response rate 88.5% (38 did not give an answer).

Campsites for small numbers of touring caravans and tents?

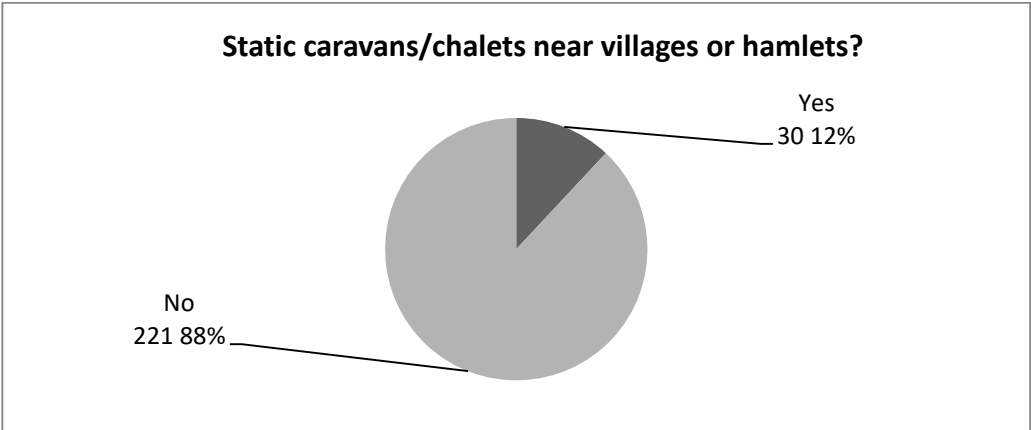


Response rate 87.2% (49 did not give an answer).

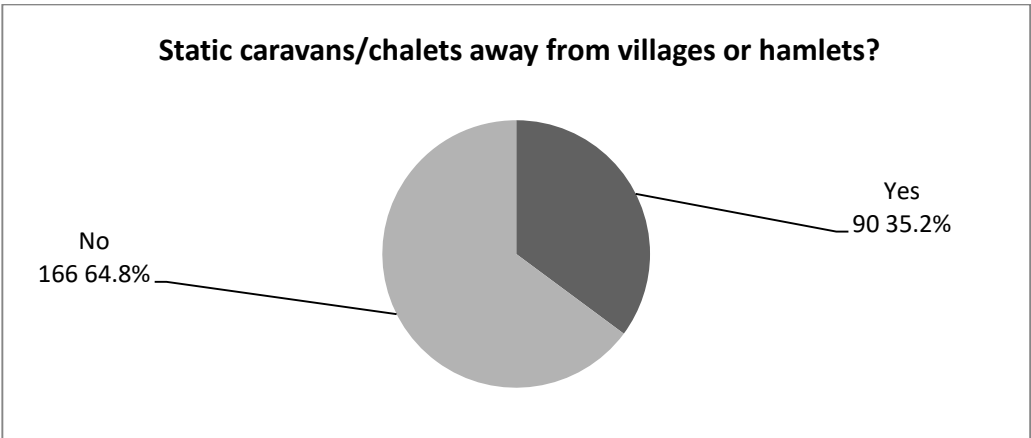
Larger campsites including static caravans and more on site facilities?



Response rate 77.6% (76 did not give an answer).



Response rate 76.1% (79 did not give an answer).



Response rate 77.8% (74 did not give an answer).

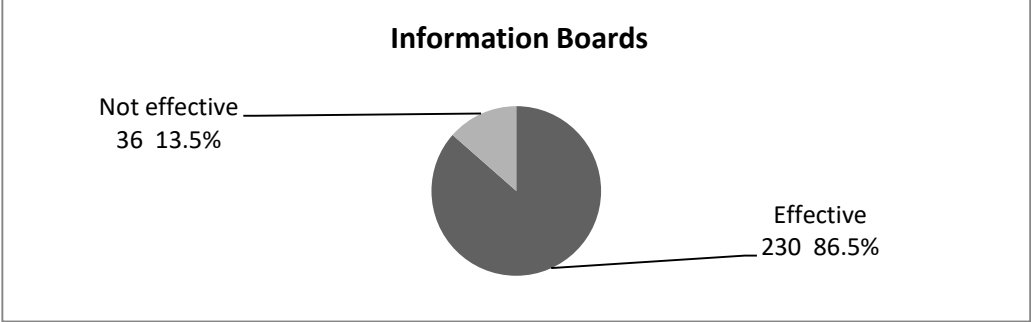
Whilst there was good support for bed and breakfast facilities and small campsites, larger ones or those with statics are much less popular, especially near the villages and hamlets.

Respondents were invited to suggest other accommodation options and 33 left a comment and these are shown below:

Accommodation that is high quality should be encouraged, whereas accommodation that is not in-keeping with the character of the area should be discouraged,
advertise the sites we already have
Any facilities need to be sympathetic to the countryside
At no detriment to the inhabitants
Camping pods / yurts - more glamping than caravan & camping
Campsites, my visits to Wales suggest, are always quite ugly and tend not to employ any staff i.e. they dont bring job opportunities whilst spoiling the landscape
Discreet development of wooden chalets/pods .
Feel we have adequate provision
Glamping
Glamping Holiday cottages
Limit the number of pitches to 10, and limit the duration of stay to seven days maximum; to encourage turnover of visitors and discourage squatters. No overnight stays on common land, verges, laybys etc.
Local group activities and contacts... As a church we have printed a welcome pack for newcomers.. I could let you have one if requested.
Log Cabins. Woodland pods. retain a countryside flavour. YHA Convert large old house, farm buildings. Tents only
Many people will chose to stay in Shrewsbury: providing non-car links for them to easily access the Rea Valley for day trips will be key to luring them in this direction (rather than taking the train south to Stretton or west to Welshpool).
Needs to be appropriate for the area + have good access from main routes
Pontesbury is already full to overflowing, you will end up with a city at this rate.
Pubs and B&B accommodation and maybe S/C accommodation is more acceptable. Caravan parks definitely not!
Quickest way to destroy the 'away from it all' sense that Pontesbury Parish offers the visitor (and the locals) [ticked No at all of the accommodation suggestions]
Roads still a problem
Sensitively placed static caravans or chalets to avoid spoiling views or walking routes.
Small boutique hotel accommodation would be more suitable.
Small campsites for touring and static caravans with toilet and showering facilities and one shop on site but without a clubhouse or pool etc.
Small hotels
Static caravans would affect the naturual beauty of the village
Stay locations already in use, Bed + Breakfast would be advantage
The issue limiting these is that of access. Other than the A488 the lanes within the Parish are generally not suitable for increased traffic and this type of usage would actually be detrimental to attracting the tourism categories in Q27 above.
They need to be well-screened and have sufficient parking
Thinking of doing Air B&B in my house to make an income now redundant. Some well placed discreet 'pod' type accommodation could work well.
We do not really need accomatation only 20 minutes from the hotels of Shrewsbury.
We do not want to be encouraging touring caravans onto these country roads and likely to cause congestion.
We dont agree [no answers given]
We need to be careful what we wish for... larger campsites and static caravans/chalets can turn into unplanned development. How about Glamping Sites, which are usually rural and very sparsely populated.
You have a dichotomy. Electric cars cannot tow caravans so touring caravans need a petrol or diesel cars. Bang goes your dream of carbon neutral!

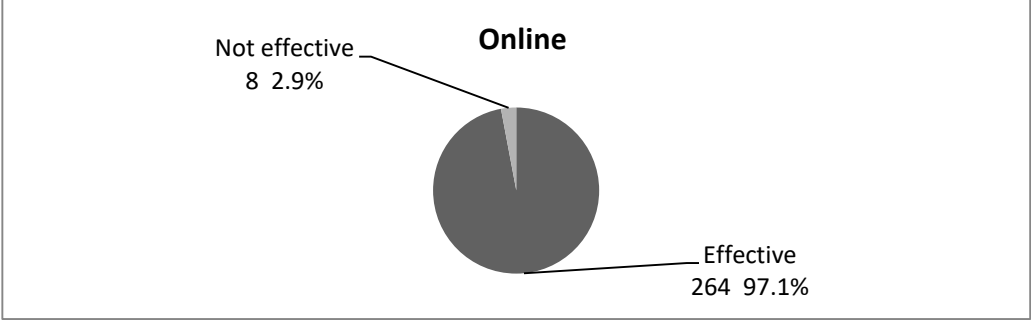
Q29 What information improvements do you think would be effective?

Tourist information boards at key sites in the villages



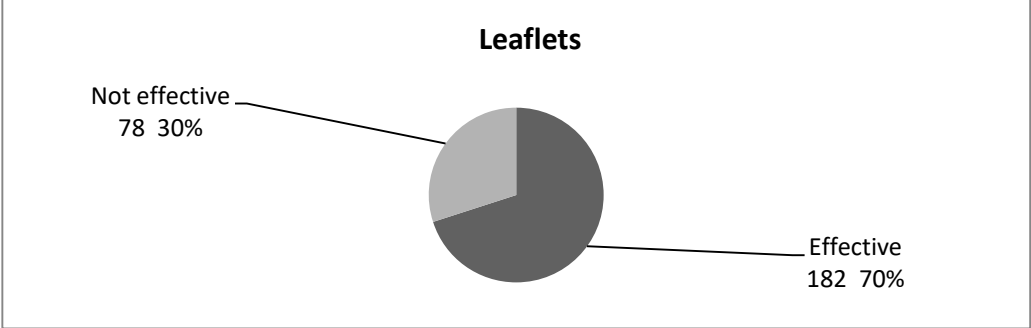
Response rate 80.6% (64 did not give an answer).

Tourist information section online



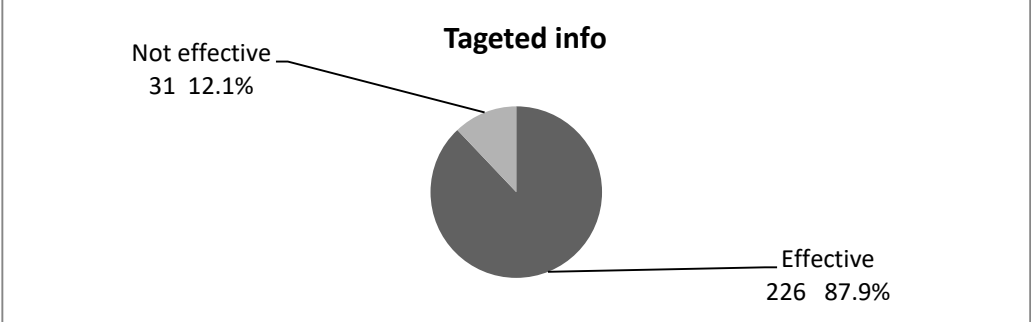
Response rate 82.4% (58 did not give an answer).

Leaflets about Pontesbury Parish for visitors available for distribution



Response rate 78.8% (70 did not give an answer).

Targeted information leaflets available for distribution – e.g. local walks



Response rate 77.9% (73 did not give an answer).

Respondents were invited to suggest other improvements and 30 left a comment, these are shown below:

A specific hub where visitors are able to browse the range of facilities; perhaps with an interactive map and certainly with a wide range of leaflets.
All these items could be linked to a development of centre as in Q26 [A centre highlighting local produce, crafts and presenting information + history about the area (similar to 'The Bog')]
Already have leaflets etc and you say tourism isn't much of a feature here so not effective
As mentioned, why not develop a 'trail' highlighting various points of interest along the way. This could include, eg, an 'eye spy' quiz for younger visitors.
Close liaison with Shirehall
Dont want to be producing leaflets when can access info online that tourists could print off themselves or maybe (for a fee) somewhere like the library could print for them
Good maps for local walks
I ticked leaflets - but actually think that circular walks / info for tourists should be online. However a leaflet for a walk route is useful to have
Info @ Habberley & Plealey if parking suitable
Information boards are ugly visitors should upload a Pontesbury info app onto their iphones, cheaper than ugly vandalised boards
Integrated information packages linked to Shrewsbury transport and accommodation.
Leaflets can cause litter
Local group activities e.g. church services and contacts
Map in village is wrong way round + misleading!!
Maps of individual walks locally in a large scale format. Much larger than OS Maps
Maps with colour-coded walks, aligned with leaflets which describe the route and history etc, and colour-coded footpath markers are very effective.
Most people get info on-line I would imagine + it saves paper
Much information is online. It can be signposted. We need a younger tourist demographic to be sustainable long term
Need a Pontesbury web site.
Online would be best, with leaflets for genuinely interested clients.
People can find info on Pontesbury. You dont want flocks of people coming here. Only small cafe closed Sunday no parking
People can go on line for information.
Smart phone links to information better solution with less waste risk of vandalism and theft
Sports venues
Stay locations and Bed + Breakfasts could have leaflets for use
Unfortunately leaflets can lead to more litter.
Use of QCR codes
walk leaflets must be accurate and should summarise the law on using footpaths especially with regard to dogs and fouling especially on farmland
We already have quite a good selection of tourist leaflets on walks. Which can also be found online at walking sites.
Web sites for all tourist facilities.

Q30 If you have any land available or any comments about what would support farming diversification which would also bring community or landscape benefits please give details here.

Sixteen respondents left a comment here and these are shown below:

Area of brown filed site suitable for affordable LOCAL use
Develop islands and linking nature routes for wildlife
Encourage farming apprenticeships to younger people with the offer of affordable housing in the area if they complete it
Farm organically
Go Ape type of establishment Glamping/ camping pods/ shepherds hut
I dont have land. But I think there is real scope for small scale camp sites for tourers / tents of camping pods. Eastridge is very popular with cyclists. i expect if there were places to stay they would patronise local businesses
I have some land which would be suitable for very minor development of an off-grid glamping site, in Hinton.
Land available.
Local sheep farmers could liaise with local housebuilders to use up surplus fleeces as insulation
More litter bins/poo bins. Signage or cctv to deter littering. Every day I pick up at least 5 empty McDonalds bags + meals on the road between Pontesbury + Plealy, almost every weekend the bin in the Earl's Hill car park is overflowing.
Native tree planting for wooden construction use & carbon neutral heating fuel in efficient modern clean burning stoves
Please avoid smelly chicken farms. They are cruel and unhealthy.
Small scale is the key, we do not want to see our countryside littered with builings, caravan sites etc.
Splendid area for horse riding but need a space for visiting riders to park horse boxes etc. off road motor sport always looking for tracks & venues
Too much of good farm land has already been taken up with too much housing
We may have land available for any of the above. We have an organic farm!

The three respondents who said they may have land available, did not leave any contact details (or indeed indicate they wanted to be contacted).

In addition to these comments several respondents replied ‘No’, ‘None’.

Q31 At the full council meeting in December 2019, Pontesbury Parish Council resolved to support the declaration of a climate emergency and to support drawing up a detailed action plan in pursuit of ensuring the council and parish are carbon neutral by 2030. What additional policies/activities would you like to see within the Neighbourhood Plan to help achieve this aim?

One hundred and fourteen respondents left a comment and these are shown below and they are of quite a varied nature:

A By Pass to take traffic away from the village
A policy which does more than stating that new housing in the future should be carbon neutral. As stated previously a missed opportunity has occurred le to include in all new housing which have been built this last twelve months positive energy schemes generating electricity. Not just neutral!

Advice and support for farmers about how to take on more climate friendly practices, such as regenerative agriculture no till agriculture and silvopasture. More opportunities for local producers to be able to promote or sell their produce locally. Extended off-road cycle routes like the one connecting pontesbury to minsterley, enabling other surrounding villages and hamlets to be able to cycle around safely.
Affordable milk delivered in glass bottles - ideally by horse!
All I can add is more population equates to more pollution, carbon or otherwise. (My biggest concern is litter pollution - larger fines should be introduced)
All new build to have solar panels
All new houses built with solar panels or groups of houses powered by wind turbines. Have the rash of new houses in Pontesbury all got solar panels? If not it should have been a condition of planning approval.
all new houses fitted with rain water harvesting, grey water collection to flush toilets, solar panels.
All new properties have solar panels. Two estates first finished without them?
Already covered herein
Any new build should have solar panels water storage
Any support for government assistance in insulating and double glazing + solar panels should be encouraged.
Before you think about being carbon neutral think about the safety of our children and young people
Better broadband encouraging more to work from home
Better broadband would encourage more people to work from home. Encourage local produce to be sold locally. Farmers should discouraged from driving their huge tractors around unnecessarily.
Better public transport to cut down on car emissions and less traffic on the road.
Better recycling facilities
Better to have solar energy panels in fields, rather than ugly wind turbines which disfigure the landscape.
Better, cheaper public transport to encourage people to use their cars less. As it stands public transport is expensive and not an option e.g. no sunday service, busses stop at 6pm
Biodigester of farm waste to provide all village with reduced/free energy
By pass for Pontesbury
Can't think of any
Carbon emissions can be eliminated by more tree planting. There is land in the Parish that isn't used for anything specific which could be planted as woodland.
Climate emergency is caused by humans and the only way to effectively control it is to control the population growth. Building more houses and facilities will not achieve your carbon neutral targets
Cycle paths
Designated cycle path to Shrewsbury
Don't accept it is a climate emergency - natural climate cycling
Don't increase the population of the village.
Electric car charge points
Electric car charging locations
Electric car charging points at the Hub/Coop car park.
Electric charger points at work places, library, coop etc
Electric charging points Community composting Plastic free village Ban use of cars to transport children to school Less paper surveys on glossy high qual paper - like this one
Encourage home owners to have solar panels and replace gas home heating with renewable alternatives such as air source or ground source heating. Increase the supply of public electric car charging points in Pontesbury.
Encourage more electrical vehicles Cycle only B&B

Encourage use of public footpaths within the village and discourage use of cars to reduce emissions; develop car-free cycle lanes. The disused railway could be opened up as a traffic-free cycle route to Shrewsbury. A key concern with any tourism aspiration is that it will bring cars to the village and emissions will increase - this conflicts with the Carbon Neutral declaration. Tree planting should be a priority - this can maintain connectivity of habitats that contribute to designated habitats but are geographically located outside of designation boundaries. Tree planting will improve flood resilience in the winter/wetter periods. Particular measures to store water in floodplains can also help drought resilience in the summer/drier periods. Promote and facilitate measures to reduce and reuse before recycling.
Encouraging cycling and safer cycle routes.
Encouraging cycling for shopping Alternative routes for HGV and tractors
Ensure all new buildings are built to highest possible standards of energy efficiency and any loss in natural features, e.g. trees and hedges are replaced.
First of all, declaring this intent and then supporting the building of lots more housing is ridiculous. Doing the latter clearly demonstrates you don't actually care about the former. Where new builds are developed, they should be carbon neutral. Are the current housing developments in the village going to add to the carbon footprint of the parish? I bet you any amount you like they are not part of the plan to be carbon neutral by 2030. I bet you any amount they do the exact opposite. Will the next housing development pursue the December 2019 resolve? Again, I bet you anything you like it will not.
Fit solar panels to all public buildings, in sympathy with the building / surroundings. (Why were they not included in the new Co-Op, and Library?)
Fully support tourism. But linked to it is the issue of environmental availability + biodiversity. Without tackling poor air quality, over use of pesticides, nitrification, vehicle imissions and illegal burning it will never be achieved. Promotion of biodiversity is vital - carbon sink via forestry. Local food growing a key.
Getting recycling facilities back in the village
Greater frequency of local buss services including later return times from town. Opening railway halts along the line
Help more people to travel by cycle or foot and have a more regular bus service
I am very pleased that the Parish Council is going to draw up a detailed plan and that it recognises the climate change emergency. Not sure I have the technical knowledge to make suggestions./
I regularly cycle the 2 miles into Pontesbury to access the facilities I use there. It's easy, pleasant and as I can avoid the main roads I'm more likely to see a buzzard than a car. There are loads of easy cycle routes into Pontesbury. This needs to be encouraged to avoid short local car journeys. This can be done through 1. more cycle parking (Earl's Hill car park and the village hall for example). 2. Permitting contraflow cycling on Hall Bank to access Hinton Lane from A488. This saves people from having to cycle the entire one-way system and I see many people cycling on the pavement to reach Hinton Lane. 3. Keeping traffic speeds low through the village. Also promotion of the local bus, there seems to be very little info on this but I've found it to be quick and punctual.
if we encourage tourism our carbon footprint would rise greatly
If you are building carbon neutral houses that are affordable for low income families/households then dont pass on the costs in rent to them
If you want be carbon neutral, why suggest having more people here, its ridiculous. With Covid 19 we have had very low number with virus. Everyone pulled together.
Improvement of pavements, speed cameras, traffic calming.
Increase in the use of public transport by improving services
Introduce traffic calming on main road/reduce speed limit to 20 mph throughout this will reduce dust, pollution and carbon

It should be made mandatory to consider new environmentally friendly technologies such as ground source heating etc. with every development. The best time to install such technologies is at the start of construction.
Less traffic, all these things you are proposing would make carbon immisions higher.
Less use of motor vehicles
Limit future housing developemnt until ground services / transport roads/ and the recent developments can be [arranged ?]
Limit future housing development until the effect of the present for forthcoming large scale developments along the Minsterley Road, Hall Bank and Brook Rise can be assessed re volume of traffic and service needs can be addressed.
Local recycling facilities reinstated Open cycleway to Shrewsbury
Local renewable energy production and storage
Lower speed limits on the roads
Modern dancing
More bins
More recycling collection points, so that travel to Battlefield is not needed
Much needed improvement in public transport. Mainly bus more regular and running later. This would cut need for cars
New housing developments should have good pedestrian + cycle routes, protected from vehicle movements, to encourage greener movement, esp locally e g up Hall Bank
New housing have solar panels
Not sure this will be achieved anyway
Obligation on developers to incorporate solar electric panels on all new developments, making it a condition for building approval. Buildings therefore designed for a site with south facing roof aspect suitable for solar panels/solar tile incorporation.
Planting more trees Management of water courses Installation of charging points
plastic free Pontesbury
Please see my comments with regard to Q12 [All new housing should have solar panels and 'new' heating technology.]
promote public transport
Promote solar & air source in old & new houses & businesses
Promotion - actually of solar usage - maybe 1 field worth of panels would be a worthwhile diversification for a local farmer - and preferably supply the locality (sheep can still eat the grass under the panels!)
Proper energy-reducing insulation on all new buildings projects - domestic or business
PV Panels on all new houses... bit late now ! More cycle paths
Radical practical non-car transport links to Shrewsbury. Requires renting/buying railway track beds from Cruckmeole to Pontesford and onward to Minsterley and Stiperstone, dedicated two lane bike track through Hanwood across bypass and into Shrewsbury. Tourism would follow.
Realise its nonsense
Recycle centre Support to 'upcycling' existing buildings to meet better insulation + heating targets while minimising need to build new properties
Recycling facilities A plastic free parish A peat free parish grass verges & green spaces celebrating native flora & fauna Charging points for electric vehicles Community transport schemes Renewable energy schemes eg solar farm
Reduce the number of vehicles using Pontesford + Earls Hill - Perhaps put an electric vehicle charging point so if we have to have cars up there let them not be polluting the air
Reduce traffic on the A488, Upgrade properties, Tougher penalties for dropping litter and fly tipping, Encourage more use of local facilities

Reduce wastage of water - we use water butts rather than hoses. Info on saving water Reduce plastic in local shops - Co-op etc.
Rewilding. Solar panels fitted to all homes and businesses.
Safer walking routes/ safe crossings to the community area (library and Coop) to encourage people to walk rather than use their cars
Shared information of current ideas and public consultation.
Slower speed limits, more speed checks. No selling wood on Earls Hill for wood burners! Wildlife trust hang your head in shame.
Soils have an amazing ability to store carbon. trees can also but when trees are felled all that carbon storage is lost unlike soils.
Solar on houses
Solar or other forms of renewable to be on every new build
Solar panels on new builds
Stop building houses. That's the most vital. You say yourselves that Pontesbury has become a commuter village - that's unsustainable, environmentally and socially damaging and needs to change. Reward those who work from home, make driving through the village unattractive - traffic calming by horseshoes estate, 20 mph speed limit. It needs to be unacceptable to the Parish Council for houses to be built for people who spend no time in the village, spend their money elsewhere and do not contribute socially.
Stop cars parking on the sides on the main road, so though traffic can move though steady without stopping and starting, which is safer and with less pollution
Stop people littering
Support for local scale renewables and community initiatives as organised Elsewhere in uk.
Supporting schemes that make use of renewable energy and zero carbon, low foot-print.
Sustainable Buildings Fewer individual cars on the road - good public transport and community car co-op. Link cycle paths and destinations eg schools Space for individuals to grow more and encourage biodiversity.
The Parish Council should be encouraging quality development which in turn will help boost the economy and help the parish to thrive
There was a great day planned by a young school girl, this needs to go ahead. (Lockdown got in the way). This needs following with workshops and 'lectures' on how we can all help to make our Parish carbon neutral by 2030, with facts and statistics to illustrate what we can do and what we are doing and the progress we are making. Everyone in the parish needs access to this and a public display needs to be easily available to show our progress.
To encourage residents to electric central heating. To improve road system to make walking and cycling in the village safer. Top priority!
To keep the Parish affordable
TOTALLY UNREALISTIC AND UNACHIEVABLE.
Traffic calming essential, reduce speed to 20mph through the one way system in the village, this will save fuel and reduce pollution and dust
Ultra Low Emission Zones exist in some major cities. I am not sure if these are feasible in small communities but if it were practical it would be worth considering.
Unable to comment
Use government grants to 'target' households/areas to install more insulation or solar panels etc. New developments in Pontesbury show little sign of this even at the moment!
Use of locally provided fuel e.g wood fuel. Maize or beet for bio-digester electricity. Oilseedrape for bio-diesel
Use of motor vehicles downsized Better use of cycles etc
Waste of time when world super powers are using weather as a weapon by cloud seeding which affects the flow of the gulf stream and does far more climate damage

We have to aim for much higher standard for new building far higher than current building industry is set up for
What climate emergency? I don't understand this.
When the new grant is available in Sept for householders + landlords, tell people about it e.g leaflet drop
With the amount of trees and gardens around Pontesbury our carbon footprint has been reduced already, new builds will up our carbon footprint, more cars, more commuters. Land around and in village contamination of lead does not need disturbance. If people locally bought more local produce it would reduce carbon foot print

Q32 Do you have any other comments, or is there any aspect of 'land use' that you would like to see covered in the Neighbourhood Plan that you think we may have missed? Please let us know in the box below.

A further 94 respondents left a comment here and these are shown below:

A pull in on Hall Bank would be useful for larger vehicles (tractors/lorries)
A small-scale domestic drive-in recycling facility (cars only) would help folk who are daunted by having to go to the big facility at Battlefield. It would need to be far removed from housing areas, and limited to glass, cardboard, paper, garden refuse. Nothing smelly!
Affordable housing to enable youngsters that have grown up in the village to purchase there first house within the village is a must, but no more social housing as there is enough
All new development for housing to have a village [deusely?] and please avoid development approval such as 'Young Price' off Minsterley Road. Over developed on an elevated site with poor garden space.
Allocate some land for locals to use as allotments - some of us who live here do not have large gardens or are renting and can't dig up their garden to grow food. This would encourage less travel to supermarkets for produce - 'greener'.
Allotment allocation for Pontesbury
Although i welcome the idea of helping locals to buy in the village. There is a limit to what the village should be developed to. By continuous building we risk destroying the very thing that attracts people to come here. Green spaces should be a plenty. At the moment we seem to be extending the village towards Minsterley and extending [cant read word] towards Pontesbury, If this continues the gateway to the Shropshire Hills area of outstanding natural beauty will become a dormitory town for Shrewsbury & the Midlands. The key is in the title '... natural beauty' not housing estates
Any change in land use should take full account of the population likely to be affected by change. The population is and is likely to remain elderly for the most part and will not appreciate noise or increases in traffic levels.
Any further development in Pontesbury will continue to spoil views around the Rea Valley. Builders and farmers should be encouraged to do more tree planting and hedgerow maintenance.
Any further housing development will spoil the rural nature of the village - Enough is enough
Any land use to be in keeping with the area & encouraging employment of local people
As someone who has lived in Pontesbury 83 years, I have seen a steady deterioration in the facilities + leisure opportunities in this village
Biodigester of farm waste to provide all village with reduced/free energy
Build house in sympathy with local designs / styles. NOT like the three house on the Habberley Road, which while lovely houses are completely out of character with other adjacent / neighbouring buildings.
Close interaction with school children - all ages

Continuation of farming land use not conversion into a dormitory town
Could support be given to farmers to develop special interest areas on their farms for such things as rare breed centres. To be supported by the parish as part of developing tourism interest in the area.
Crossing the road at the bottom of main Rd onto Hall Bank is a nightmare. you have 3 roads. i've nearly fallen trying to look 3ways. please put a crossing there. the lorries, tractors & cars come past the old Co-op far too fast. put some illuminated signs like they have in Hanwood. please listen, the children will be back in school in September, never mind building houses, build a safer Pontesbury
Don't be too hasty to grant permission for building on Green field sites, when existing Brown field sites should be made available. When this happens, the core of the village empties and all the small hamlets, etc, become one large blob of houses.
Earls Hill, Pontesford Hill and Pontesbury Hill Open spaces will provide the key tourism attractions and these areas need safeguarding with a buffer zone of no development on the open land adjoining these sites. Improvements must be maintained to give value for money. For example, some years ago a good surface was put down on the old railway line but never maintained and now buried beneath leaf fall etc. The Plough and ford provide an attractive focal point but could be made more attractive with an improved bridge.
Extend Pontesbury - Minsterley Cycle path from Ashford Drive turn up last police station to junction with Brookside. This could be done by widening pavement on South side of a488 which would also slow traffic, particularly if a one way chicane system was included. Cycle traffic could then be routed along the quieter internal lanes of Pontesbury avoiding the unsafe bottleneck of Hall Bank. Make us an example for other villages. Celebrate home workers and cyclists. Show council disapproval of commuters and house builders.
Green land should be preserved, once built on it is gone forever.
I appreciate the need for new housing in the area, and so far this has been handled with care for the community, but there will be problems if anymore houses are built on Pontesbury Hill. The hill is very narrow in parts, meaning that any more traffic would result in real difficulties. (My fence has been knocked down twice in the last few months by increased traffic problems). The same overloading would apply to the rest of the infrastructure on the hill, we are very concerned.
I dislike run-away growth, urban development, the loss of countryside and green spaces. I understand it is a sad fact of life that our population is growing rapidly and we'll fill in all the green space between us and Shrewsbury before too much longer. We'll just move away if it gets too bad, but I'd like to hope Pontesbury will retain its character for a few more years before the council achieves its aim of making us a satellite town. I like to hope the parish council and the local councillors are not intent on destroying our village too quickly. Thank you for allowing us our say.
I do not feel that the village requires any more housing, however any more building should either be through renovating properties or building on existing sites, therefore protecting the green spaces we have left. Also any new housing should be outside the village itself. I strongly would like to protect the middle of the village which I would say is the oldest part, and feel that the brook and bridge across the ford should be kept and looked after, as this is a very pretty part of the village and people like to walk through and have a drink in the pub and watch the horses playing in the fields. I do feel that the drug problem needs sorting. I think encouraging families to the village where there is very little for young adults to do could encourage them to dabble in this behaviour. A few more doggy bins would be helpful around Pontesford hill would be helpful.
I support anything reasonable to be as 'Green' as possible in every household. I don't like solar panels Especially on Character properties but I have to agree that every house should be able to have at least one, discretely placed and if possible not visible from the road to conserve energy.
I think there has been quite enough new building in Pontesbury over the past few years. Surely we have reached full capacity now??
I would like to see provision of allotments considered as part of the plan. These would benefit physical and mental health and can be sociable spaces for of community members of all ages.

If there is to be more development within the village, then hopefully an improved one way system or alternative layout to help the traffic flow in and out of the village.
In the next few years Ash dieback will lead to the loss of the majority of all ash trees (young and old) within the parish. The environmental and landscape impact will be huge. Along with promoting new tree planting it would be good if the Parish Council could help encourage land owners and farmers to start "tagging" sapling hedgerow trees (to protect them from hedge cutting), so a new generation of trees has a chance to replace some of those lost.
In view of the 'climate emergency' we must find ways to make better use of the water from extreme rainfall experienced in the parish at certain times of the year. if summers become hotter and drier we must find ways of storing water reserves for these periods, not just humans but for wildlife also
Increased housing ie increased population will need increase infrastructure. Doctors surgery is looking after increasing number of patients from Pontesbury and many surrounding villages.as are the schools. Also parking facilities are inadequate as is the road system - however any alteration in the road layout would erode the character of the village further.- the heart of the village has already been taken away and is now splintered. Shops opposite School Green are an eyesore and desperately need reopening i.e. farm shop/crafts etc - not residential.
Investigate the establishment of allotments
It is as I said before - too focussed on Pontesbury itself & not the whole Parish. Why is it a 'commuter' parish? - and does it need to be? There is very little here about community + equality other than dementia friendly + community hub. the development of hall Bank, the new Co-op etc has made it more difficult for many residents. The A488 is terrible for walking along + the development has not improved things at all. This questionnaire is also backwards - surely asking me what I thought was important now & what was valuable for the future is a better way to gather views than just asking me if I agree with yours
Lack of main road through Parish makes most of this wish list untenable
Land should be available to the community to grow and learn from
Land use Compulsory purchase disused railway line & bring back into use as cycle, walk, bridleways
Limited development, Enough already.
Maybe not the correct platform but I'm surprised roads are not discussed. I understand the issue of HGV's, speed limits etc. are not within PPC remit but I consider it an important issue and requires serious consideration before a major RTA is experienced.
My main concern is that what ever decisions are made at a local level regarding land use and house building on greenfield sites thase are often overruled on appeal by central government. This makes a mockery of local decision making.
Nature & wildlife must be respected at all times. Do not ruin this by commercialising Pontesbury. Save our green spaces!
Neighbourhood Plan is excellent idea,but has not taken increased pressure on infrastructure into account! This is important! For health & safety of our village. Which could rapidly become a small TOWN , The roads/schools/facilities have already become “ unsafe/& under pressure” due to increased footprint of village, !
No further development should be permitted outside the village boundary
No industrial chicken farms or air-polluting businesses
No large scale chicken farms to be erected in close proximity to residential areas or local schools!!
No more building on green sites Car sharing schemes Policies to increase biodiversity of area eg tree planting, native flora planting Working with local farmers to increase biodiversity / decrease use of insecticides Working with food initiatives eg 'Stepping Stones' project with NT / Natural England /SWT etc Road verges to be managed for wildlife - in collaboration with Shropshire Council
No more development until flooding problem solved
No more 'green field' development. No more 'easy' planning for farmers to build houses for their families on greenfield sites

No other comments. Keep Pontesbury a 'village'
Our Parish is relatively unspoilt. Any future developments must take care to try to preserve this unique aspect of our county
Planners must not classify agricultural land left to weeds and/or 'fallow' as suitable for development solely for this reason The County are now to publish their new plans for consultation, are we wasting our time & tax money?
Pontesbury is already prone to flooding. more housing development will only add to our woes
Pontesbury playground should be developed to produce an attractive and nice area to sit in. Probably needs to be monitored to check that equipment is not being misused and rubbish left lying around. Landscaping it will make it look like a prettier place to sit with picnic benches and other seating.
Probably not your area of responsibility but road surfaces i.e. pot holes/road edging needs immediate attention after 2/3 years of neglect. If you want cycling to be safe then this is an issue requiring attention
Q8. I believe that the parish infrastructure cannot support further development. Q17. A new car park must have a ticketed system, even if the first hour is free, to ensure turnover of spaces. Pricing, those who stay longest pay the most. Payment by credit card to avoid the need to empty machines. No trading. No overnight occupancy of vehicles, but smaller fee for overnight parking. Need to enforce parking regulations to prevent abuse, which often blight small local car parks.
Re land use- From recent experience would the planners listen and check applicant statements before considering acceptance of applications. Government policy is one thing but the reality of living in a particular setting is more important for the well-being of those living there. e.g Land at the end of David Ave was given permission to build on, despite 24 objections and no rightful access into the field required by the applicant. This has caused a great deal of upset and a [cant read word] [barristers?] fee [cant read word] no access rights. If the planners and local council had done their homework duty the application all the personal heartache, [cant read word] relationship and legal costs could have been averted.
Re Land Use From recent experiences, would the planners and those supporting decisions made on behalf of our community, please listen and check applicants statements before considering acceptance of applications. Government policy is one thing but the reality of living a particular setting is more important for the well-being of those who have chosen to live in a rural setting..Is it ethical to attempt to make rural communities into mini-urban units ? e,g of my concerns .. Land at the end of David Ave outside the village boundary was given permission to build two properties. Despite 24 objections and NO legal right of way through to the proposed section of the field to be built on, permission was granted. When questioned about the legality of the access I was informed by the planning department this was a civil matter not their concern. In addition I was informed that the question was asked of the land agents if they had permitted access to which they wrongfully and knowingly said they
Recent small developments in the village have been of excessive height and not in keeping with the rest of the village and this has affected a large number of local house owners. Not only the views, but also blocking light into their homes. This has changed the overall appearance of the village. Decisions on planning should be a community approach to allow long standing village residents a say on the design of the buildings.
Recreational areas wild areas
Rock climbing on Earls Hill
Since most land around the village is owned by farmers who live outside the village it seems very important to include their views and consult with them about land which might be available for other purposes than farming.
Since the loss of the centre of the village (co-op moving, post office like wise as well as central pub and other shops further back) the village is suffering the doughnut effect. Whatever developments / plans are made need to consider the benefits of 'incidental social interaction' which occurs when people are moving around for all age groups and between each group. It is this that makes a village as opposed to a dormitory estate.

Some small green areas of land such as in Brookside could be used to plant communal fruit trees or alternatively used as wildflower areas. It would be nice if the wildflowers growing on green strips around the village, weren't strimmed off by the Ground maintenance team. Let's give the bees and butterflies a hand.
target reuse of railway alignments as footpaths / cycle ways particularly electric bikes
Thank you & well done
The carpark at Co-op is only big enough for use by people going to the shop and is not big enough for use by the community hub/library. There is nowhere for cars to wait for an available space as the entrance is very badly planned out
The choke point is the A488. Purchase of the old railway track bed as a bike/e-bike route and linking this safely to Shrewsbury town centre may sound expensive, but all other symbolic efforts (like 400m of bike track up Malehurst bank) are futile. Unless you can take radical action, consultation is futile: we will become an anonymous commuter suburb, which tourists will drive through on their way to the scenic beauty beyond.
The Pontesbury / Minsterley cycle path is excellent, need to ensure it is maintained as such. Feel that need proper crossing e g pelican lights at junction at top of hall bank in Pontesbury
The rules on affordable housing should be applied more rigorously. At present they are too easily overturned by later appeals.
The school needs to be enlarged also the doctors surgery with all the houses that have been built
There are more than enough poultry units in the vicinity. No more are needed. Cycle route from Pontesbury to Minsterley is good. Please can it be extended from Shrewsbury to Pontesbury.
There has been little mention of allotments, which is disappointing. Homes in rural areas either need a large enough garden enabling them opportunity to grow some fruit and vegetables or they need access to small allotments that can be accessed by foot or cycle. Where households are using land to grow fruit, vegetables or similar such produce this should be safe guarded such that change of use is tightly restricted. Street parking in the village needs reducing, measures need taking to consider how this can be done. Speed calming measures are required to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. With the move of the CoOp many residents now have to cross more roads with fast through traffic. Through traffic is heavy, made up of lorries and huge farm machinery; consideration for diverting this traffic out of the villages would make it more conducive to cycle and walk around or through the villages.
There is a need to control the flooding around the Rea Brook that occurs several times a year and makes the lanes into Pontesbury impassible.
There must be some land for development of allotments in Pontesbury, this is very important
There was talk of setting up an allotment site for pontesbury. I'm not sure if that's got anywhere or not, but if not, this would be great. As a gardener, I'm finding there is dramatic upsurge in enthusiasm for growing vegetables at the moment. Given carbon reduction targets it would be good to support this.
This Village cannot take anymore traffic, the use of electric cars will help cut down carbon emissions. We need electric points to charge cars. The village needs clear signs to stop speeding, a crossing is needed at the end of the road going up to Co-op, very difficult to cross there. Common sense to keep our village safe for young and old.
To avoid flooding, especially in Pontesbury, more ditch and waterway work should be encouraged - bring back the lengthmen - would be money well spent. Heavy rainfall always erodes country roads as the water isnt diverted correctly
To ensure Pontesbury hills remain unspoilt + open to the public
Too many houses have been built already. Larger population means more traffic and doctors surgery cant cope. Do we want to live in a town. I dont. Recent additional residents dont use local facilities i.e. pubs/cafe. Also grocery shop done on line. Should stay in Shrewsbury.
Too much emphasis on tourism. We require decent shops in the village where we can park safely
Unsuitable land use such as the proposed chicken farm at Cruckton should be condemned [rest of comment removed].

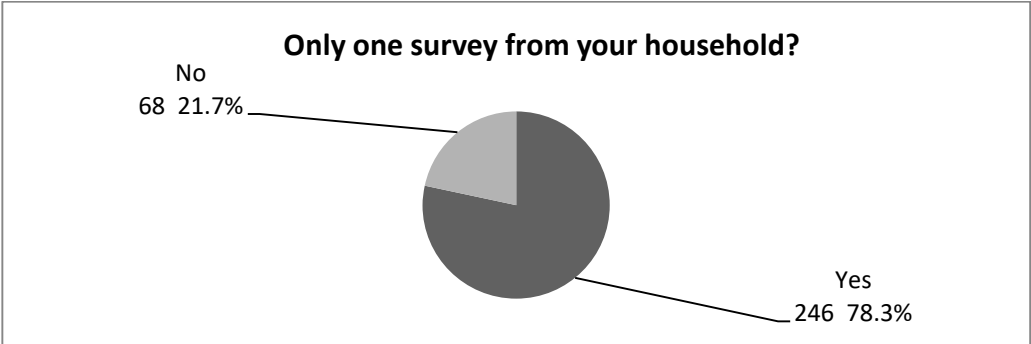
We agree whole heartedly with the need to develop a plan that maintains this delightfully unspoilt countryside. This will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the natural beauty of Pontesbury and its surrounding area.
We need more rental property within the parish, too many private homes being built and the poorer people in the parish are being forgotten.
We need to support young locals so they can stay local and not encourage people from cities to purchase a second home. Keep local people local.
We want allotments
We would want to see any development being as environmentally friendly as possible and for more consideration to be given to the location of locations that have poor access - be that quality or capacity.
What is the current + projected use of the building adjacent to the cricket ground - cadets. Could this not be repurposed / shared for the benefit of all young people. Why does the sports association prohibit the use of the field area by young people on an informal basis?
When building new homes more consideration should be given to the wider view. Not just that from the road or neighbouring houses, but the whole view considering quite distant houses from their upstairs rooms. Sometimes a view can be the whole reason for buying a house, and it's disruption should be given more value and consideration at planning stages.
When developing land consideration of public cycleways having access or rights of way over that land should be given. With a view to link Minsterley, Pontesbury and Hanwood together with a safe cycleway and further access to Shrewsbury. Three story, freehold, not leasehold, four bedroomed terraced housing rather than flats provides for larger families with the same footprint as a two bedroomed terrace. There is a lot of traditional brick and pitched roof housing. There is an opportunity to have more imaginative, modern designs mixed in with the traditional style. Todays modern design maybe sometimes controversial but it will become tomorrow's traditional design and will enhance all of our lives.
Woodland thus planted can also provide coverts for game shooting, a small but important branch of the local economy providing an extra income in winter for many local businesses and plenty of tasty local food
Yes affordable housing is for locals and not immigration placements as family member forced to pay high rental due to lack of existing properties a fairer Britain
you call pontesbury a "commuter village" which it will be if you don't turn it into a welcome eddy in the river of the humdrum. It can be that with thought but where can the visitor stop ? And indeed at the moment there is no incentive for a visitor to pause a while in the village. Also any new housing should ALL be affordable. for example those huge houses built on YOUNGS PIECE are ridiculously large and dominate the village ----- just take a walk to the top of pontesbury hill and look down at them. Such a shame, and my son, brought up and working in the village can't afford a starter home in the village . (sorry, i've had my rant now)
Youth facilities as they have closed down - it feels like village facilities are geared toward the elderly. A village will die if facilities arent provided for families and young people. In 2018, [The Parish Council] were meant to be reviewing the dire situation of traffic and safety around the schools and bizarrely nothing more has been mentioned, Disgusting.

About you

This final part of the survey explored the age range of the members of each responding household and where in the Parish these were located. In order not to duplicate this information the survey asked if the response was the only one for their household and if not, it asked respondents not to fill this part in twice.

Whilst this question has been asked many times in on other surveys without issue, it appears from the processed paper forms that some respondents had not understood the question, as more than expected came in with ‘No’ ticked for this question (Q33). It is likely that some respondents read ‘*Are you the only person in your household who has contributed to the answers you are submitting?*’

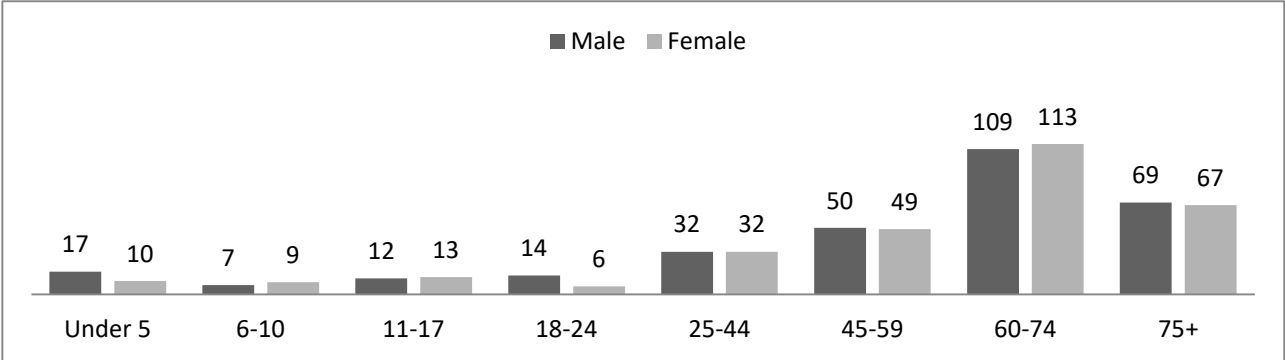
Q33 Are you the only person in your household completing a survey? If not, please ensure only one of you fills this part in.



Sixteen respondents did not provide an answer here (95.2% response rate)

Q34 Please write the number of individuals in your household in the relevant box. Please include those temporarily away from home e.g. those at University.

Again this question proved a little tricky as many respondents just placed a tick symbol in a (or several) box(es). These ticks have been entered as a numerical 1. It was also noticed that a number of forms had either such a tick or indeed a 1 or a 2 in the ‘Under 5’ boxes, but no other household members (adults) were indicated. Whilst under 5’s in Pontesbury may well be very advanced, it is unlikely they live alone in a household. We think therefore the under 5 categories may be slightly inflated despite being quite low. The majority of households who took part comprised of members aged 60 and over. Whilst processing the paper forms we did notice a number of forms indicating households comprising three generations.

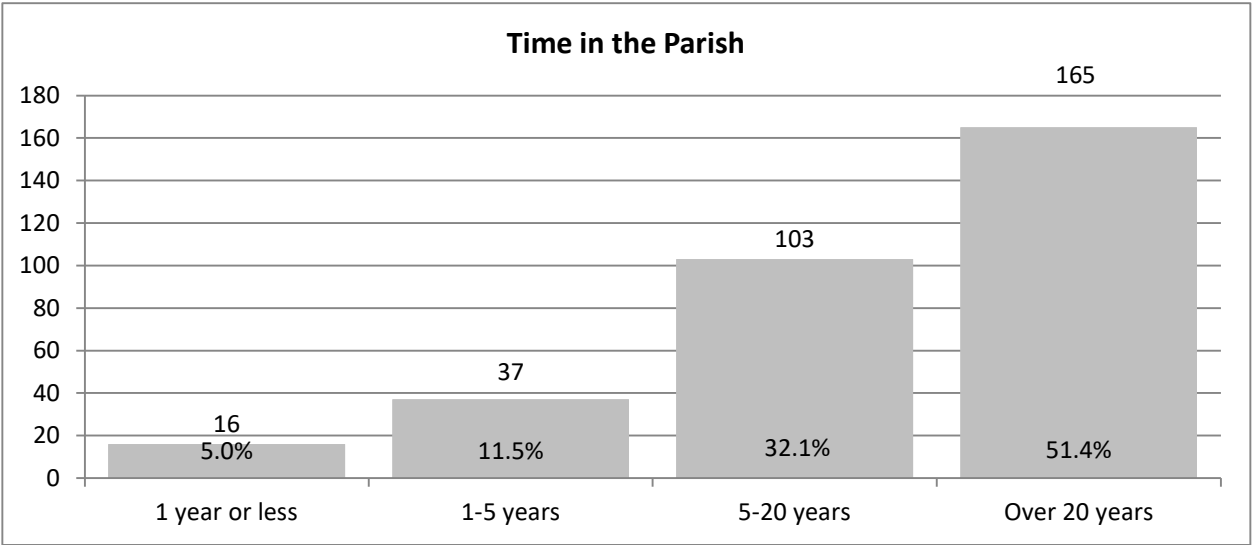


A small number of households had not answered this question (17, 94.8% response rate).

In addition to under 5’s apparently living alone, looking at the raw data for those who entered on-line, a number of respondents entered their age in a box or entered the number of members in that category in letters, not a numerical value. We have done our best to convert these to a value which can be totalled but again a degree of caution needs to be observed when interpreting this data but the age and gender profile of the households whose views have been included in this report are roughly as per the chart shown.

Please note that the age groups don’t all span the same number of years.

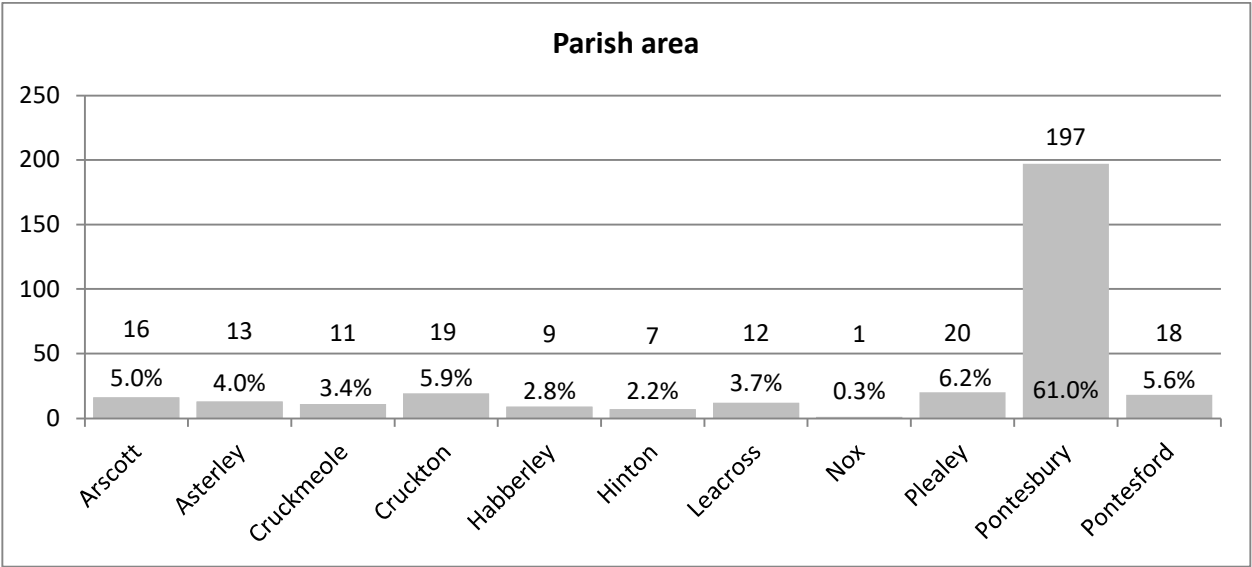
Q37 How many years has your household resided in the Parish?



Response rate 97.3% (Just 9 respondents left this one blank).

One respondent indicated they had lived in the Parish for over 60 years!

Q38 Which of the areas of the Parish do you consider your household to be at
(Please choose the nearest one if you are rural).



Just 7 did not answer (97.9% response rate)