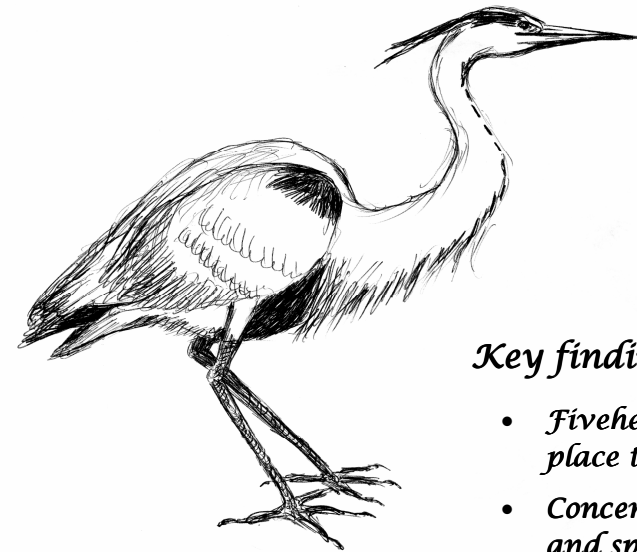


# Fivehead Parish Plan



## Questionnaire Results



### *Key findings include:*

- *Fivehead is a great place to live*
- *Concern over traffic and speed*
- *A wish for more community participation*



Fivehead Parish Plan

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*This is what you told us ...*



## Introduction

Well done Fivehead & Swell, a magnificent response to the questionnaire, eighty eight percent returned.

In these pages you will find the main points of your answers, laid out in graph form in an attempt to make it more interesting and understandable, liberally laced with some of your comments.

My first overall impression is, most residents like living in our community, but it could stand a 'tweak' or two. Quite a few of you would like to become involved in more sport and leisure activities. Also there is quite some concern regarding traffic safety. We ( The Steering Group ) will deal with these and the 'when' 'where' and 'how' thrown up by the questionnaire by consulting with those who expressed an interest, and with clubs and groups in the parish. Then we will establish an Action Plan to carry it forward.

If you wish to view the complete results, please contact one of the Steering Group, and it will be made available to you.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

### Keith Summers

Chair of the Steering Group

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Many again specified social activities they would like, perhaps at the village hall and playing field. As you will have read the hall committee's task is primarily to manage the hall and its finances and bookings.

Could the village do with a social committee?

Some offered good neighbour services: who will co-ordinate? What again of bulk purchases of fuel, or group composting? Many want better communications and a village diary. Who will co-ordinate? And there will be more ideas we have not picked up through the questionnaire.

There will have been an opportunity to talk things over and assess priorities on November 22. If you were unable to come to that and have any suggestions to make or further views to express, please pass them on to a member of the Committee or email them to Andrew Barrett at 'webmaster@fivehead-village.org.uk'.

We shall begin work on the Plan in the New Year, 2007. When it is published the present committee will have completed its task and will stand down. But it is likely that a continuing body will be needed to see through some of the aims set. There will be plenty of need for fresh blood then.

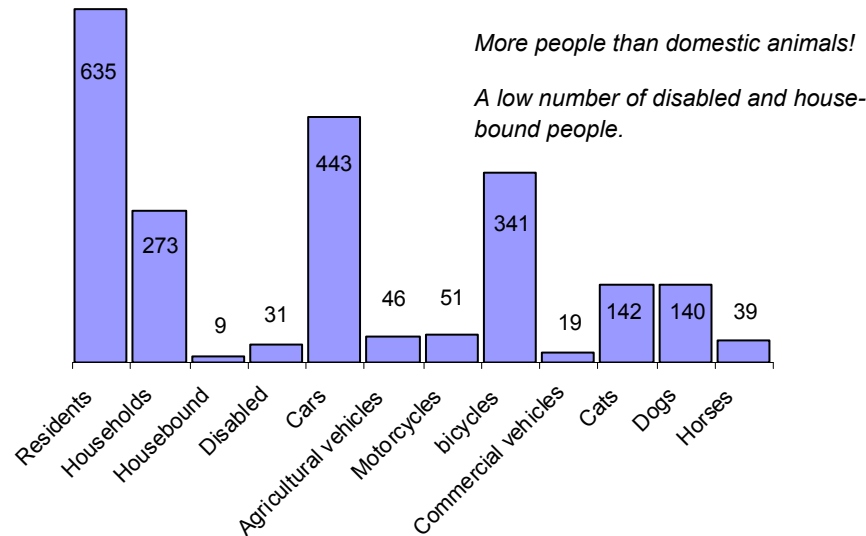
*This report is based on the questionnaires received by 12/11/2006. Its purpose is to give a general picture of the main issues covered in the questionnaire. In order to do so some data have been simplified. Some data and charts in this report show actual responses received and some are based on an extrapolated village population of 635 where in the judgement of the Steering Group this gives a more useful picture. Some percentages may not add up to 100% because of rounding. Some opinions and questionnaires were unclear and in such cases the Steering Group has used its judgement in recording the results.*

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## About Us

Figure 1



We have:

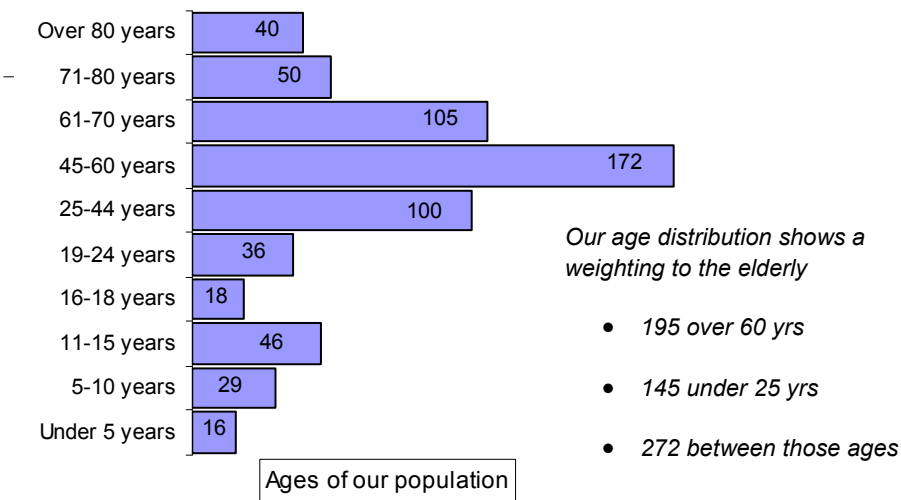
More domestic animals than households!

More people than domestic animals!

A low number of disabled and housebound people.

Our population [extrapolated from questionnaires received]

Figure 2



Our age distribution shows a weighting to the elderly

- 195 over 60 yrs
- 145 under 25 yrs
- 272 between those ages

Ages of our population

## Next Steps

Among the responses a number of people wrote “good questionnaire, but the test of it will be, what happens next?”

In this booklet we have done our best to set out what you ticked, and what you wrote. We have given weight to numbers, but also included some of the individual comments made.

What happens next? There will be published next year the definitive plan which identifies needs and sets targets. Now it is possible to begin to see what these might be. There are a number of wants listed and suggestions for improvements made. Some of these will be passed on to existing responsible bodies where appropriate:

- The Parish Council,
- The Hall Committee
- The Playing Field Committee
- The Road Speed Monitoring Group

There are already other groups who are active in the village: the churches, the WI, the Fivehead Fellowship, the drama group.

Many of you expressed an interest in leisure classes and activities of all sorts. Beyond those listed above there are more mentioned with smaller numbers.

Someone or some people will be needed to make anything happen. Who? Individuals? Or a group?

## Environment and Identity

Many again specified

We put the question about appearances, whether or not people liked the look of some things. Here we come on to image: the village image, the suburban image, and there were some views expressed against anything thought to be non-village like, such as street lighting, certain types of fence and a village sign. What gives identity to a village? This is hard to answer and one response made that point "the new village hall is a monstrous eyesore, but what goes on in it is really good".

- 53 people said they would like the telephone box to be cleaner

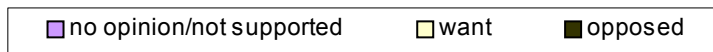
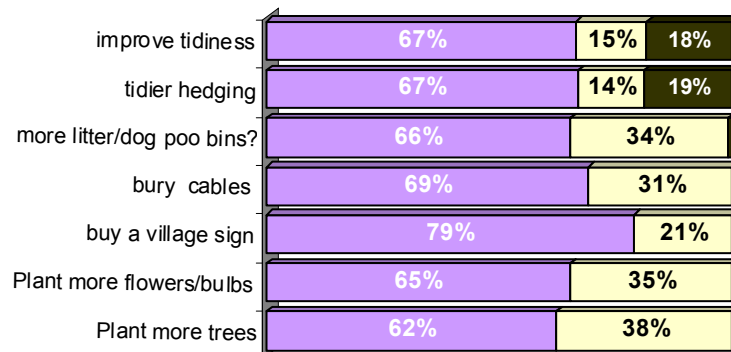


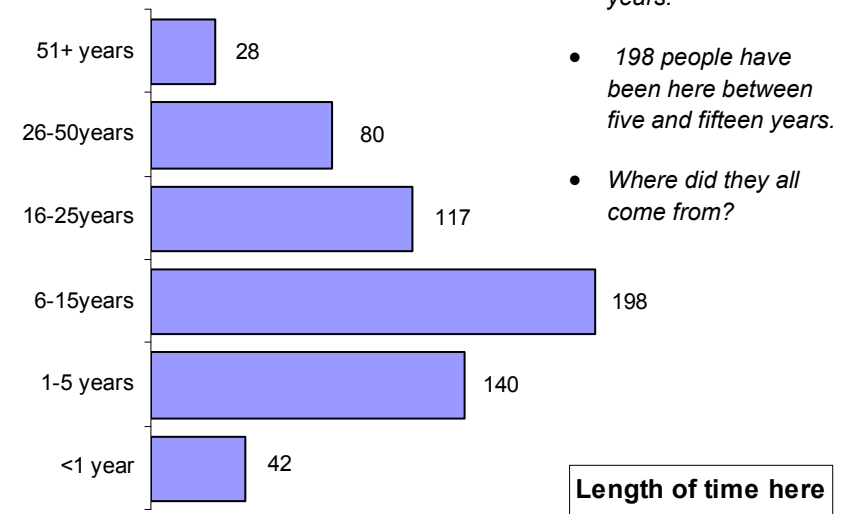
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### Green Issues:

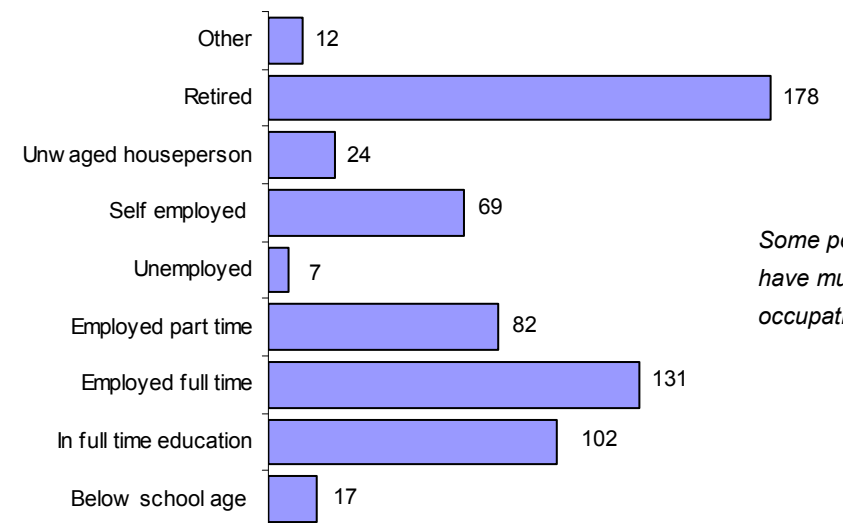
This is another sort of environmental concern. People would like more use of solar energy. Some regret the ending of the green waste collection; some would like to see a cardboard collecting facility, perhaps at the village hall. In answer to a specific question on composting, 140 said they would use a community composting facility.

Figure 3



- 180 people have been here less than five years.
- 198 people have been here between five and fifteen years.
- Where did they all come from?

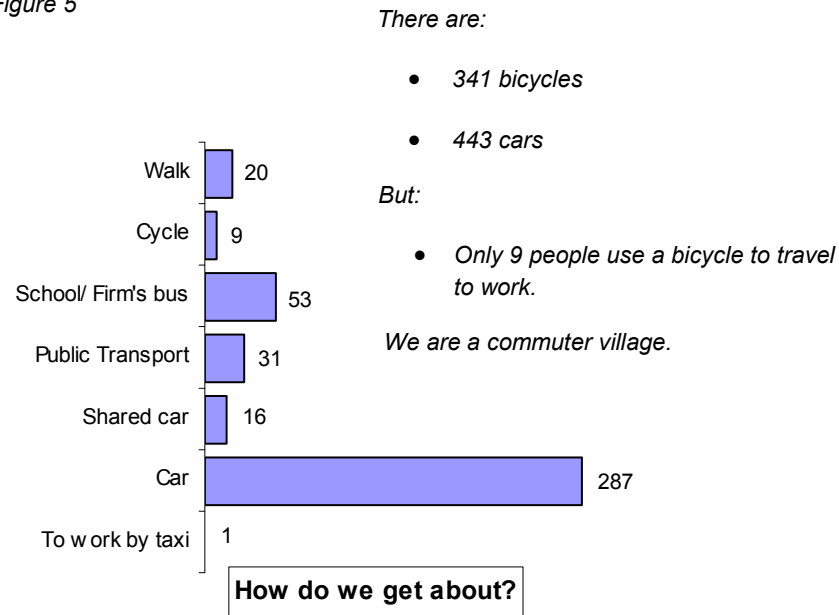
Figure 4



Some people have multiple occupations

What do people do all day?

Figure 5



## Youth and Children

You said:

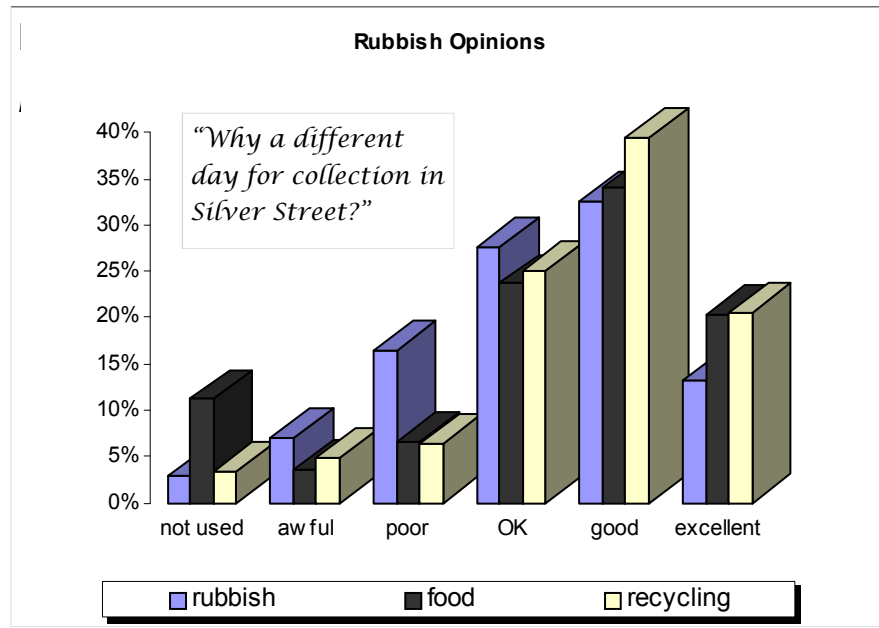
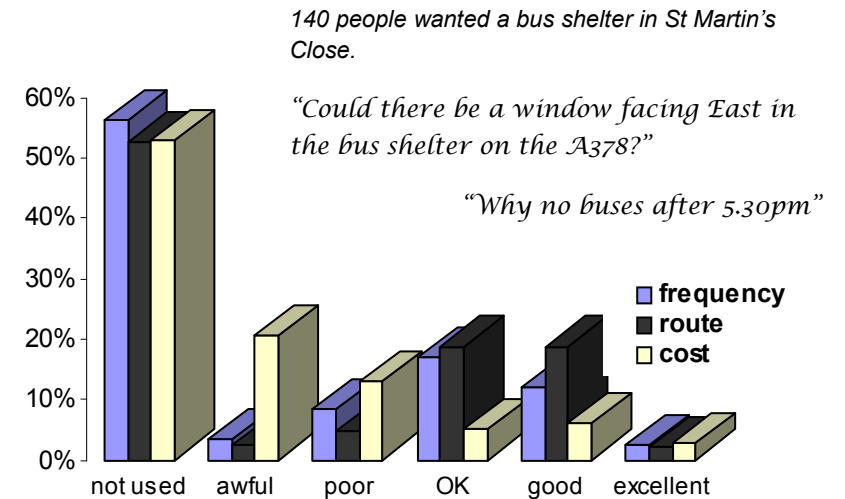
*".....more activities are needed for the young"*

*"The heart goes out of a village when there is no school"*

- 12 requests for various activities specifically for youth
- Youth club at the Baptist Church
- Brownie Group at the church
- Football and other sports facilities at the playing field
- There is a play group in the village hall.
- 97 people thought there should be a youth representative on the Village Hall Committee.

## Buses

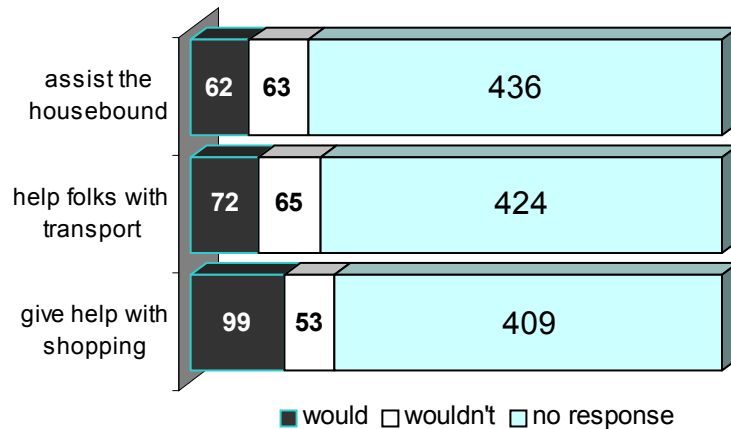
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## Neighbourliness

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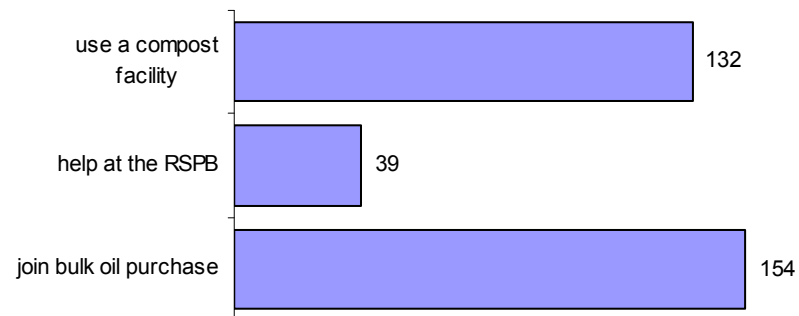
Some of us would .....



## Village Facilities

Figure 24

Some of us would .....



- 160 of us use a delivery service of one kind or another

## Quality of Life

Figure 6

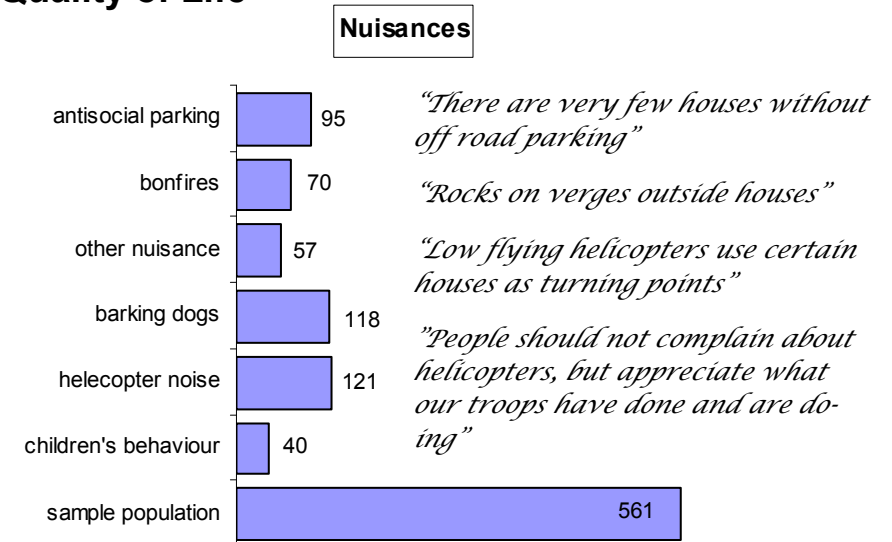
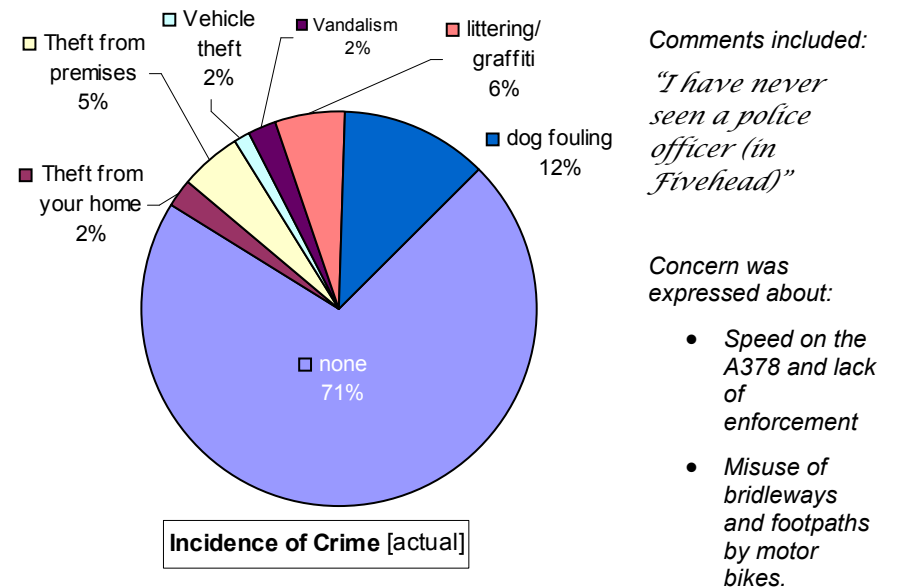


Figure 7



## Housing and Planning

Figure 8

**Planning Decisions**

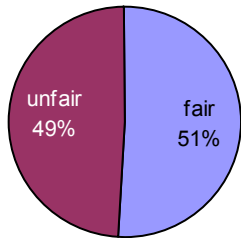


Figure 9

**Planning enforcement**

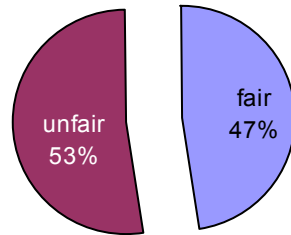
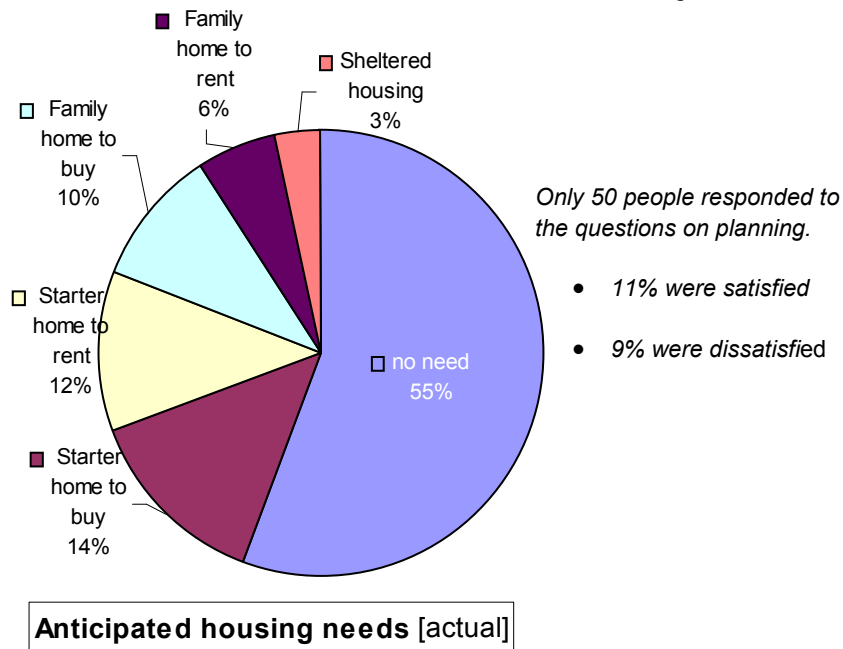


Figure 10



## Community Spirit & Communications

*“A decreasing number of people are willing to commit themselves to village activities”*

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*“We would take more part in village activities if better advertised”*

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*“The various groups need to pull together to create a community with spirit”*

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*“There is a lack of community spirit and village support in general”*

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*“Communications needs improving”*

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*“Keep (the) quietness and village quality”*

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- 176 people voted for a village organisations list
- 29% of respondents rated the Village Newsletter as OK and 57% as Good or Excellent.

# Wants

Figure 21

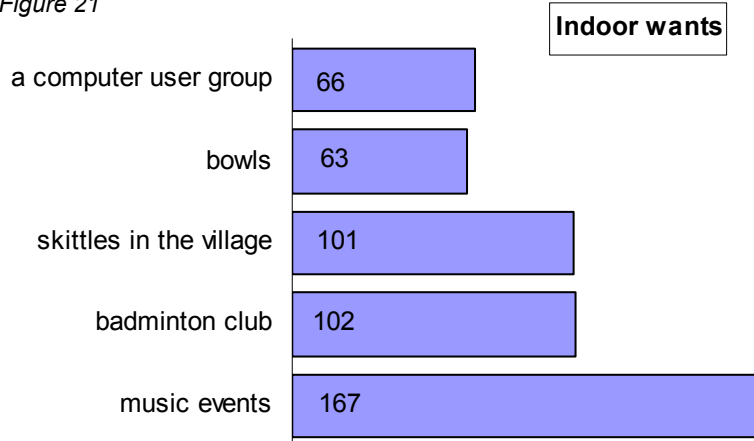
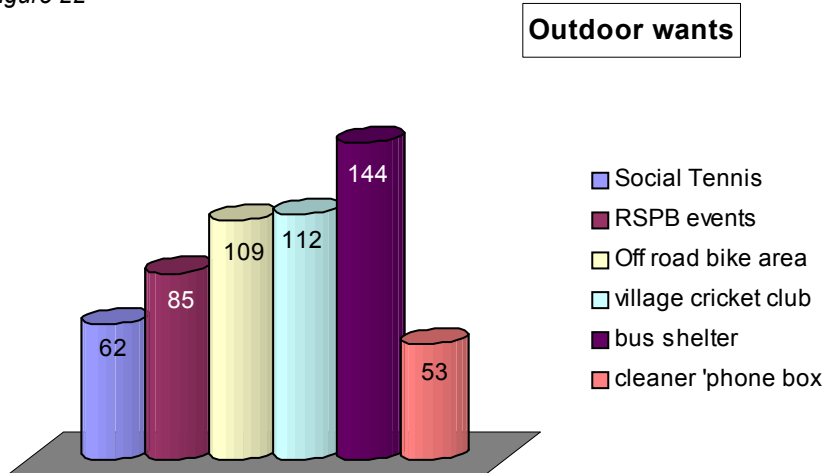


Figure 22



People are willing to see some development although a significant number are in opposition to the county/district plan which allows no development outside the lines currently drawn

Figure 11

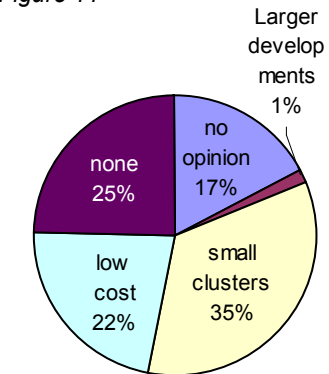
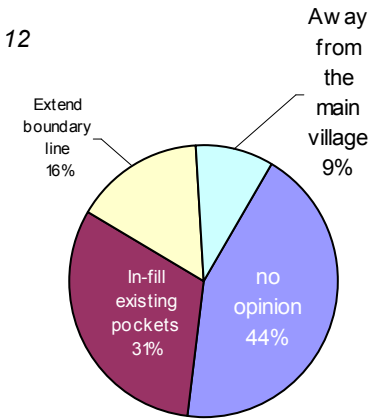


Figure 12



Development preferences [actual]

Development location [actual]

# Traffic Concerns

We asked specific questions and also invited written comment. There were more written comments on traffic than on any other subject, chiefly in the boxes provided. The following graph gives the ticked response.

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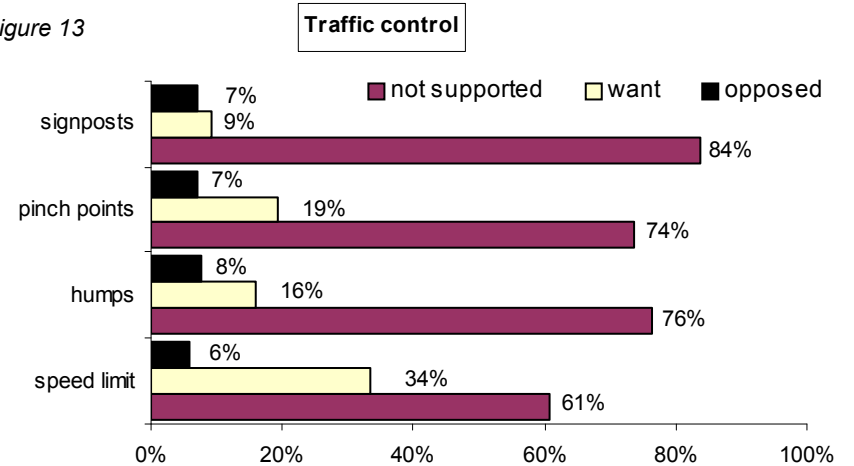
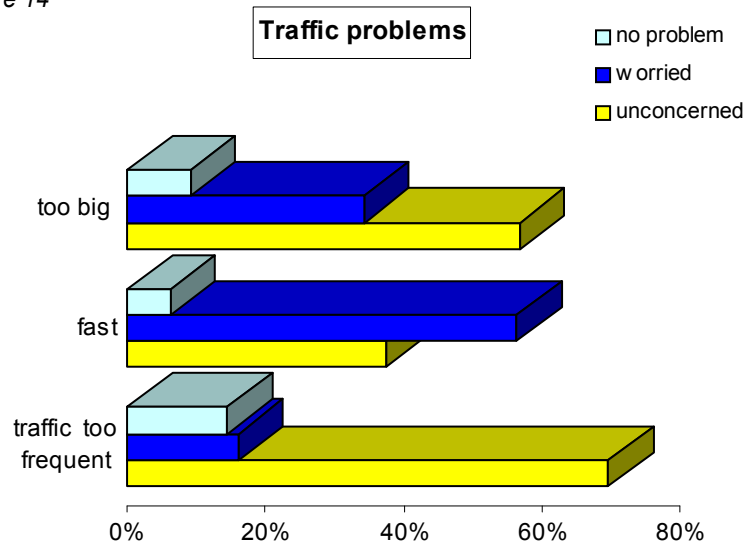


Figure 14



There is no great concern over the frequency of traffic, but 56% were worried about speed.

Written comments included:

*"danger to residents from traffic on the main road"*

*"slow down traffic on the main road, and illuminated road signs"*

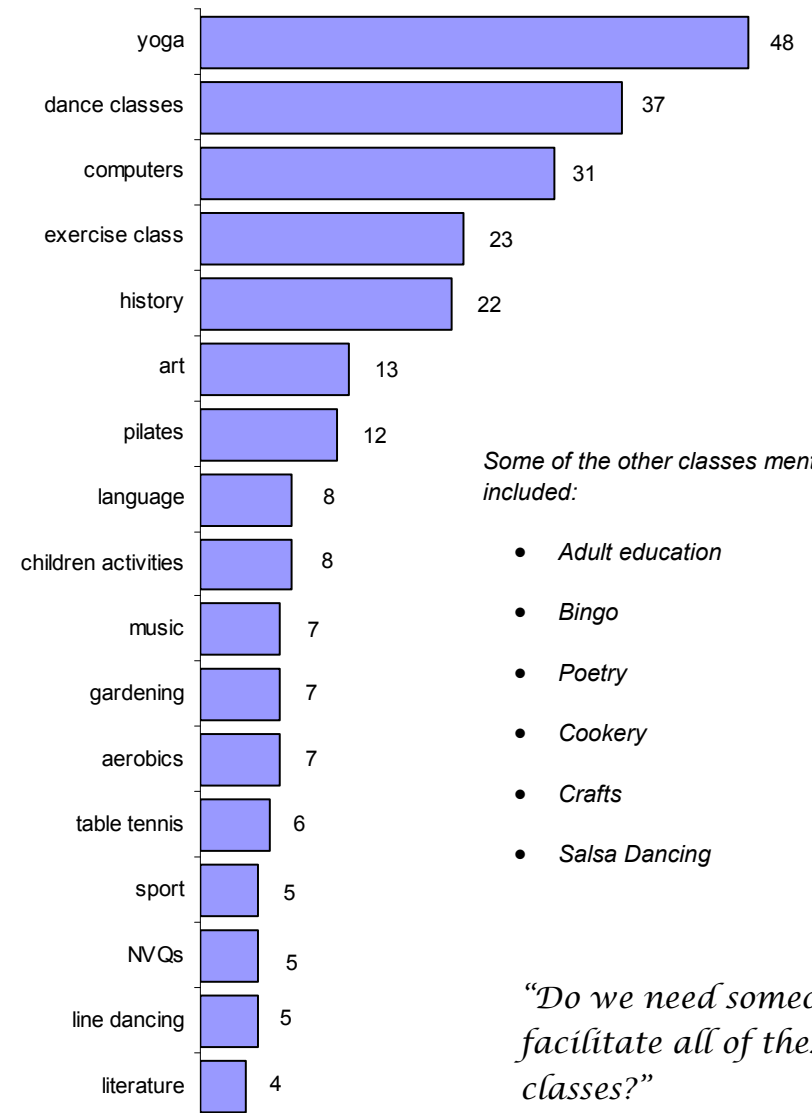
*"need to slow down traffic at Swell turn and in Fivehead"*

Speed is chiefly an issue on A378, but some complained of it on Butchers Hill.

The number of persons who are concerned is not large. A close look at the questionnaires shows that it depends where people live.

## Classes and Leisure Activities

Figure 20



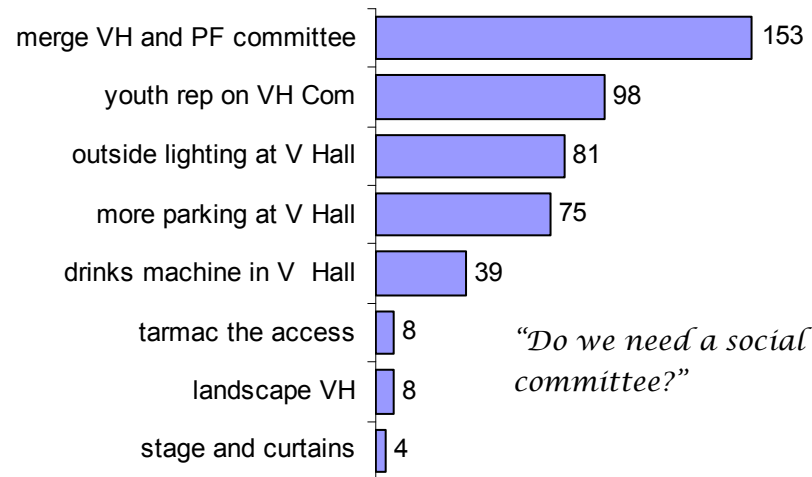
Some of the other classes mentioned included:

- Adult education
- Bingo
- Poetry
- Cookery
- Crafts
- Salsa Dancing

*"Do we need someone to facilitate all of these classes?"*

## Village Hall and Playing Field

Figure 19



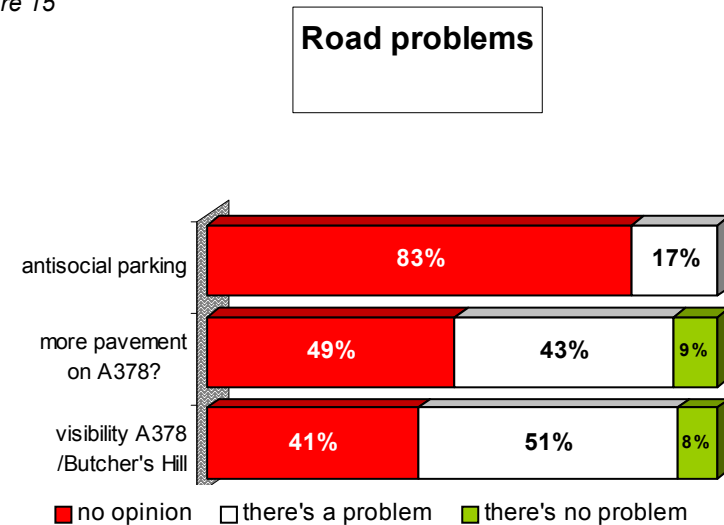
Written responses also requested almost every form of sport including rugby, netball, basketball, social tennis, cricket team and a swimming pool, although none were in significant numbers.

153 people favoured merging the Village Hall and Playing Field Committees and 8 were opposed.

*“The hall should be upgraded to a sports and leisure facility for families, with darts, skittles, pool and a licensed bar”.*

*“The new village hall is a monstrous eyesore, but what goes on in it is really good”.*

Figure 15



When looking at the above graph keep in mind that people have drawn attention to areas of the road they know and use.

The graph suggests that two issues are of some general concern:

Visibility at the top of Butchers Hill. Analysis shows those who don't use it don't have a problem! However, concern was expressed about most of the other junctions along the A378, including those at Ganges Hill and the road to Swell.

43% of people thought more pavement at the west end of the A378 would be a good idea.

There were strongly worded calls for action to stop speeding accidents at Tanyard Farm.

A few people thought there is also a problem at the centre of the village.

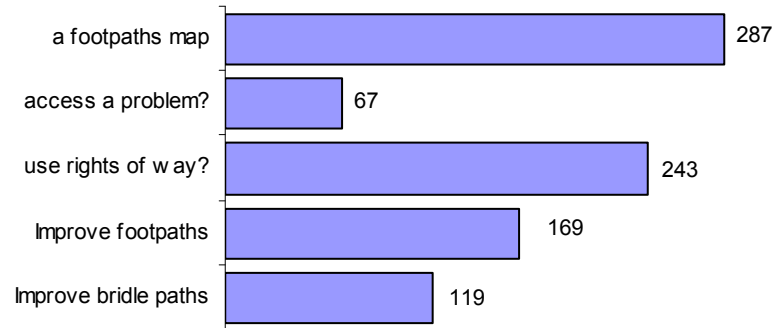
Complaints of large lorries and antisocial parking were frequent among residents in Millers Orchard and that area of the village from the Baptist church:

33 people complained of size [6% of respondents]

10 of speed in the centre of the village [2% of respondents]

## Footpaths and other Rights of Way

Figure 16



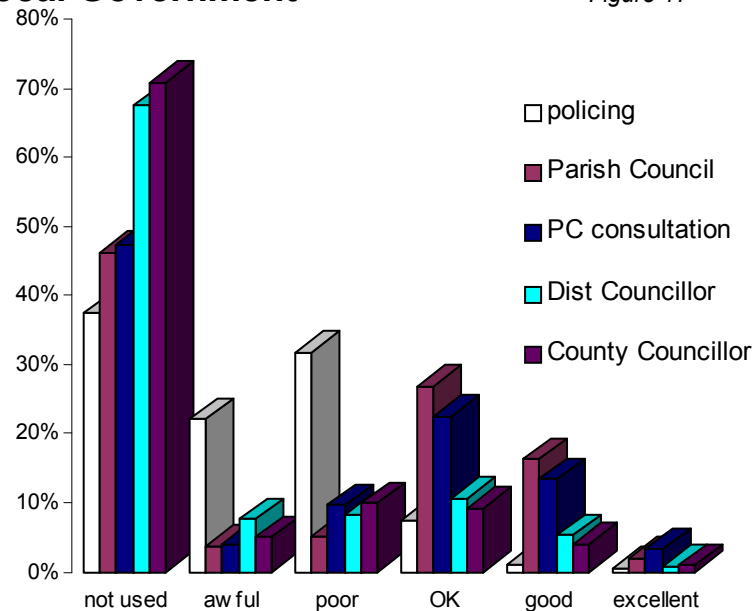
*“Bridleways need improving”*

*“There is a gradual loss of traditional rights of way”*

*“Motorbikes are using bridleways”*

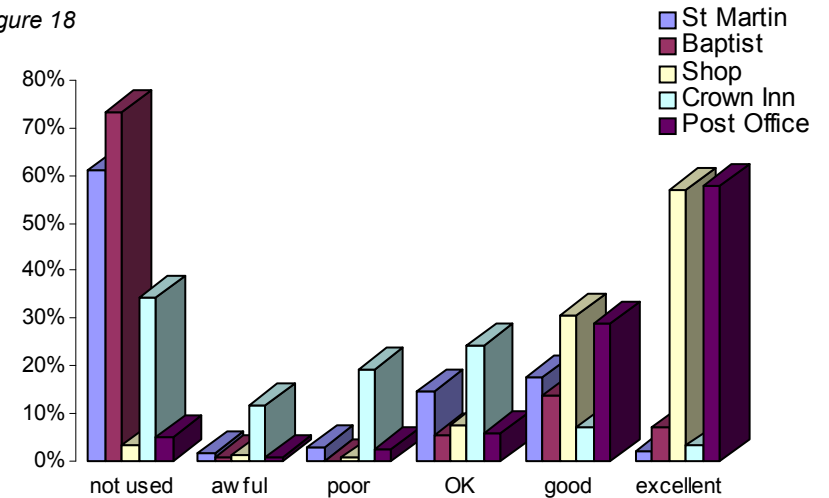
## Local Government

Figure 17



## Community Services

Figure 18



*These places can be looked at as foci of the community and hubs of the village, as well as providing individual facilities. Evaluation will take both into account.*

*Written comments included:*

*“The pub is lost to the village: could its facilities and function be replaced in the village hall?”*

*“Fivehead is a good place to live: keep it as it is, PO, shop, church, pub”*

*“We must retain PO at all costs”.*

### Use of church and chapel

- 60 persons used one or the other at least monthly
- 55 at least once a year
- 40 worshipped outside the parish
- 325 were not interested