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# Luppitt Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Report

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## Introduction

Neighbourhood Planning is one of the new 'rights' introduced in the Localism Act 2011. It is a way that communities can have their say on the type of development they want to see in their area. A Neighbourhood Plan, once adopted, will form part of the Local Development Plan.

Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan steering group invited Catalyst, as part of a larger Blackdown Hills consortium, to help enable the whole community to have an opportunity to engage with the neighbourhood planning process for their parish.

## Methodology

Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire was developed by: Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, East Devon District Council, The Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, Stuart Todd and Paul Weston the appointed neighbourhood planning consultants, and Martin Parkes from the Community Council of Devon. A copy of the questionnaire is included as Appendix A.

The Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire was posted to every household within the parish. Each household received a return envelope and was encouraged to make more copies for each household member. Additionally questionnaires could be downloaded and printed from the parish website.

The questionnaire was posted out in mid-July, with a closing 20 August. Returns were accepted a week beyond this.

The responses to all questions asked are included within the Questions, Results and Analysis section and where appropriate these are commented upon and further analysis conducted.

Within the conclusion a selection of key messages from the questionnaire are highlighted.

## Questions, Results and Analysis

### Response Rate

A total of 77 questionnaires were received. Luppitt's population is 460.<sup>1</sup> Therefore 17% of the local population took the opportunity to respond.

To further compare those who have responded with the demography of the parish, a comparison with other Census 2011 data can be made to see if the level of response is representative of the parish.

	Census 2011	Respondents
In full time employment	21.7%	28%
In part time employment	16.4%	18%
Economically inactive (e.g. homemakers, carers, retired, students etc.)	24.6%	45%

The level of employment of respondents correlates well with the overall parish. The discrepancy about those 'Economically inactive' people is due to a large response of retired individuals, 30.

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<sup>1</sup> Census 2011

There is another discrepancy with younger people responding; only 1% (1 respondent) was in full time education, when 20.5% of the population are under 20.<sup>2</sup> Where appropriate this potential bias in responses is considered within the analysis.

It may be necessary for the Neighbourhood Plan committee to consider additional engagement with young people to ensure their opinions are included.

All comments made have been included within the report as written, so as to avoid any misinterpretation in writing the report.

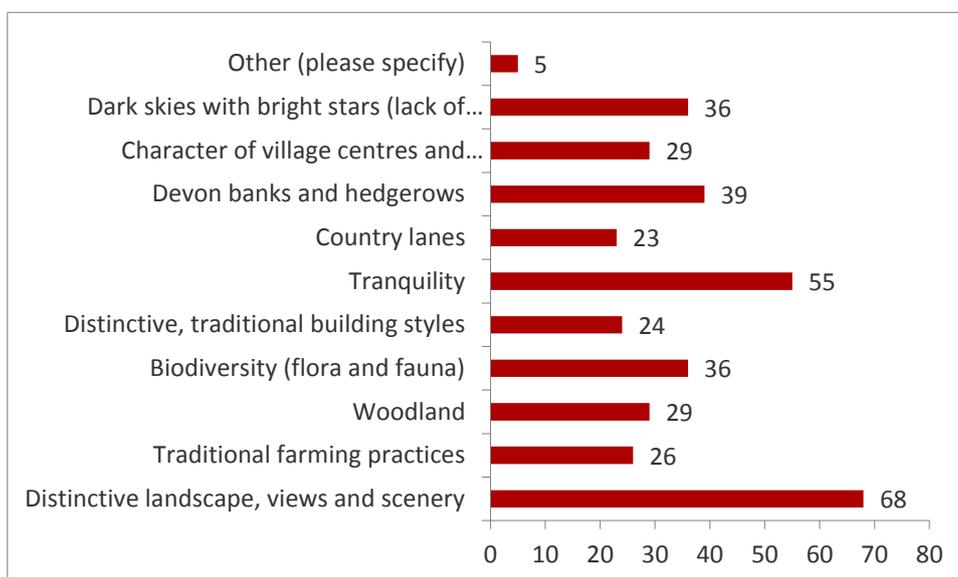
## Responses

### The Natural Environment

#### I. In your view, which of these qualities make the Blackdown Hills a special place? (PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP 5)

One person skipped this question.

FIGURE I



There were five 'other' comments:

- Walking in common lands unable to see/hear any roads! a sea of tranquillity
- All of these apply
- friendly people
- all important in preserving the unique character and diverse wildlife. Encourage small holdings, wild places, tree planting. resist cutting mature trees, destroying hedgerows
- Lack of intrusive development (except Dunkeswell).

The 'distinctive landscape, views and scenery' is identified as the key quality of the Blackdown Hills. 88% of respondents identified this as one of their five choices. The other qualities chosen by more than 50% of respondents were: tranquillity and Devon banks and hedgerows. Overall, features of the natural landscape (Devon banks, biodiversity, woodland and distinctive landscape, views and scenery) have a higher value for residents than human features (character of village centres and settlements, country lanes, building styles and traditional farming practices).

On average the non-physical qualities (tranquillity and dark skies) were of highest value.

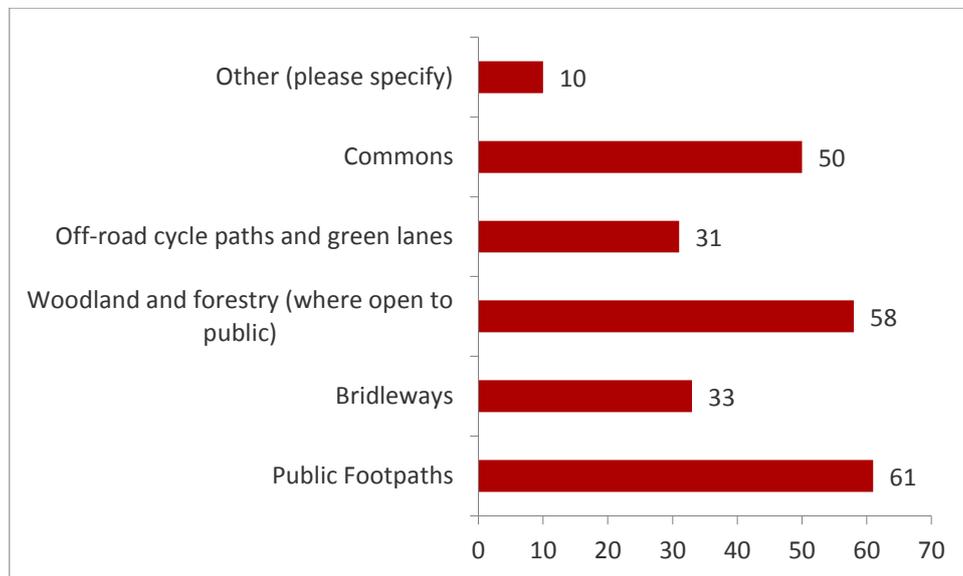
<sup>2</sup> Census 2011

The least popular choice was 'country lanes', which only 30% of respondents chose.

## 2. Which of the following do you feel are important to enable you to access and enjoy the local countryside? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

Five people skipped this question.

FIGURE 2



The ten 'other' comments were:

- lack of busy main roads near Luppitt (m, a classes)
- Unkempt potholed lanes (seriously)
- Country Lanes
- this village could connect with its community by providing local food. the natural environment has been shaped by farming- now sustainable farming and permaculture will preserve our diverse habitats. Climate change and agr. business will destroy our environment unless we work on the small beautiful principal
- all lanes to be repaired and visibility to be improved and maintained
- Unmade roads accessible to 4x4
- Tighter control of vehicle size and speed
- commons - if left unfenced
- over grown hedges and trees - cut back
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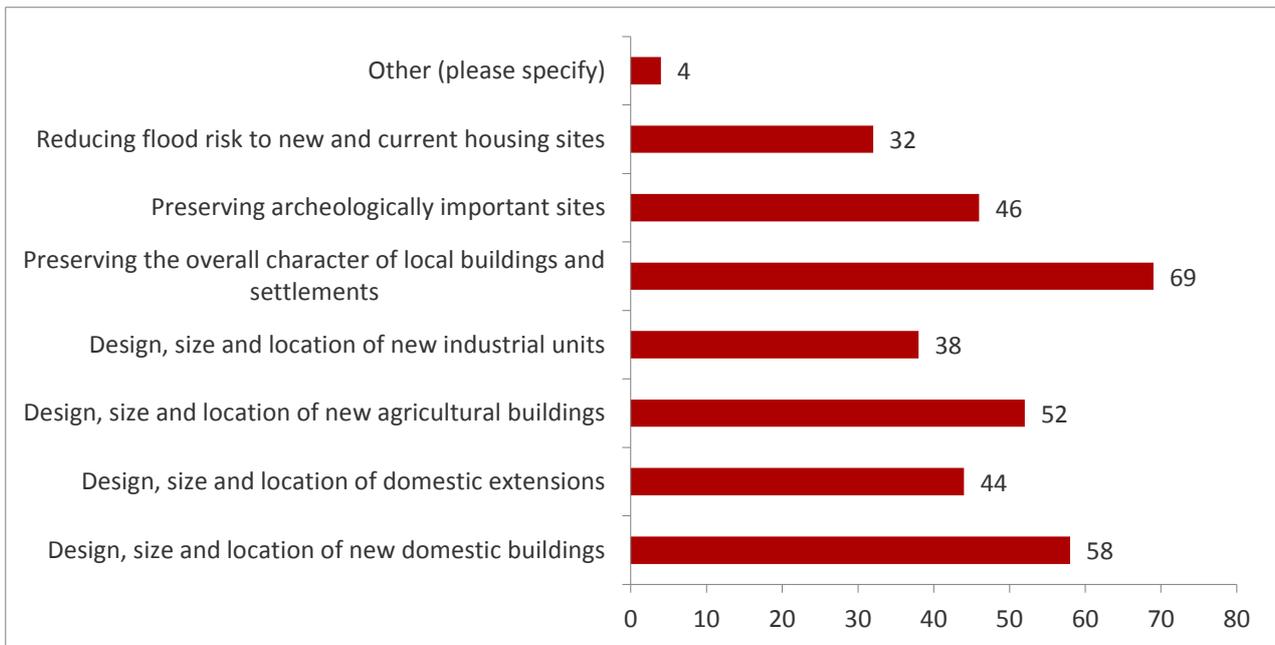
Footpaths (79% of respondents), woodland (75% of respondents) and commons (65% of respondents) are of high importance to residents for enabling them to access the local countryside. Considering the high value placed on the countryside from responses to question 1, accessing it is of equally high importance.

## Built and Historic Environment

### 3. What priorities do you think our Neighbourhood Plan should focus on? (PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

No people skipped this question.

FIGURE 3



The four 'other' comments were:

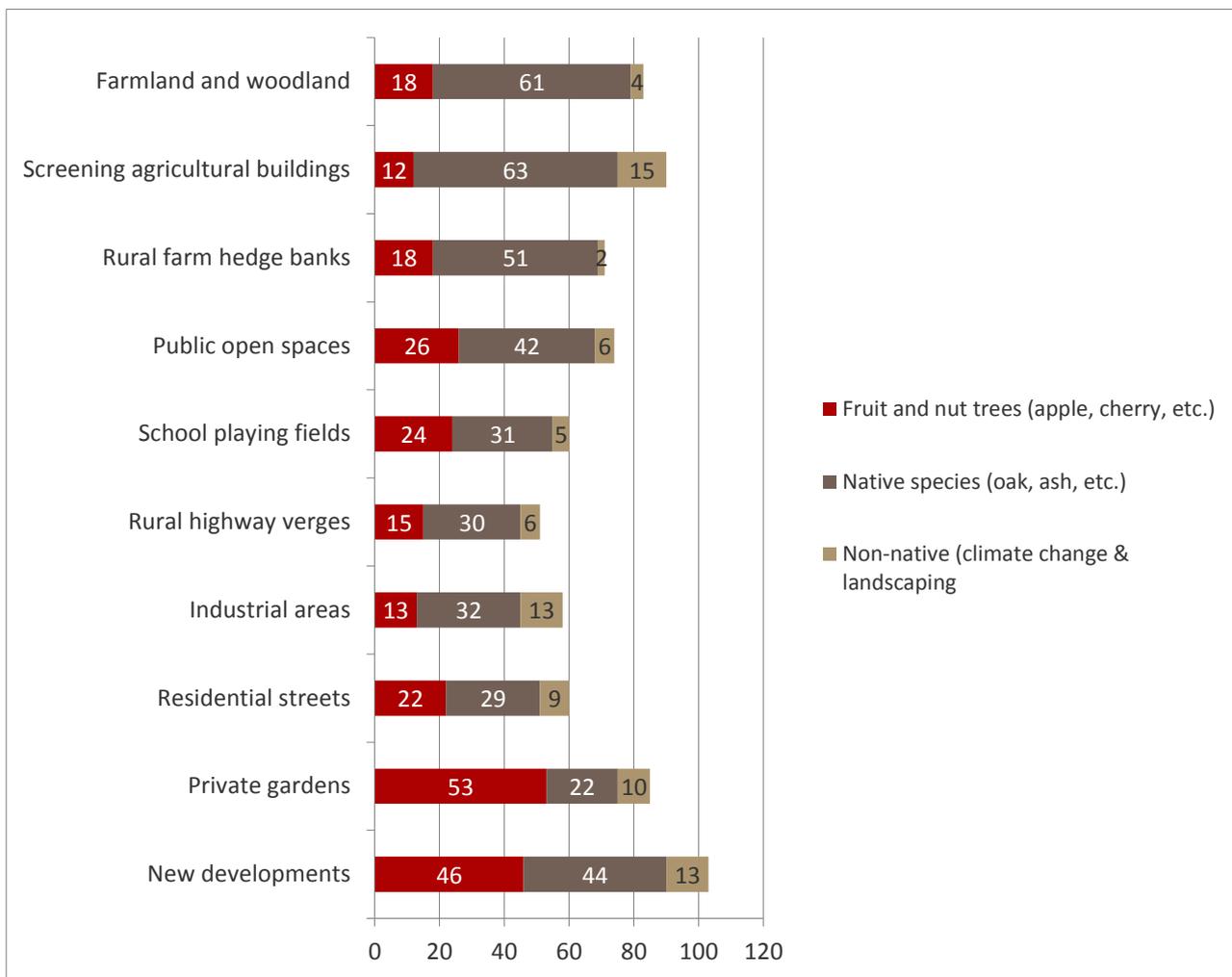
- There should be a strong presumption against new development of any kind involving industrial units in rural areas and additional houses which are ruining so many villages and hamlet centres
- design size location of agricultural tied housing
- a few small self-build or co-ops using the style of early traditional stone buildings to make dwellings for local young people who are looking after the land. encourage young people who have always lived here and want to make a contribution to preserving the unique habitat we have for wild life by allowing a small number of energy efficient homes for people working the land
- Incomers to understand tradition.

'Preserving the overall character of local buildings and settlements' is the most popular priority for the neighbourhood plan regarding the built environment, chosen by 90% of respondents.

**4. Please tell us where, if anywhere, you would like to see more trees being planted in our built and natural environment? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Four people skipped this question.

**FIGURE 4**



There is a definite preference for 'native species'; the total of positive choices for 'native species' being greater than 'fruit and nut', and 'non-native trees', combined.

The most popular location for fruit and nut trees is 'private gardens'.

The most popular location for native species is 'screening agricultural buildings'.

The most popular location for non-native species is 'screening agricultural buildings'.

The most popular location for new trees overall is 'new developments'.

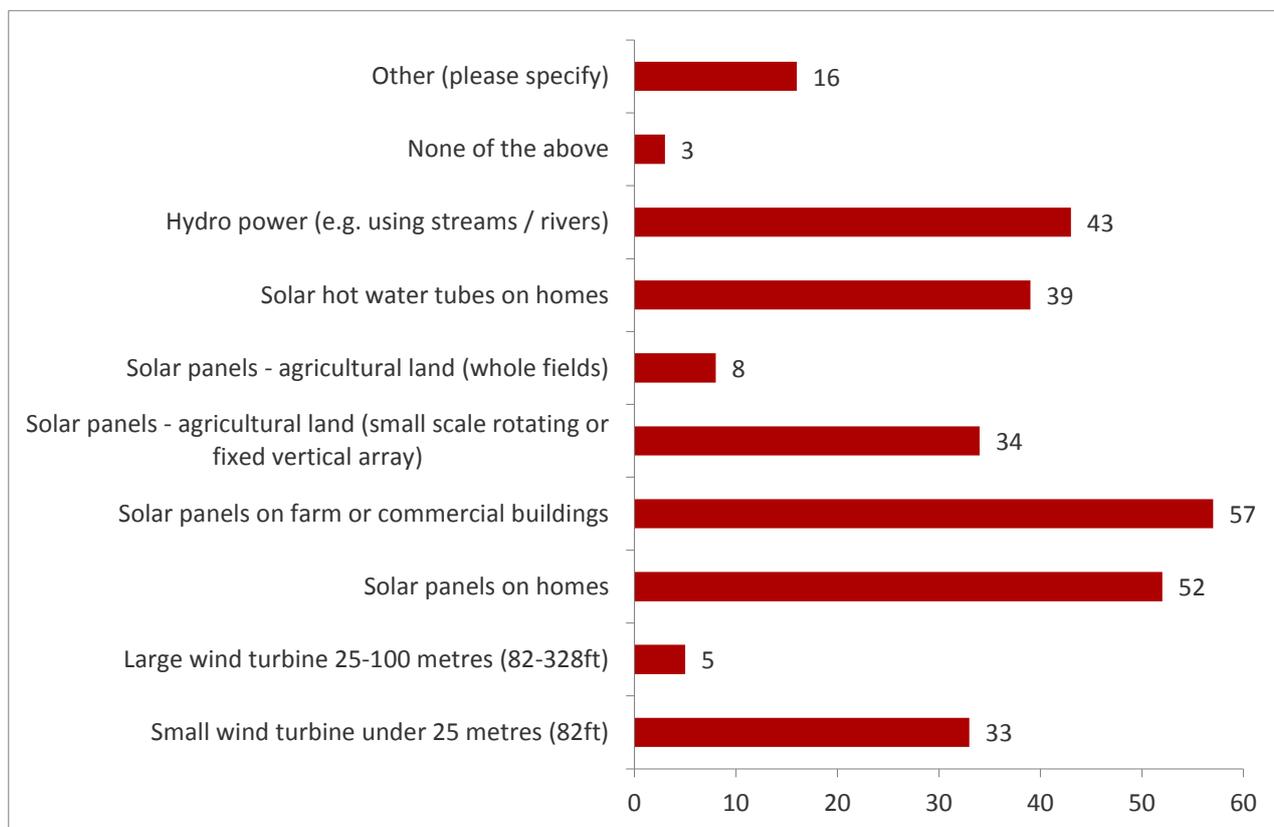
The least popular location for new trees overall is 'rural highway verges'.

## Energy and Low Carbon Alternatives

5. Which, if any, of the following technologies are you supportive of being installed sensitively in your parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

No people skipped this question.

FIGURE 5



The sixteen other comments were:

- Bladslight and other related free energy
- Definitely not solar on agricultural land
- Solar panels - the design needs to be monitored of all solar panels otherwise it will ruin character of our village. Common land could be used for benefit of whole parish
- biomass
- We need a small number of new homes for young people but it must be with the advice of CPRE. we need government support for local young people to buy empty large properties to live in and farm community
- renewable energy has to be a priority also insulate buildings better and waste less energy
- encourage people to use less electricity not generate more
- ground source/air source heat pumps
- No field solar!
- Air pumps for heat and cooling-ground source
- Gas
- not sure of any of these systems- other than hydro power- so many of these ideas are useless and too expensive
- definitely NOT WIND TURBINES
- re hydro power- if low key and not affects natural habitats
- biomass boilers
- biomass boilers

'Solar panels on farm or commercial buildings', 74% of respondents and 'solar panels on homes', 68% of respondents were the two most popular low carbon alternatives. Hydro power and solar hot water tubes on homes also were supported by more than 50% of respondents.

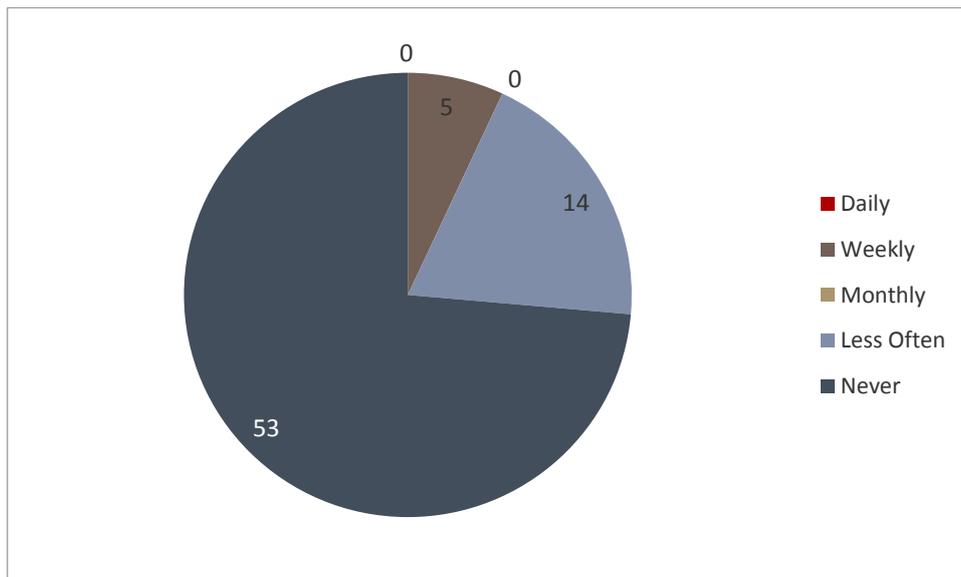
## Transport and Accessibility

Questions 6 and 7, and, 8 and 9 are discussed together.

### 6. Do you cycle to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?

Five people skipped this question.

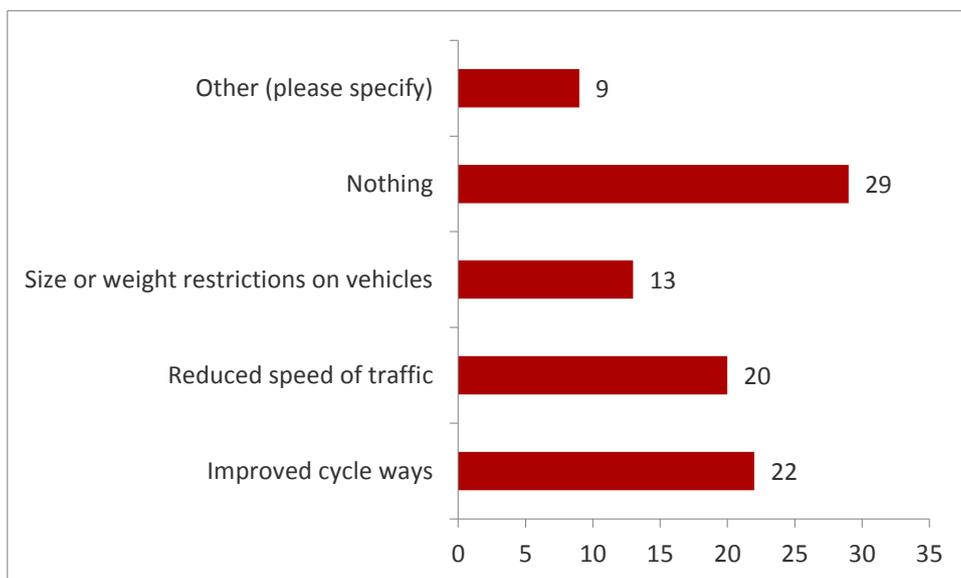
FIGURE 6



### 7. What would encourage you to cycle more?

Seventeen people skipped this question.

FIGURE 7



The nine 'other' comments were:

- live too far away
- 20 years off my age
- arthritis prevents myself from cycling
- Reduce my age by 20 years!
- Better road surface and removal of potholes.
- none too old
- reducing size of agricultural tractors and HGV type vehicles
- Fill in some of the pot holes as around wick. There are hundreds that stay like it for years. so I ask you why do I pay council tax and you never do anything about it
- Too scary to cycle down country lanes with Dunkeswell trucks etc.

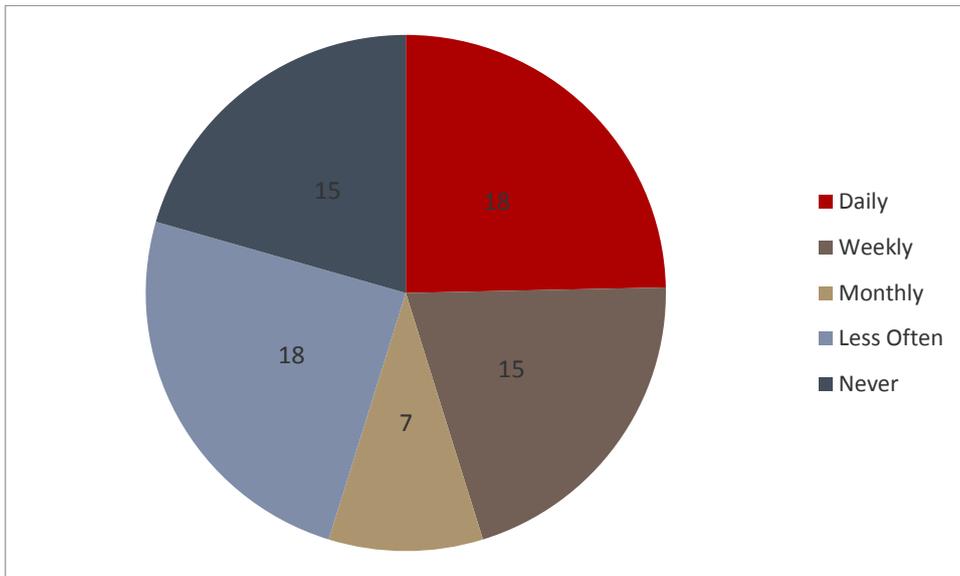
Considering questions 6 and 7 together, the majority of respondents (69%) currently do not cycle and 29, 38%, said nothing would encourage them to cycle, with a further seventeen choosing not to respond to this question. This suggests cycling is, and will be, a limited activity within the parish.

This isn't surprising given the geography, the age-profile of respondents and the nature of local roads, all identified within the additional comments.

**8. Do you walk to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?**

Four people skipped this question.

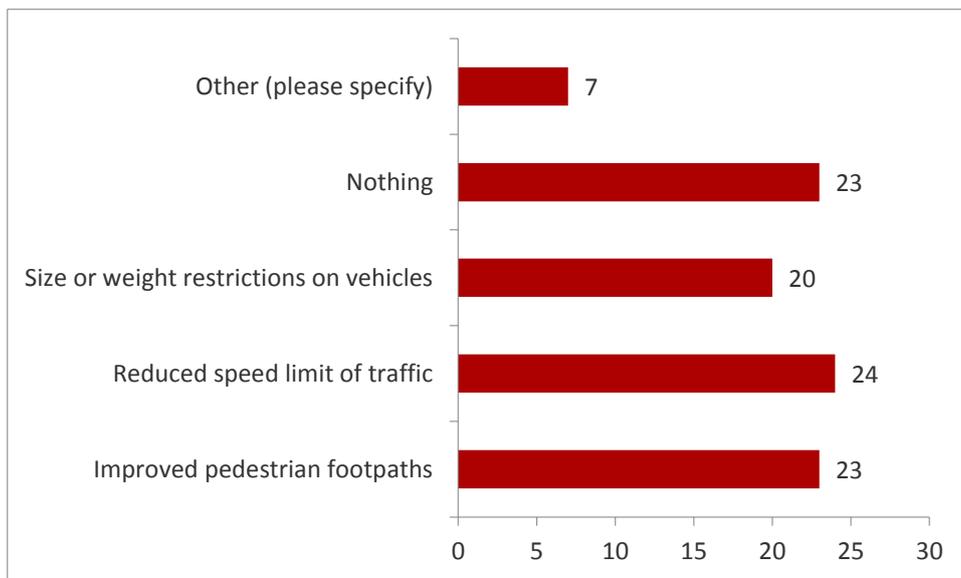
FIGURE 8



**9. What would encourage you to walk more?**

Thirteen people skipped this question.

FIGURE 9



The seven 'other' comments were:

- live too far away
- if there were more local facilities
- New legs!
- I get younger instead of older
- the mud that higher wick farm covers the road in and never cleans it why don't the council do something about that
- we walk for enjoyment and to exercise dogs
- live too far away

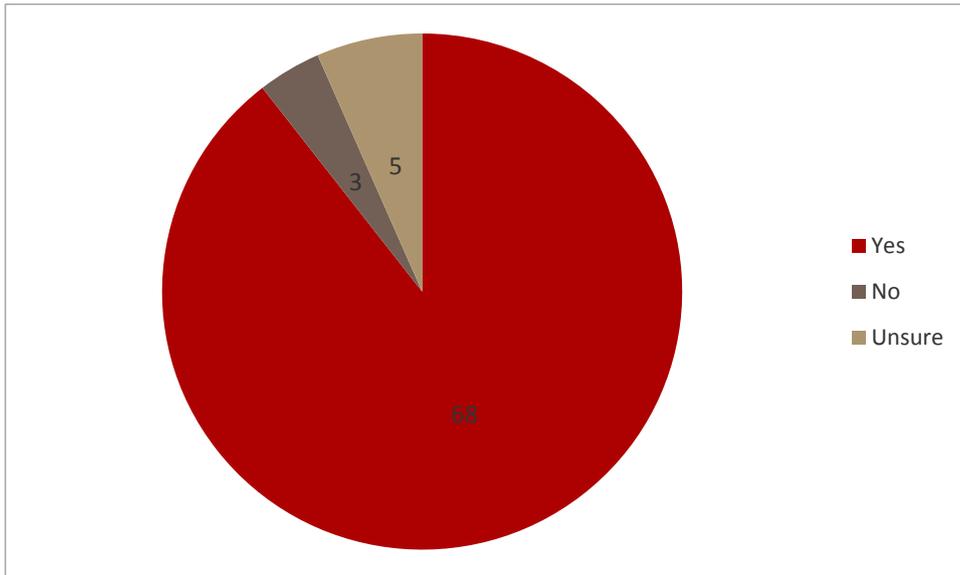
Walking is much more popular than cycling. Over half of respondents walk within the parish at least monthly.

None of the options for encouraging more walking within the parish was supported by 50% of respondents however. This suggests there may be little that can be done to encourage more walking within the parish.

**10. Should visibility splays be decided upon locally, (in consultation with Devon County Council Highways and East Devon District Council) to ensure character of our villages and lanes is balanced with safety?**

One person skipped this question.

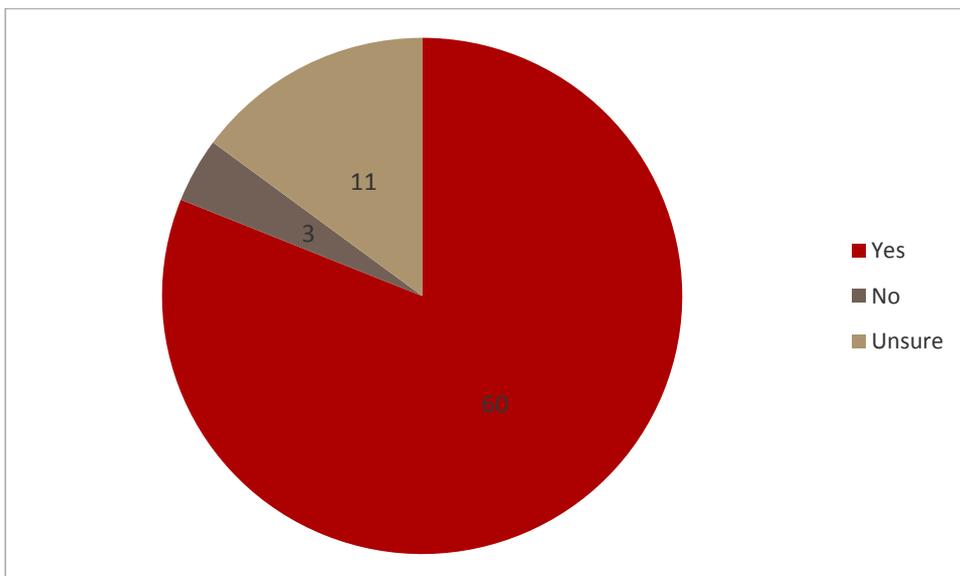
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**11. Would you prefer decisions regarding the number of parking spaces for new houses to be taken within the local area, in consultation with DCC Highways and East Devon District Council?**

Three people skipped this question.

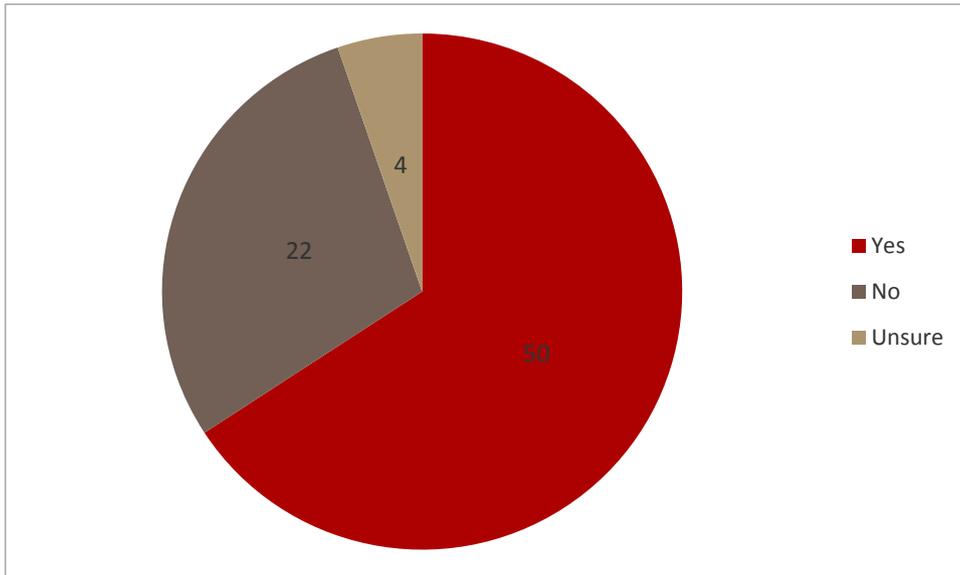
FIGURE 11



**12. Do you think the character of our settlements and lanes could be enhanced by reducing unnecessary signage and street furniture?**

One person skipped this question.

FIGURE 12



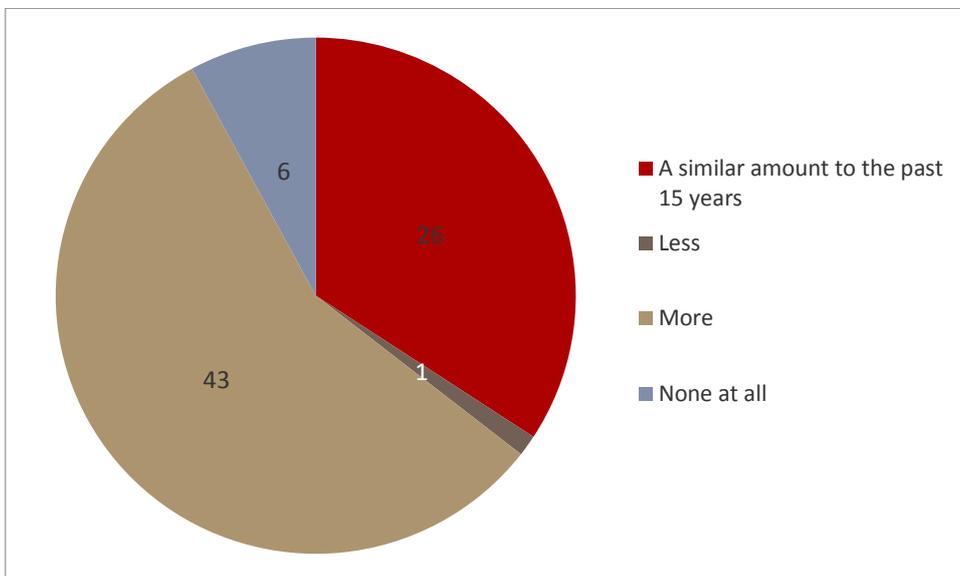
### Population and Housing

Over the last 15 years, 2 new homes were created in Luppitt parish.

#### 13. Over the next fifteen years, how many new homes do you think should be created in our parish to meet our housing needs?

One person skipped this question.

FIGURE 13



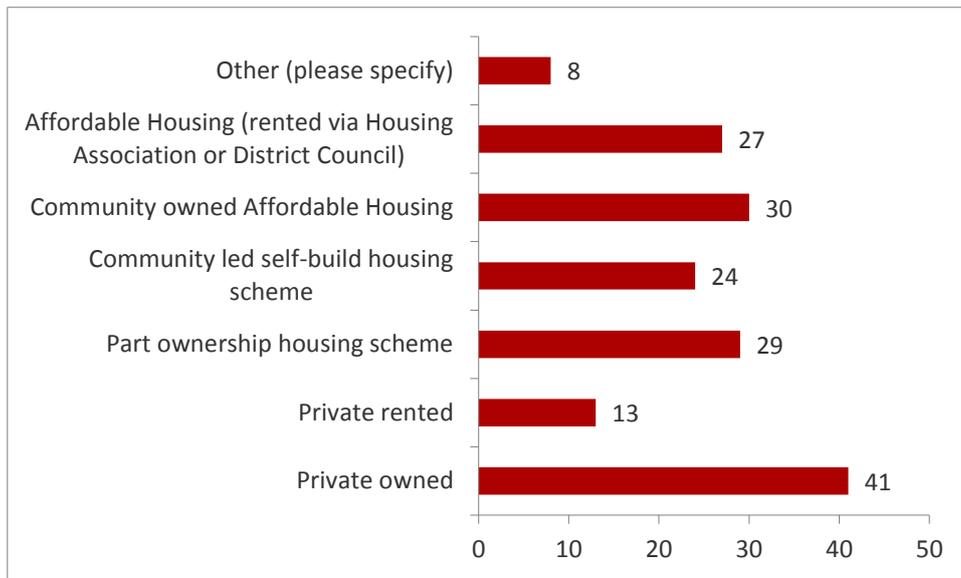
People's perception of housing need is highly subjective and therefore responses to this question need to be treated with caution.

There is strong support for more housing developments within the parish. 56% of respondents support more housing than in the past 15 years, and a further 34% support a similar amount.

#### 14. Which of the following housing tenures do you think we need to encourage in our parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

Twelve people skipped this question.

FIGURE 14



The eight 'other' comments were:

- Reuse of dwelling farm buildings for elderly farmer to help following generations stay
- coops of low impact organic farmers who build small unobtrusive eco homes or get help to buy communally some of larger properties that are for sale
- no further development in the Blackdown hills
- Imaginatively designed low cost housing - so as not to look cheap! Tied new builds, possibly for children of villagers
- Holiday buildings
- no opinion
- Permission to convert existing buildings in existing areas? Outside a recognised BUAB?
- unsure

Private ownership is the preferred single housing tenure, whereas private rented the least of those that were presented.

But a note of caution is required around interpreting these results. Firstly they are very dependent on people's understanding of the categories given.

Secondly, there are three categories of affordable housing listed: affordable housing, community owned affordable housing and part ownership housing. If these three are considered together, there are 40 respondents in favour of affordable housing in one form or another.

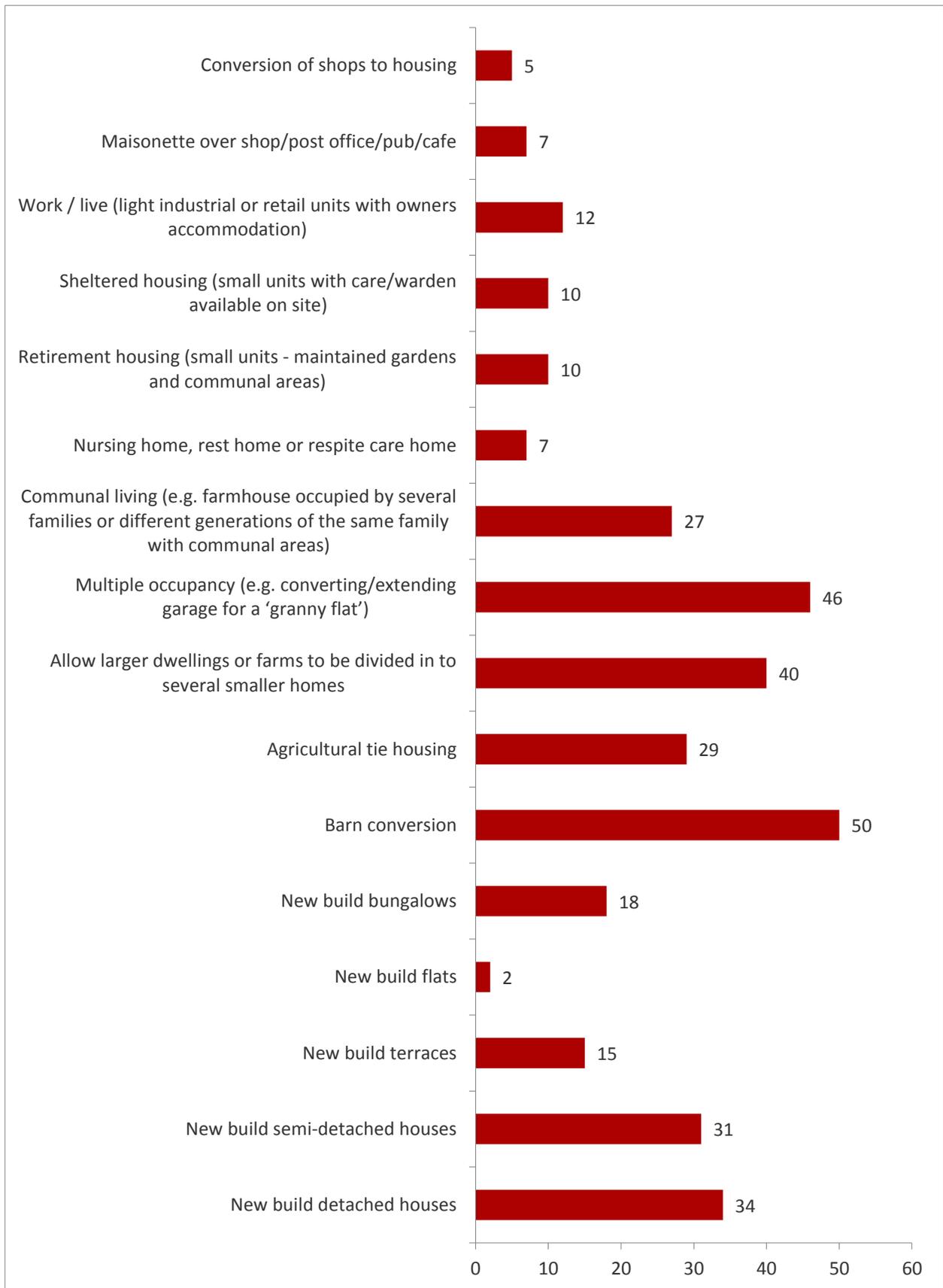
Similarly a case can be made for community led housing, there are 40 respondents in favour of community led housing in one form or another.

On this basis, and considering the response rate of the questionnaire, it would be hard to draw a conclusion on preference for private, community-based, or affordable housing as the preferred tenure for any new developments.

**15. Over the next fifteen years, which of the following types of housing do you think would be most appropriate in our parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Two people skipped this question.

FIGURE 15



Barn conversion, 65%, multiple occupancy, 60%, dividing larger dwellings, 52%, are all well supported by respondents. New flats are the least popular option.

**16. Are there any additional comments relating to housing that you wish to make, which have not been addressed in the above questions?**

There were nineteen additional comments received:

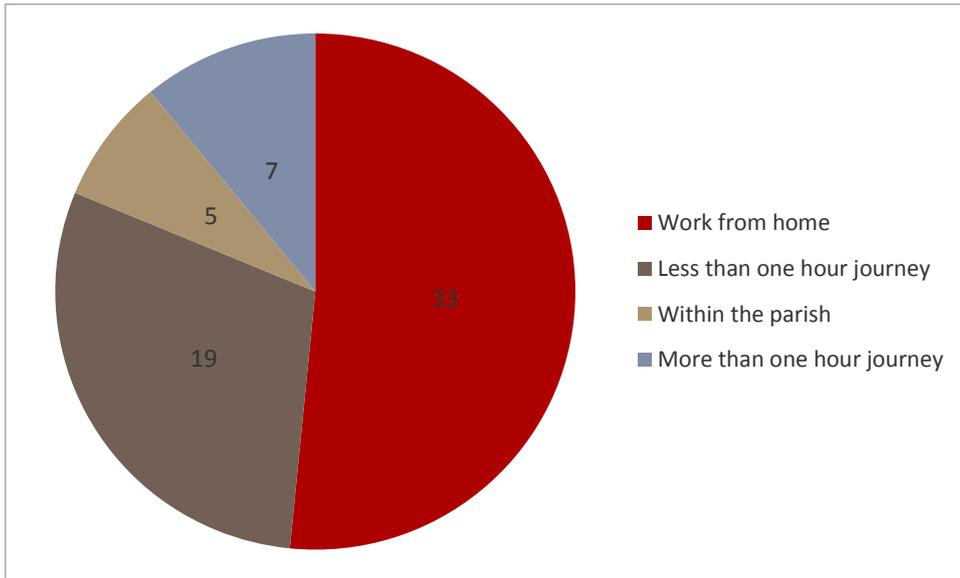
- I. Village style terraced housing along main routes \*2. restrict new builds in isolated spots\* c.f. orchard terrace in Sidford
- The environment of the Blackdown Hills has declined dramatically in quality in the past half-century or so and is losing quality at an increasing rate. The area is increasing over-populated and population reducing measures need to be implemented :- restriction of inflow as aging population dies off
- For unused farm buildings in fields I think support should be given to conversions for accommodation of elderly farmers to allow next generations to continue farming. Our community relies on farmers. Respect this.
- new build should be required to be as energy efficient as is technically feasible
- new builds should be required to be energy sufficient
- needs to be limited and sensitive in order to preserve this AON's
- new housing should not be permitted unless it meets a housing need in respect to design of new housing vernacular architecture renewable energies and affordable should be priorities
- Too much development will destroy the unique character of our village. More people equals more cars equals more roads. If Luppitt and its wild life are to survive we need organic small scale out door livestock and local fruit and vegetable growers to produce and sell to the village. encourage permaculture farmers
- new housing should be built according to vernacular architecture i.e. cob stone lime plaster, etc. restrict new million dollar houses being built which pushes prices up and denies younger generation opportunity to live and work in countryside. how sad if Luppitt becomes only the preserve of the wealthy
- a)only demand for housing seems to be from landowners wanting to build for profit. b) affordable housing is NOT affordable living. Living in remote rural locations is expensive compared to a town
- Allow tied development for families to create accommodation for children.
- the existing country lanes are so dangerous due to blind bends and inadequate maintenance that any increase in housing must be limited
- new builds need to be in character of parish
- A small row of thatched cottages.
- 1, Must be in-keeping with existing building styles (e.g. NOT like Dunkeswell). 2. We need to stop new development turning into holiday accommodation after a few years.
- Allow architects to make decisions rather than EDDC.
- No barn conversions! Far too many done in this parish with no consideration of bats/swallows/barn owls er which rely on them. mainly as holiday cottages rather than as solution to housing shortage
- There is no public transport which makes a larger village unsuitable - chicken and egg!
- plus eco housing

**Economy and Employment**

**17. If you are currently in employment, how far do you travel to your place of work?**

Twenty-five people skipped this question.

FIGURE 16



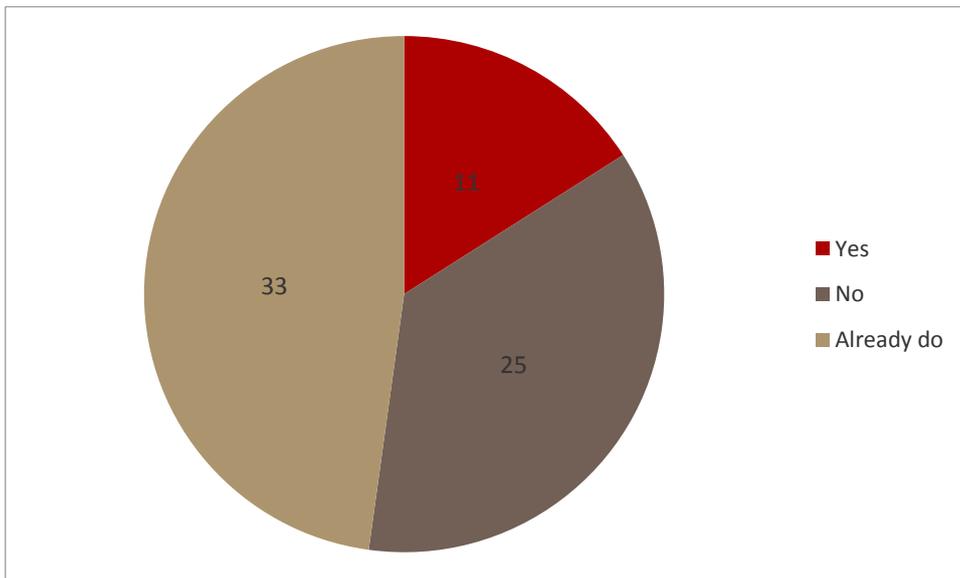
A number of respondents have chosen more than one option. There are 52 respondents to this question and 64 choices made.

The majority of residents work within the parish, 59%, of which the vast majority work from home, 52%

**18. Have you considered starting a business from home?**

Eight people skipped this question.

FIGURE 17

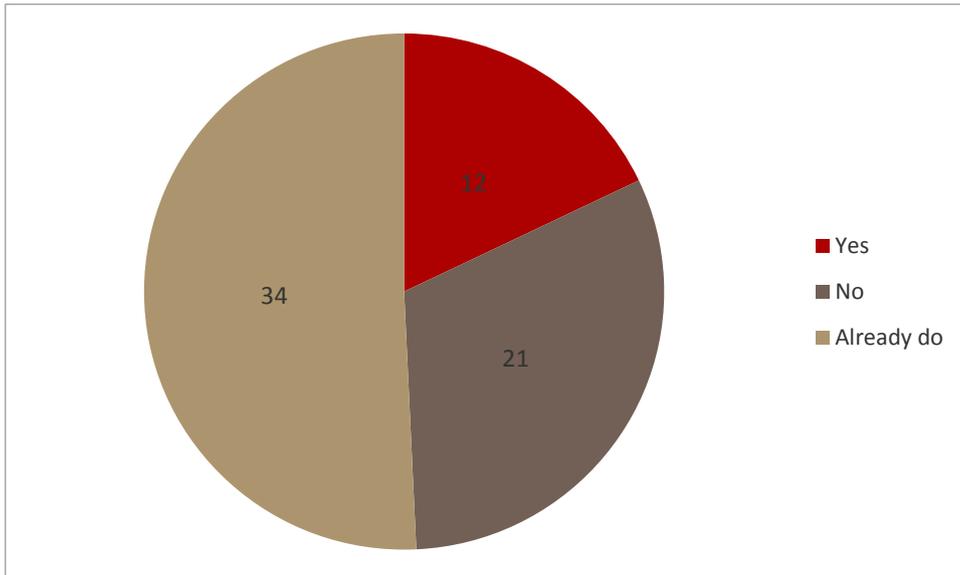


Discussed in conjunction with question 19.

**19. Have you considered working from home?**

Ten people skipped this question.

FIGURE 18

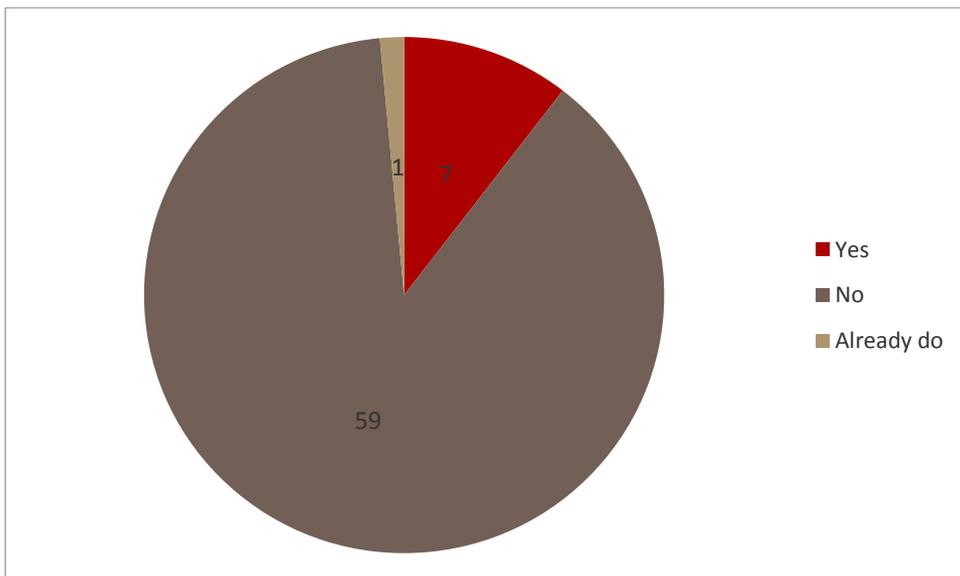


Question 17 already established that the majority of respondents already work from home. Questions 18 and 19 confirm this.

**20. Would you be interested in using a local 'hot desk' facility (i.e. fully equipped local office space available for rent on a weekly, daily or hourly rate)?**

Ten people skipped this question.

FIGURE 19



There is very little interest in a hot-desking facility. This is confirmed further by responses to question 21.

**21. Would you welcome any of the following to support local employment opportunities? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Six people skipped this question.

FIGURE 190



The three 'other' comments were:

- organic horticulture yes
- More build funding to bring tourism to the area.
- please see previous comment regarding barn conversion

Faster broadband is identified as the biggest need to support employment within the parish. This is supported by 78% of respondents.

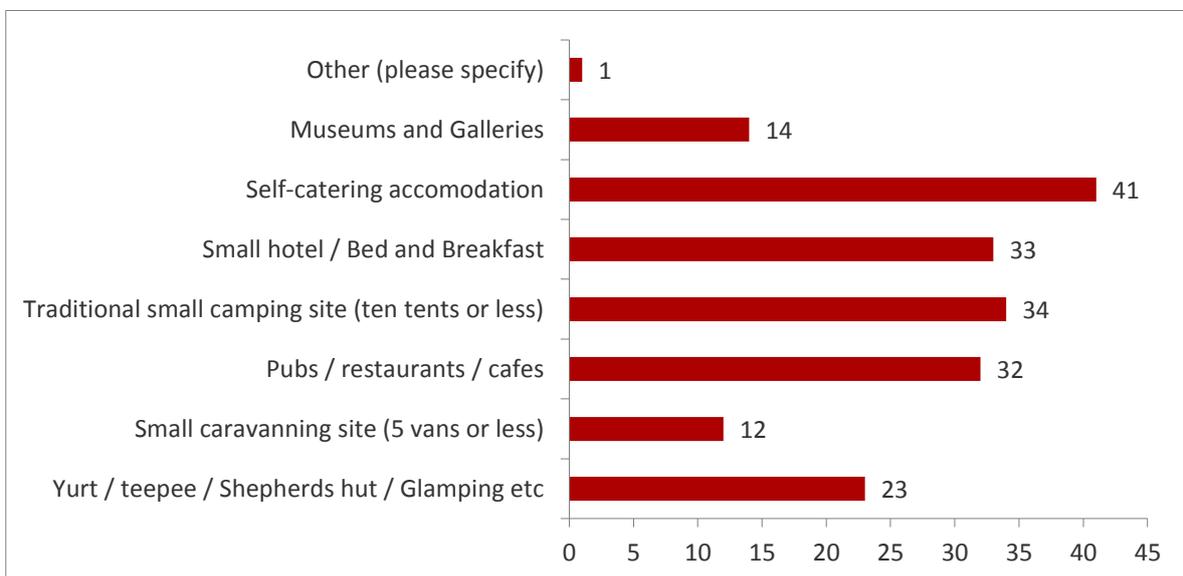
The other employment opportunities supported by more than 50% of respondents were a farm shop, 64%, and small retail unit, 57%.

Large scale intensive agriculture and horticulture has little support with respondents.

**22. What, if any, forms of small scale tourism related building or land use do you welcome in our parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Fifteen people skipped this question.

FIGURE 201



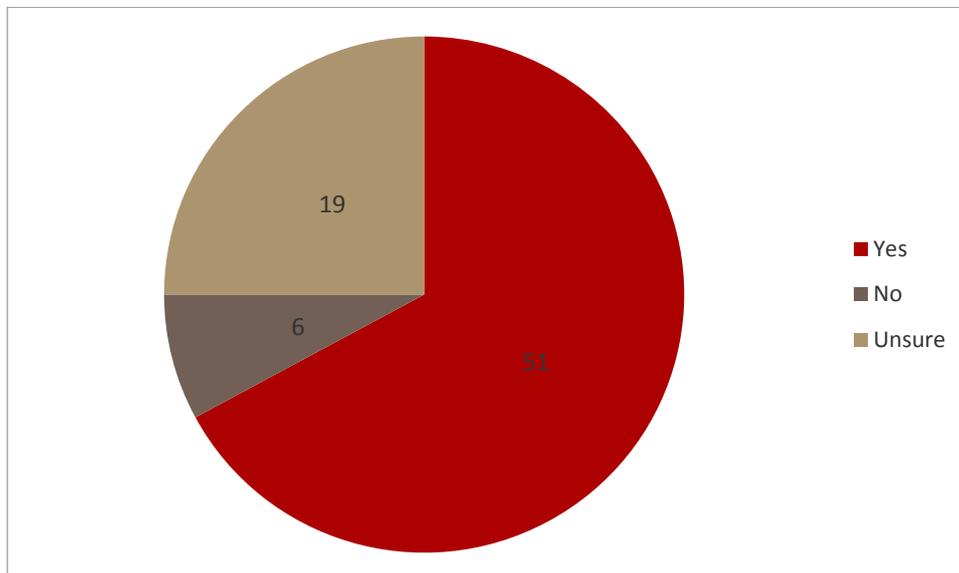
The one 'other' comment was:

- Artisan/farm related workshops

**23. Do you feel the historic airfields of the Blackdown Hills are important assets to preserve?**

One person skipped this question.

FIGURE 212

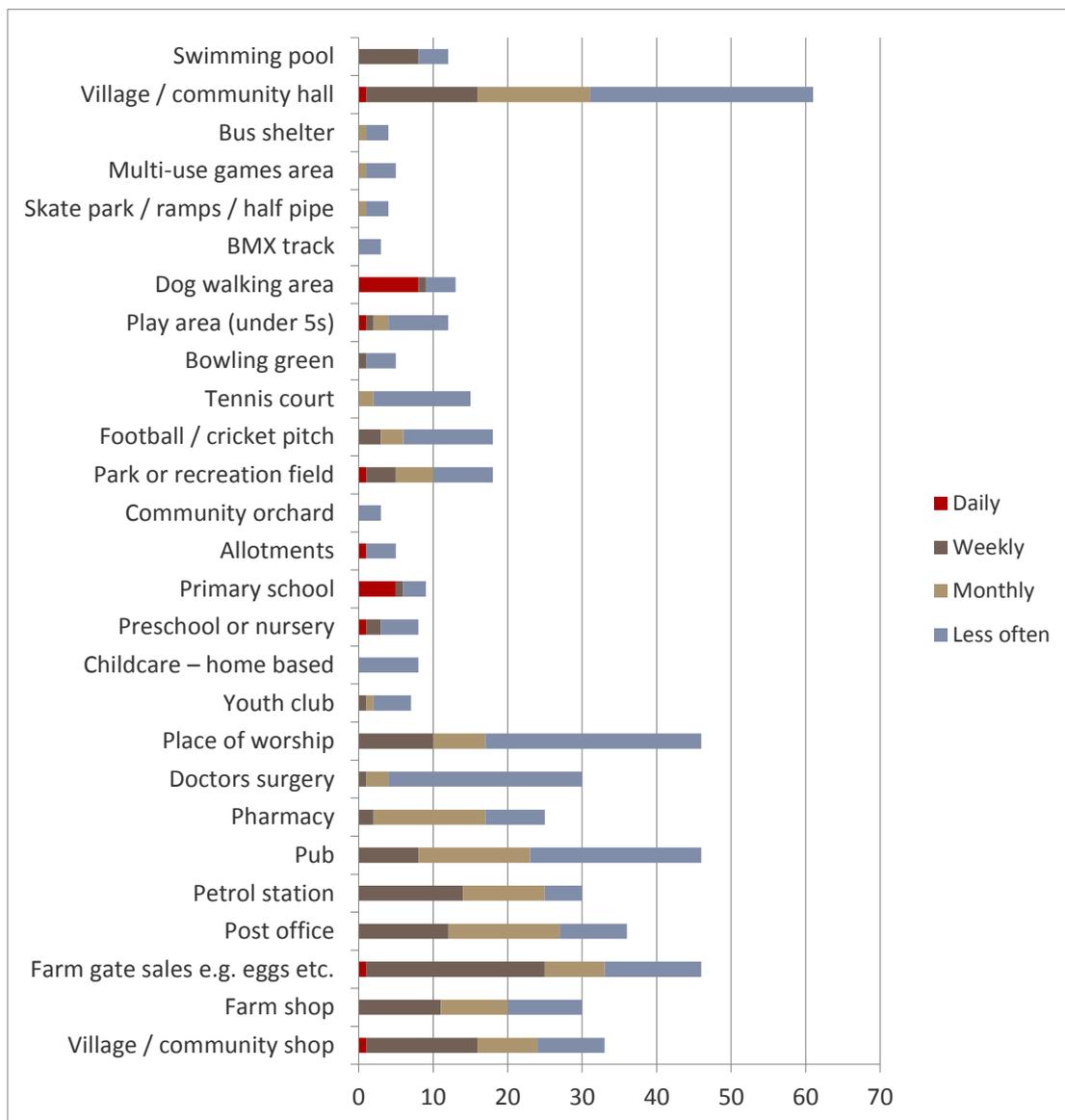


## Society, Community Facilities and Services

### 24. How often do you use any of the listed amenities?

Two people skipped this question.

FIGURE 223



No amenity was regularly (daily, weekly or monthly) used by more than 50% of those that answered this question.

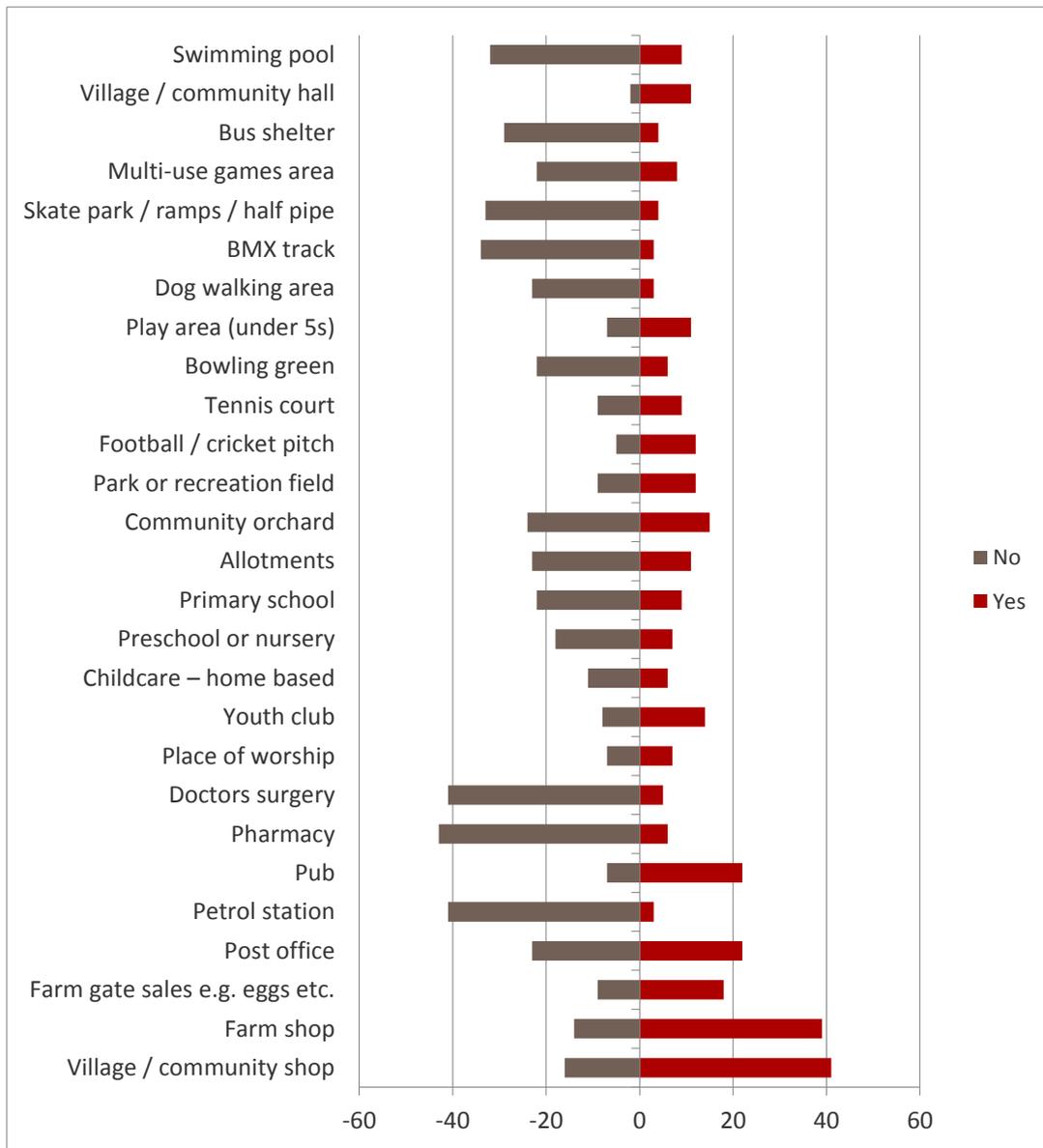
The village hall appears to be well used, but not on a regular basis.

The question also asked which amenities you never used. Again no single amenity was 'never' used by more than 50% of respondents.

### 25. If this amenity is not available in our parish, do you think there is a need for it?

Ten people skipped this question.

FIGURE 234



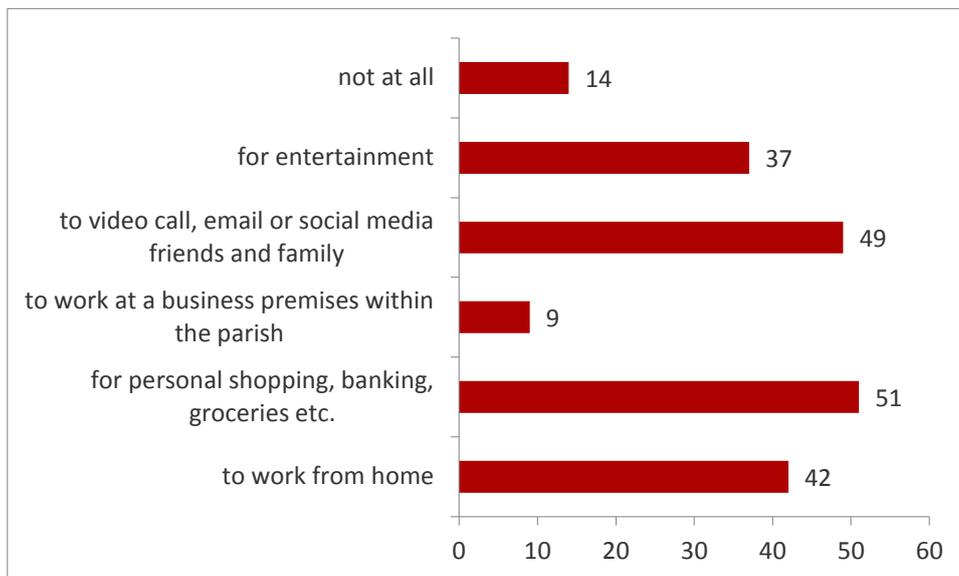
Both a village/community shop, 53%, and farm shop, 51%, were supported by more than 50% respondents.

Pharmacy, doctor's surgery and petrol station were not supported by more than 50% of respondents. In addition: swimming pool, bus shelter, multi-use games area, skate park, bmx track, dog walking area, bowling green, community orchard, allotments, primary school, preschool and childcare were had more 'no' responses than 'yes'.

**26. Do you use the internet... (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Five people skipped this question

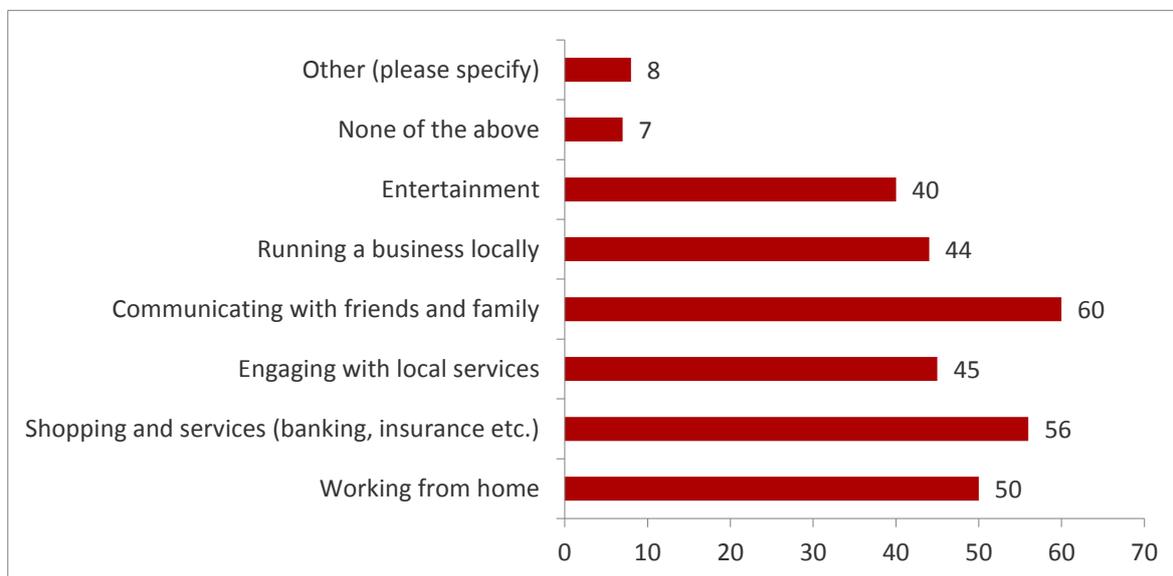
**FIGURE 245**



**27. Do you think the internet adds new possibilities to rural living for you in terms of: (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Six people skipped this question.

**FIGURE 256**



The eight 'other' comments were:

- a useful tool if limited to one hour a week
- yes but we can't get the service! just for information: we have to hang a mobile dongal out of a special velux window to get a signal which is dependent on weather (mist rain low clouds all affects signal)
- We would like to use the internet- the Government Promise of 2012 has failed.
- 100% essential to the community

- Limited as broadband so slow. we can only use 3g wifi
- not online
- Internet doesn't work in wick as it is too far from the exchange. this is something that does need sorting out
- this is essential to modern rural life, we must improve access to the internet

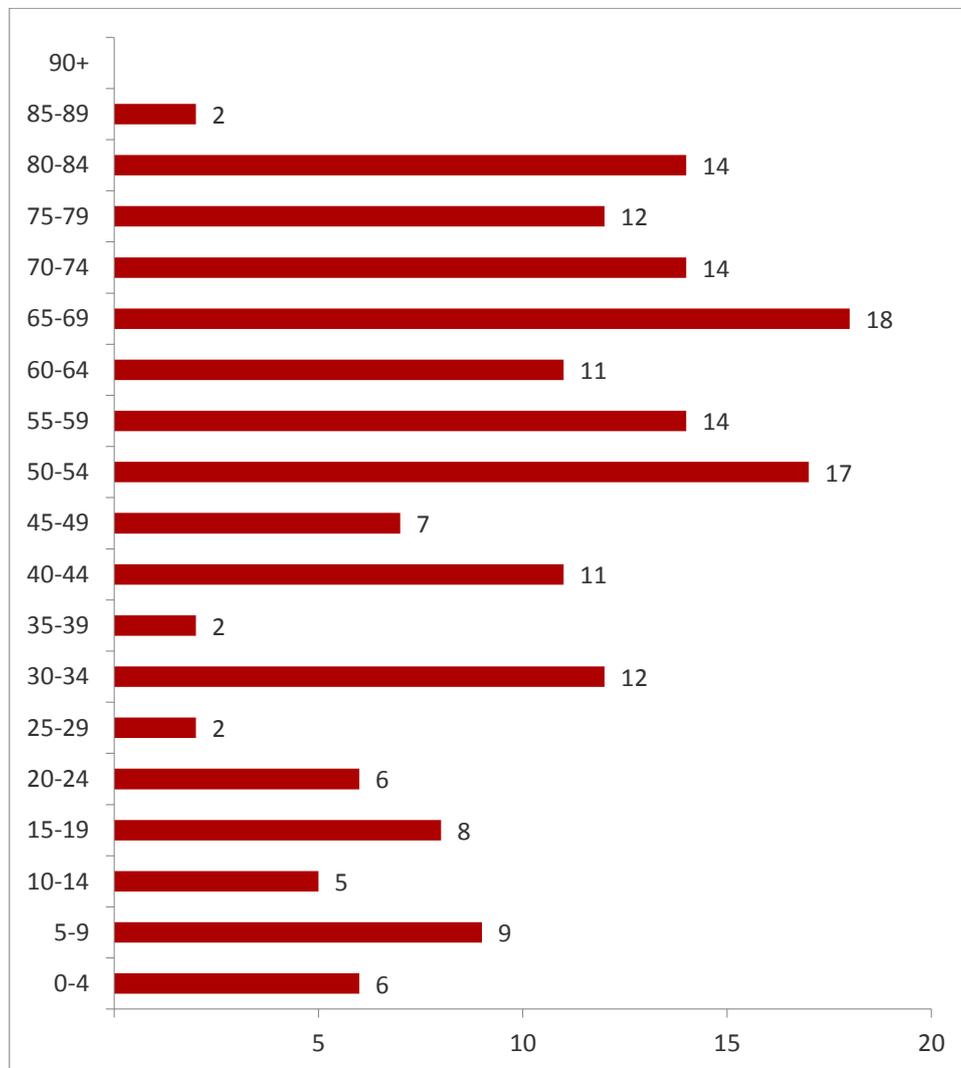
Access to the internet provides significant opportunities for different sectors of the community. For older people it provides opportunities to stay connected with family that may live far off. For those of working age it provides greater opportunity for working at home. For all it opens up possibilities for entertainment, shopping and services. The positive responses suggest that for respondents the internet opens up new possibilities in a whole range of ways.

## Personal Situation

### 28. Which age group are you and other members of your household in?

One person skipped this question.

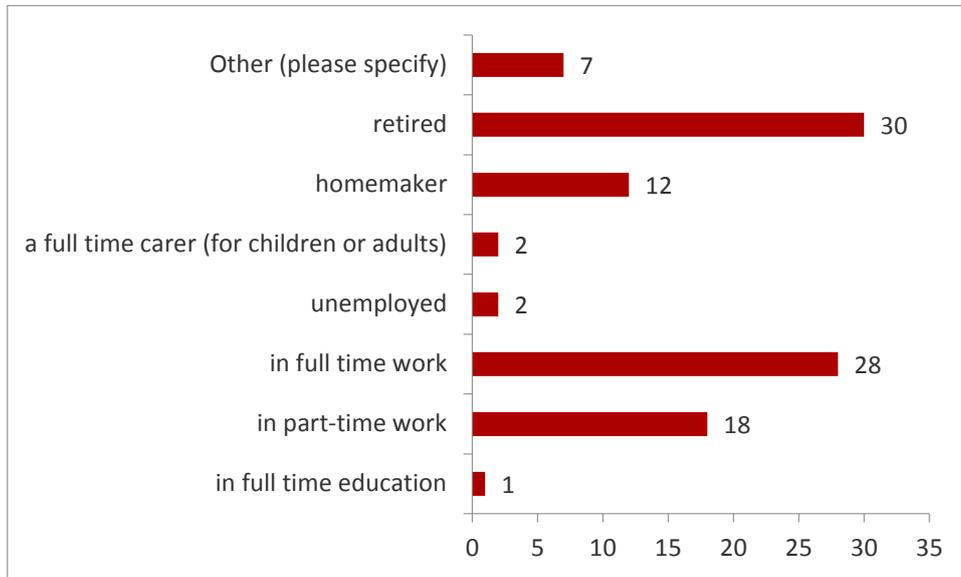
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## 29. Are you...

Six people skipped this question.

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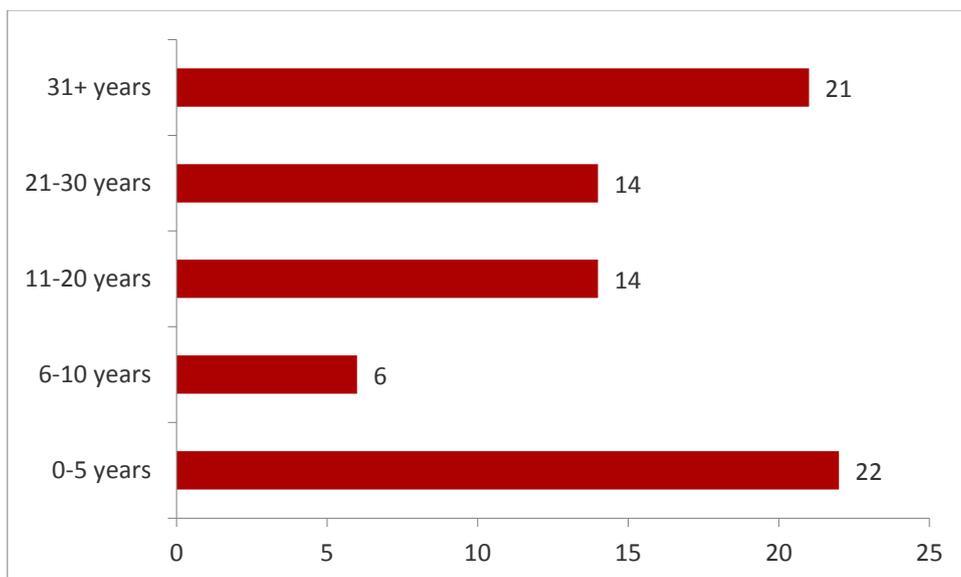


The seven 'other' comments were:

- self employment
- seasonal
- Self-employed
- 2 Self-employed adults, 2 Pre-school children
- occasional consultancy projects
- self employed
- self employed x 2

## 30. How long have you lived in the parish?

FIGURE 29



## **Conclusions**

Some main themes can be drawn from the data collected by this questionnaire.

### **Natural Environment**

1.1 The natural environment and features such as landscape, woodland and Devon banks are of higher value than human features such as character of village settlements, country lanes and farming practices.

1.2 Qualities such as tranquillity and dark skies are highly valued by the community.

1.3 Public footpaths, accessible woodland and commons are important for the community to access and enjoy the surrounding countryside.

### **Built and Historic Environment**

2.1 Preserving the overall character of local buildings and settlements is the highest priority for the neighbourhood plan regarding the built environment.

2.2 There is enthusiasm for increasing the number of trees, of which native species are by far the most popular choice.

### **Energy and Low Carbon Alternatives**

3.1 Solar panels on farm, commercial or domestic homes are the most preferred options.

3.2 Hydro-power and solar hot water tubes on homes were supported.

### **Transport and Accessibility**

4.1 Cycling is not popular within the parish, and there is little that could be done to change this.

4.2 Walking is very popular within the parish, however there wasn't strong support for any of the suggestions for encouraging more walking.

4.3 Support was very high for the decisions regarding visibility splays and the number of parking spaces for new properties to be taken within local area.

4.4 Support was also high for reducing unnecessary signage and street furniture.

### **Population and Housing**

5.1 There was support for continued housing development, and at a rate greater than the last 15 years.

5.2 There was strong support for privately owned, affordable and community led housing tenures.

5.3 Barn conversions are strongly supported as the most preferred form of housing development.

5.4 Multiple occupancy and dividing larger dwellings into smaller homes also had significant support.

### **Economy and Employment**

6.1 The majority of respondents in employment work within the parish, most commonly from home.

6.2 Faster broadband is identified as the best way to support local employment.

6.3 There is also support for a farm shop and small retail units

6.4 There is very little interest in a local 'hot-desk' facility.

6.5 There is support for self-catering accommodation as a means of encouraging tourism.

6.6 The preservation of the historic airfields is widely supported by local residents.

## **Society, Community Facilities and Services**

7.1 The village hall is well used, but not very frequently.

7.2 There is a range of amenities not wanted within the parish. These are: pharmacy, doctors surgery, petrol station, swimming pool, bus shelter, multi-use games area, skate park, bmx track, dog walking area, bowling green, community orchard, allotments, primary school, preschool and childcare

## Appendices

### Appendix A

# LUPPITT PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Neighbourhood planning is an exciting opportunity for us as a parish to influence how and why development will take place in our parish over the next fifteen years and more.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete and return your questionnaire. As an incentive, each completed questionnaire received will be entered into a draw for a single CASH PRIZE OF £100.**

This questionnaire is essential to help us understand what is most important to local people and what our Neighbourhood Plan should focus upon.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision as to what the Parish will be like to live and work in over the next fifteen years and how that vision can be achieved. The process of producing our Plan will include a series of consultations in which we will aim to reach everyone in our community.

Our Plan needs to conform to the strategic local and national policies but it can put in place detailed local planning policies relating to infrastructure, economic, housing and other development where the community thinks it is necessary or beneficial to do so. Our Plan will go before an independent examiner and then be subject to a referendum in our Parish where, under the regulations in the Localism Act 2011, over 50% of those voting must be in favour of the Plan. Once approved, it will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area.

**This explains just how important it is that you make your views known so that they can be reflected in the final document.**

Please fill in this questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided by **20 August 2014.**

**We understand that different members of your household may have different views. Therefore, if you wish to photocopy the questionnaire for other members of your household to complete, you can return more than one copy in the pre-paid envelope. No more than one entry per person please!**

If you have access to broadband, you can also download a PDF copy from [www.luppitt.com](http://www.luppitt.com).

We hope you will find the questionnaire self-explanatory and easy to complete but if you encounter any difficulties or require more information about our Parish Neighbourhood Plan process, please contact your Parish Clerk, Rosalind Buxton, at [luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or 01404 861481.

# THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Blackdown Hills are a beautiful landscape in which to live, work and play.

## 1. In your view, which of these qualities make the Blackdown Hills a special place? (PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive landscape, views and scenery | <input type="checkbox"/> Tranquillity   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional farming practices            | <input type="checkbox"/> Country lanes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Devon banks and hedgerows                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity (flora and fauna)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Character of village centres and settlements           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive, traditional building styles | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark skies with bright stars (lack of light pollution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:                   |   |
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## 2. Which of the following do you feel are important to enable you to access and enjoy the local countryside?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Footpaths                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-road cycle paths and green lanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridleways                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Commons                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland and forestry (where open to public) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:               |
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# BUILT AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Part of the character of our parish is due to the buildings. These have evolved over centuries, with older buildings being updated or extended and new buildings added as required.

## 3. What priorities do you think our Neighbourhood Plan should focus on? (PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

- Design, size and location of new domestic buildings
  - Design, size and location of domestic extensions
  - Design, size and location of new agricultural buildings
  - Design, size and location of new industrial units
  - Preserving the overall character of local buildings and settlements
  - Preserving archeologically important sites
  - Reducing flood risk to new and current housing sites
  - Other, please specify:
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**Trees** are essential in our residential environment because they absorb pollution, provide shade and shelter, a haven for wildlife, create attractive settings, calm traffic, produce edible fruit and nuts, and reduce storm water runoff.

**4. Please tell us where, if anywhere, you would like to see more trees being planted in our built and natural environment? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

Place	Fruit and nut trees (apple, cherry, etc.)	Native species (oak, ash, etc.)	Non-native (climate change & landscaping)
New developments			
Private gardens			
Residential streets			
Industrial areas			
Rural highway verges			
School playing fields			
Public open spaces			
Rural farm hedge banks			
Screening agricultural buildings			
Farmland and woodland			

## ENERGY AND LOW CARBON ALTERNATIVES

We are all aware of the steady increase in energy costs. Encouraging local forms of energy production, with less reliance upon costly fossil fuels will be beneficial for us all.

**5. Which, if any, of the following technologies are you supportive of being installed sensitively in your parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)**

- Small wind turbine under 25 metres (82ft)
- Large wind turbine 25-100 metres (82-328ft)
- Solar panels on homes
- Solar panels - agricultural land (small scale rotating or fixed vertical array)
- Solar panels - agricultural land (whole fields)
- None of the above
- Hydro power (e.g. using streams / rivers)
- Solar panels on farm or commercial buildings
- Solar hot water tubes on homes
- Other, please specify:

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# TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

## 6. Do you cycle to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?

Daily       Weekly       Monthly       Less Often       Never

## 7. What would encourage you to cycle more?

Improved cycle ways       Reduced speed of traffic  
 Size or weight restrictions on vehicles       Nothing       Other, please specify:

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## 8. Do you walk to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?

Daily       Weekly       Monthly       Less Often       Never

## 9. What would encourage you to walk more?

Improved pedestrian footpaths       Reduced speed limit of traffic  
 Size or weight restrictions on vehicles       Nothing  
 Other, please specify:

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**A 'visibility splay'** is an area clear of obstruction to allow drivers to see traffic coming when turning on to a road. Where there is new development national guidance on splay sizes may require the removal of Devon banks, hedgerows and trees.

## 10. Should visibility splays be decided upon locally, (in consultation with Devon County Council Highways and East Devon District Council) to ensure character of our villages and lanes is balanced with safety?

Yes       No       Unsure

## 11. Would you prefer decisions regarding the number of parking spaces for new houses to be taken within the local area, in consultation with DCC Highways and East Devon District Council?

Yes       No       Unsure

## 12. Do you think the character of our settlements and lanes could be enhanced by reducing unnecessary signage and street furniture?

Yes       No       Unsure



# ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Developing our local economy could bring many economic and employment benefits to our parish. To enable this we need to think about what types of local employment we wish to encourage, and what needs to be done to support this.

## 17. If you are currently in employment, how far do you travel to your place of work?

- Work from home  
 Less than one hour journey
- Within the parish  
 More than one hour journey

## 18. Have you considered starting a business from home?

- Yes  No  Already do

## 19. Have you considered working from home?

- Yes  No  Already do

## 20. Would you be interested in using a local 'hot desk' facility (i.e. fully equipped local office space available for rent on a weekly, daily or hourly rate)?

- Yes  No  Already do

## 21. Would you welcome any of the following to support local employment opportunities?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Small retail units e.g. village or community shop  Retail with living accommodation  
 Work and live light industrial units  Provision of a local work hub ('hot desking')  
 Small industrial units / artisan units  Farm shop  
 Conversion of barns to workspace  Faster broadband connection  
 Expanding traditional agricultural enterprises  Large scale Intensive agriculture and horticulture  
 Other, please specify:

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## 22. What, if any, forms of small scale tourism related building or land use do you welcome in our parish?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Yurt / teepee / Shepherds hut / Glamping etc  Traditional small camping site (five tents or less)  
 Small caravanning site (5 vans or less)  Small hotel / Bed and Breakfast  
 Pubs / restaurants / cafes  Museums and Galleries  
 Self-catering accommodation  Other, please specify:

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## 23. Do you feel the historic airfields of the Blackdown Hills are important assets to preserve?

- Yes  No  unsure

# SOCIETY, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Below is a list of services or facilities that you may use, either in our parish or nearby, we would like to know how often you use these. The second question addresses your desire for the provision of facilities not currently available in our parish.

Type of amenity	Question 24					Question 25	
	How often do you use any of the listed amenities?					If this amenity is not available in our parish, do you think there is a need for it?	
	Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Yes	No
Village / community shop							
Farm shop							
Farm gate sales e.g. eggs							
Post office							
Petrol station							
Pub							
Pharmacy							
Doctors surgery							
Place of worship							
Youth club							
Childcare – home based							
Preschool or nursery							
Primary school							
Allotments							
Community orchard							
Park or recreation field							
Football / cricket pitch							
Tennis court							
Bowling green							
Play area (under 5s)							
Dog walking area							
BMX track							
Skate park/ramps/half pipe							
Multi-use games area							
Bus shelter							
Village / community hall							
Swimming pool							

## 26. Do you use the internet... (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

to work from home parish

for personal shopping, banking, groceries etc.

for entertainment

to work at a business premises within the

to video call, email or social media friends and family

not at all

**27. Do you think the internet adds new possibilities to rural living for you in terms of:**

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working from home            | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping and services (banking, insurance etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with local services | <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating with friends and family           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running a business locally   | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:       | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                               |
- 

## PERSONAL SITUATION

**28. Which age group are you and other members of your household in?**

PLEASE PUT A NUMBER WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN AN AGE BRACKET

- |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9   | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85-89 | <input type="checkbox"/> 90+   |                                |

**29. Are you...**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> in full time education | <input type="checkbox"/> in full time work                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> in part-time work      | <input type="checkbox"/> a full time carer (for children or adults) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unemployed             | <input type="checkbox"/> retired                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> homemaker              | <input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify:                     |
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**30. How long have you lived in the parish?**

- |                                    |                                     |                                      |                                      |                                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 31+ years |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|

## Personal Details

Please note: Responses will be analysed by the Community Council of Devon on behalf of the Steering Group. After analysis, your questionnaire will be returned to the Parish Council for safekeeping. We will not pass on your details to anyone but to be entered in the prize draw and to be kept up to date on our Neighbourhood Plan, please leave your details below.

**\*REQUIRED FOR DRAW ENTRY**

**\*Name:**

**\*Address and postcode:**

**\*Email address (if you have one):**

Please make sure everyone in the household completes a questionnaire for more chances to win the cash prize!

**PLEASE RETURN BY 20th August TO ENTER THE PRIZE  
DRAW!**