

Results of the East Ilsley Village Survey 2018

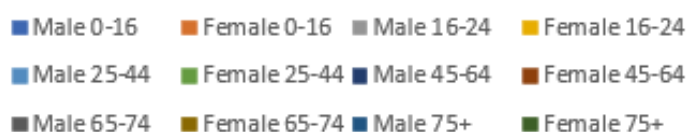
As of 2018 the Electoral Register stated that 461 people were of voting age in East Ilsley. This survey was sent to all households in the Village. A total number of 146 surveys were returned which equates to a 32% response rate. This was 60 households in total, made up on 146 individuals within those households.

Section 1: You and your household

Age Range of Residents

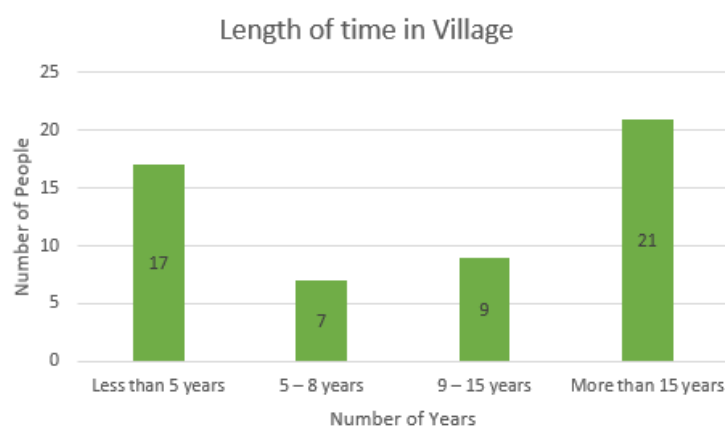
Person	No of persons
Male 0-16	18
Female 0-16	21
Male 16-24	2
Female 16-24	5
Male 25-44	7
Female 25-44	11
Male 45-64	22
Female 45-64	27
Male 65-74	10
Female 65-74	6
Male 75+	6
Female 75+	11

AGE OF RESIDENTS



How long have you lived in East Ilsley?

Less than 5 years	17
5 – 8 years	7
9 – 15 years	9
More than 15 years	21



Section 2: Housing Needs

Is this your main residence?

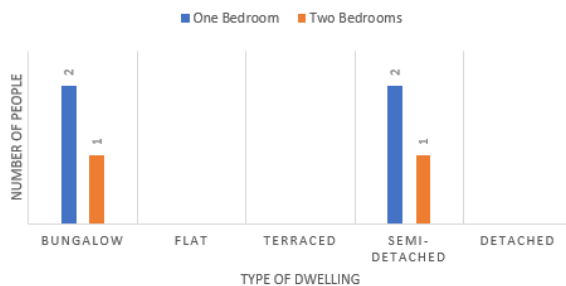
Yes = 59

No = 1

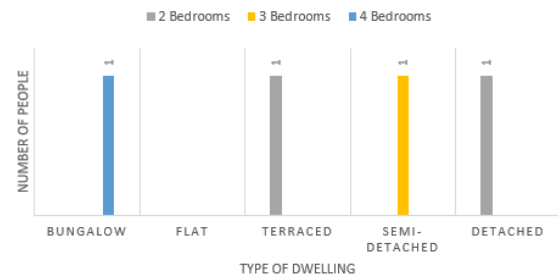
About the Dwelling

Home Category	No of Bedrooms	Dwelling Type				
		Bungalow	Flat	Terraced	Semi-Detached	Detached
Housing Association	1	2			2	
	2	1			1	
Private Rental	2			1		1
	3				1	
	4	1				
Owner Occupied	1		1			
	2		3	4	4	
	3			2	5	4
	4			1	5	9
	5					4
	6					3
Provided as part of employment (e.g. tied house)	2		2			

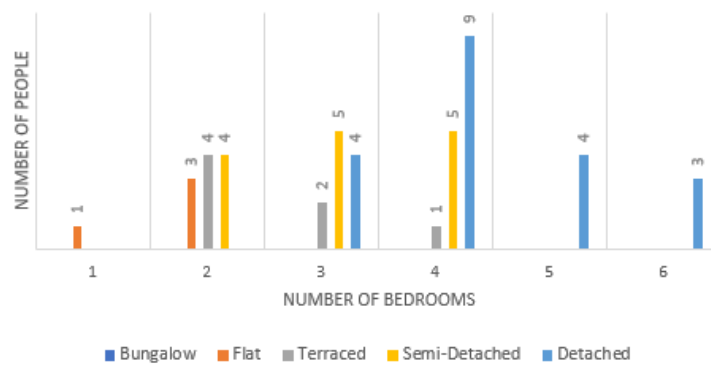
CATEGORY: HOUSING ASSOCIATION



CATEGORY: PRIVATE RENTAL



CATEGORY: OWNER OCCUPIER



Is any individual, or your whole household, in need of alternative accommodation in the parish at this moment in time (or within the next 12 months)? One answer per household.

Yes = 1

No = 59

Future Needs

Your plans, and those of any members of your household, to form a new and separate home within East Ilsley in the future (i.e. future = 12 months+).

Home Category	No of bedrooms	Home type (Please tick one only)				
		Bungalow	Flat	Terraced	Semi-detached	Detached
Housing Association	2			1		
Private rental	2 3		1			1
Owner occupied	3 4 5	2				2 2

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Future new East Ilsley residents

We would like to know of anyone you know who currently lives outside East Ilsley but who would like to live in or return to East Ilsley in the future.)

Number of new separate homes you think might be required = **35**

For each separate home you have identified, can you tell us about the category of home needed, number of bedrooms, and the preferred home type.

Home Category	No of bedrooms	Home type (Please tick one only)				
		Bungalow	Flat	Terraced	Semi-detached	Detached
Affordable rented	3 3+	5		1	5	1
Private rental	2	1				
Housing association / Shared Ownership	2			1		
Supported	3				1	
Owner occupied	2 3 4	2 1			2 1	1 2
Other						

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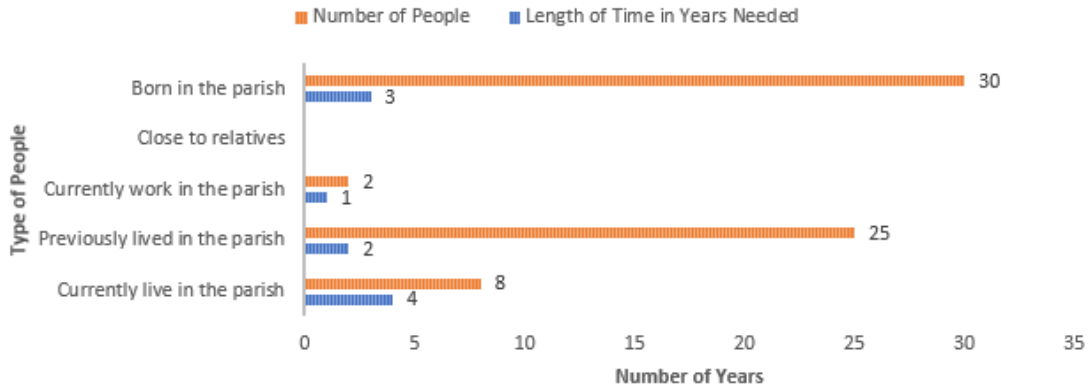
Local Connection

Do any of the people identified in your household, or potential new residents, need a housing association rented or shared ownership home?

		If so, for how long? (i.e. number of years)
Currently live in the parish	4	8
Previously lived in the parish	2	25
Currently work in the parish	1	2
Close to relatives		
Born in the parish	3	30
Are they registered on the district council's housing waiting list?	No	2

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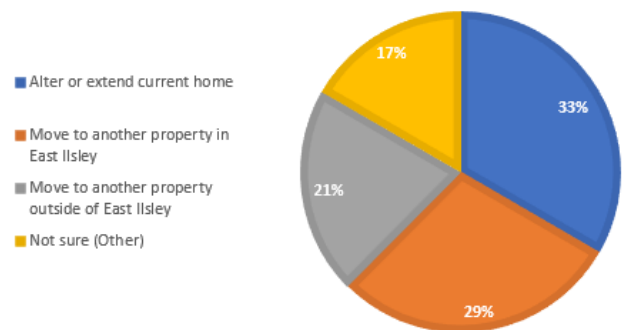
NEED FOR HA / SHARED OWNERSHIP HOUSING & LENGTH OF TIME



What would best meet your housing needs?

Alter or extend current home	8
Move to another property in East Ilsley	7
Move to another property outside of East Ilsley	5
Not sure (Other)	4

HOUSING NEED



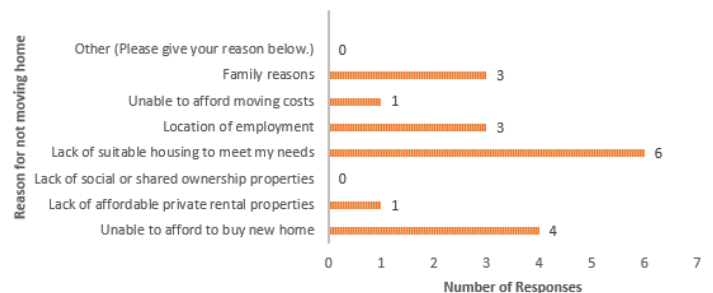
Does anything affect the type of home you need?

All responses ticked NO.

If you wish to move to a new house, but cannot, what are the reasons preventing you?

Unable to afford to buy new home	4
Lack of affordable private rental properties	1
Lack of social or shared ownership properties	
Lack of suitable housing to meet my needs	6
Location of employment	3
Unable to afford moving costs	1
Family reasons	3
Other (Please give your reason below.)	

WHY PEOPLE ARE NOT MOVING HOME



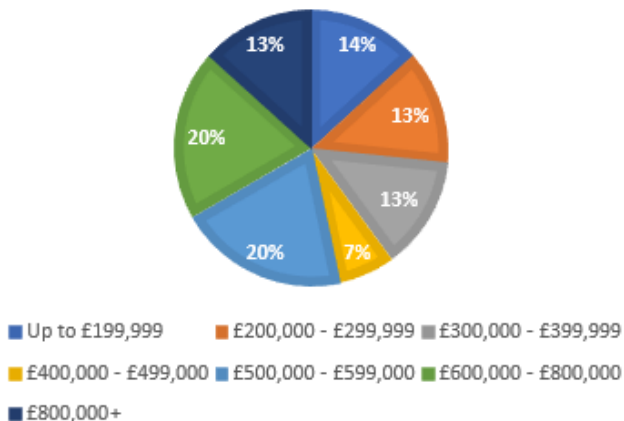
How many members of your home have been forced to move out of East Ilsley due to lack of suitable housing? We will assume that each one would have formed a separate home.

Answer = 6

If owner occupier accommodation is required, at what price range are you looking to purchase?

Up to £199,999	2
£200,000 - £299,999	2
£300,000 - £399,999	2
£400,000 - £499,000	1
£500,000 - £599,000	3
£600,000 - £800,000	3
£800,000+	2

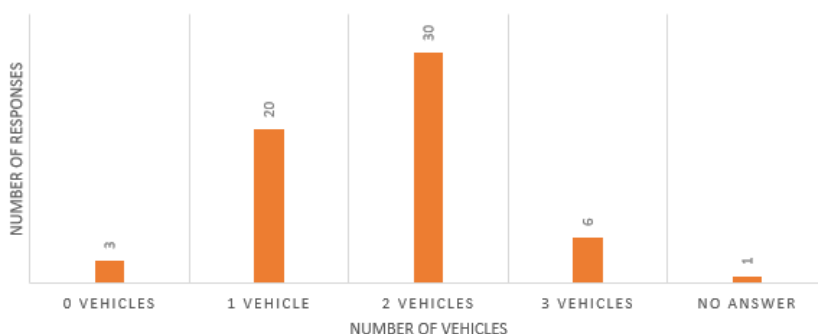
VALUE RANGE FOR NEXT HOME PURCHASE



How many vehicles (excluding motorcycles / scooters) does your household have for private use (do not include commercial/work vehicles)?

Number of Vehicles	Number of Responses
0 Vehicles	3
1 Vehicle	20
2 Vehicles	30
3 Vehicles	6
No Answer	1

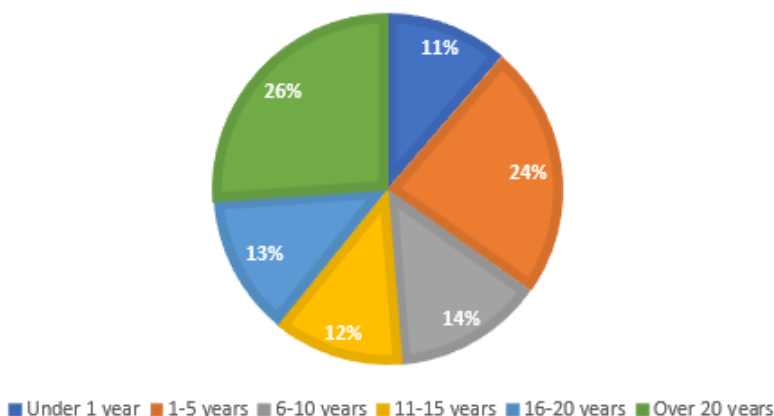
NUMBER OF VEHICLES PER HOUSEHOLD



How long have you lived in the village?

Under 1 year	13
1-5 years	27
6-10 years	16
11-15 years	14
16-20 years	15
Over 20 years	30

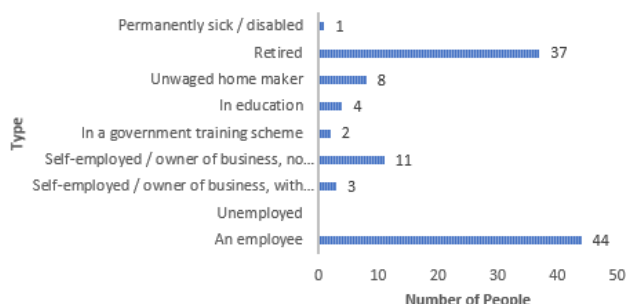
LENGTH OF TIME LIVED IN THE VILLAGE



Are you at present:

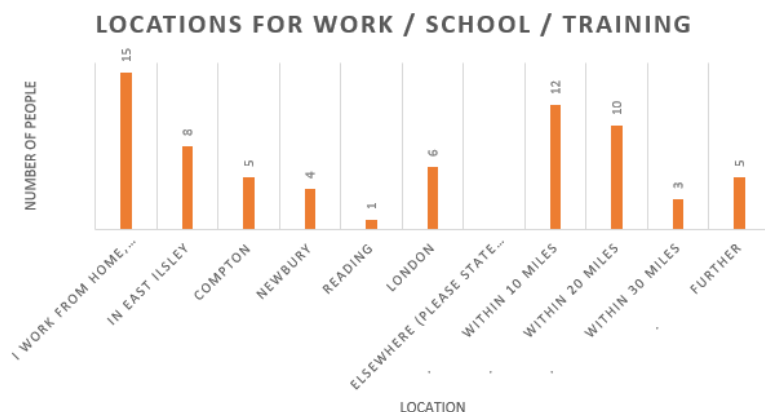
An employee	44
Unemployed	
Self-employed / owner of business, with employees	3
Self-employed / owner of business, no employees	11
In a government training scheme	2
In education	4
Unwaged home maker	8
Retired	37
Permanently sick / disabled	1

PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES



Where is your main place of work, education or training?

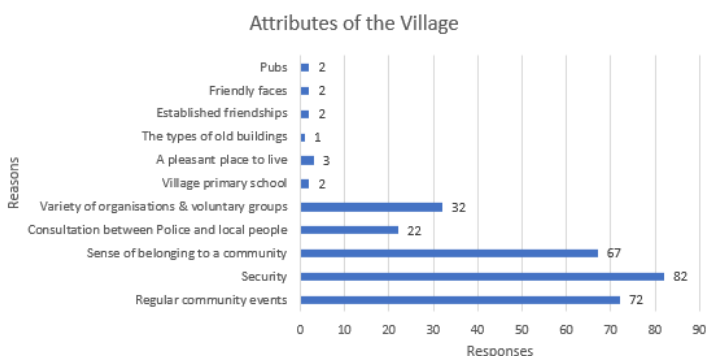
I work from home, all/most of the time	15
In East Ilsley	8
Compton	5
Newbury	4
Reading	1
London	6
Elsewhere (please state below)	
• Within 10 miles	12
• Within 20 miles	10
• Within 30 miles	3
• Further	5



Section 3: Community Development (Needs for the Future)

Which of these do you consider contributes most to the strength of the village community, and helps to maintain the character and distinctiveness of East Ilsley?

Regular community events	72
Feeling of security, for example, it is safe to walk at night	82
Sense of belonging to one caring community	67
Active consultation between Police and local people	22
A good variety of organisations and voluntary groups	32
Other (Please give your reason below.)	
Village primary school	2
A pleasant place to live	3
The types of old buildings – maintains character.	1
Established friendships	2
Friendly faces all the time	2
Pubs	2

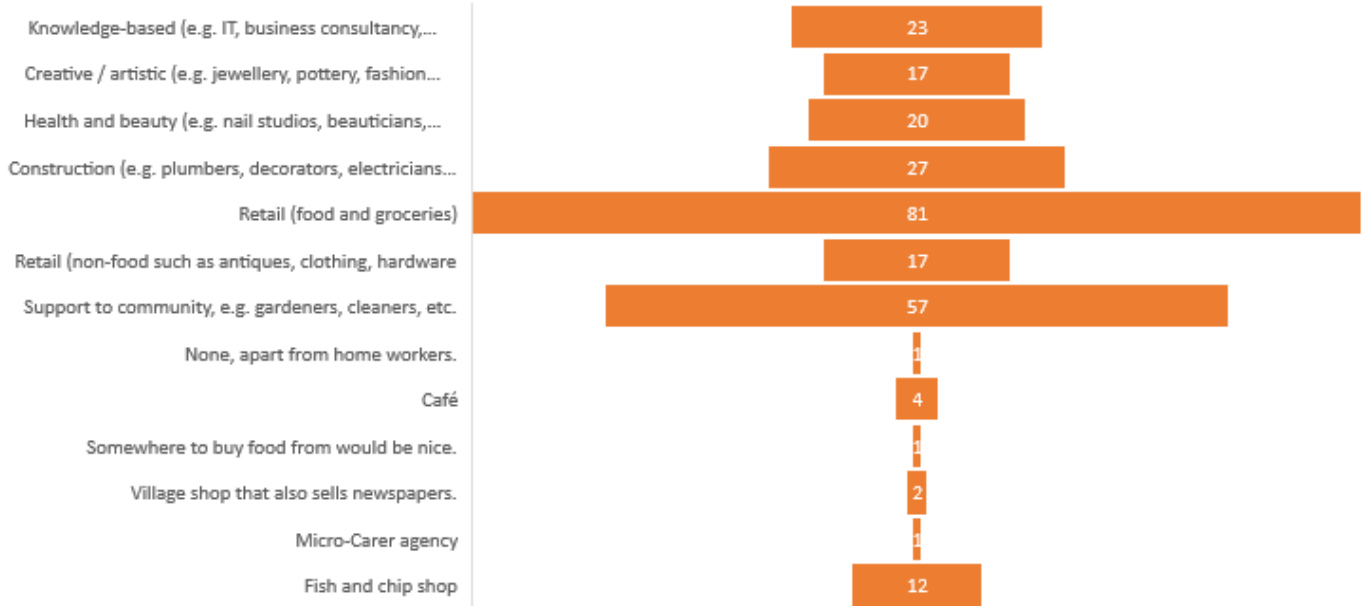


Note: we asked for 3 boxes only to be ticked, some responses ticked more than 3

What types of additional business should we most encourage to start up in or around East Ilsley if the opportunity arose?

Knowledge-based (e.g. IT, business consultancy, accountancy etc.)	23
Creative / artistic (e.g. jewellery, pottery, fashion design etc.)	17
Health and beauty (e.g. nail studios, beauticians, hairdressers etc.)	20
Construction (e.g. plumbers, decorators, electricians etc.)	27
Retail (food and groceries)	81
Retail (non-food such as antiques, clothing, hardware)	17
Support to community, e.g. gardeners, cleaners, etc.	57
Other (please give your reason below).	
None, apart from home workers.	1
Café	4
Somewhere to buy food from would be nice.	1
Village shop that also sells newspapers.	2
Micro-Carer agency	1
Fish and chip shop	12

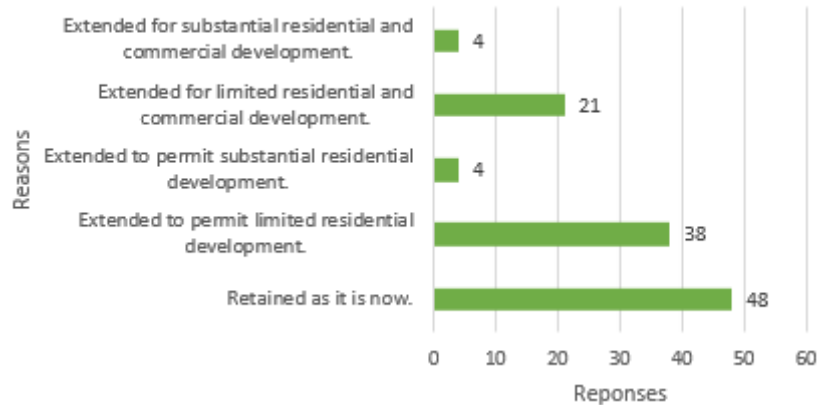
What people want in the Village



In the future, do you think that the Village Development Settlement Boundary should be:

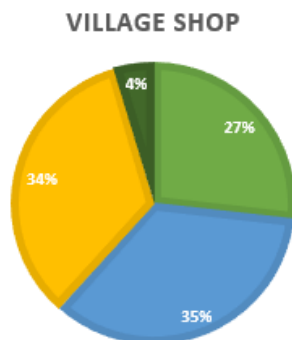
Retained as it is now.	48
Extended to permit limited residential development.	38
Extended to permit substantial residential development.	4
Extended for limited residential and commercial development.	21
Extended for substantial residential and commercial development.	4

Village Boundaries



Village Shop – do you believe having a community shop is:

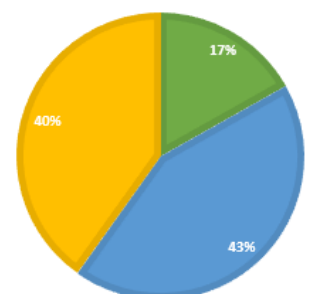
Essential	30
Important	39
Nice to have	38
Not important	5



■ Essential ■ Important ■ Nice to have ■ Not important

WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER IN THE SHOP?

■ I would like to volunteer in / help organise the shop
 ■ I might volunteer in the shop.
 ■ I would not be interested in volunteering in the shop.



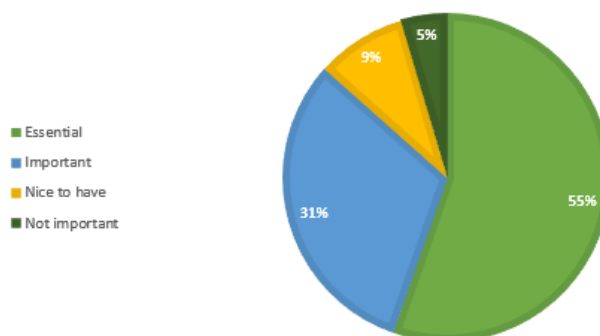
Volunteering to help run and work in a village shop facility:

I would like to volunteer in / help organise the shop	18
I might volunteer in the shop.	46
I would not be interested in volunteering in the shop.	43

How important are the pubs to the East Ilsley community?

Essential	62
Important	35
Nice to have	10
Not important	5

HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE TWO PUBS IN THE VILLAGE



Please indicate how often you or family members use the pubs?

Most days	2
2 or 3 times a week	8
About once a week	24
Between weekly and once a month	40
Less than once a month	32
Have never used the pubs (In the last five years – 2)	5



Can you suggest any improvements to make the pubs more attractive for you to use more frequently?

Below is a list of options and the number of responses given to that option. No graphical representation available.

Do not like pub culture. We do not drink, therefore as above, not important to us but most decisions on the village are made in the pub, it seems, therefore more ought to be done to ensure it is not just the pub goers that always influence village life!	1
Serve food earlier, especially at weekends – from 5.00 pm for example, for families	4
More community-based events / local offers i.e. pop in for tea and cake after school run or discounts, as it becomes pricey to eat there regularly.	1
Permanent landlord at the Crown and Horns (to build relationship with the community)	4
Serve consistently decent, good food	5
Create a friendly atmosphere.	2
Live music	1
Good restaurant	2
Better food	6
Cleaner feel	2
Good, welcoming bar staff	3
No dogs	1
Culinary nights	5
Offers for locals	2
High ambiance standards	2
Pre-ordered takeaways	7
Serve as a shop and for newspapers	2
Events to bring the village together	1
Currently put off by some of the noisy crowd that use the Swan pub. I feel I don't know people when I go in. It is difficult to visit on my own as a single woman without others.	1
Not interested in the pubs	1
Not interested in the pubs	1

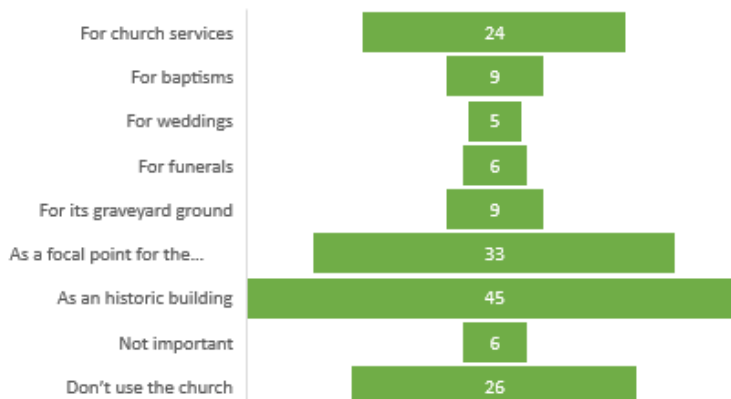
Both businesses are hamstrung by financial / tenancy constraints, so it's easy to criticise. They do a good job.	2
The Swan pub is very welcoming. No improvements needed.	2
Decent chef and better food.	2
One pub serving good food and one serving gastro-type food	2
A 'coffee shop' in the mornings	2
Gastro pub/ better management	1
Selection of food	1
A regular pub quiz	2
Quiz nights / race nights	4
Looking after the beer	1
Nicer wine	3
Cost of food, wine and beer is expensive.	3
Continue developing food offered	1
Happy hour	1
Ladies' Night	2
Cheaper beer	2
Better value meals	2
Music nights	2
Selling newspapers, stamps, groceries, cash machine, a notice board	1
Not sure if they do this already, but coffee at mid-morning!	1
Discounts / offers for EI residents	1
More community events	1
Be freehold, and not managed for a brewery	1
Family friendly activities	3
Lower the prices	2
Hold more frequent events, e.g. bingo, quizzes	2
Remove the unruly element from the Swan, then perhaps residents might use it more.	2
Better food in the Crown	1
More atmospheric lighting in the Swan	1
The language in the Swan sometimes.	1
Sensible prices in the Crown and Horns	2
Extended light bites menu throughout the day and evening.	
Decorate and maintain externally for greater kerb appeal.	
Better maintained.	

The Village Churches

Is St Mary's Church important to you?

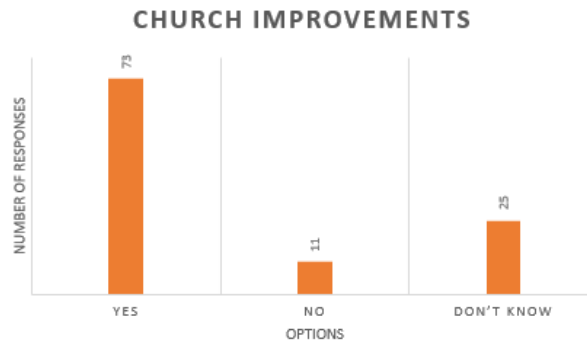
For church services	24
For baptisms	9
For weddings	5
For funerals	6
For its graveyard ground	9
As a focal point for the community	33
As an historic building	45
Not important	6
Don't use the church	26

Use of the Church



Do you believe that it would be a good idea for St Mary's Church to improve the heating, toilet and catering facilities of the church building so that it can be used more for community events?

Yes	73
No	11
Don't know	25



Are there any other purposes you believe the community could use the church building for more often?

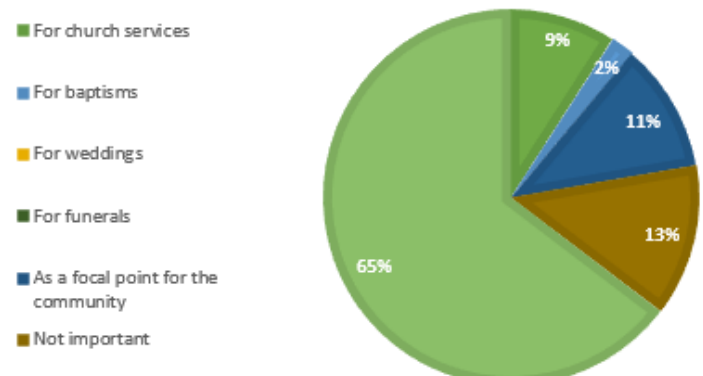
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Social events	3
Coffee mornings	4
We use Compton Church (St Mary's) as we are regular church goers but there is not the same sense of community or welcome at East Ilsley historically at least).	
School concerts	3
Community meetings	16
Network events	1
Toddler group	4
Youth groups	4
Club and organisations	4
Entertainment / shows	2
Heritage / history / museum	2
Dinners / dances	3
Community markets	1
Community events	5
Base for occasional shop for food/groceries	1
Village hall	1
Fitness classes	2
Shop	2
A meeting place for community events, playgroups, hobbies' clubs – singing, book club, exercise groups, talks, dog training, family parties etc.	1
I would not like this – it's a church. A place for worship. NO yoga or drinking as other churches sometimes do.	1
Social gatherings, kids' club, fund raising events e.g. jumble sale, coffee mornings.	

Is St Patrick's Church important to you?

For church services	9
For baptisms	2
For weddings	
For funerals	
As a focal point for the community	11
Not important	13
Don't use the church	64

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH USES



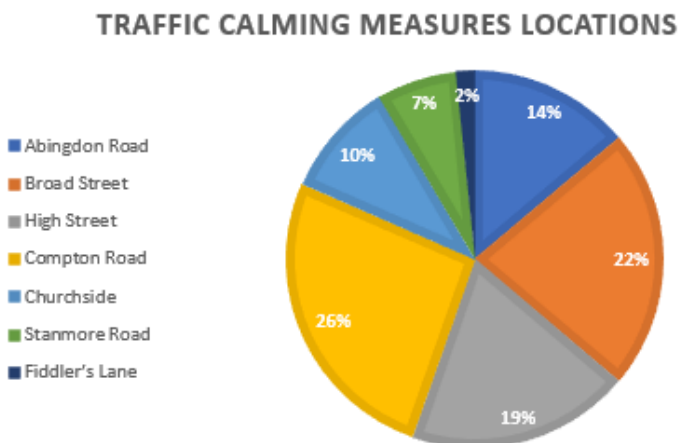
Are there any other purposes you believe the community could use St Patrick's church building for more often?

Coffee morning	1
Clear space for housing and parking.	1
As a village hall.	1
Parish council meetings	2
As I have no information about Saint Patrick's church I cannot comment.	3
Base for occasional food/grocery shop	1
None due to lack of parking facilities on a narrow road.	1
Small group meetings if they were happy about it.	1
Community events and meetings	13



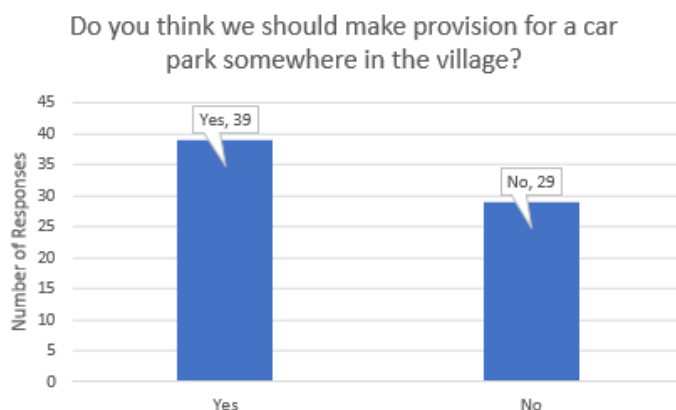
Would your concerns about road safety be addressed by the introduction of more traffic-calming measures (speed limit / speed bumps) in:

Abingdon Road	18
Broad Street	29
High Street	25
Compton Road	34
Churchside	13
Stanmore Road	9
Fiddler's Lane	2



Is parking in East Ilsley is an increasing problem?

	Yes	No
Do you think we should make provision for a car park somewhere in the village?	39	29



Do you think there is a need to improve or provide more pavements in the parish? (one answer per household).

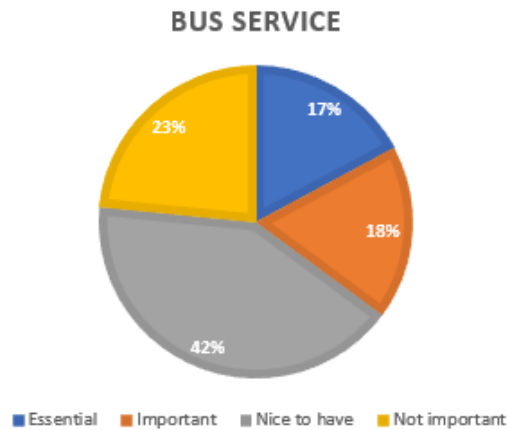
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No	43
Yes (Please state where.)	
Cow Lane	7

Broad Street	3
Junction of Broad Street and High Street	7
By the school	2
Cars should not be allowed to park on pavements	1
Parking bays should be provided	1
Compton Road	18
No pavement between Stanmore Rd and the High Street.	4
No continuous pavement along Broad Street	1
Speedbumps on Abingdon Rd just after 30 mph	1
Speedbumps between Crown and Horns and Poplar Cottage	1
School Lane and Compton Road	2
Tricky but road bend where road goes to Compton – too narrow.	1
Left hand side of road going to the Millennium Green	2
Abingdon Road	2
Church Side	2
Compton Road / Cow Lane	2
Widen the pavement on the slip road	1

How important is the Newbury & District local bus service to you?

Essential	19
Important	20
Nice to have	46
Not important	26



How often do you use the local bus service?

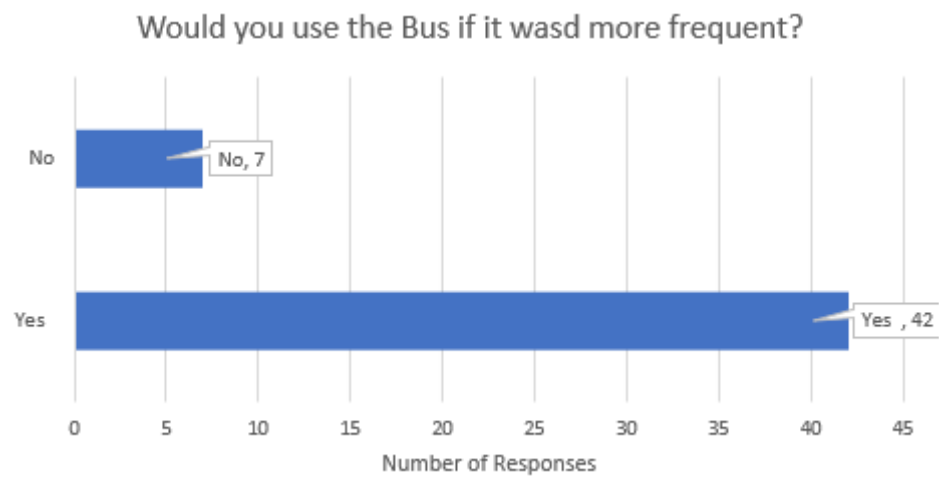
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Daily	1
Weekly	4
Fortnightly	4
Monthly	21
Never (Please give your reason below.)	29
Own a car.	24
Not frequent enough. Would be useful if it went to Didcot Station	1
Occasionally	
Never due to lack of frequency. Public transport routes in EI are poor; no way of getting to Oxford.	2
Not at times needed and takes too long to get anywhere	2
Fortunately, I still drive but soon will probably need the bus and will be glad of it.	
I drive but given my age I am sure I will need the service in the future.	3
Too infrequent.	1
Have no choice but to put up with the current service. If I had to use the bus it would need to be more frequent.	1
We own a car, but its essential for student and older residents.	3
Can still drive, but is essential going forward.	1

Takes too long to get anywhere	2
While I can drive, not absolutely necessary	4
Buses are too infrequent, and the last service is too early.	2
Poor mobility – need to use a wheelchair that fits in the car.	2
I have limited mobility and rely on my daughter to take me in her car.	2
We would if it was cheaper than £8 / person to go into Newbury.	2

Would you use the local bus service if it was more frequent?

Yes	42
No	7



What, if any, changes or additions to village facilities or amenities would you find most useful, which have not been mentioned in this questionnaire?

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Improvements to play area	3
A hall or meeting place or cafe	5
Improvements to the tennis court	1
A regular monthly event for villagers	1
Improved bus routes / frequency of service	5
Diversion of A34 traffic.	1
Satellite surgery / Pharmacy	2
Visitors' centre	2
Tearoom/café - part of community shop	4
Post Office – part of community shop	3
Newspaper shop	5
Hairdressers	1
Village shop	11
Taxi service in village	1
Compton shop stopped the delivery of newspapers to East/West Ilsley – new distributor / supplier needed.	3
Sports facility – similar to Chieveley and for school use	4
A small petrol station in the village somewhere	1
Somewhere for OAPs to meet for coffee and interactions.	2
Village hall (but not a church)	3
A tool-sharing club – for lawnmowers etc. Items we don't all use constantly and which we could save money on. The kind of stuff that is in garages and doesn't get used a lot by one person, but would be used a lot if it was shared.	1
Review parking in Abingdon Road, especially close to the crossroads as its becoming increasingly difficult to see/drive against the traffic coming into the village.	2
Post office (even if unlikely)	1
More information about the Trust Fund	1

Land for private homes	2
Pathway to Compton from end of Haydon Lane	3
The playground seems little used. It is often wet and muddy with long grass – difficult for pushchairs, and no shelter or accessible toilets	1
Children's area	2
Greater village usage of Millennium Green	2
More facilities in the play area, more swings, and a shelter – nowhere to go if it rains. Toddler frame not very safe for toddlers.	
Change gates at the recreation field to auto-close to stop dogs getting in and pooing all over the kids' play area. Currently a big problem!	
Village shop or some facility in the pubs to provide basics.	
Install a tennis court.	1
Village hall would be good but we could adapt the churches maybe.	2

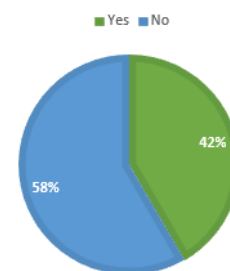
Section 4: Education

This section is about your views on schools and education in our Village.

Pre-school

Do your eligible children attend pre-school?	Yes 5 No 7
If Yes, which one do you use?	Compton 1 Chieveley 3
If No, what is your reason?	N/A 5
Would you use a toddler group if there was one in the village?	Yes 4 No 6
Other suggestions or ideas (please state).	

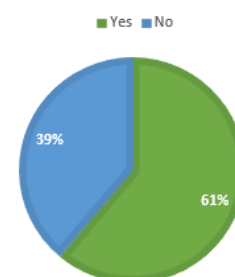
PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ATTEND PRE-SCHOOL



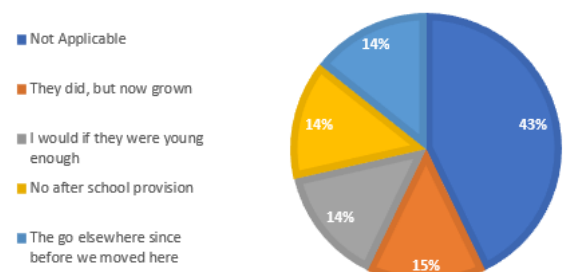
Primary School

Do your eligible children use the existing village primary school?	Yes 11 No 7
If No, please give your reason below.	
Not applicable	3
They did when young; now grown up.	1
If my children were of age, I would look at Compton school first.	1
No afterschool provision or local childminders at the time we applied for schools.	1
They go to a primary school in another village which they were attending before we moved to East Ilsley.	1

PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WHO USE THE PRIMARY SCHOOL



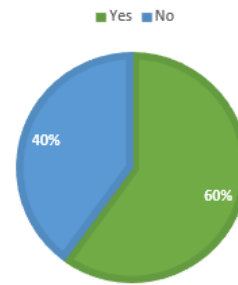
REASONS WHY THEY DON'T USE THE PRIMARY SCHOOL



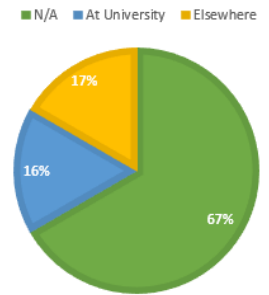
Secondary School

PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE DOWNS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Do your eligible children attend the Downs Secondary School?	Yes 9 No 6
If No, please give your reason below.	
Not applicable	4
Did, but now at university	1
Attend St Gabriel's, Newbury	1



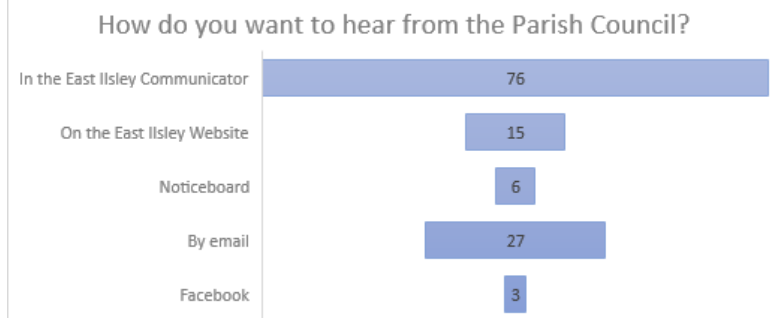
WHY THE DOWNS SCHOOL IS NOT USED



The Parish Council

How would you most like to receive communications from the Parish Council?

In the East Ilsley Communicator	76
On the East Ilsley website	15
On the notice board in Broad Street	6
By email	27
Facebook	3

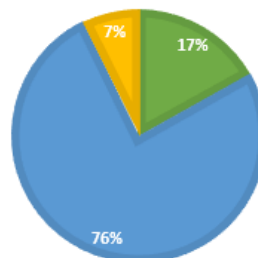


How often would you most like to receive communications from the Parish Council?

Monthly	14
Every two months	63
Twice a year	6
Once a year	

HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM THE COUNCIL?

■ Monthly ■ Every two months ■ Twice a year ■ Once a year



What would encourage you to attend Parish Council meetings?

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Later evening start times, as those who commute aren't back until 8pm+.	1
More decisions made during the meeting,	1
Access to charitable funds (for signposting)	1
Notification of when the meetings are being held.	7
Move to Saturday mornings	2
Shorter agendas	2
Relevant information	2
More actions, less debate	2
Have involvement in decorating village for occasions	1
Any controversial matters for discussion	1
Confidence that actual action is taken	2
Keep the meetings short and make decisions	2

More comfortable seats	3
If there was an issue I felt passionate about.	2
I do attend sometimes.	1
Knowing the meetings were well run and well chaired.	2
Discussing relevance to my household	1
More communication	2
More representation amongst villagers	2
Better awareness of where and when as well as agenda	10
Not held on a Monday	1
If I could hear what they are saying	1
Nothing	4
Nothing where and when they were held. Talk on a subject of local interest. Feeling that the councilors were accessible to all villagers and their opinions, and not a closed group because no-one else could be bothered to put in the time and work.	1
A clear invitation	3
Attend on behalf of the EI Trust Fund	1
I only attend Parish Council meetings when I have a question to ask.	1
I had not realised the meetings were open to all I - probably because I haven't tried to find more information, and I am not aware of what happens at these meetings. Is the information about dates and items easy to find? The web site is under development at present?	1
Unable to get there.	1
More focused, concise, make decisions	2
We would attend if we had more free time on our hands.	2
That items discussed were actually actioned and not forwarded from meeting to meeting.	1
Worker-friendly hours	2
A more dynamic parish council	
A more relevant agenda	

What kind of additional information would you like to receive from the Parish Council?

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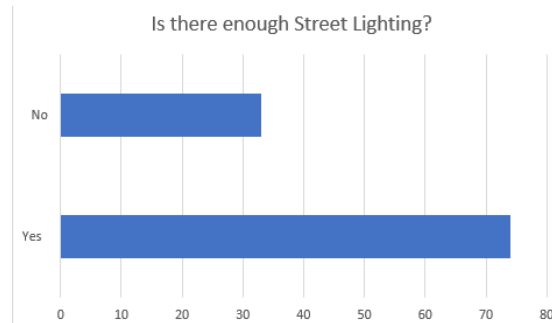
Future plans and direction	1
As long as there are decisions to be made, a clear understanding of topics to be discussed and that agenda and minutes are published according to the law, then the current information in the Communicator is fine, i.e. future developments from West Berks etc.	
Updates of housing needs	1
EIC gives excellent coverage.	2
Compilations – very good area coverage	2
Minutes of ALL past meetings	1
Planning applications via the East Ilsley Communicator	1
Road works notifications	6
Notification of street cleaning days	2
None – they are doing a good job.	2
Updates on all traffic information including what they are doing about potholes.	2
New buildings (including residential)	2
Fine with what we have	2
Every topic	1
Nothing	2
The results of the parish survey.	1
A magazine type report of issues raised in meetings – needs to be independent)	1
Weather alerts	2
Parish Council activities and plans	1
What they plan to spend money on!	1
Communicate well. Already in Communicator	1

Outline of short term and long-term goals / targets	1
Local development information.	2
More environmental information.	2
Better traffic management	2

Section 5: Our Village Environment

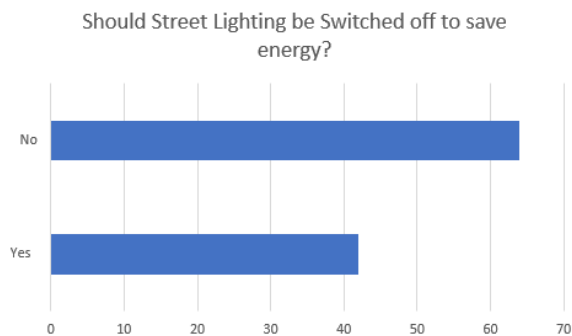
Street Lighting: Is there enough?

Yes	74
No	33



Do you believe that streetlights should be turned off earlier to save energy and reduce light pollution?

Yes	42
No	64



What do you most like about living in the parish?

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Sense of community / events	24
Living in a picturesque village with a strong, friendly community	5
Good walks	4
Natural beauty of area	3
Reducing speed limit to 20 mph	1
Good walks in lovely countryside	4
Cleanliness and well looked after	2
Environment	5
Location	2
Away from the hustle and bustle	1
Strong connection with West Ilsley	2
Safety	3
The size and community	2
Transport links	2
Look and feel of the village	3
Village spirit	3
Being in a rural community	2
Friendly and kind neighbours	4
Makes me happy to live here	6
Peace and quiet	7
My house and garden	2
Comfortable place to reside	1
Being in a small area	2
Access to the A34	6
Small and well-kept	2
Pubs	5

What do you think this village is good at?

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Community	12
Events – Decorations at Christmas, Halloween etc.	29
Recreation ground and Millennium field	2
Bonfire night / fireworks display	1
Sheep Fair, joining in	1
Schools	2
Pubs	3
Facebook pages	3
Friendly and inclusive	2
Misusing social media	1
Open spaces	4
Fostering the great community spirit.	1
Being in a community	1
Making it friendly	2
Volunteer groups	1
Coming together to celebrate events and holidays	2
Travel options for work	1
Walks	1
Is it good at anything?	1
Promotes wildlife	2
Downland Volunteers and Handibus	1
Peaceful and friendly	1
Friendliness of residents / comfy feel	1
Looking after each other	3
The village is clean and tidy, and has some small businesses and farm land.	1
Communication, e.g. El Communicator, Facebook page	2
Nature and heritage	2
Safety	1
Friends live here	1
In danger of losing its character and individuality. Needs small-scale careful planning.	1
Caring nature / friendly	1

What do you like least about living East Ilsley?

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Noise of the A34	20
Proximity to the A34 and no shop.	1
Rubbish from the A34	1
Remoteness and lack of shop, post office etc.	17
Lack of transport links	1
A34 is dangerous to travel on	1
Too many school buses and heavy traffic.	1
Dog fouling on footpaths, byways and bridleways	2
Traffic mirror on Broad St and High St junction	1
Speed of traffic	5
Volume of heavy traffic on Cow Lane / Compton Road	1
Too much heavy traffic	2
Access on to A34	5
Traffic through the village	4
None	3
Increasing volumes of traffic	1
Tacky pond decorations at Halloween and Christmas	1

Don't feel safe going out at night due to small lights	1
Speed of traffic on Cow Lane	1
A34	5
Unreliable supplies of electricity and water	4
Too many cliques of people.	1
Everyone thinks they know all about your business; usually incorrect.	1
Having to live near a dangerous road.	1
Having to walk the dog near dangerous roads.	1
Church Hill	2
Being so far away from pals	2
Landscape is barren – need more hedgerows and wildlife	1
Light restriction due to trees. Why can some be removed / cut right back whilst others can't?	2
Living on the Compton Road the speed limit of 30 mph should be reduced to 20 mph.	2
Too far from the shops	2
That it might become more benighted	2
School parking	3
Litter along Churchside walk-through	1
Parking on pavements	1
No village hall	1
Lack of life, population too small	1
A34 noise / accidents frequent	6
Flooding	1
Lack of community spirit	1
Nothing for the youth to do	1
You can feel very isolated	1
Access to A34 is dangerous and there are few alternative routes. The A34 will become busier and noisier.	2
Overdevelopment	1
Traffic throughput in the future as other local villages e.g. Compton expand.	1
We love everything about living in the village.	1
Confusion on Broad Street (one-way)	2
Us and them attitude	2
Traffic	2
Maxted farms	1

What concerns you about the village?

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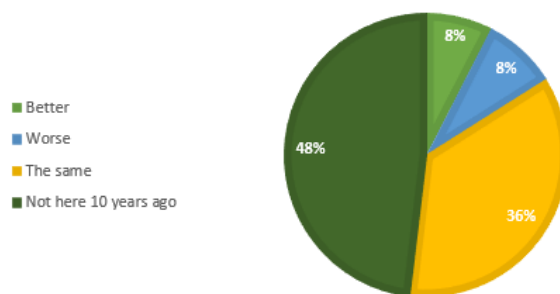
West Berks and Parish Council turning it into 'sign' city.	1
Increased traffic from housing development in Compton.	2
The school closing.	3
How lonely some people must be.	1
Traffic speed	5
Flood risk	1
Isolation of the elderly	1
Affordability of housing	2
West Berks Traffic not concerned about rules in conservation areas.	1
Lack of community focus	2
Lack of community infrastructure	2
Constant talk of development	2
It might expand	3
Increasing volumes of traffic	1
Dog fouling	1
No shop	2

Road noise from A34.	1
HGV parking overnight	4
No desire to see A34 converted to a motorway	5
Not enough integration between ages.	1
People want the community events but aren't willing to help.	1
There is no bar or something to hold on to by the pond so if a child (young) falls in, it would be dangerous.	1
No meeting point for OAPs.	2
An aging population	1
Pot holes and bad state of the roads	5
Parking in certain areas.	2
Trucks on the one way system	2
Limited public transport	1
Speeding and parking	1
It is slowly dying	1
Too small to thrive	1
Bigotry / in past, not so much now	1
Need more salt boxes	1
That it may become largely a commute village with no community sense.	1
Lack of whole village involvement	1
No village hall or small shop	1
Poor transport links	3
Speed and volume of traffic passing through village.	3
I think the village needs a focal point e.g. village hall and must retain its school to avoid having mainly an older population in future.	2
Any future housing developments – we hope there'll be none!	1
High price of housing for next generation.	1
Lack of community spirit – same people for everything.	1
No clear village plan	1
Fast traffic	1

How does the quality of life in East Ilsley compare with that of 10 years ago?

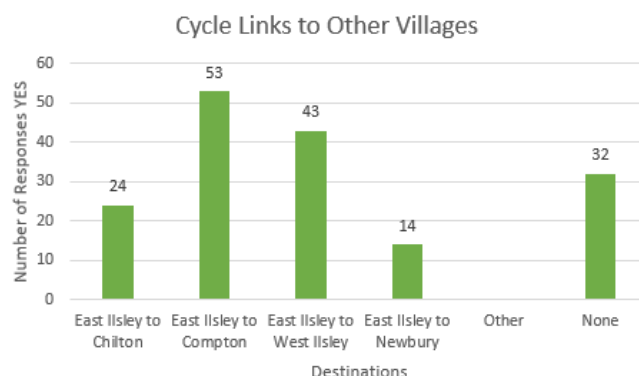
Better	8
Worse (please say why on the sheet at the end of this questionnaire)	9
The same	38
Not here 10 years ago	51

QUALITY OF LIFE NOW COMPARED TO 10 YEARS AGO



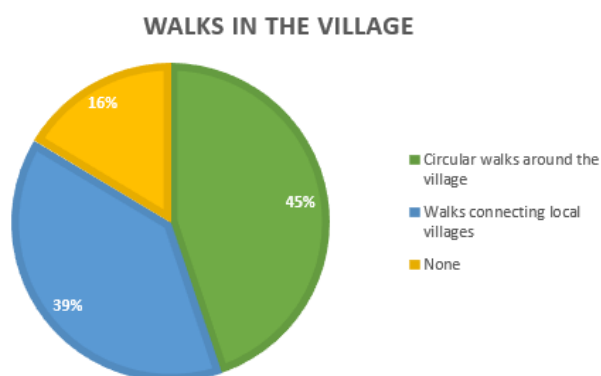
Would you like to see cycleways to join the following villages?

East Ilsley to Chilton	24
East Ilsley to Compton	53
East Ilsley to West Ilsley	43
East Ilsley to Newbury	14
Other	
None	32



Would you like to see more of the following types of connecting walks around the village?

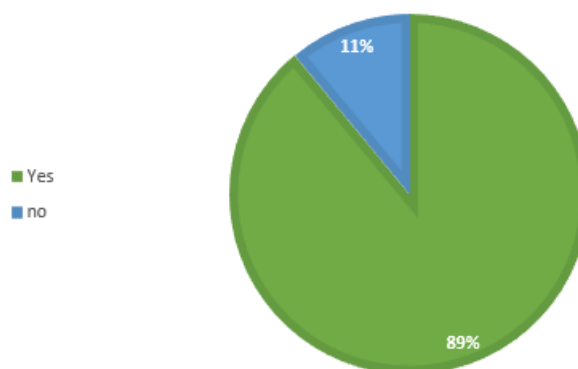
Circular walks around the village	52
Walks connecting local villages	45
None	19



Are there any areas in East Ilsley in which you feel unsafe?

No	97
Yes (Please give your reason below.)	
Top of High Street (even on pavement due to traffic / speeding HGVs etc.)	2
Near the pond at nighttime – it is badly lit. In the dark it is hard to see where the pavement by the pond is.	3
The alleyway to Churchside	2
Care is needed on impaired narrow roads.	1
Insufficient street lighting	2
S bend junction to Compton after the pond.	1
Near Pete Goddard's house	1

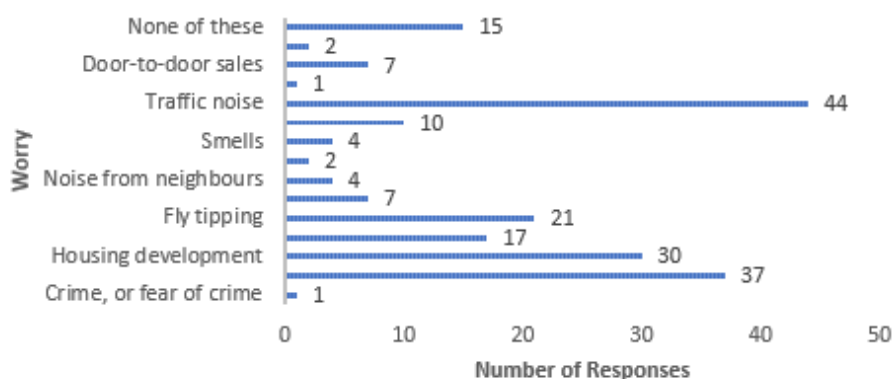
DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN THE VILLAGE?



Are you adversely affected by, or are you concerned about, any of the following in East Ilsley?

Crime, or fear of crime	1
Dog fouling	37
Housing development	30
Flooding	17
Fly tipping	21
Graffiti	7
Noise from neighbours	4
Noise from social functions	2
Smells	4
Light pollution	10
Traffic noise	44
Theft	1
Door-to-door sales	7
Vandalism	2
None of these	15

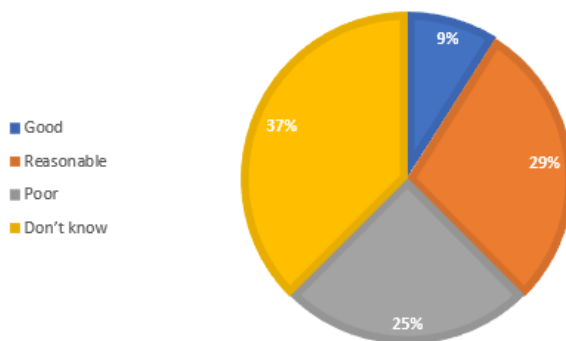
WHAT ARE YOU MOST WORRIED ABOUT IN THE VILLAGE?



Do you regard the police coverage for East Ilsley to be:

Good	10
Reasonable	32
Poor	28
Don't know	42

POLICE PRESENCE IN THE VILLAGE

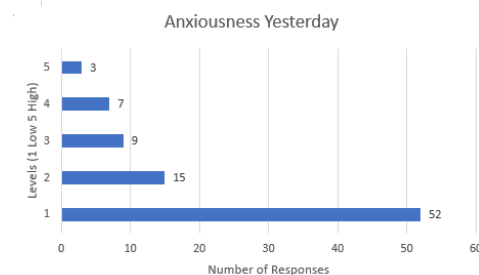
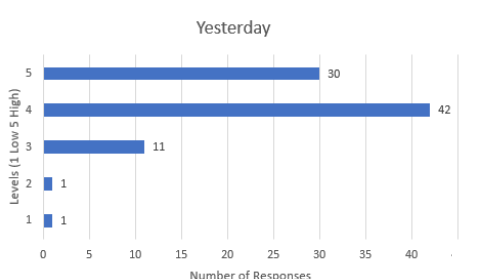
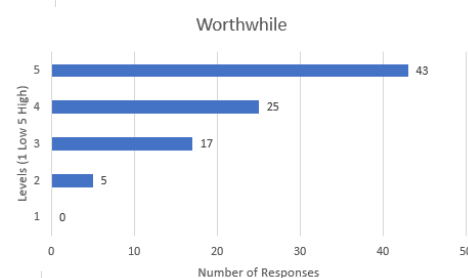
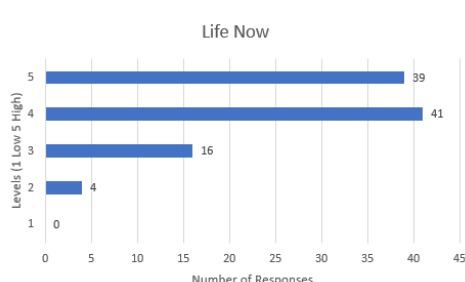


Section 6: Health & Welfare

We would like to compare East Ilsley to the Official National measures of wellbeing.

Please write in a score between 1 (for not at all) and 5 (for completely agree) for each person in your household.

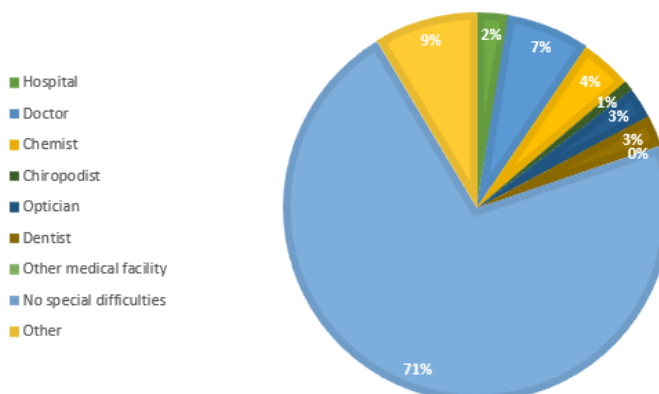
Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?	1 – 2 – 4 3 – 16 4 – 41 5 – 39
Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	1 – 2 – 5 3 – 17 4 – 25 5 – 43
Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	1 – 1 2 – 1 3 – 11 4 – 42 5 – 30
Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	1 – 52 2 – 15 3 – 9 4 – 7 5 – 3



Do you have difficulty in getting to the following:

Hospital	3
Doctor	8
Chemist	5
Chiropodist	1
Optician	3
Dentist	3
Other medical facility	0
No special difficulties	83
Other	10

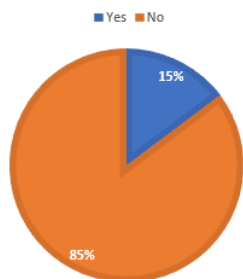
DIFFICULTIES GETTING TO APPOINTMENTS



Do you have a health problem / disability that affects your day-to-day living?

Yes	15
No	87

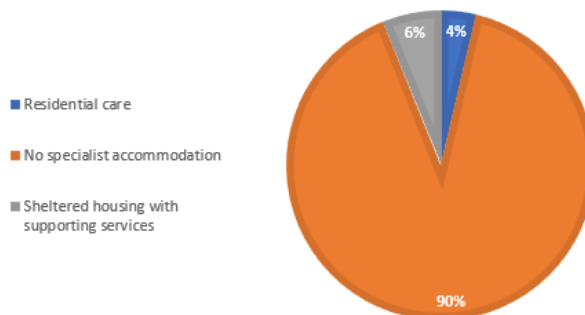
HEALTH PROBLEM OR DISABILITY



Do you now require, or do you expect to require within 5 years, the following specialist accommodation?

Residential care	3
No specialist accommodation	74
Sheltered housing with supporting services	5

CARE IN THE FUTURE



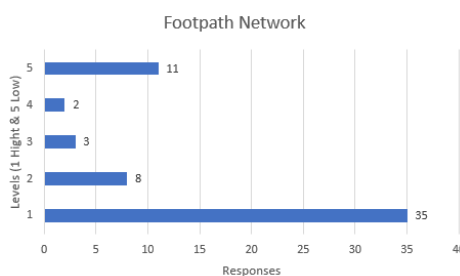
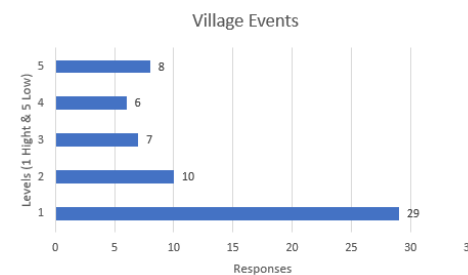
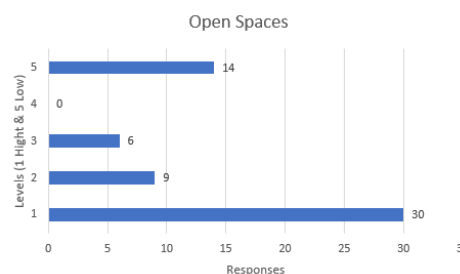
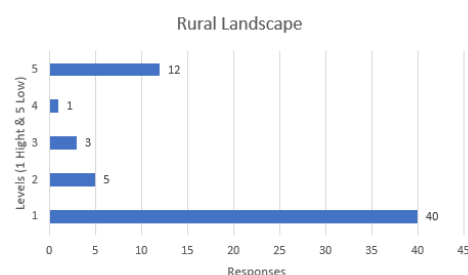
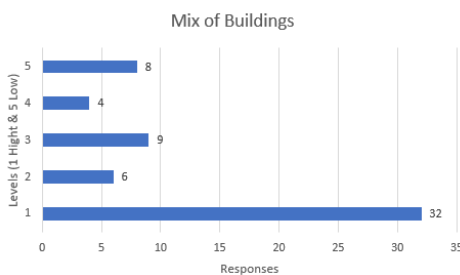
Section 7: Our Heritage and Culture

This section is about your views on preserving our village heritage and character.

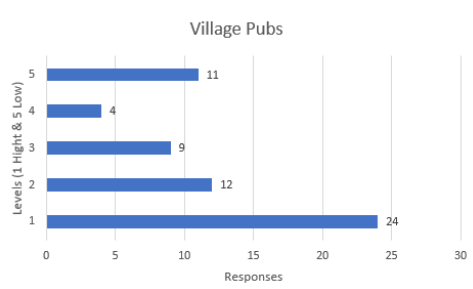
How much do you value these village characteristics?

(Please rate each question from 1 (value very much) to 5 (do not particularly value.)

The mix of buildings of different ages	1 – 32 2 – 6 3 – 9 4 – 4 5 – 8
The setting in a rural landscape	1 – 40 2 – 5 3 – 3 4 – 1 5 – 12
Open spaces within the village	1 – 30 2 – 9 3 – 6 4 – 5 – 14
Village events, e.g. El Sheep Fair, Halloween, Christmas	1 – 29 2 – 10 3 – 7 4 – 6 5 – 8
The network of footpaths leading around the village	1 – 35 2 – 8 3 – 3 4 – 2



and the Ridgeway, and along the fields	5 – 11
Village pubs	1 – 24 2 – 12 3 – 9 4 – 4 5 – 11
Other (please state)	
Conservation area	3
Village school	1
Increased use of St Mary's Church as a community focus	2
Community centre if developed	1
Community shop if developed	1



Section 8: Additional Feedback

Thank you to all of you who a) took the time to complete the survey and b) who wrote additional comments for consideration. We have published them all below.

- Much more traffic than 10 years ago.
- Getting fed up of commercial lorries parking over weekends at the allotments when it was built for temporary parking for horseboxes.
- Traffic calming There have been ideas in place for years but there has been an insistence of a 20-mph limit (not helped?). Speed bumps have not been allowed because of emergency vehicles (and farm vehicles). The junction at the Abingdon Road / Fidlers Lane needs to be changed to take a proper left turn (John Clarke has details) and the little triangle needs removing so there is a clear left turn to Compton, The long curves through the village allows for easy acceleration.
- The main objective should be to remove traffic and to fight for the new road and junction on to the A34 as suggested by the government's housing report (don't know name). The Downs School keeps getting bigger without any care for increased traffic.
- Village Shop: Who will fund it? Will it turn into a café like the village shop in Hampstead Norreys? Parking? Refer to all previous plans – shop in Crown and Horns, Tesco deliveries, nothing happened because demand wasn't there.

I would be enthusiastic about using the church if there were any parking nearby.

The track on the map seems to begin and exit and should be opened. (Identified on the map as the one at the back of the Wilson's barns.)

We have concerns that increasing property prices within the village mean that young families may not be able to live here. Peadar O'Donohue

This is a beautiful part of the country to live in and be a part of.

However, I would like to point out that the dog fouling is DISGUSTING. Not only is it dangerous to children wanting to ride their bicycles, but it is a DANGER to wildlife and sheep. Dog foul has been proven to make children blind and kill livestock, despite grossly antisocial.

Lack of village shop and unfriendliness of newcomers.

Parking along Stanmore Road on pavements makes it difficult to see other directions when coming out of drives. Also, it is difficult for emergency services – they would have to slow down. There should be no parking allowed in the turning circle at the end of the road.

Parking on the junction of High Street and Broad Street, travelling southbound up the hill. There is an accident waiting to happen here. There are lines, but these are being abused and they need to extend further, as cars/lorries turning from Broad St have to drive too far over when turning, thus travelling into oncoming vehicles coming down the hill. Parking in Stanmore Road restricts access to some properties and may restrict emergency vehicles.

I am very concerned about traffic speed in the village. Extend the 20-mph zone down Compton Road please! Build a sports facility on the field.

We do not need a village Hall. We need some small-scale housing development - affordable but not necessarily social. A34 changes need to have minimal effect but the maximum benefit for the village; e.g. no motorway extended slip roads, restricted HGV parking/ access; no pre planned diversions through the village.

My quality of life is worse than it was 10 years ago – now the children have left school I rarely see anyone in the village other than near neighbours.

No OAP groups.

It would be good to have a village hall and a shop – even if the latter was small and had short opening hours.

Can we encourage hedge planting between fields? I rarely walk to the Ridgeway now because it's boring, and hardly any wildlife. Potholes are a nightmare, but I realized they aren't your {Parish Council} responsibility. I'm afraid to use my bike in case I hit a pothole.

Compared to many other villages, our playground is very disappointing.

Are all the buses that come through the village to Compton school really necessary? Could some be replaced by single-decker buses and minibuses etc?

Where we live the speed limit is 30 mph, whereas in other parts of the village it is 20 mph. Traffic leaving the motorway travels at speeds greater than 30 mph. Therefore, the restrictions should apply to the Compton Road, which is a very narrow road.

Parking badly at school, by the Recreation field gate and on the green. Also, bad parking in Churchside by Downside Corner, also on Church Hill and Star Hill.

The school hall is also the Parish Room, but it seems to have gone by the wayside. The Parish Council paid to have it refurbished in order for this a few years ago

Without gross East Ilsley will continue to stagnate yet with forethought it could grow pleasantly and sustainably.

The parish council should be prepared to purchase sufficient new land surrounding the village to eventually double its housing stock. This land to be subdivided into residential plots serviced wood road Siri and articulated water and then sold on to individual buyers.

They will have to agree to start building within year of purchase and complete the building within 3 years. To ensure any new buildings fit into the village character only stock building plans purchased from the council will be allowed.

To encourage self-sufficiency individuals will be permitted to build their own homes with close inspection by a qualified building inspector. Basic building skills to be learned from good local colleges with the help of a simple building manual. If the parish council begins to think "out of the box" it could take matters into its own hands to build East Ilsley into a self-sustaining local village not out of character with the present look and feel of the village. I

I fear that if it does not, matters will be taken out of its hands by district a national government allowing developers to build lots of little boxes in our village as has happened to many other villages in the surrounding districts.

Newspaper delivery service from Compton shop has ceased. New source for delivery is difficult to find. This adds to the future benefit of a village / community shop.

Extra parking – where? What do people come to in numbers except school, sometimes churches, and pubs – which have their own.

Improved pavements - Compton Road, Abingdon Road, A34 slip road, alongside the Millennium Green. Fortunately, road from school to slip road is usually quieter. This has relevance for dog walkers.

More frequent bus service – a two-hourly service is no help to the Compton shop and then returning in less than 2 hrs.

Communication from the Parish Council – 3-monthly (say through the EIC) giving report on issues raised. An annual summary report?

It is useful having a Flood Warden to keep informed on this and report regularly via the EIC.

Are any councillors able to do the same for traffic accidents on local slip roads for the A34 and on A34 safety locally and projected developments?

I would happily pay for a village map (with ages of buildings and roads marked. Also, for a local footpath map, and wider footpath map out to Ridgeway / Compton / West Ilsley. It could be sold by the pubs.

The 'History of the Church' booklet is interesting – a 'village history' would be interesting also, with early photographs.

I really appreciate the Downland Volunteer service and Handibus. Also, local activities and the kindness of friendly people who take to them – several of whom I was able to meet through the church.

I feel that EIC is very important in informing us about the village and events. It is the major way of conveying a sense of community.

Concern on A34.

Enforcement of 20 mph limit.

The A34 has not been mentioned in this survey and it has a huge impact on the village, especially if there has been an accident on it and cars are diverting through the village. Whilst highlighting the problems on the A34 could improve its safety, I am concerned its negative publicity might have a negative effect on the value of the houses in East Ilsley.

Fewer residents willing to be involved in community events e.g. the Sheep Fair.

Traffic calming measures – Fiddlers Lane – route to and from A34 and West Ilsley

Layby in High Street could be converted to angled parking which would give additional parking.

I am happy to be living at Hildersley Court and have made some good friends here.

(Parking) Depends if village gets e.g. a shop or other commercial enterprise.

Signage at start of one-way system near the Crown and Horns is unclear and could be improved e.g. with road markings for drivers unfamiliar with the village, particularly when there are problems on the A34.

Parish Council should never have allowed the village shop to be developed into dwellings. This robbed the village of several services that a lot of people need (post office, prescriptions, newspapers, social point etc).

Less bus services available – affects all age groups.

The Star pub should not have been allowed to be changed into dwellings – a dangerous place on the road with a hill and junction and no off-street parking.

Elderly people living at Hildersley Court who relied upon local facilities (i.e. the shop, bus service) had everything taken away from them. They are the most vulnerable ones in our community.

The (three village pubs) used to be the heart of the village community, all three providing for a different clientele. The Crown and Horns in particular doesn't have a dedicated landlord, a decent chef or serve decent wines.

There are too many signs around the village. Need a bypass around the village to take large vehicles away from homes.

Street lighting is needed along the road stretching from the school to the High Street, and down to the gallops.

We are a little village bullied by traffic.

Abingdon Road run-in from A34 is an unpoliced racetrack.

Corners by the pond are too fast for kids to cross the road unguarded.

Compton Road S-bend is unsafe for pedestrians and traffic.

Fixing the above is an achievable target for a parish council.

I think it would be beneficial to introduce a one-way system around Churchside / up the hill towards the church. The road is narrow, and visibility is poor around the bend by the church.

Parking at school times – perhaps zig-zag yellow lines directly outside the school and opposite would be a good idea.

Thanks for organising the survey – a good idea!