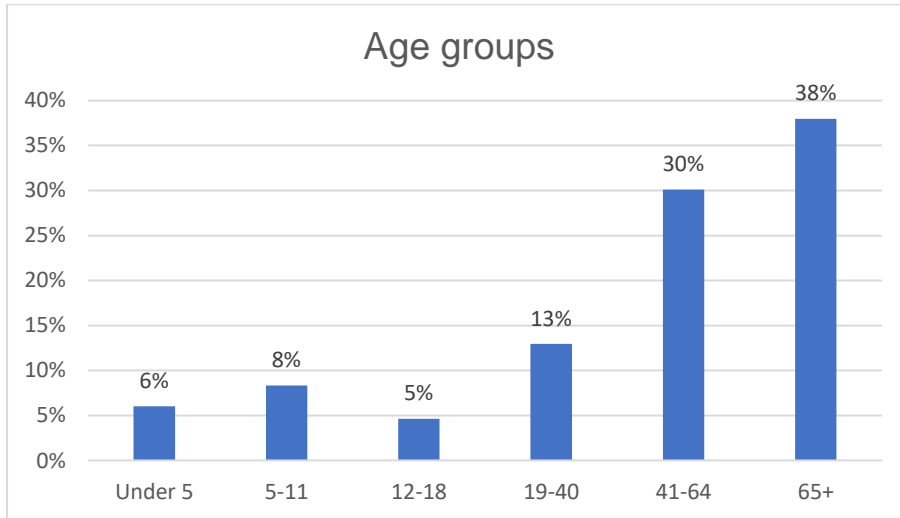


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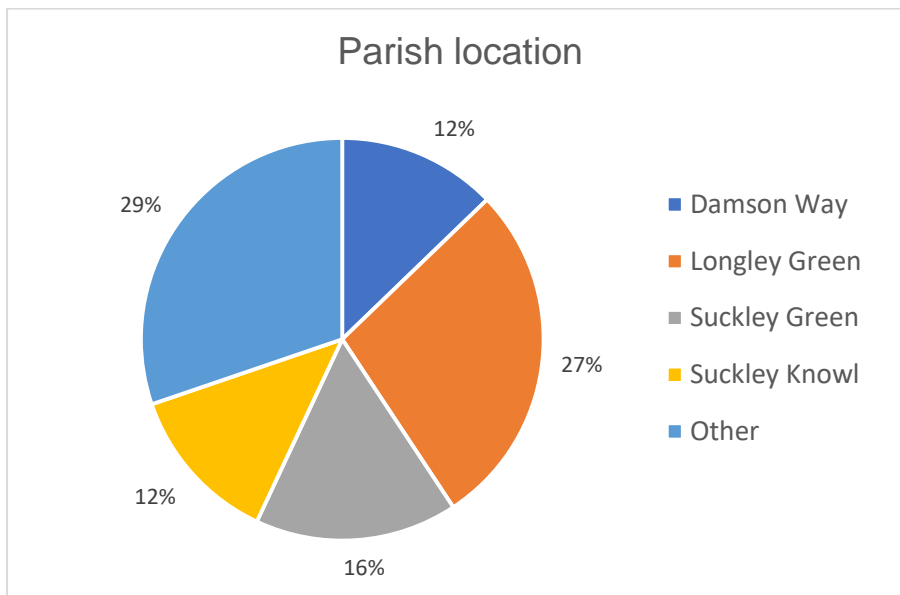
89 survey forms were completed.

## Q1: How many people live in your household in each of the following age groups?



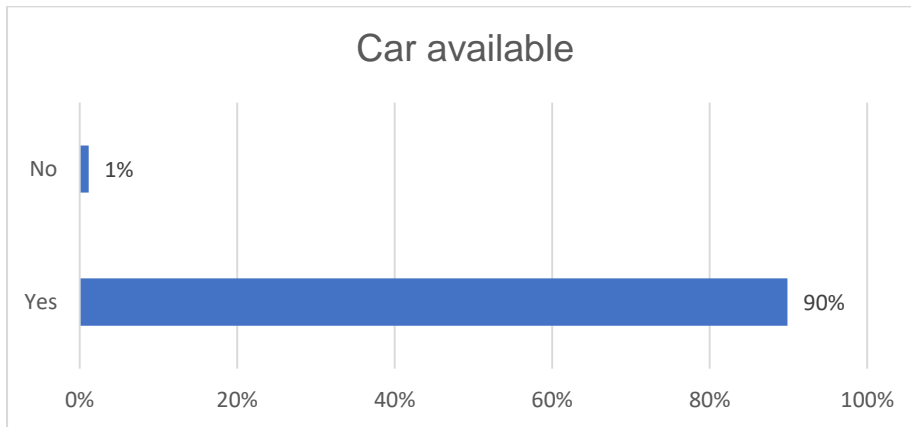
All respondents answered this question.

## Q2: Where in the parish do you live?



3 respondents declined to answer this question.

### Q3: Is there a car available to your household?

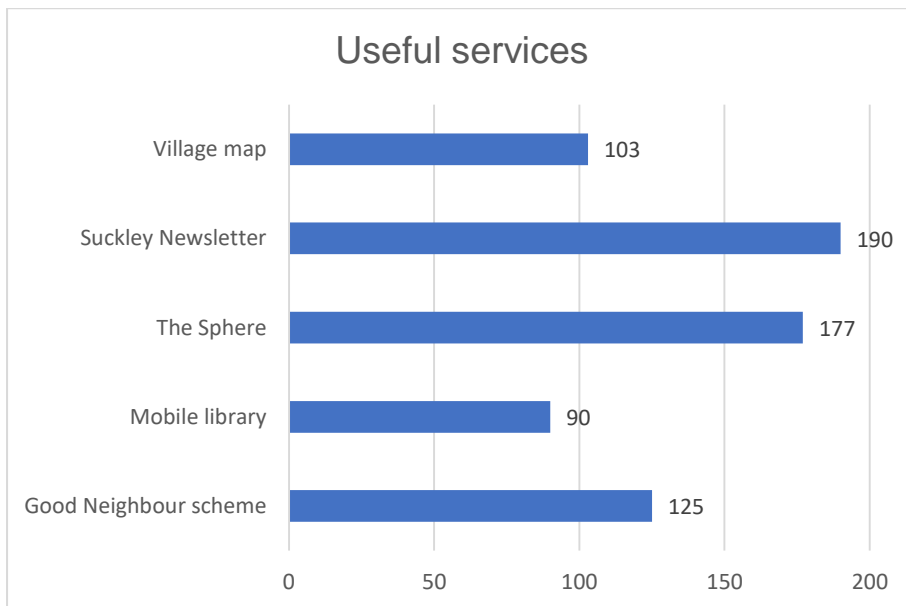


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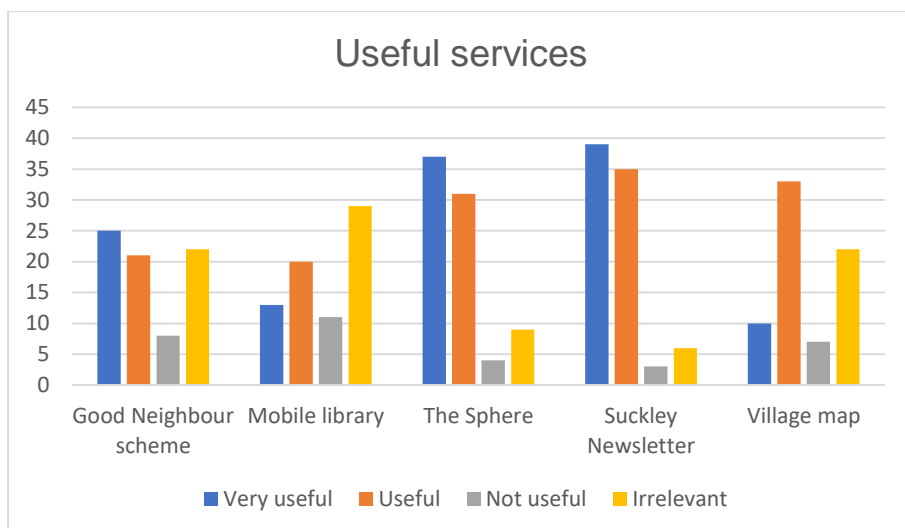
### Q4: How useful are the following services?

In the chart below, a weighting value has been applied to answers:

3=Very useful, 2=Useful, 1=Not useful, 0=Irrelevant



In the chart below, the number of answers to each question is shown:



2 respondents declined to answer this question.

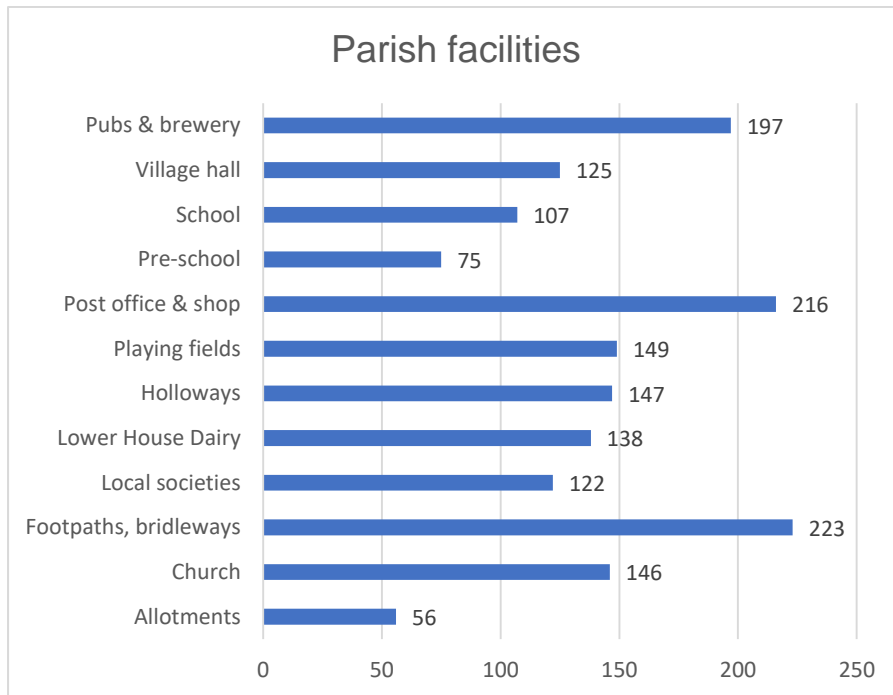
The following responses were provided for **Other** services:

- Village shop and PO
- Suckley Facebook page
- Facebook group
- Warm Wednesdays
- Bus service
- Facebook updates on local concerns, developments, highway info.
- Bus service
- Bus
- Playing fields, shop, pub
- Village Hall
- Suckley & Surrounds Facebook group
- Warm welcome
- Bus
- Facebook group - especially in times of floods, road closures, etc
- Hop Shed, Cross Keys, Longley Green PO, Lower House Dairy, Suckley Facebook page
- Facebook Suckley Surrounds page
- Post office
- Post office and shop

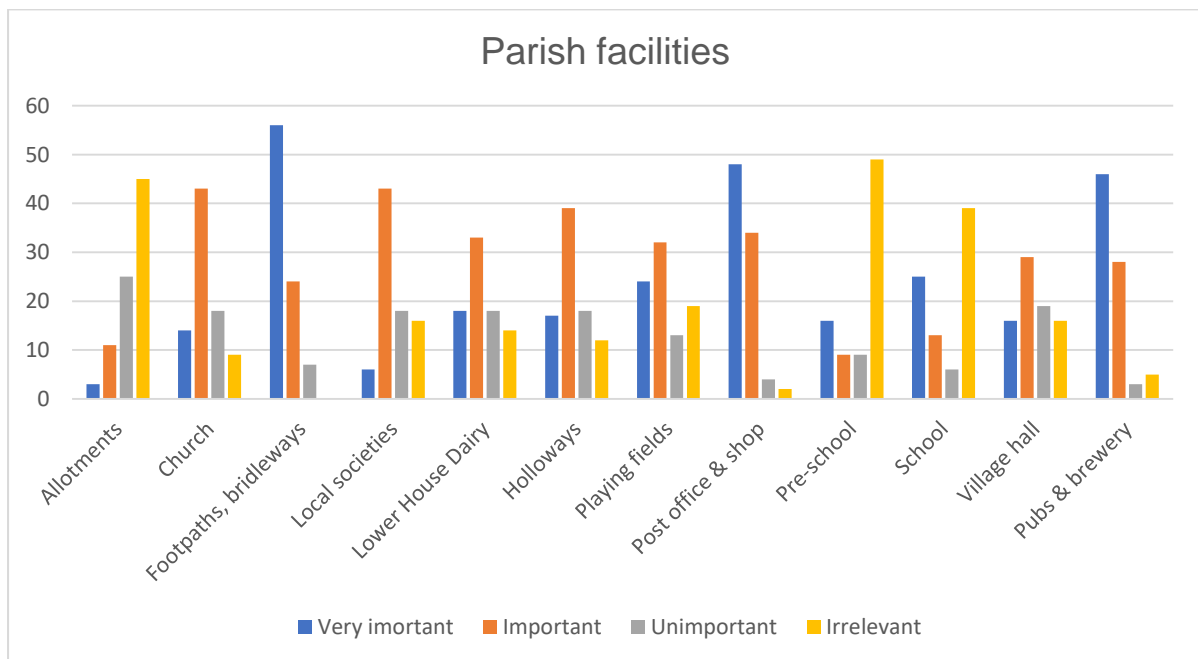
## Q5: How important to your household are the following parish facilities?

In the chart below, a weighting value has been applied to answers:

3=Very important, 2= Important, 1= Unimportant, 0=Irrelevant



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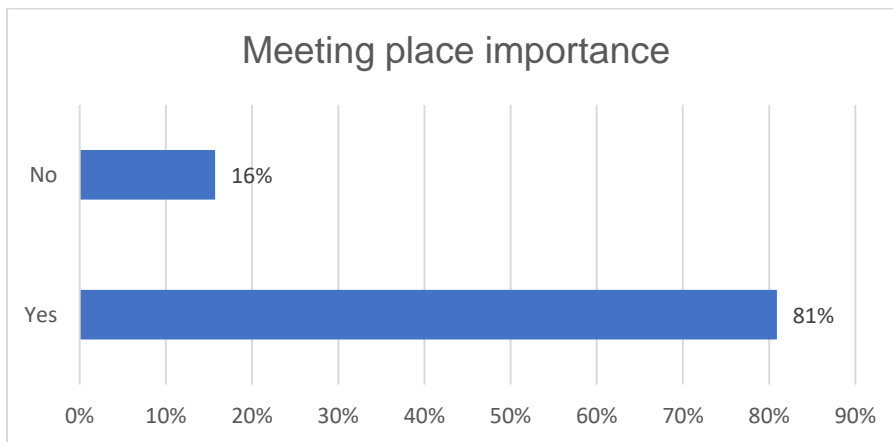
All respondents answered this question.

The following responses were provided for **Other** facilities:

- Mobile shop, mobile takeaway.
- Brewery important as pub is never open
- Preserving green spaces, agricultural land

- Brewery important as pub is never open
- Doctors
- Cross Keys, Suckley Surrounds Facebook page
- Proper meeting place as we don't have a village hall to use now.

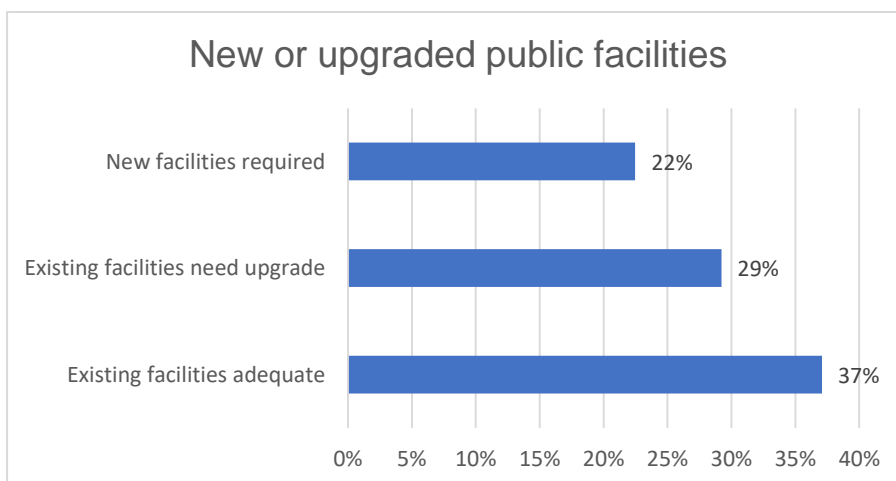
## Q6: Is it important to your household to have a public meeting place in Suckley for indoor sports, village events and meetings?



3 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q7: If yes to Q6, do you think:

The vast majority of respondents that replied to this question answered by stating **yes** only. These results are shown in the chart below. It was not possible to accurately distinguish between **no** and **no response** replies.



The following comments were provided to the **Existing public facilities are adequate** question:

- Church does great job supporting community (BFG, Space)
- Now with facilities in Suckley Church SPACE
- Church is not adequate for meetings and village events
- Sport facilities need improving
- Church

- Church

The following comments were provided to the ***Existing public facilities require upgrade*** question:

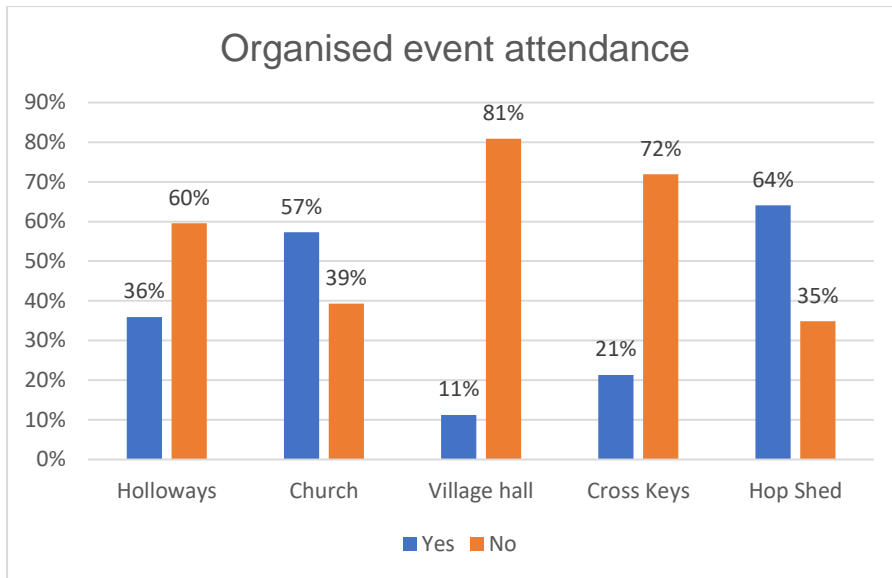
- Church has been upgraded to village hall as playgroup has taken village hall totally.
- The church requires continuing work to make it ideal as a social club for all.
- Building at playing fields requires improvement
- Village hall makeover
- Village hall should have been upgraded heating, toilets, etc and left for village use, not play group only
- No facilities currently exist for indoor sports
- Green spaces where children can play together
- Play area at playing fields
- Nowhere for indoor sports
- Village hall? If it was usable it might get used
- Need confidential space for citizens advice - as planned for community room in church vestry.
- Village Hall - heating, toilets, etc
- The existing village hall needs an upgrade so that the village has a public space not connected to the church.
- Village hall requires modernisation
- Village hall needs upgrading and is now used by pre-school, so not available for weekly activities.
- Village hall needs updating, it has not been done for years.
- Village hall
- Space at playing fields is small and pokey. Play area desperately needs updating and maintenance.
- Pub greatly missed (Hop Shed not as comfy)
- Pub
- Village hall needs heating system and modernising
- Village hall, playing fields

The following comments were provided to the ***New public facilities required*** question:

- Old village hall is now a nursery. Indoor space at playing fields needs lots of upgrading.
- Need a space for indoor sports (ie. badminton, table tennis)
- No facilities currently exist for indoor sports
- New village hall with parking
- More for exercise classes
- Second defib needed in an area that is not only accessible but in sight for all to see
- A new village hall would be invaluable (similar to Leigh & Bransford hall).
- Village hall
- Village Hall
- Nicer, modern warm light village hall
- New venue required with adequate parking.
- Purpose built village hall would be useful on playing fields site.
- Proper meeting hall (NOT church building) for meetings, events, parties, etc. Social events day and evening.
- The Nelson re-opened

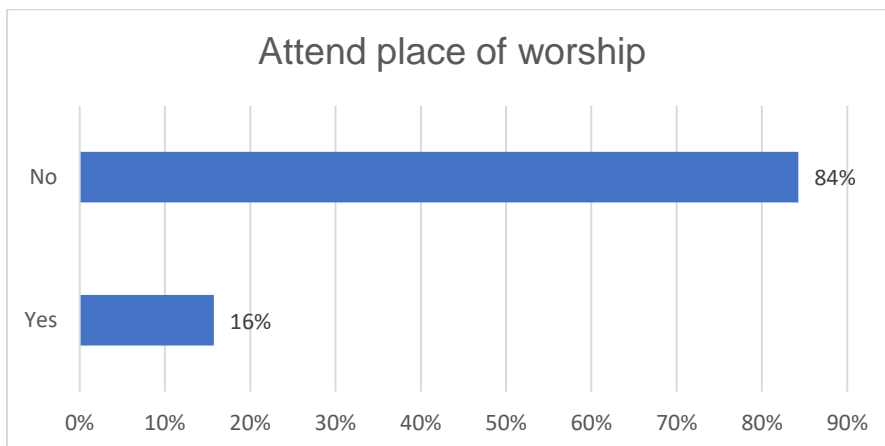
- A new village hall as a meeting place for fun events/parties, meetings, etc (other than the church).
- Village pub
- Village hall - we no longer meet wider neighbours (or a quiz).
- Proper village hall

**Q8: In the last six months, have you attended any organised event at the following places?**



All respondents answered this question.

**Q9: Do you attend a place of worship regularly?**



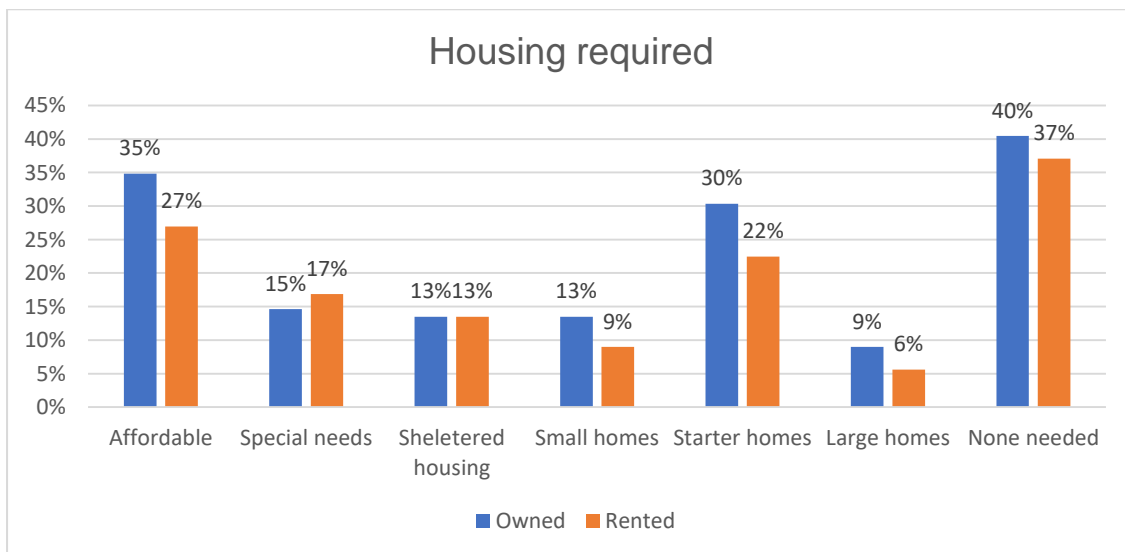
All respondents answered this question.

## Q10: If yes to Q9, where do you go?

The following responses were provided for which Place of Worship was attended:

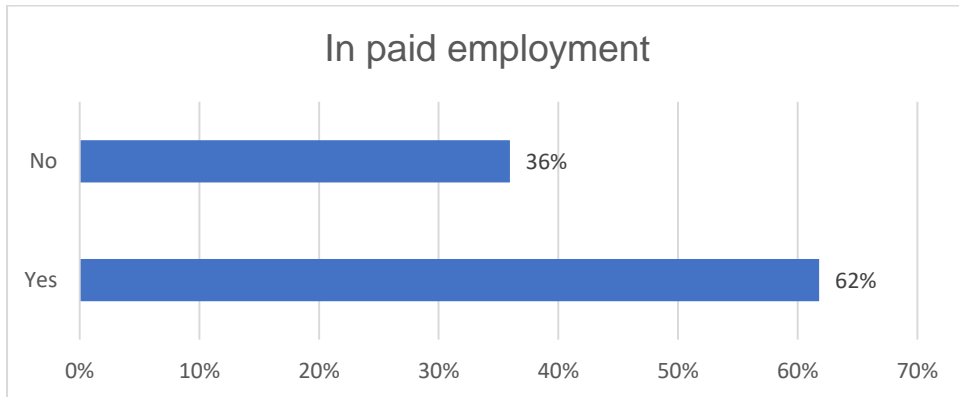
- Knightwick Chapel, Alfrick, Leigh, Bransford
- Suckley, Broadwas
- The Churchyard
- The Etihad
- Suckley
- Suckley church
- Suckley, Malvern Priory
- Alfrick, Malvern
- Suckley
- Bromyard
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Suckley
- Suckley

## Q11: Do you think more housing is required in Suckley and, if so, what type?





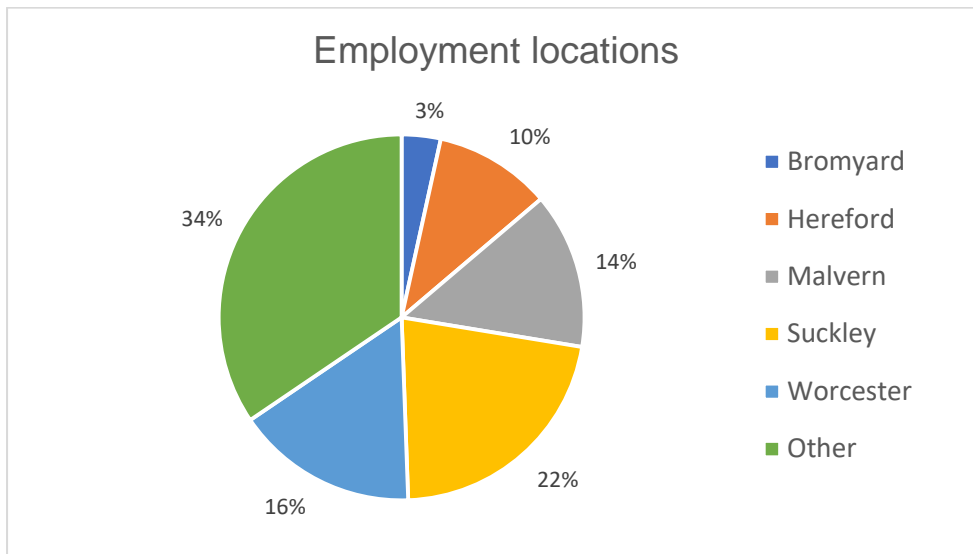
### Q12a: Are any members of your household in paid employment (full- or part-time)?



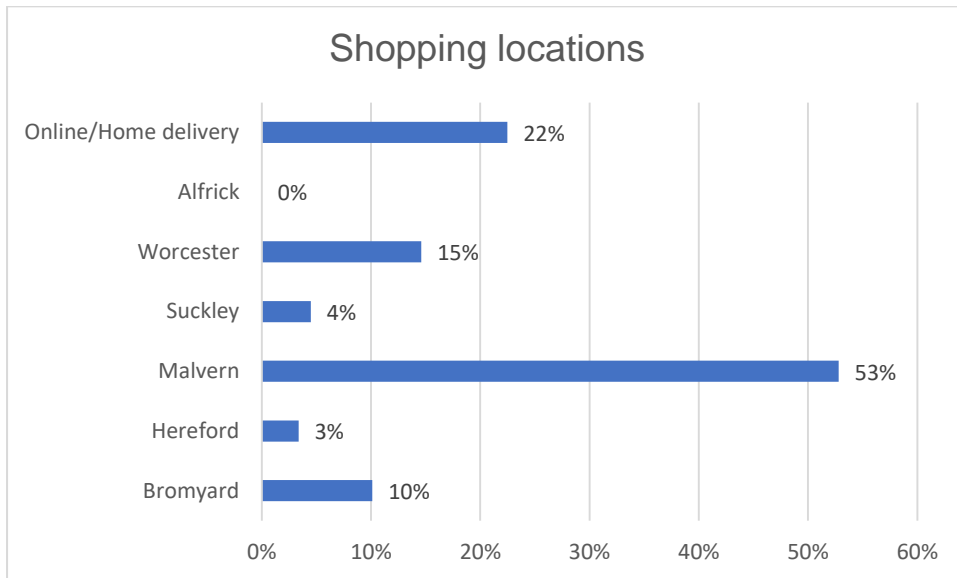
2 respondents declined to answer this question.

### Q12b: If yes to Q12a, how many members of your household are employed in the following places?

The chart below shows the number of people working in each location as a percentage of the total working across all locations.

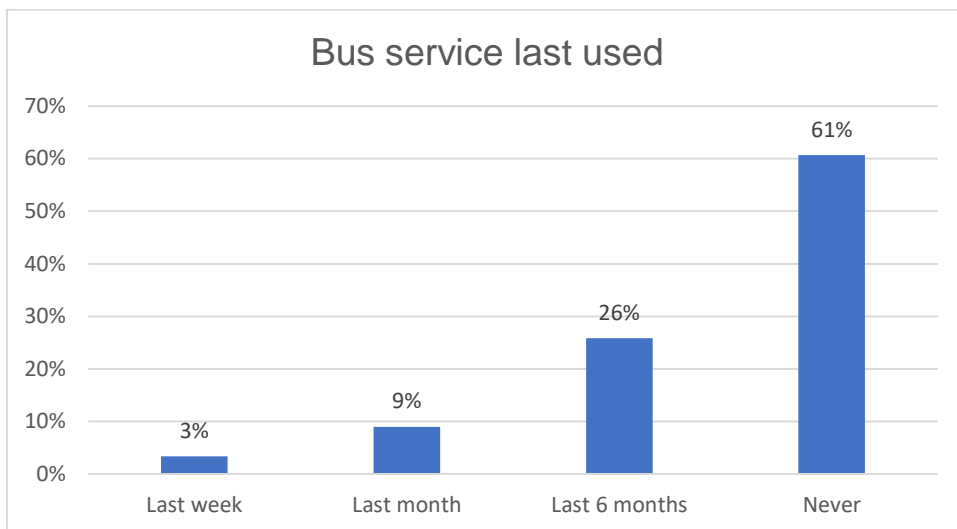


### Q13: Where do you do *most* of your weekly shopping?



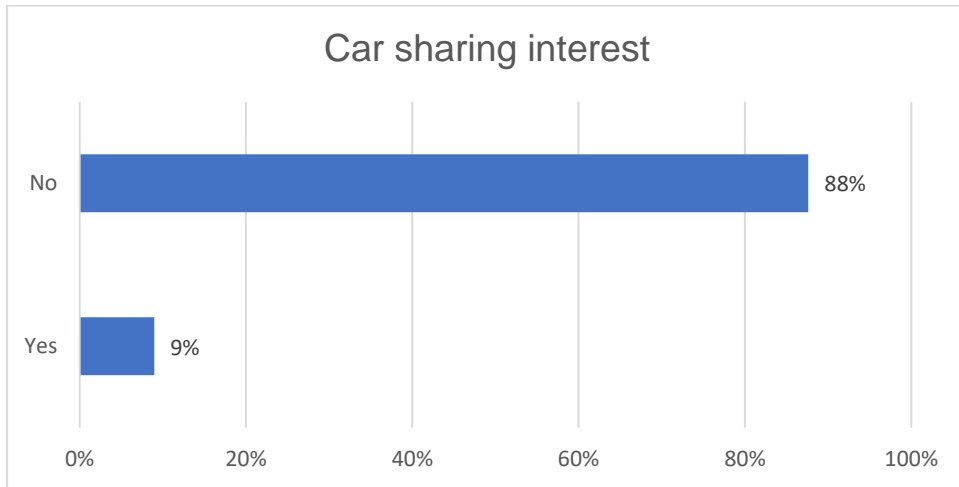
One respondent included Droitwich under *other* shopping locations.

### Q14: When did you last use the bus service to Worcester?



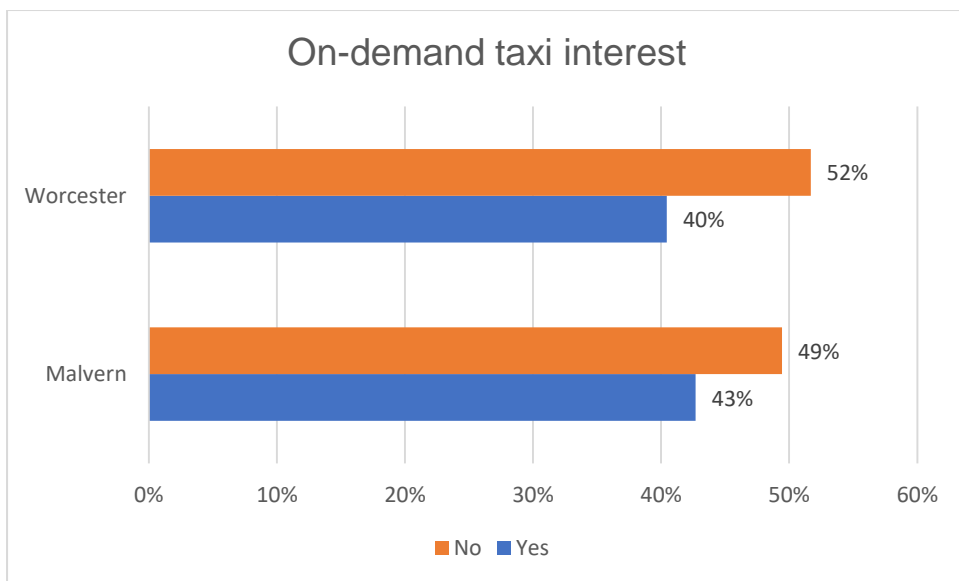
1 respondent declined to answer this question.

**Q15: Would you be interested in a car-sharing scheme for shopping or commuting?**



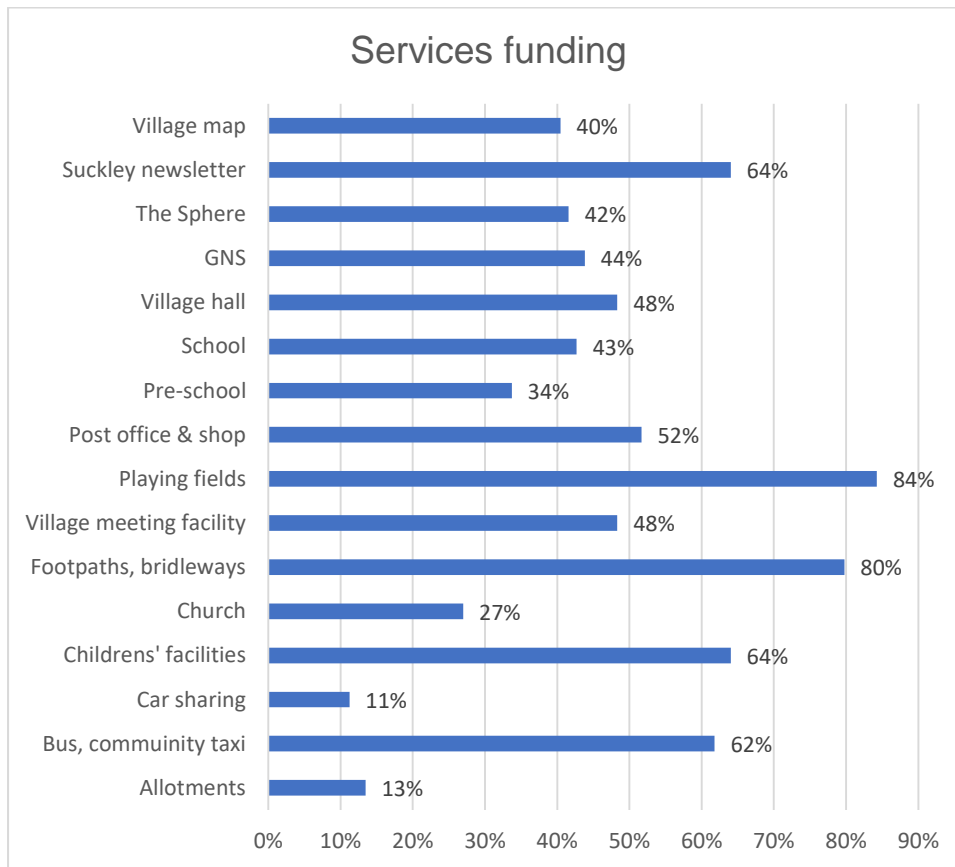
3 respondents declined to answer this question.

**Q16: Would an on-demand parish taxi service be useful to you if it went to Malver or Worcester?**



6 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q17: Should money be provided from your Parish Council tax to assist, improve or develop these facilities/services?

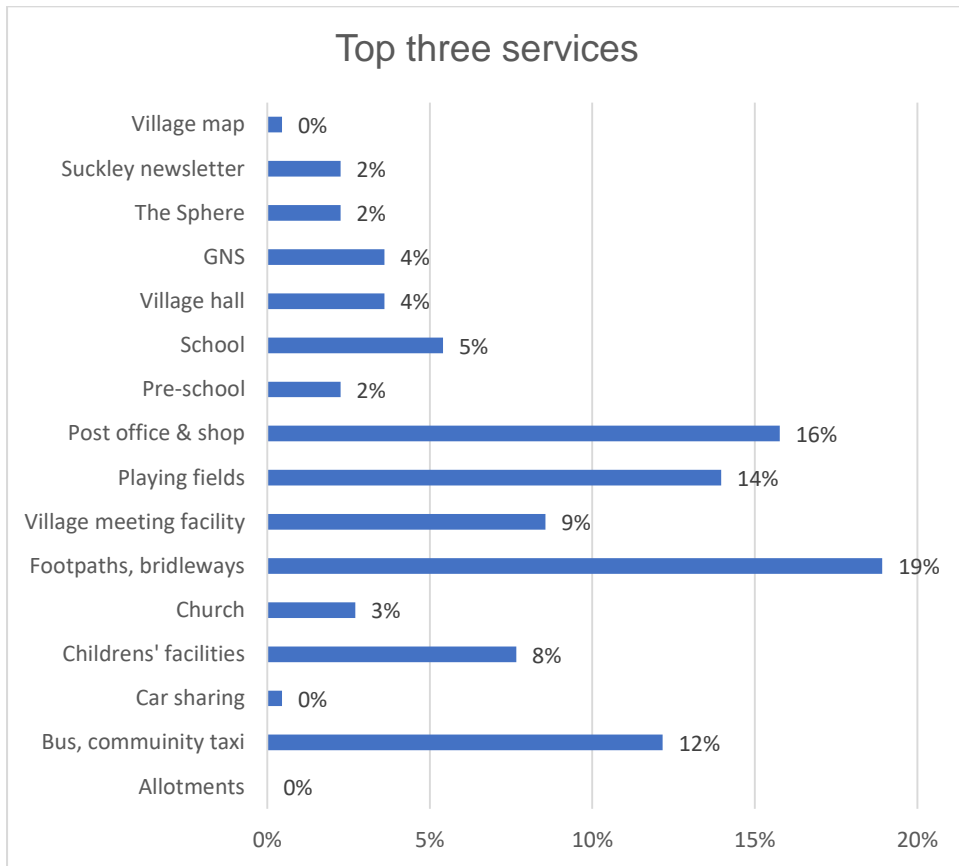


One respondent declined to answer this question.

The following responses were provided for **Other** services:

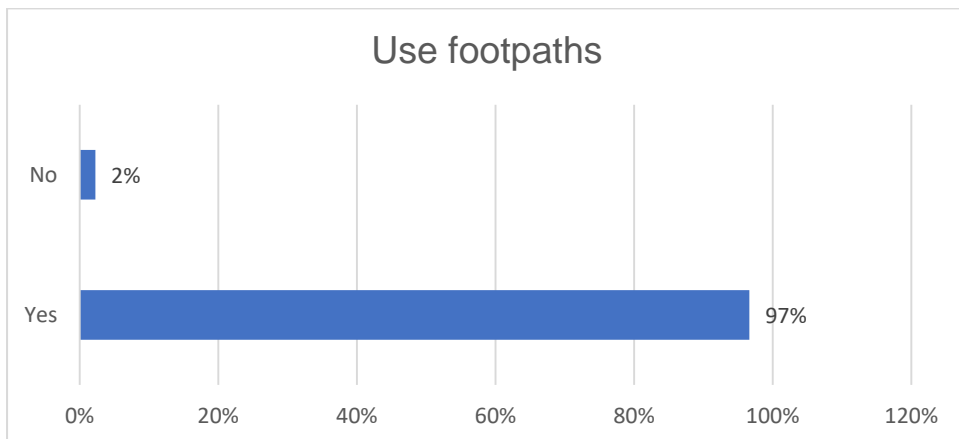
- New signage. Help with Wombles. Planting flowers. Speed limit signs.
- Additional shop, disabled facilities & activities.
- Possibly make use in a more effective manner of current council money
- Nelson Inn
- Pub
- Extra defibrillator
- Mobile library service
- More notice boards so everyone has a chance to see one.
- Cleaning gulleys, maintaining roads and hedgerows - clear mud.

### Q18: If yes to Q17, please identify your top three items



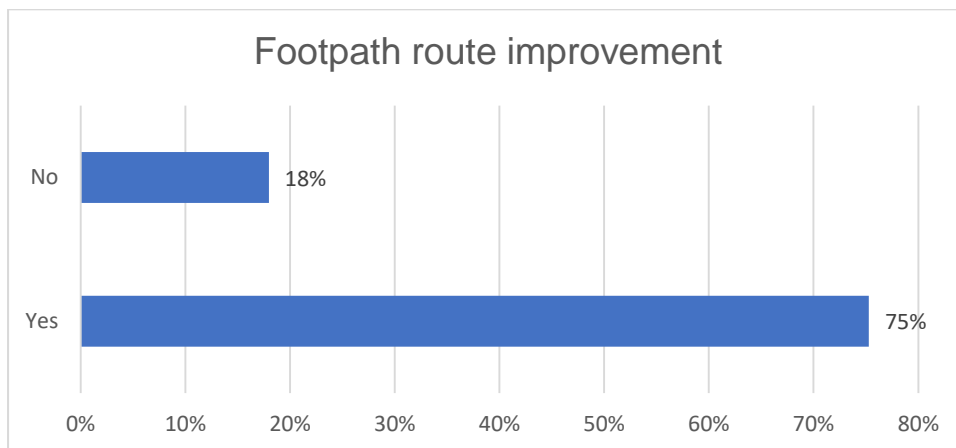
11 respondents declined to answer this question.

### Q19: Do you use public footpaths or bridleways in Suckley?



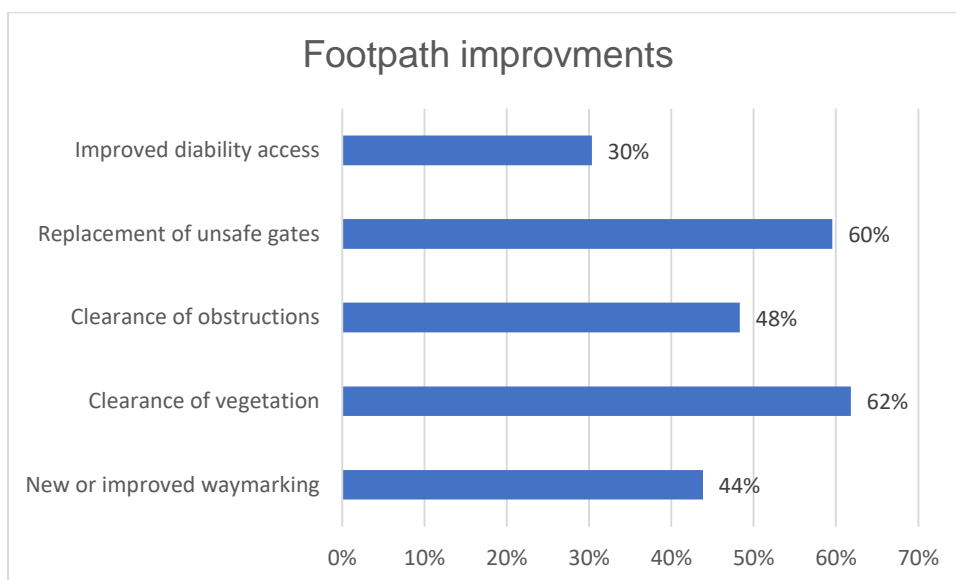
2 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q20: If yes to Q19, do you think routes need improvement?



6 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q21: If yes to Q20, what improvements do you think are needed?



The following locations were identified for ***New or improved waymarking***:

- Boat House lane
- On parish boundaries with H'fords
- Many signs are not clear
- In and around Pewcroft, Grove Farm and back of the Dale, Old Yearsett, Archen Hills.
- Unclear signage generally
- South of White House crossroads going east across three fields. Sign between WHC and Park Farm.
- Generally, signage to match OS maps
- Worcestershire Way
- Some local signs have been taken down by residents as it goes through their garden.
- Most areas

The following locations were identified for ***Clearance of vegetation on routes***:

- Top of bridlepath near Longley Green
- White house crossroads
- Suckley Hills
- Suckley Hills
- A dedicated team of maintenance would be useful
- In and around Pewcroft, Grove Farm and back of the Dale, Old Yearsett, Archen Hills.
- As reported
- South of White House crossroads going east across three fields. Sign between WHC and Park Farm.
- Routes leading from Suckley PO to Batchcombe Lane area
- 567 ©
- Below allotments to field on right side (when facing from road).
- Main footpath to church and school past village hall.
- Outside school
- Damson Way to School
- Some very overgrown
- Most areas
- Suckley woods
- All

The following locations were identified for ***Clearance of obstructions on routes:***

- Trees are down
- Worcester Way (Lower bridle path from shop)
- Suckley Hills
- Worcestershire Way
- In and around Pewcroft, Grove Farm and back of the Dale, Old Yearsett, Archen Hills.
- White House to the north
- Gate wired shut on walk between PO and Blackhouse Lane and old stile inaccessible if immobile.
- As reported
- South of White House crossroads going east across three fields. Sign between WHC and Park Farm.
- Routes leading from Suckley PO to Batchcombe Lane area
- Outside school
- Damson Way to School
- Gate wired shut on walk between PO and Blackhouse Lane and old stile impassable for mobility impaired
- All

The following locations were identified for ***Replacement of unsafe gates or stiles:***

- Bottom of wood near hop farm
- White house crossroads
- Throughout village
- Leight Brook bridge
- Adjacent to Blackhouse Lane
- Suckley Hills
- Some good replacements have been done recently

- All stiles need checking, repairing or replacing
- In and around Pewcroft, Grove Farm and back of the Dale, Old Yearsett, Archen Hills.
- Gate wired shut on walk between PO and Blackhouse Lane and old stile inaccessible if immobile.
- As reported
- South of White House crossroads going east across three fields. Sign between WHC and Park Farm.
- Kissing gates are preferable to stiles
- Suckley Road (on left from A44) between White House Court and Park House farm.
- Damson Way to School
- Allotment has been done - well done
- Gate wired shut on walk between PO and Blackhouse Lane and old stile impassable for mobility impaired
- All over
- Broken gate at rear of Suckley PO
- All

The following locations were identified for ***Improved accessibility for those with disabilities:***

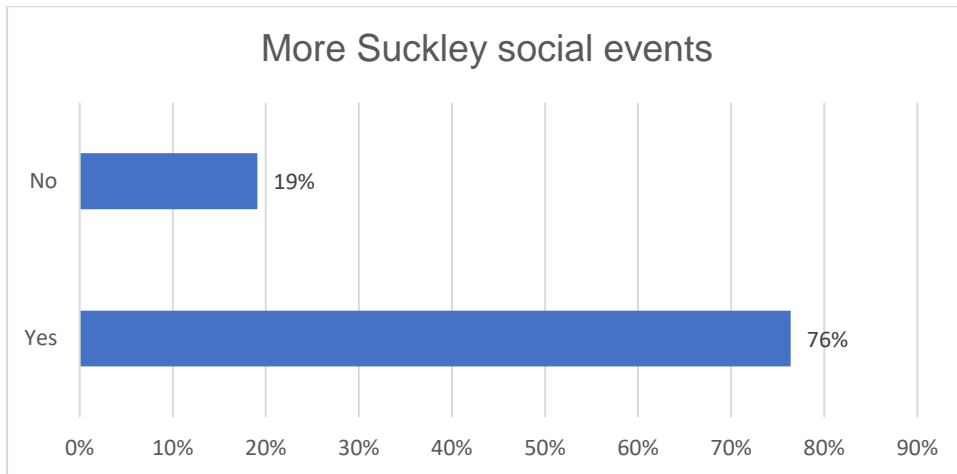
- But not sure how
- Stiles are not appropriate for people with limited mobility
- Gate wired shut on walk between PO and Blackhouse Lane and old stile inaccessible if immobile.
- South of White House crossroads going east across three fields. Sign between WHC and Park Farm.
- Possibly on some
- Generally everywhere
- Damson Way to School
- Gate wired shut on walk between PO and Blackhouse Lane and old stile impassable for mobility impaired
- All over
- Q22: Do you think Suckley should hold more social events and gatherings?

The following ***other*** comments were stated:

- Widening paths
- Footpath map of local area
- No cycling on footpath signs
- They serve their intended purpose of recreational walking. No money to be spent on it. Better used elsewhere.
- Efforts are made here and appreciated. Access for dogs always welcome at stiles.
- Dog gates/passes
- Too many to list here
- One local footpath crosses a field with horses on. On occasion they have led up to us to walk around due to their interest and galloping. One path crosses a garden. Dog barked so much I was scared to continue. Threatening.
- Working gates
- Proper fencing so dogs and sheep are both protected

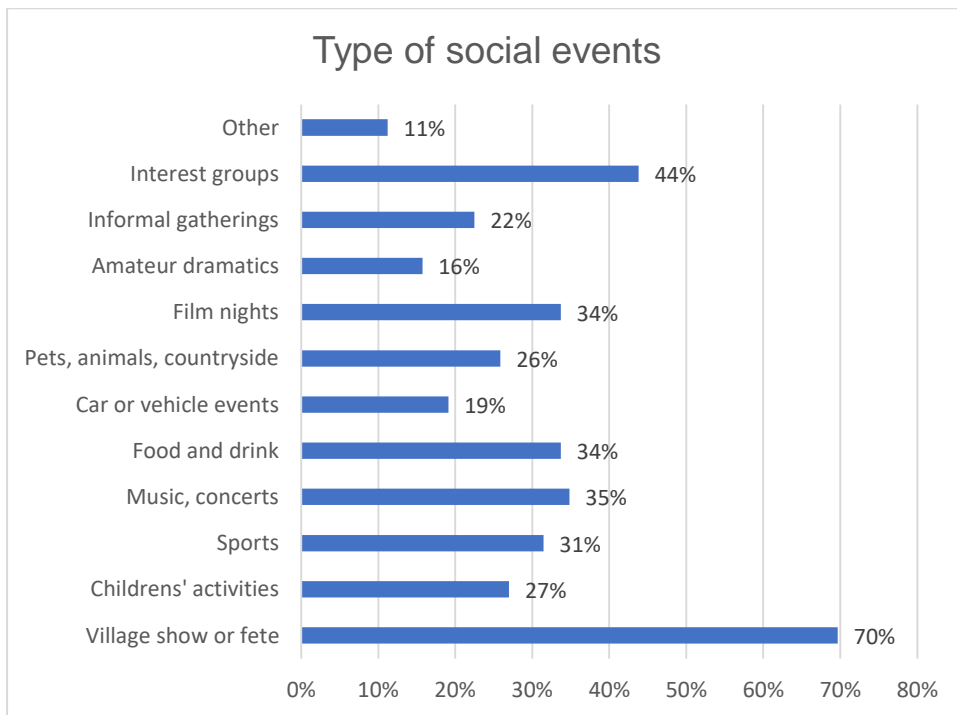


## Q22: Do you think Suckley should hold more social events and gatherings?



4 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q23: If yes to Q22, what type of events would you support?



The following comments were provided for identified for **Village show or fete**:

- Love vehicle shows
- If different to BFG
- Traditional fete in summer
- To bring the community together
- Keeping villagers together

The following comments were provided for identified for **Childrens' activities**:

- Gardening for tots, for rest of school at weekends

The following comments were provided for identified for **Sports**:

- Maybe a child/parent sport day
- Rounders
- Fun run, tennis court
- Badminton
- Football, cricket, skittles
- Marshal local race/fun run
- Athletics, netball, hockey on Suckley playing fields

The following comments were provided for identified for **Music, Concerts**:

- Light classical
- All types
- Country music, barn dance
- More of the BFG
- Classical (quartet - like they do at Crumplberry)
- Range fom indie to classical
- Heavy rock
- Most
- Jazz, big bands, choral, all kinds
- Classical
- Any type
- Classical (in church)
- Varied
- Only if part of village fete or constrained to village hall
- Any
- Classical, folk
- Classical, jazz

The following comments were provided for identified for **Food and drink**:

- More of the BFG
- Cheese and wine
- Need a new pub/bar

The following comments were provided for identified for **Car or vehicle events**:

- Vintage vehicles
- Show, runs out, club
- Car treasure hunt

No comments were provided for identified for **Pets, animals, countryside**:

The following comments were provided for identified for **Film nights**:

- If in church
- I go to other villages for this and it's well supported.
- Useful if we had a hall

No comments were provided for identified for **Amateur dramatics**:

The following comments were provided for identified for **Informal gatherings**:

- Different interest groups
- Involved

- Walks/trails that lead to local pubs
- Warm welcome very valuable
- Useful to know Warm Welcome is every Wednesday 12-4pm
- In village hall

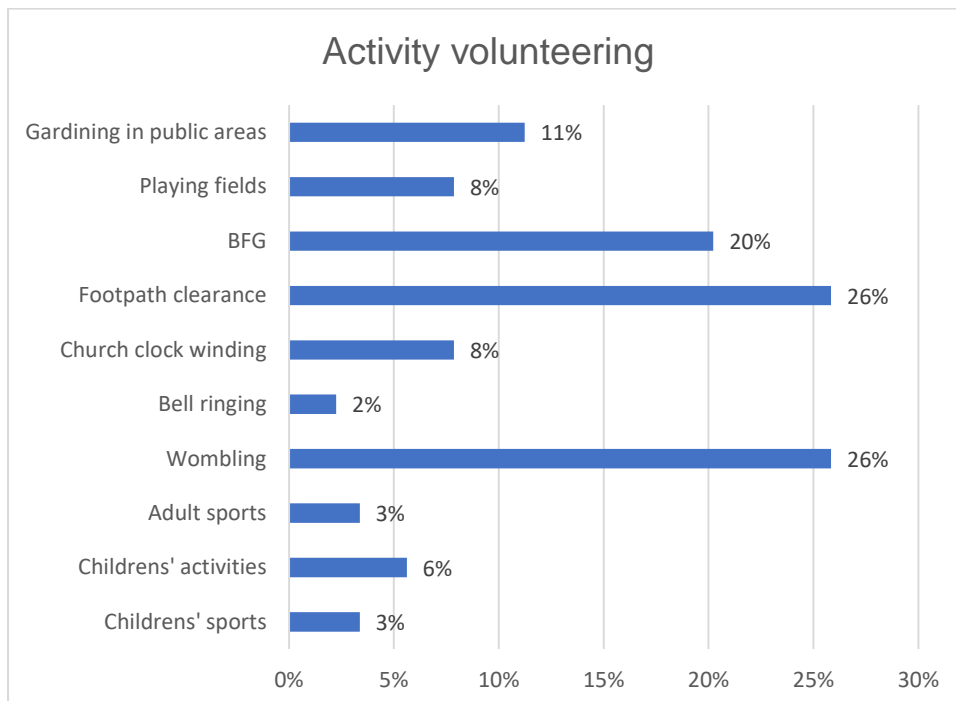
The following comments were provided for identified for **Interest groups**:

- Board games, knit & natter group
- When it is not just visiting NT properties
- In village hall

The following comments were provided for identified for **Other**:

- Shop
- Pub quiz
- Plant sales, quiz nights
- Quiz nights
- Quiz
- Pilates, choir, plant sale
- Informal gathering NOT warm welcome as that does not feel welcoming to me.
- Quiz. Used to be in the Nelson and village hall. Both stopped now.
- Quiz night
- Open gardens

## Q24: If yes to Q22, would you be willing and able to volunteer to help with activities and individual events?



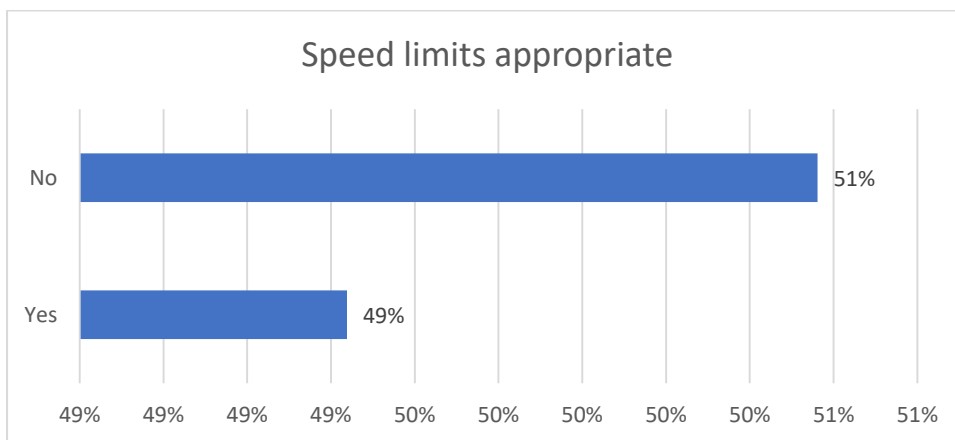
The number of respondents that provided contact details for each activity is listed below:

Childrens' sports	None
Childrens' activities	None

Adult sports	None
Wombling	6
Bell ringing	1
Church clock winding	None
Footpath clearance	8
BFG	2
Playing fields	1
Gardening in public areas	3

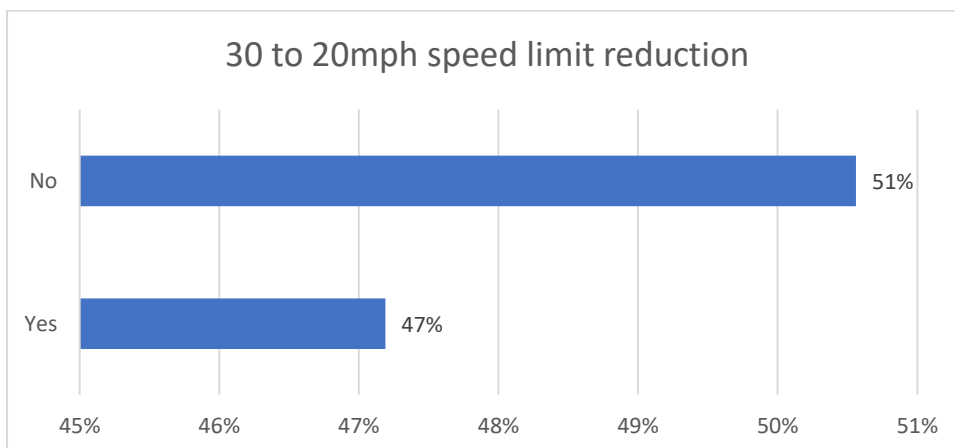
One respondent suggested posting requests for help on Facebook pages.

### Q25: Do you think speed limits on roads throughout Suckley are appropriate?



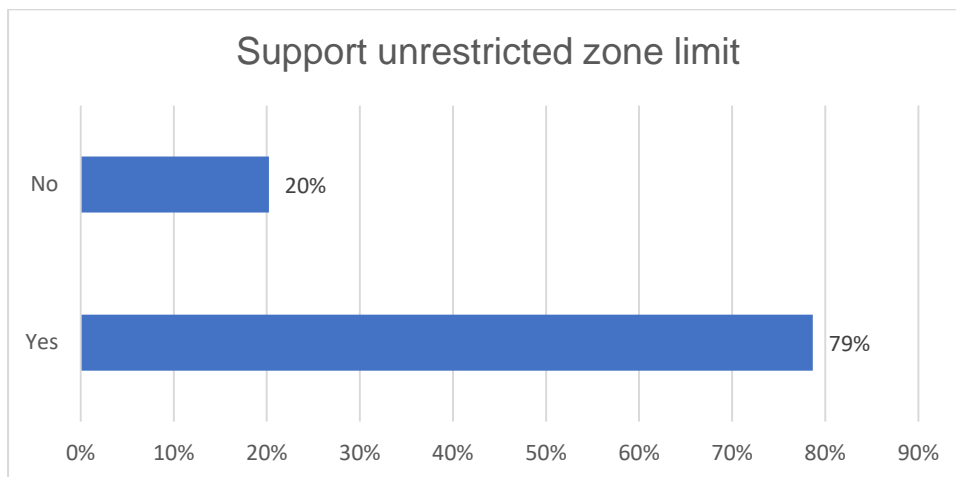
All respondents answered this question.

### Q26: Would you support 30mph zones being reduced to a 20mph speed limit?



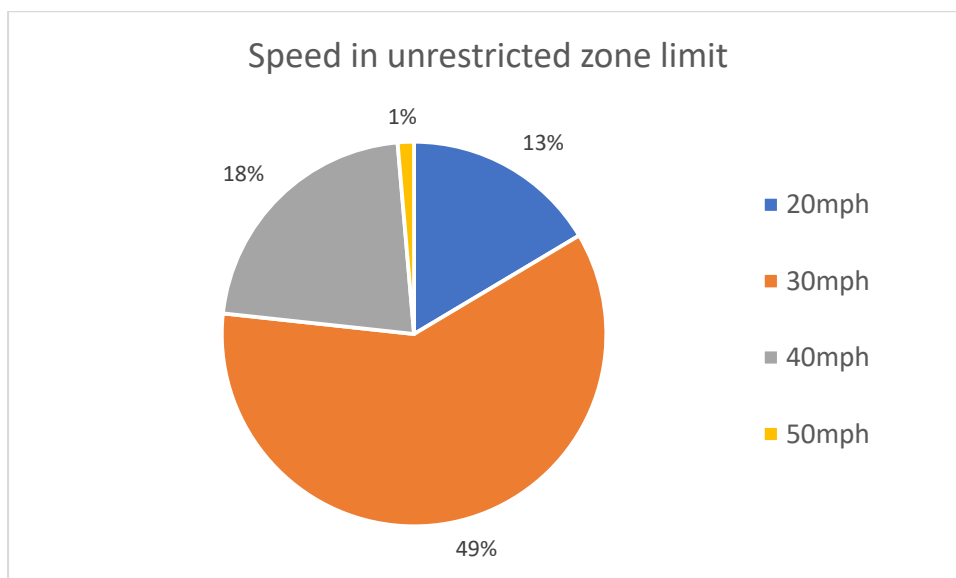
2 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q27: Would you support unrestricted zones having a reduced speed limit?



1 respondent declined to answer this question.

## Q28: If yes to Q27, what speed do you think is appropriate?



16 respondents declined to answer this question.

## Q29: Is there anything else which you feel would make Suckley a better place to live in?

The following answers were provided to this question:

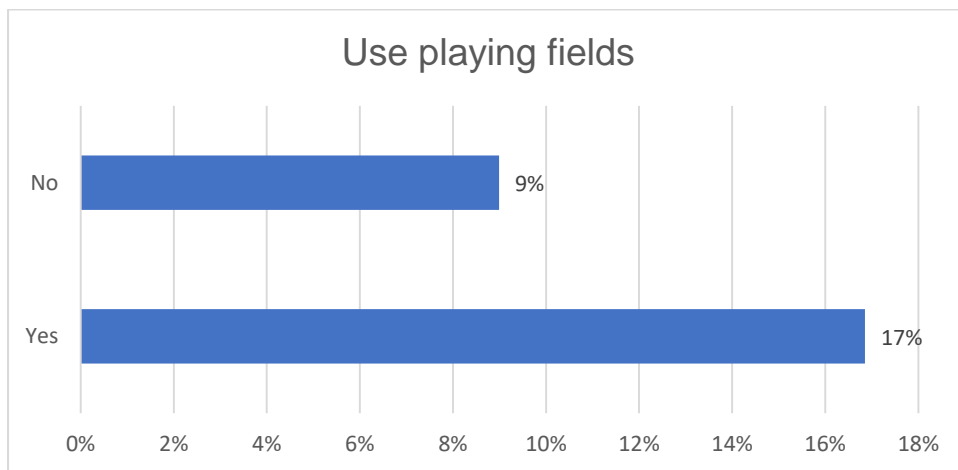
- Being able to use village hall. Not everyone wants to have meetings in church. I suppose Hop Shed will take that over for anyone uncomfortable with church.
- I think Suckley could be made prettier by gated access on main roads (side white fencing) to slow folks down. Flowers stop some litterers. Lovely welcome to Suckley signs and asking not to drop litter would add pride.
- Need more affordable houses or Suckley will become old people's home, with most houses having extensions nobody can afford them.

- Entrance to village could be improved
- Community hub. Pub was ideal when open as was epicentre. More advertising about local events, especially on social media.
- Make over the playing fields. Very out of date play equipment. Gated park. Kompan equipment is really good. No grass under equipment - gets very muddy and slippery.
- Include more in-depth information in future Suckley newsletter
- Growing concerns that Suckley has been categorised as a category 1 settlement when it doesn't come close to meeting their criteria set out for this. There are fears amongst residents that actively used agricultural landfill will be turned into housing developments, therefore opening the doors to changing Suckley's landscape and preserving the village. When it has been a challenge to have certain aspects of a small extension passed let alone new houses.
- A community shop like Alfrick
- Suckley's key assets are the school and church, and the link between them. Hence the focus on this in this survey.
- Farmers should clean the mud off the roads more often as its their tractors that churn it up from verges. We should be allowed a convex safety mirror at the junction of the Knowl and Knightwick Road to see traffic coming from the village direction.
- Explanation for answer to housing question (11) - there is currently a lack of facilities with the village (mains drainage, school is at capacity, infrastructure stretched generally), with this potentially going to get worse (Nelson PH currently closed, shop/PO likely to close, bus services under threat); until these issues are addressed and improved we lack the ability to absorb new housing.
- I myself would not use it at present, but a community taxi service would be very beneficial. There are many elderly drivers in the area who struggle on the narrow lanes and passing farm vehicles or commercial lorries. I don't think driving slower helps. Of course high speeds are dangerous.
- 30mph from main road, A44 through village with speed cameras in place permanently.
- It is such a shame we are about to lose our only shop and post office. This village has lost too much. Bring back a fete, bring & buy sales, etc to try and get the community being one again.
- Revive The Nelson and protect the PO and shop.
- Perhaps consider CCTV in playing fields to promote safety fears.
- Extensive comments provided. Refer to survey form.
- Better road drainage and maintenance. Lower Parish precept.
- Speed limits, enforcement not carried out. At this time, signs, etc, do nothing. Limit access to HGVs, farm vehicle speeds.
- Restrict access/parking of heavy lorries, roads unsuitable
- For the Nelson pub to re-open.
- Village shop top keep open
- Find Suckley a thoroughly enjoyable and sociable place to live - in particular meeting people at The Cross Keys, Hop Shed, Suckley Church, BFG, Wombling, tractor rally and much walking in our beautiful area. Personally plenty going on for our age group - not sure re older/younger people whose needs are much more important than ours.
- 1) Cars are too big and drive too fast for lanes designed for narrower and slower vehicles. Have need for compulsory slowing where possible. 2) Lorries along the main road are inappropriately big. 3) Noise from compressors and Park House farm ought to be baffled.

- Stop Hop Shed brewery customers blocking the road near the Hop Shed by inconsiderate parking on Friday evenings. Keep hedges off the roads. Regularly unblock road drains.
- We appreciate all the efforts made to make this a lovely community to live in - thank you Parish Councillors for all your work. All these positive ideas are most welcome. We will be pleased to help in the future when we retire.
- Enforced hedge and tree clearance from side of carriageways.
- Extensive comments provided. Refer to survey form.
- The local public house The Nelson re-opened to form a focal point for the village.
- The village needs the Post Office/Shop to stay open. The pub is sorely missed as it was a hub for the village and it would be good to see it re-opened.
- Since we moved here we have got involved in a lot of social groups, but not in Suckley. Many of these are based in Alfrick or in our interest groups. So we don't have a lot of time to be involved locally at the moment. So yes, it's great to have ideas of what could be done, but for us, there isn't a lot of time to get more involved on a regular basis.
- A re-opening of the village pub. The retainment of the village shop and PO.
- Mother (carer) group and babies/toddlers informal coffee-type meetings (craft, knit & chatter).
- Community spirit in Suckley is in deep decline hence Nelson is shut. Post office and shop are closing. Day to day community resources are not valued enough by the local community.
- If money is available, could the 4 white posts in the Quarry be replaced by stones. They wouldn't need to be from Holloways, but similar stones that look better would be nice and more appropriate. (Just replica ones, not antique ones).
- Most information is only posted on Facebook, not everyone has access to Facebook. If future events are being promoted other means of communications need to be considered, eg. Sphere, local notice boards.
- I think the park needs an upgrade, we always visit in the summer. Would be great to have better equipment, a bike track or something for the older kids.
- A village pub serving food would be welcome.
- I have lived here for 30+ years. Since the pub and village have closed (eg. last 3 years) I don't feel I see people like I used to. We met neighbours from other areas of the village. No sense of community any more.
- Village pub and restaurant. Why is the Nelson not open?
- A central meeting area
- There seems to be so much in Suckley geared to the needs and entertainment of children and young people, especially church related, and not for adult/older residents, which discourages a large chunk of the population of the Suckley area.
- Massive shame that The Nelson pub has closed. This is a huge loss to the local community and is in an area that enabled people to meet socially and get to know one another. Longley Green shop and post office would be more accessible if the hours were more varied. As working people it's really difficult to use this great facility as they close at 4pm so earlier than we could get there. Obviously, no one wants to overload the staff there, but would slightly varied opening hours enable more trade and more people to use the facilities? We would love to patronise the shop/post office more. During lockdown, this was a wonderful resource and it's such a shame to not be able to access this.
- The Nelson Inn formed an important social meeting place for many locals as well as cyclists, walkers and visitors – especially when good pub grub, Sunday roasts were available. Suckley would be a better place if The Nelson was brought back to its former glory so that we had

somewhere to meet friends, enjoy good food and drink. Suckley post office and shop is an essential service to Suckley residents and the wider local community, it should not be allowed to close or be converted into residential premises only. The present owners provided an invaluable service to residents during the Covid lockdown and restrictions. However, it now seems they have lost all motivation and willingness to provide a local service that meets the needs of the area. They are quick to complain about lack of support but they do very little to ensure footfall or support from passing traffic. The shop opening hours are not sufficient as they are – they need to be open from at least 8am to catch people going to work and school. They also need to be open past 4pm so that people travelling home from work or in need of supplies can call in for essentials. Saturday opening from 9-10am is of no use to anyone! Instead of complaining about lack of footfall, maybe they should be proactive and provide a service that meets the needs of the area and its residents. If the present owners are not happy with the business they decided to take on maybe they should sell up and give someone else a chance to work at it. People will only use a shop if they can depend on it being open and that stock is varied, useful and at a competitive price. Maybe the Parish Council could offer financial support or a community scheme to ensure the shop stays open.

### Q30: Do you ever use Suckley Playing Fields?



66 respondents declined to answer this question.

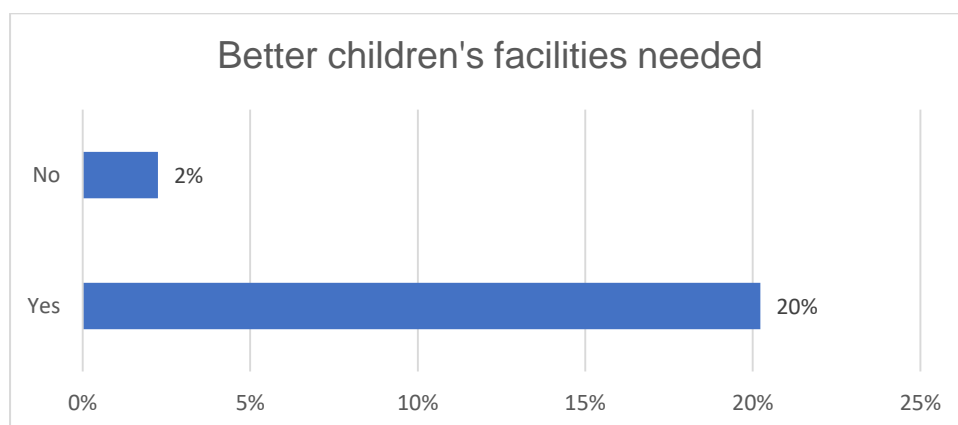
### Q31: If no to Q30, why not?

The following answers were provided to this question:

- We don't know where they are.
- Grass is too long, five-a-side pitch is always locked, play equipment OK.
- We take our grandchild(ren) there.
- In the face of abuse from the Parish Chairman!
- Grandchildren have grown up
- Don't know where they are
- Take grandchildren - walking/exercising dog
- There's not much to do
- We did when we had kids. Regular football, etc.
- No facilities



### Q32: Are more – or better – facilities for children needed in Suckley?



68 respondents declined to answer this question.

### Q33: If yes to Q32, please tell us the top three things you would like and where?

The following answers were provided to this question:

- BMX track, Adventure playground, Natural play area
- More play equipment for under 5, play areas fenced off.
- Basketball hoop, bigger slide, play tunnels, mud kitchen at park.
- 1) Picnic tables. 2) Pump track (where old tarmac is/skate park?) like Rushwick park. 3) Zipwire. Ground gets very saturated in winter. More hard standing under swings would be better as we drive to other parks often but would stay local more if improved.
- 1) Bikes, scooters and skateboards. 2) Shade (for kids and picnics, etc). 3) WiFi for safety as no phone signal.
- Skate park, bike track, available and/or maintained football pitch.
- A zip wire and trampoline. Covered soft play area?
- Astro pitch should be open. Play equipment on the Quarry in Longley Green.
- Better children's facilities at the playing fields.
- 1) A bike pump track on the playing fields. 2) A flat pathway - circuit around the playing field so that young children can practice riding bikes, scooters, roller skates, etc, safely. 3) A toilet would be useful.
- 1) Zip wire. 2) Improved swings (playing field) - to go higher. 3) Playhouse (role play area - playing field).
- Toilets and baby changing facilities on the playing fields (including accessible/disabled toilet).
- Anything that is suitable for children
- Cycle track, climbing wall, sheltered area
- More to the park. Somewhere to ride our bikes like the park at Rushwick.
- Swings in the Quarry.
- Under 10Y football/rugby, etc. Outdoor skills classes for young kids - like cubs, etc.
- Playing fields improvement, a village hall