



## WHITMINSTER VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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### *RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES SURVEY – 2023*

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The area that our survey covered was a radius of 2 miles from Whitminster Village Hall. This was to allow users current and past to have their input. We also put this survey out to our current regular users and the users of the Pavilion via a digital copy to be passed on to their supporters and opposition users. Out of 2424 leaflet questionnaires that went out and an online survey completed we had a total of 105 responses. That equates to 0.04% returned.

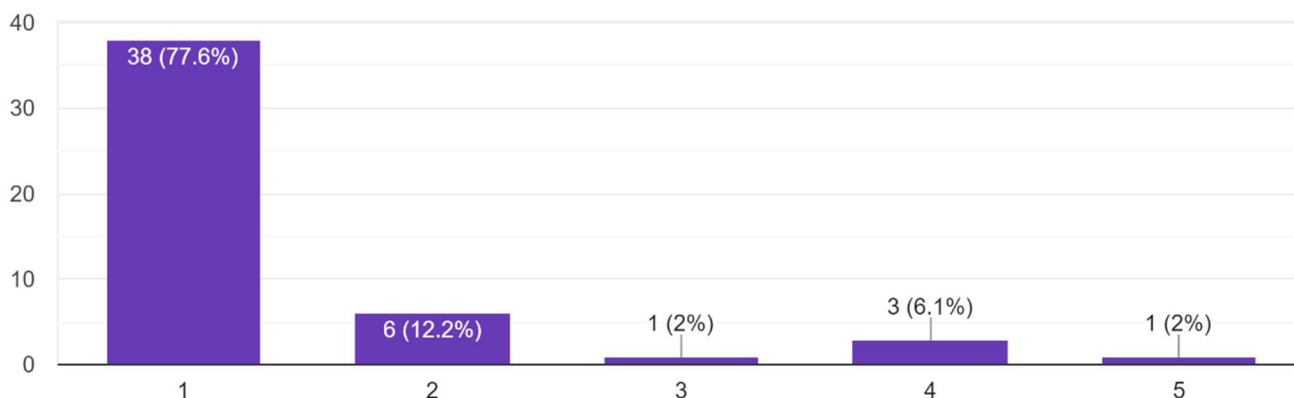
However, the responses that were returned showed an overall support for the Management Committees ideas for the future of the Village Hall, Playing Field and Pavilion.

#### **Key for the Likeart Scale Answers as below**

- 1 = Strongly Agree
- 2 = Slightly Agree
- 3 = Neither Agree or Disagree
- 4 = Slightly Disagree
- 5 = Strongly Disagree

As we emerge from the pandemic and life is returning to near normal, do you think it is important that communities have a sporting space that they can come together to participate in sporting activities?

49 responses



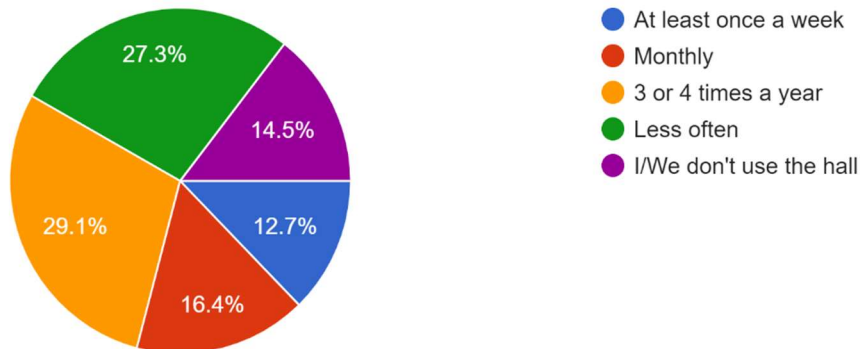
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## Thinking about the Village Hall

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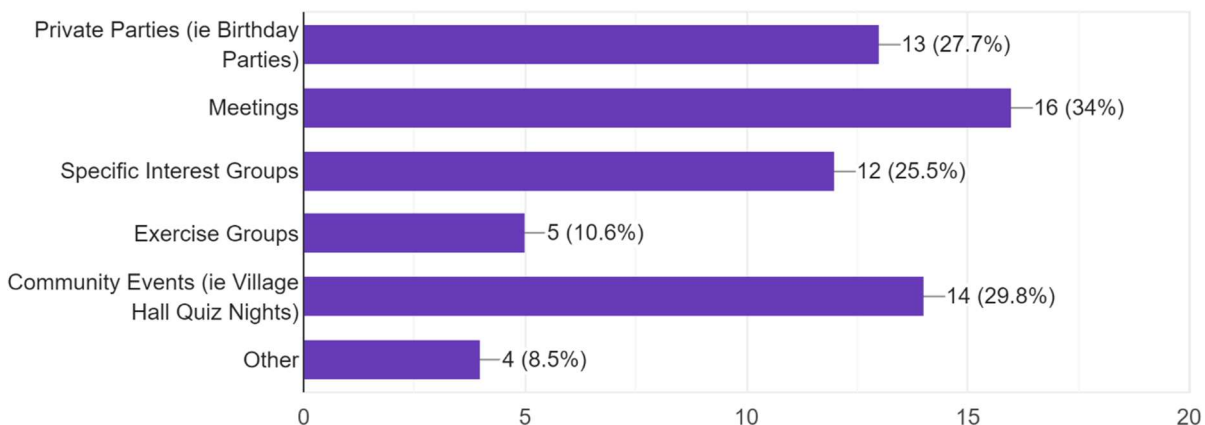
### 1. How often do you use the Village Hall

55 responses



### 2. If you use the Hall, for what purpose?

47 responses



Other suggestions where Voting & Childrens Events

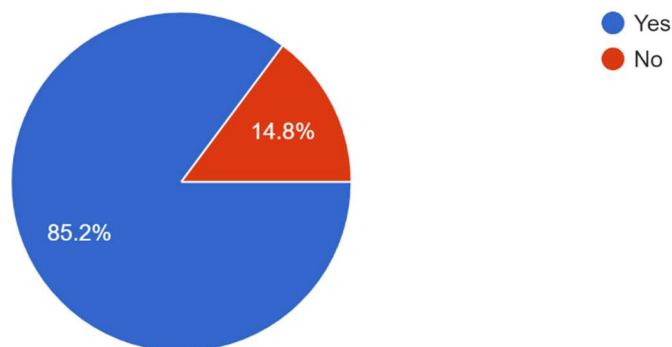
### 3. If you don't use the Hall, please can you tell us why? 13 responses

- Booking system, have wanted to book space for community part on new year for over ten years and never been allowed to book, comity favour other. Groups over community use.
- I only use it very rarely as now live away from the village, however grew up there and used it regularly. Parties, Youth clubs, weddings. Great venue for all
- No relevant activities
- Never know what's going on there . Appears to cater to limited demographic so have not noticed anything for me.
- we use Arlingham Village Hall as we live locally

- We live in Frampton and use the halls here
- No current reason to use it. Have used it in the past for playgroup, exercise classes and have hired it once for my birthday party.
- Just very busy have a 17-year-old daughter doing A Levels + myself= my wife have very demanding jobs in London
- we don't use it as often as it is quite expensive to hire and we find the people to hire from and the rules unhelpful from previous experience
- Not used it personally but have attended functions in the past
- No functions that suit me
- Children have grown up, used it for parties, playgroup etc before
- Arlingham has its own Hall, Frampton - Cadbury Hall is used for well being - if that was to close we would need another venue

#### 4. Are you satisfied with the Village Hall?

54 responses



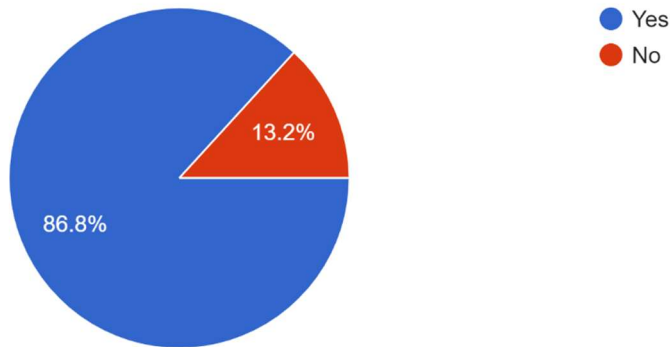
#### If No - please give reason below. 10 responses

- It needs to become more energy efficient with future proofing for future trustees as well as users, current, and future.
- The Community group fortnightly meeting charges have rocketed which is disgraceful when it's for elderly people living locally
- Not utilised as community asset
- I think it could serve the community better & be used in a more dual purpose way
- The sound system and availability of a screen
- Would like opportunity to attend local fitness class
- Your increased charges will cause small groups to either move elsewhere or give up!!

- In the past we have found it is difficult to book or expensive to book
- Lovely space and facilities, well kept
- Getting insurance to have a bouncy castle was impossible, the person taking the booking was unhelpful and we will not be using it again.

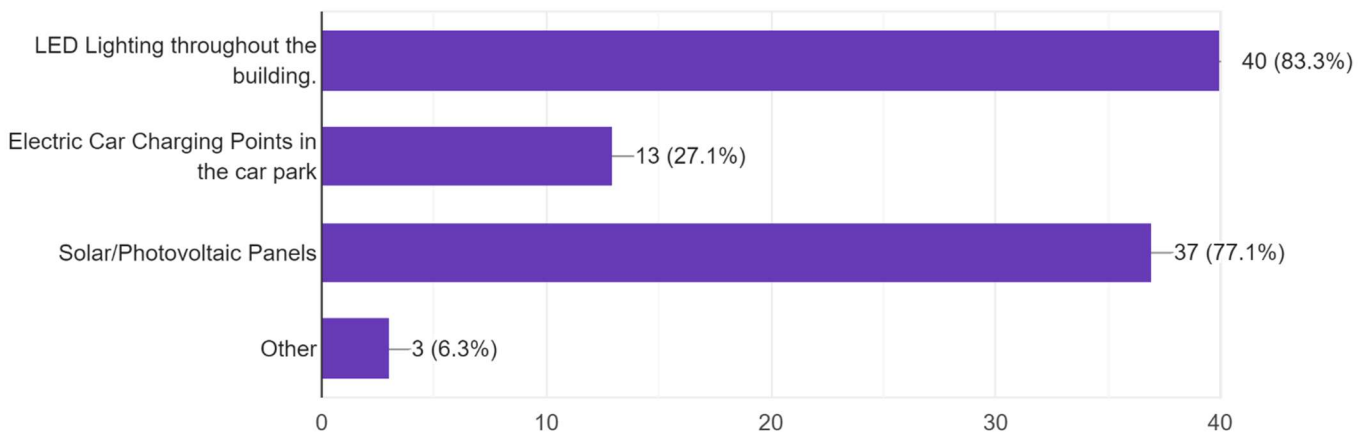
5. Do you agree that we should make the premises more energy efficient?

53 responses



6. If Yes, please select all that you would like to see from the following?

48 responses



If you chose other to the above question please state below. 6 responses

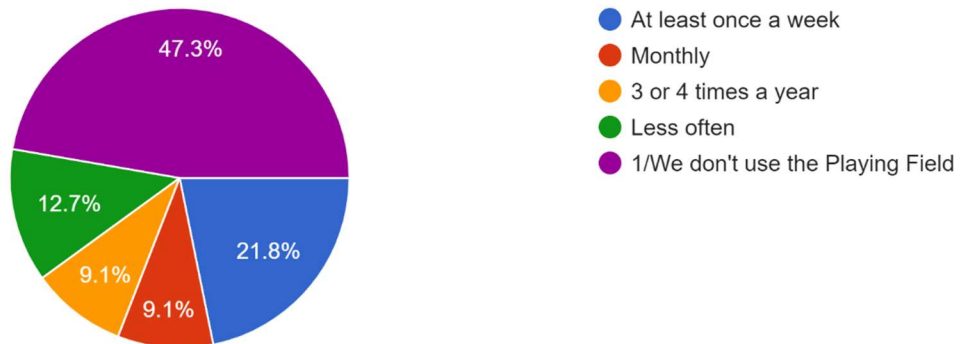
- Why not wind energy?
- Anything that works to these initiatives is encouraged
- all of the above with cost benefit analysis
- new front and back doors

- only when we can afford it, get the sports pavilion sorted first
- Heating/Insulation if economically viable

### Thinking about the Playing Field

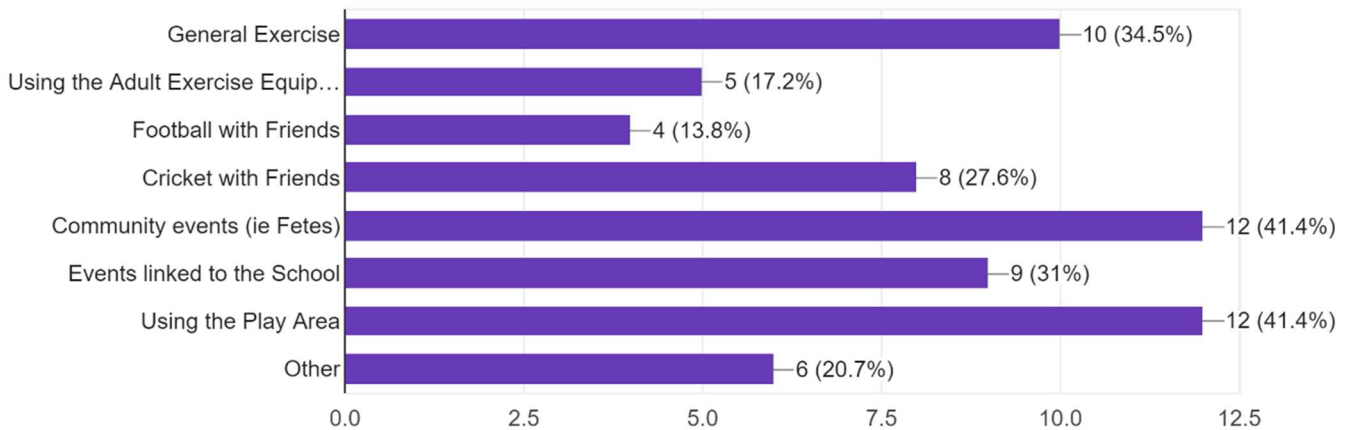
#### 1. How often do you use the Playing Field?

55 responses



#### 2. If you do use the Playing Field, for what purpose?

29 responses



#### If you selected Other in the above question, please specify below. 6 responses

- When I need to
- Occasionally pop down to watch cricket in the summer
- Charity Dog show

- unaware of anything available for those not connected to school in some way
- watch cricket now and then
- walk one lap, exercise

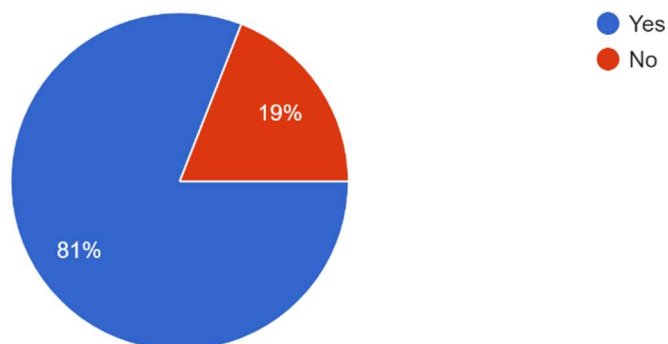
### 3. If you dont use the Playing Field, please can you tell us why? 24 responses

- Don't play sports
- I am living in Frampton on Severn so do not use the playing field I am also 76 do hsbe no need
- No requirement
- Similar to previous I now live away from the village, however was a founder member of both the football and cricket clubs. These have over the years brought a lot of success and publicity for the village and am sure a number of team members have moved to the village and used other facilities as a result.
- Don't have a need to, but do occasionally watch a few games in progress
- I'm not a local resident
- Our Club meetings are for a social supper and speakers monthly.
- I only use the hall once a month for a meeting. I do not live locally.
- too old! But think it is important for the community
- We use Arlingham Playing Field
- We live in Gossington and use facilities more local to us for exercise
- We live in Frampton and use the playing field here
- Over 80
- Not sports people, no children
- Use fields(?) in Frampton & Saul
- nothing of interest
- Do not have the need to use playing field. Do not know that they have adult exercise equipment.
- we have our own fields in my village (Saul)
- Too old
- I have no requirement, but others will have a requirement
- Same reason as not using the village hall

- I take my exercise elsewhere
- I am disabled
- Had no need to use it

#### 4. Are you satisfied with the Playing Field

42 responses



#### If you selected No to the above question please give reason below. 14 responses

- More events should take place for the community
- Poor facilities, sporting groups not made to welcomed . Should be embraced as part of village structure and sense of community. Should be an area villagers/visitors are made to feel welcomed
- Although the field is in very good condition with decent football and cricket pitches for adults and children plus good play facilities for small and older children, it is really sad that this may come to an end, especially the sports teams if the building cannot be replaced so changing facilities required by various leagues are in place. Hopefully various committees and villagers can find a way to raise sufficient funds for this to continue
- Some additional play equipment would be beneficial but not essential
- Very poor Pavilion
- No opinion as never made use of
- I have visited occasionally. The field looks to be in excellent condition. The pavilion looks very tired in need of replacement
- The play area could be improved
- new pavilion needed soon, new skate ramp asap, upgrade of play area equipment and furniture
- (comment left only) more community events would be ideal, adult exercise equipment, static gym

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- (Comment only left) Never used, so cannot give an answer either way
- we could do with a new pavilion otherwise we will loose our cricket and football teams
- Its a good village asset
- I think its a necessary asset for the village

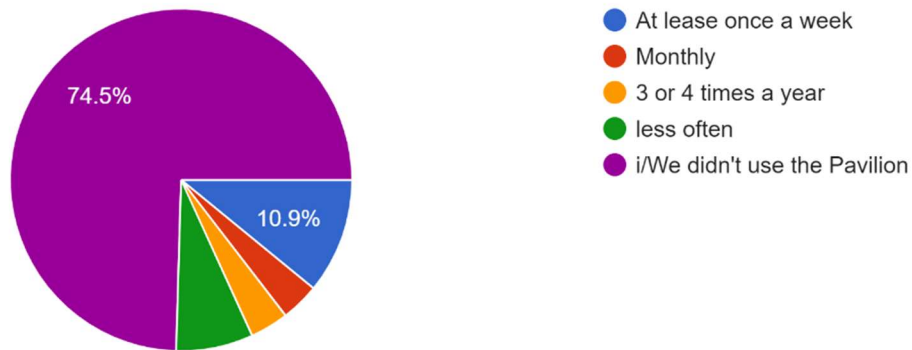
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### *Thinking of the old Pavilion*

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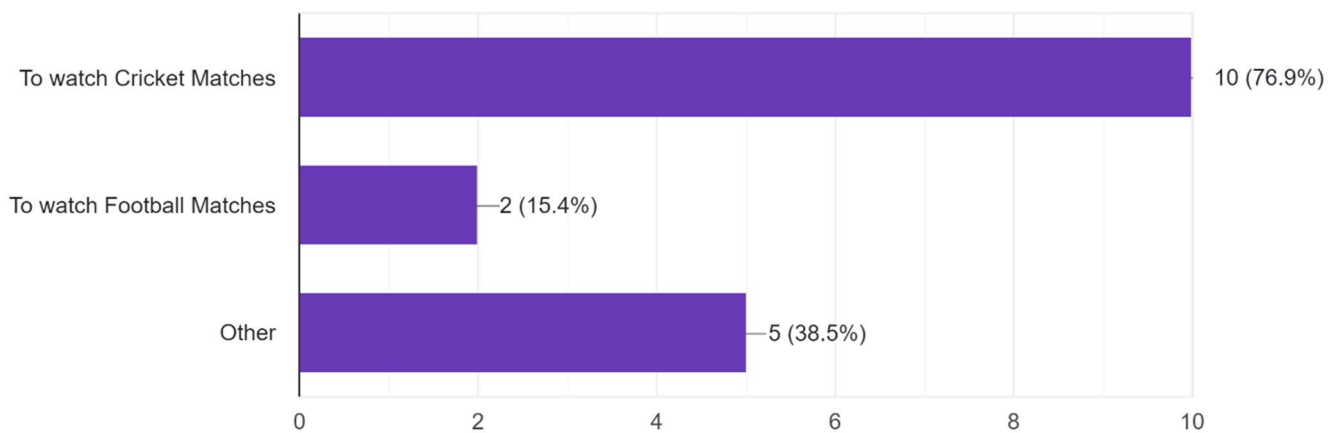
#### 1) How often did you use the old Pavilion

55 responses



#### 2. If you did use the Pavilion, for what purpose

13 responses

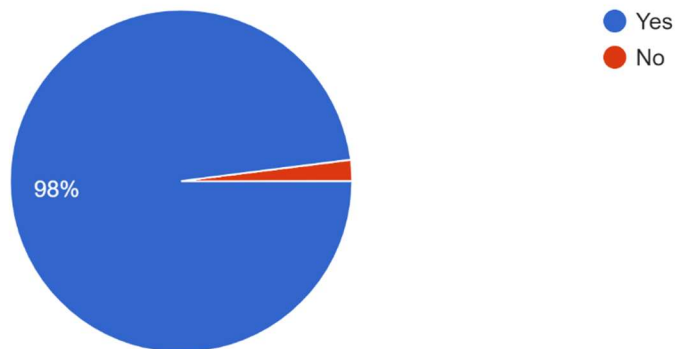




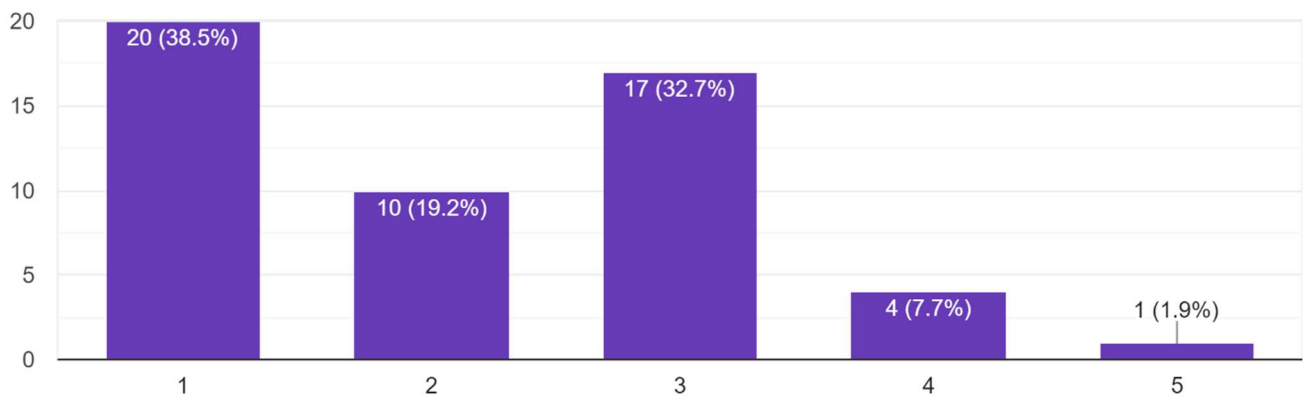
**If you selected Other to the above question please specify below. 6 responses**

- Community events
- It's not generally open, could be a great vibrant part of village life but is never open
- Kids Cricket
- For the toilet facilities for the junior football team.
- Community events
- very occasional attendance at a social event

3. Is a good sports facility important for helping people to improve and maintain health and fitness?  
50 responses

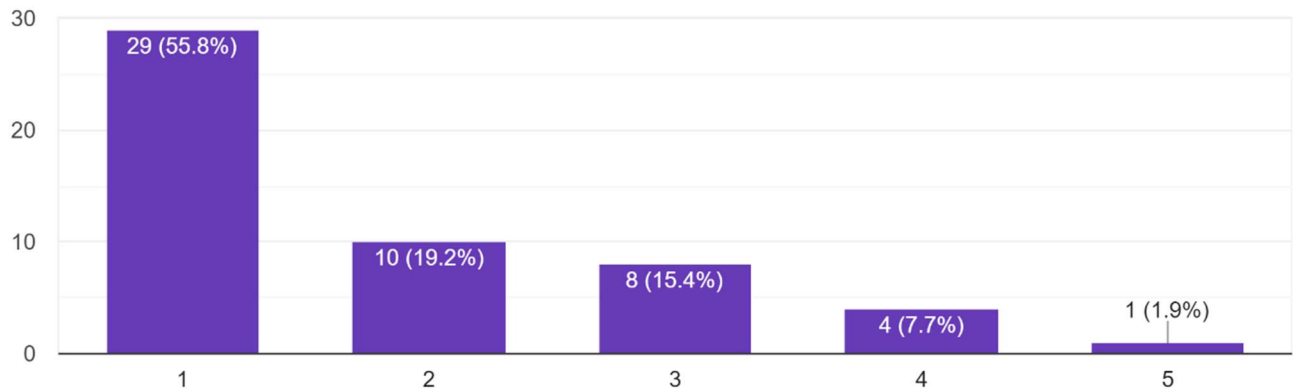


4. Do you think that taking part in sports and activities at a new inclusive, multi-purpose Pavilion would make you feel more positive about life?  
52 responses



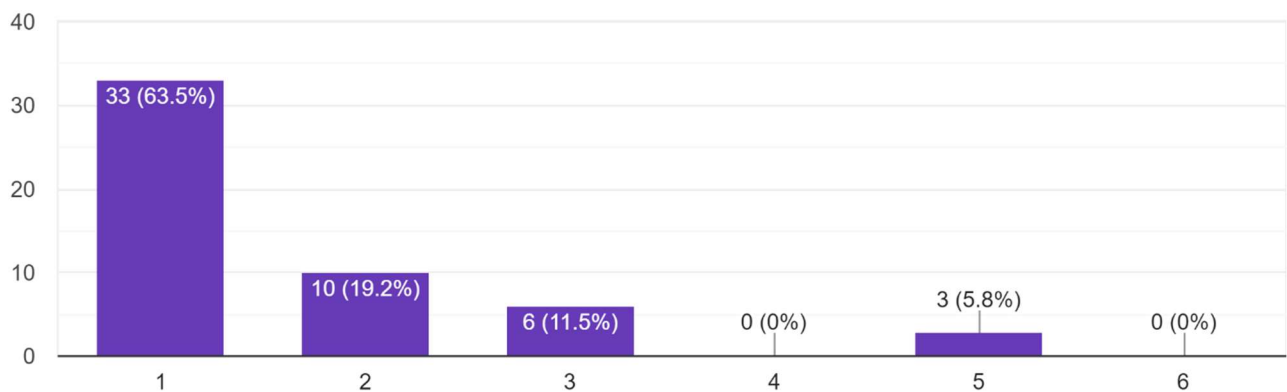
5. In your opinion would taking part in sporting activities at a modern, local sports and multi-use pavilion would relieve anxiety, improve mental health and physical health?

52 responses



6. Being able to access a local sports and multi-use facility is important to help improve mental health and physical health?

52 responses



**7. Please tell us what other options of use might mean you are more likely to use a new pavilion – for example private event hire, a bar, brownies, cubs. 26 responses**

- Private hire and hobby clubs that cannot necessarily be placed at the village hall
- Useable for small groups and clubs, eg cyber clubs/internet cafes
- Could do games nights, bingo, quizzes activities to bring the community together and that will bring an income to keep the pavilion running
- Pilates which has not returned or more clubs for the community

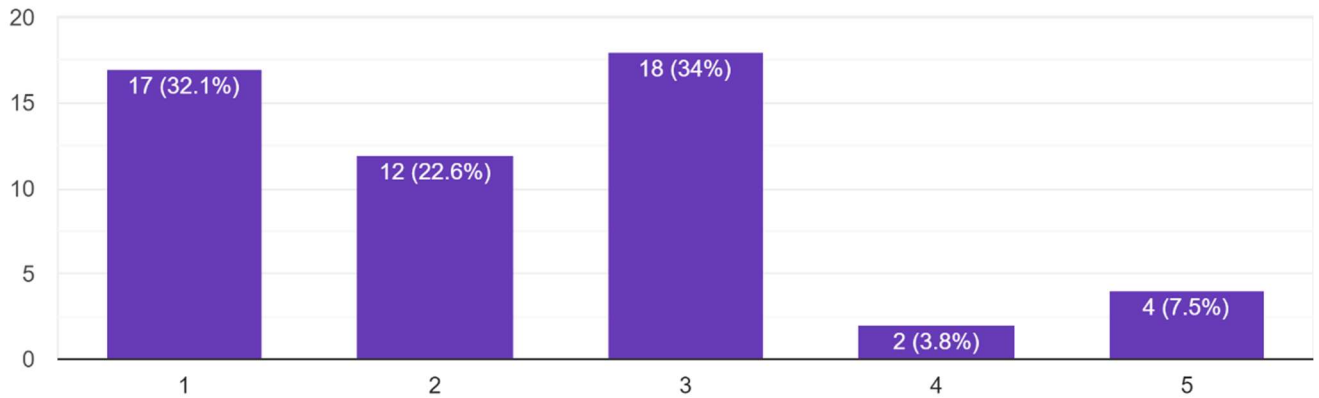
- None
- Bar , private hire , youth clubs , better links to school groups and activities,sorts/social groups
- With the proximity to the playing field, it would be ideal for small groups to meet as well as a great venue for village events such as King's coronation and other celebration
- Baby & Toddler groups
- A community space to watch both live local sports on the playing field and domestic/international live sports on TV (Rugby World Cup, Football World Cup, Cricket Finals, Cheltenham Gold Cup, Wimbledon Final, Six Nations etc) socially with other members of the community.
- Private event hire.
- Community events/gatherings .
- If it was accessible, as a meeting/training space.
- All of your suggestions listed within number 7
- Private event hire, Cubs, bar
- Private party.
- community fete or social events
- Kids clubs, community events, private hire
- create a sense of community. Have lived here 5 years, am single and have no connection with anyone other than to smile say hello when walking
- Private event hire including bar, if possible catering facilities or small kitchen
- Private event hire, exercise classes, dance classes, cubs/scouts youth club
- private event hire - birthdays etc
- private hire, childrens club, childrens nursery setting, youth club for teenagers
- All of the above and after school clubs, cafe, yoga sessions
- Tennis courts for the community, badminton courts inside, netball hoops/basket ball hoops, table tennis table and equipment for the community, running tracks around the field.
- large hall, low cost to hire, open to everyone in the village

- A pavilion for sports facilities must be 1st step, then add other events when we can afford it.
- cubs, martial arts, clubs, yoga
- Running Club
- Private Event Hire, Village Activities

*Thinking of the overall management of the facilities*

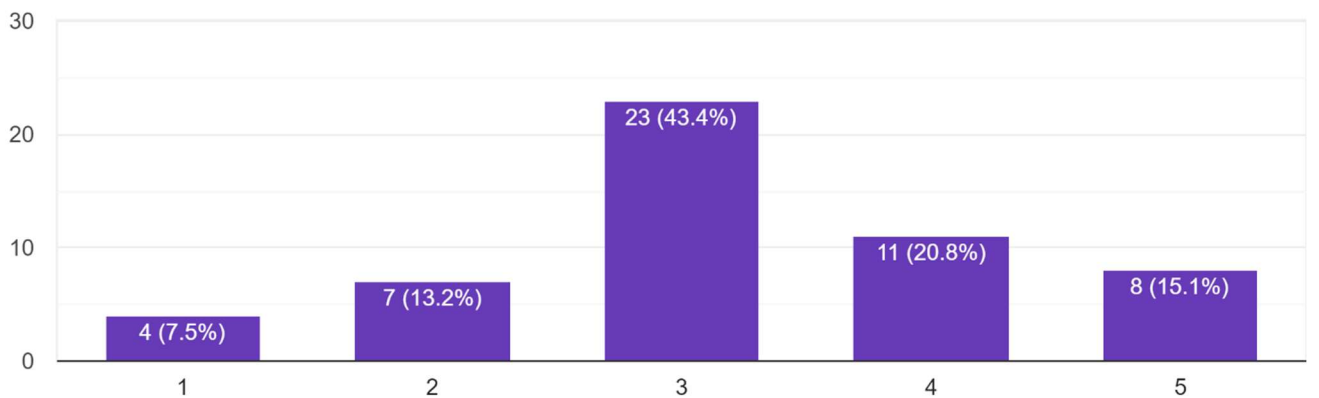
1. Do you think that the day-to-day maintenance of the facilities should be carried out by volunteers (any job that does not require certification by law to...out, ie changing a lightbulb, painting, fixing things?)

53 responses



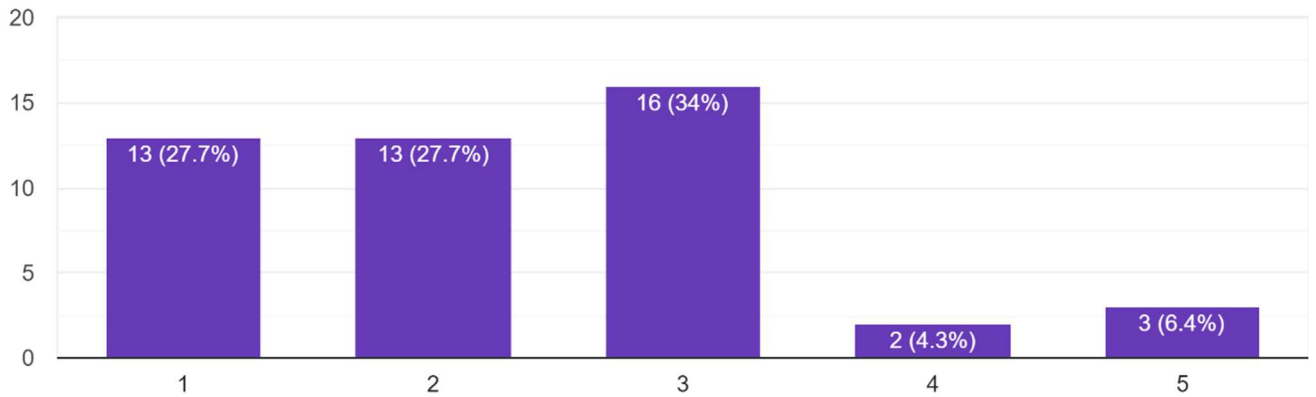
2. Do you think that the cleaning of the facilities should be done by a volunteer?

53 responses



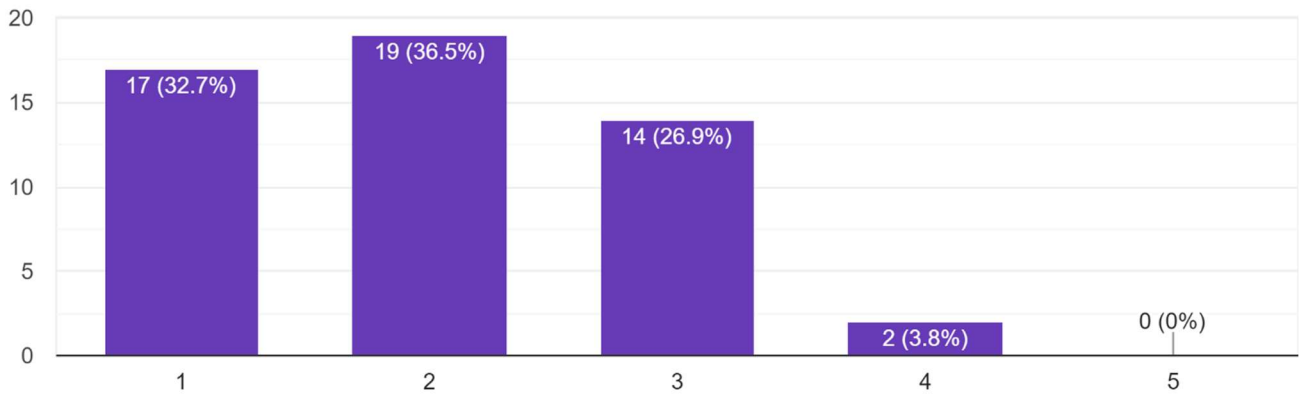
3. If you do not agree to the above two questions, do you agree that the charity employs a Caretaker. – Due to employment laws this would ...he National Minimum Wage set by the Government.

47 responses



4. If we employ a Caretaker do you agree that we should apply for grant funding to cover the costs or raise our hire charges accordingly?

52 responses

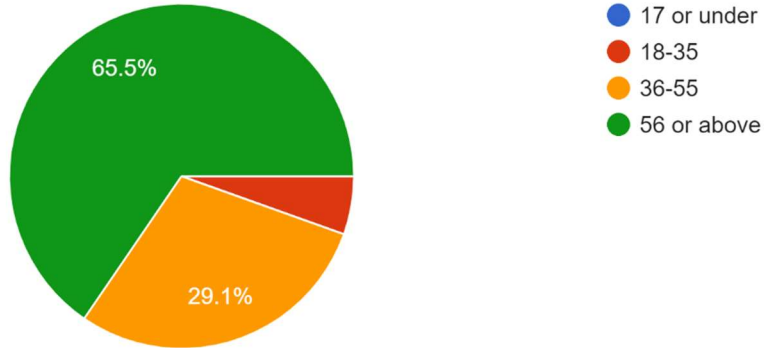


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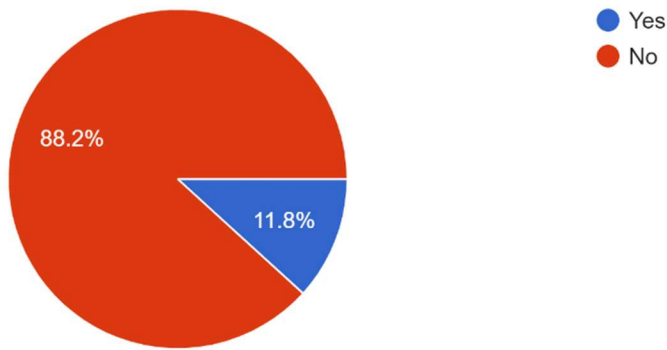
*About you*

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Your age  
55 responses

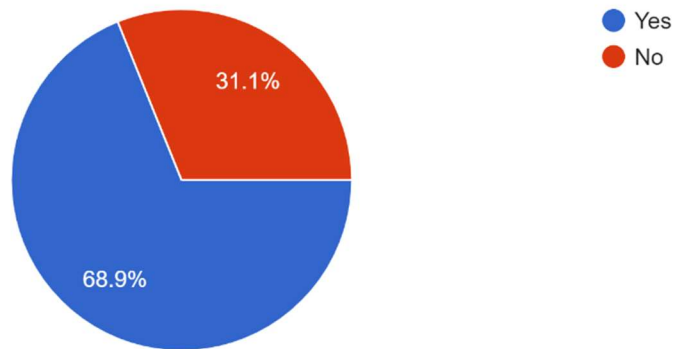


Do you have any mobility problems or are you registered disabled  
51 responses



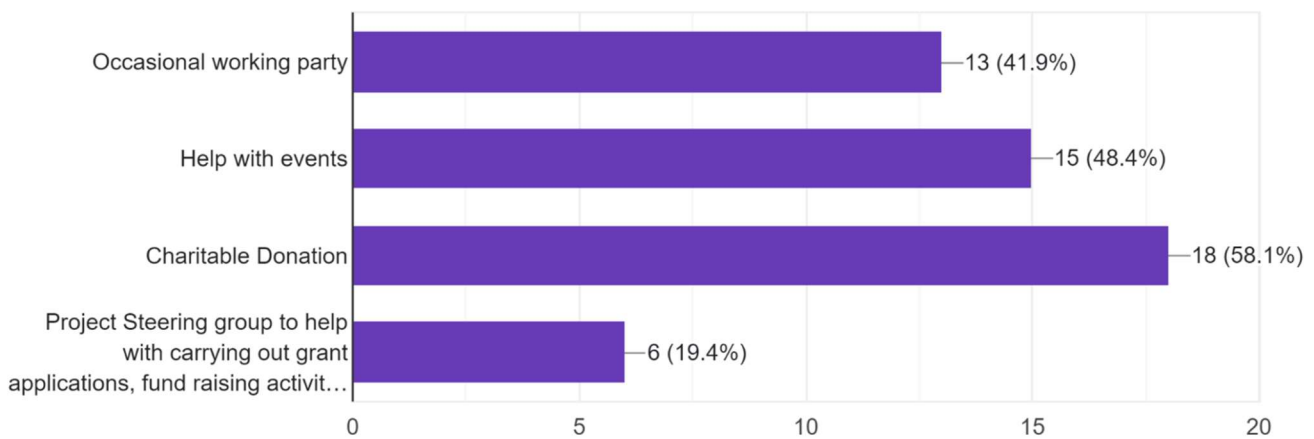
## Would you consider supporting the Whitminster Village Hall & Playing Field Charity?

45 responses



## If Yes to the above, how would you like to help?

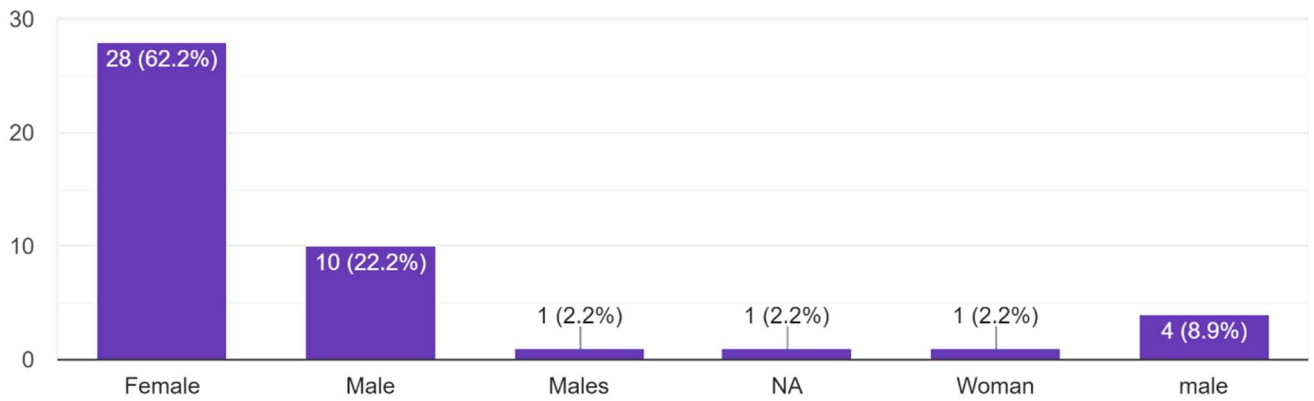
31 responses



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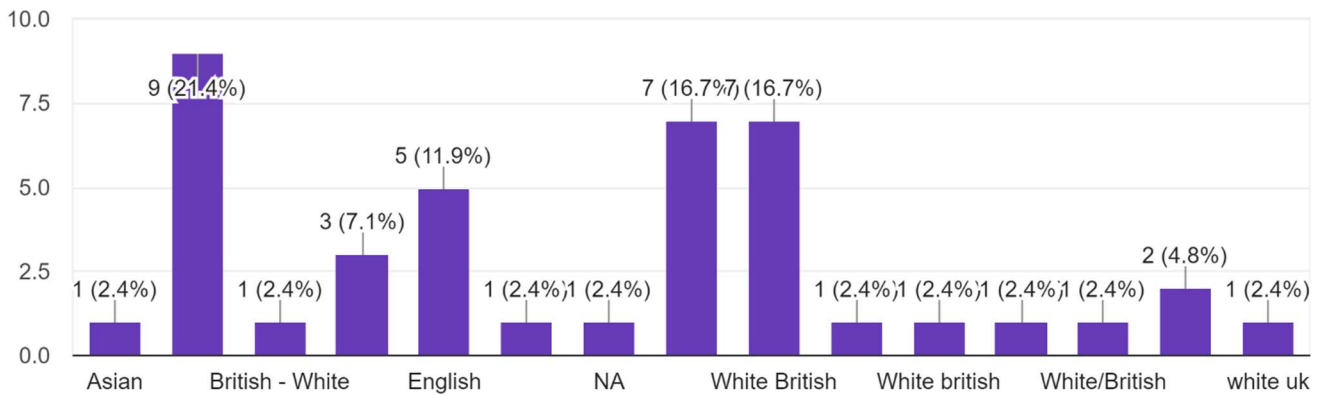
## Your Gender

45 responses



## Your Ethnicity

42 responses



Asian	1 (2.4%)
Mixed	1 (2.4%)
British	9 (21.4%)
White British	14 (35.8%)
White British Australian	1 (2.4%)
English	5 (11.9%)
White English	1 (2.4%)
White UK	1 (2.4%)
White	7 (16.7%)
N/A	1 (2.4%)



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## *Conclusion*

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### **THE VILLAGE HALL**

It is very apparent that the community value the Village Hall, but are finding it increasingly expensive to use which we do understand. This is down to the economic pressures of today and we are striving to find ways to bring down costs and maintain the standards that we deliver. We have already started to replace the old wooden doors by replacing the Emergency Exit doors on the side of the hall. More funding shall be applied for to replace the other external doors and we are working to replace the lighting with LED through-out. The biggest and most costly job is for us to install solar/photovoltaic panels on the roof. There was not as much support for the installation of Electric Car Charging Points which will not be a priority and certainly will not go toward making the hall less expensive to run.

We also have a problem with Bouncy Castle insurance and it is a problem all around the country. Many village halls are still unaware of the problem. If any claim comes from an accident that results in a multi-million-pound payout then this will fall to the Trustees personally as these claims are too much for insurance companies to payout and keep the premiums affordable for village halls. We do not like having to tell our clients that they can't have a bouncy castle in but we cannot personally accept the liability should there be an accident. And we know we are losing bookings from it but sadly these are the times we live in.

85% out of the 54 responses suggests that most people are satisfied with the hall.

### **THE PLAYING FIELD**

Almost 50% of the 55 responses use the Playing Field don't use the playing field. But almost 25% do at least once a week and for a variety of reasons. We don't have dog shows on the playing field as someone suggested as dogs are not allowed on the playing field but we have had them at the village hall.

81% of the 42 responses are satisfied with the Playing Field. Some comments have noted the need to replace the Pavilion

### **THE PAVILION**

74.5% of the responses on using the pavilion used it monthly. Interestingly more use it to watch Cricket than football. That is likely down to the weather and the fact that the old pavilion is cold and damp (even with the heating on in winter).

Out of 50 responses 98% agree that a good sports facility is important to improve and maintain health and fitness and out of 52 responses 63% strongly agree that being able to access a local sports and multi-use facility is important to help improve mental health and physical health.

These responses strongly suggest that if the Pavilion is replaced it will be used far more during the winter than it has been over recent years.

Suggestions also show that there is plenty of possible other uses with other various activities should the current user sports clubs not be able to utilize its availability all the time.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FACILITIES**

For the most out of 53 responses, the community agree that the day to day maintenance is carried out by volunteers.

However out of 53 responses 43% neither disagree or agree where as 36% disagree that the Cleaning is done by volunteers. But interestingly out of 47 responses 55% agree that the charity employs a Caretaker and that 68% out of 52% agree that we should apply for grant funding to fund a caretaker.