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## Village Questionnaire

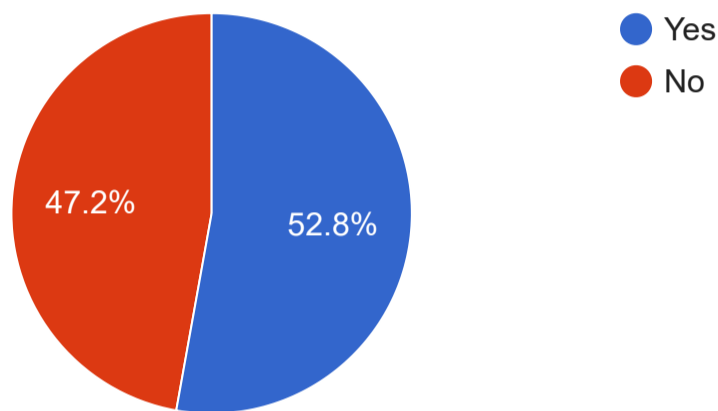
Following the very well attended Annual Parish Meeting, we are following up all residents to try and get further input and detail around some of the issues discussed that evening.

We have put together a few short questions and would really welcome your responses. It should only take you a few minutes but would be hugely valued by your Parish Council to help us understand priorities and preferences. Ideally, we would like individual responses from everyone in the household.

The cut-off date for responding to the survey is Sunday 12th September (inclusive).

Did you attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th May at St Mary's Church?

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our beautiful 12th century church is currently used just one hour a month other than for occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals. The diocese has already indicated that it is at risk of being closed within the next few years unless we can find an enhanced role for it in the village.

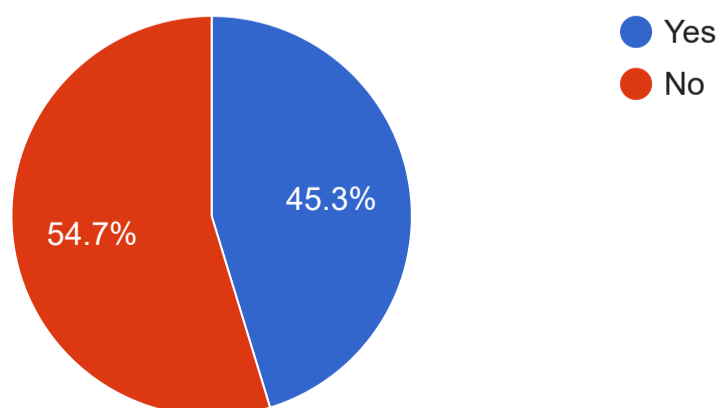
It is structurally sound and has good potential to be "reordered" to allow it to be used for village events. Several nearby villages and towns (including Cuddington and Stadhampton) have undertaken similar work resulting in comfortable, flexible spaces used for a wide range of community activities.

This work would involve removing the Edwardian pews, levelling the floor, installing underfloor heating, a kitchen, toilets and good lighting. Improved access and parking would also be put in place.

This would be a major project and would take several years to complete. It would require significant fundraising efforts but several grants could be available.

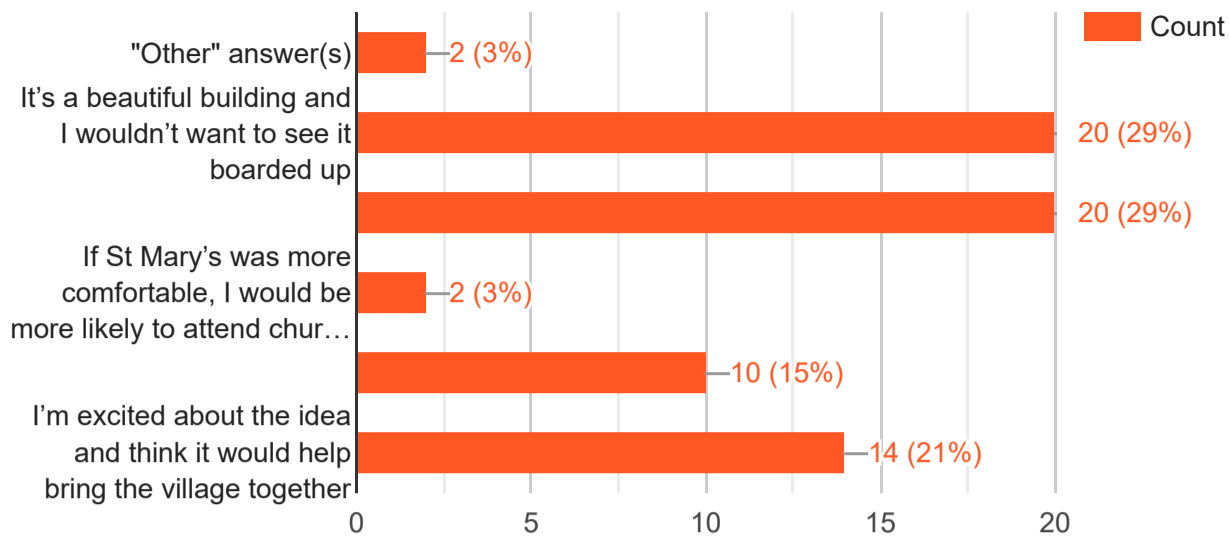
Do you think reordering St Mary's could be a good idea?

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If you answered yes, why? (Please select as many items as you want)

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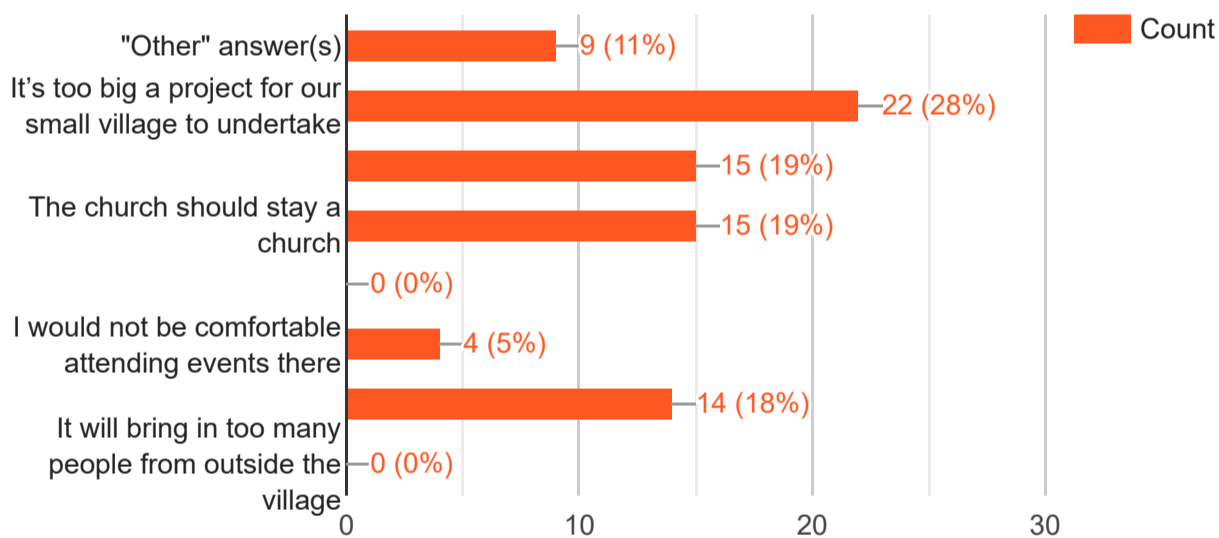
### "Other" answers

Minimum change only

It would be far more cost effective to redevelop other redundant buildings (eg the ones by the old pub)

If you answered No, why not? (please select as many as you wish)

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### "Other" answers

The Chilton Estate should ensure the upkeep and fabric of this Church. It will be used by the school after all.

A modern, purpose built venue would be more suitable.

Why raise a fortune for a community space when the village already has a centrally located building with plenty of parking. The Chilton Club should be restored to its former self (nowhere near as much cost involved) and utilised to its full potential. A community hub, coffee shop etc

I believe the Church to be a Grade 1 listed building and should not be altered inside.

See letter dated 30th August 2021 to The Clerk

Whilst a good idea, I am not sure its what the village needs and the other potential projects seemed to be more proportionate and achievable.

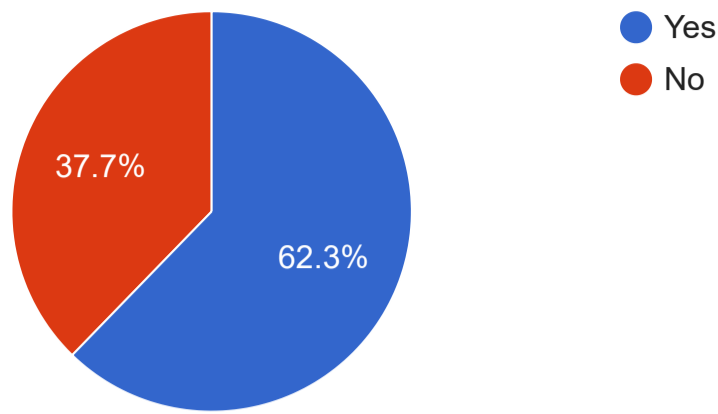
The church would provide an ideal facility for use by the school when it moves into Chilton House

There are other things to concentrate on.

I wouldn't want to see the church boarded up and a degree of reordering will possibly be required in order to give it a purpose and life beyond a regular place of worship. However, it would be a big undertaking, with long timescales and large investment requirements that risks sucking money and energy from other more immediate and achievable projects.

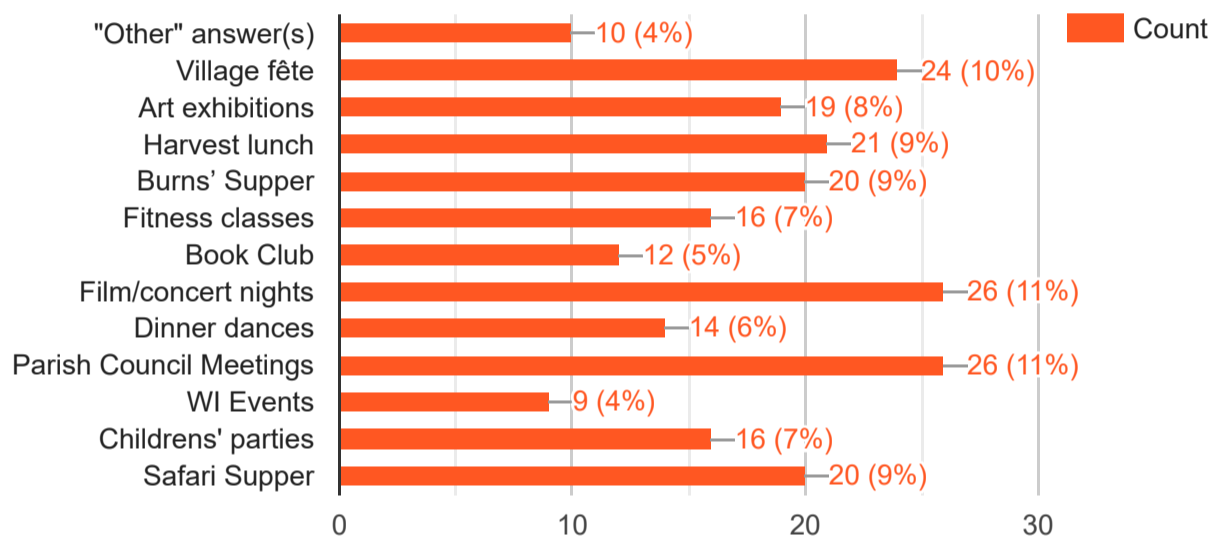
Could you see yourself attending events held in the refreshed space?

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What sort of events would you be interested in attending? (please tick as many as you like)

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### "Other" answers

The church should remain as is and you should NOT presuppose we want any of these activities within the building. There are other options

Children's activity classes

Weddings Birthday parties etc in the Memorial Hall that already exists

Any events if they were held at the original village community hub, the Chilton Club (Poachers Pocket) Not at the sacrifice of a beautiful British church though.

None

meetings presentation nights bingo? anything normally held in the club or barn, there is nowhere at present

Private hire for family gatherings

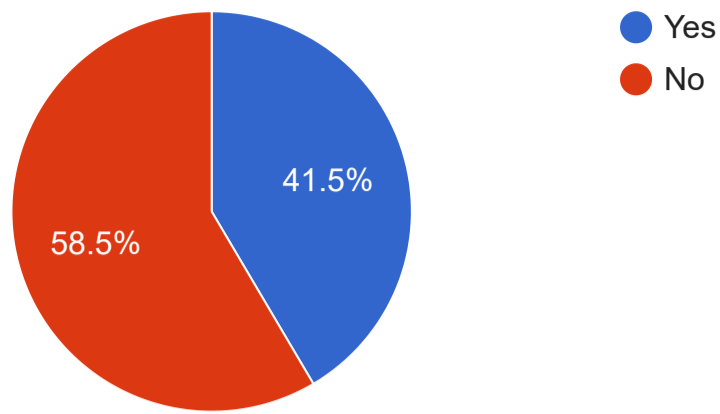
Play groups, coffee mornings for people on their own and elderly, youth clubs.

The question is Not Applicable as answered No to a change

Not applicable - a misleading question given I object to repurposing the church

Would you be willing to help with fundraising or project management?

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## VILLAGE SHOP / CAFE / BAR

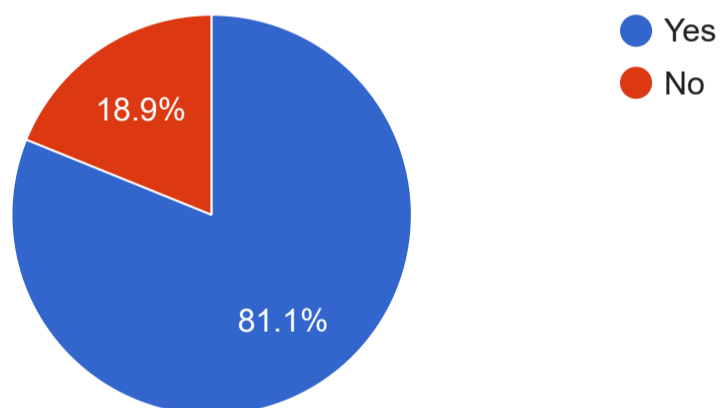
A proposal was put forward to redevelop the old stables facing the hay barn next to the old pub to provide a local shop/cafe/bar/informal meeting place. An independent business would be established to operate it.

The buildings are apparently structurally sound but would need to be renovated and refurbished. Grants may be available from the council and the Parish Council has some money that could be put towards the costs, but the project would be substantially reliant on volunteer effort and skills to get it done cost-effectively.

With some focussed effort it is possible that this work could be done within twelve months or so, once planning consent is given.

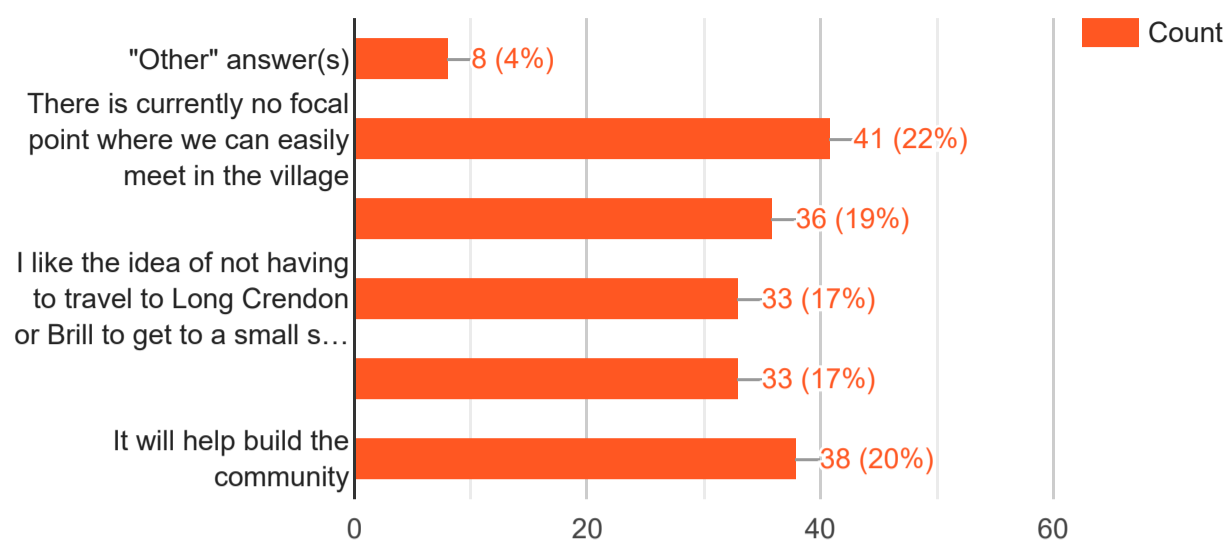
Do you think renovating the old stables to provide a community facility is a good idea?

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If you answered yes, why? (Please select as many items as you want)

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## "Other" answers

These barns should never have been left to get into this state of disrepair. The owners of the barns should make them habitable and then less money would be required from the village to convert them to a community facility.

Re your first question the 'Yes' is a maybe. A proper viability study needs to be under taken first. See also letter to The Clerk dated 30/08/211

it would be somewhere!!! and cheaper than the church option

Potential of so many cyclists / school parents travelling through the village every day. Good stop off point

But it is probably impracticable

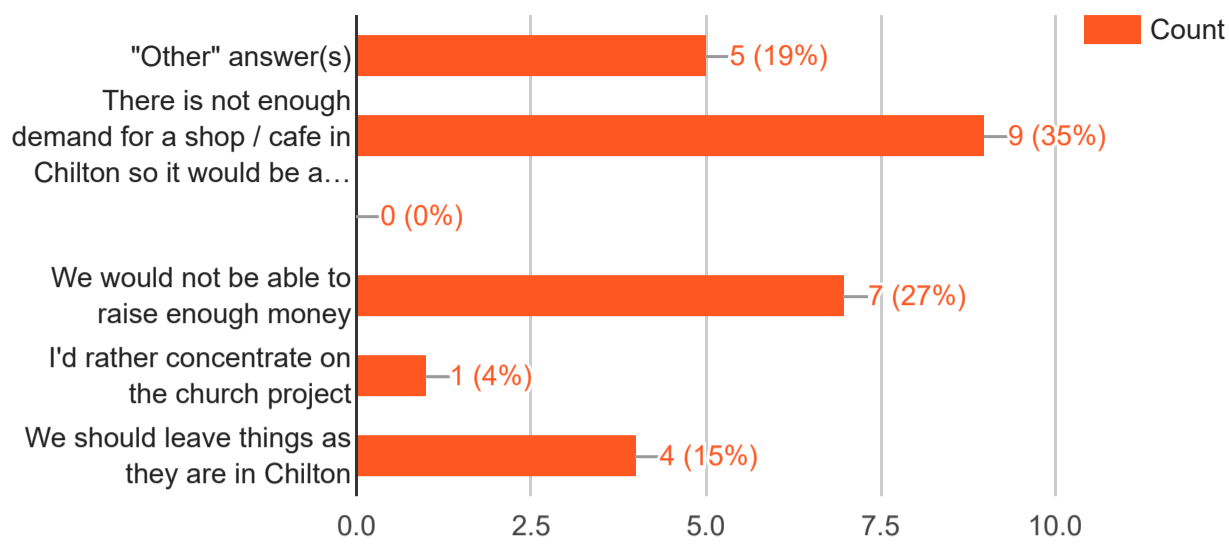
People from the village that bake or make could also sell their items there

Could help support a local business/family.

It keeps village social events separate from church-related ones

If you answered No, why not? (Please select as many as you wish)

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### "Other" answers

Space isnt that big and raising money flr two mayor project seems silly

Why should village residents refurbish buildings they will not own. Again, the questionnaire presupposes there is no alternative. The either/or option vs church use is unacceptable

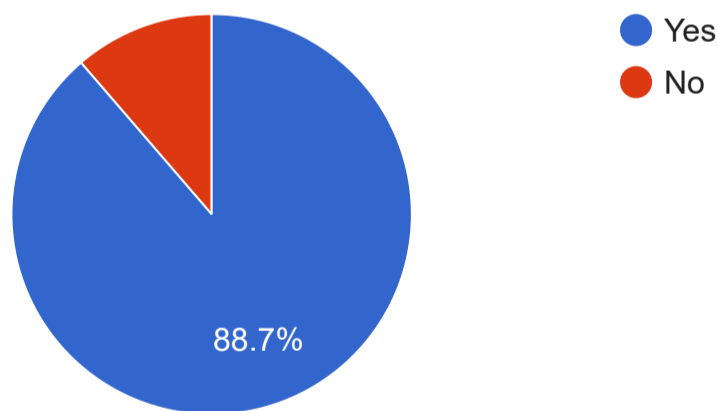
It would be a lot of work. There is a building that needs working on rather than being demolished that could provide all of the space needed for everything the village needs. Save the Chilton Club

Why arent we using the pochers pocket, after all it was built for the village from people in the vilkage,

Poachers Pocket and stables are an eyesore which blight the village. They should be demolished and the site used for a village hall and playground. Re-development should be funded primarily by the site owners.

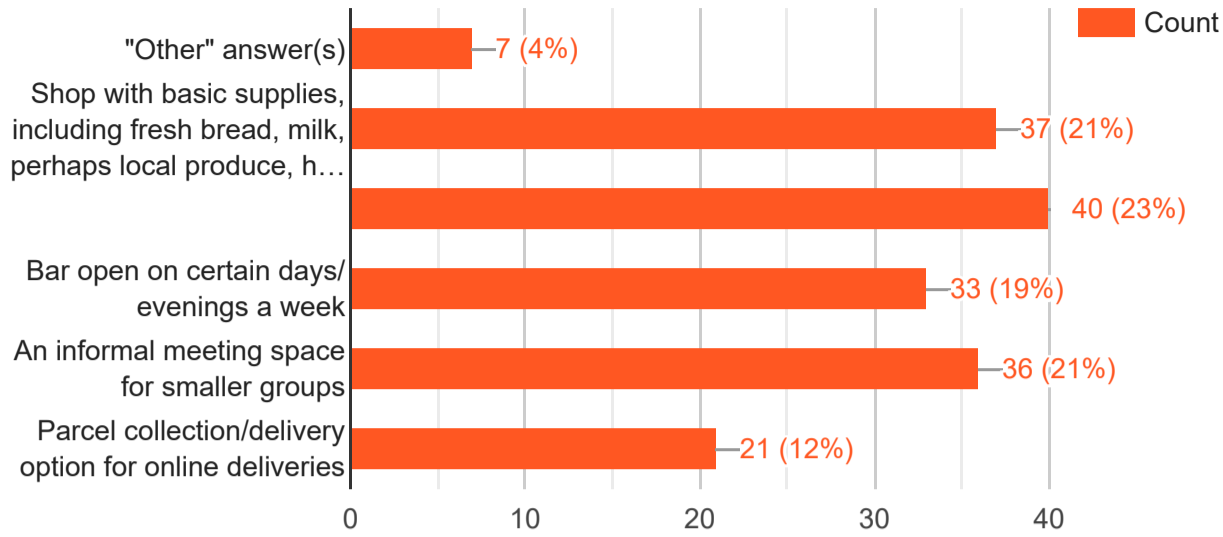
Would you use a facility such as this in the village?

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If yes, what would you like it to offer? (please select as many as you wish)

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### "Other" answers

Exercise classes

Again only if this was the Chilton Club

Possible relocation of the village library from the old phone box which could then house a defibrillator

While it would be good to have a cafe or bar, what the village needs more than anything is a hall of a size similar to the Barn which can be used for events and has all the necessary facilities. I see no, point in redeveloping the site unless it is big enough to put on Burns Nights and other such social events.wo

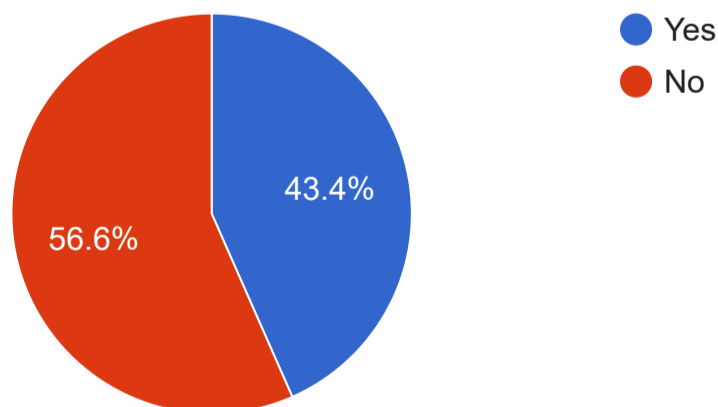
Small business eg, kids clothes, home wear/ cute deli where you could have wine and cheese

Book swap space; small office area with wi-fi

The building is small and therefore cannot be easily made multi-purpose. If it's a shop (regardless of whether there is sufficient demand) it can't also at the same time be a pop-up pub or an events venue. The brief need to be tight and realistic so that the project doesn't attempt to be all things to all people and then achieve none of them well. Personally I think that a "village rooms" concept of an informal space that could be used for events, a pop up pub or rented out for classes or parties would be the best use of the space and would have the most beneficial effect on the community cohesion of Chilton. Thought should also be given to parking and an outside area (garden) for the building.

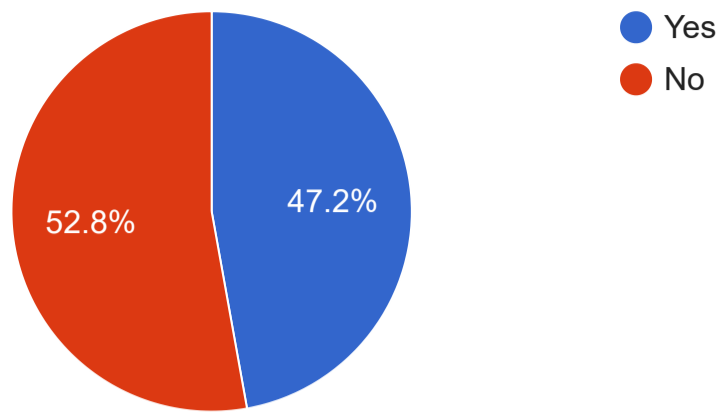
Would you be prepared to form part of a voluntary working group to project manage the renovation?

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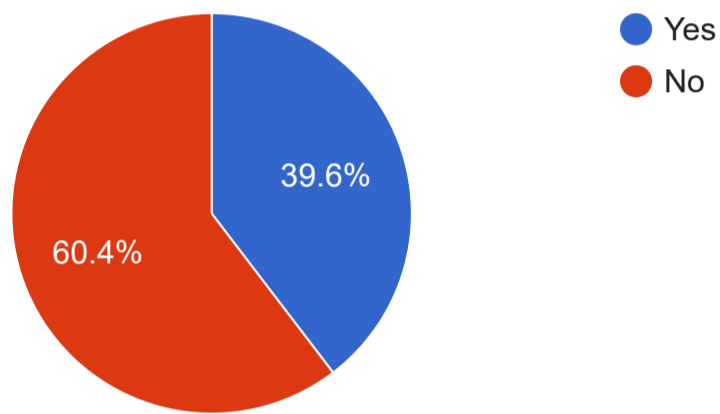
Would you be prepared to volunteer time/skills to help in the renovations?

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Would you be willing to help fundraise for it, or assist with grant applications?

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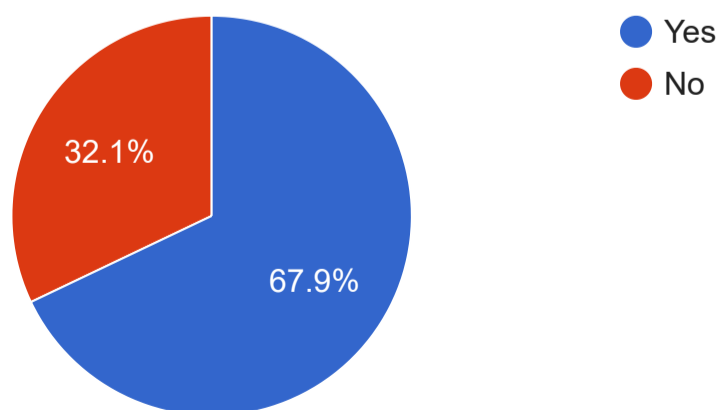
## OLD VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

There used to be a children's playground opposite Princes Close and next to the entrance to Canon Court Farm, but it has long fallen into disrepair and is now very overgrown. Access to the area is up a few steps which poses some challenges, but it is the only level space in the village and benefits from great views to Oxford.

There have been a few suggestions about reclaiming this space and using it for the benefit of the village. With a bit of effort and commitment it has potential to be used as a versatile communal outdoor space.

Would you like to see this space being brought back into use?

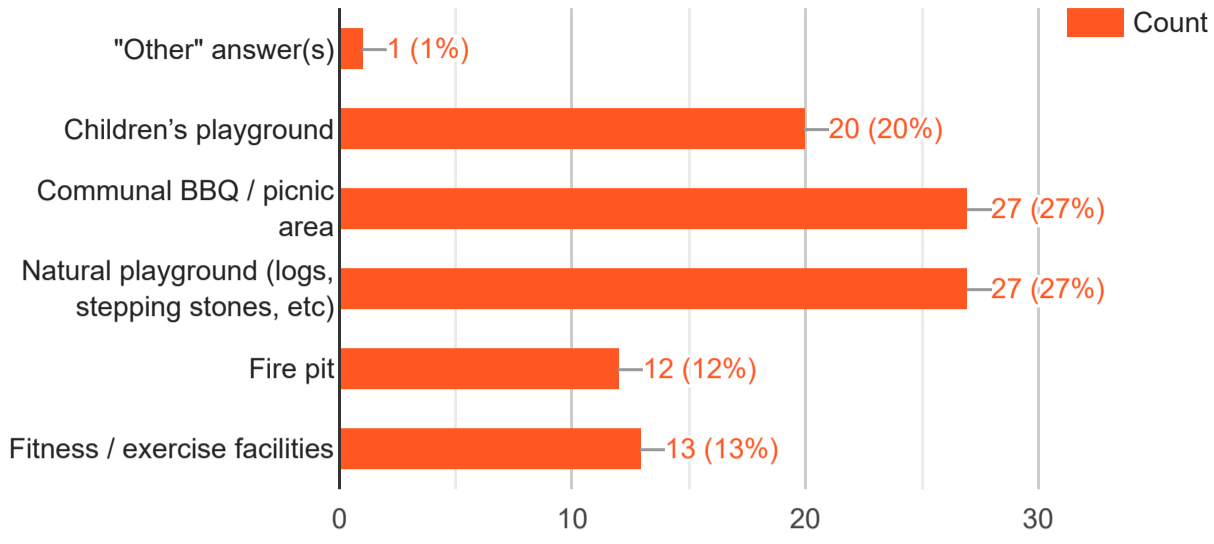
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a. If you answered yes, what would you like it to offer? (please select as many as you wish)

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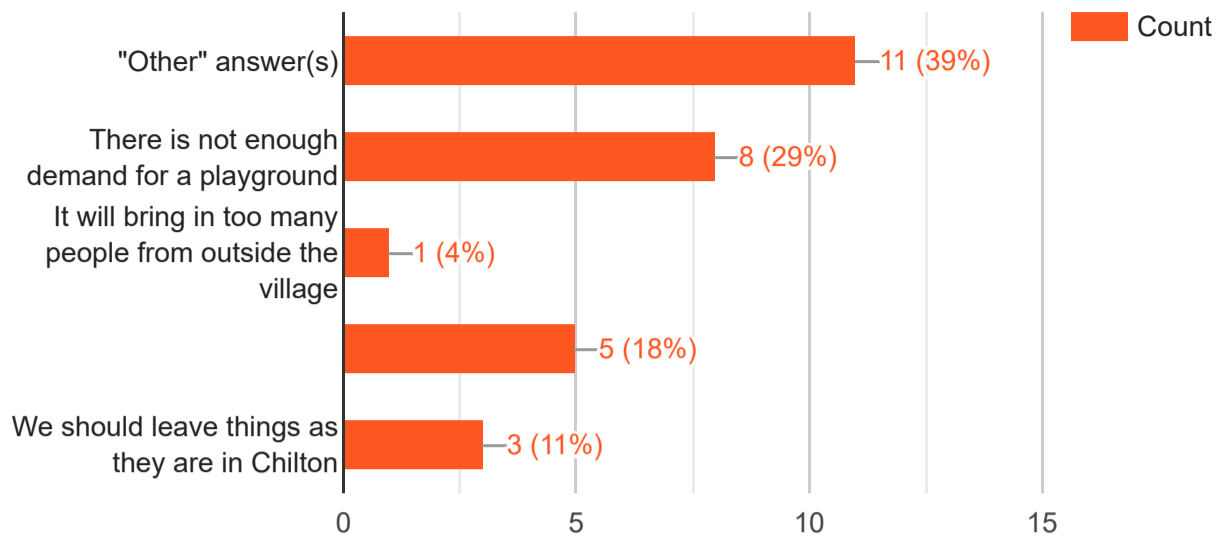


### "Other" answers

Committee allotment or orchard.

If you answered No, why not? (please select as many as you wish)

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## "Other" answers

The location off a busy road is unsuitable AND the costs of a playground are

This current playground is definately in the wrong place in Chilton. Pushchairs/wheelchairs cannot reach the area.

Also not fit for purpose - Very poor access generally and for pushchairs and the disabled. See letter to The Clerk dated 30th August 2021

not the appropriate venue. central eg club lower old tennis court would be better

Wrong venue. Club area would be better eg lower old tennis court?

access bad.wd repeat past failure? better places?eg as part of the redevelopment of the community club

The site is unsuitable

Unfortunately, the site is not suitable. Access down steps and onto Thame Road is dangerous: Made worse by the speed at which most drivers travel through the village.

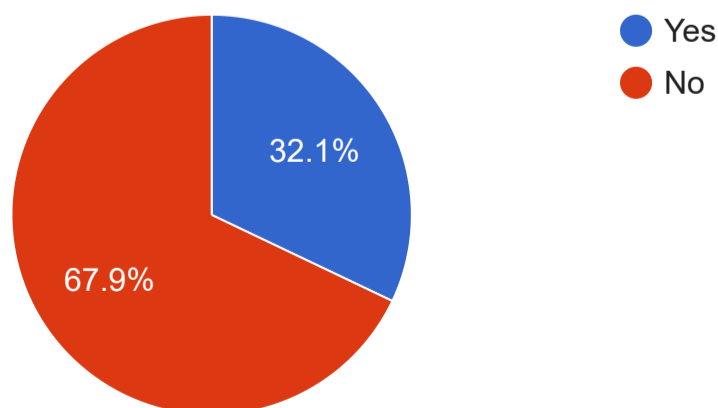
I feel it should be more central, as if I was going for a coffee or a beer in a pop up bar or shop, then it would be lovely to let my children play and meet up with other people young or old.

It wouldn't offer anything above and beyond what is already accessible near us or ar home. Rather focus on the other priorities for the village.

I think there is definitely a need in the village but the location on a windswept hillside across a sometimes very busy road is a big problem. Could a better side be incorporated in the redevelopment of the Poacher's Pocket site?

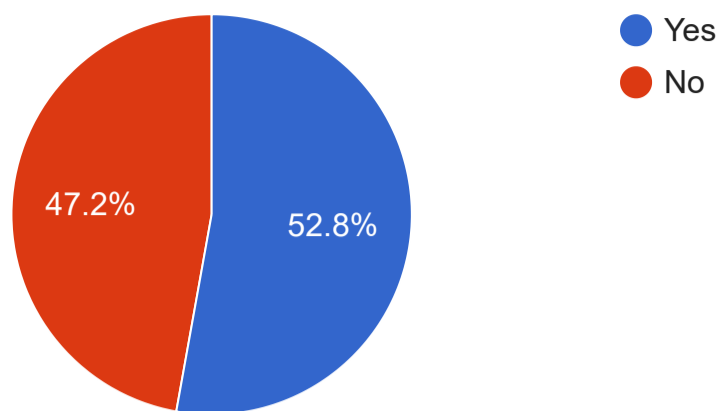
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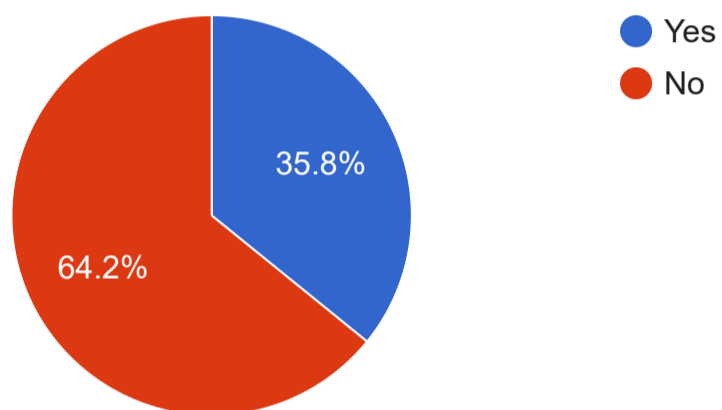
Would you be prepared to volunteer time/skills to renovate it?

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Would you be happy to be part of a rota of volunteers to help run it?

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## What else?

Chilton Parish Council would like to serve the needs of the Parish in any way it can. There are limits as to what it can and cannot do, but it would be helpful to understand if there was anything else you would like us to consider

Please describe briefly what you would like to see in the village

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Instead of having the shop, we could organise for different shops to do an honesty box. We had Howe Farm flowers for a while which worked very well. If we had something on rotation that might be a better solution to trial the needs of the village before we invest so much in it.

Regular(quarterly) clean up days  
Regular (monthly?) drinks night or social  
Walking group with packed lunches

Whatever projects take off as a result of their survey, it's a great opportunity to restore community in the village by working on something together, getting to know people and contributing to the community. I think too many people expect everything to be done for them or they moan about things but they aren't willing to put themselves out to be part of the solution. My preference if there is contention with funds or time would be to do the barn renovation as priority 1, the playground space as a low cost / effort priority two and the church as the priority 3 long term project which will require considerable more time, money and effort to pull off. Thanks for all your hard work to make progress with these proposals.

Good way markers and maintained walks(including stiles!)  
better traffic control, speeding remains an issue  
More allotments

Bar/Community Space.

Bar/Community Space.

The Memorial Hall back in use and not left to rot

I would like to see a focal meeting place for the whole of the village to meet and enjoy. I would like to see Chilton rebuild it's community and heart. We now have lots of young families and children in the village now and we need to take this opportunity to recommunicate

I totally understand the need for a community space and our family would happily use it. This will help bring the village together. At this present time there is nothing here. We have an amazing building which is 100yrs old it should be saved and utilised to its full potential. Our family used to use the club all the time and it is dearly missed. Hearing the memories from family members of the events held there in the past it is a crying shame to see it in its current state. Surely this should be the community project. We have walkers and cyclists through the village, we should use this to our advantage. Make people want to come to our beautiful village that we are proud to be residents of. The club has a car park, the bowls club use it, surely they would love to use the facilities too? Why get the village to raise a fortune when we can use far less money and provide everything in the centre of the village?

More interest in the village

I would like to see the eyesores in the centre of the village removed.  
The Poachers Pocket and the adjoining barn are a dreadful sight and should never have been allowed to get into this state.

See last part of a letter to The Clek dated August 30th 2021

An increased effort to slow traffic through the village. We can't do much about the volume passing through but the speed is concerning,

A facility where events can be held. What is happening about the original plans for the club area as well as the 5 houses which are being proposed at the moment?

SOME WHERE TO HOLD EVENTS

More opportunities, such as the initial village meeting, to discuss the village in a more informal setting than via a Parish Council meeting.

Picnic areas and benches, green spaces which are not overgrown by nettles to enjoy the views, not in field of cows or next to road to business park, maintained footpaths

Better traffic calming measures

I would like to see the pochers pocket back running,when it was shut down there was £80,000 in the bank, what has happened to it.the pub is a memorial for the village, that should be looked after.

Please see the letter to the civil Parish Council recently written by Hilary and me. Should there not be a general meeting of the church Parish Council ?

Not aware of a meeting having been convened for at least the last 2 years.

Stadhampton bad precedent. There are and should be rigorous constraints to ensure that only the most sensitive alterations are made to a Grade 1 listed church.

The war memorial hall back in use and fun raise to help pay for that

I would love to see more fruit trees around the village that the children can watch grow as they do. So they can collect and eat the fruit on their travels around the village. If a shop is build it could be made into jams/cakes etc. It would also be nice for the old park by the village hall to be added too and revamped a bit.

I would like to see the poachers pocket knocked down, it is ugly, not fit for purpose and is an eyesore in the centre of our lovely village. I would prefer a green space, somewhere the older children could kick a football or have a picnic.

I think all 3 ideas have merits and it would be brilliant to have all 3. My focus would be to renovate and refresh the church, but this is a much longer term goal. The other two quicker fix ideas should probably take precedence for now, and I am happy to support these efforts.

I would like to see a focal point in the village that can be used flexibly for different groups of people. It was amazing to see the many villagers at the bbq last weekend as had not met many of them despite living in the village for 6 years.

A small shop for necessities would be useful but not a must otherwise the temptation is to drive out of the village to thame.

A bus service. Buses pass through Chilton, but they don't stop here.

Ideally, a small purpose-built village hall near the bowling green and a gazebo could be used when more space is needed.

Pop-up coffee shop/bar events could be run if there are enough willing volunteers, a roadside board could help advertise these beforehand.

The Church should be preserved as a historic building but I believe the Church of England with its endowments and investments of £8.3bn should be helping to do this.

Top priority would be to demolish and re-develop Poachers Pocket and stables as village facilities - small hall and playground and 'village green'. Plans should reflect the small size of the population unlike the grand plans alluded to in this survey. Equally, the nature of the village should be taken into account when it comes to fund-raising. The land and most of the houses are owned by a very affluent Estate which in feudal times would provide for their tenants, not expect their tenants to pay to enhance the value of the Estate..

Few motorists on Thame Road observe the 30mph limit despite the digital sign. The PC should be lobbying for traffic 'calming'. I suggest chicanes, as in Cuddington, would be the most effective.

Where possible, verges should be managed to safety and environmental principles (ie reduced mowing except 1 metre at the roadside and sight lines at Chearsley Road and Princes Close junctions).

Firstly demolish the ghastly eyesore that is the Poachers Pocket. it must be five years since it was closed and it is such an awful blight on the whole village. Within the development plans that are eventually agreed there, we need a facility/village hall which is of a similar size to the Barn and which can comfortably put on Burns Night's etc. It must therefore incorporate full back-up facilities for kitchen, bar,, toilets etc. The facility could possibly include a cafe etc. but not a priority in my view. We just need a focal point for events of all kinds. Childrens' Parties, Quiz Nights dances etc and with a bar. I know we cannot match Chearsley but just a smaller version. Unless it can be of an appropriate size, I see no point in doing it at all..

an area, as in a village space,

Traffic calming - speed humps

The park being a suitable area to walk dogs. We only have one footpath and cows can be quite intimidating. An occasional bus service into Long Crendon would be nice although this is not probably something under the control of this group

Somewhere for our children to play sports and a community facility

A small shop, café, communal meeting space, park/play area for children.

A focal point.

Nothing other than what's already on the agenda, but would like to see the projects being done in a environmentally friendly and sustainable way. Eg the buildings' energy for heating, hot water and electricity being supplied through renewable sources such as solar panels, toilets operating with rain water, eco friendly materials, etc

Pub/restaurant/deli/ coffee shop/ something for children. (There has been a huge surge of covid babies).

Shop, village hall, mother and baby group. (But not in the church, too many steps and dangerous roads nearby

Would be nice for the village to have a heart

The Parish Council should concentrate on getting things done such as the repair and of roads, pavements and verges, improvement of street signage, traffic calming measures, tree cutting - generally working on the improvement of the appearance and infrastructure of the village.

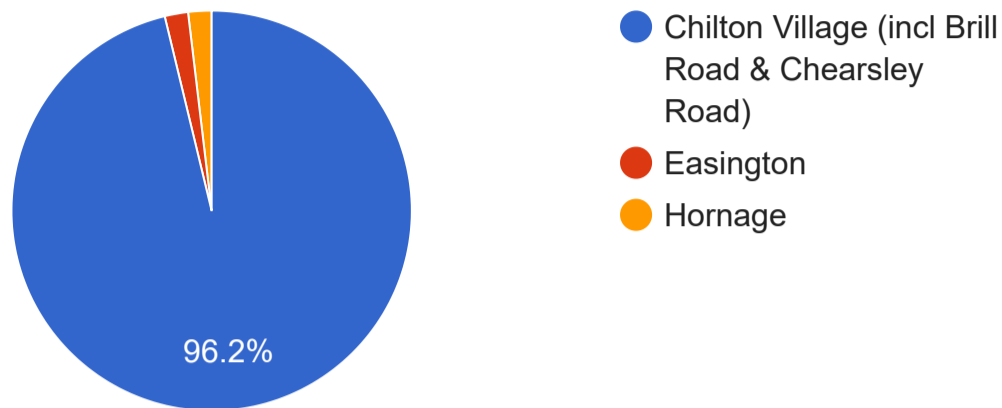
Encouragement and support for community initiatives and events is the other side of the coin with the aim of improving village life and making it a better place to live and raise a family. A village space and a well-sited playground would go a long way to making Chilton again feel like a "proper" village and not the odd one out in the district.

# About you

This questionnaire will be treated confidentially and the answers you submit will only be used in relation to the questions already set out. However it would help us if we knew a bit more about you.

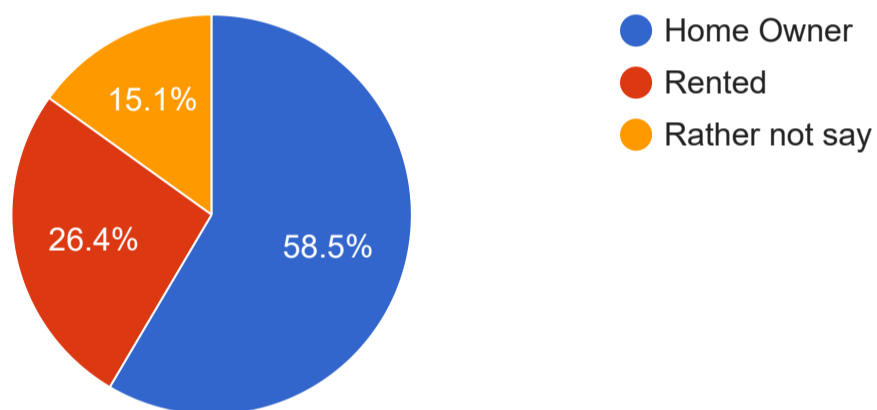
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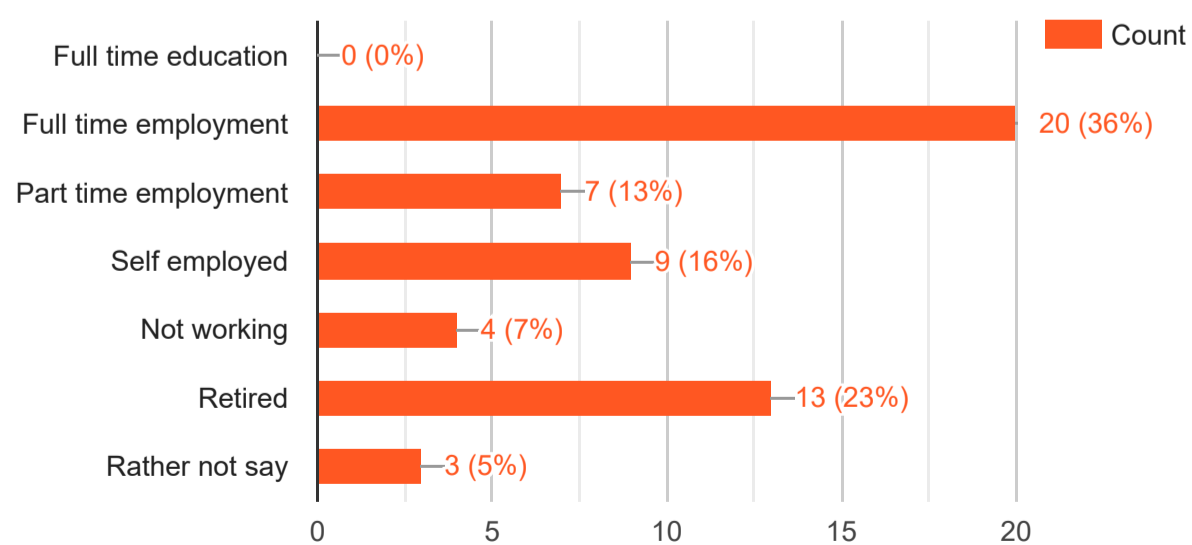
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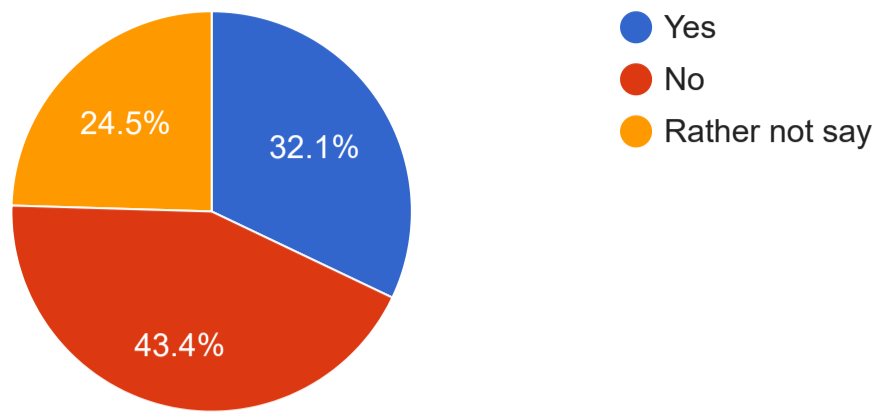
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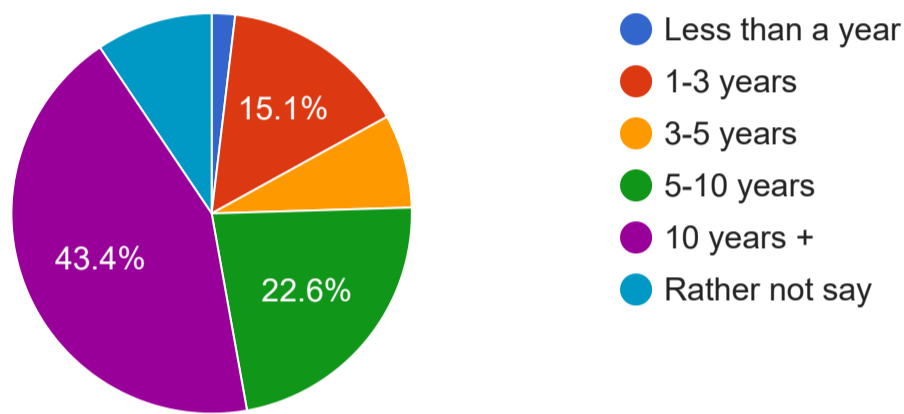
If you are employed, are you now working from home rather than travelling into an office?

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How long have you lived in the area?

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My household consists of the following (please select as many as you wish)

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