

Bretherton Residents' Questionnaire Results October 2022

BREHERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

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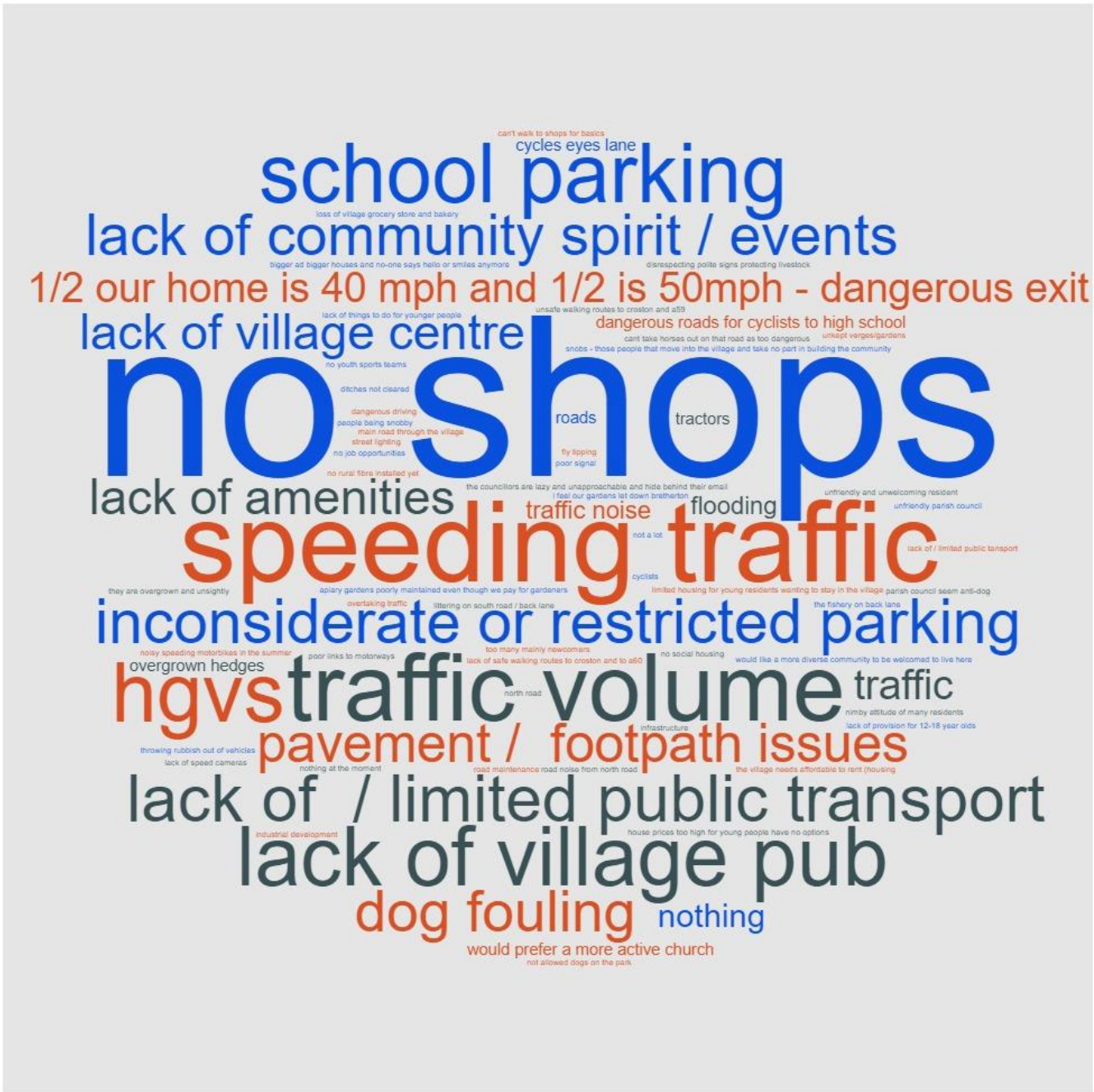
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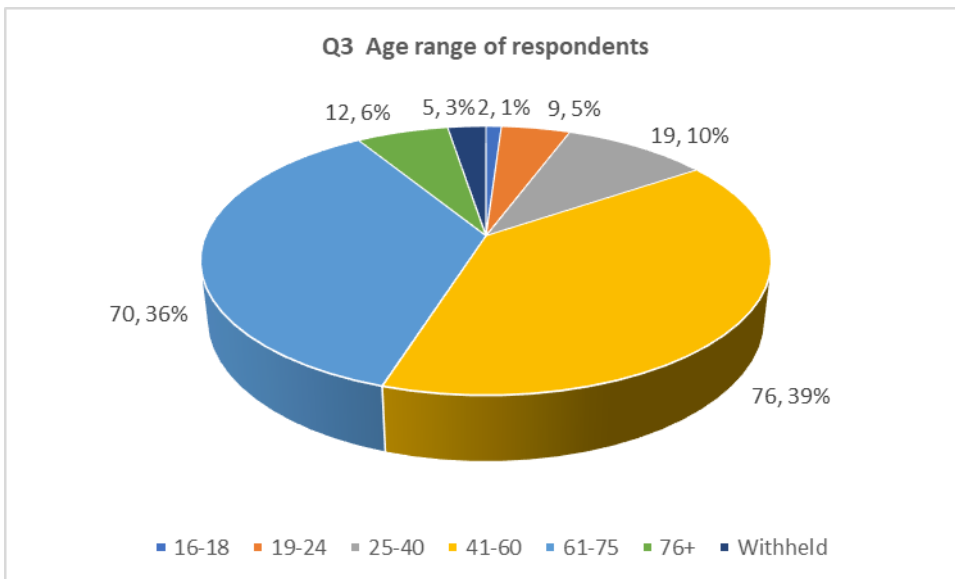
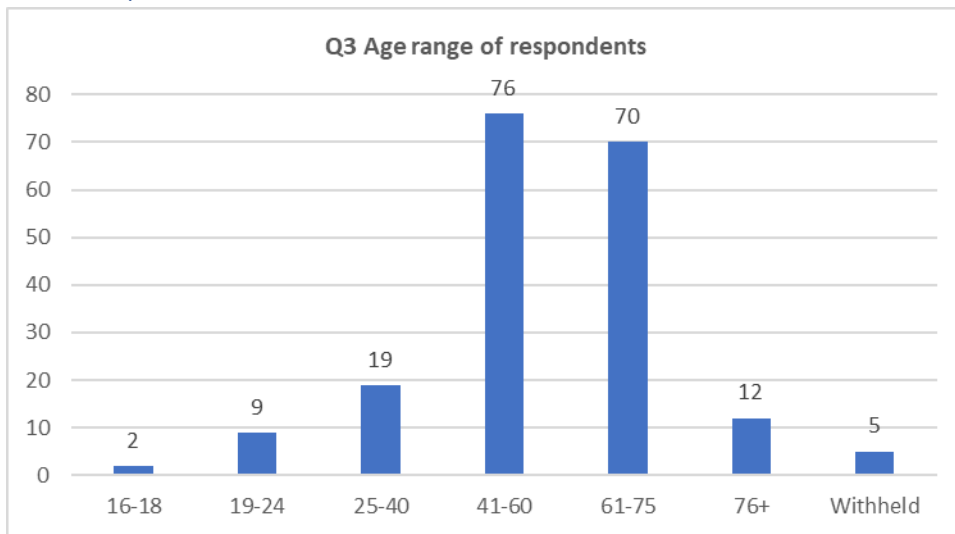
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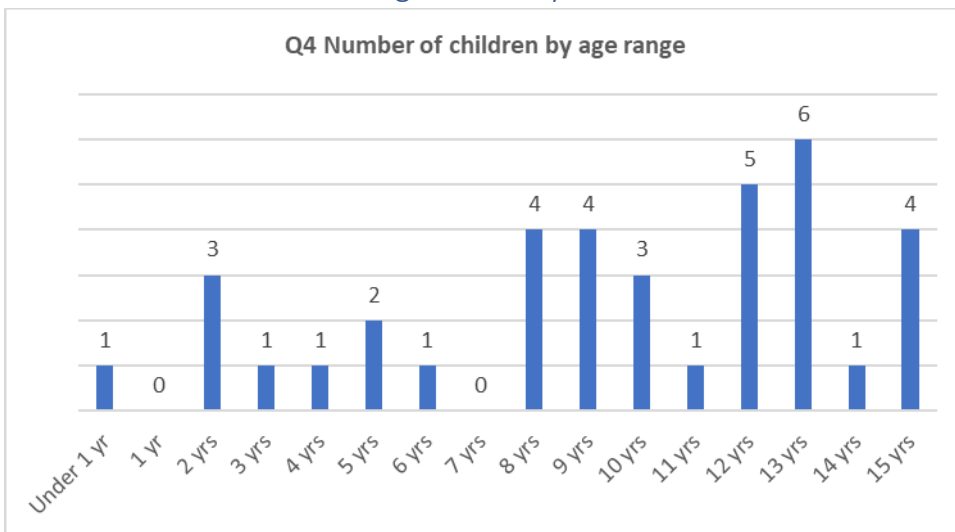


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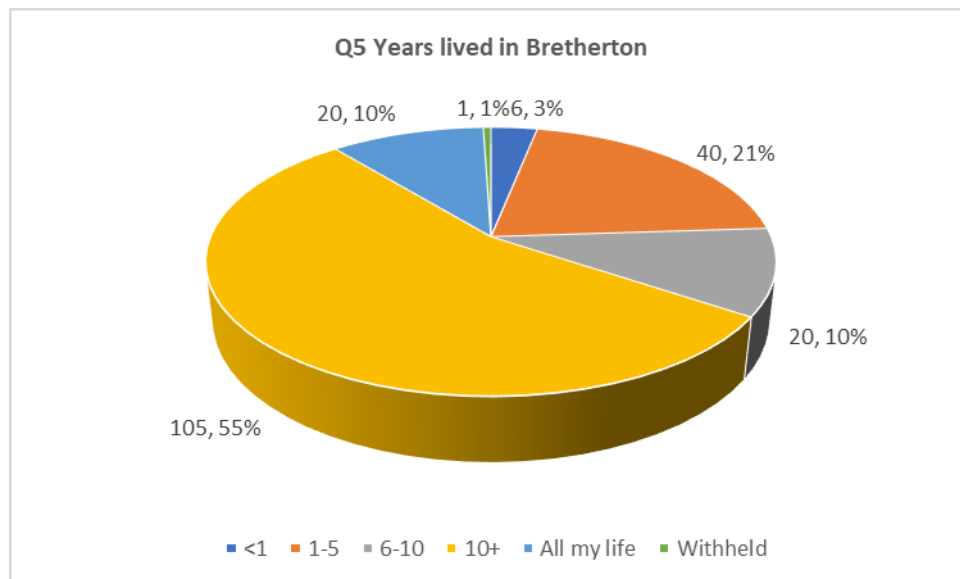
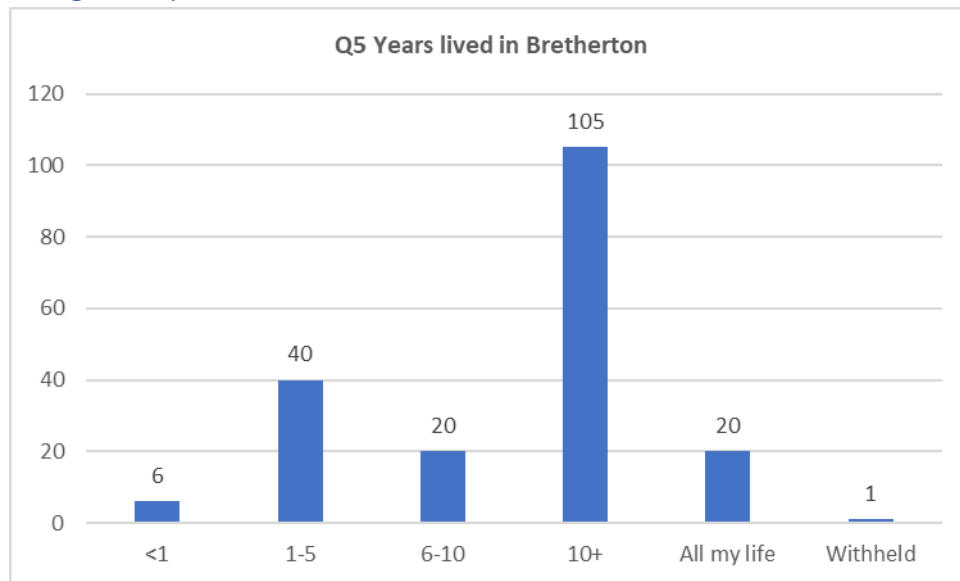


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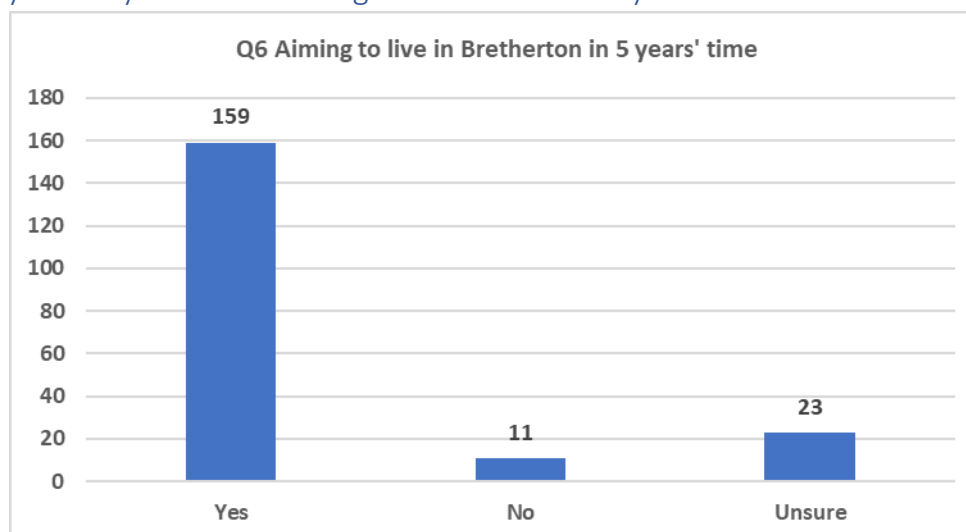


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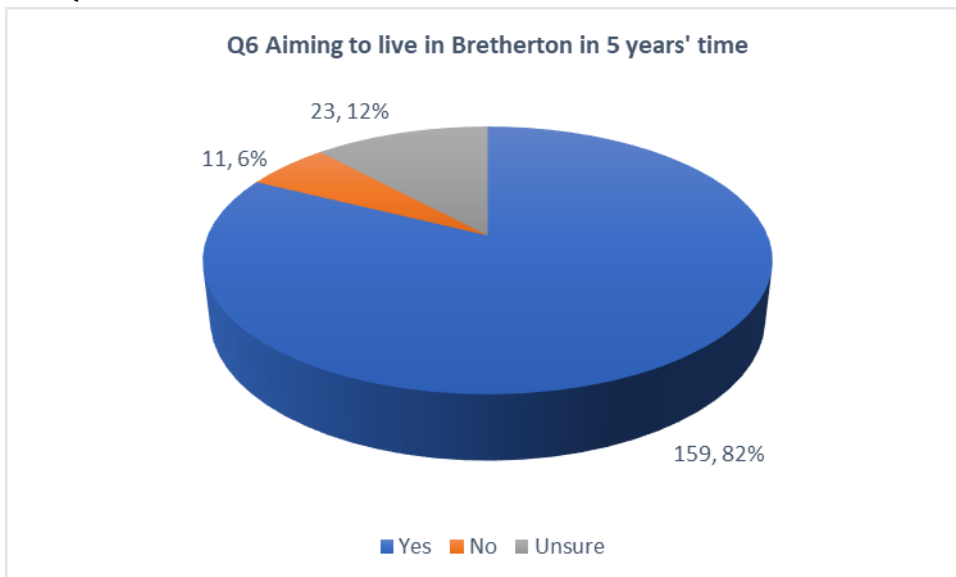
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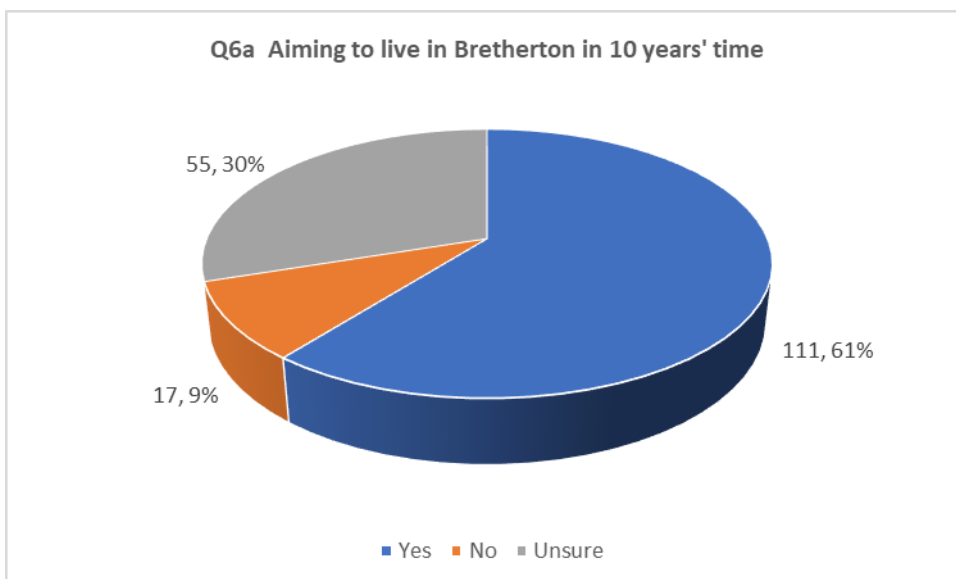
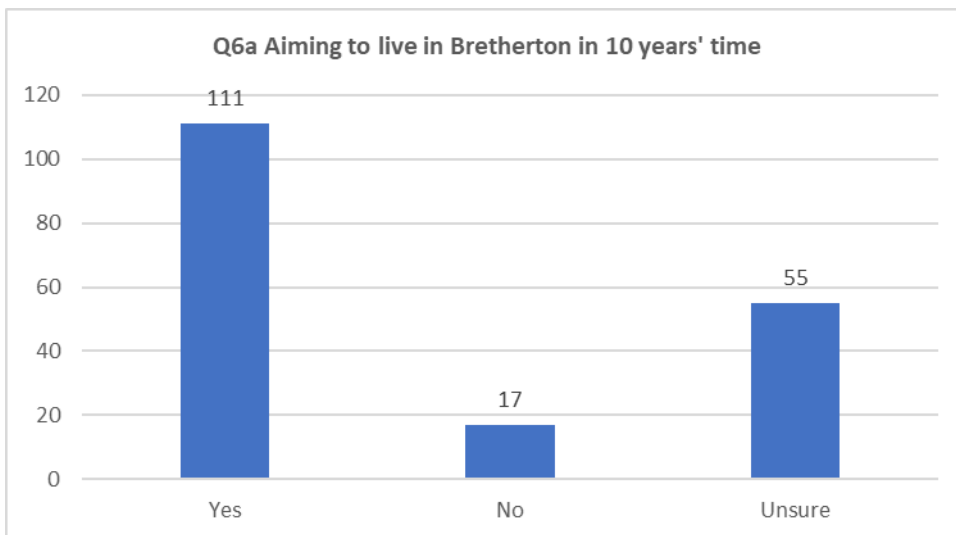
Question 6 Do you see yourself still living in Bretherton in 5 years' time?



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The responses to Question 6a Do you still see yourself living in Bretherton in 10 years are summarised below



Additional comments are summarised below:

hopefully but not if gets built up
i feel for those who cannot afford to buy
hopefully. at my age nothing is certain

i plan to live here for the rest of my life hope to retire in spain
may not still be driving in 10-15 years time
will depend on any health issues, mobility etc s a lovely place to live
would need own transport to remain in bretherton if i'm still alive
lack of good public transport, raising issues as i get older

it depends on energy costs and need to downsize prematurely as long as possible
in 10 years time may need different accommodation though currently living with parents
we chose to live here in 2013 with a view to long-term retirement love the village

depends on future over-development
family live 1 hour or more drive away and i may need to move nearer to them

at some point our house will be too large for us after our adult children leave home
depends on whether housing built - as no infrastructure improved eg sewers, health care and traffic
i am currently studying at university & i am planning to move my permanent address after i finish my course
once my child goes to university i will look for somewhere to live where i can walk to a pub / restaurant/ bar / shop etc and where there is stuff going on

family connection also a factor in coming to bretherton

i would love to but i am renting now and property prices are very high in bretherton
it will depend on health and mobility and ability to drive and maintain our garden
driving ability and ability to maintain house and garden will affect my decision
who knows where life takes you but no intentions to move at the moment

hopefully will end my days here i hope so

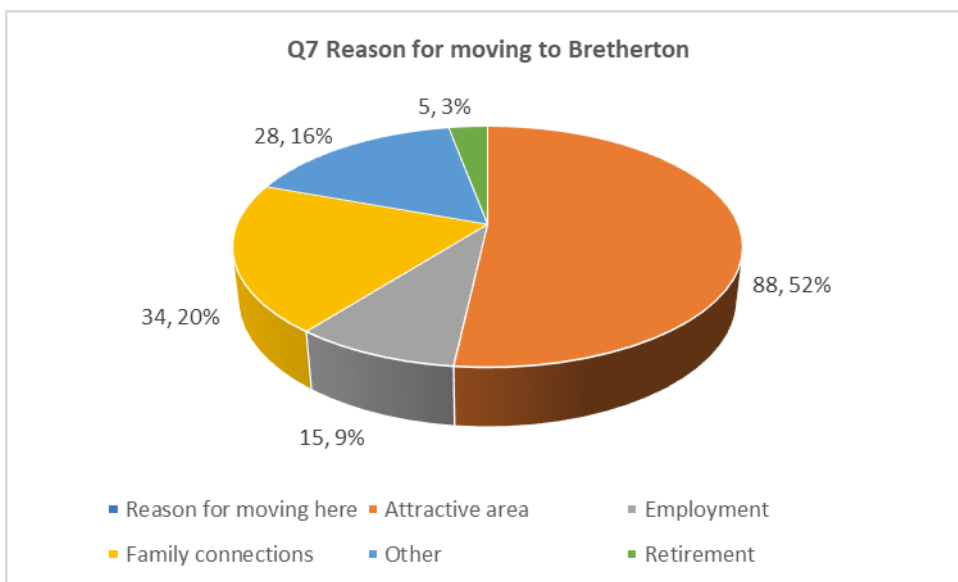
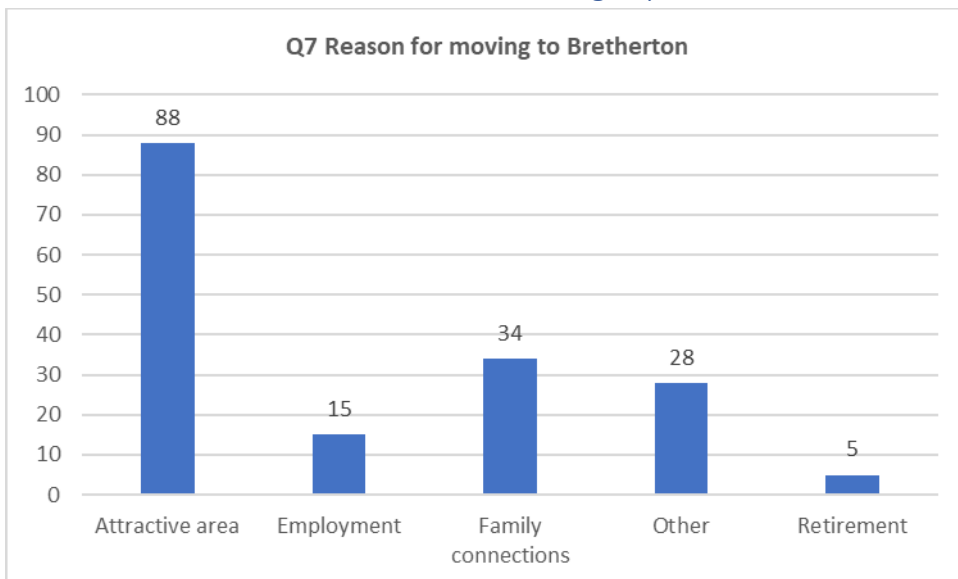
until i die i like the area but a young adult i would prefer to life in the city
here for life as i get older may need to downsize to a village with shops etc

if no facilities supplied no i am nearing retirement and plan to stay in bretherton
set up my family home here would not like to be dependent in bretherton
unless decide to downsize i am fortunate enough to own my own home

retired here for the quiet peaceful location
due to my age may need care and help
if nothing disturbs the peace and quiet
i will not afford a house of my own here
overall a wonderful place to live

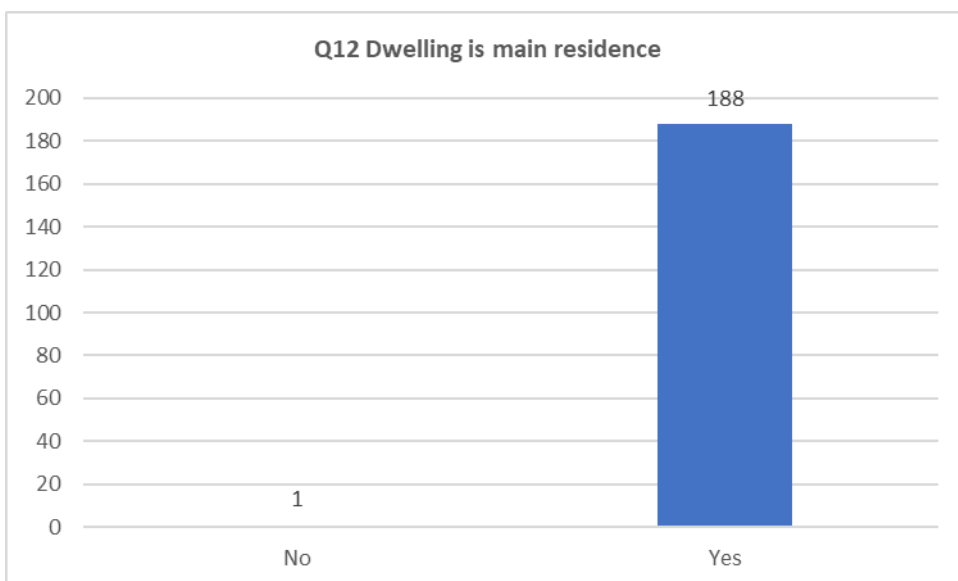
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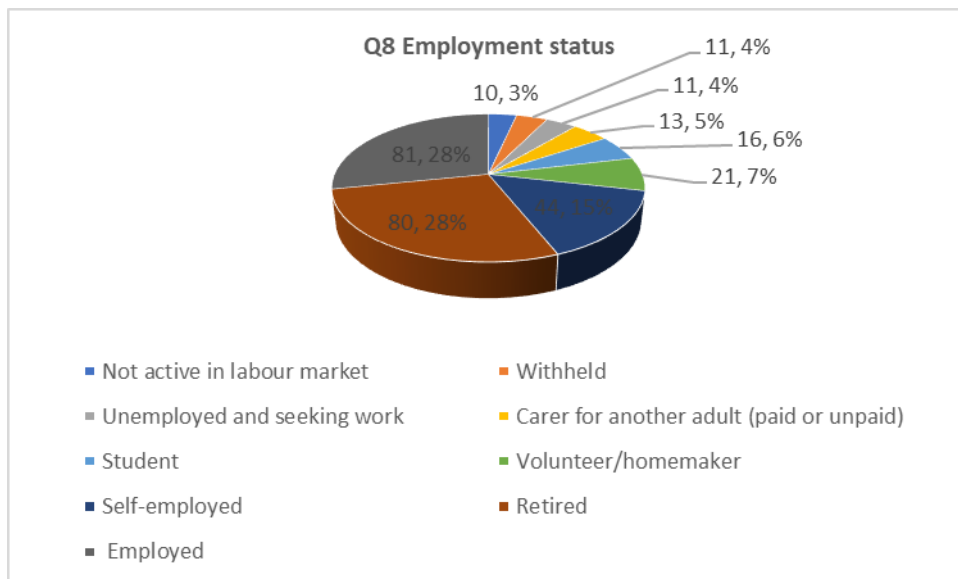
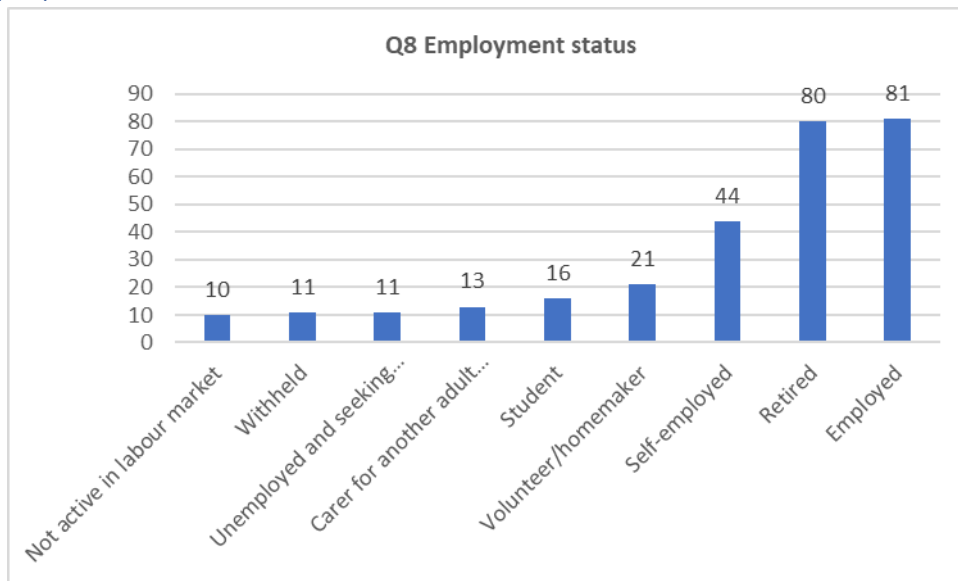
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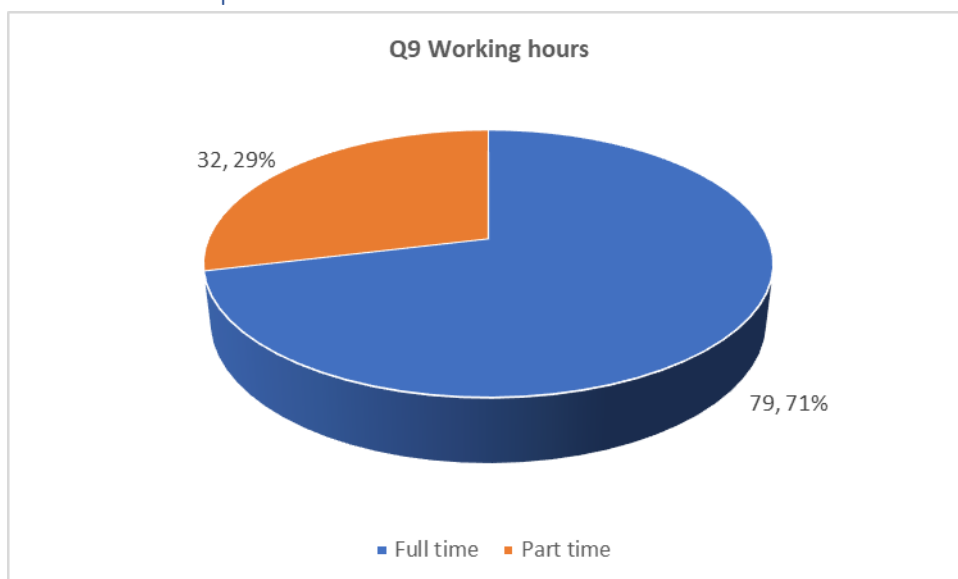


Employment

Question 8 Employment status

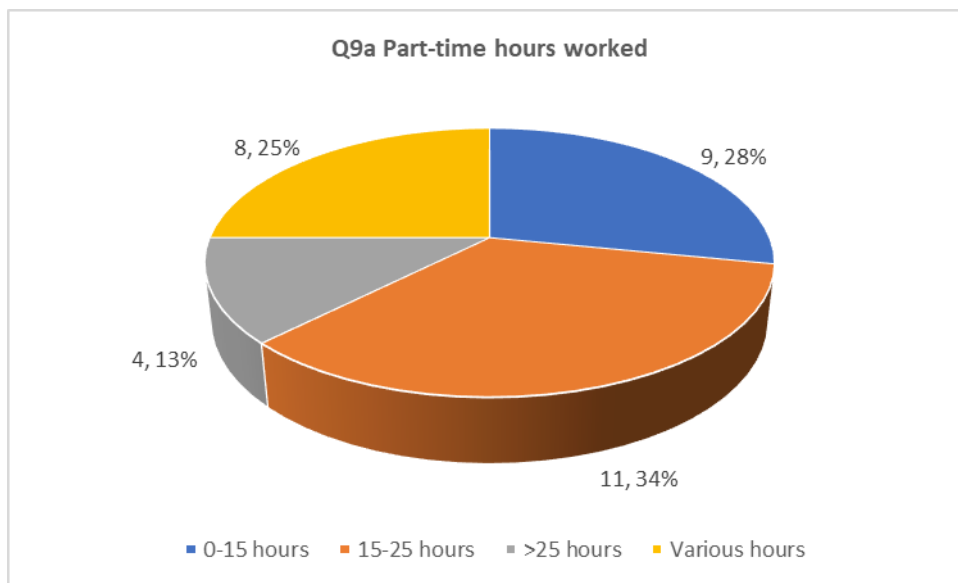


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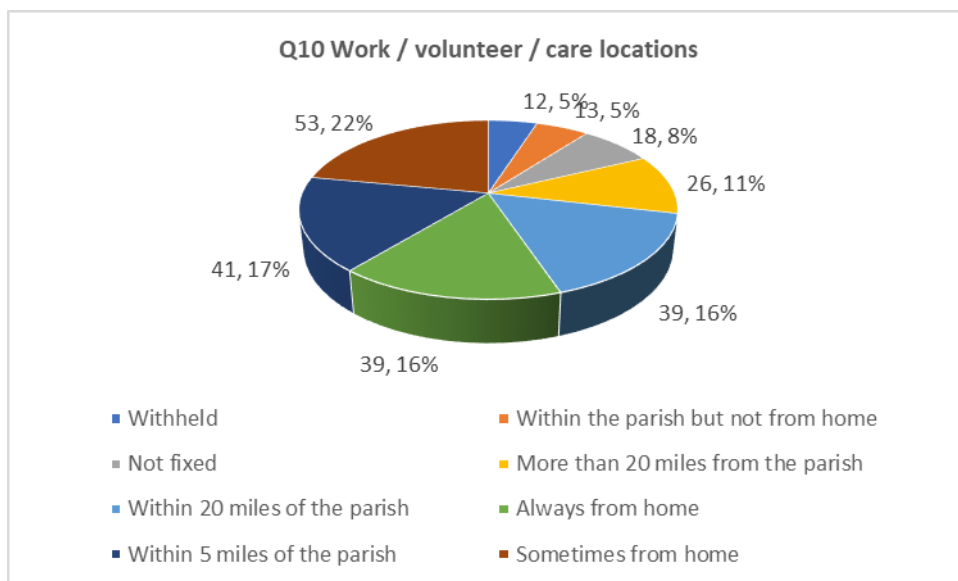
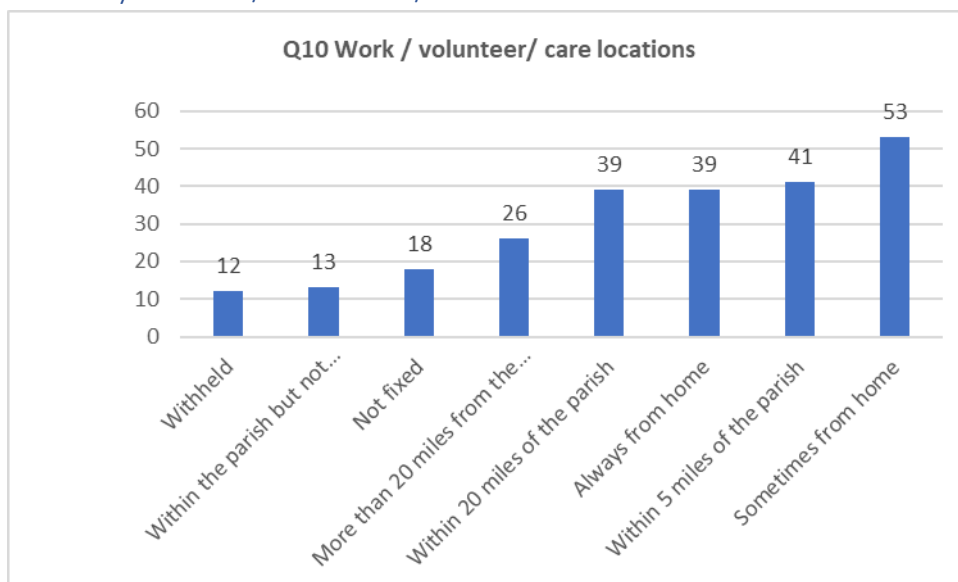


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32 respondents work part-time with their hours worked summarised below:

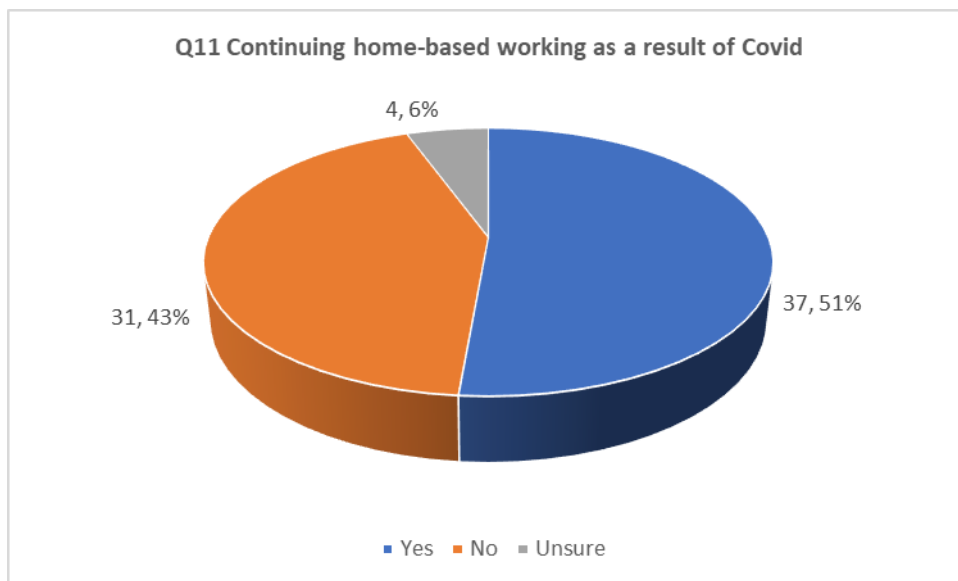


Question 10 Where do you work / volunteer / care?



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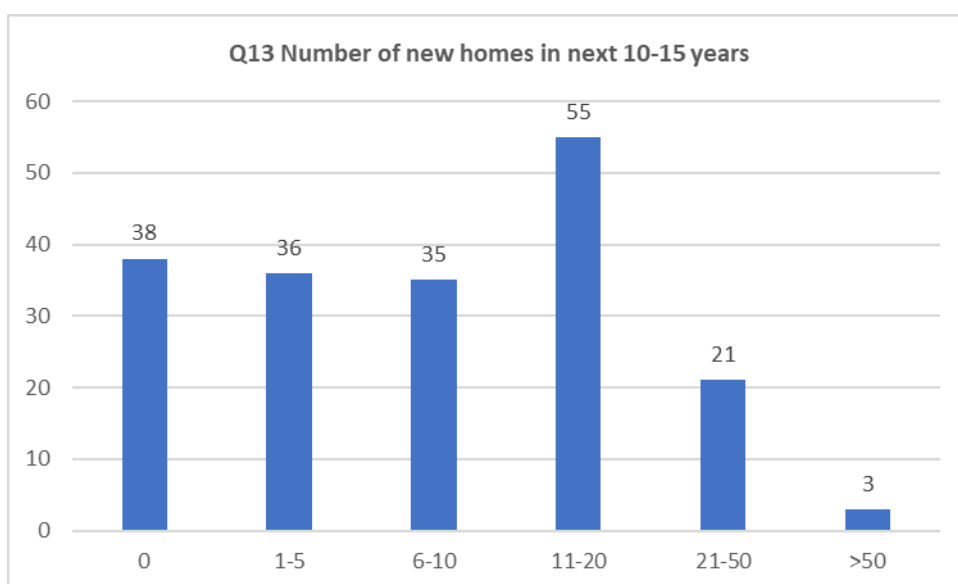
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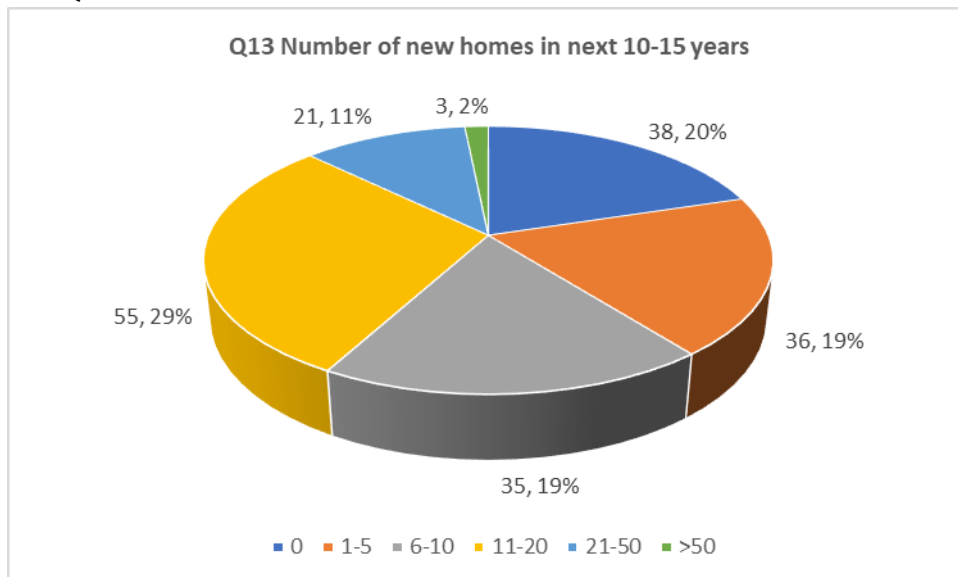
Planning and Development

Question 13 Thinking about the next 10-15 years, how many new homes should be built in Bretherton?

188 respondents commented on the number of new homes. Nearly 80% thought new homes should be built in Bretherton broken down as follows:

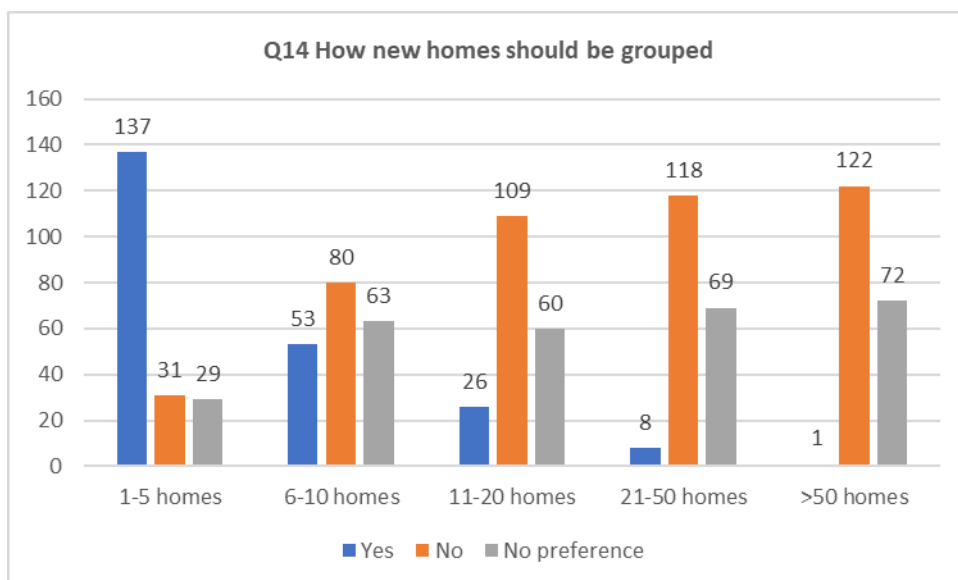


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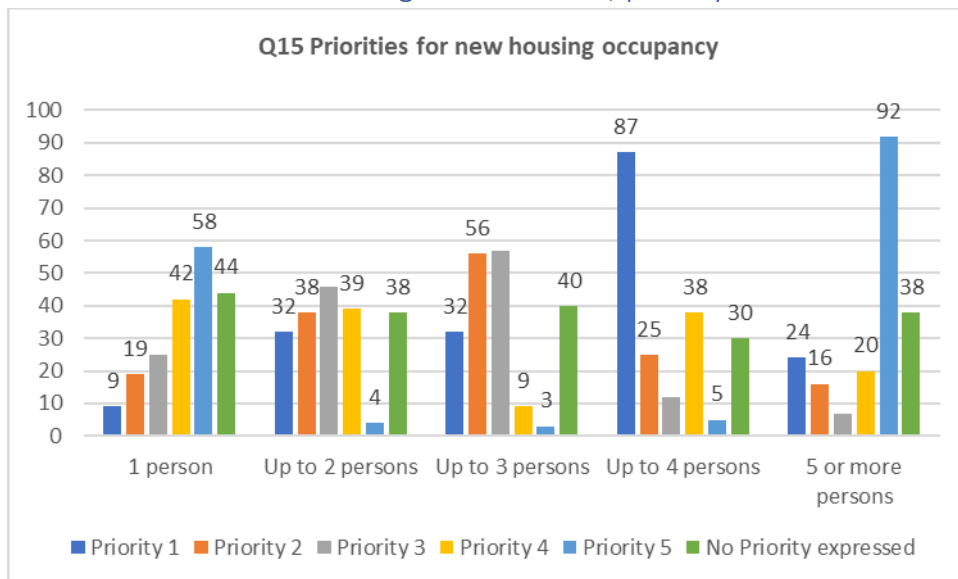
Question 14 if there was to be new housing in Bretherton how should they be grouped?

Respondents were asked to express “Yes” or “No” for each housing size group eg Yes to groups of 1-5 homes, No to groups of >50 homes etc. The responses are summarised here:

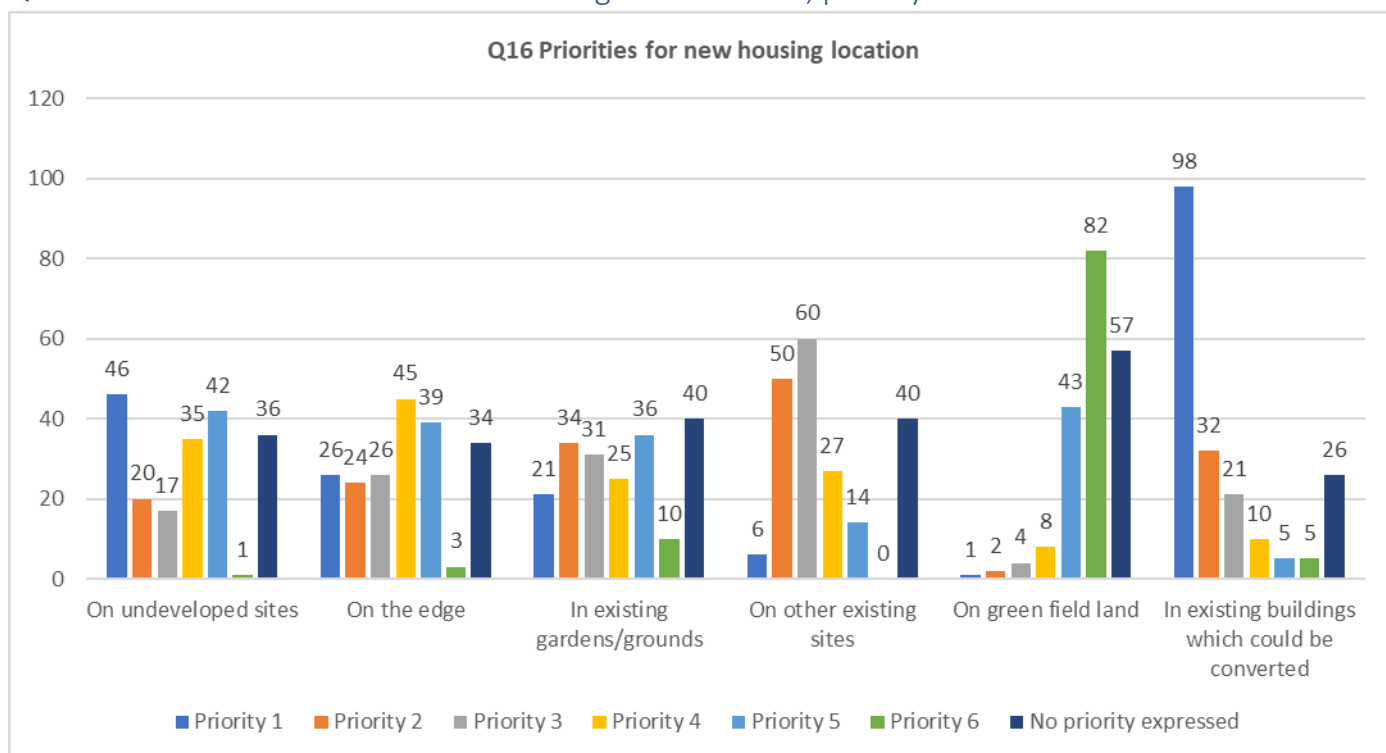


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Question 15 If there were to be new housing in Bretherton, priority should be for?

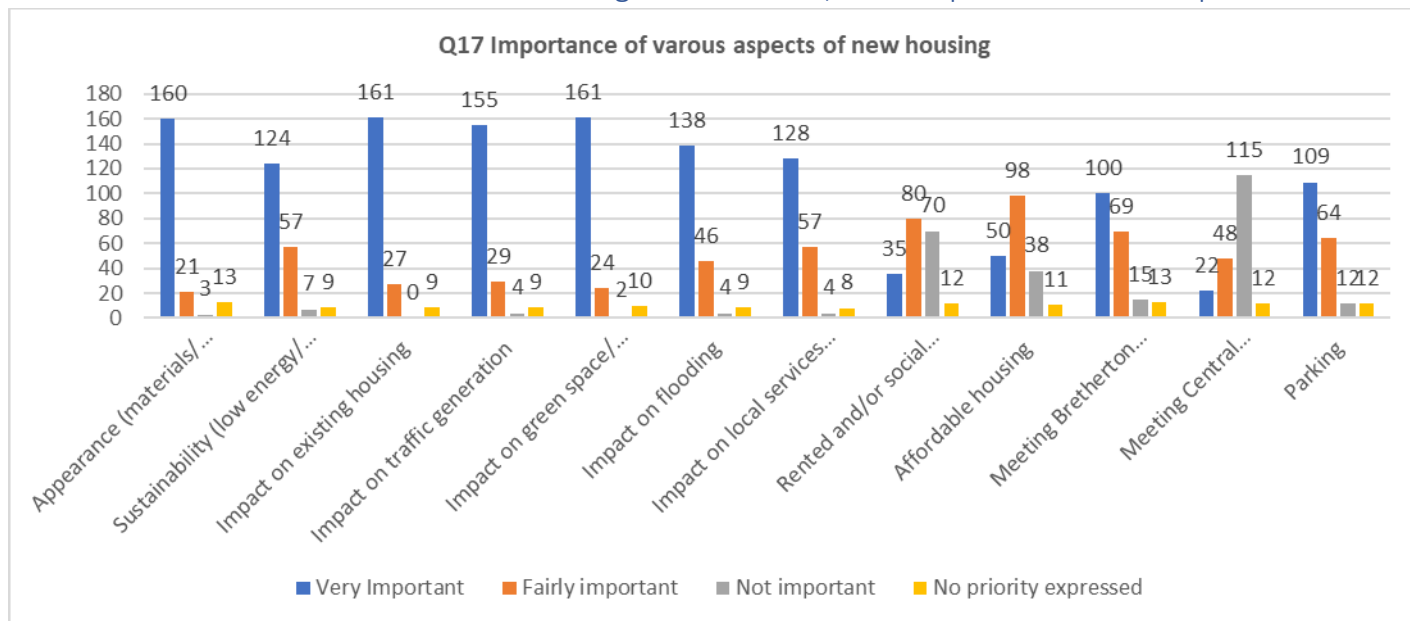


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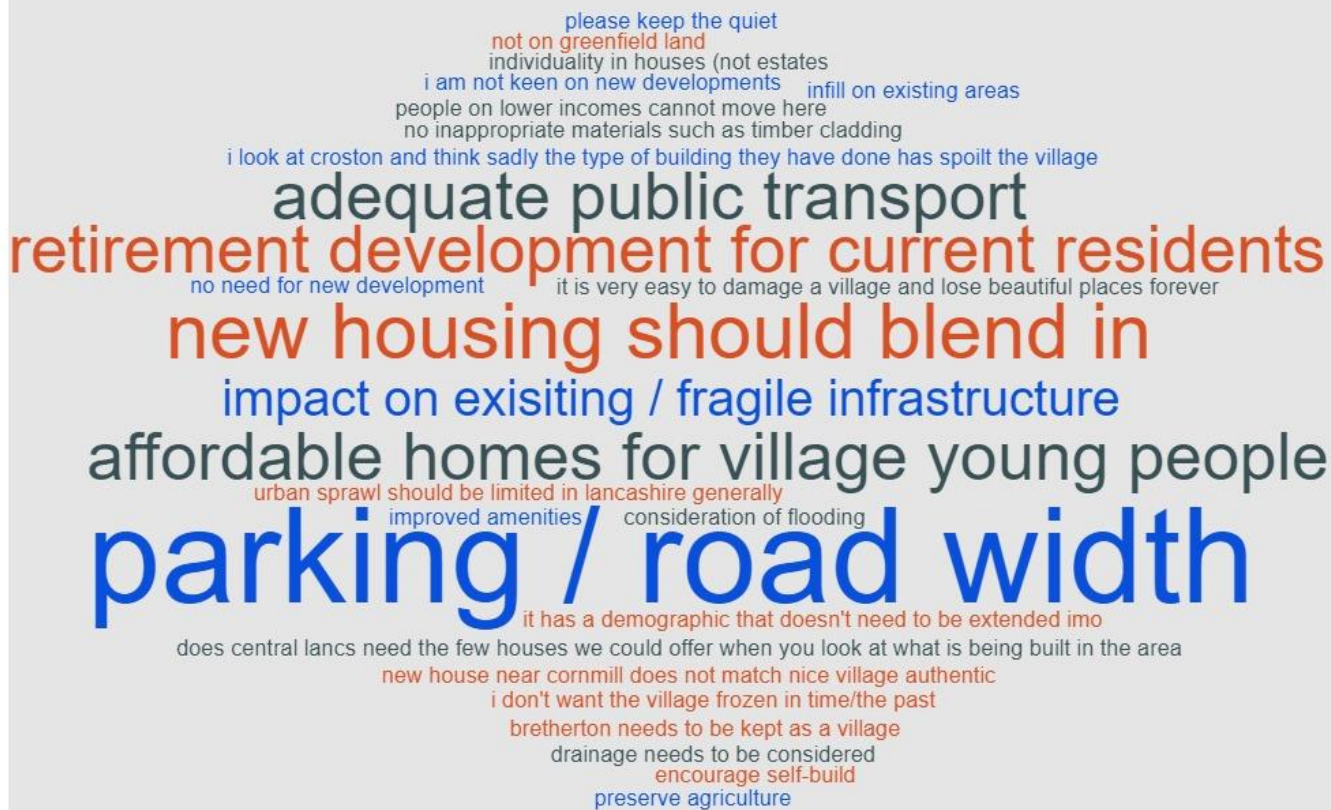


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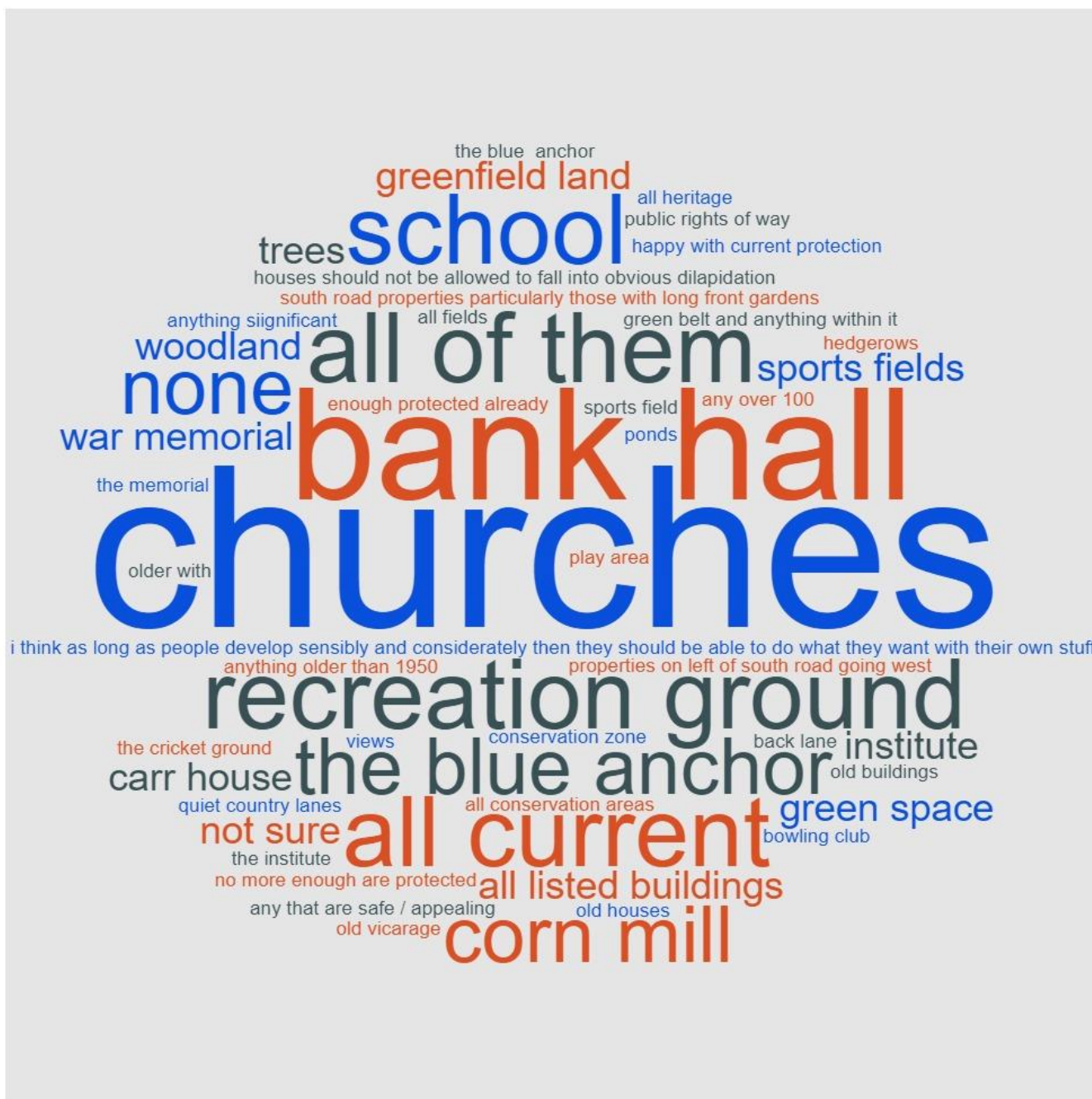


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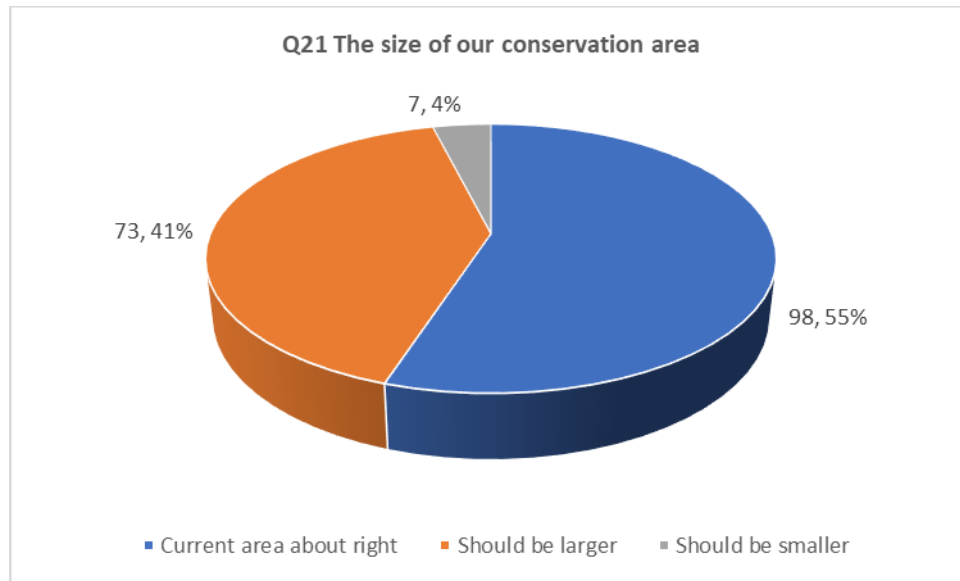


And why?



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Question 21 What do you think about the size of our conservation area?

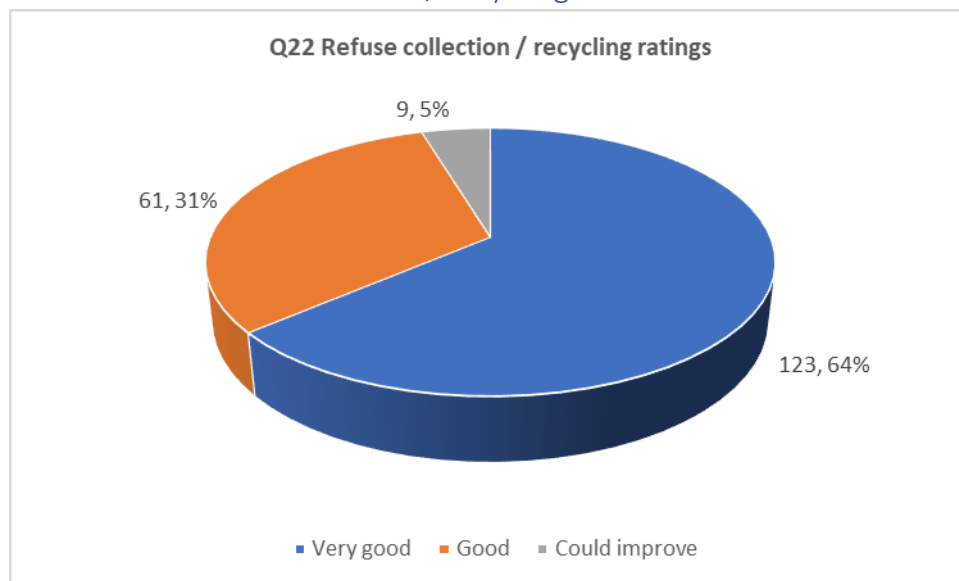


Additional comments included

seems illogical in terms of buildings
i see no reason for this area to be a "conservation area
centre" village section excluded as is only pub
some of the cottages and buildings will have considerable history
this in my view is merely to protect existing residents from being overlooked
think it would be better if it covered the area and buildings up to the bend (over hall farm) not sure why it doesn't
it should stretch between south and north road
carr wood would be perfect
hard to see on map

Environment and Landscape

Question 22 Please rate the refuse collection / recycling in Bretherton

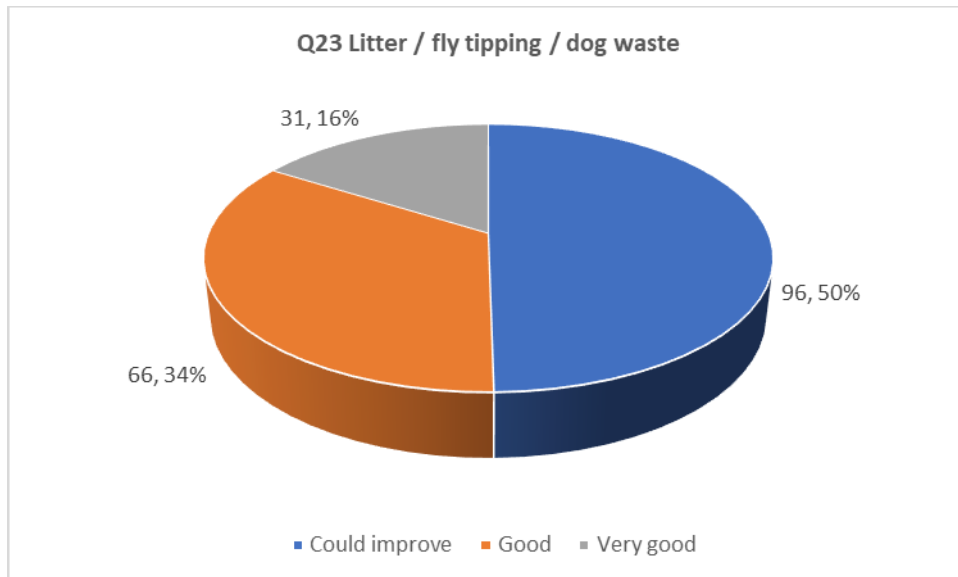


Comments / suggestions for improvement

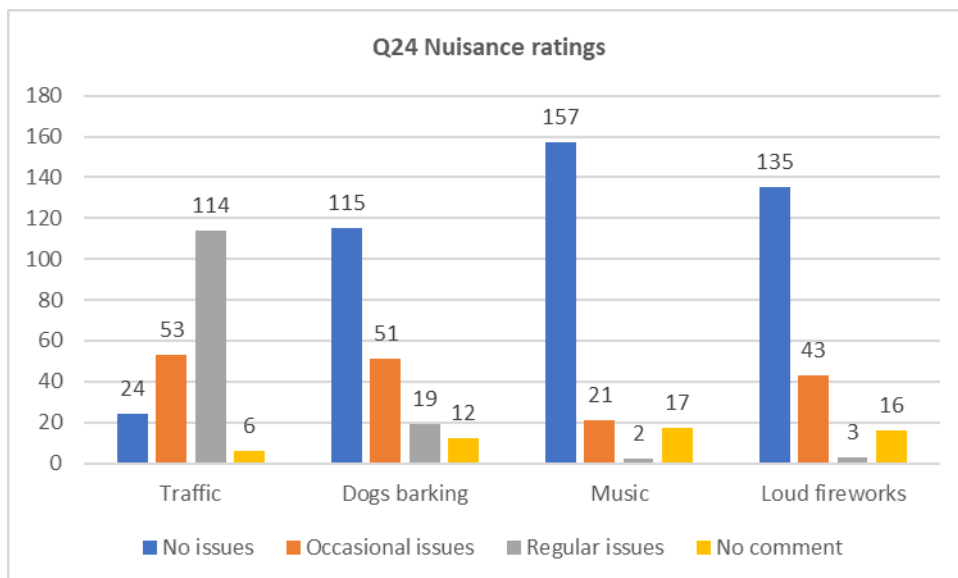


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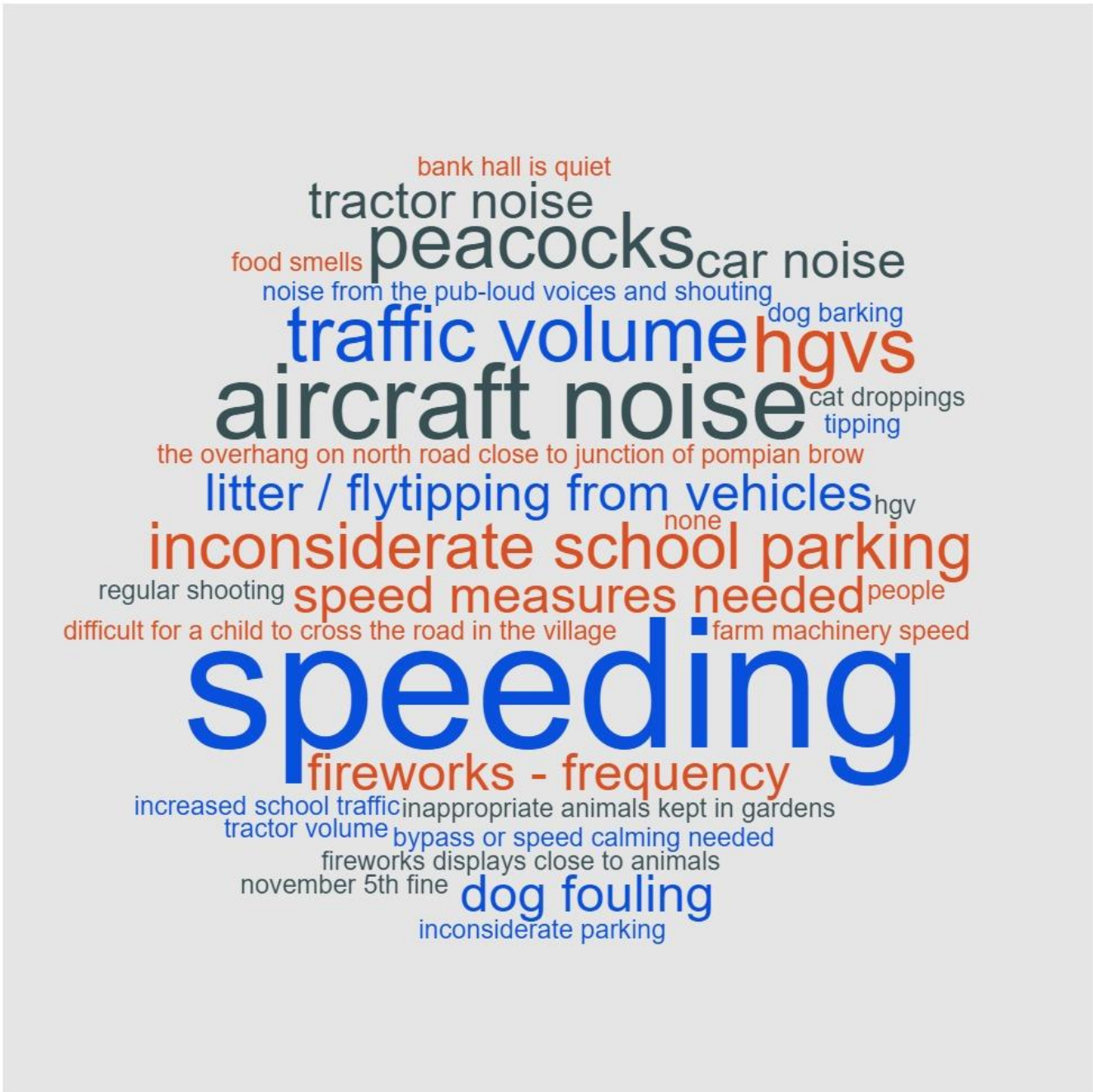
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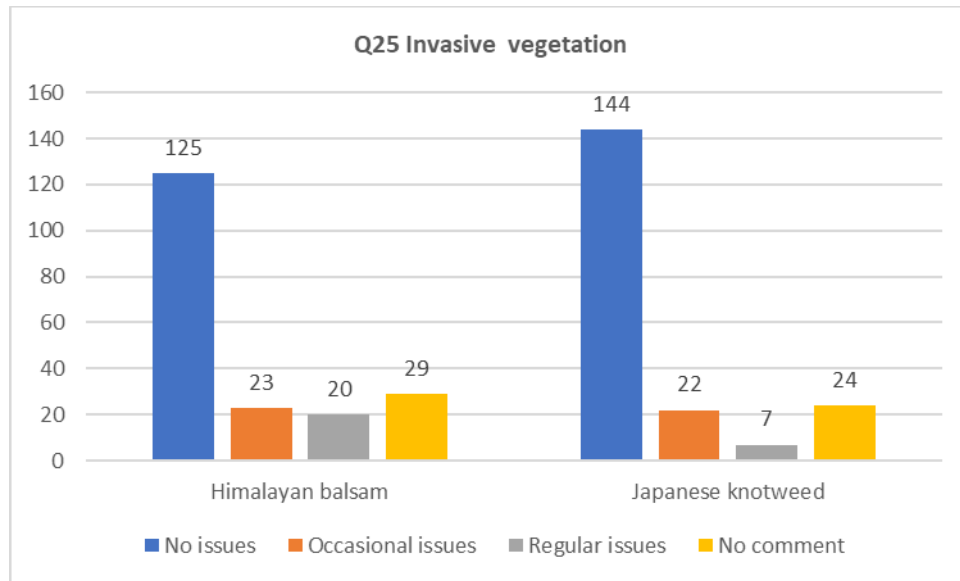


Any comments that could ease issues that you have identified

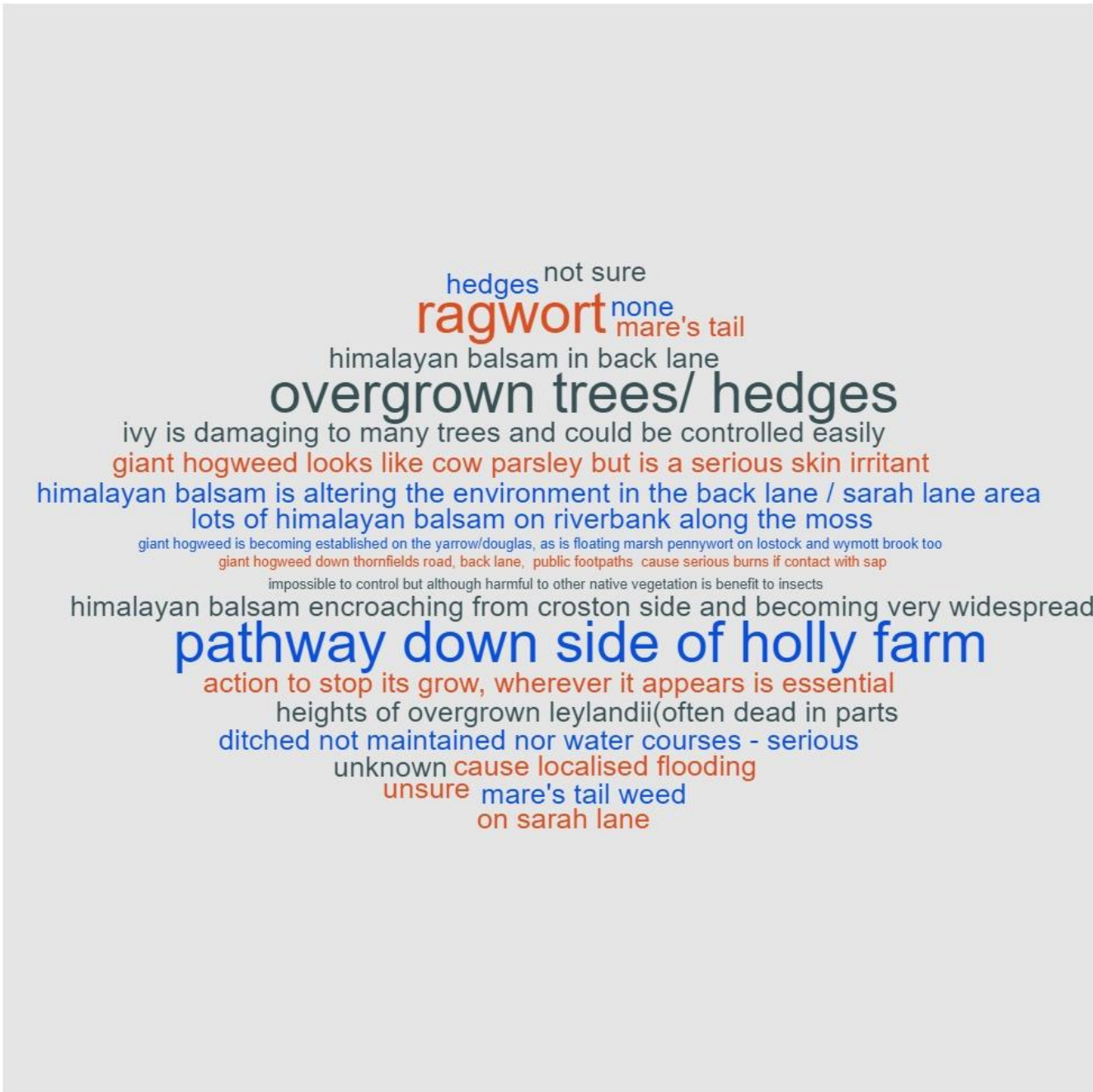


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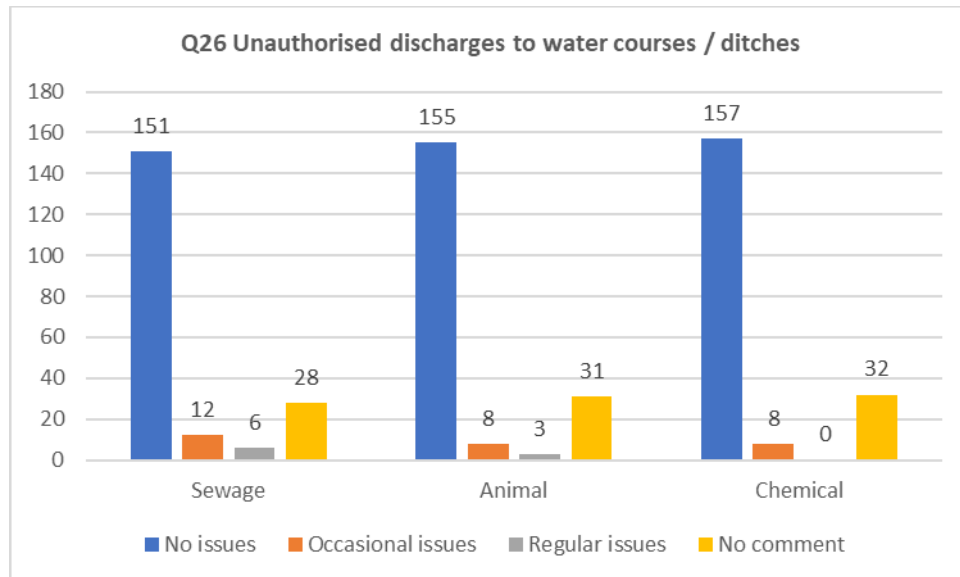


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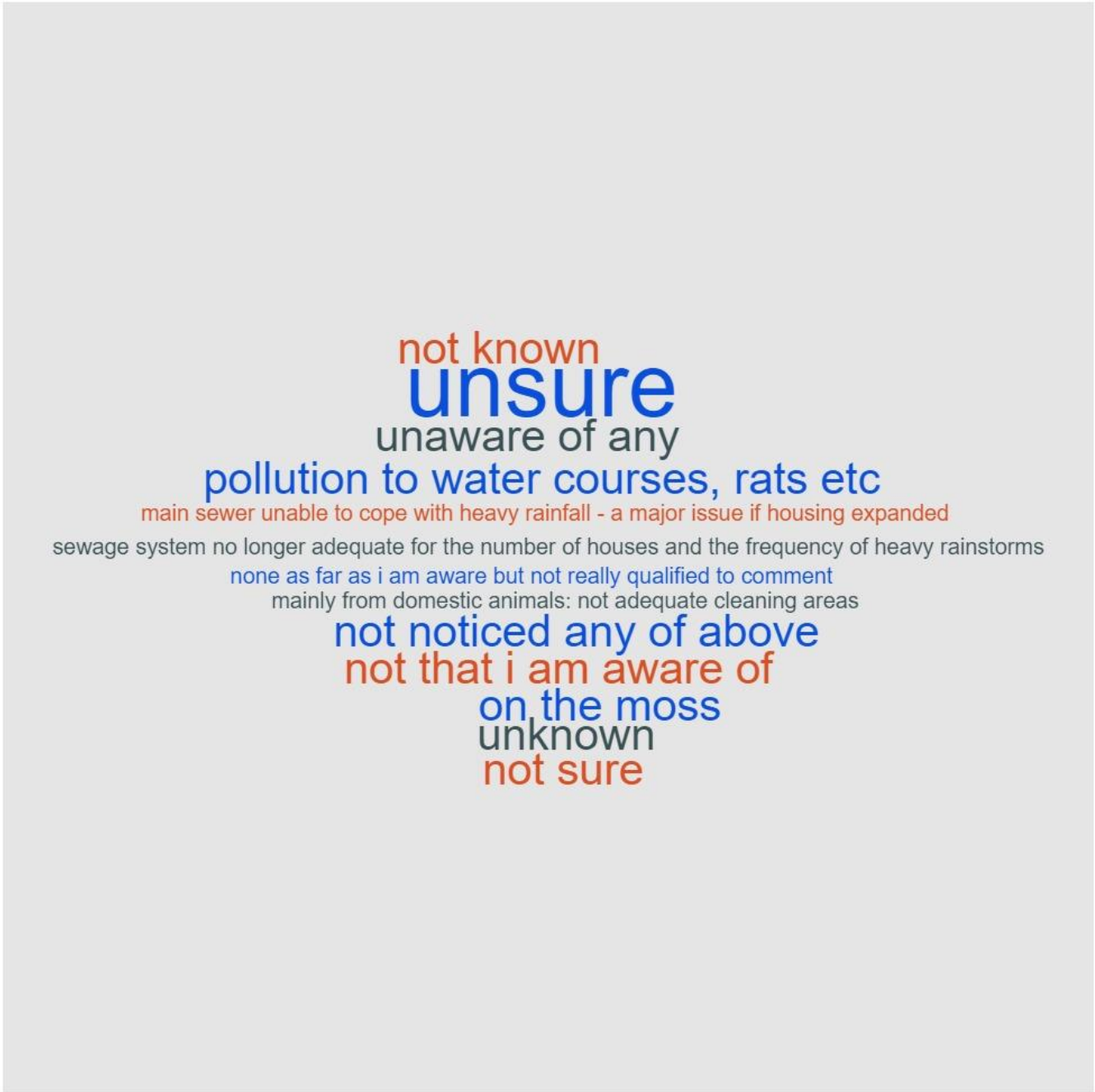


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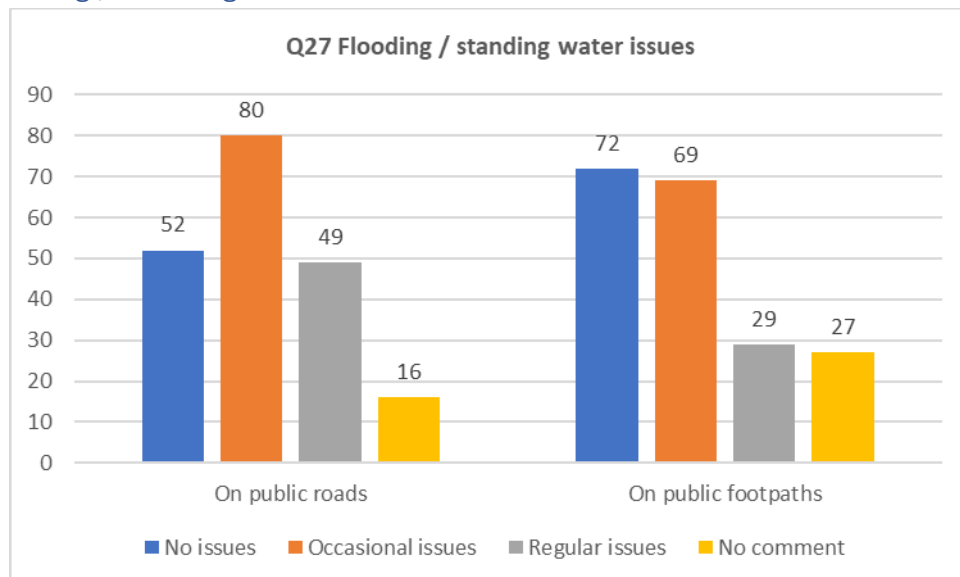
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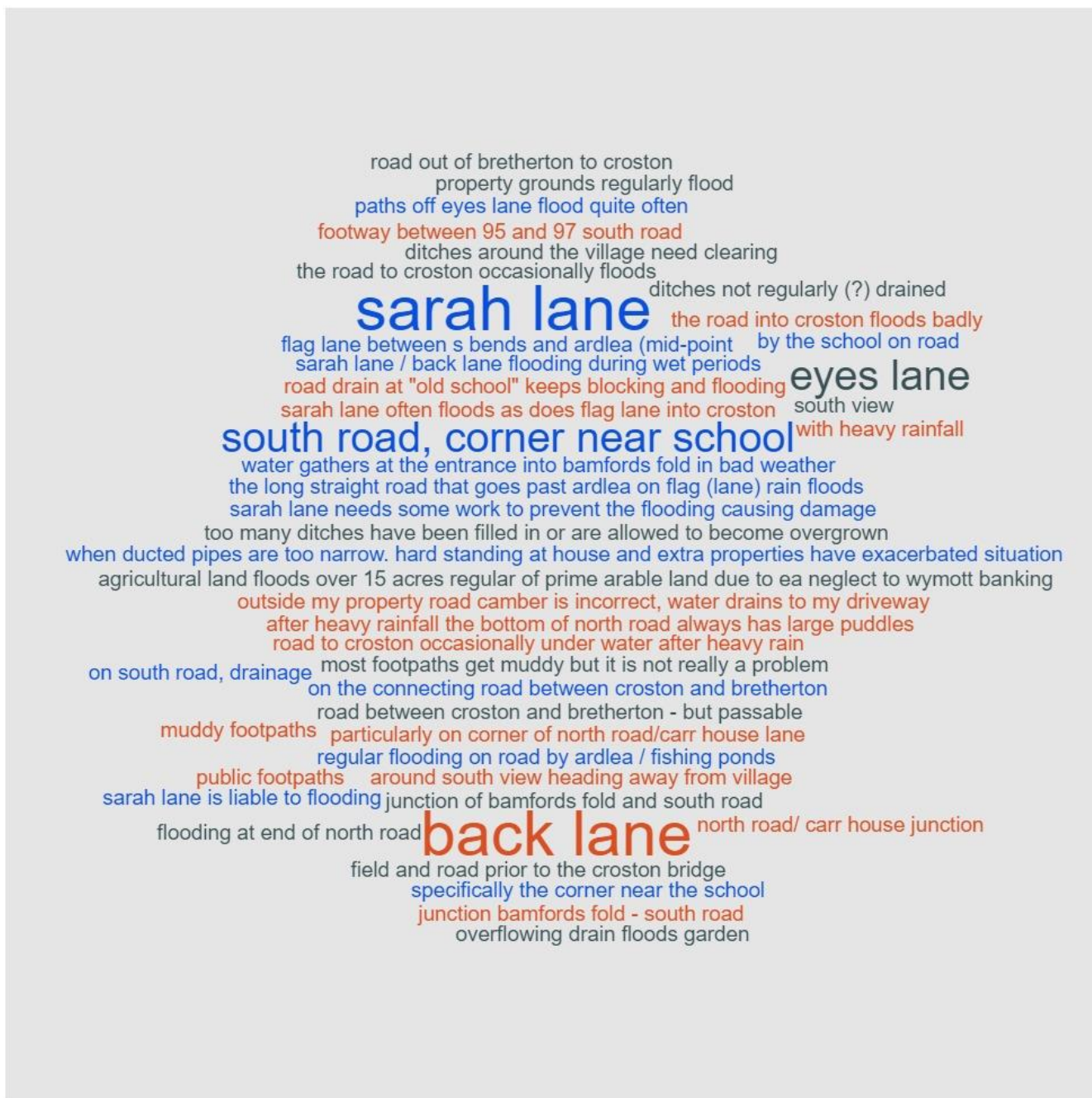
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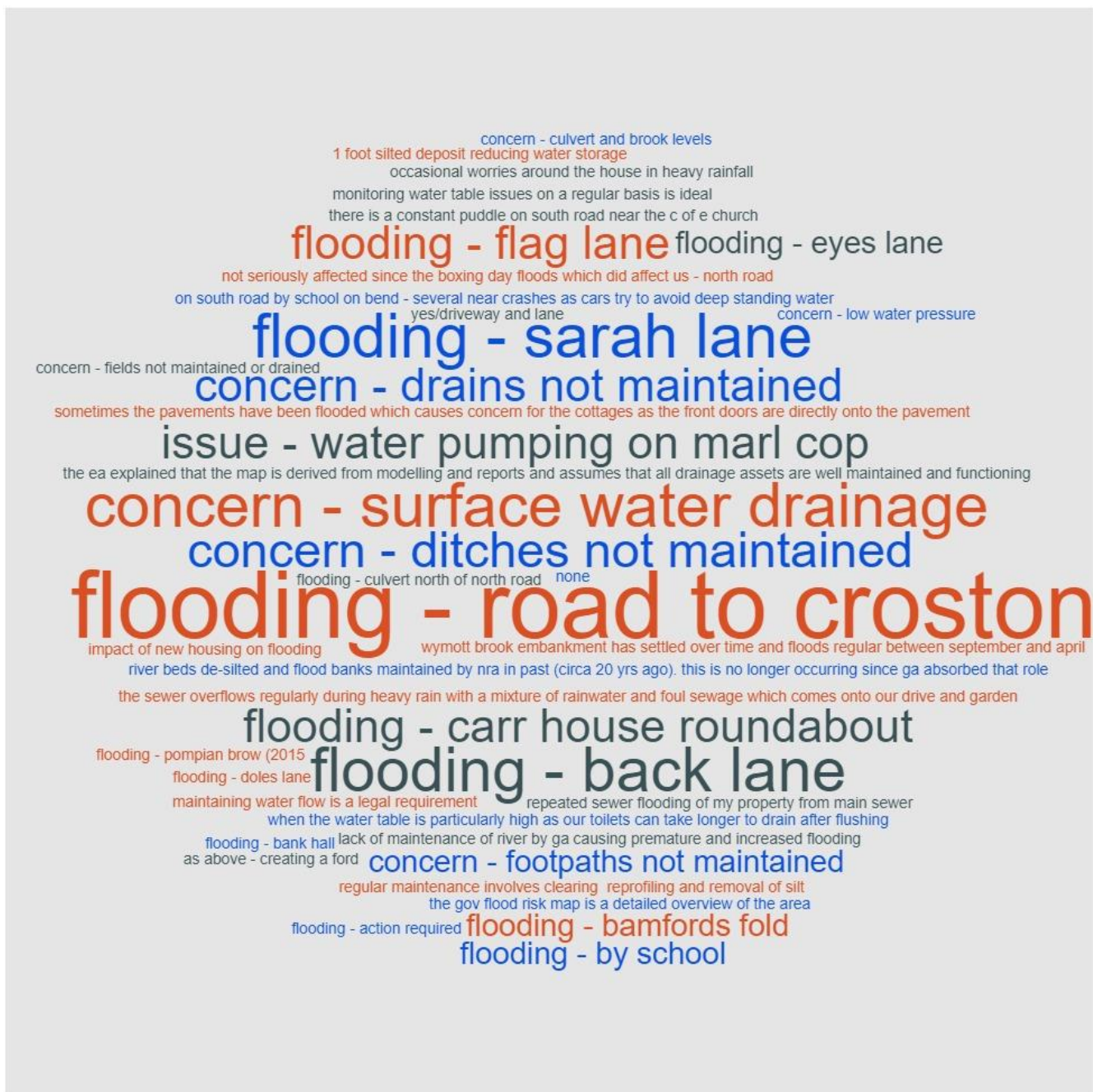
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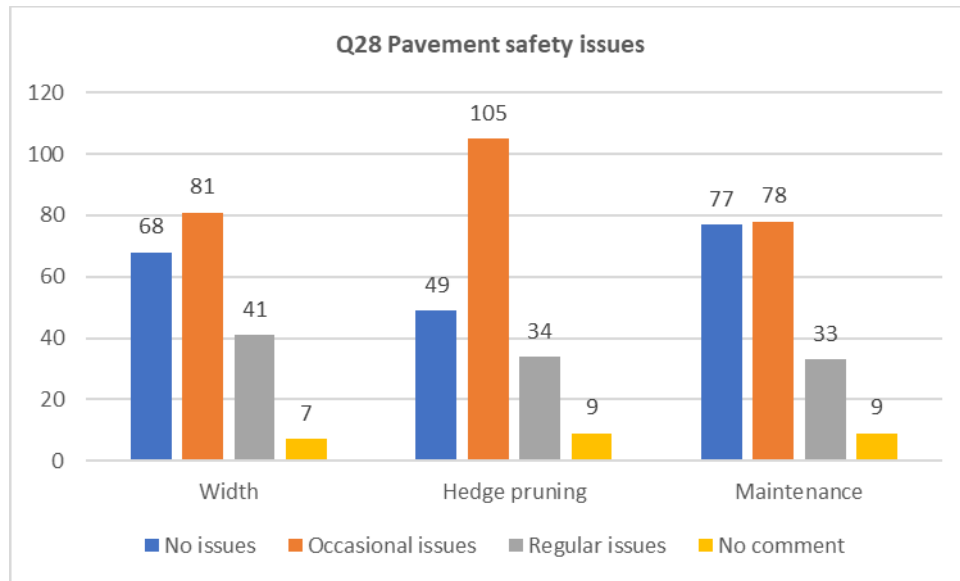
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Any comments concerning these or other water issues, particularly if you have been affected by localised flooding around Bretherton



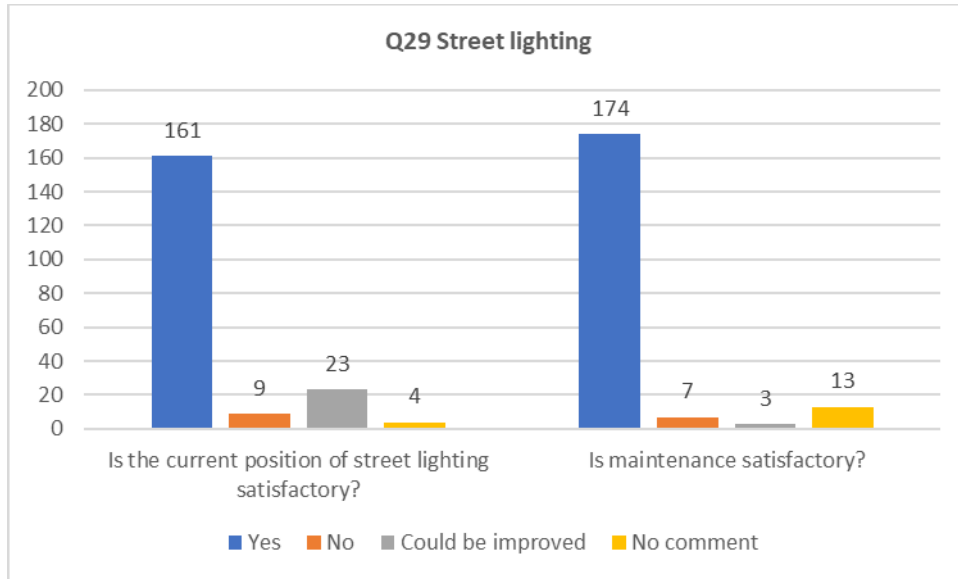
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How can these be improved?

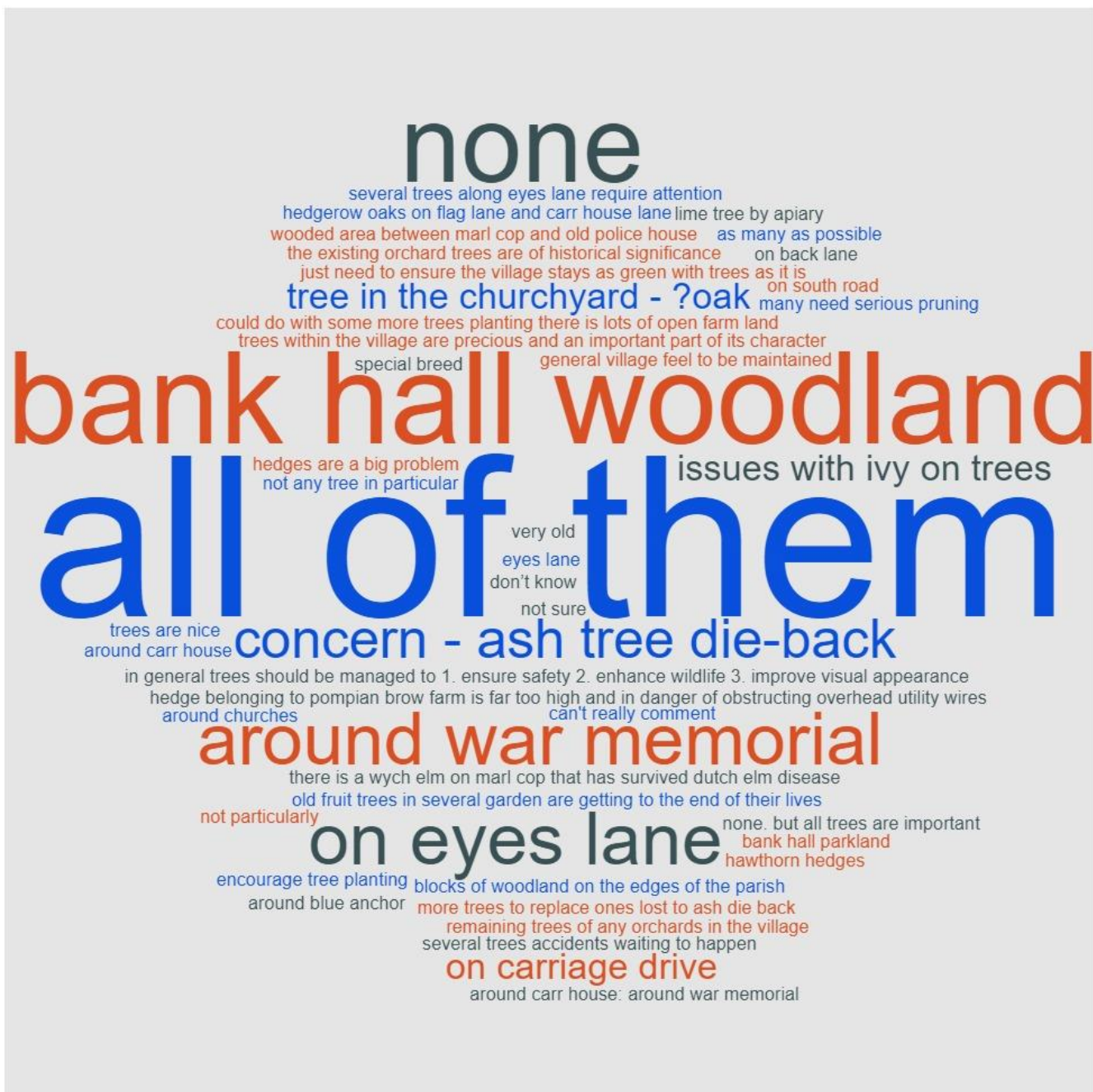


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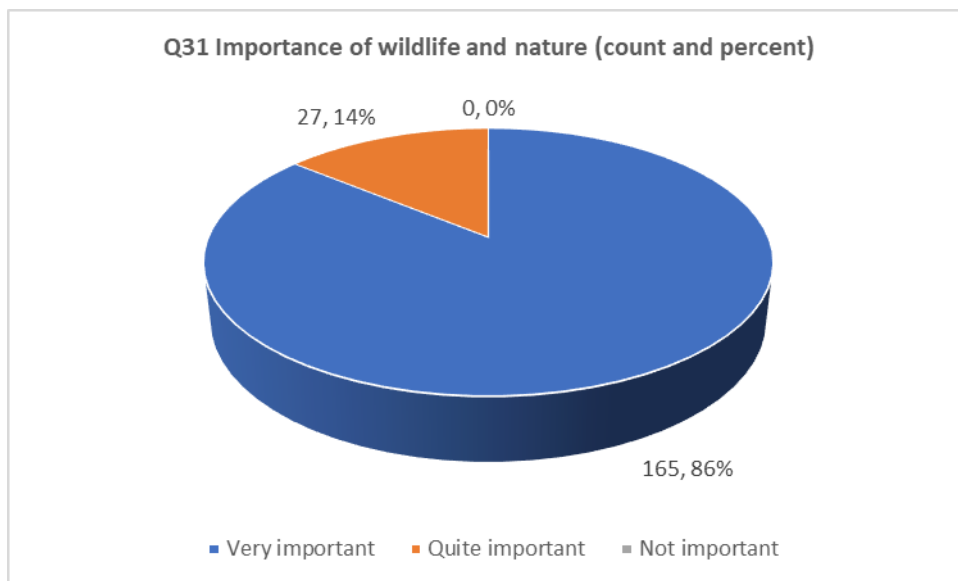
overgrown hedges and trees
visibility can be obscured at night
new lighting does not give off much light
no lighting on large bends around rural roads
its dark in winter but we are a rural village and don't
eyes lane has few " street " lights - totally unsatisfactory
led lighting does not give off adequate pavement illumination
footpath to croston is unlit, unsafe for children walking to high school
not safe to walk from the other end of the village to croston except in daylight
lighting should be switched off at 12.30 (energy saving) and also to allow star gazing
lights could be positioned to cast more light towards the ground rather than skywards
several light have the "lantern" obscured by trees preventing light falling onto the footway
impacts on times i would feel safe going out eg vehicles not seeing me as it goes dark (as a runner
lights should be switched to solar to lower energy use for local taxpayer even if part solar/part mains
improve lighting routes to croston to encourage people to walk to amenities especially in winter
we are a rural village and as such don't need the lights they have on suburban estates
low light levels on north road make passage in the dark impractical without a torch
sufficient street lighting but in some places the light is restricted by hedges etc
north road - street lighting is insufficient especially in the 40 mph zone
lighting not strong enough to make walking safe in the dark
lighting could be switched off at 12.30 a.m to save energy
from carriage drive to red bridge there is one lamp
no street lights between croston and bretherton
street lighting not necessary in many areas
it is not safe to walk from the war memorial to the a59
street lighting ends abruptly
t want too bright lights

Question 30 Trees – are there trees that you feel are important in Bretherton and need preserving and / or need some attention?

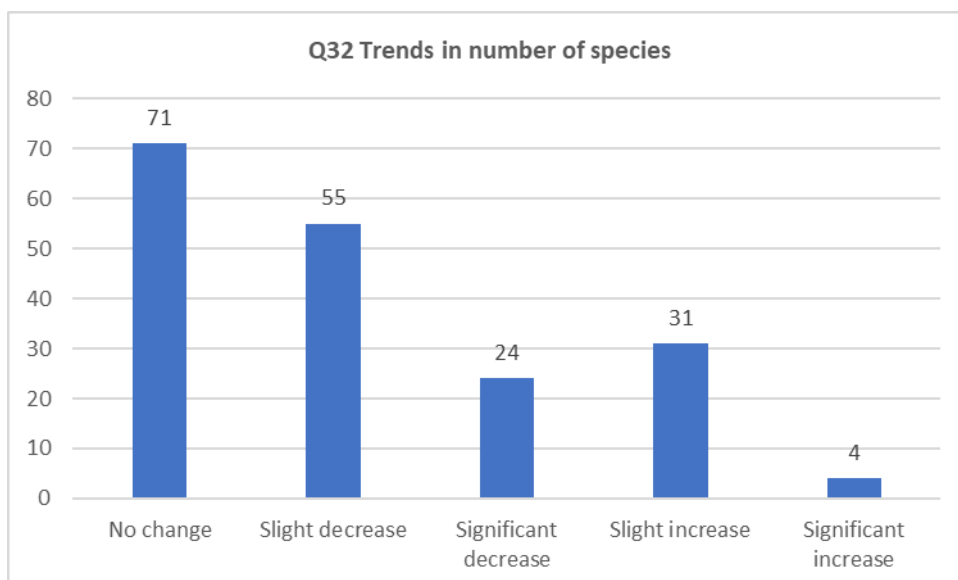


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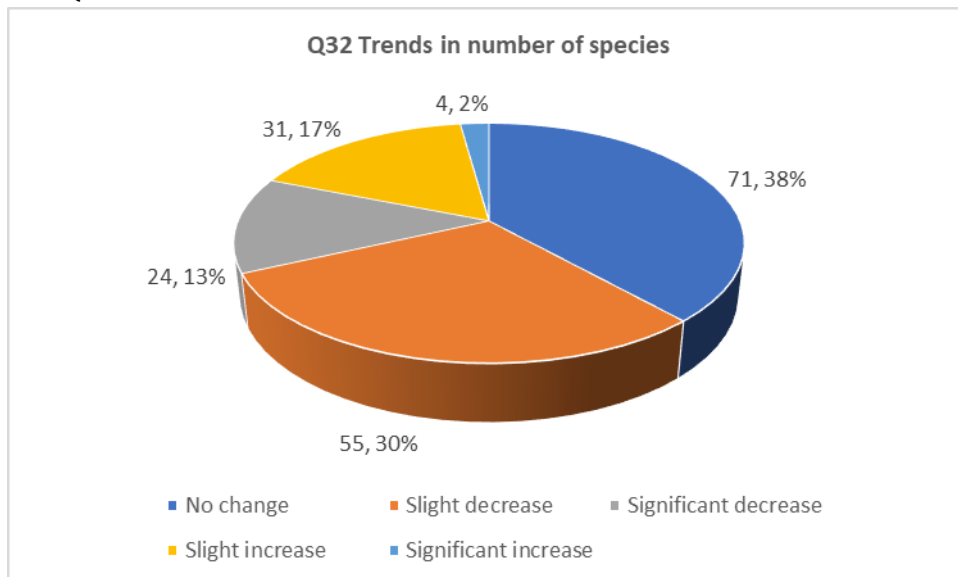
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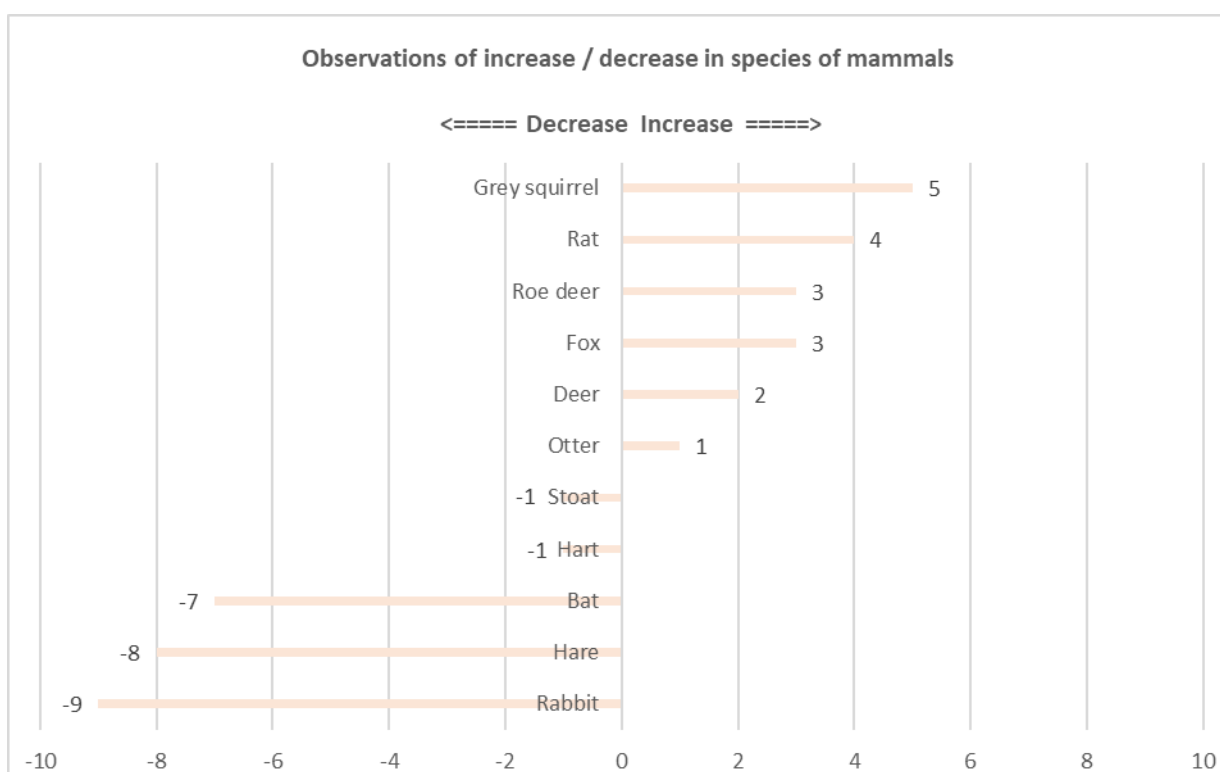
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Question 33 Have you noticed any increase or decrease in the presence or number of a particular species in the parish?

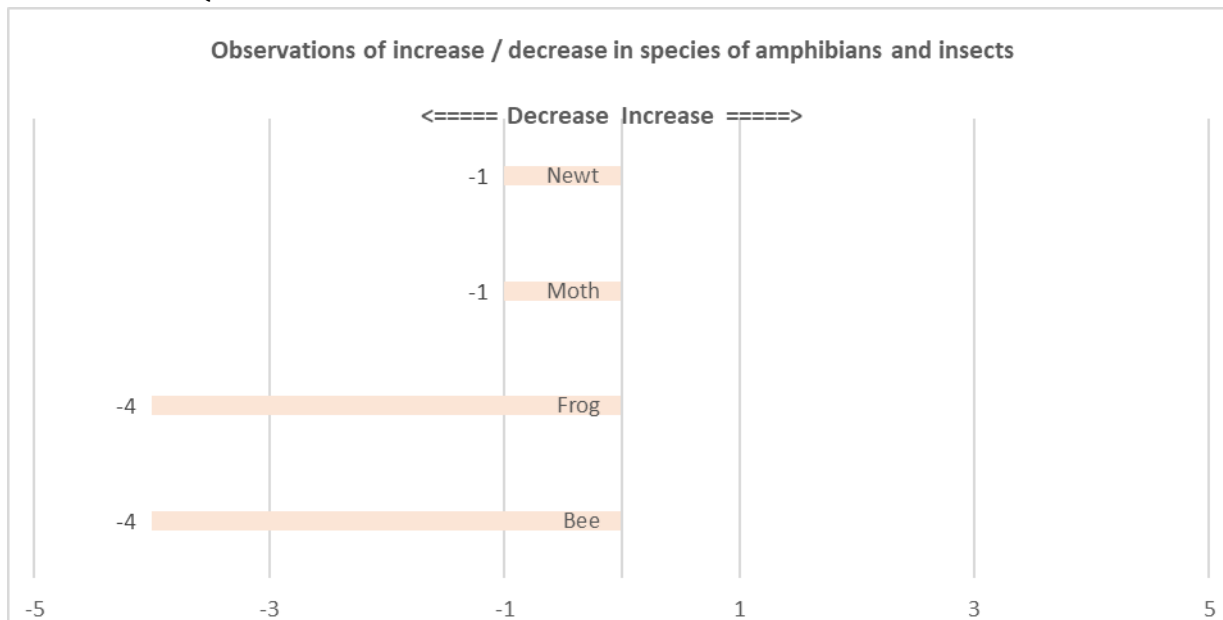
Respondents noted whether they had observed an increase or decrease in species – they were not asked to count animal or plant numbers, just to record the trend (decrease or increase) that they noticed.

Trends in mammals: A marked decrease in hedgehogs was observed (43 respondents observed a decrease, five respondents observed an increase).

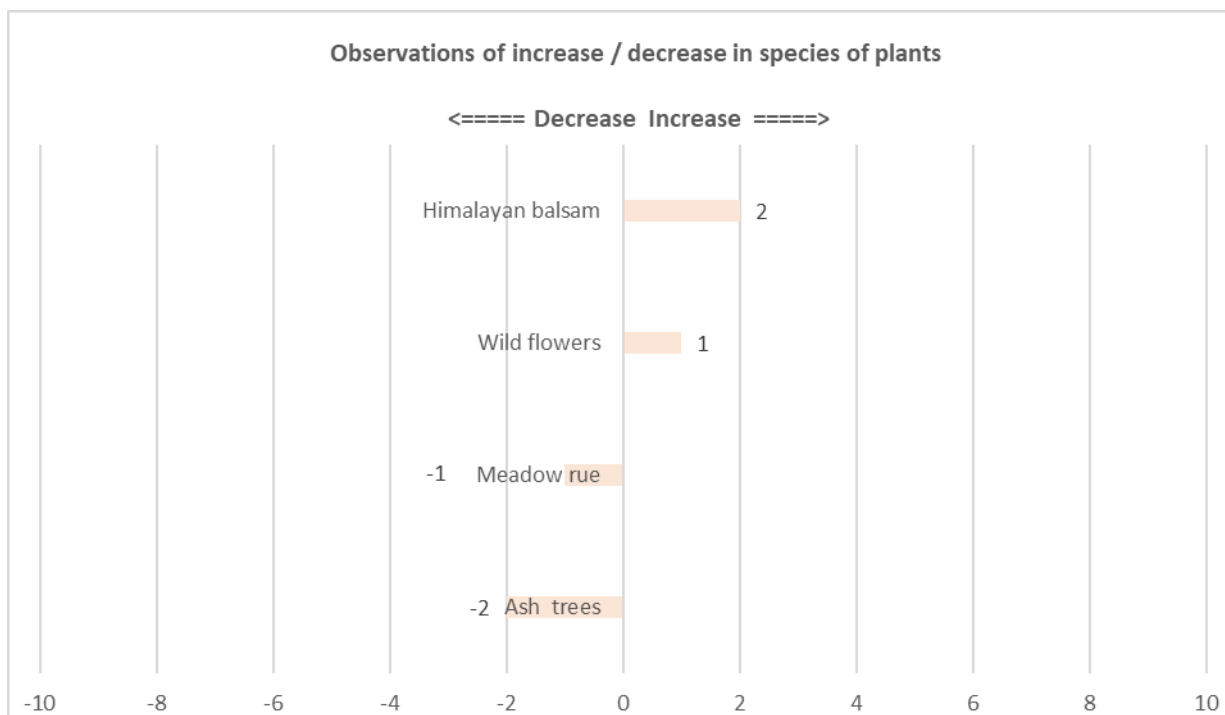


Trends in amphibians and insects: A marked decrease in butterflies was observed (24 respondents observed a decrease, four respondents observed an increase).

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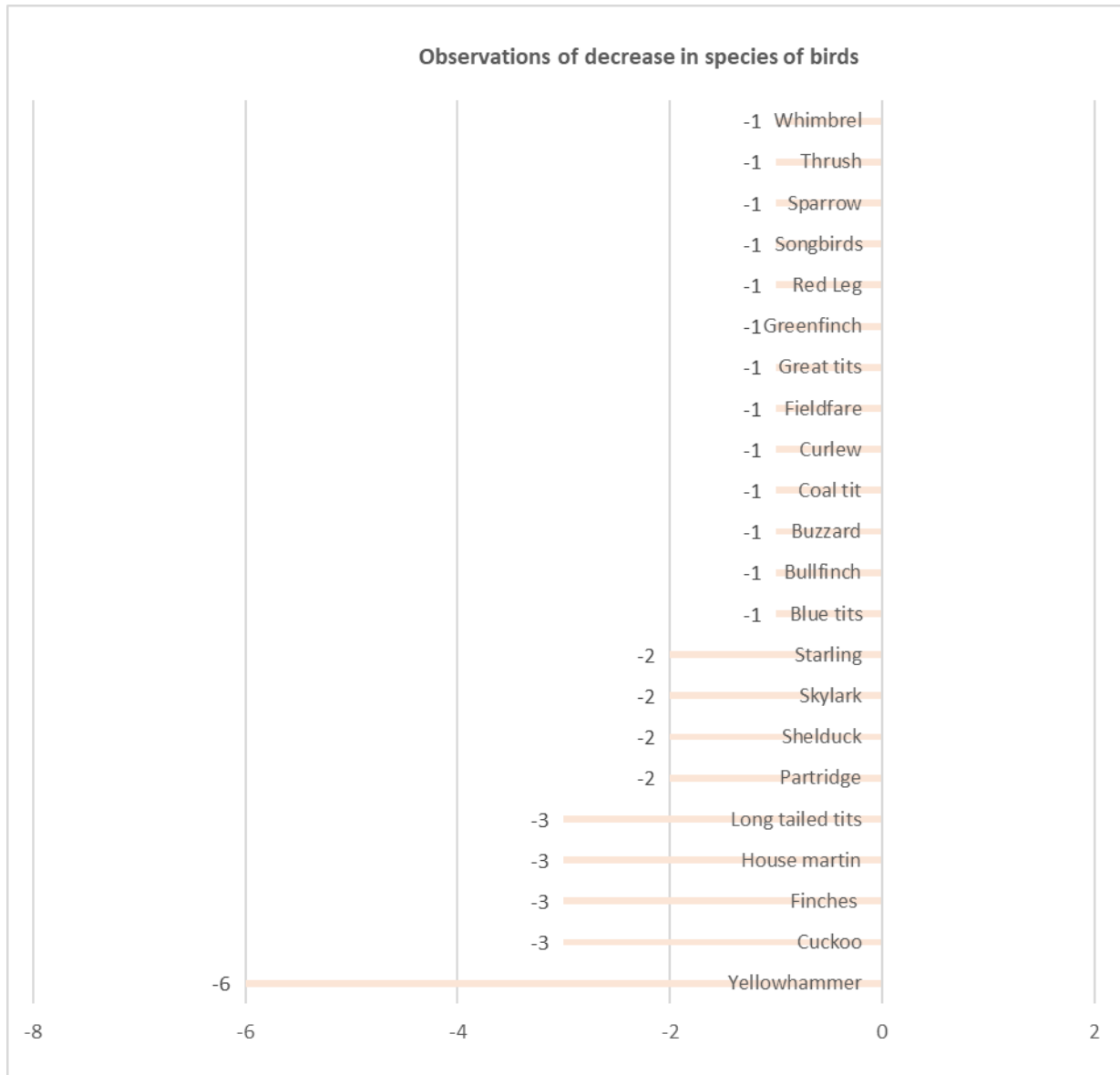
Trends in plants



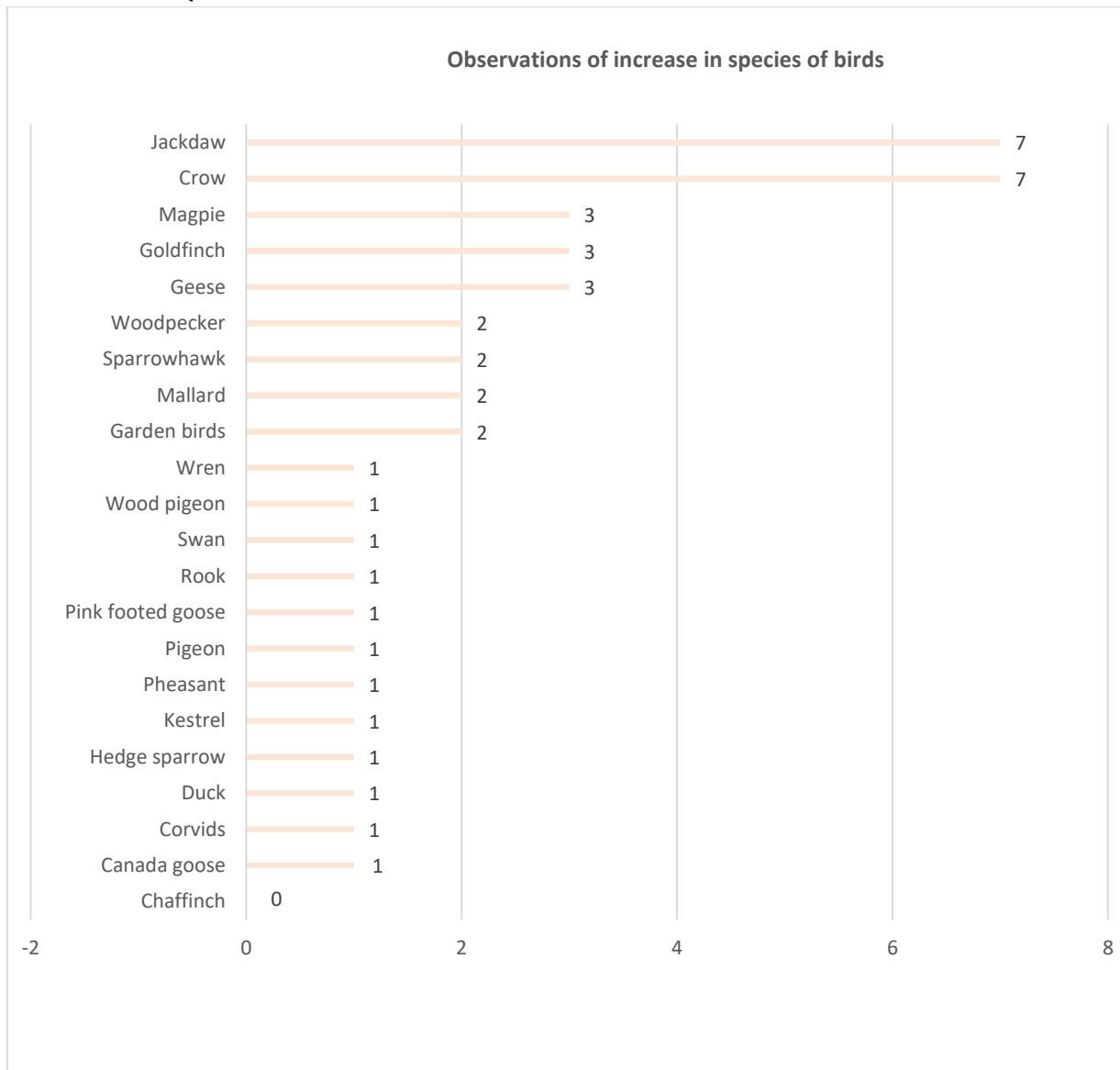
Trends in birds: A marked decrease in some species was observed:

Species	Observers recording a decrease	Observers recording an increase
Lapwing	12	1
Owl	36	8
Swallow	11	1

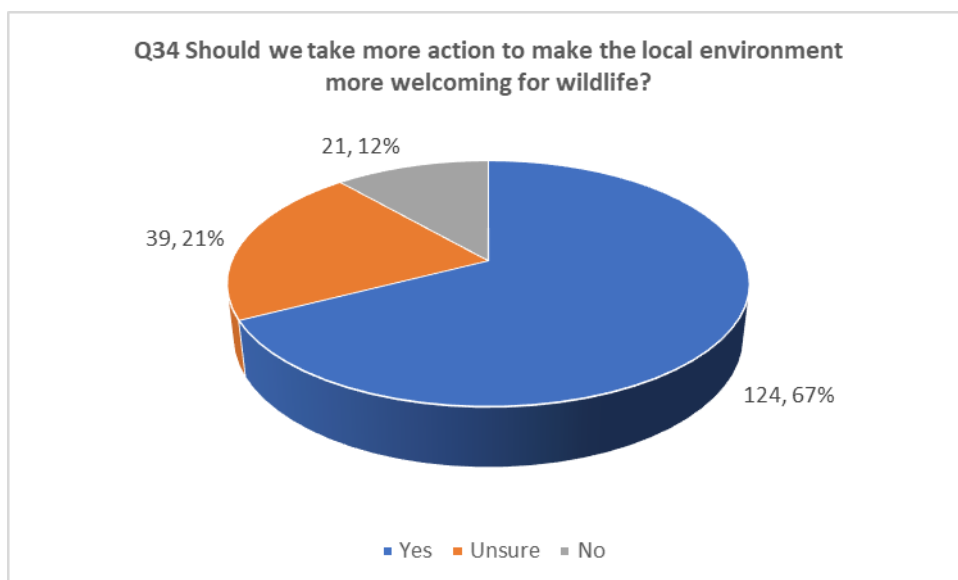
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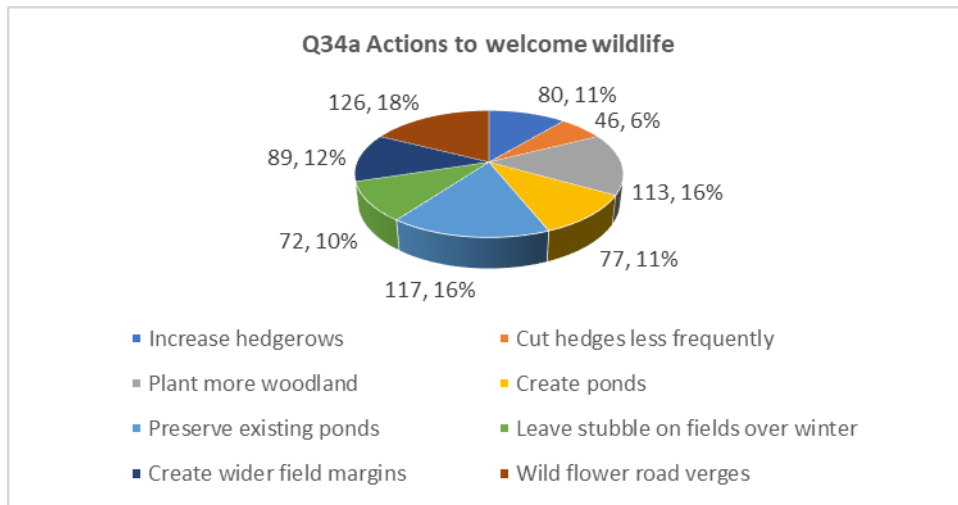
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Question 34 Do you think our community needs to take more action to make the local community more welcoming to wildlife?



And if yes, what would you like to see happen?

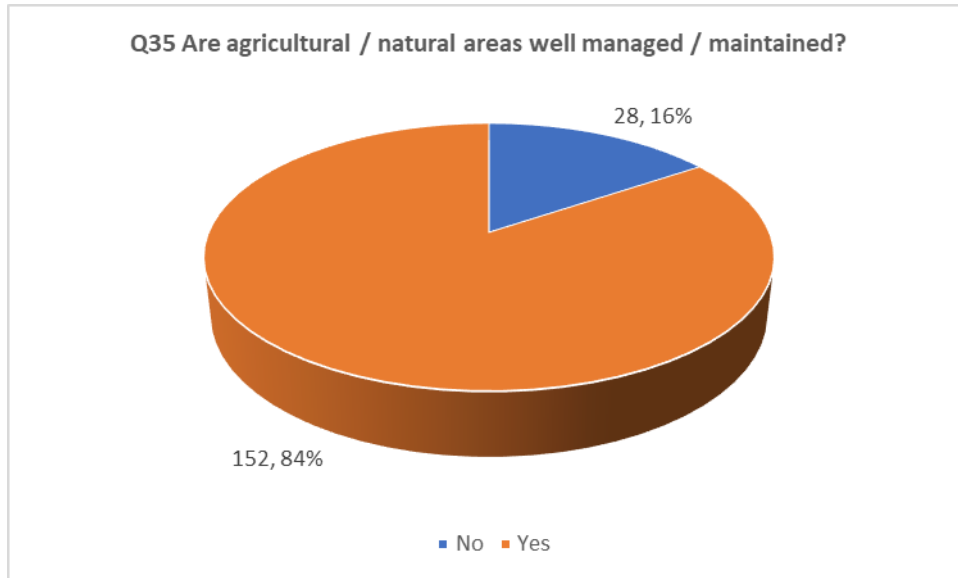


Other suggestions

more wild flower areas for wildlife
stop pet cats catching songbirds
the rat problem needs looking into ditches clean regularly
leave logs to rot down to provide habitats
planting sunflowers for the finches as per 2021
field margins and footpaths need to be looked at extension of ga scheme
most of the above are beyond community control none
public footpaths maintained and easily accessible encouraging to feed birds
but ensure hedges, verges etc do not become dangerous no-mow movement
bat boxes lay hedges correctly instead of slashing them with tractors reinstate old ponds
bug hotels consider how disabled friendly we are on our public footpaths safety must be paramount
cut hedges less frequently as long as they are not obstructing pavements bird boxes
community environmental projects in collaboration with local farms and businesses
planting of new woodland can have an adverse rather than a positive effect if planted inappropriately
at this time we need food and we should seek to jointly work to protect the wildlife and continue to grow food
encourage hedges on boundaries to residential properties as they are attractive, permeable for hedgehogs, and can be cut to a suitable height
hedges that create problems for footpath, prow and bridleway can be cut back at any time of the year including garden hedges and trees
there is scope for the creation of wetland areas for birds adjacent or near the river on the land that usually floods in the winter anyway and grows out autumn sown cereal crops
not over-knowledgeable about this but do feel in the fields up to red bridge there are very few hedges and feel that things have deteriorated now this is farmed more
ground-nesting birds and wintering pink-footed geese/whooper swans can be displaced through ill-considered planting schemes
initiatives such as wildflower road verge designation fail after a very few years through poor communication or record keeping
increased use / encouragement of government general licence for control of vermin and non-native species
do not dig up trees, hedgerows, fill in ponds to make bigger fields and so people can have a big lawn
an ideal site is down eyes lane approaching the river which is generally flooded more ponds
i'd support anything that would help or advice we can take forward ourselves
clean out ditches protect their habitat in particular create wetland areas
ban on pesticides
plant wild flowers everywhere more dogs to be kept on leads whilst walking footpaths
ban hunting as scares wildlife encourage vermin control eg gamekeeper operations
stick to the footpaths no third prison destroying/reducing greenbelt land bird hide
more help / protection of bees links to community gardens and linked projects
chemical-free farming methods make residents aware that they can contribute
organic fertilizers only enforce land lying fallow every few years
wild flowers please more protection of bees - maybe hives
hedgehog homes around the village
we should take better care of where we live
think it is about right amenity
bird hide - around back lane area

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Question 35 Based on your experience are the agricultural areas and / or natural areas being well managed and maintained?



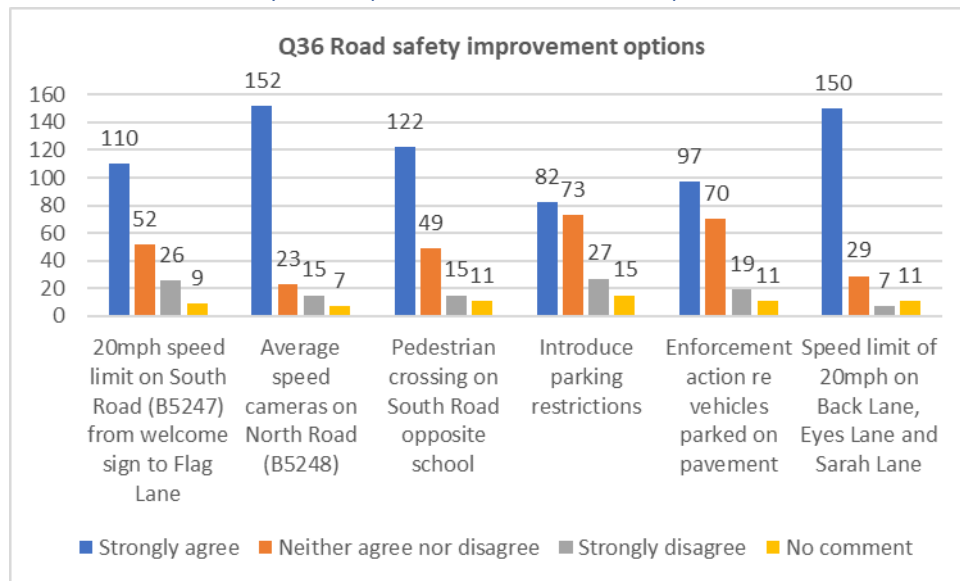
Comments

fields north of north road in good shape
depends whether you are a farmer or not
generally ok but hedges are cut too much
some of the public footpaths are overgrown
agri fields maintained - do spray with insecticide
dredge and maintain local rivers - especially bretherton

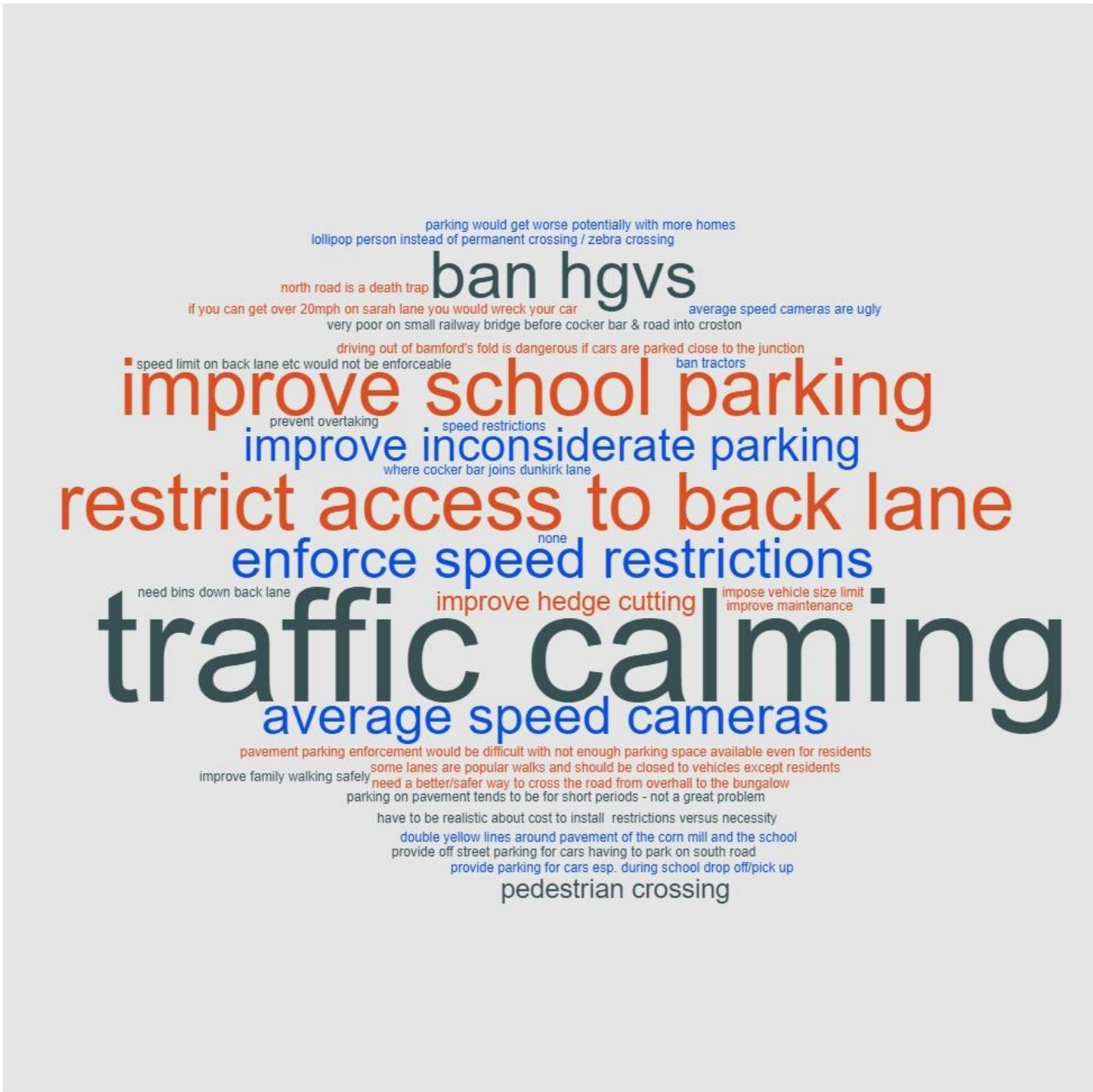
bretherton residents and agriculture are two separate issues maintain and clean out ditches
some footpaths are overgrown and unsuitable during summer
some public footpaths are virtually impassable due to overgrowth
field hedges are often cut unnecessarily hard, should be left for wildlife aside from hedge cutting
generally yes, but some crops are being planted up to the field margins t know
public footpaths (particularly in fields) could be maintained much better
farmers plough over prows and block or lock stiles and gates in some areas footpaths overgrown
mainly yes- some fields not maintained eg on marl cop and near bungalows
there was probably more songbirds on the banks 30 years ago especially larks
some woodland is in need of thinning - eg around bank hall, east of war memorial
some farmers are planting crops across public footpaths, so unable to see path location
i am not an expert but they seem to be managed ok but there is always room for improvement
internal hedge rows are routinely "butchered" by flailing often at the wrong time from a wildlife perspective
yes and no none
managed for profit, but government regulations play a part. changes since brexit and cap- and continuing to change
agricultural land is subject to flooding due to lack of dredging and river bank maintenance by environment agency
don land drainage maintenance is poor
generally, but planting often up to the field edges which can overlap the footpaths causes problems
more severe penalties for farmers/land owners who plough up prows or block stiles or gates
predominance of autumn-sown cereals etc not conducive to breeding lapwing/skylark
apart from planting over prows the farmland behind the apiary is not maintained and the hedges are overgrown
excessive flail cutting of hedges reducing blossom/fruitletting, and hedge structure
paper waste is poor tractor drivers need to take more care on narrow lanes and grass verges
local farmers are diligent local farms already provide field margins and leave over wintered stubble
always room for improvement lapwing/skylark nests are "harrowed in" annually with no consideration
some not marked little/no evidence of environmental farm stewardship schemes in village
footpaths poor waste product from golden acres often left in fields unploughed
ditches not being maintained number of tracks being created through fields is concerning
fields around bretherton are cultivated and appear well kept
some uncropped grassland areas require ragwort removal
its not necessary to flail internal hedgerows annually
tractors go too fast on highways farm land should be used to grow crops for food
public footpaths could be more maintained
public footpaths often hidden by planting
ditches are not kept free-flowing
public rights of way not accessible

Safety and Security

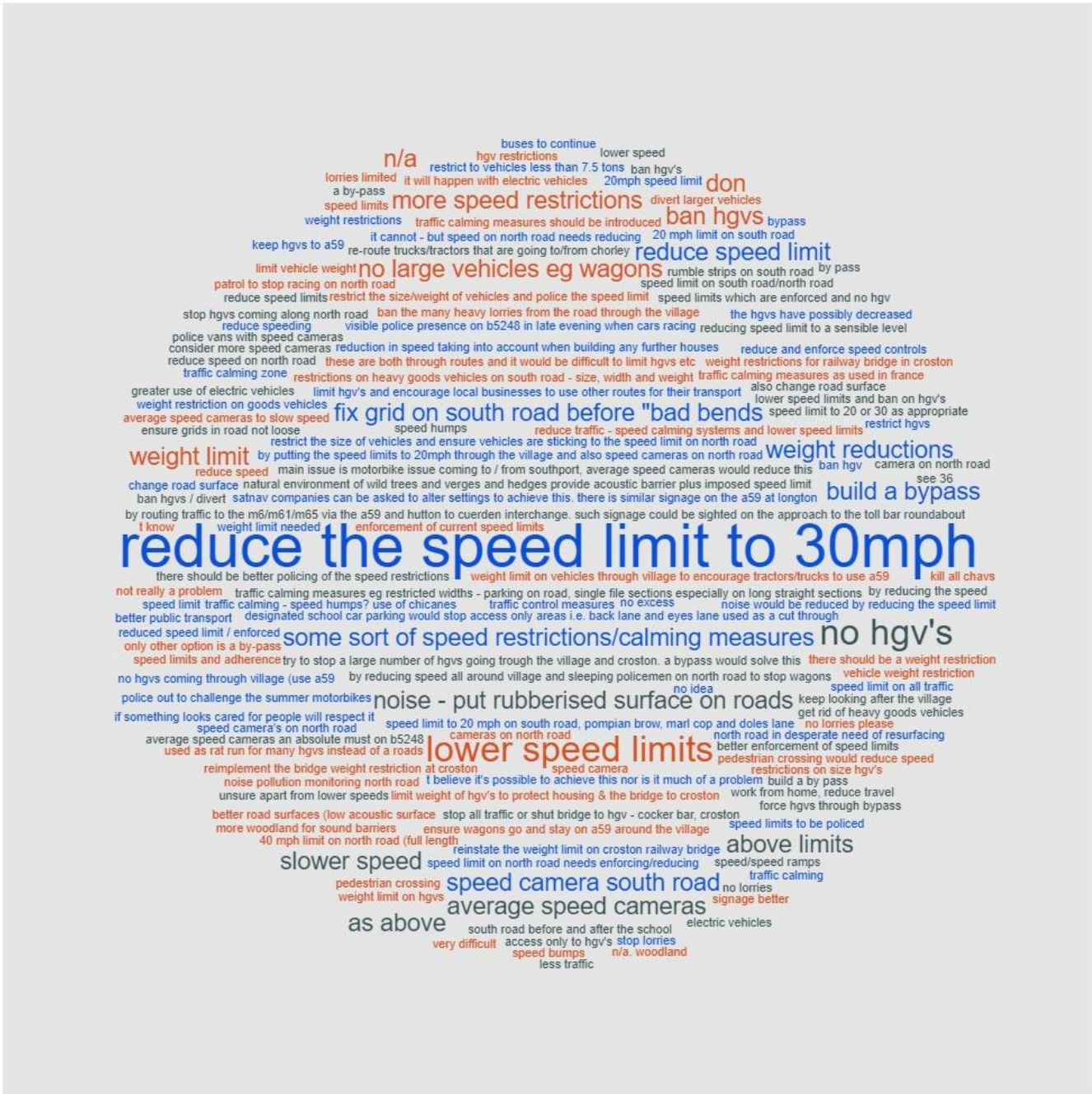
Question 36 How could road safety be improved in Bretherton parish?



Other (please specify)



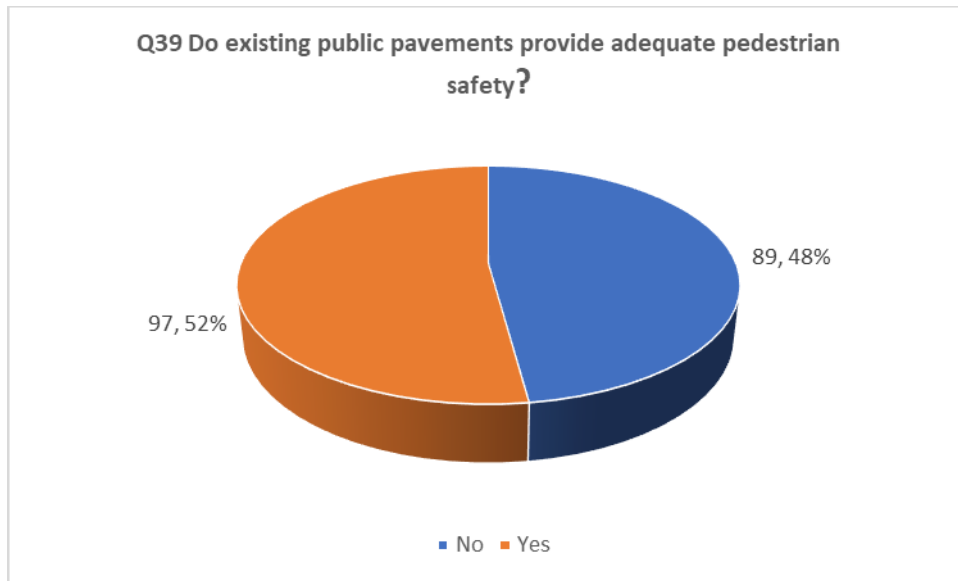
Question 37 How could traffic noise and volume on the B5248 and B5247 through the village be reduced?



Question 38 Are there other specific roads or locations within Bretherton that cause you concern?



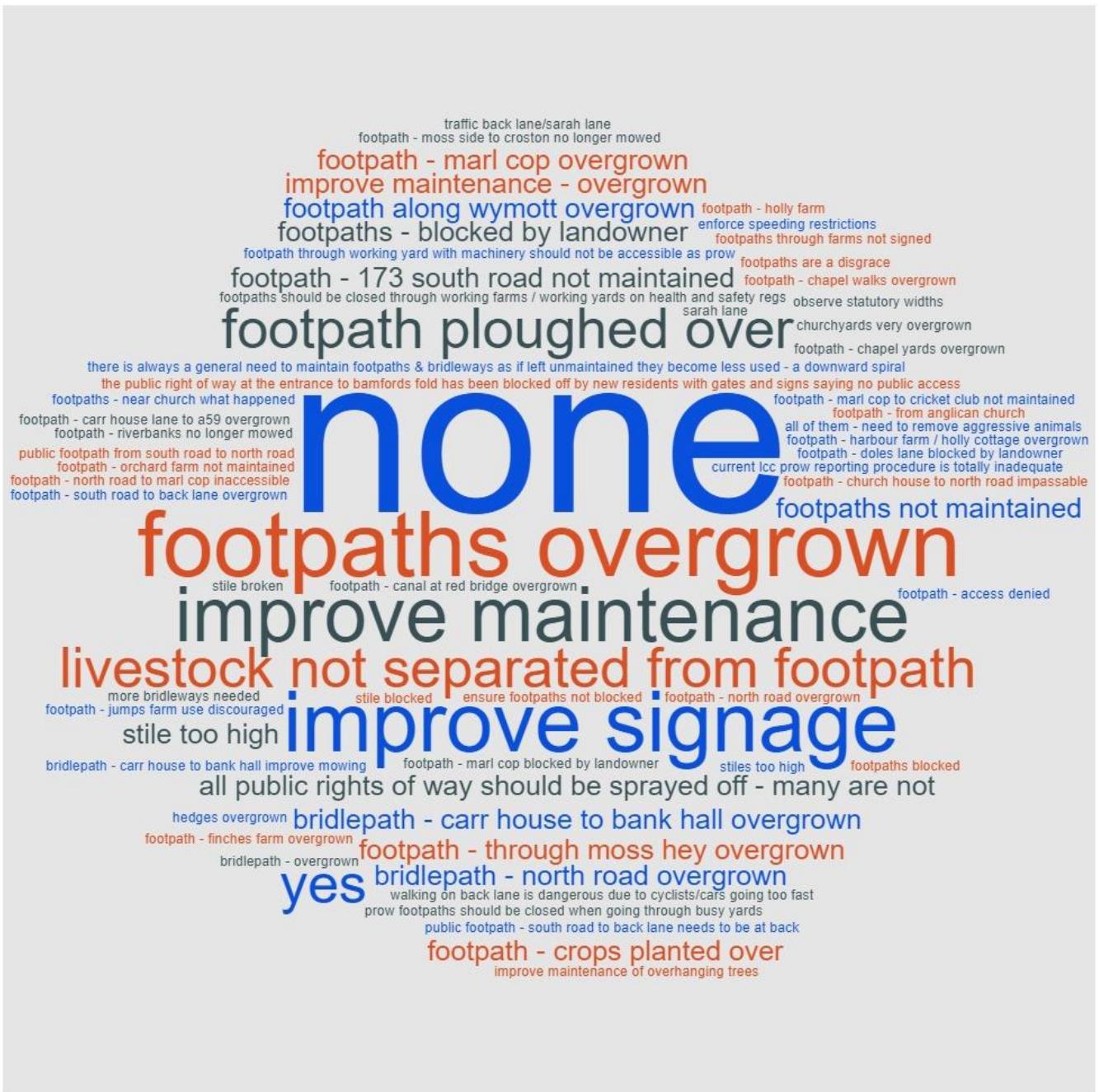
Question 39 Do existing public pavements provide adequate pedestrian safety in Bretherton?



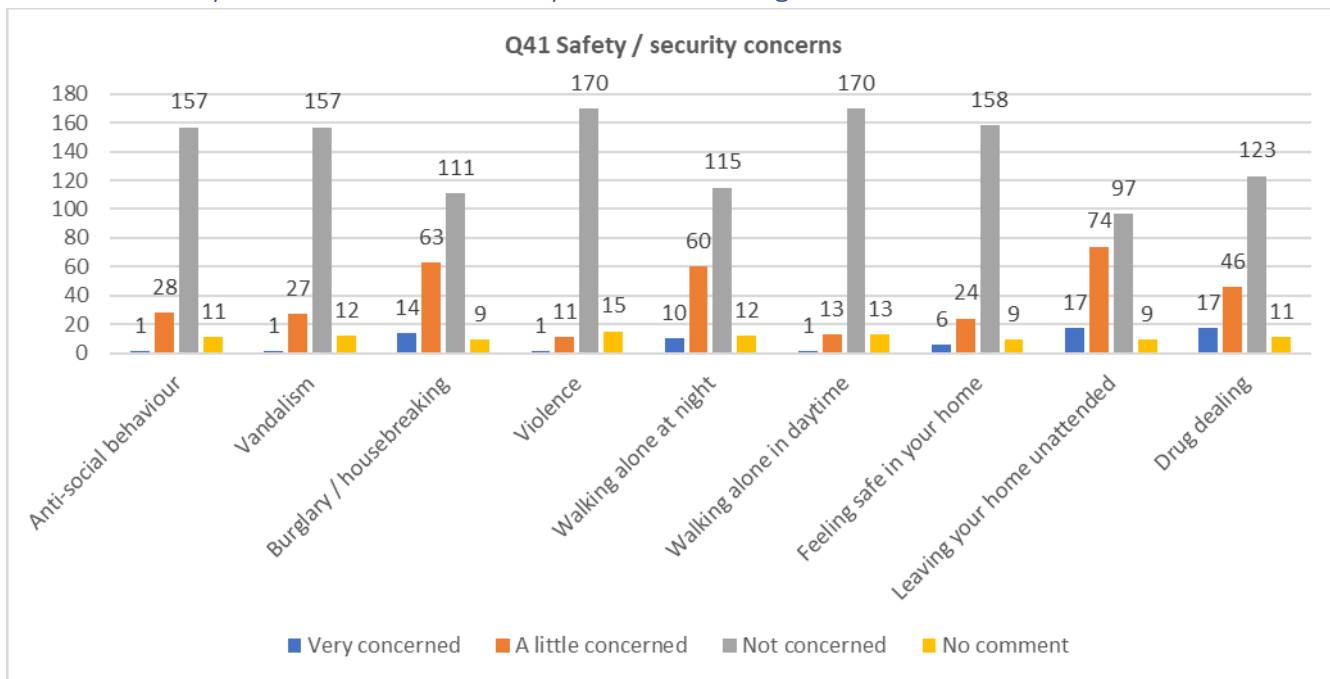
If no, are there specific pavements within Bretherton that cause you concern and what could be done to improve safety?



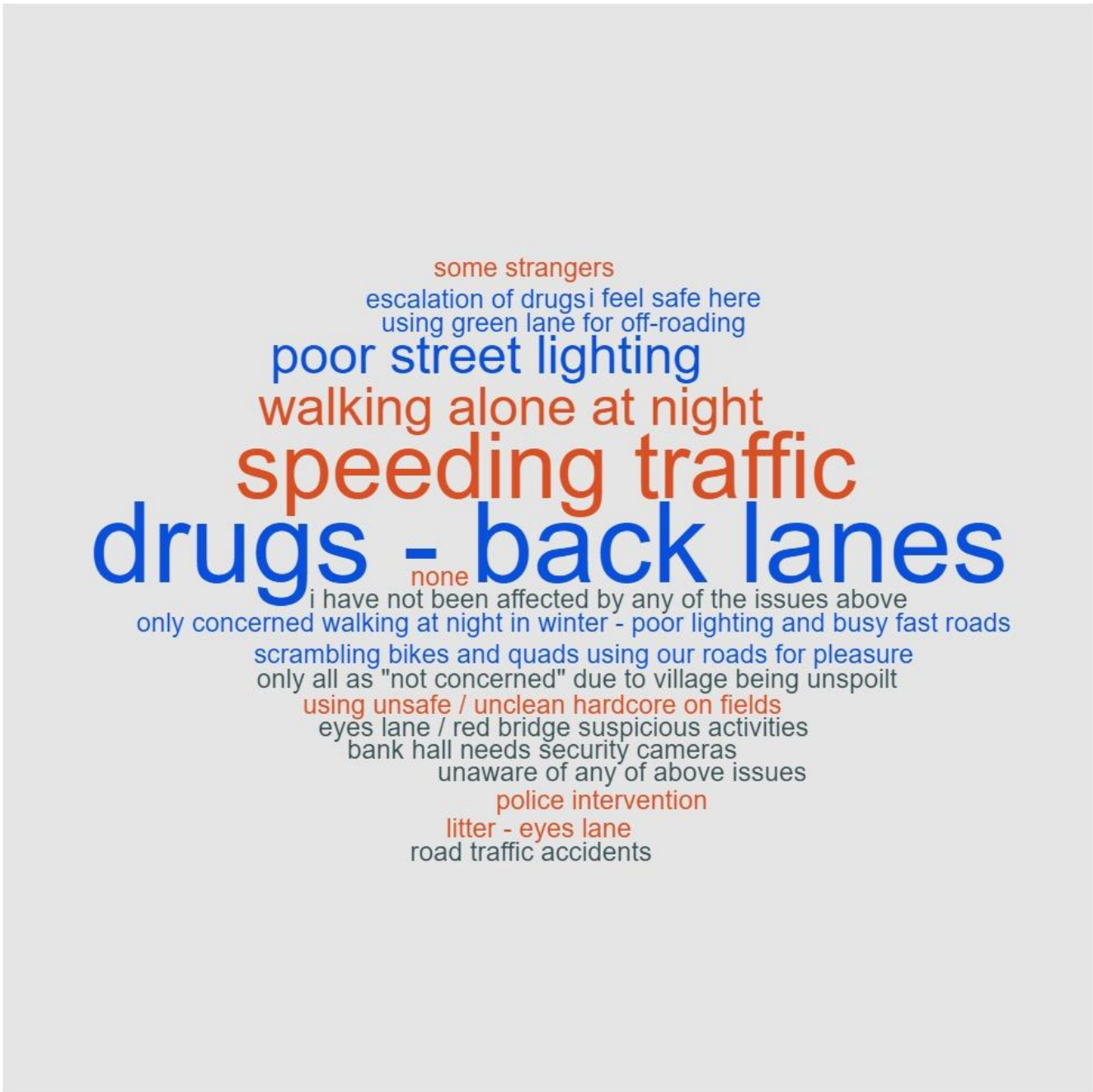
Question 40 Are there any Public Rights of Way (eg footpaths/bridleways) in Bretherton that cause you concern and what could be done to improve these?



Question 41 Are you concerned about any of the following in Bretherton?



Other (please specify)

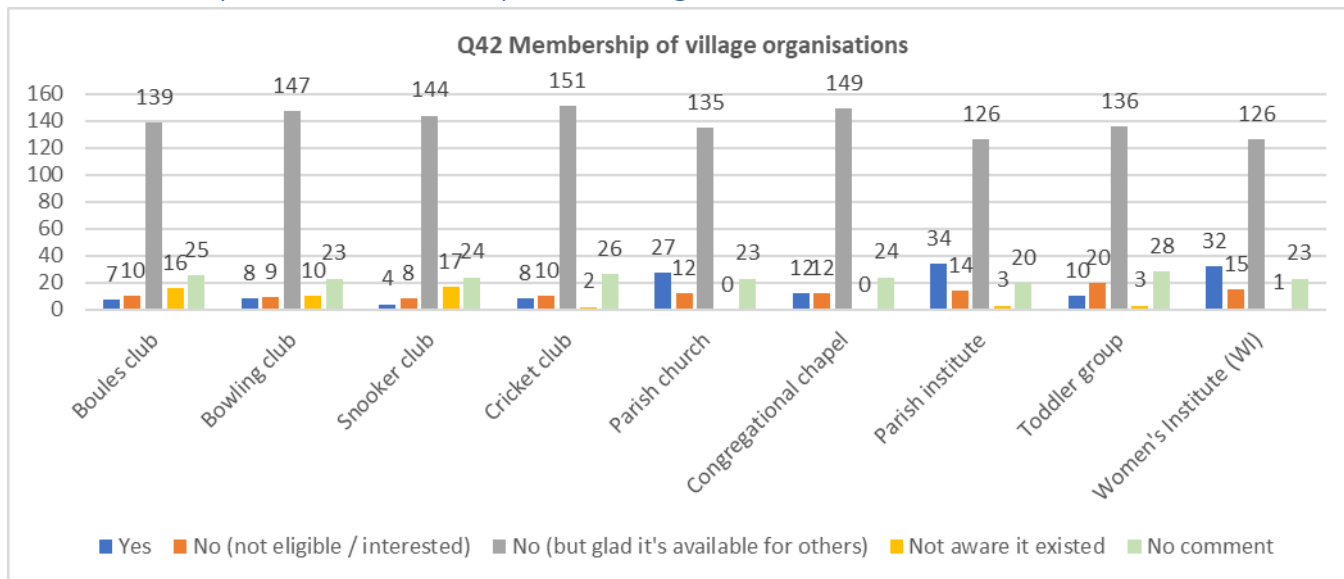


If you have identified any of the above, please specify the location and comment on any solutions that may alleviate your concerns

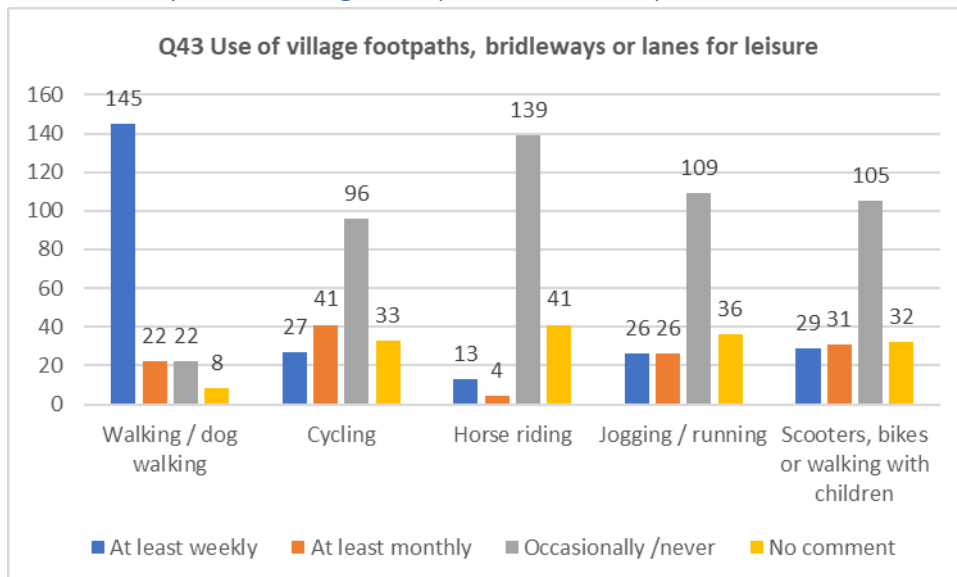


Community and Leisure Activities

Question 42 Are you a member of any of these organisations?



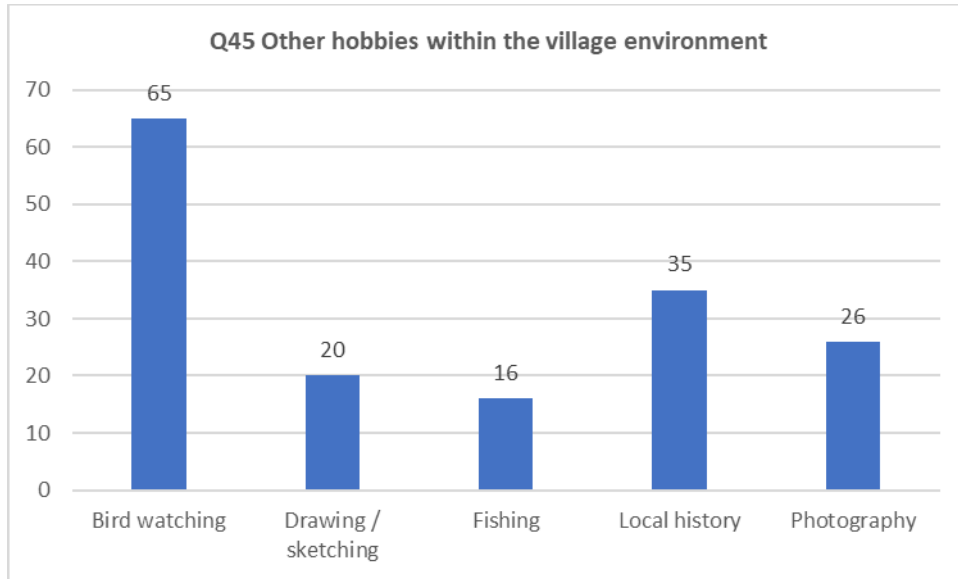
Question 43 How often do you use village footpaths, bridleways, or lanes for leisure?



Question 44 Do you ever encounter any problems when using these routes?



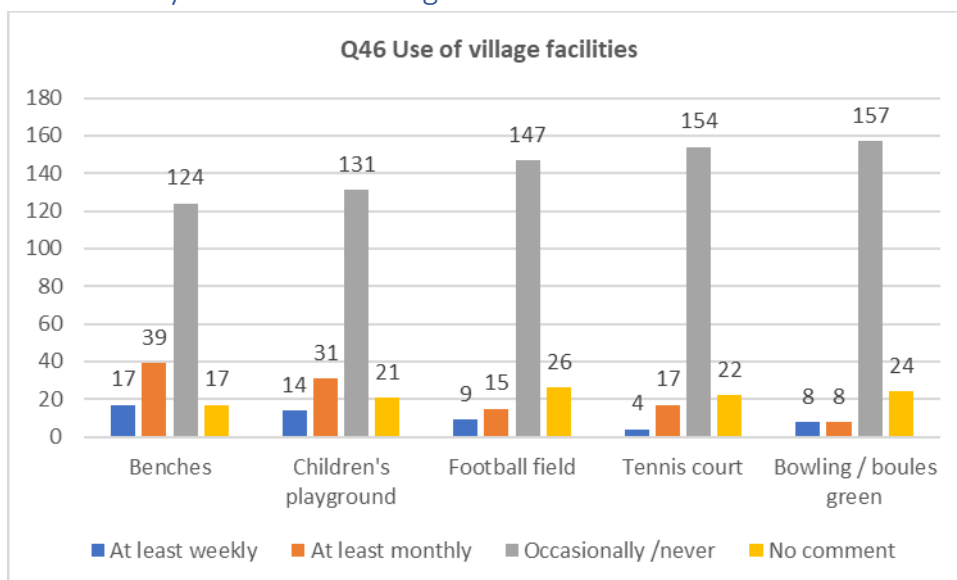
Question 45 Do you have other hobbies that make use of the village environment?



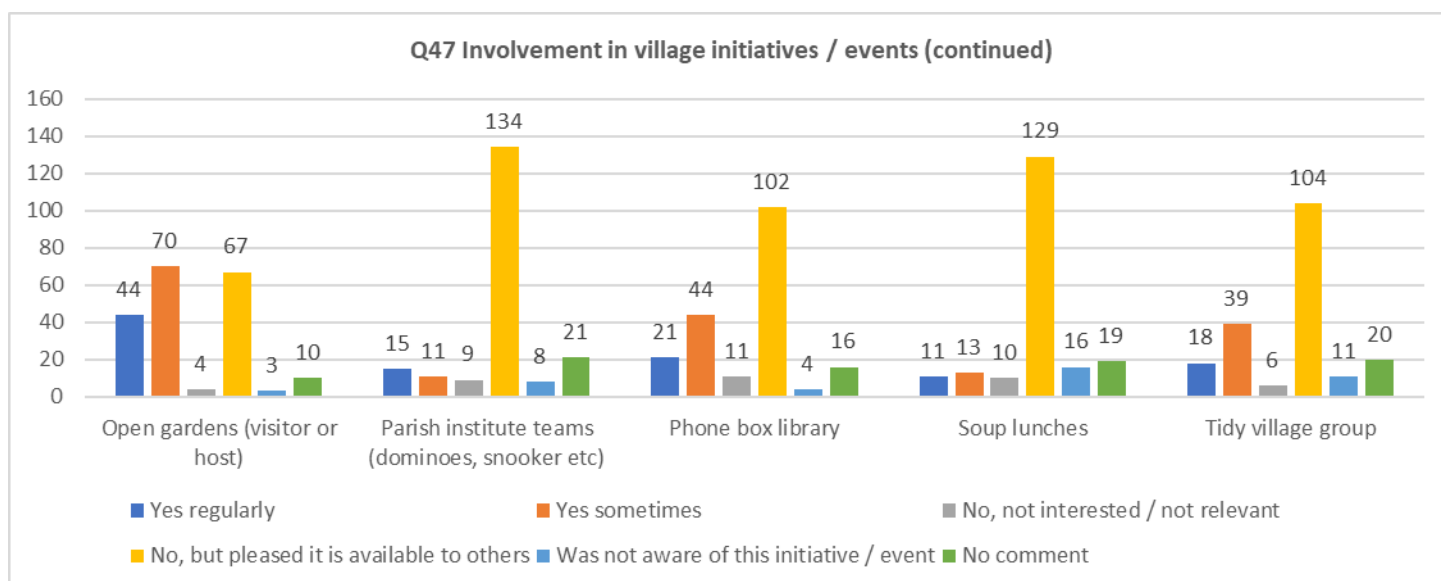
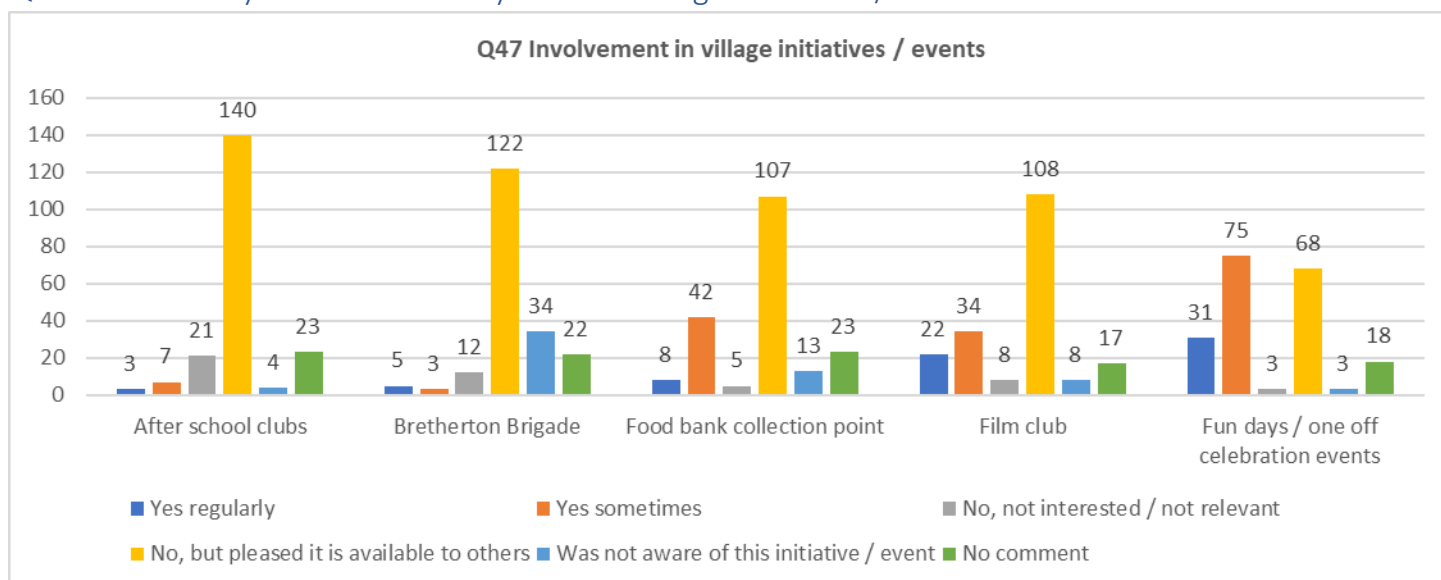
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Question 46 How often do you use these village facilities?



Question 47 Are you involved in any of these village initiatives / events?

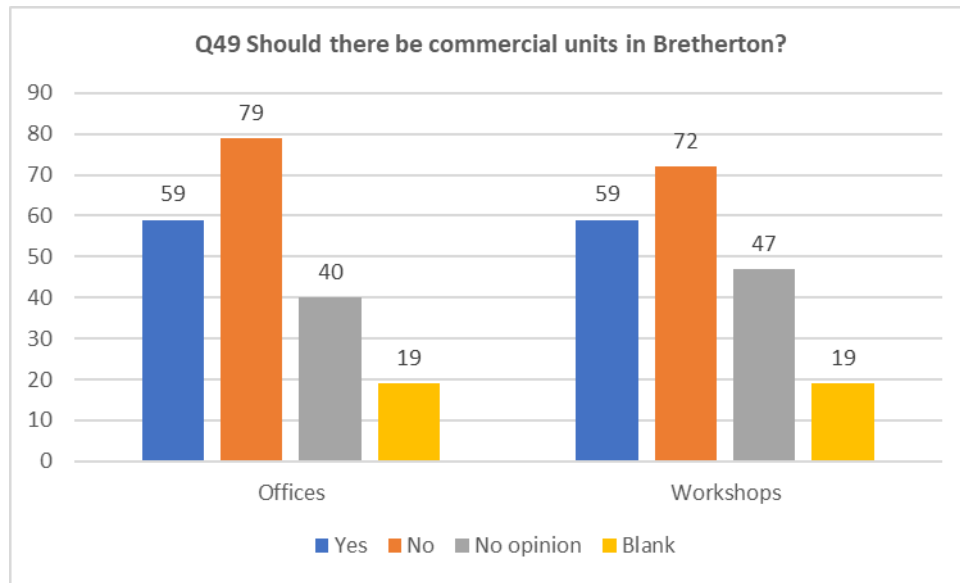


Other this

book club none
hope the film club can restart
i intend to look at books in the phone box
when were younger we were more involved in groups
very involved in events in mawdesley. the village has far better facilities
wish there was more village events and celebrations to bring community together
feel i would like to be more involved - time is limited, but hopefully not in the not too distant future
mawdesley and surrounding villages is our u3a and would love to hold some groups here if facilities were available and affordable
i wish the scarecrow even was stopped - it doesn't "enhance" the look of the village. sorry to be negative on this one
not aware of existence of bretherton brigade, food bank collection point or fun days
used to use bretherton brigade and toddler group in previous years
we pick up litter - but not a member of the tidy village group
we regularly pick litter in eyes lane - interesting
i appreciate the wi doing activities
love the phone box libraries

Economic Development and Enterprise

Question 49 Do you think that there should be commercial units available in and around Bretherton to provide facilities for businesses?



Comments

small units where d&c autos were on north road
small starter units would be a good thing
would encourage small niche businesses
t know where they would / could be located
there's also a concern about increased commercial traffic here
t detract from the attractiveness of the village be careful that they don
but small scale on outskirts of village due to traffic
employment for the local young people is important residential area
not suitable for rural village they could be designed to look like 'rural workshops' wouldn
why not? it might encourage village growth, diversity must fit with the look of the village
as a business owner i appreciate it can be hard to start up absolutely not
stick to residential not appropriate for the village but required in close proximity a good idea in principle but i don
see the development at cedar farm mawdesley for studio space to rent on a small scale
any derelict/unused buildings could be used for shared office spaces currently available nearby
yes if they could be installed in a sensitive way to preserve the character of the village
a small number would be fine (no more than 5) if done in a sympathetic style and which wouldn
would bring more traffic and noise, bretherton not set up for current volume of traffic and hgv's let alone more
it seems "workshops" are being set up for this purpose but with planning application for a house/bungalow in mind
yes there should be a small commercial estate adjacent to ribble feeds/bamfords on north road. that could be situated to the north of north road

depends where located regarding traffic
with the move to working from home this may be a positive step

any commercial activity should be complementary to the ^{none} environment and premises should be in keeping
the village does not seem to me to need these in view of its size, and is available elsewhere
t become cube like structures that lay empty and encourage anti social behaviour
no more as the village has no parking and is already busy with traffic in moderation
only if within existing units/buildings wouldn't fit the village in addition it would be a bad spot for them
reduces travel and commuting and provides local employment it isn't a business park
for people in the village only sme facilities would allow more residents to work in the village
as long as they are tastefully done
local people need to work make bretherton an attractive work to live, work, play there are enough in our vicinity
yes but limited in size i think it depends on how, why and where this is done saves on fuel
start-up digital offices with hot desks and small offices
not enough infrastructure in discreet locations with satisfactory screening
would ruin countryside **ambiance** yes - it is important to keep the village active
keeps people in the village workshops eg woodwork / artists / designers
to provide local employment opportunities
roads not suited to heavy commercial traffic
there are some private ones available
t say there is a demand for this

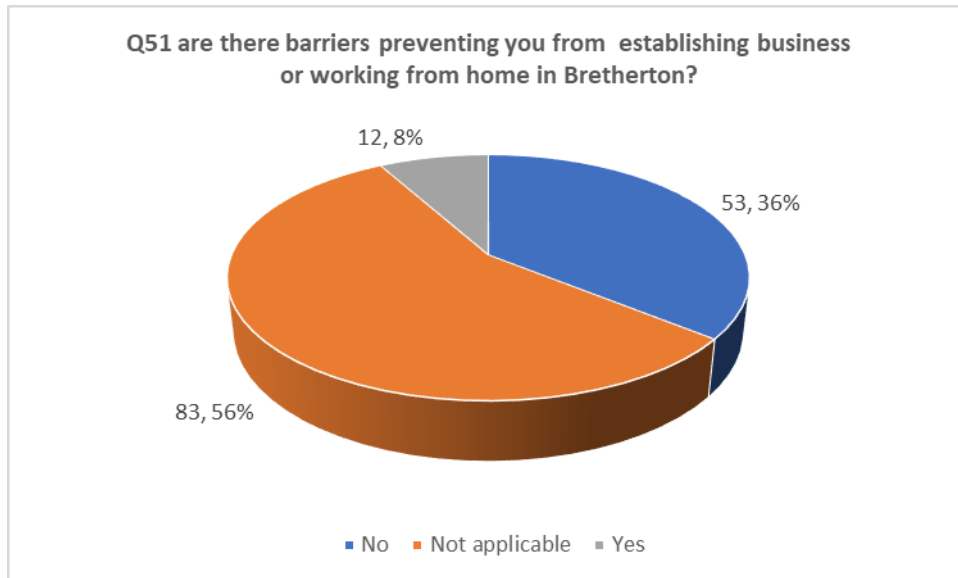
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Question 50 If you are self-employed or a business owner in Bretherton, what would enable you to sustain and develop your business?

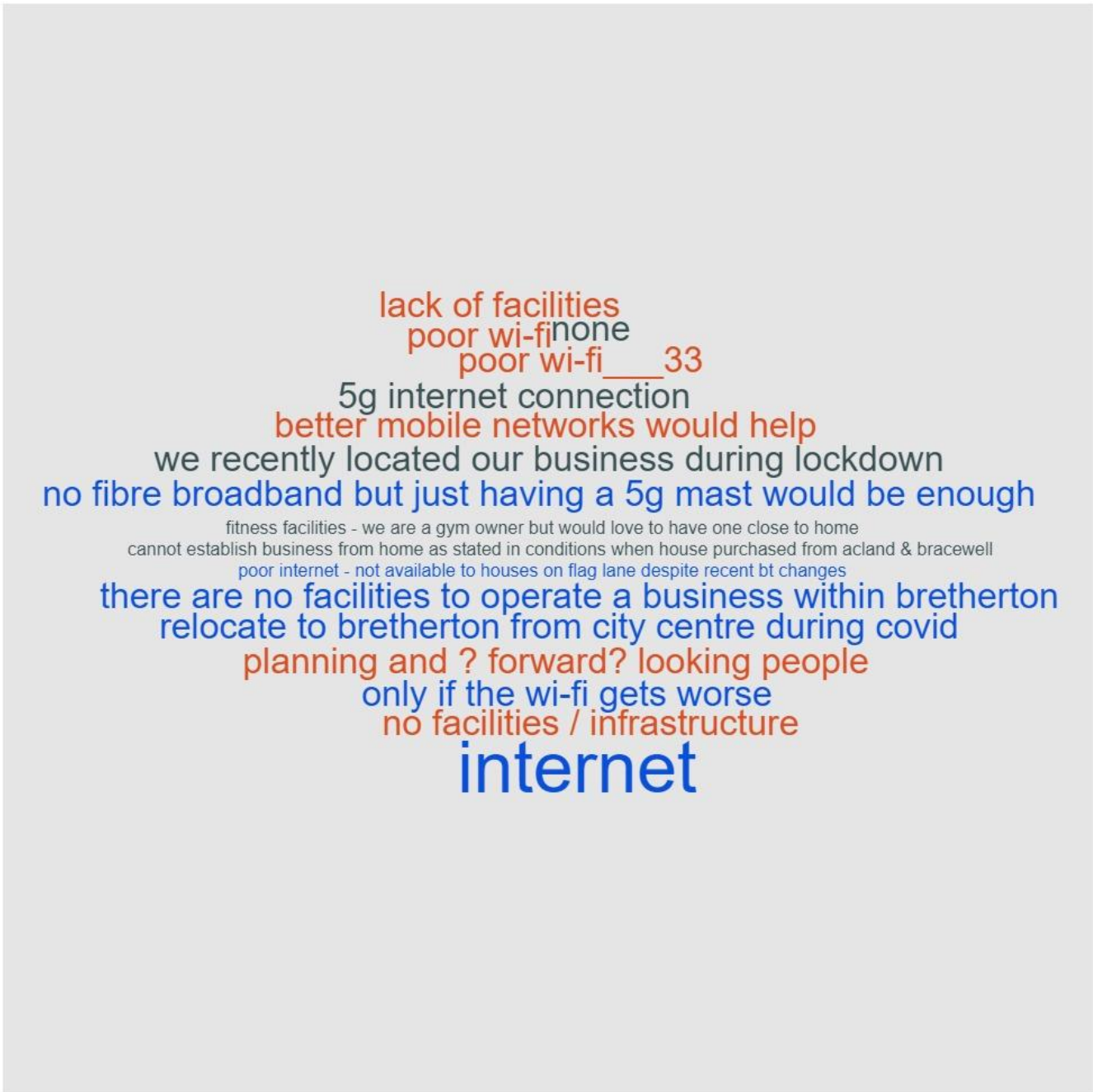


Question 51 Are there any barriers preventing you establishing your business in Bretherton or working from home in Bretherton?

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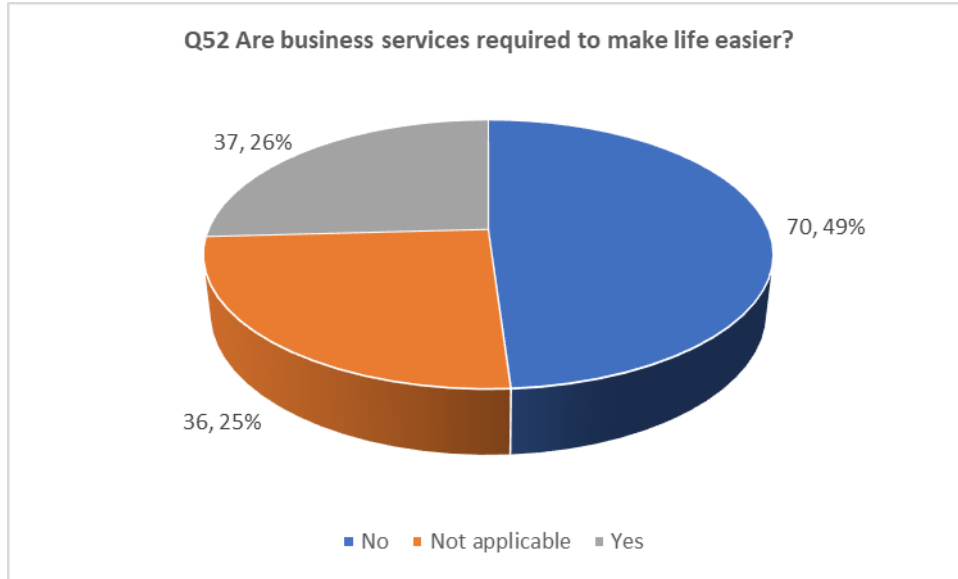


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Question 52 As a resident in Bretherton, are there any business services that you require to make your life easier?

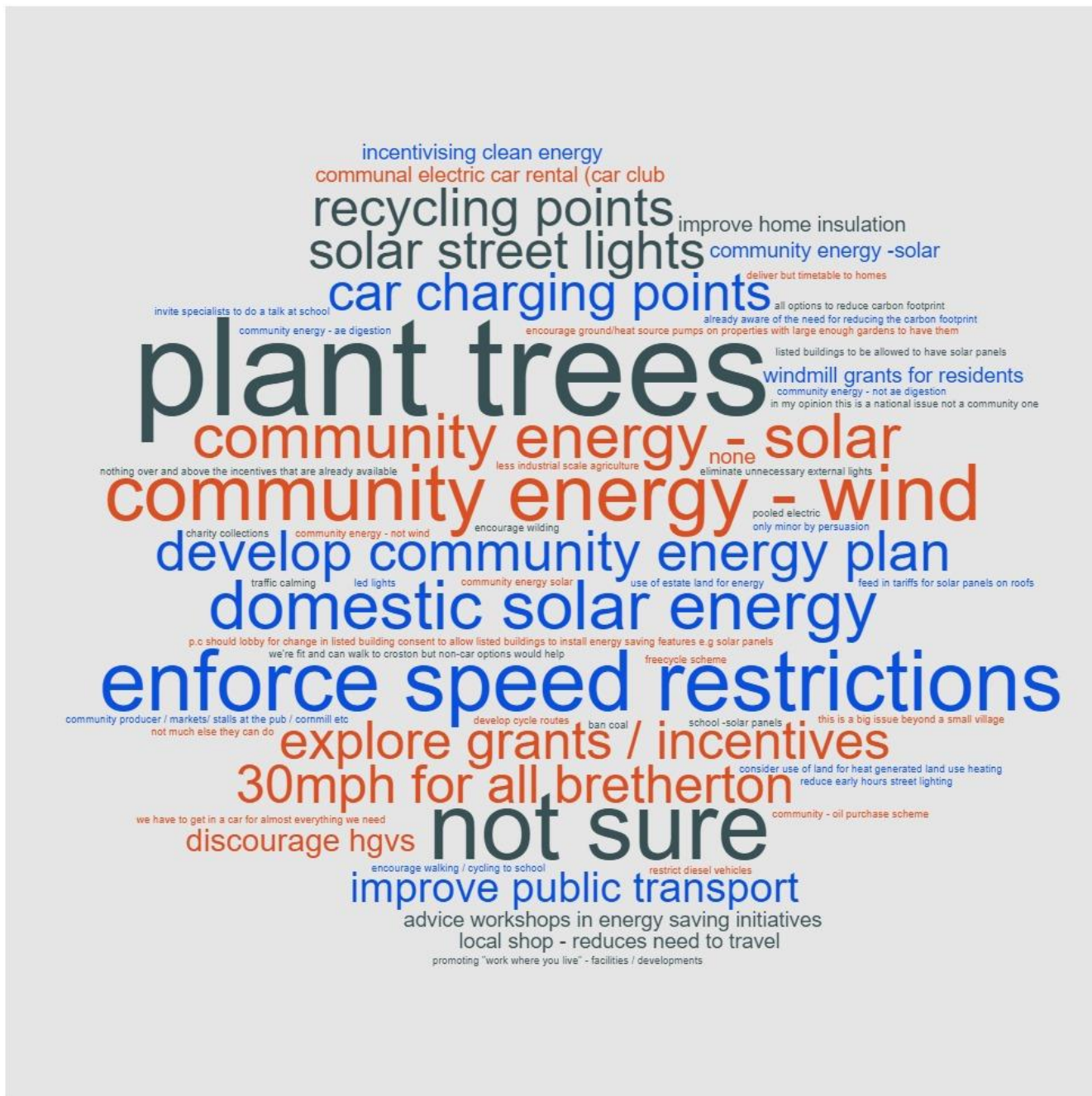


If so, what are they and why?



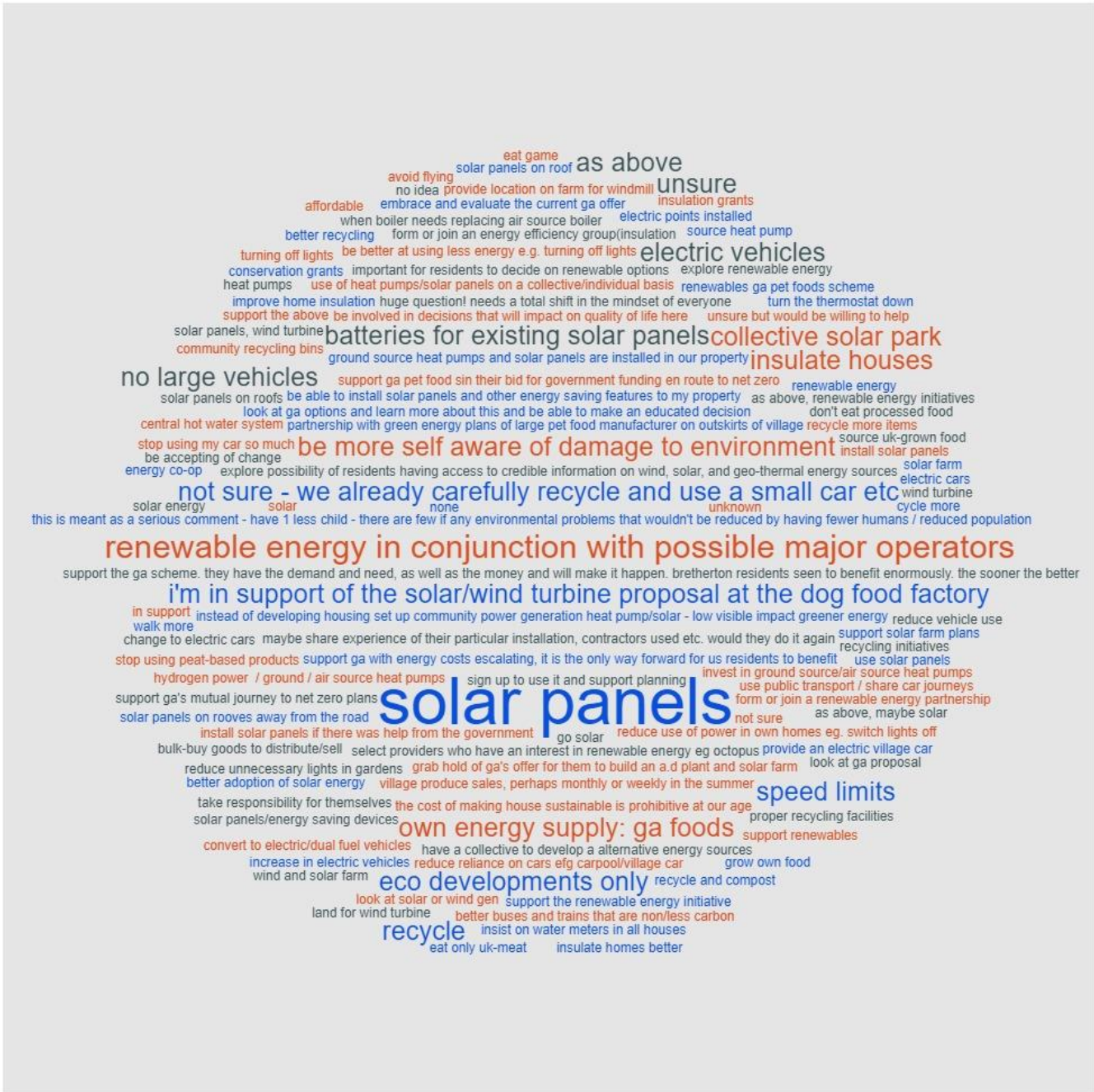
Energy

Question 53 What measures could Bretherton Parish Council explore that could reduce the impact of our carbon footprint?



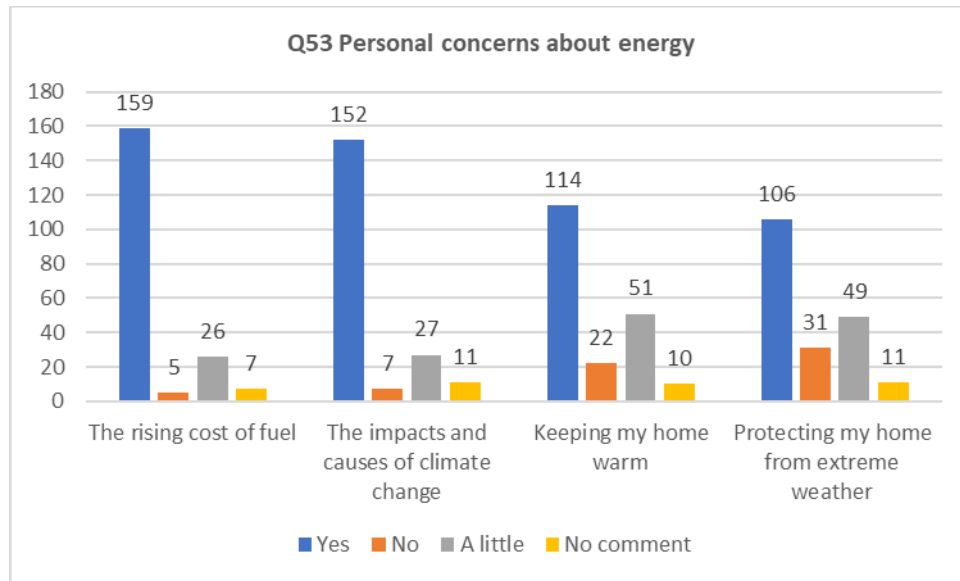
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Question 54 What could you personally or the residents of Bretherton collectively do to make the transition from a carbon-based world to a renewable energy world?



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Question 55 What are your personal concerns about energy?

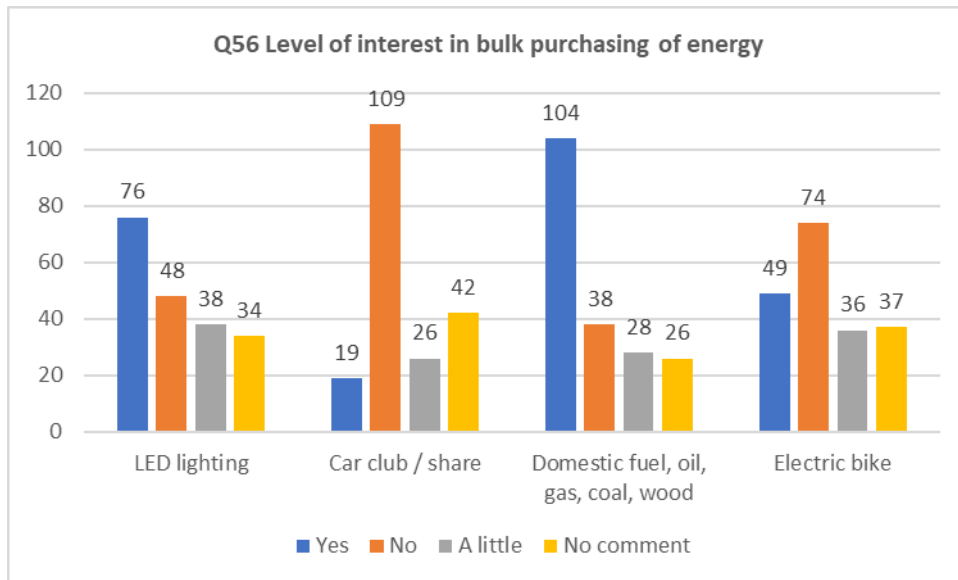


Please comment

massive hike in fuel costs
not possible to insulate
lpg gas has gone through roof
possible flooding always a concern
i live in an old house with a smallish garden
it is very difficult and expensive to change to a heat pump
climate change should always be prioritised over other issues
some more tree planting likely to help drainage and high wind damage prevention
we need to act now and let bretherton be the pioneers in lancashire by working with ga pet food partners
our home is grade ii listed and we are restricted in what we can do to make it more efficient
rising cost of fuel for a rural village will also cause high food prices
yes chorley council have declared a climate emergency
i am concerned about climate change as i am young
very poor energy rating in older properties
more up to date info would help
old houses are costly to heat
fuel costs way to much
none flooding

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Question 56 Bulk purchasing of energy: which ones of these bulk purchasing opportunities might you be interested in if it was organised at a community level?

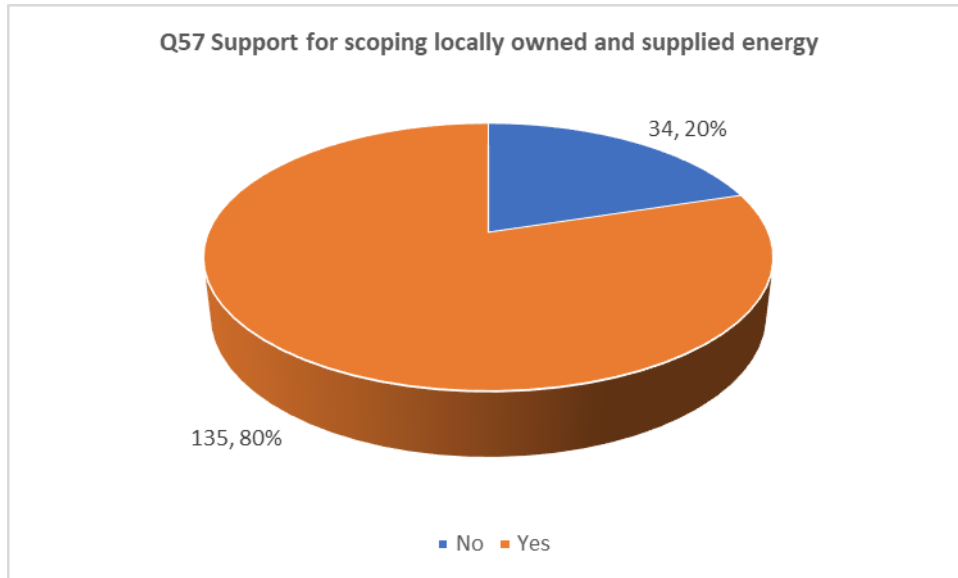


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none
work with g a
answer given refers to wood
support efforts are being made by ga
please introduce an electric bike scheme - they are amazing
must be a lot of us with wood / coal fires. a deal with sustainable options / suppliers
all sounds lovely but the greatest difference will be through generating our own energy
this club could and due to sale of surplus power would have money to help residents with all the above items
this is hard to understand but purchasing needs to be balanced against any impact on the community
i have oil fired heating, very happy with it as a back-up to something more renewable
the ga scheme provides low cost electrical energy to the bretherton energy club
i would use e bike to go to shops instead of using car
would be very complex to organise
would love and electric bike scheme
good idea

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Question 57 Would you support action to explore the scope for energy supply to be owned and produced locally?

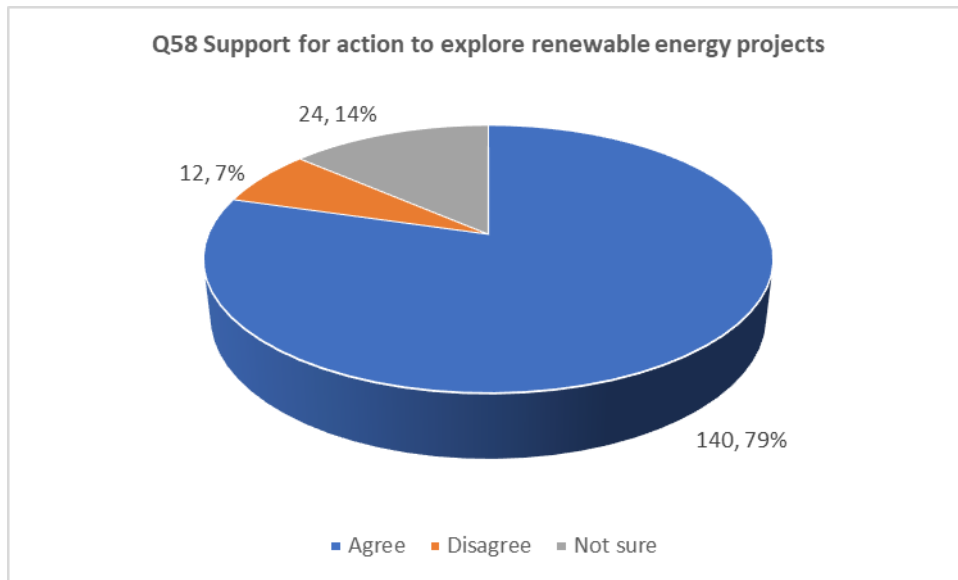


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Question 58 Would you support action to explore what renewable energy projects in our area could viably be developed by and for the benefit of our community?

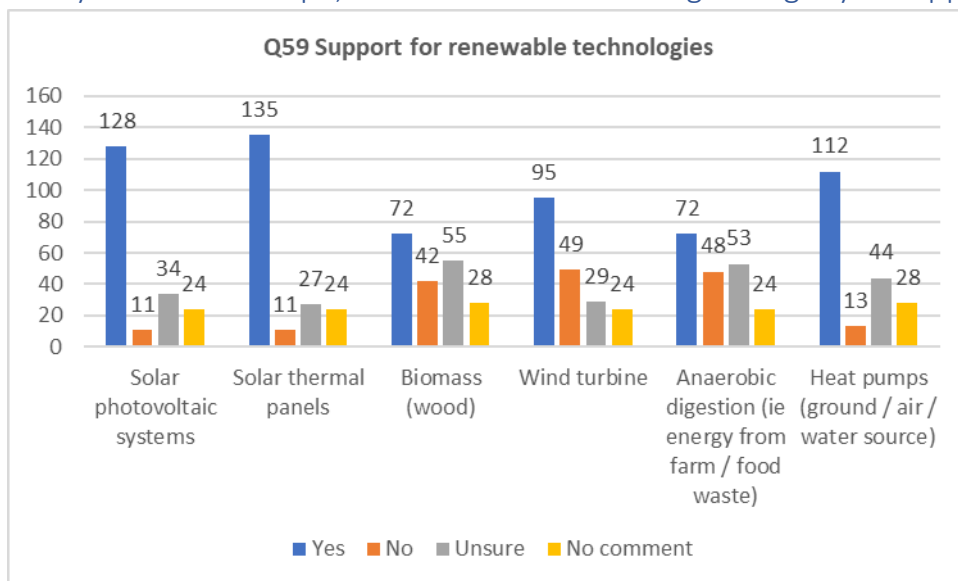


Please comment

not fracking
100% support solar
yes sympathetically
partner with ga pet foods
solar farms only - no wind turbines
if done, as i said before, fairly and justly
t have a significant impact to the environment
caveat - must not impact countryside or rural appearance of village
work with local businesses / farmers like ga pet food to make this possible
this needs very very careful consideration as there could be unwanted consequences
the ga scheme would provide twice the current electrical power. this would allow the conversion from oil and gas to electrical heat pumps
this must be controlled and owned by the village
i would support any renewable energy projects however as long as it doesn't
energy projects should be nationally managed
would support a village residents scheme
yes if we can trust people involved
solar/air source heat pumps
so long as no wind farms
none maybe if solar
work with ga

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Question 59 If a community owned renewable energy project could be built to 'an appropriate scale' and 'sensitively' in our landscape, which of these technologies might you support?



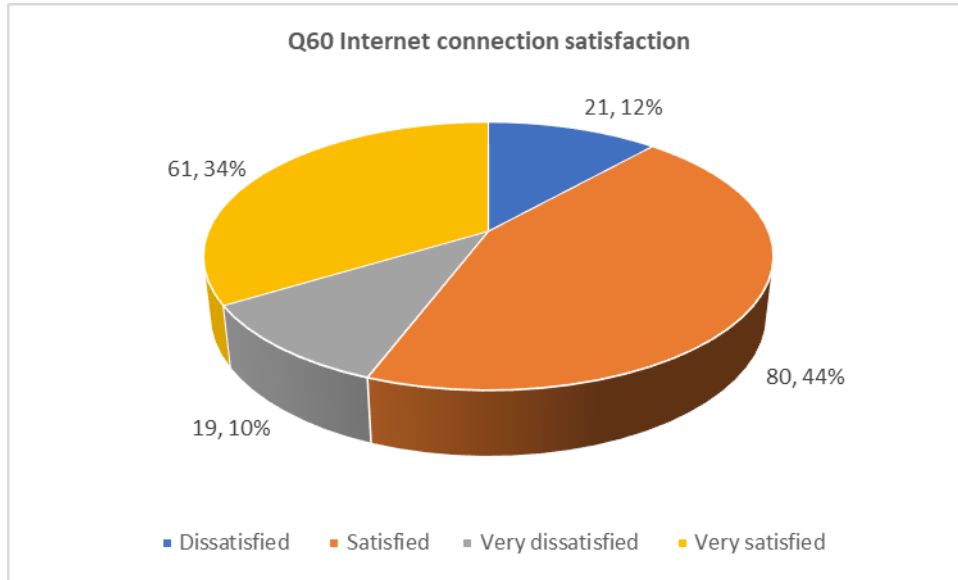
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wind turbine must not be tall
i need more information to comment
we have solar panels

not informed enough to comment on some
dependant on cost and location / visibility of equipment
the costs need to be proportionate sensitively landscaped
also any initiative needs to involve the community to learn more
wind turbines on croston already impact bretherton views / sound
i need to understand the impact on countryside and rural nature of village
don't know enough about biomass (wood) or anaerobic digestion to comment
i would need to know more about biomass and anaerobic digestion on a large scale
wind turbine would be far too big and noticeable and would affect the feel of the village
wind is the cheapest and most reliable form of energy in south west lancashire
the scale of anaerobic digestion is too large and impactful on the village setting
wind is by far the most reliable and cheapest form of energy here in lancs
definitely not wind turbine as it has an adverse effect on birds
in favour, as long as the environment is not compromised
electrical power is much easier to manage than thermal
air source heat pumps are small and efficient
anaerobic digestion as a last resort
none no details to comment - sorry
would not welcome noise or smell
local recycling point
100% support

Utilities and Other Services

Question 60 If you use the internet, are you satisfied with the connection speed you get in Bretherton?



Any comments on the internet service in Bretherton?

i use 4g aerial instead
we now have access to full fibre broadband
not in business so happy with the speed
regular drop outs of service during working day
the new internet stopped halfway up north road
we have not had fibre fitted yet. it's 5 mb at present
since the upgrade in 2020 yes! it was woeful before just upgraded to fibre
internet connection is extremely poor, i'm lucky i don't i think some still struggle
however we have paid to get fibre direct into our home none
was very poor for many years but significantly improved recently
will need upgrading soon as 4g and streaming services get bigger
better wi-fi was a significant recent improvement personal and business
as the speed is variable it is sometimes slow but when working fully it is ok
huge improvement since fibre was made available. still patchy but still so much better
mostly ok at home but often no mobile signal or broadband connection when moving around village

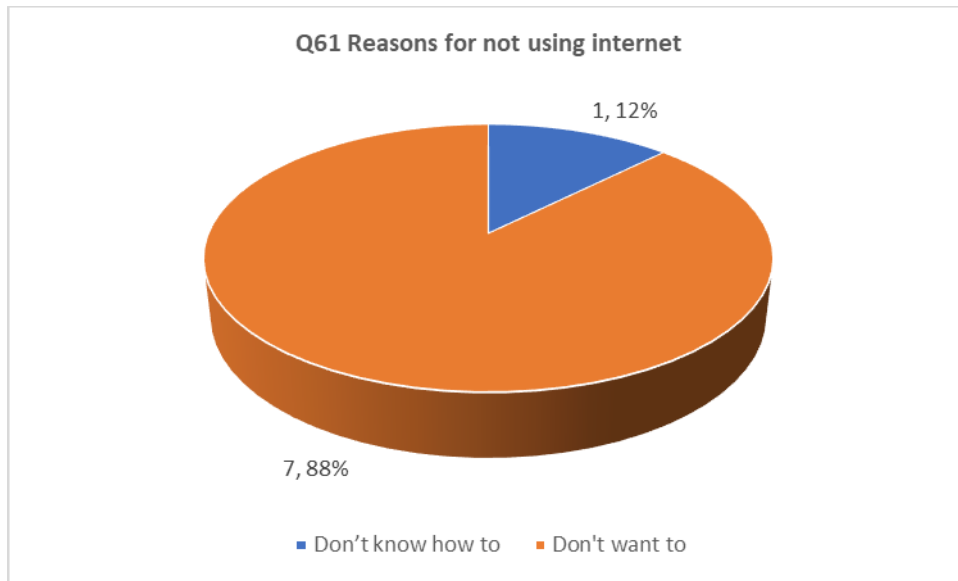
the provider i wish to use has not made it to bretherton

told by united utilities although water pressure not great it is just on the legal limit they have to provide so there's nothing we can do

houses on flag lane receive copper only lines from croston - bt won't install fibre that far so internet speed is pathetic
my personal internet speed is bad and the reception on my mobile phone is terrible and very inconvenient
absolutely stinks that 95% of the village has 1000mb broadband while the rest has 20mb
it is very bad can't speak on the phone very easily without it keep cutting out
has improved enormously in last 12 months but still occasionally drops out
i used to have system with a third party now used a bt supplied system
i have no phone line up until about 3 months ago my answer would have been different
n/a bt refuse to extend fibre beyond the blue anchor towards croston
we pay for highest speed fibre broadband direct into our home
got better lately since covid
t rely on it or work from home **what happened to barn 4**
not worth standing charge for guaranteed 0.5mb/s
poor speed since open reach upgraded never worked as well
had to upgrade to bt fibre hub - very expensive
we use bt which is excellent but expensive
ok since the implementation of fibre
can have bad moments / days
fttp has been a game changer

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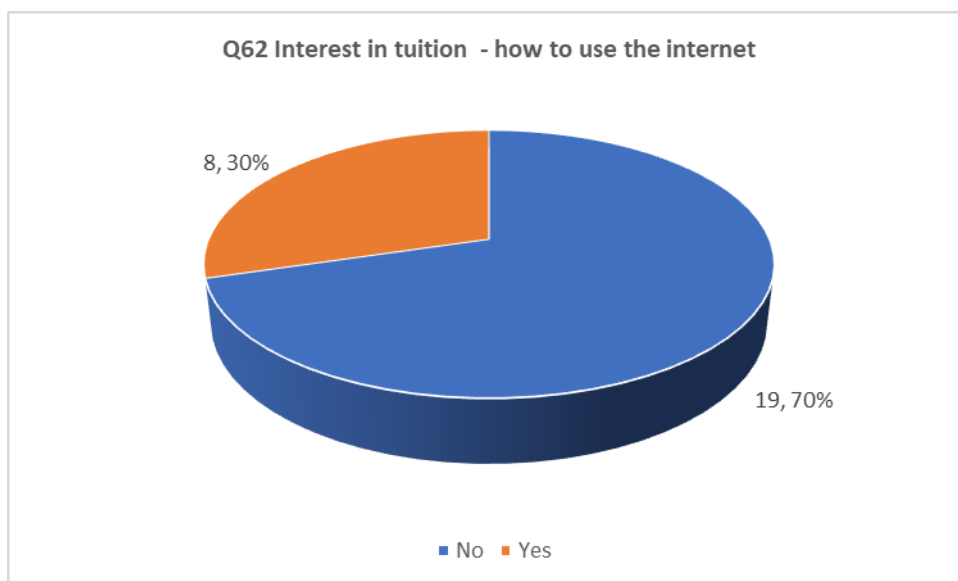
Question 61 If you don't use the internet, what is the reason?



Other, please list

Only 1 response received – Don't know how to

Question 62 If you don't know how to use the internet but would like to, would you be interested in lessons in Bretherton?

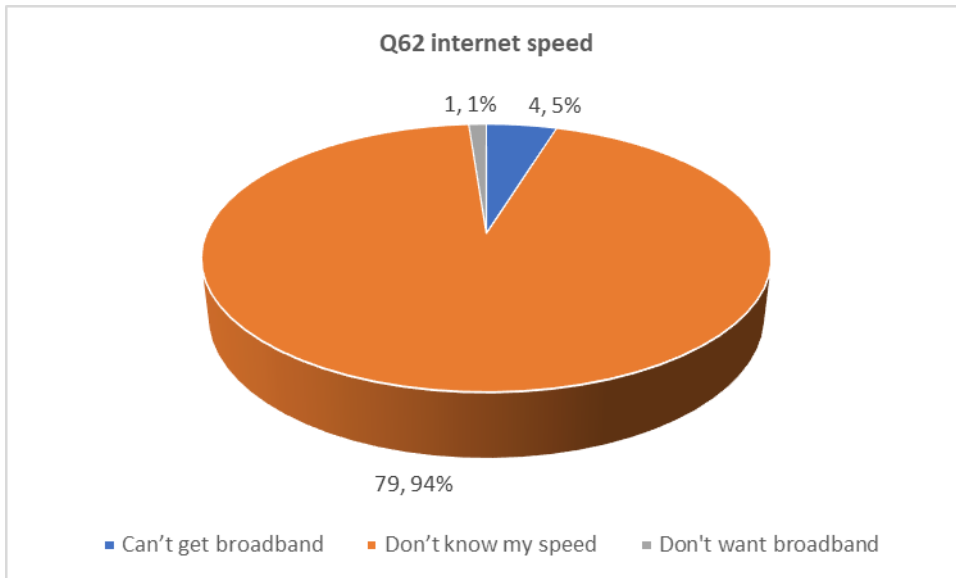


Question 62a (there are two question 62s on the questionnaire) What internet speed do you usually get on a weekday?

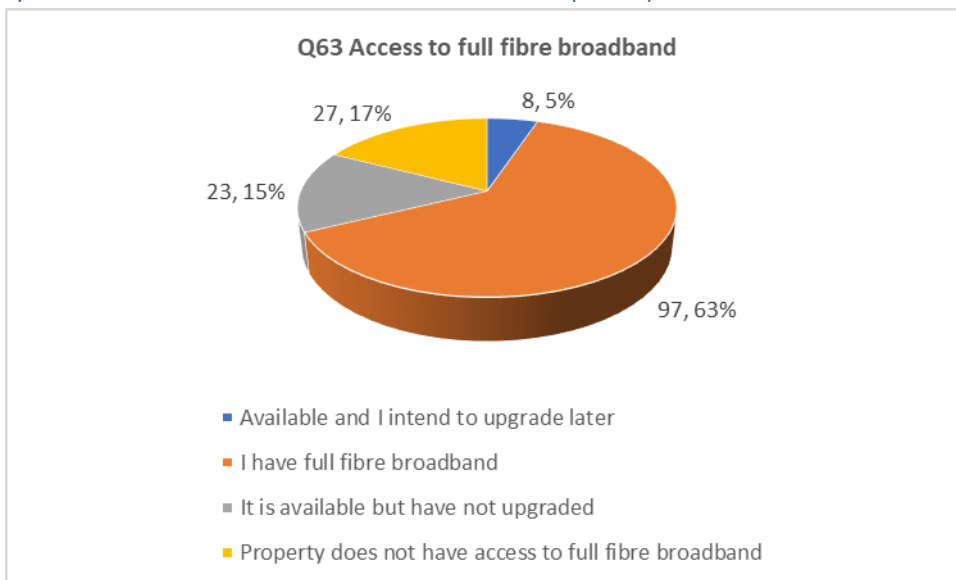


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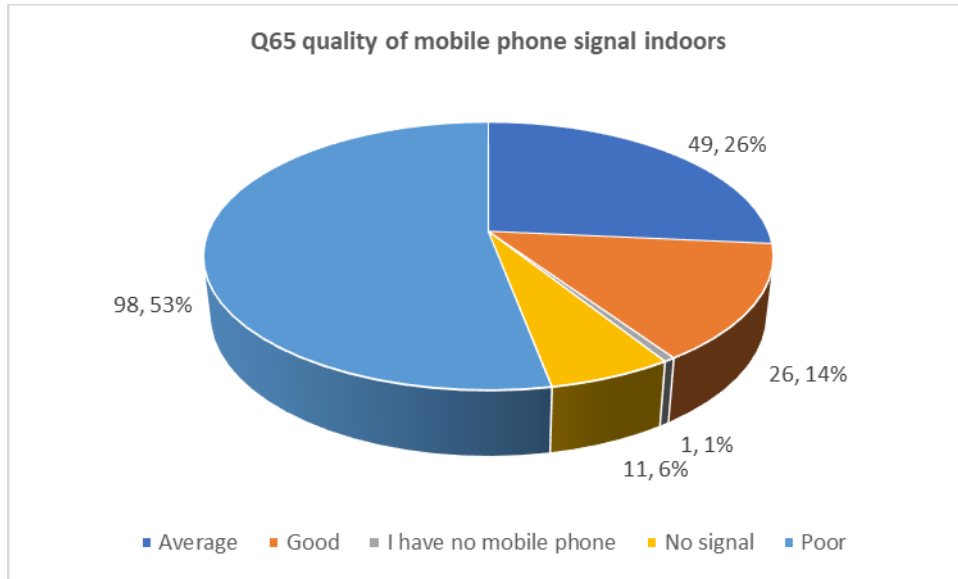
Question 63 Do you have access to full fibre broadband (FTTP)?



Question 64 If you have a mobile phone, please name your service provider



Question 65 How good is the mobile telephone signal inside your house in Bretherton?

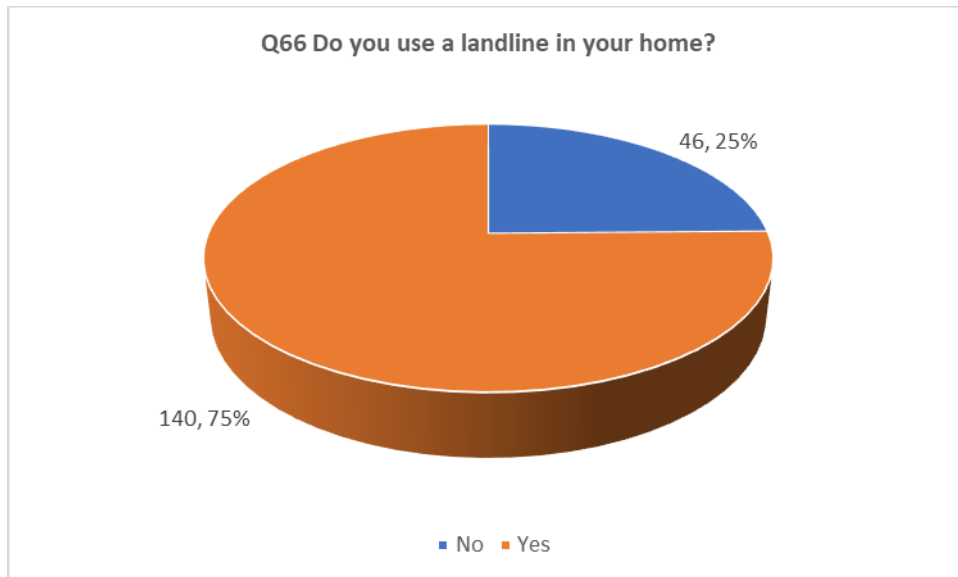


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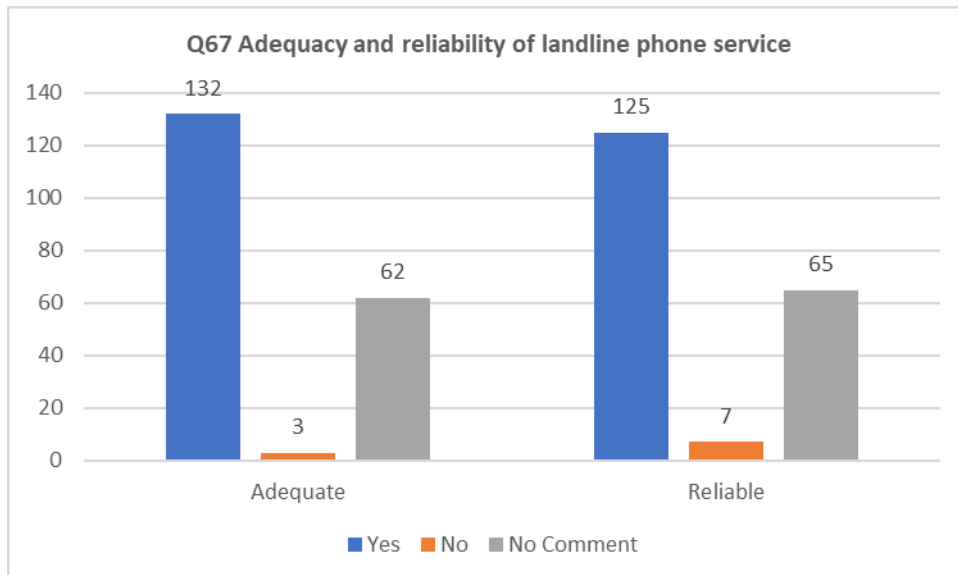
unreliable signal
use wi-fi calling inside
better signal needed
not good in most of the house
position dependent in house very unreliable
only get good signal in 2 rooms
have to go upstairs to get a signal
connectivity does vary over periods of time
signal with virgin has improved in the last 3-6 months
varies between no signal and poor depending where in house
phone always cuts off rarely make a call from start to finishes redial
depends on which bit of the house i'm in! could be a lot better
please can we get better mobile phone signals
we use a wi-fi connection for mobile phone calls
can only use when linked up to wi-fi calls
none good 3g/4g/h+ coverage outside
not adequate for business calls
i have to divert all calls to internet calls
calls outside can also be bad
5g mast(s) needed
varies around the area
4g not available

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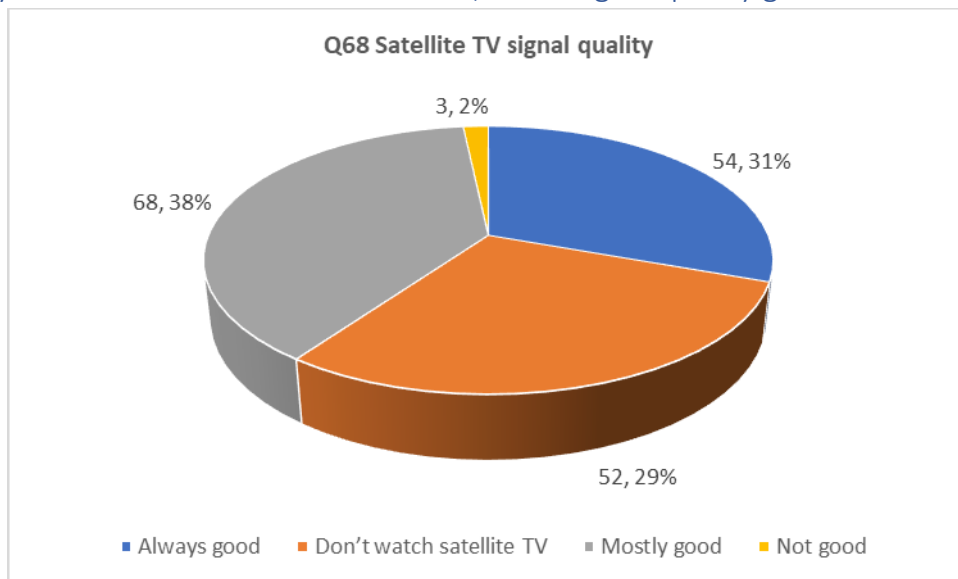
Question 66 Do you use a landline in your home?



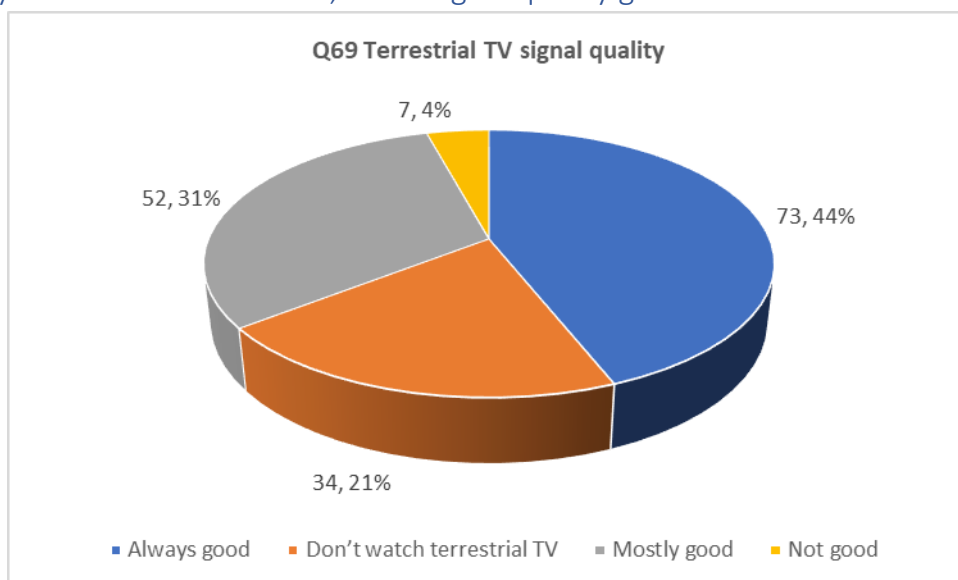
Question 67 If you use a landline phone, is the service adequate and reliable?



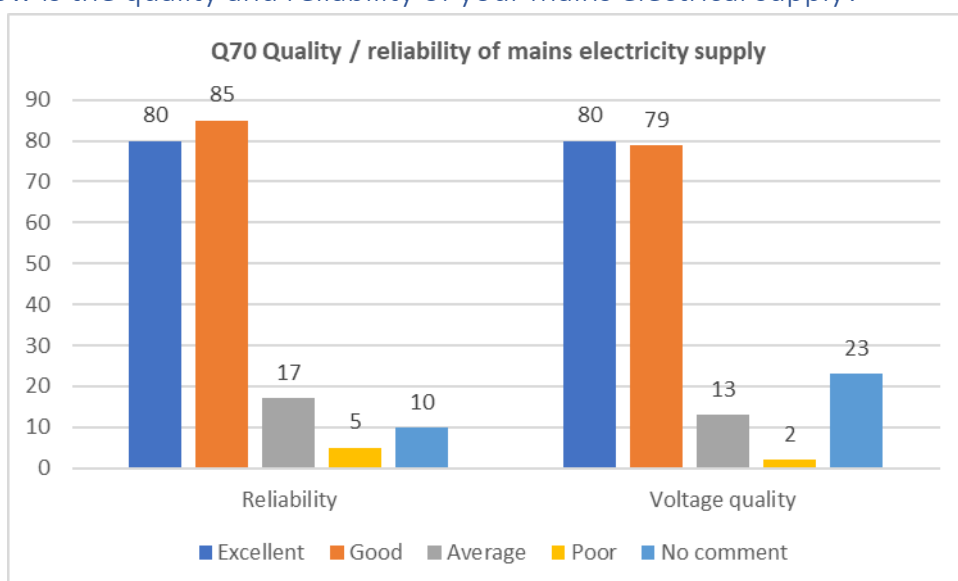
Question 68 If you watch satellite transmitted TV, is the signal quality good?



Question 69 If you watch terrestrial TV, is the signal quality good?

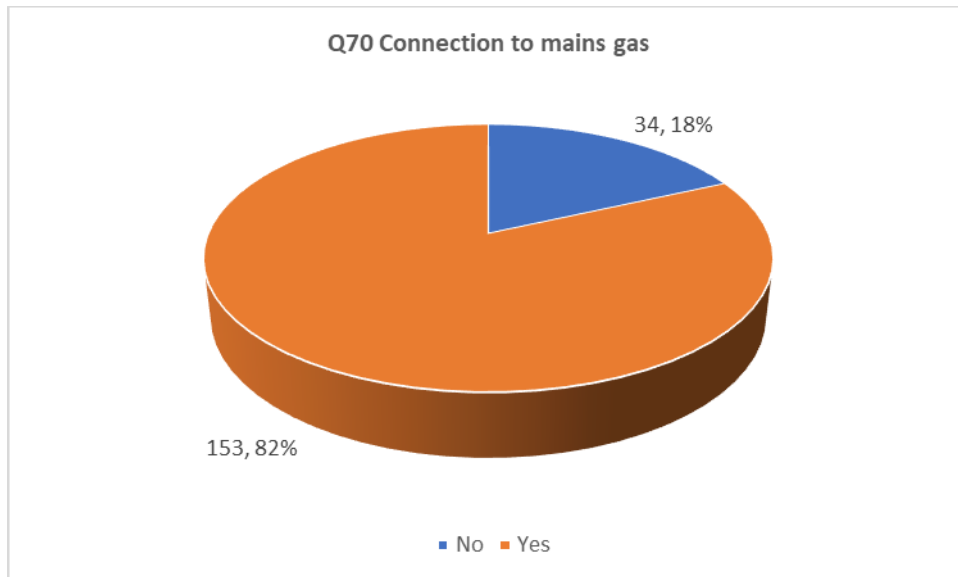


Question 70 How is the quality and reliability of your mains electrical supply?

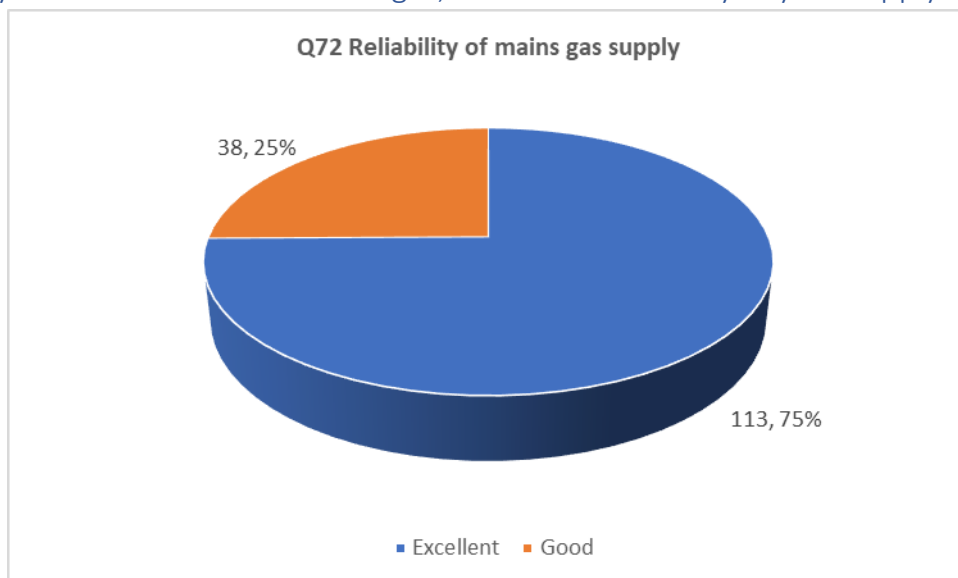


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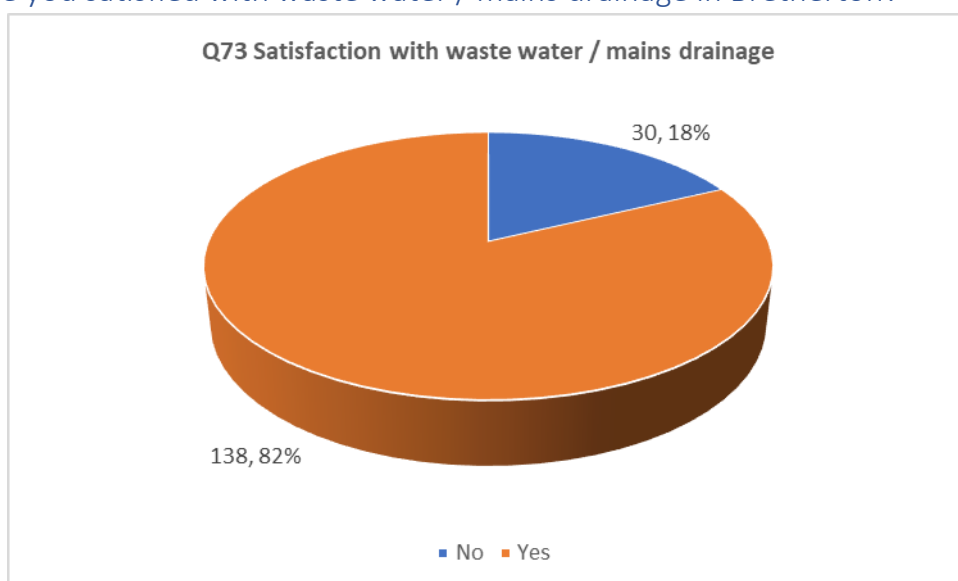
Question 71 Is your property connected to mains gas?



Question 72 If you are connected to mains gas, how is the reliability of your supply?



Question 73 Are you satisfied with waste water / mains drainage in Bretherton?



i have a septic tank
overflowing in several areas
some drains on road get blocked
in heavy rain, the drains do not cope
need for pumping from station on marl cop
combined drain sometimes backs up in heavy rain
cloakroom toilet glugs ominously during heavy rainfall
often slow draining sinks/toilets can block occasionally
more drainage options for houses on / facing back lane
waste water sewer not adequate for periods of heavy rainfall
the system is not set up for modern use - it needs replacing
when there is heavy rain the sewer on south view overflows
pompian brow drains need regular cleaning to prevent poor flow
there are occasional problems of "blockages" further down the mains
increased housing and hard standing means more risk of flooding and back up
the waste water drainage is no longer adequate and overflows / backs up regularly in heavy rain

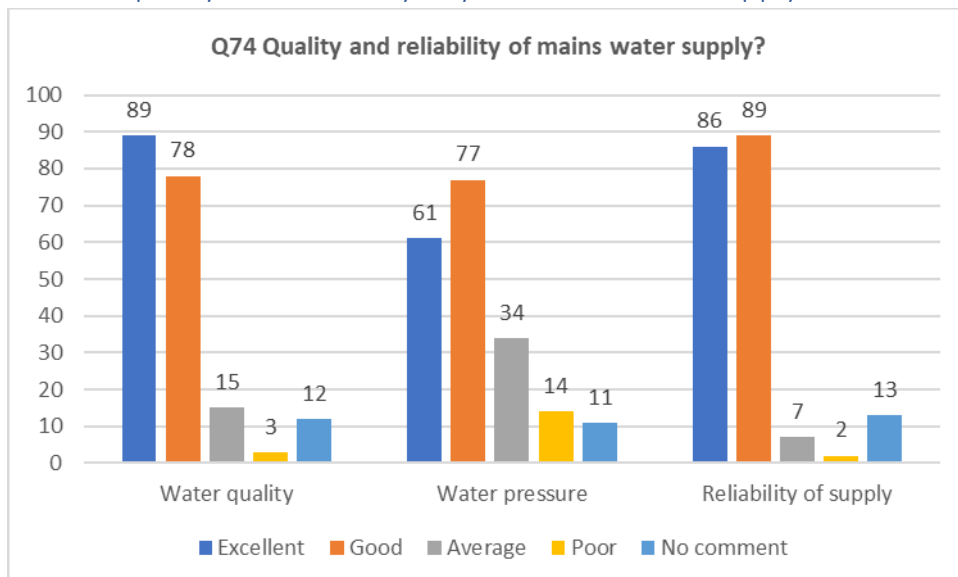
sometimes unpleasant drain smells outside property
road drainage poor in places particularly near school

the amount of uv van in bretherton at the pumping stations each day is concerning
the pumping of water overnight on marl cop is very annoying and disruptive
grids need clearing pump on marl cop does not work, tanker used to move sewage
long standing and very regular problems with drains south view

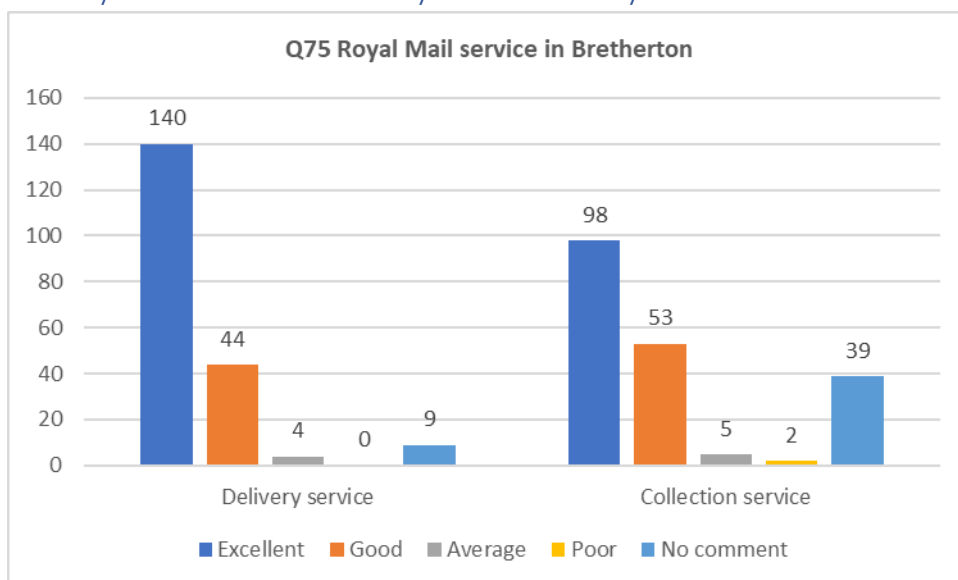
water backs up in the cloakroom toilet during very heavy rain
the pumping of waster on marl cop overnight is very loud
frequent visits by tankers to utilities building on marl cop
there have been issues with blockages on south road
pumping in marl cop is noisy and happens too often
heavy rain can cause back pressure in the drains
its just ok lots of unpleasant smells though
drains often back up in high rainfall
smelly drains & toilet occasionally
pump noisy day and night
overflows in several areas

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Question 74 How is the quality and reliability of your mains water supply?



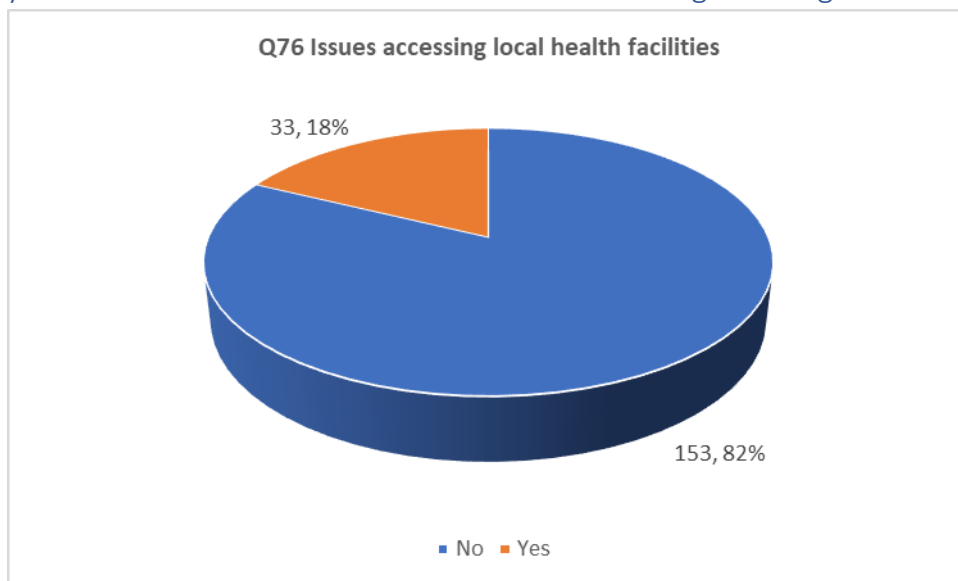
Question 75 What do you think about the Royal Mail delivery and collection service in Bretherton?



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Question 76 As a small community, Bretherton does not have an NHS health facility in the village.

Do you have any issues with access to local health facilities in neighbouring areas?

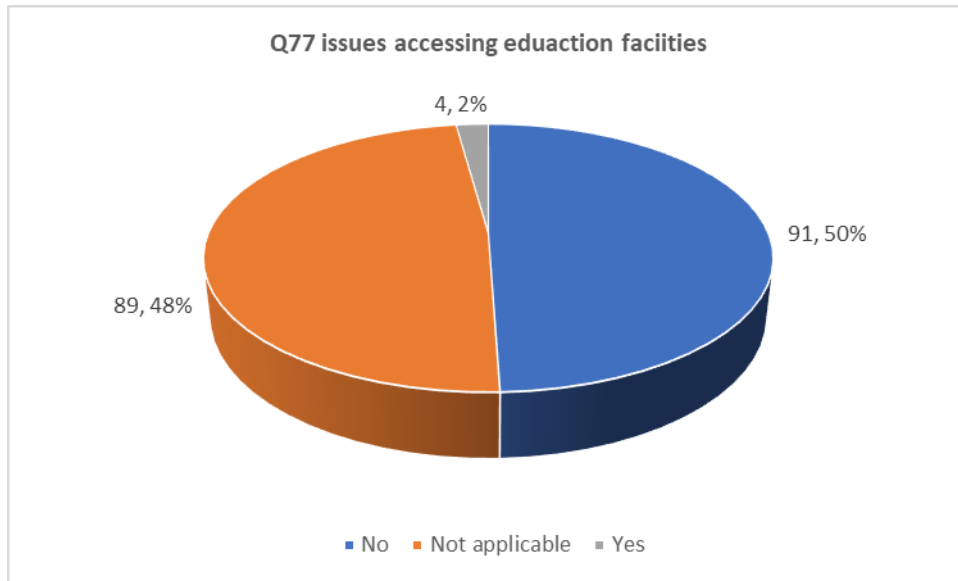


Comments

travel to the health centre is difficult
had to stay with old doctors and dentist
yes, difficult to get face to face appointments
hard to access gps in croston medical centre
not currently, but could become an issue in future
i have struggled to get doctors/nurse appointments
recent takeover in croston has led to a poorer service can be difficult to get gp
not fair we cannot join tarleton practice as very near nhs facilities are very good
sometimes getting gp appointments/blood tests is delayed serve a big area
sometimes difficult to get an appointment on the same day use croston facilities
i have had to stay with my old gp some distance away (coppull) doctors poor manners
live on my own it has become more difficult to get an appointment to see a doctor
it would be good to have an occasional surgery/clinic in the village croston is very near
could be a problem for those less mobile - does need a car to access access has declined recently
cannot get to see doctor
i get appointments quickly **probably good for older generation**
we have a private doctor now as nhs not fit for purpose, also use bupa service doctor at leyland
croston medical now shares with other villages which can be too far if you cannot drive
but the recent merger of gps in croston has affected the level of service by phone and availability
we can drive to the surgery but the time will come when this is not possible. we will then be forced to leave bretherton
our doctor is in croston and even if we got a surgery in bretherton we would continue to go to him
croston village surgery offers an excellent service, can always get an appointment if needed
need better public transport or a service/facility in the village one day each week
croston medical centre - trying to speak to reception by phone takes half day
doctors are unfriendly and always changing. nurses however are brilliant don't drive
dr ahmad is excellent only practice available is croston which is over used and can't access care
hearing facilities are in leyland an arrangement for some surgeries a week for those with no car
village surgery is excellent excellent service from croston - the village surgeries - dr ahmad
croston medical centre terrible difficult to get through to croston hc and get an appointment
struggle to get appointments trying to make an appointment over the phone is testing
to date croston medical centre has always been excellent
very difficult to get through to croston medical centre
use croston but can be difficult to get an appointment
since covid access to doctors etc is certainly not easy
always have to wait in queue on phone for ages
would have if unable to drive the service in croston has gone backwards
can't get through on the phone any more
croston village surgery very helpful
would like a surgery direct access

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Question 77 Bretherton has a kindergarten and a primary school, and access to secondary education and adult / further / higher education in neighbouring villages and towns. Do you have any issues with access to education facilities in Bretherton or neighbouring areas?

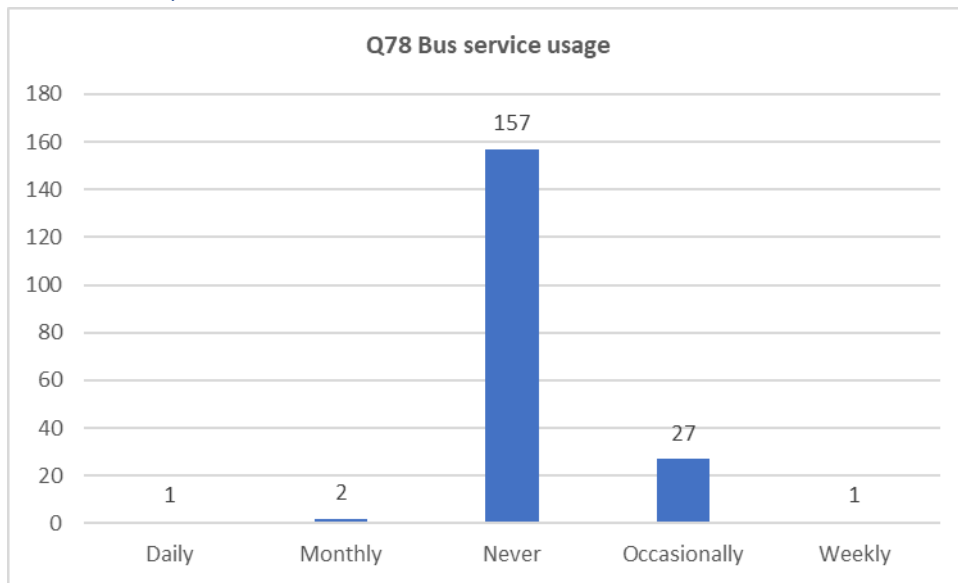


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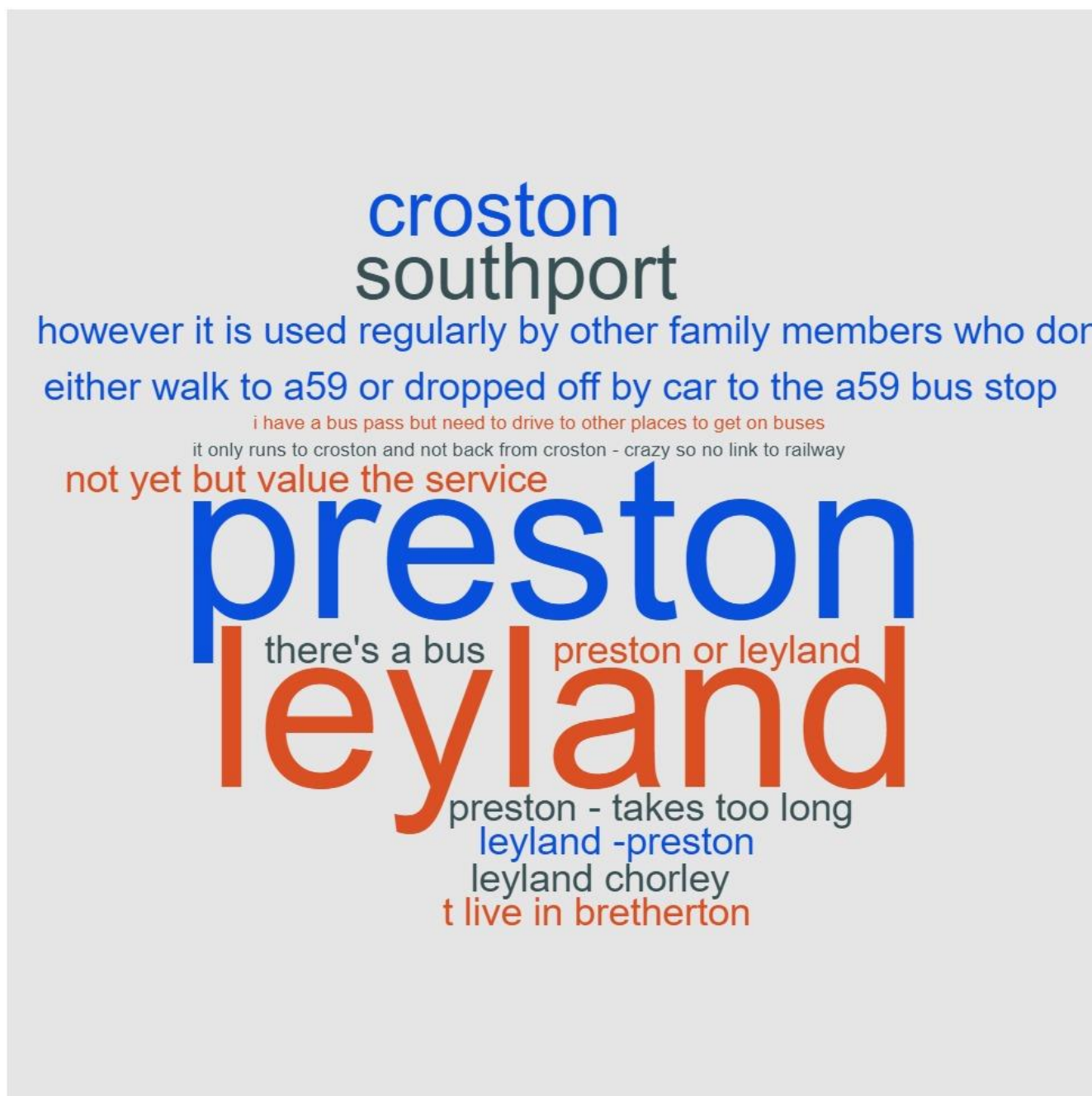
unlit footpath to croston
trouble getting to newman, preston
no pavement on north road to walk to school
i had to go private then move my child to heskin
access to colleges outside runshaw was poor, limiting choice
not affected personally but i am concerned about the lack of places for bretherton children at bishop rawsthorne school
would be fitting to have a saturday or sunday "forest / farm/ horse" school
walking on carriage drive can be a problem avoiding cars and it is being used as a through route
could see difficulty if had children and no transport
bretherton and bishops are excellent school
the free bus is a must to croston bishops
we have excellent educational facilities
cost of school bus
none

Transport, Parking, Roads and Highways

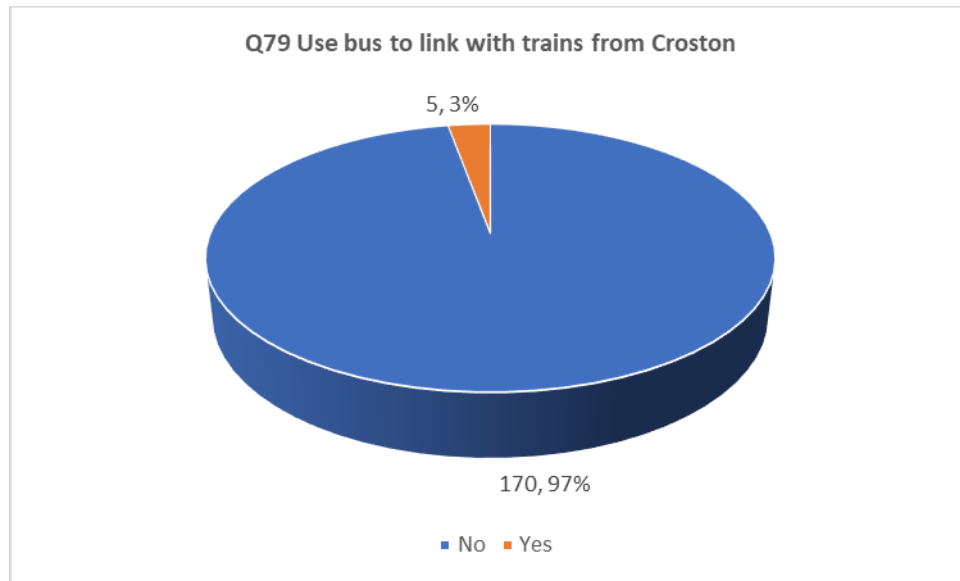
Question 78 How often do you use the local bus service?



If you use the bus service, where do you travel to?



Question 79 Do you use the bus service to link with trains from Croston station?



If so, could the links be improved in any way?

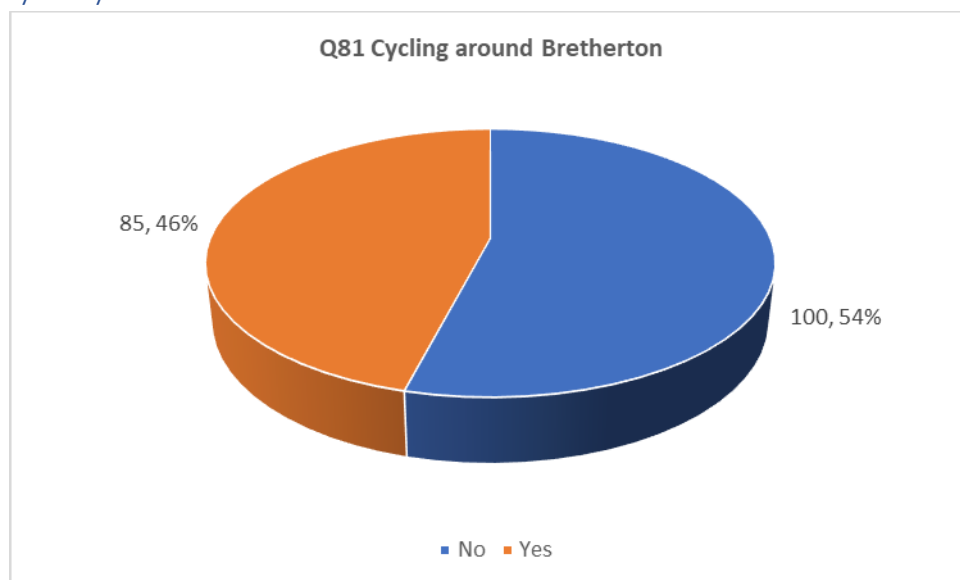
only used once
more frequent
timetable to meet trains
a credible return trip don't be ridiculous
timings could be better co-ordinated
maybe run the bus at a time to suit the train
coincide with train times and other bus services ie x2 and 2
yes, would like the bus back home - only goes one way
the timings do not always match, but would use the bus if they did
would use occasionally if there was a bus from north road that connected
i have used the train to liverpool from croston and feel that the links could be improved so that no one can ever be stranded for two hours at ormskirk
not used the bus to access croston station yet but expect to in the future- holidays, visiting family
but would if it connected well, with rail stations and other bus terminals
bus to preston and southport
not at the moment but perhaps in the future
if i didn't drive, i would use this service
none because it only goes one way
a return service is needed
didn't know there was one
may do in future

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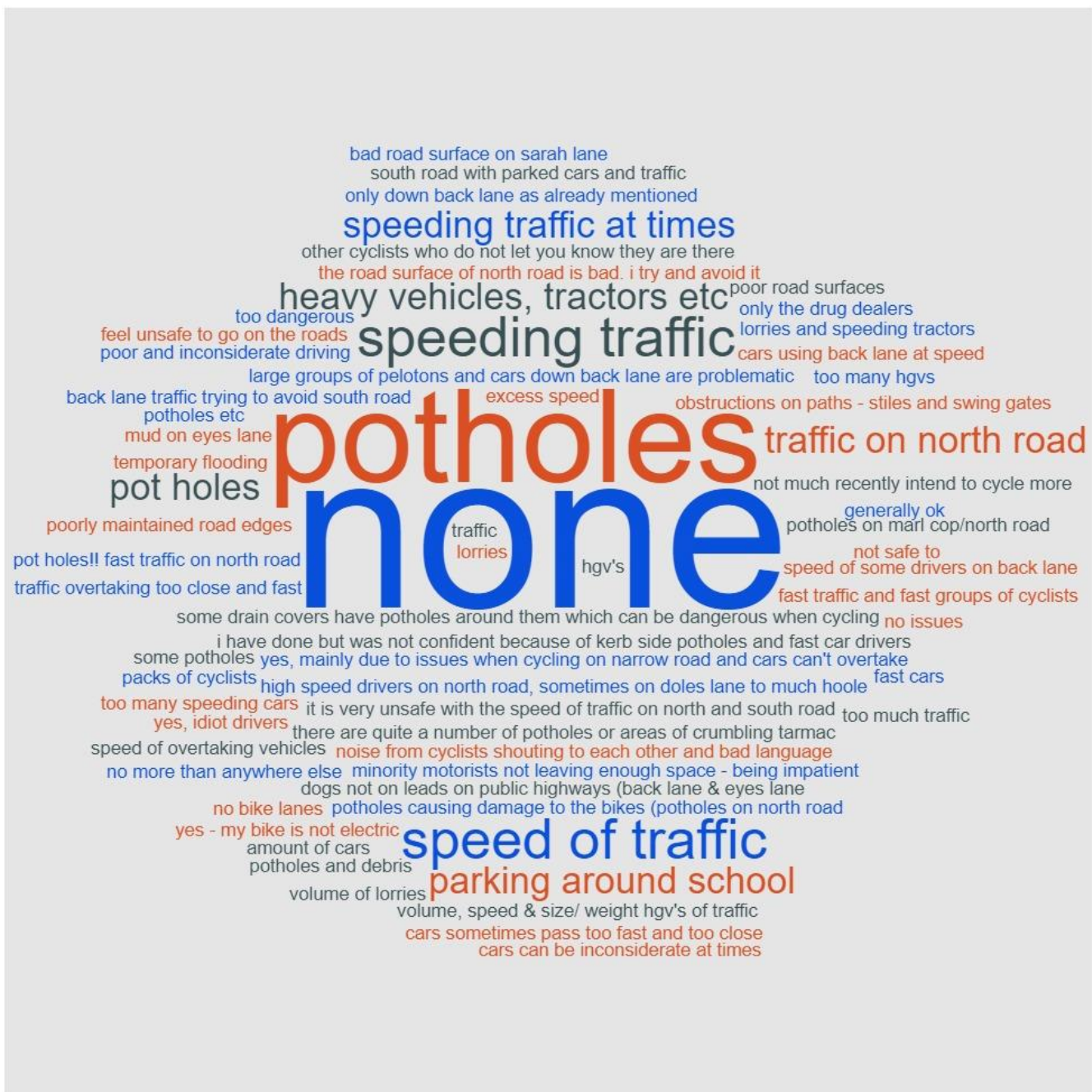
Question 80 How could the bus service in Bretherton be improved? Eg routes, timetable, cost, bus stop location, access, reliability



Question 81 Do you cycle on the roads in and around Bretherton?

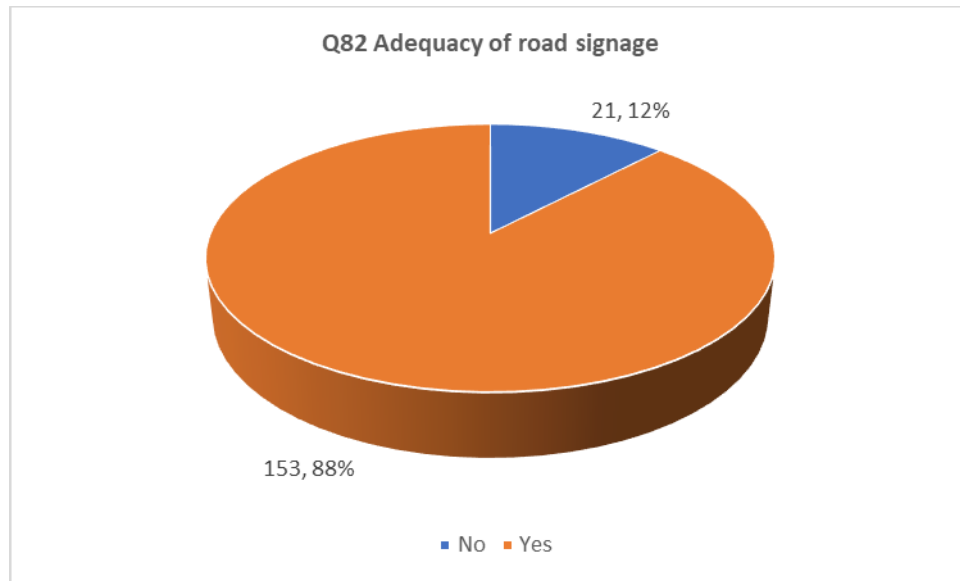


If yes, do you encounter any problems?



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Question 82 Is road signage adequate in Bretherton?



Comments

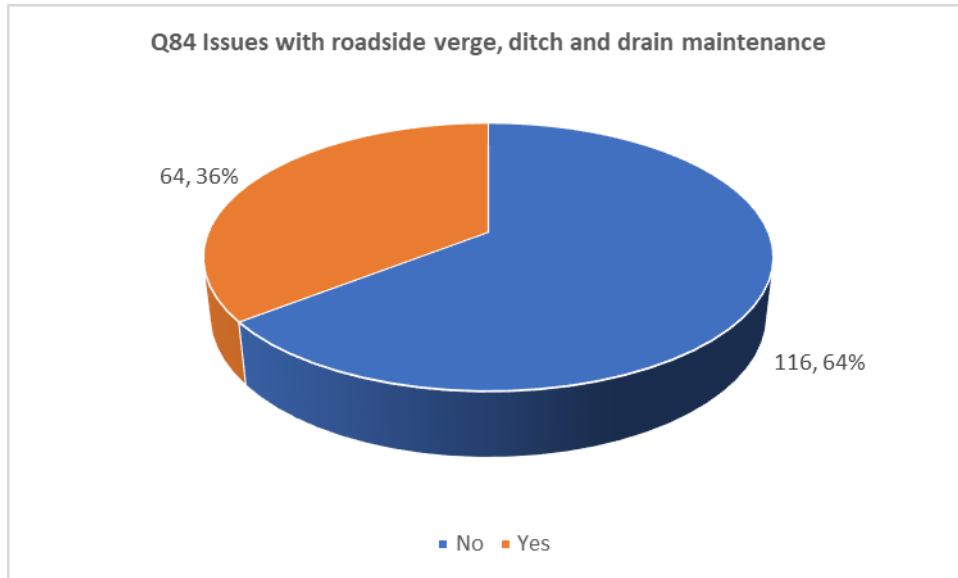
are there any signs
speed signs too small
not enough speed signs not clear
repeater speed signs would be useful
access only" areas should be tightened up
speed limit to be displayed clearer and more often
trees need to be cut away from signs and signs cleaned
we could do with s "slow , ducks crossing sign on south road
heavy traffic on a59 needs to be directed away from bretherton
hedges obscure signs or signs are damaged when hedges are cut
need warnings on s-bends entering village that people may be crossing
need duck crossing sign on south road by old bakery - seen several near crash incidents
a slow down sign as you approach the junction with north rd and south road would be useful
the motorway should be clearly signed at carr house so that traffic does not come through the village
junction of back lane/eyes lane not marked. drivers not aware to give way at end of back lane
signage at the toll bar routing traffic to the m6/m61/m65 along the a50 similar as it is at longton
good more "drive carefully" signs none but need cleaning
more or less
sharp bend sign at fleetwood farm poorly lit and not easily visible
lack of maintenance means road signs are not always visible
but many cannot be seen because of overgrown hedges
need more animal signs on carr house lane
t get observed speed limit signage is routinely ignored
could do with a sign for the football field
better speed signs parking outside school
more warning signs
doesh

Question 83 What do you think of the standard of winter gritting, snow clearance and leaf fall clearance in Bretherton?



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Question 84 Are you aware of any problems with the maintenance of roadside verges, ditches and drains in Bretherton?



Comments?

ditches have got better this year
i am aware of some blocked by trees
county council seems to avoid doing anything

culverts - need maintenance

japanese knotweed along back lane & other verges **flag lane - flooding**
private households should be obliged to reinstate ditches

south road - collapsed drain drain of the school house
north road/ carr house lane junction always seems to flood **marl cop needs resurfacing**
notice the weeds on the pavements not removed by council anymore
ditch by fleetwood farm completely full and does not link to main system
outside primary school / old school house large puddle and on toll bar roundabout

verges are left to homeowners or volunteers
^{none}
drains do become blocked but were cleared once reported on the lcc highways website

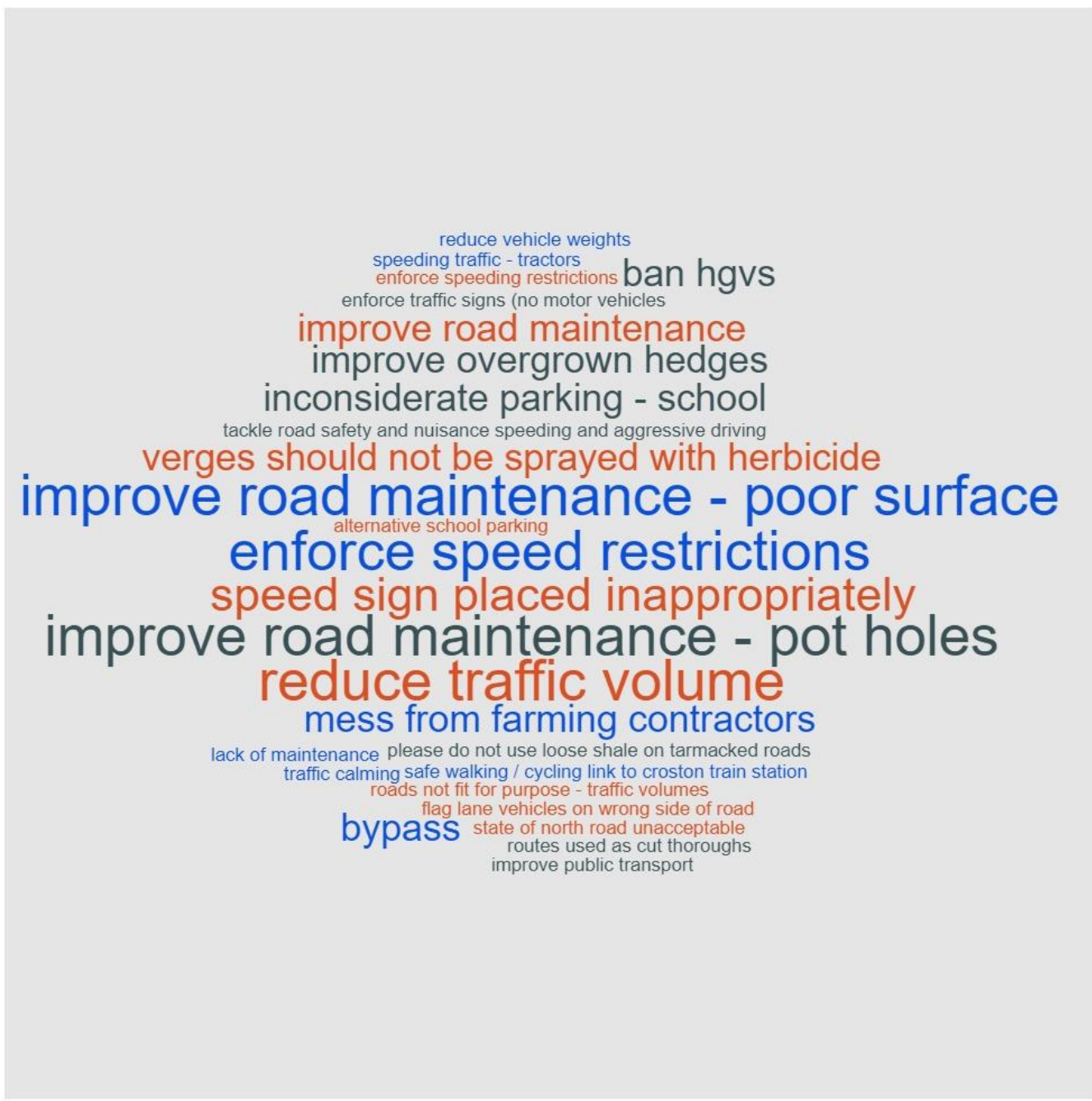
ditches need maintenance
drains need maintenance

surface water network - needs maintenance
roads are generally poorly maintained with potholes and broken surfaces
localised flooding drains need maintenance. carriage drive junction - blocked drain floods
ditches filled in temporary flooding driving towards croston and on back lane

road drains - need maintenance
flooding on footpath pumping station on marl cop cannot cope in heavy rain
blocked drains cause flooding surface water from road not properly managed on b5248
south view - long standing drain issues never sorted
ditches in fields behind houses on south road need to be cleared
water build up end of north road/ carr house lane

lots of crumbling roadside verges/ditches
road gutters - need resetting
watercourses need maintenance

Question 85 Have you any other comments on roads, highways, and transport in Bretherton?



Have you any other comments that you feel would be useful to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group?

the focus should be to meet needs of lower income
the parish council / village should work with local businesses
what is the beige crusty stuff i get in my kettle/ round by taps
community will have to work very hard to achieve our joint aims

infrastructure upgrades must be tied to any future developments
need a small industrial estate to encourage the village to be sustainable

just please please consider keeping the overall look of the village thank you for taking the initiative
individual hedges grow over pavements reducing foot traffic in these areas
there should be no housing development unless road safety is addressed good luck
regular maintenance of footpaths/hedges/riverbanks so easily available on walks village pub like the wheatsheaf in croston

encourage a small scale residential with 30% affordable so the village does not 'die' the highways around bretherton are poorly designed
bins needed down back lane parking around school at going home time is a problem (but this does not last long
detrimental impact on services within the village if too much housebuilding is allowed pavement on north road is an issue
drainage grids often blocked with mud from farm vehicles, causing flooding on roads chorley and icc place a very low priority on this area

bretherton is stunning village but like an elderly lady she needs more care on existing roads please keep bretherton a village
to develop around the recreation ground you would need to knock a house down or come in at the back please protect our village
more bins around some of the lanes to encourage people to pick up their dog poo and dispose of it correctly no thank you
fortunate to live in bretherton. hope the village is able to continue to be a welcoming & happy place. thank you most things are minor
we live in a beautiful village and it is important to maintain this and enhance with improved care of the environment community gardens? allotments
the neighbourhood plan should 'encourage and support' the ga scheme at every opportunity. the climate will not wait this is a really good idea

residents should always receive clear information about any proposed major development and an opportunity to respond
concern - field behind bamfords fold highlighted for housing development subject to a council-chorley local plan 2012-2026

more friendly and open with newer residents and realise that they want to be apart of village life and aren't aliens coming to invade
supporting residents with prow closure on working farm with machinery which is dangerous especially when there are alternative routes
the facilities are fantastic in the village. they just need to be used. this is why we need more residential development and make bretherton sustainable

distribute new housing to avoid a one-street village

concerned about future planning on fields (north/south road)

some of the questions were difficult to understand eg 59 - wouldn't have been able to answer this without google/ prior knowledge thank you

public footpath route signs (they've recently got them in croston) would encourage people to explore on their own doorstep
would be great to get rid of houses that are not in keeping with the character of the village e.g. marl cop and north road

things people can help with there needs to be a 'master plan' which incorporates sensible future development and the creation of a village "hub

tackling fly tipping the largest landowner and the biggest business in bretherton are effectively the same entity and have huge power
pavement on north road is a disgrace corn mill-cars can be parked too near the junction which makes it difficult turning into south road affecting vision
litter thrown from cars bins more input on design on planning applications - use of materials in keeping with general look of village etc etc

help our children to live here any developments must take into account what impact it has on the access and egress onto the main roads
essential to reduce speed/traffic in village places such as bamfords fold just so over parked it is dangerous and i dread walking down there
care of house number development there are probably more dogs than footballers who would want to use the recreation ground
work with eg ga pet food partners and their proposal for their mutual journey to net zero renewable energy plans

thank you for eliciting views issues with low flying aircraft especially possible flying lessons for landing and take off
like wrea green make it a feature to attract folk only lived in the village for about eight months there are some that i cannot answer

weight restriction on vehicles i feel more local people should be involved instead of central to the counting group
ditches around the village need regular inspection developments need to be considered against lack of facilities and traffic volume
help everyone get affordable energy this is a natural and peaceful area and this is the beauty and uniqueness of it
more litter bins i do think a lot of housing developments are far bigger homes / expensive
traffic free walking areas - sarah lane/back lane

the ga scheme is a fantastic opportunity for all residents of bretherton
the quarterly newsletter is very good good idea to have a social media / facebook group for bretherton
our village roads are already carrying too much hgv/tractor traffic
i would like to walk to school with the kids but it is simply not safe
improve signposting to children's play area and football field
please do not add additional phone masts and transmitters
more to be done on volume of cars down back lane