

WELCOME TO
THE STATISTICAL RESULTS OF THE
PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

469 Households Returned Questionnaire

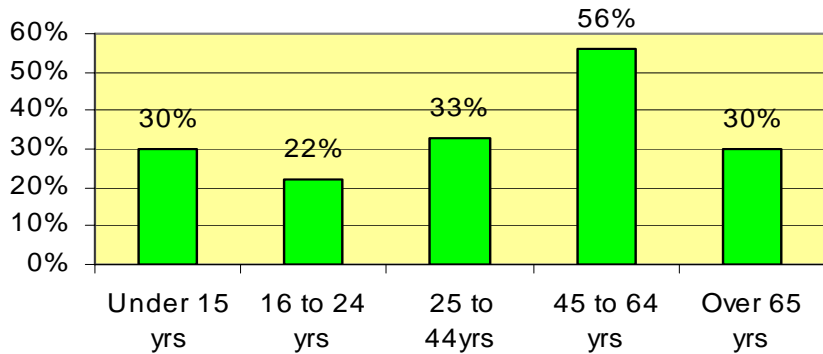
**82% of the
Parish**

Best response rate in Sussex – and probably beyond!

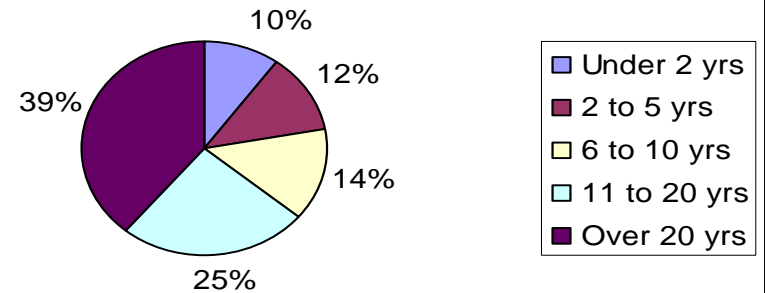
**And, therefore, results are truly representative
of the whole village**

1. PERSONAL SECTION

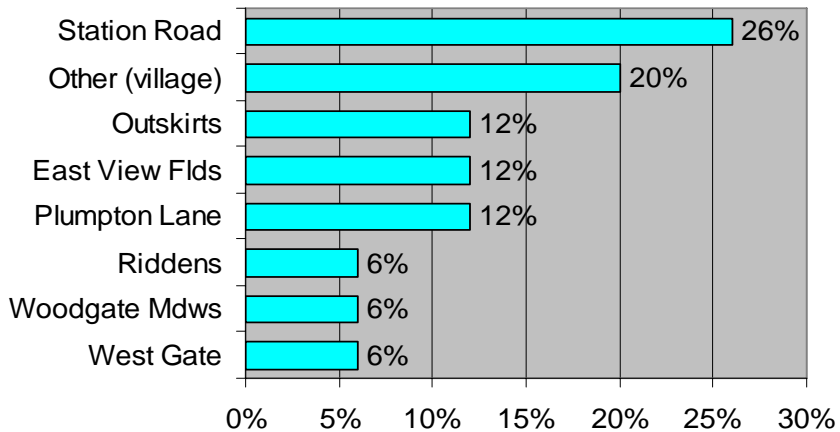
Percentage of homes with people in each age group



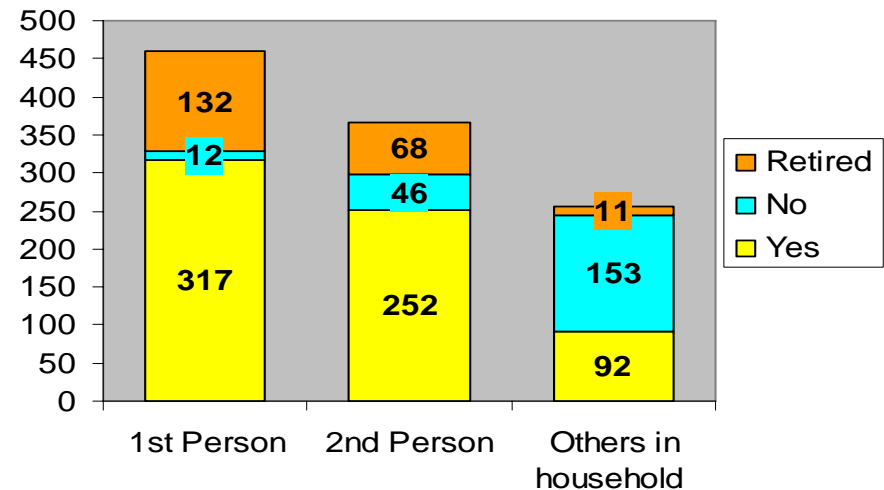
**How long have you lived in Plumpton?
Percentage of Households**



**What is the general area you live in?
Percentage of Households**

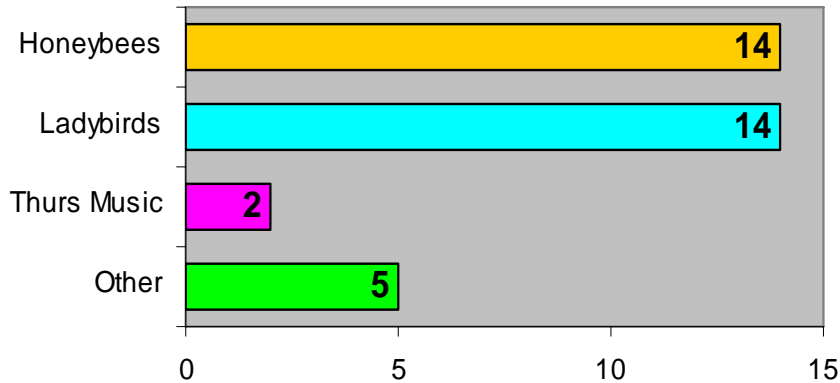


Do you work?

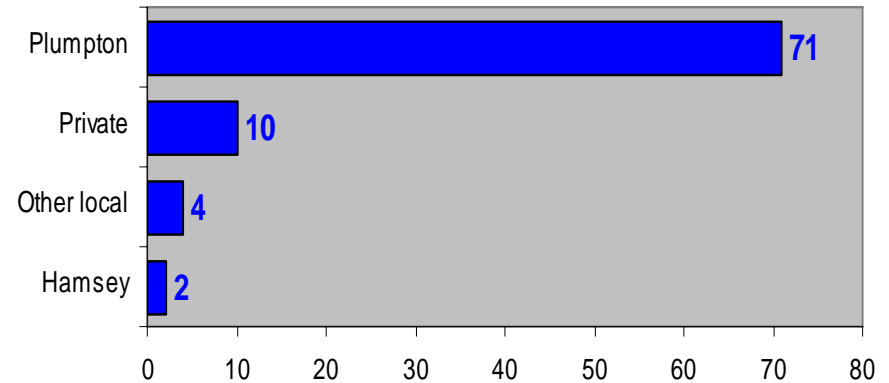


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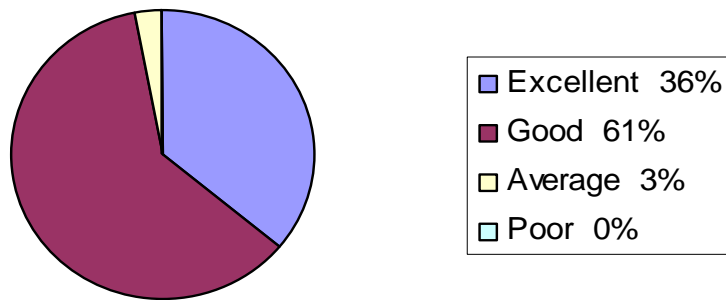
Households with children under 5 - Do your children attend the following?



Households with children aged 5-11, which primary school do your children attend?



**How do you rate the facilities at Plumpton School?
Percentage of those who answered**

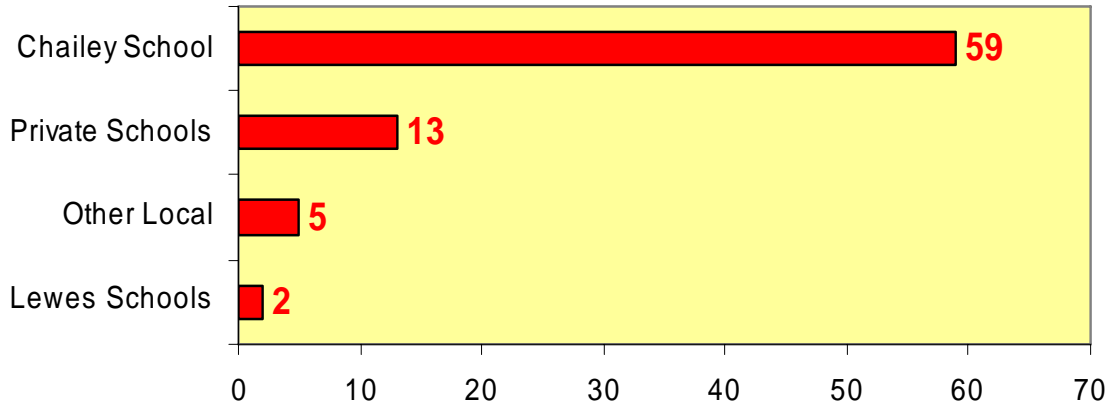


Plumpton School – General Comments

- Well-run; Good leadership; Committed staff
- Friendly atmosphere; Welcoming
- Good swimming pool; Good IT and clubs
- Building needs modernising
- More equipment needed

1. PERSONAL SECTION – CHILDREN (11 to 16 years)

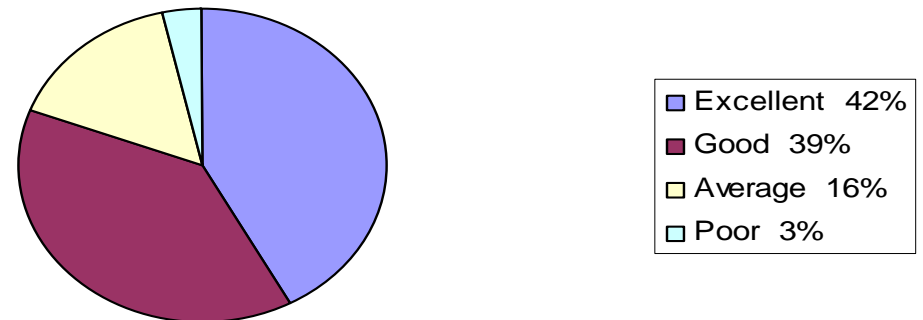
Households with children aged 11 to 16, which secondary school do your children attend?



Chailey School: General Comments

- Helpful Teachers
- Good Results
- Improved Buildings
- Range of Facilities
- Good Pastoral Care

How do you rate Chailey School?
Percentage of the 31 households who expressed an opinion.



PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

1. PERSONAL SECTION

PRINCIPAL FINDINGS

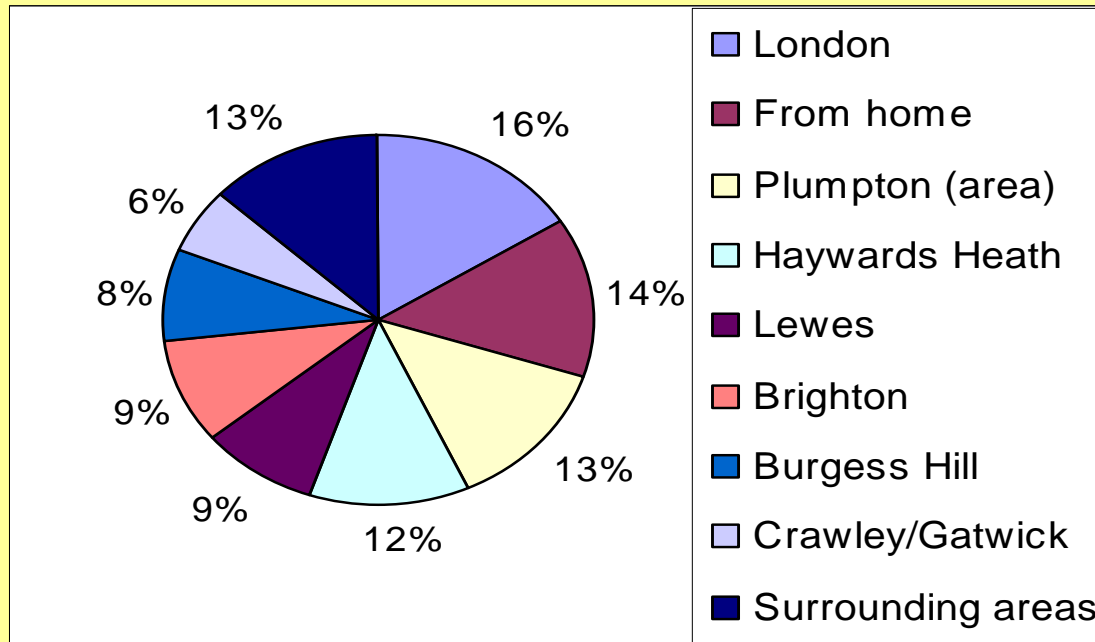
Residents have fully engaged with the Village Action Plan process

- Therefore final Action Plan results will have high credibility
- In over 60% of households, residents have lived in village for 10 years +
- As expected – vast majority of children go to Plumpton Primary and Chailey Secondary Schools
- Both schools are held in high regard

2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

i) Transport to work

a) In households with people who work, their work locations are:



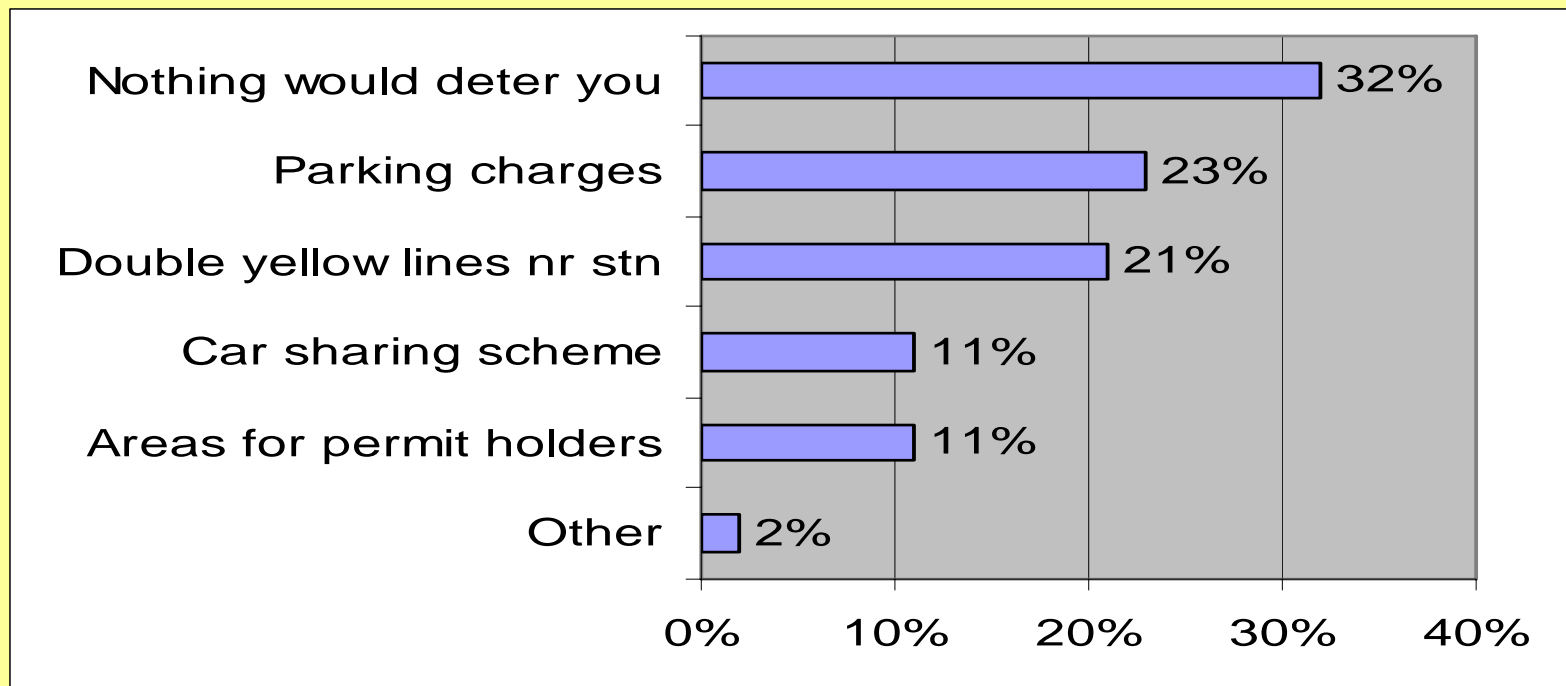
b) People in **284 households** use the car as the main means of transport to get to work.

c) From those who take the train to work, **71 (66%)** usually walk/cycle to the Plumpton station and **26 (25%)** drive and park at/near the station.

2. TRANSPORT, PARKING & SPEEDING

i) Transport to work

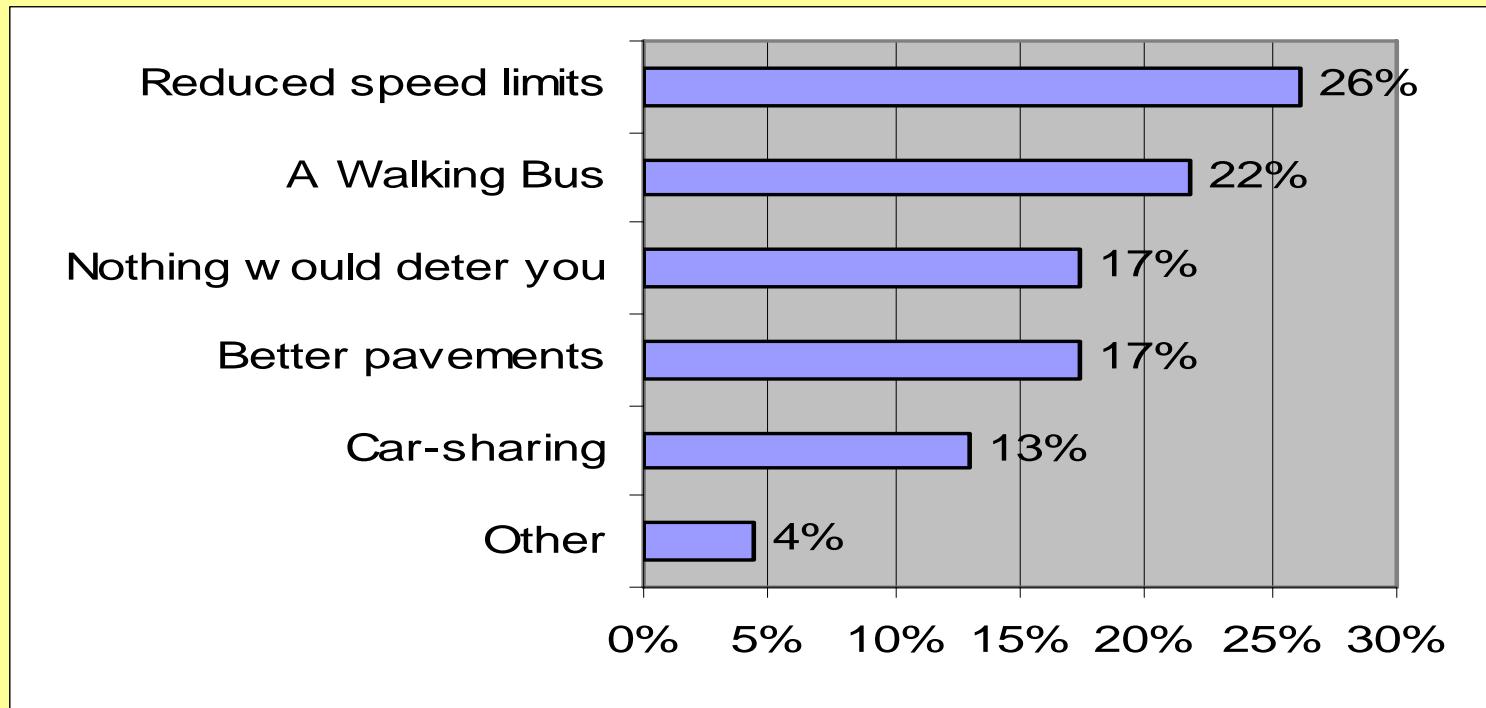
- d) **11 respondents (10%)** park their cars at/near the station frequently (4-5 times a week). **30 respondents (29%)** do so less than once a week.
- e) Most drivers (**32%**) would not be deterred by measures to discourage them to park at/near the station. Asked what would encourage you not to drive to the station, the answers were:



2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

ii) Transport to school

- a) **46 (69%)** of respondents' children walk to Plumpton School and **20 (30%)** are driven.
- b) What would encourage those who drive not to do so?



2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

iii) Public transport

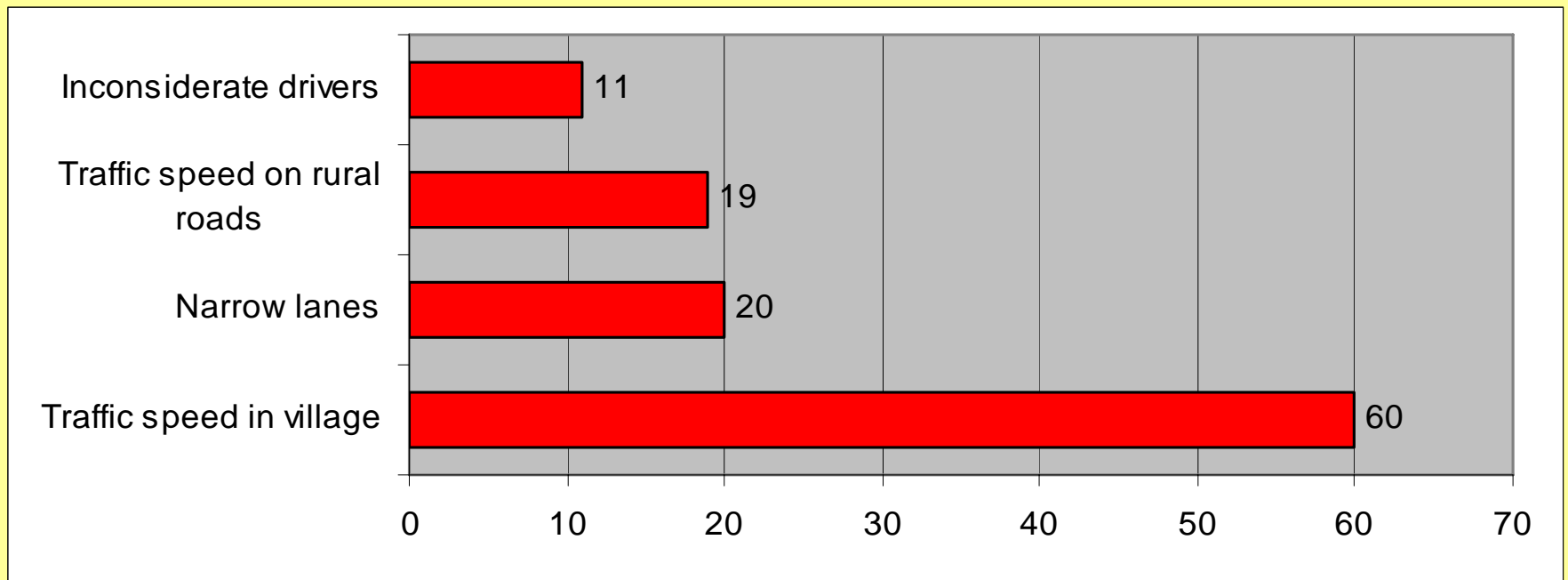
- a) People in **71% of households** do not use trains regularly other than for work.
- b) **90%** do not use a bus regularly other than to go to work
- c) Many respondents do not have difficulty getting to the doctors, dentists or hospital. However, **105** had issues getting to Brighton hospitals (including **one-third** of households with those over 65), and **48** cited getting to the doctor as a problem (including **26** households with over 65 year-olds).
- d) More respondents would use public transport if there were:

	Respondents
More frequent buses	170
More frequent trains	159
Buses/trains were cheaper	116
Wider destinations (villages)	110
Better transport connections	93
More connections with hospitals	89
Wider destinations (superstores)	56
Community/volunteer buses	50

2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

iv) Cyclists

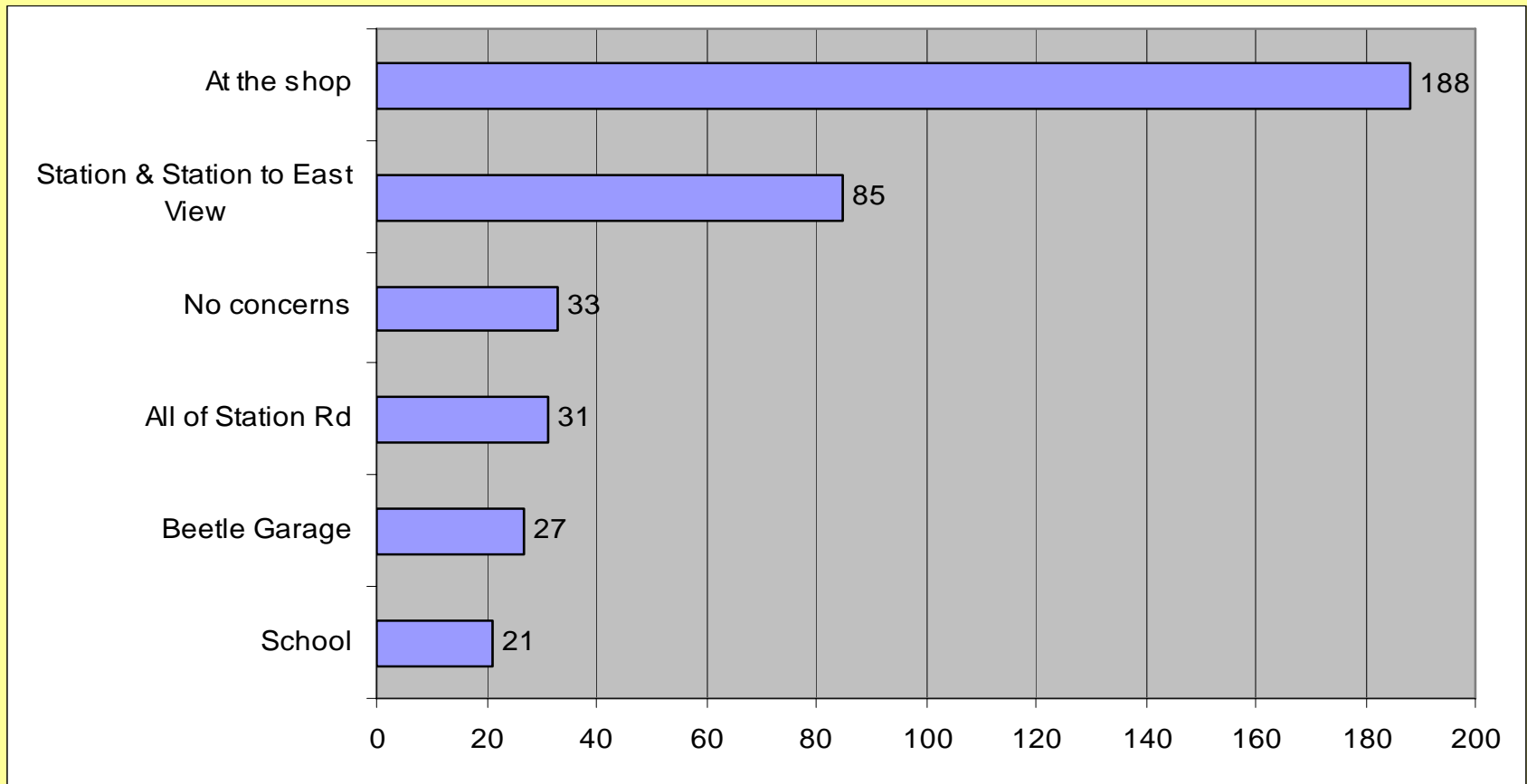
- a) **233 (55%)** of households have at least one bicycle.
- b) However, **133** bicycle owners **do not** feel safe cycling in Plumpton.
- c) The main reasons stated for not feeling safe were:



2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

v) Traffic, Parking, and Speeding

- The average household owns **1.8 (nearly 2)** cars.
- **73% (335)** of householders drive through Plumpton at least once a day.
- Respondents parking location concerns are:



2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

v) Traffic, Parking, and Speeding

- The most hazardous areas in Plumpton are perceived to be (based on respondents answers).

Half Moon T-junction	56
Plough T-junction	40
White Bridge	38
Hedge at Plough	27
At village shop	25
Bends north of village	21
Plumpton Lane	15

- **79% (355)** of respondents consider speeding to be a significant problem in and around Plumpton.
- Many respondents would like the speed limit on the outskirts of the village to be **reduced to 40mph or below**.

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2. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SPEEDING

ACTIONS

PARKING POLICIES: Consider parking policy in the vicinity of the shop and in the vicinity of the station.

TRANSPORT FREQUENCY/LINKS: Review with ESCC and transport operators whether more frequent services could be made available and whether better links to hospitals and doctors can be introduced.

SPEED LIMITS: Review with ESCC/Highways to seek a reduction in the speed limits in and around the village and/or identify improved signage/measures that may be effective in controlling speeding.

ROAD SAFETY: Review with ESCC/Highways the measures that could be taken to improve road safety in certain identified areas.

HGVs: Work with owners of HGVs and transport businesses to encourage them to avoid passing through the village unless delivering there and if so respect speed limits and avoid damaging verges.

3. ENVIRONMENT

i) Recycling

- As mentioned earlier, **469** households responded to the questionnaire (**82%** of **all** households in the parish)
- **466** households completed the recycling section
- and, of these: **438** households recycle waste
= 93%

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3. ENVIRONMENT

i) Recycling

- 391 households use kerbside collections

= 83%

- 74% recycle in age-bracket over 65 years ○
- 86% recycle in all other age-brackets

3. ENVIRONMENT

i) Recycling

- **ONLY 126 (27%)** of households use collection facilities at recreation ground

But interestingly:

- **286 (61%)** of households take recycling material outside village
- **279 (59%)** of households feel there are enough recycling points in the village
- **59%** of households would make use of a village collection of garden material
- **195 (42% of households)** would purchase garden compost from the District Council if it was delivered

3. ENVIRONMENT

ii) Litter

- 271 households (58%) feel that there are enough **litter bins** in the village
- Regarding **dog waste bins**:
 - 179 (38%) households feel there are sufficient
 - 135 (29%) households feel there are insufficient
- The general perception of the village regarding **tidiness** revealed:
 - 45% felt the village looked generally tidy
 - 32% felt the village looks untidy
- Of those feeling the village looked untidy, the following areas were particularly earmarked for improvement:

Bus stops/shelters	29 (19%);
Recreation Ground	19 (13%)
Village Green & West Gate	19 (13%)

3. ENVIRONMENT

iii) & iv) Pavements, Public Footpaths & Bridleways

- For the question about areas where additional **paths/pavements** might be helpful, the only consistent themes were:
 - **Half Moon to station** **200 responses in favour of a gravel path**
 - **End of village to Plough** **252 responses in favour of a gravel path**
- For the question about whether residents felt any pavements needed widening, the responses were:
 - **Shop to village hall 46; Station to East View Fields 15;**
- Regarding the **Bridleways** - **214 respondents said they use them**
 - **180** said they are well-maintained; **70** said they were badly maintained
- Some **15%** wanted improvements to **The Ridge (Streat to East Chiltington)** and **7%** wanted improvements to **Riddens Wood to St Helena Lane**
- The potholes in **Riddens Lane** were clearly an issue for people with **271 (58%)** requesting action

3. ENVIRONMENT

iii) & iv) Pavements, Public Footpaths & Bridleways

- **374 households use the local footpaths (80%)**

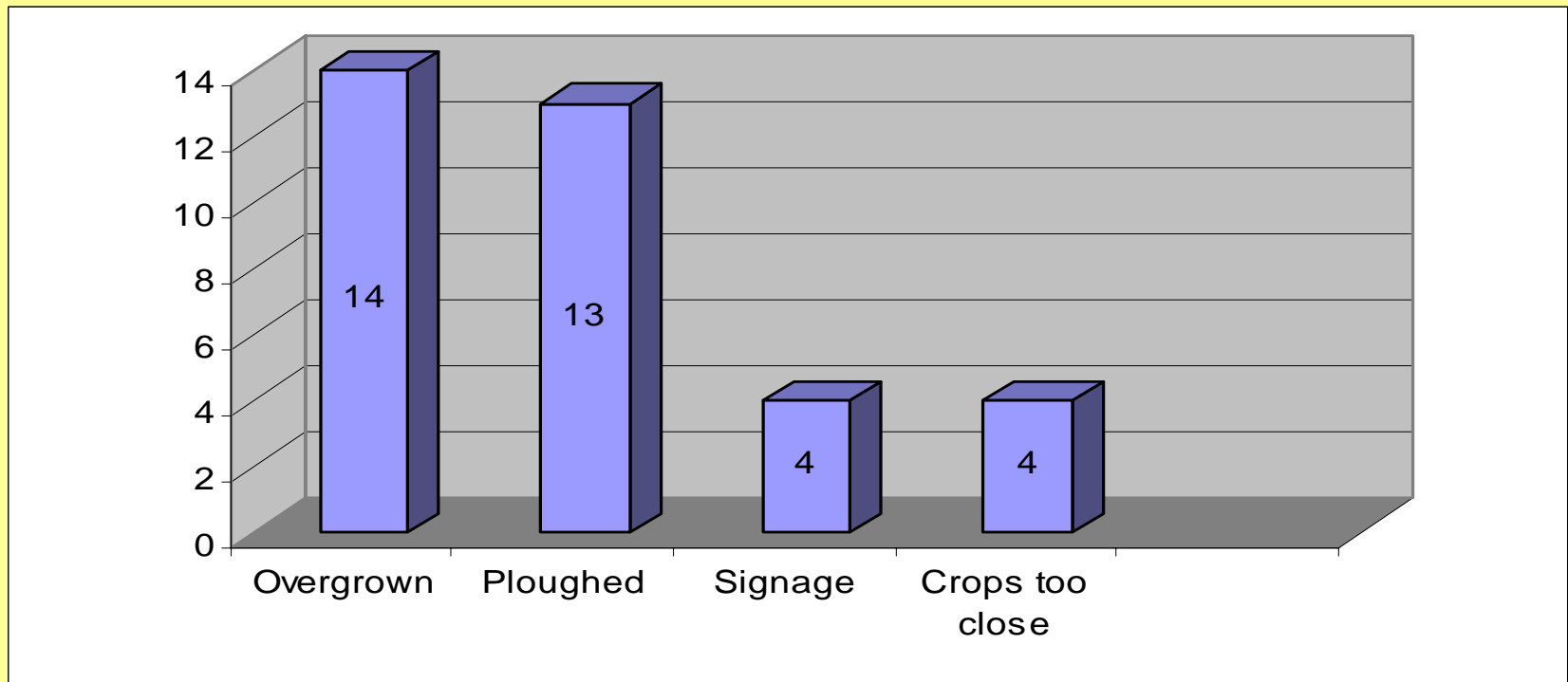
Clearly, the footpaths are very important to residents:

- **93%** of those who have lived here for less than 20 years do so; and
79% of those who have lived here for over 20 years do so
- **59%** aged **65 and over**; and **90%** of those **under 65** use footpaths
- Asked if more footpaths were needed: **284 households said no; 69 said yes**
- Interestingly, when the specific question was asked about a new gravel path to the Plough: **252 (54%) households said yes**
- In a similar specific question about a gravel path from the village to the Half Moon: **200 (43%) households said yes**

3. ENVIRONMENT

iii) & iv) Pavements, Public Footpaths & Bridleways

- **62%** of households feel that the footpaths are **well-maintained**
- This is a positive response, but perhaps **NOT GOOD ENOUGH?**
- Of those **81 households** that feel the footpaths are **not well-maintained**, some mentioned that the following were specific problems:



3. ENVIRONMENT

v) General

- Should the village enter ‘The Best Kept Village Competition’?
197 (42%) of households said Yes
Therefore - No Clear Mandate?
- Is Plumpton well cared for?
342 (73%) of households said Yes
- Do you think there should be a village society established where people can learn about environmental issues/wildlife etc?
274 (58%) of households said Yes

3. ENVIRONMENT

PLUMPTON VILLAGE REALLY CARES

Objectives and Key Messages:

- 1. MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE BYWAYS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE**
- 2. FURTHER THE INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE IN THE ENVIRONMENT**
- 3. MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES**

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

3. ENVIRONMENT

Recycling – ACTIONS

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS: Ensure kerbside collection facility maintained and even improved.

INCREASED RECYCLING: Explore ways of recycling cardboard and plastic/tetra-packs and large items.

GARDEN COMPOST: Research possibility of garden compost collection facility.

PLUMPTON GOES LIVE: Launch ‘PLUMPTON GOES GREEN’ initiative.

Litter – ACTIONS

TIDINESS: Ensure the tidiness of the village is maintained with particular emphasis on the bus stops, the recreation ground and the Village Green area.

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3. ENVIRONMENT

Pavements, Public Footpaths & Bridleways – ACTIONS

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE: Ensure footpaths are maintained and/or improved and not allowed to become overgrown.

GRAVEL PATHS: Research whether it is feasible to lay gravel paths from the village to the Plough and the Half Moon.

WIDEN PATHS: Research whether it is feasible to widen pavement from the shop to the Village Green.

General – ACTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY: Establish if there is someone in the village that would be the champion for establishing a new society for environmental and wildlife interests.

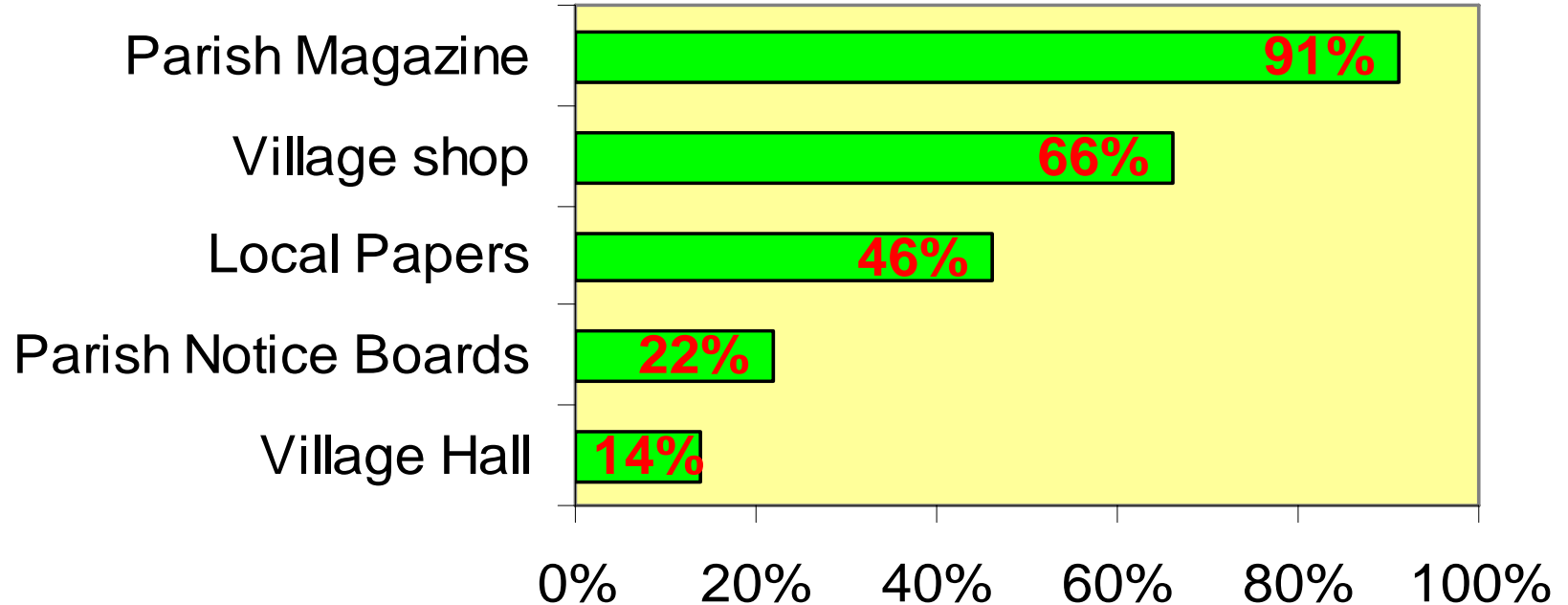
VILLAGE ACTION PLAN – ENVIRONMENT - DRAFT

<u>A) RECYCLING</u>						
ACTION	HOW IT WILL BE TACKLED	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY LEAD & PARTNERS	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	MONITORING
Ensure kerbside collection facility maintained and even improved or extended	Regular liaison by Parish Council with District Councillor and LDC	High	On-going	Parish Councillor, District Councillor, LDC	None	Environment should become a standing item on the Parish Council mtg agenda
Research collection of cardboard and plastic/tetra-packs and large items	Regular liaison by Parish Council with District Councillor and LDC	Medium	Medium	Parish Councillor, District Councillor, LDC	None as hopefully will become part of kerbside collection	Environment should become a standing item on the Parish Council mtg agenda
Explore the possibility of a garden compost collection facility	Regular liaison by Parish Council with District Councillor and LDC	Medium	Medium	Parish Councillor, District Councillor, LDC	Unknown at this stage	Environment should become a standing item on the Parish Council mtg agenda
Launch 'Plumpton Goes Green' campaign	Purchase 1000 jute degradable bags through 'Ecobags' and sell in village shop. Phase-out use of plastic bags	High	Immediate	VAP reps with village shop	Net neutral in medium term	VAP/Shop

4. COMMUNITY

i) Communications in the village

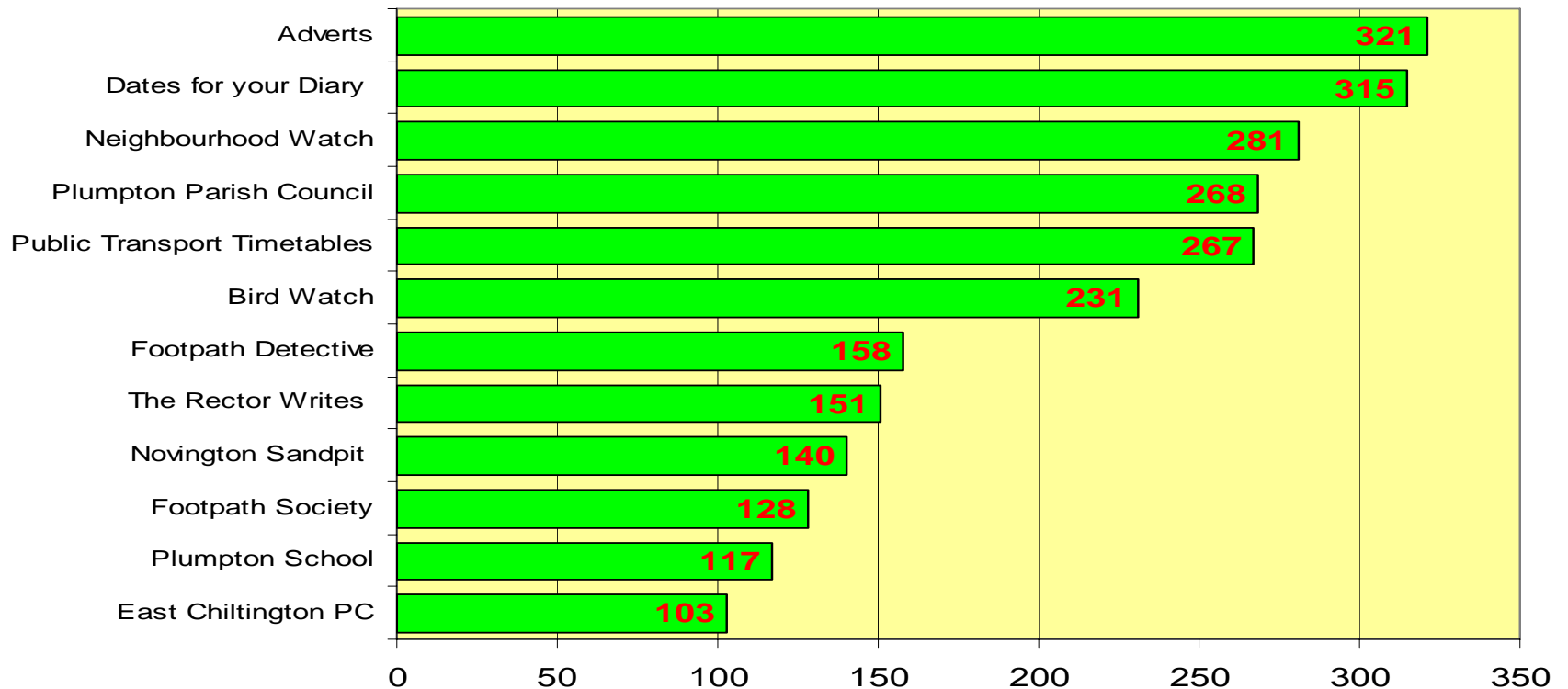
To find out what is going on in Plumpton, residents look at:



4. COMMUNITY

i) Communications in the village

Respondents found the most useful items in the Parish Magazine to be



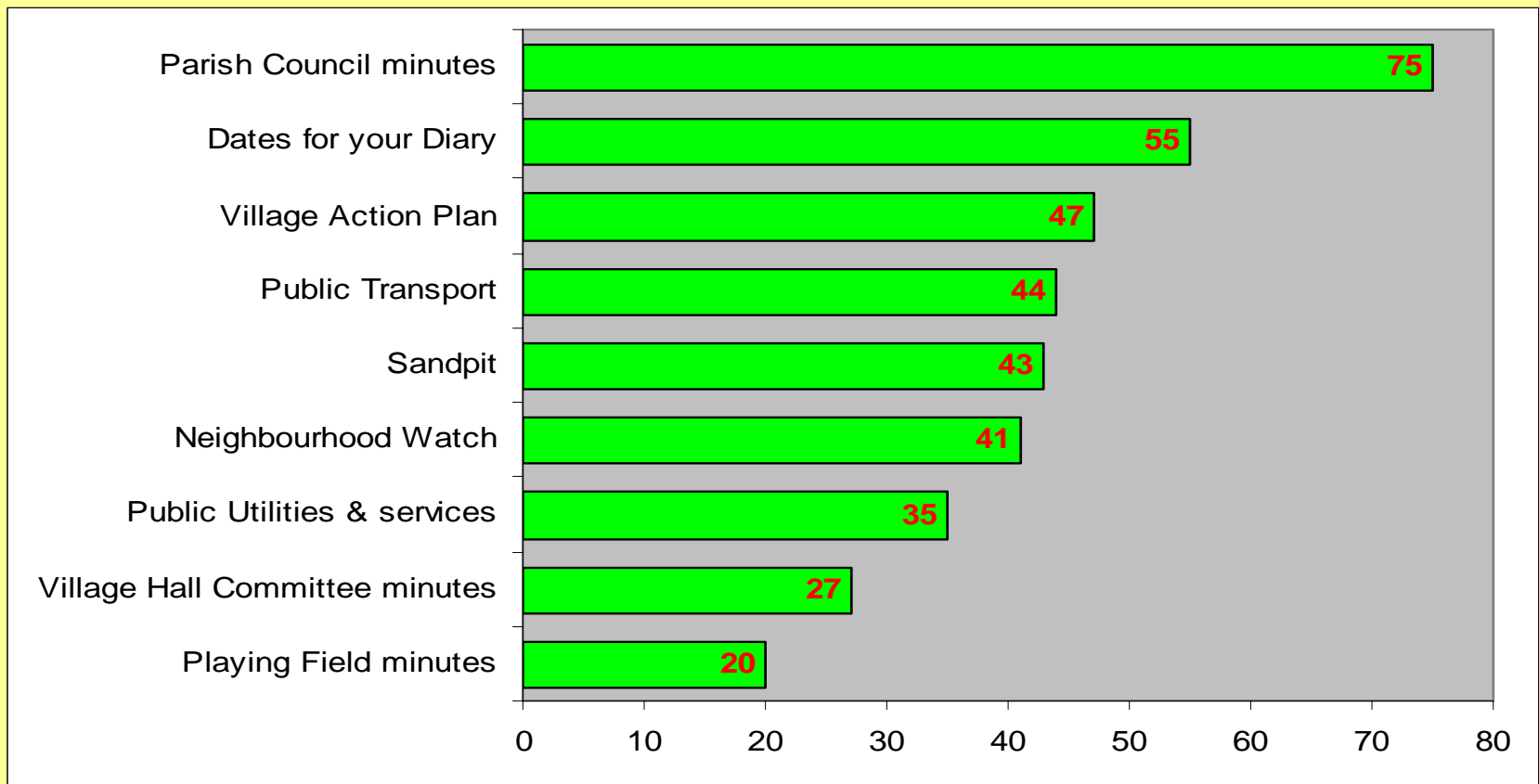
4. COMMUNITY

i) Communications in the village

c) Did you know the Parish Council has its own website? **66% of households said YES**

d) Have you referred to the Parish Council website? **Only 27% of households said YES**

e) If you have looked at the web site, which items have respondents found useful?



4. COMMUNITY

i) Communications in the village

f) Is there anything else which you would like to suggest should be included on the Parish Council website?

- **Details of planning applications**
- **Lists of clubs and contacts/links**
- **Information on Parish Councillors**

g) Did you know the Parish Council can automatically update you on changes to its website?

No – 69%

h) Does your household have an e-mail address?

Yes – 72%

4. COMMUNITY

i) Communications in the village

i) Do you know one or more of Plumpton's Parish Councillors?

YES – 67% **NO – 28%**

j) Do you think that your Parish Councillors are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?

YES – 43%

k) Do you feel you can approach your local Parish Councillors with your concerns?

YES – 337 respondents (72%)

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

4. COMMUNITY

i) Communications in the Village – ACTIONS

TIMELY COMMUNICATIONS: Maintain and make further improvements to providing timely communications through use of the Parish Magazine, local papers and Parish notice boards.

IMPROVE WEBSITE: Consider further promotion and improvement of the Parish Council website to encourage more households to use the site.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS: Seek to further improve communication to households through greater use of automated emails.

IMPROVE AWARENESS: Continue work to improve the general awareness by residents of Parish Councillors and their work on behalf of the village.

4. COMMUNITY

ii) Policing & Community safety

a) Do you feel secure walking through Plumpton during the day?

ONLY 1% of Households said NO

b) Do you feel secure walking through the village at night?

ONLY 14% of Households said NO

Of those who said No:

28 referred to darkness/lack of lighting

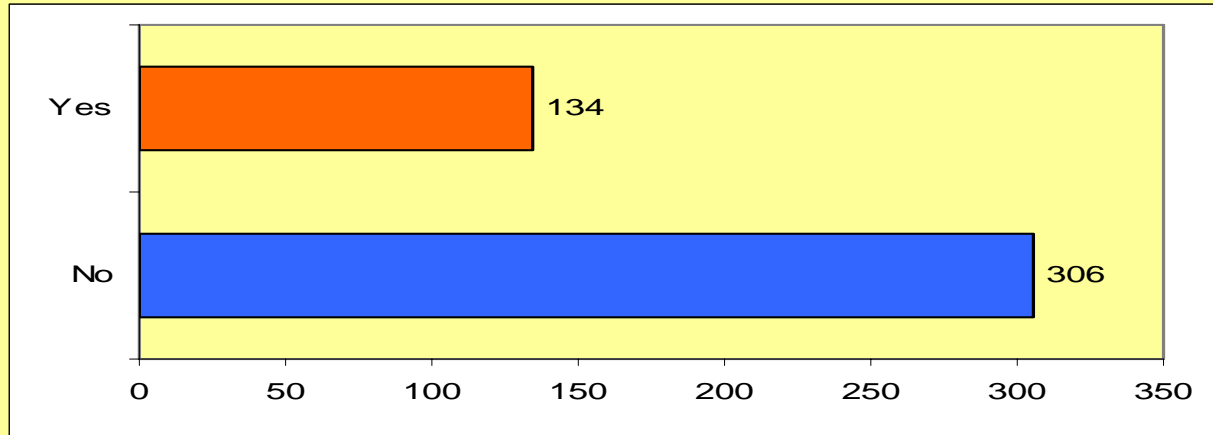
12 were concerned about pavements & potholes

32 stated various other reasons

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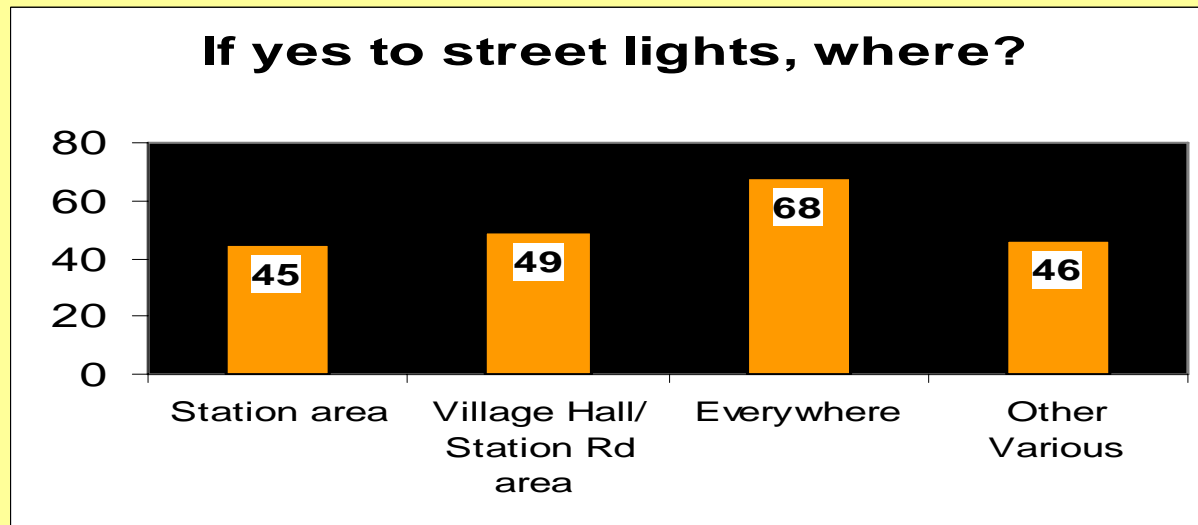
ii) Policing & Community Safety

c) Would you like you see street lights in the village?



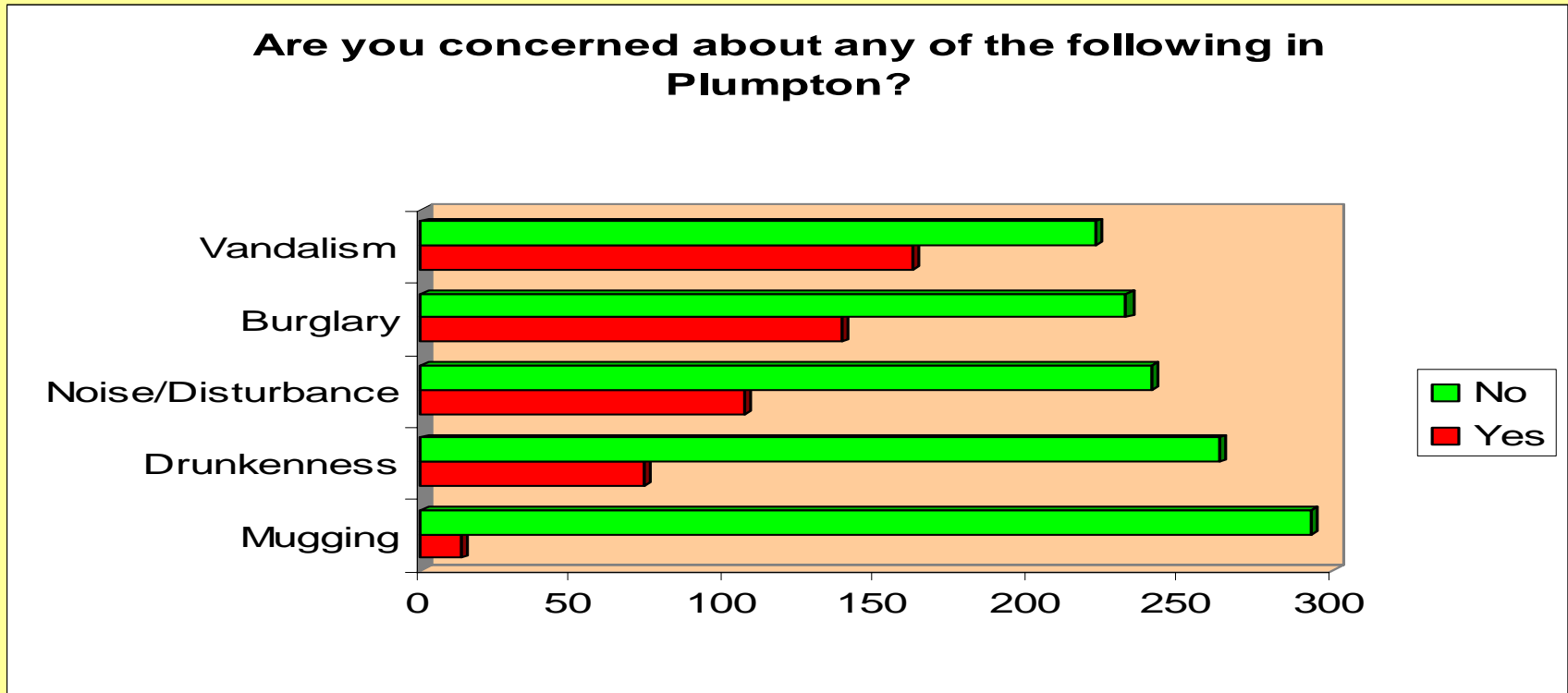
30% Yes
70% No
(of all answering
this question)

d) If yes (to street lights), where should the street lights be placed?



4. COMMUNITY

ii) Policing & Community safety



Percentages of those of you who were concerned (said YES to above):

Vandalism 35%; Burglary 29%;

Noise/Disturbance 23%; Drunkenness 16%; Mugging 3%

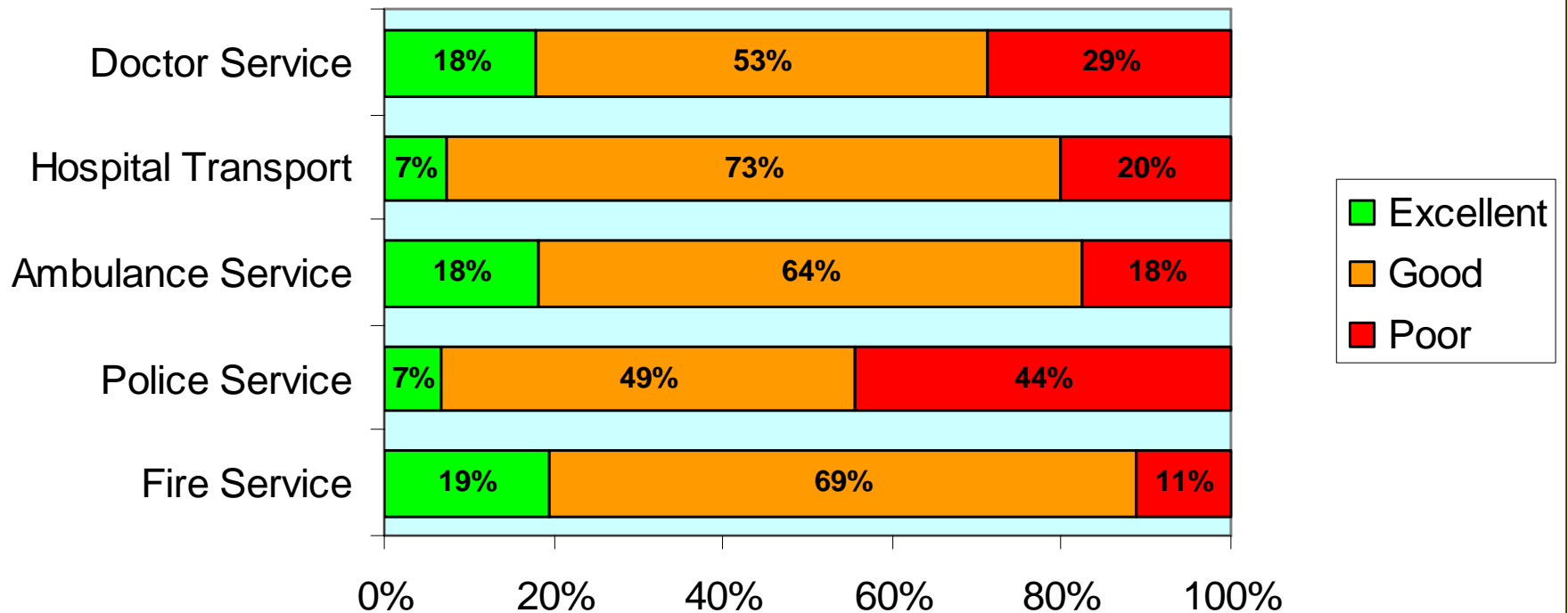
72 respondents said they were members of Neighbourhood Watch, and a further 96 said they would like to join.

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ii) Policing & Community Safety

g) What are your views on the standard of the following services in and around Plumpton?

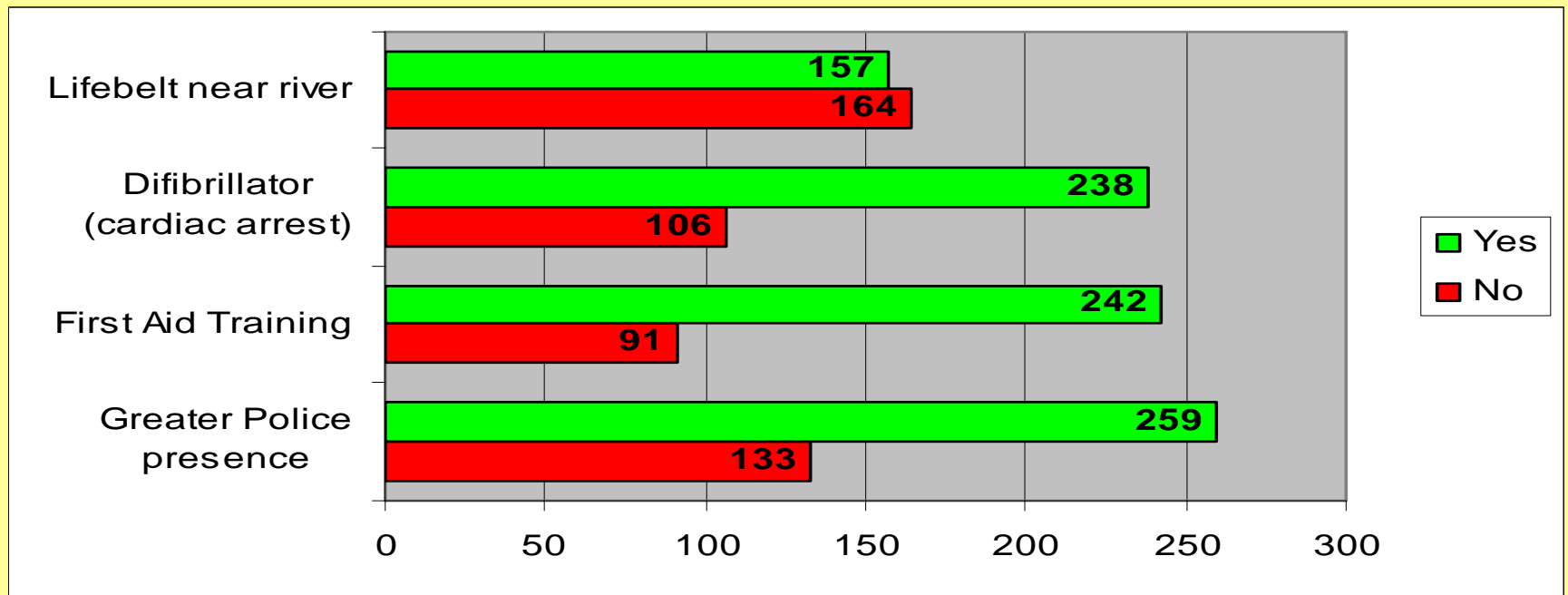
Percentage of those who expressed an opinion



4. COMMUNITY

ii) Policing & Community Safety

h) Do you think any of the following are needed to improve community safety? (looking at all households)



**Of all households, the percentage of those answering ‘Yes’ were:
Lifebelt (33%); Difibrillator (51%);
First Aid (52%); Greater Police presence (55%)**

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4. COMMUNITY

ii) Policing & Community Safety – ACTIONS

STREET LIGHTING: Whilst taking into account that the majority of residents do not want street lighting, consideration for lighting solutions should be given in a small number of targeted areas, where concerns have been raised.

PERCEPTIONS OF CRIME: Research ways in which policing in and around the village can be improved, especially addressing concerns/perceptions of burglary, vandalism, disturbance and drunkenness, noting that it is likely this will have to be paid for by the Parish.

ACCESS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT: Investigate the concerns regarding Hospital transport and Doctors, and find out if there are ways of improving these services.

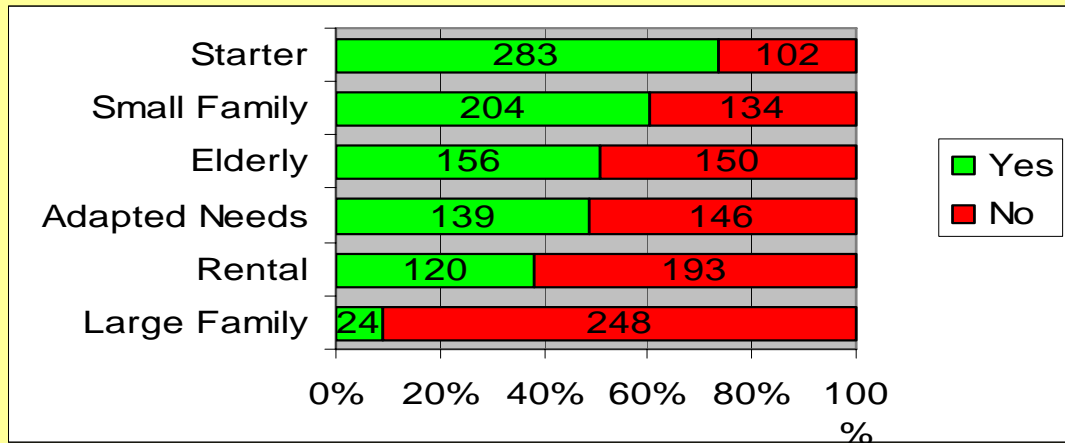
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Explore ways of promoting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to attract further membership.

COMMUNITY SAFETY: Seek ways of improving community safety by looking at increasing a police presence and providing a difibrillator, first aid training and a lifebelt.

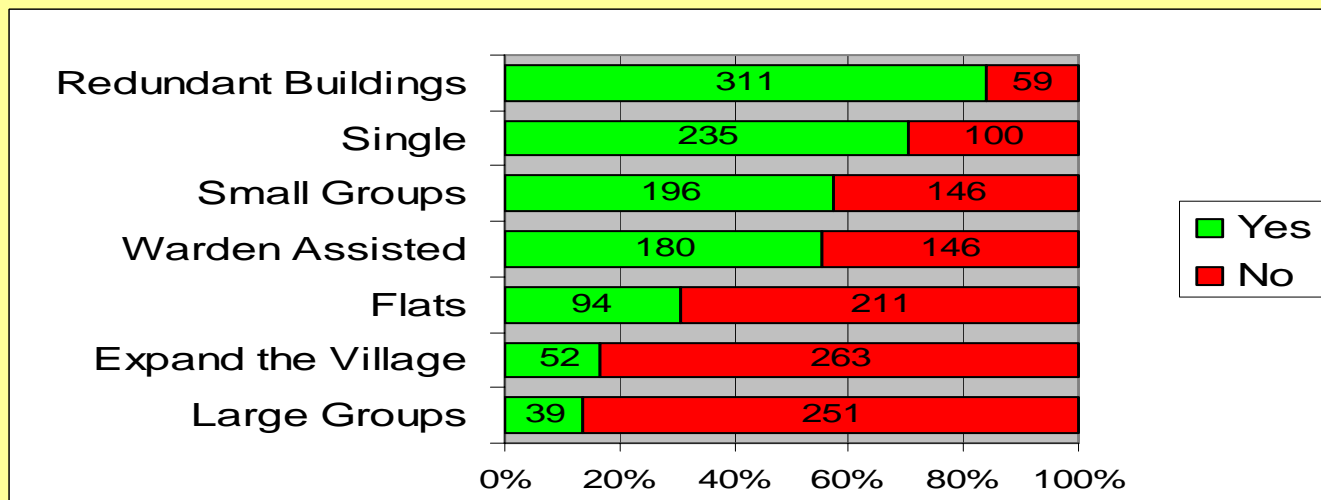
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iii) Housing & Development

a) Do you think Plumpton needs more housing of the following types?



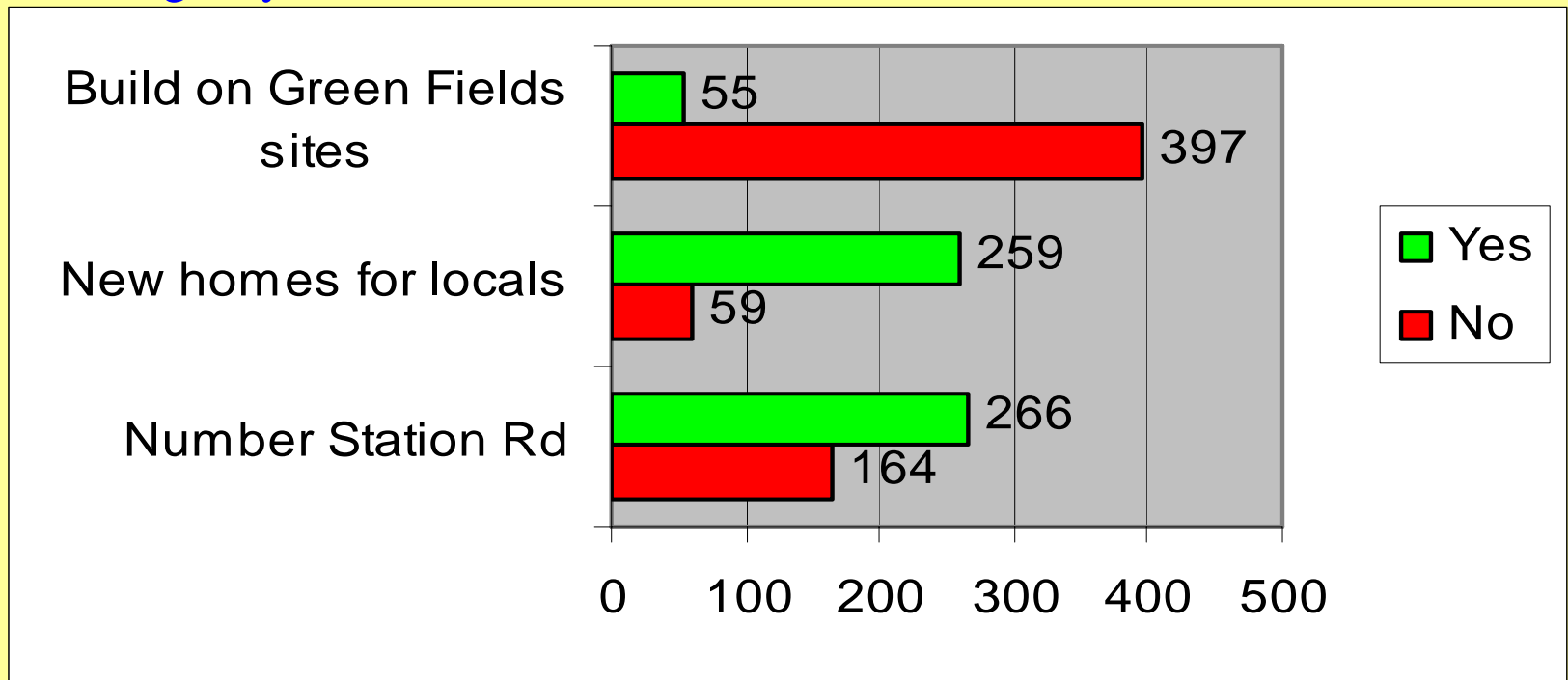
b) What types of housing development would be acceptable to you in Plumpton?



4. COMMUNITY

iii) Housing & Development

- c) Do you think there should be any building on green field sites in Plumpton?
i.e. expansion of village boundary?
- d) Should a proportion of new homes be earmarked for local people?
- e) Do you think houses in Station Road should be numbered to assist emergency services?



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iii) Housing & Development – ACTIONS

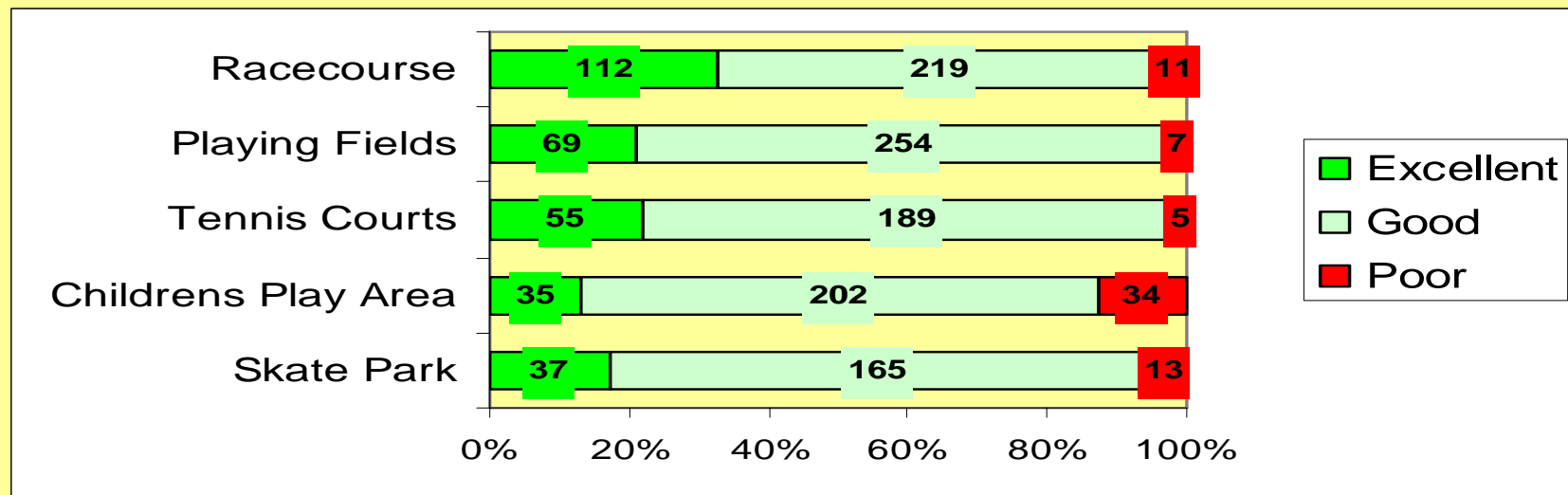
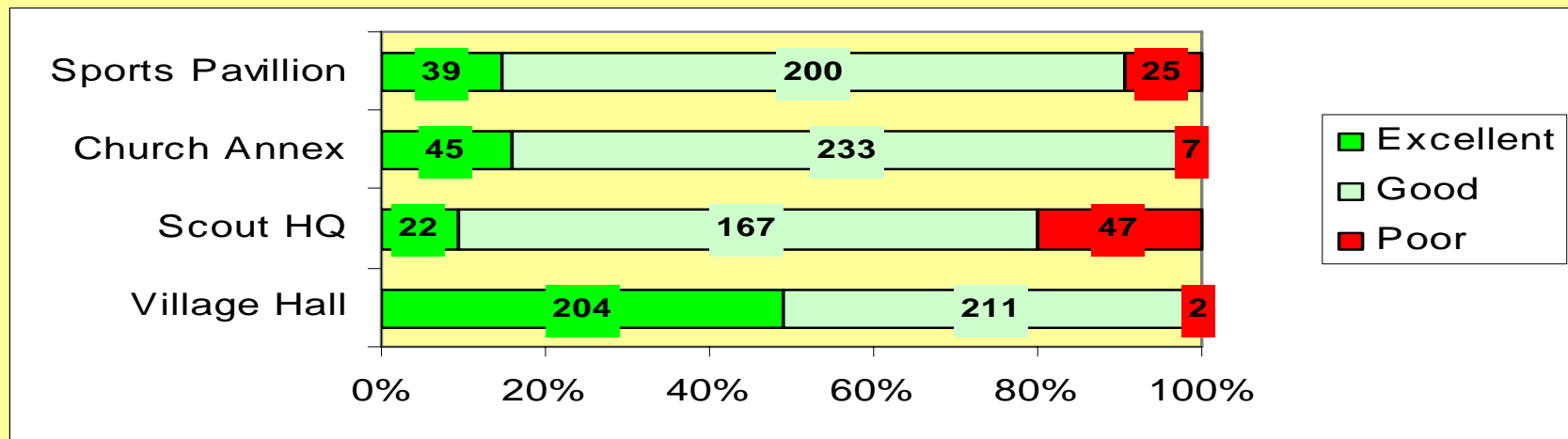
Consider in greater detail the housing data taking into account current and future demographic trends.

- The emerging house plan should look at providing young people with opportunities for starting on the property ladder, and at the other end of the spectrum ensuring that the needs of the elderly are considered.
- This study would also explore the options for achieving some control over earmarking new homes for local people.

4. COMMUNITY

iv) Village Facilities

a) What do you think of the facilities provided by the following?



4. COMMUNITY

iv) Village Facilities

b) 96 households felt that additional leisure facilities should be provided in Plumpton.

Some helpful suggestions were made as follows:

- **Swimming Pool for the whole community**
- **Bowling Green or other sports facilities**
- **Youth activities (youth/music club, disco, etc)**
- **Café**

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iv) Village Facilities

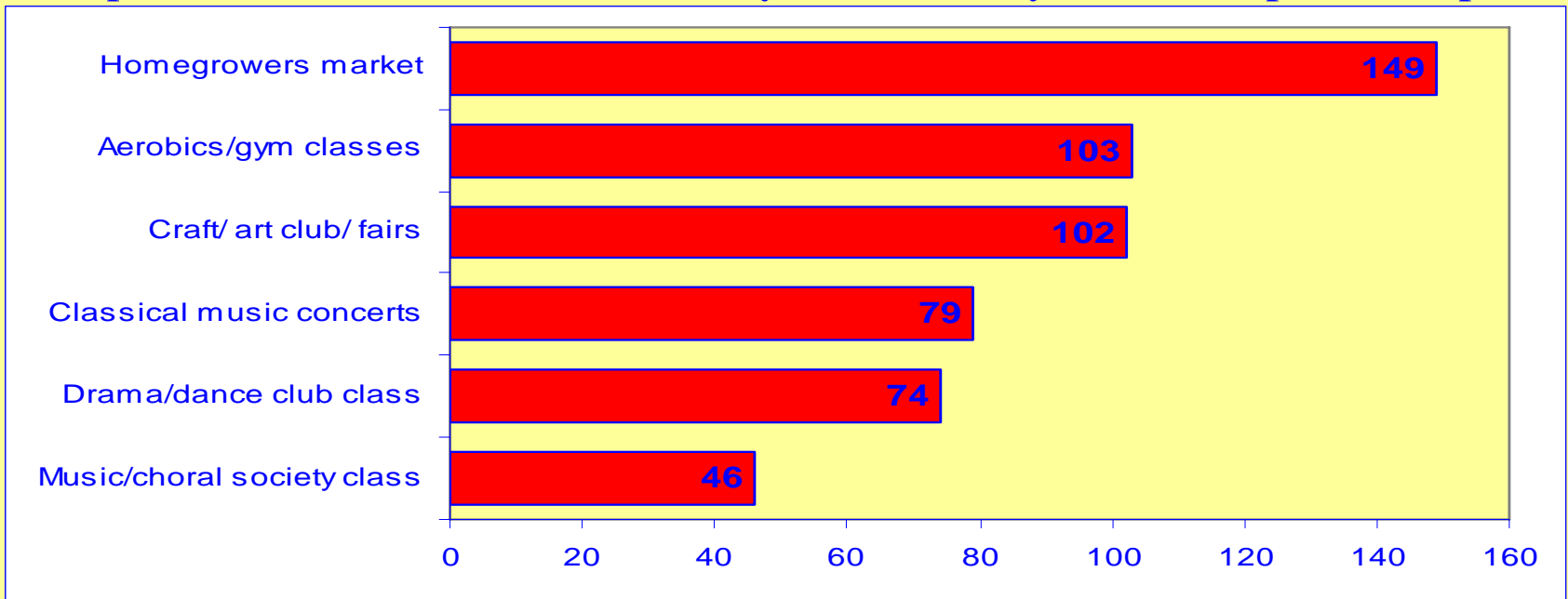
c) Are you a member of any of Plumpton's clubs/societies?

176 said YES

but a surprising

245 said NO

d) In particular, which of these would you use if they were set up in Plumpton?



4. COMMUNITY

iv) Village Facilities

SOME INTERESTING FACTS

60% of households **DID NOT KNOW** that Plumpton College has leisure facilities that are available to anyone in the village.

People from **25 households** attend church regularly (weekly or monthly). It is evident that recent arrivals to the village (last 5 years) attend much less than others.

A further **26 households** indicated they would attend church more if a Sunday School or Youth Club was established.

13 residents use a wheelchair and many have commented that they incur difficulties using the pavements in Station Road, the bus shelter and generally where pavements slope towards road.

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4. COMMUNITY

iv) Village Facilities - ACTIONS

MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES: The community should work together to ensure that the high standards of the all facilities in the village are maintained through regular maintenance and upgrading of equipment. A strategic approach needs to be taken on a through-life basis.

MANAGEMENT OF NEW FACILITIES: Many ideas for new facilities have been put forward. These opportunities can only be driven forward if new champions can be found to establish and lead. The new facilities include:

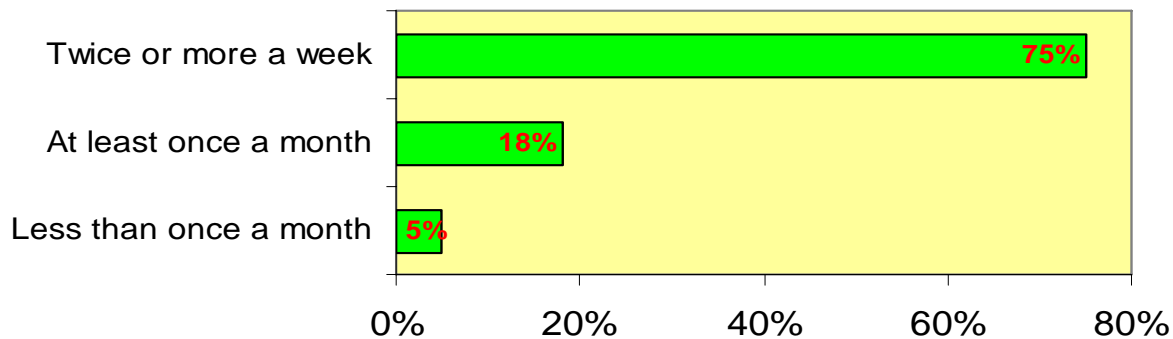
- Expansion of the sporting facilities
- Youth activities
- New clubs and activities
- Home growers' produce market; aerobic/gym classes and craft/art-club/fairs.

ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF ALL RESIDENTS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT: This will include the needs of wheelchair users, amongst others

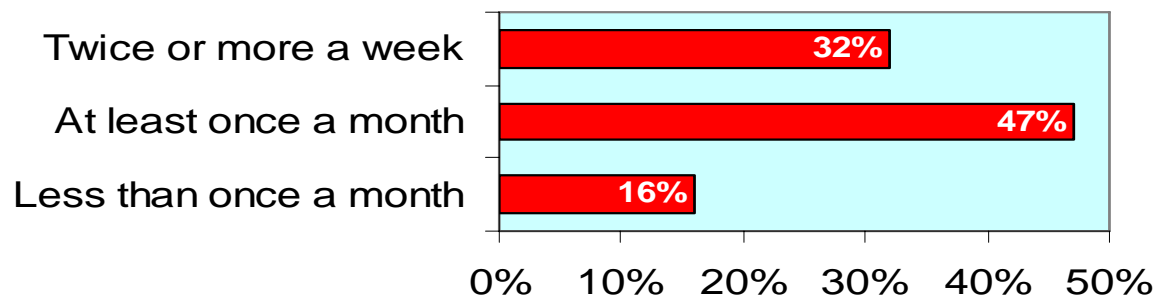
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v) Local Shop, Businesses & Employment

Percentage of households using the Village Shop



Percentage of households using the Post Office facility in the shop

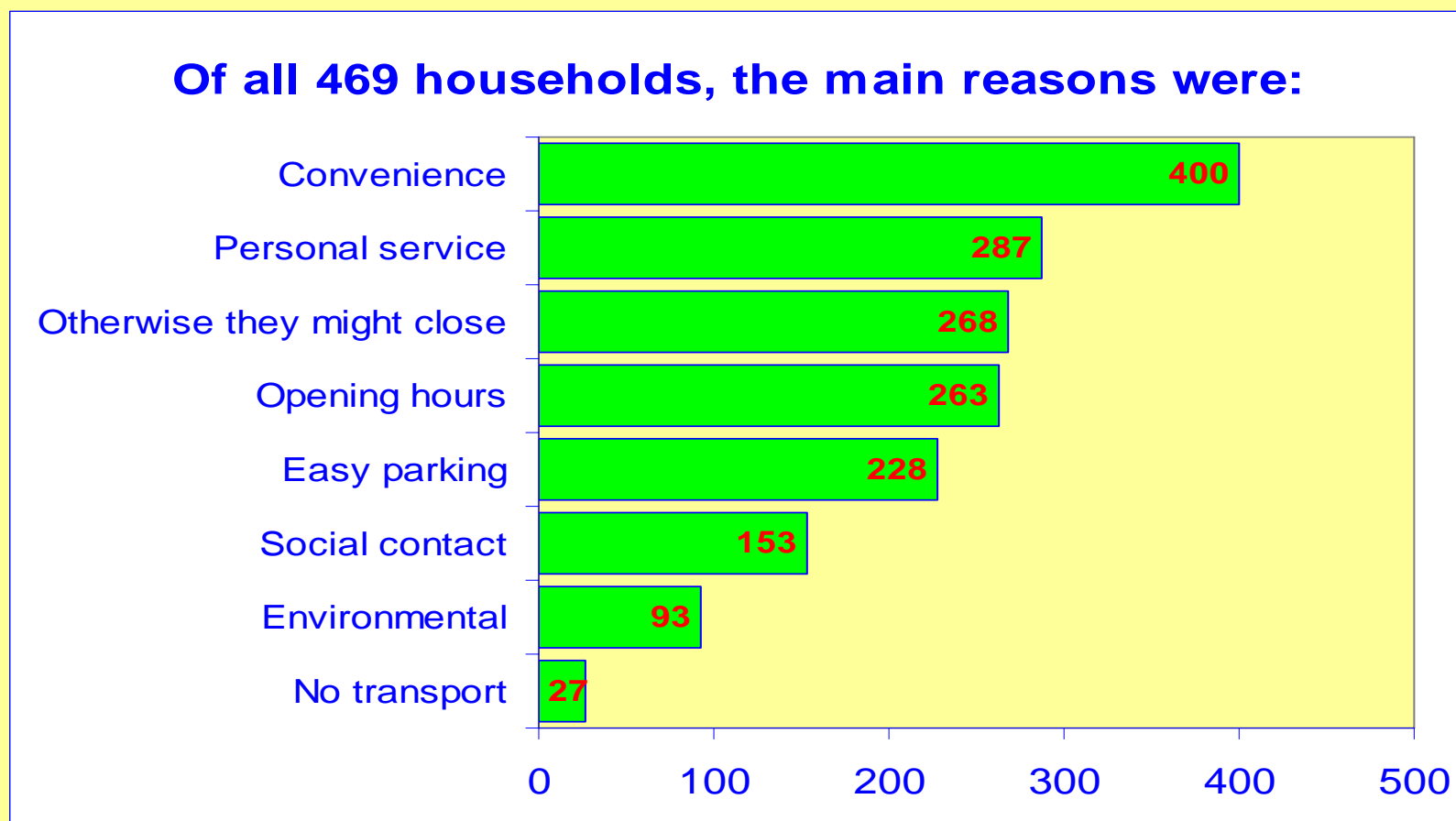


When asked if the village shop or Post Office could be improved, there were various positive comments including 13% who said it had improved already, 12% who were congratulatory about the new owners and a number who said no improvement was necessary.

4. COMMUNITY

v) Local Shop, Businesses & Employment

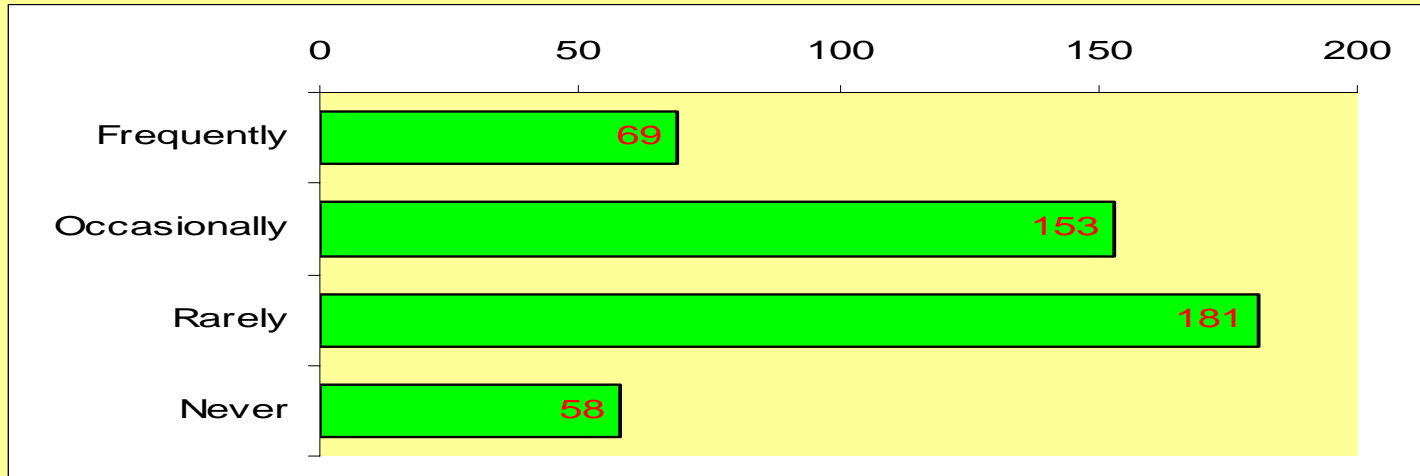
d) What reasons are most important to you when you decide to shop or use any other business in the village?



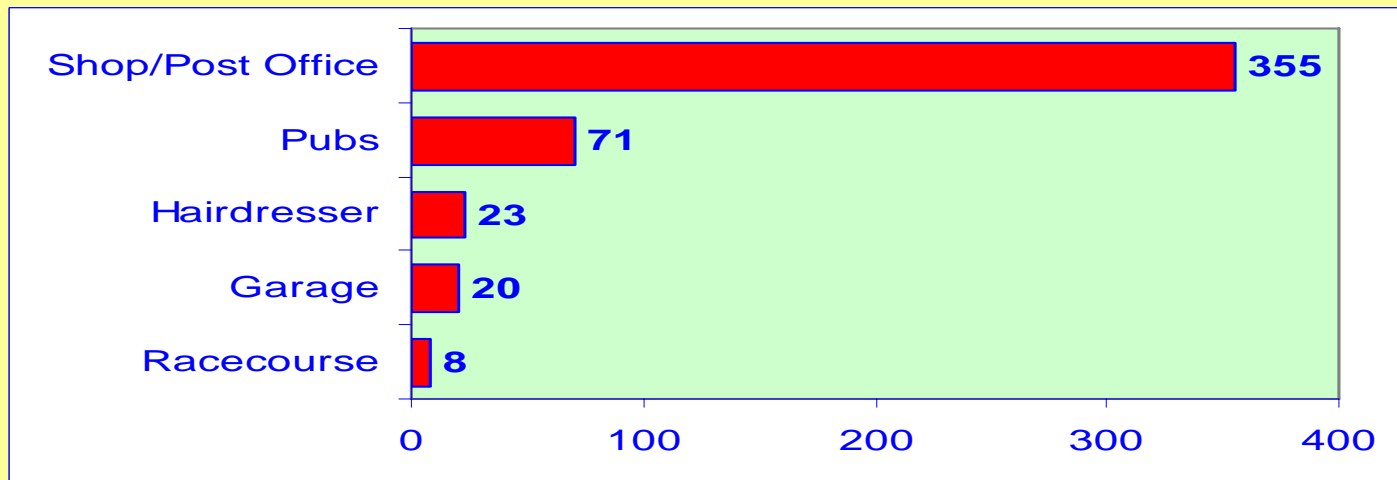
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e) Do you use the village pubs?



f) List any businesses that you would miss if they ceased trading in the village



PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

4. COMMUNITY

v) Local Shop, Business & Employment – ACTIONS

WORK WITH SHOP OWNER: Work with the shop/Post Office owner to maintain high standards and promote the services available to ensure that whenever threatened, both parts of the business remain open, not only in the short term, but also into the future, so that all options and benefits for the shop and community can be explored.

ENCOURAGE LOCAL SUPPORT: Encourage continued local support for all local businesses and work to ensure local trades remain available.

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

- 109 Responses

- Children **like** living in Plumpton because of:

- ✓ the views and the countryside
- ✓ peaceful environment
- ✓ the play park – 37 said it is good/fun
- ✓ swimming club – 27 said they enjoy it
- ✓ the shop
- ✓ recycling schemes

- And the children **don't like**:

- x all the parked cars
- x the school roundabout
- x speeding traffic
- x the dangers near the station

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

- Children would like to see the following:
 - ✓ more equipment in the play park – 25 said this
 - ✓ reduced litter especially in the skate park and suggested more litter bins around the playing fields
 - ✓ new sports clubs
 - ✓ a cycle lane
 - ✓ wider pavements

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
ACTION PLAN

AIM TO REDUCE SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

IMPROVE THE EQUIPMENT IN THE PLAY PARK

**REDUCE LITTER ESPECIALLY IN THE SKATE PARK AND PLAYING
FIELDS**

**ENSURE THE RECYCLING SCHEMES ARE MAINTAINED AND EVEN
IMPROVED**

TRY TO PROVIDE FURTHER SPORTS CLUBS

REVIEW PAVEMENT WIDTHS IN THE STATION ROAD AREA

REVIEW PARKING POLICY AROUND THE STATION AREA

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

YOUTH AGED 11 TO 16

ACTION PLAN

DISCUSS HOW A YOUTH COUNCIL COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY

WORK WITH TRANSPORT PROVIDERS TO EXPLORE WHETHER EXPANSION OF THE SERVICES IS FEASIBLE, ESPECIALLY AT WEEKENDS

SPEAK TO CHAILEY SCHOOL WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE PUNCTUALITY OF THE SCHOOL COACH

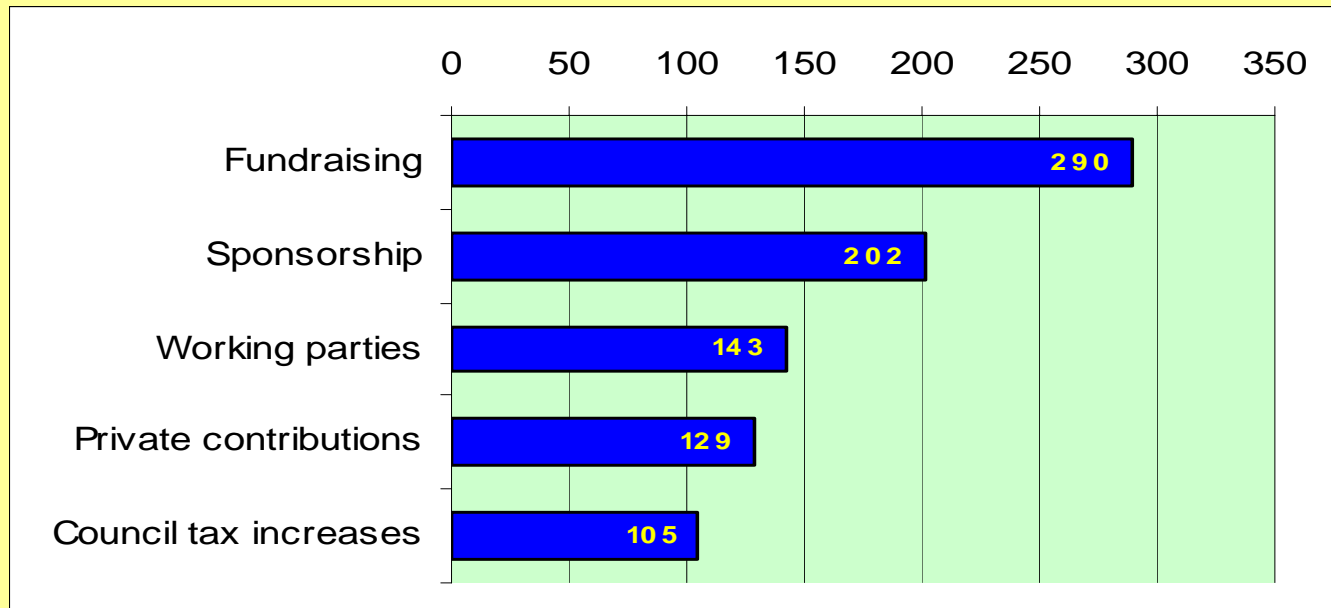
ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE EXISTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES IN THE VILLAGE AND MAKE USE OF THE PLUMPTON COLLEGE FACILITIES

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FURTHER CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

CONSIDER IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR A DROP-IN CAFÉ, YOUTH CLUB OR YOUTH SHELTER

5. IMPLEMENTATION

- a) If suggestions raised by the questionnaire require more money for implementation, where should that money come from?



Other ideas: Grants, Lottery funding, Envelope to every household.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

And finally, apart from the views already given in questionnaire, are there any other things in the village you would like to see changed or improved?

Nearly half (**48%**) could think of no changes they would want that had not been mentioned in the questionnaire. Small numbers added the following:-

