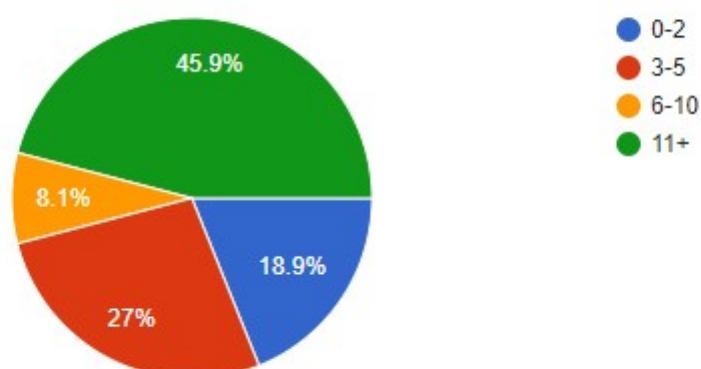


Abbotsham parish survey, November 2019

Understanding the village's residents

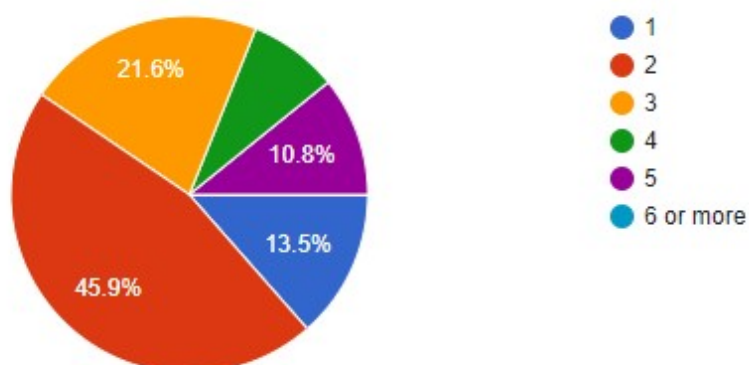
How long have you lived in Abbotsham (years?)

37 responses



How many people normally live in your household?

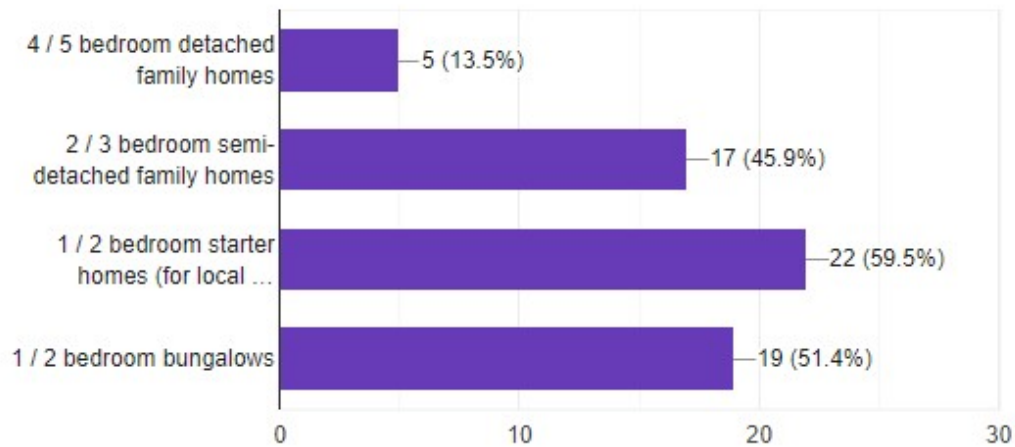
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If there needed to be future housing development in the Parish, which type would you support?

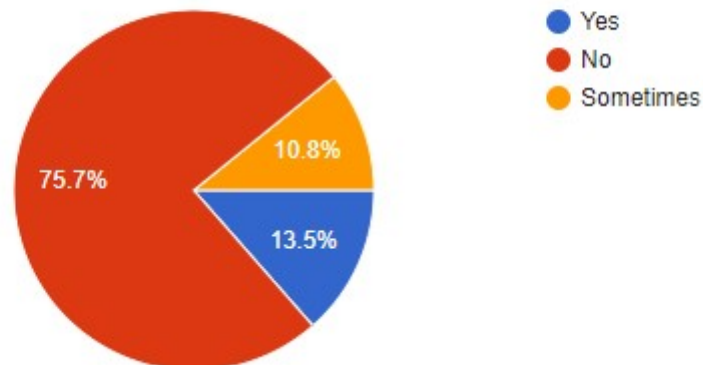


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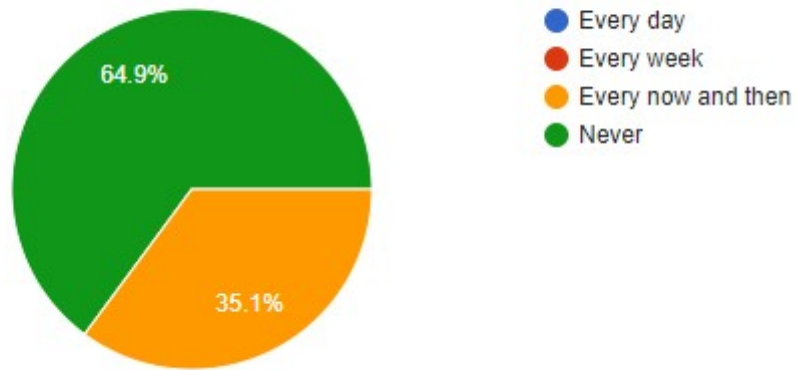
Is your employment based from home?

37 responses



Do you use the 319 bus service from the village?

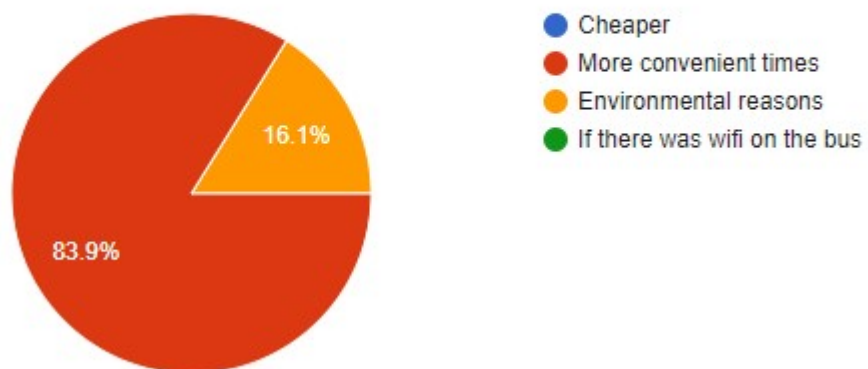
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What would make you use the service more often?



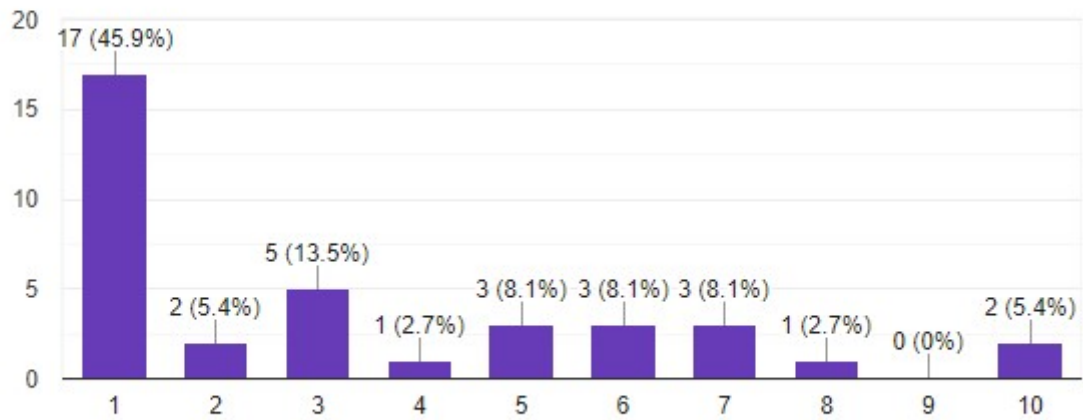
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Would you be interested in a car / lift-sharing service to cut down on journeys eg to Bideford?

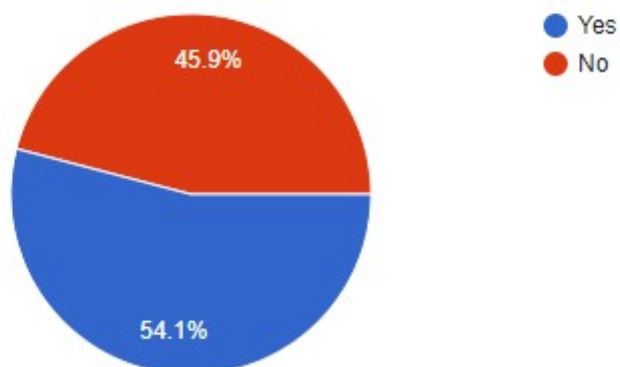


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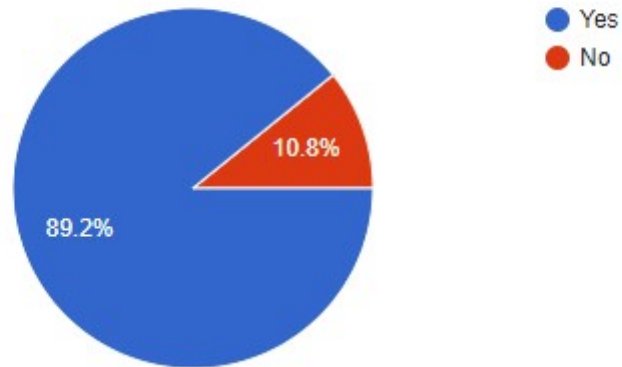
Do you use the Village Hall Post Office?

37 responses



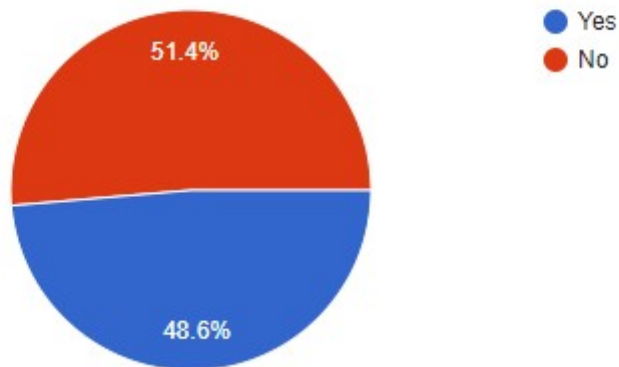
Have you ever attended an event in the Village Hall?

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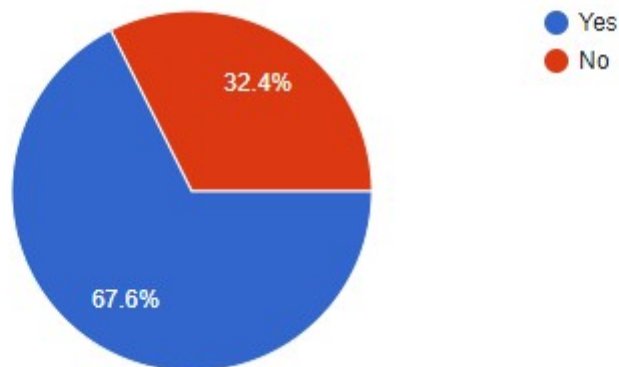
Have you ever hired the Village Hall?

37 responses



Are there other services that you feel would make life easier / better in the village?

37 responses



Decent WiFi to enable work from home, leisure time, children's homework. More regular bus times- especially from Bideford to Abbotsham around 3.30-4 for school children/ workers.

Would absolutely love to have a shop back in the village- it is the heart of the community and greatly missed.

WiFi.

Farm shop for local produce.

Better pedestrian and cycle access to Clovelly Road shops and traders

Local store

The return of the Local Post Office

Bus service past Kenwith.

Community shop??

A sub post office/convenience store

Enforcing speed limit in village and especially at Riccards Down.often used as race track.

A general store for everyday items

Post office

Village shop

A little shop!

Shop with local produce - similar to Johns

Community shop

Better play area, sports pitch, shop, cafe

Better WiFi connectivity

Shop.

A post office, sad we lost it

A pavement from the village to bideford Faster broadband speed Improved bus service eg at school times

Community Shop

village shop

A village shop like there used to be! Or even a mobile shop that brought basic groceries like bread and milk.

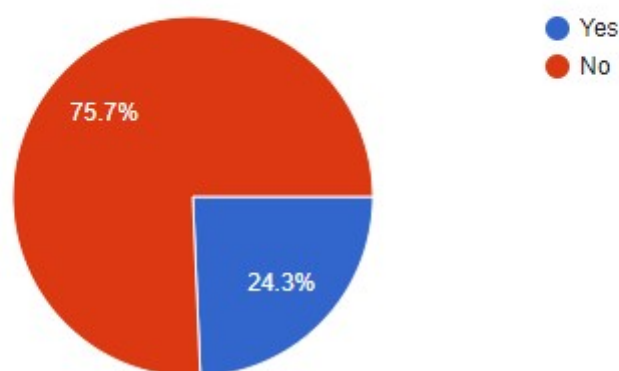
A bus that connected Abbotsham with Westward Ho!

Shop

A shop

Are there other clubs / activities that you feel would make life easier / better in the village?

37 responses



If yes, please list your ideas below.

Activities aimed at secondary aged children/ or facilities for them to use. (Like the basket ball courts at deer park and college park). Football clubs/ running clubs etc . Youth club.

Football team/ sports teams.

More social events aimed at a younger audience (film nights, bands).

A level sports field for football/ cricket, etc

review any existing planning policy and restrict new developments to defined areas (to reduce piecemeal encroachment of green spaces); where developments do or will encroach endeavour to ensure they have adequate car parking provided and that they are screened with trees or hedges; promote neighbourhood watch schemes

Kids clubs for ages 3-6 7-11 & 12-17 yr olds

Give cycling and pedestrians priority over motor vehicles make Abbotsham first village to do so

Youth club, football club,

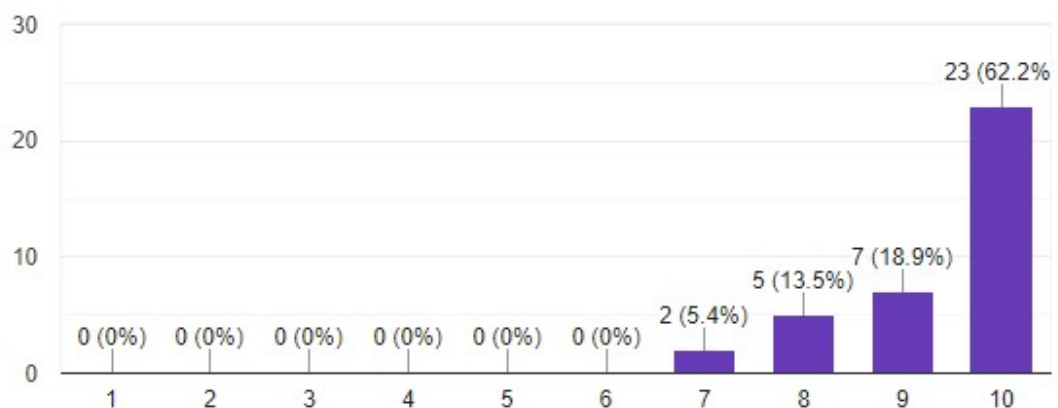
Wide range of exercise classes at differing times of the day Family exercise/activity Family social events Bingo

A village walking group for mixed-ages, computer courses to get more out of technology (when we have better WiFi) Spanish &Italian conversation club, Pilates class, mixed-aged art club

Our local environment

How important is protecting the environment to you?

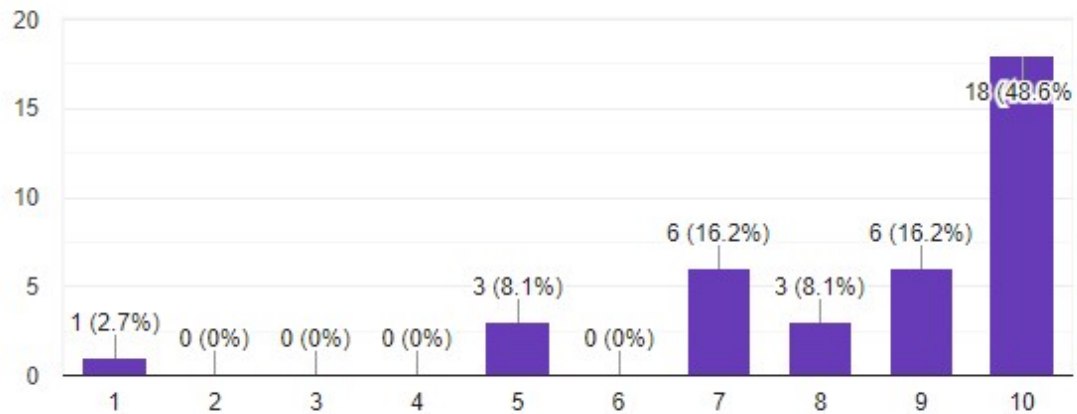
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How important is the use of renewable energy to you?



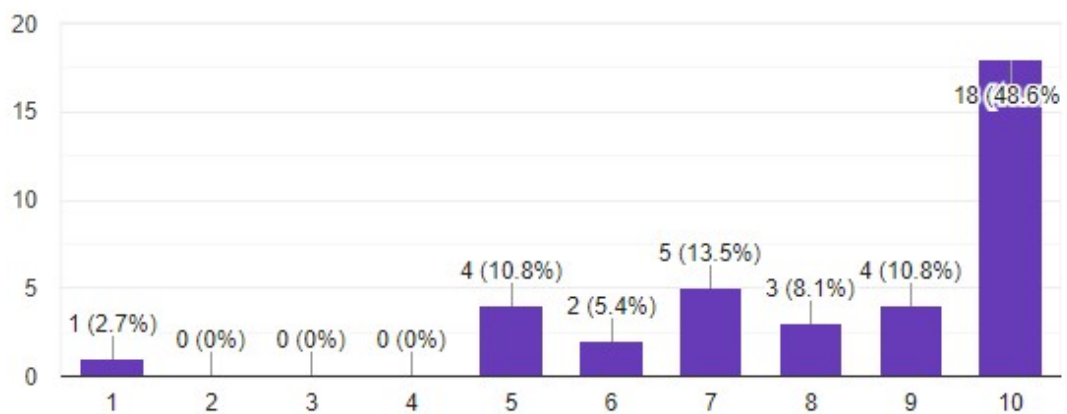
37 responses



Should the parish investigate developing its own renewable energy?



37 responses



Do you have any suggestions for how the parish could improve biodiversity?

Nature reserve

Not an expert in this field.

Ensure school parents walk with children to school

Lobby for cycle paths to lidl etc,footpath. Cycle path,along abbotsham road. Create cycle track to westward ho along path of old railway line. Also link Bideford on same railway line. I feel these measures would greatly encourage cycling and reduce car use.

plant more trees (including native species); restore hedgerows

none

Stop slurry spraying, reduce speed through village, reduce animal production. Stop spraying weed killer. Community Heatpump, Big sheep to refurb some arrears. Parking during school times and hall activity

Electric charging point

Larger areas of uncultivated or unfarmed land

Wild flower gardens? More trees - in appropriate places.

not at this point

Use the Hall roof for solar panels...

Any other thoughts?

There is no central community hub now. The shop was a source for the whole community to meet/ check in with each other/ place of safety for children if needed. We have a wonderful pub but that is not a place that all people will access. Pop up shop? Community shop. Shop/ cafe would be Perfect - especially for more isolated members of the community/ those with mobility issues/ the elderly.

Foot path / cycle path into Bideford.

Recycling facilities.

Re-route the drainage of surface water and lay new drains. Attend to the dropped curb outside the Old Vicarage to prevent rain water flowing across the pavement.

Reduce the amount of traffic entering and passing through the village.

Provide adequate parking for The Thatched Inn as well as the Village Hall.

Stop building new homes here! Too many properties already and the infrastructure of the village can't cope. The question above regarding property development didn't cater for this answer I should add. Roads need to be improved re the pot holes.

Furthermore, action MUST be taken to stop excessive speeding from Abbotsham Cross roundabout down into the village. I live in this area and am appalled at the

number of arrogant "boy racing" imbeciles who go hurtling past my home like Lewis Hamilton with his backside on fire. It is nothing short of a miracle that nobody has been seriously injured or killed on this road - a road with a SCHOOL on it I hasten to add. Speed cameras or humps need to be seriously considered and something actually DONE and SOON. Secondly, the Sunday morning biker brigade who charge up Back Lane. Again this is downright dangerous and several young children live in the properties nearby. Another tragedy waiting to happen.

Internet speeds need improving as quite frankly what we have is nothing short of a joke. Bideford isn't exactly in the back of beyond as regards distance from the main Exchange.

Water pressure isn't great either which makes Eco mode on showers a pointless option.

Reduced and enforced speed limits - ideally 20 mph

Some parking restrictions to stop parking on both sides of road, especially during school drop off pick up and Sunday mornings.

improve / provide adequate parking around the church / village hall area

Village shop and kids club

I feel like people drive way too fast, so something to help with that.

better parking facilities

I think we need a 7.5t weight restriction on the road though the village or access only for heavy vehicles. Also a 20mph from the top of the village to White House 30mph is far too fast.

Clean up lay-by at entrance Abbotsham from Abbotsham Cross, have nice village sign near bus stop, sort Drainage surface water, drains blocked throughout village and lane opposite village hall

Communal bin for use when cutting the communal grass

A safe pathway and cycle route along Abbotsham Rd from the Abbotsham bus stop to Londonderry. 30mph speed limit from Rickards Green down towards Kenwith Castle - this road is becoming busier and busier and cars are driving way over the 40 mph limit.

footpath along Abbotsham Road to Londonderry

Skate park and communal facilities to socialise

Fibre broadband

Improve the school parking.

Pedestrian areas

A welcome pack for new residents and/or a list of what the village offers given to estate agents for prospective residents (this might happen already?) especially to promote community feel.

Traffic is bad

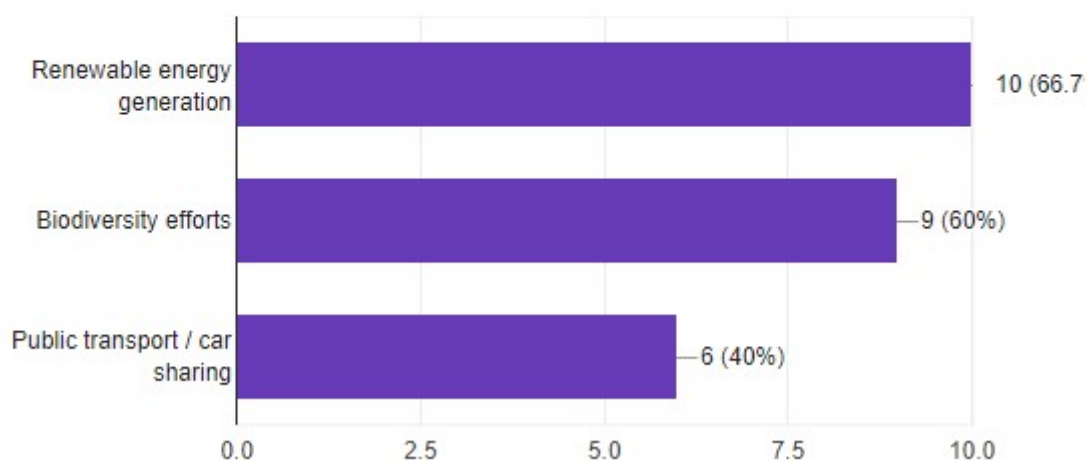
No dedicated footpath to walk to Atlantic village

It would be great if we could revive the village newsletter (paper-delivery version) to help to keep all ages connected, with a young persons section with their own editor as well as an adult editor

Would you be interested in getting actively involved in efforts to support any of the following?



15 responses



Headline conclusions

Housing need / desires

- Emphasis on 1 / 2 bedroom homes (59.5% support for 1 / 2 bedroom starter homes, 51.4% support for 1 / 2 bedroom bungalows)
- 24.3% of employment either based from home or sometimes based from home
 - o Desperate need for high quality broadband connection in order to support work from home and children's learning
- Desire for a village shop
 - o But difficulties given lack of premises now

- Transport concerns
 - Speed of traffic
 - Lack of pavement to link the village to Bideford and also to Atlantic Village
 - Parking improvements to provide for The Thatched Inn and Village Hall
 - Desire for cycle route improvements eg using former rail line

- Leisure
 - Improved facilities for older children
 - More social events eg film nights, bingo
 - Desire for a levelled playing field
 - Learning opportunities eg languages, digital upskilling

Our local environment

- 62.2% of respondents indicated that protecting the environment was of 10/10 importance to them
- 81.1% of respondents indicated that protecting the environment was of 9/10 or 10/10 importance to them
- 64.8% of respondents indicated that the use of renewable energy was either 9/10 or 10 / 10 importance to them
 - 59.4% then indicated (either 9 or 10 out of 10) that the parish should investigate developing its own renewable energy
 - 10 respondents then indicated a willingness to be involved in a renewable energy generation project.
 - Solar panels on the Village Hall roof or a community heat pump mentioned as possible ideas
- 9 respondents indicated a desire to be involved in biodiversity projects
- Trees / hedgerows / wild flower areas / not spraying weed killer all mentioned