

# Parish Survey Results

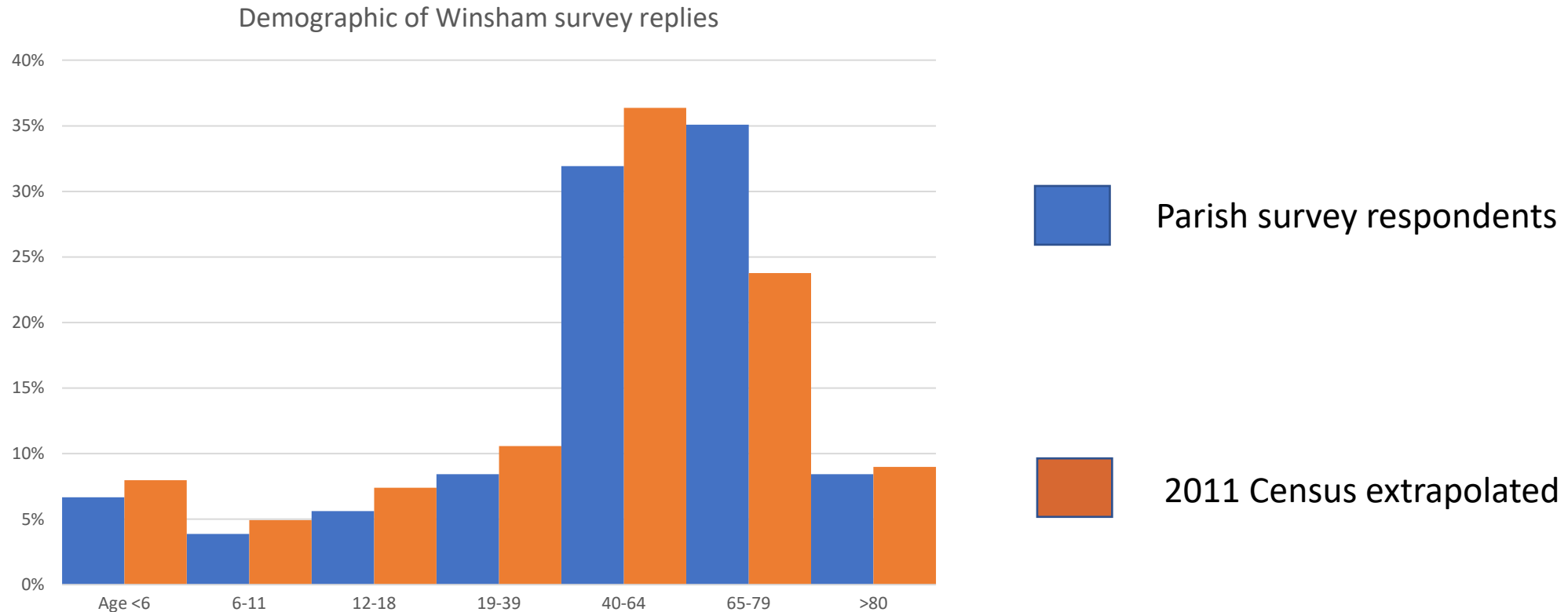
The Parish council asked every household in the Winsham parish to complete a survey that would help form the Parish council 5 year plan. These were received back in early 2019.

There were 285 responses representing over 40% of the residents.

There were over 1,100 written suggestions / comments

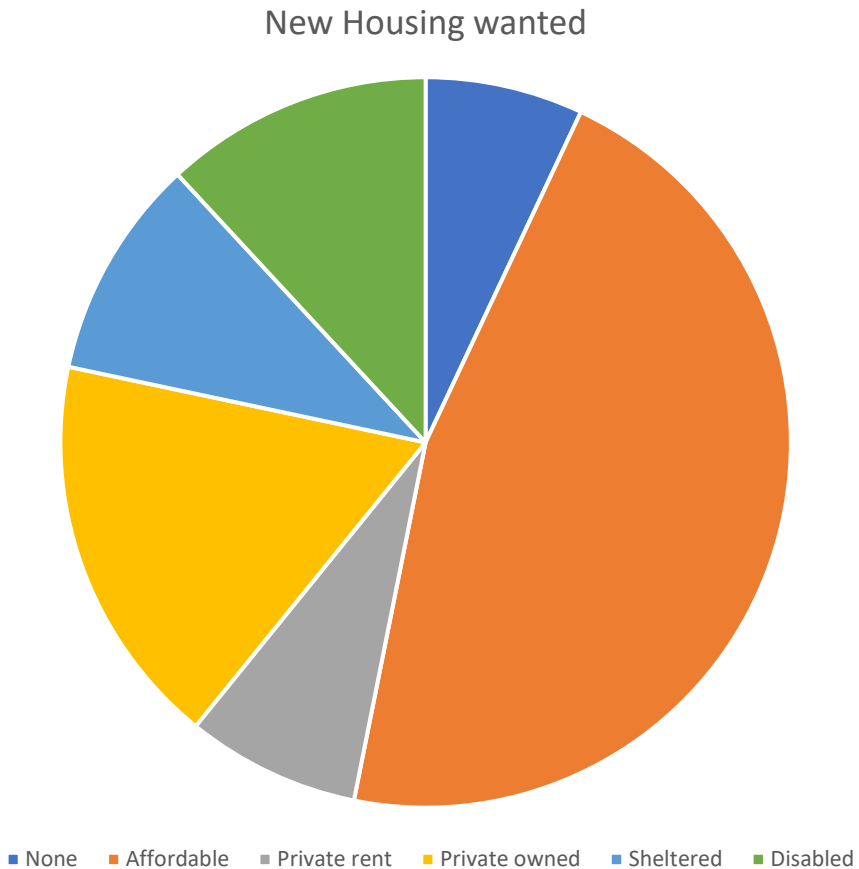
The following summary highlights the main responses but the parish council will consider them all.

# Household responses and problems



- The survey demographic was broadly similar to the parish with a slight weighting to the 65-79 age group.
- Parking issues were the main concern but comments indicated that there were problems with services (mainly drainage).

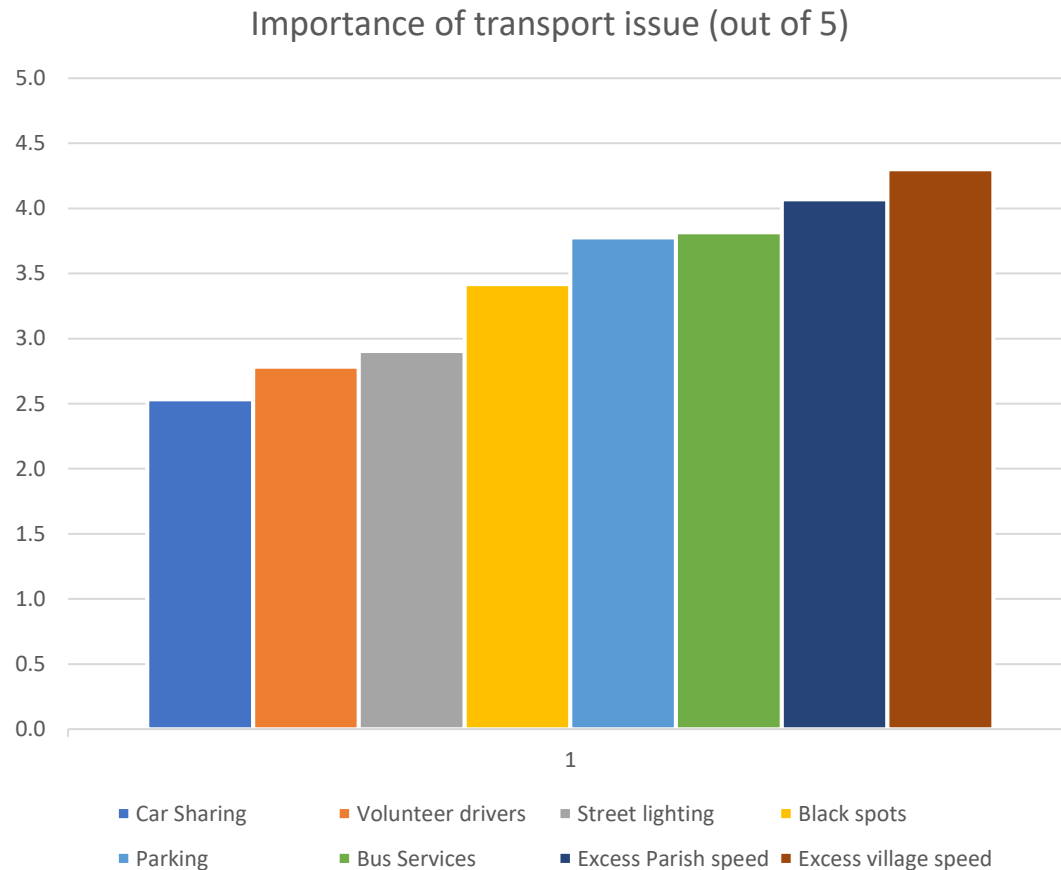
# Housing in Winsham



Affordable housing was the most popular choice with 80% suggesting between 5-20 new houses.

The controlled growth of housing in the parish should mirror an improvement in the infrastructure.

# Transport



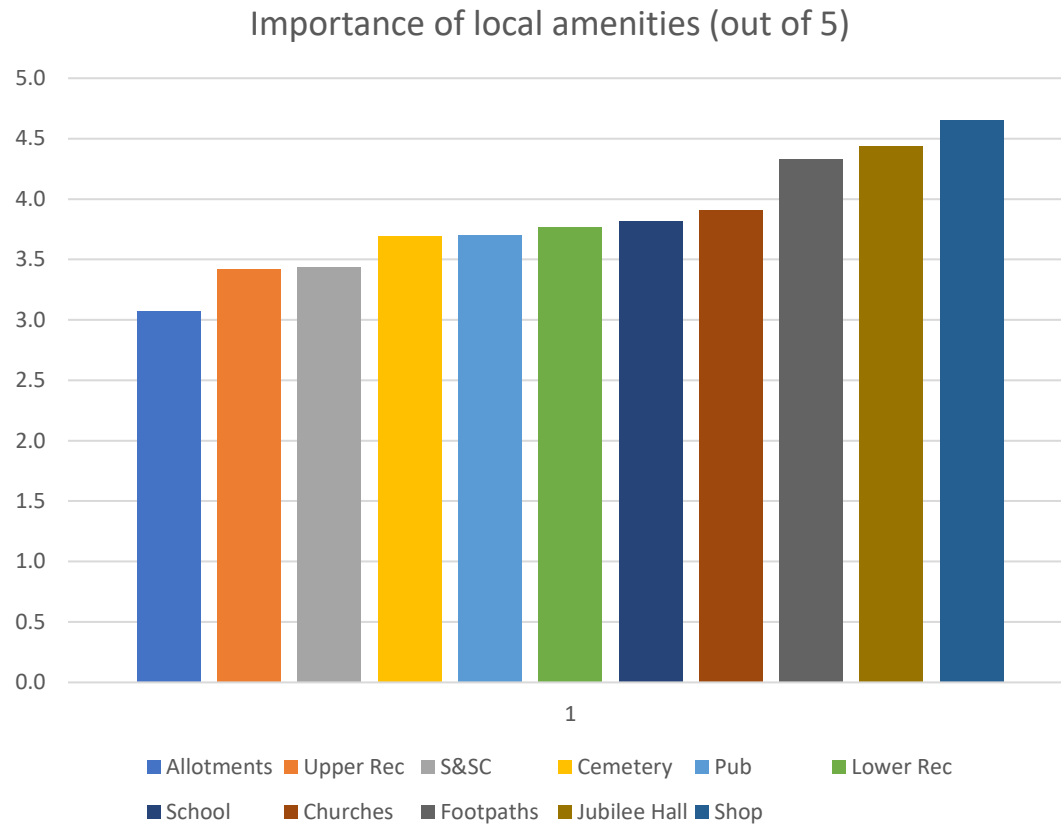
Buses were too infrequent and the service to Taunton was poor.

A clear indicator that speed bumps were undesirable and that traffic concerns were mainly around Church Street – the school and the 5 ways junction. A 20 m.p.h. was widely suggested.

Street lighting was adequate but could be more eco-friendly.

A new car park divided opinion. Some saw it as a great way to reduce parking problems, others believe those who create the problems will not use it due to additional inconvenience.

# Resources



Usage of the Jubilee Hall and lower rec were high, the upper rec and the sports and social club were very low.

The school and pre-school were seen as very valuable resources and the shop was used by over 80% of respondents at least once a week.

The Church was regarded as very important to the village, the pub less so.

Additional parish resources of importance were better parking and litter bins.

# Suggestions for improving parish resources.

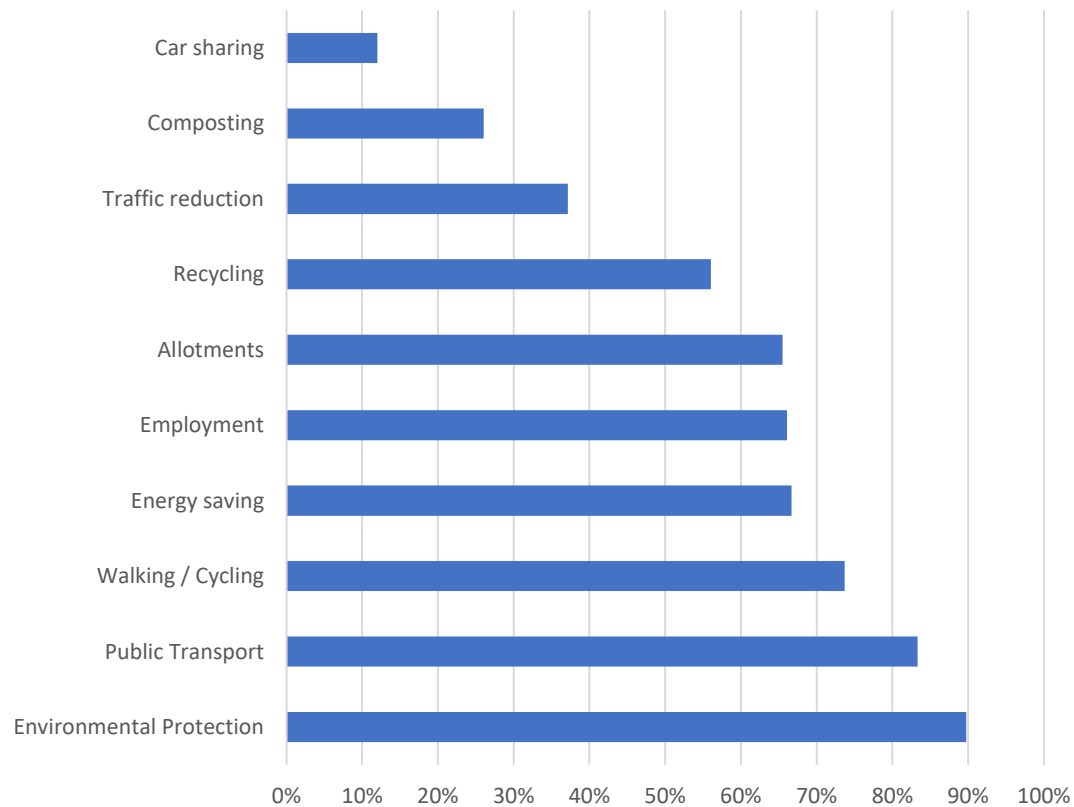
- Upper rec
  - Unlock the gate
  - Cut the grass more often
  - A tennis court
- Sports & Social Club
  - Clarity on who can use it
  - A change of management
  - Refurbishment
- Lower rec
  - A new piece of equipment
  - Fence off / ban dogs
  - Remove the rocks
- Cemetery
  - Water supply
  - A shelter
  - Mains gas
- Other parish resources
  - Improvements to footpaths
  - Improve car parking
  - Litter bin use and location
  - NO to public toilets
- Suggestions for the Jubilee hall, shop, pub and church will be shared privately with each organisation.

# Leisure

- Those who feel there are enough leisure facilities outnumbered those who do not by 2 to 1.
- Many people support local clubs with the Horticultural Society topping the list.
- Suggestions for improved leisure facilities –
  - Activities for children / young adults
  - Youth club / MUGA
  - Outdoor gym / tennis court / evening classes for those that work
  - Use the upper rec for more activities

# Environment

Environmental priorities



Plastics recycling bins were the most popular suggestion.

Other suggestions for where the Parish council should focus included –

Roads and footpaths

Leisure facilities for teenagers

Tree planting / wildlife areas

The upper rec

Play equipment / muga / skatepark

Sign cleaning



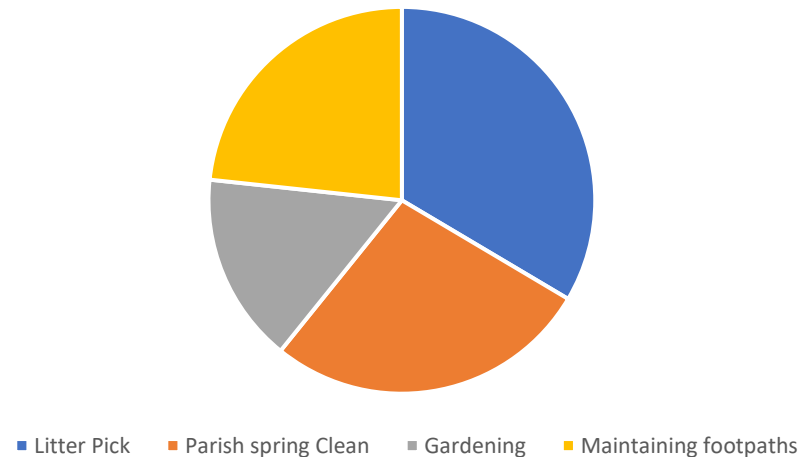
# Environment

- Suggestion for environmental responsibility
  - Education in schools
  - Encourage tree planting
  - Recycling point
  - Widen the footpath to Ammerham
- Suggestions to alleviate dog fouling
  - Education
  - Name and shame
  - Dog litter bin at the High Street end of the village.
  - Dog wardens

# Communications

- Parishioners are interested in all activities available.
- The Parish magazine and John's e-letter are the most popular sources of information.

What would you help with?



Although 93% of respondents have broadband only 69% consider it to be fast.

Whatley and Ammerham have particularly slow connections.