

The Eversden village survey

In January the Parish Council asked villagers to share some information about the village, how you travel outside the village and your views on our community facilities.

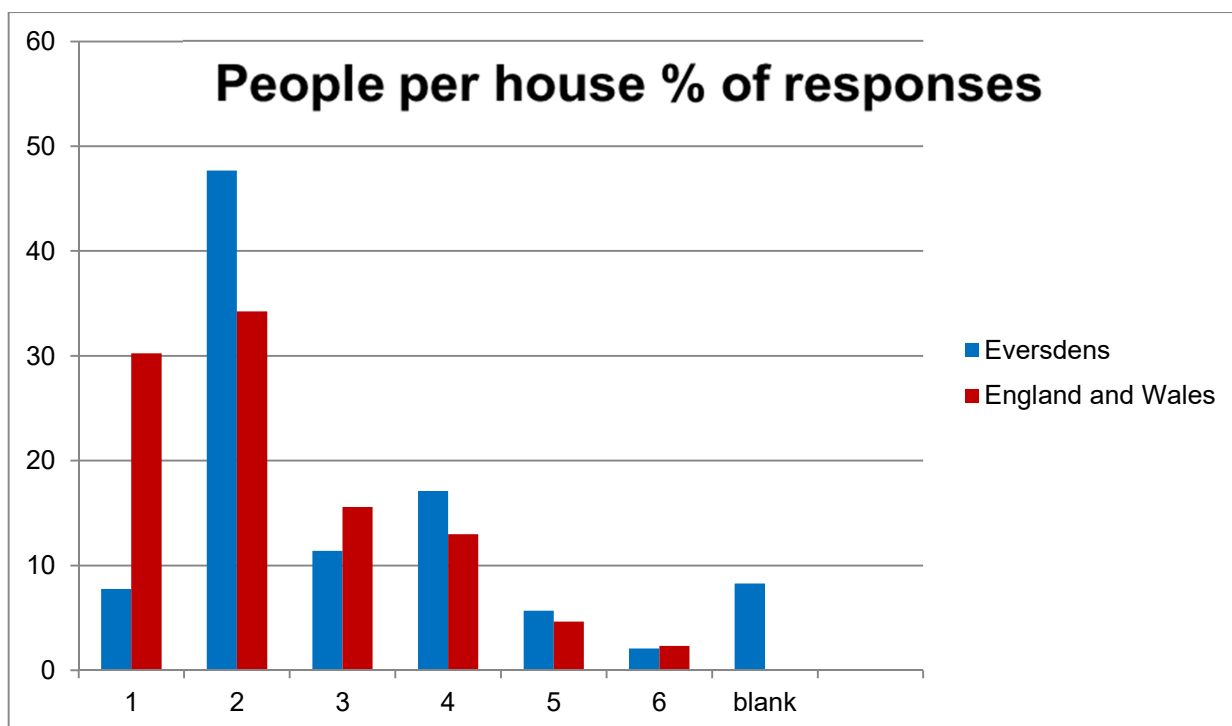
First of all thank you for your great response. We had an approximately 59% return rate, which is remarkable.

Where possible I've compared results for the Eversdens to data for England and Wales from the 2011 census.

Population

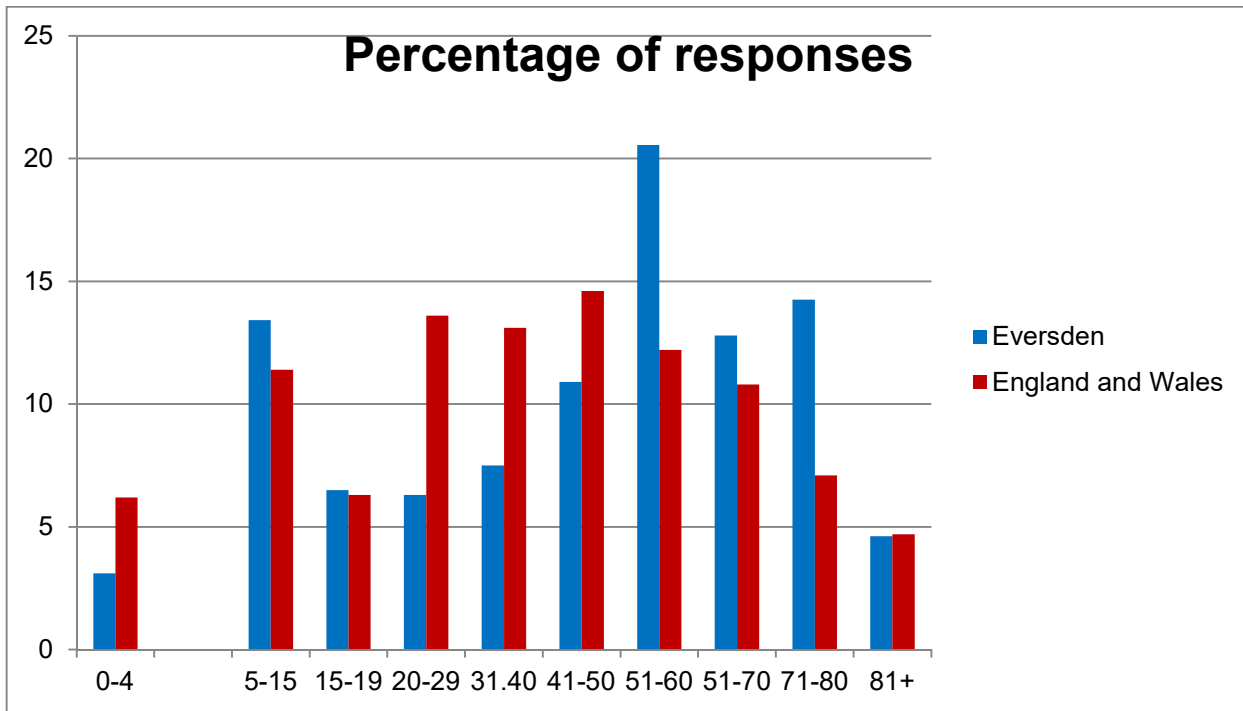
There are fewer single person households than in England and Wales and more two person households.

How many people normally live in your household?



In general our population is older than the rest of E&W. Notably we have fewer residents in the 20-40 age range and more in the 51-80 range. However the under 20 population is comparable to E&W. This age spread is unsurprising in a rural community where transport is difficult,

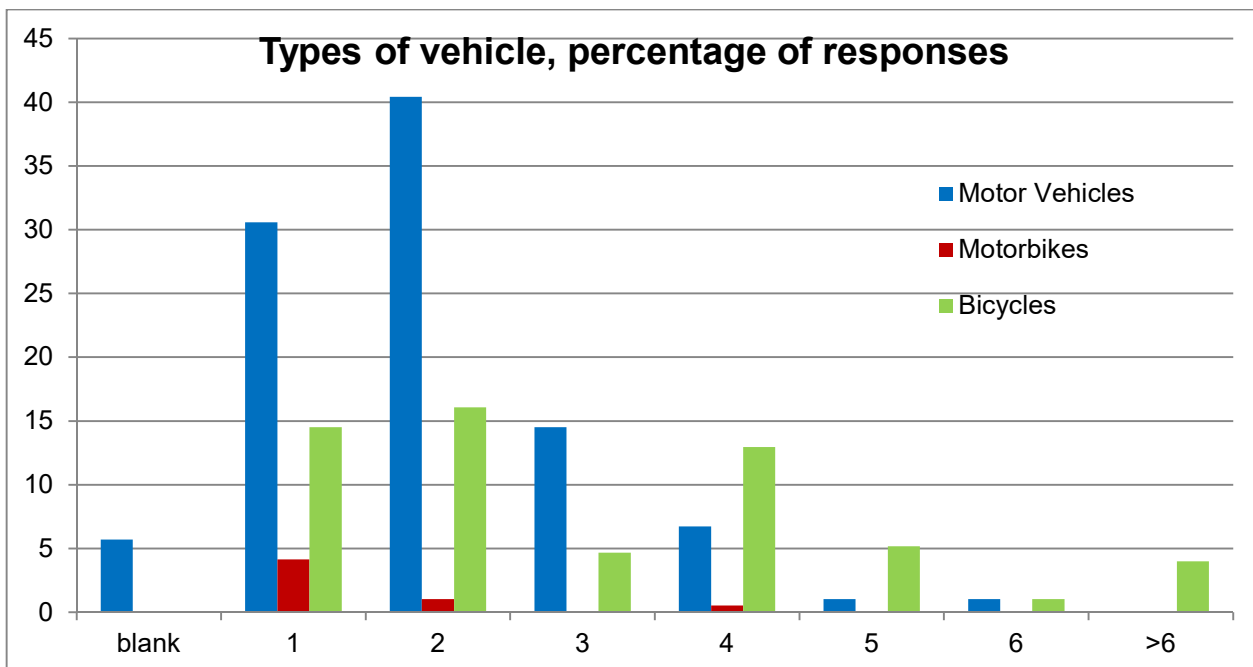
How many people in each age range normally live in your household?



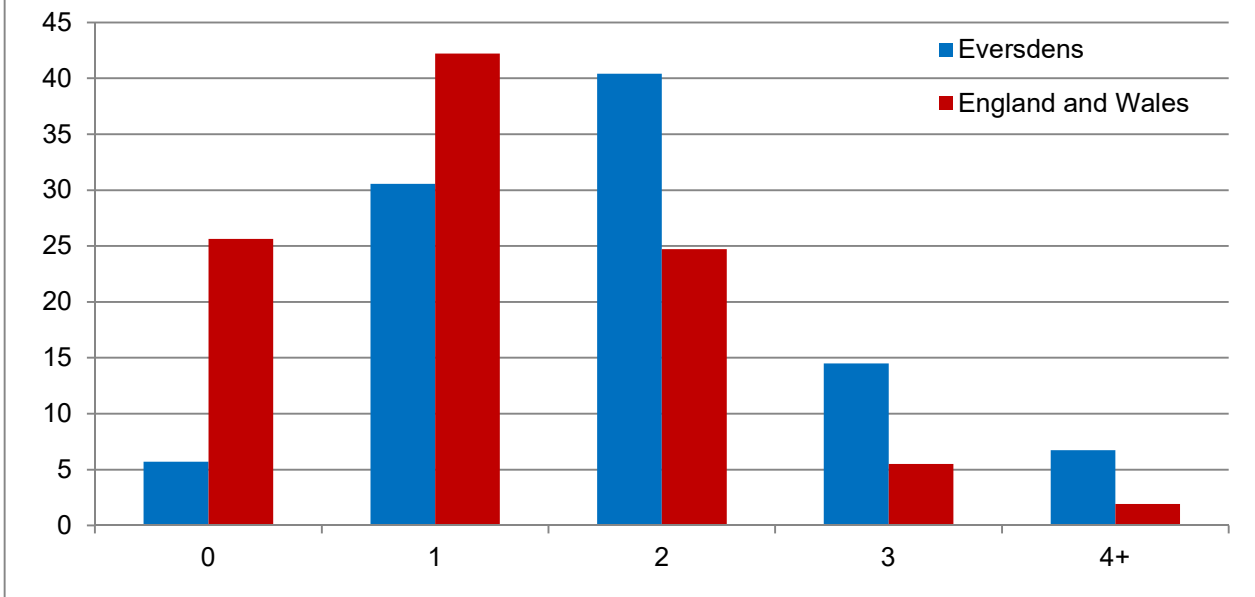
Transport

Unsurprisingly car ownership is high in the Eversdens almost half the households have two cars. Similarly car ownership is higher in the Eversdens than in E&W in general. A lot of household own bicycles but this is not the major form of transport.

The number of motor vehicles, motor bikes and bicycles in your household

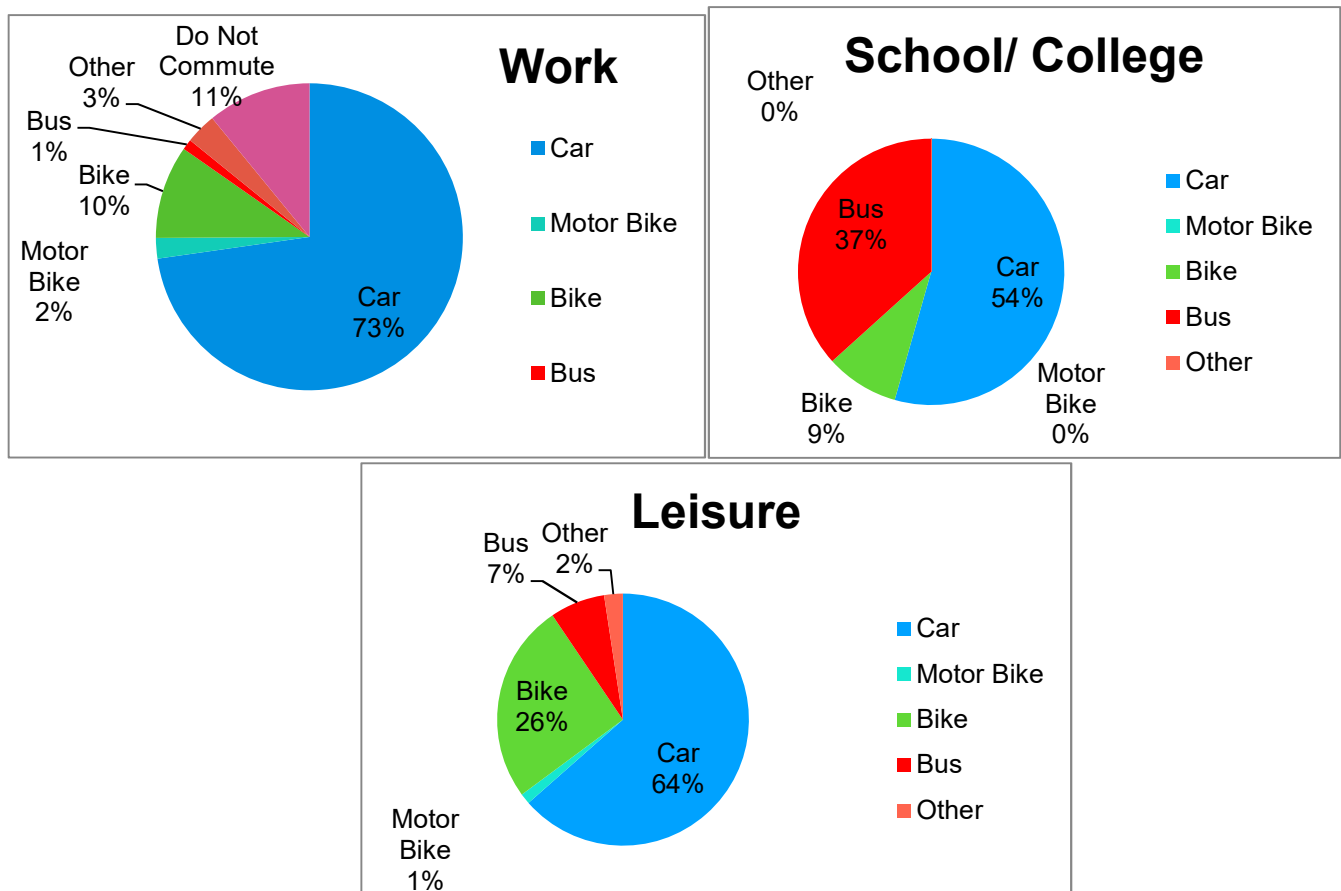


Car ownership percentage of responses



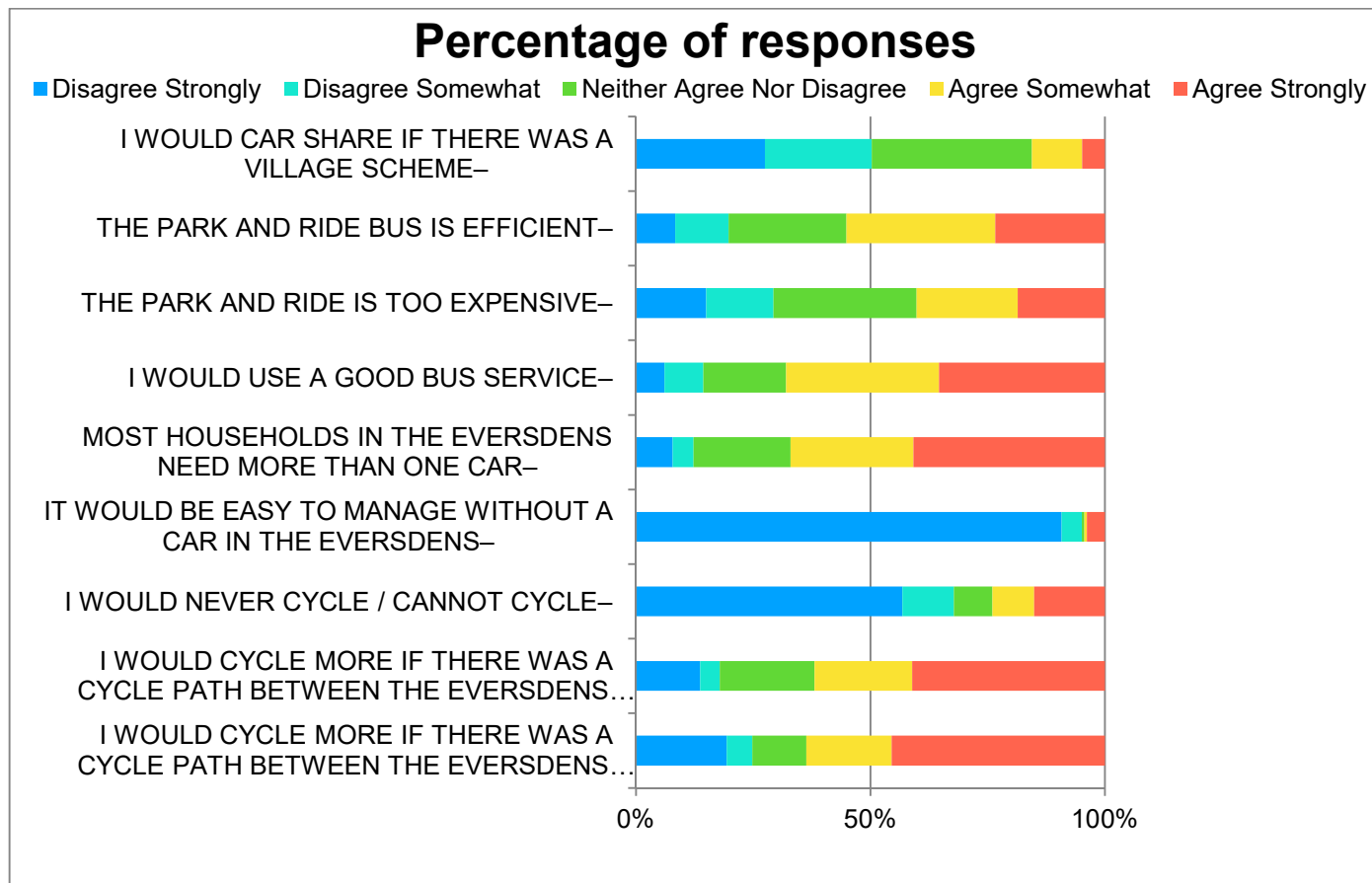
Equally unsurprisingly most journeys for work, leisure or school are by car. For 'leisure by bike' we can't distinguish between people who use their bike to go to a leisure activity and those who go for a bike ride as a leisure activity.

Q10-14 Your main mode of travel to school/for work/for leisure purposes



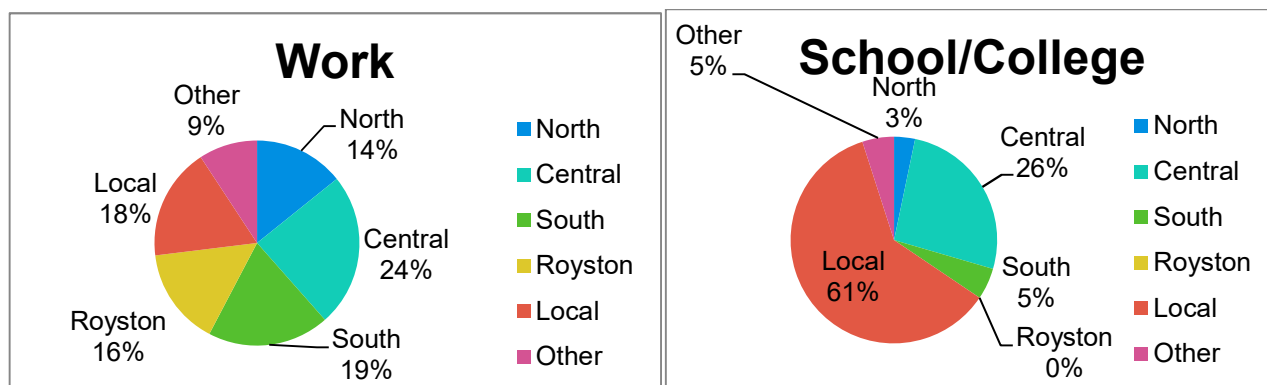
Almost all residents believe it would be difficult to manage without a car and about 2/3 think 2 cars are needed. 2/3 of respondents would use a good bus service. About half believe the P&R is efficient. A car share scheme might attract half the respondents.

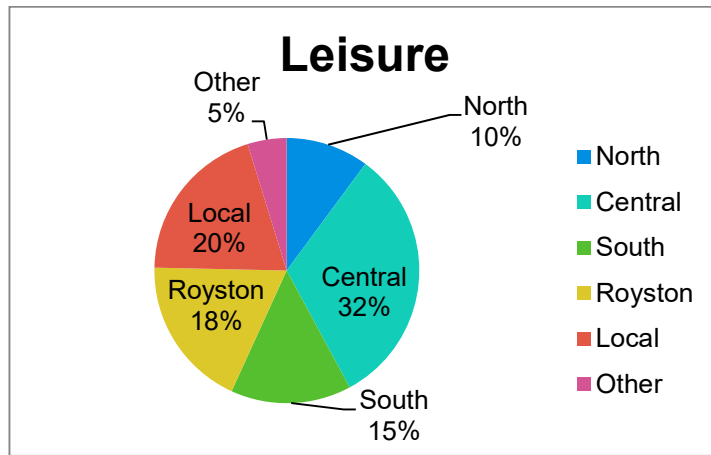
Transport improvements



There seems considerable enthusiasm for cycling to either Comberton or Cambridge. A quarter of residents wouldn't or couldn't ride a bike.

Q15-21 Your direction of travel



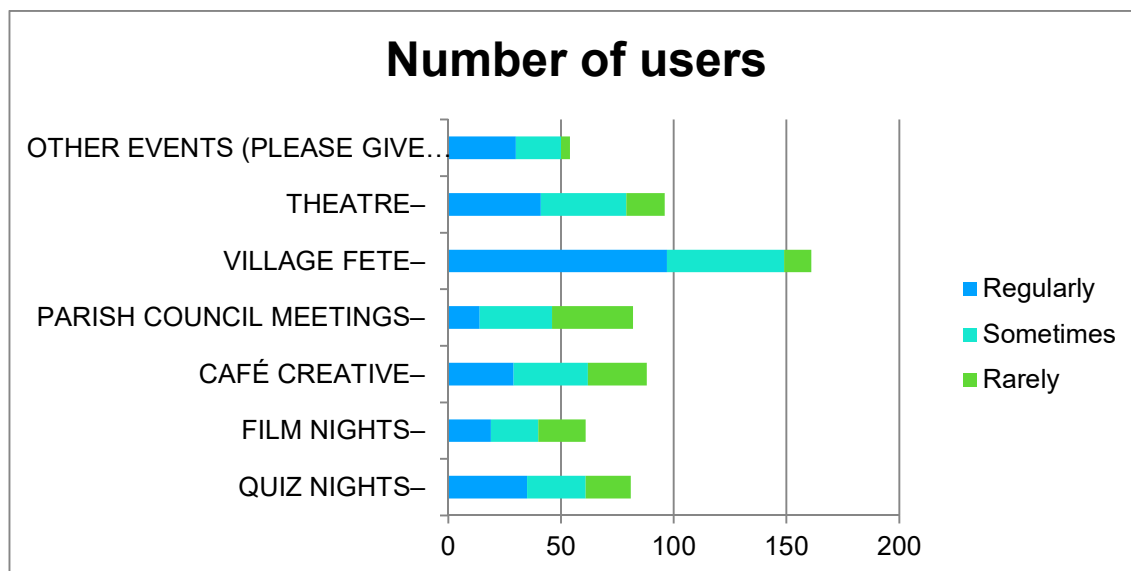


People travel in all directions for work, Cambridge, the science parks and further afield. Leisure travel is maybe Cambridge centred while school travel is more local.

Community facilities

The village hall is also well used for a variety of community activities. The Village Fete stands out but Café Creative, Theatre, quiz nights and Film nights are all popular

Q4 Village Hall use

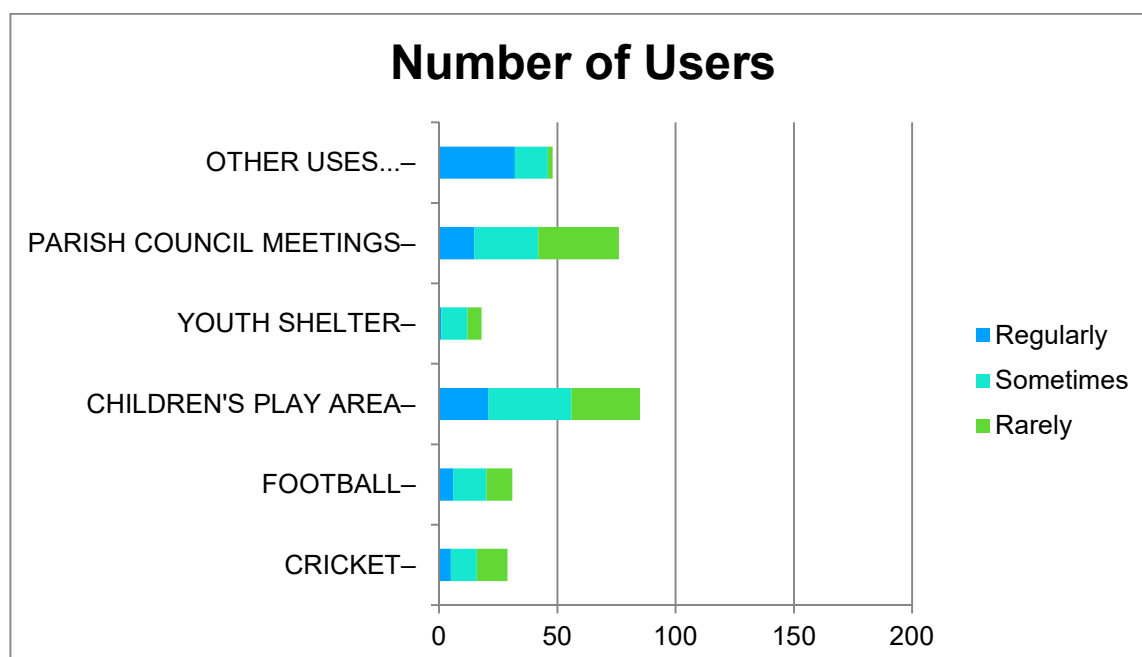


Q5 Pavilion/Recreation Ground use

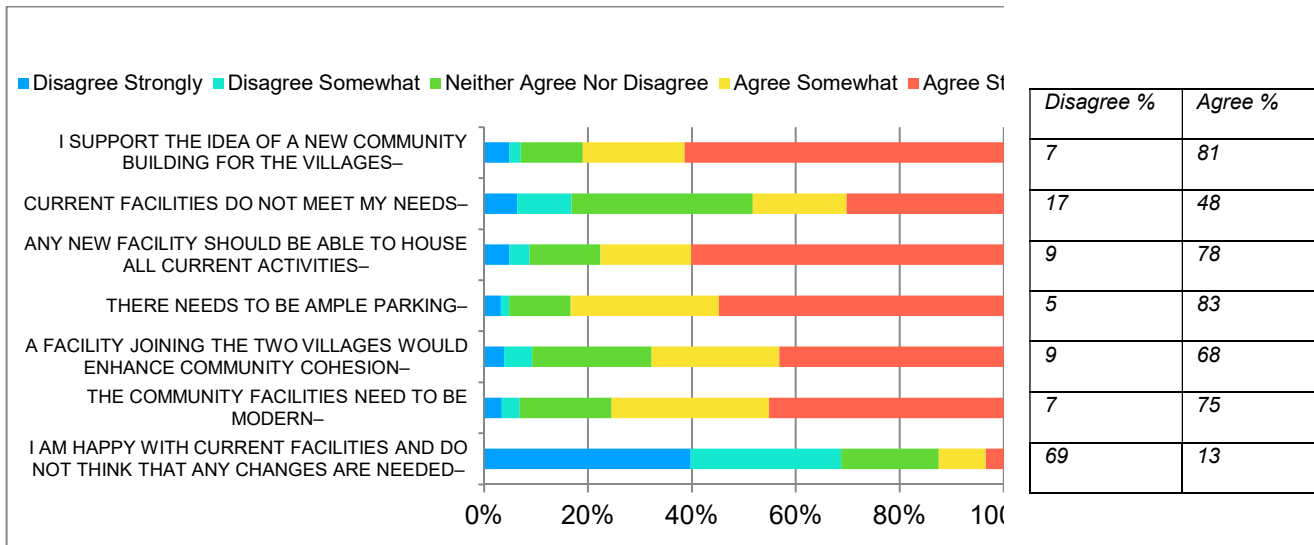
The most common use of the pavilion is for Parish council meetings.

The children's play area is well used.

Use of the sports facilities (pavilion) by Eversden residents is low. Most sports clubs are from outside the village



Your feelings about our current and potential community facilities in the Villages

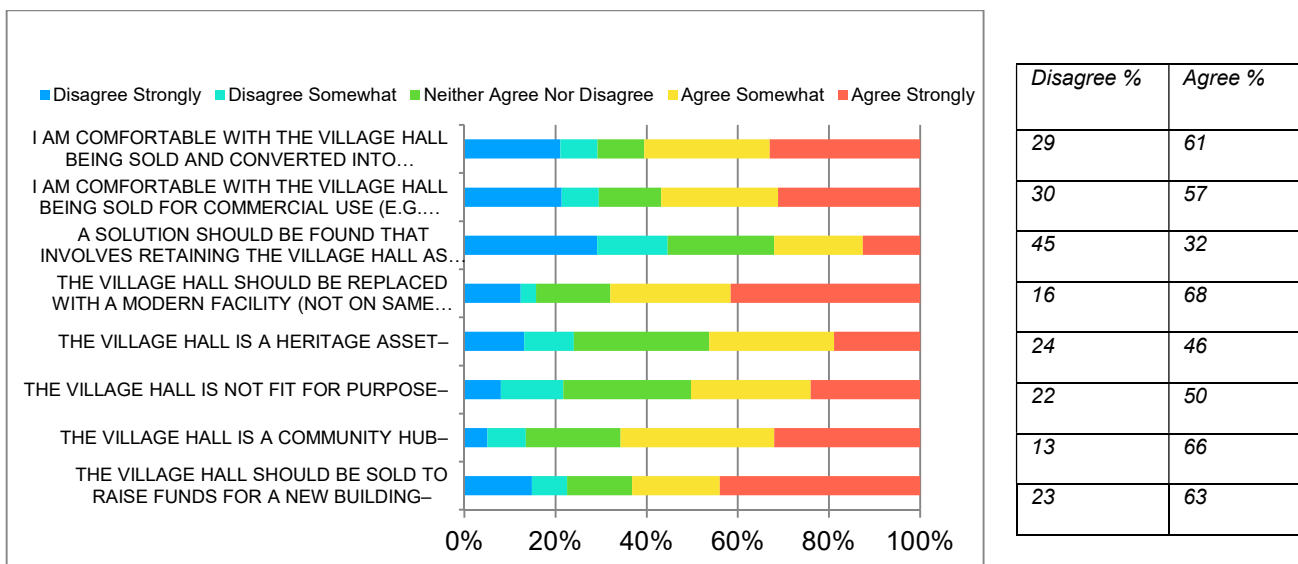


There is significant enthusiasm for a new community hub which could help bind the villages together. A new Hub should be modern with ample parking.

The current Village Hall is seen as a community hub, this is evidenced by the current use above and the responses below.

There is a strong feeling that any new facility must accommodate all current activities.

Your feelings about the Village Hall and/or a new community facility

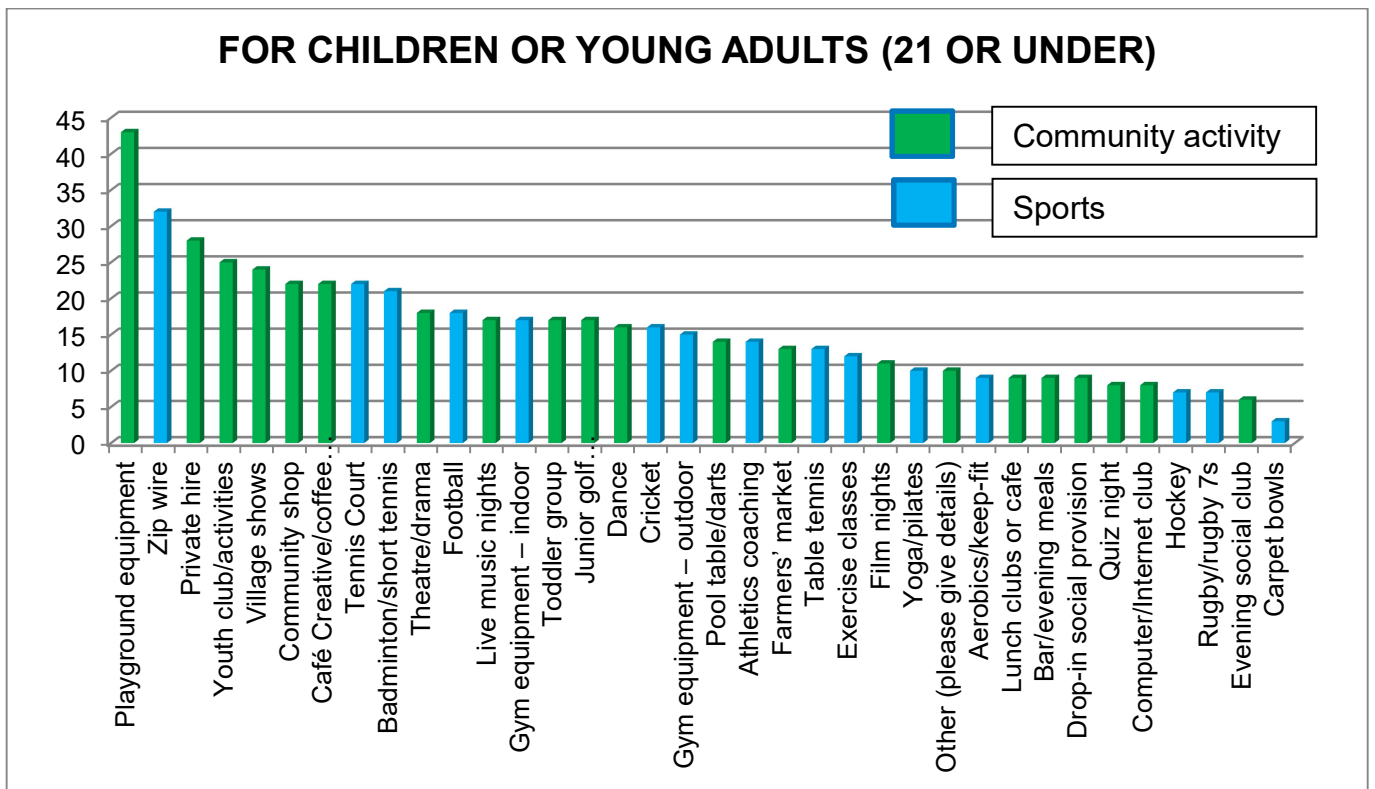
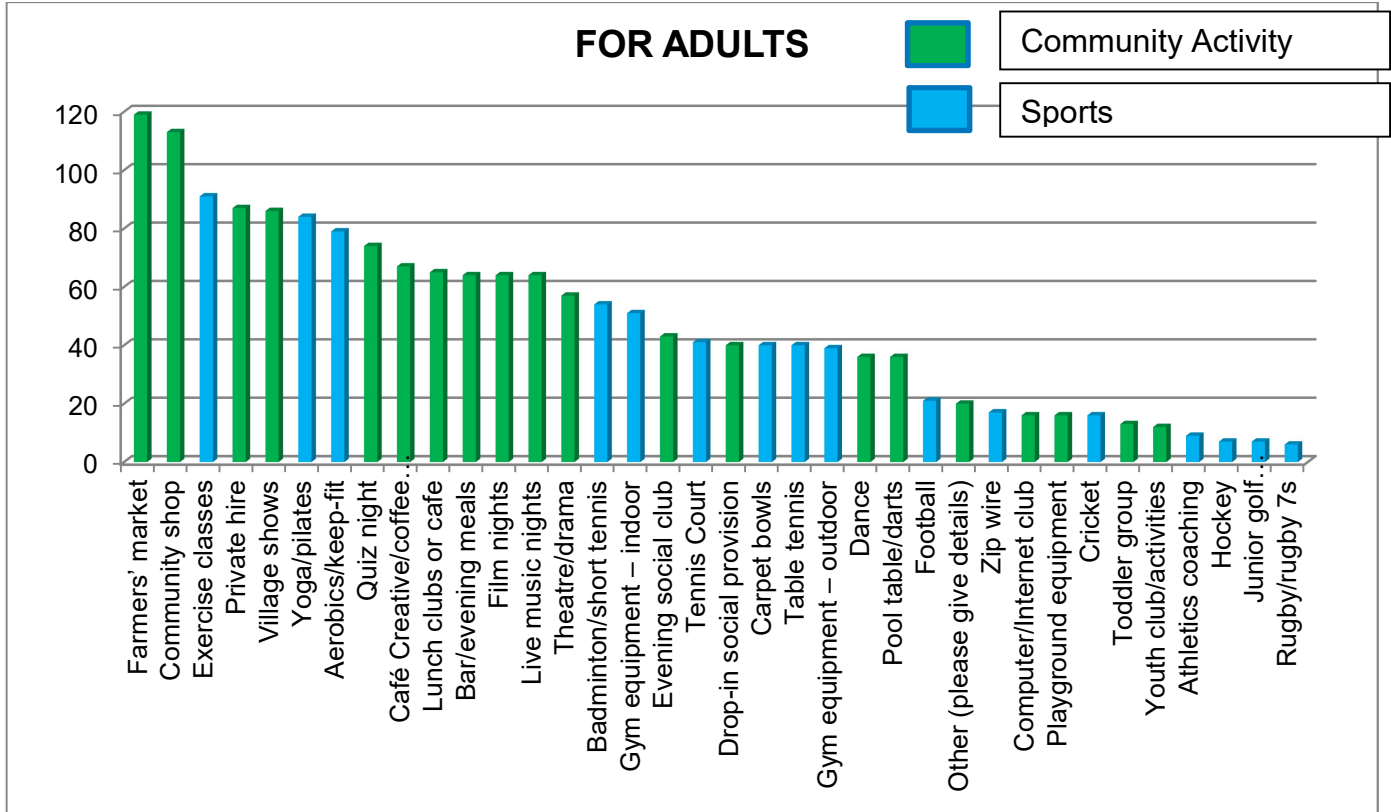


There is support for the sale of the Village Hall to help fund a new building. However it would need to satisfy the need to house current activities and the interests discussed below.

What do people want to do with a new Community Hub

This question was deliberately framed so as to not differentiate between the Village Hall or a new facility. Requests have been ranked from most popular downwards and separated Adults and Young people. Community activities and sports activities have been colour coded to help with interpretation.

Q6 Recreational, sports and social provision you would like to see in our community



There is substantial enthusiasm for a range of community activities and for keep fit classes. It is notable how many people would support establishing a Farmers Market and a Community Shop. For young people the Children's play area came out top and Zip wire second.

To narrow things down we can look at the top 20 requests, the level of current engagement in those activities and if anyone is prepared to organise the activity.

		I AM INTERESTED FOR CHILDREN OR YOUNG ADULTS (21 OR UNDER)–	I AM INTERESTED FOR ADULTS–	I DO THIS ELSEWHERE, BUT WOULD MOVE–	I DO THIS ELSEWHERE, AND WOULD NOT MOVE–	I WOULD BE PREPARED TO SET UP OR ORGANISE, OR I ALREADY DO SO–
Farmers' market	Community	13	119	15	0	2
Community shop	Community	22	113	14	1	7
Exercise classes	Sport	12	91	17	3	2
Private hire	Community	28	87	5	0	0
Village shows	Community	24	86	2	0	3
Yoga/pilates	Sport	10	84	23	2	2
Aerobics/keep-fit	Sport	9	79	25	7	2
Quiz night	Community	8	74	4	0	1
Café Creative/coffee mornings	Community	22	67	1	1	3
Lunch clubs or cafe	Community	9	65	4	0	1
Bar/evening meals	Community	9	64	12	1	5
Film nights	Community	11	64	2	1	1
Live music nights	Community	17	64	5	0	2
Theatre/drama	Community	18	57	4	1	2
Badminton/short tennis	Sport	21	54	6	0	1
Gym equipment – indoor	Sport	17	51	7	4	1
Evening social club	Community	6	43	1	0	2
Tennis Court	Sport	22	41	3	2	1
Carpet bowls	Sport	3	40	1	0	1
Drop-in social provision	Community	9	40	3	0	1

The top community activities (Farmers Market, shop, private hire, village shows) have village residents doing this elsewhere and prepared to move, and most importantly people prepared to organise.

The top sporting activities, aerobics, exercise classes, Yoga/Pilates are also well supported but, of course, do not require specialised sporting facilities.

For the sports activities requiring specialised more work would need to be done on viability, are there sufficient people actively involved in the sport to form a club? This does not take into account use of the pavilion by visiting sports teams.

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Playground equipment	Community	43	16	6	0	2
Zip wire	Sport	32	17	3	0	0
Private hire	Community	28	87	5	0	0
Youth club/activities	Community	25	12	2	1	0
Village shows	Community	24	86	2	0	3
Community shop	Community	22	113	14	1	7
Café Creative/coffee mornings	Community	22	67	1	1	3
Tennis Court	Sport	22	41	3	2	1
Badminton/short tennis	Sport	21	54	6	0	1
Theatre/drama	Community	18	57	4	1	2
Football	Sport	18	21	2	1	2
Live music nights	Community	17	64	5	0	2
Gym equipment – indoor	Sport	17	51	7	4	1
Toddler group	Community	17	13	2	0	0
Junior golf coaching/driving net	Sport	17	7	0	0	0
Dance	Community	16	36	7	1	2
Cricket	Sport	16	16	2	0	0
Gym equipment – outdoor	Sport	15	39	5	0	1
Pool table/darts	Community	14	36	0	0	1
Athletics coaching	Sport	14	9	4	0	1

Young people's activities, somewhat surprisingly mirror some of the adult choices (Shop, private hire).

There is obviously strong support for the Play area. The provision of a Zip wire would obviously be popular. .

Community hub conclusions

There is a clear indication that residents of the Eversdens see a need for a new community hub. The predominant activities would be community activities with the capability for some non specialist sports. Enthusiasm for sports activities requiring a specialist sports hall are not indicated.

Hopefully the information here will be of use to the Recreation Ground and Village Hall committees as they consider the future of community facilities. The information would be very valuable in formulating the brief for a design competition as mentioned above.