

Dear Councillor

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS)  
- THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2019**

I am now able to enclose for consideration at the above meeting the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda Item  
No.**

**8. ANNUAL UPDATE ON VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT FUNDING  
(Pages 3 - 88)**

Ms Julie Farrow will be in attendance to present the annual update on voluntary sector grant funding.

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# Annual Impact Report

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*(supporting, developing, guiding, connecting)*

A summary of the impact and activities relating to development support, guidance and connectivity for community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Huntingdonshire resulting from the commissioning of Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisation to deliver within the district by Huntingdonshire District Council

***April 2018- March 2019***

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## 1 Introduction

# Working for a Stronger Voluntary and Community Sector in Huntingdonshire

The last 12 months have been a period of positive change and development for Hunts Forum; we forged new partnerships, gained new contracts and extended our reach.

The team has changed significantly during the year and we have a committed dynamic workforce that truly epitomises our values and vision. Performance and satisfaction levels are high, with members and partners giving excellent feedback on all services.

We are proud of the collective impact the voluntary and community sector makes in Huntingdonshire; and as an organisation proud of the role we play in ensuring that our communities are safe, healthy and vibrant.

**Supporting** - Hunts Forum offers a range of support services to small and emerging community groups, voluntary organisations as well as supporting existing organisations to strengthen and develop.

**Developing** - Hunts Forum works hard to bring new and exciting ways of working to Huntingdonshire, developing best practice in partnership with members and communities.

**Guiding** - Hunts Forum works hard to ensure that local voluntary and community groups are as informed and up to date as possible.

**Connecting** - Hunts Forum is the main point of contact between voluntary and community groups and other statutory partners. We are committed to building and maintaining good relationships across the VCS, faith, public and private sectors.

A special mention needs to be made for our events programme - in particular, the Connecting Communities People Powered Conference, April 2018 ,co-hosted with

Living Sport and our Income, Impact and Innovation themed Conference in February 2019 which provided the VCS with opportunities to come together to discuss important issues, ideas and ways of working.

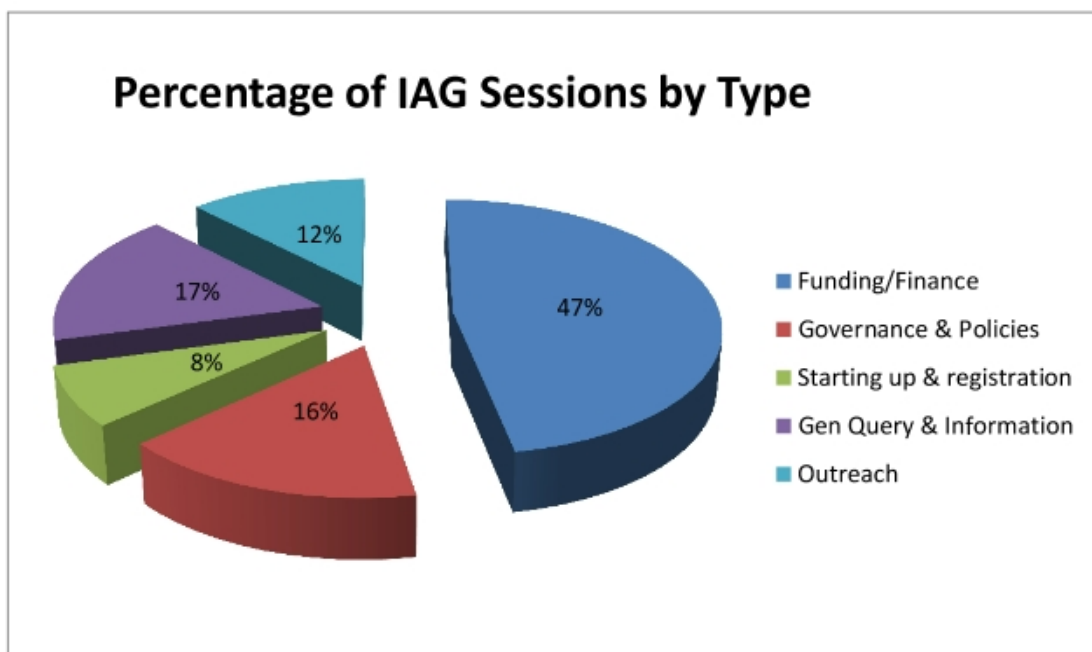
This report is a summary of our achievements and impact over the past year, and celebrates not only our work but the work and commitment of voluntary and community groups across Huntingdonshire.

Kind Regards

Julie

## 2 Organisational Development

- 2.1. There have been 106 individual Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) interventions with organisations over the period.
- 2.2. Half of these have been focused on funding, fundraising and finance issues. Seven were to help new organisations start up, identify the best structure to support their ideas and to constitute their organisations. Since November 2018 fourteen outreach visits have been made to members and non-members.
- 2.3. Met with and advised three new community groups looking to set up- a Community Hub looking to tackle loneliness and isolation in Hemingford Grey, a Friend of group for residents in a Huntingdon Care Home, Huntingdon Autistic & SENDs Support



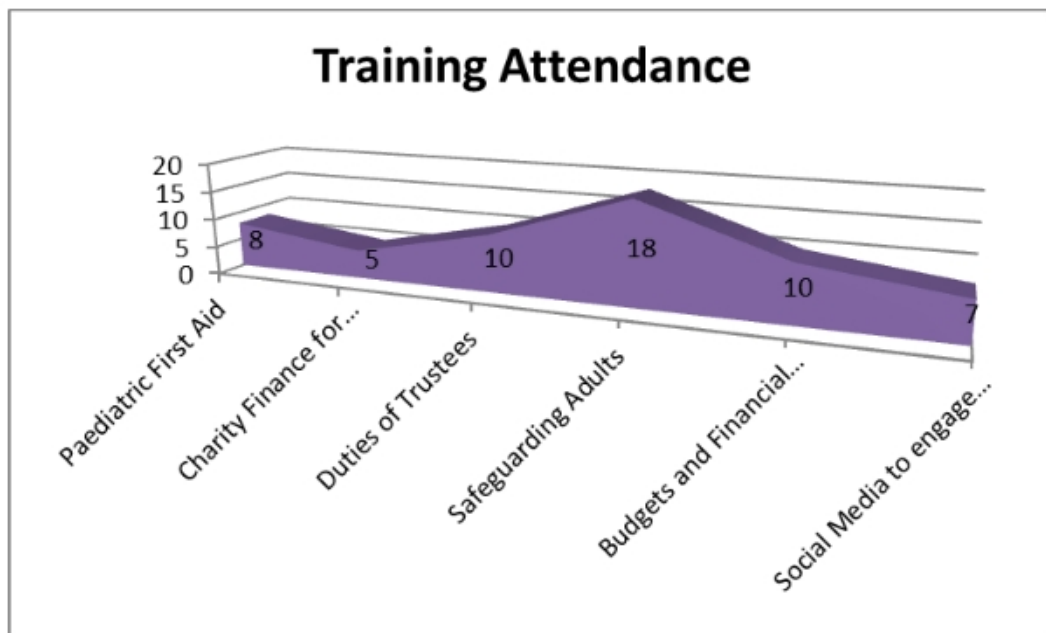
- 2.4. Consistently, organisations report greater confidence in their understanding and confidence in their ability to deal with the issues they are facing. ‘Whenever I have a question or query then Hunts Forum do their best to find out the answer for me.’ St Neots, Timebank

### **3 Keep-in-Touch (K-I-T) Network Meetings**

- 3.1. There have been 4 K-I-T meetings and one similar event called Tea at Ten on Tuesday ran as an introduction to members by the new Development Officer.
- 3.2. Attendance is variable with a range of small and larger organisations in attendance. We have altered the structure of these slightly to include a session for mutual support, encouragement and sharing.
- 3.3. There is a growing interest amongst third sector organisations in accessing Corporate Social Responsibility support. In January 2019 we held a K-I-T on this theme to help focus a workshop for later in the year bringing companies and charities together to begin a conversation to better understand each other's needs.
- 3.4. We continue to have guest speakers at these meetings. Guest Speaker for the March 2019 K-I-T was Nigel Sutton Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.
- 3.5. Based upon feedback from smaller, volunteer-run organisations, that the lunch-time meetings were difficult to attend as it impacted a volunteer's entire day, we shall be experimenting with different timings over the year to ascertain a time that will better suit volunteer and employee attendance at these events.

### **4 Training**

- 4.1. Training courses have been run on the following topics
  - 4.1.1 Paediatric First Aid
  - 4.1.2 Charity Finance for Beginners
  - 4.1.3 Duties of Trustees
  - 4.1.4 Safeguarding Adults
  - 4.1.5 Budgets and Financial Planning
  - 4.1.6 Activating and Engaging Supporters through Social Media

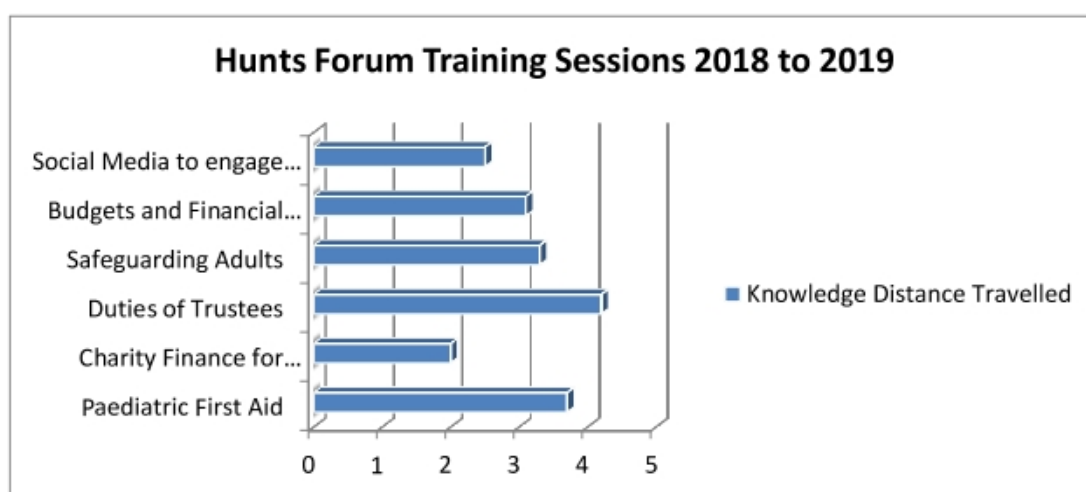


4.2. Half of the training courses were developed and delivered in-house. The others were delivered by professionals with the relevant experience, knowledge and training. All were provided as a response to feedback from members.

4.3. At each training session members' feedback includes the opportunity to request other training opportunities.

4.4. Attendances have ranged from 5 to 18 giving an average of 10 attendees per course.

4.5. Self-reported 'knowledge distance travelled' per course using a scale of 1 to 10 has an average of 3.13 points ranging from a low of 2 points to a high of 4.2 points





## 5 Hunts Forum/ Support Cambridgeshire cross-fertilisation

- 5.1. District and County offer dovetails through the Support Cambridgeshire programme. Huntingdonshire-based organisations can attend Support Cambridgeshire training, network and practitioner events (of which there are 22 in total) free of charge.
- 5.2. Additionally, Huntingdonshire-based organisations can use the self-funding portal (SC4C) which currently sits on the Support Cambridgeshire website (find funding). The portal has already helped organisations to achieve 77K in funding, and 96 Huntingdonshire-based organisations have accessed the system as new and registered users over the past 12 months. An upward trend is expected over the next 12 months.
- 5.3. The Love it, Hate it and Shape it model which has been used so successfully in Huntingdonshire communities that it has now received external funding from the Community Fund and is being delivered in East Cambridgeshire. Likewise, Huntingdonshire organisations may be at the very centre of a Partnership Bid over the next 12 months where a replica type model of the Brampton Hub may be piloted.
- 5.4. Support Cambridgeshire and Living Sport came together to co-host the Connecting Communities, People Powered Conference in April 2018 at the Corn Exchange, St Ives. This was attended 48 people who listened a Key note speech from Shaun Delaney from NCVO regarding trends in volunteering. The talk drew on the NCVO report, *Getting Involved: How people make a difference*; Attendees participated in workshop discussions



on various aspects of volunteering such as Recruitment and marketing, protecting volunteers, rewarding volunteers and celebrating success and micro-volunteering.

## 6 Income, Impact and Innovation

Over 90 members and stakeholders attended the Hunts Forum annual conference and AGM in February 2019.

The conference theme was Income, Impact and Innovation. The day began with presentations and discussions on Impact delivered by Russel Rolph, Hunts Forum and Lynette Hurran, Care Network and Income delivered by Fiona Brice, National Lottery Community Fund, Michael O'Toole Cambridge Community Foundation, Louise Prosser and Keith Johnson, Hunts Forum. This was followed by a member showcase highlighting some of the innovative work undertaken by Hunts Forum members in their local communities. Beacon Money Advice Centre, Brampton Community Hub, Caresco and Ramsey Neighbourhood Trust shared their inspiring stories. The conference then moved on to facilitated discussions where attendees could engage in more detailed discussions with our innovation presenters around the conference themes and more.

To end the day, our annual volunteer awards saw volunteers from member organisations receive well deserved recognition and rewards for their efforts.

This year, for the first time, new category of Rural Volunteer of the Year was included. This category was open to nominations from all community groups and charities operating in Cambridgeshire.



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## 7 Working Together

- 7.1. Eleven practitioner events, plus the Connecting Communities, People Powered and Hunts Forum Conferences and Hunts Forum AGM were attended.
- 7.2. Attended a Social Prescribing Network event organised by the Cambridge Mental Health Network to look at the possibilities and possible hurdles of social prescribing across the county. Approximately 40 organisations were present.
- 7.3. Attended the Cinnamon Network Launch Event in Cambridge, with the possibility of church-based community groups being able to work with the Cinnamon network and apply to the county council Innovate and Cultivate fund for funding this was an important development to understand and be able to advise potential groups about. Approximately 60 organisations were present.
- 7.4. Attended the Developing Oxmoor Workshop day at the HDC Civic Suite. This was organised by the district council to explore the issues of the area and possible responses. Approximately 100 people attended representing around 40 organisations.
- 7.5. Attended and gave a presentation at a Volunteers' Fayre organised by Huntingdon Library. Around 20 organisations were present.
- 7.6. Attended meetings of both the Child and Family Centre Partnership and the Crime, safety Partnership.
- 7.7. Attended the AGM of one Hunts Forum member organisation. Around 10 organisations and 30 individuals were present.
- 7.8. Attended meeting to discover more about the Men Shed movement and how we could bring more of these to the county. Arranged a meeting with Ramshed as a result. This organisation was unaware of the network of community groups in the area and is slowly becoming involved in Hunts forum and will hopefully soon join.
- 7.9. Attended County Council organised meeting at Huntingdon Town Council offices to encourage community Great Get Together and Big Lunch celebrations as part of the end loneliness campaign.

## 8 Case Studies

### 8.1 Member organisation

#### St Neots TimeBank

St Neots TimeBank is a successful and award winning volunteer-run TimeBank whose services are increasingly being called upon by statutory and health organisations. The TimeBank is aware that if it is to continue to thrive then additional funding is necessary and may have to move to having a funded position for a paid co-ordinator.

The co-ordinator came to see the Hunts Forum Development Officer in November 2018 to discuss changing the governance structure to that of a CIO. Through discussion it transpired that many of the issues and challenges facing the TimeBank revolved around having a very active and passionate co-ordinator who had very little support with the Administration work from members with regard to taking on organisational responsibilities.

With so few members active in the administration of the TimeBank the advice was that it did not appear to be a good time to look at undertaking the rigors of changing the governance structure and instead to concentrate on encouraging members to step forward to take more responsibility for running the TimeBank, rather than just their events.

The TimeBank started pro-active engagement with members to encourage more involvement. This has happened and the TimeBank now has a team of members under-taking some of the aspects that previously had all sat with the co-ordinator. Hunts Forum has continued to meet with and support the St Neots TimeBank.

The TimeBank continues to grow and is increasingly referred to by statutory agencies including local authorities, NHS and other Health services. However, these do not financially support the TimeBank and funding remains their biggest issue.



Their volunteer fundraiser will soon be meeting with Hunts Forum who will be meeting with that person in the future. St Neots TimeBank plan to make an Awards for All application and will continue to seek funding.

The intervention back in November helped the TimeBank to address their current issues rather than spend time looking at changing the structure which would have drained the time of the coordinator and members in potentially unproductive meetings and discussions. By addressing issues of member engagement in running the TimeBank it is now in a better place to seek additional funding and to look at structural change from a more strengthened position.

“Whenever I have a question or query Hunts Forum do their best to find out the answer ...”

“At the moment Keith is helping to find funding also help with our application format and thoughts of the value or not of becoming a CIO. All extremely valuable information.”

## **8.2 Non-Member - Supporting the start-up- to active membership**

### Hemingford Hub

Hemingford Hub is the name that a small group of people gave to their idea for tackling unwanted loneliness and isolation in their village. They came to Hunts Forum as they were finding it difficult to write their governing document as a Community Interest Company. There was a great deal of business experience amongst those looking to start the hub and a social enterprise matched the collective knowledge and familiarity. Through discussion however, the social enterprise structure did not fit with the new group’s aim and objectives.

At a second meeting in Hemingford Grey, our development officer ran through various options for a constitution with the group that would help support them make the impact they wanted to achieve. A small charity constitution was chosen as it offered the best fit to start the organisation quickly and also



provide a stepping stone to either registered charity or CIO status as the group grew.

The Development Officer introduced the group to the Brampton Village Hub that is achieving much of what the Hemingford Hub hope to achieve in the future.

Since then the Development Officer has continued to provide support. Particularly when the group hit an issue with their bank account from the Co-op bank which now only offers accounts to registered charities. The Development Officer was able to provide information to other accounts for the Hub.

The Hemingford Hub is now talking directly to its Parish Council to explore ways of working together similar to the Brampton Hub and its Parish council. Although not yet having formally adopted its constitution, the group continues to meet and plans to have this agreed soon. In the meantime, they have been developing their plans to improve the lives of people in their village. The hub has made contact with officers from the Innovate and Cultivate fund to discuss support for the Hub. Hemingford hub is considering membership of Hunts Forum. Update: in early April 2019, the hub joined Hunts Forum.

As one of the members said, ‘just because we are a mainly wealthy area, does not mean that there isn’t loneliness. Rich people suffer from loneliness, too.’

### **8.3 Member organisational changes influenced by training courses**

#### **Cornerstone Pregnancy Advice Centre**

In early February 2019 we ran our first course on using social media to drive supporter engagement run by the Development Officer. The Voluntary and Charitable sector has overall made little use of the power of social media compared to businesses often using it simply to notify an unspecified audience of events. The training looked at different ways to use social media to move from broadcast to dialogue with supporters to create a more dynamic and interactive environment.

A member of staff and a volunteer from Cornerstone Pregnancy Advice Centre attended the training and have since worked with the organisation to develop a social media strategy and plan to drive engagement.

A strategy was developed following the training and the plan to give an existing volunteer clear instructions and the responsibility to systematically post on social media has begun. Cornerstone has recently reported back to Hunts Forum that as a result traffic to their FaceBook page has increased dramatically. It was decided that a weekly client quote be posted. These client quotes are receiving more than the usual “likes” and consequently donations from the local community for Cornerstone’s baby boutique have increased.



Above, Facebook Analytics Report provided by Cornerstone Pregnancy Advice Centre for monthly post reach and engagement March 2019 detailing post reach increasing 1247%, post engagement increasing by 778% and Page likes increasing by 1867%

## 9 Place-based community development

As part of the HDC contract, Hunts Forum employs a part-time Communities Officer to work intensively with small communities, actively engaging with residents to facilitate new projects and support existing ones.



In January 2018 work began in Sawtry, making contact with a wide range of local organisations including officers and councillors at the parish, district and county councils, local schools and nurseries, CARESCO, Sawtry Youth Project, Sawtry Walk to Run, Sawtry Camera Club, Sawtry Small Business Partnership, Sawtry Carnival, the WI and local uniform groups. Drawing on these contacts to spread the word, local residents were surveyed to reveal their concerns and aspirations for the village. The resulting survey report is appended to this document (Appendix 1).

A follow-up meeting gave residents a chance to discuss the survey's findings. This was well received, with 25 people attending, many of whom were active in the community but who hadn't previously met each other. There was an



appetite for continued networking opportunities beyond this meeting. As a result, Hunts Forum is supporting a group of residents as they draw up plans to launch Sawtry Community Association as a platform for sharing ideas and resources, championing each other's work and representing the voice of residents.

The survey revealed an appetite for more community fun days and charity events. To capitalise on this, Hunts Forum invited people from CARESCO, Sawtry Carnival, Sawtry Youth Project, Sawtry Walk to Run and Sawtry Village Academy to draw up plans for a community sports day. With our support, they have formed a committee, raised almost £10,000 in grant funding and liaised with the County Council youth team, Living Sport and a wide range of local sports clubs and community groups to invite them to participate in the event. *Sawtry Sport 4 All* will take place on the school field on 13 July 2019, with a target turnout of 2,000 people. The objectives are to promote community cohesion, to show that physical exercise is something everyone can take part in and enjoy, and to celebrate and promote local sports clubs to increase awareness and boost membership.

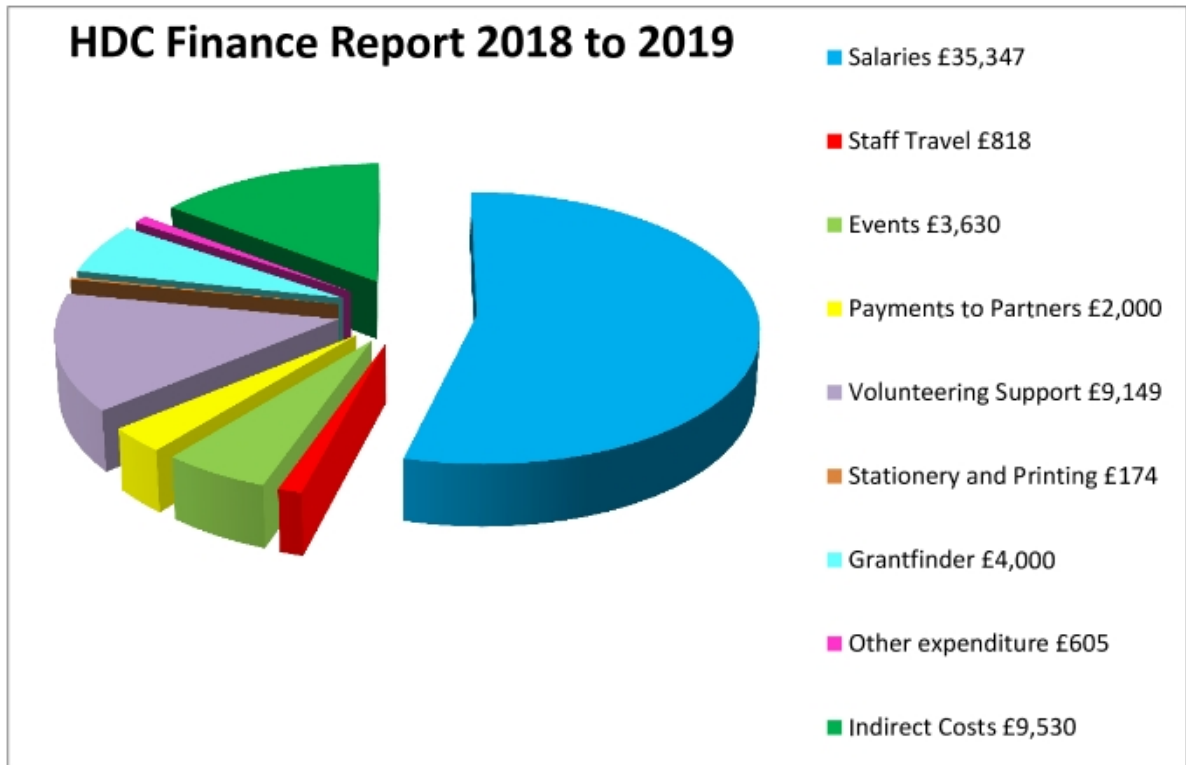
Hunts Forum has worked closely with CARESCO throughout 2018, supporting them on a number of projects including changes to the Sawtry Eye newsletter and long-term strategic planning to ensure the organisation is sustainable. Our Communities Officer gave a presentation at the CARESCO AGM about his work in the village.

As work winds down in Sawtry and projects are handed over to local residents, work has now begun at the next placement in Bluntisham, meeting community activists and stakeholder organisations and encouraging all residents to complete the survey (appendix 2).



## 10 Finance Report

A total of £65,253 was spent during the financial year on Development Work with the various communities of Huntingdonshire. This breaks down as follows



## 11 Other

### 11.1 Connecting Communities Conference 2019

Huntingdonshire District Council and Support Cambridgeshire have come together to run the Connecting Communities Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This is an opportunity for Huntingdonshire-based organisations to attend and examine volunteering as a model for reducing loneliness and social isolation. This will explore the topics of how to locate potentially lonely individuals; engage with them to encourage volunteering; support and nurture volunteers, especially those with additional needs; demonstrating impact and value and funding advice for projects tackling unwanted social isolation and volunteering.



### **11.2 Quality Assurance Mark**

A Quality Assurance Mark (QAM) has been designed for small charities. The aim of this mark is to provide small charities with a mechanism to attain and demonstrate a strong level of internal governance. We will be seeking official endorsement from commissioning partners and plan to roll out the QAM during the next financial year.

### **11.3 Developing Relationships with Corporates**

Corporate Social Responsibility: Developed ties with major employers and with a new Cambridge-Based enterprise that is working with companies to improve their CSR offer. This has resulted in a workshop bringing charities and businesses together to help each side better understand the other's needs. It is anticipated that similar events will continue to be run over the next year.

### **11.4 Chamber of Commerce Links**

Reaching out to businesses and taking a more pro-active method of working to better understand member's needs, plans and aspirations is beginning to see a development of Hunts Forum being able to provide introductions for business and charities for partnership working.

### **11.5 Employee Volunteering**

A good working relationship was initiated by Hunts Forum with South Staffs Water/ Cambridge Water that has seen five members seek support through the company's Outreach Co-ordinator for the successful Employee Volunteering scheme that the company is seeking to expand in Cambridge Water supplied areas.

### **11.6 Pro-Active Engagement**

From October 2018 Hunts Forum initiated a more pro-active approach to supporting the Charity, Voluntary and Community sector in the district and across the county. The Development Officer has been reaching out to meet members and non-members to undertake informal information gathering to ensure that Hunts Forum Members and Non Members

### **11.7 Members' Newsletter**

A Members' Newsletter has been relaunched with news, information and articles of interest to the sector. Called, *In the Loop*, the first issue of this new quarterly

publication was distributed in January 2019. Future issues will include a Members' News section. Copies can be downloaded at [http://www.huntsforum.org.uk/information-resources/cat\\_view/12-information-resources/14-hunts-forum-newsletters](http://www.huntsforum.org.uk/information-resources/cat_view/12-information-resources/14-hunts-forum-newsletters)

## 12 Acknowledgements

Hunts Forum of Voluntary organisations would like to thank Huntingdonshire District Council for its continued support. We would also like to thank The Freeman's Trust for funding the interactive TV screen at the Maple Centre.

Thank you to St Neots Timebank, Hemingford Hub and Cornerstone Pregnancy Advice Centre for helping with the case studies.

Thank you to Beacon Money Advice Centre, Brampton Community Hub, Caresco and Ramsey Neighbourhood Trust for presenting their work at the Income, Impact and Innovation conference.

## 13 Appendices

13.1 Sawtry Survey Report

13.2 Example Survey Form



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## **HDC Grant Year 1 (April 17 – March 18)**

**Increase the capacity of Voluntary Sector Organisations in Huntingdonshire to deliver services & activities.**

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND WORKING TOGETHER

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Milestones for year	Commentary
<p>Work with Allia to provide training and business support for new start-up social enterprises</p> <p>Target: 10 sessions</p>	<p><b>Milestone abandoned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings held with Allia and HDC Economic Development Team on project plan. Two areas identified as potential starting points before HDC Economic Development Team learnt a separate bid for funds to deliver a similar scheme with OutSet Huntingdonshire was successful – links were established and a decision taken with HDC to signpost any potential groups to OutSet.</li> </ul>
<p>Work with Cambs ACRE to support Town &amp; Parish Council as part of SC.</p> <p>Target: 2 sessions</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for Town &amp; Parish Council Development Plan</li> <li>• Support for HDC Town &amp; Parish Council Clerks event</li> <li>• Attendance at Town &amp; Parish Conference – Realising the Potential</li> <li>• 3 peer learning events for Huntingdonshire Town &amp; Parish Councils</li> </ul>

Evidence: The survey of Town & Parish Councils undertaken as part of SC contract has resulted in a The Town & Parish Council Development Plan – the plan will be used as a tool to support Huntingdonshire Town & Parish Councils in delivering an agreed area within the plan (currently this has been identified as peer support for Community Led Planning)

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## VOICE AND REPRESENTATION

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Milestones for year	Commentary
<p>Attend any new and bespoke specialist meetings. Target: 20 meetings</p>	<p><b>Milestone not achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HF staff attended 16 district meetings representing the sector.</li> </ul> <p>Meetings include – Community Safety Partnership, Local Health Partnership (now Living Well Partnership), Community Learning &amp; Skill and Compact.</p>
<p>Connecting individuals, groups and organisations. Target: 4 networking events; 1 workshop; 1 event</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Keep In Touch meetings delivered – covering topics on preparing your annual report, neighbourhood cares and the VCS, HR, GDPR.</li> <li>GDPR workshop delivered in conjunction with Hewiston’s Solicitors</li> <li>Impact - Demonstrating the difference workshop designed and delivered with SC</li> </ul>
<p>Advocate for and be a critical friend to HDC. Target: 1 session</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEO supported the Transformation lead on working with the VCS on Homelessness</li> </ul>
<p>Deliver specialist training with SC to local groups. Target: 1 session</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representation training delivered to Huntingdonshire Community Action Projects</li> </ul>

6. HDC End of Year Report

Milestones for year	Commentary
Deliver a State of the Sector Survey. Target: 1 Survey	<b>Milestone achieved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of the sector survey compiled and circulated to partners, data used to support groups</li> </ul>
Provide a co-ordinated timetable of engagement and learning events with SC. Target: updated timetable	<b>Milestone achieved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timetable available on HF and SC Websites</li> </ul>

Evidence:

[State of the Sector Survey](#)

[Meeting feedback](#)

Specialist Training – I recently attended the course on Voice and Representation. I learned a lot, particularly about the time and commitment required to be a good representative. Overall, the training was excellent, and well presented.

## VOLUNTEERING

Milestones for year	Commentary on Progress towards Milestones
<p>Support social action &amp; increase time-banking/time credits with start-up advice.</p> <p>Target: 2 new time-banks</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC/HF member of the Time-banking steering group</li> <li>• Supported the development of two new time-banks in Huntingdonshire – Houghton &amp; Wyton and St Ives; Huntingdonshire now has 5 time-banks, more than any other area in Cambridgeshire</li> </ul>
<p>Work with SC on the provision of volunteer management tools/courses.</p> <p>Target: updated tools on website; 1 volunteer course delivered in Huntingdonshire</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toolkits available on website</li> <li>• Legal Issues for volunteer managers course delivered</li> </ul>
<p>Work with SC on delivering pro-bono support to groups in Huntingdonshire</p> <p>Target: variety of support on offer</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro-bono support available includes data protection &amp; IT support, dispute resolution, free meeting space</li> <li>• Free 1-1 HR advice sessions delivered to Huntingdonshire groups – 4 sessions during the year</li> </ul>

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6. HDC End of Year Report

Milestones for year	Commentary on Progress towards Milestones
<p>Work with Living Sport to deliver a Volunteer Fair.</p> <p>Target: 1 fair – 80 attendees</p>	<p><b>Milestone not achieved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We timed the delivery of the event so that it wouldn't clash with tradition events and originally planned to hold in January 2018; unfortunately due to difficulties in finding a suitable venue we have been unable to deliver within the time require. The event is now planned for 19<sup>th</sup> April is called People Powered – a fresh perspective on recruiting, supporting and celebrating volunteers. Keynote speaker is Suzanne Lowe Office for Civil Society (Culture media and sport) national perspective – followed by 4 workshops on Timebanking/micro-volunteering: Lucy Bird Somersham Timebank (confirmed); Recruitment, marketing your organisation – Keith Smith Ferry Project (confirmed); Looking after your volunteers: Street Pastors tbc; Celebrating success: - Amanda Forecast National Trust (confirmed)</li> </ul>
<p>Deliver Place Based Volunteering and Social Action support in targeted areas:</p> <p>Target: 2 areas per year; increased number of volunteers</p>	<p><b>Milestone achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the recruitment of our new Communities Officer (Ben Pitt) we identified with HDC Yaxley as the first area for this new piece of work. Ben developed a community survey, worked with HDC and the Parish council on an existing identified need – anti-social behaviour, and supported the recruitment of 12 new volunteers to run a youth club. The survey highlighted what residents liked and disliked about where they lived - one area that residents wanted was a complete database of community venues; we agreed to do this on their behalf and the subsequent database is now held at the Yaxley Gazette.</li> <li>The second area to have this place based approach is Sawtry, a community survey is underway with 100+ responses so far. Ben has been meeting with existing groups and the Parish Council to identify any existing needs/issues.</li> </ul>

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Evidence:

Resources – i.e. how to guides, toolkits can be found here <https://www.supportcambridgeshire.org.uk/resources/>

Yaxley Community Survey [can be found here](#)



6. HDC End of Year Report

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## 6. HDC End of Year Report

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Evidence:

Attendee feedback

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I attended the Child Protection course on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and found that parts of my previous knowledge were updated: It was great to meet with other professionals.

Explained very clearly which was helpful as I had no previous knowledge on the subject: Louise checked that everyone understood before moving on, excellent knowledge and delivery – Basic Booking 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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# Community Services in Sawtry

## Residents' Survey: results and analysis

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# Executive Summary

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In February and March 2018 Hunts Forum conducted a survey of residents in Sawtry to find out what they liked, disliked and wanted to change about their community. There were three key objectives:

- to provide Hunts Forum, local councils and partner organisations with an insight into the views of residents
- to encourage residents to think critically and creatively about their community
- to nurture and support new and existing projects that addressed their concerns and desires

The survey was conducted online using Google Forms and publicised via the Sawtry Eye magazine, which is distributed free to all homes in Sawtry and surrounding villages. It was publicised via social media (Sawtry Scene Facebook page) and paper copies were made available at the CARESCO charity building and the CARESCO shop.

The survey included introductory text, as follows:

*What are the best things about Sawtry? What could be better? Is there enough for you and your family to do?*

*Ben Pitt is the Communities Officer for Hunts Forum, an organisation that supports voluntary and community groups to help them set up, develop and grow. He's working in Sawtry this year and wants to find out what local residents think of existing community services, what they feel is missing and what can be done to fill the gaps.*

*Voluntary and community organisations might include pre-school groups, youth clubs, sports and exercise groups, support for older people or those with additional needs, faith groups, community car schemes, book clubs, community choirs, drawing classes, sewing clubs, gardening clubs, coffee mornings and cookery clubs. It includes organisations that support a range of activities, such as a residents' association, neighbourhood watch scheme or a timebank.*

105 responses were submitted, with 99 online and 6 on paper. Most questions had free text answers. These answers have been analysed and grouped together by category and subcategory to establish trends.

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## Headline Trends

The responses showed a number of clear trends, as follows:

### Residents place a high value on community.

When asked, "What are the best things about living in Sawtry?", 41 respondents (39%) made a reference to community spirit, community cohesion or community events. 33 respondents (31%) referred to friends, family, people or the general friendliness of the village.

### Respondents were generally positive about living in Sawtry.

For the question, "Which words describe Sawtry?", respondents were given a list of nine positive, nine negative and three neutral words to choose from. 359 positive words were chosen compared to 67 negative words. 96% of people described it as "Friendly", with only 1% selecting "Anti-social". However, opinion was divided as to whether Sawtry is "Busy" (28%) or "Quiet" (29%). A similar number of people chose "Narrow-minded" (16%) and "Tolerant" (14%).

### The biggest concerns are the rate of expansion of the village, crime and lack of youth provision.

A wide range of issues were expressed in response to the question, "What are your biggest concerns about living here?" but 56% of responses cited the expansion of the village in some way. Crime was mentioned by 21% of respondents, and a lack of provision for teenagers by 19%. The expansion of the village also featured heavily in responses to the question, "How has Sawtry changed in the last 10 years?" with 40% citing it as a negative change, and 3% as a positive.

### Social media and the Sawtry Eye community newsletter are more effective than other means of communication.

77% of respondents cited social media as their means to finding out what's happening in the village, with the Sawtry Scene Facebook page featuring heavily. 70% mentioned the Sawtry Eye, a community newsletter produced by local charity CARESCO. Posters and noticeboards (15%), websites (3%) and flyers (0%) were much lower. These results may be distorted because invitations to complete the survey were distributed via the Sawtry Eye and Facebook.

### There are lots of community activities already established in Sawtry.

When asked, "Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Sawtry? What did you think of them?", 70 activities were mentioned.

### There is relatively high demand for more youth activities.

When asked, "What new activities would you like to see?", 25% of people requested youth-related activities, with 16% specifically mentioning a skate park. 10% requested adult education classes. 39 other suggestions were made, ranging from boxing classes to community litter picks.

### Half of respondents are interested in becoming more involved in community activities.

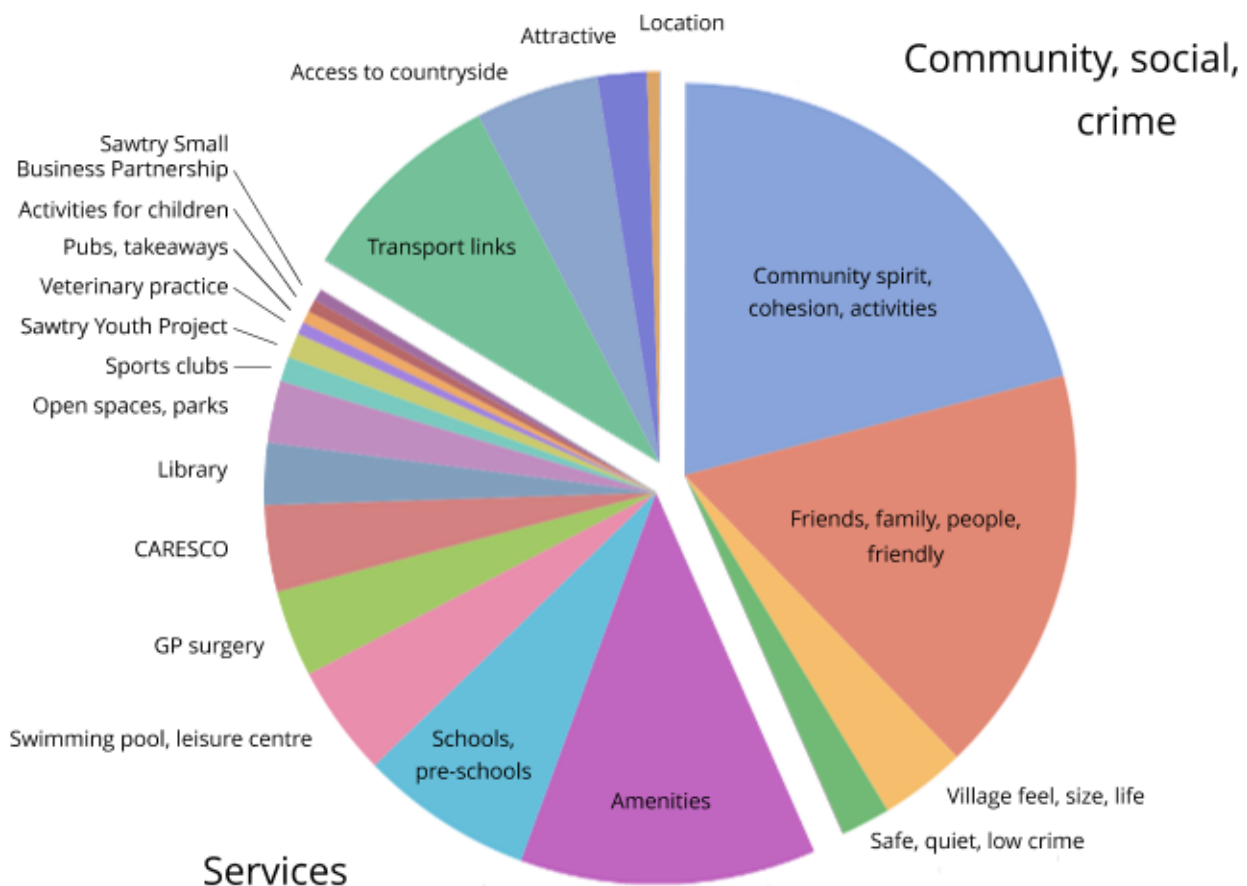
When asked, "Would you like to be more involved in community activities?", 20 replied "Yes" and 34 replied "Maybe", totalling 51% of responses to this question.

## What are the best things about living in Sawtry?

Free text field; most respondents provided multiple answers

<b>COMMUNITY, SOCIAL, CRIME</b>		Open spaces, parks	5
Community spirit, cohesion, activities	41	Sports clubs	2
Friends, family, people, friendly	33	Sawtry Youth Project	2
Village feel, size, life	7	Veterinary practice	1
Safe, quiet, low crime	4	Pubs, takeaways	1
		Activities for children	1
		Sawtry Small Business Partnership	1
<b>SERVICES</b>		<b>PHYSICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	
Amenities	24	Transport links	17
Schools, pre-schools	14	Access to countryside	10
Swimming pool, leisure centre	9	Attractive	4
GP surgery	7	Location	1
CARESCO	7		
Library	5		

### Physical, environmental



# What are your biggest concerns about living here?

Free text field; most respondents provided multiple answers

### COMMUNITY, SOCIAL, CRIME

Crime, increase in crime	22
Lack of police presence, police station	6
Traffic, speeding	6
Parking	5
Litter	3
Dog poo, dogs running loose	4
Anti-social behaviour	3
Sawtry Academy historic problems	1
Lack of CCTV	1
People being critical about events, unwilling to help	1
Aging population	1
Nimbyism	1
Not knowing the area well	1

### SERVICES

Not enough for teenagers	20
Lack of amenities	9
GP is (or becoming) over-subscribed	9
Sports centre open for fewer hours, uncertain future	3

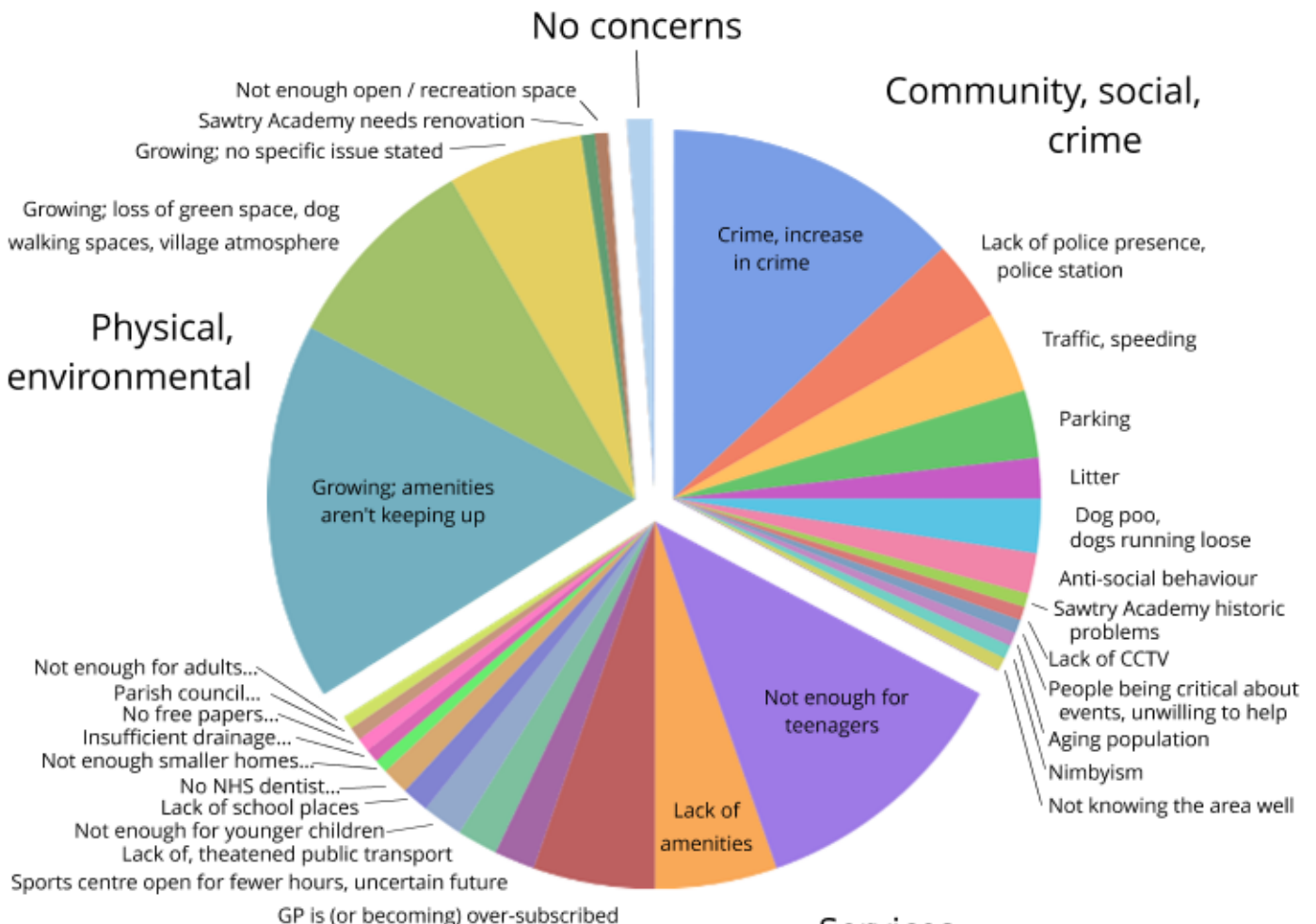
Lack of, threatened public transport	3
Not enough for younger children	3
Lack of school places	2
No NHS dentist, dentist over-subscribed	2
Not enough smaller homes for downsizing	1
Insufficient drainage for new homes	1
No free papers to find out what's going on	1
Not enough done by parish council	1
Not enough for adults who don't use pubs	1

### PHYSICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL

Growing; amenities aren't keeping up	28
Growing; loss of green space, dog walking spaces, village atmosphere	15
Growing; no specific issue stated	10
Sawtry Academy needs renovation	1
Not enough open / recreation space	1

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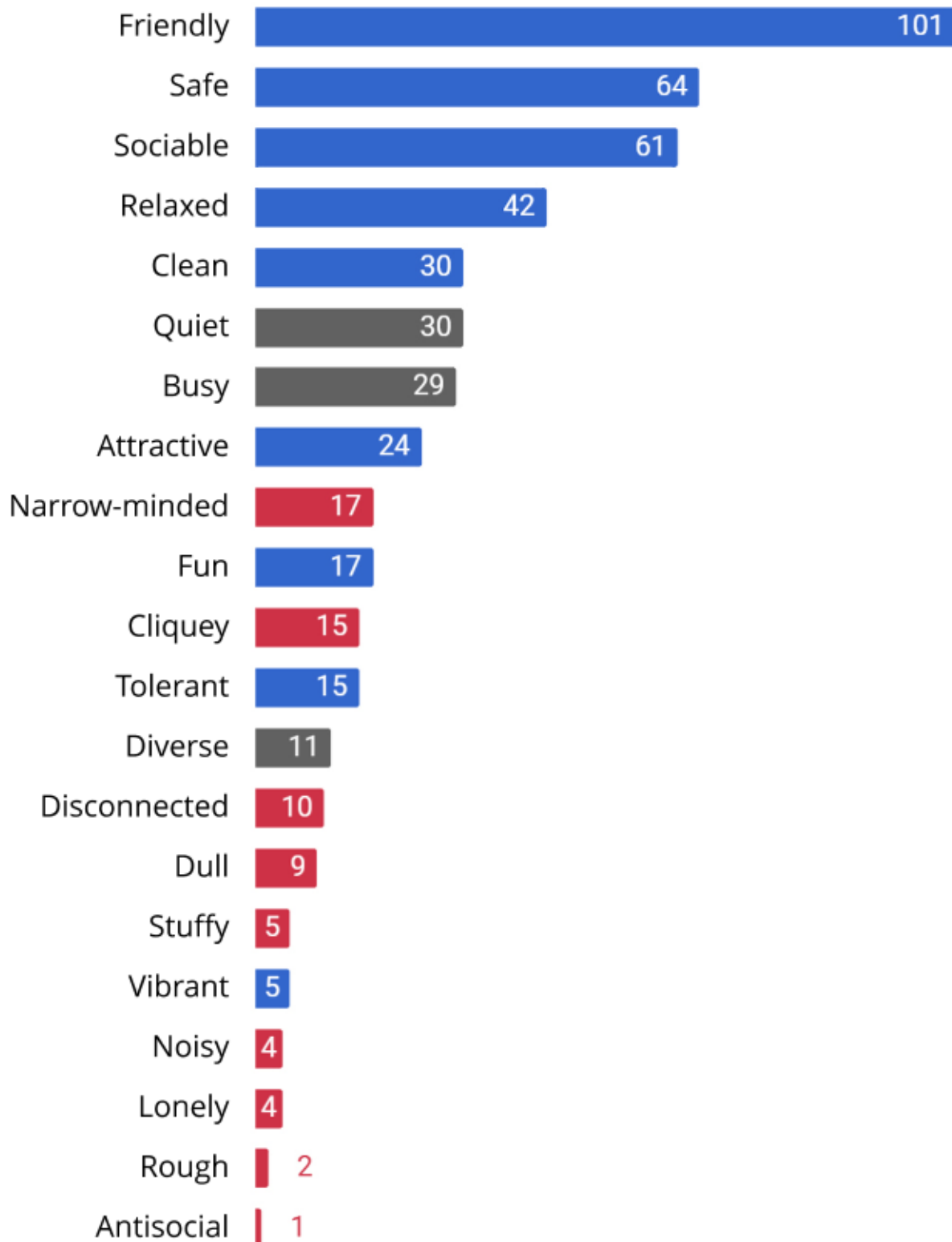
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## Which words describe Sawtry?

Tick boxes. Respondents could select multiple answers. Colour-coding (not included in the survey questions) denotes **positive**, **negative** and neutral attributes.





## How has Sawtry changed in the last 10 years?

Free text field; some respondents provided multiple answers. Colour-coding denotes positive, negative and neutral or no comments.

### COMMUNITY, SOCIAL, CRIME

More traffic / parking issues	9
More crime	6
More anti-social behaviour	6
More dog mess	3
Better community spirit	3
Less community spirit, village feel	3
More negativity	3
More litter	1

### SERVICES

Loss of, stretched amenities	8
Better amenities	4
Worse schools	2

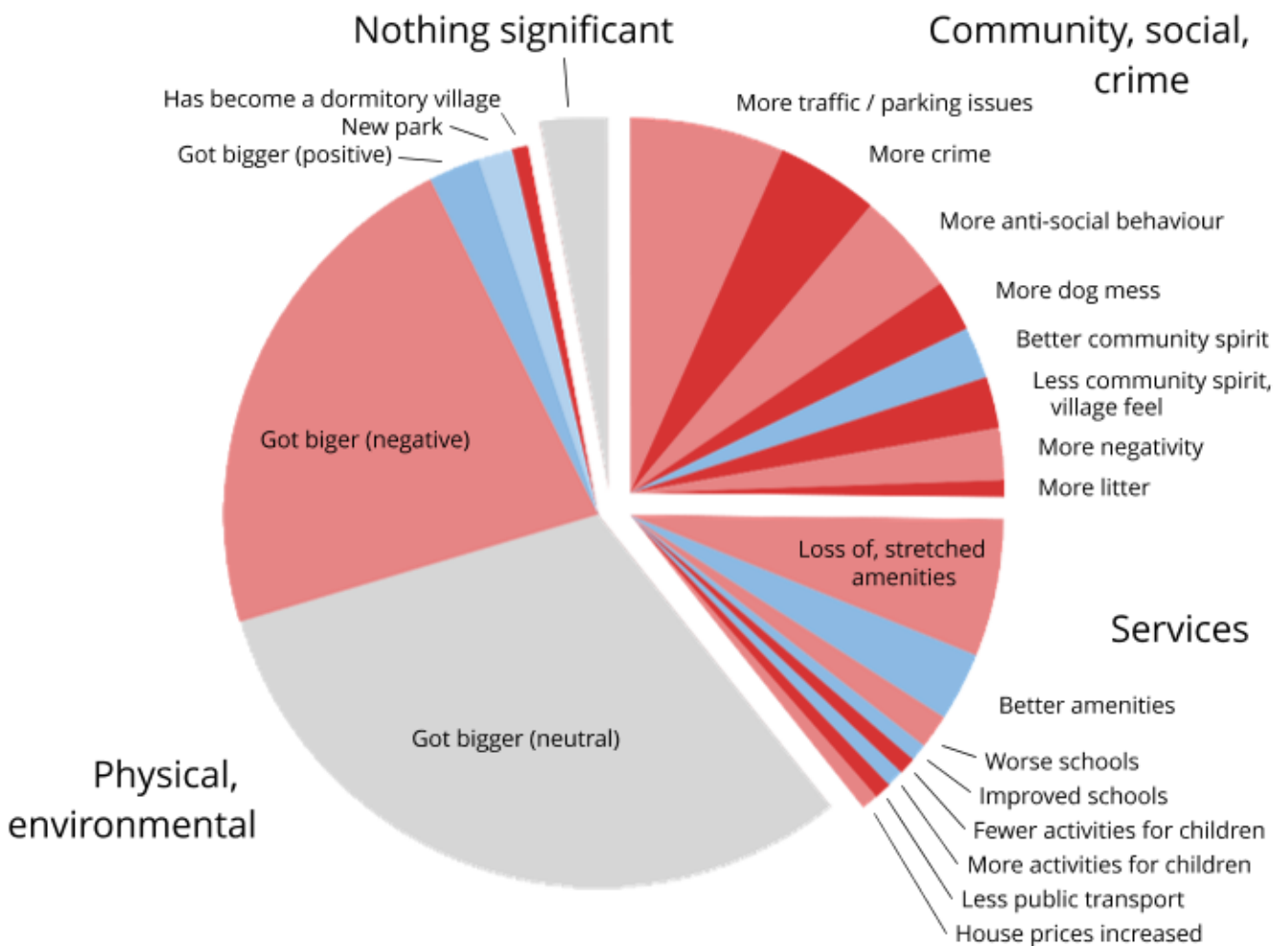
Improved schools	1
Fewer activities for children	1
More activities for children	1
Less public transport	1
House prices increased	1

### PHYSICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL

Got bigger (neutral)	42
Got bigger (negative)	30
Got bigger (positive)	3
New park	2
Has become a dormitory village	1

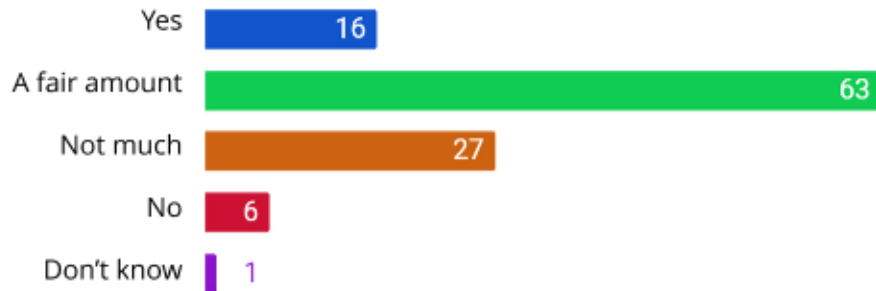
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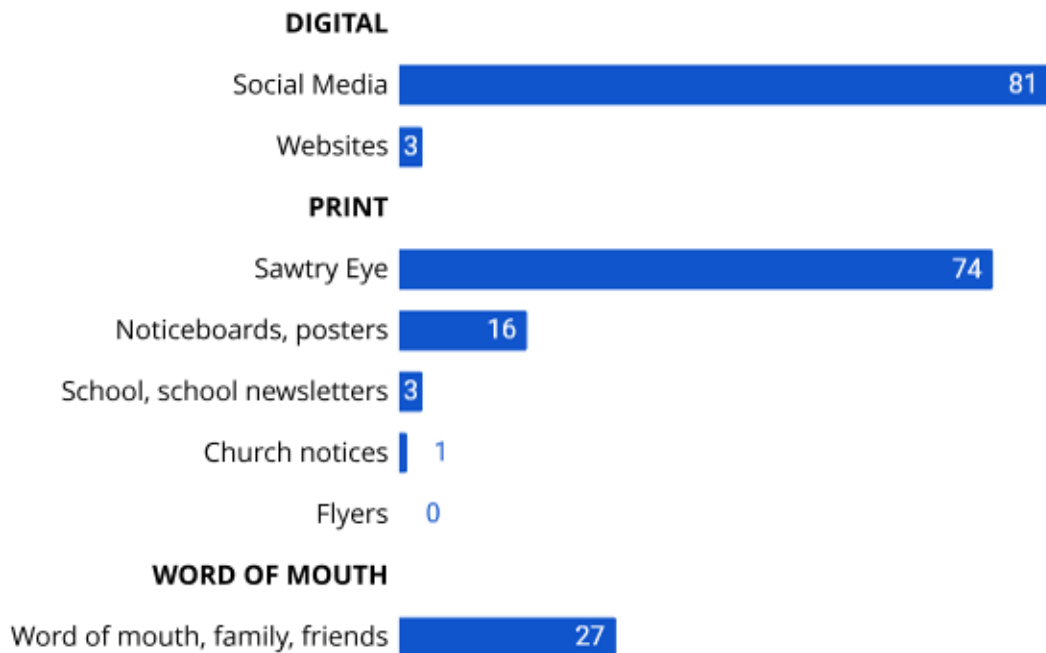
## Is there a lot going on here for you and your household?

Multiple choice - one answer allowed



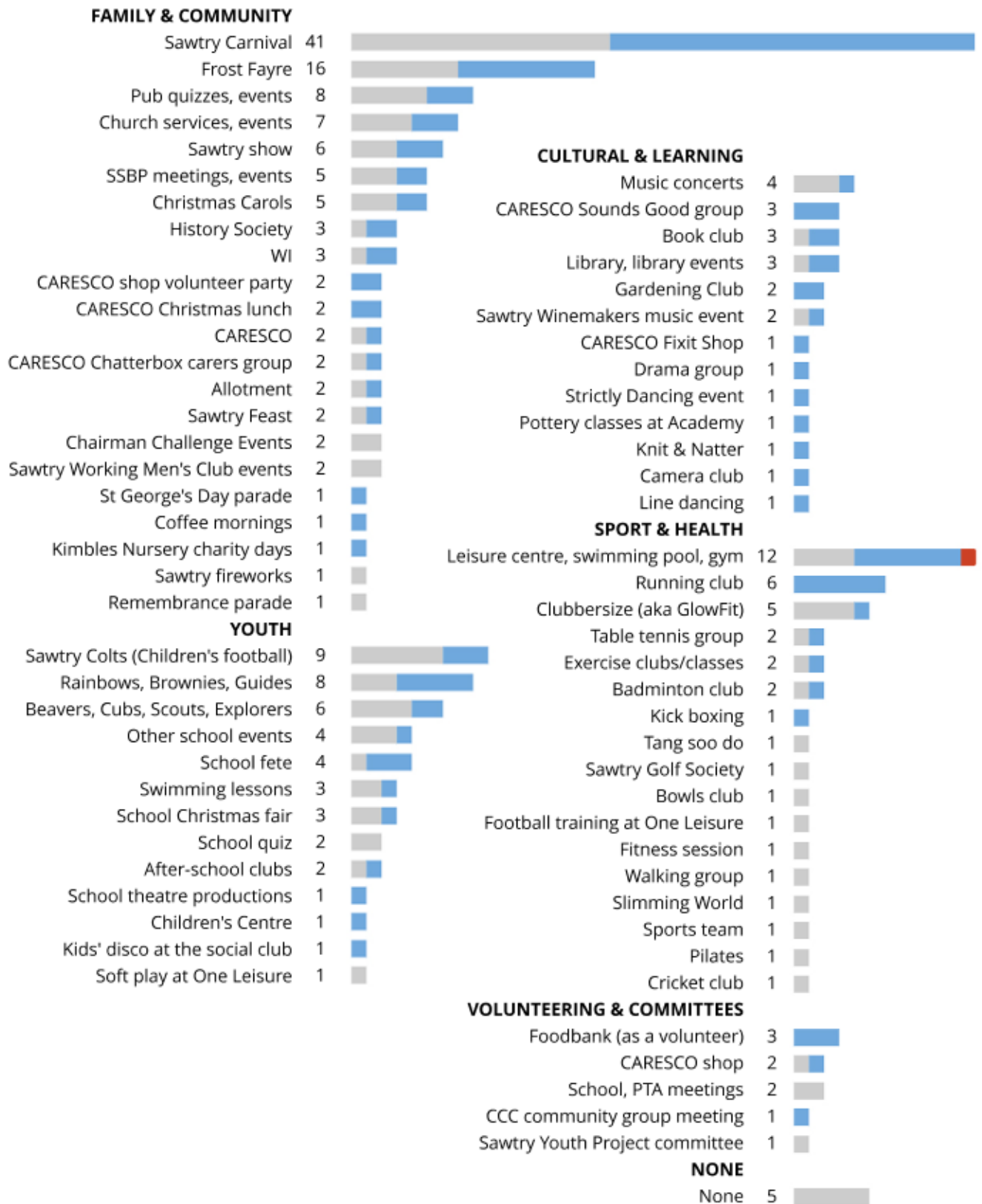
## How do you find out what's going on in the village?

Free text; most respondents provided multiple answers



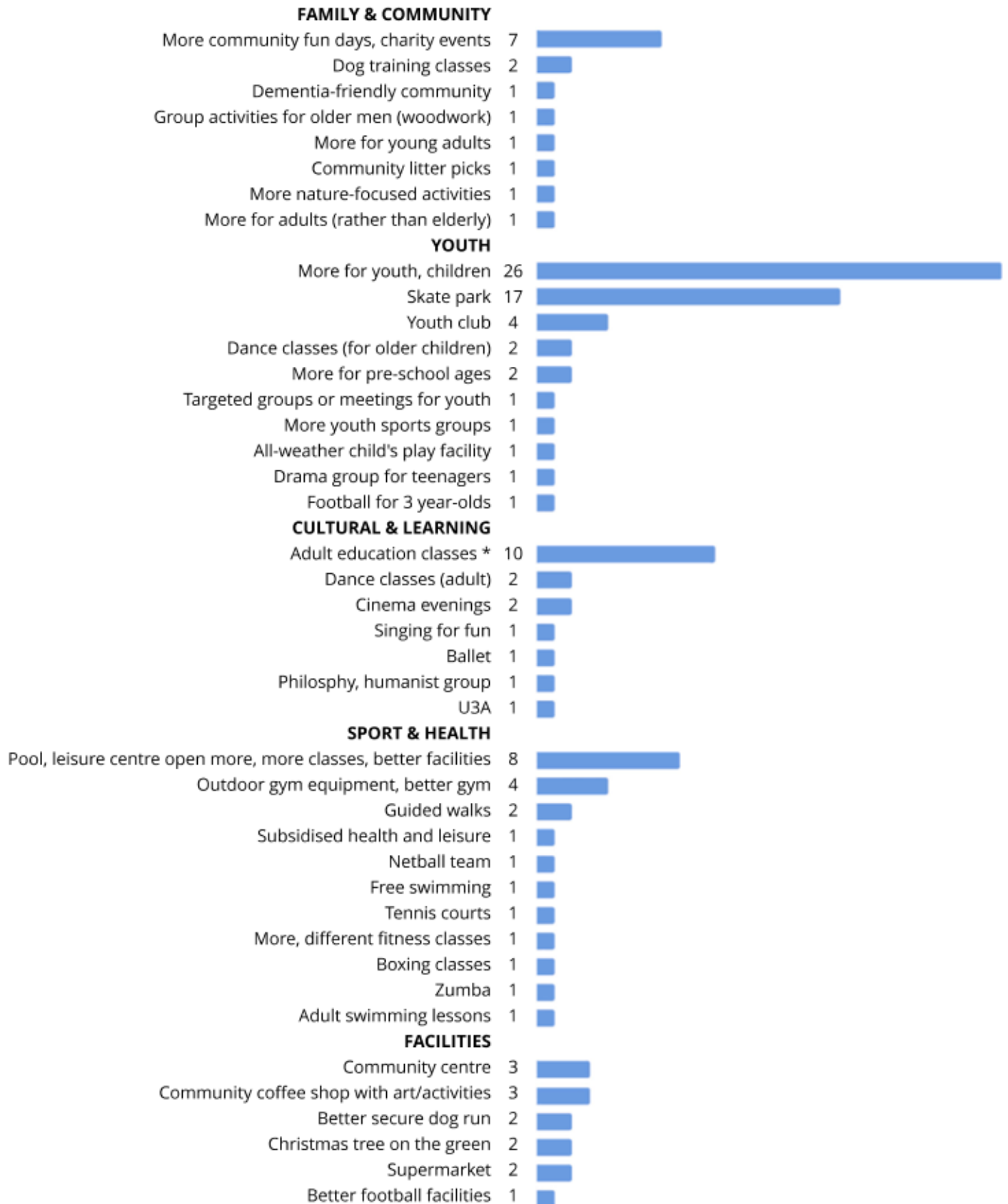
# Which community events and groups have you (or people in your household) attended recently in Sawtry? What did you think of them?

Free text. Colour-coding denotes positive, negative and neutral or no comments.



## What new activities would you like to see?

Free text.



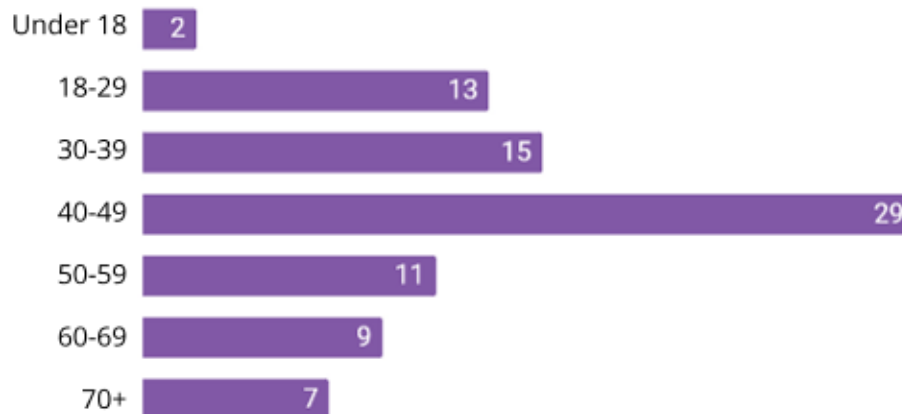
\* (drawing, sewing, painting, cookery, IT, languages)

## Would you like to be more involved in community activities?

Multiple choice (yes, maybe, not interested) with free text option.



## Optional: how old are you?





## Appendix: Answers in full

### What are the best things about living in Sawtry?

Community feel about the village

Very friendly people and good local facilities which meet everyday needs..

(Usually ) very friendly residents – rural location – good road links

The people

Everything you need, generally a good community atmosphere

Fresh air, country walks and wildlife

Lovely village to bring up my children. It has a great community spirit among most of the people which makes it a happy place.

Community

The facilities such as shops, the schools, the general community

Quick access to towns and cities

The level of facilities in an area that still has a village feel.

Most of the village are very friendly

Location, always been a very friendly village.

Ive lived here all my life (im 43) it did used to be such a lovely community sadly this is beginning to fade:(

St Judith's Field, Voluntary Groups, Small Businesses, Doctor's Surgery, Access to all main routes, but still in a village environment, Schools, Library, Swimming Pool,Gym, all the various classes held in the Sawtry village hall and college.

The people

Schools and doctors

The amenities

Living in a close community with lots of amenities close by.

I grew up in Sawtry as my parents moved here in 1972 I loved how the community looked out for each other we didn't have social media in those days however through social media we are kept informed on what's happening in the village and love how we do still pull together as a community

Access to Huntingdon and Peterborough - by car not public transport

Community spirit. This village is very friendly and there is so much to do.

School provision for all ages, leisure centre facilities within the village. Near countryside but easily accessible to road & rail networks.

Lots of amenities within walking distance and close to the A1 and A14 for commuting.

Community feel, local amenities such as doctors, library, co op!

Community spirit

Having good facilities like schools, doctors etc

School within walking distance

Village life, everything Caresco does

A sense of community. Good schools which are continuing to improve.

The best thing about visiting is: 1. Easy access off the A1. 2. Friendly locals.

Community spirit, sport clubs

People look out for each other

The surrounding countryside and the people

Good community feel, good access to main roads, excellent school facilities, lovely rural area.

It's a self contained community - schools from pre-school up to 6th form.

Community spirit. Always someone to help out in a crisis. Having a veterinary surgery in the village.

Open spaces

The community

Friendly people

Community sized help is only a question away. All you need do is ask, and bundles of friendly genuine people are willing to help.

Being able to get everything (within reason) on your doorstep

Has alot of amenities ie leisure centre ,pool, gym astro, etc and community spirit! caresco charity who serve the community. Good doctors surgery where u can get an appointment normally the same day. Sawtry youth project ..v good. Sawtry has a strong cub scout org and football clubs. Good neighbour's. I feel it v important for the leisure centre to stay open..lots of keep fit classes and swimming lessons

Village location, good transport links to city amenities, friendly neighbours

Shops and facilities walking distance.

A lovely community spirit.

The People. The Caresco charity and all it does for the village. Having the gym with the swimming pool and all the classes to walk to. Being near to the countryside/woodland trust. Having the academy and the library which help all ages. St Judith's village field and access to the Woodland Trust. Having allotments and lots of clubs to attend.

Friendly people (mostly), Sense of community

Good community spirit if you get involved with things that are going on. Small population. CARESCO look after lots of people.

Friendly community.

Friendly community

Friendly people

Good facilities, pretty safe

You don't need to leave the village to get what you want (shops pubs takeaways hairdressers schools keep fit)

I live and work in the village, me and my children all walk to school. My children have lots of good friends in the village as do I and my husband. It has great community spirit and generally find people to be friendly and kind. I come from Ireland and love the walks in the fields and I also love I can walk my younger kids to the park, swimming club and footy.

Facilities

Community spirit

Accessible to Huntingdon or Peterborough

People being nice and friendly

Being close to the countryside. Easy access to airports and the rest of the country. Friendly community spirit. CARESCO, the Sawtry Small Business Partnership, the Sawtry Youth Project, all the schools, the library, great little leisure centre.

Good range of shops, schools are all within walking distance

Community spirit

The doctors surgery

Being in a village with a close community

Community spirit

A friendly atmosphere and a lovely pretty village. Many people who can help, along with caresco.

It has amenities such as a schools, doctor's surgery, chemist, co-op, library leisure centre and churches as well as being on a bus route. It is also a good community with various clubs and groups.

It has major facilities. Schools dr's etc.

My family and friends in walking distance, I got to know people by working in bar.

All my friends. 2 x pubs. Take aways. Access.

Friendly community. My children get to go all the way through school in the village. Lots of lovely walks.

It's a village with all the amenities for everyday living. It's like going back on time, we love it

People so friendly very little traffic compared with the SE

Close to shops and A1M

it is nice , friendly community , good logistical connections to Peterborough and Huntingdon

The community. One leisure swimming pool.

a nice friendly place most of the time. local services available doctors library leisure centre

Locality

A good balance of activities and quietness

Small community schools shops bus route sports centre on walking distance

Rural location

The public are friendly

Friendly

I have now lived here for 30 years...in my experience Sawtry has always been and continues to be a very sociable and welcoming place to live

Friendly people

Lots of family events and a good feeling of community spirit

Community spirit

Self contained with everything you need in the village.

Peaceful

Peaceful

Access to the motorway, dog woking fields

Provisions for young children

Community spirit. Pretty village

Friendly Peaceful Lovely setting

Friendly, warm community

Lots of organisations within walking distance.

Friendly, always something to do

Things to get involved in. Bus service (could be more frequent though). Friendly but you have to use elbows to get in.

It's a relatively quiet village. I grew up in a large town, with lots of noise and drama. Sawtry life is comfortable, with many great shops and businesses.

Availability of community and hobby-based clubs. CARESCO clubs. Access to A1. Sawtry Leisure.

Community life

## What are your biggest concerns about living here?

People can be very critical, especially on social media, about local events and people without knowing the facts, offering support or being constructive

Obviously the news about the college is a big disappointment. Apart from that, the amount of rubbish/litter, to be found by the sports centre and the back of the youth centre is regrettable. It seems to be unclear who should clear this up. In case this seems obsessive, on the other hand other areas that used to be messy are now much cleaner, so not all bad.

Crime ~ traffic ~ parking ~services

Cars being driven to fast in and around the village

Services such as doctors and shops coping with all the extra housing being built, as well as losing lots of the best dog walking spots, it's going to be very crowded soon

Urbanisation, crime

It becoming too big with no infrastructure to improve services.

Lack of provision for kids

The expansion

Lack of facilities for children between the ages of 11-17

Lack of activity for teenagers

The rapid growth

The van thefts and juveniles nothwibg enough to do in the village hence hanging around looking dodgy and quite frightening for people who are old or lack confidence going out at night

Lack of things to do for teenagers.

The amount of houses still being built/planning on being built making the roads very busy not enough amenities its also extremely difficult to get a drs appointment!

Over population which will affect our services such as Doctor's surgery, schooling.

Losing green space to housing development and lack of facilities such as shops and resources for teenagers.

No amenities for older Children

Dangerous parking

The infrastructure of the village is not keeping up with the growth. There are not enough school places or things to do for young people and children.

The village is growing rapidly which means more cars through the village and facilities aren't growing to cope with growth ie doctors and schools

Not enough for young people to do. Too much building work and no accommodation to help older people move to smaller more appropriate accommodation.

As it grows, the drainage needs to be addressed, also more room and Drs in the surgery.

Shortage of usable open recreation space/green space. Lack of park areas & leisure facilities for older children

I don't have any concerns.

How big the village is growing

Expansion which will obviously stretch these facilities

Lack of things to do, have to travel elsewhere for things like skate parks

Lack of police presence, lack of public transport, lack of things for teens to do

Lack of appropriate play facilities for older children (teenagers)

That as the area ages, young people won't feel encouraged to stay. Is there enough there to prevent disenfranchisement of teens and young adults?

Growth of community but not amenities

Loosing amenities, eg sports centre, it opens for less hours than it use to

That the village will get too big

1. The serious lack of amenities for an ever growing community.
2. Doctor surgery potentially struggling under the strain.
3. No NHS dentist
4. One small/medium co-op with inadequate parking facilities, (there are other smaller convenience stores, however they do not stock everything).
5. Over development of a rural area - too many large housing areas are being added to an already stretched village (schools, doctors, shops).
6. Not enough activities or provision for the younger generation (11-18yrs)

The increase in vehicle crime.

GP surgery too small. Parking is a serious problem. Senior school needs urgent building work. Not enough for children and young people to do. We need a youth club open every day.

Burglary's

The expansion rate vs the amount of facilities available

The infostructure of schools roads and shops

The massive increase in burglaries across the area! Haven't seen a police patrol for literally years.. Despite large numbers of incidents being reported.

The recent spate of theft crime!

Crime..lack of police station/ police prescence..sawtry is an easy target. No skate park (as yet)

Village growing fast but infrastructure not keeping up

Amount of litter and dog pool

Growth of housing and facilities not growing with them.

That we might lose our brilliant gym which has a pool and classes of all sorts. Thefts are increasing, littering is getting worse, dogs run loose on St Judith's field. That our bus service may reduce. Many dog owners let their dogs run loose on St Judith's field which is frightening for children and adults. Some signs displayed on StJudiths field would be valuable, making it clear that dogs should be kept on leads and what the fine is if not, would be very helpful. We need to keep the library going - it is a wonderful community asset

Burglaries, theft and the amount of police issues people have to report

That there will not be adequate infrastructure to support the growing population. We need more shops, buses, doctors.

Population growing faster than the infrastructure.

Crime

Too many houses being built and not enough facilities



Full of UKIP nimbys

Crime and lack of CCTV

I have to two older children and there isn't much for them to do apart from youth club which is once a week at SVA. My son still plays football. Generally they have more time with less to do.

Sports centre/pool will close

Crime rates seems high, target as close to A1, more Police presence needed.

Lack of Facilities

New developments yet no new school or doctors

Massive new housing developments chewing up green belt land.

Youth of today

Over development

Too many new houses being built eroding the green fields that make it attractive.

That it will grow too big and it will lose that sense of living in a village

Petty crime

Services unable to keep up with the rate of housing development.

How big the village population might grow and the impact this will have on the schools, surgery and traffic.

It may become too big a

Transport if I want to get back from train stations (London) or Peterborough/ Huntingdon and I can't drive because of drinking. Cost of taxi is practically same as travel card to cover London round London and back! For young generation that may just want bowling or cinemas v restricted. We sit between Huntingdon and Peterborough and get missed by both, no free papers and to find out what's going on you need to search.

increase in small crime

The village is growing faster than the amenities. I have no problem with new housing I know it's needed but we need the schools and other facilities to grow as well.

Growing too big without the infrastructure and amenities

I haven't got any real concerns. My pet hate is people not picking up after their dogs

Building building and more building

crime, not enough GP and dentist service once the new houses go up , not enough shops !!!

All the new houses with no growth in shops, more for teenagers to do.

all the new housing and how it will effect village services (doctors, roads). speeding cars through the village

Growing too large

A lack of regular, visible Police patrols with the proximity to the A1(M) affording easy getaway for increasing crime

Anti social behaviour

Over Expansion! Services not keeping up with population growth.

Loads of houses, no longer will be a village

Not enough to do for people who work and don't use the pubs

Total lack of improvements and/or increases to infrastructure and services despite continuing major housing developments...we have to accept some level of housebuilding but to do this without also improving and expanding infrastructure is not acceptable...I and many other people who live here are definitely NOT Nimbys but we just want to see development given the support it needs to keep services to the same standards that have been the norm for many years

Burglary and speeding cars

Everyone wants to live here so it could get too big and will the village be able to cope with the facilities ?

Increase in crime

Nothing major. Fed up with some dog owners with dogs off lead.

Not knowing the area very well

Speeding in the village in the 30 zone. Speeds of 50 mph are not uncommon

Burglaries

Increasing crime

Nothing to do for teenagers

Lack of shops esp good hardware shop

Too much development

Amount of housing being built onto the edges of the village.

Amount of houses going up and how fast.

How big it will get and effect on services. More houses, more unsocial behaviour, cars speeding.

Crime. Several burglaries, vandalism and other small crimes can make living in an isolated village very worrying.

Number of new houses without any improvement to the infrastructure. Inability of the Parish Council to do anything for the community apart from clearing up litter. Parking on streets is a problem.

Growth of village without supporting infrastructure

## How has Sawtry changed in the last 10 years?

Been here 30 years, seen lots of new build but fundamentally hasn't changed that much!

More people living here, which is a good thing.

More housing with no appropriate infrastructure to improve schools - medical services - road access

## To many new builds

Mainly the large amount of new houses being built. A lot of stuff has stayed the same

Been here 2 years - not much except more housing planned but services stretched .

It is becoming a bigger village. Some anti social behaviour is on the increase and crime seems to be on the increase too. Not all change is good. The biggest change is the size of the village yet the doctors and other amenities aren't able to grow with the village.

Less free activity for kids

More houses being built

Expansion of housing but no changes to infrastructure or facilities

Less community spirit

Not a lot, just new housing estates!

Yes too many new houses being built

Nothing has changed in 20 years. We've now got more houses but not more infrastructure to support it.

Yes it has got so much bigger just full of houses tho and not enough amenities :(

More houses

It hasn't. Just got bigger.

There is much more negativity about the village and it's amenities, even from those who do not use them, not helpful! There are also several pockets of 'bitchiness' which can often be aimed towards certain groups within the village.

It has grown quite significantly and has lost a number of amenities during that time.

Growth in houses and population

Much bigger and more of a dormitory village (people leave for work, shopping etc)

Many more people, houses,

Substantial increase in new houses & an increase in traffic

Increased housing. Some shops have closed but others have opened and expanded (co op). Awareness of negative attitudes about housing and youth project due to social media.

More businesses attracted to the village and more housing to be built

The schools have unfortunately not performed to standards and children have been under achieving

I can't remember anything big changing, I'm only 15!

Been here 5 years, more houses but no proportionate growth in infrastructure

I have lived here most of my life. The village has continued to grow and change. The growth of housing development is a concern to many, but I believe if the facilities match the growth, this can be a positive.

Not especially.

Schools improved, introduction of new park on estate, relocation of co-op.

## Grown

More houses built

I have lived in the village since 1978 on and off. I have seen the village expand beyond recognition and some of the more unique features have been lost (bakers, hardware store, grocers, etc) I understand that this is because of larger shops taking business, however it is a real shame.

The population has become more diverse and I believe that, like in every area people live, there are a group of 'undesirables' who exhibit antisocial behaviour, however this is not common place.

The village has vastly changed since I was a child - there are lots more houses and the amenities and road system seem to be stretched.

Parts of Sawtry do not have a village feel.

House prices are out of control. My house has gone from 240K to 360K in just 4 years! £120K increase. On my current salary of £41K I couldn't afford to buy it now! How are youngsters going to but a house in the village they grew up in? Crime has increased and with more people here it seems a little less cosy.

Many more dwellings have been built now more like a small town than a village.

More dog mess in public areas

It's expanded which has positives and negatives to the village.

Grown bigger more crime

Sawtry has increased in size. The amenities have not...

Grown in population - more tedious crime ie car break ins and drugs

Traffic alot busier with the new houses being built

It has grown in size but hasn't really changed much other than shops have moved around

Hasn't changed (Moved here Sept 2015)

Grown. Shops have closed.

The village has grown and appears to have gained some irresponsible characters. Eg littering has increased, dogs aren't kept on leads and dog poo isn't picked up

I have lived here all my life, and I am currently 18 years of age. Sawtry has changed a lot, there's a lot more housing, a lot more people, issues that have to be reported, gangs, and the well known drug users. When I was younger around the age of 12-14, I wouldn't have a problem walking through the village at night or when dark, however now being 18 I would not walk through the village in the dark, maybe I would more if I was with another person or group, but still highly unlikely. I would definitely never want any elderly to be on there own especially at night.

The junior & secondary schools have had poor management but this looks like it's getting better. There are more houses. We now have a decent chippy in rumbles. There is a lot more traffic & cars generally.

It has got bigger and become more sociable.

More housing

Grown in size

It hasn't.



It's grown and is splitting at the scenes

It's grown, more housing, more families but we have another park which is good.

Got much bigger

Only been here 3 years. Does seem busier since new estate was built.

Grown with population

Yes

200 houses next door to me and another 400 odd planned for up the road.

Bigger co-op, more houses, busier place to live

It's got busier, more houses built.

With the erosion of green fields we are fast becoming a satellite of Peterborough. We are losing the village feel and fast becoming a town.

It is a lot busier, more traffic, less parking at availability of local amenities and more crime

Got bigger

Much more housing

More houses.

Only more housing

Visible signs of drug use on streets, more bad and inconsiderate parking, when I moved here we were served by several bus routes one that ran all the way to Bedford.

Increased population

Thanks to social media I think more people are aware and get involved in community issues.

Too many extra houses

Only lived in the village for six months

Beyond all belief

developers make money without providing infrastructure

Lots more families, resulting in lots of cars, children and POTHOLE!

NA only moved here 10 months ago

More houses

Too many new houses being built - all putting a strain on services like our Doctors surgery

It has grown too much. There has been no increase in the local amenities and facilities, to compensate for the ever increasing number of villagers

Lots more teens hanging around in groups intimidating and noisy behaviour

Outgrown services!

More houses built

Lots more housing with no thought for amenities for more people

I refer to my reply to the question above regarding concerns about living here

More houses being built so quite concerned about

infrastructure

More houses being built, more clubs being offered

It's grown but I don't think the community feel has changed!

New housing, good comes with Sawtry Scene.

Only recently moved here.

New housing putting great strain on the schools which were already operating at capacity.

More rude keyboard warriors

More cliquy

More housing

More houses and so more people and more traffic

Too many more houses, and consequent stretched services

Completely over the many years I have been here.

Massively when we moved in there was only old school area as a school and college, no shops or loads houses, was a village then.

Busier, children more arrogant. Cars speeding more. More dog poo on pavement (I was a dog owner) still look after dogs. More litter especially near bus shelters and near shelter and seating in Judith's Field.

I've lived here for 4 years and not a lot has changed. I don't study, and never have in Sawtry as I went to another school. So I'm quite disconnected from village activities.

Regrettably the on-street parking on the through routes is becoming a major safety problem particularly as lorries for the industrial estate and co-op have to pass through the village.

Been here 30+ years. Culture is the same. Lost village swimming pool and gained leisure centre. Otherwise no change in infrastructure - just rearranging the deck chairs. Community offering just gets better.

## Which community events and groups have you (or people in your household) attended recently in Sawtry? What did you think of them?

Sawtry Carnival is the biggest village event with something for everyone, the Sawtry Show is good fun and the Frost Fayre was a great success.

I have not been to any recently. My wife is more community-minded than I am.

Pub & club Quizzes ~ remembrance parade

Church, leisure centre, drama group all good

Sawtry carnival is always a good family/community day, fundraising days at the pubs are always nice too

Local book meeting, running club and after school clubs -

friendly and welcoming

Carnival was amazing. Sawtry frost fair also amazing. I am on the junior academies fundraising committee and attend their events, and as many as I can that interest my children. Sawtry small business partnership held a magician night that I attended. Was very good. Bingo events too.

Carnival, Christmas fayre, great but not enough of them

Crowning is the carnival court, lovely local tradition

Local sports team

Sawtry carnival

Children's Centre - great

Leisure centre -soft play is excellent for toddlers

All saints church - family services and messy church. Love going to these.

Just joined the none to run group which is great.

Generally go to the summer carnival each year.

Sawtry Carnival, frost fayre, fixit shop run by caresco (love caresco!)

Pub is good. No community event s

We always go to the Christmas fairs at the school. Have also been to a SSBP meeting.

Carnival, school fetes both good and well organised.

"The carnival (we always attend this and love it)

Church quiz at the old school hall

Science department quiz at the village academy

Frost Fayre

School Christmas Fayre at both infant and junior schools

My son attends football on Sunday mornings

My daughter goes to brownies

Both go to swimming lessons at one leisure.

I attend clubbercise on a Tuesday night.

I go to a book group.

We are well invested in social and leisure activities within the village.

As I work the groups that I would attend are whilst I'm at work

Sawtry carnival and Sawtry show -saw people I never see in the normal day or week.

Christmas Day Lunch. Wonderful, - Various coffee mornings, always popular.

Chatterbox group for carers. Such a help. W.I. very friendly and sociable. The Methodist and All Saints Churches both ready with a warm welcome.

None to Run group since October - group set up by volunteers for anyone wishing to start running. Even though we've met our initial goal I still meet with the group 3 times a week for runs & exercise & enjoy the social aspect as well as the support from others.

Sawtry Carnival, school meetings.

Carnival - Very good lovely atmosphere, Library Events - always friendly

Clubbercise

Feast supper, Cricket club, Sawtry carnival, Sawtry youth project, Bowls club.

Sawtry Carnival - well-organised, lots to do, a bit small  
Frost Fair - fun day, great grotto

Sawtry Walk To Run - I run it so have to say good things!  
Sawtry Small Business Partnership

Sawtry carnival- fun, busy and exciting. A great village annual event! Two of my children are part of the Sawtry Colts football teams- they love playing football and being part of a team. We use one leisure on a weekly basis- this could be busier and better utilised by the community.

The local gym and Sawtry carnival are very good.

Football clubs, guides, exercise clubs.

Girl guiding- amazing

Sawtry colts football matches at Greenfields are fun, football training at the sports centre. Badminton club at the sports centre. Karaoke at at The Bell pub. Sawtry show has a great sense of community

1. Sawtry Carnival (fantastic community event, well organised and supported)
2. Frost Fayre (Christmas stalls organised by SSBP - again well organised)
3. Christmas Carols - poor turn out - badly advertised - well organised but not supported.
4. Chairman Challenge Events - well publicised but often not on at convenient times.
5. Rainbows/Brownies/Guides and Beavers/Cubs/Scouts for young children

There are lots of exercise groups in the village which is great - via OneLeisure or private sessions. Lots of mother and baby/toddler sessions too - although these are dwindling because of the lack of SureStart funding.

Sawtry carnival is a great annual event.

School fetes and fairs. Usually really well attended.

Carnival

Cubs. School fetes. Kimble's Nursery charity days. Carnival. Frost farye. All very good well planned events/groups

The Sawtry carnival is great. Our first child has recently been born so we will be joining baby groups and more social activities soon as I've only heard good things.

Sawtry carnival

Caresco charity shop, sawtry club events (working mens club) sawtry school pta and SVA fundraisers, quiz.. fetes, sawtry carnival, local events and groups v important. I deliver Sawtry eye..local free village magazine.. advertises lots of community events

Carnival, carol service, children are in junior and secondary schools so attend events there. Daughter swims. Son explorers

N/A

Scouts, carnival committee, Sawtry show, explorers, kick boxing all good groups.

The gym - excellent ( all sorts of classes and the swimming pool). Book club - enjoyable. Pottery classes at the Academy -great. More classes at the Academy would be wonderful. The allotment, The Caresco shop - a fantastic resource. The Gardening club - interesting. The Library - a great resource. The History society occasionally - very good

Sawtry Carvanival - We go every year and they are good, however every year it's on the numbers of people that attend are getting less and less.

Caresco carers groups, carnival last year, carol service, quiz nights, Wyton Band concert, fitness session, walking group

My sons both play for sawtry colts and my husband is a member of the SSBP which is a useful group.

Tang soo do

Frost fayre carnival

Girlguiding, clubbercise- both great fun!

Slimming world and the pub quiz

Swimming one leisure - good. Football - Sawtry colts. Number of after school clubs - JSA. Sawtry Golf society. Glowfit

Caresco, Sawtry walk to run, carnival

Xmas fayre -ok. Carnival - fun day out in the village

None

NA

Sawtry Frost Fayre, Sawtry Small Business Partnership fundraising events, School (SVA) concerts.

RAF band night at the Academy. Sawtry Fireworks.

Sawtry Frost Fayre at Village Academy, well organised and very enjoyable. Sawtry Running group which again is well organised and great for meeting new people. Sawtry Colts Football club, my Son plays football.

Frost Fayre Carnival great community attendance

Guides- new leader has made it much more enjoyable and improved activities. Carnival- always a good day with lots of local support. Carnival court- well organised. Sawtry badminton club- well supported and good value for money. St George's parade/remembrance parade- good turnout. Frost Faye/ carols- good turnout, enjoyable day. Sva productions- lots of hard work put in by very talented children and staff, always very good.

All Saints Church services. Messy Church (as volunteer). WI Knit & Natter. Sawtry History Society

None

Recently went to Holme silver clay workshop, pop to charity shop, table tennis group, carol services before Christmas, well attended.

Fate. Beer festivals at the pubs. Events at the club.

Frost fair. Carnival. Quiz nights

None

CARESCO

The Doctors I having been so poorly they are super

Caresco, fantastic, Pilates at the Old School ,

Swimming lessons - fantastic. Exercise classes at one leisure - good. Brownies - great. Allotment - good.

sawtry running group: a very well organised friendly group. the carnival: a lovely fun day out

Carnival

Carnival school based stuff

Sawtry Show, Carnival, Chairman's Challenge, WI, Knit & Natter, Camera Club, Brampton Scale Model Club. All worthwhile events and organisations. Leisure Centre, sadly appears to be in decline, not providing the same useful services as it once did. Library, good facility but being elbowed out by the College.

There appears to be a lot of support & events for the elderly.

Carnival, cubs,

Sawtry carnival - we love it!!! Clubbercise with Lou know at the academy - been going since it started over a year ago. Charity event at the greystones - good turn out and well organised. Kids disco at the social club - we are regulars at that along with a group of our friends. My daughter attends rainbows in the village and has made lots of friends. My son attends football training and loves it. Both attend swimming at the leisure centre

Gym (including classes) - very enjoyable and friendly.

Haven't attended any

Village Carnival

Soft play at one leisure

Sawtry carnival. Great atmosphere.

Church ; Local History. Library Local History society very good

Gardening Club, great. Leisure Centre, classes

Line dancing - excellent. Singing - enjoyable. Old Time singing and dancing - very enjoyable. Table tennis - enjoyable. Swimming - good when I can do it.

Christmas fayre - brilliant. Swimming (grandchildren), football. I belong to Sawtry Winemakers and Sawtry Show. I do anything. I have lived here from Tottenham 46.5 years ago.

Wyton RAF Band - Great as usual. Xmas @ CARESCO - good. Sawtry Feast - amazing. Strictly Dancing - very good evening you meet people not seen recently. Wine makers ukelele band - v good evening, invited non-member.

Foodbank -- I am a volunteer at the foodbank and they do amazing work to help people here.

Sounds Good Group @ CARESCO - growing into a friendship group. CARESCO shop volunteer party - appreciation for volunteers and meeting other volunteers who you don't otherwise see. Sawtry Show Committee - annual village community event. Foodbank - helping others.

Foodbank volunteer meeting - enjoy the benefits of volunteering. "Sounds Good" group - enjoy the benefits of singing with like-minded people. CARESCO shop volunteer party - relaxed, appreciative, fun for volunteers. Community group meeting help by CCC - great initiative by CCC. Sawtry Show committee - great, all-inclusive community event.

## What new activities would you like to see?

Long awaited skate park. A Community Hub. Becoming a



Dementia Friendly Community.

In a perfect world there would be adult education classes at the college/academy. Languages classes would be brilliant, as they are no longer offered at Huntingdon Regional College.

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Don't know

A good secure dog run, like the one at st judiths field but bigger and better

Targeted groups or meetings for youth. Free swimming. Health and leisure for all ages that is subsidised

Not sure really. Maybe cinema evenings.

More for kids and young people

Christmas tree on the green and more seasonal community activities

Teenage and family

None really!

More fundraising events

More things for younger generations to do

Skatepark

Facilities for teenagers and supermarket

More activities for older children and more community fun days

Something for young people to do outdoors

Well organised dance classes for older children

The swimming pool open more during the day which I know is difficult

Better times at leisure centre for those that work full time. Larger supermarket.

Evening classes brought back.

Dance or exercise classes for ages 11years & up. I think there is a real lack of classes for this age group here and locally.

None

Not sure

More group activities for retired men many of which are widowed and wouldn't go to other activities in the village as the ladies tend to run them and wouldn't interest them perhaps woodwork classes , project working where they could meet chat and use many of their skills . Also working very closely with SYP for a wheeled facility as is much needed for our young and teenage residents.

SKATE PARK

More for teens, netball team

A community area that can be used by all for leisure activities. ie outside gym equipment, appropriate play for older children. I'd love to see tennis courts back in Sawtry again- we had them once, but the Astro turf took over the space

Skate park.

More variety of fitness class, more external areas for teenagers.

Longer opening hours at sports centre

Drama group for teenagers

More community events (village picnics, fun runs, etc)

Skate park! The SYP show that the young'uns are able to put their games consoles down and do something - this should be encouraged.

Youth club.

Family activities

A community Centre, an all weather child's play facility, a skate park facility

More groups for young ones.

I'll have a think about that..

More for young adults

Skate park for children

More for age 10 and upwards, we don't tend to go to things as they are often on Saturdays and we all attend hunts music school on a Saturday!

More for children-older children.

We are happy with range of activities and those not in village are available locally.

Drawing, sewing and painting classes at the Academy - not at the same time as Pottery. Lots more attendance and support for the gym - it needs someone to market it better as it's a great resource. Gym equipment and a skate park on St Judith's field.

More for the teenage ages. They have shut down the youth club in sawtry, which would be the only place really where you could go out with friends or anything like that. I don't feel when I was growing up that there was anything really I could go and do for the teenage ages, especially around the ages of 13-16.

Singing for fun, more swimming sessions available, night classes, community cinema club,

More free at the point of use facilities for all ages. St Judith's field is a wasted space in my opinion. A better dog run would be good.

Ballet

Skate board park

Humanist group or philosophy group.

Not sure

Outdoor play and gym equipment for teens and adults. Would be nice if the secondary school could hold evening classes in cookery and IT ect... It would be nice if there was some boxing classes, my son did boxing at PE and really enjoyed it but there's nothing local.

Community coffee shop with art/activities linked in with charity shop as seen in Devon, allowing networking for isolated/marginalised people in the village and selling of their goods in the shop

Football for 3 year olds

Better gym

More for kids

Skate park for my son.

More charity events

Something for teenagers such as skatepark.

I like to see more amenities for for the younger generation as it is rather boring here for them.

More outdoor facilities for young people.

Not sure

Improvements in the leisure centre

Art (drawing & painting) group. Worker's Educational Association branch. There is a branch in Alconbury, but you can't get there without a car. Otherwise you have to go into Huntingdon. If there was a branch in Sawtry, less able people could take advantage of this excellent resource.

More for young kids

Looking forward to spring clean up, know syp do clean could they involve locals quarterly maybe? Community guided walks to woods and local sites maybe, woodland trust, history society, leisure centre.

Better football facilities.

More youth clubs and facilities for children.

None

There seems to be a lot for the elderly, not much for the mid life people

More for little ones

more swimming for the public during the day, too restricted so I cant use the pool

Skate park for kids.

Skatepark and the buildings that should have been here ages ago

All pretty good

More activities for young people, and more activities that are nature focused for the whole community. This is especially so with the proximity to the Woods and the Fens

More for teens youth groups sports groups

Events at the Leisure Centre at practical times. It s not just for the College.

Skate park, more things to do...

Perhaps some evening classes at college

Costa. Christmas tree and Carols. Love the Santa visits!

More family Events - like the one at the greystones

More for the youths

Dog training classes

Salsa dancing

Dog training classes, Zumba, dance classes

More for toddlers

Greater range of exercise classes at evenings/weekends. Activities for teens

Coffee shop/ cafe. Proper place for young people to meet safely.

Help with swimming for adults.

Skate park (for grandchildren)

Armed guard on allotments

For many years the youth groups have asked for a skate park but the Parish Council - or some members - block it.

U3A and more night classes.

## Is there anything else you'd like to tell me?

Sawtry is a great place to live, though some help in moving some ideas forward would be helpful.

Sorry I cannot offer my time. Since I have retired I have no spare time at all, once people discovered I was not at work. Good luck with your projects.

I think it's good that people are trying to do more/offer more to the community

I do love sawtry and there is quite a lot going on that you have to pay for. We are lucky to have a leisure centre but is so expensive when you have 3 children.

Lived here on and off 40 years. There's never been anything going on. However the annual carnival is a great addition

More activities for the younger generation, toddlers and more amenities to cope with the growing village

There are not many places that have as much as we do here. We are very lucky

The addition of a coffee shop would be a huge asset to the village. There aren't many daytime venues that provide somewhere to meet for friends & families. Pubs aren't for everyone!

I support the plans for a skate park and activities for young people. It is disappointing that some of the village are so against the new housing as it must be very unwelcoming.

Sports centre needs to promote itself better, it would then be used more and could open longer.

We love living in Sawtry and want to keep the village and community feel. The amenities need to be looked at with the ever increasing housing developments.

I am concerned about the big housing developments. They are wrapping around Sawtry with huge numbers of houses with little, or no, investment in support in the schools or medical facilities. They probably said that in the 70s when the Deerpark and Rockingham estates were built. My biggest concern is that the new build plans don't include 2 bedroom houses or 1 bedroom accommodation so youngsters

starting out won't have an option of buying a new house in the village and existing houses are going up in value so fast they can't save fast enough to even come up with a deposit.

New houses and new people are coming to the village, it would be good to have something that welcomes the people and retains the community feel & spirit for the future

Good luck!

The gym needs much better marketing support. It's a wonderful asset with the pool and all the classes. This could become even more of a hub. The Academy used to be a community school - it would be great if it could become so again and offer classes on all topics as it used to do. The Sawtry Youth project needs support - it would be great to have a skate park and exercise equipment on St Judith's field for everyone to use. We need to make sure the Library does get moved successfully. The Academy rebuild needs to happen and not get stopped. The signage for St Judith's making it clear that dog must be kept on leads would be a big help.

I feel that the teenagers of the village don't have places to go or do! I feel if there are more places in the village where they could go there would be less people saying how bad us teenagers and young adults are, especially for just wearing a hood, especially if it's actually raining. I think in Sawtry, teenagers have a undeserved bad thing around them, which I feel is highly unfair as we are all not bad. I also would like to thank you for taking the time to listen and take in everyone's opinions and suggestions and for also helping us change as a village.

Could do with more schools

Iv lived in sawtry 22 years, I'm a keen fitness enthusiast and want to give back to the village what me and my wife enjoy, currently attending courses to complete my qualifications in personal training so I can accommodate this ambition. Only concern I have is there is no industrial units available to achieve this. The village is growing but the business aspect has been left behind in the thought process to create jobs, and a more thriving environment for the younger generations who either can't drive or have some means of transport

Would like to see more diverse shops, such as bakery and fruit and veg. Glad to see butchers is coming.

The minority spoil things for majority be it parking, litter, behaviour, dog fouling, a better community positive togetherness and more doing the right thing rather than tearing people or each other apart. Ie show people the way, make them want to be part of it rather than shame them into being "good citizens" and breeding more anger.

Sawtry is a hidden gem, please don't spoil it.

Good luck to you

a walking group would be nice

We are a family with 2 children in junior school

i have noticed since moving here the litter issue is getting worse

I would really like to see mor groups for pre school children and teens

Sawtry is fantastic for families and we love it here ! Would love to see more family events throughout the year if possible

I think Sawtry is a little gem of a place. Love being near the woods.

As a single newbie here I find it hard to get involved in the community , maybe single groups or newbie groups would be a good idea

Litter is also major problem, the bus stop nearest to the funeral parlour is a great example. A bin is immediately adjacent, but this is too much for lots of people who simply drop it on the floor of the shelter.

We have never wanted to move out of Sawtry.

It's still a village (just). There is a big gap of income between some retired so limits how much you can do and entertain friends.

HDC do not have any control over developers in the village who only want to profit from building too many houses without adding to the amenities or jobs. It is becoming a dormitory town.

I feel that this community has been badly let down by HDC who have failed to ensure joined-up thinking in the development of this village.



# Love it? Hate it? Shape it!



What are the best things about Bluntisham, Earith and Colne? What could be better? Is there enough for you and your family to do?

Hunts Forum is working in Bluntisham, Earith and Colne to help deliver community projects that improve the lives of local people. We want to find out what residents like and dislike about their village(s), identify what's missing and support them to make positive changes in their community.

Community projects might include pre-school groups, youth clubs, sports and exercise groups, support for older people or those with additional needs, faith groups, community car schemes, book clubs, community choirs, drawing classes, sewing clubs, gardening clubs, coffee mornings and cookery clubs. It includes organisations that support a range of activities, such as a residents' association, neighbourhood watch scheme or a timebank.

Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to complete this survey, either on paper or online at [www.bit.ly/bluntisham](http://www.bit.ly/bluntisham). The bigger the response, the better chance we have to get things done.

If you have any further comments please contact Ben Pitt on 07745 805937 or [ben@huntsforum.org.uk](mailto:ben@huntsforum.org.uk). Thank you!

What are the best things about living in Bluntisham, Earith and Colne?

What are your biggest concerns about living here?

Which words describe Bluntisham, Earith and Colne?

Please circle all that apply

Friendly   Safe   Fun   Quiet   Busy   Noisy   Dull   Vibrant   Rough   Clean  
Scruffy   Scary   Isolated   Lonely   Sociable   Antisocial   Relaxed   Stuffy  
Tolerant   Narrow-minded   Cliquey   Diverse   Disconnected   Attractive

How has the area changed in the last 10 years?  
(or since you moved here)

Which community events and groups have you (or people in your household) attended in the last year in Bluntisham, Earith and Colne? What did you think of them?

Please mention as many as you want.

Is there a lot going on here for you and your household?

Yes  A fair amount  Not much  No  Don't know

How do you find out what's going on in the area?

What new activities would you like to see?

Would you like to be more involved in community activities?

Yes  Not interested  Maybe if...

If Yes or Maybe, please could you give your name and email address (or phone number if you prefer) that we can reach you on?

This will only be used to follow up on this survey and won't be passed on to other organisations without your permission.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Optional: How old are you?

What is your postcode?

This will only be used to map responses. You will not be identified or contacted using this information.

Please cut out and return this form to Tracey Davidson, 9 Bramley Grove, Bluntisham PE28 3XG.

For any further enquiries or comments, please contact Ben Pitt on 07745 805937 or [ben@huntsforum.org.uk](mailto:ben@huntsforum.org.uk). Thank you!



# **Community Services in Yaxley**

**Residents' survey: results and analysis**

**Summer 2017**

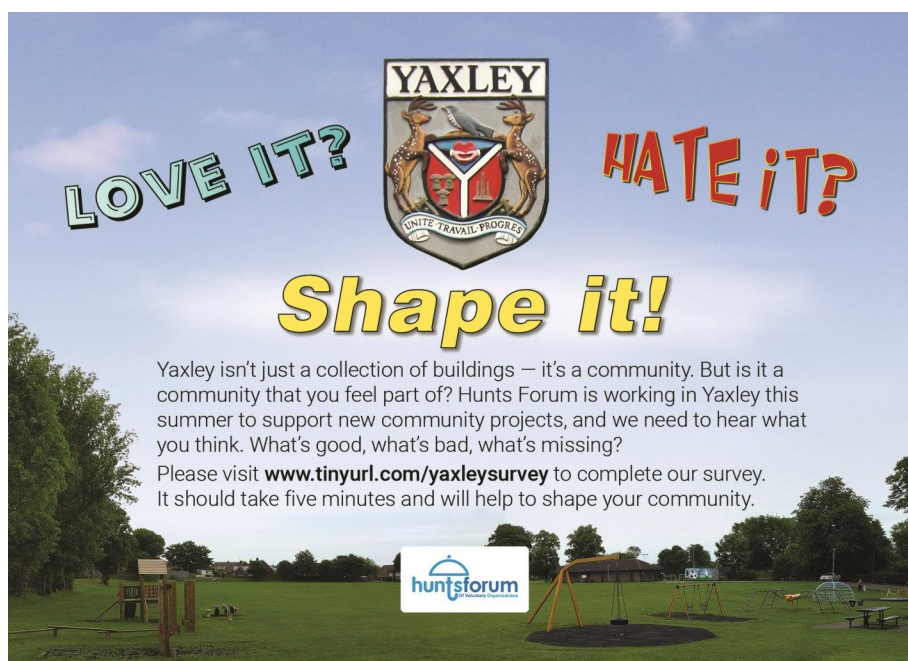
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In June and July 2017 Hunts Forum conducted a survey of residents in Yaxley to find out what they liked, disliked and wanted to change about their community.

The survey was conducted online using Google Forms and publicised via the Yaxley Gazette (A6 insert, below, distributed to all 4,000 homes in Yaxley, and also an article in the same newsletter), in person at public events and via social media.



The survey began with some introductory text, as follows:



Hello, I'm Ben Pitt, Communities Officer for Hunts Forum. We're an organisation that supports voluntary and community organisations to help them set up, develop and grow. I'm working in Yaxley this summer and want to find out what local residents think of existing services, what they feel is missing and what can be done to fill the gaps.

Voluntary organisations might include pre-school groups, youth clubs, sports and exercise groups, support for older people or those with additional needs, community car schemes, book clubs, community choirs, drawing classes, sewing clubs, gardening clubs, coffee mornings, cookery clubs. It includes organisations that support a range of activities, such as a residents' association, neighbourhood watch scheme or a timebank.



116 responses were submitted, with Facebook being the biggest driver for responses. Paper copies of the survey were made available at the GP practice and at the Great Get Together community event. Three responses were submitted on paper, and the rest electronically. Most questions had free text answers. These answers have been analysed and grouped by category and subcategory to help establish trends.

## Headline trends

The responses showed a number of clear trends, as follows:

### Respondents were generally positive about living in Yaxley.

When asked, "Which words describe Yaxley?", there were nine positive, nine negative and three neutral words to choose from. 298 positive words were chosen compared to 99 negative words. 79 people described it as "Friendly", with 19 selecting "Anti-social". 50 chose "Safe" while 8 chose "Rough". However, opinion was divided as to whether Yaxley is "Busy" (52) or "Quiet" (39). A similar number of people chose "Fun" (13) and "Dull" (11).

### Residents place a high value on community.

When asked, "What are the best things about living in Yaxley?", 46% of responses related to community spirit, the people, social activities and other community-related issues.

### The biggest concerns are rising crime and ASB, and the rate of expansion of the village without the facilities to match.

When asked, "How Yaxley has changed in the last 10 years?" there were many more negative comments (103) than positive (14). The biggest concerns were the rate of expansion, increased crime, ASB and traffic and less police presence. The same issues also appeared frequently in answers to the question, "What are the biggest concerns about living here?"

### Yaxley Gazette and social media are much more effective than other means of communication.

74 people said they used Yaxley Gazette to find out what's going on in the village, with 67 using social media – the Yaxley Gazette Facebook page was specified by many people. Posters and noticeboards (9), flyers (1) and emails (1) were much lower. However, these results may be distorted because invitations to complete the survey were distributed via the Yaxley Gazette and its Facebook page.

### There are lots of community activities already established in Yaxley.

When asked, "Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Yaxley? What did you think of them?", 30 activities were mentioned – more when categories are subdivided into specific groups or classes, such as Cubs / Scouts / Guides, and Library activities.

### There is relatively high demand for more youth activities.

When asked, "What new activities would you like to see?", 20 people requested youth-related activities. Nine people requested family activities such as fun days and street barbecues. Nine people requested a swimming pool or water park. There were 53 other suggestions, each made by less than five people.

### Most respondents are interested in becoming more involved in community activities.

When asked, "Would you like to be more involved in community activities?", 12 replied "Yes" and 64 replied "Maybe", totalling 73% of responses to this question.



# What are the best things about living in Yaxley?

Free text field; most respondents provided multiple answers

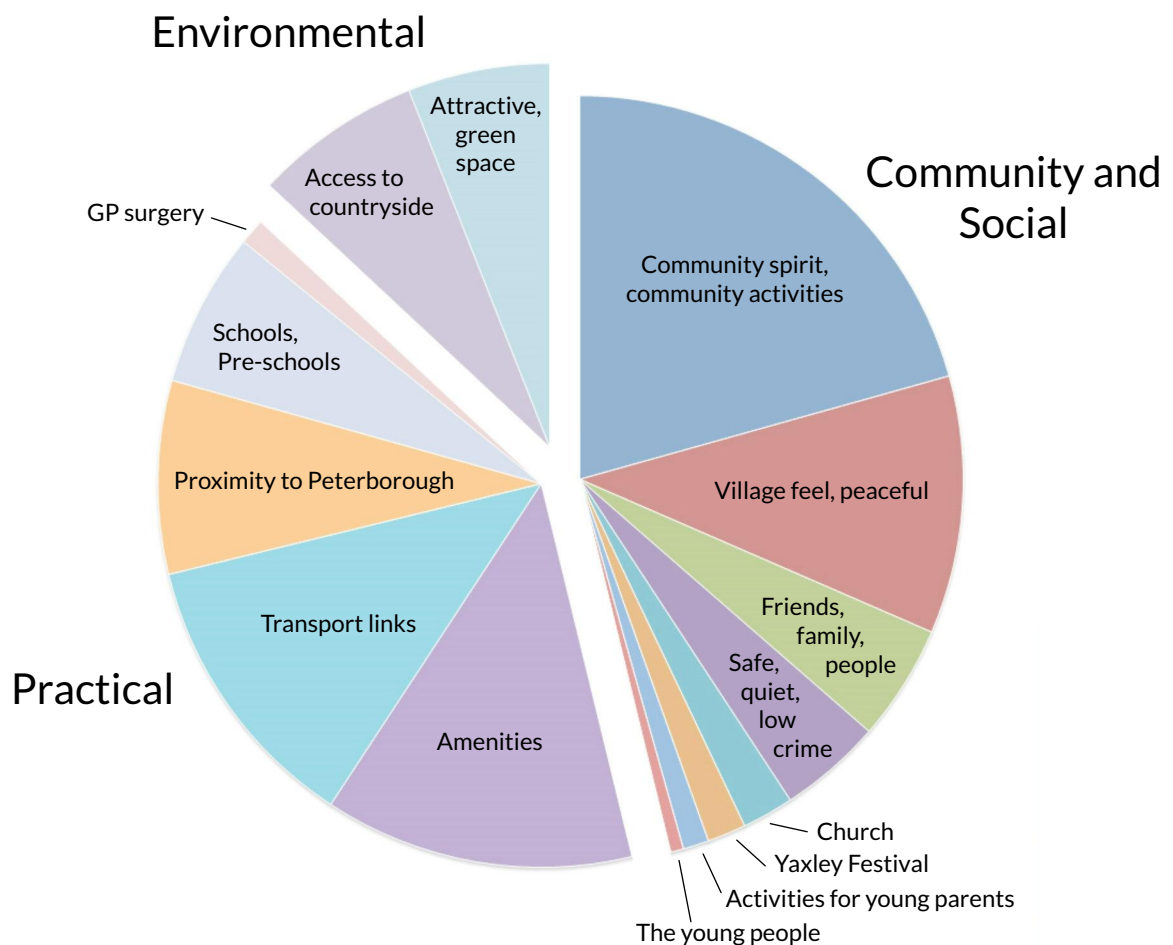
Community spirit, community activities	38
Amenities	24
Transport links	22
Village feel, peaceful	20
Proximity to Peterborough	15
Access to countryside	13
Schools, pre-schools	12
Attractive, green space	11
Friends, family, people	9
Safe, quiet, low crime	8
Church	4
Yaxley Festival	3
Activities for young parents	2
GP surgery	2
The young people	1

“Even though it is a large village, it has the heart of a close knit community.”

“Community spirit, close to the countryside, close to amenities.”

“The people”

“Schools, my children feel safe, nice community.”



# What are the biggest concerns about living here?

Free text field; most respondents provided multiple answers

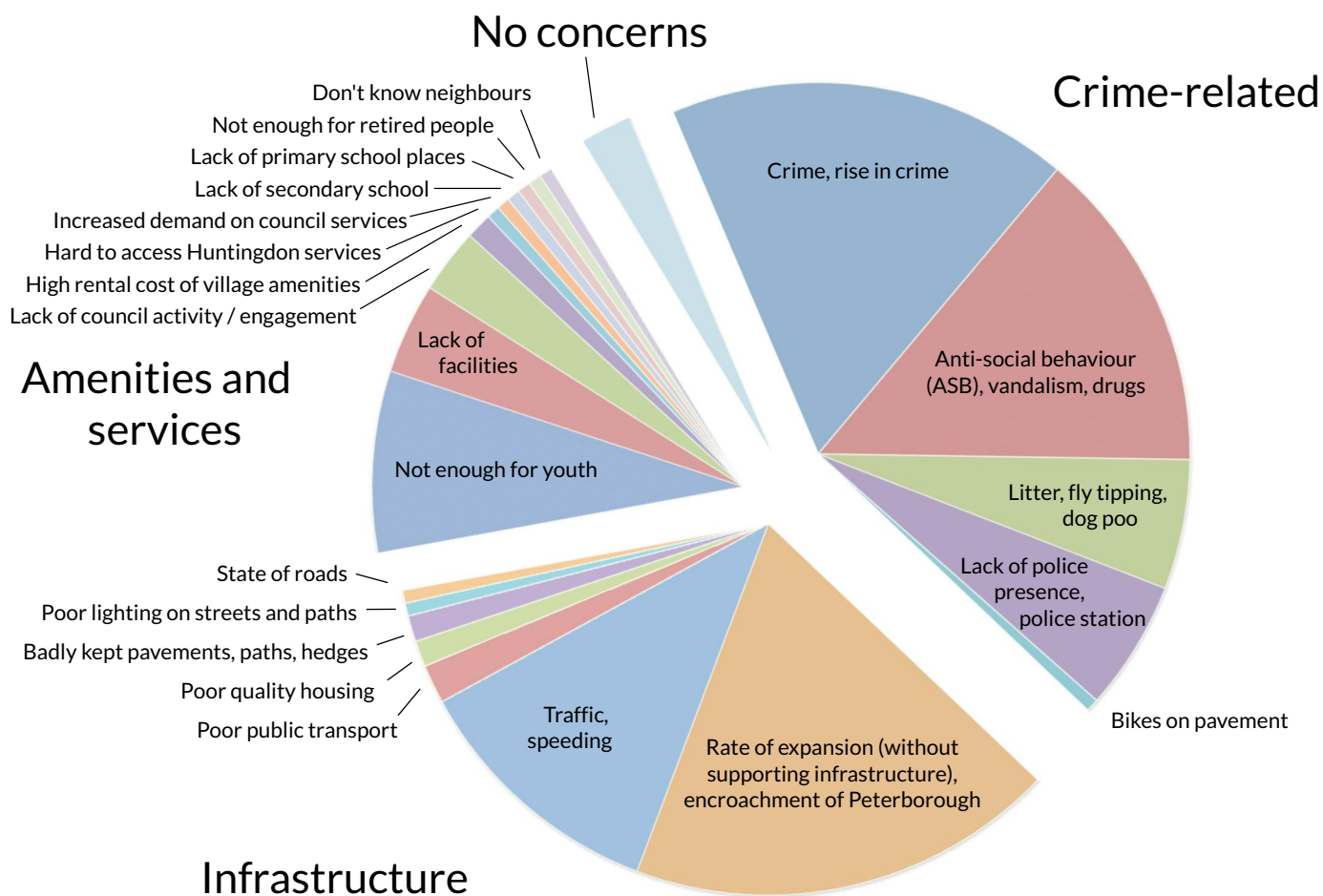
Rate of expansion (without supporting infrastructure), encroachment of Peterborough	33
Crime, rise in crime	31
Anti-social behaviour (ASB), vandalism, drugs	25
Traffic, speeding	20
Not enough for youth	14
Litter, fly tipping, dog poo	10
Lack of police presence / station	10
Lack of facilities	7
Lack of council activity / engagement	5
No concerns	4
Poor public transport	3
Poor quality housing	2
Badly kept pavements, paths, hedges	2
High rental cost of village amenities	2
Bikes on pavement	1
Poor lighting on streets and paths	1
State of roads	1
Hard to access Huntingdon services	1
Increased demand on council services	1
Lack of secondary school	1
Lack of primary school places	1
Not enough for retired people	1
Don't know neighbours	1

“Nothing for young children & youths to do... no public transport from Yaxley directly to Hampton Shopping Centre”

“Too many houses not enough facilities... Village has become too big. Rise in crime due to lack of policing.”

“Increase and traffic, vandalism, speeding and drugs.”

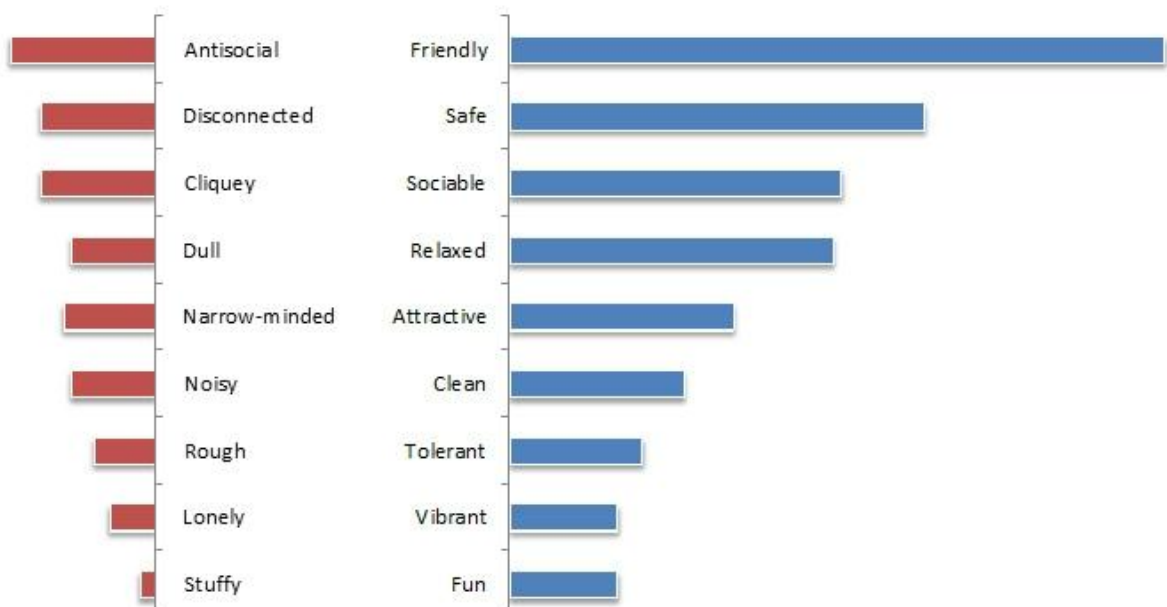
“Teenagers smoking cannabis in the local park next to the schools, no police patrols to keep an eye on this...”



# Which words describe Yaxley?

Tick boxes. Respondents could select multiple answers. Colour-coding (not included in the survey question) denotes **positive**, **negative** and neutral attributes.

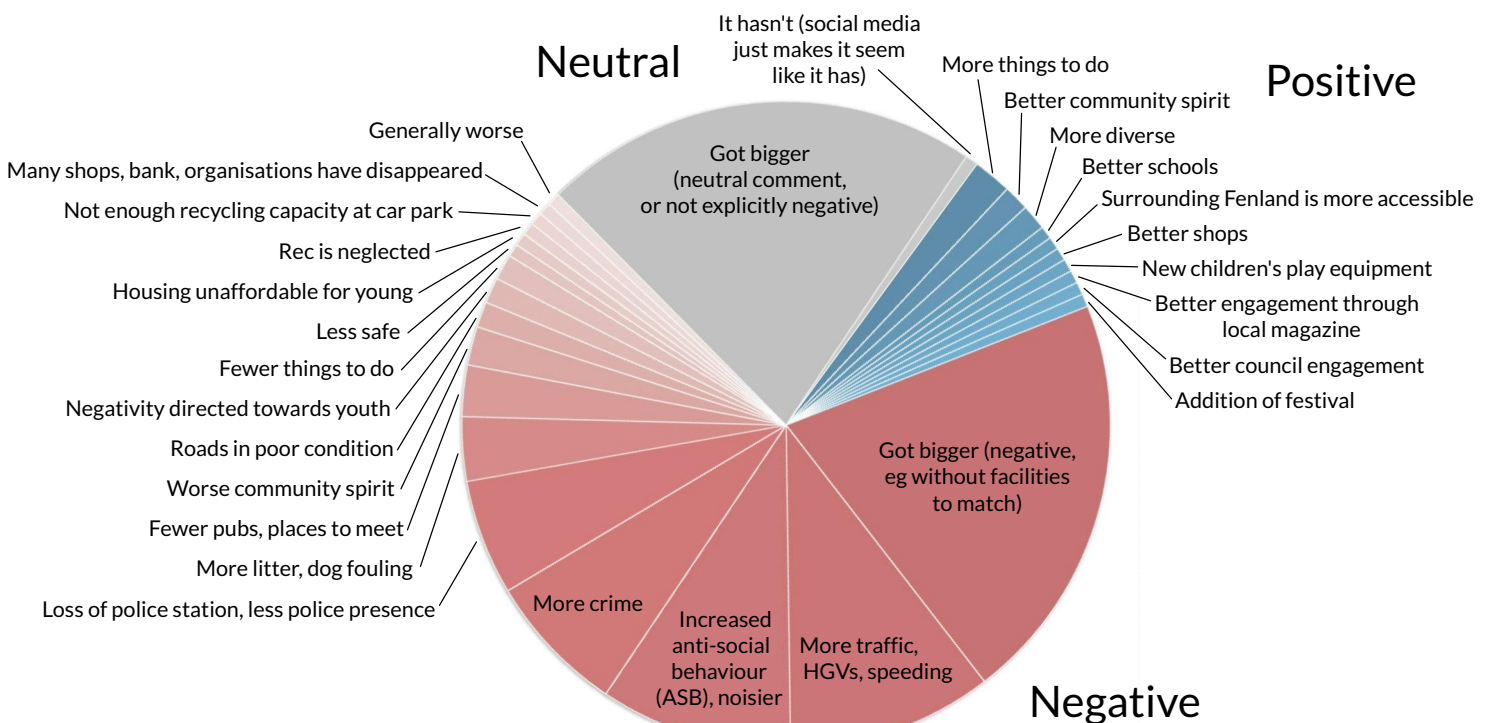
Friendly	79
Busy	52
Safe	50
Sociable	40
Relaxed	39
Quiet	39
Attractive	27
Clean	21
Antisocial	19
Diverse	18
Tolerant	16
Disconnected	15
Cliquey	15
Fun	13
Vibrant	13
Narrow-minded	12
Dull	11
Noisy	11
Rough	8
Lonely	6
Stuffy	2



# How has Yaxley changed in the last 10 years?

Free text, multiple answers allowed. Colour coding for positive, negative and neutral comments.

Crime-related	Increased anti-social behaviour (ASB), noisier	15	
	More crime	11	
	Loss of police station, less police presence	9	
	More litter, dog fouling	5	
	Less safe	1	
Infrastructure, amenities	Got bigger (neutral comment, or not explicitly negative)	34	
	Got bigger (negative, eg without facilities to match)	32	
	More traffic, HGVs, speeding	16	
	Roads in poor condition	2	
	Housing unaffordable for young	1	
	Better schools	1	
	Rec is neglected	1	
	Surrounding Fenland is more accessible	1	
	Better shops	1	
	Not enough recycling capacity at car park	1	
	New children's play equipment	1	
	Many shops, bank, organisations have disappeared	1	
	Community, social	Fewer pubs, places to meet	4
		Worse community spirit	3
More things to do		3	
Better community spirit		2	
Negativity directed towards youth		2	
Fewer things to do		2	
More diverse		2	
Better engagement through local magazine		1	
Better council engagement		1	
Addition of festival		1	
General	Generally worse	1	
	It hasn't (social media just makes it seem like it has)	1	



## Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Yaxley? What did you think of them?

Free text.

	Positive or no comment	Negative
Yaxley Festival	83	6
Church / church activities	12	
School and pre-school fairs, events	10	
Tour of Cambridge cycle race	8	
Cubs / Scouts / Guides	8	
Pre-school / baby groups	6	
Great Get Together	5	2
Three Horseshoes / Scouts fireworks display	5	
Library activities (including art class)	5	
Welcome Club	4	
Firewalk fundraiser	3	
Women's Institute	3	
St B's Friday coffee morning	3	
Yaxley Flower Club	3	
Yaxley Yaks Rugby Club	2	
Queen's 90th birthday at Three Horseshoes	2	
Drama group	2	
Three Horseshoes Lunch Club	2	1
Craft fairs	1	
Touch rugby	1	
British Legion	1	
Yaxley Infants Race for Life	1	
Strawberry tea	1	
YPC engagement group (for outdoor gym)	1	
Bowls Club	1	
Yaxley Agewell Group	1	
Police public meeting	1	
YPCS mindfulness	1	
Green Wheel cycle path	1	
RightStart Strength and Balance exercise class		1

“Yaxley festival - fantastic effort by the organisers. Cycle race - supported on the streets. Nice to get out with the neighbours.”

Yaxley Festival. Good that an annual event of this type now exists. I'd like to see more by way of family entertainment during the day as well as the bands in the evening.”

“Scouts Firework display at Three Horseshoe pub - great as always”

“Yaxley Festival - brilliant for all the family.”

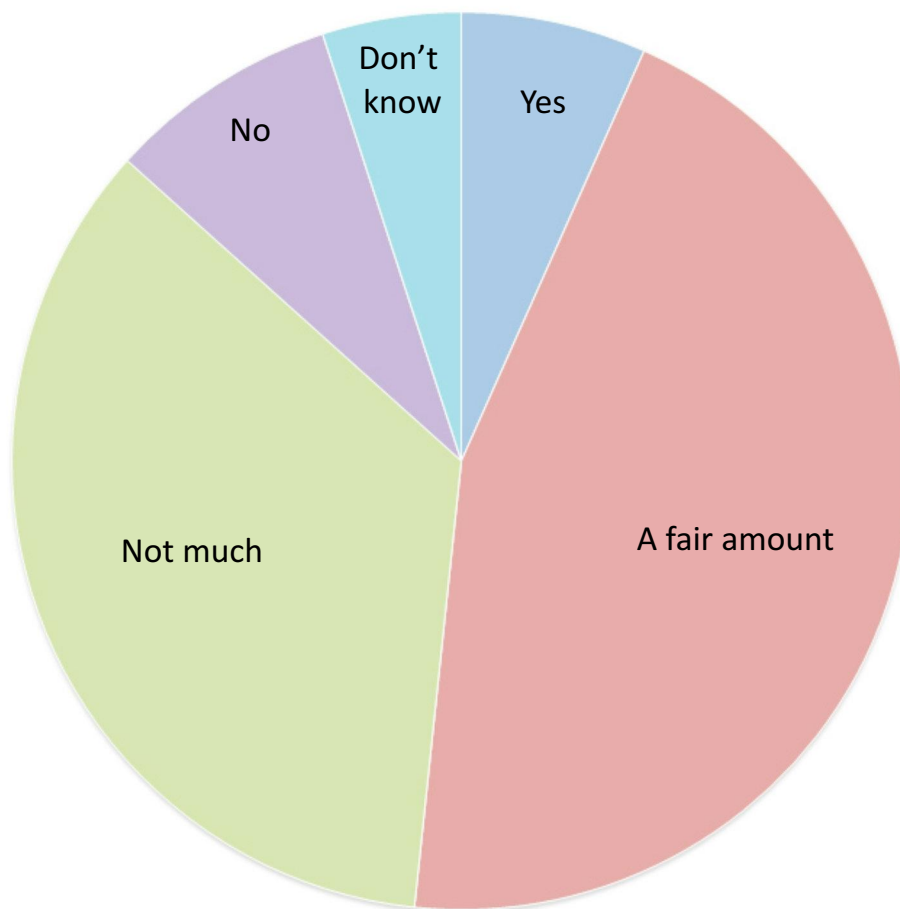
“The church is friendly and welcoming and has lots of events and activities through the year.”

“Watched the bike race from various locations. Feedback from friends that took part was Yaxley gave them the best reception. How about making this more of a village event, advertise, BBQ at the pub, Make it an afternoon out for families, perhaps even a few stalls!”

# Is there a lot going on here for you and your household?

Multiple choice - one answer allowed

Yes	8
A fair amount	54
Not much	42
No	10
Don't know	6

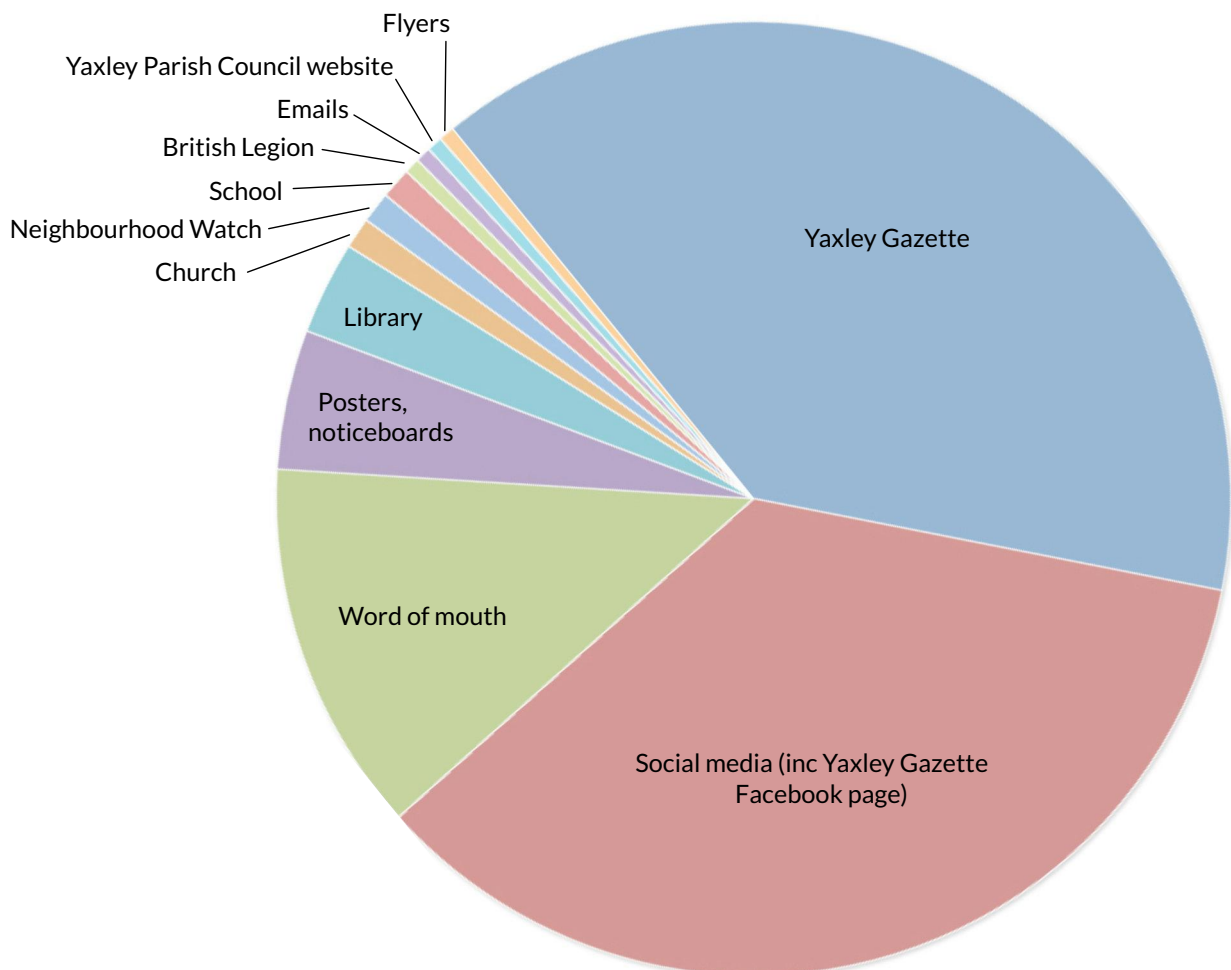




# How do you find out what's going on in the village?

Free text

Yaxley Gazette	74
Social media (inc Yaxley Gazette Facebook page)	67
Word of mouth	24
Posters, noticeboards	9
Library	6
Church	2
Neighbourhood Watch	2
School	2
British Legion	1
Emails	1
Yaxley Parish Council website	1
Flyers	1



# What new activities would you like to see?

Free text

Youth	Youth club / youth activities / youth centre	20
	Toddlers groups	2
	Children's dance group	2
	Youth sports	2
	Youth outreach	1
	Play area for younger children	1
	Soft play	1
	Children's sports activities	1
Family, social, support	Family activities (eg fun days, street BBQs)	9
	More festivals, fairs	4
	More for older people	4
	Car boot sale	2
	Christmas market	1
	Ladies' lunch club	1
	Tea dances	1
	Inter-faith group	1
	Internet cafe	1
	Support group for single/vulnerable parents	1
	Support for deaf community	1
	Saturday coffee morning	1
	"Something aimed at 35-55 (most are 60+)"	1
	Motorcycle club	1
	"Decent pub"	1
	Coach trip outings for older people (not in noisy environments)	1
	Scarecrow competition	1
Village scavenger hunts	1	
More daytime activities: WEA history, WI, U3A, flower arranging	1	
Exercise	Swimming pool / water park	9
	Leisure centre / sports facilities	4
	Tennis, badminton courts	4
	Park run / fun run	2
	Improved skate park	1
	Walking group	1
	Nordic walking group	1
	"Exercise machines dedicated to the older generation - (not in the rec)"	1
	Ladies netball team	1
	Adult fitness classes	1
	Pilates	1
	Dog walking group, dog cafe	1
	More local sports teams	1
	Cricket club	1
	Family exercise classes (parents + kids)	1
Exercise class / outdoor equipment for older people	1	
Culture	Art classes	4
	Local history talks / trails	3
	Bridge club	1
	Poker club	1
	Adult education / crafts	1
	Film screening on Rec	1
	WW2 battle re-enactments on the rec	1
	Singing group	1
	Sewing club	1
	Book club	1
	Live music events	1
	Photography class	1
	Cooking class	1

“Something to engage youngsters to help with the drug and asbo problems.”

“More child based events like fun days, fire station open day. Perhaps there could be an outdoor christmas market on the rec.”

“Regular art classes at library in the daytime, and something for the retired men.”

“Something aimed at people aged 35-55 years, all the groups and most activities are aimed at over 60 (Welcome Club, Age Well and lunch club).”

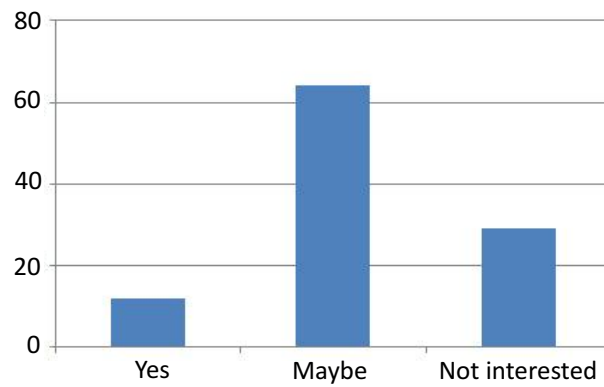
“A youth club run by properly trained youth workers who will be able to recognise risk taking behaviour and work preventatively with youth.”

“Exercise classes for parents to attend with their kids so parents can exercise with out worrying about who will look after the kids and kids can get moving.”

# Would you like to be more involved in community activities?

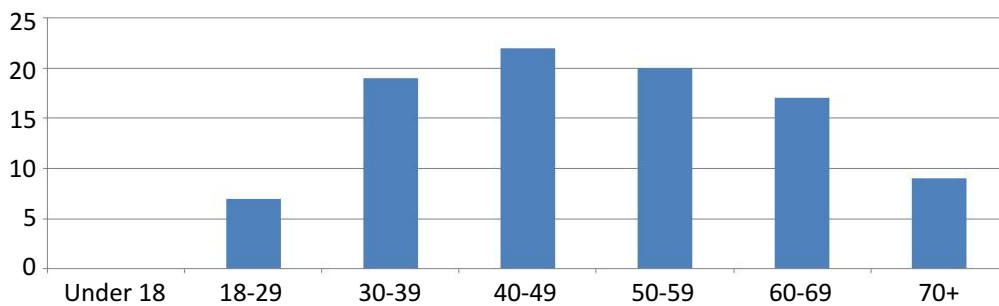
Multiple choice

Yes	12
Maybe	64
Not interested	29



## Optional: How old are you?

Under 18	0
18-29	7
30-39	19
40-49	22
50-59	20
60-69	17
70+	9



# Appendix 1: Responses in full

## What are the best things about living in Yaxley?

Rural position but good links to other facilities

Being able to walk alone in the village at 2100 hrs without fear of being mugged

Community spirit. Village feel but good access to local amenities. Good bus links to town (though Tesco one could be better)

Lived here a few years n made some good friends. That's about all.

It has all the amenities apart from bank and police

Decent doctors surgery

Excellent schools, good community spirit,

Not too big.

Its on the outskirts on Peterborough

Being away from the town and living in a smaller community.

Village life but close enough to Peterborough.

The local residents who get involved and put on great events like the festival and the recent picnic.

Being welcomed into the community, great private ventures, Yaxley Festival

Nice community

Shops, buses, old part of village like a community, near A1 etc.

The community, and a great area

Good transport links, good variety of amenities, great community spirit.

Travel convenience

Very active community groups making things better for everyone

Being close to Peterborough but not part of it. We are still a village even though the growth is ruining that

Peaceful and mostly safe.

Beautiful surrounding countryside. A1 and East coast trains. The Co-op. Most young people.

Community spirit driven by a few key locals - but not parish council

Family all live around here.

It has almost everything - shops, library. Doctors, good bus service, close To a1.

Nice walks

Nice church and church events

Lovely community feel to village

Community spirit, events organised, great facilities (shops, restaurants, pubs, take-aways). Great transport routes (buses etc). Good primary schools available.

The Yaxley festival where the community comes together

It's beautiful and everyone I have met since we moved here has been incredibly warm and friendly. Even though it is a large village, it has the heart of a close knit community

people

Community & Central Location with excellent links to major Rd & Rail network

Village community

I don't live here

Community, great groups for young Mums and families to attend

Good doctors, good baby groups, nice community (in general), nice countryside

Nice community feel

St. Peter's Church; our schools; the walks and paths

Its not all concrete like the various townships around Peterborough

Schools, my children feel safe, nice community

Ease of getting out of Yaxley, wide range of local shops, high quality doctors surgery, open space,

The community spirit

Out of Peterborough

location

Ease of access to Hampton and Peterborough but within a smaller community with good schools and transport links

Eclectic mix of individual homes and small businesses, while being close to the open countryside.

I have lived here all my life, my family has a history here and I know a lot of the community.

Green open spaces, it's quiet, close to A1 and Peterborough

It is largely rural but within easy reach of city

Lots going on, lovely countryside on our doorstep.

Location , our library and cycle ways  
The village feel with small town amenities  
Closeness to Peterborough but still feels like a village-community spirit.  
Proximity to the A1  
Safe and friendly  
Bus routes / GP surgeries access to A1.  
My family are close by  
Great community spirit  
Yaxley Fest  
My friends  
Schools  
All the best things about living in Yaxley have gone  
I've always felt safe and welcomed. Good range of shops and medical centre, vets.  
A pleasant location close to town and country  
Close to Peterborough  
It is a vibrant community  
Still has a good community feel, easily accessible, some good amenities  
Shops, schools.  
It's a friendly and mixed community.  
Road links to North and South are good.  
The church is inclusive and welcoming and seeks to support the community.  
The infant school is excellent. All schools provide opportunities for the community to be involved such as fairs and participating in the yaxley festival.  
Family village  
The sense of community, the range of facilities, the activities for all ages, the people.  
Shops and schools within the village good variety.  
Not as busy  
Near the A1  
Has the balance of being the country but has a few shops  
Fantastic schools. Lovely play areas.  
Good facilities  
Close to countryside, but great road and rail links countrywide.  
Community spirit, close to the countryside, close to amenities

Community  
Access to the A1  
Close to the city with a village feel  
Community spirit, facilities and services. Beautiful scenery!!!  
The people  
Close to the A1  
Good sense of community; great doctors; sunny cafe; near to facilities in Peterborough but not in Peterborough.  
Countryside and community  
The community spirit, beautiful village  
Amenities and location  
Community spirit, rural, transport links.  
Village feel. Character.  
My immediate vicinity for wildlife  
Not a City  
Close community  
Low Crime Rate and Family Orientated Community  
It's a big village but there is still a sense of community  
Community  
What is available is easily accessible  
Great bus link to peterborough centre.  
Near to the A1.  
Many takeaways and newsagents, shops etc.  
Beautiful church.  
Community spirit and the people  
Schools and Pre Schools  
I first came to the village in 1975 and find it very sad how it's changed, grown, the lack of the community Bobby and it just used to be a friendly village. I barely go out in the village now.  
Close to major shops but still a large village.  
Excellent school and good links to A1  
Village feel  
In many ways it still has a village atmosphere

## What are the biggest concerns about living here?

Lack of amenities for the youth

Jobs in the village, very intimidating, when I am only 5' 1' tall and they r over 6 foot

Increasing crime. Lack of school places for primary. (Both schools were full even though many children have applied to holme school)

The youth looking of age group I would say 12-20+ hanging around the shelter next to William Yaxley school but within the park area n smoking weed drinking alcohol n throwing things riding motorbikes across park n acting anti sociable getting up to no good meeting people in cars that pull up in car park or road beside doctors n acting suspiciously n also down by the skate park area too. They make me feel intimidated n now starting to hang around the off licence in Broadway shopping centre More so... they need something to help them...like a mobile hot drinks can selling hot dogs n burgers etc with volunteers n representatives from the police n youth teams n drugs team to help them n b on their side. ..guide them in the right direction...similar to a playbus for young children ...hope that makes sense. Also I find the local Yaxley council are not supportive n never see evidence of their support except to pass the buck n responsibilities to the people of Yaxley. There comes a time when they have to step up!

Youth neglected, I requested a new shelter. But police said no so council through the idea out

Crime , speeding

Nothing for young children & youths to do when they are not at school, no public transport from Yaxley directly to Hampton Shopping Centre

Lack of facilities.

Crime

Increase and traffic, vandalism, speeding and drugs.

The rise in local crime and no active police station!

The lack of facilities for the majority. Not asking people what they want and just putting things in that are assumed are needed

Parish Council being disconnected from the Village

How large it is expanding taking up so much land.

Anti social behaviour, littering, crime levels on the up

Rising crime, thefts etc. Growing too large. Rubbish around village.

The village council and new housing plans

Lack of police presence when needed. There has been a few more attempted burglaries and vandalism lately in the village.

Crime and anti social behaviour. Litter. And badly kept paths and walkways regarding hedges and trees.

nothing for young people to do

The encroachment of Peterborough. Policing. Never see a policeman. I believe we have 1 and a PCSO but don't really know them.

Increased anti social behaviour and crime.

Dog poo, litter, speeding cars

Groups' of youngsters with nothing to do currently. Crime.

The crime and drugs around the parks.

- 1) Drunkards and late night noise and regular trouble at Bollywood Tiger (who rarely close when their Licence says they should)
- 2) too many house and car burglaries - seem to be getting worse?
- 3) Speeding cars

Speeding traffic, crime, lack of police

Housing developments encroaching Yaxley.

I've lived in Yaxley my whole life and the crime rate has increased so much over the past few years

I haven't any concerns yet, possibly my biggest bug bear though is not really related to the village but my house purchase took so long to complete I couldn't move my son's school and now struggle with transport home for him

too much rubbish/dog poo.

Traffic & being swallowed by Peterborough without the required supporting infrastructure, Roads, Schools, Sports etc

Not enough going on and crime is on the increase which no police in the village

Too big to be a village - too much traffic

Traffic with so much continuing development of the surrounding countryside

Traffic is growing problem and will only get worse! Rising crime levels, antisocial behavior. No signs of police

Authorities ignore the village...only just in huntingdon out of sight out of mind ..not in Peterborough nothing doing there also.

bikes riding on the pavements; the state of the pavements; the number of newcomers



Getting to built up, want to stay a village, but building work seems to be growing around us.

Its getting bigger, but the facilities remain the same

Over run by Peterborough development, too much traffic, speeding on A15

The park on the rec

Volume of speeding traffic

the amount of housing going up

Lack of facilities for residents given recent expansion of the village

Poor planning of public transport route, making it difficult to shop at the Co-op if you live in the old village as you have to walk half a mile with your shopping to the nearest bus stop (especially for disabled/elderly).

As the village has grown the facilities have disappeared eg the bank.

Not enough shops or a family friendly pub north of the village

Over development

None

Increased traffic, the appearance of the Broadway centre, large residential developments planned

Building joining up with Peterborough becoming a township

Public transport (ps 4 miles from city centre 1 bus every hour after 6) why?

Better path and street lights

Encroachment of Peterborough and the 'roughness' 'nastiness' that can come with city life and crime!

Traffic on Broadway, serious accident again yesterday, needs more traffic calming before someone killed, definitely more 30 signs needed

The Rec at night

Anti social behaviour and speeding

The litter, drug use, noise

Theres nothing for the older teenagers to do  
crime

Drugs/Youths.

Too many houses not enough facilities, no bank or building society. Village has become too big. Rise in crime due to lack of policing.

That we will become absorbed by Peterborough and lose our village identity.

No police presence

Traffic, with expansion not enough thought into access. look at recent redirected traffic through our village. one reason I don't vote in local council elections they have no teeth.

The amount of crime that is happening with a noticeable lack of police presence .

Rising crime, too much new housing leading to strain on local amenities i.e. schools, doctor's surgery

Theft from vehicles,

There does appear to be an element of antisocial behaviour from some residents.

There are relatively few groups and organised activities available for both adults and children.

We are a long way from Huntingdon which makes some services difficult to access for those without a car.

There have been significant disruptions to roads caused by building in nearby areas.

Getting bigger needs it's own secondary school and more facilities

Disaffected youth/teenagers who get bored and leave piles of rubbish. Dog owners who do not clear up after their dogs. People throwing litter in the streets and parks/green spaces.

Graffiti and the amount of antisocial behaviour throughout the village threatening groups etc

Fly tipping

Speeding along Broadway traffic lights end

I don't have any.

The amount of rubbish on the rec and dog mess.

More traffic being inflicted on resident of London Road

Village very big, how will services cope? I.e. doctor etc

Burglaries

Lack of things for teenagers to do

Crime

Drug & drink use all around

Village becoming too big. Crime rates increasing, anti social behaviour. Concerns over facilities (such as schools and doctors) becoming stretched.

Crime

All the building and road works. Awful estates

Petty crime seems to be increasing; being swallowed up by Peterborough.

Rising levels of incidents in the recreation ground- it no longer feels safe for my kids

Too many new build, out of control youth, poor roads and speeding drivers

Getting swallowed up by both Peterborough.

Becoming too urban, development for development sake.

Drunk youths in parks/increasing traffic (crossing Broadway is a nightmare)/night time thieving

I am... very deaf. Clubs with speakers no good to me and many too noisy, would like to meet people on coach trip outings one to one. Drawing classes

Crime on the increase no police cover

Teenagers smoking cannabis in the local park next to the schools, no police patrols to keep an eye on this or to make their presence known

The Council coping with an increased demand on local services. Wouldn't want to see an increase in litter and duration for cleaning it up

there is nothing for young people to do

No youth centre, high rental cost of village amenities, crime rate

I personally have no major concern about living in Yaxley

Not enough policing,

Expanding too quickly

None

The vandalism and crime

Rising crime levels, lack of places for youths to hang out and antisocial behaviour.

Being surrounded by Peterborough development

Not enough activities for retired people during the day. Not knowing neighbours.

## How has Yaxley changed in the last 10 years?

I feel it has grown in size. But the facilities have not been put in place to meet the demands or the infrastructure

House prices have become unaffordable for the young. We need a good mixture of white, middle class, English people in the village

More housing built. Business changes...some leaving, others opening. Increasing community spirit.

Roads far too busy and too many hgvs using yaxley as a cut through to their desination . Yaxley council will not support this. it's dangerous noisy n unfair!

Negativity between youth and residents caused by a few

Everything.

Alot more houses, improved schooling, more anticocial behaviour

Loss of police station.

Yes a lot more crime

Lots of new houses have been built but we haven't been given any facilities for the growth of the community. The traffic has increased and is now often impossible to cross the main road or get out of our drives. We don't get anything for the money we pay in our council tax and the Parish Council is expected to pick up and do more which is wrong as we are part of Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire but often seem to be forgotten.

Higher crime rate.

The population has grown immensley due to too many new housing estates being built.

It has got a lot bigger but facilities have not been improved.

More activities coming into the village, more anti social behaviour

It's expanded so much it's likely to be more of a town than a village and will become a cold place to live as community spirit could well be lost.

There seems to be more crime but this may be because it is highlighted on social media sites

Grown too big, more crime, more anti social behaviour, people complaining about rural farms etc., smell etc. As people from city, should expect there to be farms etc. in country village.

New developments more people within the area

Grown immensely

Yes and Not for the good.

loads of things now going on

Perhaps I am getting older or the youngster have grow up faster

Grown far too much. Previous planners have assured us we would remain a village. We are increasingly being swallowed by Hampton.

I have lived in Yaxley for 36 years having moved from London. All I hear now are people moaning. And they moan about anything. They seem to be completely intolerant of any young people. It's sad.

Grown too much and too quickly for amenities and facilities to keep up with.

Too many houses not enough services to cope.

Noisier - more late night trouble

More burglaries

Social - nowhere nice to go here anymore. Have to leave the village for a 'nice' night out.

Got bigger

I have lived here for 35 years. The size/population of the village has increased. Better facilities. More housing on green field sites within the village.

It use to be a nice friendly kids could play outside with no worries and now kids can't play outside without worrying not as friendly anymore and crime rate is stupid it use to be one of the safest villages to live in

I've only lived here for 4 months but I know already how much I love it!

too much development, peoples attitudes,

Much busier traffic & busier in general

Got a lot bigger and not enough shops or police the centre is like from the 60s

Very little in the last 4 years

Growing population and increased traffic growing crime rate, increased traffic.

Massive expansion of houses but facilities haven't been keeping pace eg. Also police station closed, local pubs closed,

More houses

Many more housing estates

Become so much bigger, more houses. The village isnt as attractive/pretty as it used to be. Parts of it seem to be neglected.....ie. the recreational ground.

More traffic due to infill building, improved management and presentation of shopping centre, Population growth, better community engagement through improved local magazine periodicals

It has become bigger with more houses and a wider range of people

Vast increase in commercial and private vehicles with NO by-pass

nearly doubled since we moved here in 1983

Only recently moved to Yaxley, can't comment

Gone from four pubs to only two, and while this isn't everything, there certainly is a lack of bars or cafes where people can meet for a comfortable chat. Sophie T's tends to be special occasions as pricey, and Sunny Cafe is set out for eating rather than relaxing. The village has certainly grown enormously, and I would argue that the infrastructure hasn't kept pace, particularly in terms of activities available.

More houses. Lack of facilities. No police. Parking is an issue near the schools and doctors. The pubs have gone.

Yes

It has matured with the creation of modern estates

A lot more houses.

The volume of traffic has increased and the Haddon project and other residential projects have been discussed

Has become bigger and getting closer to Peterborough

More housing bad public transport no interstructure more things for young people

Only been here 2 years not much change apart from now it seems council taking an interest in what's going on. I like this idea.

Too many new houses without more amenities and no new road structure

Lots more houses

It's got very anti social and cars speed

It's only got worse

Increase of population but a decrease in police presence

got bigger

The violence, the litter

There use to be a police presence, now children openly take drugs in plain sight.

More houses have been built.

Have only been here 8 months

Worse parental control

Yes, of course because many new homes have been built. We now have more homes to offer for the young and the older residents.

Grown in size but amenities have improved too

Traffic especially lorries passing through Broadway. They should be banned

The village has outgrown it's facilities with far too much housing and industrial development over the past 10 years.

Houses seem to be being built on any plot of land. The village is fast losing its village identity. Roads are a lot busier, particularly London Road and Broadway.

More houses

There are more houses and people but I don't think it has changed that much- which is a shame because I would have liked to see services develop with the growing population.

Grown bigger but doesn't seem to move with the times

It has/is growing, more houses and people and traffic. The Coop store is a good addition to the Broadway shops. The Yaxley Festival is wonderful! The surrounding fenland is becoming more accessible.

More buildings and homes being created joining Yaxley and farcet practically

Shopping centre has been done up

Got to big

I moved here 9 years ago and other than housing development I have not noticed any major changes. There has been no improvement in local recycling in the car park, always overflowing when I go there.

A lot of rubbish and graffiti

Far too much new building of estates.

More diverse people moving in, which I see as a good thing.

I have been here since 1991 and there has been so much development that it's almost a town now

It hasn't, access to social media just makes it seem like it has!

Roads busier

Getting too many houses so too many people for our facilities to cope i.e. Doctors and schools

See more drunkenness and smoking cannabis in public.

Resident for 38 years. Over the last 10 with the considerable growth the community is being lost. Social interaction. Considerable change to usable services, lost bank, village shops, police station (longer than 10 years). But really growth, growth, growth of housing!!!

There appear to be lots of crime, vans broken into and cars.

Busier, noisier, more stressful, all that beautiful green land being consumed by dull-looking houses. Crown Lakes could be nice (I know it's Farect but is so close) but is rough with graffiti, and motorbikes. Don't feel safe there

Much more crime. Dog fouling on the increase again.

More if a community feel due to efforts of volunteers and social media.

Building has taken too much land, youth has no respect, roads are in terrible condition

Much bigger. Less of a village feel

I have lived here all my life and seen the village change, but equally many aspects still remain. Shops have come and gone, amenities the same. I have seen a decline in local produce (bakers, butchers etc), but equally seen the more mainstream develop (Co-op). The addition of ferndale has seen an influx in numbers, but maybe not the introduction of more amenities. Pubs have also dwindled and fallen below standard.

More houses/population

More house = more traffic = poor unmaintained roads

No police patrols

Seems like population has continued to increase, not a bad thing

The new estates have popped up and it is now much bigger

New park items for younger children

Much more built up - therefore more houses mean more traffic and more people

Doubled in size.

Police station closed down.

Seems to be more crime.

Not so many people acknowledge each other i.e. Saying good morning even if you don't know them.

Got much bigger and now feels more like part of Peterborough. No longer a separate village

I don't think it has. Other than the Yaxley Festival which is a great social event we are very much the same old Yaxley.

It has grown massively, people aren't as friendly

More housing developments have the roads unable to cope with traffic levels. Less police presence on the ground. More antisocial behaviour at night (inc 'boy racers' on Broadway which require the police helicopter at least once a month). Litter/ dog fouling has risen. Number of inconsiderate weed smokers forcing residents to close their windows on a summer evening has risen this year. Police should crack down on it. It's unacceptable to those of us with small children.

Grown too much too quick. Services are stretched

Many of the shops/bank/organisations have disappeared

## Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Yaxley? What did you think of them?

Yaxley Festival. Very good for all the community.

Yaxley Get together. Felt it was quite cliquy.

Yaxley festival, church activities

Get together picnic.... was nice to get community together though quiet.

Yaxley Festival amazing as always.

I am on committee for preschool so attend the local events there and at schools.

Fireworks display at 3 horseshoes is always brilliant.

Festival...very good because the people that arranged it worked hard to get it organised but sadly a lot of people felt like they had another drinking place to go to...needed more activities and stalls to stop this.

Festival

None

Yaxley Festival, the entertainment was very good, but there was not enough to entertain young children, if the fair had not been attending then children would of had nothing to do. Too many business stands making it feel less like a festival & more like a business convention

Yaxley festival.

Yaxley Festival

The Yaxley festival has to have a mention. So very well organised and great for the community.

Great to see the cycle race through the village.

Have attended several craft fairs etc.

Yaxley Festival, The Firewalk, the Jo Cox picnic. Well organised and attended. Nice to see village people coming together.

Yaxley Festival - Amazing family weekend and fun for all. Great Get Together - Very relaxed and showing a great community spirit. Great Yaxley Firewalk - Great charity event, kids and adults loved it. Yaxley Yaks Rugby Club - Kids love playing and being part of a successful new team.

Royal British Legion, organising events on a Saturday or Sunday.

Yaxley Festival - brilliant event

Yaxley festival. OK, not my cup of tea, too fair groundish, but young people like it.

Yaxley festival, better planning for residents and parking

Yaxley festival, Three horseshoes lunch club. Both excellent.

Yaxley Festival, school theatre group, charity walk, school fete

yaxley festival is awesome!!!!

Welcome Club

Yaxley Festival

Yaxley festival (brilliant). Tour of Cambridge (exciting) Talks at WI (very interesting)

Yaxley Festival. Bonfire night. Events at The Three Horse Shoes Pub. Community Events published by Gazette etc.

The festival very good for village.also the children's group at church.

Yaxley festival - fantastic effort by the organisers

Cycle race - supported on the streets. Nice to get out with the neighbours

Yaxley festival - great weekend

Yaxley Festival - it was fantastic. Best one yet.

Scouts Firework display at Three Horseshoe pub - great as always

Tour of Cambridgeshire through Yaxley - neighbourhood picnic was organised

yaxley festival

Yaxley festival and Yaxley Infants race for life enjoyed very much but that's about all u get in this village

My son and I went to the Yaxley festival and to watch the cyclists

Rugby, Cycling, Festival, Church

none

Yaxley festival, good event for community to get together. Food Bank with the church, good to share time and resources with like minded people

Yaxley festival. Rhyme time. Mummas and Bubbas baby groups, touch rugby, yaxley festival - all very good.

Yaxley festival...good

Strawberry Tea - great; Yaxley Festival - too many trade stands, too much security; Green at - great

Festival, art class in library

Yaxley festival, really enjoyed it, brought everyone together.



Yaxley Parish engagement group for selecting and installing outdoor gym equipment on the Recreation ground. Friendly, driven and committed.

Yaxley festival, spectacular achievement, our own local Glastonbury! Very well supported, friendly

Mummas and Bubbas at the Legion  
bowls club

Church toddler group. Friendly, well organised and welcoming

Yaxley Festival. Good that an annual event of this type now exists. I'd like to see more by way of family entertainment during the day as well as the bands in the evening. The Great Get Together. Not very well promoted, and given it was a family event, we were surprised the Austin Hall wasn't open to provide refreshments and toilets. Due to a lack of the latter in particular, several families left earlier than they would have liked.

Library. Yaxley Festival.

Feel that the festival is a waste of money for what it gives back to the village it doesn't include everyone and is cliquy.

Festival. Good show

St Peters church, wonderful church community, friendly, welcoming.

Sparks at St Peters, lot's of young families.

Bell ringing at St Peters, Good mix of ages, 11 to 80+

Friday coffee mornings at St B's, good place to have a chat and find new people.

St Peters Mothers' Union, Interesting meetings plus the MU-Engage the women's discussion group.

Yaxley Flower Club, Watching and learning about flower arranging, very friendly.

Yaxley Festival. Great event!

None recently

Yax fest is brilliant!

Yaxley festival

Festival- very good

Cubs - good attendance and good scouting structure for all age groups

Yaxley festival, good fun

Yaxley Festival, was ok

Yaxley festival and school fetes

yaxfest and queens 90th at the shoes brilliant

Yaxley festival was good

Festival.

Yaxley festival was great.. an amazing event

Yaxley festival, WI, Flower club, St. Peters church, Scouts, St B's Cafe club

The Cambridge Cycle race we thoroughly enjoy every year and school sports days, concerts and assemblies are marvelous.

Yaxley festival, very good event, community spirit

Yaxley Festival

Yaxley Festival and William De Yaxley School Fayre.

Yaxley fair

Yaxley festival- this was well organised and felt safe and relaxed.

Scout group- very positive experience for my children and family.

The fireworks display is really lovely and has a community feel to it.

The church is friendly and welcoming and has lots of events and activities through the year.

Yaxley Gazette Facebook page has been helpful and interesting but i think needs to be monitored more closely as sometimes it feels people are bullied.

Yaxley festival was great

Yaxley Festival, St Peters plant fair, the library. All great! I give blood three times a year at the British Legion building.

Yaxley festival, pre-school events

None

None

Yaxley festival - stands not as good as previous years, plants for example only one rather sad stand this year. There was more focus on food this year, not a bad thing but need a better balance in my opinion. Put more straw bales to sit on when listening to the bands.

I attended the police meeting at the school one evening this year. Poor turnout but see that as a positive. Children should in my opinion not be allowed to attend this event as there was one toddler there reading her book aloud throughout and the mother made no effort to quieten her. we could not hear the police officer speaking. It's not a family night out.

Watched the bike race from various locations. Feedback from friends that took part was Yaxley gave them the best reception. How about making this more of a village event, advertise, BBQ at the pub, Make it an afternoon out for families, perhaps even a few stalls!

Festival. Community picnic

None

Yaxley Festival

Yaxley Festival, Get together in the park, attend church weekly, great community spirit

Yaxley Festival - brilliant for all the family

Scouts

Festival guides drama

The festival, four fields school fayre and William de Yaxley's school fayre

None spend most weekends away but neighbors say festival is good

Yaxley amateur players productions - fantastic evening of performances! Mother and toddler groups - mammas and babbas is brilliant and great value/SPARKS (church) amazing. Others not so great. Yaxley Festival - outstanding.

Yaxley festival, loved it met people we hadn't seen in ages. Listened to music.

My mother goes to the welcome club which is excellent but underfunded. I work, and am too busy

Yaxley festival - not as good as previous years but a fab event for a village. Daughter goes to guides and enjoys it.

Yaxley festival- well organised and great fun. Shame that the bar area means that we can't all afford to go for the whole weekend though.

Yaxley festival was awesome.

Yaxley fete. Fun

We are regular attendees of the Yaxley festival, and actually plan our calendar by it when we know the dates each year now. We walk the village regularly, and attend local craft or school fetes.

Yaxley festival, fab event.

Lunch club at 3 horseshoes far too noisy for me

Festival on rek

Yaxley festival, very good for the community

Yaxley Festival, needs a rethink around how it is organised this year Didn't have the festival open feel, seemed cramped, claustrophobic, extended queues at refreshment stands. Appreciate numbers attending has increased.

The best thing we have is the yaxley festival. brings the village together even older people

Local charity run preschool held in the community building, summer and Christmas fete, yaxley festival

Recently joined the Welcome Club and made to feel part of the community straight away

Festival - great to get people together.

Cubs, Yaxley Festival, YPCS mindfulness

Yaxley Festival, Tour de Cambridge

The festival and school fair

Baby club at YGP - very good. Yaxley Library- a really valuable resource. YGP itself- excellent service. Green wheel cycle path- very good, will be great once development has finished in local area. Yaxleyfest- fun and great for business but caused too much traffic/ litter problems.

Girlguiding, Youth Club, fireworks, festival, Queens Jubilee- love community events, apart from the festival it's a shame they are not better attended

Yaxley Agewell group - great and well worth helping to keep it going. What a shame the YGP didn't! Yaxley Welcome Club - Bingo isn't really my scene and some members tend to be cliquey but the committee is very concerned and supportive. Lunch once a month at 3 Horse Shoes. Strength and Balance Right Start 123 Level 2 - BORING level of activity reducing not improving.

## How do you find out what's going on in the village?

Facebook.

Yaxley Gazette website, neighbourhood watch, posters at the shopping centre

Usually posted in Yaxley Gazette magazine as well as the Facebook group.

Don't use social media but can look at the page for yaxley gazette.

Have lived here all my life and know most people, word of mouth and social media

Facebook

Read the Yaxley Gazette magazine & check their facebook page

Word of mouth and social media.

Yaxley Gazette

Usually from the Yaxley Gazette or word of mouth.

Yaxley Gazette page. Facebook.

Yaxley Gazette magazine and online group, Yaxley NHW page.

Facebook Yaxley Gazette

Gazette and boards outside of places they are on.

Yaxley Gazette mostly

Yaxley Gazette, word of mouth. Facebook.

Facebook or word of mouth

Yaxley Gazette, Yaxley FB page, word of mouth from other villagers.

Kids and local magazine and friends.

yaxley gazette magazine and facebook page

The Gazette and Social Media

Yaxley Gazette. British Legion

Yaxley gazette. Word of mouth. Library.

Gazette, Community Facebook Pages, word of mouth.

Yaxley gazette

Yaxley gazette on line and magazine

Social media

Social media and Yaxley Gazette.. Word of mouth.

Yaxley gazette

The Yaxley gazette and posters at the church posters, facebook,

Gazette & Facebook

Facebook

Colleagues

Social media, Yaxley Gazette

word of mouth, social media, yaxley gazette

The yaxley gazette is good. The library and the parish council notice boards.

emails, Facebook

Library or Yaxley gazette

Yaxley gazette or word of mouth

Yaxley Gazette is brilliant and a publishing masterpiece. And it's Facebook group has some benefits too. Social contact with friends.

Word of mouth and facebook

Media, notices boards are not a good source

mainly word of mouth

Yaxley gazette

Have a look in the Yaxley Gazette, otherwise it's down to noticing posters on lamp posts if I'm out and about.

Library, Yaxley gazette, word of mouth, Facebook Gazette

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At Church / Yaxley Gazette + YG facebook page

Yaxley gazette magazine and on Facebook

Yaxley Gazette and neighbourhood watch on Facebook

Yaxley gazette

Gazette. Wish there was a Yaxley website. Facebook idea is okay though, just rather not use it.

Yaxley gazette

Gazette

Facebook

Yaxley gazet

Yaxley gazzette and facebook page

yaxley gazette

Facebook

Gazette

Yaxley Gazette

Social media

Online

Posters, the Library, the Yaxley Gazette

Yaxley Gazette Facebook page.

Internet

Facebook Pages, Yaxley Parish Council Website

Facebook, Yaxley Gazette, word of mouth

Yaxley gazette magazine and Facebook page

Gazette but mostly Facebook

Yaxley magazine mainly.

Yaxley gazette Facebook pages, some posters or word in local shops

Hear say

Gazette and Facebook

Facebook or gazette

Facebook

Gazzett

Word of mouth, so often miss things. Advertising not universally seen around the village.

Facebook

Facebook or school

Facebook and magazine

Gazette

Yaxley magazine

Facebook and free book

Yaxley Gazette. Word of mouth. Facebook (Not always reliable!)

On facebook

Lovely free magazines/online

Yaxley gazette; Facebook Yaxley gazette posts.

Yaxley gazette or it's Facebook page

Yaxley Gazzet, yaxley facebook,.

Yaxley Gaxette mostly

Facebook, word of mouth.

Facebook

Gazette

Hearsay

Facebook

Local Flyers, Word Of Mouth

in the gazette and on the internet

Facebook

Yaxley Gazette and notices posted around the village

Gazette or Facebook

Facebook, William de Yaxley

Yaxley Gazette

Yaxley gazette

Yaxley gazette/ Facebook

Yaxley Gazette, Facebook

I have great difficulty finding out what is going on.

## What new activities would you like to see?

Youth club. Open play area for the younger children, with water play, sand, imaginative play area.

Organised walking, more for 50 plus

More for young people.

There isn't a lot of toddler groups in the village, especially given the size of it. Renting the halls are expensive, especially if providers are not seeking to make it a business, but just to give something to the community.... rent prices really put people off.

At my age for me nothing but the youth need a shelter come memorial they can call their own

Community affairs

A swimming pool for the use of the schools, mum's & tots & elderly or a water park for the summer that could be turned into an ice rink in the winter. An improved skate park as this has been very neglected

Ok as it is.

Youth Club

National service

Leisure centre, courses for adults in the evening, crafting groups in the evening.

Projects for kids to get involved in.

A non clique toddler group, Cricket Club, Family activities at weekends, more Yaxley Festivals

More child based events like fun days, fire station open day perhaps

Put on a film screening on the rec

Soft play

Swimming pool

More effort needs to be made at Christmas with the village - compared to places like Whittlesey and Chatteris the decorations are dire. Perhaps there could be an outdoor christmas market again making use of the rec space

Ladies lunch club.

I wish there was a swimming pool in the village and some exercise machines dedicated to the older generation - (not in the rec)

Something to engage youngsters to help with the drug and asbo problems.

more things like yaxley festival

The bus route alternate its direct around the village like it used to do.

More for the youth

More facilities for young people, although I understand there is to be a new youth club.

Youth club - but aware that is in the pipe line.

More things for children and things for teenagers to do to keep them off the street's and getting in trouble.

The two pubs need more control over bad language etc so that families can go there instead of them having to go to other villages

Street BBQs can be fun

Can we do more to clamp down on dog poo on the streets?

Anything for the kids for all ages youth clubs things to keep them fit and healthy like a small pool a gym in the park stuff like that

Exercise groups, i.e. park run type activity

tennis courts

quite happy as we are

Regular art classes at library in the daytime, and something for the retired men in the village.

Something more for the children who are not into football. My children are more into bmx/skateboard/scooter but there is nothing/nowhere in yaxley that is inviting or safe for them to attend.

Bridge for learners/club. Drawing club.

not sure

Family friendly activities for young children

Not sure as uncertain what is already on offer! More regular weekend community events maybe.

Youth club other sporting activities for girls other than rugby and football.

Poker club

Tea dances

Painting classes local history talks, Nordic walking group

Not sure

WW2 battle reatments on the rec

History trail about the area

An interfaith group (I'd happily run /arrange one) not sure how to go about it- do I need permission?

Sports facilities, restaurants

Anything

Something a bit different to the normal out of school activities

More events

Named bookmakers.

Something aimed at people aged 35-55 years, all the groups and most activities are aimed at over 60 (welcome, club, age well and lunch club).

Not sure exactly but ways in which my children could safely and confidently meet new local friends

Model pond

Anything that does not bring traffic

More activities for the disenfranchised youth in the village, tennis, badminton, internet cafe

A dedicated leisure centre including swimming pool

Out door pool

Dance and more informal sports groups for the children.

Better use and resourcing of library for activities such as craft and art groups and book clubs.

A youth club run by properly trained youth workers who will be able to recognise risk taking behaviour and work preventatively with youth.

Group for single or vulnerable parents to access support.

Greater community police presence- particularly in the evenings around areas where antisocial behaviour is known to take place such as the rec.

More community events , more frequents fun fairs

Carboot every sat or sun

None, lucky enough not to need as have enough interests in my life

Leisure centre with a swimming pool

Ladies netball team

Fitness classes for adults

Support for deaf community - my pensioner Mum has profound hearing loss, large groups are disorientating and she is isolated. She does not sign.

I'd like to learn sign language. I can't afford it!

Young people with troubled lives need some support and not judgements. Many have problems at home or mental health issues or are caught in a cycle of negative behaviours and they need help and understanding and knowledge of where to get support. They are blamed for every little thing that goes wrong and the many are punished and stigmatised for the action she of very few.

Pilates

More for older people

Neighbour hood policing

More affordable sports activities for whole families - tennis courts, dance classes etc. Singing groups, social care etc. Church is a long way away for all residents.

Dog walking group, dog cafe

arts, sports, the Yaxley Festival is brilliant please pass on the congratulations to the organisers. Wonderful and free

Coffee morning on a Saturday, evening book club or sewing club.

More sporting and social activities for families or children/teens. Tennis, rounders, things to keep them active and out of mischief!

More music/bands, motorcycle club, evening classes... photography, cooking etc

Decent pub

I'd like to see the local sports teams be more prominent (great to see the Yaks coming along). However the cricket club, and local football clubs seem to have dissipated.

Water sports centre. SWIMMING POOL LONG OVERDUE

Drawing classes. Organised outings for older people

Clear the rek of dog s@@@ and have more events

Social activites for children

bring back the cricket club. we miss it

Youth centre

Swimming pool

Youth Club which is new one is great, more family events would be nice, fun runs for all ages and abilities, scarecrow competitions, car boot sales (for some reason the scouts monthly at the 3 horse shoes is not supported and people don't turn out but the organisers have done nothing to change it to make it sucessful) Village scavenger hunts. Village Bbq/ picnics with organised family sports at the rec. Exercise classes for parents to attend with their kids so parents can exercise with out worrying about who will look after the kids and kids can get moving.

More sports clubs for the youth- Queen's Park opened in the evenings to keep kids off the street.

Exercise class for the older person. Outdoor play area for the older person. Outdoor exercise area for the older person. More events during the day. eg WEA history courses, WI, U3A, flower arranging etc.



## Would you like to be more involved in community activities?

12 replied "Yes"

29 replied "Not interested"

64 replied "Maybe if..."

I would but I have no spare time.

Not at the moment.

Depends on time and date

i help out where i can

Church, Welcome Club and RBL

already involved

Already heavily involved

already involved enough

not at the moment

have been in the past but newcomers oust the experienced out

There is something I can get involved with along with my young people.

Already quite a lot

If it was the right project

already a volunteer

Depending on own family commitments very young family

Not at the moment enjoying our first year of retirement with no commitments other than the Grandchildren

I am already involved with scouts and church activities

Unsure

I was not so busy with Rotary in Orton

I have stalls at the Fayres I help to raise money for them

In winter

but as a full time employed, mother of under 5's giving up time is a challenge. While this is not helpful it is reality. Idea generating could occur as a forum as well to be more accessible to all (possibly help those less social to have a voice??)

Not sure

If it sparked my interest but sorry am busy so not much help. Will support more through attendance though

Childcare allows

i am retired now

Depends on the activity!

When the kids are older for now I want to enjoy events with them

Because I find it very cliquey, it's the same faces and although I have lived here a long time you are made to feel like you don't belong. I guess I have happy memories of the past and don't like how it's changed :)

Sadly, I don't have the time to spare

Already am

if it was of interest and appropriate

## Is there anything else you'd like to tell me?

Sadly social media Yaxley Facebook page is used a lot for moaning and a lot of it is because there are issues and they have lost faith in the council not reporting to the police.

Please get HDC to reverse their decision to close the customer service point from August, Sam is such a local asset.

Would be nice to see some floral displays around the village. The shopping centre and the rec especially would look more appealing to the eye with some floral decor.

I have heard on the grapevine a lot about the parish council trying to stop great ideas from being launched by individuals. This is very concerning as they are supposed to be working for the people.

Parish council need to revisit new housing estate and check what has been done before allowing other developments to be built.. persimmon fields, has a child's playground right next to a dangerous area ( waste ground/ stagnant water area ) very unsafe

Building concerns over drones and if they're spying on people.

The paths are hard to walk on in places - e.g. Chapel street / Middletons Road - very narrow and hard if in wheelchair or with pushchair

Just we need more things for kids our village is just growing and growing there's not much for this ever growing village to do

As a local business we would like to employ more local people on flexible hours

We are on the Northern edge of Hunts & Cambs councils & never get our share of investment.

I'd like to see more police presence in the village. Also, the housing development in Hampton is going to majorly affect life in Yaxley.

The skate park needs to be replaced with a more up to date, adventurous one. It needs to be bigger, more exciting. The recreational ground just looks boring & not very inviting. Also the shelters around there need removing as these just seem to be meeting places for those gangs who want to just sit & smoke stuff they shouldn't be.

I think that the park in the rec has improved loads due to the addition of the infant area, however I feel this would be a much safer and useable area if the whole park was fenced in as then we would know a children are safe and there would be no dog mess or dogs running in without owners. I feel this would greatly improve it and more family's would use it.

its getting better

On the theme of public transport, it seems ridiculous that, in most instances, you need to take a bus into town and then back out to get to Serpentine Green, a 5 minute journey for car owners but an hour for those who are not.

Wish the shopping centre revamp was finished. Attractive village, well some bits are, some not so much. A lot of the new people don't venture to the older parts of Yaxley.

We could do better but i feel that it does not achieve its potential

I am really concerned for the amount of dangerous drivers and young teens riding on mopeds all night.

I have organised events in the village (craft fair, pamper evening) and people just don't bother to support them. There is no community spirit as a whole it is all very cliquey.

Very pleased to hear about the youth club opening

I have lived in Yaxley [for many] years and I am afraid given the opportunity I would move. Yaxley has grown and I do understand the need for new housing and yet time after time developers and local councils overlook access in and out of our village. Look at the development currently under way on London road how on earth can one road support these developments

Yaxley is a good village to live in with excellent bus services to Hampton, Peterborough (and from there to many other places) and Huntingdon/Cambridge

Doctor surgery is too small and not opened long enough

I live on Ferndale and wished the bushes that spill onto the pavements were better managed. For example, the cut through from CO-OP to the houses and pavements opposite the school (near CO-OP).

Youth groups won't work for troubled youth - unless the place is hip and meets them where they are at eg they need pool table, cafe with bacon butties, support for CV writing and job applications, help with life skills without judgement and prejudice. Doing nothing hasn't helped, they need positivity to turn things around.

Yaxley needs a memorial for the young lads killed in the hit and run - this can be extended to other tragic losses so the community can come together and offer support to the grieving mass of young people who have lost up to 4 of their own in 6 months (hit and run, car crash and a suicide).

Rec needs to have action to STOP dogs being off the lead, set up a designated fenced in area. It seems frightening. "

I love Yaxley, family parties at British Legion family meals at the Farmers and Bollywood local drama group children grown up going there, daughter went to rainbows brownies and guides in the village now helps.

I have lived here for 40 years, too many houses traffic is getting worse

Traffic in Broadway, terrible road surfaces around where I live

Yaxley is a fantastic village. I feel that some of the Facebook sites give this village a false representation as too many negatives appear to be taking place. (I'm sure crime always happened but we didn't hear about it) To return faith to the village and review attitudes we need to drive positivity into the residents. Possibly a page of good feedback; take aways, services used, good groups etc.

I would love a swimming pool in the village, obviously for the schools to use too

Sorry to moan, but the roadworks and housing estates are making Peterborough even duller than it used to be. Shops and the local gym feel crowded

Really appreciate your efforts and those of the volunteers who are working so hard to bring about a community spirit. Even if I've not attended many whole village activities - it's because I'm often away.

The village I know and love still exists, the addition of social media, although sometimes positive, can have an exceptionally negative impact occasionally. People like to claim things were different, when actually I can see the same village growing, facing the same challenges as it ever did, just some people like to believe the dissolution we youth are to blame for a variety of the same problems we always had.

I am well educated I only live here to be near my family and dislike it really

thank you for paying an interest in us

As I do not drive it would be helpful to know of a community transport scheme available

A direct bus to Hampton would be fantastic, might cut down on traffic on the A15.

I have lived in Yaxley all my life. All the great events that happened when I was a kid don't exist any more. The fun run was a massive event run by the school but it stopped when the head teacher left. The Yaxley Festival shows how much the people like to get together. We need more community events

Yaxley is a good place to live, if you're living in the right place. We are lucky & live in a nice area. We love our home and value the friendly school community that dominates our lives.

Thank you for putting your card through my door, I welcome the opportunity to comment on things going on in Yaxley. I try and shop locally as much as possible however, I was surprised that the development on Broadway did not include a bike rack, although I only live in Middletons Road I can ride easier than I can walk, but there is no way of securing the bike, surely the developer can sport a rack.

The Full of Beans exercise class has been stopped by YGP. This was great fun and of immense health and mental wellbeing. Age Well also had to find new premises and now has to rely on members forming a committee to keep it running.

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