

Cowfold Parish Action Plan Survey

September 2005

Results of Analysis

Introduction

Questionnaires were distributed to 780 dwellings.

A total of 181 questionnaires were completed and returned, giving a response rate of 23.2%.

In this document the results of analysis as totals and percentages are laid out in a format based on the original questionnaire.

Written answers have been summarised, and during this process 3272 items were read and put into 1345 categories.

Some results have been illustrated with bar charts in an attempt to provide useful comparisons.

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1. Transport

1.1. Please tell us the major form of transport used by your household

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----|------|
| See also Fig.1a. | Car | 170 | 95.0 |
| | Bus | 15 | 8.4 |
| | Motorbike | 4 | 2.2 |
| | Bicycle | 9 | 5.0 |
| | Walk | 36 | 20.1 |
| | Other | 2 | 1.1 |
| | Respondents to this question | 179 | |

1.2. Are there any changes regarding roads and transport that you would like to see in the parish?

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----|------|
| See also Fig. 4. | Yes | 131 | 81.4 |
| | No | 30 | 18.6 |
| | Total | 161 | |

1.3. If yes, please detail what changes

See also
Fig.1b.

1. Control traffic speed (52)

*Control traffic speed (13);
40mph zone before 30mph limits/Traffic calming/rubble strips on Village approaches (11);
Enforce speed limits (8);
Need traffic calming (7);
Control speed in minor lanes (2); Speed cameras (2); 20mph limit on school days, Action needed against speeding motorbikes, Adoption of speed cameras by Parish/residents, Better detailing and enforcement of speed limit, More speed humps needed, Need for a 20mph limit in village centre, Need more speed restriction reminders, Speed cameras for speeding bikes, Speeding fines for cars and motorbikes (all one each).*

2. Better public transport (39)

*Cheaper buses (8);
Need a better bus service (8);
More frequent bus service (3); Late bus from Horsham (2); Need for bus to West Grinstead/Partridge Green (2); Better bus service Bolney-Cowfold, Better public transport could reduce traffic, Better service to Brighton, Better service to Gatwick, Buses running after 8pm so non-drivers can work outside the village, Earlier bus to Horsham, Late buses, More bus routes, More buses east and west, More buses on A281, More buses to and from Horsham, More buses to Crawley/Hospital/Burgess Hill, More buses to Haywards Heath hospital, More reliable buses, Service to Weald School/Billingshurst, Work in Burgess Hill but cannot get there by bus (all one each).*

3. Heavy vehicles/Traffic volume (24)

*Need a bypass for village centre (13);
Stop lorries coming through village (4);
Heavy lorries have difficulty negotiating mini roundabouts, Need a bypass to get rid of lorries, Need for an east/west bypass, Reduce through traffic, Stop heavy vehicles using village as a shortcut between A23 and A24, Toll booths on all main roads into Parish - proceeds to the Parish, Too many heavy vehicles (all one each).*

Fig. 1a. Please tell us the major form of transport used by your household.

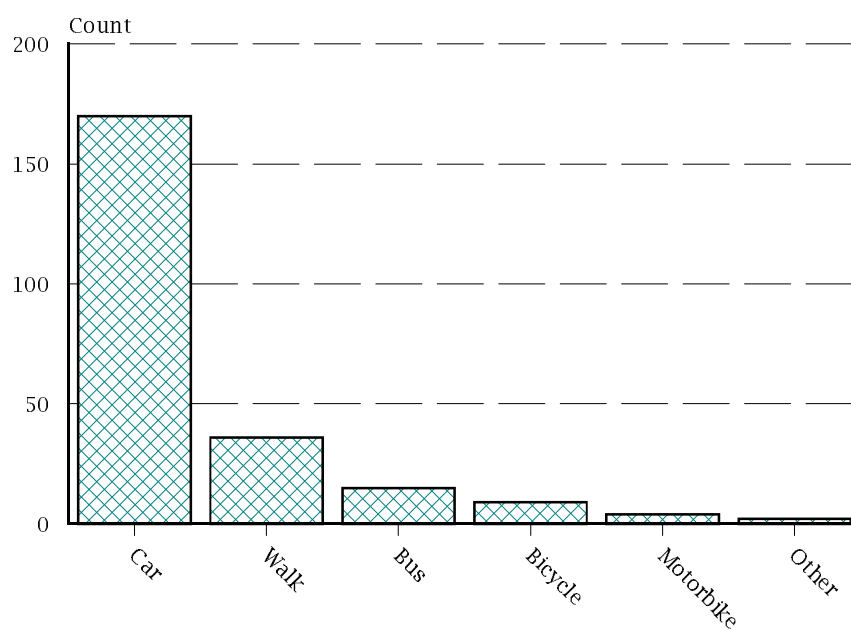
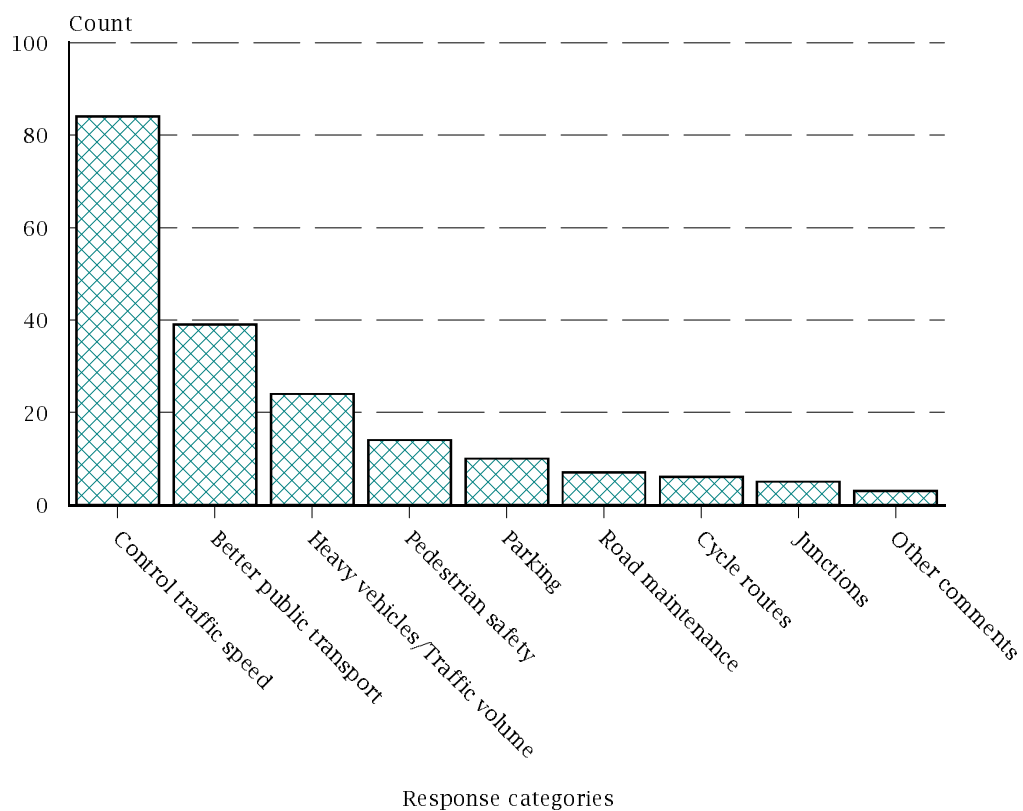


Fig. 1b. Are there any changes regarding roads and transport that you would like to see in the parish? If yes, please detail what changes.



4. Speeding on A272 (17)

20mph limit/Speed bumps on A272 beside playing field (4); Control speed on A272 - Oakendene to Picts Lane/Kent Street (2); Extend 30 mph limit on A272 & A281 (2); Speed camera needed on Bolney Road approach to Cowfold (2); 50mph limits on A272 before 30mph zone - from Oakendene Manor entrance and Clock House, A272 - 40/50mph limit needed from A24 to Cowfold, Camera needed on A272 by junior school, Control speed from School to Coach House, Control traffic speed in A272 Station Road, Speed limit needed from Kent Street into Cowfold, Traffic calming - Brownings Hill/Farm Corner (all one each).

5. Pedestrian safety (14)

Crossing needed on A272 at playing field (3); Need for another pedestrian crossing on Bolney Road (2); Need more pavements (2); Pedestrian crossing needed on A281 south of shops/Near surgery (2); Extend pavement to Homelands Nursing Home, Narrow pavements on Bolney Road near roundabouts, Need traffic lights at Station Road opposite The Coach House, Proper footpaths, Safer wider crossing points (all one each).

6. Parking (10)

Double yellow lines needed at Oakfield Road/A272 junction (4); Help residents build driveways to provide off street parking, Improve parking in Station Road, Need for more double yellow lines around estates, Parking in Acorn Avenue and Oakfield Road narrows road and causes blind spots, Stop parking at entrance to Oakfield Road, Tarmac the right hand side of road at Fairfield Cottages - cars park on grass - horrible in winter (all one each).

7. Speeding other locations (8)

Speed bumps needed in Acorn Avenue (3); Stop speeding through traffic in Thornden/speed humps needed (3); Need 30mph limit in Kent Street, Speed ramps needed in Oakfield Road (all one each).

8. Road maintenance (7)

Use special road surfaces to reduce traffic noise/Traffic quietening scheme (2); Clean Brook Hill gutters of leaves and rubbish, Make roads less dangerous, New cat's-eyes on the Henfield Road, Resurface road at Fairfield Cottages, Resurface roads with Tarmac and not loose stones (all one each).

9. Speeding on A281 (7)

Speed camera needed in Henfield Road (3); 40mph limit needed on Henfield Road, Control speeding on A281 Henfield Road, Speed bumps on A281, Speed camera needed on A281 northbound near Hare and Hounds (all one each).

10. Cycle routes (6)

More cycle routes (2); Cycle paths to Henfield and Horsham, Cycle paths to nearest lanes, East-west cycle route needed on A272, Need for a safe cycle route to access the Downs Link (all one each).

11. Junctions (5)

Junction - A272/Littleworth Lane, Roundabout needed at Oakfield Road junction, Thornden exit gets blocked at busy periods, Trim hedges at junctions, Yellow keep-clear box needed at entrance to Oakfield Road (all one each).

12. Other comments (3)

Acorn Avenue is used as a shortcut by mopeds and motorcycles, Need signs encouraging drivers to use indicators at roundabout - would make crossing safer, Remove all advertising from legal signs (all one each).

1.4. In your opinion, where are any danger spots in the parish?

a) Danger for pedestrians

1. Crossing roads (70)

*Crossing needed on A272 to get from Oakfield Road side to sportsfield/playground (21);
Crossing from Village Hall to shop/surgery (7);
Children leaving new Scout Hut and crossing the A272 (6);
Crossing by roundabouts (5);
Crossing from Post Office to Village Hall (5);
Crossing at roundabout by Co-op (4); Crossing main roads (4); Crossing Henfield Road (2); Crossing the A281 north towards Horsham (2); Village hall roundabout (2); Cars coming out of shop entrance, Crossing A272, Crossing A272 adjacent to The Coach House, Crossing A281, Crossing main road at Post Office, Crossing roads in village centre, Crossing Station Road, Crossing the Henfield Road, Drivers do not indicate at roundabouts, Need for more pedestrian crossings in centre, Speeding cars leaving roundabout heading south towards Henfield i.e. outside florists, Village centre Pelican Crossing greatly underused (all one each).*

2. Pavements (69)

*Bolney Road A272 opposite park - pavement is too narrow (16);
Henfield Road/A281 (8);
Path along A272 from Oakfield Road/Eastland's/Mercers Mead to Village Hall/Co-op (8);
Henfield Road - hedges reduce pavement width (4); Danger walking from Cowfold to Oakendene Industrial Estate (3); Wherever vegetation forces pedestrians into the road (3); Bolney Road - narrow path at village entrance (2); Narrow paths on A272 (2); Narrow pavement on Henfield road towards Hare and Hounds (2); Need pavement from Brownings Farm to village (2); No kerb outside The Coach House - lorries mount pavement at roundabout (2); Village Hall side of Henfield Road (2); Where footpaths are absent (2); A272 between roundabout and Oakfield Cottages to playing field, A272 Station Road to Burnthouse Lane, All pavements on main roads, Blocked pavement near shop, Bolney Road to recreation ground, Extend pavement to Homelands Nursing Home, Lack of footpaths north to Lower Beeding, Lorries mount curb by Post Office, Narrow pavements in village centre, Pavement to Eastland's House, People walking from Lower Beeding have to use grass verge or road, To/From Union Jack Farm Shop, Walking impossible in Station Road (all one each).*

3. Other danger spots for pedestrians (38)

*Henfield Road (6);
Bolney Road (5);
Post Office roundabout (2); Thornden (2); 1-8 Station Road - traffic speed, A272 within village - especially east side, A272/A281, A281 - speeding motorbikes and cars, A281 north from roundabouts, A281 south of the Co-op, Bolney Road - outside shops, Bolney Road near roundabout, By park on A272, By the shop, Co-op car park, Enforce 30mph limit, Everywhere due to excessive traffic, Horsham Road, Kent Street, Main roads, Outside Godmans Court, Outside Yew Tree Close, Speed in Acorn Avenue, Traffic speed, Traffic speed in the village, Traffic volume is the main problem, Village centre (all one each).*

b) Danger for car/motorbike drivers

1. Junctions (54)

*Oakfield Road/A272 junction (11);
Mini roundabouts (9);
Co-op car park exist (8);
Exit from Picts Lane onto A272 (5);
unction - Kent Street/A272 (3); All A272 and A281 junctions with small
country lanes (2); Junction - Burnthouse Lane/A272 (2); Mini roundabouts
because drivers do not signal (2); Coopers Farm on A272, Crossroads
toward Bolney and towards Bucks Barn, Danger turning right out of own
property, Exit from Scout Hut, Exit from Thornden, Junction - Stonehouse
Lane/A272, Kerb extends too far at exit from Fairfield Road, Outside Co-
op with delivery vehicles, Roundabout outside The Coach House,
Southbound on A281 within village, Turning right out of Barleycroft,
Turning right out of St Peters Close (all one each).*

2. Parking (14)

*Turning out of Barleycroft/lay-by parking obscures view (4); Parking in
Acorn Avenue (2); Cars down School Lane, Co-op car park is too busy,
Dangerous parking, Oakfield Road/Acorn Avenue where cars are parked,
Parking at Oakfield Road/A272 junction, Parking makes Fairfield Road
exit dangerous on Sundays and during football matches, School parking
makes Thornden/A272 junction dangerous, Where cars are parked on
road: Oakhill Road/Acorn Avenue/Station Road (all one each).*

2. Traffic speed (11)

*None - they need to slow down/Any place they speed (2); Speed through
the village (2); A281 - speeding motorbikes, Brook Hill residents attempt-
ing to join A281 - speeding motorbikes, Emerging from junctions danger-
ous due to traffic speed, Need for double white lines and speed restrictions
at A272 junctions with Picts Lane and Kent Street, Speed limit should be
reduced to 40 mph, Speeding cars leaving roundabout heading south
towards Henfield i.e. outside florists, Speeding motorbikes (all one each).*

3. Other danger spots for drivers (15)

*A272 (2); A272 eastwards to Picts Lane (2); A281 Horsham Road, Blind
spot near Hare and Hounds, Camber of road coming into Cowfold,
Henfield Road, Kent Street, Main roads, Picts Lane (east), Speed on A281
bends, Thornden, Traffic levels, Village centre (all one each).*

c) Danger for cyclists

*Main roads are unsafe for cyclists (30);
Need for more cycle lanes/paths (9);
A272 - very busy (8);
Nowhere is safe for cyclists (5);
Roundabouts (5);
Main roads (2); Outside Coop (2); Traffic speed in the village (2); A281 -
North from village centre, A281 - speeding motor bikes, Everywhere,
Junction A272/Burnthouse Lane, Kent Street, Main roads are too narrow,
Make bridleways suitable for cyclists, Narrow lanes/roads, Not enough
room for lorries and cyclists, Oakendene Industrial Estate to Picts Lane,
Pot holes in the road, Should obey the Highway Code and keep off pave-
ments, Speeding cars leaving roundabout heading south towards Henfield
i.e. outside florists, Village centre, Would like country cycle paths (all one
each)*

1.5. Would you like to see pavements in the parish extended?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 92 | 58.6 |
| No | 65 | 41.4 |
| Total | 157 | |

1.6. If yes, where (for example further up towards Lower Beeding or towards Bolney)?

1. A281 North (45)

Towards Lower Beeding (29); North to Homelands nursing home (6); To Crabtree (2); Towards Horsham (2); Both sides towards Lower Beeding, Horsham Road east side - Furze field to Brook Hill, North from mini roundabouts - east side, Only one side is paved on the Horsham Road, Right hand side of A281 towards Lower Beeding, Widen footpath on Horsham Road (all one each).

2. A272 East (37)

Towards Bolney (26); To Oakendene/Oakendene Industrial Estate (3); To Picts Lane (3); A272 to Kent Street (2); Widen pavement on Bolney Road opposite the park (2); Both sides towards Bolney (all one each).

3. A281 South (21)

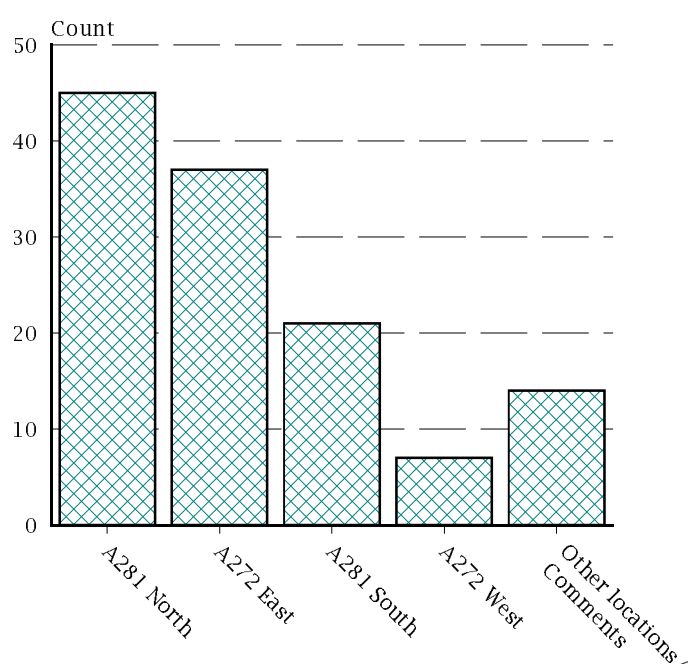
Towards Henfield (7); Henfield Road to Union Jack Farm Shop (5); South on A281/need for more off road parking (5); A281 towards Cowfold Lodge, Bulls Bridge House to Union Jack Farm Shop, Down Henfield Road as far as public footpath across the field, Towards Henfield including bus stop outside Cowfold Lodge (all one each).

4. A272 West (7)

Toward Bucks Barn (2); Towards West Grinstead (2); To Brownings Farm, To Clock House on A272, To Downs Link (all one each).

See also
Fig. 2.

Fig. 2. Would you like to see pavements in the parish extended? If yes, where?



5. Other locations/Comments (14)

In all directions/All main roads (4); Should connect fully with cross country public footpaths and rights of way (2); Widen pavements along major roads (2); Build even pavements, Cater for cyclists, Extensions would need to be justified by use, Not necessary, St Peter's Close south side, Would like to be able to walk to neighbouring villages (all one each).

1.7. Do you have concerns about the speed of traffic in the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 161 | 91.0 |
| No | 16 | 9.0 |
| Total | 177 | |

1.8. Would you be interested in joining a group investigating ways of slowing traffic through the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 63 | 40.9 |
| No | 91 | 59.1 |
| Total | 154 | |

1.9. Would you be interested in improved cycling facilities in and around the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 112 | 67.1 |
| No | 55 | 32.9 |
| Total | 167 | |

1.10. Do you use public transport?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 48 | 27.6 |
| No | 126 | 72.4 |
| Total | 174 | |

1.11. If yes, please tell us if it is for work or for other activities

*Other activities (10);
Shopping (8);
Work (8);
School (5);
Work and leisure/Both (4); College (3); Leisure (3); Days out (2);
Teenagers/children - shopping/etc in Horsham (2); Horsham (leisure),
Hospital visits, Improve East/West service, Leisure activities in London, Not work, Occasional trips to London/Brighton, Occasional visits to Swains Farm with our children, Occasionally for work, Pleasure - bus to Brighton, Recreation - visits to Henfield/Horsham, Shopping in Horsham/Brighton, Shopping trips to Brighton/Horsham, Social activities, Train sometimes, Trains to London occasionally, Visit Brighton hospital, Visiting family (all one each).*

1.12. Would you use public transport more often if there was more of it?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 88 | 54.0 |
| No | 75 | 46.0 |
| Total | 163 | |

1.13. Do you use the public footpaths around the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 158 | 89.8 |
| No | 18 | 10.2 |
| Total | 176 | |

1.14. In your opinion are the footpaths in an acceptable condition?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 100 | 59.9 |
| No | 67 | 40.1 |
| Total | 167 | |

1.15. If no please tell us where improvements are needed

1. Footpath maintenance (46)

Some footpaths are overgrown and need clearing (9); Trim overhanging hedges/trees (5); Henfield Road - needs maintenance/too narrow (3); Henfield Road - overhanging bushes (2); Overgrown behind Church (2); Overgrown footpaths near new bridges over Cowfold stream (2); Pavement poor in Barleycroft (2); A281 Horsham Road - hedge cutting and general road cleaning, Alley Groves up the Lower Beeding - overgrown and poorly signposted, Bottom on Brook Hill on the left, By Cemetery/School/round Hawking Field - overgrown, Church path, Church path is dangerous but must be kept traditional looking, Dragons Lane bridleway through to Wineham - overgrown, Dragons Lane to Kent Street - overhanging brambles, Field-side footpaths on farmland are often overgrown, Footpath down rear of playing field towards pheasant farm - impassable in places, Footpaths behind Thornden, From churchyard to Jarvis Cottage, Grass verges should be cut more often, Hedges need trimming on Brook Hill, Henfield Road right hand side towards the Co-op, Keep vegetation down, Litter, Many need resurfacing, North of A272 behind Allfreys, Outside Margaret Cottages and Bent Metal, Picts Lane to Long House - overhanging brambles (all one each.)

2. Stiles, Gates and Signpost (17)

Stiles are broken (4); Need stiles suitable for dog walkers/buggies/children (3); 'Bull in Field' signs probably not genuine/out of date (2); Some signs need repair/replacement (2); Too many stiles difficult for children - some too overgrown to use (2); Bad signposts behind Brookhill House, Code way-markers and issue a Parish footpath pamphlet, Some gates and stiles are blocked with wire/padlocks, Some stiles and way markers need repair (all one each.)

3. Narrow footpaths (11)

Bolney road - too narrow/close to road (6) Beyond St Peter's Church - path is narrow and gets very overgrown, Lower Beeding road - too narrow, Narrow between Village Hall and Hare and Hounds on A281, Narrow between Village Hall and Mercers Mead on A272, Often too narrow uneven or overgrown for wheelchair use (all one each.)

4. Dog fouling (5)

Dog fouling on footpath from Fairfield Cottages to Post Office, Dog mess at for corner of playing field towards Lower Beeding, Encourage dog owners to clean up, Need more dog bins, Problem of dog fouling on footpaths near village (all one each.)

5. Other comments (11)

Ploughed fields (2); Always cows and horses in fields - not under control, Bridleways around Kent Street are in a dangerous condition, Church path needs better lighting, Extend footpath to Brownings Farm, Footpath needed at playground A272 crossing point - north side, Footpath needed on A272 between Kent Street and 30mph sign, Need for more footpaths, Pavements need to be extended and made wider, Station Road towards roundabouts (all one each.)

1.16. Please give us your opinion of on street parking within the parish

1. Not a problem (39)

Not a problem (32); Barely adequate/Just about OK (3); Slows down traffic (2); Good, No worse than anywhere else (both one each).

See also
Fig. 3.

2. Estate roads (38)

Inadequate in Oakfield Road (16); Problems in Acorn Avenue/danger for children crossing and cycling/make private car parks available (5); Very bad along Fairfield Cottages/especially weekends (4); Acorn Avenue - better use of lay-bys would help/households have more cars/do not use their garages (3); Surgery car park overflows into St Peter's Close (2); Awful in Acorn and Oak Apple Close - people using their garages for storage should be charged a fee, Barleycroft often semi obstructed, Considerable congestion on side roads, Fairfield takes overflow when car park is full, Oakfield Road bend near Holm Oaks, One way traffic system needed in Acorn Avenue, Problems in Barleycroft, Too many cars parked on narrow estate roads (all one each).

3. Dangerous/Illegal parking (33)

More restrictions needed either side of Oakfield Drive/A272 junction (9); Too much parking on corners and at road junctions (6); Parking on pavement outside Co-op/Parking at the Co-op (3); Main roads are too narrow for parking (2); On street parking can block visibility (2); Stop parking at road junctions (2); Too much parking on pavements (2); Cars parked on pavement on Henfield Road, Parking in Oakfield Road obscures approaching traffic, Parking on A272 is dangerous for school children and drivers exiting properties, Parking on both sides would block an emergency vehicle, Parking on grass verges at Oakfield Drive/A272 junction obscures visibility, Takes too long to remove abandoned cars, Takes too long to remove illegally parked caravans (all one each).

4. Need for more off-street parking spaces (17)

Not enough parking spaces available in village (6); All new housing should have adequate off street parking, Insufficient in Village centre, More driveways needed to provide off street parking, Near Co-op and Post Office, Need a larger car park, Need for larger car park in village centre, Need for more parking facilities in front of Post Office, Poor - make large grass area opposite hairdressers into a lay-by, Provision of more parking spaces would help village shops, Very difficult for people living on main roads, Very little parking (all one each).

5. Too much on-street parking (16)

Inadequate/Overcrowded/Too much on street parking (6); Too many multi car households (3); Many resident have no alternative (2); A bit of an obstacle course at times, Crowded at times, Station Road - resident have insufficient parking made worse by Church visitors and school run, Too many houses without off road parking, Too many large vans parked on housing estates (all one each).

6. School parking (12)

Problem during school run/School needs a parents' car park (7); Thornden crowded during school run (3); Station Road - school/crossing etc (2).

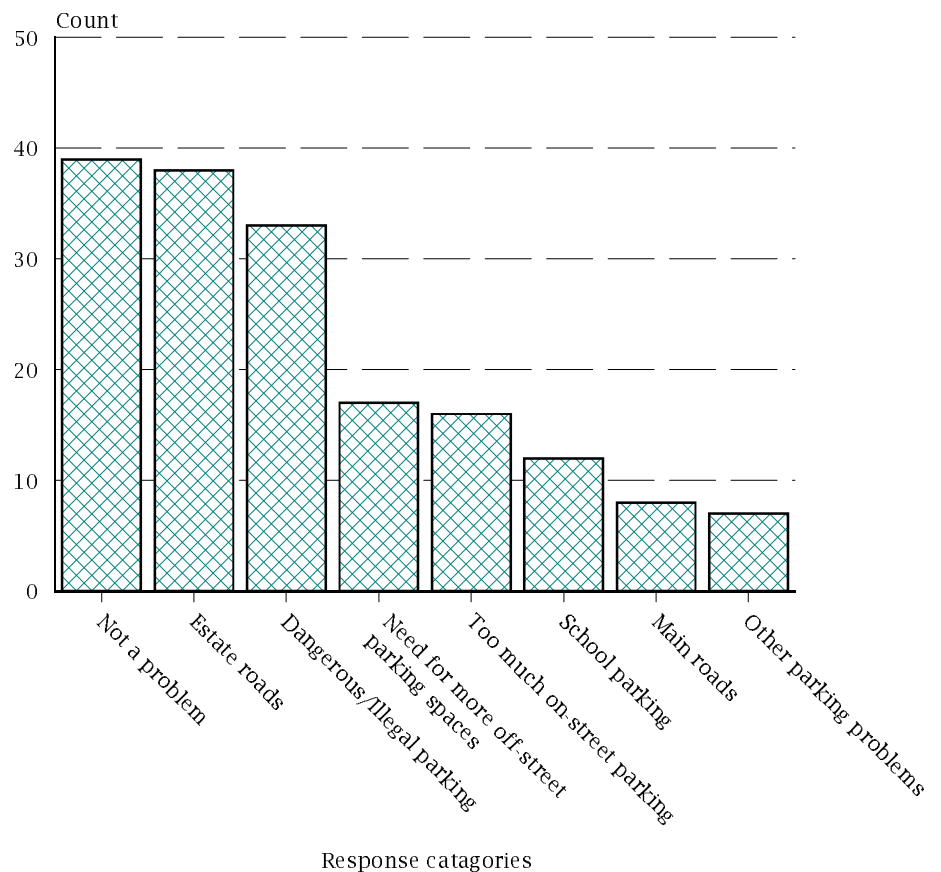
7. Main roads (8)

Causes congestion on A281 south of village, From St Peter's School to Buckbarn crossroads, More parking space needed for Henfield Road residents so they do not use neighbouring roads, Need for more parking lay-bys in Station Road, Parking on verges in Henfield Road, Problem in Henfield Road, Street parking is limited on main roads and by shops, Would like to park on A272 outside my house but traffic speed makes this too dangerous (all one each).

8. Other parking problems (7)

Neighbours could be more considerate (2); Against double yellow lines - visitors must park somewhere, Less of a problem as shops close down, Needs urgent attention, Problems when there are football matches, Too many cars for sale in the streets (all one each).

Fig. 3. Please give us your opinion of on street parking within the parish



1.17. It has been suggested that our car park in Cowfold could be made pay and display to discourage all day parking. What are your views on this?

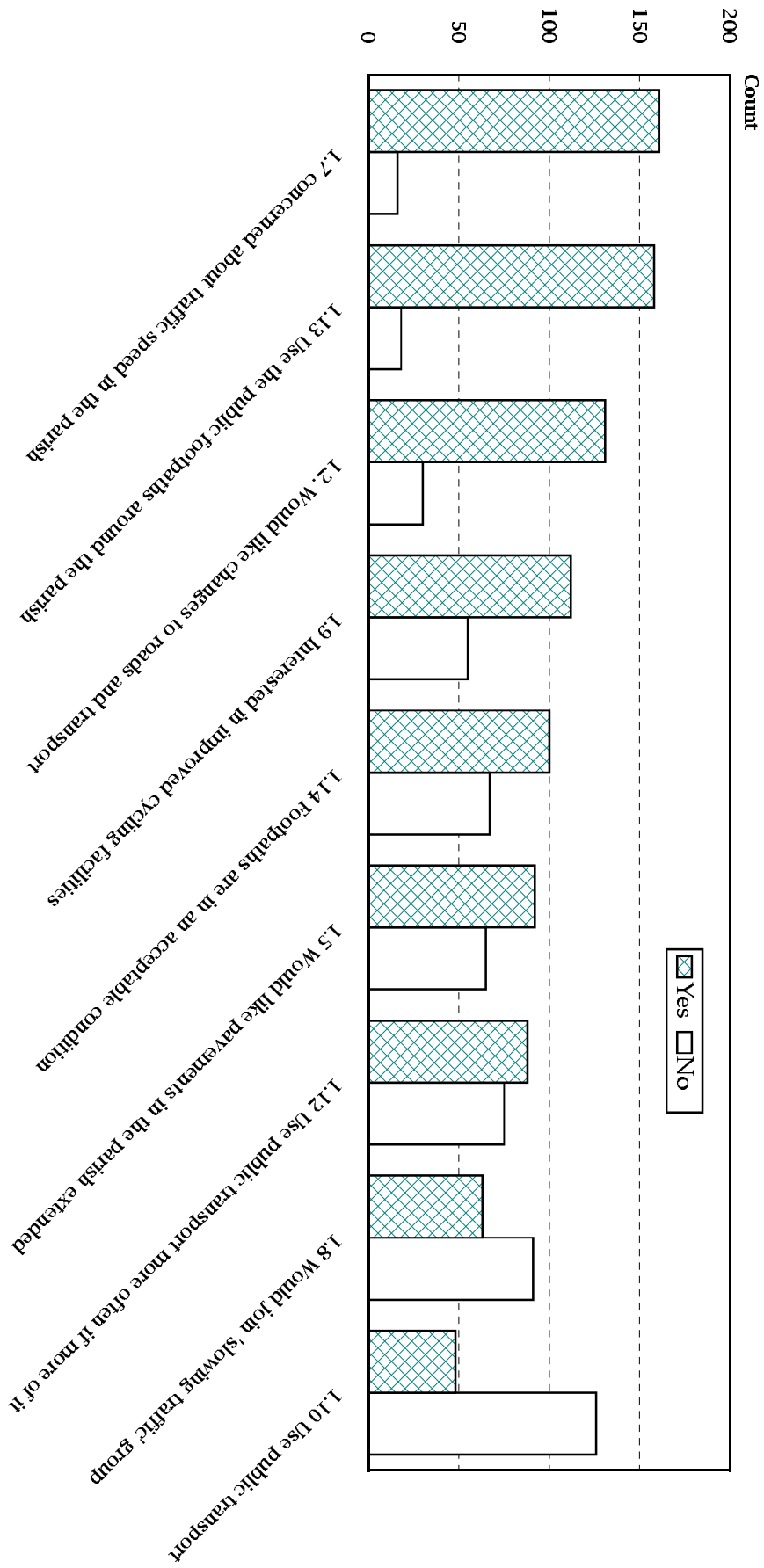
1. Arguments against pay and display (173)

*Against Pay and Display (32);
Fees would cause cars to be parked elsewhere in village (27);
Used for local amenities - playing field/playground/village hall/recycling/Post Office/shop (17);
Would be hard on local shoppers/businesses (15);
Not necessary (14);
Would discourage people coming to use Cowfold's facilities/keep visitors away (11);
Some residents/residents' visitors have nowhere else to park (9);
A time limit would be better/Limit parking to 2/3 hours (7);
All day parking is not a problem (4); Make the car park bigger (4); Would be too difficult to police (4); Cowfold's workforce needs free parking (3);
Too expensive to implement and enforce (2); Unsuitable idea for a small village (2); Why should we pay more on top of Council Tax? (2); All day parking needed for nurses working in sheltered accommodation, Ban overnight parking, Co-op car park is more of a problem, Disgusting, Fear fees would be too high, How would this be monitored?, Make Cowfold a car-free area, Not viable financially, Over-regulation - unsuitable for a small rural community, Paying for parking would discourage us from taking the children to the park, Prefer a disc parking scheme, Problem of theft from ticket machines, Residents should be able to rent a parking space, There are usually spaces, There is only a problem on Sunday mornings, This is a very blinkered approach to the real problem, Too small - not worth the bother, Used by lift sharers, Where else can you park for free?, Would be inconvenient for footballers/Welcome Club volunteers using pavilion (all one each).*

2. Arguments for pay and display (40)

*Good idea (15);
Residents should get parking permits (5);
Provide: half/1/2 hours free parking (4); Discourage all day parking/especially heavy lorries and caravans (3); Parish must keep the revenue (3); A good idea - a 2 hour limit would make shopping easier for residents, Allow half hour free parking to allow collection/deposit at children's clubs, Car park is meant for visitors to the Parish, Charge for stays over 2 hours during day, Charges should be reasonable, For those who park all day and leave the village, Free for first half hour and during office hours only, Good idea - would generate revenue for the Parish, Only for a short period in the middle of the day, Only when parking has become a major problem (all one each).*

Fig. 4. Section 1. Transport. Yes/No question summary.



Note: Questions are abbreviated in this chart

2. Facilities and Services for Young People

2.1. Do you see the need for further facilities for young people within the Parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 70 | 52.6 |
| No | 63 | 47.4 |
| Total | 133 | |

2.2. If yes, please tell us what these are? We are particularly interested in the views of the younger members of the household

1. Clubs and activities (39)

Youth club (14);
Need for somewhere for teenagers to meet/drop in centre/supervised (7);
Discos (3); Film club/Cinema/in village hall (3); Clubs (2); Drama club (2);
Activities for winter evenings, Church clubs, Cinema nights in Village
Hall, Computer club for 13-17 year olds, Dancing, More modern activities,
Use village Hall to promote activities for young people, Youth club (non
religious) (all one each).

2. Sports (25)

Bike/Skateboard park (4); Cycle routes to neighbouring villages/Cycle
tracks (2); Goal posts in/Better use of kicking field (2); Sport groups/activi-
ties (2); Tennis court (2); Basketball hoops should be provided, Cricket
club, Cricket club needs help to survive, Encourage sports and exercise,
Football goal posts should be provided, Football posts on Green at
Oakapple Close, Football team, Junior football, Partridge Green skate
ramp sets a good example, Put Victoria Falls net back in playground,
Sports club, Stoolball team, Trampolining (all one each).

3. Age groups (16)

More for teenagers (7);
Under 10's are well catered for (2); 10 - 20 age group needs more, Activity
centre for younger children, More events/groups for teenagers, More for
children, More for children at primary school, More for pre-school chil-
dren, More for toddlers (all one each).

4. Transport (5)

Better transport/Cheap safe transport to town - running late (2); Minibus
to Horsham/Henfield leisure centres, Night buses from Horsham and
Brighton, Purple bus seemed a good ideas (all one each).

5. Other comments (13)

A lot of teenagers seem to be accumulating with nothing to do (2); Fear
vandalism of new facilities (2); Provide safer access to playing field across
main roads (2); Anything to stop teenagers causing problems outside Co-
op and around church path area, As youngsters become more sophisticat-
ed they need uneconomic activities, Control traffic speed, Need to get par-
ents involved, Parish Council members should consult primary school chil-
dren directly, Shortage of people to run clubs and activities, The chip van
that used to visit created a nice relaxed social venue where all age groups
could meet (all one each).

2.3. Do you have any comments to make about school or preschool facilities in the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 36 | 24.3 |
| No | 112 | 75.7 |
| Total | 148 | |

2.4. If yes, please tell us what these are.

*The school is excellent (11);
 Pre-school is excellent (9);
 School is too small to provided places for all village children (9);
 Need for a car park/Parking difficult (4);
 Need for breakfast/after school club (3); Pre-school needs financial and practical help from Council (3); School should not discriminate on religious grounds (3); Country Mice - building could be updated/enlarged (2); Play group existence precarious as it is run by volunteers/would be better run as a business (2); Children living in the village who support Country Mice should be offered a place at the school, Country Mice service inadequate for working mothers, Crossing provided in Station Road could have been simpler and cheaper, Good, Good mother and toddler group and play group, Intend to use playgroup and school when child is older, More networks needed for new parents, Need for more preschool activities in Village Hall, Nice location, Parent and toddler group unfriendly, Parking is inadequate at school, Plenty of playing space, Preschool unfriendly and unwelcoming, Very good, Would be nice if more village people supported the preschool (all one each).*

3. Local Housing

3.1. Would you support more housing developments within the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 40 | 23.4 |
| No | 131 | 76.6 |
| Total | 171 | |

3.2. If yes, how many new houses do you think the parish could support?

1. Numbers (19)

50/50 maximum (5);
 100/100 maximum (4);
 30 max (2);
 100 plus, 12, 25-30, 40, 5-15, Lots, Modest amount, Under 50 (all one each).

2. Comments (24)

Limited by infrastructure (7);
 Fear new housing would generate too much traffic and parked cars (3);
 Prefer infilling (3); Amount needed to meet need of local young people only (2); Only on brown field sites (2); Cowfold could be extended in all four directions, Do not extend village boundaries, Fear character of village would change, No infilling, No limit if well planned, None because school cannot take any more children, Only replace demolished buildings (all one each).

3.3. What size should any new houses be? E.g. two bedrooms, three bedrooms?

2/3 bedroom (11);
 Full range (5);
 Two bedroom starter homes (5);
 One bed/Bedsit starter homes for villagers (4);
 Two bedroom (4);
 Low cost starter homes (3); 3/4 bedrooms/to give families places to live (2); Starter homes (2); Three bedroom (2); 2/3 bedroom - if smaller they should be flats, Affordable, Flats or bedsits for students and first-timers, For young people, Four bedroom, Good size family houses - 2/4 bedrooms, Mixture to meet local requirements, More 4 bedroom executive homes, Should have private outside space, No need for any more big houses, Retirement bungalows, Should be well built, Small homes for young couples - convert large old houses, Small houses only, Some for key workers, Starter homes for Parish long term locals only, To support demand, Two bedroom bungalows (all one each).

3.4. Would you welcome more low cost housing in the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 54 | 34.4 |
| No | 103 | 65.6 |
| Total | 157 | |

3.5. Would you support infill housing developments i.e. houses built in large gardens adjacent to existing houses?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 46 | 28.2 |
| No | 117 | 71.8 |
| Total | 163 | |

3.6. In your opinion, what other facilities would the parish need if more houses were built here?

1. Facilities and services (168)

*Larger school/More schools (38);
More shops (31);
More public transport (18);
Better car parking/More off road parking (15);
Bigger surgery/Another doctor (11);
Take away facilities (6);
Youth facilities (5);
Restaurants (4); Playground (3); Playgroups/Larger playgroup/Preschool (3); Sports facilities (3); Café/Coffee shop (2); Chemist (2); Leisure facilities (2); After school clubs, Bank, Better local shops to encourage local business and enterprise, Better public toilets, Brownies/Scouts, Butchers, Comprehensive NHS hospital, Curry house, Entertainment, Facilities for young people, Fish and chip shop, Fresh fruit and vegetables, Garages for rent, Later public transport, Library, More recycling facilities, More shops like we used to have, NHS dentist, Parking at the School, Petrol station, Play areas, Police station, Quality shops - baker/greengrocer/newsagents, Tennis courts for public use, Village social club (all one each).*

2. Infrastructure (52)

*Better water supply (12);
Better sewers/drainage/flood control (8);
Better infrastructure (6);
Better roads (5);
Bypass (4); Traffic calming (4); Mains gas (3); Better electricity supply (2);
More pedestrian crossings (2); Traffic management/Road safety (2); Better pavements, Better road access, New car park for Shop and Post Office, Telephone/Cable services (all one each).*

3. Other comments (10)

*No more housing (3); Depends on type and number of houses built (2);
None (2); None if the numbers were small (2); Limit number of cars a household can park on the road (all one each).*

3.7. The Parish Council considers all local planning applications at their monthly meetings. The meetings are open to the public. Please tell us if you were aware that you could attend these meetings to keep up to date on planning and other issues

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 107 | 62.6 |
| No | 64 | 37.4 |
| Total | 171 | |

3.8. Please add any other comments you would like to make on housing in the parish

1. Limit new housing (32)

*Keep Cowfold as a village (7);
Against any more housing in Cowfold (5);
Hope we don't finish up like Southwater/Ashington/Broadbridge Heath (3); Against further development (2); More houses would mean more traffic (2); More housing would change the character of the village (2); We do not have the infrastructure for more housing (2); Would leave Cowfold if more houses with built (2); Fear Cowfold will become a town, Keep any new housing to a minimum, Maintain the countryside - do not destroy it with new housing, More housing would dilute the quality of country living, To many applications for Henfield Road - too much traffic already, We do not want everything concrete - need fields/green pastures/parks, We like Cowfold as it is (all one each).*

2. Other comments (29)

Plenty of property for sale in village - why build more? (3); Would need better infrastructure (3); More needed for local people (2); Need for cheaper starter homes for young people (2); Against Old Bridgewater Garage development adjacent to my home - but have little village support, Always consult neighbours about house extension applications, Control traffic speed in Oakfield Road, Cowfold is a nice and affordable place to live, Cowfold will become a dormitory if population does not expand/Need more jobs in Cowfold, Estates outside the centre could become isolated, HDC will not allow me to extend property - moving away, Introduce a law to ensure that empty houses are rented out, More for young couples, More help needed for people unable to afford ownership, Need more information, New housing should be in keeping with environment, Not enough information put out, Poorly designed houses spoil character of village, Priority should be given to offspring of current residents, Problem of water supply, Tell John Prescott to go away, Too much traffic on the A272 already, Would bring too many ill behaved children playing in the streets (all one each).

4. Leisure and Cultural Facilities

See also
Fig. 5.

4.1. How many times have you been in the Village Hall in the last three months?

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| None | 97 | 56.1 |
| 1 to 3 times | 44 | 25.4 |
| 4 to 6 times | 11 | 6.4 |
| More than 6 times | 21 | 12.1 |
| Total | 173 | |

4.2. If you have visited the Village Hall recently, please tell us the purpose of your visit(s)

1. Social events/Toddler group (42)

*Toddler club (6);
Bowling (3); Children's party (3); Dog training (3); Parent and baby club/Nursery (3); Party (3); Booking for an event (2); Bridge club (2); Country Mice toddler group (2); Weald Community Church (2); Assist at Rainbows, Booking pavilion and collecting key, Children attend Rainbows, Church, Church functions, Coffee mornings, Deliver items to mums at Wednesday toddler group, Fundraising events, Junior bowls, Local village activities, Playgroup Christmas show, To book venue for a birthday party, Welcome Club (all one each).*

2. Meetings (38)

*British Legion meetings and functions (7);
Women's Institute (7);
Parish Council (6);
Horticultural society (5);
Meetings (5); Delivering letters to Parish Council (2); RBLWS meeting (2); Village action plan meeting (2); Church meetings, Meeting to discuss speeding traffic (all one each).*

3. Shows and sales (20)

*Horticultural Society events/meetings (6);
Plant sales (6);
Flower show (5);
Cowfold Historical Exhibition, Exhibition (sale), Psychic fair (both one each).*

See also
Fig. 6.

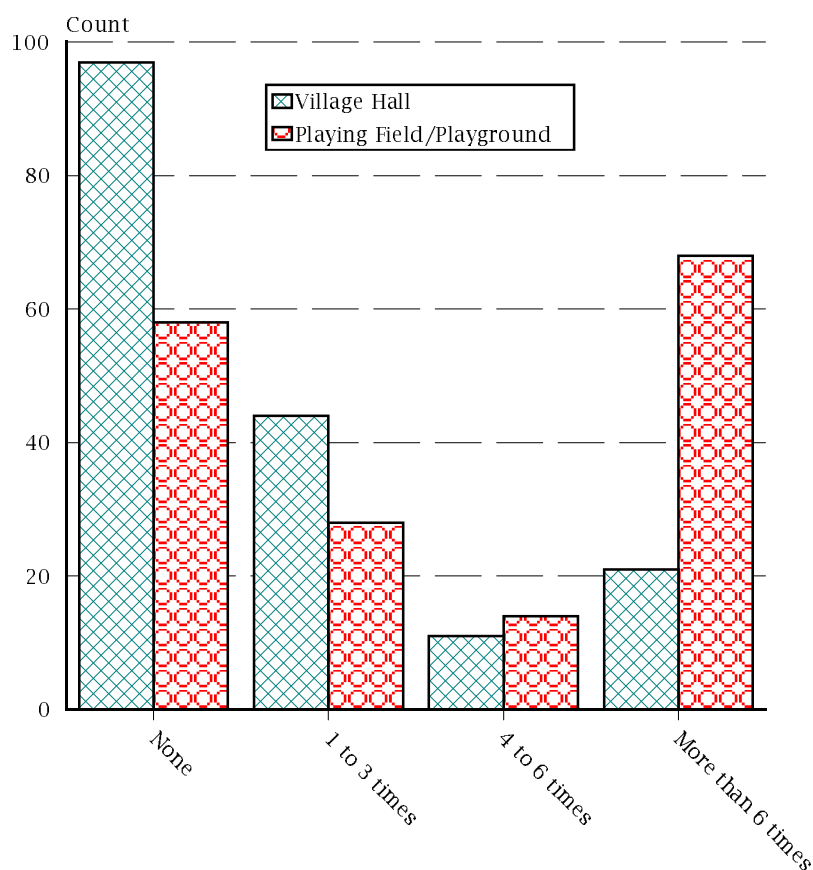
4.3. Would you be interested in attending events held in the Village Hall, such as a cinema club or adult education classes, if they were set up?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 128 | 74.9 |
| No | 43 | 25.1 |
| Total | 171 | |

4.4. If you are interested in adult education classes, please tell us what subjects they should cover?

*Languages (28);
Information technology/Computers (24);
Fitness/Keep fit/Exercise classes (18);
Yoga (14);
Art/Painting (13);
Crafts (12);
Local history (10);
Ballroom dancing (6);
First aid (6);
French (6);
Cookery (5); Dancing (5); Gardening/Vegetable growing (4); Spanish (4);
Aerobics (3); Flower arranging (3); Photography (3); Dancing classes (2);
History (2); Music (2); Pottery (2); Sign language (2); Tai Chi (2); Travel (2);
Upholstery/Furniture restoration (2); Weight Watchers (2); Wildlife (2);
Wine appreciation (2); As wide a range as possible, Badminton, Belly dancing, Bingo, Cake decorating, Car maintenance, Christmas crafts, Cinema club, Computer aided design, Digital photography, DIY skills, Dog training, Floristry, Garden design, Health education, Horticulture, Italian, Lectures and demonstrations, Lectures on topical themes, Line dancing, Literature, Music hall, NADFAS, One day courses on Saturday, Plumbing, Reflexology, Regional history, Relaxation, Sailing, Salsa lessons, Self defence, Small holding, Sporting activities, Sports where everyone is welcome, Tea dances (all one each).*

Fig. 5. How many times have you been in the Village Hall/ Playing Field/ Children's Playground in the last three months?



4.5. Would you be interested in taking part in, organising or attending a Village Festival?

Take part in

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 57 | 45.6 |
| No | 68 | 54.4 |
| Total | 125 | |

Organise

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 28 | 23.5 |
| No | 91 | 76.5 |
| Total | 119 | |

Attend

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 142 | 86.1 |
| No | 23 | 13.9 |
| Total | 165 | |

4.6. How many times have you used the Playing Field or the Children's Playground in the last three months?

See also
Fig. 5.

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| None | 58 | 34.5 |
| 1 to 3 times | 28 | 16.7 |
| 4 to 6 times | 14 | 8.3 |
| More than 6 times | 68 | 40.5 |
| Total | 168 | |

4.7. Please tell us what you use the Playing Field for:

1. General recreation (159)

*Walking (33);
Playing/walking with children/grandchildren (32);
Dog walking (26);
Taking children to the playground (19);
Bike riding (9);
Running/Jogging (9);
Ball games (6); Watching football matches/sport (6); Kite flying (4); Kicking a ball around (2); Walking across to get elsewhere (2); Watch cricket matches/Used to watch cricket before club moved (2); Attending the swimming pool, Children's games, Family use, For young children who visit, Play games, Playground, Recreation, Sitting and resting, Walk through to access footpaths (all one each).*

2. Sport (17)

*Football (9);
Cricket (3); Sports (2); Football practice, Girls football club, Played stool-ball 30 years ago (all one each).*

3. Socialising (11)

*Picnics (6);
Scout meetings (2); Attending children's party, Meeting friends, Socialising (all one each).*

4. Events (5)

Attending Rainbows, Dog training, Events held there, Festivals, Open Gardens Weekend (all one each).

5. Other comments (1)

Charge people to hold functions on recreation ground (1).

4.8. Would you be willing to support a campaign to renovate and upgrade the facilities in the Pavilion?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 110 | 71.4 |
| No | 44 | 28.6 |
| Total | 154 | |

4.9. Are there any other comments you would like to add about the Village Hall, Playing Field, Children's Playground and the Pavilion, for example, any improvements you would like to see?

1. Playing field (25)

Cricket nets/Cricket team/Bring the cricket team back to the village (5); Need for safe crossing to playing field on A272 (3); Adequate lighting/Lighting for evening walking (2); Lower cricket pitch charges/so that cricket team can play in village (2); Some signs need replacing/Remove graffiti from signs (2); Adult training gym in the field, Basketball area upgrade, Cricket square needs proper maintenance, Need for a paid park keeper, Need for a youth football team, Promote use of kicking field, Remove rubbish/equipment from old shed, Sad to see that the cricket square is not being used, Skate park, Would like a garden area on the playing field where people could sit and relax, Would like tennis courts (all one each).

2. Pavilion (19)

Pavilion needs redecoration/Updating (5); Public toilets need improving/better lighting/better cleaning/kept open longer (5); Pavilion needs to be kept cleaner (4); If pavilion were upgraded more events could take place there and in the field, Pavilion could sell refreshment on summer weekends, Pavilion with more indoor sports - gym/badminton, Replace pavilion with a brick structure, Young people kick balls against pavilion wall (all one each).

3. Village Hall (17)

Village Hall needs to be kept cleaner (8); Improve kitchen in Village Hall (2); Improve acoustics/Stage is too high, Microphone needed for meetings, RBL - Women's section cannot get a meeting room at reasonable cost, Sad that the Village Hall is not used more, The hall is dirty/especially the toilets/dog sessions followed by toddlers, Village Hall is well maintained, Village Hall needs toilet facilities for children (all one each).

4. Playground (9)

Add a roundabout/more equipment to the playground (2); Replace scrambling net in playground (2); Activity equipment for older children, Cleaner alternative to chipwood in the playground, Play area needs some repairs, Playground is important for younger children, Would like children's swings in Acorn Avenue play area (all one each).

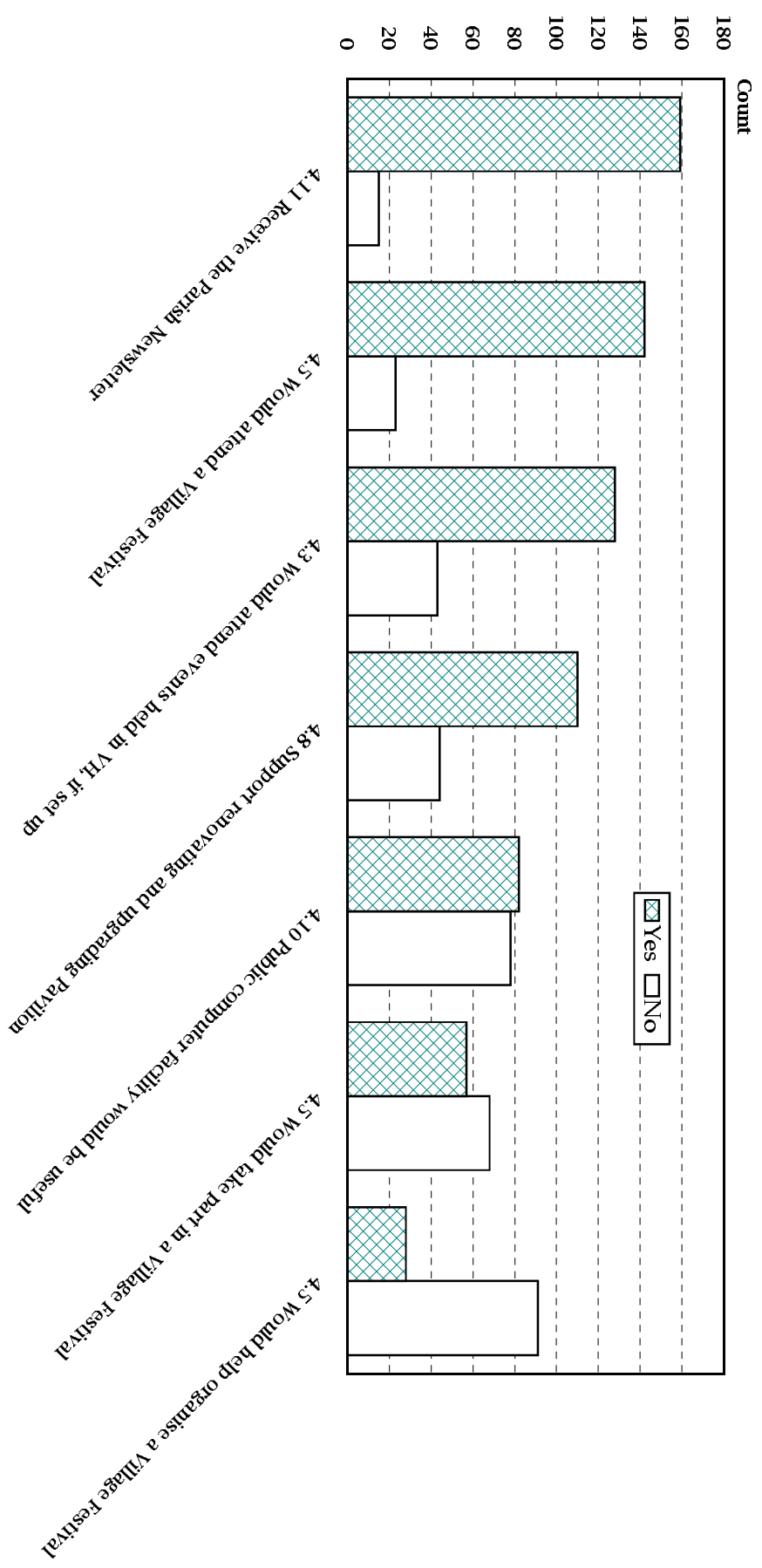
5. Dog fouling (8)

More dog bins (2); Still too much dog fouling on the playing field (2); Dogs should be kept on a lead in playing field, Empty dog bins more often, Need more dog bins in playing field, Need separate area for dogs - some people do not scoop (all one each).

6. General comments (14)

All facilities seem very good/useful (2); Abandon the pavilion and develop the village hall, Charges should cover costs, Enlarging car park would increase usage of pavilion and playing field, Everything looks well maintained and organised, Keep up the good work/facilities are very clean, More efficient to combine facilities, More seating, More seats needed outside chemist/surgery/playing field, Need a modern village hall and pavilion, Provide better access, Security cameras, Vital to maintain these facilities (all one each).

Fig. 6. Section 4. Leisure and Cultural Facilities Yes/No question summary.



Note: Questions are abbreviated in this chart

| | Count | Percent |
|--|-------|---------|
| 4.10. In your opinion, would it be useful for the parish to provide a public computer facility in a central location? | | |
| Yes | 82 | 51.3 |
| No | 78 | 48.8 |
| Total | 160 | |
| 4.11 Please tell us if you receive the Parish Newsletter | | |
| Yes | 159 | 91.4 |
| No | 15 | 8.6 |
| Total | 174 | |

5. Good Health and Community Safety

5.1. Please let us know if you have any difficulty accessing health provision when you need it

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----|------|
| See also Fig. 7. | Yes | 11 | 6.5 |
| | No | 159 | 93.5 |
| | Total | 170 | |

5.2. If yes, and you are willing to tell us about the access difficulties, please comment here

Better midwifery service, Brighton hospital has inadequate parking, Collection of prescriptions after work, Difficult to get help during the night - telephone numbers are given out too fast to write down, GP often on holiday or working part time, Later surgery opening hours, Nearly impossible to get to Crawley or Haywards Heath, Need evening/weekend surgery appointments, Need for a new hospital at Pease Pottage, Neither a safe walking footpath nor any public transport where I live, NHS dentist (all one each).

5.3. Do you think our community is well served by the Police?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 29 | 19.3 |
| No | 121 | 80.7 |
| Total | 150 | |

Please comment here.

1. Lack of police presence (95)

*Not seen a police officer on foot in Cowfold (49);
Not enough presence (17);
Only seen them drive through at speed (9);
Better when we had our own village policeman (4); Police are too far away (4); Need for a community police officer (3); No policeman in the village/local policeman (2); Police house has gone and the police probably have to come from Horsham (2); May need a Police Community Support Officers, Need living in policeman as before, Village constable required, We all used to know our local copper and children respected him, Who is the community police officer? (all one each).*

2. Poor service/response (27)

*Should control traffic speed (9);
Inappropriate/abysmal/slow response (5);
Do not cover outlying areas of the Parish, Lack of police attendance, Little evidenced of control of youth disturbances, Never seen police serving our community, Not served by police officers or 08456070999, Not very responsive when we had a garage break in, Police Authority gives poor value for money, Police should monitor traffic speed, Poor management of speeding motorbikes on Sundays, Regret loss of any local service, Several break-in's over last 6 months - little response, Too remote for emergencies, Would be more convenient to have a local policeman in an emergency (all one each).*

3. Good/Adequate service (7)

PCSO's walk about and will talk (2); Adequate service, Had a good response from the police when we were burgled, Never seen the need for it, Not aware of any difficulties, Safe area - low crime (all one each).

4. Other comments (2)

Need for a parking warden, Police should make annual visits to the primary school (both one each).

| | Count | Percent |
|---|-------|---------|
| 5.4. Are you aware that Cowfold runs a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme? | | |
| Yes | 139 | 78.5 |
| No | 38 | 21.5 |
| Total | 177 | |
| 5.5. Would you be interested in becoming involved with Neighbourhood Watch? | | |
| Yes | 32 | 21.2 |
| No | 119 | 78.8 |
| Total | 151 | |
| 5.6. Are there any areas of the parish where safety or crime issues concern you, other than the possible hazard caused by traffic? | | |
| 1. Crime (17) | | |
| <i>Burglaries in Thornden (3); Burglary (2); Vandalism (2); Break-ins all over the village, Car break-ins go unpunished, Car theft, Minor incident of vandalism in playground and Churchyard, Minor theft, Oakfield Road - theft from vans/break-ins, Old people are terrorised by bogus callers, Tampering with cash machine outside Co-op, Thefts from rural premises, Violent/drink related crime (all one each).</i> | | |
| 2. Anti social behaviour (10) | | |
| <i>Do not go out in evening - find youths congregating by pavilion too intimidating, Human and vehicle noise in car park, Intimidated by teenagers hanging around, Kids drinking in the park, Kids smoking/drinking behind Station Road garages and in woods, Loud young people late at night on footpath behind our house, Noise in streets and fields when pubs close, Oakfield Road at pub closing time, Speed of cycling down passage in Acorn Avenue, Trouble at pub (all one each).</i> | | |
| 3. Dangerous areas in Parish (9) | | |
| <i>Near shops (2); A281 between A272 and end of 30mph zone, Bus shelter, Church area, Pavilion area, Police do not cover outlying areas of the Parish, Public toilet area, Rural areas on outskirts of Parish (all one each).</i> | | |
| 4. Inadequate street lighting (6) | | |
| <i>More street lighting needed (2); Lack of street lighting after midnight, Need for more lighting in Henfield Road, Not enough lighting in side roads, Street lighting in Thornden - dark areas/not on all night (all one each).</i> | | |
| 5. Other concerns (9) | | |
| <i>Co-op litter bin always overflowing, Extended pub hours, Raised drain covers and pot holes, Side road parking due to houses not using their garages, Smoke pollution, Suspicious of vehicles entering premises on Bolney Road /Station Road, Travellers, Unsafe pavement surfaces, Unsafe walking dogs at night (all one each).</i> | | |

5.7. Please add any other comments on Health and Community Safety you may wish to make

1. Traffic/parking/footpaths (12)

Control speeding in Oakfield Road, Control traffic speed on estates, Dangerous parking outside/adjacent to Co-op, Dangerous roads prevent formation of a cycling club, Dangerous to cross road near Fowlers, Extend path in Station Road, Need for random speed checks, Need for traffic calming and speed checks, Parking at school/A272/Thornden, Traffic speed on A281, Traffic through centre ruins village - hard to stop and shop, Volume and speed of traffic (all one each).

2. Health (6)

Surgery is excellent (2); Dog fouling on footpath - Mercers Mead to Bolney Road, Fear that the Princess Royal A&E department will close, Overhanging fruit trees attracts wasps, Regular bus the Haywards Heath hospital (all one each).

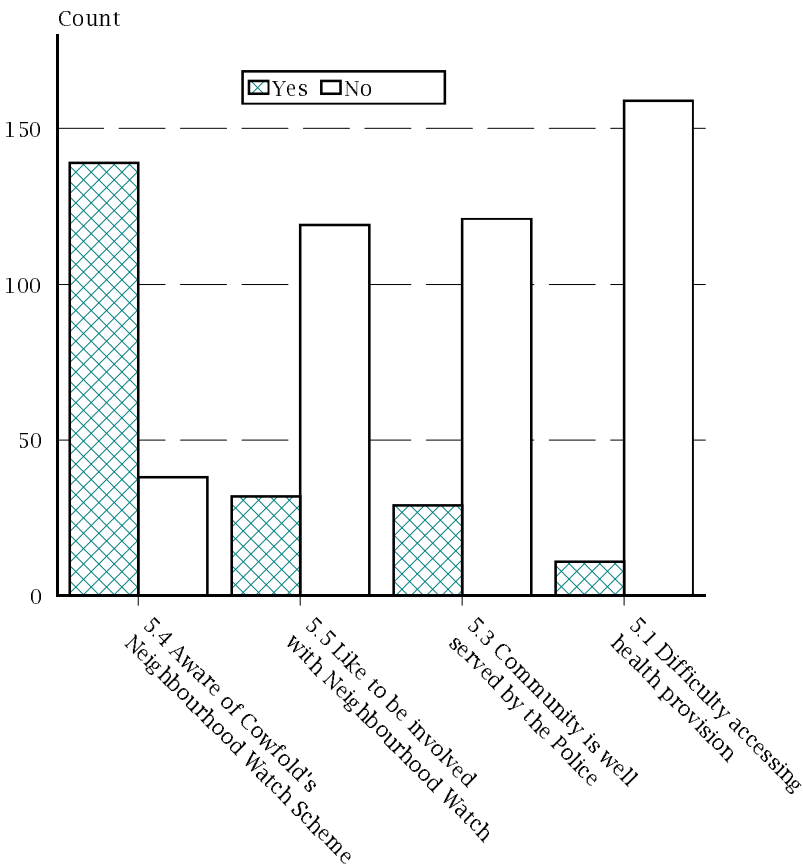
3. Crime (4)

Need for a community police presence, Need more visible policing, Noise and vandalism when pubs close, Too much rubbish left in lanes (all one each).

4. Other comments (1)

Replace wooden bench a rear of St Peter's Church (1).

Fig. 7. Section 5. Good Health and Community Safety. Yes/No question summary.



Note: Questions are abbreviated in this chart

6. Protecting our World

6.1. What is your favourite outdoor place in the parish? Please tell us why.

See also
Fig. 8

1. *Playing field/Park/Playground* (60)

Playing field (14);
Playground - good fun for children/safe (10);
Park - open space (8);
Park - relaxing/safe (5);
Acorn Avenue park/pond (2); *Playing field - a place to meet the community* (2); *Playing field - calm/quiet/green open space/well maintained* (2); *Playing field - large open space that has many uses* (2); *Playing field - well maintained - safe to walk round* (2); *Village Green* (2); *Cricket field - well maintained - agreeable to walk around*, *Duck pond area*, *Park - place to chill out*, *Playground on Acorn Avenue*, *Playing field - dog walking*, *Playing field - gives a sense of space - like to see children enjoying themselves*, *Playing field - picnic and watch sport*, *Playing field and park - we use them a lot with our children*, *Playing fields and playground - open space/mature trees and bulbs*, *Recreation field - easy access for us oldies*, *Recreation ground* (all one each).

2. *Church/School area* (36)

Churchyard - pretty and peaceful/unspoilt/well kept (10);
By the Church and surrounding area (8);
Church path - lovely view - age/architecture (3); *By the Church - safe to walk with children*, *Church garden - quiet and beautiful*, *Church grounds because they are well kept*, *Church Walk*, *Churchyard - beautiful/packed with history*, *Churchyard - character of its surroundings*, *Churchyard behind the cottages - very picturesque*, *Fields behind school and churchyard*, *Fields behind St Peter's School allotments*, *Path along Church Walk needs relaying*, *School playground*, *St Peter's Church - outstanding architecture for a small parish*, *The Church*, *The walk through by the Church with the cottages on one side*, *Top of the Church tower - views over the parish* (all one each).

3. *Footpaths* (27)

Footpaths (15);
Country walks (5); *Good access for walking* (2); *Bridleways*, *Footpath opposite the school going north through the woods*, *Footpaths - access to open countryside*, *Footpaths - stunning views*, *Walk at rear of Hare and Hounds* (all one each).

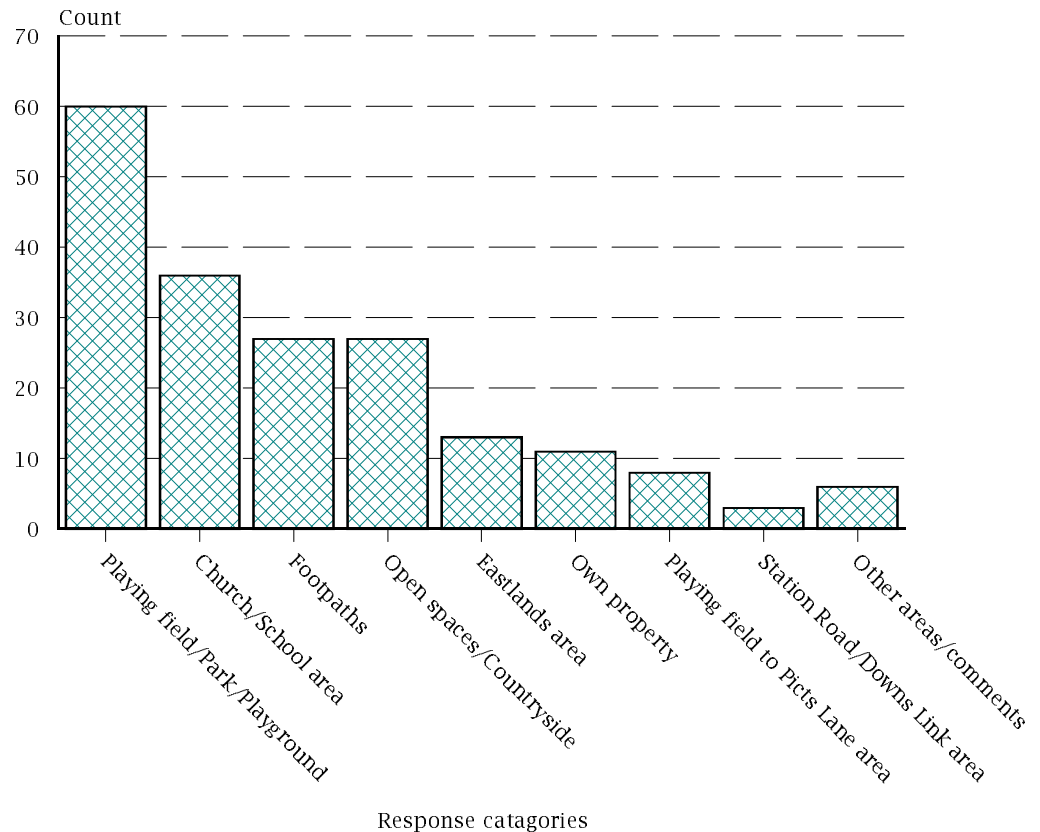
4. *Open spaces/Countryside* (27)

Open fields/spaces (11);
Bluebell woods in spring (4); *Village Green - peace and quiet* (2); *Woodland* (2); *Allotments*, *Anywhere away from traffic - farms/footpaths*, *Everywhere outdoors*, *Open spaces*, *Rainbow Hill - peaceful/lovely view*, *Towards the S.E. corner where you see the monastery*, *Walking through meadow down by stream*, *Woodland behind Avery's Farm - wildlife/wild flowers* (all one each).

5. *Eastlands area* (13)

Eastland's Lane footpath - easy access all weathers/views of fields/woods/farm animals (4); *Near Eastland's House/Farm - peace and quiet* (2); *Woods/fields behind Holm Oaks/Acorn Avenue* (2); *Allotments near Eastlands Farm*, *Fields below Eastlands - quiet/wildlife/singing birds*, *Fields south of Oak Apple close*, *Footpaths around Eastland's Farm - wildlife*, *Woods from Eastlands Lane* (all one each).

Fig. 8. What is your favourite outdoor place in the parish?



6. Own property (11)

*My own garden (7);
My Allotment, My garden - enjoyed by ourselves or with friends/relatives,
Our back garden - lovely view, Our own fields - lack of transport and safe
footpaths limit alternatives (all one each).*

7. Playing field to Picts Lane area (8)

*Footpath beyond playing field - safe and quiet (3); Area between top of
playing field and Picts Lane - nice area to walk in, Footpath north and
east of village - natural history and bird life, Picts Hill in Picts Lane - super
views, Valley footpath north of Allpreys to Littlebrook, Walk from back of
playing field to Picts Farm (all one each).*

8. Station Road/Downs Link area (3)

*Disused Railway - feel right out in the country, Footpath - Station Road
Cottage to Downs Link - very picturesque in spring, Footpath behind
Station Road into wooded area - quiet and tranquil (all one each).*

9. Other areas/comments (6)

*Haven't got one (2); Coach House pub, New to area, Nothing special - it is
a delightful village especially when the flowers are in bloom, Village
atmosphere and ambience (all one each).*

6.2. What are your views on the amount of litter in the parish?

1. Litter is not a problem (89)

*Not a problem/Not too bad/Not noticed a problem (48);
Litter wardens do a good job (13);
Generally good/Reasonable (12);
Village appears clean and tidy (7);
Very good (4); Have not seen any litter (3); Better than average, Good litter control (all one each).*

2. Locations (48)

*Worst near village shops (14);
Too much on verges (6);
Bad near bus stops (2); Litter and broken glass near recycling bins (2);
Along path from Thornden into woods, Awful on Bolney Road/Station Road, Broken bottles near playing field seats, Brook Hill, By the green, Church footpath at side of Co-op, Debris from trees and hedges is a hazard on footpaths, Fly tipping in Kent Street, Footpath near Alley Groves pond, Hedgerows, Litter at recycling facility, Litter left by footballers, Litter near school, Litter on A281 Horsham Road, Litter on footpath heading north near Camilla Botnar, On path from Post Office to playing field, Poor - litter on pavements and litterbins overflowing, Public footpaths and fields, Round edge of playing field, Some in Churchyard, Sweetie wrappers and drink bottles often left in Churchyard and playground, Tidy up around the shop, Too much on playing field - anti litter notices needed, Too much in lanes (all one each).*

3. Too much litter (17)

*Too much litter (7);
Unacceptable (3); Any is too much (2); Terrible (2); Could be better, Getting worse - people don't seem to care about their surroundings, Too much litter dropped by children (all one each).*

4. Dog fouling (12)

Dog mess not cleared up (4); Empty dog bins more often (3); Appalled by people who let their dogs foul the sports ground/too many owners not clearing up (2); Dog bins often very smelly, Dog fouling is a big problem, Need dog bins a far side of recreation ground (all one each).

5. Litter bins (8)

Bins by pavilion are always full, Bins could be emptied more often, Bins sometimes overflow, Churchyard needs a litter bin, Co-op bins are always full, Empty recycling bins more often, Need for litterbin near school, Need more bins (all one each).

6. General comments (18)

*Litter is thrown from vehicles (11);
Some people need educating not to litter (4); Caretaker has a hard job clearing it up, Children should do litter clearance twice a year with villagers, Co-op should be made responsible for litter outside (all one each).*

6.3. Do you use the recycling facilities that are available in the parish?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 160 | 92.5 |
| No | 13 | 7.5 |
| Total | 173 | |

6.4. How could these facilities be improved?

1. Want to recycle more items (69)

*Would like to recycle cardboard/Corrugated cardboard (14);
Clothes/textiles recycling (13);
Would like to recycle more types of material (11);
Would like to recycle plastics/Plastic bottles (6);
Glass bottle collection (5);
All grades of paper (3); Cans (3); Need a shoebank (3); Paper collection (2);
Bigger bottle banks, CD's, Clothes for Africa bin, Junk mail, Metal can collection, Need for a site for recycling kitchen/garden waste, Need to dispose of large household rubbish, Newspaper recycling facility, Plastic bottle collection (all one each).*

2. General improvements (27)

*Recycling bins need emptying more often (9);
Litter bins for bags/boxes at recycling points (6);
Should be kept more tidy (5);
Amenity refuse collection in car park - monthly, More frequent collection over holiday periods Dec/Jan, Move recycling point out of car park to a better place, Need better publicity of facilities, Need larger boxes for cans and plastic collection, Need more frequent collection, Would like recycling collection in Eastlands Lane (all one each).*

3. No improvement needed (8)

They are fine/OK (6); Adequate as they are (2).

4. Other comments (1)

Partridge Green has better facilities (1).

6.5. Are you aware that householders have a legal responsibility to make sure that hedges do not overhang and block pavements and foot-paths?

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 158 | 90.3 |
| No | 17 | 9.7 |
| Total | 175 | |

6.6. Would you be interested in volunteering as a Tree Warden or Pond Warden for the parish? If yes, please add your name and address at the end of the questionnaire

| | | |
|-------|-----|------|
| Yes | 11 | 6.8 |
| No | 150 | 93.2 |
| Total | 161 | |

7. Facilities and Services for Older People

7.1. Please tell us if you have any difficulties accessing any of the available services and any suggestions of how these difficulties could be addressed

No difficulty (2); Consider problems of residents in outlying areas without transport or safe walking footpaths, Database of all elderly people (over 60), with regular contact to assess their welfare, I am one of the old folks - I am happy with life and facilities, Overlap of East and West social services causes delay, Reasonable, Unable to get sheltered housing for my father in Cowfold (all one each).

7.2. Would anything else improve the life of older people in our parish?

1. Transport (31)

Better/Cheaper public transport (10); Community bus/transport (4); Transport/Low cost transport/Hospital cars to hospitals (3); Transport to nearby villages/towns (2); Transport to shops/Shopping bus (2); Bus service to Princess Royal Hospital, Bus service to Worthing/Haywards Heath, Consider problems of residents in outlying areas without transport or safe walking footpath, Dial a ride, Easy access buses for wheelchairs and disabled, Evening transport to entertainments outside the Village, Improve bus routes, Later buses from Horsham, More transport for medical/dental/shopping trips, Transport to surgery (all one each).

2. Social events (16)

More suitable events in Village Hall - Film/Variety/Music shows/Tea dances/Meetings and chats (9); Classes - exercise/Tai Chi/Dancing/IT/languages, Encourage young and old to mix together, More meeting places - coffee groups, Organised trips to Horsham/Brighton theatres, Organised trips to places of interest, Painting classes in Village Hall, Socialising and trips (all one each).

3. Traffic, road crossing and footpaths (15)

Control traffic speed in village to make road crossing safer (3); Better footpath maintenance (2); Make road crossing safe (2); Pedestrian crossings from Village Hall to Post Office and from Village Hall to Co-op (2); A272 much too dangerous for cyclists, Concern that Thornden is used as a traffic shortcut - particularly dangerous during school run, Control traffic speed, Control traffic speed up Brook Hill and opposite recreation ground, Improve path from Oakfield Drive to Co-op, Many old people have a genuine fear of crossing roads/crossings in wrong place (all one each).

4. Facilities (11)

Garden with pond and seating (2); Better parking at shop, Better street lighting, Club house for village men - to enable them to get from under wives' feet, Free IT courses, Light exercise classes and advice on how to keep fit, More seat in playing field - opposite pavilion - in the sun, More seating around the village, Need for a day centre, Weekly day centre in Village Hall (all one each).

5. Services (10)

Volunteer service for the elderly - visiting/shopping/home maintenance (3); Community police officer, Home calls to check on elderly, I'm sure they miss the fish and chip suppers that the van used to supply, Library/Mobile library, More house calls by local GP, Reasonably priced help with gardens, Walk older people home after events (all one each).

6. Other comments (5)

Get younger people involved, More housing needed for ex tied cottage workers, Older people appear to be well catered for, Older people need friends and neighbours, Sheltered social housing (all one each).

8. General

8.1. Please tell us how many people are in your household

See also
Fig. 9a.

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|------|
| Children aged 0-5. | 48 | 9.8 |
| Children aged 6-10 | 33 | 6.7 |
| Children aged 11-16 | 46 | 9.4 |
| Adults 17-59. | 265 | 54.0 |
| Adults 60 + | 99 | 20.2 |
| Total people | 491 | |

Number of people in household

See also
Fig. 9b.

| | | |
|----------------|-----|------|
| One | 24 | 13.7 |
| Two | 68 | 38.9 |
| Three | 26 | 14.9 |
| Four | 39 | 22.3 |
| Five | 11 | 6.3 |
| More than five | 7 | 4.0 |
| Total | 175 | |

Fig. 9a. Age groups in household

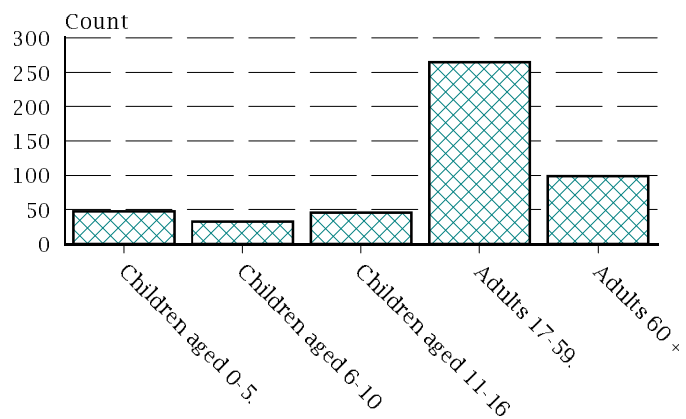
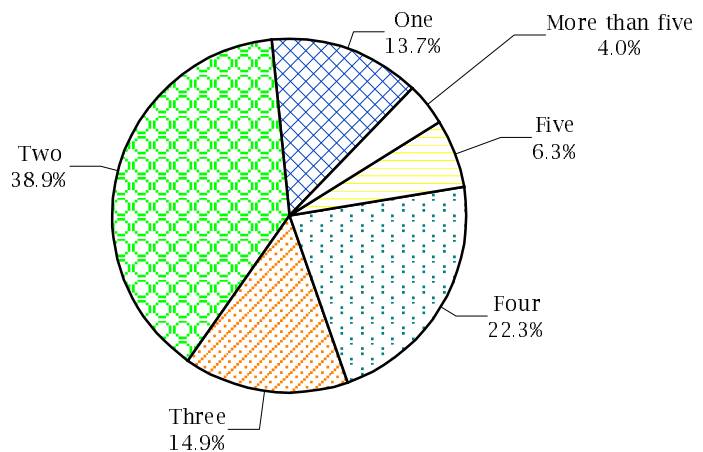


Fig. 9b. Number of people in household



8.2. If suggestions raised by this questionnaire require money for implementation, where do you think the money should come from? Please choose as many as you like

See also
Fig. 10a.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|------|
| Private contributions | 70 | 42.9 |
| Council Tax increases | 45 | 27.6 |
| Fundraising | 131 | 80.4 |
| Sponsorship | 105 | 64.4 |
| Other | 56 | 34.4 |
| Respondents to this question | 163 | |

8.3. Please look at the map attached at the back of the questionnaire and tick the lettered zone of Cowfold you live in

See also
Fig. 10b.

| | | |
|-----------|-----|------|
| A. (N.W.) | 17 | 10.0 |
| B. (N.E.) | 29 | 17.1 |
| C. (S.W.) | 34 | 20.0 |
| D. (S.E.) | 90 | 52.9 |
| Total | 170 | |

Fig. 10a. If suggestions raised by this questionnaire require money for implementation, where do you think the money should come from?

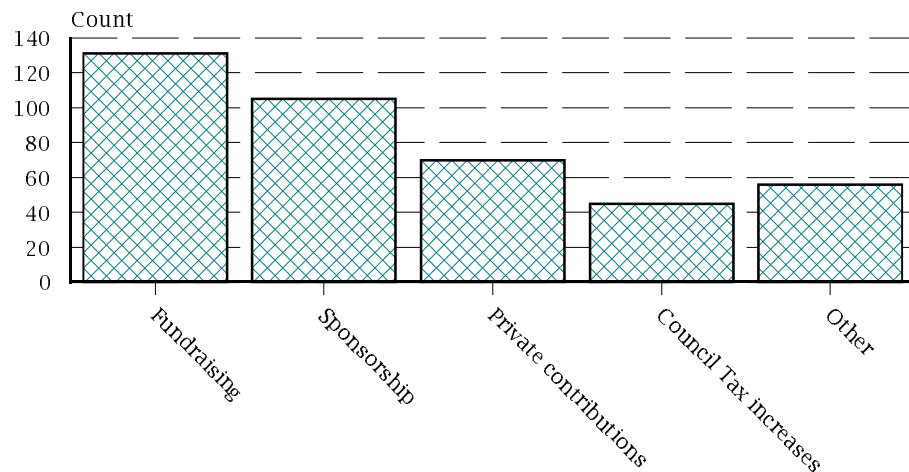
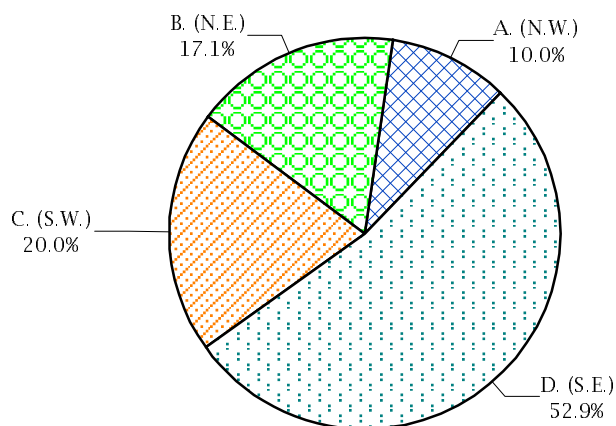


Fig. 10b. Parish areas lived in by respondents



9. Further comments

1. Traffic and parking (21)

Control traffic speed/volume in the village (4); Acorn Avenue is used as a short cut by mopeds and motorcycles, Danger at Barleycroft/A281 junction - parked cars/traffic speed, Danger at Picts Lane/A272 junction - overgrown hedges, Double parking outside shop/Yew Tree Close junction, Footpath/Cycle track needed to Oakendene Industrial Estate, Heavy vehicles damage roads and verges, Need for a 30mph limit in all lanes, Need for bypass, Need for speed control warning signs, Problem of Co-op car park - is not adequate - exiting is almost impossible at peak rush hours, Problem of overnight speeding trucks, Speeding motorcyles/particularly at weekends/need for flashing sign on Brook Hill approach, Too much fast moving traffic, Traffic uses Thornden as a short cut, Would like to campaign for cycle lanes on A272, Would like to help organise a village wide speed restriction plan as in Chiddingfold, Would like to see speed cameras in the village (all one each).

2. Community (19)

Hope local people will support local shops and Post Office (4); Why is there no cricket? (2); Charge for use of Parish facilities to reduce subsidies, Cowfold is a friendly village and long may that last, Cowfold is a safe and happy village, Fear Council Tax money is wasted, Fear that the pavilion will be lost through lack of use, I Like living in Cowfold, Love Cowfold and wouldn't want to live anywhere else, Object to door to door selling of 200 Club tickets, Overhanging hedge laws are not universally applied, Parish Council is too negative and defensive, Regret loss of village atmosphere - no fete or cricket, Speed/Traffic/Litter - nothing done in last 20 years, Welcome Club needs younger members (all one each).

3. Facilities (11)

Acorn Avenue pond needs clearing and restoring/need to get a team together and provide equipment (3); Children and young adults need somewhere to go - especially in winter, Consider problems of residents in outlying areas without transport or safe walking footpath, Fence the pond in Acorn Avenue - danger for children using the play area, Mend broken benches on Acorn Avenue green, Need for a dog bin at far end of village green, Need for cyclepaths in all directions, Villager Hall is too dirty - especially for Mother and Toddler group, Would like a dramatic society in Cowfold (all one each).

4. Pedestrians (8)

Encourage children to walk to school, Make it easier to cross to the village green, Make roads safer for mothers and young children, Need for wider pavements, Overhanging hedges in Henfield Road force pedestrians into the road, Parking on pavements forces children and adults onto roads, Traffic calming urgently needed on A272 at entrance to village - no pavement for first 4-5 houses, Wait is too long at Pelican crossings (all one each).

5. Services (8)

Grass areas should be cut neatly (2); Council should check that trees are not a danger to children/do not undermine private dwellings, Hedge needs cutting down Fairfield Road side of playing field, Hedges around playing field need trimming, Need for better street lighting, Problems of dumping rubbish and garden waste/overhanging trees on public footpath near Thornden, Problem of overhanging hedges Picts Lane/Bulls Lane from A272 to Sponcets Lane (all one each).

6. Development (6)

Centre of village will close unless it is made more accessible, Concerned about the number of planning application being submitted in our small village, Cowfold is not the nice place it used to be - best now to move with the times, Cowfold needs a mega store including: cafeteria/sports centre/arts centre/swimming pool/cinema, No more housing, School already generates too much traffic/parking problems (all one each).

7. Environment (5)

Churchyard is in a poor state, Concerned about noisy children playing in the street at Holm Oaks - should use the recreation ground, Control dog fouling, Have lived in Cowfold for 50 years - has become untidy/dirty/badly maintained, Stop football being played on Acorn Avenue green (all one each).