

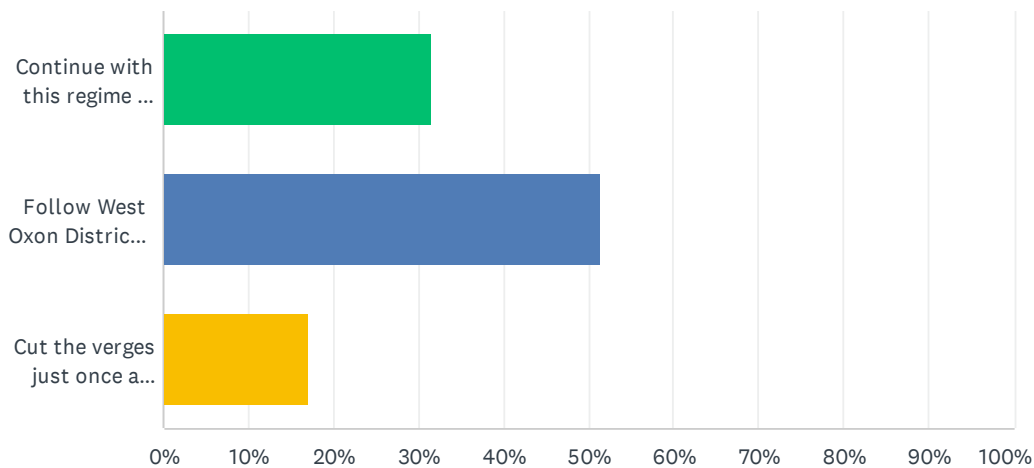


ENSTONE PARISH

SURVEY 2023

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Continue with this regime of cutting seven times a year?	31.58% 60
Follow West Oxon District Council’s lead and reduce the cutting/strimming of the verges to five cuts per year to accommodate as much wildflowers/wildlife as possible while ensuring essential visibility for road users?	51.32% 90
Cut the verges just once a year?	17.11% 30
TOTAL	169

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Comments:

Please keep cutting it so the village is tidy. We need to support this as a community Really important to support biodiversity goals

Where no obstruction to traffic visibility or safety permits.

Whilst a trendy idea the practice of reduced cutting does nothing to aid wildlife diversity. In fact it encourages litter and dog fouling, if left for a year grass looks terrible and is very difficult to keep green.

I thought the churchyard at St Kenelm's just looked unloved last summer and felt that it was not ideal for bereaved families wanting to visit graves. There are so many fields locally which are left unmowed I don't think we need to include the churchyard and verges. Hidden dogs' mess is also a problem in these public spaces.

I'd prefer the edges done to ensure visibility

I advocate a single cut, but with the same caveat that essential visibility for road users is maintained Surely we could have a pilot year with one cut and if there are issues with visibility we could deal with them at the time, and then reassess if necessary for the following year.

Once a year, plus necessary safety trimming, is OCC policy.

Collect cuttings to keep fertility low. Celebrate and signpost excuse the mess it takes time to grow wildflowers'. No mow May and June. Use yellow rattle to reduce grasses. Get local experts together to survey and improve: plant life booklet, Wychwood flora and Enstone Eco, Ox Nature Recovery Group.

I am not in favour of the whole church yard not being cut at Church Enstone it would look better if we had designated areas instead. Also we have had huge problems with the two village greens not being cut. Dog poo everywhere no bins to put it in and as the grass is so long people assume they can treat it as a dustbin and leave their litter everywhere as the log seat is now always in use. Last year when the greens were regularly cut we did not have this problem.

cut only when needed or areas where visibility is a need. Maybe mow pathways through parks and cemeteries. Providing safety is not compromised.

We need to prioritise on climate change and protect biodiversity.

Especially on non main roads . However i think the corner of Cox's Lane and Charlbury road should be cut much more regularly as it is very difficult to see vehicles approaching Cox's Lane from Charlbury.

As long as it is the right time of year

There are large stretches with no pavement so have to walk on verge. Also, dangerous at junctions where visibility reduced.

But make sure junctions are kept clear with good visibility splays. Causes dangerous road junctions if the grass is not cut Absolutely, the village is looking untidy / unkept.

Obviously visibility most important

Many overgrown verges are dangerous if left over grown ie the junction by the sports club

I would consider no cutting if wild flower seeds were planted instead of just letting the grass grow. If verges are uncut at T junctions it can be difficult to see oncoming traffic

As long as junctions are kept clear for safe driving

Village greens, parish hall, church yard can be cut less but verges need to be cut for visibility - both pedestrian and vehicular

Some verges are quite frankly dangerous and need maintenance. Perhaps cut some areas less but maintain necessary verges. Ie Cleveley/b4022 junction

Visibility whilst driving is too important to cut it down

This is a very rural area with fields and hedgerows everywhere, don't let the verges on roads get dangerous at junctions at least!

Wilding is not good for the environment

Overgrowth on the pavements needs to be addressed

Keep junctions cut

Adjust the cutting of verges to the weather conditions - when in drought cut fewer times, when prolonged rainy periods cut more often. No summer season is like another!

Remember people walking along the roads with buggies & young children too

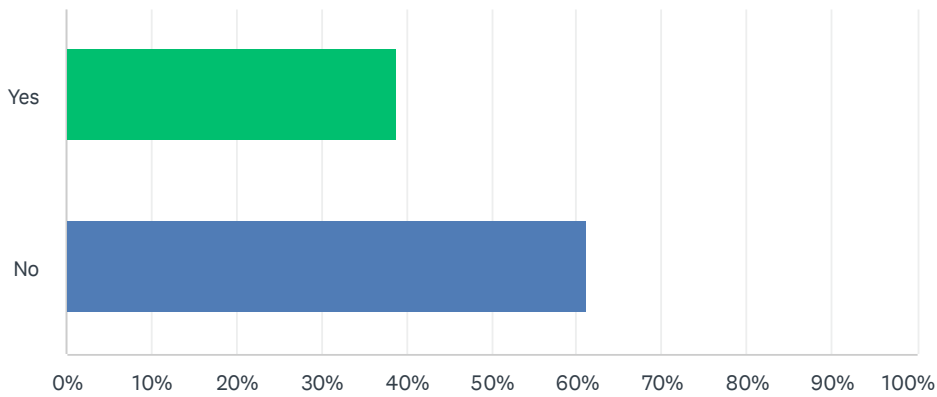
Visibility to drivers is the biggest concern. So limit the cutting to these areas

The reduced cutting of verges in Oxfordshire is making the county look like an impoverished old East European country. Scruffy and uncared for. Pollinators have thousands of other areas to go to. This is a cost cutting exercise, and its not as if we see any alternative use of the money saved, like repairing the appalling state of our potholes.

Except the verge on Charlbury Road, whereby when turning out of Coxs Lane the grass, etc, grows high and blocks clear vision. This should be cut regularly during spring and summer.

Q2 Please indicate whether you knew -The Enstone Relief in Need Charity (ERIN) aims, where possible, to help relieve individual situations of hardship within the Parish of Enstone. (Contact Mrs S Hamilton 01608 677156) Grants are available for those living with a disability, helping parents with the cost of extra educational needs, and solving many everyday domestic emergencies after sickness, reduction in income or death. Grants are not available to cover outstanding liabilities and no commitment can be made to repeat or renew a grant.

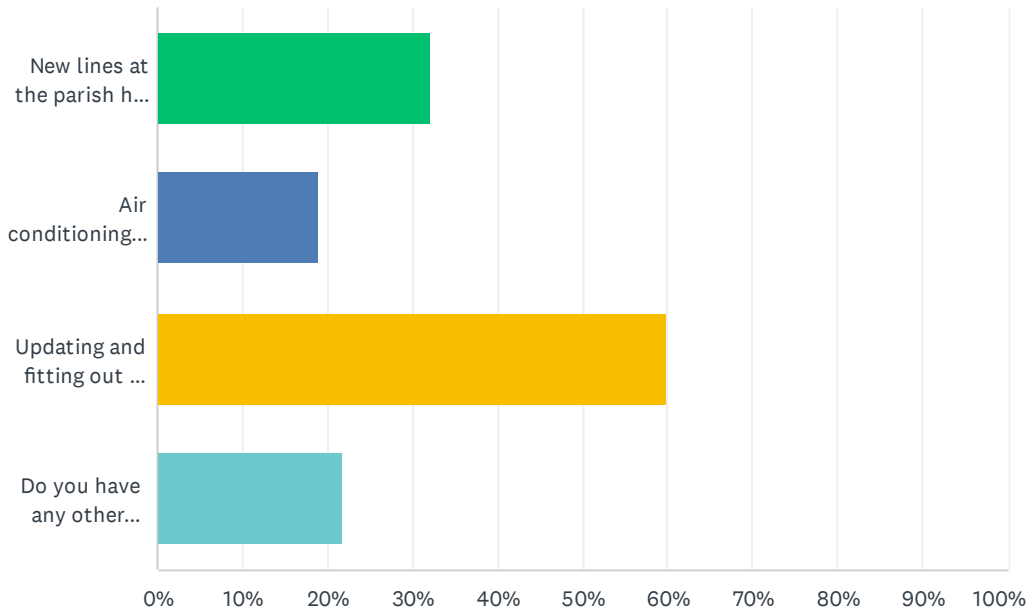
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.82%	69
No	61.18%	110
TOTAL		169

Q3 Recreation and Sports Facilities -S106 monies for Enstone Parish Council include the following:-£41,607.80 towards the enhancement and maintenance of community sport and recreational facilities – ideas for this include:-

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
New lines at the parish hall for badminton/other sports	32.24%	55
Air conditioning unit at the parish hall main hall for sports	19.08%	32
Updating and fitting out the Enstone Sports & Social club (ESSC).	59.87%	105
Do you have any other suggestions (100 characters)	21.71%	33
Total Respondents: 169		

Q3 - Recreation and Sports Facilities -S106 monies for Enstone Parish Council include the following:-£41,607.80 towards the enhancement and maintenance of community sport and recreational facilities – ideas for this include:-

Comments:

Events for younger adults (20's and 30's)

Exercise equipment

Gym equipment

Not sure

What is the Enstone Sports & Social Club business plan? Impossible to comment if there's no information.

Setting up of a walking + running club

The club is for everyone to use. Non members welcome to see where & see what goes on & then maybe join

Do not think the above will be beneficial to the community as a whole.

Improve car parking at the Playing Field by the school

Better footpath provision on Cox's Lane, Charlbury Road and Bicester Road to the bridle path on the A44 opposite Enstone Leys

Provide bins that are emptied at the new play area

Should add to the Muga fund

Add to MUGA fund.

provided any AC is environmentally friendly

An all weather running track around the field at the school.

Rather than updating and fitting out Enstone Sports & Social - putting it under new management!

Indoor Futsal/Football markings and nets

Proper air conditioning is vital to reduce COVID, and other respiratory diseases

No opinion

More facilities for teenagers like skate park. Scooter course.

General village maintenance eg cleaning of signs, verge cutting etc,

It would be nice if something could be added which is free for everyone to access. Maybe on the playing fields. I don't know what though!

The parish hall is unaffordable for most of us.

This is a statement - not a question, but I have assumed you're seeking 'votes' on these options

None of these are attractive. I'd like to see improved parking for the shop

No preference

The Sports and Social Club don't share their facilities with non members and aren't very welcoming or friendly. As for the parish hall, not enough people use it to merit spending a lot of money on an air conditioning unit, surely!

No comment

Anything else none of the above is justifiable. Better to spend on general maintenance of the village!

A toddler group is needed, especially now we've lost the preschool.

Safer paths around village for walking and running

Fitness classes with music like glow fitness ex Rosemary Conley

Something outdoors?

How can sports take place at present when there are no lines

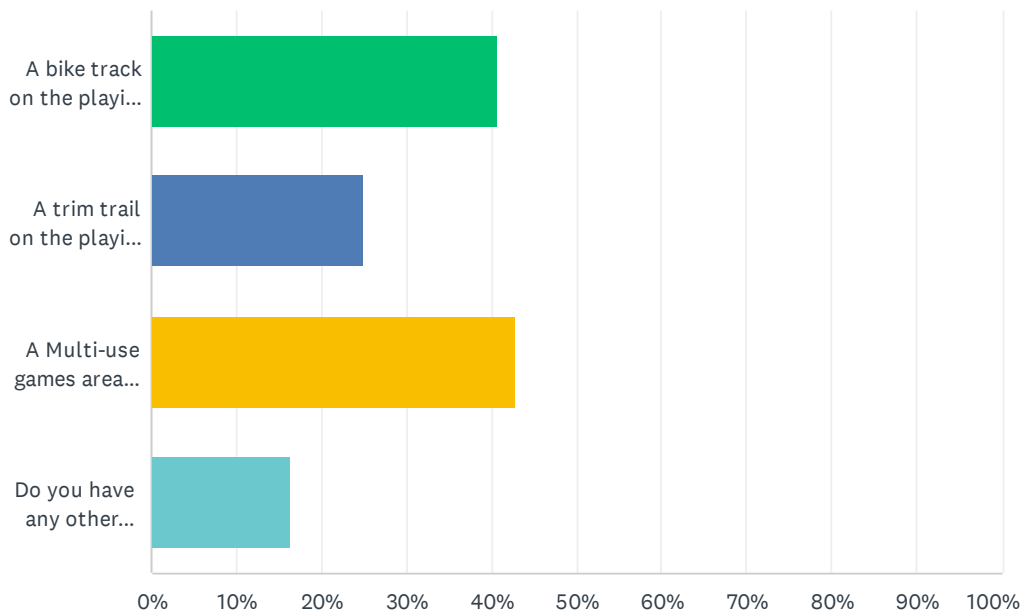
Instead of air-conditioning open the doors - fresh air is better than recycled

Community Orchard

Doesn't need air-con

Q4 £33,614.18 of S106 monies has been earmarked towards the enhancement and maintenance of play and recreation facilities – ideas for this include:-

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A bike track on the playing field	40.79%	71
A trim trail on the playing field	25.00%	41
A Multi-use games area (MUGA) court at the Enstone Sports & Social Club	42.76%	79
Do you have any other suggestions (100 characters)	16.45%	25
Total Respondents: 169		

Q4 - £33,614.18 of S106 monies has been earmarked towards the enhancement and maintenance of play and recreation facilities

Comments:

I don't know what these are. what about about a nature reserve for people to sit in?

Not sure

It would have been helpful if MUGA had been explained, rather than having to look it up.

What will the bike track look like, or facilitate?

Improve the carpark at the playing field and define disabled spaces

Footpath improvements as above.

What is MUGA court and what is a trim trail?

A skate park at the playing field

What about those outdoor exercise machines you find in parks etc like these [https://www.freshairfitness.co.uk/our-products?](https://www.freshairfitness.co.uk/our-products?category=packages&gad=1&gclid=Cj0KCCQjw7JOpBhCfARIsAL3bobc3AmTFKQQb6g0Z2C6zDgnanM9Nhm3-Q1ooXpjnxqeD1IQ106fZOKGaAoBHEALw_wcBbeaches)

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Subsidize use of the parish hall so that more groups can afford use, and it will be better used.

Best to ask Playing Field committee the best way to use monies

No opinion

Skate park

should have explained what MUGA is.....

What about a community orchard?

Currently one football pitch is hard against boundaries of residential gardens. Creating some additional spacing would be v. welcome

There are plenty of bike trails in the Hoare Stone woods. Perhaps a skate ramp

No particular view on this

None of these are attractive.

Not my interest

No comment

The sports club needs to have extra parking or liaise with the parish hall to use the carpark, and stop parking on the verge. As a resident in the Paddocks it is dangerous when football is in action.

I would be keen to know what a trim trail is

Above are poor use of the monies!

Sensory play i.e. wooden flip cards on poles, textured areas. Castle climbing frame with towers & bridges.

New bus shelter (by School) for Chipping Norton bound residents

Everyone needs to exercise more off the roads

A car park or a nature reserve for wildlife

Don't know what a trim trail is

A running track around the field. Update the hard court area on the field with nets and remove the wall. Better seating by the park and rubbish bins

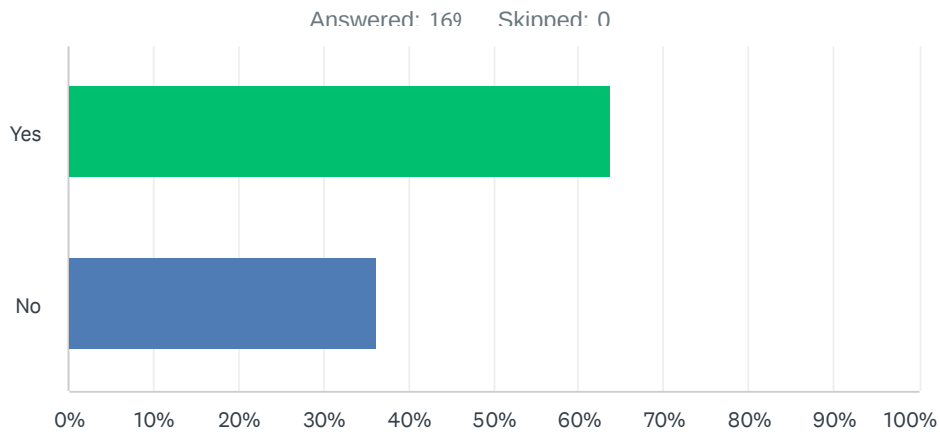
A path from Litchfield Close to the School Field entrance path is needed. It's wet, mussy and slippery - quite dangerous

A footpath is required from Litchfield Close to the School/Youth Hall due to the wet unsafe grass during the winter season

Wrong location and insufficient room. Preferable area is the school field but away from the playing area, ie swings, etc.

The lime trees along the Drive that were pollarded two years ago are sending out such strong suckers near the base that they impede people walking along the pavement - especially young mothers with little ones in push-chairs/buggies. Do you know who is responsible for keeping them clear and cutting them back?

Q5 Did you know Enstone has allotments that can be rented from Enstone Relief In Need (ERIN).(Contact Mrs S Hamilton 01608 677156)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.82%	118
No	36.18%	61
TOTAL		169

Q5 - Allotments

Comments:

There are concerns about access to running water and maintenance of the allotments
I believe they do not have running water? Access is a little 'dangerous'
Would be nice to have a website with everything explained, rather than having to phone an individual.

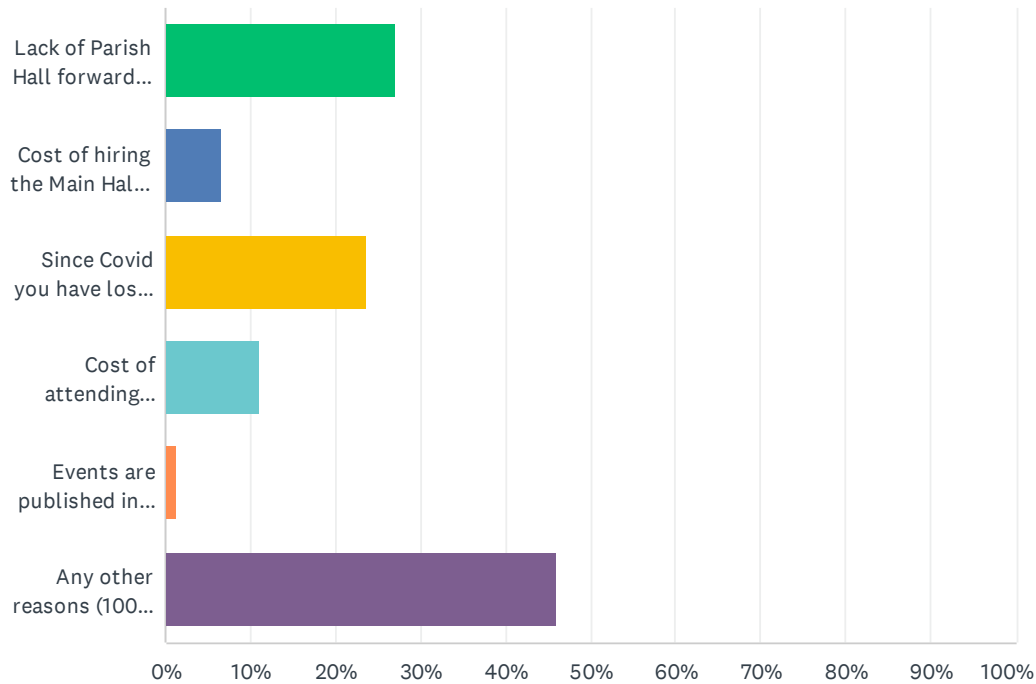
I knew that we had allotments, I didn't know who to contact.

I didn't realise it was a charity but I have an allotment through Suzanne.

Where are they

Q6 Are there any obstacles currently preventing you from attending events at the Parish Hall?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of Parish Hall forward planning programme	26.97%	50
Cost of hiring the Main Hall and/or Litchfield Room	6.58%	13
Since Covid you have lost the habit of going out to local events	23.68%	41
Cost of attending events	11.18%	21
Events are published in The Ensign, Parish website, Parish Facebook page, on Nextdoor with posters in Noticeboards and in the shop. Where else should they be published?	1.32%	4
Any other reasons (100 characters)	46.05%	70
Total Respondents: 169		

Q6 - What is currently preventing you from attending events at the ParishHall?

Comments:

Lack of quality events. The Parish Council are very out of touch with what people want (notably the long time/ senior PC's as well as those unelected)

prefer not to say

no interest

wider programme of events more film / music /arts

Unlikely to attend

What a negative way to ask a question!

Lack of interesting events

If there is something of interest I do attend, based on being aware of it via parish magazine, notice board, shop or fliers on telegraph posts etc

I'm unable to walk that far uphill from the Drive

No idea what is available. Poor comms.

Nothing of interest to me being held.

Nothing - I do attend events at the parish hall

Better advertising (not just on social media)

Publicity of what is going on isn't catching my attention.

Possibly some events are not advertised, so I don't know about them.

None

Timings of events, Sometimes Health problems, driving in the dark

3 children

None of the above

Waiting for something that suits an 81 year old whether it be a musical evening; film or other such 'event!

I do attend events at the Parish Hall

Nothing prevents me attending events.

Nothing

Renting

Great resource but there's no events that I find interesting thou' film nights were good.

We are having our granddaughters birthday party in the hall

Nothing

Often have other commitments so I can't attend events.

Nothing is preventing me from using the hall

Nothing preventing. It is a great facility.

Is there a newsletter that one can subscribe to?

Events for a family with teenagers

Try and keep costs down

Timing of events

Needs better ventilation to prevent COVID.

Nothing that interests me

Nothing

Not really aware of events

Don't know what's going on

No advertisement

Due to bad acoustics in the Litchfield room, those of us with hearing difficulties find it very difficult to hear properly when there are discussions are taking place

we do attend events

Unsure when they are

Will go to events in which I have an interest as and when!

No events i'm interested in, poor advertising.....

Variety of events and cost of events/classes.

We have children so we want family friendly events we can bring our small children to.

Don't have the time

Availability of time with young children

Poor quality of events and being focussed on a small minority of the village. They should be more inclusive and welcoming of new people to the village.

None

We use the village hall for child birthdays /karate lessons and attend village affairs where possible. Not enough variety of clubs etc. Interested in badminton for example but limited sessions at not wholly useful times.

Work commitments and young children

Not my interest

Nothing appeals

None of the above

The only events I'm aware of are film nights which don't always suit families with young children

Unaware of some event or realise too late

Nothing suitable

Lots of events are while I'm at work

Nothing appeals

Not a friendly village!

Nothing relevant to me.

Often at work when events are taking place.

Maybe there needs to be a call for a variety of people in the village to help.

No Obstacles

Nothing above

Attend when we can

Advertise in the Chipping Norton News - a popular magazine with news of other village facilities and events.

Spotted Enstone / Enstone parents page

I just don't socialise much due to unsociable hours

Leaflet drops in houses

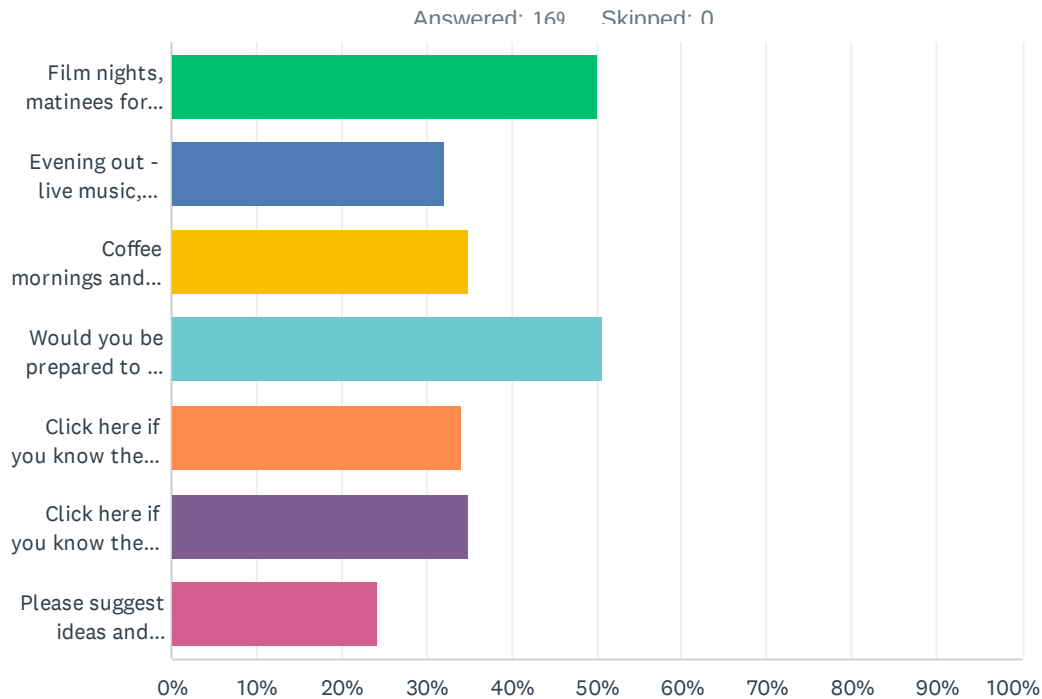
Advertise in a timely manner

Attended the coffee/tea gatherings for the older generation but then they ceased. Attendees tended to focus on their little groups and made no attempt to speak to new villagers or those they didn't know.

One of the problems with this hall are the acoustics which make it very hard to hear speakers and music. It is even worse for this with hearing aids. The problems is in both the main hall and the smaller room.

The acoustics are a big problem for me, suffering with hyperacusis and otosclerosis. I cannot hear what anybody is saying esp. when they all talk at once, everything sounds too loud and echoey. It is embarrassing and painful especially as I jump every time somebody talks too loud when sitting next to me. As this problem is particularly pronounced in a space where there are no soft furnishings, the only suggestion I can make is putting in soft furnishings, which is not very practical as it would be expensive and complicated - as most people do not suffer with the same condition. I do not like going out on my own in the evening when it is dark so that is why I do not go to evening events in the parish hall.

Q7 What events would you attend if they were held in the Parish Hall



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Film nights, matinees for children	50.00%	85
Evening out - live music, disco	32.24%	56
Coffee mornings and suchlike	34.87%	62
Would you be prepared to pay a nominal fee for these events	50.66%	89
Click here if you know the Parish Hall has a 5m x 2m Screen with DVD player, Projector & full surround sound audio system.	34.21%	65
Click here if you know the Parish Hall meeting room has a Screen & Projector.	34.87%	65
Please suggest ideas and events you would attend (100 characters)	24.34%	37
Total Respondents: 169		

Q7 - What events would you attend if they were held in the Parish Hall
What could the Parish Hall Committee do to encourage you to attend events at the Hall?

Comments:

I don't know
Events aimed at people under 50!!
Not likely to participate
It depends entirely what's being offered. If it's something I'm interested in or will enjoy, then I'll try very hard to support it.
Have more varied things on
n/a
Choir, singing lessons etc
The coffee morning with bric a brac sales at the church were very enjoyable something similar would be good especially close to Christmas where charity Christmas cards etc. could be sold
Offer craft and other classes and similar types of event.
Sport events.
Advertise in the Ensign and notice board near the Parish Hall
Advance warning - a comfortable environment - reasonable pricing
Keep costs down and its very samey ,for instance Top Gun both films would be great ,no start time on poster and not everyone wants to eat Chilli or even likes Chilli ,keep it simple ,snacks for example if you want to do hot food hotdogs and chips same as cinemas ,popcorn etc
Publish a programme of events
COVID safe. Cost
not interested
Not sure
It is not to be expected that everyone may either afford or be interested in every event. Thus there needs to be a fairly wide spectrum of events!
I would like something more child/toddler/baby friendly at child friendly times. A coffee morning or playgroup would be ideal. Something to bring the young families together.
Make them cheap and child friendly (babies to teens)
Christmas crafting, wreath making, learning a new language? Would depend on costs
Nothing for younger olds to enjoy
I'm unlikely to as i have a young family
Child friendly events make it easier to attend
I can't put my finger on what.
Maybe an actual bar would add to the atmosphere? Or a proper coffee machine?
No comment
It would be quite nice to have a with classic titles
Not sure
Have more evening fitness groups
More notice and also afternoon activities that include the children
Be more like Charlbury community centre, which is fantastic.
Advertise
Maybe more sports activities, more social evenings. Maybe come together with social club to do something together to bring the village together. I have lived here for 2 years and I don't know anyone!
Instead of putting suggestion ask residents for their ideas might come up with something new
Sorry, no suggestions. I do not go out
No suggestions
More daytime events for older people
Attend film nights and coffee mornings occasionally
Family days / afternoons / mornings where we can bring our children and maybe have a glass of wine while the kids play etc
I lived in a village that had a yearly cricket match. The village was divided into two halves - top end and bottom end. It was an all day event with music, bar and BBQ. It was great fun and brought the community closer together. Just an idea for next summer maybe?