

# The Great Wakering Parish Plan 2015



The way we are today and our vision for the future.



Abridged Survey Analysis

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***“A golden  
opportunity for  
every voice to be  
heard”***

# Survey notes and welcome

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The view of central government is that local communities in the UK should have their own voice and their own say in policies and plans that affect local life and opportunities. As a step in establishing what people think or need, a survey has been conducted by The Great Waking Parish Plan Steering Group. This document contains the abridged results of that survey, hence its formal title of The Abridged Survey Analysis. The purpose of which is to set out the key responses to the questionnaire, which was distributed to 2,500 households in the Great Waking area during 2012.

This document will be available on request and has been used to provide the platform of evidence leading to the next and final publication – The Action Plan document - which will present actions to be pursued into the future.

## A warm welcome to the Great Waking Parish Plan

### A message from Laurie Street - Chairman of Great Waking Parish Plan Steering Group.

The funding provided by Essex County Council, the Co-operative Community Fund and the Big Lottery Fund have been a remarkable investment. From the first meeting to form a steering group to the holding of public meetings to identify the desires and needs of parishioners, it has been a long, hard road but the committee formed to manage the work of GWPP has been more than equal to the task and are to be congratulated on their work.

The Parish Plan has been an opportunity for all residents to have a genuine say in the shape of the parish in the future and once formally adopted, will influence the principal councils, Great Waking Parish, Rochford District, Essex County and others, to take seriously the aspirations put forward. The principal authorities will now have a cogent, well thought out vision for the future of the Parish. The parish plan is grateful to all those who took the time to complete the questionnaire and give a genuine representative picture across the Parish.

I feel fortunate to have been born and lived for many years in Great Waking. We are among the lowest crime rate in Rochford District, which is already one of the lowest in Essex. We are blessed with living in a green and pleasant land with wide-open spaces.

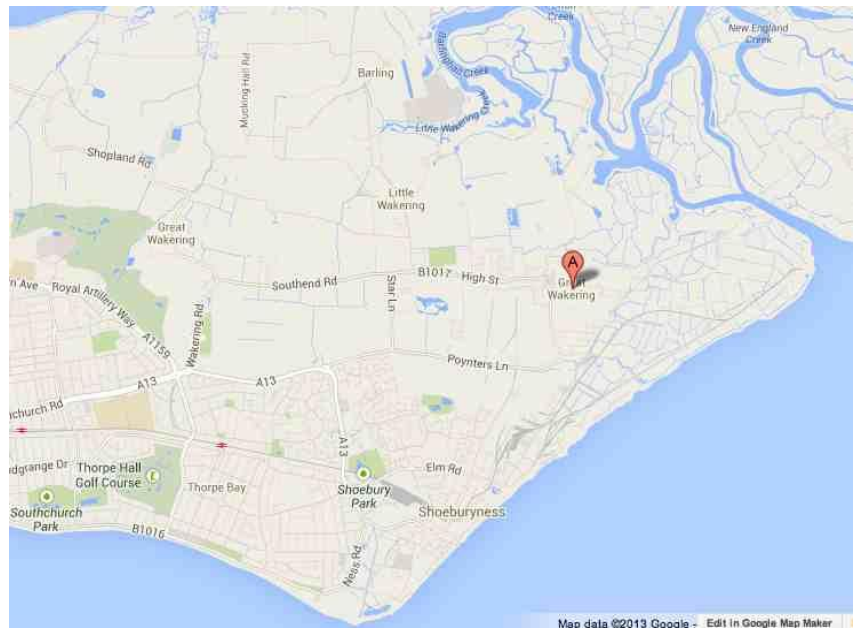
However, the Parish faces many challenges in the coming years. Hopefully by giving our Parish, District and County Councillors guidance by way of this report we will all end up with the Parish we would like to see.

Laurie Street  
April 2015



# About Great Waking

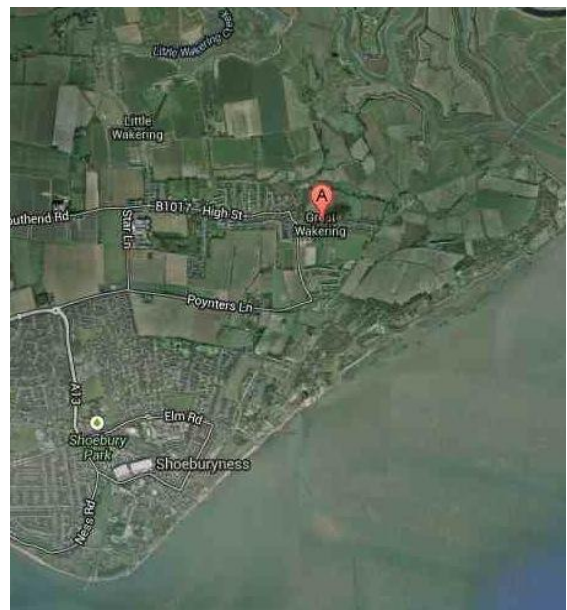
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Great Waking is located in the south-eastern corner of the County of Essex. The geographical coordinates are 51.33.5N and 00.48.8E.



- Most of the village lies within two miles of the coastline and is surrounded by productive agricultural land, except the south-eastern boundary which is formed by the junction of the Thames estuary and the North Sea. The south-western boundary extends into the Thames estuary as far as the centre of the river.
- Part of the District of Rochford, the population of Great Waking is thought to be in the region of 10,000 souls. It is part of the District postal code SS3.
- Great Waking comprises 2,775 acres of land. The Ordnance Survey grid reference for Saint Nicholas Church is 948876 TQ.
- The village lies approximately 4 miles east of Southend on Sea. The Parish encompasses Rushley Island.
- Great Waking is approximately 40 miles from central London and 33 miles from London City Airport. London Stansted Airport is some 33 miles distant.



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# About Great Waking

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Great Waking is a village in Essex, England. The nearest large town is Southend which is approximately four miles to the west of the village. Public transportation to and from the village is via bus, but the village is well served with several historical public houses, a primary school, a Co-operative supermarket, post office, hairdressers and several small, independent and characterful shops. Great Waking consists mainly of two roads, the High Street which runs from the junction of Star Lane, and New Road which begins outside St. Nicholas parish church and runs down to the bridges for Foulness Island.

According to a mediaeval tradition, Waking was the site of a monastery during the seventh century AD. Two Christian cousins of King Ecgberht of Kent, named Aethelred and Aethelberht, were murdered at Eastry, a royal dwelling in the Kingdom of Kent, during King Ecgberht's reign (664-673). They were prevented by a miracle from being buried at Canterbury, and were taken instead to an existing monastery at Waking (the site of St. Nicholas Church) in the Kingdom of Essex and enshrined there as saints.



The village church dates back to Norman times and the board of rectors or vicars inside begins in the year 1200 with simply "Robert", the next incumbent equally simply named "Peter". The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas and dates back to the 12th Century. There is also a Methodist and an Evangelical (formerly Peculiar People) Church on Great Waking High Street.

The village was badly hit during the 1953 floods. After agriculture, brick-making was once the main industry in Waking at various sites including Havengore, Millhead and Landwick. There was brick-making in the area in Roman Times.. The old brickworks (now demolished) at Star Lane was served by an industrial narrow-gauge railway, the remains of which can still be seen in the bushes. The factory finally closed in 1991, but the four towers remained a focal point on the horizon until September, 2007, when they were finally torn down.

Great Waking has many community links to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) governed Foulness Island. Much of the land area around Great Waking is closed off to the public as it forms part of a MOD firing range. When firing is not taking place however the MOD beach at Waking Stairs can be accessed via a rough road at Landwick security check-in. You can also cross MOD land and walk across the Range from Cupid's Corner to follow a strange and very muddy track to the seawall which offers great views over the Maplin Sands. The MOD beach is very craggy and deserted, a great spot for watching Brent Geese and waders. You will find much military debris around the area such as old firing targets, train tracks, graffiti trains, a lookout tower and several ruined batteries. Plus it is here you can access the fabled tidal path 'The Broomway' and follow it at your peril to Fisherman's Head on Foulness Island.



The local football team Great Waking Rovers play in the Isthmian League First Division North. Their home ground Burroughs Park is adjacent to the village recreation ground.

# The Great Waking Parish Plan

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## The Great Waking Parish Plan

The Great Waking Parish Plan Steering Group and the Great Waking Parish Council are two completely separate organisations. The Parish Plan Steering Group is responsible for producing this document and the survey on which it is based. Though both groups each have Great Waking's best interests in mind, it should be noted that the Parish Plan Steering Group operates independently of the Parish Council.

More information on the Great Waking Parish Council can be found on their website [www.greatwaking-pc.gov.uk](http://www.greatwaking-pc.gov.uk).

The Great Waking Parish Plan Steering Group was formed to work with the residents of Great Waking with a view to producing a representative Parish Plan. A separate website has been developed which is dedicated to this ambition. In accordance with overarching aims the Parish Plan should be formed for the Community, by the Community.

In order to find out more please visit the Parish Plan website at [www.greatwakingparishplan.org.uk](http://www.greatwakingparishplan.org.uk).

## The Steering Group

The Steering Group are all volunteers and are:

Laurie Street - Chairman  
Marion Sawyer - Secretary and Treasurer  
Deborah Hitchman - Vice Chair  
Phil Hitchman - Website  
Margaret Flynn - Minutes Recorder  
Daniel Efde - Publicity Officer

## Why do we need a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is an ideal way to set out what people think about the area they live in - what's good, what's bad and what needs to be changed to ensure it's a great place to live. Creating a Parish Plan is a step towards making sure that your community is one where everyone enjoys a good quality of life - and that you and your family will continue to enjoy into the future.

The Parish Plan provides a structure that will:

- Reflect the views of all sections of the community
- Identify features and local characteristics that people value
- Identify local needs and opportunities
- Set out a vision of how people want their community to develop and improve both in the present and the future
- Include an Action Plan to achieve this vision (see separate document)

The Steering Group has gathered your views from the completed questionnaires on how the community sees the future of the 'village', what is good, what is bad, how the good can be made better and how the bad can be made very much better. This forms the content of this publication.



# The Survey explained

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## How the survey information was gathered and interpreted



The Parish Plan Survey Questionnaire was distributed to 2,500 local households. Great Wakering residents were informed of the survey via six separate leaflet drops, community open days and at a variety of additional public events.

Sufficient responses were received to enable meaningful progress. Respondents were free to not answer questions that they were not interested in – so inevitably even within a section it cannot be assumed that each question was answered by an identical number of respondents.

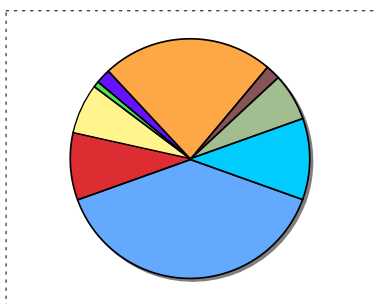
At the Parish Plan Steering Group's discretion a very small number of incomplete/unclear responses, or where the number of responses were so small as to make the data unreliable, were dropped from the final analysis to save print and administration costs. However, every effort has been made to retain as much useful information as possible.

Besides answering the questions which have been translated into charts there were a very large number of comments. To have included all of these in the document would have doubled its size so we have not reproduced every individual comment in this document. This particularly applies when many different people have expressed the same view. However, you may be reassured that all views have been counted and the general weight of opinion has been recorded. The full comments will be available on the website in due course. No attempt has been made to influence the direction of opinion shown in this document.

Various methods of presenting the survey feedback data were tried in order to make the information as broadly accessible as possible. We finally settled on the use of coloured charts accompanied by written comments, as the most easily generated and simple method.

## Data Protection Privacy

The Data Protection Act 1998 applies to all information supplied in response to the questionnaires.



A typical example of the type of chart used throughout the survey to record the proportion of votes for each choice. There are two types of questions - multiple choice and single choice. In the case of multiple choice questions no percentages are shown next to the chart.

# Issues of particular concern

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The research gathered in forming The Great Waking Parish Plan showed that many of us share common concerns. For example, the building of additional homes in our neighbourhood is a hot topic, as indeed is the anti-social matter of dog fouling. The issue of Sea Defences is already on the agenda with the appropriate organisations but the Parish Plan feedback will serve to add weight to the need for action. On an optimistic note, the inclusion into the Parish Plan of illustrations by some of our local children reminds us all that whatever we can achieve now will help ensure a better future for generations yet to come.

Many of the responders felt there should be a properly equipped Sports Centre in GW. Due to economic pressures the existing Sports Centre was no longer viable and as a result of the Olympic Legacy a number of sports are available at the Primary School including a Sports Hall, Atrium, two outdoor floodlit hard play courts, sports field, and outdoor heated swimming pool. Facilities at the school have been designed for groups within the community.

Over a third feel that dog fouling is a major problem.

## Education

Some of the responses regarding access to Computers led us to believe that some students did not have access to computers after school, however we found that the Teen Cafe at the Primary School has a suite of its own laptops that the children can use and a homework support group. There is also an after school computer club.

**KES** (King Edmund School) - The library has IT facilities and is open each night after school. Most subject areas are happy to provide support/access for students after school each day if needed. A late bus is provided each day after school at about 15:45 that students may sign up for. They can then stay for up to 90 minutes after the end of the school day and still access free travel home.

## Housing

A number of the replies regarding housing and development are proving difficult to address as they conflict with something called the LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF). This framework has been approved by national government and Rochford District Council who oversee planning matters. It is in response to a national housing shortage whereby all areas are expected to contribute towards sharing more housing.

Having an LDF in place does protect us from excessive over development. Areas where no such LDF is in place such as Castle Point appear to be experiencing a rush of development speculators.

Great Waking has approaching 2,500 houses so it seems we could expect an increase of about 20% over quite a long period of time.

After years of debate and consultation plus a Planning



Inspectors investigation Great Waking has been allocated a total of 250 units to be built on two areas in the green belt to the western end of Great Waking (see map Appendix A Figure 15). This comprises land to the east of Star Lane and south of the High Street and that between Southend Road and Barrow Hall Road. This may increase as previously there was a cap of 5% over and above the 250 dwellings, which has been removed by the Government Inspector. This development is scheduled post 2021.

In addition a planning application has been approved for 116 dwellings for the former brown field Brickworks site on Star Lane (see map Appendix A Figure 3). However this should be seen in the light of the significant changes made to the original Star Lane plan. The initial plan for 140 dwellings has been reduced to 116, together with major changes to safety and aesthetics – due to the efforts of your District and Parish Councillors, the officers of the District and you the residents/community.

Also the present industrial estate (see map Appendix A Figure 3) is zoned for possible re-development for housing. This may or may not happen but could increase the number of new dwellings.

Therefore we are likely to end up with about 400 units, but it could be about 450 units if the industrial estate is re-developed.

This makes it difficult for us to recommend no development or even only a very small amount of new building.

## Sea Defences

The issue of Sea Defences will continue with the appropriate agencies and organisations.





# Amenities

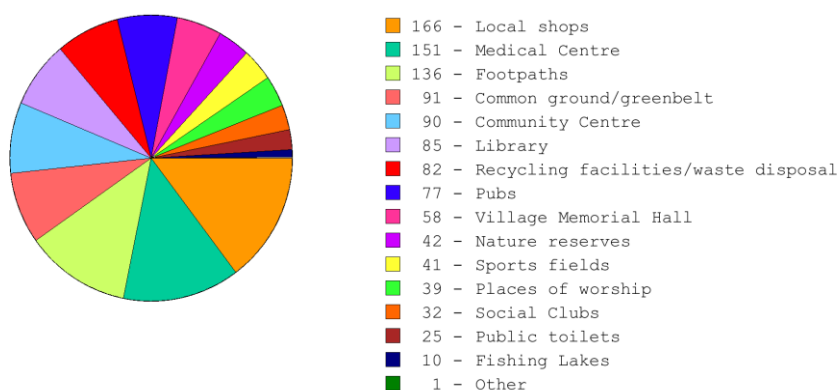
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This section will explore Great Waking residents' views of local facilities. 186 responses were received on this topic and the percentage votes are taken from those valid submissions.

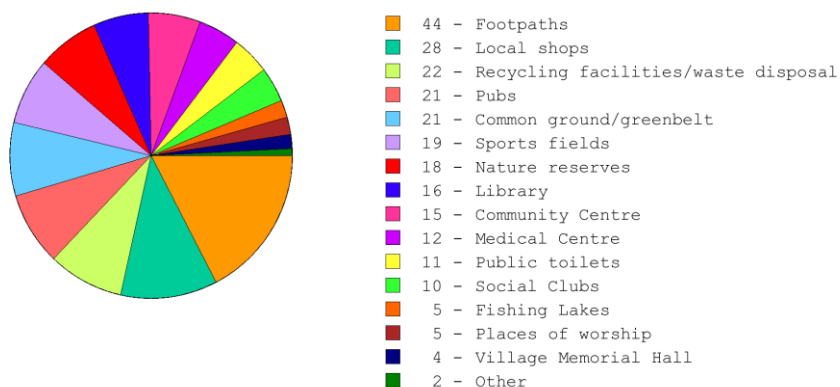
**Overview:** More than 80% of respondents use local shops and the medical centre while 5% use the fishing lakes. 24% of respondents believe that footpaths could be improved and 92% would like to see salt-grit boxes introduced during winter months.

There has been no shortage of suggestions for further facilities to be introduced – almost half of Great Waking residents think more local facilities are needed. Ideas include evening classes, an NHS dentist, a leisure centre, a bank, a swimming pool, a youth club and public conveniences.

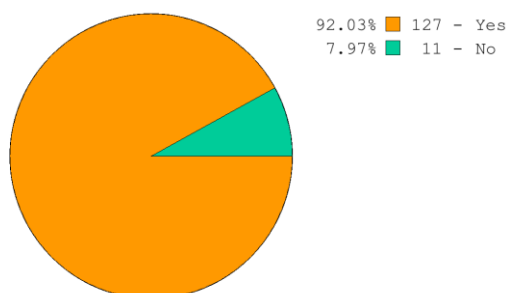
What facilities do you use in the village?



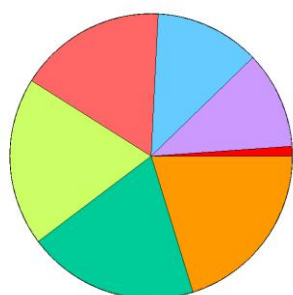
Could any of the following facilities be improved?



Would you like to see salt boxes reintroduced to the village for winter months?

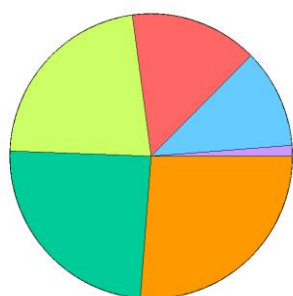


What other facilities would you like to see in the village?



- 91 - NHS Dentist
- 88 - More facilities for youngsters
- 86 - Leisure centre
- 76 - Adult education/evening classes
- 54 - Restaurant
- 50 - Petrol Station
- 5 - Other

How should the facilities for children and teenagers be improved?



- 86 - Youth club
- 80 - Clubs
- 73 - Outdoor activities
- 48 - Skate board park
- 37 - Evening classes
- 4 - Other

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## Community Views and Comments

**Q: What facilities do you use in the village?**

St. Nicholas Church Hall where we meet once a month for Messy Church. ***This is a children's club which is excellent!*** Pubs, Local shops, Footpaths. ***There are no public toilets!***

**Q: Please comment on specific areas of improvements you'd like to see to local facilities**

***Medical Centre - more facilities.*** Library more computers. ***We need a sports centre.*** I would like to see some Dog Poo bins put on the Common. As dog poo can be seen all over the place on the Common on the ground. Another dog Poo bin would be useful on Little Waking Hall Lane, near the houses at the end of the Lane. ***Cleaning up of fishing lakes, dog poo bins, general rubbish bins and maintenance of footpaths.*** Outside of pubs cleared of weeds, made to look more welcoming. ***Toilets available at the recreation ground for play area and footballers.*** Skate Park at rec. Library needs to stay open longer. The Community Centre could do with being spruced up a bit! I would like to see the verges better maintained. ***Church to have its grass cut regularly and clock mended.*** Cycle paths. ***Better footpath signage and more footpaths.*** Footpaths uneven and overgrown. ***There are currently no waste disposal facilities in Great Waking.*** Sports field. Medical Centre - increase parking. Library - Opening hours revert to Tues pm. ***Medical surgery is too busy and appointments are too difficult to get when you need them booked in advance! Medical Centre in need of more car parking.*** The council need to open the

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“Access inside and outside for disabled in St. Nicholas Church Hall... bad.”

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recreation sports centre - this would provide access to all year round sports facilities for children, as well as providing basic essentials like toilets for those playing.

**Q: Would you like to see salt boxes reintroduced to the village for winter months?**

I have been asking for these for some time. The foot paths become impassable. *High street is salted but paths and side roads can be very dangerous*, especially for elderly. Side roads are extremely dangerous.

**Q: What other facilities would you like to see in the village?**

Waking is sadly short of trees. More/bigger non-kerbside recycling bins. *We need a bank*. Re-opening of the closed leisure centre. *More for toddlers/pre-schoolers and mums*. Swimming pool. *Access inside and outside for disabled in St. Nicholas Church Hall exceptionally bad*.

**Q: How should the facilities for children and teenagers be improved?**

The teen café project supports most of these. I know Waking School does a lot for kids in the area, however I think there should be other places added. However these places should not be allowed to become a hangout for anti-social behaviour. *Unfortunately, the facilities of shelters provided for the youngsters at the Sports Centre have been vandalised so why should the Council provide more money to see it wasted*. A skate park would end up being vandalised which is a shame as I'm sure other children would use it. *Ask the kids and their parents*.



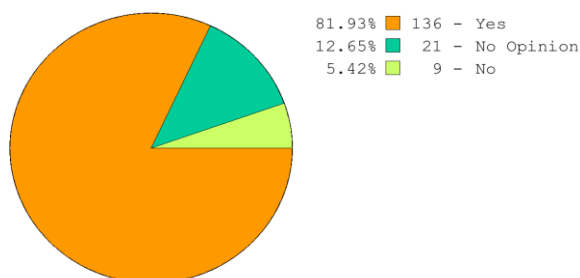
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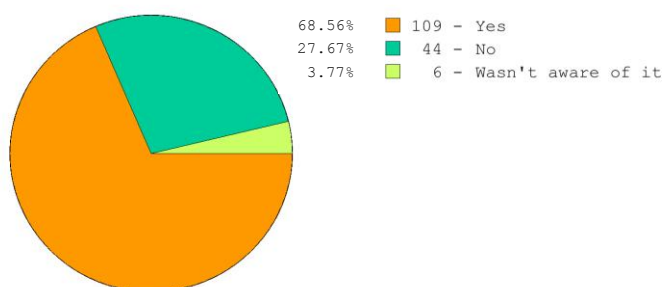
Here we look at the views of the village community and ask what could be done to enhance local living. 254 valid submissions were received. **Overview:** The majority of respondents – just over 80% - have concerns over the preservation of boundaries and space between Great Waking and neighbouring towns and villages. Over half of respondents would be interested in a village market, fairs, shows and sports. Almost one third of respondents would like village Christmas lights and a community Christmas tree.

Over half of respondents feel that the Community Magazine is a good source of information. The majority feel safe walking in the village and over half would like to know more about the Parish Council.

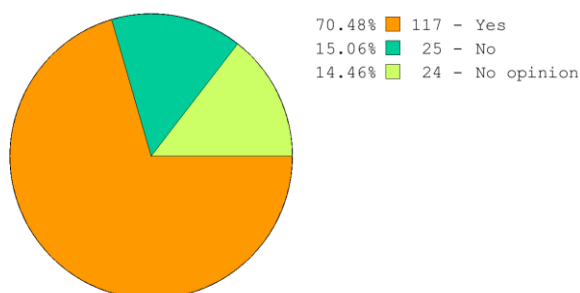
Are you concerned about preserving boundaries and spaces between neighbouring towns and villages?



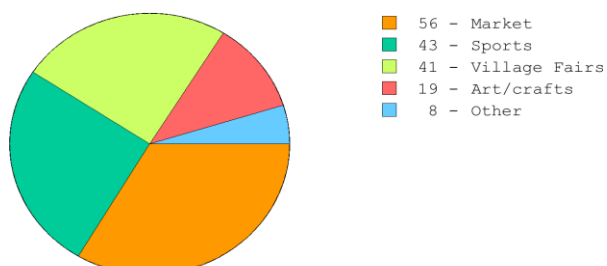
Do you, or are you likely to use the community centre?



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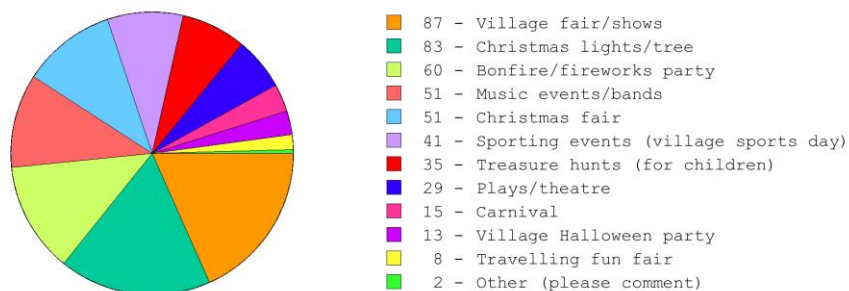


Are there any community activities you are interested in that are not catered for?



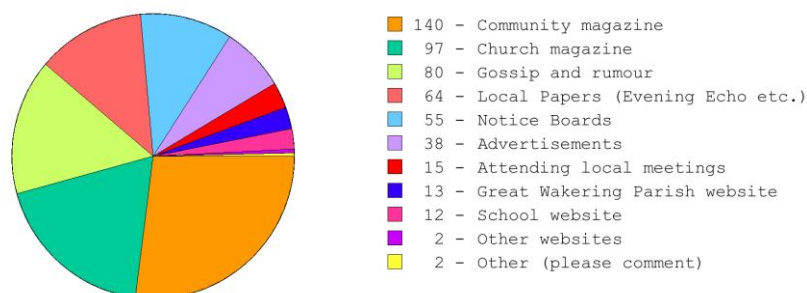
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Are there any other events or celebrations you would like to see in the village?



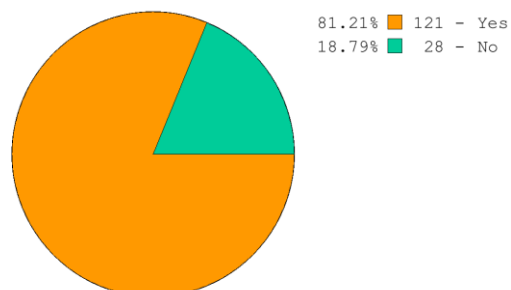

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How do you find out what is happening in the village?



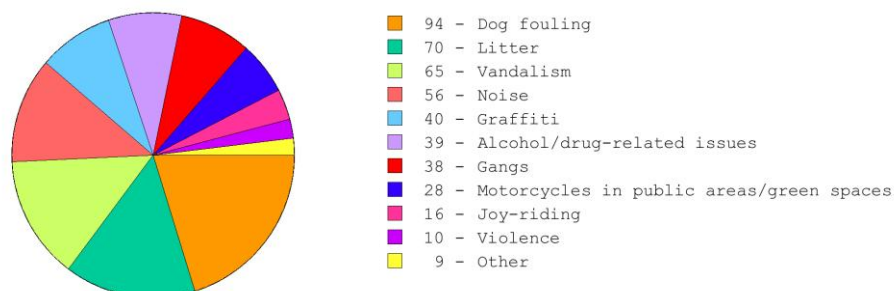

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Do you feel safe when walking around the village, particularly at night?




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Are you aware of any anti-social problems in and around the village?



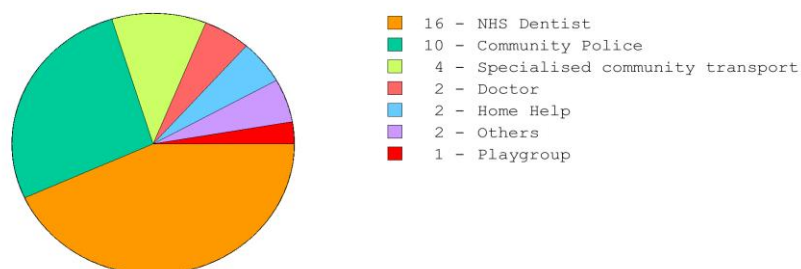


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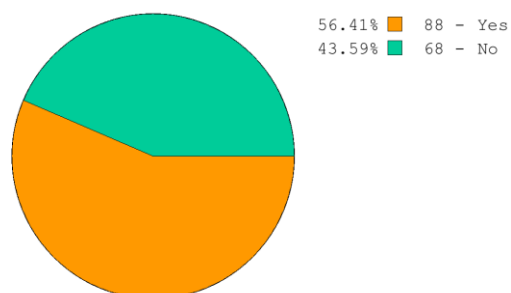
**Are you satisfied with the following services in Great Waking**



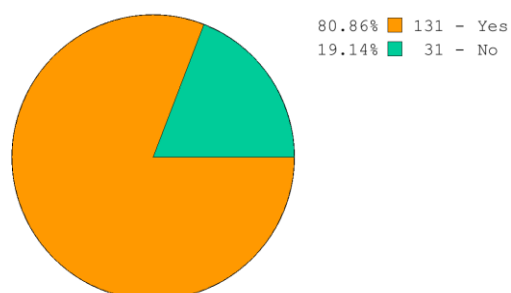
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**Are you experiencing difficulty obtaining any of these services?**


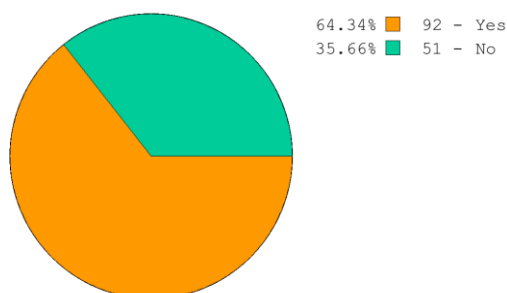

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**Do you know what Great Waking Parish Council does?**


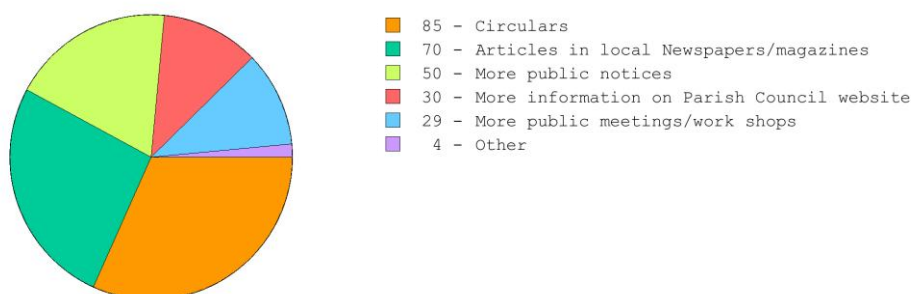

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**Do you know where the parish council offices are?**


Would you like to know more about what they do?



How do you think the Parish Council could better communicate with the community about what they are doing and what services they provide?



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## Community Views and Comments

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**"Notice" ability could be improved.**

**Q: Are there any community activities you are interested in that are not catered for?**

More local evening education classes so day-time & shift workers can attend. Stained Glass, Community events, Book club, Local walks with an informed guide, Cycling in the area and surrounding areas, Local history, Police panel membership, Theatre, a local farmers market, Community craft time, like sewing and cross stitch and knitting, a skateboard park at the Rec. Gymnasium. **Would like to play table tennis one or two mornings a week.** Happy to pay a few pounds per hour for this, Senior Citizen Clubs. What happened to the village fete? I always went as a child everyone got involved. **Would be nice to see more evening classes in community centre.** Auctions at the Community Centre. These were enjoyable and beneficial. It will be good if these were to resume. Playgroups for younger children/babies and toddlers, Safe cycle track for children/bmx track, **Not enough facilities for young children and more especially young adults 16 -21 age group.** Village fairs and Markets are a good way in bringing people together when I was young in the village everyone spoke about the fair. **Sports Centre should be extended, revamped and reopened to enable villagers to take up sport, gym, swimming activities without having to drive out of the village.** Volunteer work such as rubbish clearing.

"....Something to introduce people"

"Christmas Procession and Lights through the village."

"My son... said he would love a village treasure hunt and travelling fun fair!"

"As a child we all loved the carnival and village fair... It helped the village to come together."

"The community centre magazine is very informative..."

"Sometimes I feel safe and others I am aware of possible threats"

"...stopped going to the Co-op in the evenings ...because she feels intimidated..."

"...So we stay indoors and feel isolated."

**Q: Are there any other events or celebrations you would like to see in the village?**

Use the sports centre land for more community activities. Sadly, I don't know anyone in Waking. **Something to introduce people???** One organised bonfire on one date, not all over the village over the period of two weeks. **Christmas Procession and Lights through the village. My 7 year old son helped me to fill in the questionnaire and said he would love a village treasure hunt and travelling fun fair!** Christmas is my favourite time in Great Waking and it would be lovely to have Christmas lights and a Christmas tree. **We have virtually nothing. Other villages, have a lot more going on. Films in village hall. Litter pick with prizes for most collected. St George's Day. As a child we all loved the carnival and village fair and took part every year. It helped the village to come together.** Classic car/ bus shows.

**Q: How do you find out what is happening in the village?**

Neighbours. **The community centre magazine is very informative and I always keep a copy handy to refer to.** Lots of local news! Large signs hanging up at community centre e.g. horticultural fair. **My parents keep me informed as they are more involved than me.** Leaflets through the door. School Newsletter. Children's Centre.

**Q: Do you feel safe when walking around the village, particularly at night?**

Not sure it is suitable for females or young people. **Sometimes. Always felt safe as a child here but there are youths hanging around in groups and a tramp now.** Dogs not on leads which is very unsettling as I have a toddler with me. Shoebury Road as it's not lit up very well. **Sometimes I feel safe and others I am aware of possible threats.** There was an attempted mugging in broad daylight not long ago which has made me think twice about using any of the public footpaths. Yes, most of the time but now and again when I go through the alley to the Co-op there are groups of youths mainly 12 - 14 years olds who look very intimidating. **At night/evening there are frequently groups of teenagers/young people hanging around the church bus top and the Co-op area, which can be very intimidating if alone or with young children.** Much safer than when we have lived in London. **Used to but not anymore.** There is often a rowdy group of youths hanging around the Co-op or the bus shelter. I have had a 2 pence piece hit me hard on the back of the head when at the ATM on one occasion and often have to walk in the road when they block the foot path. **My wife has stopped going to the Co-op in the evenings entirely because she feels intimidated by the group.** Elderly residents feel intimidated by groups of teenagers hanging around. **So we stay indoors and feel isolated. I've never really felt threatened.** Early evening I do, but not always late at night. **Generally - except for outside the Co-op.** Recreation area can be a problem. **We feel a bit nervous at night and always go by**

"The pathway between Anchor and Conway Ave is dark in winter, also uneven path, very dangerous..."

"Litter/graffiti, Dog fouling is on the increase"

"Parking on the pavements, Noise from local pubs late evening"

"Damage to graves/church windows."



"Drug dealing and taking, takes place over the Rec... drunks in the village!"

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car after dark. During the day we feel very safe. **The street lights especially in the alleyways take months to get fixed. The pathway between Anchor and Conway Ave is dark in winter, also uneven path, very dangerous.eg staff from Co-op have to use this path each night up to 10pm to go home.**

**Q: Are you aware of any anti-social problems in and around the village?**

Graffiti. **Dog fouling. Litter/graffiti** education at local school with children litter picking in and around village to make them more aware. **Dog fouling is on the increase.** I have noticed this as I power walk around the roads of Wakering on a regular basis. Naming and shaming works although it's not always deemed politically correct!! I have reported the disgusting graffiti in the alley by Marsh the butchers shop. Rochford council said the wall was listed and couldn't be cleaned off! **Me and my neighbours have also seen a man doing his business at the end of our road.** Fields behind Alexandra Road - motorcycles on farm land. **Parking on the pavements.** I feel is not acceptable when nearly every house in my road have got driveways or parking spaces. I see gangs around the village. The lack of curb cleaning. **The weeds are awful and the drains are not cleaned regularly. Large youth groups running up and down the church end of the High Street banging and knocking on doors and windows.** Drunkenness resulting in windows being smashed and a joyriding episode ending in the wall outside 2a High Street being demolished. Last night a window was broken in a house by about 4 young boys and the police were called. **Noise from local pubs late evening.** Parish webcams that can be accessed from the website might help monitor these activities. **Damage to graves/church windows.** When I walk the dog up the Recreation Ground, I sometimes see some 'dodgy' groups of youths/men black and white in the afternoon. I have never seen them do anything wrong yet but they arrive in cars and hang around the car park. They look out of place but have never confronted me. They just look suspicious! Maybe it just me!!! **I wouldn't want my grandchildren alone in the park.** I do find it concerning as the King Edmund children are home so early from school. **Light needed down the alley at the Co-op** as this may stop them hanging around the alley. **No police presence one drive through at around 8pm and the children know when they are coming and hide.** Group of girls outside the Co-op can be noisy & offensive. **One car yellow/grey which roars through village is a problem.** Large groups of children congregate on bench late at night on corner of Lee Lotts. Yelling climbing lamp post and lots of **litter. Drug dealing and taking, takes place over the Rec... drunks in the village!** My car and my daughter's car have been vandalised near church area where youths cannot be seen attacking vehicles. My house has been painted and sprayed on. Not sure what to do, no police presence plus mind-set of youngsters. **It would be nice to have at least one bin down New Rd to stop cans and rubbish in the hedges. It would be good to have a doggy bin also.** Dog fouling - we need more education and public awareness. **The Anchor Inn often has its street side doors open weekend evenings, sharing loud music and karaoke with the**

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village. Violence is often caused outside the community centre in the evening by local school kids to each other and they have also destroyed my friend's property. There needs to be police around there to deter them. **Some kids that live a few doors along that have thrown things at our windows and caused a lot of various nuisance to other neighbours. Also one of our neighbours has now had 3 different cars vandalised.** He even caught one young lad who had caused thousands of pounds of damage and telephoned the police but the boy got off with no punishment at all! The waste collection vehicles and staff frequently drop litter from the wheelie bins during their collections **speed of vehicles along Shoebury Road, is becoming increasingly more dangerous, especially when trying to cross the road with my young grandchildren. A speed camera is definitely needed!**

Teenagers sitting at the bus stop next to the church and jumping on the churchyard wall or the bus stop itself. They are a bit of a nuisance - sitting there, smoking, leaving litter. **Youngsters hanging around Co-op hassling customers to buy drink and cigarettes on their behalf. The sports field is filthier with litter than dog fouling most Mondays. I filled three shopping [bags] with litter one Monday - it is a disgrace.** There is no excuse because there are litter bins available close by. **Co-op and Fish shop customer litter is an on-going problem.** Graffiti problem now seems to be under control. Large groups of youngsters roaming the village are intimidating, they need somewhere to go and hang out. Loud thudding music from youngsters in Twyford Avenue disturbs every Sunday afternoon and some weekday evenings, they have been warned but have ignored this. **Often woken up between 2 and 3 in the morning by noisy, foul-mouthed teenagers, presumably returning home after clubs; usually Fri/Sat and Sat/Sun.** Youths on motorbikes riding on the footpath beside the fishing lakes up and down to/ from the old brickworks although lately has decreased. **Great Wakering is much better than Southend, but still could be improved, especially around the Common Road where litter constantly blows into the village pond which is in need of maintenance.** More involvement by local schools in teaching pupils ethics and manners from a young age. **The recreational ground gates could be closed at night to save anti-social behaviour and motor cycle use of an evening. Public use the Star Lane LWS (Local Wildlife Site) and adjoining land as a dumping ground for waste and litter.** Children walking home from parties at the top end of Alexandra Road. **A MUCH BETTER PARK!** Dogs fouling owners if found not cleaning up after their dog should be prosecuted. Dog fouling is on the increase despite public awareness of this issue. I have a dog so I witness this on a daily basis especially walking over to the Common. Always lots of rubbish around and outside the Co-op. There is a gang of local youths who are anti-social. They roam the estate smoking cannabis, swearing and indecent behaviour. They know the police can't touch them as they are too young. What can be done about this? Noise from scooters with illegal exhaust systems. Police to enforce. **The level of dog fouling around St Nicholas', Common Rd, Whitehall Rd and High St is awful. I am regularly cleaning it off my children's shoes and scooter's.** We've even had to walk in the road around the church when it was so bad over Christmas. Where the offenders



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are under age the parents should be heavily fined with regards to alcohol and drug related issues. How often does anyone see any pedestrian police presence? ***Maybe have a meeting and invite the teenagers to the meeting. Ask them what they would like to stop the boredom as this is what youngsters/teenagers seem to have a lot of nowadays.*** A lot of damage was done on our recreation ground on 31st October 2012. There are two big gates where the entrance is to stop that sort of damage - those gates could be closed each evening at dusk - ***very drastic action but can stop cars from getting into the recreation ground.***

#### **Q: Are you satisfied with the following services in Great Woking**

Too many weeds on pathways and in roadside kerbs. Not enough appears to be done to reduce these. This makes the area look untidy and run down. ***It would be helpful if Conway Avenue could be gritted when it snows. The road is very busy and is icy for days or weeks and extremely dangerous. Pavements are falling apart. I broke my toe on one last summer. My neighbour called the council they said they will do it as an H&S priority still hasn't been done.*** Lived here 34years never seen a road cleared during snow. ***I do not think there are enough litter bins in the High Street.*** The street cleaning and maintenance of roads and footpaths could be better. ***The footpath beside the Anchor pub leading to Conway Ave is in a very bad state. It is very dangerous walking through there especially with a pushchair.*** When I notice a street light not working I phone the council which almost immediately gets it replaced

***There are not enough dog poo bins around the village, more so on the Common.*** We need at least 2-3 bins on the Common. More on the High Street, one at Star Lane, one in the middle and one near the church, one is needed at the start of Star Lane. It would be nice to have a couple of seats on the Common. Metal ones, they can't get burnt. ***Snow clearance on roads, Pavement maintenance. Footpath in High Street on North side from Little Woking Corner to Brougham Close is dangerous due to camber.*** My main concerns, which are only of late, are pavement maintenance, footpaths, Common ground, grass cutting - open spaces, verge maintenance. Pretty good really. Not happy with council trying to opt out of maintaining the PARISH churchyard. ***Did not know we had a Salt Bag Scheme.*** Pavement maintenance very poor outside old people's home near butchers. The mention of action on the snow is a joke surely just ask the local MP his reply "it's not his problem". ***Appalled that had to cut grass for friend's wedding!*** Snow clearance on New Road has been inadequate in the past few years resulting in us walking and using public transport. ***The children's play area in Glebe Close is usually a complete mess. The pot holes at the end of Seaview Drive at its junction with Shoebury Road are a danger to us cyclists. I nearly fell from my cycle last week.*** Too much illegal parking on grass verges, churning them up and blocking vision especially being unable to see cyclists.

Snow on paths and roads in the winter is never cleared and for

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"Never hear or see much from the Council themselves."

the last two winters has been a treacherous safety hazard. ***Ice has been so bad outside my home that I am unable to leave the house.*** Post Office not great - ***have lost and mislaid two packets of mine in the last year.*** Local parks are locked I have offered to hold key for Seaview Dr but got no reply. ***The church I have to go through church yard to get to my daughters grave and it is disgusting that you have let the church yard get in the state it is in, there is no excuse and if you and the church cannot sort this problem out I feel that all the parish councillors should resign and people stand that have a pride in the village. We could do with an external bank type cash machine - one that does not charge for conventional withdrawals.*** Street light maintenance - we don't have any. ***No provision for gritting estate roads.*** Driving out to main roads is hazardous. ***The side roads are not attended to at all during snow falls and are a hazards to all users.*** I can't be satisfied with Snow clearance on pavements as I don't think it happens. I can't be satisfied with gritting bins or salt bags because I don't know anything about them. ***What is the 'salt-bag scheme'?*** Maintenance of roads and paths has improved lately. ***The entrance to the Common is an eyesore.*** The church could do with some Maintenance as the grass is well out of control and it shows a lack of respect for the people buried there. ***All excellent service for G/W – thank you.*** High St pavements have many holes - something of a risk for all. ***Need recycling bin for small electrical goods.*** The litter on the Common is getting worse. ***Please take care of the trees in the Churchyard of Great Waking Church with immediate effect they are effecting my peace of mind and enjoyment of my property as well as causing a risk.*** The grass in the small park on Conway is sometimes left too long in between cutting which can make it hard to use. ***Shame library services have been recently cut. Post Office doesn't provide passport service.***

**Q: Are you experiencing difficulty obtaining any of these services?**

***We need a Secondary School, as the village is getting bigger, and more children come into the Gt. Waking.*** No, although it is not often I need a doctor but on the few occasions I have tried to get one I have not been impressed with the service. ***You cannot book an appointment until the day which I find poor in this day and age. Sometimes you want to see a doctor, but if it isn't urgent you can't make an appointment for a couple of days' time. My friend who lives in Rochford seems to have a much improved system - perhaps we could learn something from their routine. The frequency and range of the bus services are poor.*** Particularly when compared with the same services as enjoyed by the residents of Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay. I don't like the doctor's surgery here, so we are all with Shoebury Health Centre on Campfield Road which is far better in my opinion. ***Are there any Community Police?*** Difficult to make an appointment when you are working and with the doctor you want. ***Bus to Asda.*** Have real trouble getting doctor's appointments, as they are too busy and receptionists make it difficult to book appointments in advance, which you need to do when you work full-time doing shift work. ***There is no dental practice in Waking.***

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“By organising more community events and trying to engage with the cross section of our community.”

“... updates in Community Magazine are good.”

“More public notices in the shops not just on the noticeboards.”



There is little evidence of police presence in Wakering. Waiting list for Pre-school sessions we'd like to tie in with working days/hours. Community police waste of space and money

**Q: Do you know what Great Wakering Parish Council does?**

Yes, but it doesn't seem to make any difference! From attending 2 meetings they seem pretty powerless and ineffective if they have no personal experience of the matter in hand. *I know what I read on the website and in other publications.* Only really heard about you last year at the Farmers Market but think the Great Wakering Parish Plan is a great idea. *Never hear or see much from the Council themselves.* Not entirely. *I am not sure what the Parish Council cover and what is Rochford Council's responsibility.* Make a load of excuses and doesn't care less. Having been involved for several years with R.D.C's standards committee you don't seem to be very well advertised!

**Q: How do you think the Parish Council could better communicate with the community about what they are doing and what services they provide?**

Make pc website interesting and relevant to community. *By organising more community events and trying to engage with the cross section of our community.* *Circulars - It does look like an old boys' club.* Use of email rather than newsletters. Time to move with the times. E.g. I would like to pay my allotment rent via bank payments. I struggle to find a cheque book to pay currently. Cheques are out of date. *Get a Twitter account and Tweet about the activities you are doing.* *Regular updates in Community Magazine are good.* There needs to be a more active engagement with local residents. Maybe link up with the community magazine so it provides a single source for information to the community. *More public notices in the shops not just on the noticeboards.* Just keep spreading the word and some of the information will eventually sink in. *Circulars including email. Also updating the website.*



# Economy

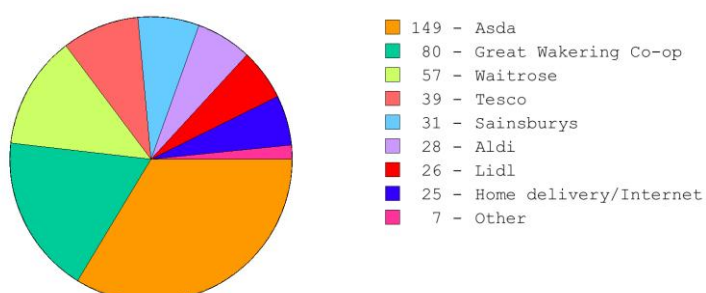
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In this section we focus on local shops and shopping. 224 valid submissions were received on this topic.

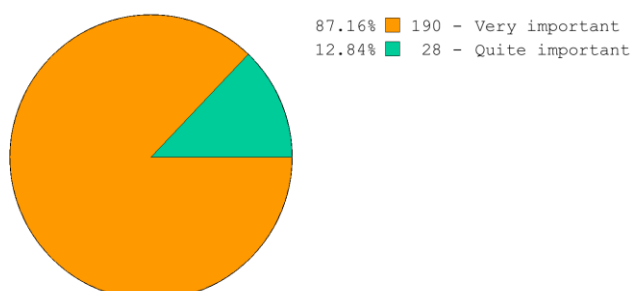
**Overview:** 87% of respondents feel that village shops are important – almost 75% use the village Post Office while 83% regularly use the Co-op. 66% of respondents shop at Asda.

Local shoppers enjoy convenient, friendly services and a sense of community interaction. The downside is apparently restricted options (no DIY shop, no fishmonger), less variety and higher prices. Approximately half of respondents feel that Village Fairs or a Market day would help the local economy. The Parish and District Council have been cited as potential champions to assist and guide further business development.

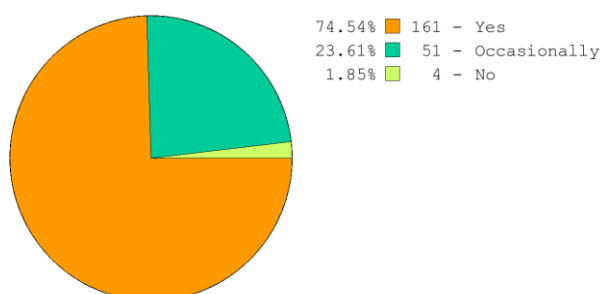
## Where do you do your major food shop?



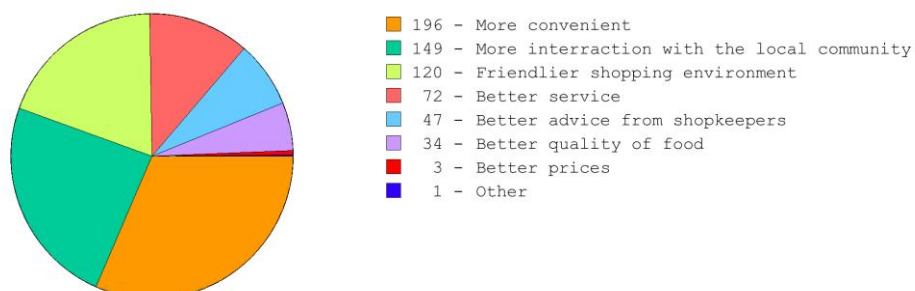
## How important is it to have shops in the village?



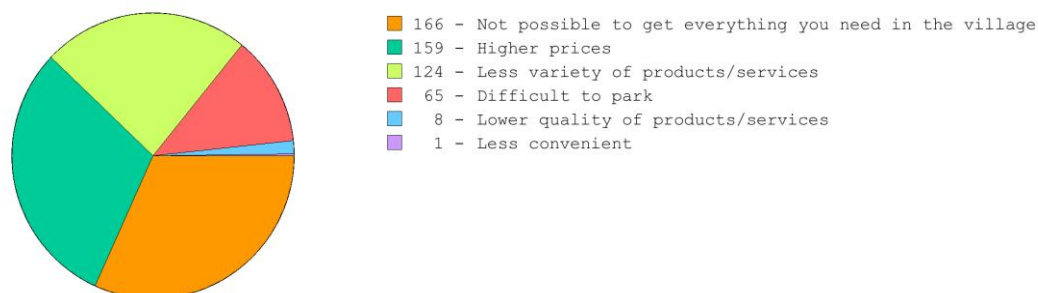
## Do you use the post office in Great Waking?



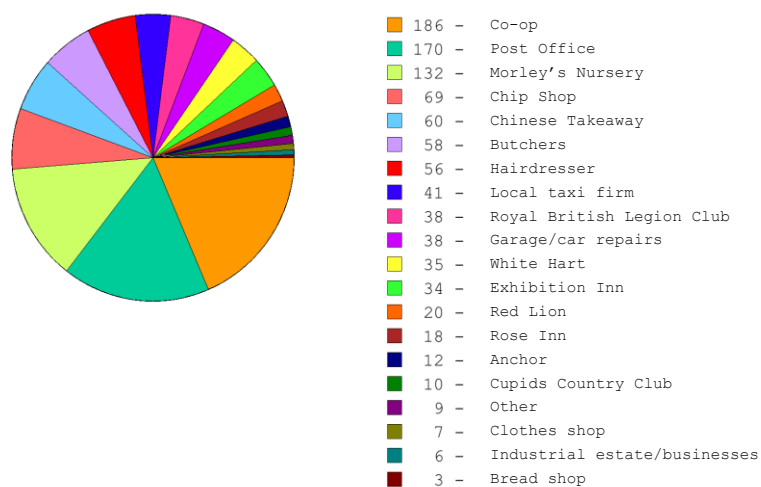
What do you think are the main benefits of using local shops (as opposed to large supermarkets etc.)?



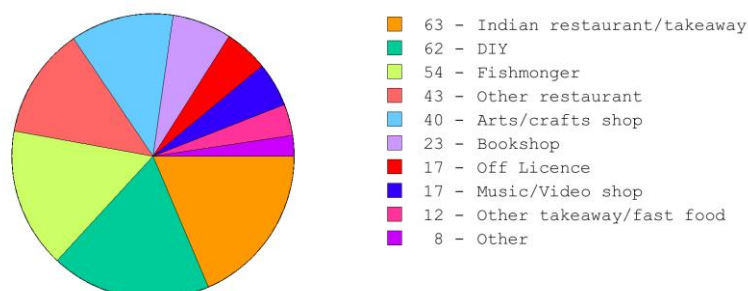
What do you think are the main disadvantages of using local shops?



Which of these shops/services do you use regularly?



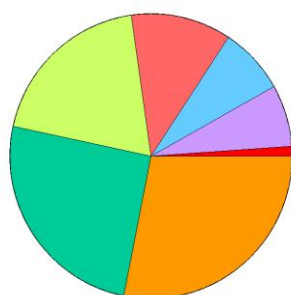
What other businesses/services would you like to see?





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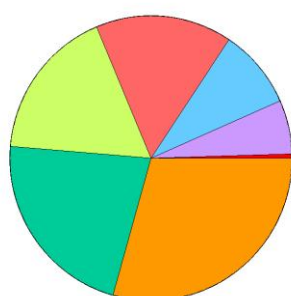
### How do you think we could attract more trade into the village?



- 100 - Village fair
- 90 - Waking trade shows/farmers' markets
- 69 - Better advertising of local shops and pubs (newspapers etc.)
- 41 - Local radio advertising
- 27 - Sports days
- 25 - Internet advertising
- 4 - Other

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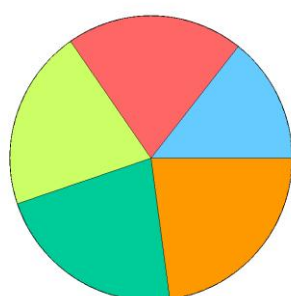
### What other improvements could be made to improve the local economy?



- 120 - Village market day
- 90 - More shops and more variation
- 71 - Transport improvements
- 64 - Better parking
- 37 - Investment in shop fronts and signage
- 25 - Better access to delivery vehicles
- 2 - Other

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### How could the Parish and District Council help to improve the local economy?



- 97 - Help and advice to local businesses
- 93 - Lower business rates
- 87 - More investment in local businesses
- 86 - Improvements to infrastructure (transport/parking etc.)
- 61 - Assistance with business loans/underwriting of business loans

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## Community Views and Comments

### Q: What other businesses/services would you like to see?

**Bank.** Petrol Station. I think any other businesses would struggle in the village. **Greengrocer, larger Bakers and enlarge Co-op Supermarket.**

### Q: How do you think we could attract more trade into the village?

**Rochford Matters delivered to residents of Waking has nothing ever about Waking. It's like we are the "forgotten race".** Rather annoying as we pay Council Tax to Rochford. **Vouchers in local papers.** Special offers - discount vouchers. **Better parking facilities for shops.** Set up Parish Council run

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“Village fair - Used to be a money spinner.”

“A shame that we have to go to Canewdon, Paglesham etc. for open days, open gardens, village fetes etc.”

“business advice and support. Do people know what businesses exist here?”

website for local businesses to advertise. **Village fair - Used to be a money spinner.** In my opinion trade would always be local as people don't travel through Wakering and there are very few workplaces in the village. The shops aren't varied enough to encourage trade from elsewhere. **Lower business rates**

**Q: What other improvements could be made to improve the local economy?**

**Just make an effort like the other villages around here do. A shame that we have to go to Canewdon, Paglesham etc. for open days, open gardens, village fetes etc. Wakering is very poor in comparison.**

**Q: How could the Parish and District Council help to improve the local economy?**

**Genuine business advice and support. Do people know what businesses exist here? No comment - because don't know what they do now.** Make the village more appealing, get scruffy places improved such as Old fire station, a listed building? A travesty!



# Education

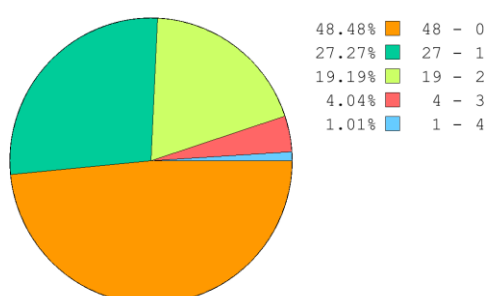
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This section considers schools and learning from the parents' perspective. 111 valid submissions were received.

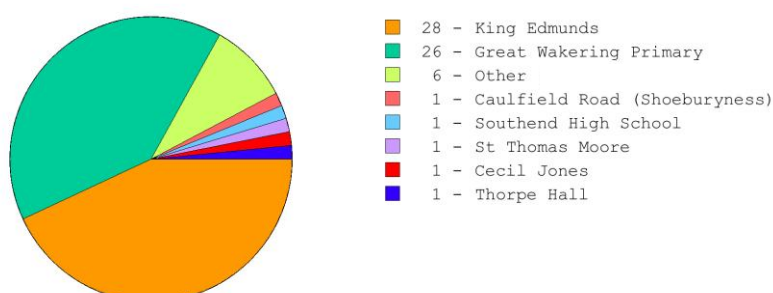
**Overview:** The children of the majority of those who responded attend King Edmunds School or Great Waking Primary. 50% of respondents think that their child's school is large enough with plenty of places available. While the majority of respondents feel that getting to school is easy, 60% think that the walking bus should be re-established.

Over half of respondents say that the range of subjects and the quality of teaching is good. 88% think that a school uniform should be mandatory. 58% would like to have a secondary school in the village while 74% would recommend their child's school to others.

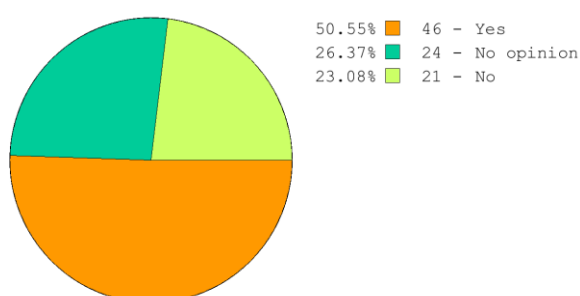
How many children in your household go to school?



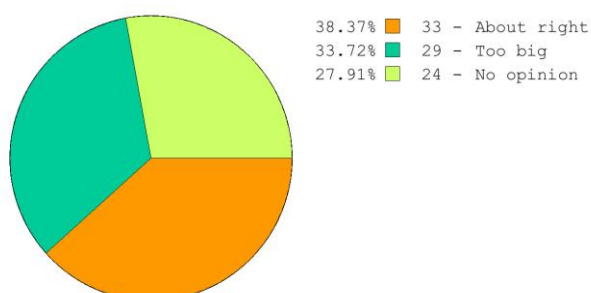
Which school(s) do they attend?



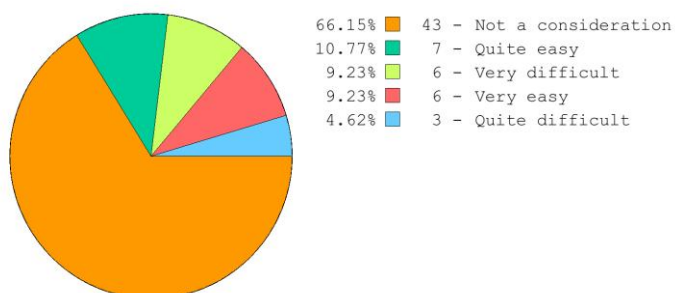
Do you think the school is big enough? (Are there plenty of places available?)



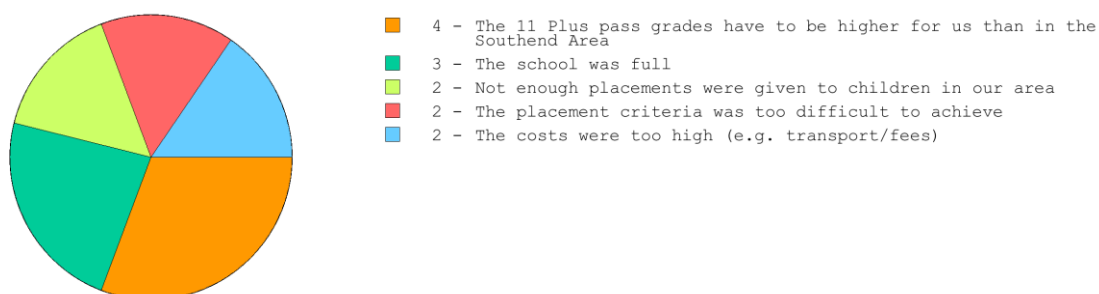
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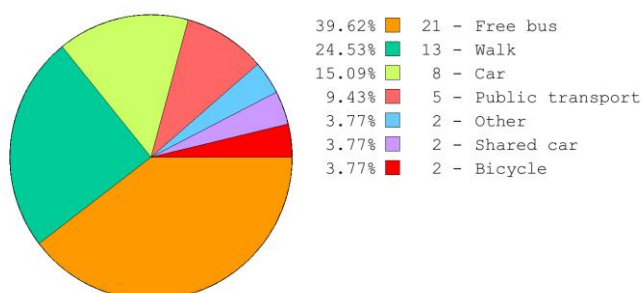
In the last 5 years, if your child was seeking education in a school other than Great Woking Primary or King Edmunds, how easily were you able to find the placement you required?



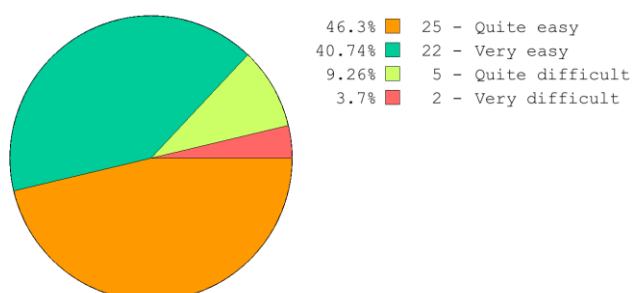
If you had difficulty in finding a suitable placement, why was that?



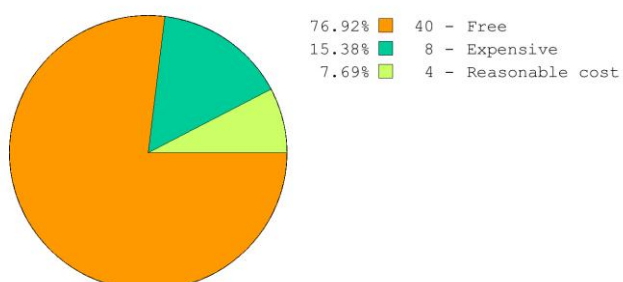
How does your child get to school?



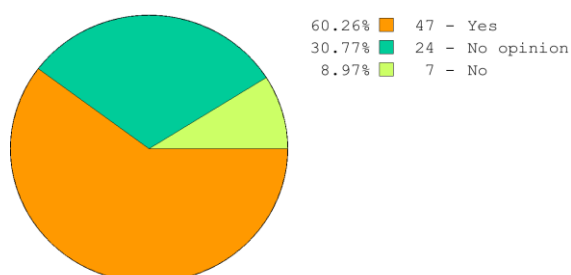
How easy is it to get to school?



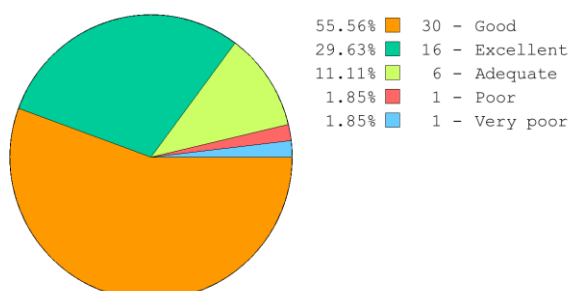
How costly is it to get to school?



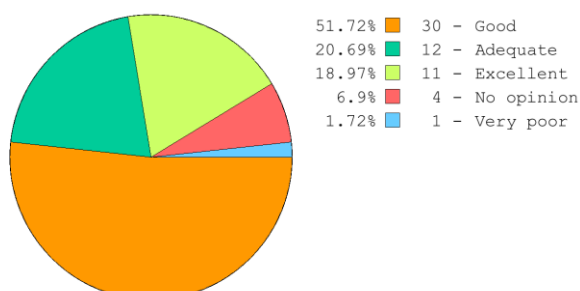
Do you think the "walking" bus should be re-established?



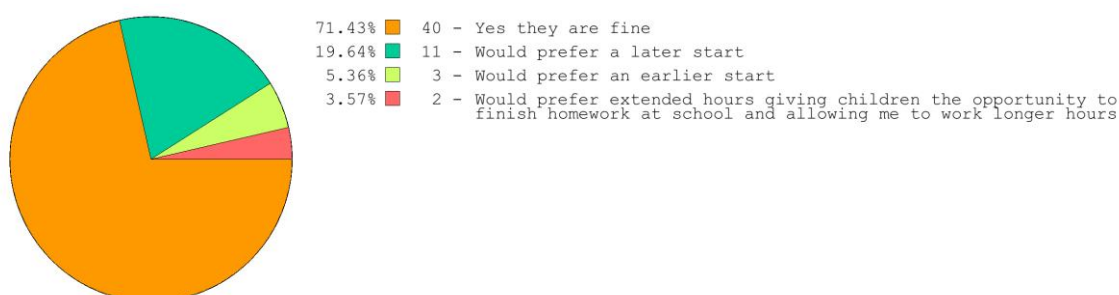
How do you feel about the range of subjects covered at your child's school(s)?



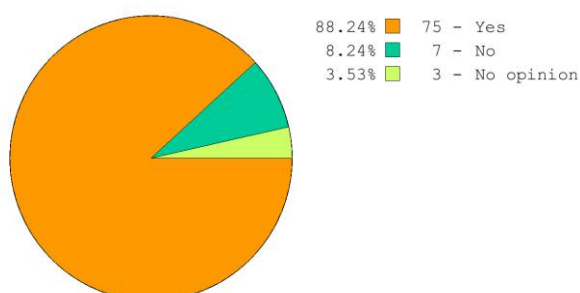
How do you find the quality of teaching at your child's school (generally)?



Do you think the school's start and end times are OK?



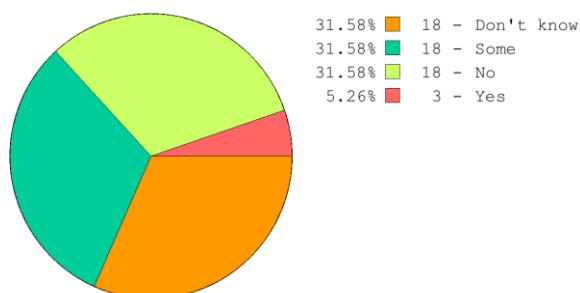
Do you think a school uniform should be mandatory?





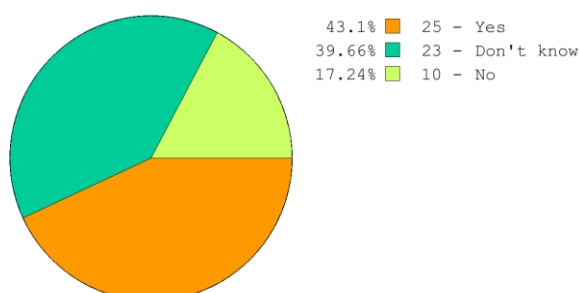
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**Is there a problem with bullying at your child's school?**



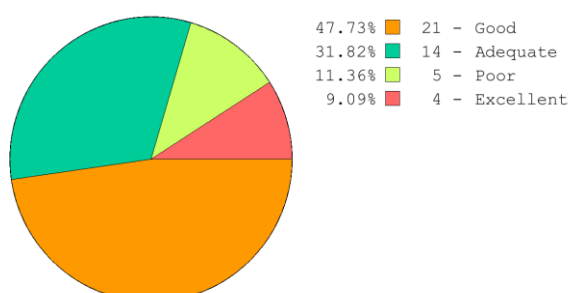

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**Is there adequate mentoring for new starters or higher/lower achievers at your child's school?**



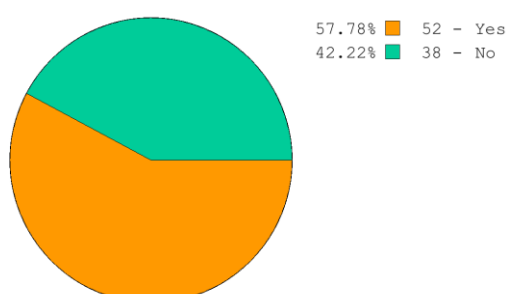

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**What do you think of the school meals at your child's school?**




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**Do you think we should have a secondary school in the village?**



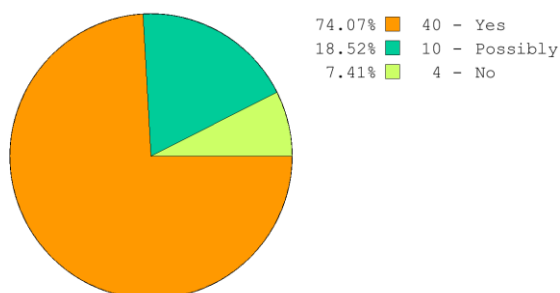

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**Which of the following subjects, if any, are not covered adequately at your child's school?**



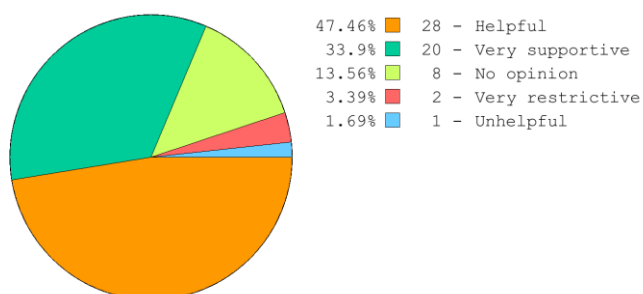
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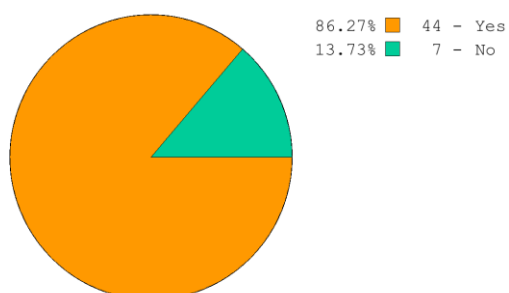

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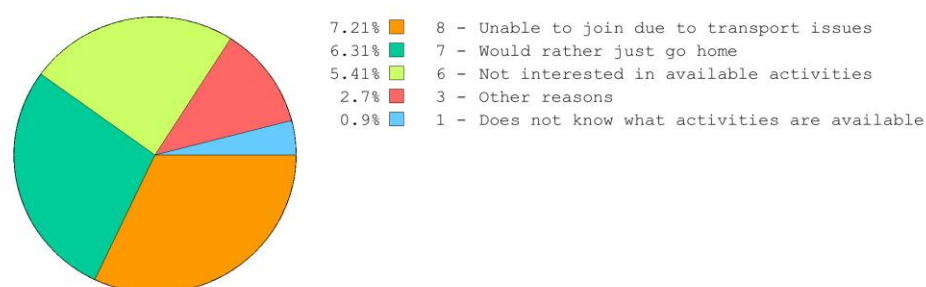

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Are there plenty of extra-curricular activities at your child's school?



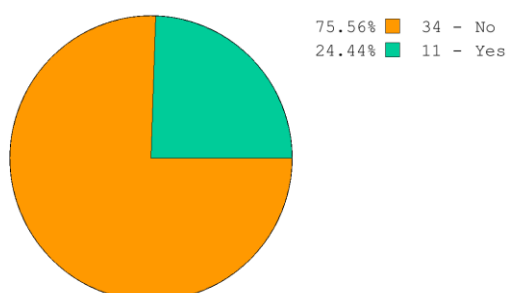

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If your child does not take part in extra-curricular activities please explain why.




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Are there any subjects that you took as a child, which are no longer taught but you feel would be useful?



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Primary School can take 420 has 380 - **some years no spaces.** Great Waking Primary school has vacant places which the additional housing development planned is intended to help secure for the long term. **The school in Great Waking is already huge for a primary school and should not take any more expansion. Barling School should be expanded along with its catchment area.** Only just enough at moment - **not room for new families moving into new developments.**

**Q: How do you feel about the class sizes?**

**But smaller would be better.** Too big in primary school for the size of the class rooms - sometimes it is very squashed in the rooms with the tables - and when the whole class are in, it is not a nice environment and quite congested. **A lot of children in the classes have special needs including my son and we have found there is just too many children in the class for him to get the attention which they agreed to.** Both my children have been in low birth rate years so not affected by large class sizes as yet.

**Q: In the last 5 years, if your child was seeking education in a school other than Great Waking Primary or King Edmunds, how easily were you able to find the placement you required?**

My son went to Alleyn Court Nursery so we had to pay because we weren't very impressed with the nurseries around here. He then attended St. Georges Primary School for a short while because Great Waking Primary School had quite a bad name and we had to attend church for 3 years! **Originally at a different school and could not get into Great Waking Primary even though in catchment as our child's year group was full and still is with a waiting list. We were told to go to schooling further out!**

**Q: If you had difficulty in finding a suitable placement, why was that?**

**Bright children in Waking are disadvantaged, even if they pass the 11+ they can still be overlooked and the place allocated to a Southend person!** This is wrong and makes me VERRRRRRY angry. Our children are not given the opportunities just because they live 2 miles in the wrong direction

**Q: How does your child get to school?**

**Sometimes walks, sometimes by car.** One goes by car, the other

by contract bus. Free bus Essex Community Services provide bus transportation

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"as it does not give enough time for the school children to get the bus home again. The 8am bus does not go to Asda so a long walk ..."

"I would not have to worry about getting to work on time then and my child would definitely walk every day."

"I am very happy with KES and the standard is high and my children are progressing well at the primary school"

"King Edmund could easily start half hour later, giving all the family a better lifestyle."

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**Q: How easy is it to get to school?**

***The time they start at King Edmund is a joke. Home at 14.30!*** is the reason they start early just to enable the private bus company to be able to double up and supply two schools? Long route crossing into Southend borough. ***Only because free bus is provided.*** My granddaughter just about gets to school on time. ***A bus at that time needs to go to Asda. Also it needs to get to Asda about 5-10 minutes later than it already does which is 3.11pm, as it does not give enough time for the school children to get the bus home again. The 8am bus does not go to Asda so a long walk has to be made from North Shoebury roundabout.***

**Q: Do you think the "walking" bus should be re-established?**

***Definitely, the children and their parents are getting lazy and large. I would not have to worry about getting to work on time then and my child would definitely walk every day.***

**Q: How do you find the quality of teaching at your child's school generally?**

Issues due to teachers leaving and new headmistress implementing difficult regimes.

***I am very happy with KES and the standard is high and my children are progressing well at the primary school.*** Depends on who is the teacher.

**Q: Do you think the school's start and end times are OK?**

***King Edmund could easily start half hour later, giving all the family a better lifestyle.*** KES has a lot of time to spare when home at the end of the day. Also problems with youngsters going out in dark am to get the bus. ***Good provision of kids club and hobby clubs at Great Wakering Primary School.*** We already use the Kids Club and I think there is good after school provision and breakfast club.

**Q: Do you think a school uniform should be mandatory?**

Yes. It stops families from being singled out and competition between children over who has the latest designs etc. All children become equal. It looks smart. No, because it cost too much. ***You should have a choice of where to buy it to keep cost down.*** I believe a uniform gives a child a sense of belonging at a school. A child in school uniform would also be easier to identify if they had committed a crime and/or anti-social behaviour/nuisance.



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"I must admit before my children went to Kes, I was supporting a secondary school in Woking, but now they are there, they are progressing so well and the distance generally is not a problem."

"Primary School needs new one, present is unsuitable as former secondary school"

"French doesn't suit all and German or Spanish would be good"

"... there were too many changes of teachers"

**Q: What do you think of the school meals at your child's school?**

Resident Chef/ all meals prepared on premises, believe breakfast, mid-morning, lunch, after school available. **Good - primary school. St. George's no longer have school meals.** No time to eat, due to short breaks and no extended lunch. **Expensive.**

**Q: Do you think we should have a secondary school in the village?**

If numbers justify. **The kids would end up blinkered and wouldn't be streetwise.** The cost of transport to Rochford over the years would have paid building cost of new school in the village. I think the KES has a very high standard and to bring a secondary school to the village would be difficult to establish. **I must admit before my children went to Kes, I was supporting a secondary school in Woking, but now they are there, they are progressing so well and the distance generally is not a problem.** It would be nice for the children not having to travel as far. Ideally yes, but the reality is it cannot be justified on current numbers of pupils from GtW.

**Q: Which of the following subjects, if any, are not covered adequately at your child's school?**

**Sex & parenting education - should be done earlier.**

**Q: What do you think could be improved in your child's school?**

**Primary School needs new one, present is unsuitable as former secondary school.** KES- more languages? **French doesn't suit all and German or Spanish would be good.** Better consultation. **More contact/communication with the teaching staff.** Smaller class sizes and better teachers. **Communication on pupil performance with parents.** 11+ preparation and identification. **Better one to one support for under achieving children.** **As regards King Edmund School there were too many changes of teachers.** 1 Special Needs. 2 Politeness of Staff. 3 Organisation.

**Q: Are there plenty of extra-curricular activities at your child's school?**

**But doesn't do them as she is tired by then. Difficult for the kids from Woking to stay behind to do as buses are limited and tend to carry home the kids who misbehave.** **Kids Clubs, hobbies etc.** I feel that there could be more offered to children within the Great Woking School.

**Q: What do you think of your child's prospects upon leaving school?**



"But doesn't do them as she is tired by then... (late) buses are limited and tend to carry home the kids who misbehave"

"...lack of aspirations amongst a lot of people in the area"

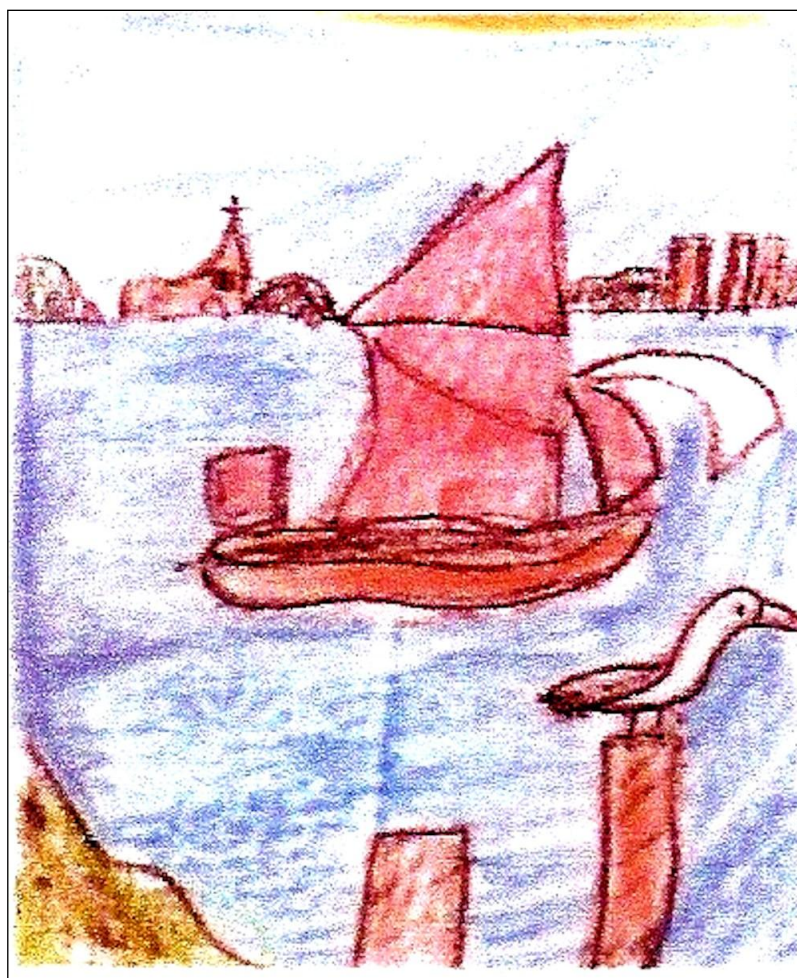
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Worrying. Good. None I'm afraid, if I'm honest. Too early to say. **Seems to be a big lack of aspirations amongst a lot of people in the area.** Not good. Excellent prospects. I'm concerned that even if they achieve well academically they will have limited job prospects with youth unemployment being so high. Worried as I think the government in general have made it difficult for young people. Depends on the employment climate at that time, but generally am positive. We will not be able to afford university fees but have no choice if they want to go **but no guarantee of job at the end of it.** We honestly don't feel there is a future for our children in this country but that's nothing to do with the village!

**Q: Are there any subjects that you took as a child, which are no longer taught but you feel would be useful?**

**Woodwork, metalwork and other practical subjects.** Home economics. English grammar! Respecting your elders... Business skills. More cookery skills. A level IT. German/another language than French, Biology/Chemistry/Physics as individual choices without having to take all three or General Science. **At secondary school I did typewriting and shorthand, been invaluable in my working life!**



# Environment

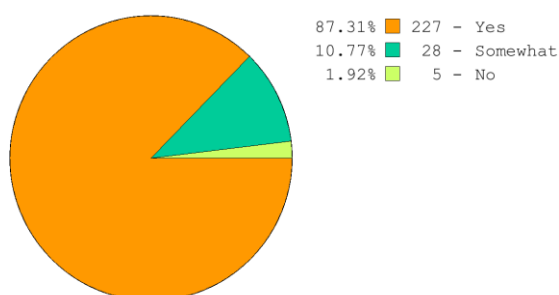
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The Environment section considers the existing natural resource in and around Great Waking plus the potential effect of additional development. 264 valid submissions were submitted.

**Overview:** 87% of respondents feel that open spaces and common/greenbelt areas should be preserved, 42% think that rural footpaths are not well maintained while 90% like the idea that young people could be encouraged to help protect the environment.

74% agree that there are problems caused by litter and dog fouling. The top three concerns are additional building development - 81%, the need for active preservation – 68%. Finally 55% would like to see the creation and protection of nature reserves.

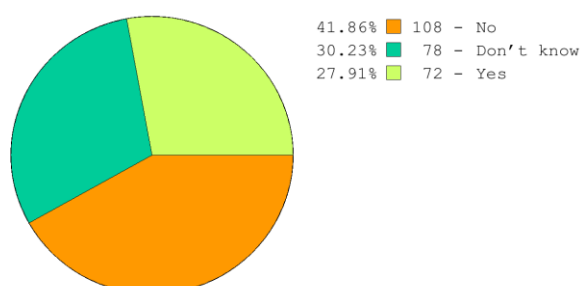
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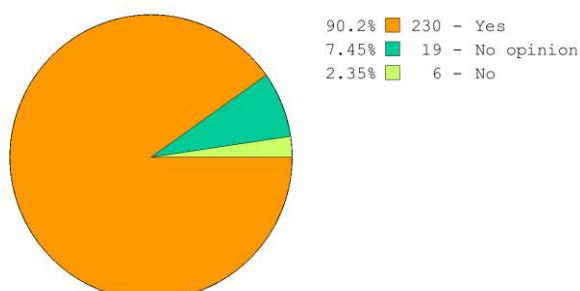
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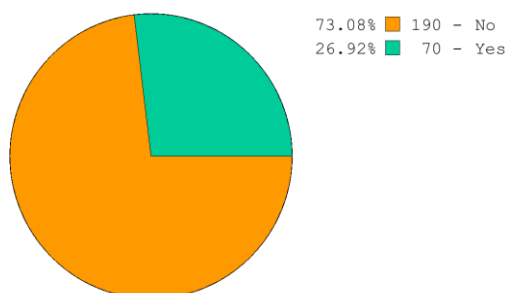


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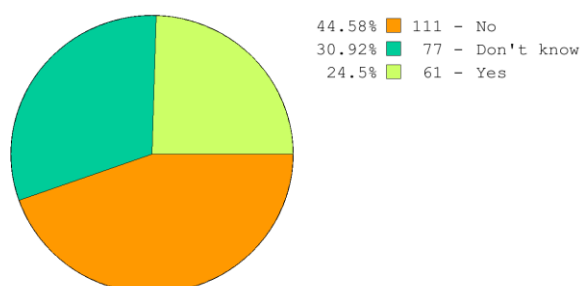
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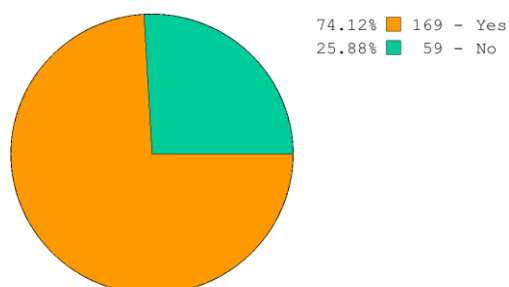
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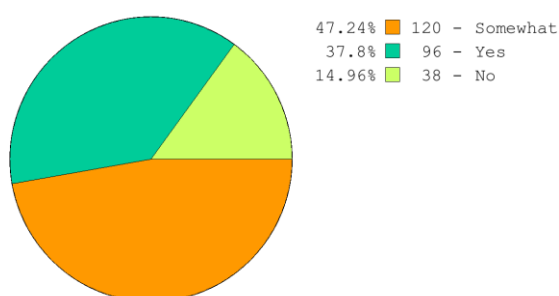
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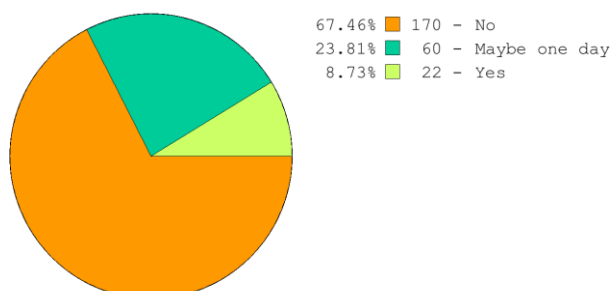
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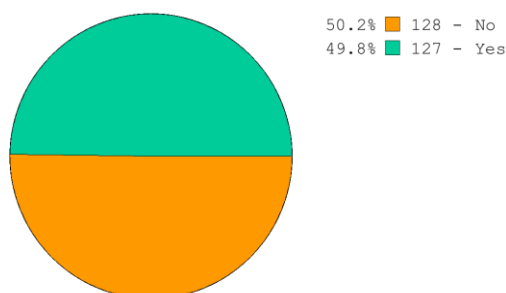


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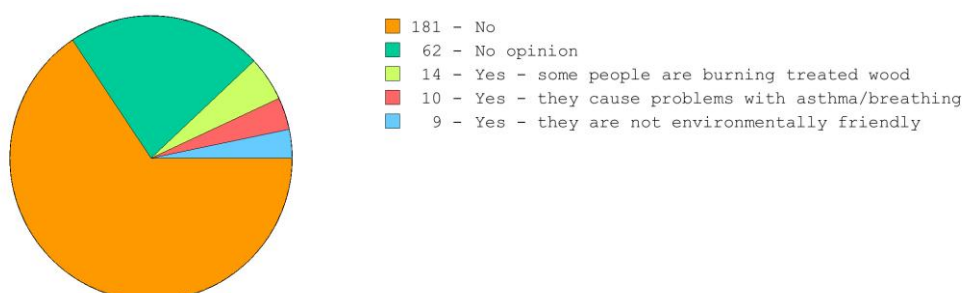
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Do you feel there is a problem with coal fires and wood burners in the village?



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“Field... opposite St

## Community Views and Comments

**Q: Are there any areas or parts of the village that you think could be better used?**

**Land to the West of Alexandra Road could become a nature reserve.** Sports centre. A few of us contact the council about keeping sports centre open they were not interested in us at all. Think they just wanted to sell it on. Just offered to pass our details onto someone who might have been interested.

**Common, Sea wall walks** Sports centre on recreation ground Yes the sports club and the children's play area. **Not enough play area for children** Sports centre, Old fishing lake car parks, Seaview Drive play area. **The Common and the village Duck Pond** Co-op area Recreation ground I have lived & walked here 30 years & still get told of walks that I did not know about.

**Perhaps highlight walks/cycle routes/footpaths.** Sports ground & children's play area. **Toilets by the Allotments reopened for allotment users key holders** Park. Duck Pond. **Sports centre should never have been closed by the district council - we don't live anywhere near Rayleigh so it is not fair to base all services in that area.**

**The Rec needs a skateboard park** The areas surrounding the fishing lakes **Sports Centre, Young Peoples activities** Waking Recreation Ground needs major refurbishment and can be used for the youngsters in the village. Not much seems to happen on the area which I think is called the Wreck next to the park by the old sports centre even though it is a large area. **Field behind church hall opposite St Nicholas - empty most of the summer weekends**, could be used for all sorts of things. **Common.** The sports centre would be great for youth clubs **Increased use of the Village and Community Halls.** Gt. Waking Common, something for the teenagers from getting bored and causing mischief. **Sports**



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"Sports Centre grounds are central to the village... **Main reason we stay here**"

"We need open spaces to breathe, exercise, walk dogs, we need to give back to the land, not keep taking from Her. We can't live without plants, trees, flowers, bees, etc. and the land is not just important to us, it is home to all our wildlife"

"... retain a buffer between the new development planned for the WGW area and existing residential areas... **vital... the LWS is**

centre would be very popular if it included swimming pool and gym facilities. Public paths most alleyways between Havengore Bridge, Waking Stairs and Morins Point. The Rec. certainly seems underused Area around the old Brick Works Village Green and Old School Community Centre **Sports centre. I'm sure a use could be found for this that would really benefit the community.** The park play equipment needs expanding Sport ground, open sports centre with activities aimed at teenagers. I support a skate park.

**Q: Are the open spaces, common/greenbelt and parks in Great Waking important to you?**

***We have such a wonderful mix of wildlife around Great Waking, more so than a lot of other places. It makes for a great place to both learn and relax. Dog walking & general walking for pleasure as well as cycling. Yes as I often look after my grandchildren and would like some better facilities to take them to particularly the under 5s. Especially The Common as I am a dog owner I have used the parks and playgrounds with my grandson. I have flown kites in the park too. The Common is also essential both offer wildlife habitat and areas for leisure. Sports Centre grounds are central to the village, I walk there daily. Main reason we stay here*** Mainly love being surrounded by countryside and the feeling of not being overlooked as we have farmland at the back of our house. Also nice for walks for family time and a nice environment when you have a child. ***Common Stairs We need open spaces to breathe, exercise, walk dogs, we need to give back to the land, not keep taking from Her. We can't live without plants, trees, flowers, bees, etc. and the land is not just important to us, it is home to all our wildlife All of them should be maintained Somewhat. Don't want to lose our village. Too many houses and we become a town - no thanks. I moved here, from Westcliff, because I grew up in a small place in Oxfordshire (Thame) and like green spaces around me. Enjoy the countryside around Waking. Dog walker. But do not wish for them to disappear in order to make way for new housing. The Star lane Pits LWS (Local Wildlife Site) and adjoining land. It is important to retain a buffer between the new development planned for the WGW (West of Great Waking) area and existing residential areas. It is vital that the LWS is protected against the pressures that this development will bring.***

**Q: How should green belt land, nature/endangered species and ancient pathways be preserved in Great Waking?**

There should be land set aside for a community farm or food growing venture. This produce can then be sold locally to local people and money put back into that project. Self-sufficient. ***The mix of agricultural and common land plus marsh areas around Great Waking attracts a lot of wildlife, some of it fragile and indeed rare. This area should be protected for future generations to enjoy and learn from.*** I would like to see the Common grazed in the traditional way with sheep goats or



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cows ***Do just enough to keep them open, but don’t over manage them.*** Maintain existing areas, no need create special reserves but stop any reducing of areas e.g. sports hall. Monitor children’s areas for incorrect usage and cleanliness. . ***If the parking area was to be official and tidied it might stop the fly tippers and encourage owners to park there,*** Dog walkers park at the old tip entrance and in the passing places on Common Road ***double yellows would stop the dangerous practice of parking in the passing places.*** I think we badly need more trees in Great Wakering - especially in the High Street. We are a countryside location and are a less green environment than many parts of Southend. I think Wakering is in need of a bit of attention as it is beginning to look a bit forgotten. ***Rayleigh and Rochford have had a lot of money spent on their environment - I think it is now Wakering’s turn.*** Fortunately the MOD land provides a large area of land for wildlife but I am concerned about any plans to develop/sell off this land in the future. No no no building on green belt or changing the use of land for house building. Roads to Wakering are already too congested

**Q: Are the footpaths on greenbelt/common and farmland etc. well maintained by the council?**

***In general they are.*** Over grown need to be maintained. ***Some footpaths are poorly signed or the footpaths are overgrown and not marked.*** This summer most of the footpaths across fields were impassable. They were finally cleared at the end of September. Only Neil Threadgold kept his footpaths nice and clear. ***Mostly, some ditch bridges need attention*** Routes are not as clearly defined as they might be. ***Some are, but not all. Sign posts aren’t always obvious.*** N.B. This questionnaire is insufficiently specific as to which 'council' this refers to. Parish is responsible for the Common, Essex County Council has responsibility for maintaining footpaths. ***The Lion Fields were barely passable last summer. There used to be a double track across the field and now there is barely one. When there are no busses to get to the station in the morning and you have to walk it would be nice not to have to hack through the bushes.***

**Q: Do you think the Parish Council should oversee and act with voluntary services to encourage young people to protect the environment in Great Wakering?**

***With all people Why not put notices up for volunteers*** Church groups, local school and children’s clubs could all contribute to help understand nature, Maybe organise treasure hunts, nature trials etc. to get the younger people interested & engaged in our environment. ***This is something close to my heart. If the youth of our village are taught about the countryside they will grow up respecting and taking care of it.***

**Q: Were you aware that the library and Parish Council offices have free footpath maps and information on**

### interesting walks available?

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Only by word of mouth Seen a circular about around the village walk. Thanks for telling me

### Q: Is there sufficient seating in parks, common land and open spaces?

On the Common *Maybe not, it is no problem for my family but would think older or more immobile people would welcome seating on the Common*, and perhaps along some of the lanes. *High Street and Recreation ground*. There is nothing over or near the Common and Duck Pond. *More seating in area where the play equipment is - not enough for mums to sit and talk* As someone with mobility issues I would like to see more seats but not too many More seats please on the recreation ground - at the back near the ditch. *The Common and sea wall!* But if there are more seating areas there will be more litter so we will need more bins!!

### Q: Are there problems with dog fouling and/or litter in the village, parks and green belt land?

Public footways between Conway and High Street, Mainly dog fouling in the High Street, *Dogs frequently mess outside my side fence and through the two alleys to the High St. Also the Common is like a dog's toilet*, Anywhere where owners are irresponsible, *disgusting filth on most pathways, has ANYBODY ever been fined?* There are always places where dog waste isn't picked up, on the pavements and definitely in the park. *Always a problem by the fishing lakes and along the High Street towards the park. Most people clean up after their dogs, but a minority don't.* I have seen people from outside the village let their dogs foul footpaths and not clean it up. Not a problem on the Common, *Litter* Recreation Ground and the Common. Little Wakering Hall Lane. Star Lane Fishing lakes. I know there are bins around the village, it is a shame that the bins are not always used. *Alexandra Road*, The High Street, although cleaning has improved, also Great Wakering recreation ground particularly football pitch areas. *I am a responsible dog owner and always clear up but there is a problem with fouling around the church and Common Road, we could probably do with another bin on the Common as there is only one by the Duck Pond and this does get full*, New Road seems especially bad at the moment for both litter and dog fouling. *In the winter when the nights are dark in particular* Litter from youngsters hanging out in evenings Not enough bins on the footpaths in the village, Not usually but sometimes. New Road by the fields seems to be a good dumping ground for cans and food wrappings---*counted 35 cans/bottles between the Church and top 12 cottages on one day a few weeks ago*, Dog fouling is almost everywhere nowadays, e.g. along the High Street. *Entrance to Twyford Avenue and between there and the where the lollypop lady stands. Also in park in Glebe Close. Shoebury Road from Seaview Drive up to the High Street. In the High Street itself.*

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"... measures to be taken have to be proportionate and take into account the state of the economy."

"Reopen Sports Centre and people would not have to drive out of village"

"... some smaller (allotments)"

".. numerous items dumped ... near Landwick Cottages"  
"Constant fly tipping at the old tip near entrance to boat yard"

***Dog poo bins are pretty thin on the ground***, Some people seem to drop litter even when they are near a bin - not sure how they can be re-educated to be tidy ***The Sea wall and Common see a large percentage of dog owners who don't scoop***

Sports ground and general dumping of litter outside the Co-op and pubs On the whole litter in and around the village is not too bad. However the strip of trees between the old brick fields site and farmland from Star Lane to the fishing ponds is disgusting! Some of the streets, Litter in Recreational Ground a particular problem especially during football season! ***Litter and dirty gutters on the road outside the Church leading to the Common, never swept and rubbish blows down into Pond.*** High street has dirty gutters and dog fouling. ***Oliver's Crescent and the High Street***, Fairfield, Definitely with litter water bottles and cans in the park (rec) always after football matches and from the kids that sit in the (drug den) by the swings! Broken glass!!! Most people clear up after their dogs myself included, but there are some that don't bother and give the rest of us a bad name!! Don't know what more you can do - it is all down to irresponsible owners. Litter on Common, especially in and around vagrant's camp and around pathways. Community officials and police should patrol and enforce regulations more. ***Fly tipping a problem. Would be improved if residents weren't expected to travel to Rayleigh tip - 22mile round trip.*** It would be good to have more bins for dog fouling in the village. They are needed on the Common, more along the High Street, one in Star Lane near the industrial site and one further up the road, Little Wakering Hall Road.

**Q: Are you concerned about cutting your carbon footprint?**

***Somewhat, I am concerned but measures to be taken have to be proportionate and take into account the state of the economy.*** So very pleased with District Council for their recycle waste program, ***Reopen Sports Centre and people would not have to drive out of village***, Somewhat It would be good to do so, but it's difficult to know how best to do this. Have done so But I am concerned with cutting what my carbon footprint costs me, Grant for foam cavity insulation which will also help with possible flooding to homes

**Q: Would you be interested in having an allotment plot?**

***Make some smaller***, Have one already, We have had an allotment for 4 years, This is only due to time available and hard work needed. I fully support allotment areas and they should be firmly kept available. Already have one, Maybe one day, Provision of an allotment is an excellent suggestion.

**Q: Are you aware of fly-tipping problems?**

Star Lane entrances to old brickworks. ***Star Lane near old brickwork site*** Mainly as you head along Common Road towards Potton Island, ***Have seen numerous items dumped on the dirt***

"It will be of benefit to the village if the previous refuse tip were to be reinstated"

"The ditch is being filled up with awful rubbish/adj car park area"

"It is like living in the "old days" before smokeless fuel it makes the washing smell!"

"Many would benefit from details ... maintenance i.e. the importance of regular chimney cleaning"

"*Burning unseasoned timber and poor quality coal is the underlying problem*"



**track road near Landwick Cottages** (the entrance to Oxen Farm), Common Road, Barrow Hall Road, Common occurrence near and on the Common, **Along Poynters Lane**. End of New Rd By the Pond. **North street as you go on to the fields**, See it around Waking on occasion (items been left) **Constant fly tipping at the old tip near entrance to boat yard** Common Road and the back roads from Little Waking Southend to Rochford, Sometimes down Little Waking Hall Lane, **Barrow Hall Road and around Barling**. Although not recently; the New Road approach road to the Common is often used as a dumping ground **The unmade end of St Johns Road**. Have not seen so much this year but have regularly reported large amounts dumped in lane to Oxenham farm **It will be of benefit to the village if the previous refuse tip were to be reinstated**. It is ridiculous to have to drive to Rayleigh, Homeless man making a mess on the Common (Poynters Lane, Barrow Hall Road) Sometimes fly tipping happens at Little Waking Hall Lane, Star Lane: by the gate into the old brickworks & the ditch between the footpath & farmers field. **The lack of a community rubbish tip (as previously existed) is little short of scandalous**, RECREATION GROUND, (Common Road. Opposite the block of houses. **The ditch is being filled up with awful rubbish/adj car park area**. Also FP13 end Seaview Drive by signpost - Pink Bags!!, Road between Shopland and Waking has had a few problems I have seen.

**Q: Do you feel there is a problem with coal fires and wood burners in the village?**

**It is like living in the "old days" before smokeless fuel it makes the washing smell!** Both my neighbours have these and they have become increasingly popular in my road, another problem you have missed if the fact that they store large amounts of wood in their gardens, and this is not only unsightly but a concern to me, **Many would benefit from details regarding chimney & wood burner/coal fire maintenance i.e. the importance of regular chimney cleaning**. No but I wish people at my end of the High Street would stop burning rubbish in their gardens. Put it in the bin like everyone else. **We have our chimney sweep every year unlike the anchor public house as black smoke bellows out** The smoke hangs around rather than drifts off for some reason, **We can no longer enjoy fresh air through our open windows for several months of the year and our external window sills now have a black sooty deposit on them since a neighbour has installed a wood burning stove**. Some domestic and leisure premises or either not using smokeless fuel or are not maintaining their chimneys. **Personally I love the smell of coal and wood fires in the winter and in the scheme of things, it's pretty minor in carbon terms compared to all the cars etc. in the area. Burning unseasoned timber and poor quality coal is the underlying problem. It's not just wood burners but bonfires too that are causing the issue**. You can smell some houses are burning treated wood. Enforcement required.



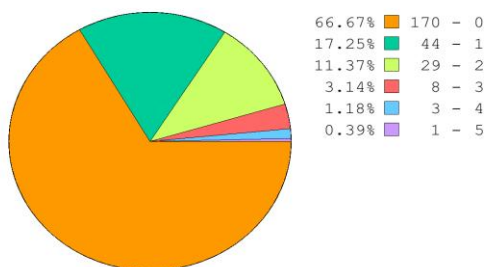
# Housing

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This section reviews existing housing and proposed new developments. 279 valid submissions were received. **Overview:** Of the total number of respondents 81% do not believe that Wakering suffers a housing shortage. 41% feel that new development should be resisted while 52% agree that limited development is acceptable.

44% feel that any new development should provide affordable housing for young people. The same number believe that new builds for this purpose should be limited to less than 100 houses. Over 90% of respondents think that all future plans to build on greenbelt land locally should be resisted. Only 0.36% (one respondent) thought that a permanent site for Travellers should be provided within the parish.

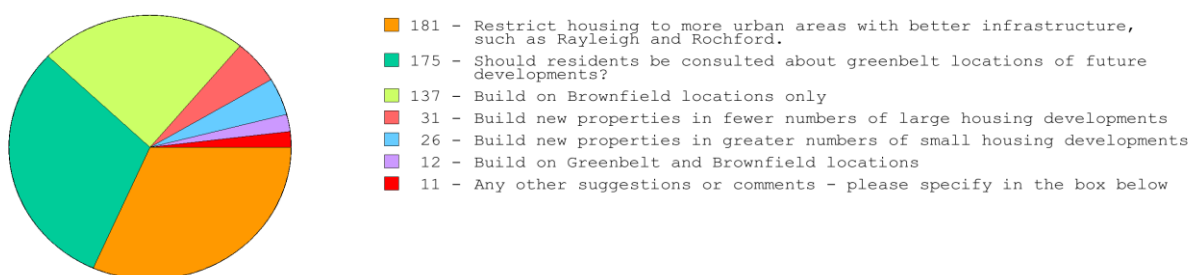
How many people in your household are likely to require a home of their own in Great Wakering or nearby in the following 10 year period?



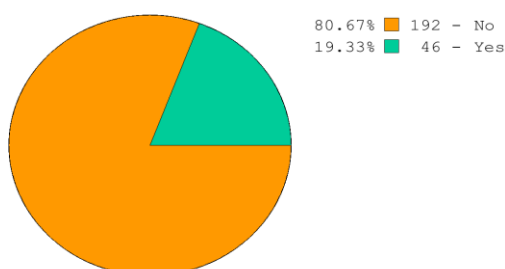
There is always a demand for new development in villages. We would like to know how you think the parish should develop in the future. What kind of development (if any) do you think should take place?



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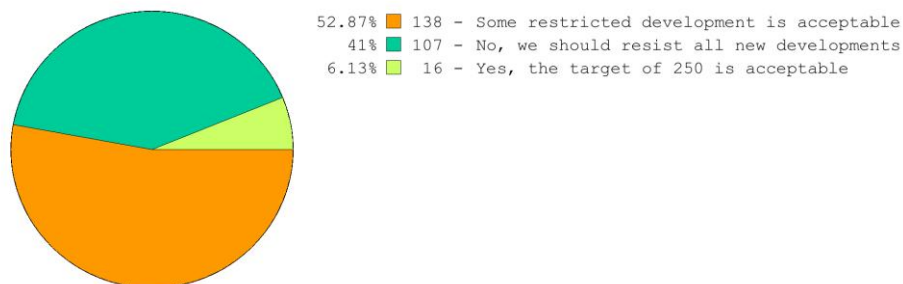


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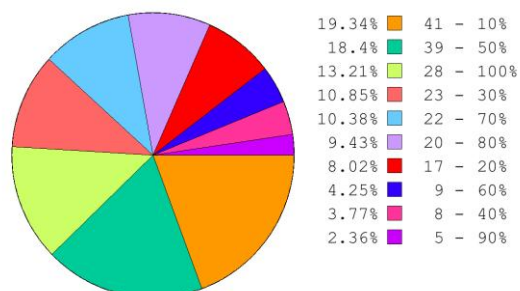




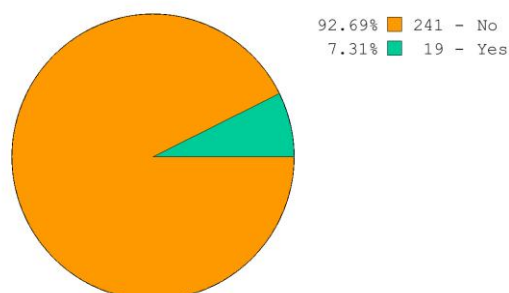
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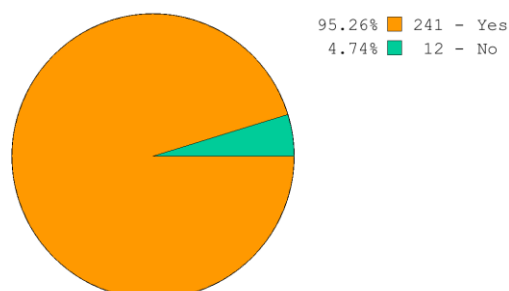

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**What percentage of new developments should be set aside for local people (e.g. affordable housing for youngsters/council housing etc.) .**


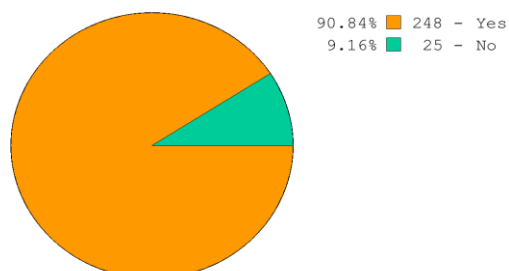

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**Has any member of your family had to leave Great Wakering in the last 5 years through lack of affordable housing?**


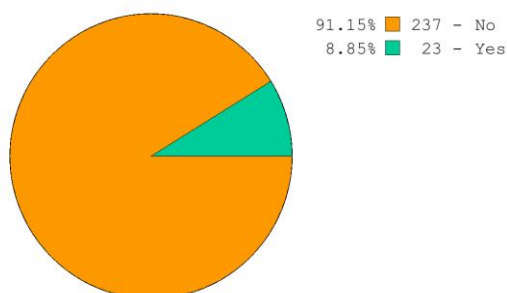

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**Do you think Rochford District Council (RDC) should redefine housing development areas after consultation with residents in order to reduce the impact on the infrastructure?**


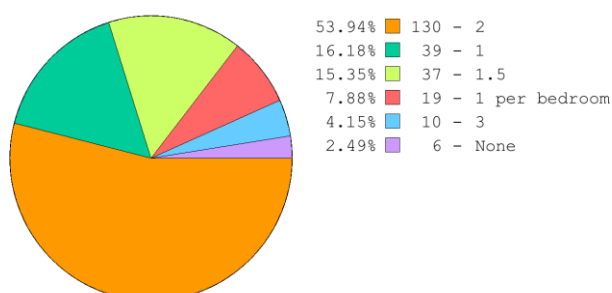

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**Should Rochford District Council resist all future plans to build on Green Belt land?**


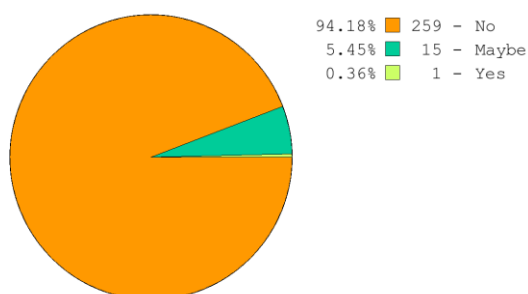
Do you consider the infrastructure of Great Waking is sufficient to cope with the development of more houses? (e.g. roads, schools, police, shops etc.)



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## Community Views and Comments

**Q: There is always a demand for new development in villages. We would like to know how you think the parish should develop in the future. What kind of development (if any) do you think should take place?**

Continued development in Great Waking and the surrounding area is not sustainable and is incompatible with its existence as a village community. It will result in a loss of identity. **Keep Waking a village.** No new development is unrealistic given the Government's targets. **Affordable housing needs to remain affordable in perpetuity** - there's no point letting the first owner sell at normal market rates and that property then no longer being affordable. Shops might come if would-be shopkeepers perceive a demand, but as several shops in the High Street have already been converted to residential use I can't see many new ones opening. **The reality is that apart from a few shops like the Post Office and various hairdressers most people would rather**

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travel to Southend (or beyond) to get more choice and better prices than village shops could possibly offer. I believe that we will not get a choice in regards to the building of houses; so if they have to build, make it properties that people can afford (part-rent/part-buy possibly) rather than 'Executive Houses'.

***There certainly needs to be more new and affordable housing.*** We should make use of brown field sites and not develop the green belt. ***Not much rental available which would suit young people. The WGW development will act as nothing more than a dormitory area for Southend. It offers little to the advantage of the rest of the village.*** The vast majority of traffic will be to the west taking new residents away from the village for work and shopping. ***Any expansion must have an adequate supporting infrastructure. Not only roads, water supplies and drainage etc. but shops and a range of amenities. And improved public transport.*** Need a secondary school so that kids don't have to go on a long bus ride to Rochford! Housing needs to match the job availability or the village becomes a dormitory with everyone leaving at 8 AM and returning at 6PM ***If the population increases too much the demands on the school, doctors surgery and utilities will be too much.*** As demand grows we need to supply what is needed to keep young people in the village, which keeps the community close-knit and family oriented. Local jobs also help, so a few small offices or industrial units, maybe at Star Lane would be of benefit.) ***The only area that should be built on is the old brick works site.*** Maybe a new school could be built and some affordable housing. I would only want housing to be built where there was previously some sort of building or industrial area. I'd like to keep the fields and farmland around us. ***(We should not lose green belt or open space. Limit to brickworks development and some in-fill.)*** So what does the village get out of this development ***IF MORE HOUSING BIGGER SCHOOL NEEDED, SEWER PIPES NEED TO BE BETTER, FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES TO BE BETTER. Realistically we have to have some new housing as central government insist on it, however there also has to be the infrastructure to support it! Doctors, schools, access roads, etc. It would be a shame to build up to Shoeburyness so there is no noticeable difference between the two areas. Hopefully if youngsters wish to remain in the village and bring up their future families, they will have respect for village life and wish to preserve it as we have. I just hope we can retain some green belt and brownfield sites as many of us specifically chose to live in houses backing onto farmland! If people are to stay local they are more likely to do so if there are more local employment opportunities - so offices/industry developments should be encouraged.*** Built up enough. Already waiting list for school and doctors always busy and difficult to get appointments as it is. Allow locals to be able to stay. Building large amounts of housing i.e. on the brick fields site will push services over their tipping point, the school is at capacity. ***Shops - Supporting local shops increases the ambiance and use of an area. Dereliction affects all. Space - the dreadful development on the Vickery garage site. A blot on the landscape!! Too high for this area!!*** Great Wakering is the only rural village in the area with charm and character. It is only a



stone's throw away from the urban town of Southend yet the few fields that separate it are a contributing factor to its identity. Hands of linking Wakering to Shoebury or Southend!

**Q: Rochford District Council is proposing to build an additional 250 homes per year in the district between 2011 and 2025. Please indicate your preferences by ticking your preferred schemes.**

Road infrastructure could not withstand possibility of another potential 1,000 cars per day plus those existing homes that may acquire another car due to children becoming drivers. *Wakering is not a great commuter village as there is no early transport to Shoebury train station, better transport links would encourage more development (and more money) but this would lose the village feel.* Great Wakering doesn't have much brownfield land, so regrettably development on greenbelt land is pretty much inevitable. *Again village life includes being surrounded by green belt land this would affect housing and peoples lives so must be consulted on any such plans.* Lots of elements need to be taken into account and I feel a simple tick box type questionnaire is simply not enough. How accurate are the proposals here and how much is already in motion with no consultation to the area? Areas that have been left for years have all of a sudden been cleared!!! *Can we have any real information about what is happening or has development on certain areas already started???? Nobody wants new houses near them, but people need somewhere to live. Greenbelt should be protected at all costs. The sewers cannot cope with the amount of homes discharging into them now - ours are frequently blocked - they would not be able to cope with more properties having to discharge into them.* Wakering is already bursting at the seams, the school and medical centre would be under immense pressure to cope. *It is very difficult to get out of this corner of SE Essex and it will only get worse by further housing developments and increased traffic.* Greenbelt land should always be protected from development especially from housing. *Great Wakering has limited facilities and just two country roads for access.* The road infrastructure has a problem with the existing residents, it would be plain stupidity to cram more in. *Wakering needs to be preserved as a small village, that's the appeal to most that live here*

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"... but people need somewhere to live"

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Building should be limited because there are too many cars parked in the High Street and passage is restricted - sometimes quite dangerous. *Do not develop housing on green belt or previously designated industrial areas.* Already to drive from Wakering to Basildon (17mls) takes around 1 hour during rush hour. More residents in the area will collapse the already stretched road network. *These choices are most ambiguous.* There are insufficient brownfield sites to fulfil the total of housing required to meet the 250 p.a. required of the District. N.B. A Parish Plan is only able to request MORE housing development, NOT LESS than is allocated in a Planning Authority's Core Strategy. *The Village infrastructure is struggling as it is with limited schooling, policing, sewage and jobs. The traffic is*

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"...it would be better to work with RDC and developers to get limited acceptable development rather than push for no new development at all, which is unrealistic."

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**awful at times and further building will gridlock the already clogged roads.** It is not just a question of quantity but **QUALITY**. The design of new property should be to a high standard with a balanced approach to dwelling density. Note that Residents have been "consulted" through the RDC Allocations documents though these have not been well-publicised. Waking has had enough development. Other areas in the district should get their fair share, including pretty villages, e.g. Paglesham **I cannot see why houses should be built on green land. There are plenty of properties empty in Southend and plenty for sale in Waking, so why use green belt land** More houses mean more cars and we would definitely need a new school, bigger play area's etc. Further development would ruin the village. I moved here to get away from the social problems, crime and over population in Westcliff and would hate to see the village end up like Westcliff!!

### Q: Is any new development necessary in Great Waking?

Development is inevitable but should be restricted to brownfield. Access is a problem here, we already have too much traffic. I think there has been a lot of development, but there is only so much space and we shouldn't lose the fields and boundaries that make our village. I don't really believe this but we have to move with the times I suppose. I doubt if the people who live in Great Waking now **NEED** any new development. **However, the government targets mean new houses have to go somewhere and it would be better to work with RDC and developers to get limited acceptable development rather than push for no new development at all, which is unrealistic.** I doubt if Great Waking itself **NEEDS** new development, but the government targets mean houses have to go somewhere. It would be better to work with RDC/developers and agree suitable small-scale development than waste effort trying to stop any development. **If on a Brownfield site - such as the site where the brickfields used to be, I would be happy for a limited amount of development.** Not much because of highly limited facilities, e.g. shops, doctors, post offices, police etc. **We** appreciate that some extra housing is required and feel that it should be equally shared by all areas and that any development should not be of such a size that it upsets the equilibrium of the area. Resist housing developments but encourage light industry and similar. Get the priorities right. **The village can do with sources of employment. Which must include affordable or assisted housing.** Small plots but Waking needs to be kept as a village and no building over 2 floors. **I have put in my objections to Rochford Council's current housing plans and do strongly object to it. If we want our youngsters to remain in our village and despite what some people think we do need young people and we were all young once! Then we need more flats and starter homes so they can get a foot on the property ladder.**



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**Q: Do you consider the infrastructure of Great Waking is sufficient to cope with the development of more houses? (e.g. roads, schools, police, shops etc.)**

**King Edmunds School can't cope** No I don't have evidence, this is opinion. There would need to be greater investment in the area generally to sustain 250 additional families, in particular schools and improved public transport links would be needed. **To a limited extent, but my fear is any improved infrastructure (additional roads) would open the flood gates to over development.** At present it is OK but if new houses are built there would be more people and cars. **Not enough roads to and from Waking. Schools full up etc. School is overcrowded 33+ in my child's class** I am a long term resident the services to the village i.e. electricity/sewerage/ in particular have not kept pace with development over past years It is a village!!!! **We have lived in village for 59 years no improvements to infrastructure in that time** Great Waking roads are not suitable for a large increase of traffic. The building of 450 houses would probably increase the number of vehicles by nearly 1000 and would impact on safety and congestion. Schools and facilities for the youth are inadequate at the present. The Primary school is full and we do not even have a senior school. With more housing more children will have to be bussed to Rochford!! Doctor's surgery could not cope with the influx. We have limited shopping. We share a Policeman with other parts of the district. A better bus service especially during the evenings would be required. **Parking is of a particular problem along the High Street. Drivers emerging from Twyford Avenue, Lee Lotts, in particular, because of large vans blocking view.** The road infrastructure is poor. The main access route will have to be to the West, yet the current layout is not really adequate. Once WGW gets going then a lot of traffic from the east of the village will use Poynters Lane, where the junction with Star Lane is very poor and will need to be upgraded as one of the first parts of the WGW development. **On-Street parking on the western end of the High Street already causes difficulties. Goodness knows what it will be like when WGW (West of Great Waking) building starts. We have no pavement to link Waking with Southend, no train station, an extremely poor bus service which is expensive and infrequent, no cycle path and few roads.** The private car will be the chosen method of transport for the new residents if development goes ahead. This will have a detrimental effect on the environment through an increase in local pollution and a decrease in our nature. The increased crime and social problems would require the village to be routinely police, which I know it is not, due to having a very low current crime rate. I struggle to get a doctor's appointment as it is, without any further residents living here!! Traffic on the High Street is already too heavy and would only get worse! Schools would be over populated.

**Q: How many parking spaces should new buildings be allocated?**

Really depends on type of buildings, area etc. **The local police do not like parking over the pavement and with 1 space it is**

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“We have to ... encourage the virtues of public transport. **Too many parked cars are restricting access along our narrower roads as it is.**”

“Because of (poor) transport people need to use their cars”

difficult for visitors. **Most families will eventually have new drivers as well as the 2 parents possibly having a vehicle each, at least.** That depends on the size of the houses. In Rushley Close nearly every house has two or more cars, and in small houses the parking area should be restricted to avoid overcrowding in the streets. I take this to mean off-road spaces, so a garage plus a drive big enough to hold another car should suffice. **What happens if the household have visitors??** Parking should always be a consideration on any application **Depends, but people need places to park and have visitors once in a while too. Parking is a major issue and one that is getting worse. If homes are built it is vital that parking off road is made available.** There are too many cars on verges particularly down our road which is a bus route. **1 per bedroom, the block of flats at the old Service Garage has been occupied for less than a year and the car parking is overflowing already. What is going to happen when their kids grow up? We have to keep a sense of proportion - and also encourage the virtues of public transport. Too many parked cars are restricting access along our narrower roads as it is.** New build should encourage car owners to park on their own driveways or in their own garages. Off road parking is best, but roads need to be built to cope with the extra traffic, thus using more farmland. It's a no win situation. **No new developments should be built without proper parking facilities.** Not in the street. **2 for a house 1 for a flat, if built at all! 1 per bedroom** Often houses are built with a single width driveway, residents then only park 1 car on the drive and 1 on the street so they can easily drive off in either car. As children live at home until much older households often have 4 cars. **Who has 1.5 cars? We need to get real on parking places.** The last thing WGW needs is more cars parked on-street because govt standards set the bar too low. **If the parking was greater this would stop developers building shoe box houses as the plots would need to be bigger. Because of transport people need to use their cars** Realistically 2 but then you are using more land all the time, but at least 1 per household.

#### **Q: Should the council consider providing a Gypsy/travellers site within the Parish?**

Encouraging a site will turn Wakering into Crays Hill, it was a lovely village which became overrun. **No way should we have Gypsy/travellers site, we pay our rates for our village, not to clear up their mess.** Never. **They should buy or rent a house like everyone else has to, and pay some tax and obey the law too.** Small scale, maybe 6 to 8 plots

# Juniors

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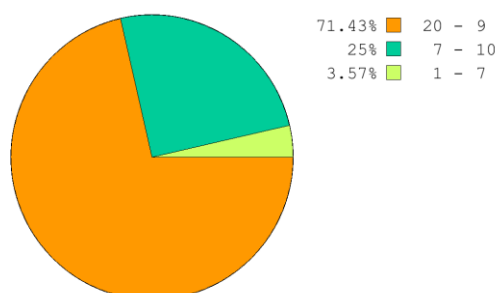
This section looks at Wakering through the eyes of Junior citizens. 28 valid submissions were received.

**Overview:** Of the total number of respondents, 71% are aged 9, 82% ride a bicycle and all have a computer at home, though just 93% have internet access.

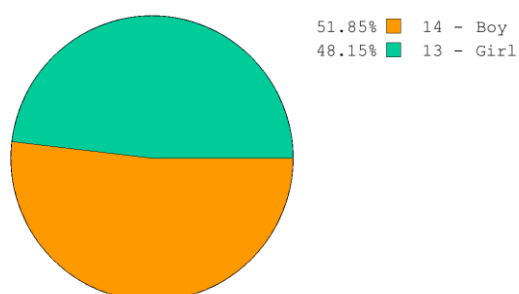
Of interests outside school, television was most popular with 82%, closely followed by being with friends at 78%. Sport, computer games and animals/pets were in joint third place with 71%. Over 80% would like to see treasure hunts, a bonfire and fireworks party plus Christmas lights and a tree.

95% like living in Wakering, 93% feel safe in school while 7% do not.

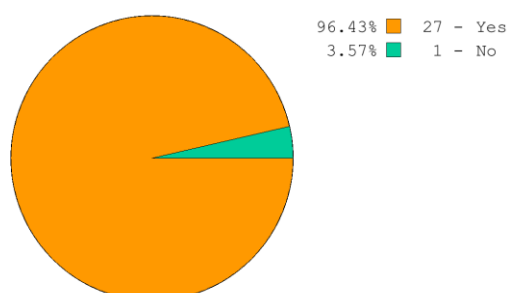
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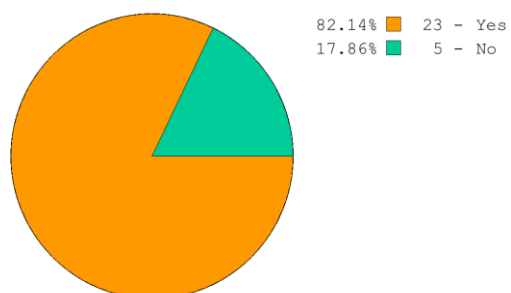


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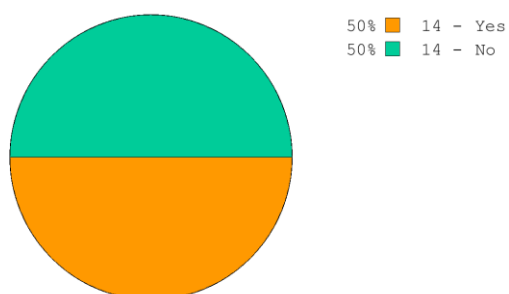
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Do you ride a bicycle?



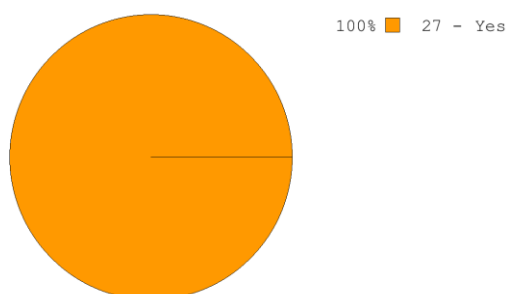
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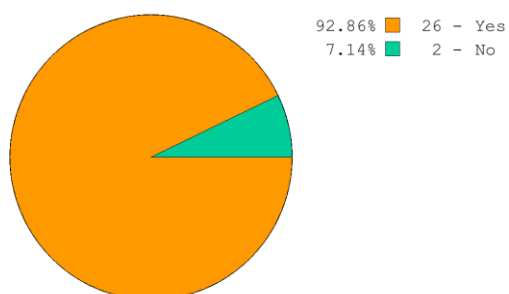
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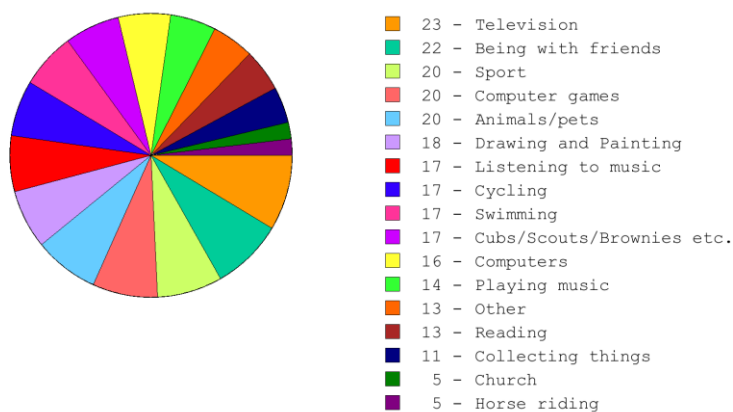


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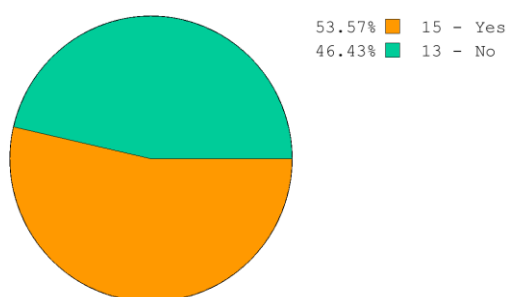
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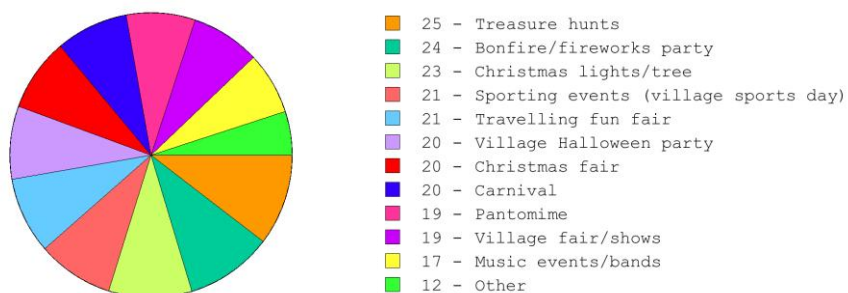
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**What interests do you have outside of school?**


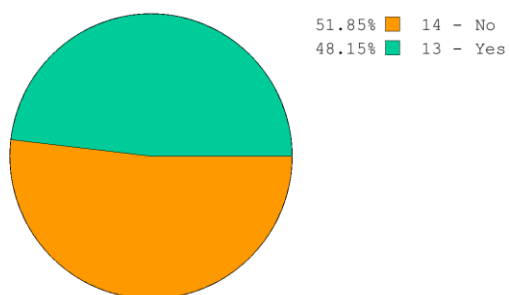

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**Is there plenty to do in the village?**



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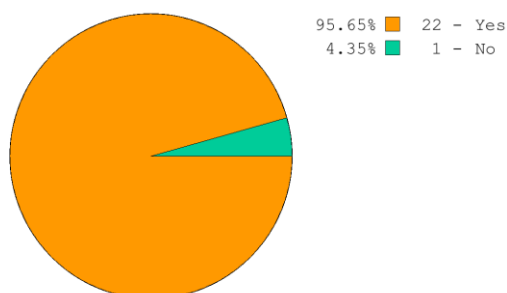
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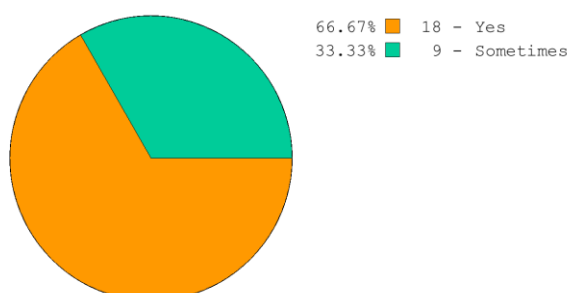
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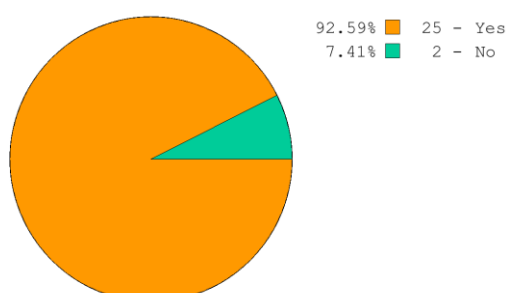
Do you like living in Great Waking?



At school, do your teachers make lessons interesting and entertaining?



Do you feel safe at school?



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“Kids need... to play outside  
with friends safely.”

## Young Persons Views and Comments

**Q: Is there plenty to do in the village?**

No, because there is not any clubs only a few. **Need more clubs/sports for children, need swimming pool, roller rink or go kart track. Kids need these things and to play outside with friends safely. Some people cannot go outside village as they may not have enough money or transport.** I don't have anything to do out of school. **Because park closed, Sports centre closed. Teenager causing trouble badly. Parks not in good condition.** There isn't much stuff for kids. **Park down Conway isn't in good condition.** Nowhere for 9, 10 year olds to hang out - too many teenagers. **Because too many teenagers hanging around and causing trouble.** Dirt Biking, trashing village.

**Q: What else would you like to see in the village?**

"Some people cannot go outside village as they may not have enough money or transport"

"Parks not in good condition"

"Because too many teenagers hanging around and causing trouble"

"Reopen sports centre"  
"Keep children safe."

"Yes, because it's fun."

"No - People smashing Christmas lights..."

"Give something for the older children to do so they are not hanging around outside shops or my house and throwing stones at the church"

"lots of friends, good neighbours"

"football pitches, Fairs"

"If we clean up whatever we drop and clean up after our dogs."

Better parks and things to do. *More activities after school and at weekends.* Playing games. *A Museum.* Ice cream. *Parks, computer game shop.* More equipment to play on. *An adventure park, Water Park.* Swimming pool Mini club. *Play area, toy shop.* Mini MacDonald's. *Play arena.* Play centre. *More parks, fields, animals, farms.* Skate Park. *Better quality parks.* **Reopen sports centre.** *CCTV to stop vandalism.* **Keep children safe.** *BMX track.* Hospital. *Motor cross track.*

**Q: What events or celebrations would you like to see in the village?**

Easter hunts. *Football game.* Easter egg hunt. *Santa's grotto.* Teddy bear Parachute.

**Q: Are the playgrounds in the village OK?**

*They are boring. We have none. Need more play equipment in the park. Because they are disgusting, only for dogs. There not OK because there is rubbish and dogs dropping all over the place.* No, the one down Conway is not in a good condition and I have also seen dogs in the park. *Teenagers around 14 yrs in park when there is an age limit.*

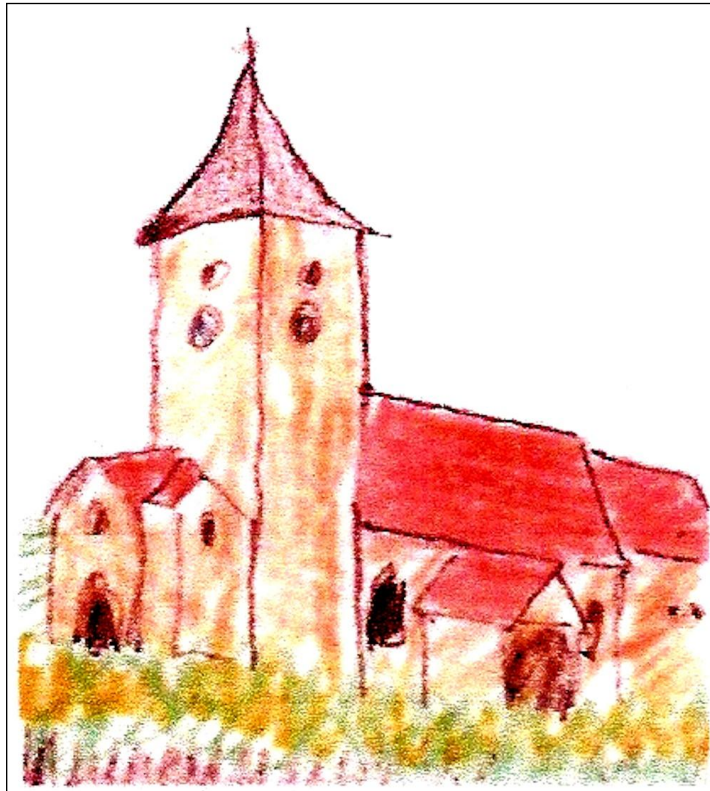
**Q: Do you like living in Great Wakering?**

***Yes, because it's fun.*** Is OK. *It is nice and calm. Is fun. It's safe and small most people are friends. My school friends live here. Yes, because I live near school. Yes, because you get to see lots of wildlife. A lot of my friends are here and family.* ***No - People smashing Christmas lights, vandals, teenagers, dog poop all over the place.***

**Q: What would make Great Wakering the best place to live?**

Safe and no vandalism. ***Give something for the older children to do so they are not hanging around outside shops or my house and throwing stones at the church and causing a nuisance to others, old people are frightened of them, my Nan is 96 and she won't go to the Co-op as they are all there.*** Already is. *An Odeon, DVD shop.* Kind friendly people, ***lots of friends, good neighbours,*** friendly, very kind neighbours. *Pool.* More friendly faces and more parks. ***A water slide, some KFC snacks.*** Lots of parks and toy shops, ***football pitches,*** costume shop, DVD shop, game shop, board game shop. ***Fairs.*** To make the best place it would be all the things we ticked etc. *New playground and indoor play area. Children's clothes shop. Mr Sym's Sweet Shoppe.* If there were more places for us kids to go. *Kids spa & hotel – either.* More space. *Stunt parks.* Lots of shops and more play places, more buildings. *A children's spa.* Posters to tell people how cool Great Wakering is. *More schools.* Persuade POP stars to live here. *Street lanterns,*

big Christmas tree, celebration. *If we clean up whatever we drop and clean up after our dogs.* Some more sea or maybe some more flats/Hotel.



# Sea Defences

Some areas of Great Waking are designated as flood risk locations, hence the importance of sea defences. 229 valid submissions have been received on this subject.

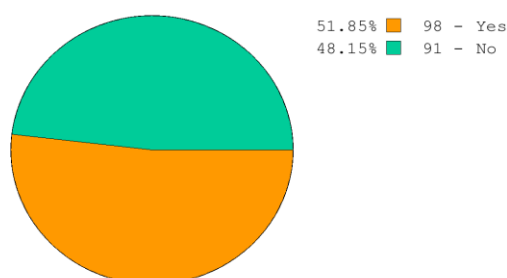
**Overview:** Over half of respondents are satisfied with the sea defences as they stand. 68% know how to find out if their homes are at risk but only half of those know how to protect their property.

60% of respondents would like more information to be made available and over 68% do not know how the Environment Agency early warning system works – 80% would like to know.

95% of respondents would prefer that the emergency warning siren which once operated in Great Waking should be reinstated.

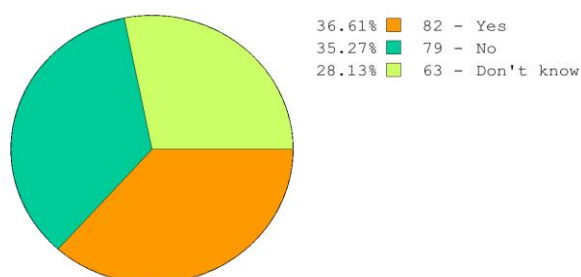
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Are you satisfied with sea defences protecting Great Waking?



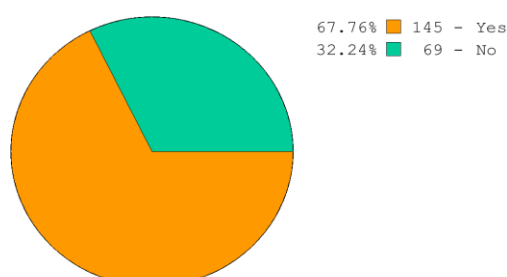

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Do you live in a flood risk location?



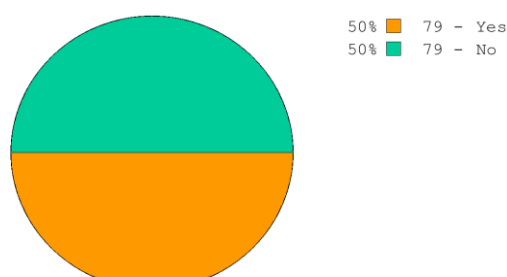

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Do you know how to find out if you're in a flood risk location?



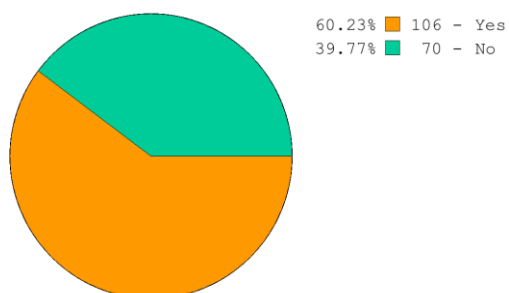

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If you live in a flood risk location do you know how to protect your home?



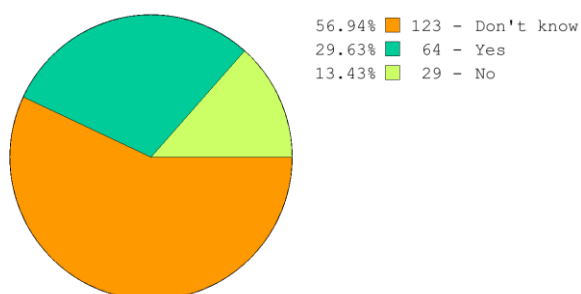
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Would you like to attend informative talks to help find out how to protect your home?



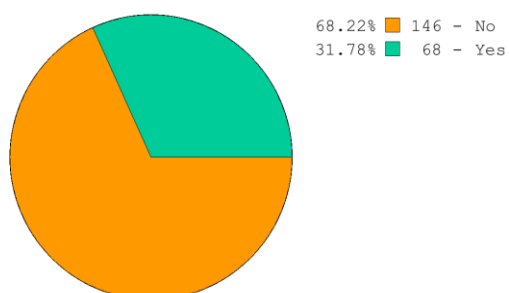
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Are you satisfied with the Environment Agency warning system?



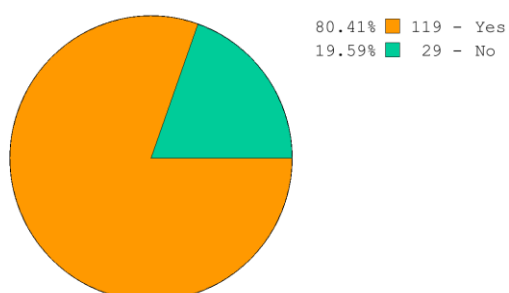
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Do you know how the system works?



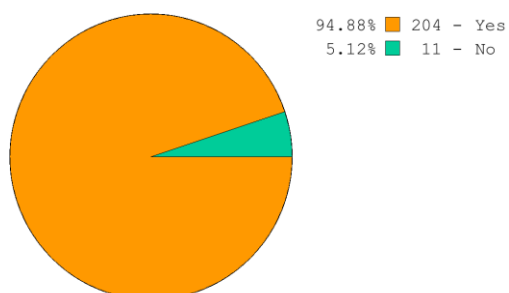
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If no, would you like to know?



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There used to be a siren in GW to warn of flood and other emergencies would you like to see this reinstated?







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## Community Views and Comments

### Q: Are you satisfied with sea defences protecting Great Wakering

“Parts of the Barling creek wall is low and an obvious tidal ingress point should we ever have another flood. It would reach Wakering from the north east”

“They need improving to give a protection of at least a 1 in 200 chance of flooding.”

“There are significant weaknesses in sea defences at Pigs Bay and Havengore Point especially, and repeated studies by the EA and its agents have yet to be acted upon to cope with their rising sea level expectations.”

As a family of 6, two adults and four children, we would like to see the sea wall restored to a 1 in 200 at least and not a 1 in 50 as proposed, *I don't know enough about the sea defences to be able to comment.* Sea wall has deteriorated and we could suffer from a similar situation as per Feb 1953 if similar conditions happened, *With global warming being an ever growing threat, I expect as sea levels rise our sea defences will become inadequate.* Future proof the area by raising the walls a little more. Perhaps also create more marsh land. No housing development of any kind on the MOD land! *Defences not maintained properly.* Don't know what they are, *With recent news about insurance companies refusing house hold insurance I feel that more money needs to be invested in sea defence.* General lack of maintenance of sea walls particularly Foulness Island, *Money for them has been misspent, house insurance is going up astronomically as we are in risk area and nothing is being done.* Push for as much Central Govt. funding as possible, emphasising M.O.D. involvement, *Parts of the Barling creek wall is low and an obvious tidal ingress point should we ever have another flood. It would reach Wakering from the north east,* I would suggest the current sea defences are neither high enough nor complete enough to protect the village from a repeat of the disaster of 1953. *They need improving to give a protection of at least a 1 in 200 chance of flooding.* We the villagers would appreciate some honesty from the council, some real effort on their part to improve the defences against the sea, and a real effort on their part to push the Environment Agency to get it done. Perhaps the council should also stop the practice of allowing house building in flood areas. An increase in height of the Sea wall by 1m would safe guard homes in the flood zone for the foreseeable future. *Do enough to stop the insurance companies from taking advantage of the environment flood risk maps,* My husband lived here when the floods occurred in 1953 and the present defences could not cope with another flood such as that was. *Sea defences need to be improved to satisfy insurance companies. We are all paying exorbitant premiums, and in some cases unable to obtain house insurance. I have seen sea levels reach the top of the sea wall in my time here. There are significant weaknesses in sea defences at Pigs Bay and Havengore Point especially, and repeated studies by the EA and its agents have yet to be acted upon to cope with their rising sea level expectations.* The current sea defences are barely able to cope with a high spring tide at the moment. It would not take much to cause another flood... *To a standard that means I can obtain AFFORDABLE home buildings insurance - at present it is proving difficult to get home insurance that is not extortionately overpriced!!* They should be brought up to satisfactory standard without delay - certain council members advise that this is not the case. This shows a lack of regard by council members and a failure in carrying out their duties, *Don't know, but we have been refused insurance from one company*

"We would like flood warnings and flood alerts"

because of flood risk. Our house was not flooded in 1953, I do not know how they could be improved, but when looking to buy a house recently, we were advised that this area is in the highest risk level, which I understand can make it difficult to obtain reasonably priced home insurance and some companies will not do it at all!! Therefore, something definitely needs to be done!)

"Don't know what the system is, do they?"

**Q: Are you satisfied with the Environment Agency warning system?**

"Every household should be provided with details of the EA warning system."

Not sure of current system, Not aware of what form the warnings would take, **We would like flood warnings and flood alerts**, I was told by a lady in Shoebury that she gets phone alerts about floods, but no idea personally. **Is there one? Don't know what the system is, do they?** Despite vociferous and persistent local scaremongering, I believe that the Environment Agency have assessed the risks appropriately. Most of residential Great Wakering is outside the EA's "risk of extreme flood" assessment. Curiously enough, the housing at greatest risk has largely been constructed in the last twenty years, on the northern periphery, and commands the village's highest prices. **Every household should be provided with details of the EA warning system.** Bring back flood sirens. **What warning system!!** Excessive numbers of Coastal Flood Warnings currently being made are liable to result in a 'crying wolf' mentality for recipients, and appear made to protect the backs of the Environment Agency - IF NOT they must confirm there is a far greater risk of inundation of homes by sea than currently admitted or addressed.



# Services

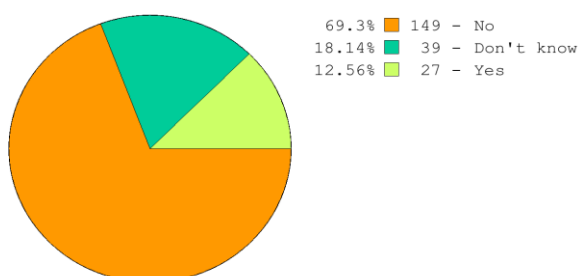
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Services include issues such as policing, adult education and broadband. 219 valid submissions were received.

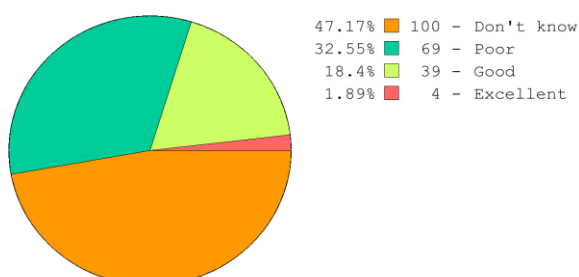
**Overview:** Of those who responded, 69% do not feel that there is sufficient police presence in Waking. 32% rate police response times as poor while 2% say excellent. 48% are aware of the Community Police but 41% do not know how to contact them. 82% would like a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme though only 13% would be prepared to take an active part in local policing.

65% of respondents would be interested in Adult Education in the village. On the topic of broadband connection 1% rate it as excellent while the majority rate it as adequate. 39% would like fibre optic broadband. (Editor's note - Fibre optics now cover most of the village.)

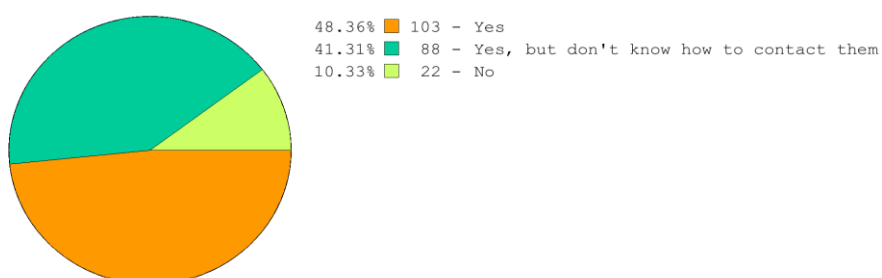
Do you feel there is a sufficient police presence in Great Waking?



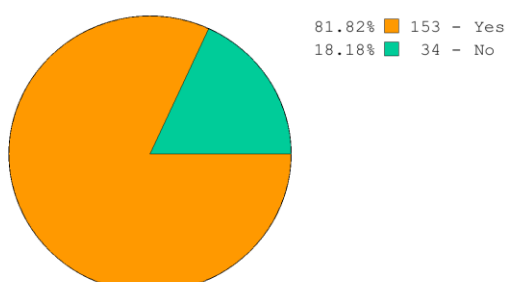
How would you rate police response time?



Are you aware of the community police and how to contact them?

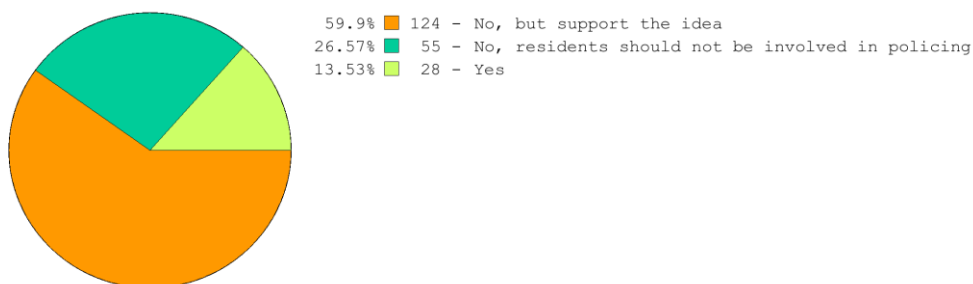


Would you like to see a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village?



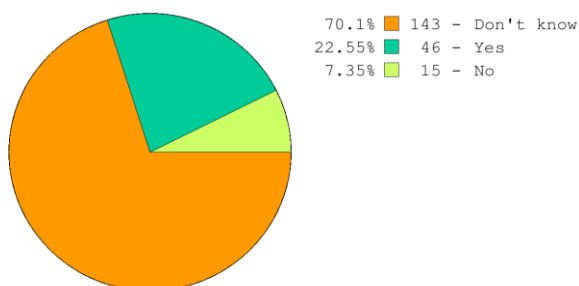
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**Would you be prepared to take an active part in local policing?**



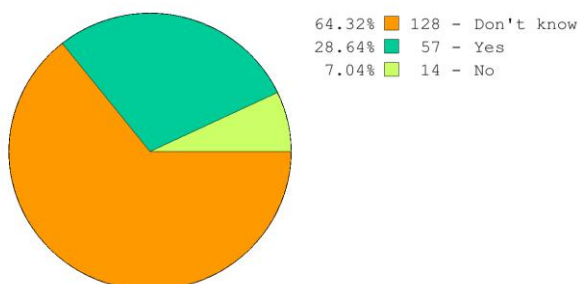

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**Are there sufficient childcare facilities in the village?**



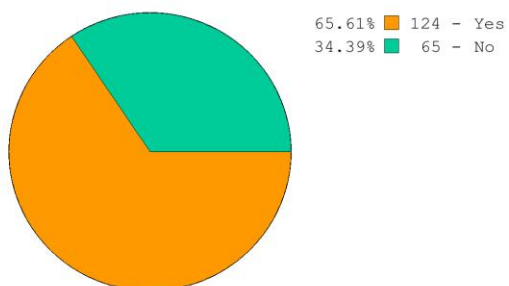

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**Do you think our children are served by out-of-hours schooling (e.g. breakfast and after school clubs, holiday clubs etc.)?**



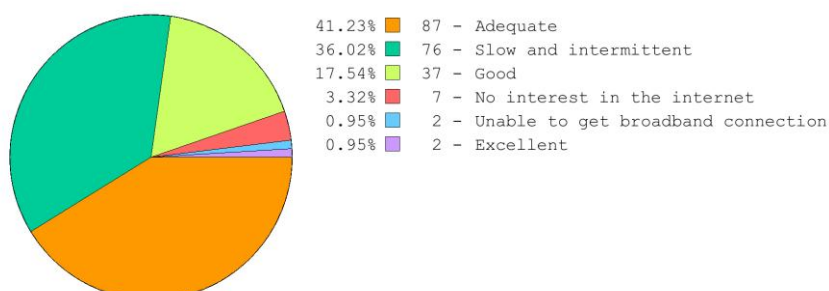

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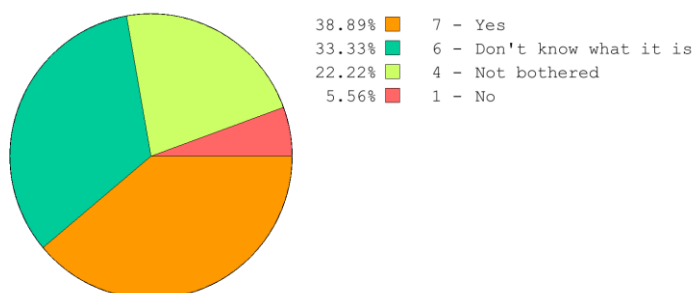



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**How do you rate the Broadband connection in Great Waking?**



## Woul you like to see fibre optic Broadband in Great Wakering?



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“Once waited an hour and a half”

“There's little serious crime in this area”

“A system is needed for people to log and share suspicious activity/vehicles”

“No, residents should not be involved in policing, this is a specialised job”

## Community Views and Comments

### Q: How would you rate police response time?

As they are in Rayleigh there is no point contacting them, and criminals know that. **Once waited an hour and a half.** almost none, **It was much better when we had a community police officer presence in the village,** Poor given as the nearest Police Station is at Rochford, **More police should be patrolling particularly on a Friday & Saturday evening. In the areas of the pubs.** Only had to call them out once (as an emergency) and they took nearly an hour!

**There's little serious crime in this area.** There's a bit of petty vandalism, disorderly drunkenness and yobbery, and the village seems well-policed by an excellent beat PC and his support officer. I have waited up to two days for police to arrive after an incident

### Q: Are you aware of the community police and how to contact them?

Yes, but don't know how to contact them, yes but they are never available when you need them, **Yes, but when I did contact community policeman, he wouldn't come out and was pretty unhelpful,** Details should be issued to every household

### Q: Would you be prepared to take an active part in local policing?

**A system is needed for people to log and share suspicious activity/vehicles.** You'll get stupid, ill-informed people waving speed guns and reporting kids for riding bikes and slacking, Amateur do-gooders (busy bodies) can dangerous! **I am fundamentally opposed to the concept of the private citizen as an agent of law enforcement. At best, it hands a charter to the meddlesome; at worst, it may lead to vigilantism. No, residents should not be involved in policing, this is a specialised job.** Neighbourhood watch schemes are fine but not residents involved in policing and especially hand held speed cameras.

### Q: Are there sufficient childcare facilities in the village?



"Not enough day nurseries at a good price"

**Not enough day nurseries at a good price.** Special needs childcare - this used to be non-existent, but not sure about now.

"The asc at school doesn't stay open late enough for working parents"

**Q: Do you think our children are served by out-of-hours schooling (e.g. breakfast and after school clubs (asc), holiday clubs etc.)?**

My children attended Rascals or Nursery Thymes and Cotton Socks for asc all their primary school - and this worked well and they were very obliging. My son attends the breakfast club at school, that has been great and I wish that had been round years ago, **The asc at school doesn't stay open late enough for working parents**, it would be a shame for Rascals if they lost the asc at their workplace as the staff are very good and my children love them, **There are limited or no such facilities**, My own children are long grown and flown, but I have always believed that, out of school hours, children are the responsibility of their parents, whether they are upstairs doing their homework, or annoying the world in general, outside the Co-op. **I think the WYPCP (Waking Young People's Community Project) do a brilliant job at a reasonable cost to parents.**

"I think the WYPCP do a brilliant job at a reasonable cost to parents"

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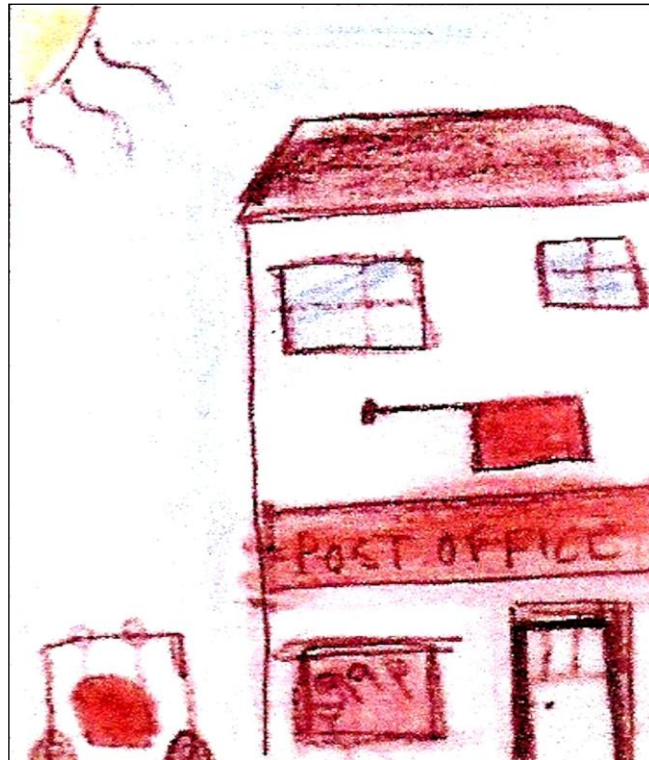
Computer studies, Advanced Computer studies, Art classes, Arts & Crafts Woodwork, childcare, family history, First aid, History, (languages, (German, Spanish), Local history, Men's cooking, Photography, Social sciences, Makaton training. Or square dance lessons, degree and A level courses, **Lower cost computer lessons for the elderly**, The problem with "Adult Education" is that it's always the same socio-economic group who undertake it - the Middle Class, leading the Middle Class. The ones who really need it, aren't in the slightest bit interested. **My brother in law has to go to (Southend Adult Ed) to learn reading and writing.**

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**Q: How do you rate the Broadband connection in Great Waking?**

(However at the Cupids end it is v poor, The local BT ADSL service is slower than it should be, and the last year has seen several interruptions of the service. **Can't get the better broadband services as they are not available in this area**, Installation of Cable networks throughout the village, especially down our end of the village (Seaview Drive) is long overdue. The present broadband service via copper telephone cable is very, very poor for this day and age. **Optical or other higher speed broadband soon please.** Optic fibre broadband please!!!!



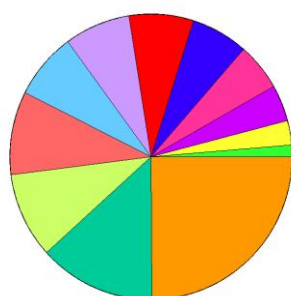
# Traffic

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This section reviews the use, abuse and opportunities found on local roads, pavements and byways. 246 valid submissions were received. **Overview:** 62% feel that there are problems caused by drivers speeding. 33% feel that there is a lack of enforcement while 40% believe that lower speed limits coupled with increased police presence would improve matters.

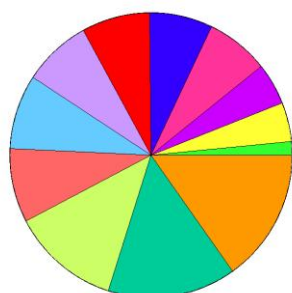
30% agreed that we lack cycle paths and bridleways while 50% would use both if they were available. The top four parking problem areas are side roads, school, shops and the medical centre. 37% would like to discourage night parking of commercial vehicles while 57% believe the condition of roads is acceptable. However, the majority comment that pavements are inadequate and restricted.

## Are there traffic problems in Great Waking?



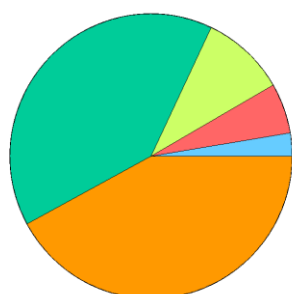
- 152 - Speeding
- 82 - Lack of traffic regulation enforcement (traffic wardens, police etc.)
- 59 - Kerbside issues
- 58 - Unmade roads/poor road conditions
- 46 - Dangerous areas
- 46 - Crossing points
- 45 - General congestion
- 40 - Poor lighting
- 33 - No
- 25 - Commercial/delivery etc.
- 17 - Location of bus stops
- 8 - Road signs

## What measures would improve the traffic situation?



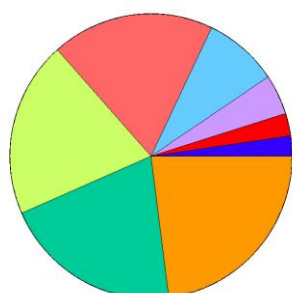
- 99 - 20mph speed limit near schools
- 96 - More police presence
- 81 - Lower Speed Limits
- 55 - Speed cameras
- 55 - More illuminated/flashing signs
- 51 - 20mph speed limit in side roads
- 51 - Traffic calming (cameras/humps/chicanes etc.)
- 47 - "Name and shame" - e.g. newspapers/notice boards etc.
- 47 - Pedestrian safety
- 31 - Residents hand held speed cameras
- 29 - Public information signs ("Speed Kills" etc.)
- 10 - One-way systems

## How many cars/4 wheeled vehicles do you have in your household?



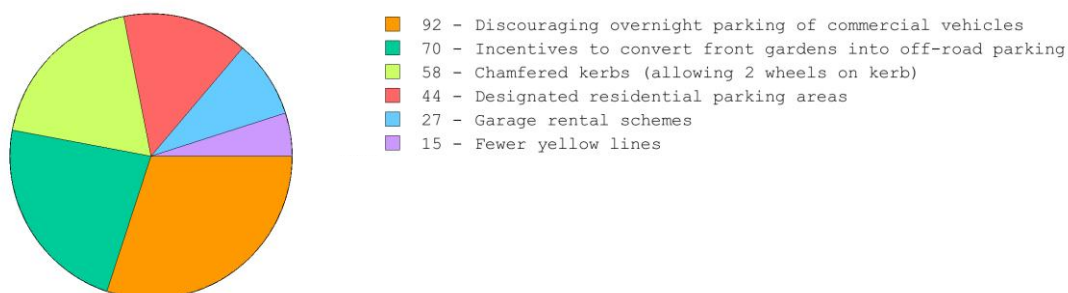
- 96 - 1
- 91 - 2
- 22 - 3
- 13 - 0
- 6 - 4

## Are there any areas where there is a parking problem in Great Waking?

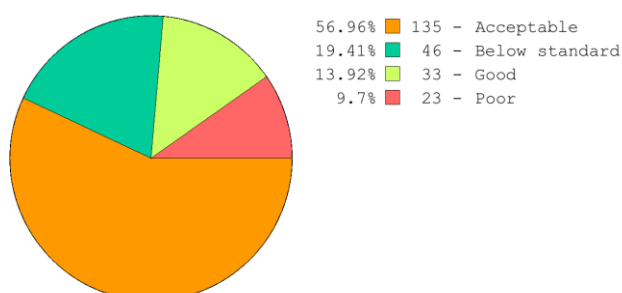


- 100 - Side roads/residential
- 89 - School
- 87 - Shops
- 81 - Medical Centre
- 37 - Churches
- 20 - Play Schools
- 11 - Pubs
- 10 - Businesses

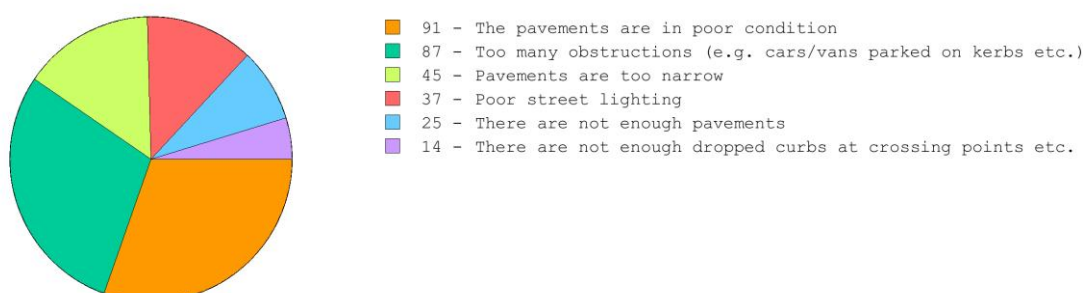
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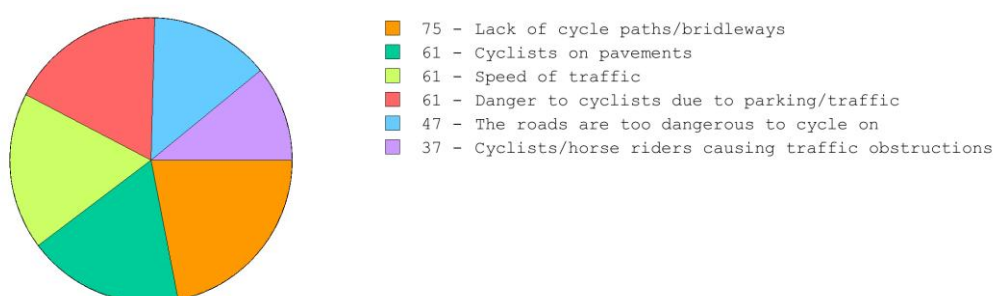

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**What do you think of the condition and maintenance of the roads in in Great Wakering?**



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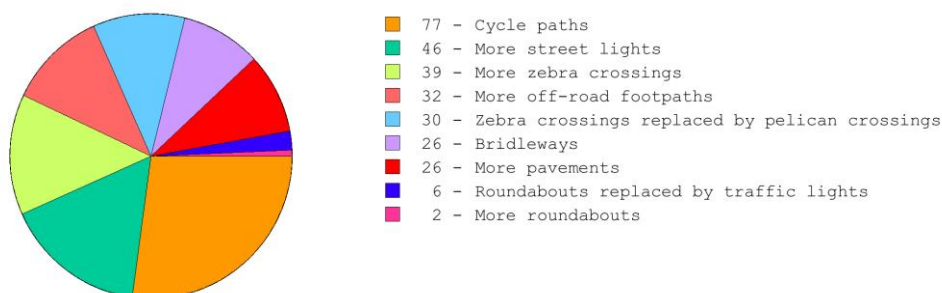
**What do you think of the pavements in Great Wakering?**



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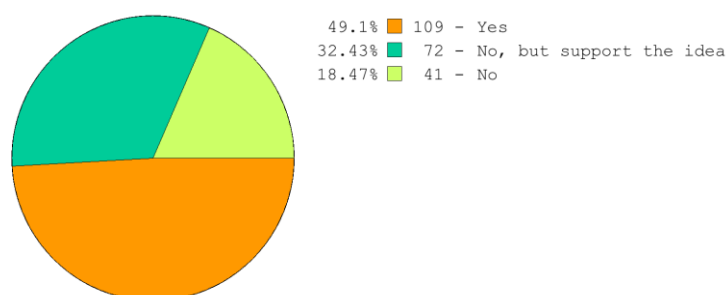
**Is there a problem with cycling or horse riding in Wakering?**




For roads and paths, please tick any you would like to see in Great Waking.



If cycle/bridle paths were provided in Great Waking, would you use them?



## Community Views and Comments

**Q: Are there traffic problems in Great Waking?**

**Conway Avenue and Crouchmans is very dangerous when School is turning out.** Inconsiderate Parking would most certainly impede emergency vehicles. Third World Road surface in North Street. **Zebra outside the doctors is terribly lit and it's only a matter of time.** I live at the top end of the High Street near the Church and there are double yellow lines outside my house but these are routinely ignored all day by delivery vans and members of the public. **Joyriders speeding is a problem.** I think the High Street needs calming down, some young drivers drive at such speed that it is very dangerous. **North Street, pot hole city is a disgrace.** Dangerous areas outside the Co-op and shops, two cars try to get through one lane by shops, buses go wrong side of bollards without slowing down, twice now I have turned left out of my driveway and a bus is the wrong side going at speed and had to slam on my brakes. **Need more control on double yellow line parking especially during the time children go to and come out of school. There will be serious accident on corner of Lee Lotts one day. PARKING AT BACK ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL CAUSES PROBLEMS.** What is the point when there's no one to police them? Pavement cycling is a particular menace in the village. No reasonable person would object to small children using the pavement, but adults cycling at speed represent a real danger to pedestrians, and householders whose front door opens directly onto the street. The lack of enforcement is to be regretted. **The junction**

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“PARKING AT BACK ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL CAUSES PROBLEMS”



"PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES NEAR THE CO-OP IN HIGH STREET"

"Speed of traffic makes crossing Little Wakering Road dangerous"

"...crossing needed somewhere near the Post Office for elderly ..."

"Parents parking is awful around the school"

"More vehicle activated signs, speed limiter measures"



of Wakering Road into Poynters Lane. The greenery is overgrown making it hard to see down Poynters Lane when turning out of Wakering Rd. Potholes at the entrance to Seaview Drive have been there for years. **PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES NEAR THE CO-OP IN HIGH STREET** We live at 25 High Street in Great Wakering, next to Anchor pub and opposite Co-op and a Chinese takeaway. We constantly have people parking over our drive on the double yellow lines and also blocking the path, not to mention causing unnecessary traffic congestion. **The area between the Co-op and church corner is an accident waiting to happen.** Cars often pass the wrong side of the bollards, **Turning right out of Conway Avenue onto Shoebury Road is dangerous due to poor visibility** (a large van is often parked immediately to the left, speed hump just before Conway would help, **Exiting Mercer Ave to the High Street - sometimes blind right vision due to parking area.** Little Wakering Corner/mini roundabout, **Speed of traffic makes crossing Little Wakering Road dangerous, especially for the elderly and parents with young children.** Speeding in High Street; **crossing needed somewhere near the Post Office for elderly people to cross back to Bell House without risking life and limb;** people parking too close to the top end of Mercer Ave near the cafe on the double yellow lines- makes it difficult to turn in off the High Street. **The crossing outside the doctors is dangerous** in the dark in rush hour as when crossing from the doctor's side and there is backed up traffic, vehicles coming the opposite way do not see you and I have been nearly hit several times. **Traffic wardens/PCSOs walk straight past cars parked on double yellow lines,** Poor/non-existent lighting and gaps in footpath from Wakering Road along Poynters Lane to Cupids Corner. **The whole length of the High St is a dangerous area simply because of the lack of any evidence that speeding is monitored/reduced/penalized** Wish North Street could have proper road surface all the way. This would save cars using Northfields Crescent which leads into Mercer and is already very congested - an accident waiting to happen! **Cars parking on the footpath along the High Street. Parents parking is awful around the school** Living on the High Street has become so noisy with the traffic, particularly at school times, that we now want to move to a more rural location within the village. **Speeding motorbikes are a particular nuisance and the bus stop directly opposite our house is a nuisance and therefore the traffic is very noisy.**

**Q: What measures would improve the traffic situation?**

**More vehicle activated signs, speed limiter measures,** name and shame illegal parkers when collecting from school. **Any measure to stop Conway being used as a "rat run" to avoid going via High Street.** Just police the roads properly. **No lower speed limits.** Most people are fine, just target the odd numpity. Most people will break the limit without harming anyone. **People that want lower limits need to be careful what they wish for. They'll get nicked speeding past someone else's house.** Traffic speeds along New Road are frequently too

"Completion by ECC of the footpath on Poynters Lane from Cupids Corner to Waking Road ..."

"Cars in New Rd going far too fast In excess of 50 mph. "

"Why does anyone in the village need to drive their kids to or from school?"

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"When car park full at Medical Centre, people park on both the South and North sides of the High Street and creating a slalom effect which is very dangerous."

high. There are no crossings making it unsafe for the elderly and young children, Flashing signs showing car speed along High Street. Biggest issue is parking on double yellows near Church forcing cars to overtake on wrong side on a blind corner. Perhaps rumble strips and bolder road markings would discourage motorists from accelerating around the corner from Southend Road into Little Waking Road. **Completion by ECC of the footpath on Poynters Lane from Cupids Corner to Waking Road would add to safety of pedestrians.** Better lighting. Big problem with motorbikes using east of village as race/testing track late at nights. Very noisy revving up. From Star Lane, through Angel, Thorpe bay corner, Rose and back to village. Area from Star Lane to Little Waking corner speed limits ignored. **A 20 mph zone along the whole of the High Street** Remove the National Speed Limit section of Star Lane and keep it at 40 mph from Poynters Lane to where the 30 mph limit now starts. **A traffic light crossing at the school for after school clubs when the lolly pop lady is not there.** **Cars in New Rd going far too fast In excess of 50 mph.** Big vehicles carrying big loads of straw leaving a lot of it on roads, curbs, pavements more than farmyard, Parents walking their children to school!!!!

#### **Q: Are there any areas where there is a parking problem in Great Waking?**

Mercer Avenue - Too much parking at junctions which restrict access, **Why does anyone in the village need to drive their kids to or from school?** Cars now park on road outside medical centre as staff vehicles seem to occupy nearly half of the spaces. **School and side roads**, Seaview Drive and Lee Lotts, **Twyford**, Whitehall Road and Common Road, **Too many vehicles around, sadly.** Parking on the High Street from people using the doctor's surgery. **The post office delivery lorries seem to think they own the road on the High St. Their timing is always on school time 8.30 am to 9oclock and it blocks the road.** All the way down the High Street. **All the roads seem to have parking problems through sheer weight of numbers--lots of people seem to be bringing work vehicles home - lorries, vans etc. in addition to their private cars** We don't have a car because there is absolutely no parking for us. **Too many vans and commercial vehicles parked in side roads - often left overnight, so no parking for the people who actually live there.** Problems with a particular resident who keeps using side-street for skips. **St Johns Road and Close often cannot be accessed by delivery vans and refuse vehicles.** **An ambulance coming to my husband had to park in St Johns Road and the attendants had to wheel him down St Johns Close while he was having Heart attack!**  
**CROUCHMANS AVENUE FROM HIGH ST TO CONWAY AVENUE NEEDS MORE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON ONE SIDE OF ROAD DUE TO LARGE VANS NARROWING GAP NEAR HIGH ST UP TO ALLEYWAY FOR OLD PEOPLES HOME,** **When car park full at Medical Centre, people park on both the South and North sides of the High Street and**

"... we sometimes cannot get into our own driveway (or out)."

"...people who don't go to the church always park across the drive ..."

"Very little parking available outside shops and especially the Co-op."

"More frequent patrols and fines"



"Double yellow lines on the side of New Road where the houses have off street parking, to prevent parking both sides."

**creating a slalom effect which is very dangerous.** Lee Lotts runs off the High St. by the school. **At pick-up time for the children the road looks like a car park, we sometimes cannot get into our own driveway (or out).** I realise we knew we were buying a property near a school and perhaps would find some difficulties but until you experience the dangers of such parking with no restrictions from yellow lines, police etc., Lee Lotts at times is a dangerous place. People often have to park partly on the pavement in order to maintain access on the side roads. Reduce the pavement width and increase the road width is the answer. **My church is Great Waking Evangelical and we have a lot of trouble with parking because people who don't go to the church always park across the drive so people who do actually go are unable to park and have to find a place elsewhere, which means elderly people have to walk a further distance.** Too many cars, too few spaces, but people have to park somewhere, **Due to on-road parking Alexandra Road is very difficult to negotiate** Some parents park irresponsible during school runs. **Very little parking available outside shops and especially the Co-op.** Most parking that is available is taken up by owners/staff of shops. **With regards to the medical centre at times when car park is full (and likely to get even worse with possible massive additional housing proposed Alexandra Road is a nightmare. The High Street parking - with regards to moving traffic - can be rather chaotic.**

#### Q: What measures would improve the parking situation?

**More frequent patrols and fines.** Feel certain once word got round people would not be so inconsiderate.

**Simple, encourage a village scheme, only use your vehicles if you're leaving the village.** Walk to the shops and meet your fellow villagers. "Walk and talk" **Double yellow lines on the side of New Road where the houses have off street parking, to prevent parking both sides.** Enforce the rules of parking which already exist. **Encourage parents to walk children to school** Change double yellow to alternate monthly parking on High Street, **Discouragement will be meaningless without some form of enforcement.** The parking bays opposite the school on the High Street are always full of parents sitting in their cars for ages waiting for their children and my mother (next door), who has no off-street parking struggles to get a space during school times, so residential parking would prevent this problem! **I know commercial vehicles can be a problem but it's unfair on those that need them to get to work as a lot of people have their own businesses! We have a van but it is always parked on our driveway but some are not so lucky and the van is an essential part of work.**

#### Q: What do you think of the condition and maintenance of the roads in Great Waking?

Mercer Avenue potholes are many, deep and dangerous, **The rainwater does not flow away after rain.** There is a big hole

“... The rainwater does not flow away after rain.”

“This makes us vulnerable from car thieves etc. due to poor lighting”

“Morley's road to The Rose Inn, I have seen too many people walking along dangerously near to the traffic, pushing buggies, kids cycling, bikes without lights etc. Access should be provided for pedestrians”

“... asphalt pavement surface has been crumbling away for years without anything being done to repair it”

“The path along by the vicarage has a strong camber to it and is impossible to push a wheelchair along”

“The pavements down New Road are a disgrace and dangerously narrow in places,”

at the junction of Waking Road into Poynters Lane that you get stuck in while waiting to pull out. [High Street south side of the road footpath from opp the Health Centre to junction with Little Waking Rd needs repairing](#), St. John's Road, Common Road and Stairs Road are all a disgrace.

### Q: What do you think of the pavements in Great Waking?

[North Street public footpath at High Street end is not fit for purpose](#), Ok. Apart from dog mess and horrible chav kids that need to show a bit more respect. [The street lighting in Little Waking Road is abysmal](#). We only have a few lights which has meant most residents installing security lights. ***This makes us vulnerable from car thieves etc. due to poor lighting*** [We desperately need a pavement going from Waking along Morley's road to The Rose Inn, I have seen too many people walking along dangerously near to the traffic, pushing buggies, kids cycling, bikes without lights etc. Access should be provided for pedestrians](#), In some places in the High Street you cannot fit a double buggy, particularly around the corner near the Church, ***There are a number of places where asphalt pavement surface has been crumbling away for years without anything being done to repair it***. Weeds allowed to grow up through pavements. Pavements are overgrown with plants, making it impossible to push a buggy along. They need to be cut more frequently, Crouchmans Ave to the Church - badly damaged pavements and damaged or missing drain and water point coverings. [On the whole, the pavements are quite reasonable, except where blocked by groups of surly children, or used as racetracks by teenage cyclists](#). There should be a path from Waking to Shoeburyness, (near Cupids Club) half a path was built that's now overgrown, [The pavements down New Road are a disgrace and dangerously narrow in places](#), ***The path along by the vicarage has a strong camber to it and is impossible to push a wheelchair along***. [Overhanging bushes and trees](#), The pavement leading from the High St to Conway Avenue, beside the Anchor, is in a very poor condition. This makes it very dangerous to push a pushchair through there - it would be very easy to have an accident, I would really like to see a pavement at the Cupids Corner end of Poynters Lane. It would make walking to Shoebury a bit safer than having to walk in the road. ***The pavements down New Road are a disgrace and dangerously narrow in places***. National Company van parked on pavement of Shoebury Rd. Eating their lunch!! Lethal for pedestrians and pram users - necessitating walking in road around vehicle. Had he known of a designated parking area in Great Waking perhaps he would have used it! Making the problem less. [Possible to put on a Waking website where such vehicles can park safely - is there one??](#) Little Waking Corner would be safer with lights.



**Q: Is there a problem with cycling or horse riding in Wakering?**

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"The roads are quite dangerous to cycle on as the roads are quite narrow due to parking and cars do not wait until safe to overtake"

"It's nice to see horses about, ...part of the rural location"

"Crossing near Post Office would be beneficial due to struggle less able people have in crossing the road, due to speed of traffic, and sudden appearance of traffic from side roads."

"A roundabout at the Star Lane / Poynters Lane junction is essential..."

***Roads are too dangerous to ride horses on but there is no off road riding around. Drivers have no respect and drive too closely to the horses. Some youths cycle on pavement and feel they have a right of way against pedestrians. Traffic does not slow down for horses. Speeding cars through the village make it dangerous for cyclists. I cycle to work, most days people try to kill me. But that doesn't excuse people riding on the pavement. Horse riders are at best a menace. Most don't have control over their animal or show much courtesy. Horse riders and cyclists slowing down the traffic. They should only be allowed in designated areas where there is no traffic. The roads are quite dangerous to cycle on as the roads are quite narrow due to parking and cars do not wait until safe to overtake.*** The "cycle path" in Coronation Close is so narrow as to be unusable, ***There don't appear to be any bridleways in our area, although riders attempt to use footpaths.*** No problems. Children are generally polite when cycling on paths. ***It's nice to see horses about, again part of the rural location.*** All cyclists and owners/riders of horses should pay road tax and have personal/public liability insurances.

**Q: For roads and paths, please tick any you would like to see in Great Wakering.**

***Crossing near Post Office would be beneficial due to struggle less able people have in crossing the road, due to speed of traffic, and sudden appearance of traffic from side roads.*** A roundabout where Shopland meets Sutton Road is an ABSOLUTE MUST. It is ridiculous that the residents of a village of 7,000 people have to do a right turn onto a busy road to reach Rochford. ***More 'Bridal paths' would be a nice trend - but I fear they would be little used as fewer people appear to be getting married nowadays! A roundabout at the Star Lane / Poynters Lane junction is essential, especially when the WGW developments start, as a lot of traffic from the east of the village will use that route to avoid the inevitable disruption that the WGW developments will bring to the centre and west of the village.*** The removal of all side roads mini roundabouts at junctions with main roads/High Street. There is no way any driver coming out of a minor road onto a main road should have right of way over person on main road. Also take a good look at driving standards at mini roundabouts. High Street/Star Lane.



# Transport

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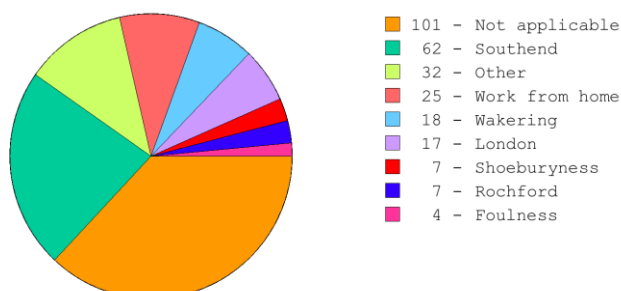
This section looks at how Great Waking residents get around. 241 valid submissions were received.

**Overview:** over half of respondents work, nearly 26% work in Southend. Only 7% of respondents work in Great Waking. The most commonly used method of transport generally is by car.

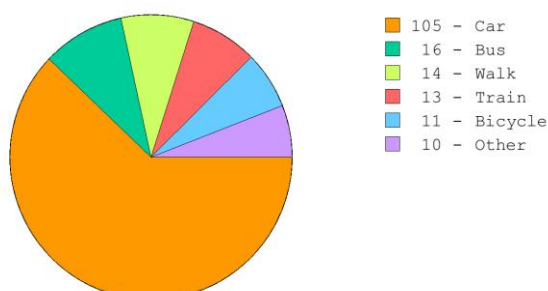
The main mode of transport for school children is by bus. Nearly 50% of respondents rate the bus service as 'adequate' though over 45% would use the service more if it were improved – e.g. more buses to/from Shoebury Station and the Hospital plus more evening buses to/from Southend.

The broad opinion calls for more buses generally, especially to/from supermarkets, Little Waking and Barling.

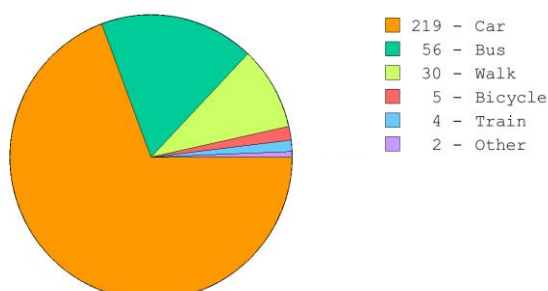
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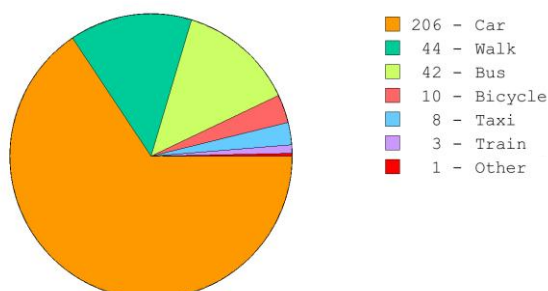
## How do you usually get to work?



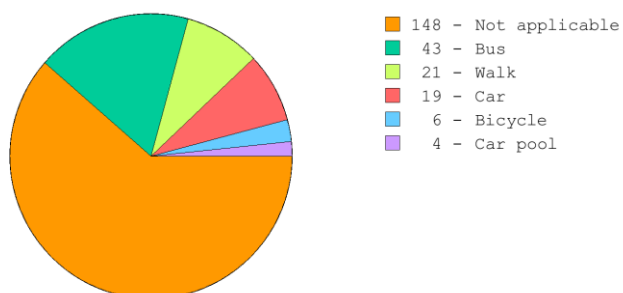
## How do you usually get to shopping centres?



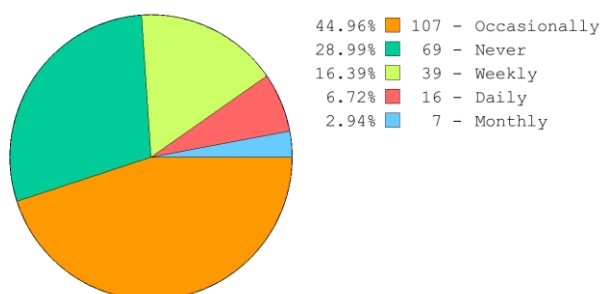
## How do you usually get to medical services (e.g. hospital, dentist etc.) outside the village?



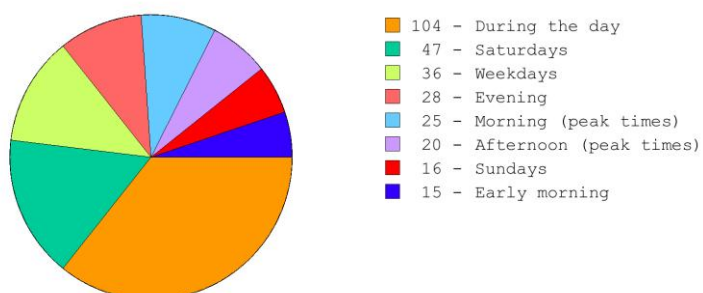
Which of these modes of transport are used by your children to get to school or college?



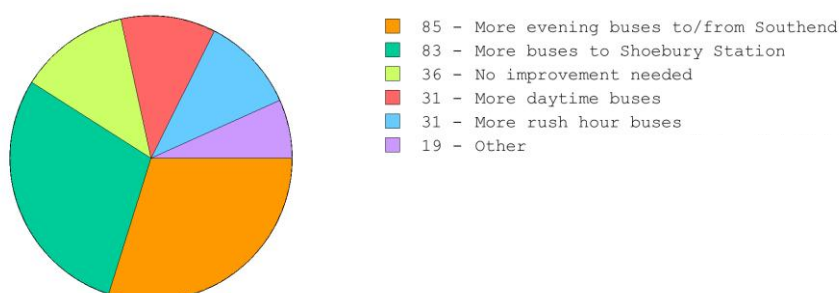
Do you use the bus service in Great Wakering?



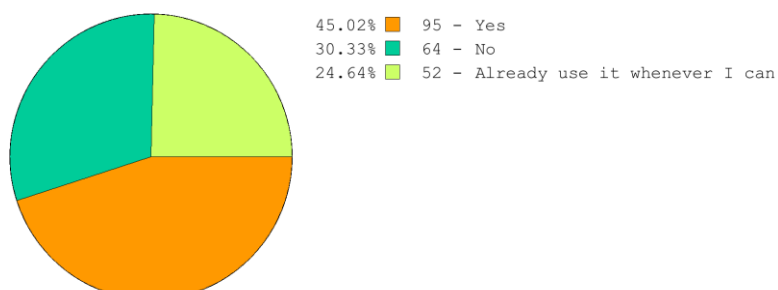
When do you mainly use the buses?



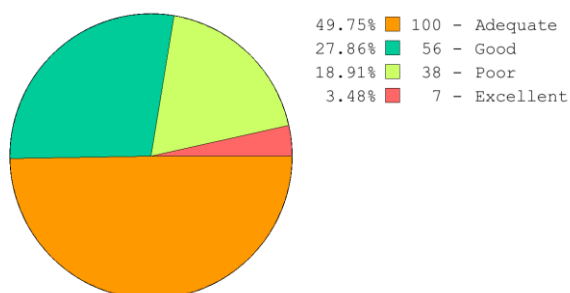
How could the bus service be improved?



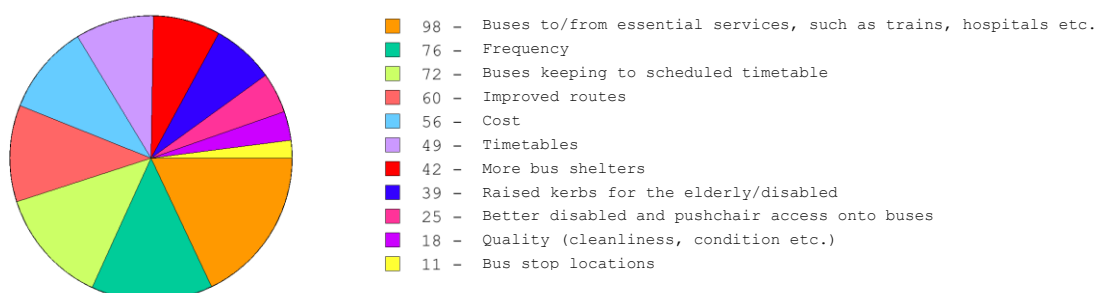
If the bus service was improved would you start to use it, or use it more?



### How do you rate the local bus services?



### Which of the following improvements would you like to see to the local bus services?



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“There is no bus from Wakering to get her to school for 8.30 am”

“cannot go to the pictures in the evening or go for a meal and stay till late.”

## Community Views and Comments

### Q: How do you usually get to work?

Van, Motorbike, car and then train. Car (There is no real other alternative as the bus service provided is appalling.

### Q: How do you usually get to shopping centres?

**Bus services to and from Wakering to Southend are spasmodic and non-existence at evening/night times.** Bus on weekdays if possible, unless I'm going to Waitrose where there is no direct public transport solution. Always drive in the evening and on Sunday as the bus service is infrequent and time-keeping is erratic.

### Q: How could the bus service be improved?

More buses are needed in Little Wakering/Barling area. (Buses after 6.0pm and on Sundays) My granddaughter has to get to Shoeburyness High school. **There is no bus from Wakering to get her to school for 8.30 am.** She has to get the 8am bus and walk to school from the Angel Pub round-a-bout. **The 8 am bus should go to Asda . The last 4 or 4a bus leaves Southend at 8.10 pm. You cannot go to the pictures in the evening or go for a meal and stay till late. On Sunday the last bus is 6.10 pm which is very restrictive** when visiting relatives **More buses running to Shoebury station would be such an improvement and give**

"More buses running to Shoebury station ...give ...options"

"Bus shelter that keeps you dry"

"More early and late buses"

"...cannot rely on bus service to get me ... in time to pick child up from school"

"Cancelled scheduled bus service, with no prior notice ..."

"Waitrose, and the Airport ... NO public transport option..."



**you more options for travel** Through buses to the west of Southend, Hadleigh, Rayleigh, Hockley, etc. Newer buses that are clean and cheaper to use. **A service directly through Rochford is required.** **Bus shelter that keeps you dry** also a seat at old post office bus stop. Please. **A bus going past Morley's.** To get to school in Rochford for an 8 am start you have to catch the 6.22am bus and change in Southend. **Working in Southend in the evening there is no public transport to get back to Great Wakering which therefore limits any work placement.** My husband uses the bus and has not had a problem. **More early and late buses.** I use my car **as cannot rely on bus service to get me back from work in time to pick child up from school.** **Cancelled scheduled bus service, with no prior notice,** is common. A bus to Asda more frequently. Turn up on time if at all!

Reduced prices. **More early morning and night buses.** I finish work at 8pm and I'm not able to make it to the bus stop by 8:12pm, the next bus to Wakering is 10:37. **The youth cannot get in or out of the village after 20:00 hrs. so they hang around the Co-op. NOT GOOD.** The current services go direct to Southend and offer no alternative. **With developments like Waitrose, and the Airport there is currently NO public transport option available.** Only 3 buses to GW AFTER 6.00pm!!! The Sunday service is too erratic and infrequent to offer a reasonable alternative to using the car. **A link to Shoebury station would be obvious as it is so hard to connect with a bus.** There should be a limited evening and Sunday bus service down New Road. Very dark road for young people to walk from the church. **Buses on Sunday unreliable. When there are problems you can spend ages waiting with no knowledge of why.** More double decker buses are needed at peak times. **Direct bus to Southend Hospital.**

**Q: If the bus service was improved would you start to use it, or use it more?**

Providing the ticket would be cheaper - it is far too expensive at the moment. **I still child mind in Leigh 2 or 3 times per week.** **There is no bus service to suit my needs.** The answer lies in the quality of improvement. **We would use it in the evenings occasionally and our son would use it more.** Possible and could see our children using it as they get older.

**Q: How do you rate the local bus services?**

**Waited for a bus on Friday which was 20 minutes late.** They keep to time and in that way are very reliable. But more of them in the evening is much desired by everyone in the village. **Was so much better 10 years ago. The drivers were civil too.** Daytime service good. When first in possession of a bus pass I used it to child mind in Leigh. **I ended up walking home from Southend in the evening as no service was available.** Adequate at best only in

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"In 1946 there was one bus every half hour, same as today"

"Been refused entry ... for not having exact fare."

"...have to get 2 buses which can take up to 1 1/2 to 2 hours..."

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daytime for those in need of them, especially the very young and very old unable to afford or drive cars. **Just about adequate** during the weekday and Saturday. The half-hourly 4 /4A operated by Arrivia is supplemented by the 14 running at 90 mins intervals. At least the 14 service operated by Stephenson's offers some relief. **In 1946 there was one bus every half hour just the same as today**

**Q: Which of the following improvements would you like to see to the local bus services?**

Make the route so that all buses pass via Asda and complete in Shoebury High Street. **Been refused entry too many times for not having exact fare.** Even close isn't good enough. **The bus stop outside the vicarage could do with a shelter. As I work at the hospital I would have to get 2 buses which can take up to 1 1/2 to 2 hours sometimes.** Two late bus times to the village would be a great improvement. For frequency more buses in the evening please. Complete overhaul and improvement of Great Woking public transportation system. **One ticket to cover all bus companies.** Timetables are open to vandalism. Very difficult to board bus with a wheelchair at Magnolia House stop in Barling Essex due to the brick wall of said premises and too narrow a pavement plus kerb is too low.





# Youth

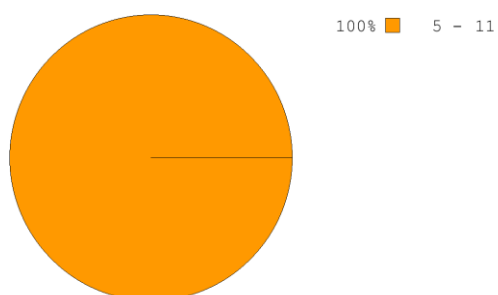
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Here we feature the opinions of Great Waking's younger citizens. 59 valid submissions were received.

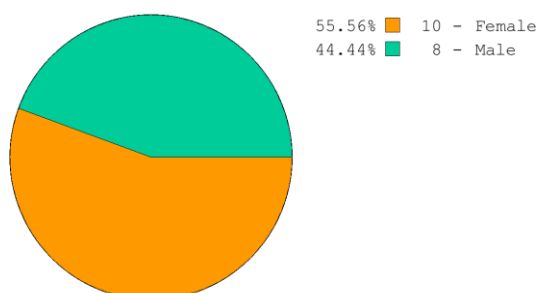
**Overview:** Respondents were aged between 11 and 18 years. Those who declared their gender were equally balanced. 83% have a home computer, 65% believe there is plenty on offer in the village but would also like a cinema, swimming pool, bowling, drama group, better shops and more events.

The top four problems cited were litter, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and violence – 72% don't feel safe in some areas. Of the 23% regularly using the bus service only 1.7% think buses are excellent. 94% like both the countryside and living in Great Waking.

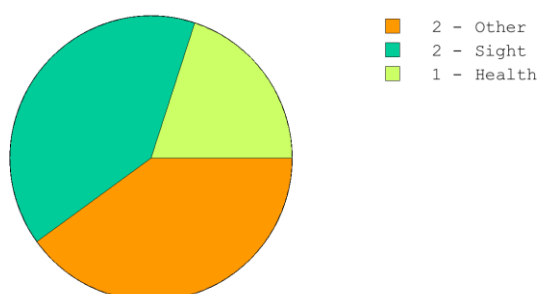
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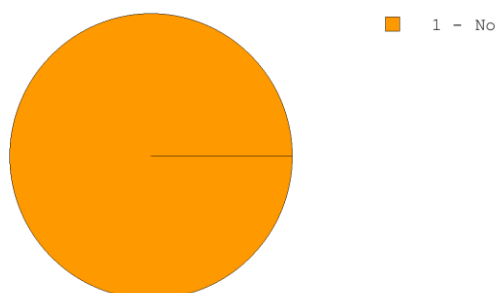
What sex are you?



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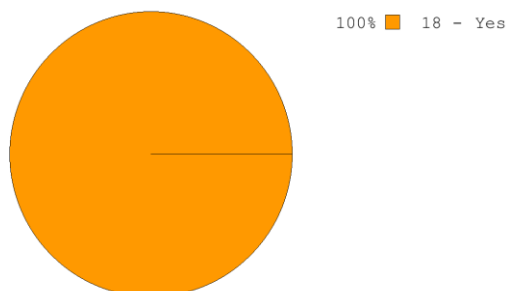


Do you have a part time job?



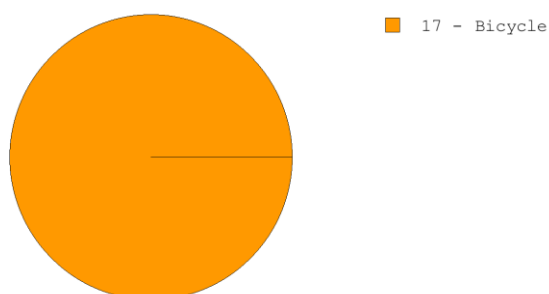
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Does your family own a car?



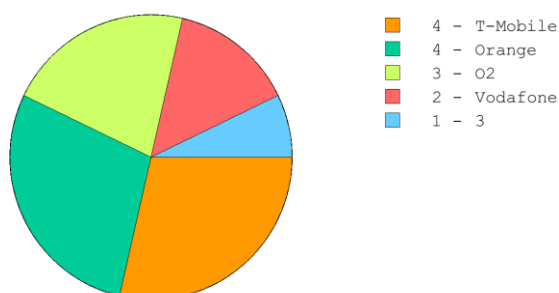
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Do you own any form of transport?



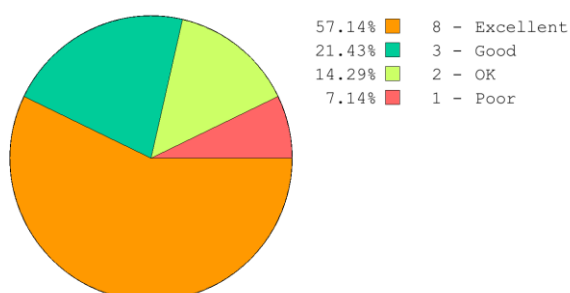
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Do you own a mobile phone? If so, which provider?



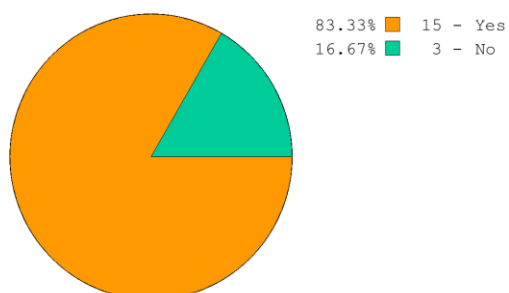
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Do you get good network coverage around the village?



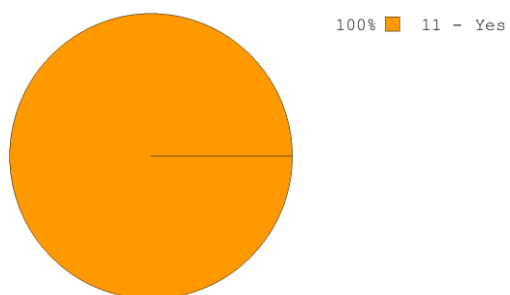
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Do you have a computer at home?



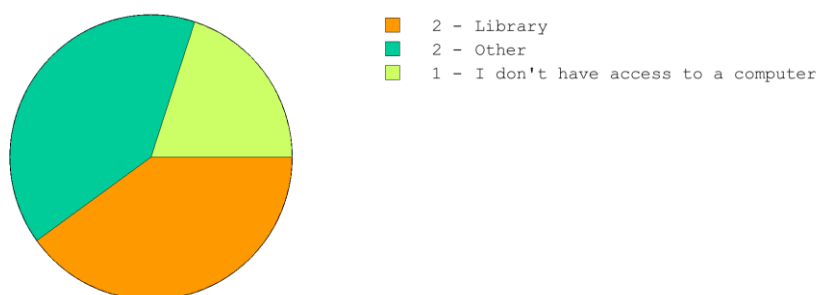
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Do you have enough time on a computer to complete your homework?



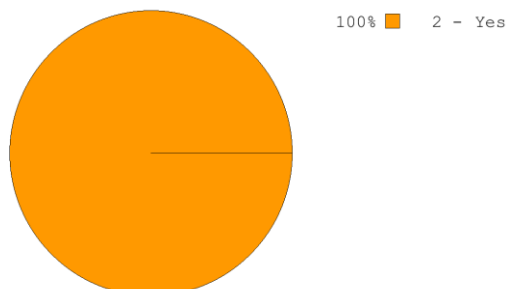
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If you don't have a computer at home how do you access one outside of school hours?



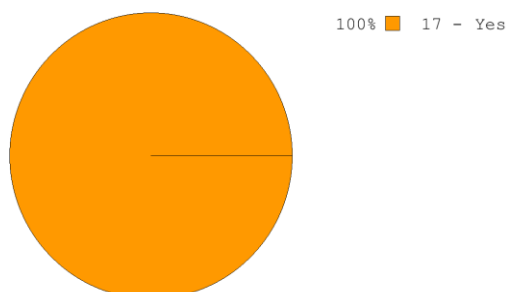
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If you don't have a computer at home do you get sufficient time to complete you homework?

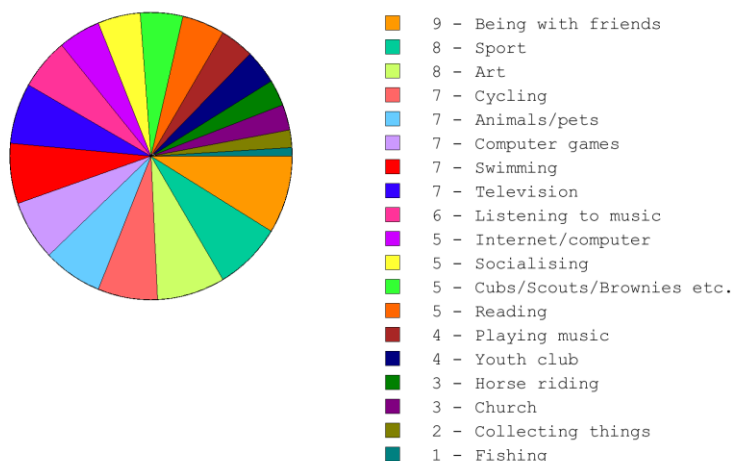


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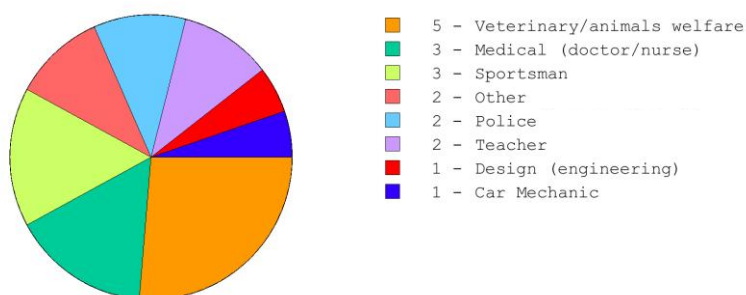
Do you have access to the Internet at home?



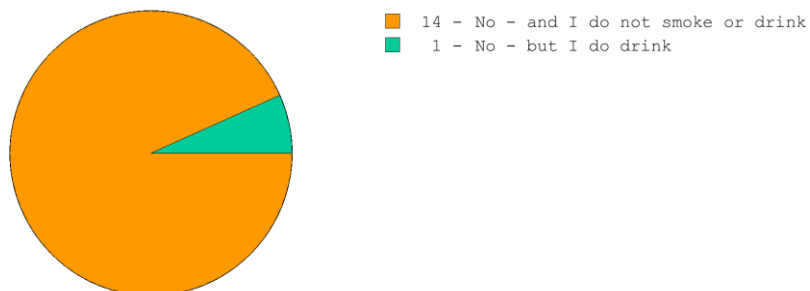
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**What interests do you have outside of school?**


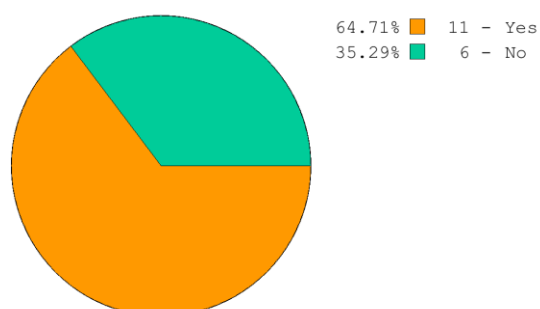

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**What would you like to do for a job when you leave school?**


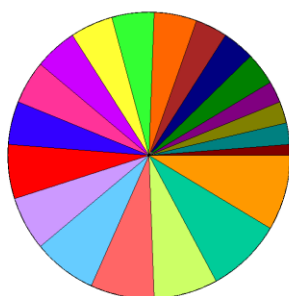

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**Do you feel you are under peer pressure to smoke or drink?**



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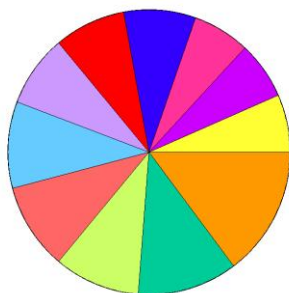
**Is there plenty to do in the village for youngsters?**


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**What else would you like to see in the village?**


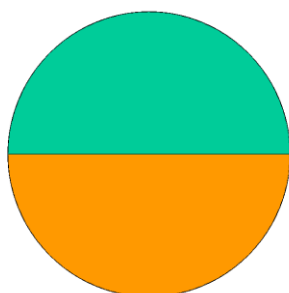
- 7 - Cinema
- 7 - Swimming pool
- 6 - Drama group
- 6 - Bowling
- 6 - More/better shops
- 5 - Skate boarding/stunt biking
- 5 - Self defence classes
- 4 - Better facilities for the disabled
- 4 - Music facilities/band rehearsal rooms
- 4 - Basketball
- 4 - More/better play areas
- 4 - More/better sports facilities
- 4 - Horse riding
- 3 - Cadets
- 3 - Tennis courts
- 3 - Other youth clubs
- 2 - Nature rambles
- 2 - Makeup classes
- 2 - Snooker/pool room
- 1 - Extra-curricular activities at school (study groups, shared interest clubs etc.)

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**What events/celebrations would you like to see in the village?**


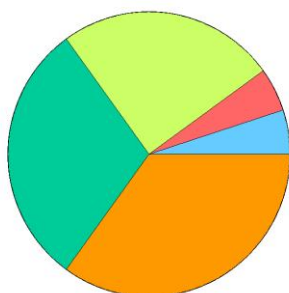
- 9 - Christmas lights/tree
- 7 - Music events/bands
- 6 - Bonfire/fireworks party
- 6 - Christmas fair
- 6 - Treasure hunts
- 5 - Sporting events (village sports day)
- 5 - Village fair/shows
- 5 - Plays/theatre
- 4 - Carnival
- 4 - Travelling fun fair
- 4 - Village Halloween party

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**Do you take part in any activities outside of the village?**


- 50% 9 - Yes
- 50% 9 - No

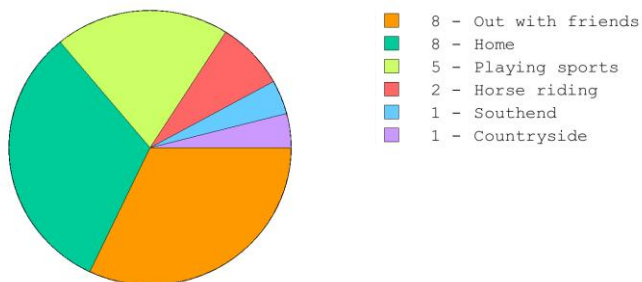
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**What do you think of the play facilities in Great Wakering (swings/slides etc.)**


- 7 - Need better equipment for older children/teenagers
- 6 - Need more/better play equipment (e.g. zip wire)
- 5 - Need some separate areas with age restrictions
- 1 - Excellent
- 1 - Need more/better play equipment for younger children



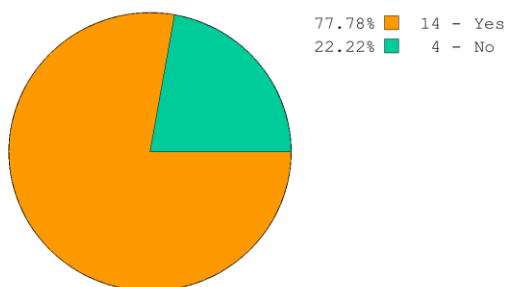
Where do you spend most of your time outside of school?



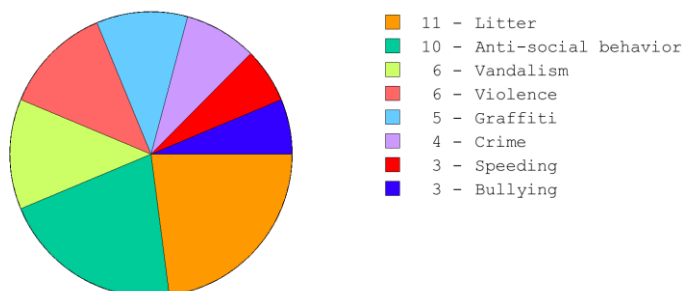
Would you like to be more involved in village community activities?



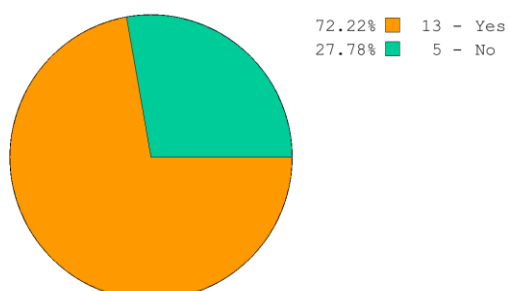
Would be more inclined to help with village community activities if you were paid to do so?



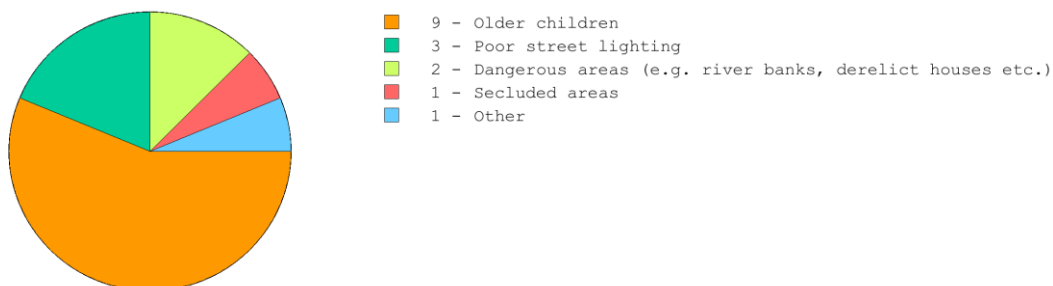
Do you think there is a serious problem with any of the following in the village?



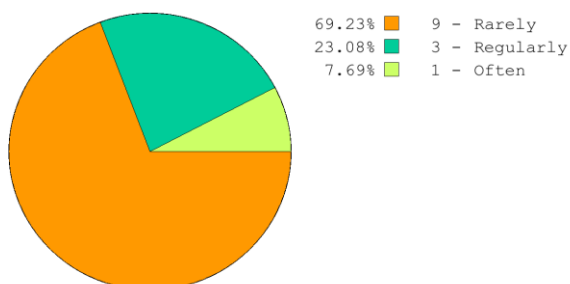
Are there any areas in the village in which you don't feel safe?



If there are any areas in the village in which you don't feel safe please indicate why, and specify where the problems are.



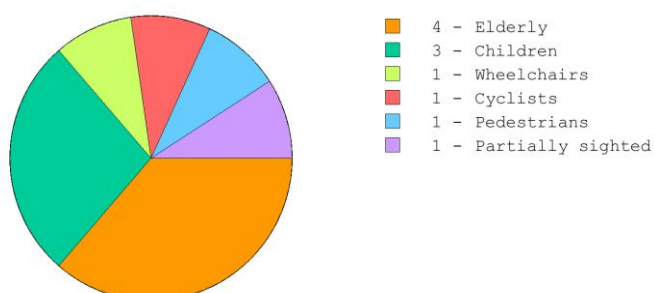
Do you use the local bus service?



What do you think of the local bus service?



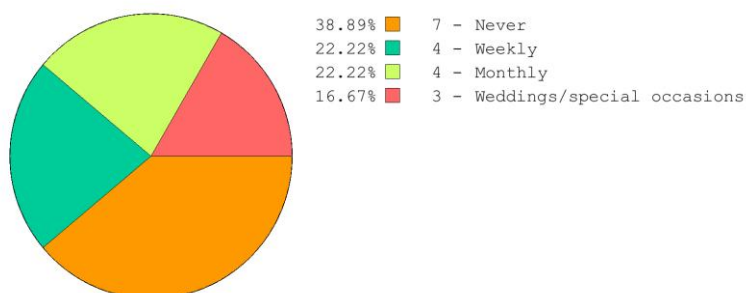
Should facilities in the village be improved for any of the following?



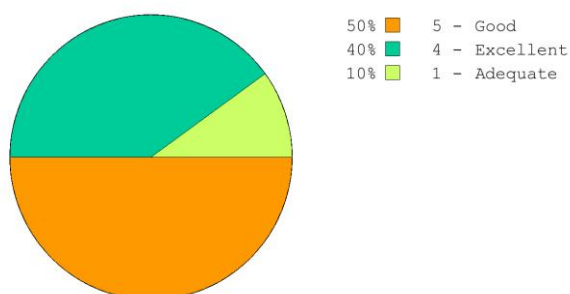
What do you think of the village library?



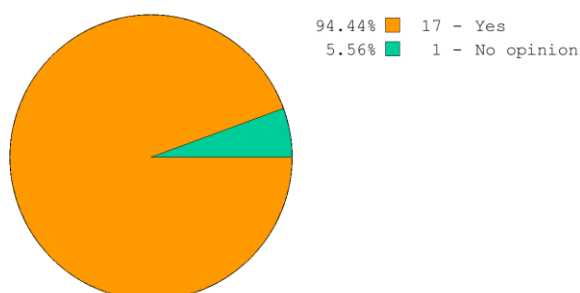
How often do you go to church?



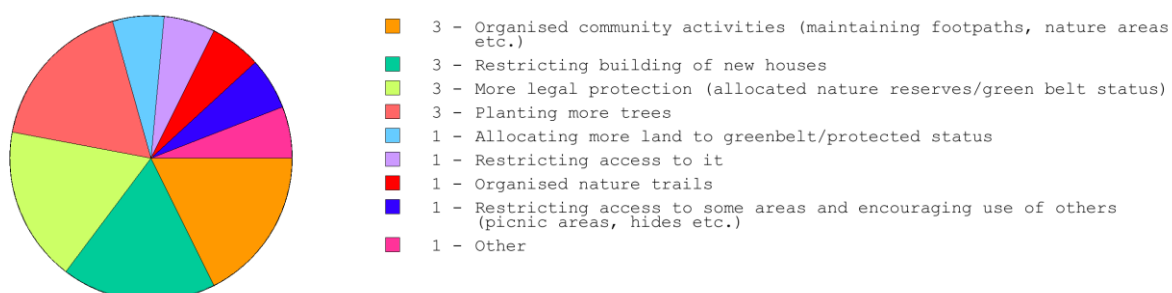
If you are a church goer, or if you are involved in church organisations such as the Scouts, what do you think of the church facilities and activities?



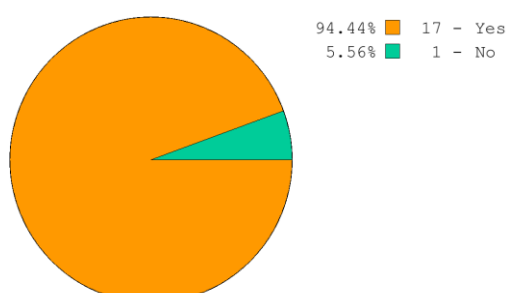
Do you think we should be protecting the countryside and green belt land around the village?



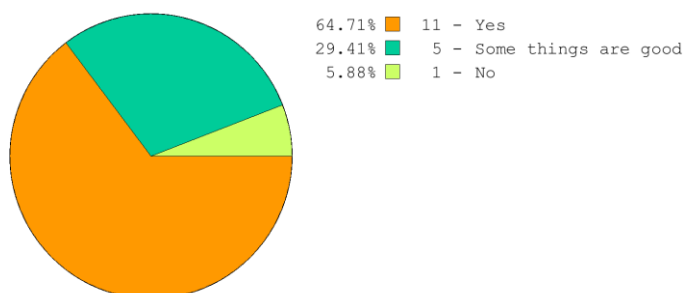
If you answered "Yes" to the above, how do you think we should be protecting it and raising awareness of it?



Do you like living in Great Waking?



## Is Great Waking a good place for children to grow up?



“Skate park needed.”



“Litter is everywhere... more bins... *people tidying up after themselves.*”

“...*people who hang about there, smoking and stuff.*”  
 “Older children ... You cannot see who/what is

## Young Persons Views and Comments

**Q: Is there plenty to do in the village for youngsters?**

***Skate park needed.*** There is Teen Cafe, a few sports clubs and Guiding/Scouting that I'm aware of. Other than that, there isn't anywhere to go.

**Q: Do you take part in any activities outside of the village?**

Dancing in Hockley Netball Club and Arabesque Gym Club at Clements Hall, *Cricket club, swimming club*, Gymnastics - Garons Park, *A tutor group Thorpe bay* Football club in Hawkwell, *Judo*, Scouts in Shoebury, Garons park swimming, *Tennis Garons Park*, Judo in Barling. *Garons running club*, Jada Theatre School Southend on Sea, *Hockley Dance School*, Netball - Greensward Academy, *RAD, Colchester*, Gymnastics at Garons Park. *Echo Whitecaps Football Club*, Horse riding – Barling, *Leigh Rockets Football Club in Leigh*, Basildon and Clements Hall rock climbing.

**Q: Would you like to be more involved in village community activities?**

*If I was paid for it*, Dog walking, *Sporting activities.*

**Q: Do you think there is a serious problem with any of the following in the village?**

***Litter is everywhere over Great Waking and I think more bins should be placed around the village. More people tidying up after themselves.***

**Q: If there are any areas in the village in which you don't feel safe please indicate why, and specify where the problems are.**

***Occasionally at the Rec because of the people who hang about there, smoking and stuff. Older children (The Parry - the park by the Castle Pub). You cannot see who/what is***

there. “

“... friends in Rochford and there is no direct bus service”



“...not.... enough for me to do in Great Waking”

“Yes it’s awesome and... not... too much housing”

“Yes I feel safe and can go around on my own”

“No because ... gangs”

“Park/play areas need more equipment”

“More parks”

**there. Older children**

**Q: What do you think of the local bus service?**

***I have many friends in Rochford and there is no direct bus service to there.***

**Q: What do you think the Community Police’s role is in the village?**

**What community police.** Keeping the villagers safe. **Checking to make sure there is no vandalism.** We need more police around the village. **They should keep an eye on older children.** Stopping crime.

**Q: What do you think the Parish Council’s role is in the village?**

***Don’t know - they don’t do much.*** Making things better, e.g. one way roads.

**Q: Do you like living in Great Waking?**

***I do not feel there is enough for me to do in Great Waking,*** I would prefer living in the village as opposed to Southend because there is less traffic and it is nicer as a community, ***I think overall it is a nice place, the community is helpful and kind.*** There is litter but I have my friends here. ***Yes it’s awesome and it’s not crowded by too much housing.*** Beautiful wildlife. ***Because it’s mainly safe. Because it is peaceful.*** No there aren’t enough things to do. Because it is cosy and calm. ***No,*** because there are hardly any places to play. Yes it is a village where everyone is friends. ***No, because I have lived in Australia and it was much better.***

**Q: Is Great Waking a good place for children to grow up?**

**There is nothing for youngsters to do,** there are several pre-schools to go to, a big/good primary school for children to go to, ***living in a more rural area than those nearby is better for a child - it reduces risks of road accidents, violence etc.*** ***Yes I feel safe and can go around on my own.*** Litter. There’s no places for them to go. ***Yes because there is a wide range of facilities.*** Some people are kind and some people are not kind. ***Teenagers swearing and graffiti,*** Yes it is a safe community. ***Some things are good - Streetlights.*** ***No because there are gangs.*** No there are too many smokers.

**Q: What do you think could be improved to make Great Waking a better place for children to live and grow up?**

**Less anti-social behaviour, Park/play areas need more equipment.** To have more clubs for children. To have more police and less violence. ***More parks.***



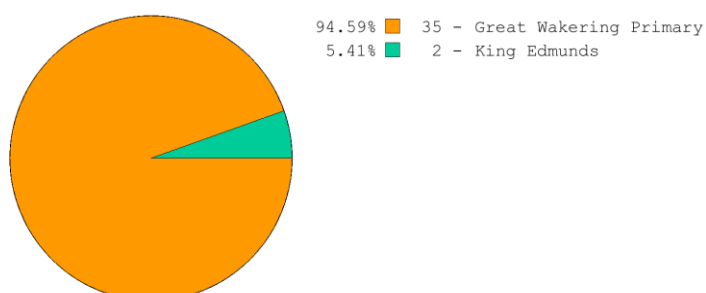
# Youth Education

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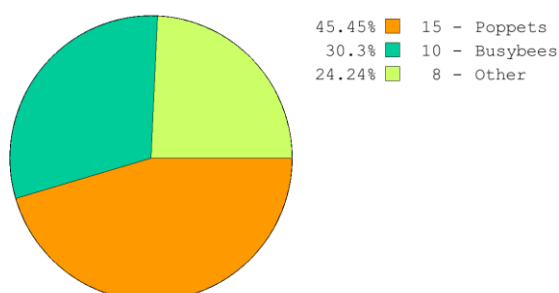
In this section the young people of Wakering air their views. 46 valid submissions were received. **Overview:** The majority of respondents find the quality of teaching good and say that learning is interesting, challenging and fun though only half of respondents enjoy school.

On the subject of school itself, 42% rate start and finish times as OK, 8% claim problems with bullying, 92% agree that mentoring for needy groups is adequate, just 7% think that school meals are poor and, reassuringly, 81% would recommend their school to others while 92% feel that staff or teachers are supportive. 19% would prefer an extra school hour rather than homework.

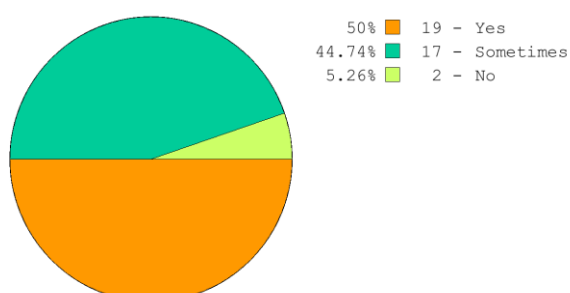
Which school do you go to?



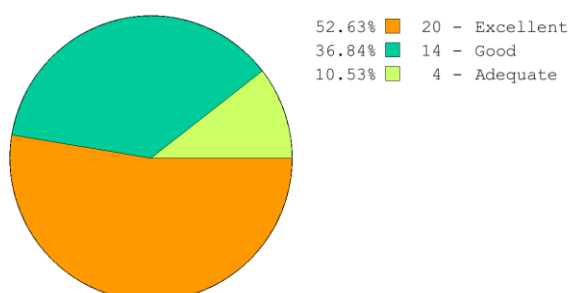
Which pre-school did you go to?



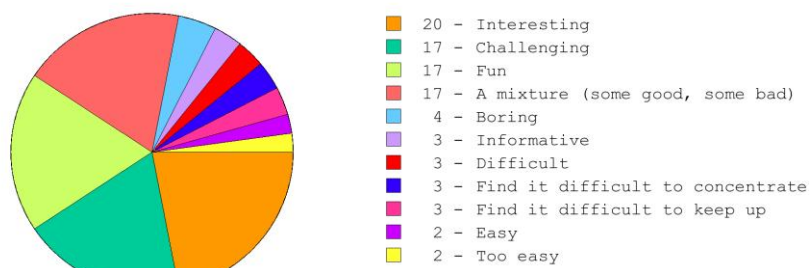
Do you enjoy school?



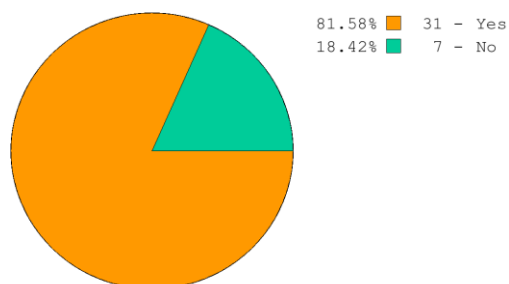
How do you find the quality of teaching at your school (generally)?



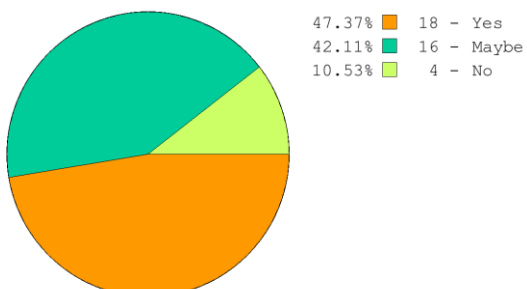
How would you describe the subjects you are taught (generally)?



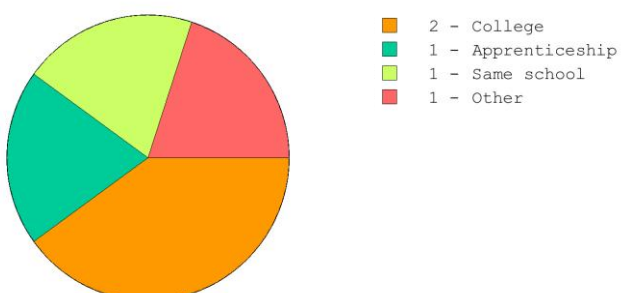
Do you think we should have a secondary school in the village?



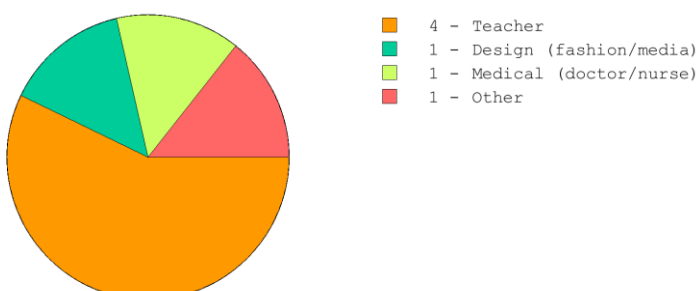
Would you prefer to attend a senior school in the village if it was available?



If you are considering staying on for further education, where do you think you are likely to attend?

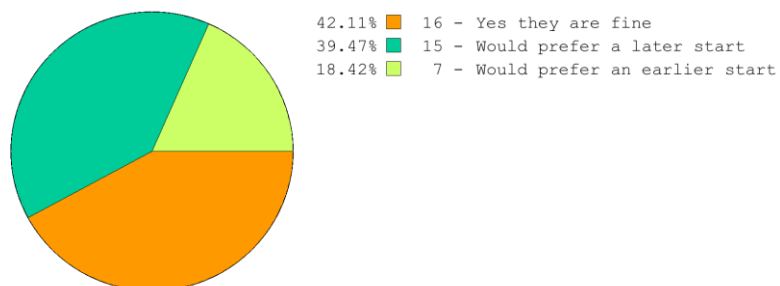


What would you like to do for a job when you leave school?



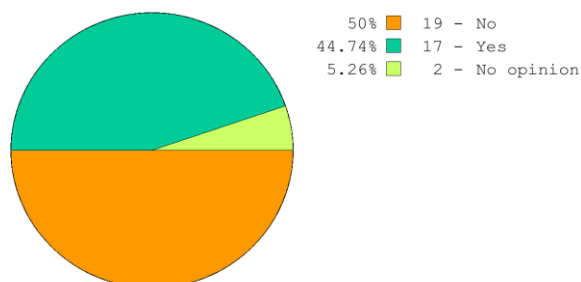
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Do you think the school's start and end times are OK?



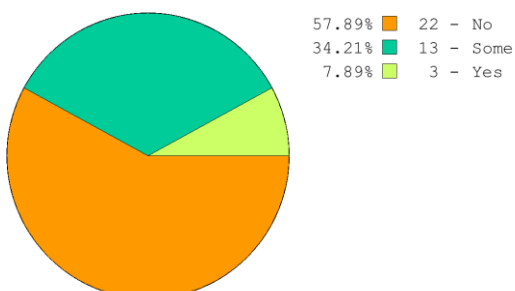
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Do you think a school uniform should be mandatory?



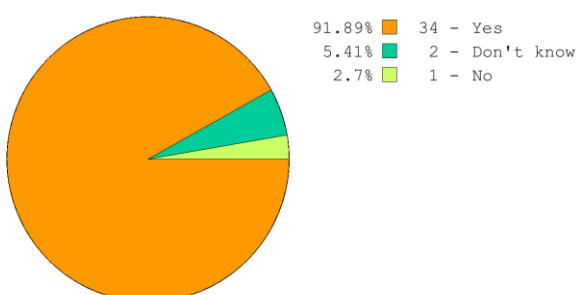
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Is there a problem with bullying at your school?



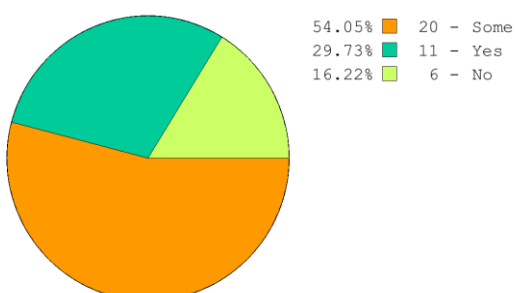
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Is there adequate mentoring for new starters or higher/lower achievers at your school?



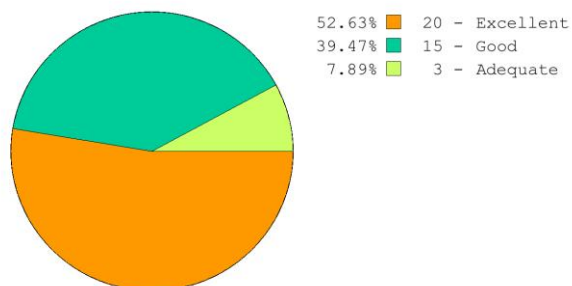
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Is there a problem with disruption in classrooms at your school?



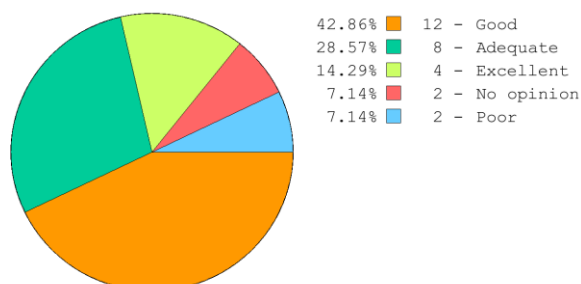
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**What are the facilities like at your school?**




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**What do you think of the school meals at your school?**



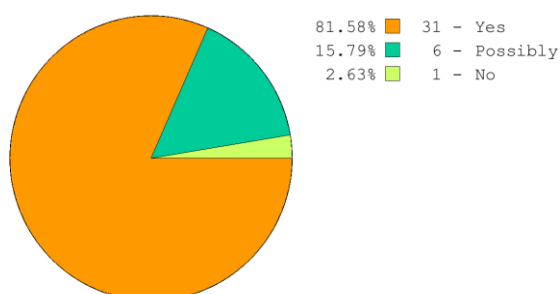

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**Which of the following subjects, if any, are not covered adequately at your school?**



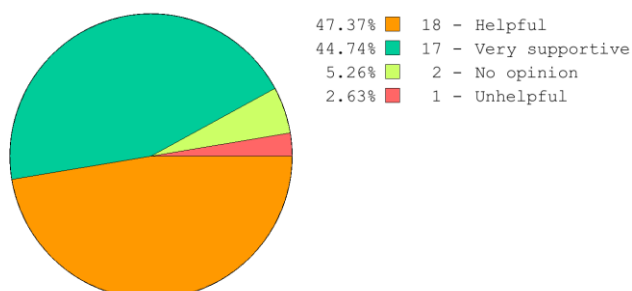

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**Would you recommend your school to others looking for a new school?**

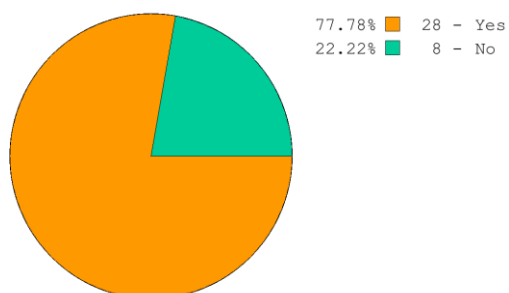



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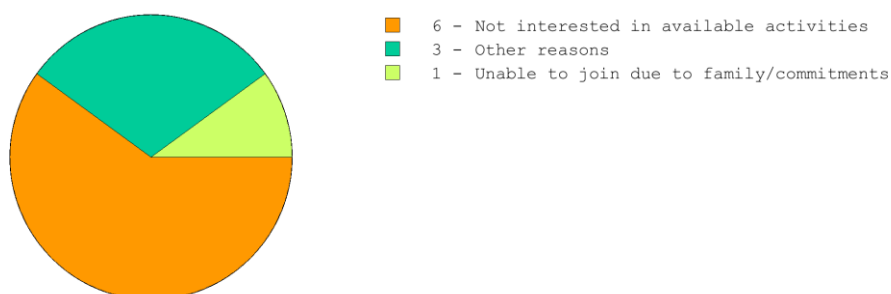
**How supportive are the staff and teachers at the school to both pupils and parents?**



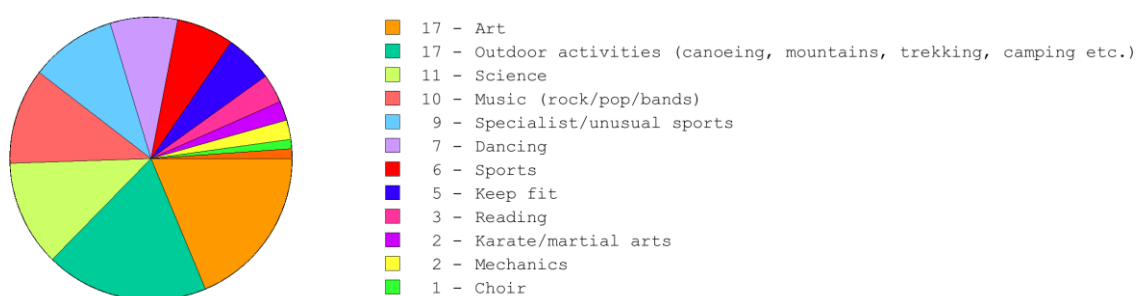
Are there plenty of extra-curricular activities at the school that you are interested in?



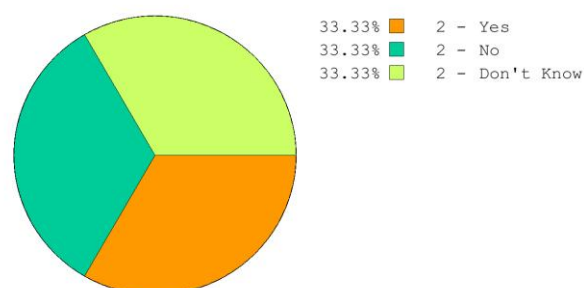
If you do not take part in extra-curricular activities please explain why.



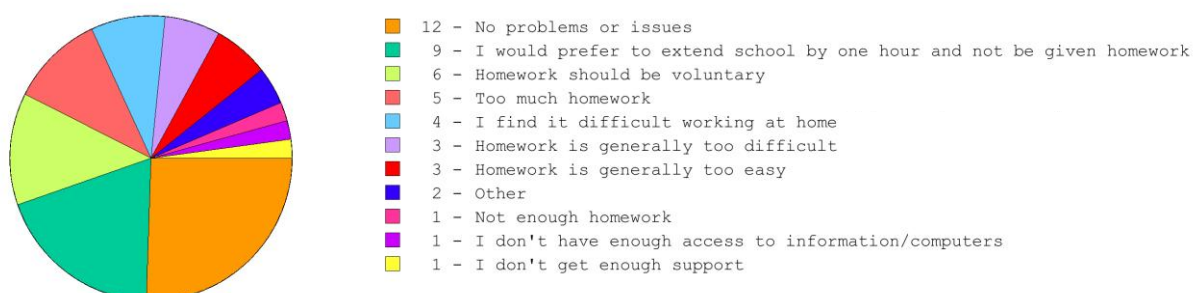
What extra-curricular activities might you be interested in?



Are there any subjects that are not covered at your school, that would better prepare you for your intended employment?



What do you think of the homework you are set at school?





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“...so then we will be awake and ready to learn instead of half-asleep”



“I've made friends that I don't want to leave.”

“I have to get the bus at 6.50 and feel this is too early “

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**Q: Which pre-school did you go to?**

Jack and Jill's, Little Bo Peeps, Another, Cotton Socks which is now Rascals, One in Australia.

**Q: Do you think we should have a secondary school in the village?**

Of course, to be built on the old Brick Fields. So it is easy to access and **so we don't have to get up as early as we should to travel to our school so then we will be awake and ready to learn instead of half-asleep** Yes, it would be nice not to have to get the bus every day. It would make it much more convenient for students having to travel to schools further away. **Also, waking up earlier to attend school on time can affect your performance in the day (due to lack of sleep).** Also, where would it be? **No I think the village isn't big enough for one and it would create more havoc and traffic.** Yes, too many children have to go on the buses to Rochford very early in the morning which for me makes it harder to learn

**Q: Would you prefer to attend a senior school in the village if it was available?**

**No, because I like the school that I am at now.** Maybe, I would have found it easier to have because of the journey to and from, **but then I wouldn't have expanded and left the village and met new people.** It would be easier to attend. It would be a lot easier for me personally, but after attending KES for over a year **I've made friends that I don't want to leave.** Yes, shorter distance to get to. **No because I like a journey.** Yes, then I can just play out easier.

**Q: If you are considering staying on for further education, where do you think you are likely to attend?**

**Other (I am at college.)** At the moment, I think I will stay on at the same school, but it really depends on which place will be the best for the subjects I want to take.

**Q: What would you like to do for a job when you leave school?**

**Beauty,** I want to be a Drama teacher, **Doctor/Nurse or Teacher,** Police dog handler, **Design (fashion/media)**

**Q: Do you think the schools start and end times are OK?**

**Would prefer a later start as I have to get the bus at 6.50 and feel this is too early,** Yes they are fine, we have to wake up early, I would prefer starting at 8:00 am and finishing at 2:05pm any later by the time I'd get home it would be getting quite late (because of travelling by bus), **in the winter it could start getting dark which could increase the risk of anything bad happening. I**

*have to wake up at 6am that's too early. Would prefer a later start. I wake up very late and then don't have enough time.*

**Q: Do you think a school uniform should be mandatory?**

"I wake up very late and then don't have enough time."

Yes so people couldn't criticize you for the things that you were in if they are not designer. *I think school uniforms should be mandatory because by wearing them the school looks smarter, and since everyone is wearing the same it reduces chances of bullying.* Yes want to look smart and everyone wears the same

**Q: Is there a problem with bullying at your school?**

"...everyone is wearing the same it reduces chances of bullying."

*Yes (Cecil Jones wasn't as strict on bullying as I know KES is, but South Essex College has no bullying).* I think our school is generally very good with few cases of bullying. I think the shorter breaks (two twenty minute breaks) reduce the amount of bullying, as well as the bully council.

**Q: Is there a problem with disruption in classrooms at your school?**

"...that cannot handle disruptive students."

There will always be some cases of disruption, but they are almost always sorted out by teachers. *However, I think there are some teachers (often supplies) that cannot handle disruptive students.* Some (one or two per day). Certain people disrupt class.

**Q: What do you think could be improved in your school?**

"...lecturers don't leave in the middle of an assessment."

Better communication with staff and students. *Make sure lecturers don't leave in the middle of an assessment.* Break time activities. *School dinners.* The play equipment. Looking after property. *More arts and crafts.* Activities, Proper Football goals with hard balls, *Bike track,* Skate park. *More play equipment.* More nature/wildlife areas, *More wildlife areas,* Nothing, *Football goals.* Yes but not too much. *Challenging PE subjects.* To have a school pet. *Seating.*

**Q: Would you recommend your school to others looking for a new school?**

"I think KES is a very good school"

*I think KES is a very good school,* with small cases of bullying and the subjects taught well. Yes (Good teachers, good staff, good friends, and good resources.)

**Q: If you do not take part in extra-curricular activities please explain why.**

"I am tired and worn out by the end of the school day..."

I would and have done activity with the school. *I am tired and worn out by the end of the school day and would rather go home.* I'm worried about not getting picked for a team. I finish at 5 everyday and the college doesn't do extra-curricular activities.

**Q: What do you think of your prospects upon leaving**

**school?**

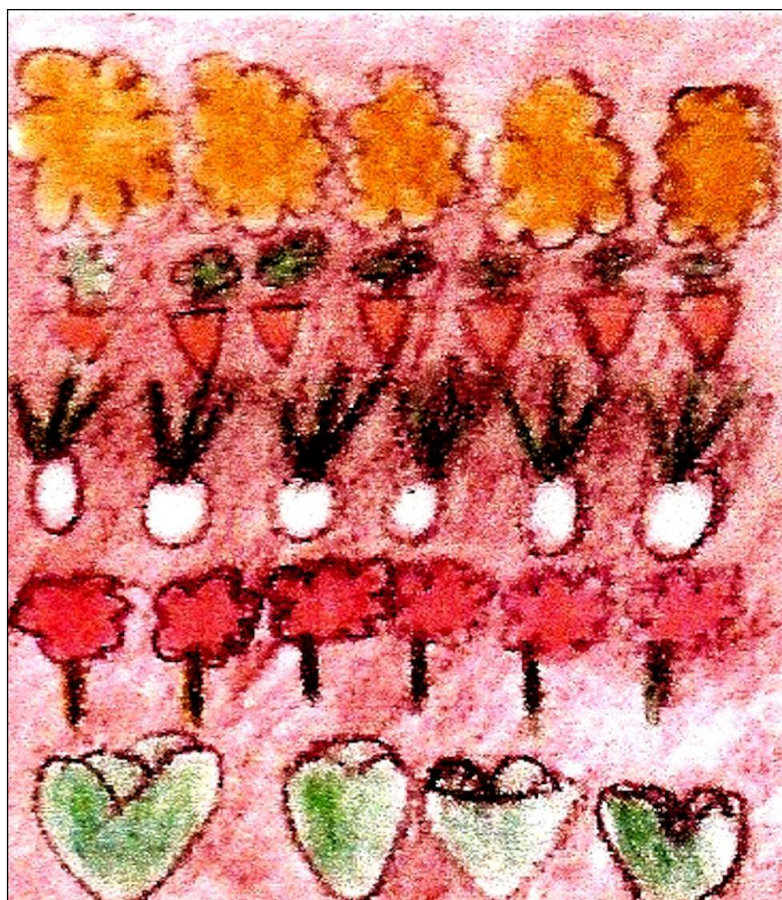
- 33% - Good,
- 19% - Don't know,
- 9% - OK,
- 9% - Excellent,
- 6% - **Very Good,**
- 3% - Alright,
- 3% - **Fine,**
- 3% - Pretty Good,
- 3% - **Really Good,**
- 3% - Brilliant,
- 3% - I think I will get on quite well,
- 3% - **Going to University is a strong possibility,**
- 3% - I think I will be excellent in the world.

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**“Not in the frame of mind...”**

**Q: What do you think of the homework you are set at school?**

***Not in the frame of mind that I am in at school.*** I have at least 2 pieces of homework every night. **My homework is doing research, I need it to pass my course.**

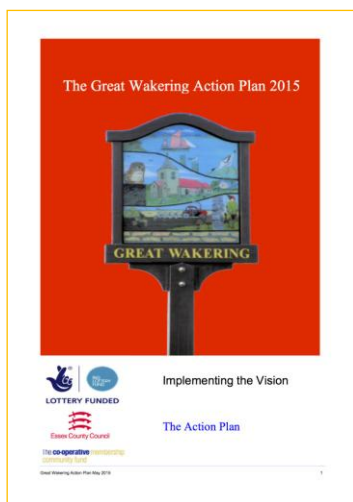


# Action Plan explained

Whilst the Parish Plan survey has already proved its worth by revealing the characteristics of Great Waking and some of the concerns felt by members of the Community, we cannot be satisfied with merely having collected your feedback. The data alone will not create change and improvement. For example, the data tells us that 35% of those who responded would like to see more evening buses to and from Southend. It is of course good that we know this but knowing of the issue is not the same as doing something about it. This is why we will be publishing a further document – Action Plan – which will be used to identify what needs to be done and how it might be best achieved.

## Summary and notes

The Great Waking Parish Plan Steering Group would like to express its sincere thanks to the local community for engaging with the aims of the survey. We would also like to offer a promise of our determination to ensure that tangible benefits and improvements are forthcoming following this ground breaking exercise which offered a golden opportunity for every voice in Great Waking to be heard.



The Parish Plan survey document succeeded in gathering the thoughts of our Community.

The next step - The Action Plan document - will record how we will turn those thoughts into deeds.

## Copies of the Parish Plan and Action Plan

Copies of the Great Waking Parish Plan and the Great Waking Action Plan:-

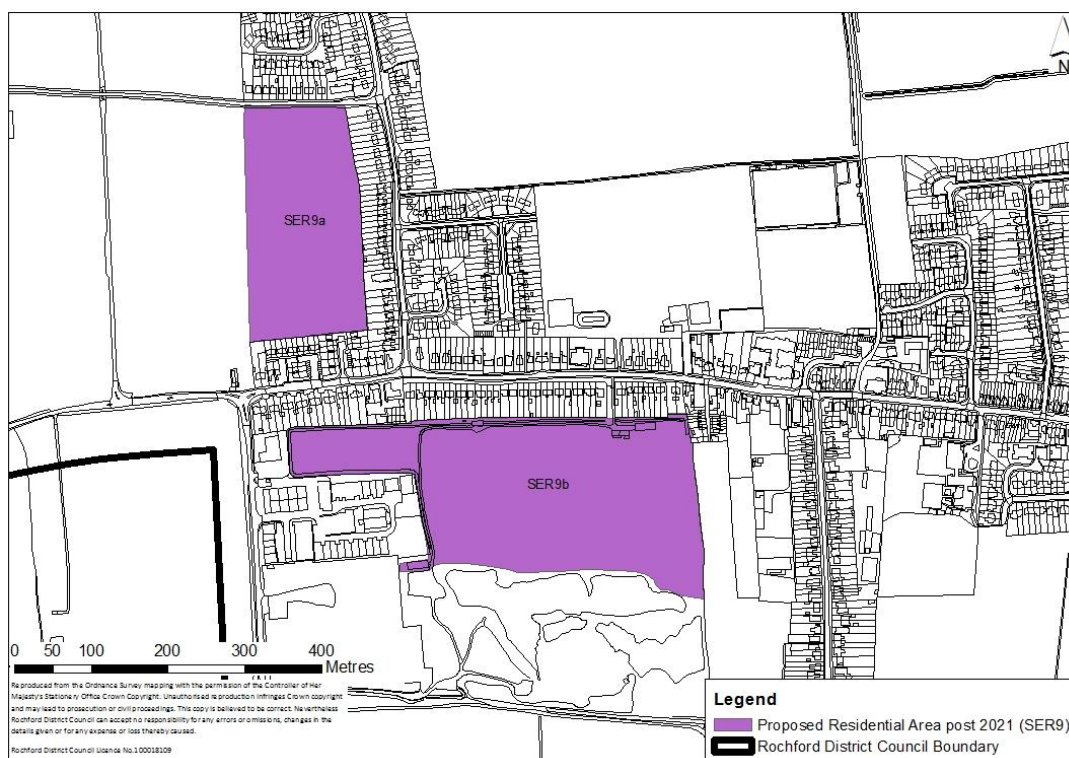
- can be downloaded from the Great Waking Parish Plan website [www.greatwakingparishplan.org.uk](http://www.greatwakingparishplan.org.uk)
- can be borrowed from the Great Waking Public Library
- reference copies are held in the above library
- a reference copy is available in the Essex Record Office



## Extracts from Rochford District Council's Local Development Framework (LDF), Allocations Document Adopted 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 - Residential Land Allocations



**Figure 3 –BFR1 - Star Lane Industrial Estate, Great Waking (Page 19) Brownfield Site**  
 Comprising: - Industrial Estate North – present Industrial Estate  
 Industrial Estate South – former Brickworks site



**Figure 15 –SER9a and SER9b West Great Waking (WGW) (Page 77)**



The Great Waking Parish Plan Steering Committee would like to thank the community of Great Waking for all their help, assistance and contributions which have made this document a reality.

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