

# Services

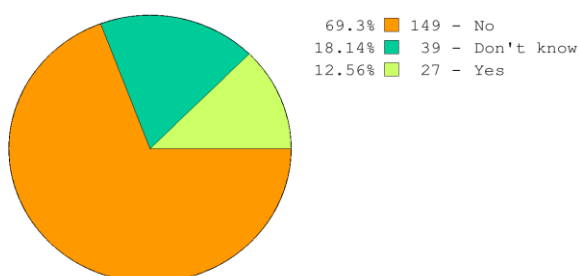
THE GREAT WAKERING  
PARISH PLAN 2015

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

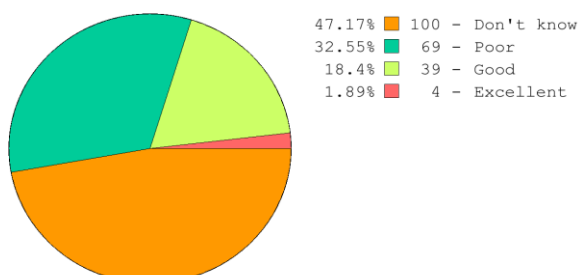
**Overview:** Of those who responded, 69% do not feel that there is sufficient police presence in Wakering. 32% rate police response times as poor while 2% say excellent. 48% are aware of the Community Police but 41% do not know how to contact them. 82% would like a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme though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

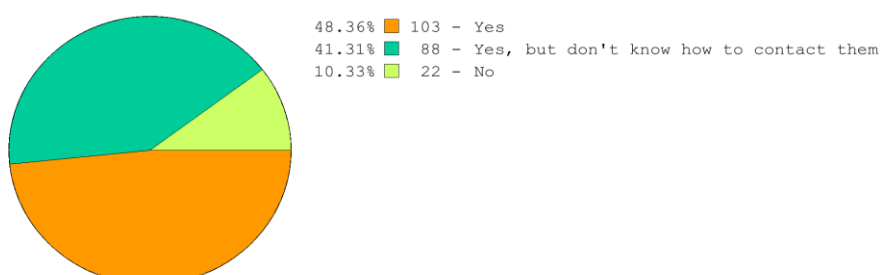
Do you feel there is a sufficient police presence in Great Wakering?



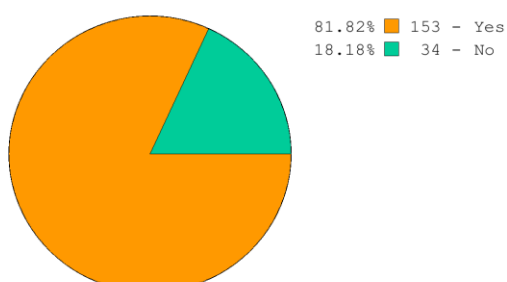
How would you rate police response time?



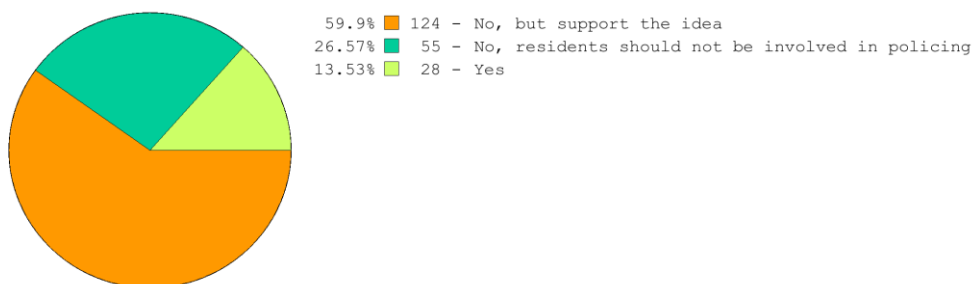
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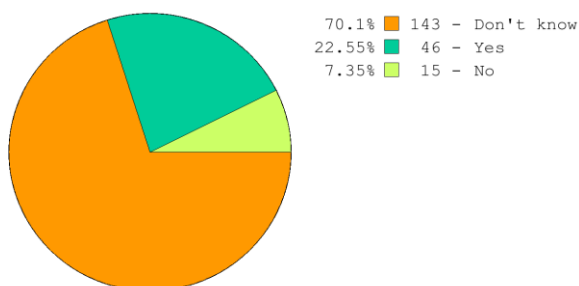
Would you like to see a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village?



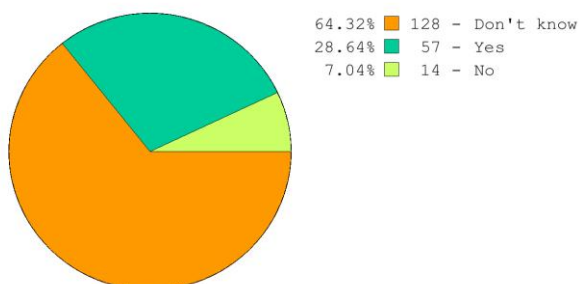
**Would you be prepared to take an active part in local policing?**



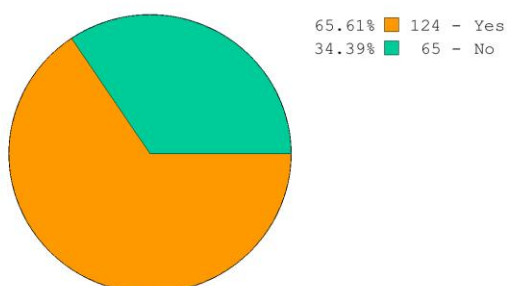
**Are there sufficient childcare facilities in the village?**



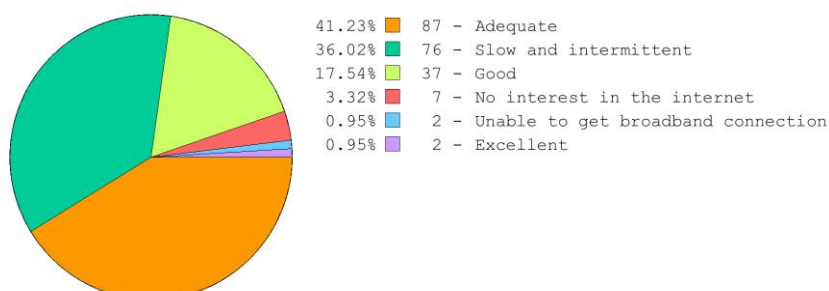
**Do you think our children are served by out-of-hours schooling (e.g. breakfast and after school clubs, holiday clubs etc.)?**



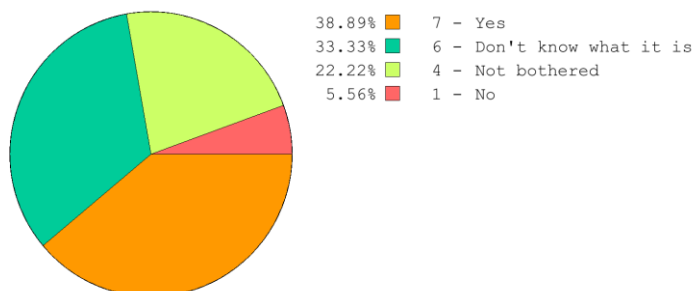
**Would you be interested Adult Education (Day or Evening) if it could be arranged in the village? (e.g. Computer Studies, First Aid, Art, Languages)**



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



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



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

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## 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?**

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**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.**

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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!!!!



