

Transport

THE GREAT WAKERING PARISH PLAN 2015

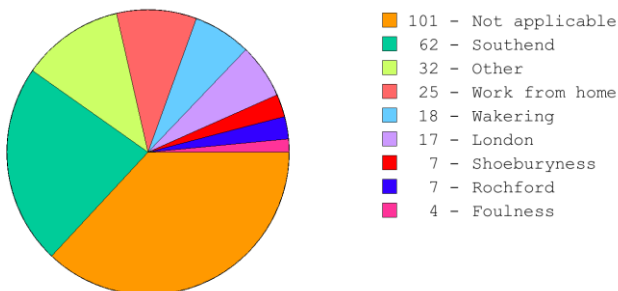
This section looks at how Great Waking residents get around. 241 valid submissions were received.

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.

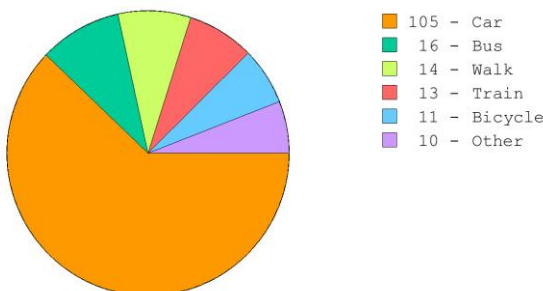
The main mode of transport for school children is by bus. Nearly 50% of respondents rate the bus service as 'adequate' though over 45% would use the service more if it were improved – e.g. more buses to/from Shoebury Station and the Hospital plus more evening buses to/from Southend.

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

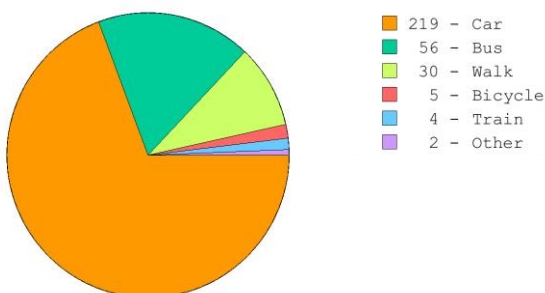
Where do you currently work?



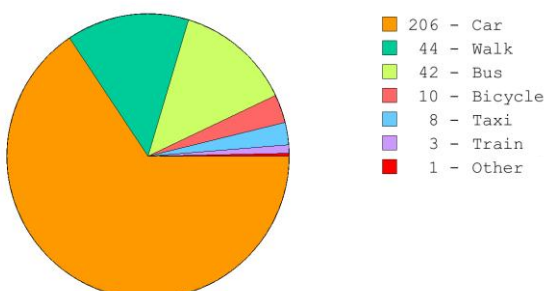
How do you usually get to work?



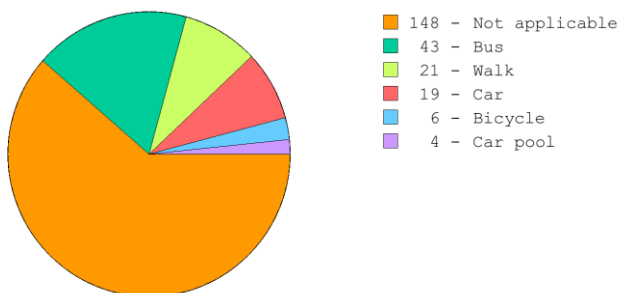
How do you usually get to shopping centres?



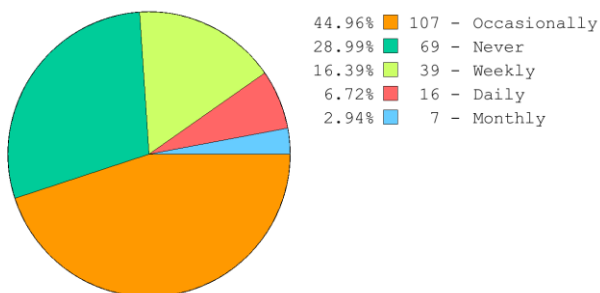
How do you usually get to medical services (e.g. hospital, dentist etc.) outside the village?



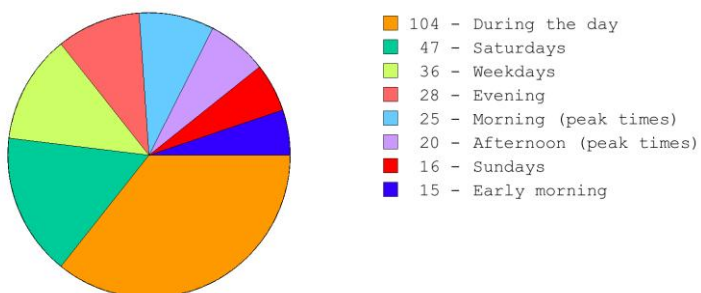
Which of these modes of transport are used by your children to get to school or college?



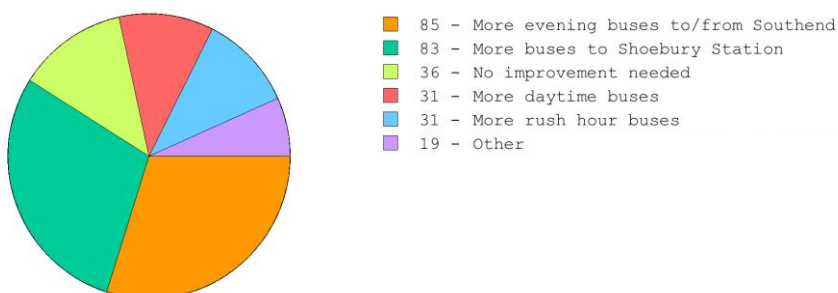
Do you use the bus service in Great Wakering?



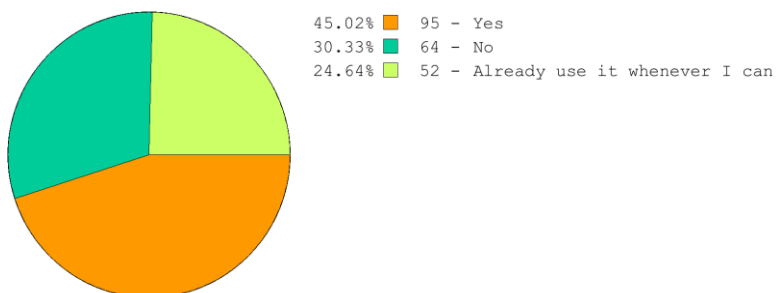
When do you mainly use the buses?



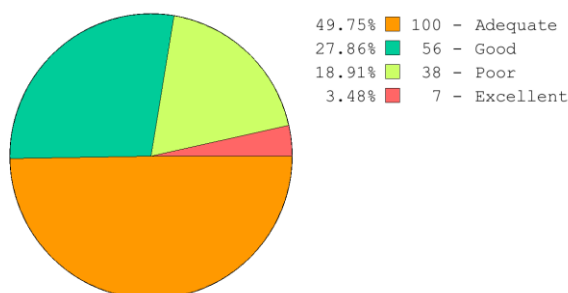
How could the bus service be improved?



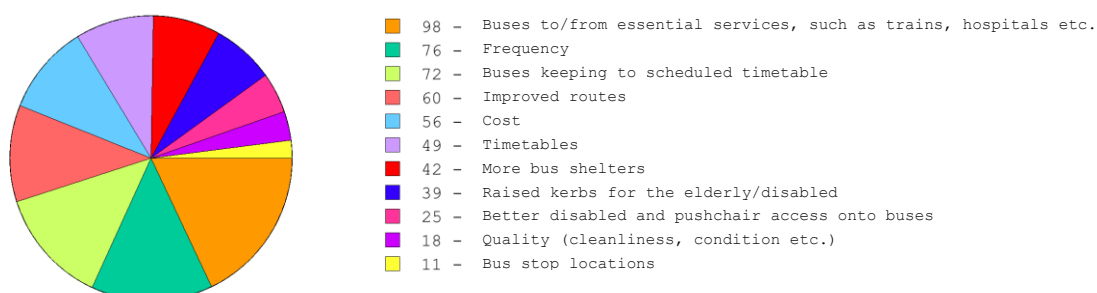
If the bus service was improved would you start to use it, or use it more?



How do you rate the local bus services?



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



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**

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“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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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 Waking 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.

