

Action4Acomb Survey 2021

Methodology

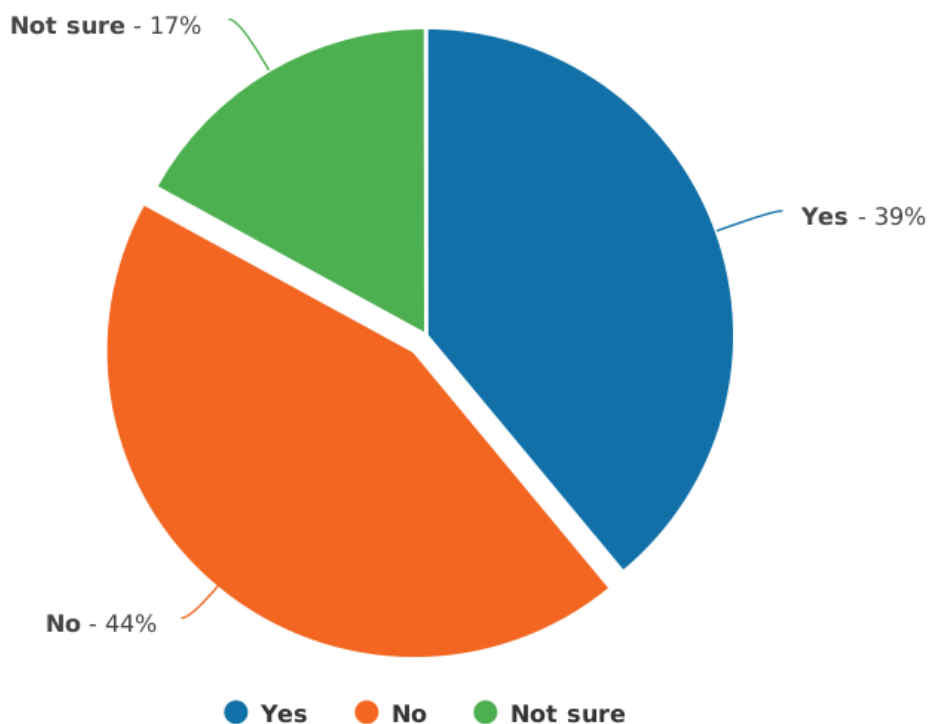
Questionnaires were hand-delivered to all 614 occupied households in Acomb Parish and included a link to an online version.

Any household that was unable to respond online could have a paper questionnaire collected by A4A volunteers.

Responses: 83 online & 161 paper = 244 in total (40%).

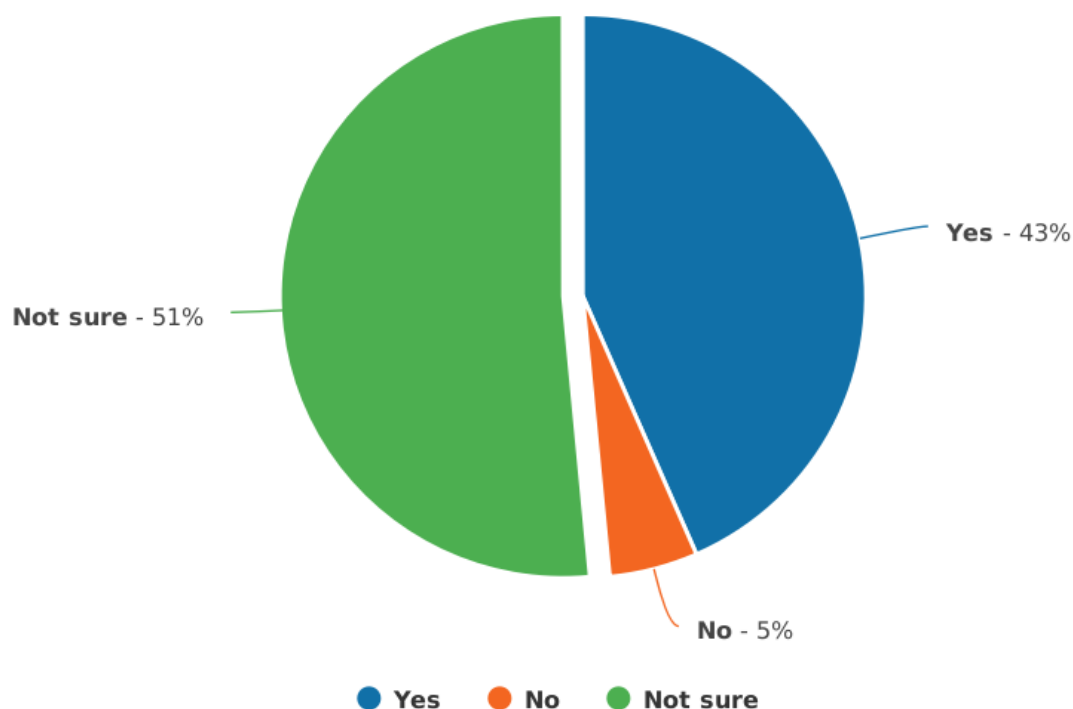
Section 1: Community - Village Life

Q1a Have you seen a copy of Acomb's Community Led 5 -Year Plan, 2015-2020? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	39%	92
2	No	<div></div>	44%	105
3	Not sure	<div></div>	17%	40
			answered	237
			skipped	7

Q1b If Yes, do you think it represented your views and other Acomb residents' views?



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	43%	56
2	No	<div></div>	5%	7
3	Not sure	<div></div>	51%	66
			answered	129
			skipped	115

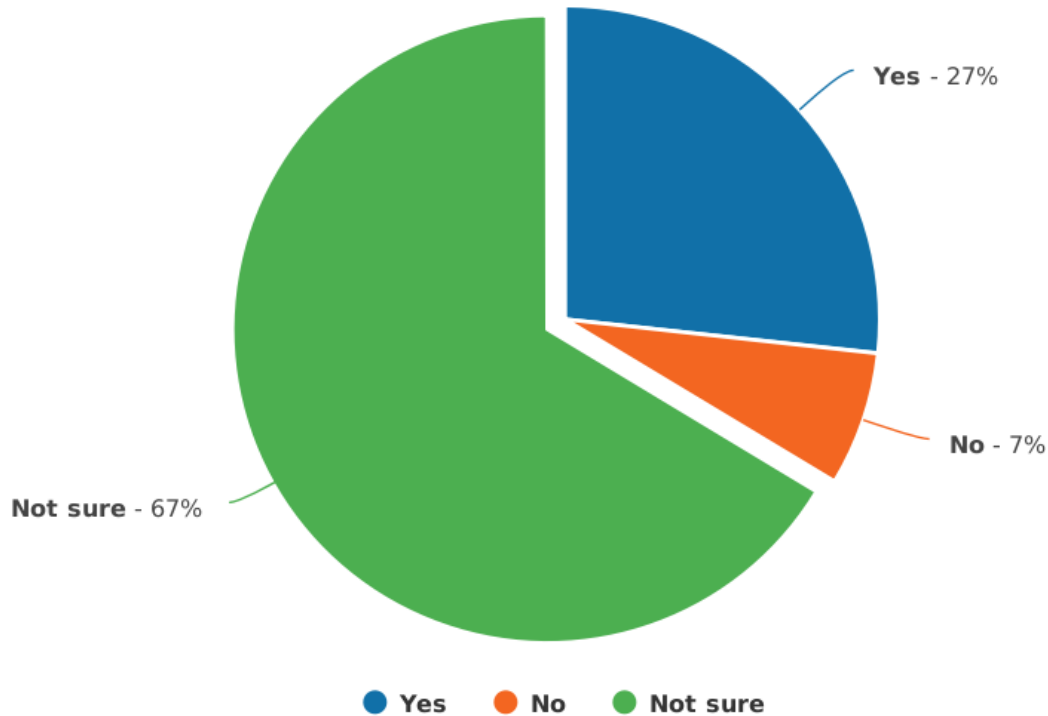
Are you able to expand further on the answer you have given? (Please write in box below)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Positive	7
B: Negative/ sceptical	5
C: Mixed	2
D: Not sure or not applicable	15

Category	Full comments
A	Agree in general. Everyone has different priorities but in the main the focus seems to be positive for the village.
B	As I haven't seen it I cannot comment but I suspect that it won't reflect my own personal views.
B	As the plan was written as a result of a survey carried out in Nov 2014 I feel it is now out of date and attitudes , circumstances have changed not least due to the pandemic which is still ongoing.
A	based on the initial questionnaire yes
D	Didn't live here at the time.
D	Don't have enough contacts to estimate totality of village opinion
C	Hard to say some aspects yes. In other respects, not necessarily. It seemed to create a 'wish list'

	but many issues are complex in terms of actioning
D	Havent seen it
D	Honestly cannot remember
B	i have only just seen the CLP because i have searched for it. It certainly doesnt represent my views, nor those of my neighbours. We have been unaware of various projects which seem to have developed without proper consultation or mandate. i am confused around the overlap between A4A and the Parish Council. Does A4A actually have the authority to consult of some of the issues raised here, given that most of the issues raised are Parish Council or NCC matters?
D	I moved to Acomb last year so I am not in the best position to judge.
A, D	I only moved to the village early 2020. I would say the plan covered lots of important areas.
A	I suppose it is based, in part, on the views of the 56% response rate but I find it fantastic that the document exists in helping to shape a modern village.
C	I think it's often difficult to establish a coherent "community" view; people often change their minds. A4A seemed to arise from a negative view of the Birkey Heights development.
D	I'm sorry, I did read it but can't remember much.
A	It did appear to reflect the views as indicated by the survey.
A	It was based on what people wanted from the first survey.
D	It was created before we moved into the village
D	Moved in 2 years ago
D	New resident in 2020 = did not live here at time 5yr plan made.
D	Newcomers do not know what other residents think
B	No mention of surrounding areas such as St John Lee. Focus is on the village not the Parish of Acomb
D	Not in Acomb when it was published
D	Only moved into Acomb in April 2021.
D	Only moved to Acomb Oct '20
D	Spend alot of time away from home in Acomb
A	Value of public consultation has identified topics of concern through to actions. Some issues such as the village hall/pavilion are more difficult to remedy and remain longer term objectives.
B	<p>Vehicle speed You have introduced new speed limits and added more signage and roadside furniture than the M6. The village now looks like an industrial estate. You can introduce as much signage as you want but people will not obey it unless it is enforced. No one travels at 20 mph on Mainstreet. The A6079 through the bottom of the village is and always has been 30 mph. A speed camera is there to govern it.</p> <p>If you want to stop speeding it's simple: Minimal signage and Truvelo cameras at each entry point.</p> <p>Mainstreet parking We would all agree it is getting worse. Yes, some of it is through more people having more cars per household, as children learn to drive. However, the vast majority of issues are down to the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those with more cars than occupant 2. Those who have ample off street parking but do not use it 3. Those who do not live in the village but like to keep a car here 4. The development at the White House has clogged the path 5. Those who choose to drive to the pubs

Q1c Has the Community Led Plan (CLP) made a difference to Acomb's Community? (Tick as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	27%	54
2	No	<div></div>	7%	14
3	Not sure	<div></div>	67%	135
			answered	203
			skipped	41

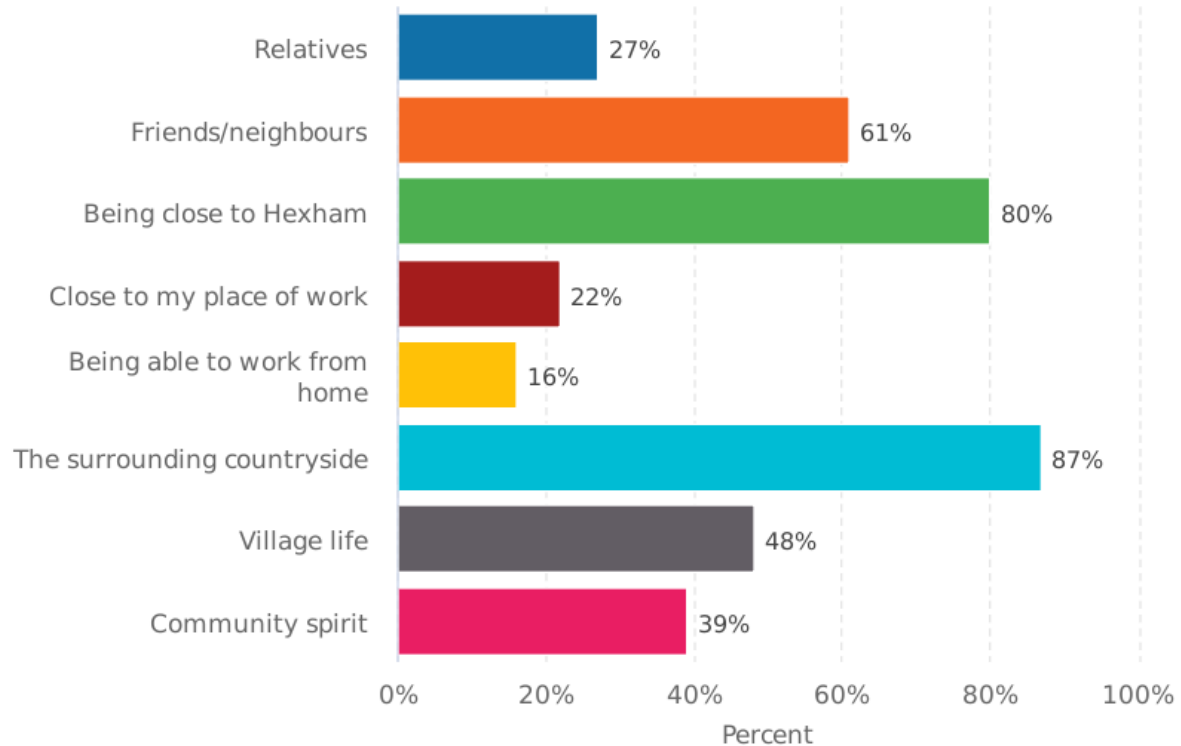
Are you able to expand further on the answer you have given? (Please write in the box below)









Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: positively identifying projects completed or ongoing	26
B: Confusion as to PC responsibilities rather than A4A	4
C: Not read/new to village	17
D: not seen progress	3
E: negative attitude towards community group A4A	4
F: not understanding questions informed by residents consultation responses	1
G: Covid affected	2
H: role of community group not understood	1
I: PC not responding appropriately to benefit residents	1
J: wanting consensus to progress	1
K: A4A working in isolation of community, not with groups	1
P: loss of post office	1
VA: village assets plans stuck	1

Category	Full comments
A	Several projects have been completed to improve the community.
A	Good that flood group has been formed and clubs are established and also annual village spring clean
A/E	Some of the initiatives have yielded fruit. However, I still think you need to work on shrugging off the image of a bunch of newcomers trying to change what was Acomb.
A	New speed limit, improvement in village
A/B	Improvements to playing field play area, flood alleviation work, and, at last, resurfacing of Garden House Bank, but that's been completely ruined by the excessive speed bumps which have increased traffic on other routes.
C	haven't read it and so don't know how it has been implemented
C	i only moved to the village jan 2021
A/E	Restrictions due to Covid have made a difference to the plan but progress made nevertheless .
A/C/D	Having not seen the document I can't comment on whether the actions have been achieved. I haven't seen any significant changes to the village for a long time, other than the speed limit changes.
C	We have recently moved into the area and we're not aware of the plan.
C	Did not move into Acomb until late Jan 2019
C	We've only recently moved to the area.
B/P	Post Office has gone. Bridle path to Acomb square has deteriorated
A	Particularly with regard to flood defence, making roads safer and more community initiatives, like youth club, christmas carols and WI.
A/B/I	If you consider the achievements with regards to the youth club, flood prevention work, approach to the village then a difference has been made , however the development on garden house bank still went ahead despite residents raising concerns. there was a missed opportunity on the part of the Parish Council to encourage Avanti to contribute to the rebuilding of the sports pavilion and refurbishment of the village hall. If these works had been undertaken and completed in the time frame of the plan it would have resulted in a significant difference to the community.
C	As I don't know what the CLP comprises, I can't comment.
G	difficult to assess due to the restrictions to daily life from the pandemic
A/E/F/G/K	See above. There seems to have been a positive outcome in that some projects have made a little progress - but I'm not convinced that there is a mandate for them, because the questions seem to be so loaded. The data interrogation confuses me and so I am unclear as to what residents really feel. there is little opportunity for residents to raise their own concerns rather than commenting on the concerns of one group of people.
A/J	I've seen and read about the progress that has been made and continues to be made. I applaud those involved in giving their time and providing a platform to shape the village. It is to be expected that there will be and has been conflicting views but I hope this results in a consensus that benefits those that are interested in the village and surroundings.
C	I have only lived in the village for 2 years so it would be difficult to determine whether it has made a difference.
C	Have not seen plan so cannot comment
A	A lot of work has been done on the plan and I'm sure it must cover all of village life.
A	Traffic calming Flood awareness Litter collection Some planting on verges.
A	As above
A	See above -though issues and interests seem to be generally highlighted
A	The introduction of the Flood Group I imagine has had a positive impact.
D	Not to me it hasn't.
D	VERY LITTLE HAS CHANGED
C	Never read it.
A	It shows that someone is trying to get things done in spite of the usual indifference.
A	Some improvements to the village Park, Path.
VA	The village hall/pavilion/MUGA redevelopment plans seem to be a bit 'stuck'. Nobody's fault but possibly a too big a project with too many competing and changing views. No criticism intended towards those who are trying to improve facilities.

C	It was created before we moved into the village
A	There have been some improvements such as the paths there a lot safer and also the play park.
H	I believe some of the actions contained within the plan are actually the responsibility of the PC not A4A. eg. issues regarding the village hall.
A	Several projects have been completed.
A	Flood prevention?
A	Some of the suggested requests have been put into action
E/K	I had thought that the plan would lead to a variety of groups/task forces emerging in the village to take forward specific projects/issues identified in the plan. Instead A4A appear to have taken the delivery of the plan under their control.
C	Haven't seen the CLP
A	There have been some improvements.
A	In regard to specific community related projects and events.
C	I haven't seen it so I'm not sure.
A	Improved along A6079 at both ends of village. Signage etc. Speed signs. Bins etc.
C	Only moved here in January.
	I find more information on the Acomblocal Facebook page.
C	Because I haven't seen it, cannot comment on whether it's made a difference
C	Because of the above, sorry.
C	Limited involvement in community activities
A	Certainly flood prevention works, some landscaping, traffic calming, dog fouling prevention etc have had some immediate benefits bringing community cohesion and involvement a step nearer. Loss of Post Office has been a negative impact however.

Q2 People told us in the last survey that they liked living in Acomb for the following reasons. Do any of the following apply to you now? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Relatives		27%	65
2	Friends/neighbours		61%	146
3	Being close to Hexham		80%	192
4	Close to my place of work		22%	52
5	Being able to work from home		16%	38
6	The surrounding countryside		87%	208
7	Village life		48%	116
8	Community spirit		39%	93
			answered	240
			skipped	4

Other important reasons (Please write in the box below)

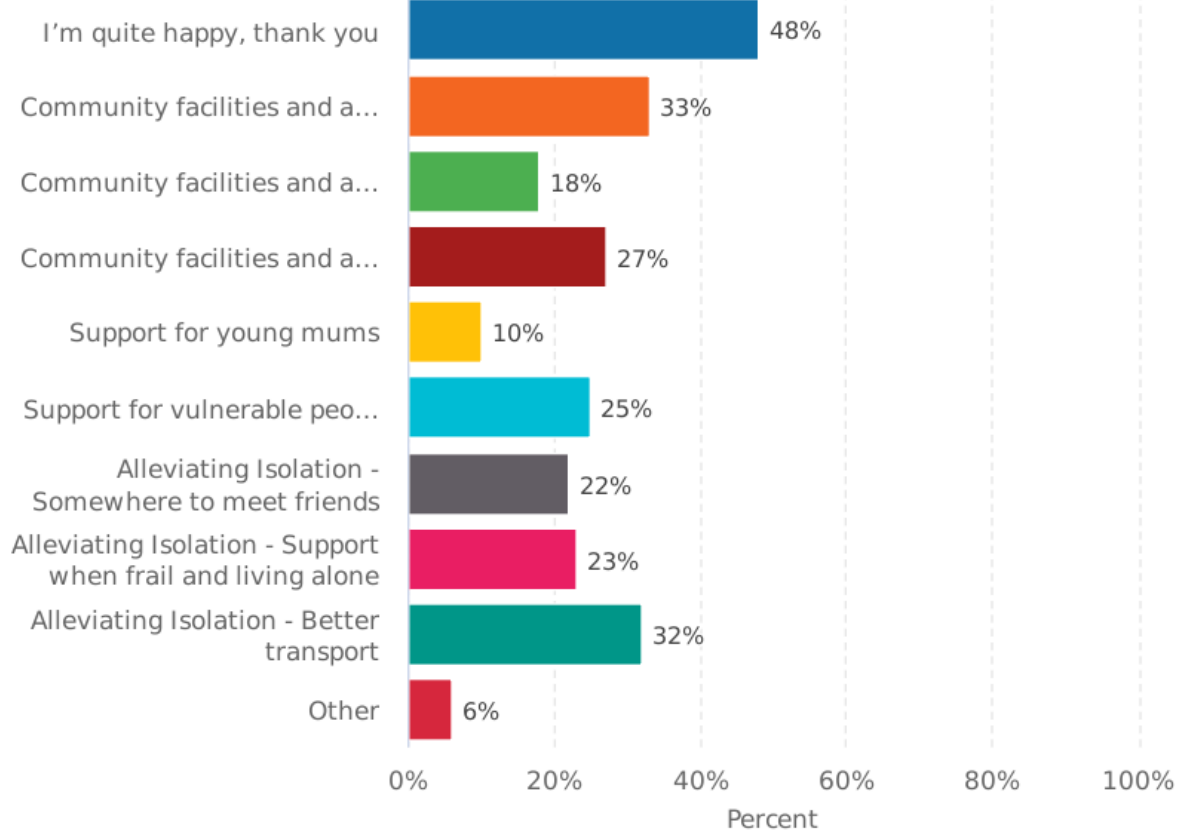
Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Good Schools	3
B: Close to Hexham	2
C: House prices/good commuting to Newcastle	6
D: Family history in village	3
E: Good housing	2
F: Friendly village/Community spirit	10

G: Too much development	3
H: Pubs	3
I: Shop in Queens	1
J: Youth Club	1
K: Little Oaks	1

Category	Full comments
	(as above, newcomers! But the reasons ticked are what attracted us here
D	4 Generations brought up in Village.
E	A nice house with a great view.
F	A rural village and very friendly on the whole
F	A sense of being 'rooted'.
B	Access to Hexham is very important for services and transport.
B	Although not perfect and precarious at times, I appreciate that I can walk and cycle to Hexham using a largely traffic free route, which I see as a unique asset to the village.
D	Are families have also lived in Acomb for over four generations
	Carpet bowls, Monday Club (When on after Covid)
A	Close to good schools
F	Community spirit is supported by the village school, WI, local history group, pubs etc etc. However, this could be advanced further if the village hall had upgraded facilities in the short term (or renewal in the longer term). The example of the village hall in Humshaugh would be a good indicator by way of comparison.
C	Commute to Newcastle close to A69
C	Cost of housing when compared to Hexham
	Culture and history of Acomb and surrounding area.
C	Good commute to Newcastle
F	I came here to work in the village as a shop owner and YHA warden and stayed as a retired man
F	I find Acomb is a great place to live, full of lovely people
I	I used to like the post office that is a massive miss. I appreciate the shop in the Queens for daily essentials.
G	I was born in the village and have had the privilege of travelling the world, working and living in many different countries. I chose to return and set up home in Acomb. Sadly, the village is a shadow of it's former self. Too much development and gentrification has forced those who were once part of the fabric of Acomb to leave. In their place we have an influx of inhabitants who do not understand village life, nor do they want to be part of it. They are selfish and want the "country idyll" without contributing. We have seen newcomers rip out hedges, build developments not in keeping with planning, add to parking challenges, upset residents with disruption and even call the police over "hearing gun shots". If we want to preserve the village and it's many attributes for future generations, we need to stop trying to make it what is not. Changing for changing sake is not adding value, it is taking it away.
F	It is a peaceful place to live which does not seem to have a problem with crime or unruly, aggressive youngsters anymore. There has been an increase in residents taking a pride in their gardens which makes an attractive place to live. Acomb is well off for interesting walks but sadly there are few rights of way beyond (in the region between Acomb and Oakwood)
G	It used to be a lovely village to live in but there are now TOO many houses being built. The traffic in the village is appalling as is the standard of parking. I can only hope that no more houses are built, but if they are then I will be left with no option but to move out.
C	It's cheaper to live in Acomb than Hexham.
K	Little Oaks mostly.
D	Lived here 37 years. Many family also live here.
F	Living in QUIET village Living in a dark skies area with low light pollution. Being able to star gaze from back garden!
C	Near to A69 so can commute to Newcastle
	Not overdeveloped yet!!
A/F/E	Old, character houses. Houses have gardens. Trees everywhere. Good primary school.



F	Rural, friendly, law-abiding environment
A	School
H	Some villages lack a public house, Acomb, is probably fortunate to have the choice of three.
H	The Miners pub
H	The pubs!
F	We have a lovely Howford Lane community
G	We thought that living in Acomb village would be a lot different ie better than what we have found. It seems that because we live in Birkey Heights people treat us with contempt and some won't even talk to you. (Not all)
C	Within easy reach of Newcastle city centre. Good transport links regular bus service, train station in Hexham. Easy reach to healthcare providers in Hexham, including the hospital. Three pubs in Acomb.
J	Youth club

Q3 What do you think would improve life in Acomb further? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	I'm quite happy, thank you		48%	107
2	Community facilities and activities in the village for children and young people		33%	74
3	Community facilities and activities in the village for young mums		18%	41
4	Community facilities and activities in the village for older people		27%	59
5	Support for young mums		10%	22
6	Support for vulnerable people (e.g. elderly, those with a disability)		25%	55
7	Alleviating Isolation - Somewhere to meet friends		22%	48
8	Alleviating Isolation - Support when frail and		23%	50

Q3 What do you think would improve life in Acomb further? (Tick all that apply)

	living alone			
9	Alleviating Isolation - Better transport		32%	72
10	Other		6%	14
			answered	222
			skipped	22

Please expand on your answers (Please write in the box below)

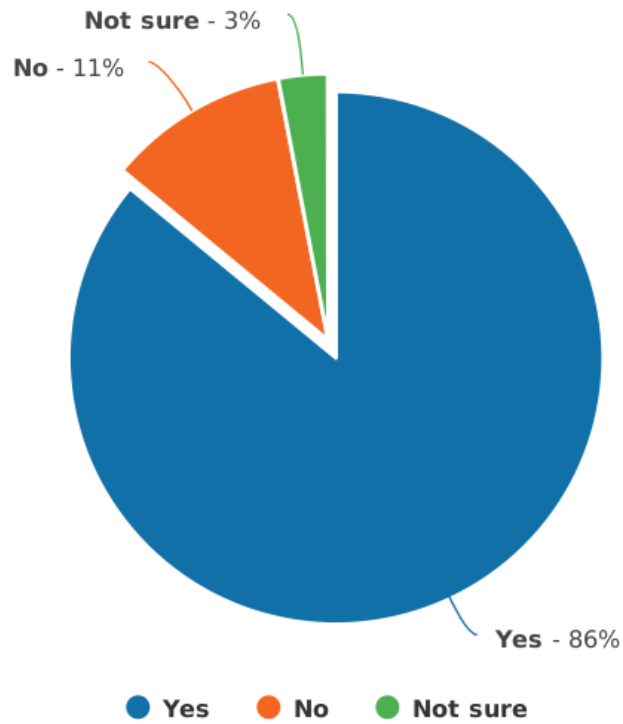
Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Post Office	10
B: Shop	10
C: Bus Service / Transport	4
D: Café	6
E: MUGA / Pavilion/ Village Hall	3
F: Activities for children/ families	5
G: Development/ infrastructure/ parking	8
H: Community activities	3

Category	Full comments
C/D	A community cafe would help as a hub for meeting friends. The bus service has deteriorated over the last few years, especially afternoons, creating real problems if needing hospital, doctor, dentist, etc., appointments or if working part time.
A/B/F	A community shop/postoffice is a priority. My teenage children wish there were more activities to do.
A/B/E	A village shop and post office Better community facilities Delivery of the planned MUGA
F	A youth club for younger children?
A/B	Acomb needs a petrol station/general store/post office located on the the through road to Wall.
H	Active groups always bring a stronger sense of community so are important. They also get participation from a wider group of people, hence diminishing the chance for one small vocal faction to do things the rest of us don't think are helpful.
F	Always room for improvement but perhaps with more of a focus for children and young families. We are lucky to have some great spaces in our village and more family oriented activities and facilities would be useful.
	Always room for improvement in all of the above areas all of above important to someone living in Acomb
D	Coffee shop, adult classes (exercise, arts and crafts)
D	Coffee shop/restaurant
G	Complete ban on further building
A	Definitely think fasciitis such as shops could be improved to support those who can't drive to Hexham
	Don't mean to sound selfish with that answer. The local network does support many of the vulnerable + disadvantaged, which we experienced during Covid.
C	Facilities for the more vulnerable are available in Hexham but not accessible for those who have no transport or have mobility difficulties.
G	FibreGigabyte Broadband, Better/organised street parking.
	I came to Acomb to retire & look after my houseound mother.
H	I do like the idea of the movie nights in the village hall, the market in st john Lee etc. The movie nights and other activities like the scare crow walk and the historical days need more time notice to residents.

A	I do miss the post office, it was super convenient for selling things on eBay.
	I'm aware that facilities already exist in many of these areas but I've ticked many boxes to highlight their continued importance, despite many not being applicable to me. Improvements to walking and cycling access to and from the village, expanding on what already exists and linking up to Hexham especially.
A/B/G	Keeping village tidy and free of litter throughout year Creating additional off road parking for main street will need to be innovative as no nearby 'free space increasing number of cars parked on Main Street during day due to working from home and also development at White House Farm at top of Min Street appears to be well considered development but has led to extra cars on Main Street at White House itself and new Airbnb at the Parlour although guests mostly park in front to property Ensuring any new developments that are for more than one dwelling that house builder contributes to infrastructure of village such as amenities e.g maintenance of village hall, sports ground and pavilion Create charitable site for ad hoc donations from residents to allow development of village amenities Permanent shop/post office support community shop in Queens Arms if this is the right option
	Less/slower traffic
C	Link between buses and trains is nonexistent
D	More facilities such as : cafe or place for food on weekend. More community based activities for donation as : outdoor cinemas, seasonal events.
C	More needs to be done to encourage and facilitate walking and cycling in the village, between villages/settlements and into Hexham and beyond. Majority of children should not be going by car to school.
D/H	More sports/clubs/groups in Acomb. A coffee shop or similar, better bus times (more frequent, less expensive)
	Need to provide support to those in need
G	No more houses being built, less traffic, a better standard of parking when residents have no option to park on the roadsides.
G	One way system on Garden House Bank. Crazy volumes of traffic now using this route
G	Parking issues near the village hall. when there is something going on at the village hall people from the village drive instead of walking, which means that there is an issue for residents who live close to the village hall parking and the people who drive will park in the way which makes it unsafe incase of an emergency.
A	Post Office again in the village.
A	Reinstate the Post Office
B	Reopen shop
B	Retail outlets such as general groceries
	Speed limit on A6079
E	The current community facilities in Acomb are appalling and not fit for purpose. Until the situation regarding the sports pavilion and the village hall is addressed I cannot see any way in which community activity can improve. I feel the Parish Council have not listened to peoples wishes and their inability to make and carry through decisions has resulted in the loss of available funding and peoples interest in the project.
B/F	The options listed here are not going to make life better in Acomb for the vast majority of residents. For kids A youth club and sports facilities For adults We have three pubs. You don't have to drink Alcohol but they are great places to meet up, chat, partake in games etc. It also supports the local economy. For All A Village shop. This may well need to be crowd funded but take a look at other villages models... Sleafy, Humshaugh, Barrasford. Leverage social media and cater for the surrounding tourism trade too
A	The post office would be very useful, or a village shop
D/E	The sports pavilion is an eyesore why not turn it into a lovely coffee shop?!
	The village used to have 2 football teams and now has none. That's a shame, given that Hexham teams come to the village to use the playing field/football pitch facilities.
F	They are the future. Most of the older residents are well provided for
	Though disabled at the moment (after a broken leg) I am happy enough here and appreciate the help given by medical(can't read) ... which has been readily available.
G	Traffic calming

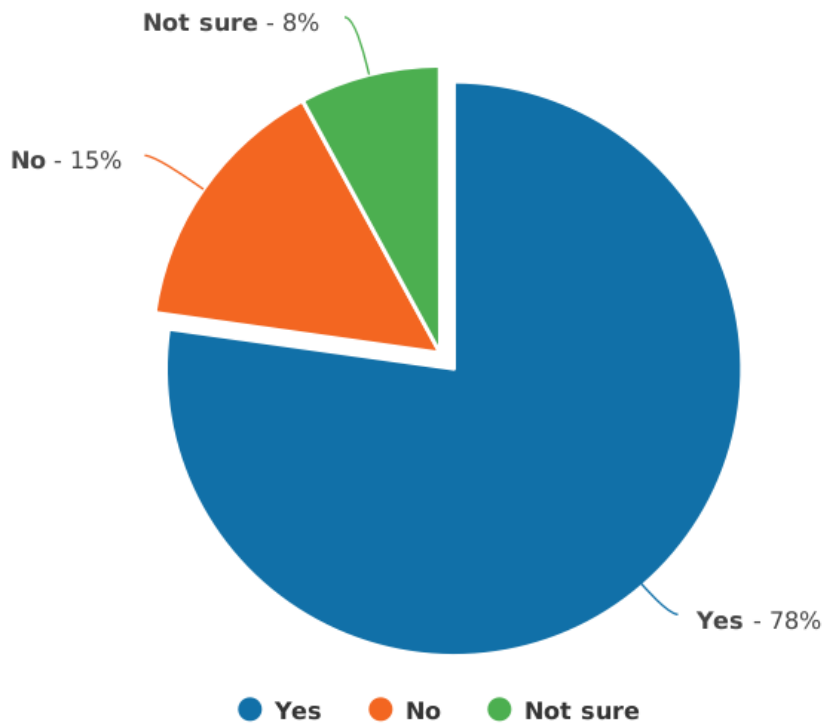
G	Village Shop
B	Village Shop
B	Village shop although the Queens Arms are doing well I hear.
A/B	Village shop/post office

**Q4a Were you aware of Acomb Voluntary Support Network during Covid-19 Pandemic?
(Tick, as applies)**



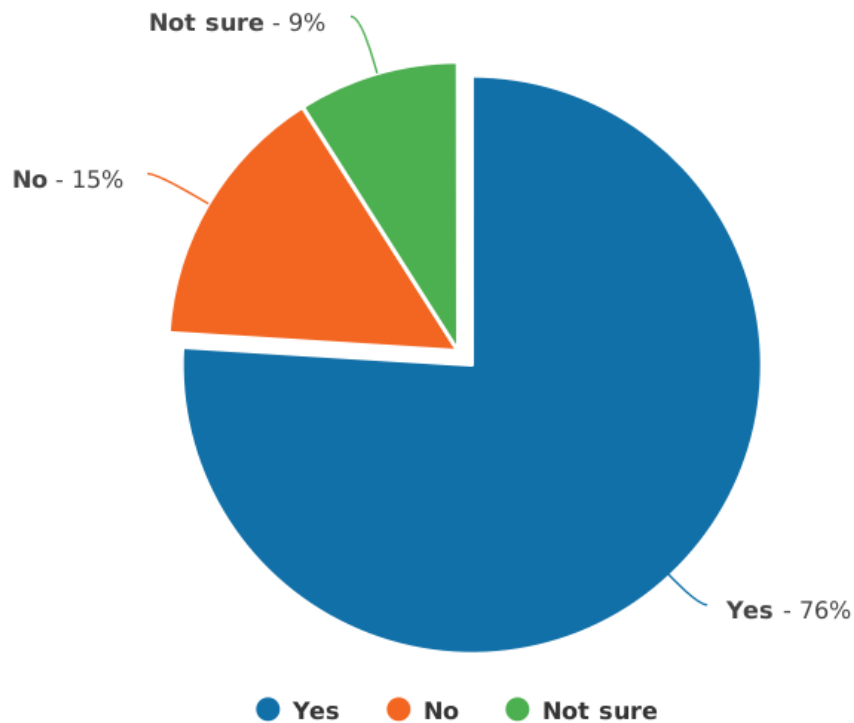
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	86%	205
2	No	<div></div>	11%	25
3	Not sure	<div></div>	3%	7
			answered	237
			skipped	7

Q4b Do you remember receiving written information from Acomb Volunteer Support Network about where to go for support? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	78%	185
2	No	<div></div>	15%	35
3	Not sure	<div></div>	8%	18
			answered	238
			skipped	6

Q4c If Yes, was the written information helpful to you? (Tick, as applies)



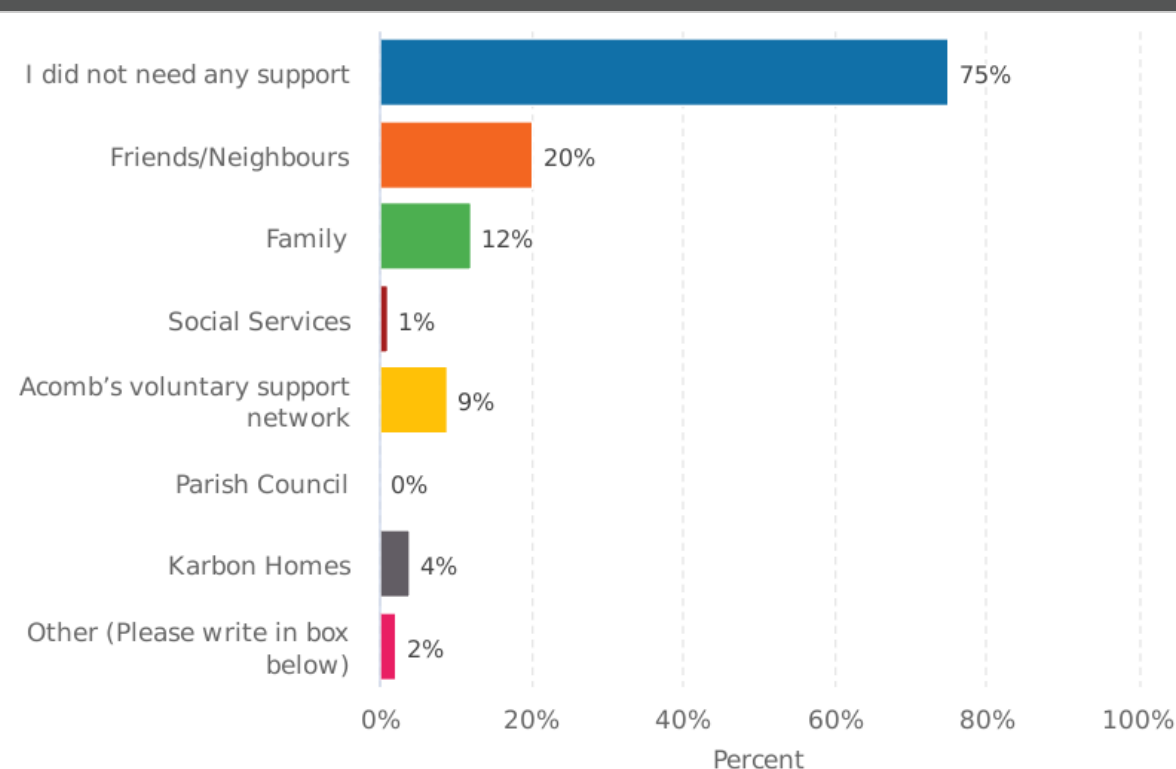
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	76%	145
2	No	<div></div>	15%	29
3	Not sure	<div></div>	9%	17
			answered	191
			skipped	53

Q4d If the written information was not helpful how might it have been improved? (Please state in the box below)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: not unhelpful	9
B: did not need support	22
C: used support & helpful	1
D: good idea	8
E: not helpful too long/print small	1
F: wanting direct personal contact	1

Category	Full comments
B	Already part of the support network so did not require any extra support.
B D	Didn't need any help, but appreciate the offer.
B	Didn't need it
A B	Had we needed it, it would have been very helpful.
A B	Helpful but not required personally
B D	I didnt use the volunteer network, but it was an excellent initiative and showed residents community spirit in its best possible light.
B	I don't want help.
B D	I was fortunate not to need help during the pandemic, but glad to know help was there is needed
B D	If I needed it, it would of (sic) been helpful, but never needed to isolate.
A B	I'm sure this was helpful for others but I didn't need it. Thanks for the offer of support though.
A B	It was fine but I did not need any help.
A B	It was fine, I just didn't need any support.
B D	It was nice to know there was support available, but we're a young(ish) family and didn't need it
A B D	It wasn't helpful because I was working full time in the health service so didn't need any of the services it offered. However it was a good idea and it was good to see it happening.
A B	It wasn't unhelpful, I just didn't need to use it.
A B	It would have been helpful had i needed assistance.
C	my parents recived food packs ect in th e pandemic. i was living in consett at the time and know they were thankful for the support
A B	No need for improvement required, I just didn't need the support.
	No, but nice to know help is at hand.
B D	Very good.
B	Not required by us..
B D	To be fair I am incurably independent and prefer to manage on my own in my time and in my way. I am still aware of all the good people are willing to give.
E	Too long winded and wordy. Too small type.
B	We didn't need support
B	We didn't need the help
F	Would have helped if the person actually spoke to you!

Q4e What support, if any, were you able to access? (Tick, as applies)

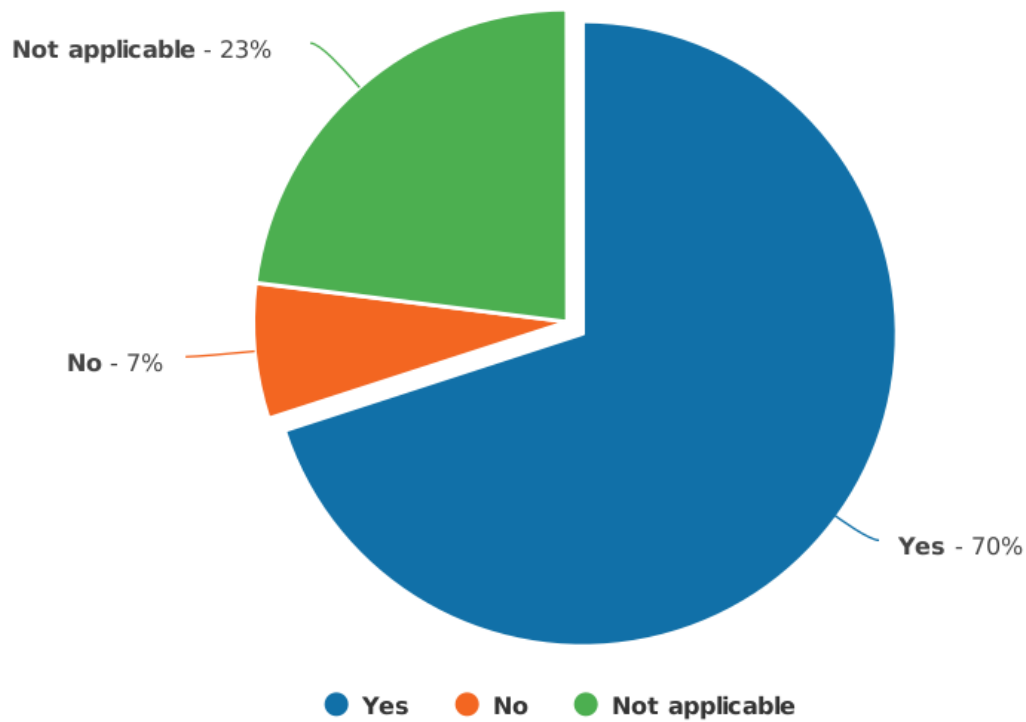


Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	I did not need any support		75%	169
2	Friends/Neighbours		20%	45
3	Family		13%	28
4	Social Services		1%	3
5	Acomb's voluntary support network		9%	21
6	Parish Council		0%	1
7	Karbon Homes		4%	10
8	Other (Please write in box below)		2%	5
			answered	224
			skipped	20

Other (Please write in box below)

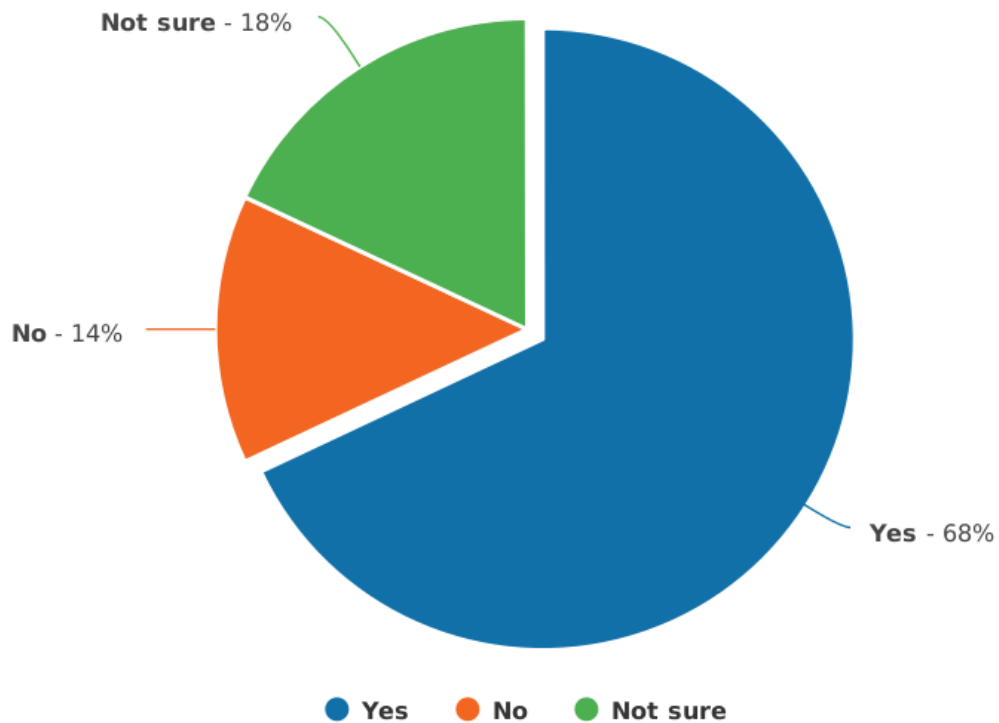
Great that it happened at a time of uncertainty and isolation for clinically extremely vulnerable
Didn't need support, but would have been able to use the info to help anyone who told me they were having problems
NHS Volunteers
I was part of the group offering support.
Community budgets

Q4f Were you able to receive the support you needed? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	70%	30
2	No	<div></div>	7%	3
3	Not applicable	<div></div>	23%	10
			answered	43
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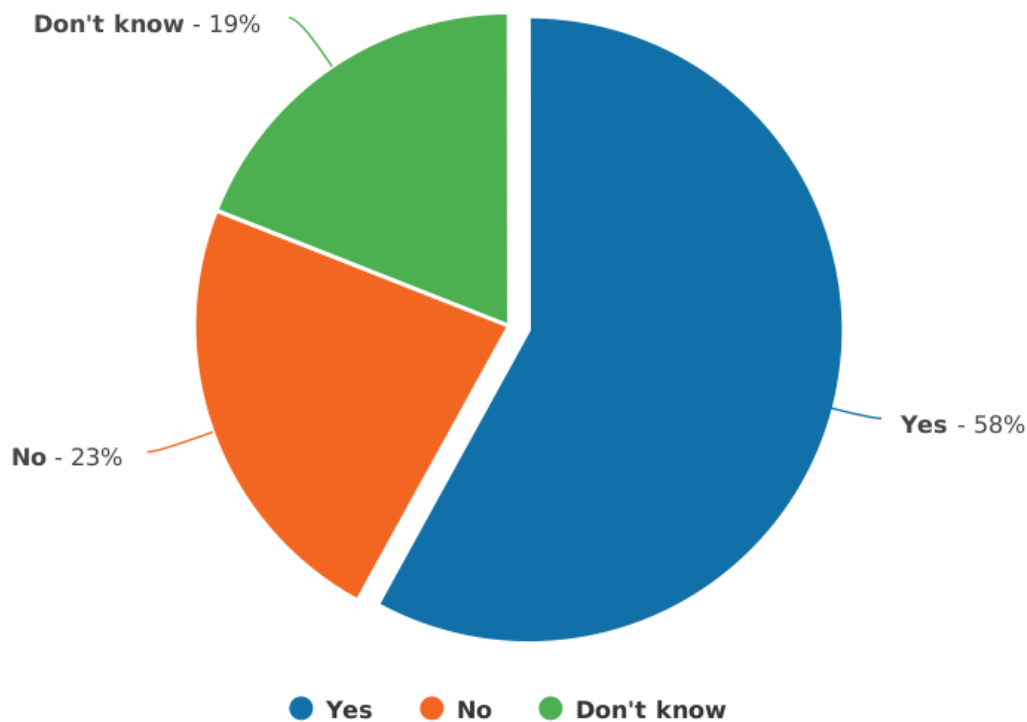
Q4g Did you know where to go for assistance? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	68%	30
2	No	<div></div>	14%	6
3	Not sure	<div></div>	18%	8
			answered	44
			skipped	200

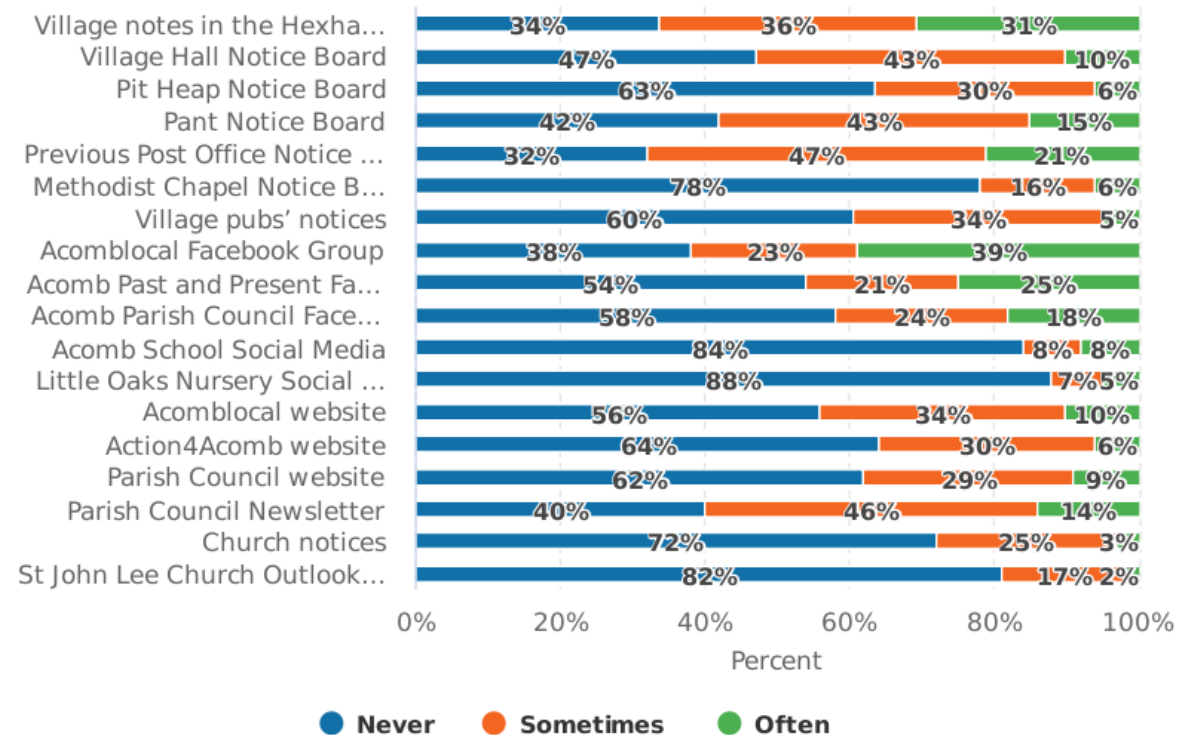
Section 2: Community - Communications

Q5a Is there enough information for you about what is happening in Acomb? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	58%	135
2	No	<div></div>	23%	54
3	Don't know	<div></div>	19%	44
			answered	233
			skipped	11

Q5b Which of the following do you access to find out about meetings or events in the village?



Answer Choices	Never	Sometimes	Often	Response Total
Village notes in the Hexham Courant	34% 62	36% 66	31% 57	185
Village Hall Notice Board	47% 80	43% 74	10% 17	171
Pit Heap Notice Board	63% 90	30% 43	6% 9	142
Pant Notice Board	42% 66	43% 68	15% 24	158
Previous Post Office Notice Board	32% 53	47% 79	21% 35	167
Methodist Chapel Notice Board	78% 109	16% 22	6% 9	140
Village pubs' notices	60% 89	34% 51	5% 8	148
Acomblocal Facebook Group	38% 59	23% 35	39% 60	154
Acomb Past and Present Facebook Group	54% 78	21% 30	25% 36	144
Acomb Parish Council Facebook	58% 81	24% 33	18% 25	139
Acomb School Social Media	84%	8%	8%	134

Q5b Which of the following do you access to find out about meetings or events in the village?

	12	11	11	
Little Oaks Nursery Social Media	88% 119	7% 9	5% 7	135
Acomblocal website	56% 79	34% 47	10% 14	140
Action4Acomb website	64% 89	30% 42	6% 8	139
Parish Council website	62% 85	29% 40	9% 12	137
Parish Council Newsletter	40% 59	46% 67	14% 21	147
Church notices	72% 100	25% 35	3% 4	139
St John Lee Church Outlook Newsletter	82% 108	17% 22	2% 2	132
			answered	228
			skipped	16
Other (Please write in the box below)				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Word of mouth	6
B: Other social media	2
C: Physical notices	4
D: Negative comments	11

Category	Full comments
D	I do not use social media so do not access info about village this way so feel may be missing out as very little in Courant and do not receive a regular paper newsletter but would like to subscribe if one exists- there is still a role for paper updates or having a website that is updated on a weekly basis.
A	Mostly from conversations with neighbours
D	As newly arrived we are not aware of many sources of information beyond the church. Our house is on the edge of Acomb in the Hexham direction and the A69 acts as somewhat of a divide between here and the village.
D	I haven't seen any notices
C	Lampposts and school gates
B	Acomb Matters website
A	Hexham youth club
B	Birkey Heights Facebook
C	More frequent newsletters
D	Acomblocal Facebook_ We only knew of its existence (sic) about 8-9 months after moving here.
C	Pant notice board_ What is Pant?!
D	St John Lee Church newsletter does not exist
C	Handbook of facilities, activities etc with, say, quarterly updates
D	Don't look
	Few more dog waste bins.

D	Unable to got out
	Unable to read due to visual impairment
	I have access to all.
A	Word of mouth.
A	Word of mouth
	Not aware of most of these or where they are!!
D	(NOTE: Has only recently moved into village)
D	I don't think Action4Acomb group responds.
A	Sometimes - Word of mouth
	Leaflets through door.
D	Not used at all
D	No
A	Friends

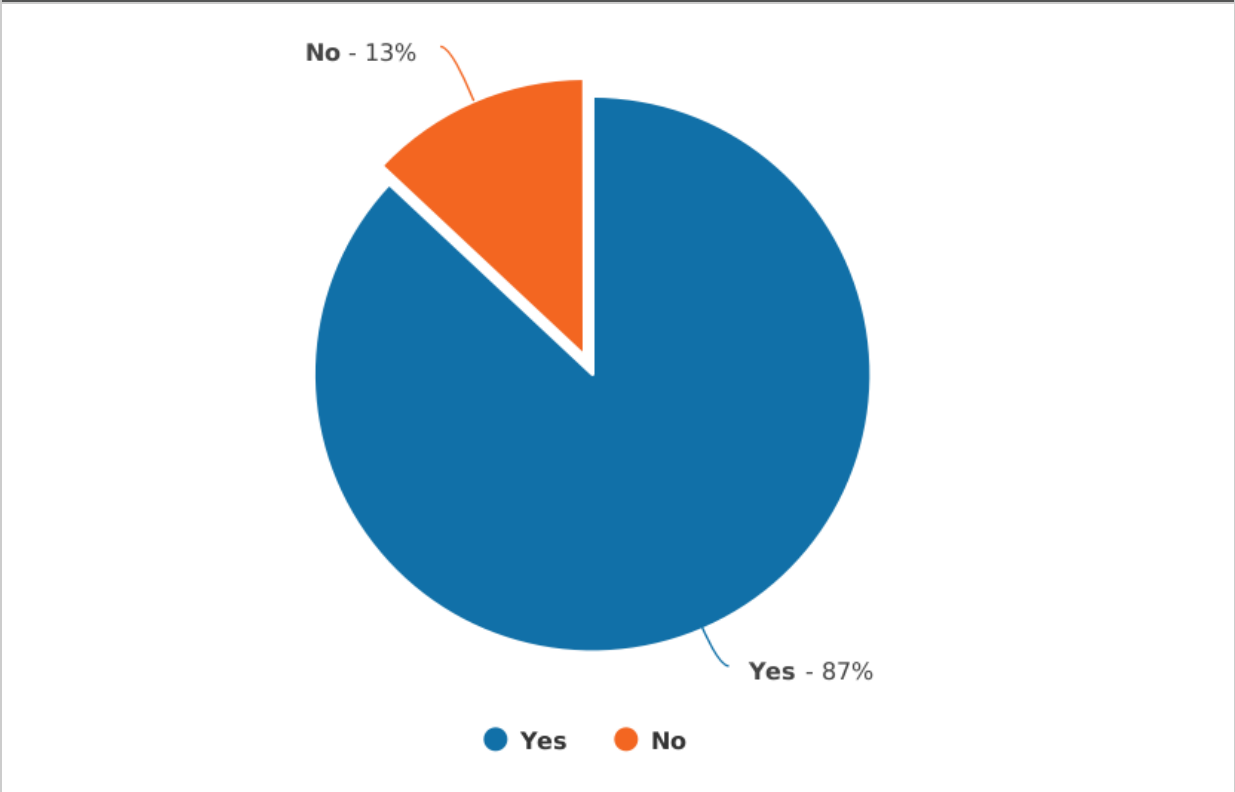
Q5c Do you have any other suggestions on how to improve communications within Acomb? (Please state in the box below)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Word of mouth/face-to-face interaction	1
B: Different/improved social media	8
C: Physical notices	9
D: Negative comments	6

Category	Full comments
	Social Media - Obviously not for everyone but it does reach the vast majority. For those unable to access SM, the traditional methods of Hexham Courant and Notice boards need to apply with the same consistency as SM
B,D	However... the Acomb Local page is worthless. Most people who are interested have left. The remaining are the idiotic who only use it to voice their agenda and post trivial rubbish of no value. Arguments are frequent and the noisy ones on that page are fundamentally what is wrong with the village and society today. A better administrated page would be far more useful to residents.
B	Reminders in Acomb notes in The Courant to access various website information.
B	Ensure all social media platforms are up to date and relevant
D	Courant's village notes are very brief and seem to feature the same limited events repeatedly. It's obvious from other village notes that their correspondents make more effort to broaden news. Putting contact details in weekly might encourage more people to contribute
	lots of choices, i just dont choose to digest them, personal preference
D	I think that some people don't want to be involved in community things and will seek out information if they wish to.
C	Perhaps a village flyer to households with all the links to the above sources of information.
D	Need to recognise that not all Acomb residents live or go into the village.
C	I think sometimes a back to basics sign on a lamppost is useful if an event is coming up.
B	The calendar of events on the AcombLocal website could potentially be very useful but I wonder how many residents/businesses are aware of its existence?
B	e-mail newsletter with local activities. i prefer to not follow face book
D	A joined up approach to communication would be useful. there now seem to be two mouthpieces for A4A - acomblocal and A4A facebook and website. there is one for the parish council. it's really confusing understanding who is responsible for what - and what power they have to make things happen. this questionnaire will make this situation worse as it purports to be sanctioned by and in partnership with the PC - which it is not. the current situation is divisive for the village and does nothing to maintain what used to be a harmonious village where residents 'rubbed along' comfortably.
D	Perhaps too many facebook groups. PC/A4A/AcombLocal join forces?
	No
B	Could use twitter for young adults.
	Just keep up the good work.
C	More paper base info, not everyone is on the Internet.
C	More notices around Acomb (paper wise) as not everyone has access to the internet.
A	Coffee morning
C	Info through the door.
	Plenty of information out there if you want to find it.
C	Use notice boards to list activities / clubs, etc., with details of who to contact. Some sort of street map of main street to Pant with names of houses to assist the many delivery drivers. Bus timetables are 2 to 4 years out of date - visitors at Fallowfield Caravan Park taking the bus into

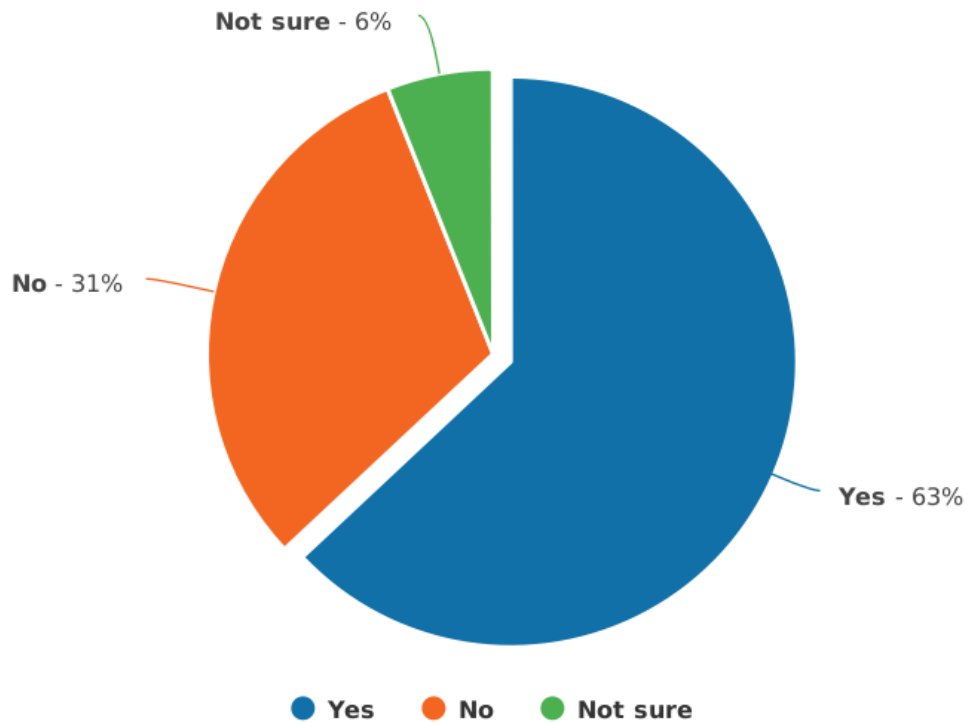
	Hexham need current information as do residents.
C	I know it is a lot of work but notices through the doors of all pensioners as some don't have internet.
	Acomb Newsletter
B	There is a Facebook group called Hexham Matters and others. Something like this would be good so long as it was moderated to avoid it being a whinge forum.
C	Ensure that information is delivered to all households in Acomb.
C	Monthly Parish magazine - self funded.
B	Facebook - call it 'Acomb Matters'

Q6a Do you have access to the Internet? (Tick, as applies)



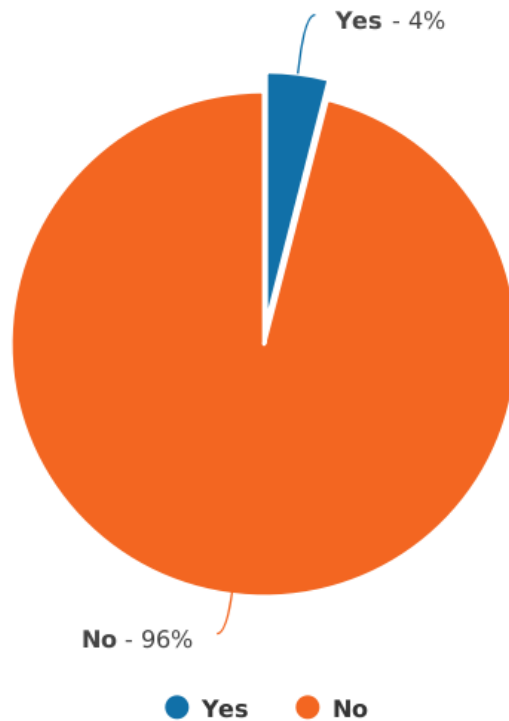
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	87%	210
2	No	<div></div>	13%	31
			answered	241
			skipped	3

Q6b If Yes, are you satisfied with the available Broadband speed in your home and/or on your mobile device? (Tick, as applies)



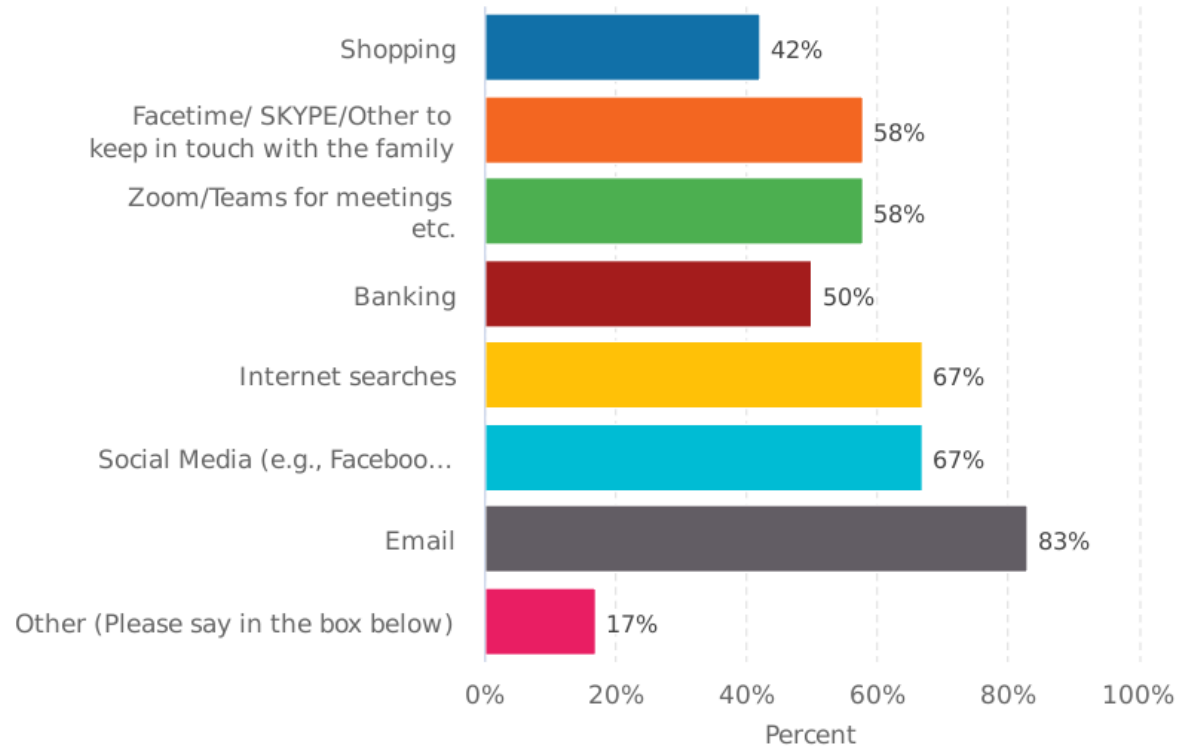
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	63%	132
2	No	<div></div>	31%	65
3	Not sure	<div></div>	6%	12
			answered	209
			skipped	35

Q6c As a consequence of lockdown, are you a new user of the Internet and/or social media? (Tick, as applies)



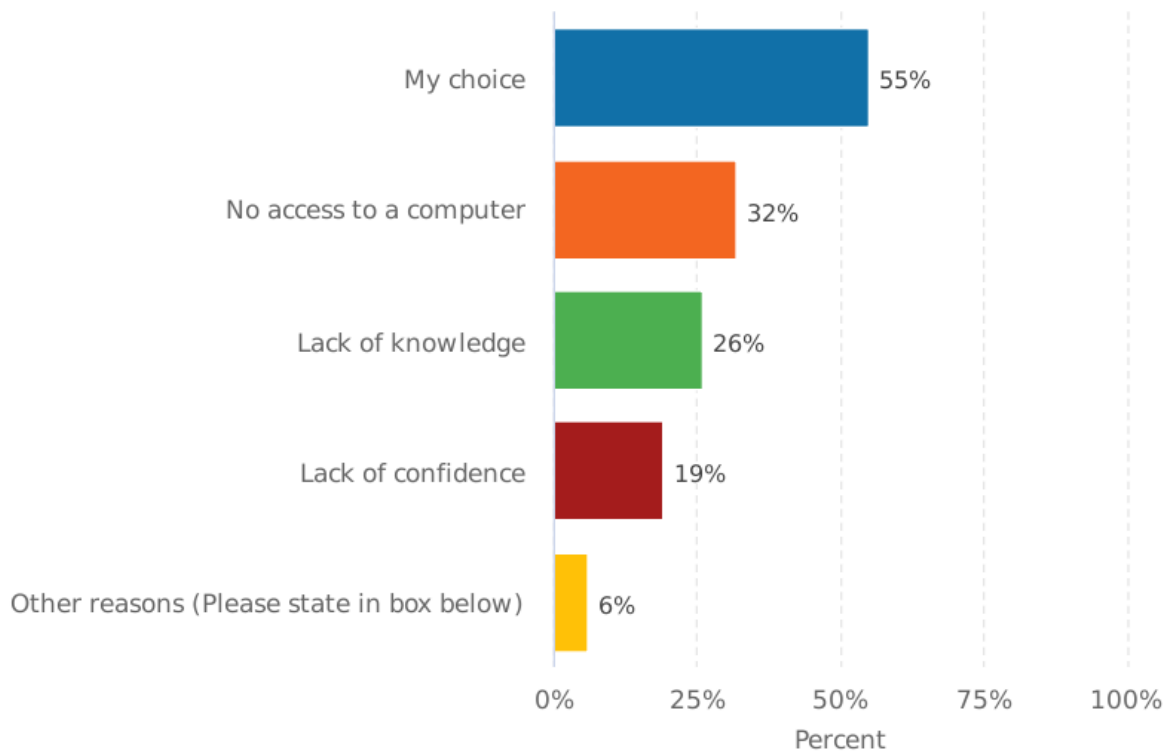
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	4%	8
2	No	<div></div>	96%	200
			answered	208
			skipped	36

Q6d As a new user of the Internet can you say how you use the Internet now? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Shopping	<div></div>	42%	5
2	Facetime/ SKYPE/Other to keep in touch with the family	<div></div>	58%	7
3	Zoom/Teams for meetings etc.	<div></div>	58%	7
4	Banking	<div></div>	50%	6
5	Internet searches	<div></div>	67%	8
6	Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok, What's App)	<div></div>	67%	8
7	Email	<div></div>	83%	10
			answered	12
			skipped	232

Q6e If you are not currently using the Internet/social media, is it for any of the following reasons? (Tick all that apply)

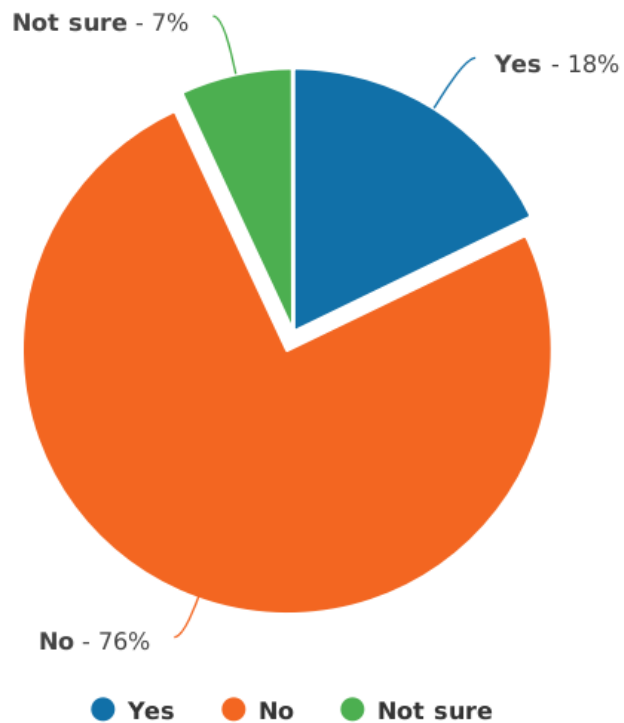


Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	My choice	<div></div>	55%	17
2	No access to a computer	<div></div>	32%	10
3	Lack of knowledge	<div></div>	26%	8
4	Lack of confidence	<div></div>	19%	6
5	Other reasons (Please state in box below)	<div></div>	6%	2
			answered	31
			skipped	213
Other reasons (Please state in box below)				

Too expensive - low priority. Priority Shelter, Heat and Eat.

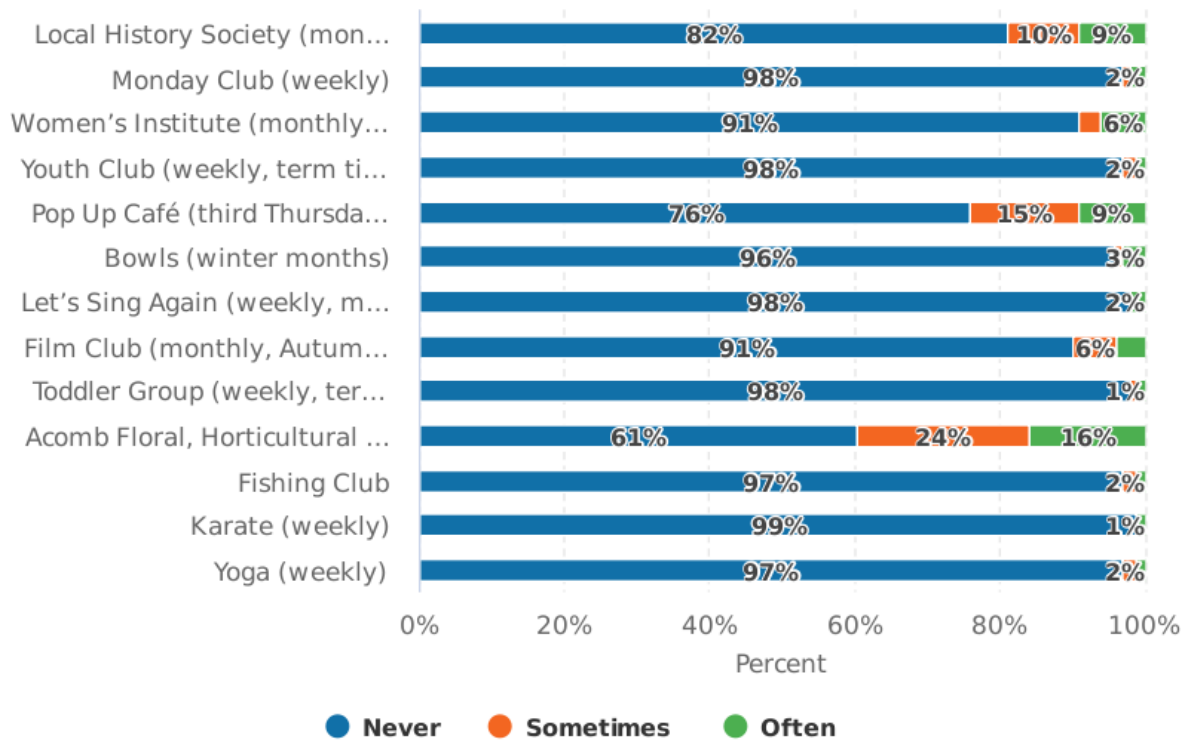
Vision inadequate

Q6f Would you like further support through attending a free local class to show you more ways to use the Internet and/or your computer/tablet/iPad/iPhone? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	18%	8
2	No	<div></div>	76%	34
3	Not sure	<div></div>	7%	3
			answered	45
			skipped	199

Q7a Under normal circumstances, do you ever attend any of the following? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices	Never	Sometimes	Often	Response Total
Local History Society (monthly)	82% 163	10% 19	9% 17	199
Monday Club (weekly)	98% 183	1% 1	2% 3	187
Women's Institute (monthly, every 3rd Monday)	91% 172	3% 5	6% 12	189
Youth Club (weekly, term time)	98% 180	2% 3	1% 1	184
Pop Up Café (third Thursday of the month)	76% 151	15% 29	9% 18	198
Bowls (winter months)	96% 183	1% 1	3% 6	190
Let's Sing Again (weekly, mainly term time)	98% 182	0% 0	2% 4	186
Film Club (monthly, Autumn and Spring)	91% 174	6% 11	4% 7	192
Toddler Group (weekly, term time)	98% 179	1% 2	1% 1	182
Acomb Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society (Annual Leek Club Show)	61% 125	24% 49	16% 32	206
Fishing Club	97% 187	2% 4	1% 2	193

Q7a Under normal circumstances, do you ever attend any of the following? (Tick all that apply)

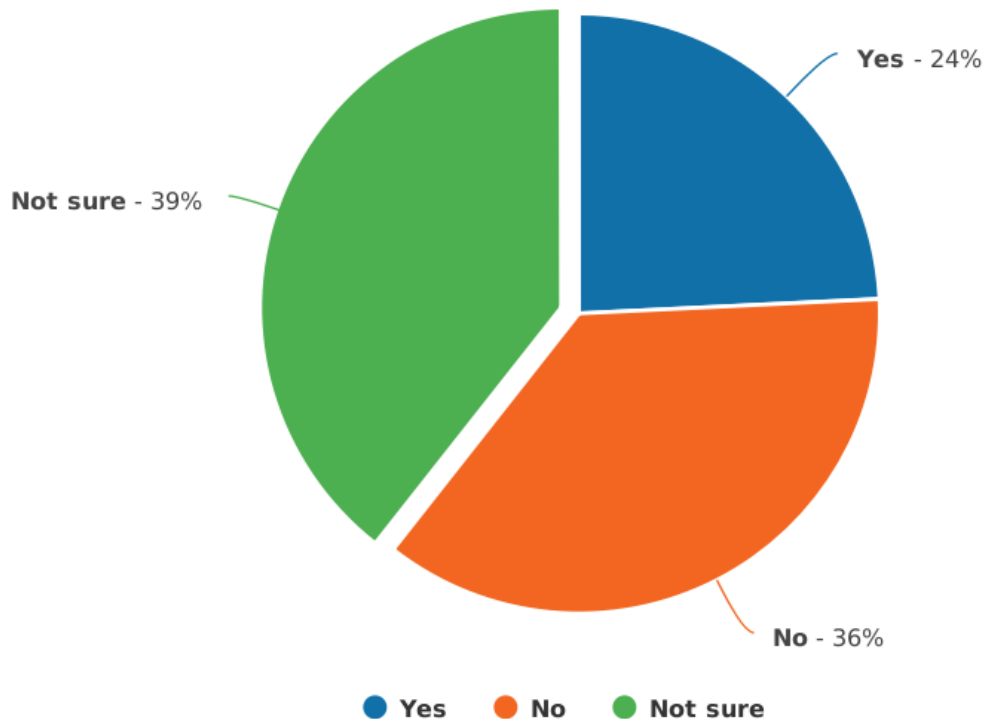
	181	4	2	
Karate (weekly)	99% 184	0% 0	1% 1	185
Yoga (weekly)	97% 180	2% 3	1% 2	185
			answered	218
			skipped	26

Any other clubs and societies not listed? (Please state in the box below and indicate how often you attend)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Would like to know more	3
B: Did not know these existed	4
C: Church	2
D: Yoga/Karate	3
E: Other	5

Category	Full comments
C	Acomb Methodist Church and choir (Monday nights)
E	Action4Acomb is not listed.
B	Again, did not know any of these existed.
C	Church St John Lee church zoom and live streaming
D	Did not even know there was Yoga in Acomb!
B	I didn't know most of these existed. I used to go to yoga but couldn't find any information as to whether it was still going ahead. I know covid stopped everything but communication is important for when these get back up and running.
A	I would like to know more about the facilities available for me
A/B	It is good to hear about these clubs I was not aware of many of them
A	I've never seen any info about yoga or karate in the village but I would be interested
D	My children used to attend youth club and karate. They are valuable activities in the community. (Too old now!)
E	No time to attend all the above.
E	unable to
B	Wasn't aware of all of the above.
E	WI pop up cafe
D	Yoga has not returned to the village hall since Covid which is a shame as I have to travel now.
E	You may want to consider some of the more well established clubs that exist outside of the Woke agenda! Pubs... Quoits Darts Pool Snooker Football Tennis Hunting Shooting Young Farmers etc etc etc

Q7b Are there any new activities, clubs, or sports facilities that you would like to see in Acomb? (Tick, as apply)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	24%	54
2	No	<div></div>	36%	81
3	Not sure	<div></div>	39%	87
			answered	222
			skipped	22

If Yes, please state what these would be in the box below.

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Sports field activities football/tennis/	7
B: More for children/young people	5
C: Tennis/badminton	9
D: Support group for lonely/recovering health etc	3
E: Walking group	5
F: MUGA	3
G: Activities in village hall/ pavilion	3
H: Individual requests	15

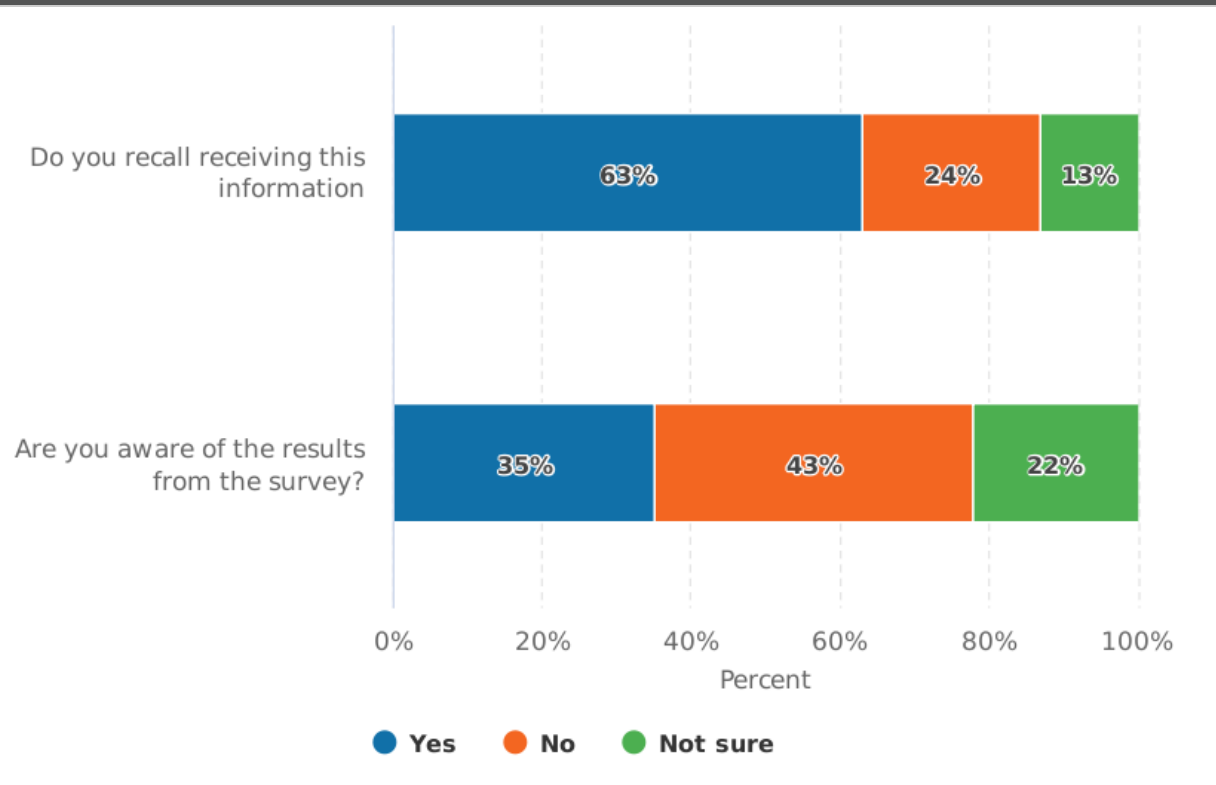
Category	Full comments
D	A Group for individuals that maybe alone or have or are suffering from illness that restricts them, help them get back to socialising and communicating.
H	Allotments

C	Badminton
C/A	Badminton More sport & fitness generally in the village hall and in the park
A	Better general use of the sports field
G	Better sports changing rooms for the football players etc
H	Brownies, Guides Cubs Scouts
H	Chess Club
	Clubbercise (currently held in Corbridge)
H	Later times for classes such as yoga due to late finishes at work.
H	craft club
H	Cycling facilities to avoid using the A6079 from the village to the 'old road' bridleway. I have previously read that there have been proposals to upgrade the existing footpath from the bottom of Garden House Bank, for this purpose. I would attend a pop up cafe at a reburbished Pavillion if this were to be a feature to take advantage of the views over the valley...
H	Football team
A	I believe that Acomb is lagging behind in its sports facilities, so any improvement in the playing field would be a good thing.
H	I would like Acomb to have an outdoor gym like the one on Tyne Green.
	I'd be interested in yoga mentioned above. Badminton, if there were suitable facilities
A/C	Women's football
C/F	Improved tennis courts/ MUGA as previously planned.
G	Improvement to or a new village hall.
C/A	It is hard with the winter coming but it would be nice to have more exercise based activities in the summer, especially if we can make the most of the outside e.g. tennis
C	Keep fit of some sort for middle aged people rather than elderly or very young. a tennis club. badminton.
H	Lots! Very underrated facilities
D	Maybe a support group for people that have suffered from Covid or other illness so that they are not alone.
D	Meeting place, not a pub
B	More activities for the children
B	More clubs for kids
H	Motorcycle club
F	MUGA and pavilion made fit for purpose.
	Not in the current buildings
B	Out of school club for younger children
H	Photgraphy Club? Repair & Mend Club? Radio & SWL Club ? Men in Sheds
H	Pilates Fitness Classes
C	Refurbished tennis court
B	Sports for young people
	Suggest lists on noticeboards with all activities & clubs etc in village with contact details.
H	Tai Chi

C/A	Tennis / Other Sports Clubs / Pilates
C/A	Tennis, football, multisports on the field.
B	The hut on the playing field needs to be refurbished. More sports facilities or clubs for kids
F	The MUGA
	Up to residents to start with what they want
G	Village Hall could be used for table top sales, Spring/ Xmas fairs.
E	Walking Club
E	Walking Club (Easy walks)
E	Walking Group
E	Walking group for over 60s with tea/coffee in the village hall after. One day a week pm.
E	Walking groups
H	Whist Drive Bridge for Beginners Line Dancing Flower Arrangement Jewellery Making Line Dancing
H	Wildlife Conservation Group. eg ensuring habitats for local hedgehogs protected, promote hedgehog highways, etc.

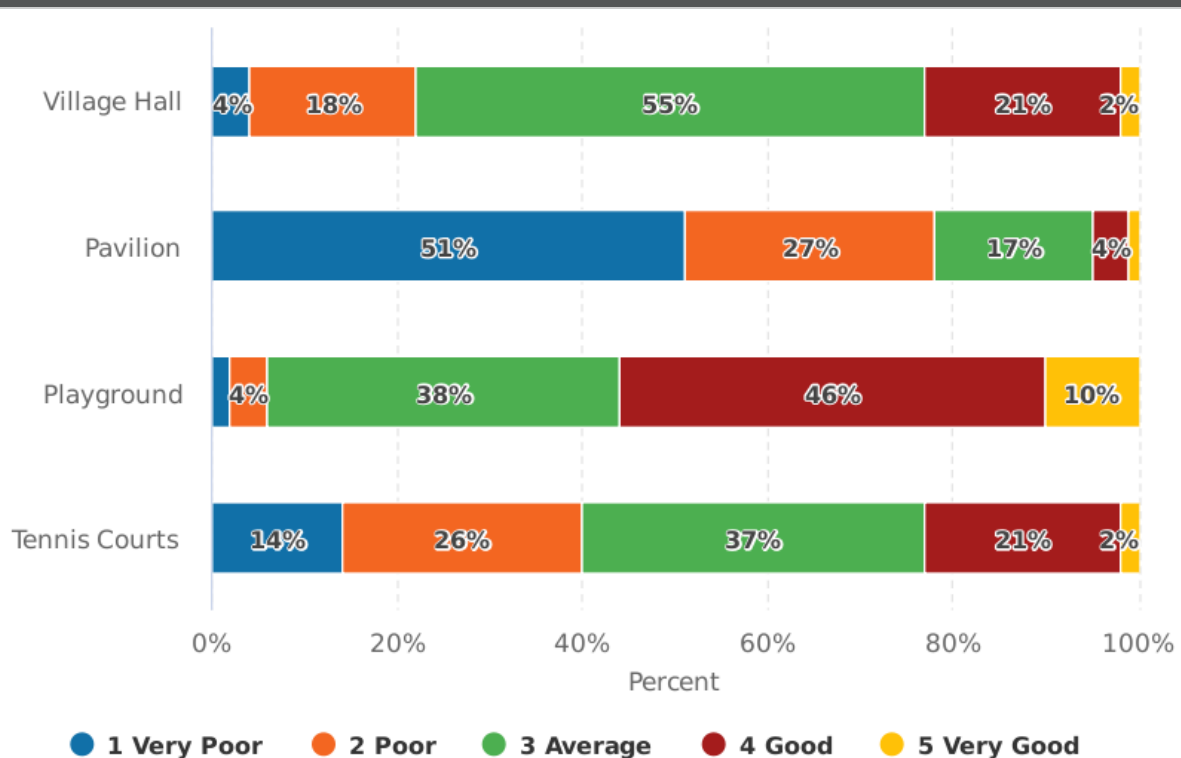
Section 3: Village Facilities – Village Hall, Pavilion, Playing Field, Post Office, Shop

Q8a A Village Assets Feasibility Survey was completed in March 2018, the survey proposals were delivered to all Parish households, including proposed plans with a questionnaire in July 2019 seeking preferred options for the Village Facilities (village hall and pavilion) leading to a 40% response rate. Your views were shared about what you wanted for the village hall and pavilion at a public meeting in September 2019. A small majority, 51%, stated they would like to see a new build on the playing fields. (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices	Yes	No	Not sure	Response Total
Do you recall receiving this information	63% 146	24% 56	13% 30	232
Are you aware of the results from the survey?	35% 78	43% 97	22% 49	224
			answered	233
			skipped	11

Q8b What do you think of the standard of the village facilities? (Tick all that applies)



Answer Choices	1 Very Poor	2 Poor	3 Average	4 Good	5 Very Good	Response Total
Village Hall	4% 9	18% 36	55% 112	21% 43	2% 4	204
Pavilion	51% 93	27% 48	17% 30	4% 8	1% 2	181
Playground	2% 3	4% 8	38% 71	46% 86	10% 18	186
Tennis Courts	14% 25	26% 46	37% 64	21% 36	2% 3	174
					answered	217
					skipped	27

Can you please explain your responses? (Please state in the box below)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Needs refurbishing/modernisation	40
B: Maintenance	19
C: Needs rebuild (particularly Pavilion)	6
D: Derelict	4
E: More support for activities	3
F: New to village	7
G: Do not use	24
H: MUGA (mentioned)	4
I: Positive feedback about children's play area	6

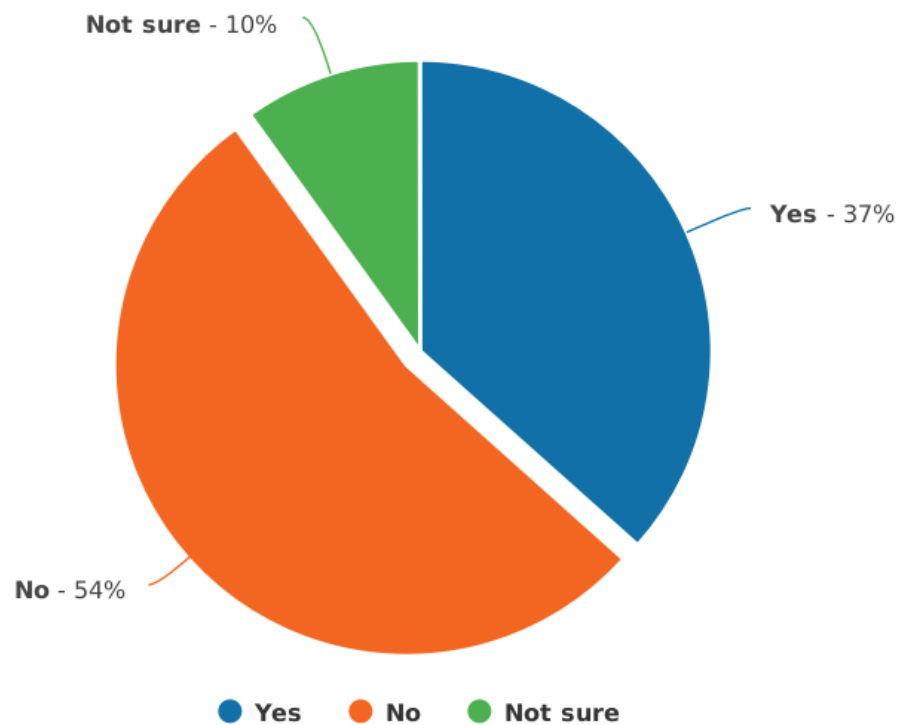
Category	Full comments
C	The Village Hall is very tired and an uninspiring place to meet. Kitchen facilities, heating, ventilation, internet and acoustics are all inadequate. The Pavilion is a disgrace. It is a very unwelcoming and poor quality facility, given the potential of the playing field and the tennis court area.
C,D,E	Village Hall is a standard Village Hall. Ie a blank canvas for various uses. Pavilion is just derelict. This could be brought back to life via a new build, being used to support football matches and various other sports on a new MUGA. Teas/ coffee, sandwiches. Also as a bar during a live music in the park event ?????
F	I have only lived in the village for 2 years
A	I'm assuming the pavilion is the one located on the playing field. It is an eyesore with horrible graffiti that has been there for as long as I can remember.
E	Not familiar with pavilion or sports facilities but feel that they are very important for the well being of the village/ development of the community
C,B,E	The Village Hall is a traditional building. Whilst it should be well maintained and safe, it should retain the majority of it's period charm. The Pavilion should be flattened and rebuilt. This has the opportunity to be a real show case for the village. Summer and Winter sports, perhaps even a cafe, shop, community gym, running track etc? Playground - A lot better than what we had as kids. Maintain and improve as needed Tennis Courts - Lucky to have them and use should be encouraged more.
A	There is glass in the tennis courts. Court needs re tarmac (rubber resin might be better) Only had 1 holey net for months and months Holes in mesh
A	Can't comment on tennis courts, don't play tennis! The pavilion has been an unusable eyesore for years
F	I've only been to the playground with the children when we 1st moved at the start of the year. I have anxiety so never really get out the house much
A	Generally Acomb's facilities are very dated and in poor condition.
A	Tennis courts need upgrading
G	Don't use these
G	We have not availed ourselves of these facilities so cannot comment.
F	I was not living in the village at the time of the previous survey
G	My grandson from USA likes the playground. I have not used any of the other facilities
A	Village Hall, Sport Pavilion and Tennis Courts need modernisation and alteration
A,C	Village Hall needs refurbishment. Pavilion already assessed as beyond repair. Tennis courts should have all weather surface to improve usability.
G	Not familiar with any of these facilities
A, H	The pavilion is in need of refurbishment and the tennis courts are in need of upgrade/MUGA conversion.
G	To be honest I haven't been able to get to any of the above
A,B	The village hall is still useable and reasonably pleasant but could be improved for wider use. The pavilion is almost unusable in current state. Playground is of good quality and variety and we use regularly. We also use the tennis courts which have recently had nets repaired to a standard that they can be used. More improvements on the court might make them suitable for wider use.
D,H	The facilities are so disgusting that I never use them. The village hall is a disgrace to Acomb and is totally depressing inside, the worst village hall I have ever been in to be honest. The playground is limited and the zip wire is broken, repairs to anything seem to take ages. What has happened to the proposed MUGA which was agreed to go ahead at a public meeting?
C	The Pavilion appears to be a poorly constructed, flat roofed building which is now pretty dilapidated and will require substantial funding to renovate to a good standard. The tennis courts are poor but it is possible to play tennis on them - and I do so regularly with great enjoyment. As a tennis player I would of course like to have a resurfaced court, renewed line markings and an intact fence boundary, but the current court still helps to keep me fit!
G	Only used village hall - for voting

A	The tennis courts need to be renovated as they are used regularly. The pavilion also needs to be renovated.
A	Enormous amount of maintenance required to keep things up to scratch, and not enough people willing to help .
A	The pavilion really lets down the playing field! Which in general could be considered a main asset of acomb. It has been neglected and vandalised which is a shameful representation of acomb to any visitors to the village.
A	Overall, the village has good facilities for a village of its size. refurbishment would be useful and i believe that this is in hand. However, I want to give my informed consent to any expenditure or reconfiguration through proper consultation - because these issues affect not just the physical form of the facilities, but the character of the village. we live here because it is peaceful and rural. i resent attempts to 'tidy' and 'enlarge' and to turn the village into a suburb of hexham.
A	Why are you asking the question about the survey and highlighting the 51% result. It seems leading to mention this & not the rest. The results were quite even in terms of options I understand and the decision was taken to refurbish the faculties. Are you trying to promote a new build on the playing field without mentioning the grave access problems?
A	The village hall, although run down, does fit its purpose. The pavilion has never seemed suitable for public use which is a shame. The graffiti, although I understand it was a youth project, makes it look worse.
D,G	I don't feel qualified to say as I don't regularly use any of the facilities, although the tennis courts and Pavilion seem to be semi derelict?
A	The tennis court and pavilion seem quite rundown in comparison to the children's playground.
G	I don't use any of these facilities
B	Needed maintenance in some parts.
A,C	Village Hall could do with a bit of a re-furb, but is clean and a great resource. Pavilion needs to be levelled and re-built. Playground is great since it had the work done last year.
G	My visits to these locations are beyond my capacity.
G	I have no idea.
G	But none of these we use
B	impressed with the grass cutting on the playing field and the park. Zip wire needs fixing_ the spring at the end which slows the rider down is broken and this has then caused extra stress on the upper wooden structure which has in turn caused the foundations which anchor the structure to fail.
A	Pavilion is rundown and attracts vandalism
F	Recently moved in - have not tried everything
A	Pavilion needs PVC cladding replaced with steel or similar. New gutters, new doors on front. Anti-climb paint where needed.
A, D, I	Village Hall_ I would say its average for its age, could do with upgraded kitchen and full repaint inside. Pavilion_ Looks like its dropping to pieces! Park_ Good quality and range of equipment for all ages. Tennis Courts_ Poor base and damaged fencing.
A,B	Village hall - old and tired, cold and poor acoustics. Pavilion - general disrepair. Tennis courts - overgrown
A,B	Pavilion is an eyesore. I have witnessed (+ reported) it being vandalised. It attracts anti-social behaviour + makes the village look run down
A,B	Things need to be renovated and refurbished
A, B	Village Hall_ Haven't visited yet Pavilion_ looks run down (haven't seen it open) Tennis Courts_ don't use
G	I don't use the others.
A,I	Pavilion looks unkept. Unfit for children/young people's youth centre. No toilet facilities for visitors in the park. Village hall, playground, tennis courts clean and taken care of but facilities could be improved.
G	Not seen Pavilion, Playground, Tennis Court so don't know what they're like.

B	The whole of the area is average. The grass areas are very rarely cut where we live, we do it ourselves.
F	Only been in Acomb since April 2021 Never been or seen
A	Need TLC and financial input We have lots of residents here. Let's make it a place to be!
I	I was at the lovely playground during the school holidays with my grandson. On the 3 occasions I was there not another soul was there!!
H, I, A	Village Hall - Good facility but very old & tired. Pavilion - I did lots of work to that building in past. So sad to see its demise. Playground - Looks great. Tennis - Shame about negative response to MUGA.
A	All could do with being looked after better.
F	I have not visited yet
F,G	I have not seen or used any of the above
A,I	Just look at them (NOTE: arrows indicate Pavilion and Tennis Courts) The playground is fab, we're frequent users
A	All standards of these could be looked after more.
	I like that the tennis courts are free and accessible (not locked)
G	Don't use
A	Village hall needs updating and modernising. Pavilion and playground often in a poor state of repair.
	There has been plenty of talk from the PC but no action.
A	The tennis courts aren't suitable for playing tennis on. The pavilion needs full refurbishment
G	Haven't visited any of the facilities
A	Tennis Court is worn out Access and parking poor. Car park required in the field for both court and football field. Pavilion is an eye sore and is a missed opportunity to treat it badly. Our house backs onto it and I'm sick at looking at it in this state and is a missed opportunity for use by the sports users.
A, G	Had nothing to do with Pavilion, Playground, tennis courts. Village Hall - heating, tea/coffee facilities sub standard.
	The way people spend leisure time/socialise has changed since these facilities were built.
B, I	Village Hall could do with a bit of redecoration to make interior lighter and more inviting. The playground has been improved. Some seats around large field by pavilion are needed.
A, H	I would like to see the tennis courts re-surfaced/new nets. Also the pavilion improved (not the MUGA though)
B	When things are broken it has taken a long time to fix. Zip wire is still very unsafe.
A,B	Pavilion is in a terrible state. Village Hall flooring needs repaired as the tape is coming up.
G,A,B	I've not been into the village hall. I haven't been into the pavilion but it looks shabby and under-used from the outside. I've not been on the tennis courts but I've been told they need re-surfacing.
A,B	Village facilities have been left to deteriorate. Village hall toilet facilities and kitchen inadequate and out of use.
B	Tennis courts desperately need resurfacing.
A,B	Compared to other towns and villages Acomb is terrible so out of date and everything is way past its date.
G	Although I don't use facilities now - I think they are reasonable.
G	Apart from Village Hall we are not users of these facilities
G	Don't use any of the above.
B	The village hall is bare and unwelcoming.
G	Village hall never been in.

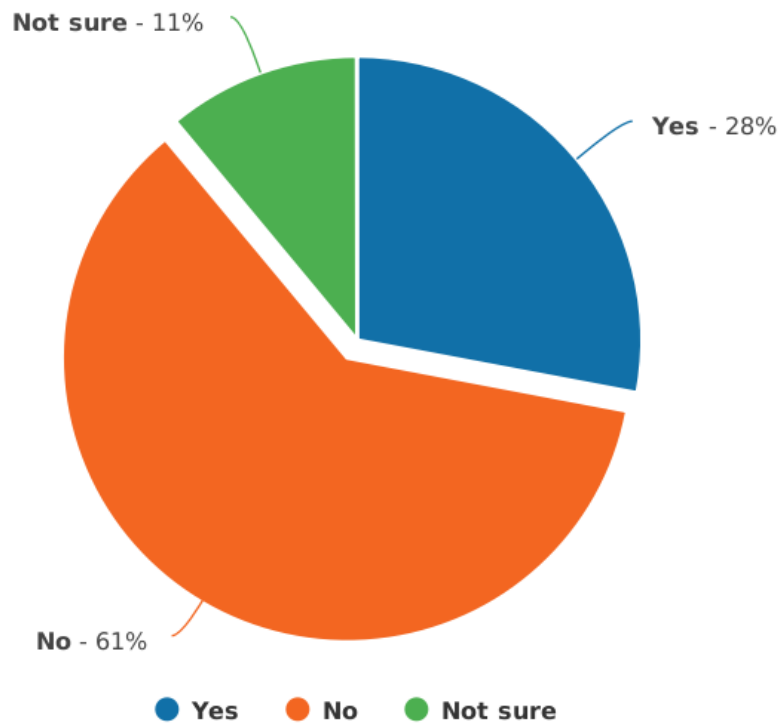
	Pavilion unsure. Playground - always seems to be items faulty or under repair. Tennis Courts - one time I have been to them the nets were faulty.
A, B	The pavilion appears to be in a very poor state of repair. The Village Hall kitchen and facilities need immediate improvement. We have not used the tennis courts or playground.
	Need better tennis facilities.
G	Don't use any of the above so cannot comment.
G	Do not use any.

Q8c Are you aware that each of the village facilities (3) is held as a Charitable Trust? (Tick, as applies)



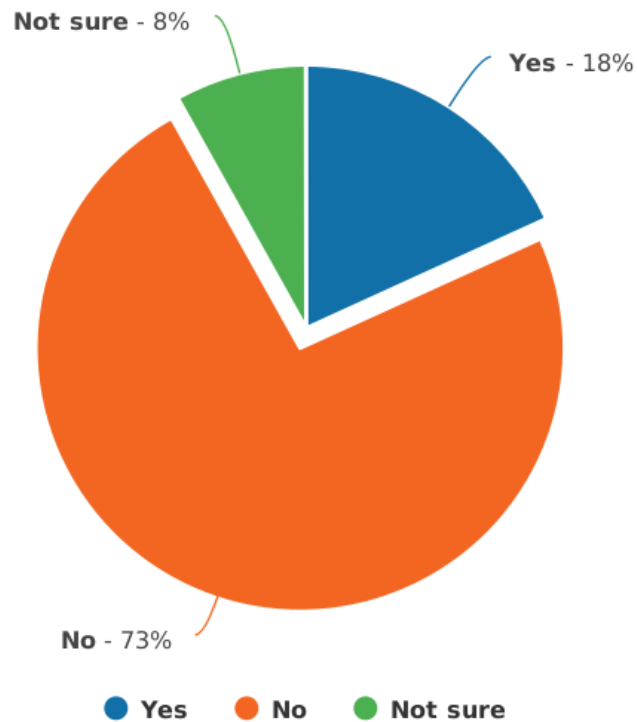
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2	No	<div></div>	54%	126
3	Not sure	<div></div>	10%	23
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			skipped	9

Q8d Were you aware that the present Charities are currently run by APC as Sole Trustees of the village hall, pavilion and playing fields? (Tick, as applies)



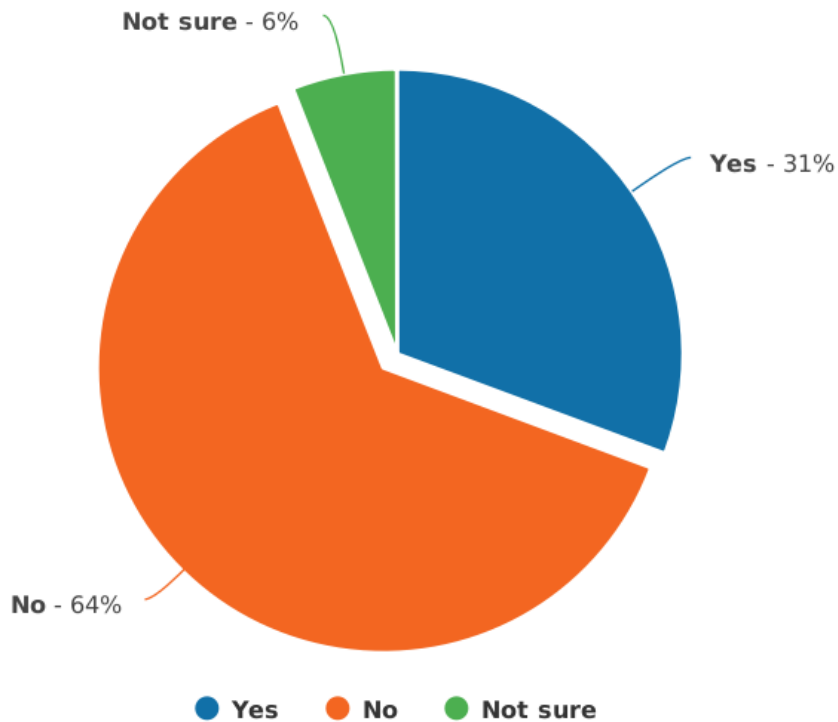
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1	Yes	<div></div>	28%	66
2	No	<div></div>	61%	144
3	Not sure	<div></div>	11%	27
			answered	237
			skipped	7

Q8e Are you aware that in July 2020 a new charity, Acomb Community Association, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered (Registered Charity Number: 1190300) with the Charity Commission, its purpose to bring together the 3 village charities in the future? (Tick, as applies)



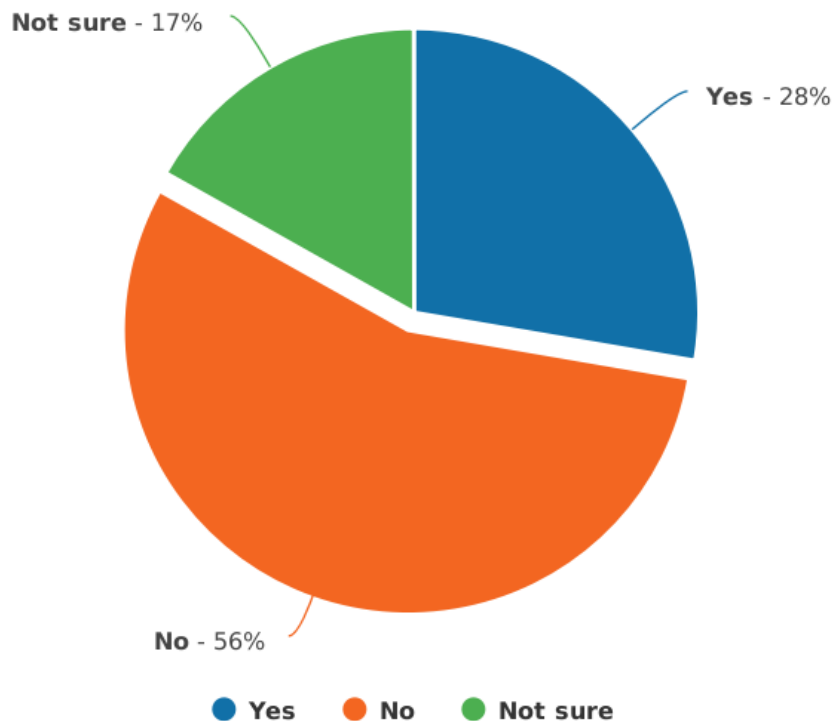
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1	Yes	<div></div>	18%	43
2	No	<div></div>	73%	174
3	Not sure	<div></div>	8%	20
			answered	237
			skipped	7

Q8f Are you aware that the village hall has 28 years (expires 2049) of its lease remaining? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	31%	72
2	No	<div></div>	64%	151
3	Not sure	<div></div>	6%	13
			answered	236
			skipped	8

Q8g Are you aware of the results from the latest Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) consultation in October 2020? (Tick, as applies)



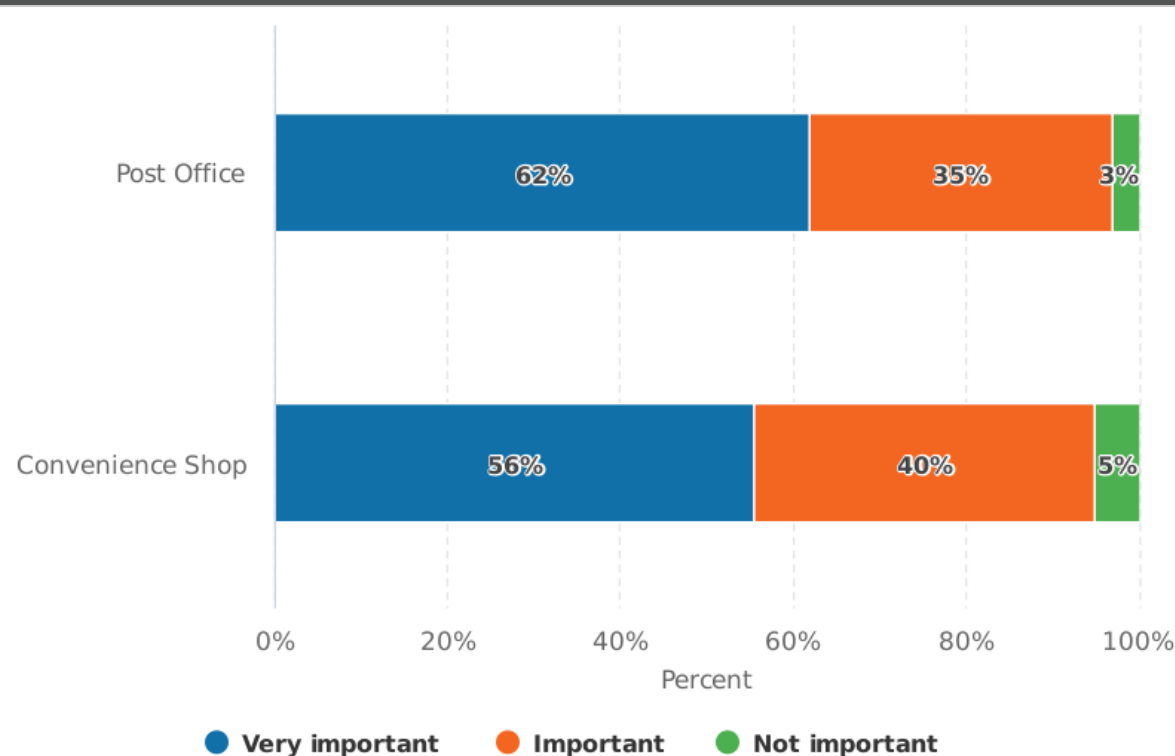
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1	Yes	<div></div>	28%	65
2	No	<div></div>	56%	131
3	Not sure	<div></div>	17%	40
			answered	236
			skipped	8
Comment box				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: New to village	1
B: Unaware of feedback	4
C: Charitable Trust good idea	1
D: MUGA of benefit to village	5

Category	Full comments
C	Good that there is a charitable trust- would be good to facilitate donations if this is possible- I wanted to make a donation earlier this year but could not find information telling me how to do this on the internet/website
D	<p>This turned into a complete farce. Most people switched off after the bickering and interference of a handful of individuals.</p> <p>The whole administration of the village facilities should come under the directorship of one elected group. That may well be the Parish Council.. but let's at least have some people on there with some</p>

	<p>busine acumen and who are SM savvy with ideas on fund raising and management.</p> <p>There is a huge opportunity available to the village but it needs to set a North Star and follow it. Clear strategy, clear direction and clear goals and outputs that are measured.</p>
	<p>Great idea</p> <p>Should not be chargeable or should me as a membership to use.</p>
A	new to village
	I am also aware that the Trustees of the playing field, pavillion and village hall are now supported by advisory group of a variety of community bodies which seems to be a very positive step forward.
	Yes- I am, but only because i spent a lot of time digging the information up. the original MUGA consultation seemed to be carried out without any attempt to make residents who live near the site aware of the likely impact of parking, noise, lights etc on their quiet enjoyment of their houses. I was unaware of it until it was just about to go ahead - as were all the people who live near to it. planning had not consulted us and neither did the PC, trustee, not A4A. very poor.
	All these seem loaded questions... why highlight 28 year lease, & the CIO. What's the point in asking are you aware? It feels like an A4A agenda given that the 3 key players are the CIO.
	I attended the meeting regarding the results. Unfortunately, the unsavoury manner of one attendees spoil the night. I have never gone to another Acomb meeting and have forgotten the information.
D	I think this would be a huge benefit.
B	Filled a form in but got no feedback.
	<p>The consultation revealed that the original plan was underspecified and underfunded so could not progress.</p> <p>No viable business plan put forward.</p>
D	It should go ahead. A positive venture.
D	Such a shame.
	Can't remember the exact details
	I do not want the floodlights. It is unfair on the people living close to them and it is a major light pollution issue.
	Completed the form as it covered important issues.
D	The MUGA would be great for young and old and maybe the 2 could get together
	I think that Sport England insisted on floodlights but villagers objected, so nothing has happened?
B	I would like to know the results.
B	No communication about this. By the time it does go ahead most kids will be grown up. So many neighbours who reject it.
B	Returned questionnaire, but received no feedback.

Q8h An Acomb Research Group is considering the options for the future of the post office/shop. A questionnaire was posted online on Acomb Local website to obtain your views. However, not everyone may have had the opportunity to respond if not able to access the Internet. How important is it to have each of the following in Acomb? (Tick as applies)



Answer Choices	Very important	Important	Not important	Response Total
Post Office	62% 149	35% 83	3% 7	239
Convenience Shop	56% 131	40% 93	5% 11	235
			Answered	241
			Skipped	3

Can you expand on your response in the box below?

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Post Office important/ I would use	52
B: Shop important/ I would use	48
C: Easy access to Hexham / Hexham meets needs	6
D: Irregular public transport link to Hexham	7
E: Older residents	5
F: Part of village life / community	13
G: Comments on question wording	4

Category	Full comments
A/B	Having a village post office was convenient in order to avoid having to get parked / queue up in Hexham. Village shop would be useful, if they sold the right things. Also handy for those who don't drive.
A/B	I think if we could provide a post office and shop on a larger scale selling a wider range of goods and with a local notice board I'm sure local residents and surrounding areas would rather use this than travel in to Hexham. I have had this said to me from people living in Gunnerton.
A/B	<p>The old Post Office is now going to be entirely hair dressing so this question is somewhat missing the point.</p> <p>Yes a Post Office is very useful but can only be viable if demand is there. A lot of PO usage can be done on line and parcel collection from your door is available for posting items..... would it be needed??</p> <p>A village shop - Absolutely! Yes, the Queens is offering a small service and while amicable, does not lend itself to all. The Village Hall has space, potentially to be a Village hub... shop, PO, Info centre, meeting point, Cafe,</p>
	I answered this survey but I have never seen the results posted online and do not know the outcome.
A/B	The village is growing and needs these local amenities. In addition, the elderly community are poorly served.
	Now the queens arms has a pop up shop this is not as important.
	There should be accessible shops for evening and weekends for top up shops
	still not been to she pub shop as i struggle with the bank.
A/B	Having a village post office is vital; Hexham post office moves regularly and attracts big queues. A village shop would be really useful so I can walk to get things I run out of rather than driving to Hexham
A/B	Somewhere easily accessible in Acomb adds to the quality of life of people living here
A/B	A post office and shop are important for local people who can't easily travel to Hexham to use the post office. It also increases the amount of travel local people need to do, e.g. driving to Hexham just to post a parcel or get some milk. This isn't supportive of the climate initiative.
C	I can drive so for me ease of access to Hexham is sufficient for the post office
A/B	Used the post office for both these purposes for years
A/B	These would seem crucial to community cohesion- especially for those around during the day and unable to access Hexham
A/B	Good to have PO & shop in village
A/B/F	A post office and shop are often at the heart of a thriving village.
A	We would use the post office frequently to post items sold on eBay.
A	I used the Post Office regularly to send parcels
A/B	Having neither makes it necessary to visit Hexham for even the most basic of shopping or other needs. This is difficult for those who rely on public transport and results in more journeys by car users.
B	Definitely need a little convenience shop
A/B	I consider these important for the village and we did use both sometimes but also use online shopping and royal mail online so not greatly important to us.
A/B/F	Parking difficult for accessing Hexham Post Office. Also quite a walk from Bus Station. Shop is usually the heart of the village.
A/B	These facilities have become more important in light of the pandemic. Not everyone is able to, or wishes to travel into Hexham for basic supplies. Covid 19 is still presnet, vulnerable people find it stressful to travel on public transport .
A	I may need regular postal services for my new business.
	The Acomb Research Group's purpose was to research the community's needs/requirements/wishes in relation to the shop and post office and to put the results of the survey into the public domain for the use of any interested parties, such as businesses, community groups etc. It also raised awareness of the Post Office's plan to introduce a visiting post office van, and the fact that there was a post office franchise opportunity available.
A/F	it is the hub of the village , being able to access post office services is very important. Having to go either into Hexham or Corbridge to access postal services is exceptionally time consuming
B	see previous suggestion ref filling station (or charging facility)/shop on through road.
	It is also very important to have access to a cashpoint

B	A convenience shop is a lifeline for some residents of Acomb. I have felt the need for a small confidence shop that sells the essentials rather than tins and dried food on many occasions. We would love the opportunity to support a small business rather than trips to Tesco and Aldi
G	There is a shop. At the Queens. The ARG is not pursuing this currently because of this and the post office franchise is being advertised, as far as I know. This is a highly misleading and divisive question.
G	This information is inaccurate- the ARG is NOT considering options for the PO & never did. The Post Office management are in charge of a replacement PO. Their questionnaire was available in paper at the PO/shop and at Church.
A/B	<p>The post office is a massive loss. Hexham post office is not as easily accessible and the post van we have as a substitute currently is not reliable enough. There are still people in the village that pay their bills via post office and I feel it is unfair for them to have to travel in to Hexham, especially with covid on the rise.</p> <p>A shop is handy, although I would not use it on a day to day basis. It was more used by my household when it was combined with the post office.</p>
A/B	If not always useful to me, there will be many village residents who need access to the above facilities without relying on public transport or being able to avoid using public or private transport just to buy basic goods or services.
A/B	<p>I have been lost without both of these facilities. I have tried the mobile service but it is never there at the stated times and the post office services in Hexham are hopeless.</p> <p>My children also really liked being able to go over to the shop in the summer to get sweets.</p>
A	Post Office was a real asset to the Village and is really missed.
A	The presence of the shop in the Queens is good so I don't think that there should be an additional shop - much better to support the development of that facility as a local resource and business rather than set up something else in competition. Post office would be useful.
F	For the whole community in general
A/B	Without a car it's not easy popping into Hexham to use their Post Offices/shop services.
F	Community communication
A	We moved here 2 years ago having a local P O was a key in our choice.
A/B	Somewhere to buy milk or post a letter
B	Good to have our own shop in Acomb. More accessible for residents. No need to go to Hexham.
F	Size and age range of community
A/B	I'm not a huge user of the Post Office so my view is biased but I do agree it would be nice to have one. I think a shop in the village would be great. Particularly if it was selling local produce, milk, bread, baked goods etc
A/B/F	Village post office/shops are the heart of village life
A/B	They will both be convenient providing the right type of product/services eg Post Office with Passport checking, Hermes pickup etc and store with quality and value products eg wine, beer, coffee as well as beans, maybe takeaway cakes, teas and drinks.
F	Would maybe bring locals together
A/B	It is essential to have both. Paul's was wonderful for good aged people to be a little independent to walk there. One could buy pieces of shopping. Keep the writing of letters to loved ones up and of course buy our stamps and meet people to say hello to.
E	Not essential for our household but surely very important for the elderly/disabled or those without transport
A	Post Office in Hexham is not easy to get to, especially if you have a parcel
C	<p>I usually shop when I am in Hexham.</p> <p>The post office provided a limited service, e.g. I could not renew my car tax.</p>
A/B	Both are essential for those that do not drive.
A	Hexham Post Office busy with queues or shut due to lack of staff. Not always easy to access.
A	I am an inveterate letter writer and the available stamps and normal postal services are very welcome.
A/B	It is not a village if there are no amenities? ie shop, Post Office etc
C	Hexham provides my needs.
A/B	<p>Needed badly in the winter.</p> <p>P.O. & Village shop = Heart & Sole (sic) of a village</p>
F	As the village gets bigger we need facilities.

B	Elderly people in village may be beneficial to have a shop. The Post Office van I find is adequate. Charming gentleman. Very helpful.
A/B	Post Office so well used. Shop could be so useful for home workers.
A/B	Both very important for the elderly in the village for the winter month.
A	It was SO convenient having the Post Office in Acomb
D	It is very important for the elderly individuals that may have poor mobility or restrictions to public transport or transport on it's own.
G	This isn't correct - paper copies of this questionnaire were available for anyone without internet access
E	Too old going to Hexham
E	Must be a great miss for older people. Well done to the Queens for trying to fill the gap.
F	Really poor a village of this size having nothing at all. Even on a part-time 1/2 day basis.
E	I think it is essential for the older residents to have a shop & post office
A/B	used to use the post office regularly to post parcels and letter to friends and family - now more difficult to travel to Hexham around work times. Convenience shop would be useful later in the evenings and at weekends to save driving into Hexham for milk/bread etc. Always at work when van arrives!
	But not in the Queens Head pub!! Tatty, horrible eyesore of a building
A/B/D	Not always easy for everyone to get into Hexham. A village the size of Acomb should have a small shop or PO to help keep the village alive.
B	As a non-driver having a good shop would be a life-saver
A/B	The Post Office was useful for personal use and the business work for in the village as well as the elderly the(sic) dont (sic) want to go to Hexham. The shop set up at the Queens Arms is well stocked and a good idea but a well stocked shop / post office would be excellent.
	Any shop must stock national newspapers.
C	The shop in the Queens pub appears to solve the immediate problem for urgent goods. We are too close to Hexham to make a store/Post Office viable.
G	Hard copies of the survey were available for anyone unable to complete online survey and help was available to anyone wanting to complete online.
A/B	Post office probably helpful for those who are not very mobile. Shop is much needed.
A/B	A Post Office/ Shop is ESSENTIAL given the poor bus service into Hexham, also postal and banking services a must for the village. The Queens Arms shop is ok but a bit expensive - not a long term solution. The post office van driver would like to visit 2 extra days for 1 hour.
A/B	Both are important but need to be located in a friendly/accessible place (like the old P.O. and shop).
B/D	The elderly could do with somewhere to get minor groceries at least.
A	Post Office service was also widely used by communities further up North Tyne. Post Office very useful to local businesses.
A/D	Getting the bus to Hexham is hard as the transport has been reduced. Then you have to wait in line outside! I know there is a P.O. van 2 days for a very short time but sometimes you need a parcel to go diff days.
B	It's important to have a shop in the village, but I didn't approve of the food that the Post Office sold. There was virtually no fresh food, and most of the food sold was processed and unhealthy. A shop selling local, fresh, organic food would be fantastic.
F	Keeps a village alive - otherwise dormitory only.
F	Why we moved to the village. A gathering point for the community & valuable resource.
A	Acomb post office is essential.
B/F	Most villages have at least a shop.
A/B/D	Local PO and shop very important for people who cannot drive into Hexham and buses not frequent enough

A/B/D	I think both very important especially for those with limited transport.
C	Post Office - from the times I have used it the opening hours varied therefore on a few occasions when I'd expect the shop to be open, it was closed therefore I tend to go to Hexham.
B	Not sure if we were aware of the above options. However experience in Humshaugh and Slaley indicates that a local shop (with or without a Post Office) can be a valuable asset.
A/B	Post Office (shop) greatly missed, involves a journey to Hexham Post Office - parking facilities prove problematic.
C	At the moment we have to go to Hexham for shopping, for odd items in the bad weather.
E	Elderly need local.
	Save having to travel to Hexham all the time.

31. Q8i Where do you think the post office/shop might be based? (Any suggestions please put in the box below)

Summary of written answers	Number of comments
A: Queens Arms	16
B: Existing site	44
C: Central location	19
D: One of the pubs	17
E: Village Hall	27

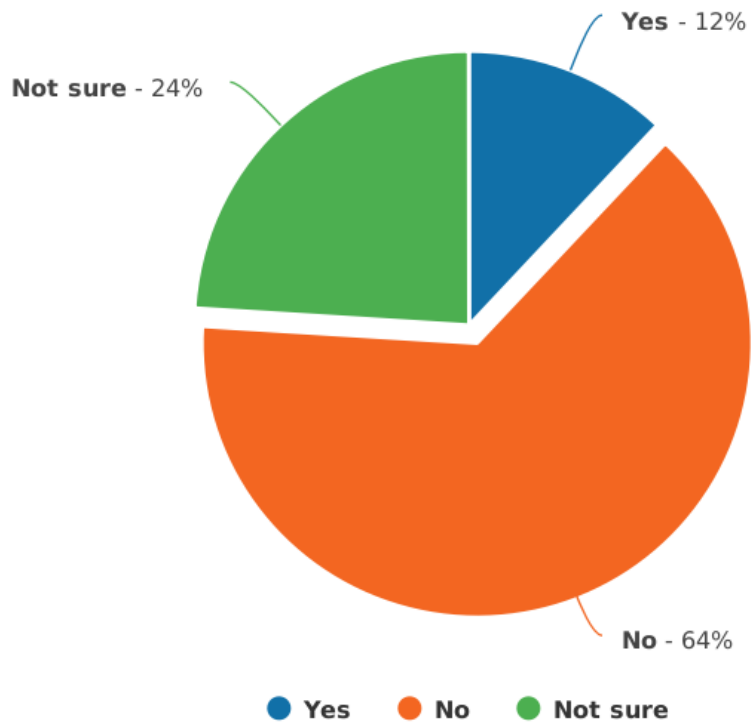
Category	Full comments
A	Unsure, but Vicki of The Queen's Arms should be actively encouraged to expand into a post office role as what she has already achieved is wonderful - cafe and shop.
	Within an existing business or new venue
D	One of the Pubs with sufficient space
B	The same place as the old one
A	Queens?
B	The present site would be ideal.
E	Village Hall The Old Parlour A new pavilion
D	The Sun Inn
A	The Queens Arms seems to be making an effort to fill the gap left by the PO shop closure. A permanent PO would need security arrangements, I can't think of a suitable location which forces me to answer "yes" to Q8j
C	Somewhere central like the village hall or the shop where the post office was.
C	central so majority can walk to it in under 5 minutes
	this is a tricky one as its such a big responsibility for someone to take on.
B	where it was
B/C	Can we use the current shop? If not we either need a central location in Acomb or one on the main road at the bottom with parking for people who are driving through the village. Fred did quite good business from these people.
D	One of the pubs
C	Somewhere centrally.
	Not sure
D/E	Possibly in the Village Hall or one of the Pubs.
E	Possibly in the smaller hall in the Village Hall or somewhere in the vicinity. The Queen's Arms have tried to bridge the gap in shopping services for local people and should be commended for that.
D	In one of the pub rooms?
	Anywhere in the village but as close as possible to it's previous location would be ideal.
B	Previous location was ideal
	Anywhere where parking is possible
C	As centrally as possible, and with parking. Could part of the village hall be used as a post office? Having a coffee shop would help as a meeting place and decrease isolation.
B/D	Either where sited previously. Potentially in one of the pubs.
	For me anywhere In walking distance
E	Perhaps village hall
E/D	Improved Village Hall. Appropriate Public House.

B	The position of the previous post office/shop was ideal.
B/D/E	In one of the pubs? Village hall? The old post office?
B	Same place as it was, not many areas suitable. Need more Post Boxes
E	If we had a decent village hall then that could provide a good site in the centre of the village, however realistically where ever we can get it rather than not at all.
E/D	Village hall or pub.
	Perhaps this questionnaire is a little out of date? I have already used the village shop established in the Queen's Arms Pub and think it's a very welcome addition to village facilities! In order to establish a permanent post office in the village there would first have to be an application to the Post Office for the franchise.
B	Where it was or in those buildings, but not in one of the pubs. Where it was is a central location, easy for the elderly to access whereas the pubs are inhospitable and unwelcoming unless you are a regular.
B	Rent the old post office
B	where it has been is very central and accessible with parking available
	Through-road to Wall
A	The Queens Arms would seem like the best option at the moment
C	Where its easy accessible for older residents
D	Within one of our pubs
B	Where the old post office was or anywhere on the Main Street. Just with more fitting signage to be in keeping with a small village. E.g. Humshaugh village shop
A	The shop is based on the Queens already.
B	It was handy where it was. If it needs to be based in a different location, then it should be easily accessible for the village. However, I would not like to see any green spaces used to build a new post office/shop.
C	A central location is probably best, with some provision for parking if the previous location was not to be used, preferably keeping the main street clear of more parked cars.
B	at the same place
B/E	Can it not be located where it used to be? If not, could we have something within the Village Hall.
A	At the Queens Pub but the Parish Council have been obstructive and unhelpful to this establishment. They have opened a shop which could have had the Post Office. The Parish Council were short sighted in their lack of proper consideration of this venue as a possible Post Office facility.
E	Village Hall?
A	The shop that's now in the Queens is a good addition and shouldn't be undermined by trying to establish another shop - I don't think there is the business for 2 facilities.
A	Any available site, I hear the Queens Arms is trying very hard
B	In it's original position or in a central location
E	The Village Hall
E	Village Hall would be ideal.
D	Possibly in any future development or public house.
B	What's wrong with where it was
B	Where it's always been.
E	Village Hall_ somewhere with parking. or where it was before_ it's now vacant and seems not to be used for anything.
B	On Main Street _as previous
B	Main St.
C	Anywhere in the middle of the village
B	Old location was perfect as it was in the middle of the village,
	Chip shop

E	Hard to say as it depends on available space. Village Hall could be good as its central and offers parking.
	Q8j Not sure how much its (Post Van) utilised.
C	Somewhere central within easy walking route
A/D/E	Happy that the shop is in the Queens Arms. Any open business or village hall for P.O
	At a new community hall. Parking and/or seating outside.
B	Main Street - the old venue was fine.
C	In the centre of Acomb or in the pavilion
	? Not sure !
B	The original site seems fair to most because of the hilly layout of the housing and the old post office being central.
C	Centre of Acomb
C	It would be helpful to have it in the area where it was very accessible.
	Where is it now?
	New build_ outskirts_ walking distance
	A decent sized site would have to be provided to make a business feasible.
E	Village Hall.
C	Anywhere central in the village.
B	Old Post Office
C	Central
B	In the old location? Or on the industrial estate?
E	Village Hall
	It has to meet the requirements of the Post Office Ltd so it doesn't really matter where residents think it should be based. It has to be an existing business and meet size/security requirements
B	Where it was before
B	Where it used to be
B	Post Office building - Not sure who owns the existing unit.
B	At the old Post Office if able to.
E	Back room of village hall.
C	In middle of the village
C	Middle of the village
A/C	Queens Arms or other central location.
B	In the old shop.
E	Back room of village hall.
	Demolish the Queens Head and have a proper shop/post office - learn from what happens in Corbridge
B	Same place if possible
	Anywhere in the village
B	Need to be able to get park easily and access for the elderly would be essential. The current site is ideal but a repurpose of the building is required and parking etc.
D	Pub
	If van breaks down there is no contact no. for the postmaster to call. (He has a no. for Bardon Mill & they put up notices)
A	Shop provision in Queens Arms is excellent. Brilliant if Post Office could be located there as well.
B	Same location would be nice
	Not sure.
	Don't really mind.
B	In its previous location. (Definitely not in the Queens Arms which is too intimidating for many)
B	Most likely where it used to be but anywhere in the village will probably be good enough.

	Not Sure
	Wherever best is viable location is available, but would require parking space.
A	In the Queens Arms?? Their shop is excellent.
B	On the site of the old Post Office? In the empty house on the other side of the hairdressers from the old Post Office? It would make up for the lack of Post Office but not the lack of shop.
B/E	Where it was or village hall area.
D	Local pub
A	The Queens is doing a very good job trying to provide a shop. It's a pity they are unable / not allowed to provide P.O. facilities at the same time.
E	Village Hall
A	Well just found out that there is a shop in the Queens Headnot sure of opening times tho!
A	Queens Hotel is useful mid-point of village. If parking and properly, suitably renovated should be encouraged
B	Current location was a good location
B	Post Office old site
B	Where it was!
B	Existing premises
E	As part of Village Hall complex. Wherever it may be situated in the future
B	Where it was.
E	Village Hall
E	As the old site of the PO is unavailable now the Village Hall, after some alteration, seems the most convenient place.
	Alongside some other activity to allow "cross selling".
E/A/D	The village hall or public house might be feasible but suspect that there are significant drawbacks regarding staffing, access and security for example.
E/D	Village Hall or one of the pubs in Acomb.
D	Post Office/shop based in one of the pubs.
B	Where it is.
C	In centre of Acomb
C	Centre of village for all to use.
E	Near village hall.

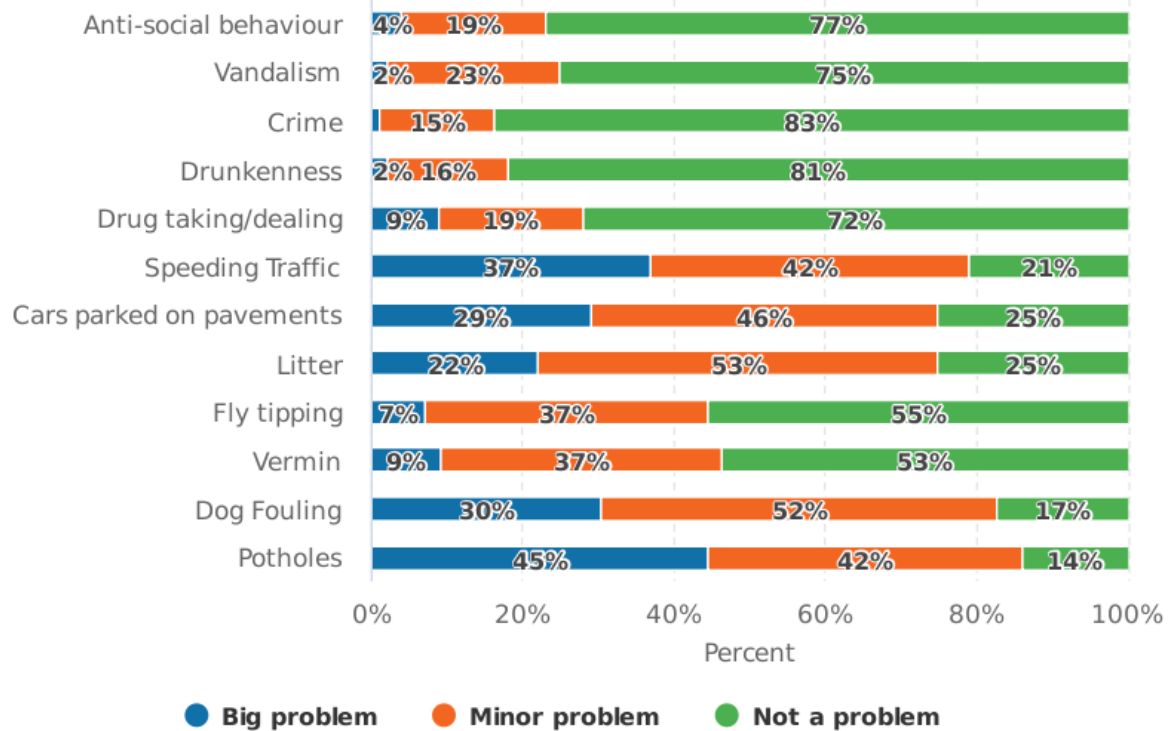
Q8j Is the Post Van visiting twice weekly for an hour an acceptable alternative? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	12%	28
2	No	<div></div>	64%	150
3	Not sure	<div></div>	24%	56
			answered	234
			skipped	10

Section 4: Concerns

Q9a How much of a problem to you or your family are each of the following in Acomb? (Tick all that apply)



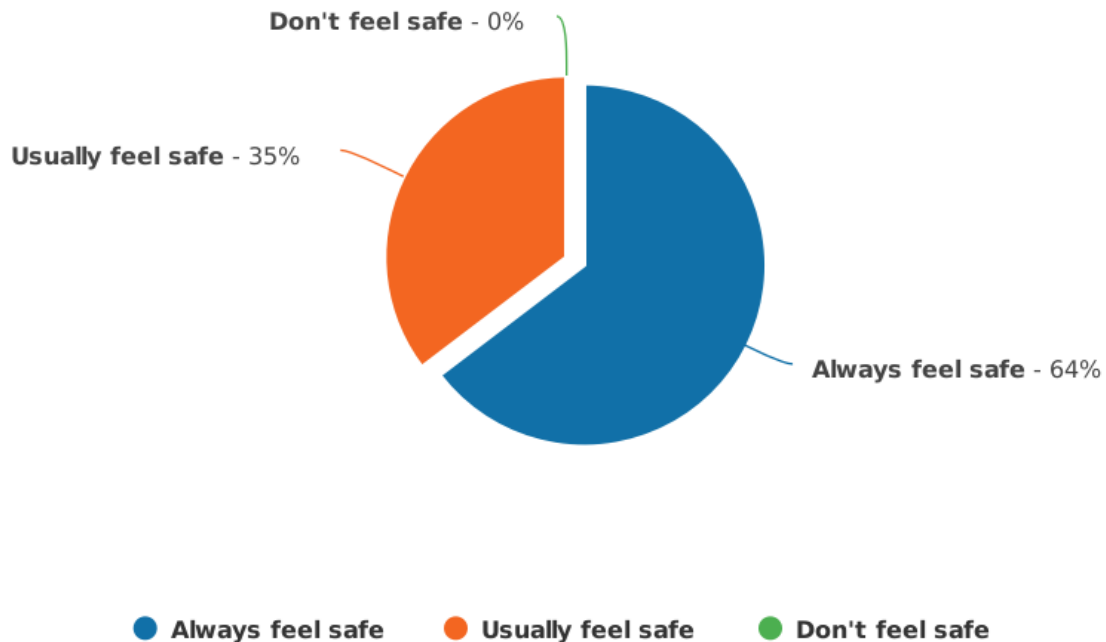
Answer Choices	Big problem	Minor problem	Not a problem	Response Total
Anti-social behaviour	4% 8	19% 40	77% 159	207
Vandalism	2% 4	23% 47	75% 153	204
Crime	1% 3	15% 31	83% 170	204
Drunkenness	2% 5	16% 33	81% 167	205
Drug taking/dealing	9% 18	19% 39	72% 145	202
Speeding Traffic	37% 81	42% 92	21% 45	218
Cars parked on pavements	29% 64	46% 102	25% 56	222
Litter	22% 48	53% 116	25% 54	218
Fly tipping	7% 15	37% 76	55% 112	203
Vermin	9% 19	37% 75	53% 108	202
Dog Fouling	30% 66	52% 114	17% 38	218
Potholes	45% 98	42% 91	14% 30	219
			answered	236
			skipped	8
Any other concerns? (Please state in the box below saying how much of a problem this is for you)				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Speeding Traffic	11
B: Parking	5
C: Potholes/uneven roads	2
D: Speedbumps redirect traffic	2
E: General maintenance of gutters/verges/trees etc.	7
F: Vermin/dog fouling/fly tipping etc.	8

Category	Full comments
A/B	Speeding traffic - How much was spent on turning the village into an industrial estate with all the signage and hideous road markings? All that effort and money is in vein if it is not enforced. Enforcing with a bunch of do gooders armed with a speed gun does nothing but create anger and animosity. Either the Police enforce it or you put up Truvelo speed cameras Cars parked on Pavements - As mentioned previously, this is down to multiple cars per household, owners not leveraging their off street parking and people driving to the pubs However, the biggest challenge is with the development at the White Farm.
B	Tere is a shortage of car parking space in the millersfield area.
B	Parking around the Pant is a problem for bus access. Yellow lines may not be the answer but the end on parking by the seats causes real difficulty for bus turning. Could parking be marked out by highways/parish council?
E	Maintenance of greenery near paths. Over hanging hedges in Main Street forcing people to walk in the road. Can not get push chairs or wheel chairs passed. General tidy of hedges and grass verges
E	The speed bumps on Garden house bank will eventually damage my car. Let's not have any more of these. The flashing warning at the bottom of the village is much more effective. Last winter I spent a morning helping a more elderly resident to grit one of the Millersfield road so he could get home. A few more of the grit containers on sloping roads would be helpful. Remember those of us who don't live in the centre of the village - there's no provision of grip on some of the smaller road notorious slopes
	litter on Garden House Bank - I suspect a van driver, probably one only, flinging his weeks rubbish out at weeks end. camera needed.
F	vermin has been more of a problem and people need to be ade aware of their responsibilites under ancient laws to control vermin. also that rats inparticular can cause serious disease.
E	gullies and pathways around Morrison Terrace require sweeping.
	Where I have ticked 'not a problem' I'm not suggesting it doesn't exist, only that I'm not currently affected. I'm concerned that there may be some interest in the near future of car drivers/motor vehicles using the 'old road' again as a quieter route to Hexham and avoiding the new slip roads on the A69, which I have read are causing concern. With the recent resurfacing of the bridleway it is more attractive to use and there may be some attempt to vandalise the new barrier to permit vehicles once again....
F	The dog fouling is the biggest issue - it's everywhere.
F/E	Broken glass at the park _ major vandalism problem Have witnessed drug taking/dealing in the village Cars parked on pavements_ on the school walk Litter is everywhere Dog fouling_ on pavements up to school
A	Only regular excessive speed is policed
	Anti-social behaviour_ only with people who object to us living at Birkey Heights.I can understand they don't want houses built, but its not our fault, all we did was buy a house!!
	Use of parish field by noisy quads \ fast e-scooters\ motor vehicles driving onto the grass. All DANGEROUS, ANTISOCIAL (Re Noise ++) + damages the field (Churns the grass \ tyre marks). This needs CLEAR PROHIBITION
B	After work hours, commercial vehicles and a long based road repair wago are parked daily on a narrow residential road at the top of Millersfield where few can have a drive because of the gradient and no access for terraced housing. Resident's cars must park on one side of the road due to its narrowness. This reduces the space left for vehicles to travel along, to one direction at a time only and includes a blind bend. In recent years the number of cars per household has increased and the space available in the evenings has been reduced by the commercial vehicles which really should

	not be there. Commercial vehicles are also parked on grass areas opposite the village hall causing rutting and damage in the winter.
A	Endless wild birds and animals killed on A6079 - 3 deer in 2021 among others
C	Potholes and grass cutting probably would be a good start.
A	Zig Zag lines at school have improved safety measures around school. But has brought about speeding traffic (parents included)
A	Speeding traffic past the school, especially large farm vehicles.
	I live on the outskirts of Acomb and am unaware of any problems
F	Had a big problem with rats earlier this year.
	Unnecessary lighting - need to preserve dark skies
A	It is scary that cars speed up Main Street
A	Far too much traffic up and down Garden House Bank
F	Litter - especially Garden House Bank
	A shop and better transport links
C	Badly repaired roads. Uneven roads. As well as potholes a cyclist's nightmare. They abound in Acomb and surrounding area. I am on a bike about 5 days a week.
A	Very large tractors/trailers leaving hay through the village to the Biomass unit near Egger.
E	Weeds growing in road gutters Weeds outside of houses growing over pathways Branches of trees overhanging over pathways
	I am near Queens Arms. Disturbed daily. Pub has people sitting outside until late (well past 11), It is still occurring in late October (but will be limited in winter). Impossible to sleep.
D	Since speed bumps on Garden House Bank, traffic down Orchard Avenue is really bad! Dog poo all the way up to school is really bad!
D/B/A	Traffic speeding in Orchard Avenue and using as a through way instead of going to the X-roads. Traffic parking bottom of Orchard Avenue.
F/E	Fly tipping (on Redburn by Millersfield) The pavement on Main Street opposite Queens Close is very narrow. This is compounded by an overgrown privet hedge. The pavements on Orchard Avenue are very narrow too. I don't think these pavements(footways) satisfy The Equalities Act 2010
E	Terrible grass cutting. Weeds. Over hanging trees.
	Big problem - Amount of housebuilding in the village and suburbanisation; too many signs and traffic markings.
A	Speed of traffic down Main Street. Parking on Main Street.
F	Dog fouling is a big problem on Chapel Close.
F	Too many dogs roaming.

Q9b Do you think Acomb is a safe place to live? (Tick, as applies)



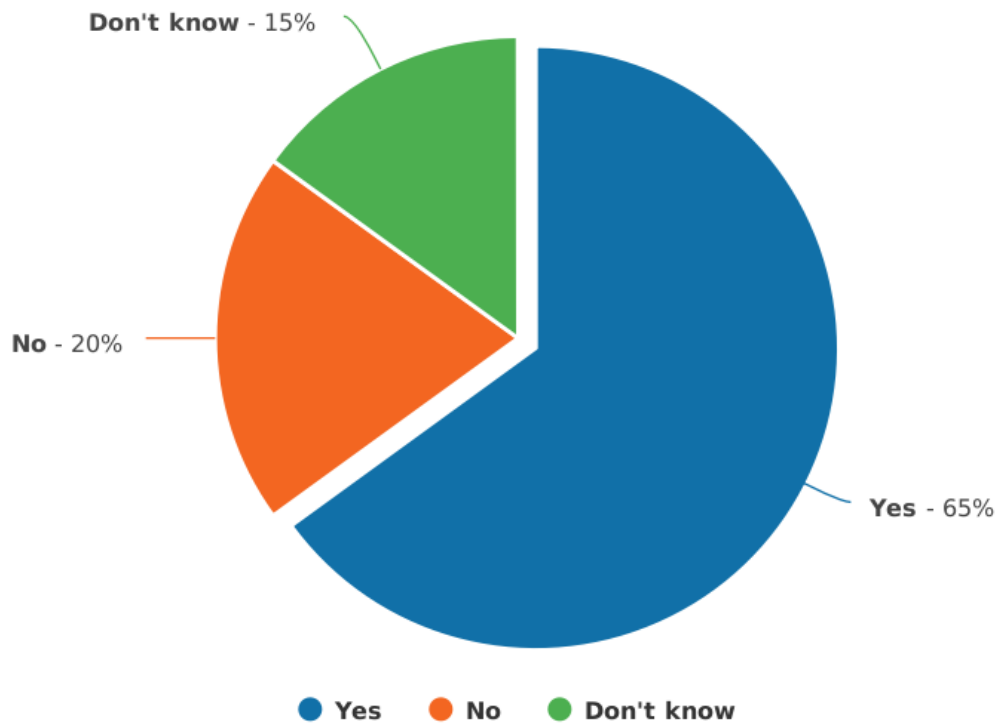
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Always feel safe	<div></div>	64%	154
2	Usually feel safe	<div></div>	35%	85
3	Don't feel safe	<div></div>	0%	1
			answered	240
			skipped	4
Can you expand on your answer in the box below?				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Always feel safe	7
B: Recent break-ins	6
C: Reasonably/ usually safe	2
D: Risks when walking/ speeding traffic	4
E: Nice/ pleasant village	5

Category	Full comments
A	I've always lived in Acomb so I know people and feel safe in my home.
C	Never had any problems other than dog fouling on front garden in nearly 3 years
D	absolutely not the calibre of individual now living in the village has degraded the safeness that we used to experience
	These questions seem to be painting Acomb as a scary place to live.

	Other concerns are the urbanisation of a lovely rural village with inappropriate developments.
A	Never any trouble on Main Street and feel very safe.
B	I felt safe until there was a break in on Orchard Avenue, that as far as I am aware has not yet been solved. I have been feeling more and more unsettled of late and have been feeling more unsafe recently, and I am thinking of installing an alarm system.
D	For those visitors or residents choosing or needing to travel to and from the village by public transport, on foot, mobility vehicle, or bicycle, it comes with risks at night, in poorer weather or in the winter months. There are risks such as speeding vehicles, blocked pavements, poor lighting, lack of buses and poor road conditions (in wet weather) to name a few scenarios...
	Good Neighbourhood Watch on our estate_ Birkey Heights
B	I have read about burglaries in the area and reports of people trespassing which concerns me.
D	Walking on the A6079 can be scary when using small footpaths with HGVs travelling at speed on the road,
	I'm surprised that gypsy community have not camped on field, as there's nothing to stop them, entrance wise.
	Feel unsafe as lone female when walking past the Queens Arms in evenings esp if dark. Pub clientele often lurking outside.
D	As long as not hit by speeding traffic
B	There have been reports of people trying doors in Orchard Avenue.
A	So far!
E	Love living here
B	My house got broke into at the start of the year.
B	My Aunties' house was broken into towards the start of this year.
A	Never had problems
E	Very friendly neighbours who look out for each other. Very low crime rate.
E	25 years of living in the village.
A	In general a friendly village. A pleasant atmosphere.
E	Generally a quiet village.
B	Always felt safe till my neighbour was burgled through the day and the lad got clean away. Neighbour has cameras that look over our property now.
C	Usually fine - very occasionally anti-social or loud behaviour after hours or fireworks Oct - Jan.
E	Lovely place to live.
A	We have a son with a disability and always feel that people are looking out for him.
	General perception is that the village is largely a safe place to live but there is no guarantee hence answer above.
A	Never any trouble on Main Street and feel very safe.

Traffic Q10a Are there any areas that you consider to be traffic danger spots in Acomb? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
hsl1	Yes	<div></div>	65%	147
2	No	<div></div>	20%	46
3	Don't know	<div></div>	15%	33
			answered	226
			skipped	18
Can you expand on your answer in the box below?				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: A6079	32
B: Garden House Bank	39
C: Orchard Avenue	8
D: Main Street	48
E: Howford Lane/6079/Morrison Terrace junction	16
F: First School	8
G: Millersfield	10

Category	Full comments
A	Potentially, anywhere along the A6079 road through the village.
D	Top of Main Street
D	Walking to the old post office due to the hedge being overgrown and having to walk on the road.

A	A6079 due to speed / visibility in some areas.
D/F	[Pant] parking is chaotic at best. Buses are forced to reverse on a blind hill crest and cars block access and impede visibility Car park on the brow of a hill forcing road users into the middle of the road. This is on a SCHOOL ROUTE!
E	Junction where turning to both villag and industrial estate
G	Millersfield. Cars and tractors drive far too fast.
A	There are a number, but the A6079 pavement feels a dangerous place to walk. The narrow pavement and the heavy wagons (of which there are many) make it feel intimidating and dangerous. The hedges need to be better maintained to maximise footpath width.
E	Morrison Terrace The Main Road. The speed of traffic coming into the village. Always tripping the red on the speed read out
A	The road by the speed camera
E	Turning right at bottom of Morrison Terrace
E	Crossroads at north end of village needs improvement. Visibility for pedestrians and traffic is atrocious,
B	not since speed bumps on garden house bank
G	green house bank but the speed humps have heled alot. some of millersfield
G	Millersfield estate down to chapel is used by so many large vehicles ie buses tractors now
B	Garden house bank where road narrows at the bottom give way sign collapsed not replaced should have priority signs for one car at a time
A/E	The bend and along the from where cars come down from Wall. The pavement is too narrow there for walking with a dog.
A	The A6079 through Acomb and towards the A69 needs resurfaced as it is very uneven with potholes and becoming dangerous. Additionally the edges and hedges are overgrown which makes visibility poor, especially at the bottom of Garden House Bank where the signposts are fully covered by hedges and shrubbery. Another road is the speed of traffic at the bottom of Garden House Bank. The speed bumps have helped on the hill but it needs an extra speed bump at the bottom part where it is single file.
B/E	From the top of the garden house bank to A69, from Howford lane to Garden house bank
A/E	The crossing of the A6079 from the village to Howford lane is awkward from lack of sight lines both ways and occasional obstruction of the mirror on the corner by parked cars or vans
B	Garden House Bank, but perhaps less so now Birkey Heights is a reasonable pedestrian alternative
A	The upgrade to the A69 has been dangerous to navigate.
D	All the parked cars in main street
B/D	Queens Head cross roads
A/B	A6079 south of the speed camera. Traffic invariably accelerates oce past the camera and can be doing 50+ mph before the Gareden House Bank junction. Garden House Bank. The speed bumps have improved things a little, but another one should be installed at the junction with Garden House Drive. Most vehicles exceed the 20 mph limit below the junction.
E	The junction of Morrison Terrace and the A 6079.
A	Narrow pavement on the main road and people parking cars on this pavement
A	Some of the pavements on the main road through the village are quite thin and we struggled with a pushchair. While people's plants are lovely, some are quite overgrown and push you onto the road briefly.
B	The completely over engineered and excessive number of traffic bumps on Garden House Bank. You wait 'til bad weather arrives...
F	Route to school, particularly between pant and school, narrow paths, heavy traffic and often speeding. Perhaps 10mph limits near school, possibly further speed control and review of access - any option to make back route through fields away from road?
A	B6079 --- speeding traffic. Crossroads outside Queens Arms --- cars parked on junction causing poor visibility.
B/A	Garden House Bank - the hedges have overgrown onto the road along most of its length. A.6079 Road travelling towards Acomb from the A.69 is in poor condition causing vehicles to avoid

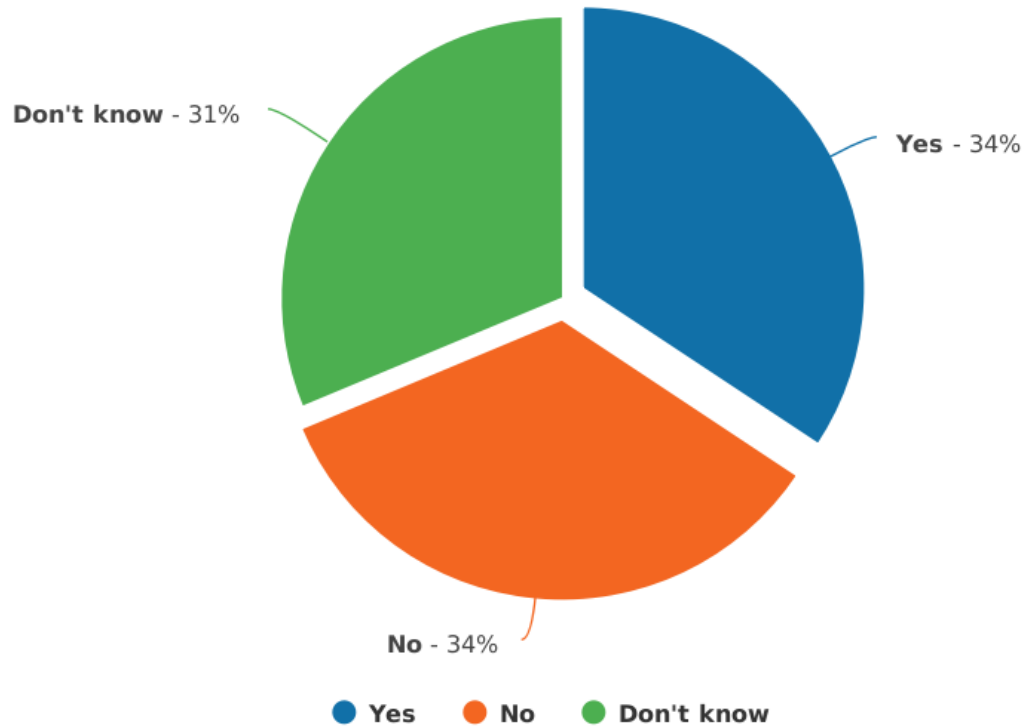
	potholes and, in poor weather, to avoid flooding. Drains appear to be blocked. The general condition of the carriageway is poor causing danger to motorists and pedestrians on the adjacent pavement who often get a soaking from passing vehicles.
D	The main street in Acomb is a danger spot with all the vehicles parked either side and huge tractors with trailers driving up through the village.
B	The top and bottom of Garden House Bank are very narrow. The new estate was a missed opportunity to widen the top.
A/C	<p>I think some of the footpaths bordering the very busy A6079 are inadequate in terms of width for pedestrians and this means that residents and pedestrians are potentially at risk from traffic.</p> <p>The door to the fish and chip shop is a potential traffic danger spot and the speed bump nearby is probably beneficial here.</p> <p>I wonder if the placement of the other speed bumps on garden house bank might have had the unintentional consequence of increasing traffic on Orchard Avenue? Was a before/after analysis done?</p>
	Yes the whole village. There are too many cars parked on the roadsides, and the amount of heavy traffic now travelling on all the roads is horrendous and unsafe.
A	Cars parking on verge outside colliery yard. This obstructs vision for vehicles coming out of 4 units there.
	the road from Salmonswell farm to oakwood , particularly at school run times . it is a place where people walk nd the speed limit is 60 which is too fast.
D	The bus stop opposite the hairdressers has a lot of children waiting for their bus or being dropped off and I worry about cars coming too fast around that bend. Also cars go too fast along Morrison terrace where children also use the bus stop.
G	The road end out of Millersfield is lethal to both drivers and pedestrians alike. it has been raised many times with Parish Council despite near misses there every day but no one interested.. Maybe they will when it's too late and a child has been injured or worse still fatally injured
M/	Cars parked outside the hair salon cause the large tractors coming from the compost site to brake sharply. Constriction at the top of the village, where cars are parked on pavement on both sides forcing pedestrians into the road. the pant is now a massive car park and needs to be tackled.
B	Speedbumps on Garden House Drive
C	Orchard Avenue is becoming a through fair for the rest of the village and cars are speeding up the road. There has been no accidents yet but I am worried one will happen soon.
A/B	The A6079 through the bottom of the village in it's entirety from the A69. The junction at the bottom of Garden House Bank onto the A6079.
F	Narrow pavement near first school
	I don't live near to any traffic danger spots. or use the roads very often so can't comment
E	Speeding Morrison Terrace
D/G	Crossroads at Millersfield/Main St. Cars parked at the corner aren't so much a problem - people need places to park. Vehicles going faster than 20mph the main issue.
	The hill at the bottom of Acomb.
A	A6079 - highway too narrow for heavy goods. Footpaths too narrow. Kerb too low, drainage very poor.
A	<p>Main road from A69 past speed camera.</p> <p>Traffic outside of school during drop-off times.</p>
B	The approach (sic) road to the A6079 from the garden house bank.
C	Orchard Ave massive increase in traffic since speed bumps fitted on Garden House Bank
A	The main road beside Redburn Crescent area cars parked on the paths, you have to step on the main road, large timber wagons passing etc.
B/D	The Queens crossroad. The buses are too large for the estate.
B	<p>Main road through the village beyond the speed camera.</p> <p>Garden House Bank_ people still speed between the new speed bumps.</p>
D	Main Street_ a lot more cars using this road
D/B	Junction on Main Street with Garden House Bank. Parked cars on corners reduce visibility.
D	Main Street - speed and overparking
D/C	Since the speed bumps installed in Garden House Bank a lot of traffic using Main Street, Orchard Avenue and round the Methodist Chapel now.

B/A	Garden House Bank/A6079 Junction needs lowered kerbs
D/A	Main Street all the way to school, very narrow path opposite Bishops Hill. Main Road A6079? Past Ind. Est at junction.
A	A6079
D	Main Street - speeding tractors! Junction at Queens Arms.
D	Main Street
A/D	Crossroads at A6079 when accessing the road from Main Street _ poor visibility.
D/G	Corner of Millersfield (old side) Cars parking on corner makes it difficult to see and people drive too fast into the street at that end.
A	Main road
D	Main Street - Tractors and trailers speeding.
D	Please see map. Parking (shown red) obscures view of traffic travelling on Main Street. There have been incidents of someone parking (shown as red cross) here which forces you to the wrong side of the road and blind bend. This is a bus route.
E	Crossroads at end of Morrison Terrace
	40mph from Salmonswell and Acomb school should be reduced to 30mph
G	Corner of Millersfield (Grass area kids play at) near no.92 Cars come round corner quickly and occasionally kids have been playing near there next to road area.
D	Main Street. The Pant. Cars parking around the Pant and bus stop. Stops buses going up and down. Non car users need this service.
B/D	Narrow access below Garden House Drive to junction. Main street parking.
E	Howford Lane junction for pedestrians
B	Garden House Bank - Still speeding traffic going on.
D/B	Up Main Street Issue of stupid speed bumps on Garden House Bank and increased traffic elsewhere as a result
D/F	Speeding from the Pant up past the school. With no cars allowed to park at school only makes cars, lorries, tractors speed up
F	1 Outside the school due to non-observance of 20 mph limit - although better since zig-zags both sides. 2 Junction with Wall road - mirror not great for me.
D	Main Street
B	Exceeding 20mph limit on Garden Bank, now cured by speed bumps
A	Speeding on the A6079
E	Crossing from Howford Lane onto the main road - the mirrors are broken
	Too fast
A	Bottom of Morrison Terrace / Main Road
	Fallowfield Road. Drivers seem to forget that there are ponies being ridden, dog walkers and people with pushchairs. Please slow down.
	Along some streets where parking is poor.
	Over 20mph not used
G	Millersfield
D	Speed up Main Street
B/	The Queen's Arms junction is getting more dangerous because of parked cars and speeding traffic. Visibility restricted because of parked cars.
E/D/C	Crossing A6079 to Howford Lane Main Street Orchard Avenue
B	Garden House Bank

B	Garden House Bank - speeding and aggressive driving
A	A6079 - narrow pavements. With a guide dog, ends up off the path. Garden House Bank - no pavements/street lamps - I ended up in the bushes twice because I didn't know where I was
	Not possible to be specific in a questionnaire.
A	A6079. This is still 30mph. Traffic often speeds. Pavements narrow in places with no kerbs
D/C	Orchard Avenue + Main Street. Cars speeding danger to children especially Orchard Avenue.
B	The studs on Garden House Bank are a hazard to cars and cyclists.
	Very large tractors/trailers leaving hay through the village to the Biomass unit near Egger.
B/A	Junction of Garden House Bank with A6079 due to speed of traffic
B	Traffic slowing needed at bottom of Garden House Bank
D	Main Street
E	Howford Lane/Morrison Terrace junction.
A	We get a lot of very heavy goods transport that comes off the A69 - beside us and get stuck. We have requested from Council Highways to put a sign on A69 'Not suitable for heavy goods' but no-one responded. They knock our stone wall down 2/3 times a year!!
D	Some traffic still exceeding speed limit up Main St and parked cars either side create a hazard but nowhere else for some residents to park
D	Main Street
F	Too many cars speeding in the area near the village school.
D	Main Street outside the Chip Shop
	Speeding traffic through residential areas.
D/G	The crossroads next to the Queens Arms pub. Coming out of Millersfield with traffic parked up the hill makes it hard to see what coming.
C	Orchard Avenue cars speeding.
F	Around school at pick-up/drop off - pinch point.
C/G	Orchard Avenue and Millersfield.
E	The crossroads at the end of Morrison Terrace (the junction between Morrison Terrace, Howford Lane and the A6079) is difficult and dangerous to cross on foot (especially when crossing the A6079 itself).
D	Double pavement parking top of village - prams are restricted also sometimes buses and large vehicles.
	Proposed housing at Garden House Farm - inadequate vision to entrance and vehicle access due to width of lane.
A	Crossing over to Waters Meet
D	Main Street, speed of traffic and parking.
D	Main road which runs through to Wall/Hexham.
A	Main Road. Speed of traffic especially heavy traffic on Crossbank!!
D	Main Street
D	Road up past the old post office u can't see past the bushes. Cars fly up that road.
D	Going across the road to the Queens pub.
D	Main Street
D	Main Street - car parking on both sides. Traffic not adhering to 20mph.
D	Main Road (Street?) with parking on both sides - worry about children stepping out on way to/from school
B/F	School and fish & chip shop
B/D	The Pant - due to irresponsible parking Junction by the Queens - poor visibility
B	The speed bumps on Garden House Bank are a serious inconvenience to people with bad backs
B	New sleeping policemen on Anick road are dangerous
	Front Street
E	Morrison Terrace/A6079 crossroads

	Cars parked by side of roads that are too narrow. Too many commercial vehicles
B	Our road - the speed bump is poorly placed - when it snows we can't get out of the estate.
B/D	Entrance to Garden House Bank from Main Street road juts out at bottom of Main street preventing two vehicle passing
B	Road up to chip shop up Garden Bank - better with speed bumps but cars still speed.
B	Garden House Bank because of speed bumps.
B/D	The junction at the Queens Arms/Main Street is problematic because parked vehicles hamper visibility. Vehicles parking at end of Bishops Hill at school times appears to have alleviated.
D	Main Street. Turning at Pant,.
	Should be 20mph through Acomb.
B	The road from the Queens public house to the road adjoining the A69. The new speed bumps are a disgrace and in winter we will not see them if covered in snow.
B/D	Cross roads beside the Queen's Arms
	Chapel Close
D	Main Street
	Narrow road in Chapel Close bungalows. More Parking off road bays required.
D	Crossing beside post office
D	Main Street

Q10b Has the 20mph speed limit made a difference to safety in the village? (Tick, as applies) (The only exception is the A6079 – from A69 to Wall - which is 30 mph).



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	34%	81
2	No	<div></div>	34%	81
3	Don't know	<div></div>	31%	73
			answered	235
			skipped	9

Can you expand on your answer in the box below?

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Not at always/ everywhere/drivers take no notice	38
B: Is not enforced/enforceable	3
C: New to village/ wasn't aware	5
D: Speed bumps GHB - diverts traffic to Orchard Avenue/not necessary/dangerous/winter problem	20
E: Yes but still a safety hazard in village	18

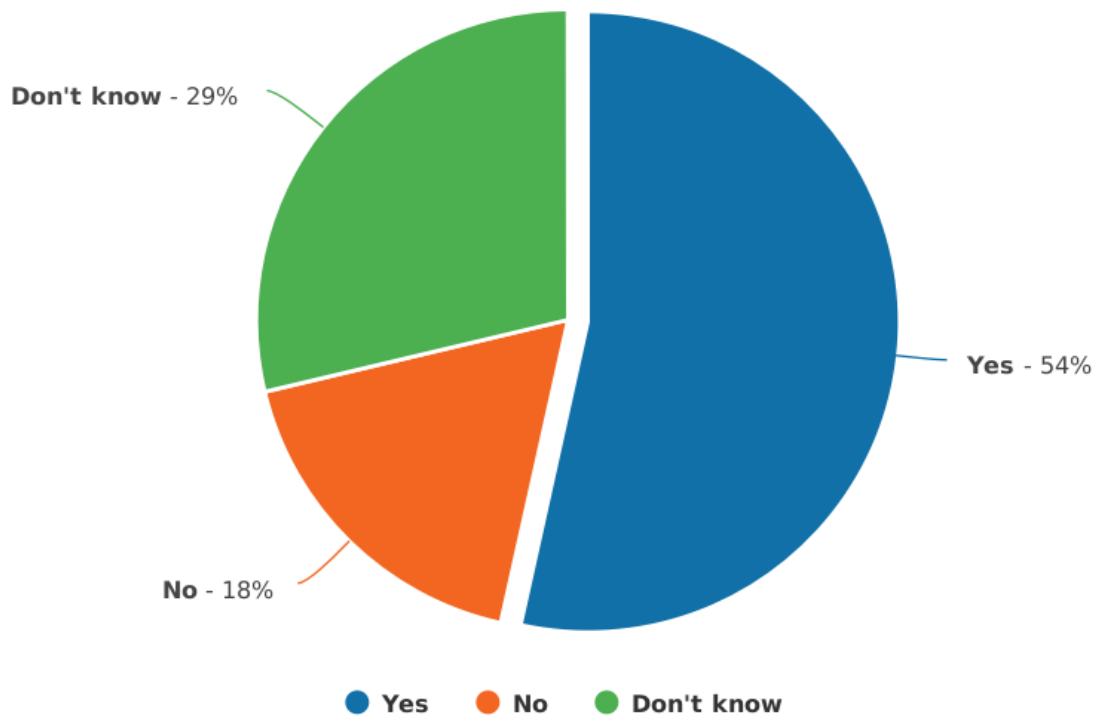
Category	Full comments
D	I'm unsure whether or not traffic is keeping to the 20mph speed limit through the village. I do know the speed bumps on Garden House Bank appear to have diverted some traffic (some of which are substantial large vehicles) to Orchard Avenue.
D	The speed bumps next to the new housing estate have become an issue due to it putting traffic on other roadside like Orchard avenue and Morrison Terrace which make the speeding a problem.

A	Not at all. It is not enforced or governed
E	Average speed has reduced but it is still a poorly observed speed limit.
E	If everyone heeds them.
D	I'm not aware of any accident statistics that show any difference, but I support 20mph within the village
B	Too many vehicles parked on both sides of road, large vehicles such as busses and colossal tractors travelling too fast for circumstances, it's a recipe for disaster. Speed limits are not enforced.
B	hard to enforce and majority wont obey. Speed bumps have been effective
E	Except garden house bank
D	I think the speed humps on Garden House Bank are totally unnecessary and much too severe.
A	People still drive quickly up through Millersfields field towards Main Street.
A	No one adheres to it
D	Garden house bank is much safer to walk with a dog
A	Regularly ignored or not followed.
E	When I have driven through the visits the speed limit seems to be abided by and aids toad safety.
E	Road resurfacing past Avant site & speed bumps have slowed traffic down.
C	Having lived here for less than three years, we don't know if safety has been improved, although generally a 20 mph limit is viewed as sensible in built up areas.
	Don't go into the village much
A	You should put a speed bump right at the top of The Pant; all traffic is using excessive speed at this point.
D	Certainly needed on GHBank, perhaps further control needed on Orchard Avenue. Sometime HGVs and Tractors seem to travel excessively fast around school and through Millersfield up towards Fallowfield considering residential and how much damage such heavy vehicles could cause.
A	Still many cars driving above speed limit.
A	Most drivers ignore the 20mph restriction.
A	People don't take notice.
A	No one seems to take any notice of the speed limits.
E	I don't have any evidence that it's made a difference to safety, but generally it's a good thing to have traffic moving more slowly in residential areas.
A	Cars still go too fast.
A/E	I do not feel it has changed the driving style of any one in the village, although I am happier it states 20mph.
D	The speed bumps along Garden House Bank are far too high though. Traffic is forced to a grinding halt to get over them and that results in frustrated drivers speeding between them, instead of consistently doing 20mph.
	I don't live near to any traffic danger spots. or use the roads very often so can't comment
A	Not along Morrison Terrace
A	People may go slower, but those inclined to ignore the limit still do. Garden House Bank relaying of the surface is welcome; speed bumps are a farce. See above. It results in more noise from accelerating vehicles up and down hill, more emissions, and wear to vehicle suspension systems. Those inclined to ignore it still do, and instead just speed between the speed bumps
A	Some don't abide at that
E	People are generally slower but many still speed (as Q10a above)
D	A lot safer on Garden House Bank Was a rat run for speeding traffic
E	It was a great idea and really slowed the traffic in and around the village.
A	Many people don't observe it.
B	Needs to be extended and enforced on the A6079.
A	Speeding on Main Street persists esp tractors
C	Fairly new resident_ can't compare.
D	I have NO evidence of speeding for many years and particularly not on Garden House bank which I

	<p>use regularly. I would like to know what expertise, observations or equipment have been used to establish and prove there is a speed problem. Were all locals consulted or is it just an opinion of a few? What actual evidence exists of accidents or injuries over the years? In my experience, G. H. Bank has a very safe history and the issue below needs reviewing.</p> <p>Having 3 monstrous closely spaced humps on G.H. Lane is over-kill, causing drivers unnecessary problems. They are too high and aggressively shaped to be negotiable going up such a steep hill and should be significantly lowered or removed. On the uphill approach of the one at the bottom of the hill, in particular, it's necessary to lose virtually all momentum to crawl over it without causing damage to the car which means having to fight to regain enough movement to continue upwards requiring virtually a hill start. The middle one is not much better. This should not be happening. It's a 20mph limit not a 2mph limit., which is clearly marked on the road surface. These types of speed bumps are appropriate for larger, more level roads used by heavy commercial vehicles but are excessive on a steep lane, mostly used by cars. Even the heavily used A6079 at the bottom of the lane only has a brick rumble strip. There would be opposition to putting 3 of these closely spaced humps there and it is a level surface.</p>
A	Very few people drive at 20mph
D	Not necessary except near primary school.
C	Didn't know about speed limit in the village.
A	Cars still speed up Main Street. (I live on Main Street)
A	Speeding up past school increased recently!
E	But could be better. What about the same green "Thank you" signs as you enter village from the north.
E	Yes, if people kept to it
E	Not always adhered to.
E	Traffic still too fast, but it helps
A	A lot of people speeding
E	Some still drive really quick in estates.
E	cars go over 20mph
E	Not ever body keeps to it
D	Speed bumps too big on garden house bank - also don't look in keeping with a rural nature of the village
A	Needs to be more signage or other measures from top of village down Main Street. Maybe interactive speed signs would held!
A/D	Nobody adheres to the 20 mph. Now the traffic has been hindered on Garden House Bank all traffic now coming down the avenue.
A	No - so many vehicles still doing crazy speeds up Garden House Bank until they reach the first ramp
C	Not here before
A	The speeders still dont (sic) care
E	When observed.
A	"20 is plenty"
A	Most traffic ignores the signs
	Greater problem in the increased volume of traffic and parking in the village, not the speed.
D	Shame speed bumps have been placed on Garden House on our lovely new road surface, which has just increased traffic onto Main Street and Orchard Avenue. Who suggested speed bumps? Haven't met anyone who agrees with them
A	Speed limit is not observed by some vehicles
A	See Q10a response (Too many cars speeding in the area near the village school.)
D	People speed outside the Chip Shop
	I think there should be speed bumps or other traffic calming measures on residential streets and housing estates.
D	It doesn't feel like much has changed apart from ridiculously oversized speed bumps on the Bank from the chippy.
A	Cars still speed.
A	It's just ignored in the village itself. 20 mph down Orchard Avenue is ignored, same for Millersfield.

C	I think it was already in place when I moved to Acomb in July 2019. I didn't drive until Sept 2020 so I had no reason to think about the speed limit.
D	Don't like speed bumps or paintwork on Garden House Bank - it was a naturally limiting lane as should be for a country village before laybys, paint & bumps introduced.
A	Not seen a change in speed of driving
A	I don't think many people take much notice of the 20 mph signs.
A	Speed of traffic on Main Street Cars - farm vehicles
A	No notice taken
D	Made it almost impossible to get up/down bank. Will be a nightmare in winter - 3 speed bumps totally unnecessary
A	Nobody seems to stick to it
A/D	Largely ignored Severe speed bumps up Garden House Bank cause damage to cars, even going over from stop
A	Only people I see speeding up Acomb Main Road are mothers/fathers racing up the street to drop their children off at the school
E	Mostly observed
D	Speed bumps are too high and cause road hazards when 2 cars in opposite directions meet head to head
	I think so. I didn't need this to slow down especially during school/collection
	Never dangerous anyway.
	It is good practice to limit speeds in residential area. The road humps on Garden House Bank are unnecessary however.
A	Not everyone takes notice of the 20 mph speed limit - frequently ignored up the main street of the village. Speed bumps on Garden House Bank not necessary.
	Better signage/speed bumps on Main Street.
D	Bumps on Garden House Bank dangerous for cycling.

Q10c In the last Parish Questionnaire, several concerns were raised about the Approach to the Village, (A6079), consequently, several community engagement meetings were held to gauge the degree of the concerns and to find solutions. Supported by a Landscape Architect from Glen Kemp Landscape Architects, giving his time generously to this project, a plan was prepared and shared with residents to confirm these were acceptable. Q10c Have the interactive speed signs made a difference to reducing speed along the A6079? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	54%	126
2	No	<div></div>	18%	42
3	Don't know	<div></div>	29%	67
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			skipped	9

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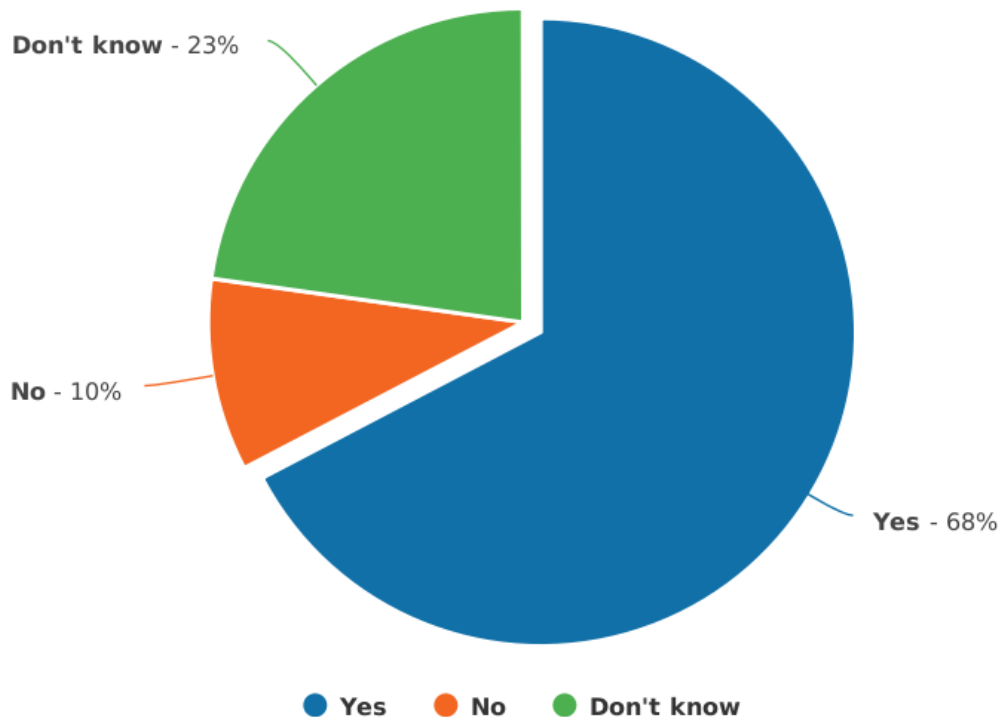
Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Not significantly	28
B: New to village	22
C: Accelerates between signs	12
D: Makes drivers aware of their speed	44
E: Yes	10

Category	Full comments
A/C	But only up to a point as we live on this stretch of road and we're very aware that traffic slows through the speed signs, accelerates in between and slows again at the next speed sign.

A	I have noticed cars slowing down. Certainly not motorbikes.
D	Always a good visual reminder and deterrent.
A	hard to say, many still well over 30 limit
C	I regularly still see people coming out and into the village doing more than 30mph.
A	Have made a little difference
	The traffic coming down Cross Bank is notably slowed down now before the cross roads
B	We are not aware of the road situation before we arrived.
D	Makes drivers aware of vehicle's speed
A	Somewhat, but not significantly. See Q 10a
A	Responsible motorists observe the speed limits in any case, others ignore the interactive signs. Good 'old fashioned ' police enforcement is required.
D	Again (see above) I don't have any evidence that the interactive speed signs have made a difference to the speed of traffic (no before/after figures). However, I find them a very useful visual reminder about the speed limit when driving and assume other drivers do too.
D	Yes I think the signs will have made a difference, but the "cobblestone " speed bumps are an overreaction, and the rubber speed bumps on Garden House Bank are dangerously over-engineered!
	not seen this plan before either.
D	Reminded people of their speed upon entering the village. Where is this plan you mention and has it been enacted fully?
D	I have taken note of the interactive speed signs and find them useful, not sure it works for everyone.
C	Very frequent excessive speeding through the village on the A6079 at all times of day and night.
E	Now that the one nearest the A69 actually works!
A	Some motorists adhere to it, others are unaware. Also, the speed camera does not work and has not done so for months.
A	They have slightly, but still a number of wagons speed.
C	My window faces the A6079. I often see traffic speeding towards the A69, obviously well above the 30mph limit.
E	Yes but not along Morrison Terrace
C	Cars still fly into and out of the village
D	When it's working it generally alerts drivers to slow down, Logging trucks still speed.
E	Yes massively, they really slow the traffic.
E	I obey them
C	Possibly, but I think most people speed up once past them.
A	Initial difference but regular road users especially HGVs become complacent,
C	A flashing sign saying cars are doing over 30mph won't stop them. they only slow down when they get to speed camera.
	But they sometimes don't work
E	I would imagine so!
D	I only tend to use the section between the A69 and the bottom of Garden House Bank. I am reducing speed any way to turn right up the bank. It is definitely worth while reminding drivers of their speed.
	The A6079 from A69 to Brunton Cross urgently needs to be made 40mph. Farmers have joined the Countryside Stewardship Scheme only to see endless wildlife killed on the road. It is unsafe for walkers, cyclists and the public. Footpath from Acomb to Fallowfield road to the A6079 at Low Burns can not be used
A	Some, some people just ignore.
	Hope so!
	Best to ask residents living on the A6079.
E	Good polite reminder of speed limit
A	Speedsters ignore signs

	Large fines are the only deterrent which would require surveillance of some sort and enforcement
E	They always make me slow down
A	They are often ignored - speed camera is what makes the difference!
E	Most people now slow down when they see the signs.
A	Limited effect only
B	Not sure what it was like before
C	I slow down! but there is quite a strategic run between signs to get up quite a speed
D	As a driver myself it is a good reminder of the speed limit but there are still vehicles speed on the approach from Wall direction.
	But this has done nothing to cut down amount of traffic using the road.
A	However, will always be drivers who ignore them.
A	Can't tell the difference.
E	This has worked for the lower part of the village. If the camera was re-instated sometimes would be even better.
D	Most vehicles slow down for the speed sign.
E	Yes, when they are working.
	Depends where in the village you live!!
D	I think so - but I feel speed cameras are better deterrents.
D	These signs alert local traffic and those unfamiliar to the area to slow down (and to avoid being caught in the speed trap camera).

Q10d The Interactive Speed Signs have the facility to download data on the volume and speed of traffic at different times of the day. Do you think that this would be valuable to continue to provide evidence for the Parish Council along with Northumberland County Council Highways and the Police? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	68%	156
2	No	<div></div>	10%	22
3	Don't know	<div></div>	23%	52
			answered	230
			skipped	14

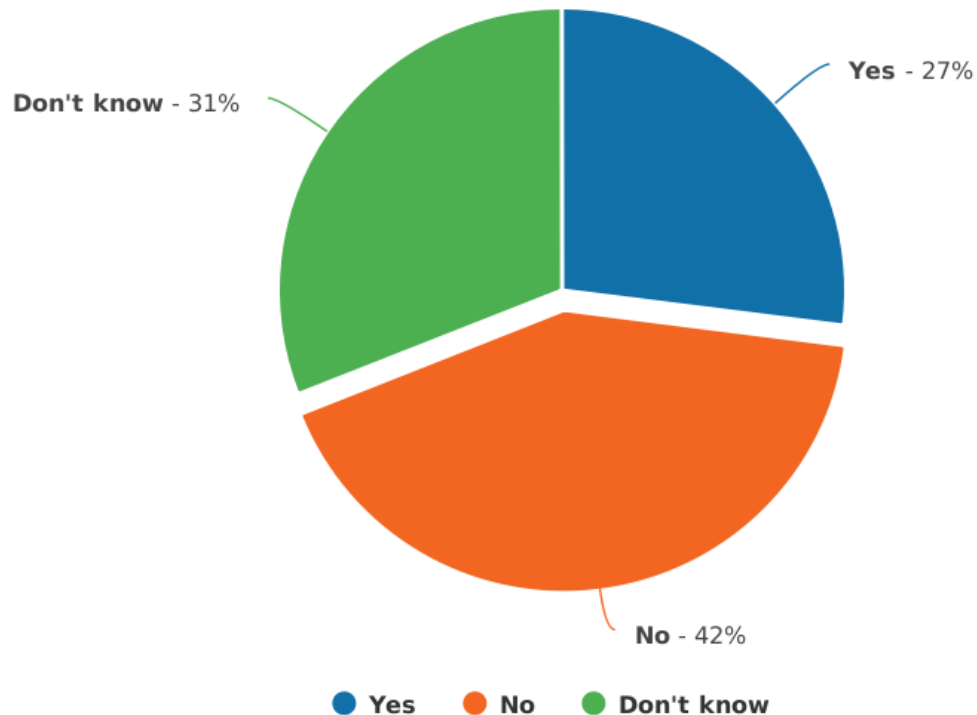
Can you expand on your answer in the box below?

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Not worth the time and money	9
B: Only if data is acted upon	16
C: Speed camera should be active	3

Category	Full comments
B	So long as the data was acted upon.
B	Without data and evidence, you cannot make an informed decision
A	I'm not sure what further evidence is being sought. As far as I'm aware volumes of traffic on the road haven't changed much.
B	This is only useful if the Parish Council do something with the data.

A	Don't think there is much variation
B	Good to have real time data on which to make decisions
	I suppose it would depend on what would be done with the data. I think the traffic pattern may change once the A69 bridge roadworks subside, as the majority of traffic we see at the moment is very slow moving as perhaps people are used to slower speeds at the moment?
A	I believe past data has already been downloaded for a period of a few years and that data was forwarded to NCC Highways and the Police. There was a fairly substantial cost involved which was met by the Parish Council. Did this data already obtained provide evidence? Evidence of what? Was it valuable? In what way was it valuable? What were the outcomes? it's important to know exactly what it is hoped to achieve in terms of advancing road safety if a sum of money is to be spent annually for an indefinite period of time. It's a bit of a "why not?" question.
A	and what will those groups do with that information? The Police don't have the resources to do anything about it, the Parish Council, along with Action for Acomb are a complete waste of time as is NCC Highways.
A	Evidence of what? Speeding? i think we know that happens. is there a cost to this? what use would the data be?
A	This is a misleading question... it doesn't mention: Data has been collected for years and has made no difference. It will cost a minimum of £1000 of precept (villagers money) to collect it But mainly it is very dangerous to collect it. This is A4A agenda.
A	How much would that cost and do the council have a plan what to do with the data other than go 'Oh that is interesting'
C	I think the speed signs and camera have improved things so don't think additional information is going to be worth having.
	Not everyone abides to 20mph.
B	If the facility is there, use it.
B	Having the info should make it easier to justify extra calming measures in future.
B	Possibly
B	Any data is useful.
A	Not unless there is a clear connection between this data and action being taken in relation to the data. Doing it once for comparison is probably sufficient. No need to be regular. Depends if there is a cost for gathering this.
	Shake up drivers
	Morning 8-9 after school closing
B	But only if the data can be used to change things; if not then not worth it. Would be more useful to have the speed camera turned on.
B	Depends if the cost of accessing the data provided sufficient benefits.
B/C	Speeding traffic needs to be looked at and a solution found.
B	Anything that reduces speed is a good thing.
B	Data is always worth having. NCC's Highways programme do nothing unless they have the data to show that it's necessary.
B	Probably
C	Think the speed camera is the only deterrent
	Has there been any accidents on this road? As I have lived in the village for 25 years and cannot remember any accidents
B	Any evidence regarding the above is great.
B	Such monitoring can influence future decision making.
A	This would not find the offenders.

Q10e Have you noticed any visual improvements to the A6079 stretch of road over the last few years following residents' views contributing to a plan for improvement? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	27%	61
2	No	<div></div>	42%	96
3	Don't know	<div></div>	31%	71
			answered	228
			skipped	16

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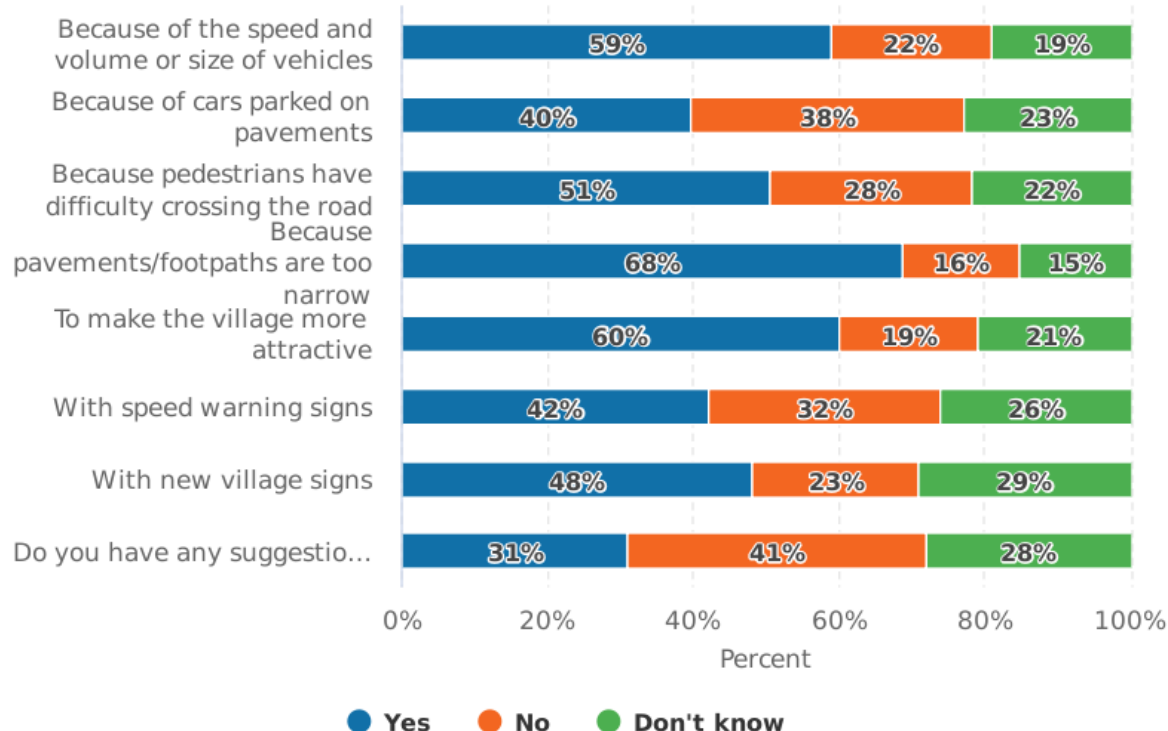
Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Planting	11
B: Signage	15
C: Rumble strips	4
D: Maintenance needed of grass verges/overhanging trees/shrubs/potholes etc	7
E: Deterioration	4

Category	Full comments
A	There is evidence of spring blooms which is great, but later summer and autumn season plants would also be welcome.
A	I like flower planter at bottom of Garden Bank Drive
D	Hedges have been trimmed but the long beach hedge running towards A69 could do with cutting back more. Also hedges and branches along A6079 should be trimmed back away from signage.
C	Apart from the rumble strips that are now coming away...no

A/B	Signage and planting. It makes such a difference to the look and feel of the village.
E	Since I moved here during 2020 it has got worse in my opinion
E	There are more vehicles parking on the verges which is not an improvement
D	Pot holes filled in
A/B/C	The mirror near the entrance to Howford Lane is very helpful and improvements in bulb and general planting is welcome. Speed humps are beneficial in slowing traffic also.
B	Signage and tidiness
A/B	Planting of spring flowers. Company notice boards at Howford Lane junction.
E	General deterioration is apparent
	There has been slight improvements but more needs to be done to highlight the fact that you are entering a village.
B	signage to the industrial estate. otherwise, its a rural village with an A road running along the bottom of it and an industrial estate, i'm not sure what needs doing really.
B	The industrial estate signpost
B	Signage improved
A	Flower beds on approach to village
B/C	Speed bumps plus signs
D	The approach road is a disgrace to the village
D	It looks no different
	Can't comment as I'm not aware of the plan.
A	Flower planters
	Clearing fence at A69 junction
A	Plant pot of flowers and plants on grass verge.
B	Signage at the entrance to the Ind. est.
C	Brick strips across the road a nuisance
	I rarely use it beyond bottom of Garden House Bank from the A69.
	Slow signs on High Barns corner but another slow sign needed before Low and High Barns entrances due to the Council instruction to leave bins on roadside. When putting rubbish out one is passed by 60+mph motorists
	Not been here long enough.
A	A few flowers on the corner with Garden House Bank.
B	Howford crossroads is tidier (notices).
	Slower than it was
	A lot of traffic
A/B	Signed / Flowers make the village look more appealing
D	Not a pleasant approach to the vilage.
B	Yes. All of the awful signs have been replaced by one notice board for the industrial estate.
	Definitely looks more appealing
D	Improvement outweighed by poor state of properties/businesses along to the sides of A6079.
B	Attractive signage at light industrial estate.
A/B	Some spring bulb planting, sign board and entrance to/turn off to Industrial Estate.
	Yes for the speed.
	The pathway to the Old Hexham Road is strewn with pebbles and hard to walk on.
B	Signposting for the Industrial Estate.
D	Take a look at approach to other villages: Wall, Humshaugh, Corbridge, Hayden Bridge, Birtley (Just take a look)
E	Perhaps some flowers - although I'm not convinced this is good. Would prefer to see potholes filled and drains unblocked so that heavy rain is less damaging.
	The plants planted need better attending to.
	Fairly limited but still beneficial. Overall impression is one of substantial greenery even allowing for the fact of the existence of the industrial estate.

Some improvements.

Q10f Do you think the approach to the village along the A6079 (from A69 towards Wall) needs further improvement? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices	Yes	No	Don't know	Response Total
Because of the speed and volume or size of vehicles	59% 116	22% 43	19% 37	196
Because of cars parked on pavements	40% 72	38% 69	23% 41	182
Because pedestrians have difficulty crossing the road	51% 96	28% 52	22% 41	189
Because pavements/footpaths are too narrow	68% 137	16% 33	15% 31	201
To make the village more attractive	60% 115	19% 36	21% 41	192
With speed warning signs	42% 76	32% 57	26% 47	180
With new village signs	48% 88	23% 42	29% 53	183
Do you have any suggestions for what more could be done to improve the visual appearance or other improvements?	31% 39	41% 51	28% 35	125
			answered	227
			skipped	17

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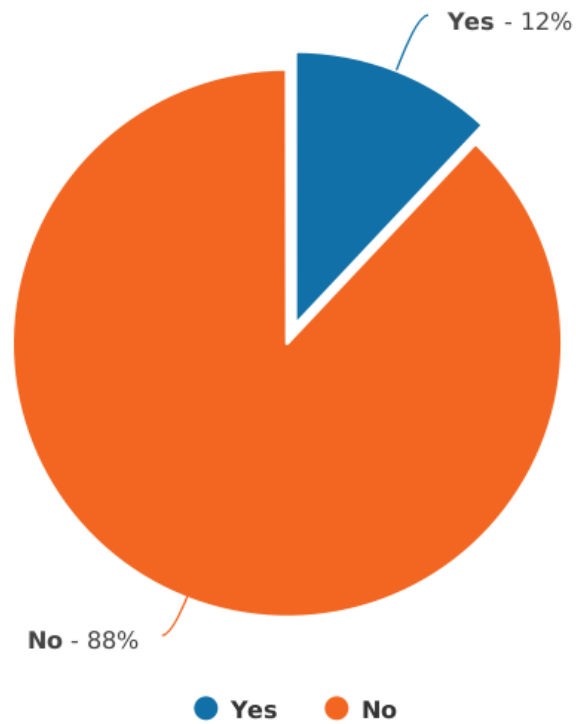
Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Village sign needed	11
B: Pavements/too narrow/Vehicles too close	8
C: Flowers/plants/ trees	8
D: Maintenance of hedges, plants etc	15
E: Parking	5
F: Speed	3
G: There are too many signs	3
H: Need for (specific) sign	4

Category	Full comments
A	A commissioned village sign that stands out would, I think, add a sense of this road being part of a village environment.
D	Encourage Maintenance of businesses and private properties along the road
A	Reduce the speed to 20mph on that stretch too.
C	Village sign attached to a flower bed would look nice.
C	A commissioned village sign that stands out would, I think, add a sense of this road being part of a village environment.
A/C/D	Some landscaping A nice, proud sign Flowers Tidy hedges and grass
B	Is there any scope for constructing a pavement on the side of the bus garage up to Howford Lane? This would require accessing additional land.
D	Verges and hedges need cutting.
D	Maintenance of, hedges, flowerbeds, paths. Signage around village needs upgrading etc (current not clear). Dog fouling needs attention.
B	The footpath from the bottom of Garden House Bank towards the A69 is too narrow. Buses and HGVs pass too close to the path. Widening would be limited by the proximity of the burn, but even a foot or so would make a difference.
B	I do not like walking where the path narrows on Tynedale Terrace, especially when the large forestry vehicles happen to be coming past. I had a near-miss there a few years ago.
	Practical improvements would be a better use of money than improving the road visually.
D	Resurfacing, hedge & shrubbery trimming, grass cutting, sign posts repaired & cleared and flower beds. Also the pavement needs to be cut back to clear space especially from Acomb towards A69
H	Get rid of the ugly tin tub at the bottom of the garden house bank, it's too deep for the plants, it has no drainage and fills with water. The sign post on the A6079 opposite the garden house bank is overgrown and can't be read
E	Whenever I drive through the village it looks somewhat congested with parking on the street. I could imagine pedestrians would find crossing the main road difficult.
B	Widening of the road/pavements perhaps? I appreciate it's a difficult one but there is a lot of industrial traffic which uses the road.
C	More flowers
B	The pavement from the bottom of Garden House Bank for 75 yards is far too narrow, and at its start routinely overgrown by a beech hedge. Owners should cut it right back and y trim it more often. Same is true of hedges down Main Street.
F	Additional speed camera to slow traffic.
A	The construction of fencing on either side of the road and at right angles to the carriageway at both north and south approaches to Acomb give the appearance of entering a village. Suitable signing on the fences would emphasise the fact. I have witnessed the positive effect these have on drivers in other areas such as North Yorkshire and Cumbria.

A/B	<p>The improvements suggested in the existing plan should be revisited.</p> <p>Lots more signage would add to the urban feel of the road.</p> <p>Safety considerations should probably be paramount especially in terms of footpaths/pavement width and traffic speeds.</p>
C	<p>Remove the sleeping policeman that were recently installed, as these appear to have little impact on reducing vehicle speeds. Rather they introduce new hazards and risks associated with cars moving across the lane to avoid having both wheel go over the bumps, increase vehicular damage (broken springs). Lorries travelling down the hill into Acomb create significant noise levels as they pass over the speed bumps.</p> <p>Far better install average speed cameras at each end of the village.</p> <p>The industrial area could also benefit from a tidy up and screening using shrubs/trees. Acomb is not a pretty village in my opinion. Run down, lack of facilities, amenities. There is nothing to attract visitors.</p>
A/C/D	<p>The general up keeping of the bus station and houses would improve the initial first impressions of the village and make the village more attractive to visitors. Other than this some nice signs and flowers upon entering the village, maybe even some small roadside trees would make the village much more attractive. If effort is made to improve the initial appearance of the village I am sure more tourists would enjoy visiting Acomb.</p>
G	<p>i dont think that we need a pelican crossing - if this is what this question is getting at. that would be incredibly dangerous as people currently know that they have to be careful. with a crossing in place, they will stop taking care and only one car needs to not slow down or stop and there will be a death. there are already too many signs, causing visual clutter and confusion.</p>
	<p>Make it more attractive looking</p>
E	<p>Construct a layby for vehicles parked on left</p>
C	<p>More greenery, wild flowers and improved road condition.</p>
E	<p>Providing a multi user and all weather PROW to the 'old road' to avoid the narrow section of footpath along the A6079. Finding a solution to the increase of cars parked on the footpath near Alnmouth terrace which restricts it's use by pedestrians and those using mobility vehicles or pushchairs etc.</p> <p>A safer way to cross the A6079 to access the industrial estate and entrance to the 'pit heaps' for pedestrians etc.</p>
	<p>Just that the road needs to be better drained and the surface maintained to a suitable standard.</p>
D	<p>Cut the grass verges and hedges on Main Street between the chapel and the White House.</p>
E	<p>Cars parking on grass verge/path between Redburn and Alnmouth Terrace (by bus stop on main road) - they're ruining the grass, looks unsightly and park dangerously for pedestrians to get past.</p>
	<p>Drains need clearing as well as pavements</p>
D/A	<p>Hedges cut back and grass along the road opposite Alnmouth Terrace and cars parked on the pavements, oil leaks. Tyne Valley Garage is a mess. Other villages have lovely village signs, flowers etc. Acomb???</p>
D	<p>Footpaths need swept as they are thick with gravel etc.</p>
F	<p>Make the speed camera operate @ 20mph and get the zone extended to that stretch of road in the village limits.</p>
A/B	<p>More attractive village signage, Planting Caution signage for heavy goods trucks Speed camera nearer the 'entrance' approach to the village Wider pavement Pelican crossing at junction at Ind. est and Morrison Terrace</p>
D	<p>Pavement near A69 from village needs clearing and hedges cut. Dangerous at the moment. Centre needs a coffee shop, nice place to eat. Sack the planners who let the village become architecturally messy.</p>
C	<p>More flowers - tubs, hanging baskets</p>
C	<p>New fencing and planters/plants. More robust enforcement on commercial vehicles along the A6079.</p>
F	<p>Struggle to cross road due to fast traffic and blind spots</p>
D	<p>Fences/gateposts/flower tubs at 30mph signs. Make all Acomb 20mph like Jedburgh and harder to name few</p>
	<p>I think that it is OK as it is.</p>
	<p>Speed bumps around the village instead of Garden House Bank. Will be very hard in winter to get up Garden House Bank due to the speed bumps.</p>

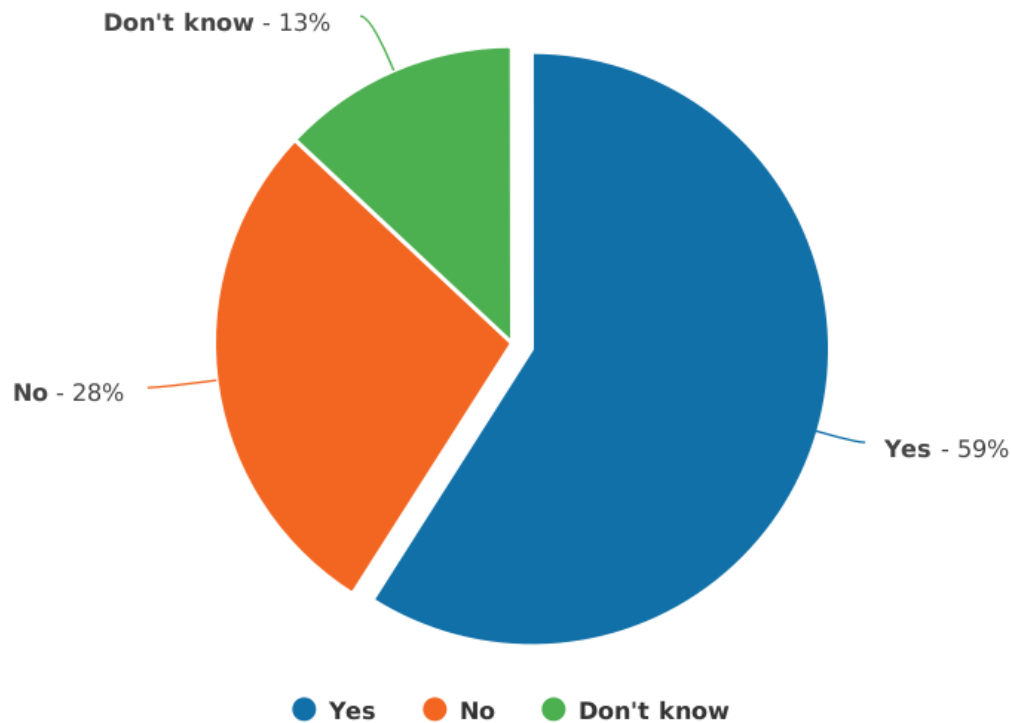
D	Road surfacing Landscaping
A	A welcome sign with a flower bed
	No speed bumps down Garden House Bank due to difficulty getting up during the winter. Instead put them around the village.
G	More signage just makes the village look more 'urban' - this isn't the answer. Traffic calming measures may help, but all these signs have posts which block the pavements and create visual clutter
	Need lights at the bottom of Morrison Terrace
H	Traditional road signs (black and white signs) always help to improve the rural characteristics of a village.
A	Need some nice signs with Acomb village on to remind drivers that it's a village.
	Let's face it, it's not very inspiring is it. Just a whole mismatch of residential on one side and a semi-industrial mess on the other
	Barriers/fences entering the village either side of the road
	Bus stops on the field side of the road are a hazard for pupils on school buses.
B	The road is dangerous to cyclists (overtaking wagons in particular). Pavements not suitable too narrow, kerbs.
	Acomb is an industrial/rural village so any improvements need to reflect its heritage. Certain improvements have appropriate for urban/suburban areas.
E	What do you suggest if cars parked on pavements, traffic wouldn't always get through our narrow roads if they parked on roads
D	Resurfacing paths/ new signs/ flowers/ plants.
H	Children crossing sign especially near the Pit Walk.
	I don't often use the footway on the A6079, so I don't know how often it is obstructed by cars. Pedestrian crossings would be great and they would slow cars down. Also: the rumble strips on the A6079 push cyclists into the middle of the road (because the only gap is in the middle of the road). The poor road surface between the A69 and Acomb also pushes cyclists into the middle of the road.
	Unfortunately there's little space for improvements.
	Existing housing etc. don't allow for improving pavement widths etc.
H	Bus Stop signs.
D	Hedges cutting. Footpath improved. Nice welcome to Acomb Sign. Planters.
	Overgrown bushes, weeds and nettles.
D	Verges and pavements kept in better state
A	Village sign with small stone wall and flowers!
G	Too many signs confusing

Q10g Do you live on this stretch of the A6079?



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	13%	29
2	No	<div></div>	88%	203
			answered	232
			skipped	12

Q11a Q10h If Yes, do you feel part of Acomb Village?



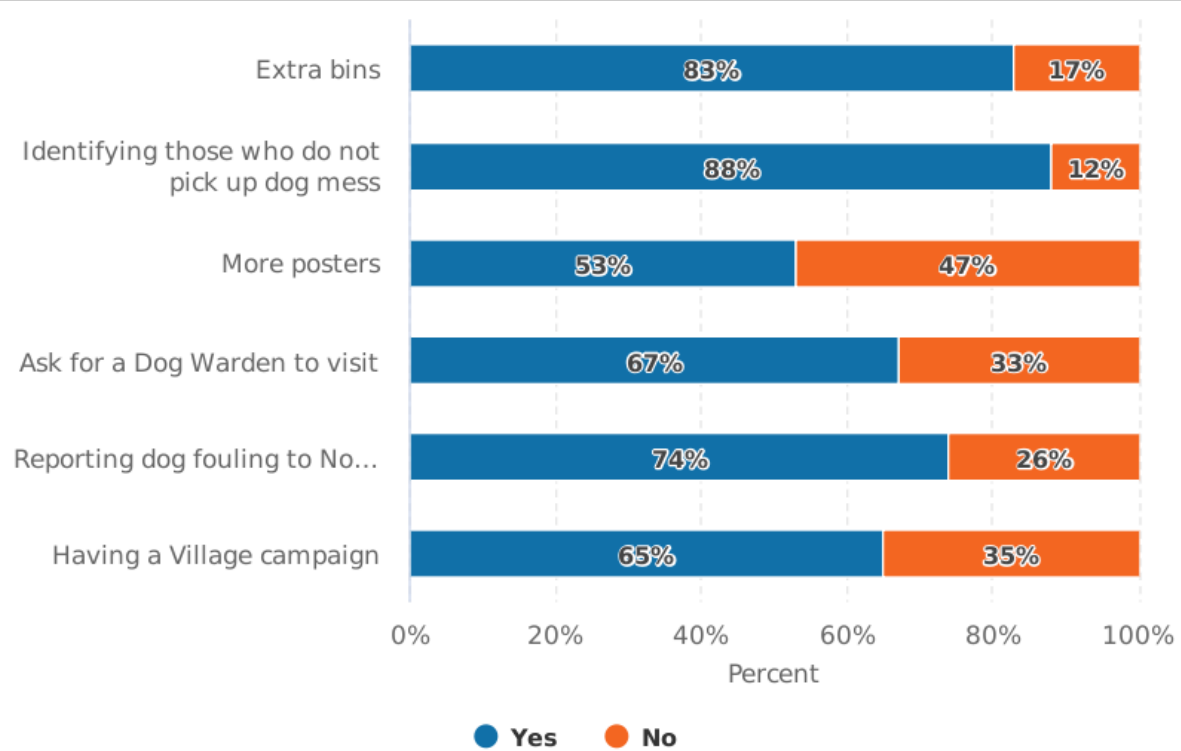
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	59%	23
2	No	<div></div>	28%	11
3	Don't know	<div></div>	13%	5
			answered	39
			skipped	205

If No, can you expand on your answer in the box below?

It feels like we're just on the edge of the village, far removed from the facilities (all of which are up a very steep hill).
I live on the very outskirts of the village & have no reason to go there other than for a walk etc
Nothing in village of interest. Pubs dated, except for dated pubs nowhere nice to eat or shop.
I used to know lots of people in Acomb and still know a few, but now it is double parking either side of Main Street and at the Pant. Huge tractors etc should have to access the main road by going EAST from the recycling facility. Many people leave early in the morning and return at night from their work leaving little time to get to know them.
No viable means of transport from the outskirts of the village
As much as we want to. We have a son with a disability and I work full time - hence we don't go out a lot.

Section 5: Environment/Climate Change Dog Fouling

Q11a What might help to address the problem of dog fouling? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Extra bins	83% 164	17% 34	198
Identifying those who do not pick up dog mess	88% 167	12% 23	190
More posters	53% 82	47% 73	155
Ask for a Dog Warden to visit	67% 105	33% 52	157
Reporting dog fouling to Northumberland County Council	74% 119	26% 41	160
Having a Village campaign	65% 98	35% 52	150
		answered	227
		skipped	17
Any other options you would suggest? (Please state in box below)			

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Extra bins	9
B: Provision of poo bag stations.	8
C: Inappropriate dumping of bags.	2
D: Campaigning / Education /Raising awareness.	11
E: Concerns for children / Public health /Environmental	2
F: Other people's irresponsibility.	9
G: Punishment.	11
H: Not a real problem	4
I: Emptying of bins.	1
J: Reporting / Dog warden.	1
K: Not using plastic bags - flick into bushes.	1
L: No more bins.	2
M: Long-handled poop-scoopers for elderly.	1
N: Comments, not suggestions.	4

Category	Full comments
C	Not throwing bags with dog excrement into gardens- this has happened to me- or elsewhere but take home or put in bins provided
C/E/F	Residents from private estates like Bishops Hill commonly use the green areas in Millersfield as a place to let their dogs foul and they frequently do not pick it up, due to them not picking the dog foul up it is an issue for children who use the areas to play.
B	Poo bag stations in worst affected areas.
G	Name, shame, and fine the people responsible. Its the only way this type of person will ever get what they are meant to do.
G	Those who do not clean up after their dog have no interest in the Village. They are selfish, bone idle individuals who care only for themselves. They will always have a smart answer and threaten anyone who challenges them. The only way to deal with this problem as identify and fine them.
D	We are a part of the green walkers group, maybe share more info on this?
A/B	People don't pick up their dog poo because they have to carry it with them for their full walk. Unless you're in the village itself there are no bins. Telling people off and making them feel bad or fining them doesn't overcome the issue - too few bins! Also provide bags next to the bins so people can access bags if they forget them.
N	These ideas seem better and a priority before any naming and shaming....
G	Needs penalties such as fines being enforced
A	Bins at each end of footpaths
N	reference next question: I would if I saw and could not persuade a dogs owner to pick up.
H/D	Dog fouling is probably caused by very few dog walkers and there are already lots of bins. An education campaign might be helpful - trying to raise awareness of the health/environmental issues.
A/I/F/G/ N	Provision of extra bins is essential - but it is equally essential for those bins to be emptied. Fallowfield Road, the road up past the school and all footpaths are all disgusting. Dog walkers have absolutely no regard whatsoever or thought about picking up after their dogs. They simply walk ahead of their dogs and when challenged say "oh I didn't notice". Unless these owners are made liable, this will not improve but get worse considering the increased number of dogs that have appeared in the village during Covid lockdown.
G	These people who allow their dogs to foul our footpaths etc need to be caught fined and baned and shamed
H/D	there is no benefit in singling people out and shaming them. it just causes more division. i have not noticed a particular issue recently - it was bad a few years ago, but the campaign involving school children worked well. maybe do this regularly.
H	The assumption h/as been made that there is a problem of dog fouling.
A/B/F/G	I would suggest more dog bins - I have dogs and walk around the village and feel there is not enough bins. Posters would be handy - maybe identifying the locations of the dog bins around the village. People might be more inclined to pick up dog mess if they know they don't have to carry it around. Also, maybe some free doggy bags available around the village? Unfortunately, the bad few spoil it for the many and although never completely eradicated, it would be nice for it so be less common.
B	Free dog mess bags available dotted round the village (as available in Bardon Mill - bags in clear bottle attached to lamppost for people to help themselves)

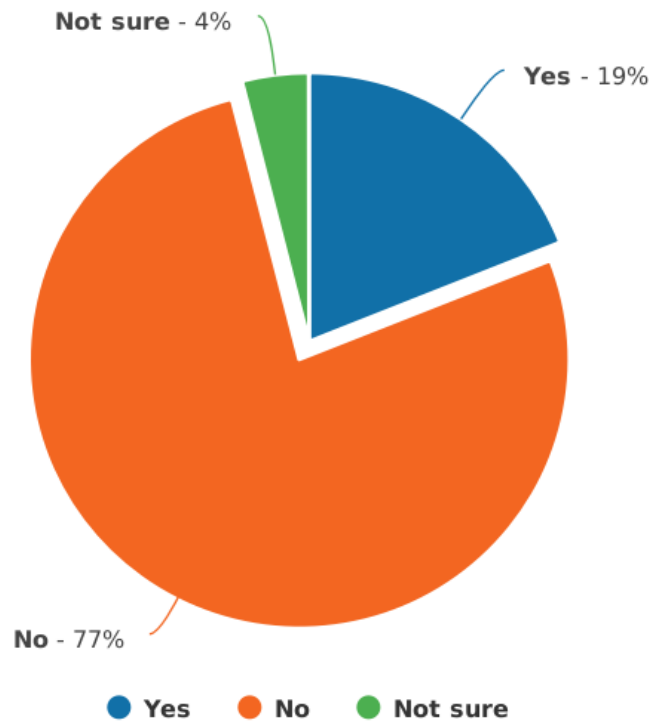
B	Provide bag dispensers @ entrance to park on both sides.
A/J	More bins might help those who already poop pick, however wont affect those who dont. Dog warden would be good and encouraging people to report it to help deter people from not picking it up.
D/G	Educate and then fine some, word will get out, same for litter including fag ends.
A	Bin needed at exit from Birkey Heights into field.
B	Adding pooh bags around the village
A	Being a dog owner, I find most 'pick up'_ extra bins would be useful though
D	I have not generally found it a problem but people park at the pant to walk up through the fields etc to Fallowfield or to St John Lee. Official notices in the parking area to remind people might be helpful. There have been incidences of dog fouling in the fields parallel to Fallowfield lane.
G	Impose heavy fines on owners who are offending.
D	A non-patronising leaflet asking owners to think more carefully about the impact on others.
G	Imposition of fines
A/B	More poo bags and bins
D/L	No more bins and signs unless really justified - need to educate dog owners. No more street clutter
F	Unsure - I do pick up after other people too - shouldn't have to
B	Poo bag dispenses around the village (on the pant etc)
K	Change from picking up and using plastic bags and tell people to flick it into the bushes.
H	I don't view this as a major problem
F	I now have problem with dogs coming into my garden on 3 occasions fouling after spending a lot of time and money tidying my garden up.
D/L	Extra bins will just further urbanise village. Only proper solution is to change behaviours and make irresponsible dog owners realise it is their responsibility to clean up their and others benefit.
F	We have a problem outside our home with dog fouling. Sometimes the poo bags are thrown into our garden
F	I do find this a problem. People walking dogs let them wander up my path and foul (while I am watching from my window_ but still don't pick it up)
F/M	The problem is catching the irresponsible ones. Some are too elderly to bend down maybe offer long handled poop scoopers.
D	Humshaugh Parish Council got school children to make "poosters" (anti-dog-fouling posters), and said that they were very effective
D/G	Signs that the kids can't pull down. Has anyone ever been fined in Acomb?
N	I think you did a wonderful job adding bins around the village
E	Re-emphasise serious nature of not picking up dog mess and urinating
A/F/G	We have plenty of bins although one at the farms at the top of the hill would be great. However - I never leave it - and those who do will only respond to fines.
D	Encourage responsibility in individual dog owners.

Q11b Have you ever reported Dog Fouling to Northumberland County Council? (Tick, as applies)



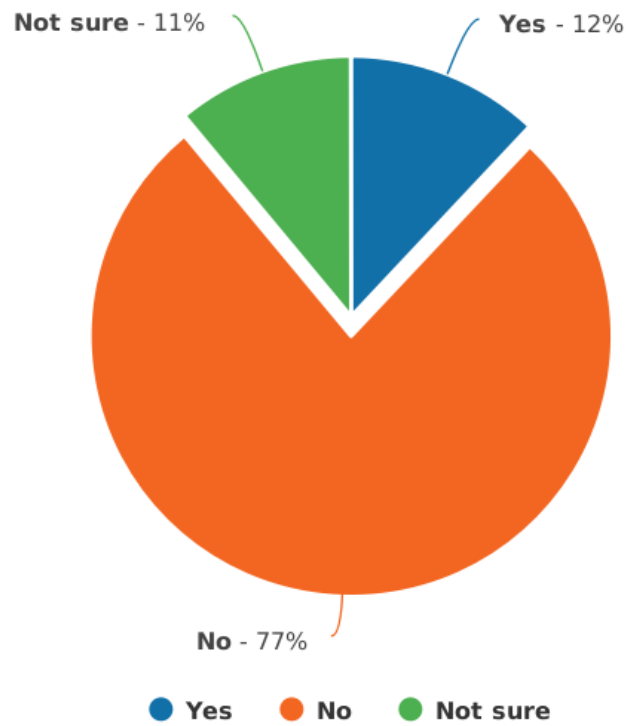
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	9%	21
2	No	<div></div>	89%	213
3	Not sure	<div></div>	2%	5
			answered	239
			skipped	5

Q11c Did you know that you can now report Dog Fouling anonymously on acomblocal.co.uk by completing a simple form which goes directly to Northumberland County Council or ringing 0845 600 6400? (Tick, as applies)



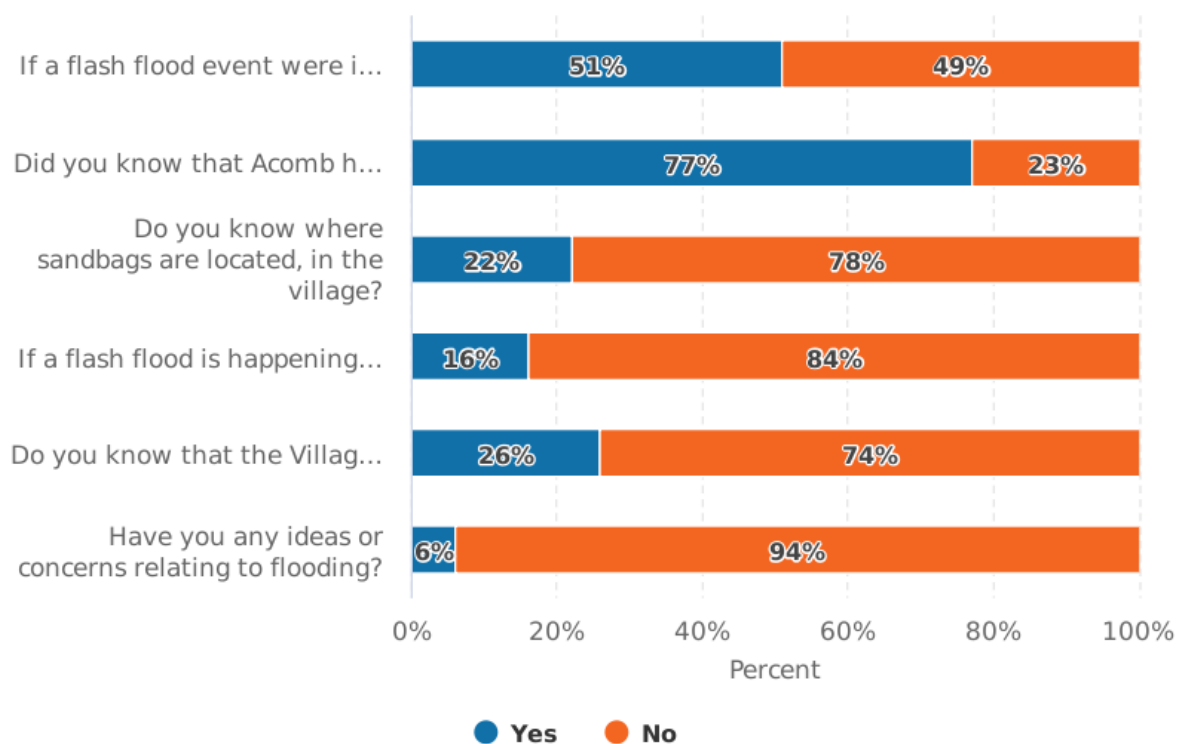
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	19%	44
2	No	<div></div>	77%	180
3	Not sure	<div></div>	4%	10
			answered	234
			skipped	10

Q12a Is your home at risk of flooding?



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	12%	27
2	No	<div></div>	77%	178
3	Not sure	<div></div>	11%	25
			answered	230
			skipped	14

Q12b Flood and emergency planning (Tick, all that apply)



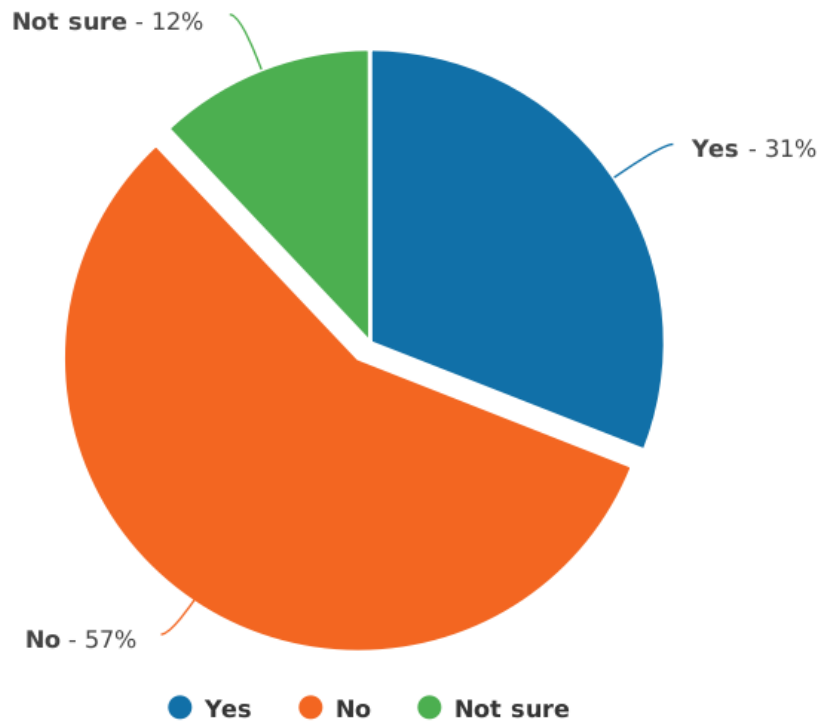
Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
If a flash flood event were imminent, would you be prepared?	51% 97	49% 94	191
Did you know that Acomb has a Flood Plan and a team of volunteer flood wardens (14)?	77% 169	23% 50	219
Do you know where sandbags are located, in the village?	22% 49	78% 170	219
If a flash flood is happening now or is imminent, do you know the local emergency number to call (this will also ensure our local Flood Wardens are alerted)?	16% 34	84% 181	215
Do you know that the Village Hall is the designated Flood Refuge Centre with Acomb First School as the backup Refuge Centre?	26% 56	74% 157	213
Have you any ideas or concerns relating to flooding?	6% 11	94% 166	177
			answered
			226
			skipped
			18
(Please state in box below)			

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Gully/drain clearance / extra dredging of drains.	8
B: Throwing of waste into burns.	4
C: No problems.	3

D: Neutral comments (not ideas or concerns).	3
E: No extra building.	1
F: Natural Flood Management.	4
G: Concern about vulnerable residents.	3
H: Lack of information.	2
I: Standing water in catchment area.	1
J: Local authority should act.	1

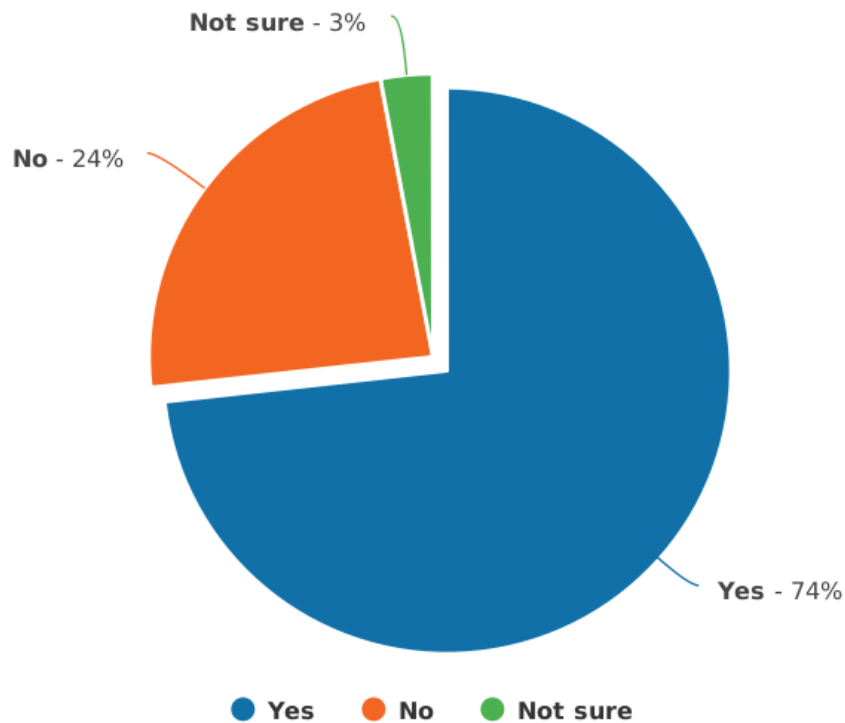
Category	Full comments
A	Drains further up hill of Mian Street need to be kept clear so water can enter drains before it gets into village
A	Living at the bottom. Of garden house bank I see the burn rise quickly. I think dredging / digging the burn deeper would make a huge difference. The burn has definitely got shallower over the last 35 years. Many years ago these burns used to be dug out by hand.
A, F, G	Problem areas include: inadequacy/poor maintenance of road drains and gulleys to deal with surface water flooding especially in extreme rainfall events. Identification of vulnerable residents who would need assistance in the event of a flood. Delays in the development of natural flood management in the upper catchment.
A, B	Regular drain clearance doesn't seem to happen any more. Many drains are filled with rubbish/gravel, they're useless if we get heavy rain/snowmelt
C	I live up steep hill on Avant site so flooding there is not a problem
F	Improve the rate at which the flood alleviation scheme is implemented
G	Difficult to get to refuge from where I live as road at bottom of turning would probably be flooded
C	No Concerns as long as the flood gates are kept clear
A	Yes - keep the drains clear, cars should be parked away from drains.
H	Would be good to have a don't know option on would you be prepared.
H	Phone number unknown since Jim Wright retired. Sand bags should be checked on a regular basis
D	If a flash flood is happening I'll knock on a flood wardens door.
I	Excessive water standing in the fields off the A69.
F	Aware of works going on at the Red Burn but wasn't aware of what they were for.
D	Could find the above information on Acomblocal if needed
E	No building on flood plain, no over-building.
J	Local authority to sort out the issue so it cannot happen in future
D	Council Highways have issued us with our own personal sandbags, as flooding was an issue with the Enderby Estate for a couple of years.
C, B	I am lucky I live higher up. Neighbours below us have been flooded. Clean out the burns regularly
F	I would like to see more natural Flood solutions being implemented. These include consultation with the Northumberland Wildlife Trust on the feasibility of re-introducing beavers to the Red and Birkey Burns.
A	Much more regular pumping out of street drains to help if a flood occurs (it seems to occur annually at the moment)
A	Rainwater flowing down the hill past the village school often floods at the entrance to Bishops Hill. Query whether gullies are adequately checked/cleared by the Council.
B	Garden Waste dumped close to Burn on Chapel Close.
B	residents dumping garden rubbish in Burn.
A, G	Acomb - Chapel Close bungalows. Heavy rain floods path up to 6" deep along 10-15 Chapel Close. No drainage.

Q12c Are you aware of the Environment Agency's Natural Flood Alleviation scheme that is currently being progressed with local landowners/tenants to reduce risk of flooding in the village? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	31%	71
2	No	<div></div>	57%	133
3	Not sure	<div></div>	12%	28
			answered	232
			skipped	12

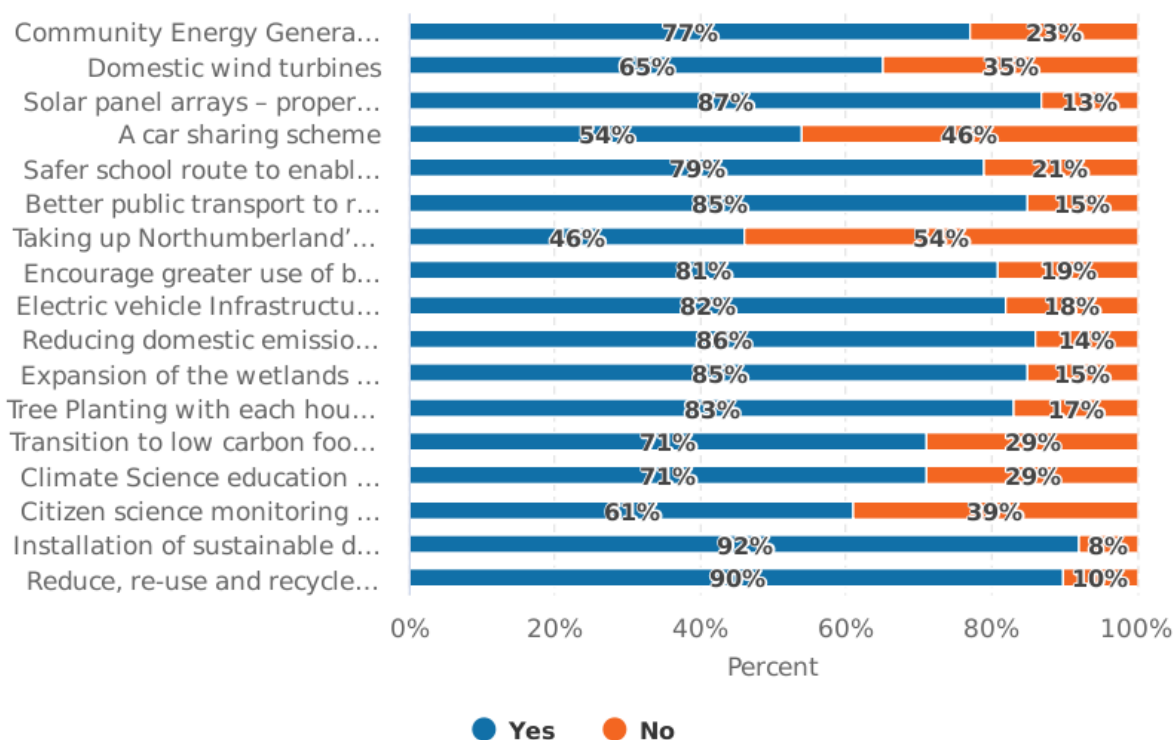
Q12d Are you aware of the completed works at the Red Burn, across from the Methodist Chapel to reduce flash flooding? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	74%	172
2	No	<div></div>	24%	55
3	Not sure	<div></div>	3%	6
			answered	233
			skipped	11

Climate Change Northumberland County Council - Climate Change Action Plan 2021-23 is currently being progressed to include Acomb. APC has established a subgroup as part of the Community Climate Champions scheme to empower residents and community groups to devise their own community climate action plan following a presentation at a public meeting hosted by APC. This plan will determine and action what we as a community can do to reduce our carbon footprint to contribute towards Northumberland's target to become Carbon Neutral by 2030. To achieve this means as a community we all need to play a part. Funding is available to support local initiatives to achieve this aim. The Parish Council Climate Change subgroup reports to the monthly APC meetings.

Q13a Which of the following would you think would be environmentally beneficial and realistically contribute towards the Carbon Neutral Targets? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Community Energy Generation Scheme	77% 114	23% 34	148
Domestic wind turbines	65% 95	35% 51	146
Solar panel arrays – property, street level, community hub	87% 135	13% 21	156
A car sharing scheme	54% 72	46% 61	133
Safer school route to enable children to cycle, scoot or walk to school	79% 122	21% 32	154
Better public transport to reduce car use	85% 146	15% 25	171

Q13a Which of the following would you think would be environmentally beneficial and realistically contribute towards the Carbon Neutral Targets? (Tick all that apply)

Taking up Northumberland's 6-week gear change challenge – bike not car	46% 61	54% 72	133
Encourage greater use of bikes through safe bridle ways, local schemes to support purchase	81% 123	19% 28	151
Electric vehicle Infrastructure (on street public electric charging)	82% 125	18% 28	153
Reducing domestic emissions with Gov. funding support	86% 127	14% 21	148
Expansion of the wetlands as part of the flood plan – already commenced	85% 122	15% 21	143
Tree Planting with each household given opportunity to plant a tree	83% 135	17% 28	163
Transition to low carbon food sources by growing own	71% 103	29% 43	146
Climate Science education and upskilling 'how to' events	71% 105	29% 42	147
Citizen science monitoring activities to track climate impacts and community progress	61% 80	39% 52	132
Installation of sustainable drainage methods e.g. water butts, permeable pavements, and rain gardens	92% 141	8% 13	154
Reduce, re-use and recycle schemes, including educational training events – upcycling, second-hand furniture schemes, item swaps	90% 141	10% 16	157
		answered	208
		skipped	36

Any other ideas or comments? (Please state in the box below)

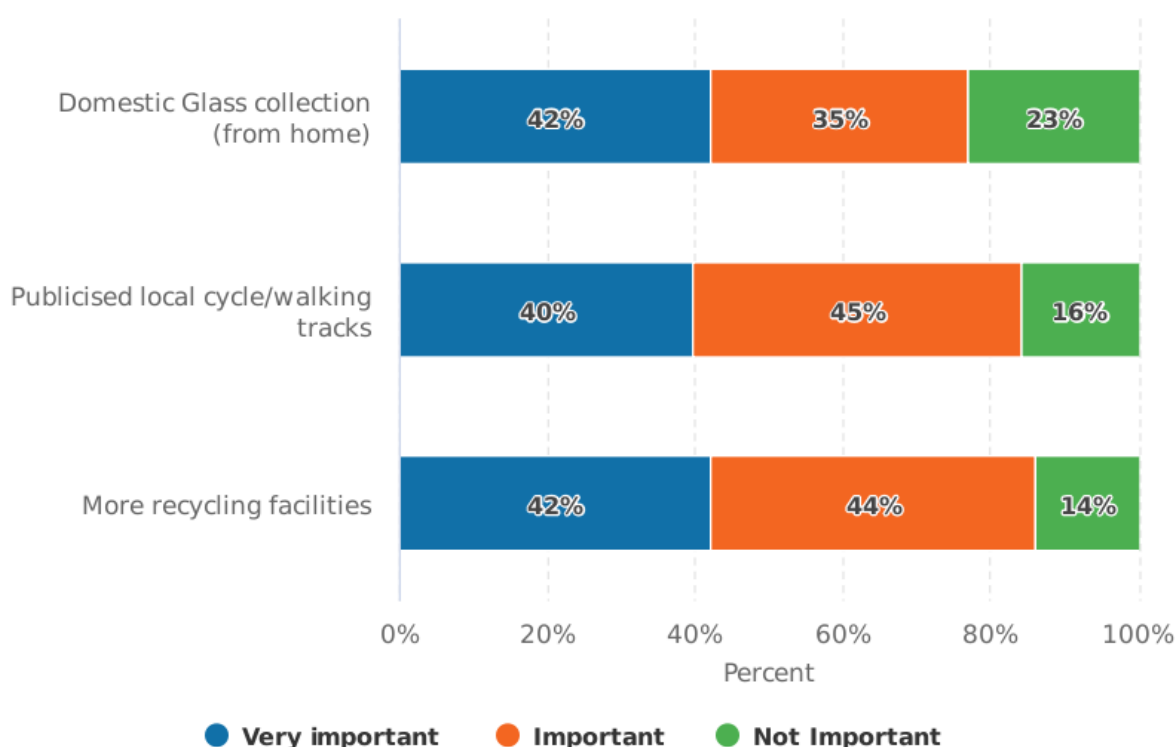
Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Rejection of climate change concept or possibility of useful action.	3
B: More solar panels.	3
C: Options for more recycling.	3
D: Better electric vehicle infrastructure.	2
E: Ground/air source heat pumps.	3
F: Better provision/routes for walking/cycling.	3
G: More allotments.	1
H: Hydrogen cars.	1
I: Dealing with food waste.	1
J: Energy efficient housing/village assets.	3
K: Comment not suggestion.	14
L: Community wind turbines.	2
M: Monitor litter.	1
N: No flood lighting at MUGA.	1
O: Car sharing	1

Category	Full comments
J	Humshaugh has got EPC ratings on 10 'typical houses' - we could do this and use the suggestions for each house type to see what difference the owner found from their spending and efforts. I am

	much more likely to make a change if I have seen the suggested new approach in action and spoken to humans who have made the change.
E/K	Developing community ground source heat pumps for Acomb residents. Helping those who live on the outskirts of the village and use oil to heat their homes financially to install ground source heat pumps. I have ticked 'domestic wind turbines' but I think this needs to be considered properly. If the noise pollution from this method is too significant I could have a very negative effect of the village and it's people.
C	Would help to have more local recycling, in particular tetrapak and more plastic options
K	I think this is the most important section of the survey - without action to deal with the climate emergency, all other ways of improving the quality of village life will be academic.
K	All of the above would be environmentally beneficially and contribute to the carbon neutral targets
I	particular advice of food waste
K	I hope that in engaging with this question, there is not an intent to further divide the village by setting up an alternative climate change group to the one that is already established?
K	There is a climate change group in the village - are you going to pass on the volunteers for Acomb Climate Change Champion. Bridleways have been left off the questionnaire.
H/L	Promote hydrogen cars/ refuelling stations_ that is the future not electric. Community wind turbine to provide battery storage in a hub for the village.
G	Provide local allotments
A	Go to China, India, Russia, USA etc start there. UK pollution is tiny. Global warming/climate change is a natural phenomena.
K	Tree planting is good but these areas would still need some sort of management for them to remain an asset.
K	Not sure
D	Electric vehicle infrastructure very important.
B	Put solar panels around the village
F	I used to cycle to and from Acomb - Hexham but the steepness of the hills became too much. There isn't a safe way to access the A69 or cross is near Acomb junction. I used to use the 'old' road but no lighting after dark (that's 3pm-ish in winter). Its a pity a footbridge over the Tyne couldn't be built opp. the A69 (Acomb junction) There's an access road on the other side of A69 there taking you down to the river.
M	Monitor excess litter from Starbucks, McDonalds, Greggs chucked out on A6079 Cross Bank and outside the Target House
E/J	All of the above, heat pumps. No housing development like Birkey Heights without homes which are 'green' and environmentally sympathetic.
A	It is futile to pursue extreme global warming initiatives whilst countries such as China continue its heavy pollution of the atmosphere. People are the cause of global warming yet no government or religion on our planet are trying to reduce population growth. That is the crux of the problem.
K	How can you answer no to any of these? Initial paragraph ill-informed
F	Safer school route - path very narrow at Chare Head. Car turn / pick up area - why not create a turn around area at the edge of wooded area?
E/B/J	Start with making the village hall and school energy efficient. Ground source heat pumps solar panels etc.
A	Always had climate change, will have to learn to live with it. Not all of it is man-made. What can we do here is not going to make a jot of difference with China still producing coal-fired power stations
K	All items contribute. Not all are necessarily able to be applied.
B	Get Karbon to put solar panels on the roof of all the properties.
N	No flood lights at MUGA.
F	Work with neighbouring parishes/councils to negotiate 'over the hedge' multi user tracks running alongside key roads.
K	Don't know or have enough knowledge about climate change
C	More needs to be done regarding recycling - aluminium trays, metal (other than cans) textiles. Having lived in other areas of the UK, NCC recycling is poor. Too much waste also goes to local tips.
D	I would support, particularly, electric vehicle infrastructure. Many people in Acomb do not have a drive to charge an electric vehicle.
L	Asking the farmers for permission to put Wind Turbines up. They could get money back and the Community gains too by a Community Chest which could go to the Parish Council to improve the village. Vatenfall in Hexham does this but it is LONG TERM planning for the future for our children and Grandchildren.
O/K	Car sharing_ preferably an EV car sharing scheme. Tree planting in gardens is something that people can do any time they want to anyway. Tree planting is only beneficial if trees are planted on

	land that would naturally be forested but is currently bare due to the use to which its put. Encouraging agroforestry/regenerative farming would be more beneficial.
K	Car to bike is not always practical when employment is mobile and needs equipment or is not local.
K	Unfortunately because of the older housing. terraced houses, narrow pavements, narrow roads many of these ideas would not be feasible in a village like Acomb.
C	Wider range of recyclable items for including in County Council recycling bins.
K	Enough trees in village that are not cared for round pensioners bungalows - Disgrace.r.

Q13b Is it important to you to have the following in Acomb? (Tick all that apply)



Answer Choices	Very important	Important	Not Important	Response Total
Domestic Glass collection (from home)	42% 90	35% 74	23% 50	214
Publicised local cycle/walking tracks	40% 81	45% 91	16% 32	204
More recycling facilities	42% 85	44% 89	14% 28	202
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			skipped	22

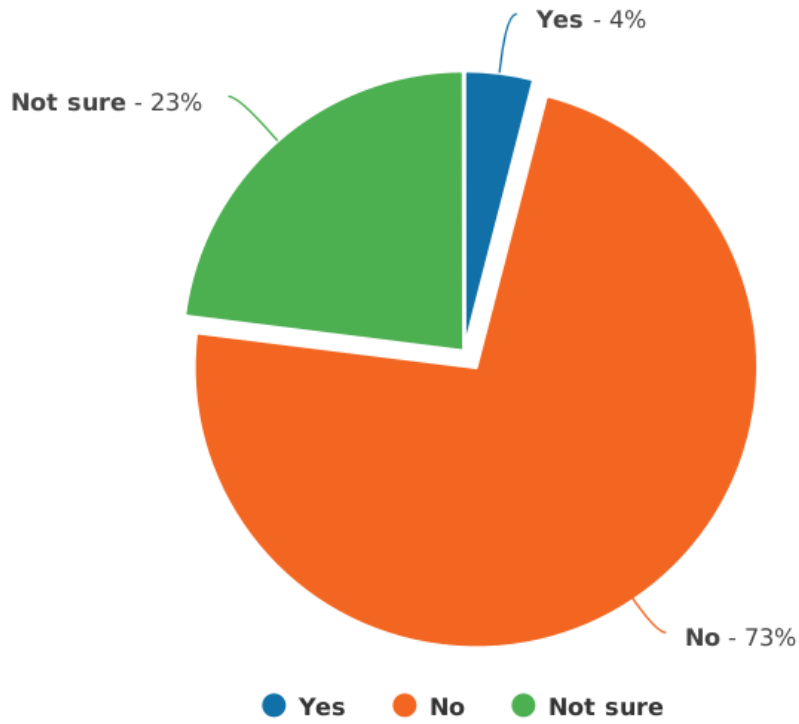
Anything else you would like to see in Acomb? (Please state in the box below and how important to you) (19)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: More/better recycling/waste facilities.	11
B: Better walking/cycling/riding infrastructure.	3
C: More activities for children.	1
D: Allotments.	1
E: Traffic management scheme	1
F: Comment not suggestion.	2

Category	Full comments
B	Publicised cycle / walking???? Try buying an OS map or looking at the Definitive Map
A	I would like more litter bins, particularly at the bottom of Millersfield and signage too eg. Take your litter home or use the bins provided.

A	Food waste collected separately as in many other areas.
A	Terracycle collection points to increase what we can recycle as a community. Clothes swap shops for children's clothes particularly. Helping to reduce the amount of clothes being bought by Acomb residents and reducing clothes waste. Community compost scheme to reduce food waste and methane production. I'd also like better work to be done with the Caravan Park, the caravaners throw a lot of litter in the fields around Fallowfield and in the East Wood.
A	It seems odd that food waste is collected along with other rubbish. It would be a big step if glass was collected.
A	Not a problem for us to take glass to Wentworth car park. A fruit juice carton recycling bin would be very helpful at the Wentworth recycling area. Could this please be discussed with Hexham Town Council or the Recycling Company.
B	bridal ways to be publicised too
A	Glass bins!
A	Food waste collection
A	Glass collection would reduce trips to tip.
A	Soft plastic recycle bins at Village Hall
C	Activities for kids/teams
F	Local walking/cycle track_ available online. Recycling facilities are adequate
F	NOTE: Comment made against Q13c: I think Acomb Parish Council have already applied to do this as a group to represent Acomb
A	Recycling area @ hall cleared of glass after collection
B	Dropped kerbs everywhere.
E	One way system on Garden House Bank with speed and HGV restrictions on length and weight
D	I would like to have more allotments. I think that half of the playing field should be given over to them.
A	Recycling facilities - what you can recycle should be improved in Hexham + in line with other towns/cities in the North East.

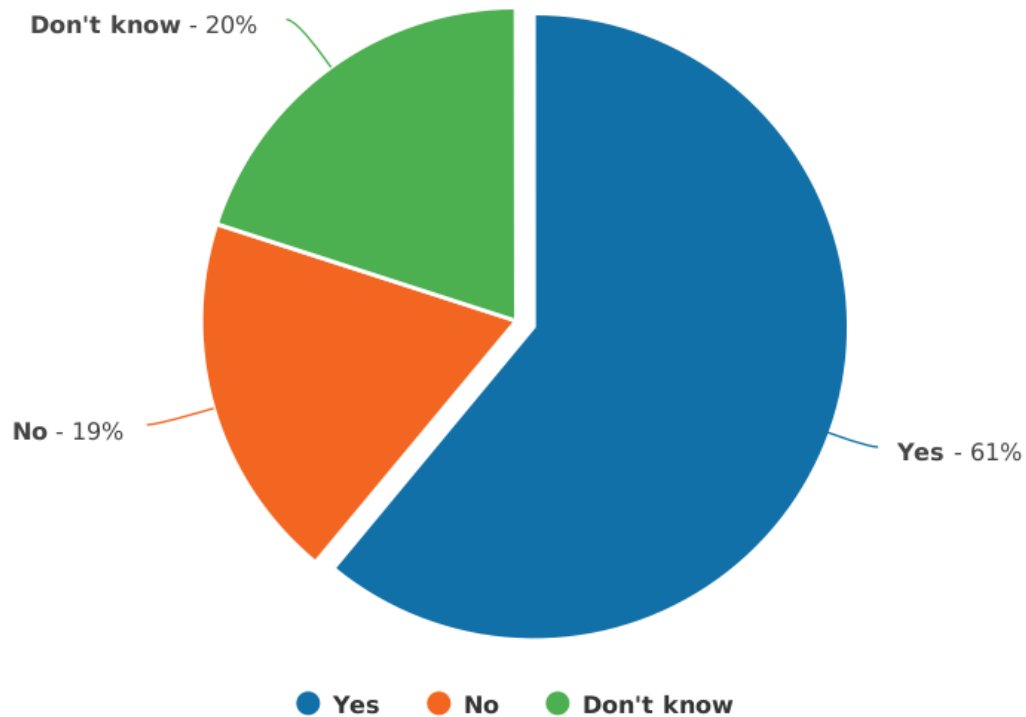
13c. Would you have skills, experience, or knowledge to contribute to become an Acomb Climate Change champion? If Yes, please leave your contact details at the end of this questionnaire.



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	4%	8
2	No	<div></div>	73%	166
3	Not sure	<div></div>	23%	53
			answered	226
			skipped	18

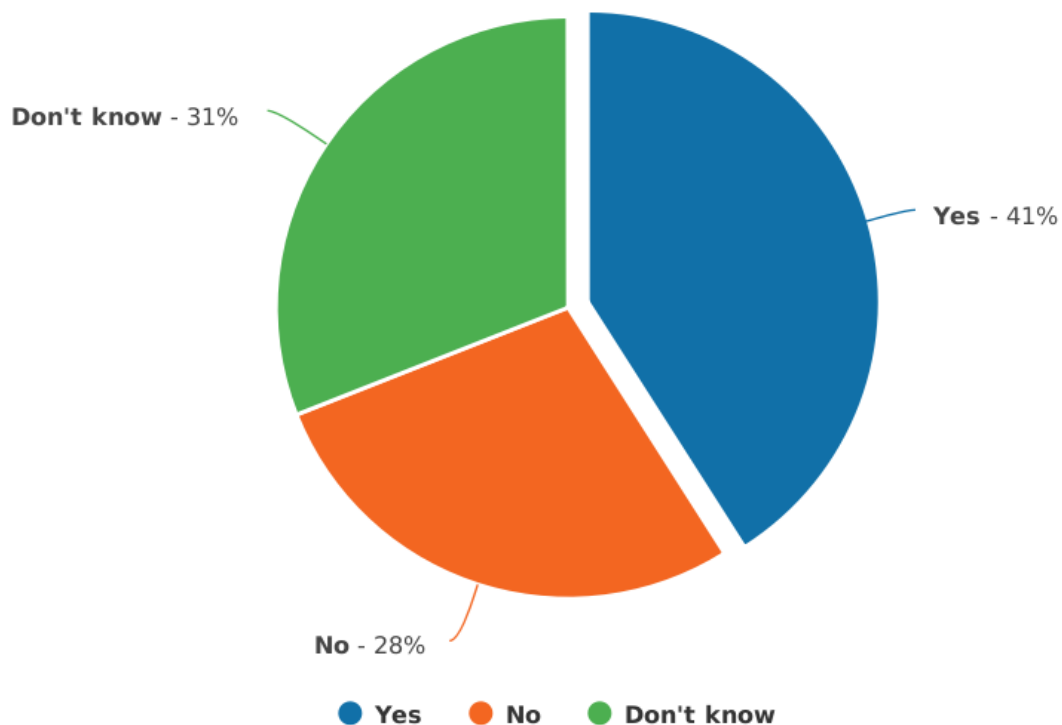
Section 6: Roads, footpaths, and public transport

Q14a Are there an adequate number of footpaths and bridleways in and around Acomb? (Tick, as applies)



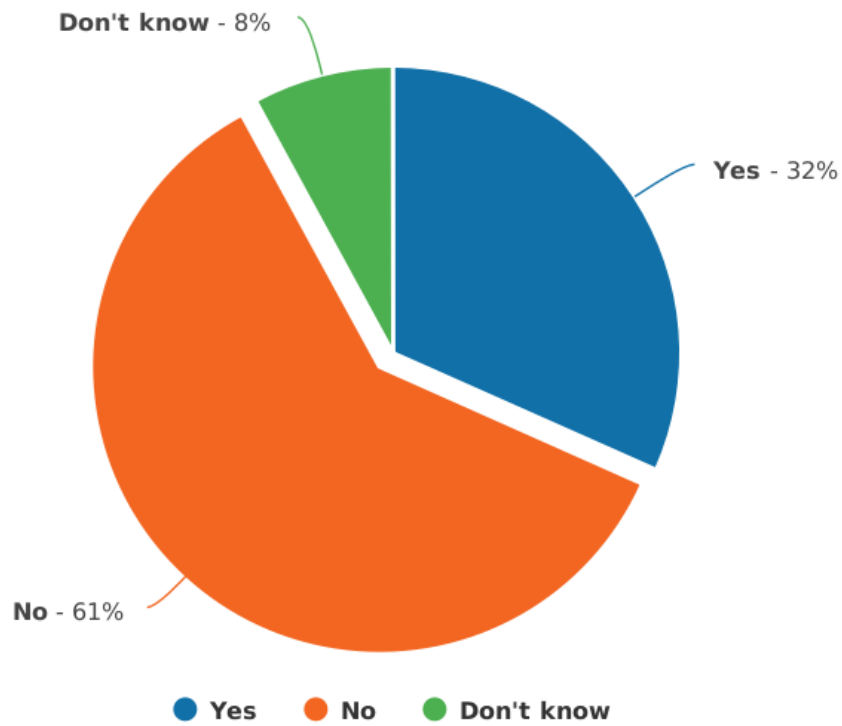
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	61%	141
2	No	<div></div>	19%	44
3	Don't know	<div></div>	20%	46
			answered	230
			skipped	14

Q14b Would you like more cycle trails within Acomb Parish? (Tick, as applies)



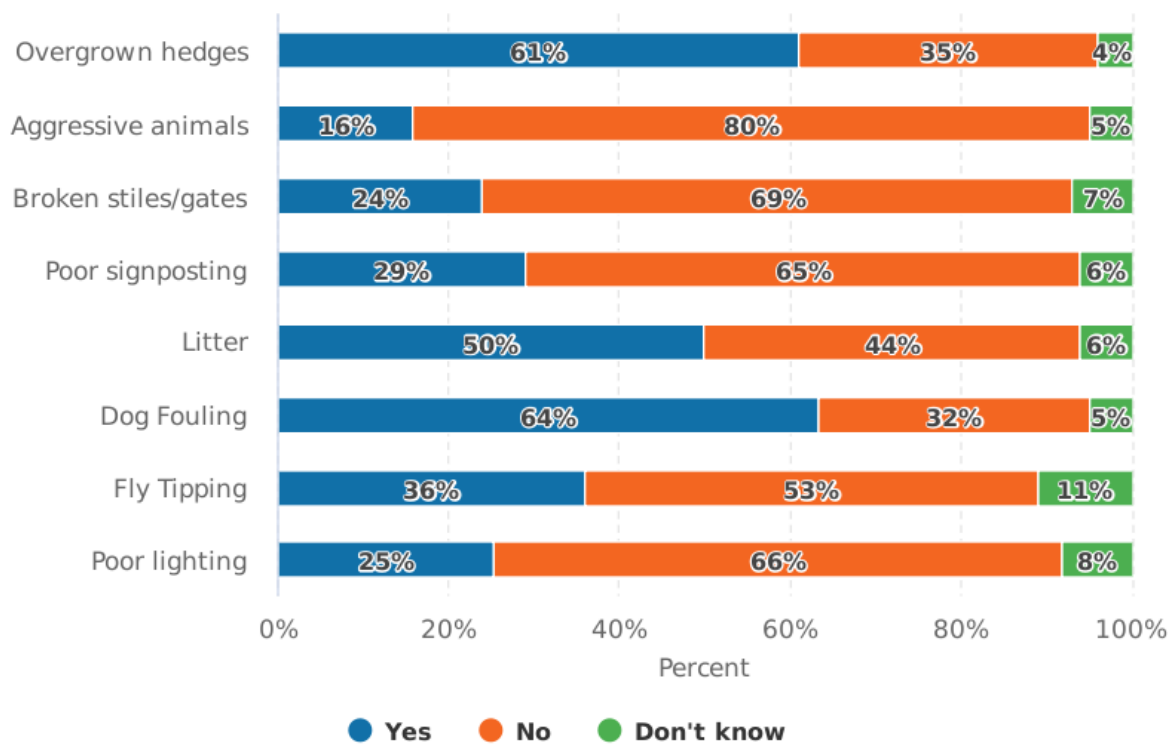
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	41%	95
2	No	<div></div>	28%	65
3	Don't know	<div></div>	31%	73
			answered	232
			skipped	12

Q14c Are you aware that Local Walks are available on Acomblocal website kindly prepared by an Acomb resident? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	32%	75
2	No	<div></div>	61%	143
3	Don't know	<div></div>	8%	18
			answered	235
			skipped	9

Q14d Are you concerned about any of the following issues when walking/cycling? (Tick all that apply)



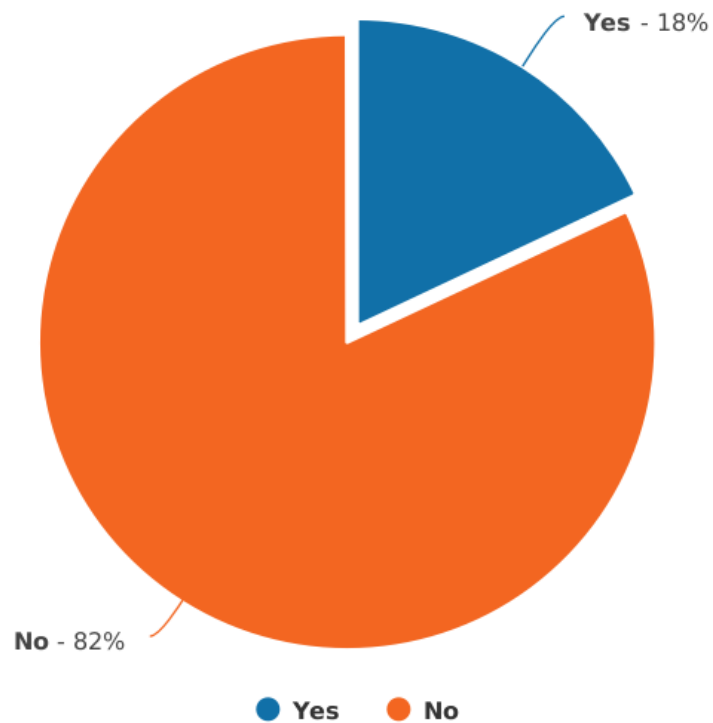
Answer Choices	Yes	No	Don't know	Response Total
Overgrown hedges	61% 133	35% 76	4% 8	217
Aggressive animals	16% 30	80% 152	5% 9	191
Broken stiles/gates	24% 45	69% 132	7% 14	191
Poor signposting	29% 57	65% 128	6% 12	197
Litter	50% 102	44% 88	6% 12	202
Dog Fouling	64% 136	32% 68	5% 10	214
Fly Tipping	36% 70	53% 103	11% 21	194
Poor lighting	25% 49	66% 129	8% 16	194
			answered	231
			skipped	13

If you have any further concerns, please state in the box below

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Overgrown vegetation/hedges.	7
B: Need more/improved bridleways/footpaths.	7
C: Speeding traffic.	2
D: Speed bumps.	2
E: Need to protect dark sky status/save energy.	4
F: Better lighting needed.	2
G: Livestock.	1
H: Danger from worn steps etc	1
I: Comment not concern.	1
J: Dog fouling.	2
K: Litter.	3

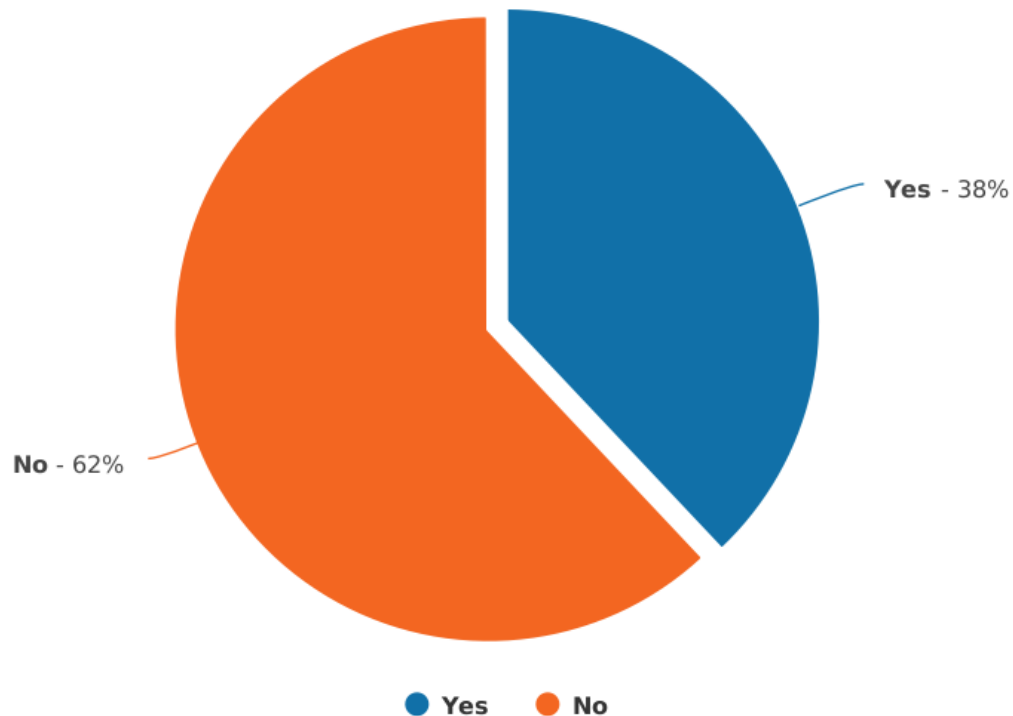
Category	Full comments
A	Hedges need to be cut back along footpaths etc
K	The only fly in the ointment with litter is Garden House Bank and I believe it is the same culprit each time throwing litter from a car.
K	As I mentioned on the previous page, litter from the caravan site is an issue.
J	Dog fouling due to dog walkers leaving bags of dog poo behind instead of binning or taking with them
B, C	Already mentioned poor access to school, inadequate footpaths or parking, narrow to school and upwards from school none at all, sometimes necessary to park upwards. Similarly not safe to cycle with children.
E	please do not attempt to increase lighting in the village. climate change activists are currently busy trying to reduce night lighting in rural areas. we should consider this and look at reducing the number of street lights and turning them off from 12am -5am. we could even give each household a rechargeable torch if necessary.
B	There's a need for joining up. Bridle/cycle ways. Cycle/pedestrian Access across Hexham bridge is needed to get safely into Hexham
E	Lighting is adequate as it is in our parish. We should cherish the dark skies.
B	No path at the bottom of Garden House Bank when walking back in Alnmouth Terrace
A, J	Hedges towards A69 dangerously overgrown. Dog poo bags left in woods - why?
A	Domestic hedges allowed to grow over pavements.
F	A6079 is poorly lit in sections
E	I like that we live in a dark skies area with low light pollution+ this should be protected.
B	Not enough bridleways. We could make it look nicer
B, E	Horse riding is the main activity on a bridleway. More bridleways needed due to unsafe riding on roads. Cut carbon emissions so don't light at all
A	The hedge
B	Would like more bridleways in the village
C	Speeding cars.
A, H	Overgrown hedges on bridleway! Broken stair rail by Acomb Mill.
B	NOTE: Q14a comment: Not (enough footpaths and bridleways) to use bicycles safely
G	Cows in fields that are public rights of way.
I	This is around the St John Lee area not Acomb.
A	Residents at the top of Orchard Avenue have let their hedges grow so wide you can't get a pushchair on the path.
D	I haven't noticed any broken stiles or gates around Acomb. The speed bumps on Garden House Bank are awkward for cyclists, the gaps around them are inconvenient/ dangerously narrow.
A	Public walking routes overgrown - Council is not clearing it on the footpath between Bishops Hill and Millersfield to village.
H	Footpath crossing Birky Burn near old mill: -a) Filling needed to steps b) Steps leading up into Acomb House field rotten and dangerous.
D	Bumps on Garden House Bank - no warning signs for cars or cyclists.
F	new LED street lights are rubbish on Chapel Close.

Public transport Q15a Does anyone in your household rely on public transport as their main means of travel? (Tick, as applies)



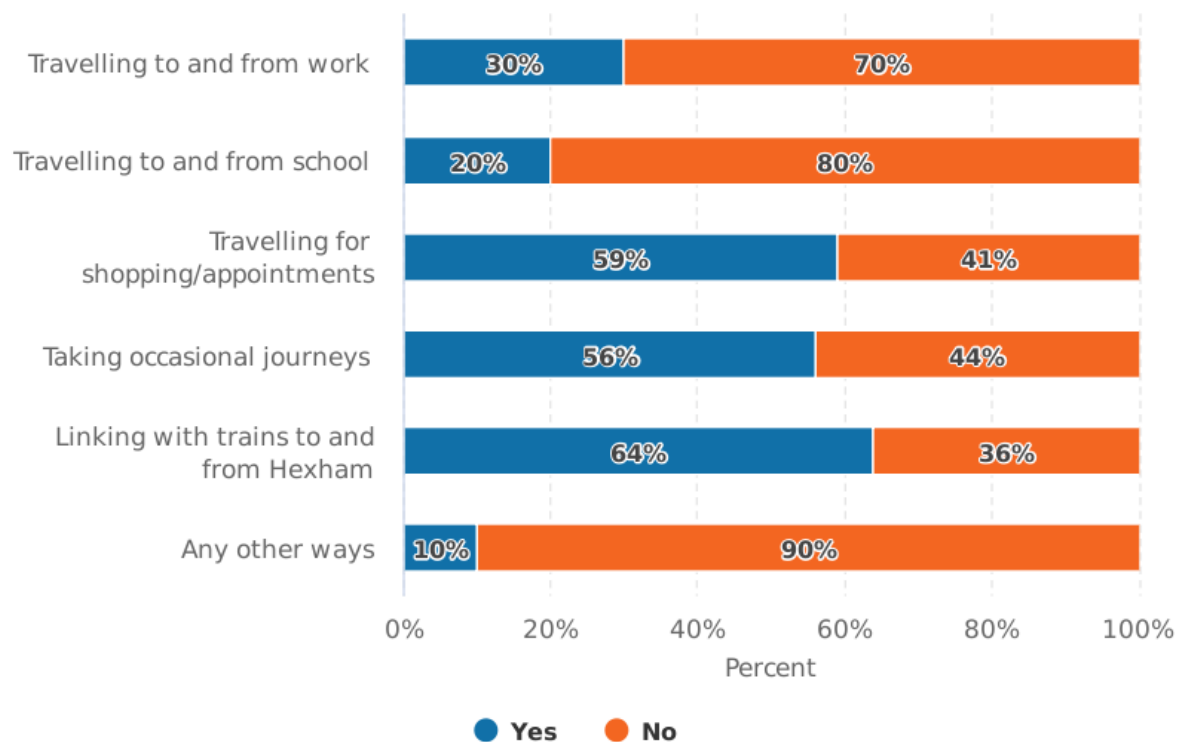
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	18%	42
2	No	<div></div>	82%	193
			answered	235
			skipped	9

Q15b If you use the current bus service, does it meet your household needs? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	38%	44
2	No	<div></div>	62%	71
			answered	115
			skipped	129

Q15c If No, to previous (Q15b), does this negatively affect your household in any of the following ways? (Tick, as applies)



Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Travelling to and from work	30% 15	70% 35	50
Travelling to and from school	20% 9	80% 36	45
Travelling for shopping/appointments	59% 41	41% 29	70
Taking occasional journeys	56% 35	44% 27	62
Linking with trains to and from Hexham	64% 42	36% 24	66
Any other ways	10% 3	90% 27	30
			answered
			81
			skipped
			163

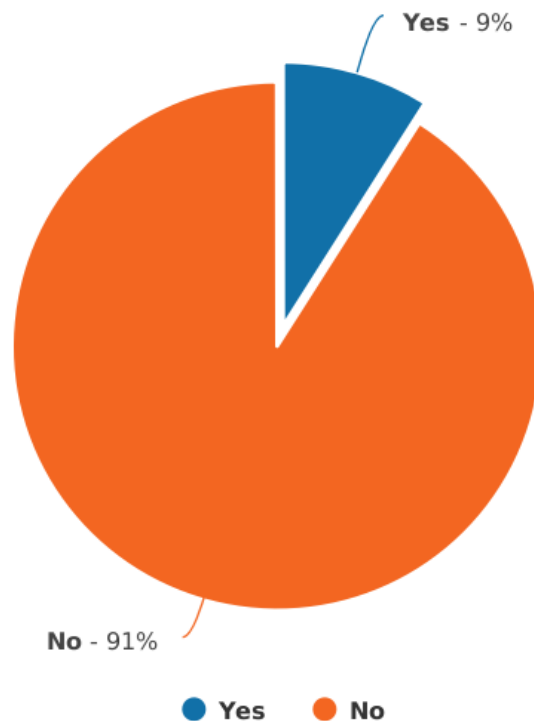
(Please state in the box below)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Negative comments about frequency of service including times/ days	8
B: Car/ taxi	5
C: Connections to trains	2
D: Timetable availability	2

E: Not applicable	2
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Category	Full comments
A	9 am is the last morning bus and you can't get out of Hexham till nearly 12. When elderly this is a big problem as your legs don't hold out for nearly 3 hours. They took the 10 bus off.
A	Do not use buses very often due to fact they are few and far between.
E	Does not affect me.
E	dont use buses
A/B	For social events cinema, restaurants, etc., especially in the evenings. We have no bus service on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Taxi fares are quite expensive.
A	I don't use it because the frequency isn't good enough. I would like to be able to jump on a bus to Hexham, but they aren't frequent enough so I cycle instead.
A/C	i would like to use public transport to get to work, but it is so infrequent and doesnt link up with other trains or buses so it is impossible.
A/B	Inadequate link to trains so have to go by car.
A/B	Last bus from Hexham too early the evening so car use needed
C	Linking up to buses to Newcastle Carlisle
B	Normally use the car
D	Not able to use the bus service because without a timetable not aware when they are can't use internet
A	not frequent enough
D	Sometimes use bus service. An up to date timetable should be in use.
B	Transport is poor so I don't use it at all. I use my car

Q15d Have you been affected by the reduced bus service during Covid-19? (Tick as applies)



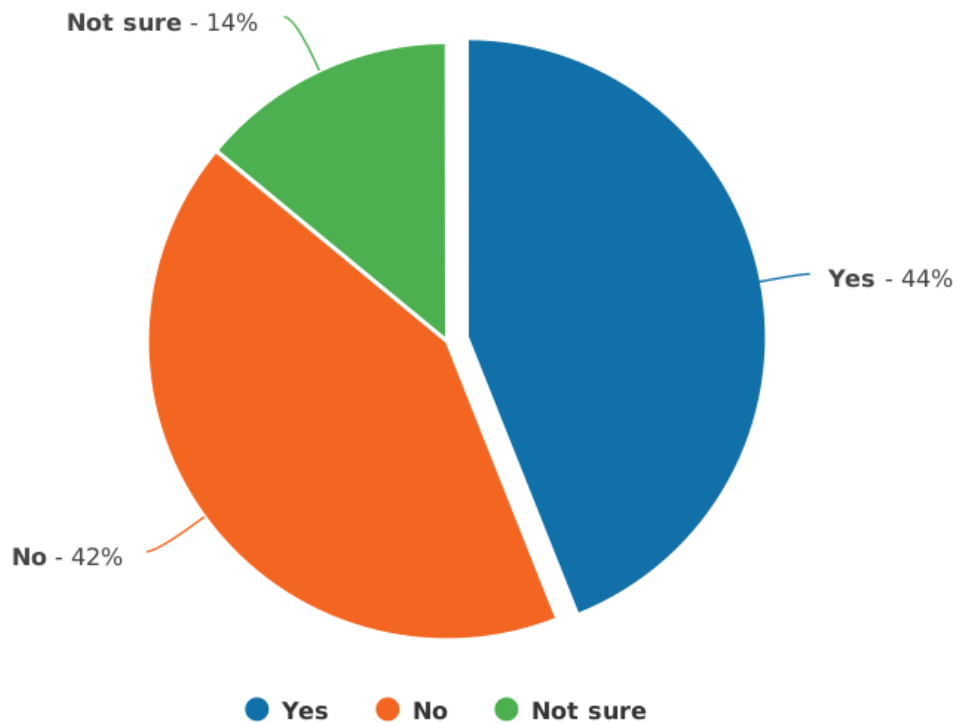
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	9%	21
2	No	<div></div>	91%	201
			answered	222
			skipped	22
If yes, please state in the box below what affect this has had for you				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Negative comments about frequency of service including times/ days	6
B: Car/ taxi	2
C: Connections to trains	1
D: Walked	1
E: Family member affected	2
F: Not applicable	2

Category	Full comments
A	Having to hang around Hexham for 2 1/2 hrs for return journey.
D	I walked to Hexham
A/B	If I go in on the 9 am bus I can't walk around for nearly 3 hours so often pay for a £6 taxi home. We should have a better bus service. The £6 comes out of my pension.
F	It was already too poor to use.

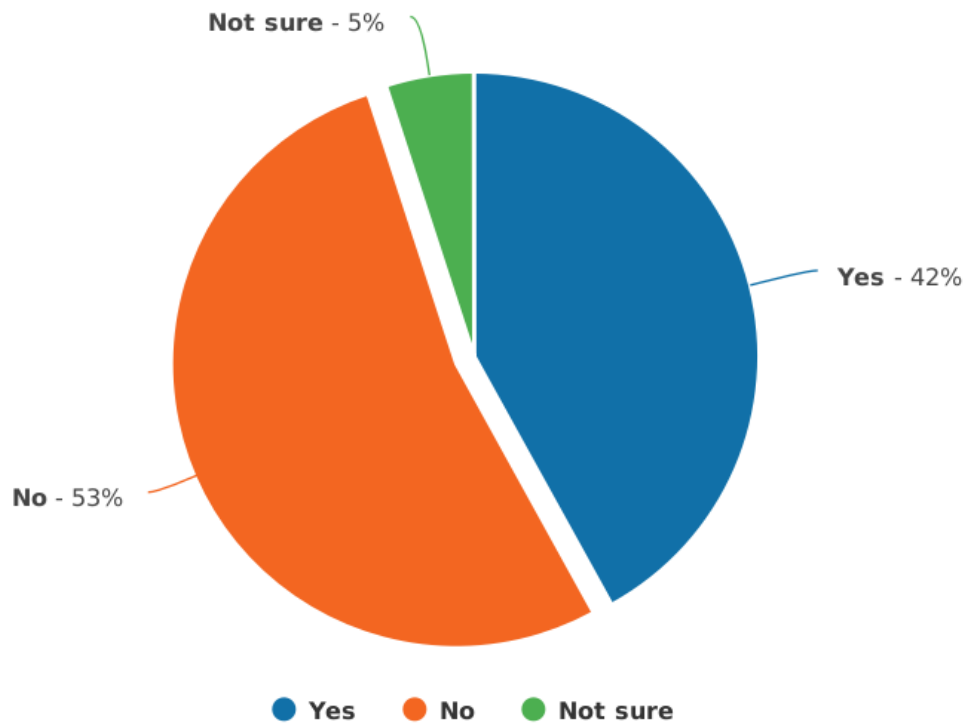
A/B	It was unreliable so used taxis instead.
A	Lack of bus service.
F	Not often
E	Parents and children have.
C/E	Son struggles to get connectipn for train
A	The "service" has meant shopping/ doctor/ dental care, etc., appointments have to be in mornings as afternoon times are so poor.
A	You never know if they will turn up.

Q16a Do you know that Acomb has a Neighbourhood Plan? (Tick, as applies)



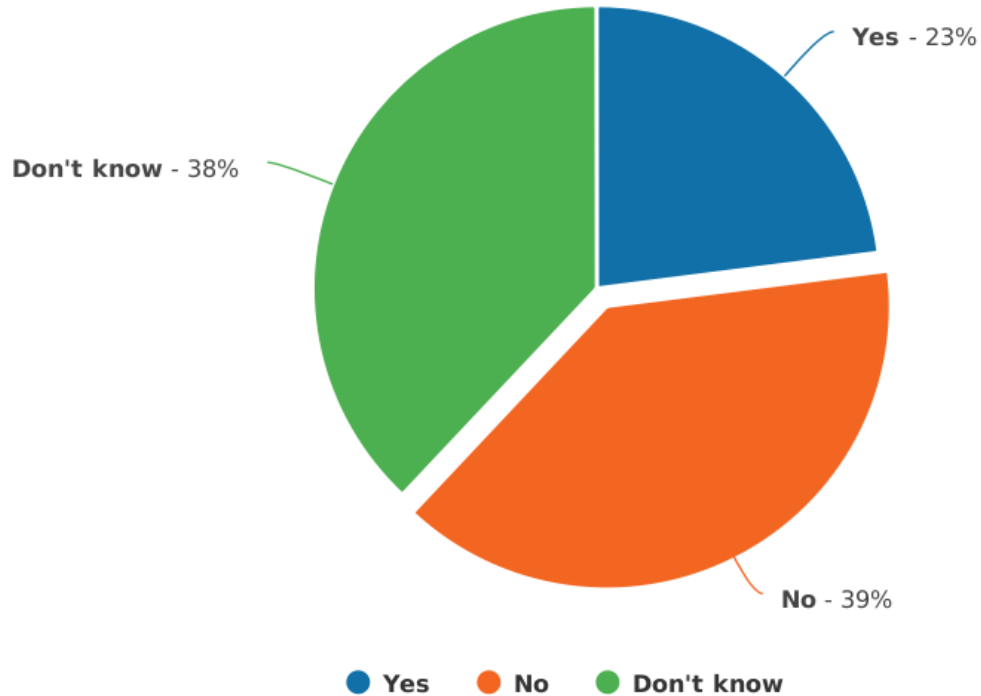
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	44%	96
2	No	<div></div>	42%	93
3	Not sure	<div></div>	14%	31
			answered	220
			skipped	24

Q16b Are you aware that Main Street in Acomb is a Conservation Area? (Tick as applies)



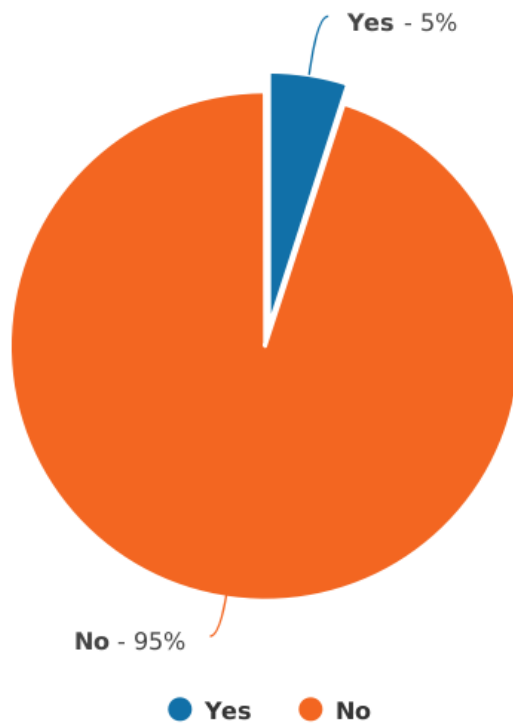
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	42%	101
2	No	<div></div>	53%	126
3	Not sure	<div></div>	5%	11
			answered	238
			skipped	6

Q16c Do you think there is enough affordable housing in Acomb? (Tick as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	23%	55
2	No	<div></div>	39%	93
3	Don't know	<div></div>	38%	90
			answered	238
			skipped	6

**Q16d Are you or anyone else in your household seeking somewhere to live in the village?
(Tick, as applies)**



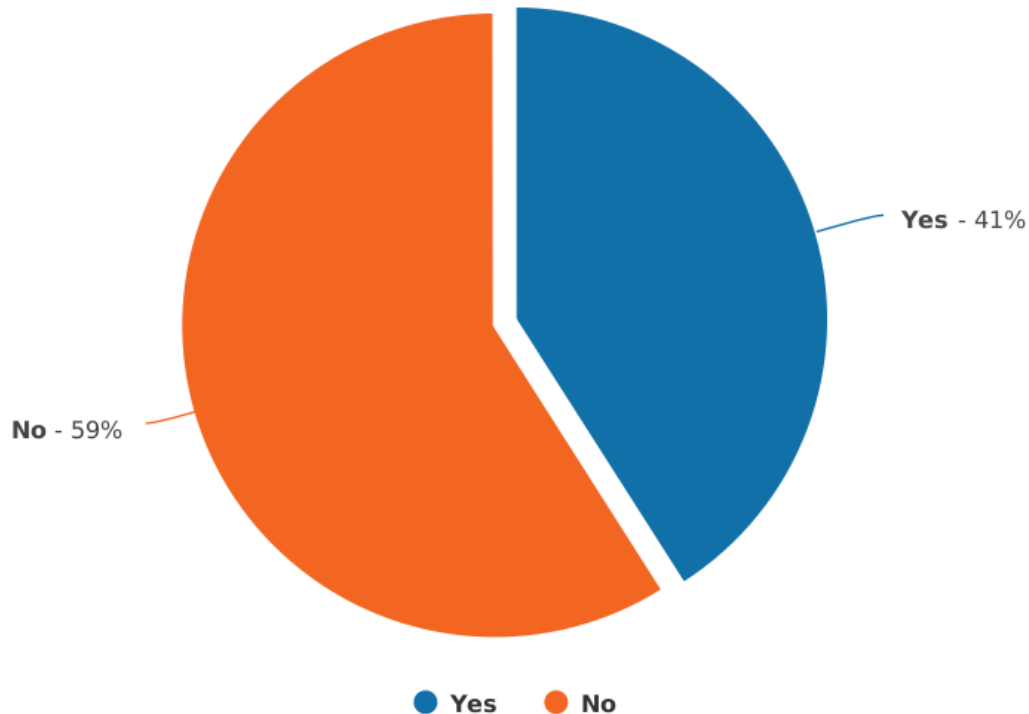
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	5%	13
2	No	<div></div>	95%	225
			answered	238
			skipped	6

Q16e If yes, what size and type of property is needed, e.g. 3 bed house to buy or rent or social housing? (Please state in the box below)

Summary of written answers	Number of comments
A: 1/2 bedroom	6
B: 3/4 bedroom	5
C: Social housing/affordable	6

Category	Full comments
A	2 bedroomed house
B	3 bedroom home to buy
C	I don't really know what type of property is needed, but house prices/rents are very high generally, and it must be particularly difficult for the young or individuals and families on minimum wage or lower incomes. More social housing would be welcome.
B	4 bed house with garage and decent garden
C	social housing
A	2 bed
A/B	All types of houses, including 'cottages', to enable Acomb to be called a village
A	1-2 bed house to rent now. In next year or so looking for 4 bed house to rent or buy if affordable or part of a scheme.
C	2/3 Bed Social housing
B	3 bedroom/4 bedroom social housing
C	Social housing with option to part-purchase and get on housing ladder. Far too many are executive housing with a swap to social housing which is later rescinded.
C	3/4 bedroom Social Housing
C	Bungalow - 1 bed. Has been unable to return to village as outsiders getting higher priority.
A	2/3 bed and garden
A	One or two bed houses or flats / maisonettes ie kitchen - bathroom lounge - bedrooms for 1 / 2 persons especially the young.
B	3-4 bed social housing

Q16f Do you have any concerns about future development in and around Acomb?



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	41%	85
2	No	<div></div>	59%	124
			answered	209
			skipped	35

If Yes, can you explain your concerns in the box below? (81)

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: No more housing outside the existing footprint/concern for overdevelopment	31
B: Not enough infrastructure for more housing	14
C: Mention of Birky Heights +/-	13
D: Individual and/or Affordable housing	9
E: Parking	3

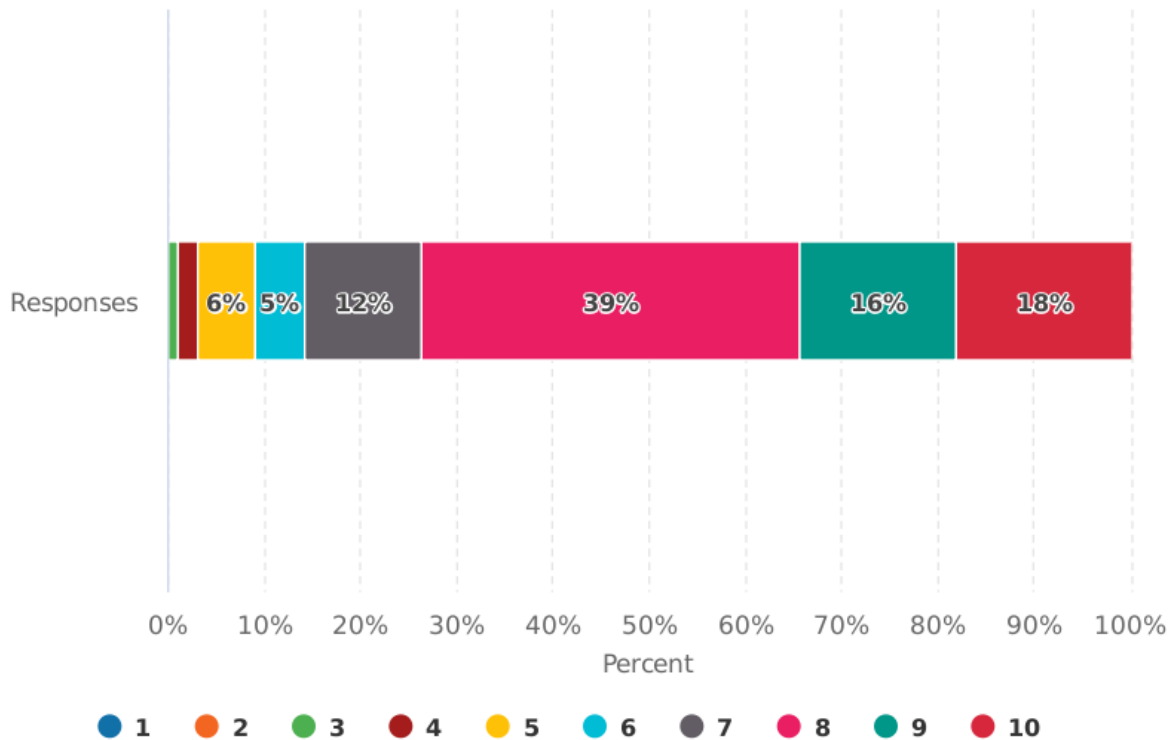
Category	Full comments
B	The village does not seem to have adequate service infrastructure to support expansion.
A	Any development with more than one dwelling should contribute to the village infrastructure- maintenance of roads, village happ, sports ground and pavillion
	*The main issue with Acomb is the pub at the top of Garden House Bank. It needs renovating to look better. Fish shop dangerous having queues on road.
C	I think the Birkey Heights estate is unfitting with the village. I wouldn't like to see more soulless new bulids!

A	However, I wouldn't like to see the village expand outside its current footprint, particularly in view of the limited amenities.
B	Green belt Infrastructure
A	Support development within existing village area, but any spread outside that would diminish the character of Acomb.
C	Most recent developments have not brought enough affordable housing and have been built on unsuitable sites with little regard for local feeling or the concerns of the environment agency or other governing bodies. It is a shame that the county council only seem interested in how much revenue it can collect despite them not addressing the needs of local communities.
A/B	large new housing would overwhelm the current infrastructure and lead to more congested roads. I would be against any major development, small isolated development is beneficial and should be supported where appropriate.
A	I wouldn't want the village to expand outside its current footprint
D	Not if it truly affordable housing or more social housing
A/C	I think Acomb is getting too big. The new housing estate on Garden House Bank doesn't provide affordable houses for Acomb people and shouldn't have been built! I hope no more green spaces will be built upon to provide big, polluting homes. We are in a climate emergency and building houses is a big pollutant. I would like the community group and Parish Council to fight to keep Acomb as it is, small, special and the home of many generations of local people.
A	The spread of Hexham north of the river and joining Acomb/ St John Lee
C	I live in new Avant site - some people are not happy that it has been built
D	We consider there is now adequate new housing in the village for larger more expensive houses. If any houses are to be built they should be affordable houses.
A	There should be no more development outside the current housing area; ie on green field sites, for example, east and south of Garden House Bank, west of the A6079 and land above Morrison Terrace.
A	Any future development needs to be closely examined to ensure it doesn't detract from the rural nature of the village.
C	We don't want any more of Birkey Heights 'affordable ' housing. redefine 'affordable!
A/B	Over development with lack of infrastructure
C	The village is big enough, the new estate developers should have had to contribute far more than they did to the village e.g. fund the MUGA.
A	I am concerned about future developments being in keeping with Acomb's rural, village nature.
A	The village is at capacity when it comes to houses in fact there are now TOO many houses in the village. The main street cannot cope with the number of vehicles that park there. The cross roads at the Queens has cars parked right up against each kerbside - those drivers certainly have forgotten their highway code and it is surprising that there more accidents, and it won't be long before there is a fatality there.
B	the infrastrucutre woud need to be further developed to sustain more housing with drainage systems etc, parking etc
B	The village infrastructure would struggle to sustain any further development
D	i repeat my comment around a 'rural' village. it feels recently as though we have been under siege from the roundabout and developers. parking is now a big problem and any further larger scale developments should be resisted,
C/D	Acomb doesn't need any more big urban developments like Birkley Heights.
C	Acomb had a lovely small village lifestyle, which is why I loved it. Unfortunately, the more

	developments that arise, the lesser that feeling becomes. If another housing development gets built in Acomb, unfortunately I will be looking for another small village. The housing estate on garden house bank I feel has not added to the village, only caused stress and bad feeling between residents and decreased the friendly small feeling of the village.
D	-The ratio of affordable to high end private housing. -More housing putting pressure on the road network. -Off street parking provision for new housing
B	I think future planning needs to ensure that the village facilities/infrastructure can support an increase in population.
	There is a lack of what used to be called council housing.
A	Over building for small village
B	Because the infrastructure will not take any more houses. Acquire land to get cars off Main Street.
A	Concerned about building of houses in fields on A6079 which would obscure the beautiful views out towards the river.
	The village needs a Post Office and Shop.
D/B	Proportion that is affordable. Effect on drainage and potential to increase flood risk.
A	Not to build any more houses and spoil yet another village
	Homes becoming too expensive to buy
	Acomb Parish Field needs to be protected from development.
	What is happening about the MUGA?
A	Possibly_ depending on the development
E	Any development should allow for enough parking.
C/A	There is little space for adding new developments like Birkey Heights without encroaching into farm land and turning Acomb from a village to a large development and loosing its character.
	There needs to be more for children and young people - what happened to the plans for leisure centre on Acomb Field? That would have been amazing.
A	There appears to be some scope for 'rounding off' development to the west of the village; otherwise extension into green fields should be opposed.
	Preseervation of Green Belt.
B	Making Acomb too big for facilities & it just becomes a dormitory village. If it gets too big the Heart & Sole (sic) of the community goes.
A	We have enough new builds now.
A	We don't need any more housing.
	I'm worried about expansion on the green belt around the village
C	Most development ignores the existing landscape and has a negative impact i.e. Birkey Heights
C	We do not need any more. Half a million pound houses or any homes around that price.
	No more houses to take away green spaces.
D	There are some greedy land owners trying to cash in on the "hosing shortage". There should only be ousing allowed on in-fill sites and large gardens.
	Any development on the playing field as it directly impacts on my home. Saying that Im (sic) not against improving the facilities.
A	No future development

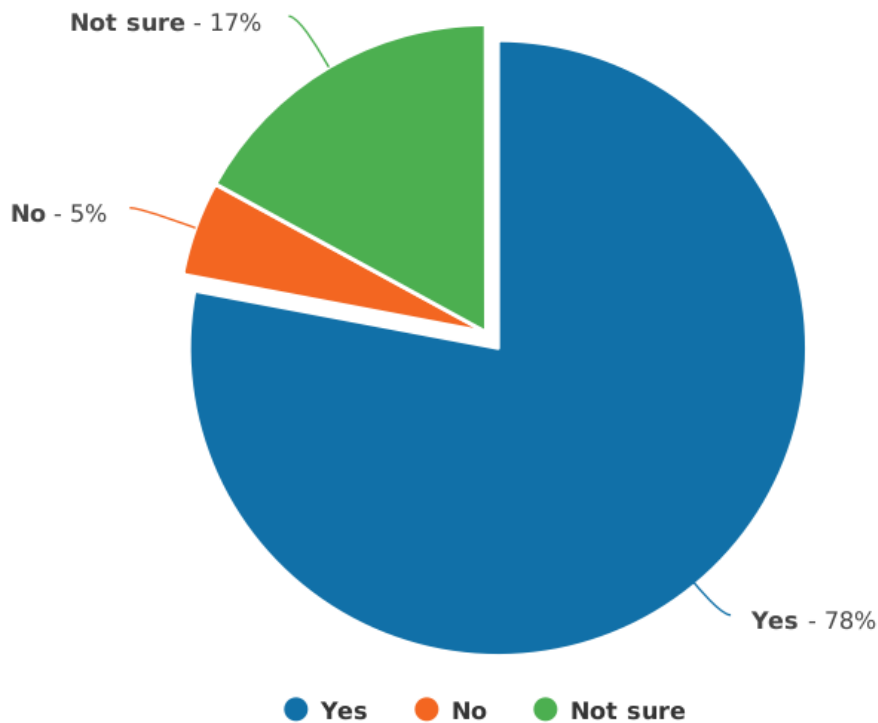
A	Developments need to be more in keeping with character of village and not result in creeping urbanisation.
A	Further development not welcome and would damage character of village
	Any future plans residents views must be listened to. Trees must be protected.
C	Concerned that the field opposite Birkey Heights might turn into housing. Important footpath.
B	Ability of infrastructure to adequately accommodate much further development
D	New builds when made to adhere to planning do their own thing and then pay a small penalty. Planning should be for affordable houses. Some of the wealthy don't contribute to the village. Thankfully this is a few.
A	I'm concerned that future development might not be carbon zero, even though it will need energy efficiency improvements (retrofittive) before 2030.
A/B	Village life disappearing (post office and shop, thank you Vicky for your input). Worried it will get too big with no facilities and more anti-social behaviour as a result.
	Garden House farm infill. Access dangerous and lane too narrow for farm access to proposed field entrance as well as vision to access for housing.
A	Too many expensive property being built. Should be more of the above.
E/B	Acomb is becoming too big with new building. Parking on streets. Lots of new families - no doctors/post office/shop
C	Don't want to see any more housing estates built taking over green belt areas
E	Car problems steadily increases
B	The infrastructure is at capacity at the moment
D	I foresee further housing applications and think that "affordable" housing costs are exorbitant.
A	Village too small for more housing and need to protect and preserve green areas
A	Village already big enough
A	Acomb is a small village - it should remain so.
	Would not like to lose "village feel".
A	Proximity to the A69 and Hexham could result in future pressure to build more house in Acomb. Future proposals, if forthcoming, for housing off Garden House Bank would result in more traffic and burden on school roll.
A	Too much housebuilding + increased traffic. Houses which have been built provide no real affordable housing + make it difficult for young people to stay in the village.

And finally Q17a How would you rate living in Acomb? (Please tick, with 10 being the highest rating)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	1		0%	1
2	2		0%	1
3	3		1%	2
4	4		2%	4
5	5		6%	15
6	6		5%	12
7	7		12%	28
8	8		39%	93
9	9		16%	39
10	10		18%	43
			answered	238
			skipped	6

Q17b Would you recommend Acomb to family and friends as a place to live? (Tick as applies)



Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	<div></div>	78%	184
2	No	<div></div>	5%	12
3	Not sure	<div></div>	17%	40
			answered	236
			skipped	8
Please expand on your answer in the box below (50)				

Categories of comments	Number of comments
A: Good place to live	26
B: Needs more infrastructure (PO/Shop/café/facilities for children etc)	12
C: Access to Hexham good	4
D: Links to Hexham (public transport) bad	3
E: Countryside	4
F: Would not recommend	7

Category	Full comments
B/D	The links to Hexham aren't regular so living in the village may be isolating. Additionally there are no prominent facilities in Acomb like a regular cafe and a shop so individual cannot socialise. overall I think Acomb is more of a commuter village.
D	Sadly, I would have to say I do not know! The village is not as it was. It has lost it's charm and the influx of selfish individuals only

	<p>compounds that issue</p> <p>Trying to "townify" a country village does work. Embrace it's charms and traditions, build on these and encourage those to engage.</p> <p>Stop trying to modernise and sterilise the village.</p>
B	We need more in the village. Definitely a Post Office and a shop. I'd really like to see a Keep Fit class or a Slimming World in the village hall.
A	It is a friendly community situated with good access to the countryside.
A	i saw how happy my parents are here over 12 years and after the pandemic i needed to be closer to them
A	My family do live in Acomb.
F	My sister preferred to move back to Newcastle
A/C	Quiet - little traffic noise. Easy access to Hexham & Newcastle. Good golf facilities nearby.
F	Not sure that the Village itself is a great place to live. It is pretty scruffy
A	For now...as long as the village doesn't become too overdeveloped.
A	I don't live in the village, so my viewpoint is skewed to someone living on the boundary, where it is very quiet and away from the facilities, I would not advise anyone based on my own experience.
A	Pleasant friendly village to live in
A	<p>Very peaceful and quiet</p> <p>Good place to live</p> <p>Nice neighbourhood</p>
A	Acomb is a great place to live. The school is good, the people are friendly. It feels like a close knit community, the surrounding countryside is beautiful and easily accessible without a car. The park, field and Village Hall are good too.
B	Just needs better pubs, nice place to dine out, more walks.
F	We might have done (ie sought somewhere to live in the village) if made to feel welcome!
B	A nice cafe, an upmarket pub + a post office would improve the village + something needs to be done with the sports pavilion!
A	It's better than Hexham.
A/B/D	<p>Its a lovely clean safe village, nice people but the issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lack of facilities for children and young people - Poor bus service - not frequent enough + don't run late enough - lack of shops - if you don't drive your stuck as bus isn't that frequent and its long walk to Hexham.
A/C	<p>17a - So far.</p> <p>17b -Close to Hexham.</p>
A	Blissful! Love it here!
A/E	Good mix of people, amenities & countryside.
F	There is nothing in the village now.
C	I am unaware that Acomb has anything special to offer other than being close to Hexham
	We've only been here 2 years and are still getting to know people and the place
F	Nothing left in the village.
A	Mostly nice people and quiet place to live.
A	People in Acomb are friendly and kind and helpful.
A/E	Lovely countryside and lots of lovely walks nearby. Good pubs in the village. Friendly locals.
A/B	Very friendly. Would benefit from a shop, more services
A/B	I'd recommend Acomb but make aware of shortcomings - inadequate bus service and no village shop.

A/B/E	Acomb is a pleasant village, friendly people and surrounded by lovely countryside but not wholly suitable if relying on public transport. We no longer have a village shop / P.O. which has made life difficult. The P.O. van only comes twice week.
A	Lovely place to live.
	No because I don't want it to expand too much so we don't know out neighbours. A little selfish I know but honest.
A/C	It's quiet, close to Hexham and friendly
	17a used to be a 10 box.
	Pity Parish Council does not want to have dialogue with residents. Communication at PC meetings puts me off from participating.
F	No longer feels like a village community more like a suburb
B	No facilities. Dirty unkempt village. Very disappointing/
F	Work on A69 Hexham roundabout has been terrible for residents
A	I think it's a great place to raise a family - feel safe and when ours were growing up we felt that we had more control because they lived in a village.
	It's a personal choice on what you want from where you live.
A/E	Having lived in a number of locations in the Tyne Valley including Wylam, Matfen, Ponteland and Humshaugh I would rate Acomb highly in terms of access to the trunk road network, Newcastle/Gateshead and Hexham. Access to the local countryside for walking is very good. Generally the appearance of the physical environment is good save perhaps for the number of parked vehicles on Main Street. Time for some form of parking restriction/traffic management here?
A	Attractive and historic village with a natural Community Spirit. Friendly and supportive neighbours.
B	Save Post Office and shop
B	NEED the Post Office and shop, therefore an 8. Would be 10 if we had the PO and shop.
B	Not enough facilities for older residents without car.
A	Acomb is a very nice place to live. The people are friendly.







Q17c If you have any further comments about living in Acomb, please record them in the box below.

Summary of written answers	Number of comments
A: Parking	3
B: Refurbishment village assets	1
C: Happy to live in Acomb	8
D: Some parts of village disconnected	3
E: Lack of facilities	2











Category	Full comments
D	The village seems to struggle to establish a good sense of community. A large part of the village, especially Millersfield seems disconnected from the rest of the village, as does those of us down on the A6079.
C	It is a very pleasant village and we should be proud of where we live and continue to maintain it so that it encourages others to want to live here. Thanks for all you do.
A	Green spaces across from the village hall in Millersfield should be converted into parking as it would alleviate the issue of parking for the residents and the individuals who use the village hall.
	Parish Council is very active.
B	Modernisation of the Village Hall and Sports Pavillion needs to be undertaken. Acomb is one of the few villages in Northumberland that has not modernised its Village Hall or built a new Village Hall in the past 20 years. A dowdy interior, old fashioned and inadequate kitchen and toilets puts people off attending activities in the Village Hall.
C	Since we moved to Acomb, we have found it a safe and pleasant place to live, with friendly and welcoming people.
C	We love it, beautiful location and lots of good people.
	20 years ago it was an absolute pleasure to live in this village. Sadly for family related reasons I am not able to relocate currently but when I can, I will
E	Lack of facilities. New Hexham roundabout likely made the Acomb turn off more dangerous. Unsightly. Higher Council Tax due to parish council.
C	Acomb is a popular place for people to live.
A	There is a serious issue with parking, all parts of the village needs extra parking bays added.
C	Very happy & pleased so far.
E	Let's make facilities fab and excellent for all to use!
	It would be very helpful if the gutters during winter weather did not stop at the Pant. I recommend that they come up as far as the school. I know there is a salt/sand box at school but have you seen the state of it.
	let's get serious about walking and cycling and create a decent, safe, traffic free route from Acomb to Hexham. A route that avoids the hazardous A6079 at Acomb and the busy noisy, dirty Hexham Bridge. This requires 1. a hard surface track through the right of way field at the bottom of Garden House Bank thus avoiding the A6079 and 2. a foot bridge for pedestrians/cyclists over the Tyne accessed from Hermitage Road to the Tyne

	Green thus avoiding Hexham Road Bridge. Acomb put pressure on Northumberland C.C. to comply. As a cyclist I would be eternally grateful.
D	It is a pleasant village but feels cut off from Hexham due to lack of facilities and very poor bus service. This is a shame as Hexham is only 2 1/2 miles away. Bus fares are expensive. To live here you need a car.
	I've lived (lodged) in Acomb since July 2019 while I've been looking for accommodation in Hexham.
C	We are a village - do not wish to be annexed to Hexham. I chose to live in a village and would not like to see it expand much more.
	people have no respect for others. Children no respect. Just have a look at other villages!
	Living on a hill does make for difficulties
C	We love living here but due to our son's needs are likely to move to Hexham in the next few years.
A	Although a difficult problem to solve, the number of cars parked on Main Street is definitely off-putting.
A	The village green and Pant area is an important + historic part of the village but sometimes and increasingly seems to be no more than a car park. Older members and more vulnerable people in the community as well as visitors are no longer able to sit on the seats as they are frequently blocked by cars.
D	Save Post Office and shop.
C	Have lived in Acomb 31 years+ and been very happy in every way.






Q18c Which of the following best describes your personal working situation? If you are working from home temporarily due to the Covid restrictions, please answer thinking about your situation when the restrictions are lifted. (Please tick as applies)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	I work from home		17%	39
2	I work elsewhere in the village		2%	4
3	I work in Hexham		15%	36
4	I work elsewhere		19%	45
5	I am not currently working		3%	6
6	I am retired		50%	118
			answered	234
			skipped	10

Q18d Thinking about other people in your household, please tick as many as apply from the list below.

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	No one else lives in my household		31%	71
2	Someone else in my household works from home		16%	36
3	Someone else in my household works somewhere else in the village		3%	7
4	Someone else in my household works in Hexham		9%	20
5	Someone else works elsewhere		16%	36
6	Nobody else in my household is currently working		7%	16
7	Someone else in my household is retired		25%	57
8	A child in my household attends Acomb First School or Little Oaks		5%	12
9	A child in my household attends a school in Hexham		13%	29
10	A child in my household attends a school elsewhere		4%	9
			answered	228
			skipped	16



Q18e What is your ethnic group? (We are only asking this question as knowing this information can sometimes help with grant funding discussions.) (Please tick as applies)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	White British		97%	225
2	White Irish		1%	2
3	Other white		1%	2
4	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		0%	0
5	Asian/Asian British		0%	1
6	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British		0%	0
7	Arab		0%	0
8	Any other ethnic group		0%	1

Q18f How old are those living in your household? (Please state number against age bracket)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	0 - 2 yrs.		2.63%	6
2	3 - 5 yrs.		5.70%	13
3	6 – 9 yrs.		7.89%	18
4	10 – 12 yrs.		4.39%	10
5	13 – 18 yrs.		10.53%	24
6	19 – 29 yrs.		8.77%	20
7	30 – 39 yrs.		14.47%	33
8	40 – 49 yrs.		13.60%	31
9	50 – 59 yrs		21.05%	48
10	60 – 69 yrs		29.82%	68
11	70 - 79 yrs.		25.88%	59
12	80 - 89 yrs.		14.47%	33
13	90 and over		2.63%	6
			answered	228
			skipped	16

Are you male or female?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		46%	100
2	Female		54%	117
			answered	217
			skipped	27