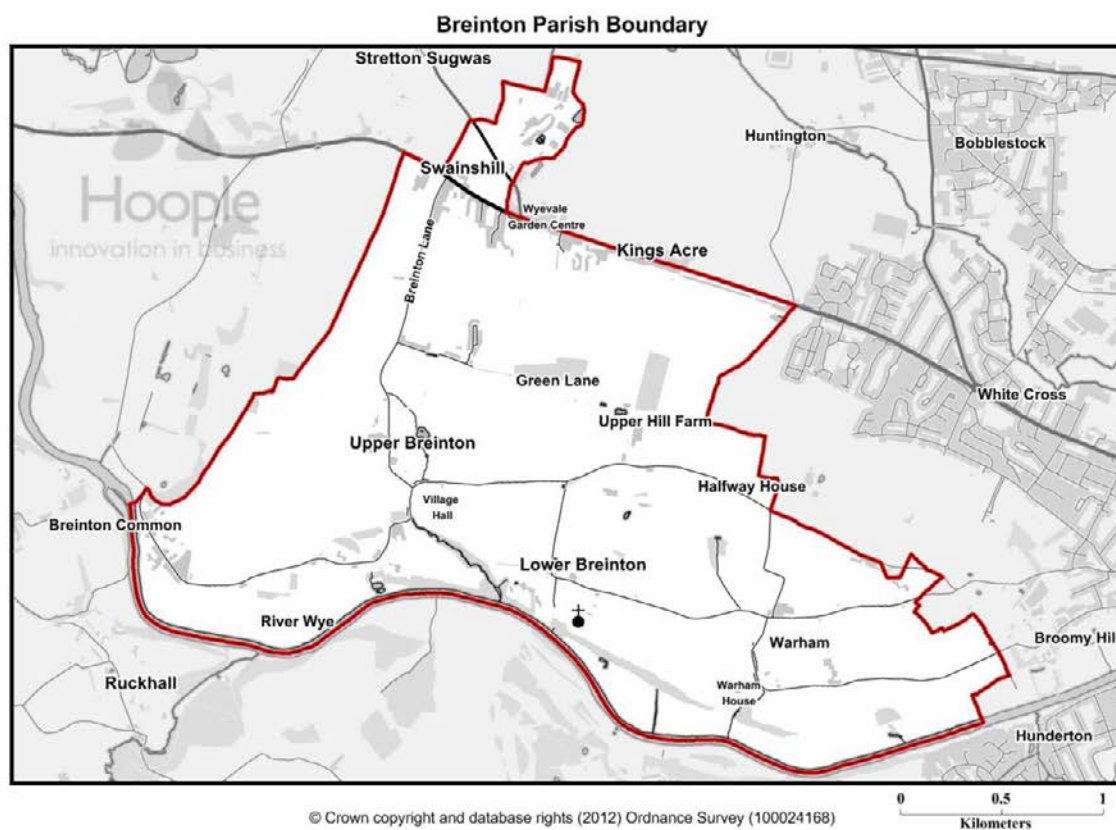


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Issue 2.2

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About this report

This issue of the report has been prepared by Tony Cramp. It enhances the basic report provided by Herefordshire Council Research Team by the inclusion of a narrative describing the findings of the survey, summaries of the free text comments and additional analysis of the results of the survey. For full lists of comments made (anonymised to remove any personally identifiable information), see the separate document: 'Breinton Community Led Planning Questionnaire - full list of comments'.

Version History

Issue 2.1

First issue of enhanced report

Issue 2.2

Added Breinton population figures from census 2011 and commentary about representation of different age bands. See Q28 in adult questionnaire and Q7 in young people's questionnaire.

Also added further analysis of Q15, tenure of new homes, if any.

Presentation of results

Where percentages are used, they are rounded to the nearest whole number. The "base" is the sample base from which the percentages are calculated. In most cases the base is all respondents to that particular question. Any variation from this is noted and explained in the report. As a general principle if more than around 10% of survey respondents did not answer a question then the base used instead is the total number of respondents to the survey, however each question has been treated on its own merits. In cases where the question only requires certain respondents to the survey to answer the question then the base used is the number of respondents to the question. In any case where the total respondents to the survey has been used as the base this is indicated in a note beside that question.

Note that if respondents could select more than one answer to a particular question, the percentages may add up to more than 100%.

Important Disclaimer

Whilst great care has been taken with the analysis and commentary, Tony Cramp can accept no responsibility for errors or omissions.

Key Findings

The Survey

Community led plan questionnaires were delivered to every household in Breinton Parish in February 2013. A copy of the adult version of the questionnaire was provided for each adult over 18 and a young person's questionnaire for each resident aged 6 to 17 years.

By the closing date of 25th February, 478 adult and 52 young person's questionnaires had been completed giving a response rate of 66% of those aged 18 and over and 62% of 6 to 17 year olds (according to 2011 census).

Of the adult questionnaires completed, 47% were by men and 53% by women, they were divided approximately equally between those who lived in the Kings Acre Road area and those elsewhere in the parish, and 60% were from residents who had lived in Breinton for over 10 years.

Roads, road safety and travel

The car was overwhelmingly the most commonly used means of transport with over three quarters (77%) of survey respondents using it daily and a further 14% weekly while just 1% of respondents indicated that they never used a car. Over a quarter of respondents walked daily.

9% of respondents have problems resulting from lack of transport, most commonly due to the bus service being too infrequent, especially in the evenings and weekends.

Most people (61%) would not use a scheme to make private transport more accessible, however just over a quarter (27%) would use a community transport scheme.

Over 60% of respondents believe there are serious traffic or road safety issues in Breinton. These were most commonly speeding vehicles or poor road conditions (potholes). A similar proportion would like to see the Parish Council lobby for speed restrictions or other traffic calming measures. About half the comments on this topic (about a quarter of all survey respondents) wanted to see speed restrictions either throughout Breinton or in specific places, such as Kings Acre Road or some or all of the rural lanes in Breinton.

Around three quarters of residents would like the Parish Council to push for cycleways.

Future uses of land, and housing

Residents considered it important that Breinton retains its rural character, with 78% who said it's very important and a further 16% fairly important. This was particularly so for residents in areas other than the Kings Acre Road area, of whom 85% said it was very important compared with 69% of residents of the Kings Acre Road area.

Almost four out of five residents agreed with the Parish Council opposing the relief road.

There was very strong, virtually universal, support for using the land for agricultural purposes while a majority were opposed to commercial or light industrial uses especially distribution / warehousing though less so for small offices. There was more support than opposition for tourism uses while housing and second homes were, on balance, not considered appropriate use of the land.

When asked for their views if there were to be new housing, as existing plans identified, around a third said there should be no new housing, while 44% said there should be some limit. Around two thirds expressed the view that any new housing should be on previously used sites and a similar number said it was preferable that it should be based on conversion of redundant buildings where possible.

Nearly two thirds of respondents felt that any new housing should be for people with local connections and family homes with three or more bedrooms were the size preferred by nearly half of respondents. A similar proportion also indicated that new homes should be adapted for easy access.

Nearly three quarters of respondents would want any new homes built to be available to buy on the open market and a large majority (71%) favoured a traditional design. Two thirds of respondents would want them to be of high energy saving standards, exceeding current government targets.

Facilities, services, leisure and environment

Nearly half of the respondents said they would use cycle paths if they were provided locally and over a third would be interested in resource sharing schemes such as bulk buying of fuel.

The village hall was used by over half (56%) of respondents at least occasionally while fewer people used the St Michael's Church (46%). Whilst overall 54% said they have never used the Church amongst those who have lived in Breinton for 5 years or less, four fifths or 80% have never used it.

Musical concerts, exercise classes and car boot sales were amongst the most popular additional activities that people would use if provided at the Church or Village Hall, each selected by around a third of respondents.

The most common reasons cited amongst those who do not use organised leisure facilities in Breinton was that they do not match their interests (56%), that they use facilities elsewhere (37%) or that they were not aware of them (27%). Common amongst the other reasons given was a lack of time due to work or family commitments.

Around one in ten people had problems with fuel costs and a similar number with gardening, decorating or DIY.

A large proportion, around four fifths, of respondents were very or fairly concerned with illegal dumping and litter in the parish and a majority (around two thirds) expressed concern about each of the other topics listed – dog fouling, burglary/theft and vandalism. About half the residents who responded were concerned about all five of the issues listed and there was an indication that those aged over 65 were more likely than younger people to be concerned about all five issues.

Communication

Over three quarters (78%) of respondents used the internet including 96% of those aged under 45 years, and over half of those who used it found their activities restricted by slow broadband speeds.

Around one in ten residents found the Parish Council website useful, while nearly half hadn't used it and a further 39% were unaware of it.

A majority of over three quarters of residents found Teamtalk useful and around two thirds preferred to be kept informed about Parish Council and Local government business by reports within it.

Young people's questionnaire

Amongst young people (aged 6 – 17), spending time with their friends and playing computer games / using the internet was the most popular spare time activity.

Three quarters of young people would like to see safer cycle routes and over half would like to see a safe playground and a similar number, a sports pitch.

Improved bus services and cycle routes were the predominant suggestion amongst younger people to make transport better.

Results

Breinton parish community led plan questionnaires were distributed to each household in the parish in early February 2013. Each person aged 18 or over was invited to complete the adult questionnaire and those aged from 6 to 17, a young person's questionnaire. By asking each household how many of each type were required, an appropriate number of each were provided. In total, 634 adult questionnaires were distributed and a further 94 of the young peoples' version. To encourage people to respond, a prize draw of £50 was offered to those who filled in contact details on a separate sheet at the back of the questionnaire. In addition, a separate contact sheet was included for people who wished to provide personal contact information for any offers of help they wished to make. The completed questionnaires were collected by hand from each household between 9th and 25th February 2013. As an alternative respondents could return the forms to the Parish Council. The closing date was 25th February 2013.

Response rate:

There were 478 completed questionnaires returned, giving a response rate of 66% of adult residents based on the population of the parish aged 18 years and over according to the 2011 census. There was a total of 52 young people's questionnaires returned giving a response rate of 62% using the 2011 census population of 6 to 17 year olds.

Roads, road safety and travel

Q1. What means of transport do you use, and how often?

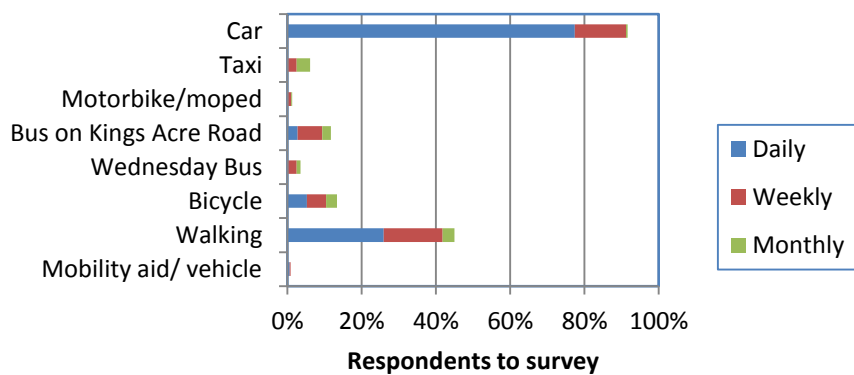
The questionnaire asked which of a list of means of transport people used and how often. The tables below show the detailed usage of each method.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasio- nally	Never	Total resp.	Base*	Not ans.
Car	370	66	2	12	3	453	478	25
Taxi	1	11	17	153	84	266	478	212
Motorbike/moped	1	4	1	4	225	235	478	243
Bus on Kings Acre Road	13	32	11	99	146	301	478	177
Wednesday Bus	1	11	5	21	206	244	478	234
Bicycle	25	25	14	93	120	277	478	201
Walking	124	76	15	91	22	328	478	150
Mobility aid/ vehicle	3	1	0	3	230	237	478	241

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasio- nally	Never
Car	77%	14%	0%	3%	1%
Taxi	0%	2%	4%	32%	18%
Motorbike/moped	0%	1%	0%	1%	47%
Bus on Kings Acre Road	3%	7%	2%	21%	31%
Wednesday Bus	0%	2%	1%	4%	43%
Bicycle	5%	5%	3%	19%	25%
Walking	26%	16%	3%	19%	5%
Mobility aid/ vehicle	1%	0%	0%	1%	48%

Note: *Base=Total survey respondents

Q1. What means of transport do you use, and how often?



The car was overwhelmingly the most commonly used means of transport with over three quarters (77%) of survey respondents using it daily¹ and a further 14% weekly². Just 1% of respondents indicated that they never used a car³.

Walking was the next most frequently used method with over a quarter (26%) of respondents walking daily⁴ and a further 16% who walked weekly⁵. Cycling was used as a means of transport by 5% of people on a daily basis and a further 5% weekly⁶, while the Kings Acre Road

bus is used daily by 3% of respondents and by 7% weekly.

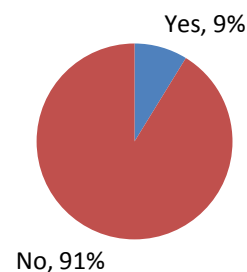
Perhaps unsurprisingly, the majority (around four fifths) of those who used the bus on Kings Acre Road (KAR), lived in the KAR area⁷. However, the proportion walking as a means of transport monthly or more frequently was similar for those who lived in the KAR area and those who lived in the rest of the parish⁸.

It should be noted that with the exception of the car option, a substantial proportion of respondents to the survey chose not to answer some options. For this reason, and to enable comparison of the frequency of usage of each means of transport, the number of respondents to the survey (478) was used as a base when calculating the percentages shown in the table above (rather than the respondents to each question).

Q2. Do you currently have any problems resulting from lack of transport?

	No.	%
Yes	41	9%
No	426	91%
Total respondents	467	
Not answered	11	

Q2. Do you currently have any problems resulting from lack of transport?



People were asked to indicate if they experienced any problems due to a lack of transport.

A large majority (91%) of respondents do not experience problems resulting from lack of transport⁹, however for around one in eleven people (9%) this does lead to problems¹⁰.

There is a suggestion that this was more likely to be a problem for those who lived in areas of Breinton other than the Kings Acre Road area¹¹.

¹ 1a 77% use car daily

² 1b 14% use car weekly

³ 1c 1% never use car

⁴ 1d 26% walk daily

⁵ 1e 16% walk weekly

⁶ 1f Cycling used by 5% daily and further 5% weekly

⁷ 1g Around 80% who use bus live on Kings Acre Road

⁸ 1h Numbers who walk regularly not affected by location in Breinton

⁹ 2a 91% do not have problems with lack of transport

¹⁰ 2b 9% have problems with lack of transport

¹¹ 2c People with problems with lack of transport more likely to live away from Kings Acre Road

Q3. If you ticked 'yes' in Q2, how does the lack of transport affect you? Please tell us in the box below.

Those respondents affected by a lack of transport, were asked to elaborate; 51 respondents did so¹².

Around half of the comments described the bus service as being too infrequent, particularly in the evenings and at weekends, but also during the day¹³. For a few, there was the added difficulty of getting to the main road¹⁴. Several people expressed the desire to be able to use a bus to avoid the expense and/or ecological consequences of using a car (and for some, the need to have more than one car in the household) but the service on offer made this impractical. Around a third of the comments, voiced concern that they were very dependent on their cars which led to difficulties when they were not road worthy or were in for servicing, and a few people were worried for the future when they might no longer be able to drive.

Suggestions¹⁵ to improve the situation included a regular bus stop at the end of Breinton Lane, improved publicising of the services which are available (such as the Wednesday service through Breinton) and a service to and from one of the local supermarkets.

Typical comments included:

There is very little provision for buses at the moment which means we have no alternative other than car and bike...(Lower Breinton).

Evening buses are now very limited on Kings Acre Road. (Kings Acre Road area).

I would prefer to go into town by bus, but the lack of public transport precludes this. (Kings Acre Road area).

I would use the bus if I could get to the main Brecon Road. At the moment the weekly bus through Breinton Common operates far too short a time and is not always convenient. There will come a time when I am no longer able to use the car. (Breinton Common).

Limited bus service after 6:30p.m, no early bus on Saturday and bank holiday - we still have to go to work (Kings Acre Road area).

If my car needs servicing/repairs etc., I have to rely on taxis, as walking to bus stop on Kings Acre Road is not practicable with a toddler (Lower Breinton).

Extra expense of funding a car, e.g. fuel, tax etc. Extra time, stress and expense parking in Hereford. Due to parking restrictions, there is a limit on time then available to spend in town. Unnecessary excess pollution due to many vehicles being used since there is no public transport. It would encourage social interaction and enable those unable or too old to drive with the opportunity to go out etc. (Lower Breinton)

Q4. If you would USE a scheme to make private transport more accessible, please indicate solutions that appeal to you: (Please tick all boxes that apply)

	No.	%
Car sharing (privately)	69	16%
Car sharing (run through a garage)	25	6%
Community transport scheme	116	27%
Would not use a private transport scheme	259	61%
Total respondents	423	
Not answered	55	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

¹² 3a 51 respondents gave more detail on problems with lack of transport

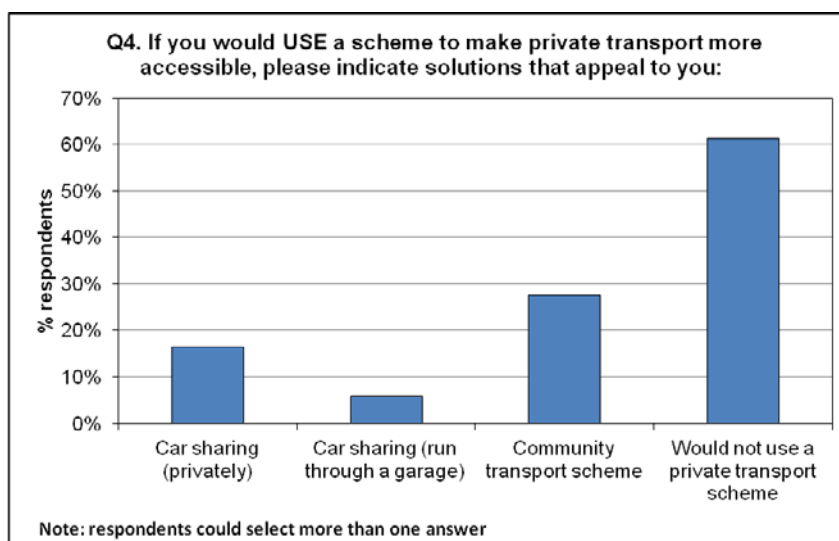
¹³ 3b At least 25 people considered bus service inadequate

¹⁴ 3c Some people cannot get to the main road for the bus

¹⁵ 3d Suggestions for improvement

When asked about their willingness to use a private scheme to make transport more accessible, overall, a majority (61%) of respondents said that they would not use such a scheme¹⁶. This view was similar for both males and females.

Of the three schemes suggested, a community transport scheme was the most popular with over a quarter (27%) of respondents indicating that they would use such a scheme¹⁷. The results suggested that women were a little more inclined than men to use this scheme with around 30% of women who answered this question being prepared to use the scheme compared with a little over 20% of men.



A minority of 16%, or about one in six of the respondents, would use a private car sharing scheme¹⁸ but there was less enthusiasm for a car sharing scheme run through a garage with just 6% prepared to use such a scheme¹⁹.

Q5. Do you think there are any serious traffic or road safety problems in Breinton?

	No.	%
Yes	287	62%
No	122	26%
No opinion	53	11%
Total respondents	462	
Not answered	16	

The survey sought residents' views on serious traffic or road safety problems in Breinton. Whilst about one in ten people who answered this question had no opinion, a large majority (62%) felt that there were serious traffic or safety problems²⁰ compared with just over a quarter (26%) who did not²¹.



¹⁶ 4a 61% would not use a private scheme to make transport more accessible

¹⁷ 4b 27% would use a community transport scheme (30% women, 20% men)

¹⁸ 4c 16% would use a private car sharing scheme

¹⁹ 4d 6% would use a car sharing scheme through a garage

²⁰ 5a 62% perceived serious traffic or safety problems

²¹ 5b 26% did not perceive serious traffic or safety problems

Q6. If you ticked 'yes' in Q5, please briefly describe the nature and location of the problem(s) in the box below:

Those people who felt there was a serious problem were asked to describe the nature and location of the problem(s). A total of 283 respondents or nearly 60% of the respondents to the survey made comments, many of which included multiple points.

The two concerns that were overwhelmingly voiced were speeding traffic and the state of the road surfaces or more specifically, the presence of potholes.

Around half the people making comments (nearly a third of all respondents to the survey) described speeding traffic as a problem²². In most cases no particular area was given but over 20 people mentioned Kings Acre Road specifically²³, over half as many singled out Breinton Lane²⁴ and a similar number referred to the "lanes" more generally²⁵. Most of these comments didn't suggest what they would like to see as a solution, but over 20 people said they would like to see greater speed restrictions with Kings Acre Road and Breinton Lane frequently mentioned as examples.

A number of comments highlighted the risks of speeding vehicles to cyclists, pedestrians, including children, animals and other road users. Several comments suggested that farm vehicles or tractors were amongst those travelling too fast.

Some typical comments included:

Traffic moves far too quickly in all areas of Breinton. Speed limits would be helpful.

When walking down Breinton Lane, some vehicles are being driven too fast!

Kings Acre Road speed limit is not adhered to. "40" should mean "40". More speed monitoring is needed. (Wyevale onwards out of town).

Speed at which traffic (especially farm vehicles) using Kings Acre end of Breinton Lane before turning onto Kings Acre Road which has a speed restriction, but in the lane there is no speed restriction.

Speed - excessive around our lanes, 60mph limit is not appropriate for the lanes around Breinton...

The second dominant theme, identified by nearly half those raising a concern (or over a quarter of all respondents to the survey), were potholes and the state of road surfaces more generally²⁶. The majority of these were non-specific about where these problems occurred, frequently saying that they were widespread across the parish, but of the quarter (over 30) which named specific areas; Kings Acre Road, Breinton Lane, near Breinton Manor farm and Green lane²⁷ all received several mentions. Several people expressed their concern for cyclists (or motorcyclists) required to negotiate the potholes (and in one case a cyclist coming off his bike and being taken to hospital), and also concern for their vehicles.

The comments included the following:

Potholes everywhere !

Road surface generally, particularly potholes and large holes on the edge of the road.

Serious potholes in road - concerned that these will either cause an accident with people trying to avoid them or hitting one of them will damage my car.

Around 10 people cited the Breinton Lee junction with Kings Acre road as a concern due to visibility being impaired by parked cars in a layby²⁸. Some of these comments also stated a similar problem with the Wyevale garden centre entrance opposite. For example:

Junction of Breinton Lee/Wyevale with Kings Acre Rd. Very poor visibility, vehicles in layby.

²² 6a Around 30% identified speeding traffic as a problem

²³ 6b 20 people mentioned speeding on Kings Acre Road

²⁴ 6c Around 10 people mentioned speeding in Breinton Lane

²⁵ 6d Around 10 people mentioned speeding in the "lanes" in general

²⁶ 6e Over 25% mentioned potholes and road surfaces

²⁷ 6f Locations included Kings Acre Road, Breinton Lane, near Breinton Manor, Green Lane

²⁸ 6g 10 people identified concern over the junction of Kings Acre Road with Breinton Lee and/or Wyevale garden Centre

Mud on roads either carried by farm vehicles or as a result of people driving on verges to pass, and water running off fields or as a result of poor drainage due to insufficient maintenance of slips and culverts was a concern expressed by a dozen or so respondents²⁹. Another comment described the damage being done to verges and the impact that has on walkers. For example:

Oversize (usually) farm vehicles 'widening' roads. Wet roads from water pouring off fields/poor drainage/culverts/slips/drains. Damaged pipework. Mud extending on to roads from un-stoned farm entrances/building work.

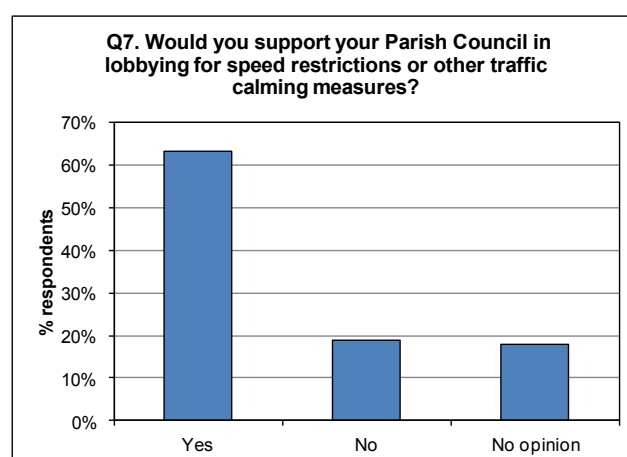
Walkers are no longer safe. Large vehicles take up the whole road & vehicles travel far too fast. The verges are cut up and no longer provide refuge...

A number of comments described how the traffic on Kings Acre Road has been getting increasingly heavier and making it unsafe for cyclists and more difficult for pedestrians³⁰.

There was a wide range of other topics and issues, each mentioned by a few people these include: the need for more maintenance of hedges to improve visibility (and clearing the clippings from the roads)³¹, the introduction of more cycle paths³², more passing spaces in the narrow lanes³³, increased gritting required in winter³⁴, the recommendation that cyclists and pedestrians wear more high visibility clothing³⁵ since they are difficult to see and the provision of salt boxes at the bottom of the hill by Wadworth Cottage³⁶.

Q7. Would you support your Parish Council in lobbying for speed restrictions or other traffic calming measures?

	No.	%
Yes	294	63%
No	88	19%
No opinion	83	18%
Total respondents	465	
Not answered	13	



This question asked if people would support their Parish Council lobbying either for speed restrictions or other methods to calm traffic. A majority (63%) of respondents would support their Parish Council in this action³⁷, while fewer than a fifth would not and a similar number had no opinion.

These responses varied little between males and females and were also similar for those living in the Kings Acre Road area to those who lived in other areas of the parish overall.

Q8. If you ticked 'yes' in Q7, please indicate where measures are needed and what you think they should be in the box below.

²⁹ 6h Around 12 people identified damage to verges and mud on roads due to wide vehicles, or poor farm practices, or speeding vehicles

³⁰ 6i Some people were concerned about increased heavy traffic on Kings Acre Road

³¹ 6j Need for hedge maintenance to preserve visibility on roads identified

³² 6k Need for more cycle paths identified

³³ 6l Need for more passing places in narrow lanes identified

³⁴ 6m Recommendation for increased gritting in winter identified

³⁵ 6n Recommendation of high visibility clothing for cyclists and pedestrians on roads

³⁶ 6o Recommendation for salt box on hill by Wadworth Cottage

³⁷ 7a 63% support lobbying for speed restriction by Parish Council

When asked to describe what was required and where, 255 respondents (a little over half of all the respondents to the survey) made comments about speed restrictions or other traffic calming measures needed and where they should be implemented³⁸. Many comments described more than one location or measure.

Over half of the comments (about a quarter of all people who responded to the survey) indicated that they wanted some form of speed restrictions to be implemented either throughout Breinton, in specific places (described below) or unspecified locations. About half of these comments wanted a 30 mph restriction and about a third were non-specific about the limit. For example:

*30mph throughout Breinton*³⁹.

Speeding restrictions on lanes.

*Speed limit lower on Kings Acre Road (up to Wyevale/Credenhill turn junction (i.e. 30mph))*⁴⁰.

Around 30% of the comments described various other measures that the resident would like to see to address the speeding issue, and in a number of these cases they also described where it should be applied. These methods included (in similar numbers), speed bumps or rumble strips, increased signage including illuminated speed display signs, speed cameras and other monitoring and enforcement methods such as police patrols⁴¹. A few people also called for speed calming methods in general. Comments included:

More signs needed - reducing speed through Breinton.

Speed indicators or temporary/mobile speed cameras at Breinton end of Kings Acre Road.

A further approximately 10% of the comments also indicated some restriction or measure but did not specify what. For example:

A438 needs slowing down.

With regard to where the measures were needed, about a fifth of the comments were non-specific saying for example, *maximum speed 30 mph* or *more speed warning signs* (both of which might mean throughout Breinton). The following areas were specifically mentioned, each by around 8% - 12% of the comments or 4% - 6% of the people who responded to the survey:

- Kings Acre Road (all or in general)
- The top end of Kings Acre Road particularly to include the junctions with the Credenhill Road, Breinton Lane and the garden centre
- All rural lanes in Breinton
- Breinton Lane
- Throughout Breinton.

Other locations included through the village, the Brecon Road, built up areas, the road through Breinton Common, the road around Breinton Springs, around the Green Lane junction and the Credenhill road through Swainshill.

Around 20 residents indicated that they would like to see speed restrictions or other measures applied throughout Breinton, over half said there should be a blanket 30 mph speed limit and 6 more felt a 40 mph limit was appropriate, such as:

A 30 mph <speed limit> through Breinton. It is 40mph on the main road and turns to 60mph when you leave the main road.

Note, that when considering the more specific areas specified below, these are in addition to the comments above which apply to all areas of Breinton.

³⁸ 8a Over 50% recommend speed restrictions in Breinton Parish

³⁹ 8b About 25% recommend a speed restriction, e.g. 30mph, through Breinton lanes

⁴⁰ 8c About 25% recommend speed restrictions in other places, e.g. 30mph on Kings Acre Road as far as Wyevale junction

⁴¹ 8d Recommendations for enforcement of lower speeds, with e.g. traffic calming measures, speed warning signs, speed cameras, police patrols

Amongst those wanting to see speed restrictions or other measures along Kings Acre Road (around 30 people), the most common (around 10 people) was the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit often specifically stated for the entire length or in some cases as an alternative to the existing 40 mph limit. Others were non-specific about the restriction and a few suggested the use of cameras, speed bumps or other road calming measures. In addition, of those people wanting to see speed restrictions or other measures specifically to the top end of Kings Acre Road (also around 30 people), nearly half wanted to see 30 mph restrictions introduced. Others were not specific about the restriction they would like to see. Some typical comments were:

30 mph all along Kings Acre Road.

Kings Acre Road. There should be speed cameras just past Wyevale Garden Centre as you enter Hereford.

Reduce speed limit on A438 to 30mph from Credenhill junction.

With regard to the lanes around Breinton in general, 26 people would like to see some form of speed controls on all these lanes. Around a third thought that this should be a 30 mph speed limit, 5 a 40mph speed limit and one person would like to see a 20 mph limit. Others were non specific about the limit and a couple of people recommended other calming measures, such as speed bumps. An example includes:

General speed restriction in all lanes of 40mph or even 30mph.

Whilst Breinton Lane is included in the suggestions for “all lanes” in the paragraph above, it was also individually identified by a further 22 people who would like measures to be taken to reduce the speed of the traffic using it. (So both sets of views apply to Breinton Lane, as well as the views of those who made a suggestion for all roads throughout Breinton.) Around a third of these 22 people wanted to see a 30 mph speed limit introduced while others wanted to see a limit but were not specific about the speed. A few people mentioned speed humps or other traffic calming measures. An example of a comment:

30mph speed limit, due to walkers, cyclists, animals and children (Breinton Lane).

Amongst other comments made was the need for speed limits (new or existing) to be enforced, additional speed restrictions should be applied to heavy vehicles such as farm vehicles and a couple of people specifically stated that speed bumps and road calming measures should not be introduced. For example:

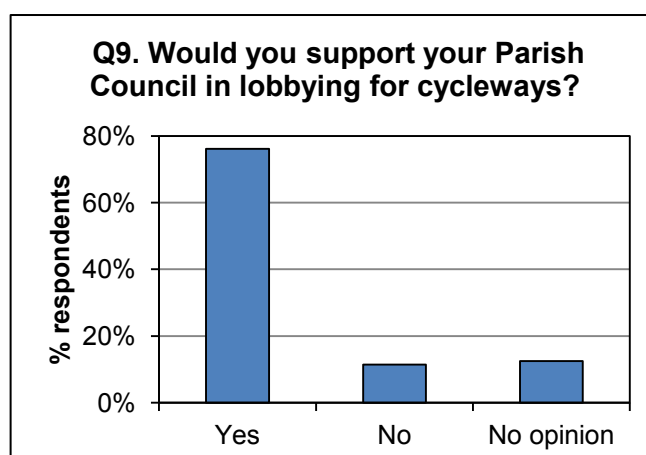
Enforcement of speed limits; "camera van" only very occasionally employed.

Speed restriction yes but NOT traffic calming which inappropriate for rural area.

Q9. Would you support your Parish Council in lobbying for cycleways; e.g. along Kings Acre Road?

	No.	%
Yes	353	76%
No	53	11%
No opinion	58	13%
Total respondents	464	
Not answered	14	

Over three quarters of respondents would support the Parish Council in lobbying for cycleways⁴² with the remaining quarter being approximately equally divided between those who would not support such lobbying and those who had no opinion.



Support for this lobbying was greater from those who lived in the Kings Acre Road area where around 83% were keen to see it happen compared with 72% of respondents from other areas of the parish overall, more of whom had no opinion on the matter. Support was also stronger amongst those in the 45 to 64 years age band than those over 65 in particular.

⁴² 9a 76% support the Parish Council in lobbying for cycleways, especially those living on Kings Acre Road

Future uses of land, and housing

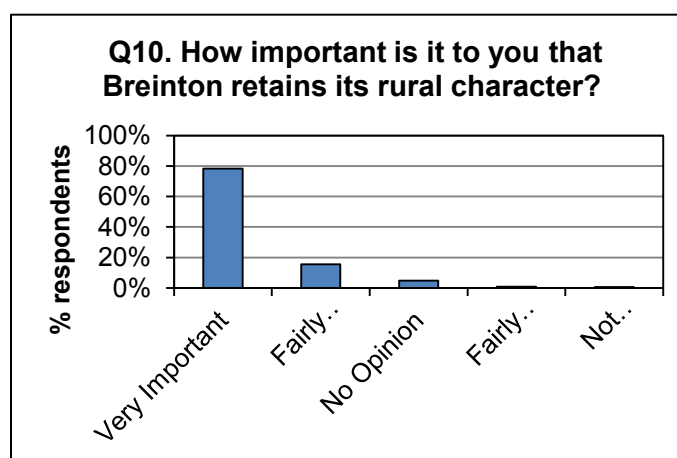
Q10. How important is it to you that Breinton retains its rural character?

	No.	%
Very Important	367	78%
Fairly Important	73	16%
No Opinion	22	5%
Fairly Unimportant	4	1%
Not Important at all	3	1%
Total respondents	469	
Not answered	9	

The survey asked respondents how important it was to them that Breinton should retain its rural character.

The vast majority of people who answered this question felt that it was important that Breinton retain its rural character⁴³. Over three quarters considered it to be very important and a further 16% fairly important, making 94% together.

It was more important to the respondents who live in areas other than the Kings Acre Road area with 85% who said it was very important and a further 11% fairly important (96% together). This compared with 69% and 21% respectively for residents of the Kings Acre Road area (90% together).

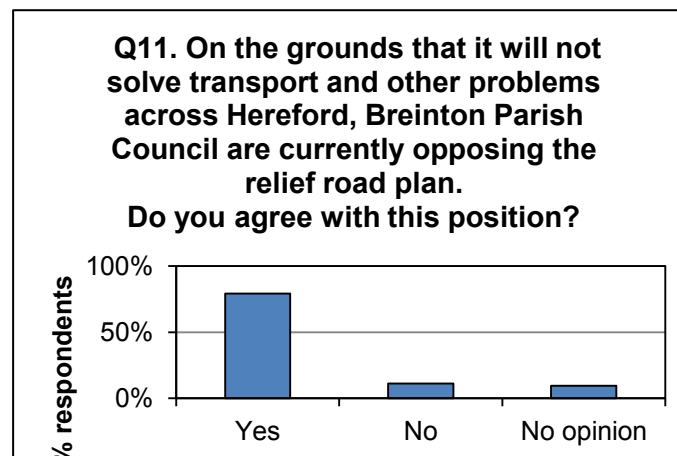


Q11. On the grounds that it will not solve transport and other problems across Hereford, Breinton Parish Council are currently opposing the relief road plan. Do you agree with this position?

	No.	%
Yes	364	79%
No	51	11%
No opinion	44	10%
Total respondents	459	
Not answered	19	

This question related that Breinton Parish Council is currently opposing the relief road plan and asked if they supported that position.

Almost 4 respondents in every 5 agreed with the Parish Council's opposition to the relief road with the remaining 21% being equally divided between disagreement and having no opinion.⁴⁴



Agreement with this position was stronger from residents of areas other than the Kings Acre Road area (85% agreed) than with respondents of the Kings Acre Road area where 73% agreed with this stance. There was also a suggestion that more recent arrivals to Breinton (i.e. those who have lived there for 5 years or less) were less likely to support the parish council's opposition with more having no opinion than those who have lived there for longer.

⁴³ 10a 78% consider it very important that Breinton retains its rural character, especially those living away from Kings Acre Road

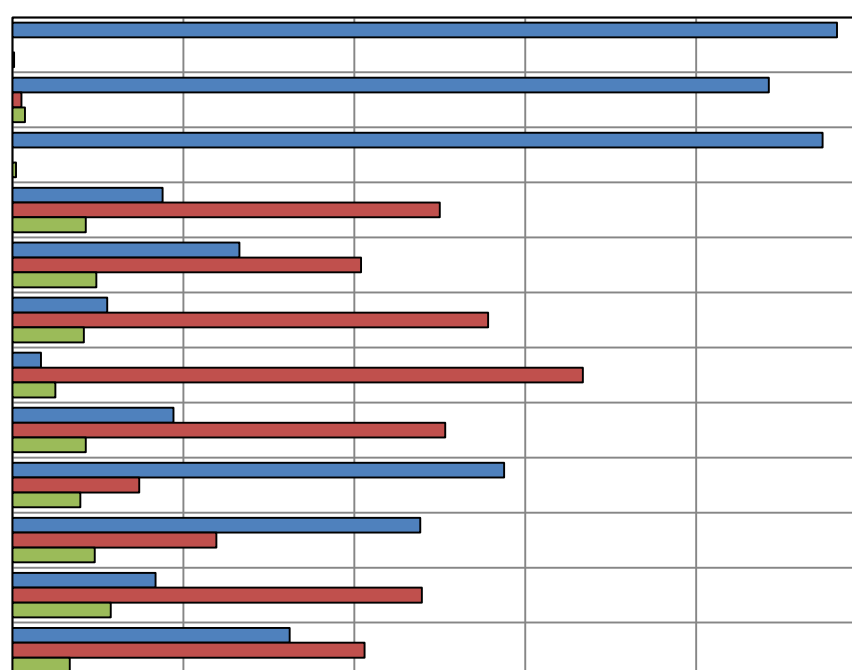
⁴⁴ 11a 79% support the Breinton Parish Council position of opposing the relief road plan, especially those living away from Kings Acre Road and those who have lived in Breinton more than 5 years

Q12. What land uses do you think are appropriate for the parish of Breinton?

	Yes		No		No opinion		Total resp.	Base*	Not ans.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
Farming	461	96%	0	0%	1	0%	462	478	16
Horticulture	423	88%	5	1%	7	1%	435	478	43
Orchards	453	95%	0	0%	2	0%	455	478	23
Light manufacturing	84	18%	239	50%	41	9%	364	478	114
Small offices	127	27%	195	41%	47	10%	369	478	109
Retails	53	11%	266	56%	40	8%	359	478	119
Distribution/warehousing	16	3%	319	67%	24	5%	359	478	119
Food & drink production	90	19%	242	51%	41	9%	373	478	105
Tourism	275	58%	71	15%	38	8%	384	478	94
Holiday lets	228	48%	114	24%	46	10%	388	478	90
Second homes	80	17%	229	48%	55	12%	364	478	114
Housing	155	32%	197	41%	32	7%	384	478	94

*Base=Total survey respondents

Note that for this series of questions about land use options, the number of people who chose not to answer varied between 16 and 119. It is considered that using a consistent number (i.e. the number of people who responded to the survey) to calculate the percentages enables more appropriate comparison of the levels of support or opposition for each.

Q12. What land uses do you think are appropriate for the parish of Breinton?


% respondents*

Respondents were asked for their views on a number of different land usage in Breinton. As can be seen from the chart there is almost universal support for and virtually no opposition to, using the land for agricultural purposes such as farming, horticulture and orchards.⁴⁵

There was more opposition than support to each of the commercial / light industrial options listed which include light manufacturing, small offices, retail, distribution / warehousing and food and drink production. Opposition ranged between 41% of survey respondents for small offices to 67% distribution / warehousing.⁴⁶

However, the balance of those in favour and those against the different options varied considerably. Whilst few people thought distribution / warehousing (3%) or retail (11%) were an appropriate use of the land, over a quarter (27%) of survey respondents thought small offices were appropriate (compared to 41% who thought not) and light manufacturing or food and drink production for which around 18% considered it appropriate and about 50% thought not.

More people agreed than opposed using the land for tourism (58% thought appropriate⁴⁷, 15% thought not) and for holiday lets (48% in favour, 24% against).

Views about using the land for housing were split with small majority (41%) who thought it not appropriate compared with 32% who considered it appropriate, however there was a clear majority against using the land for second homes (48% against, 17% in favour)⁴⁸.

In summary, there was very strong, virtually universal, support for using the land for agricultural purposes, a majority opposed to commercial or light industrial uses especially distribution / warehousing though less so for small offices, more support than opposition for tourism uses while housing and second homes were, on balance, not considered appropriate use of the land.

Please list other suggestions in the comments box below:

People were invited to comment or make suggestions for different uses of the land in Breinton and 65 respondents did so. About a third of these comments were to qualify that their "Yes" answer to the question asking if housing was an appropriate use of land, was limited only to small scale developments and / or in certain areas only or under strict planning controls. For example:

Housing should be of a limited nature.

Limited housing acceptable subject to strict planning control.

A few people made similar comments about other developments (such as for production purposes) saying they should be small scale only and some made the point that they should be related to farming or orchard purposes or craft industry. Comments also voiced support for farm shops, local produce and "cottage industries" such as food and drink production as part of a farm business, such as:

Any production/manufacturing should only be on a small scale – i.e. local farms etc.

Does depend on scale etc. For instance a small / moderate farm shop / production unit might be OK.

About a dozen comments, including those suggesting that small scale housing or production developments could be acceptable, expressed concern that the road system was a barrier to these developments and improvements such as additional passing places would be needed. For example:

⁴⁵ 12a Almost 100% supported farming, horticulture and orchards

⁴⁶ 12b Around 50% opposed light manufacturing, small office, retails, distribution/warehousing, food and drink production (unless on a small scale)

⁴⁷ 12c 58% supported tourism initiatives, e.g. promoting walking, cycling and other recreational activities

⁴⁸ 12d 41% opposed using land for housing, although 32% did consider it appropriate. 48% opposed building second homes

Small "cottage" industry is OK if existing infrastructure is OK i.e. food, drink production as part of a local farm, home-made jams in a small kitchen etc. The lanes cannot accommodate anything requiring large lorries moving stuff.

Any significant additional housing would require improved passing areas on the lanes.

I can't see how businesses that need to use transport can be encouraged as the road system is not suitable⁴⁹.

A common theme was to express the value and appreciation of the rural nature and beauty of the area. About a dozen comments made suggestions about more use of the area for a range of recreational activities (for locals and others) such as walking, fishing, pony trekking, camping and cycling. Typical comments of this theme included:

... Need to use our lovely countryside to allow others to also enjoy, should be considered; we are so close to the city, maybe we should encourage the use of picnicking areas/BBQ's...

Leisure walks, cycle/horse trails mountain biking and cycling

Managed cycle ways/nature walks rural industry, traditional crafts - fish farming, timber frame manufacture etc.

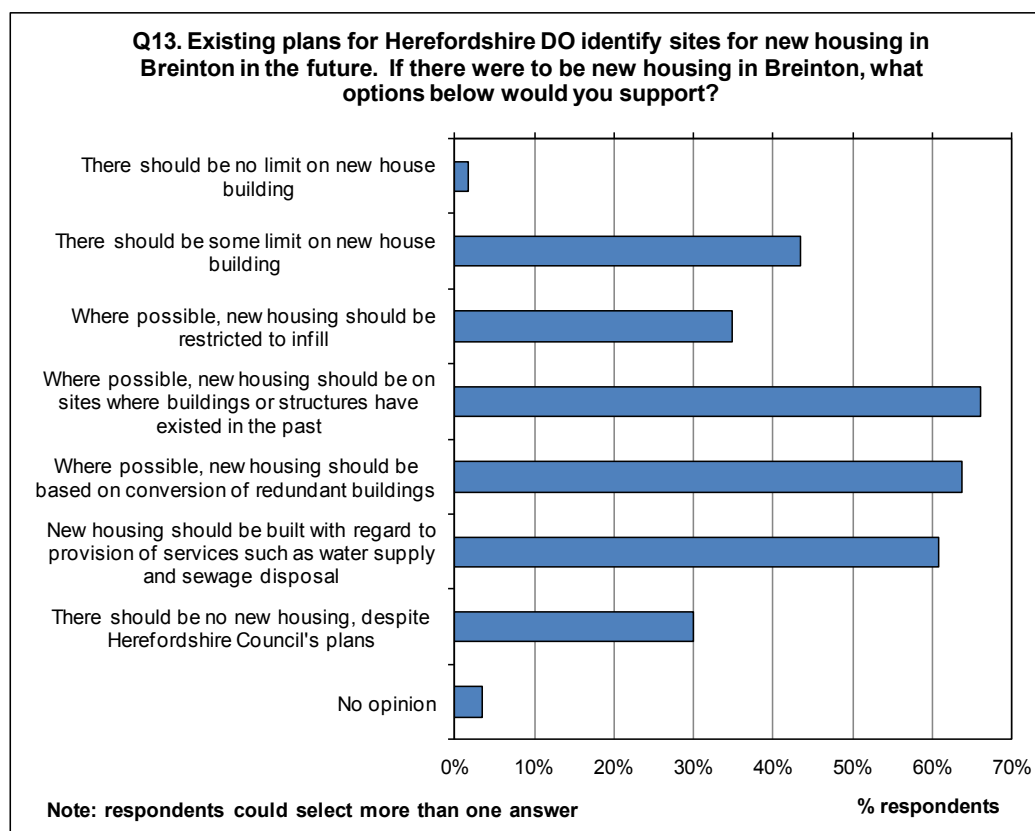
Various other suggestions include a solar farm, growing trees for coppicing to provide for wood-burners, nursing or care home, a pub or restaurant and allotments.

Q13. Existing plans for Herefordshire DO identify sites for new housing in Breinton in the future. If there were to be new housing in Breinton, what options below would you support?

	No.	%
There should be no limit on new house building	8	2%
There should be some limit on new house building	201	44%
Where possible, new housing should be restricted to infill	161	35%
Where possible, new housing should be on sites where buildings or structures have existed in the past	305	66%
Where possible, new housing should be based on conversion of redundant buildings	294	64%
New housing should be built with regard to provision of services such as water supply and sewage disposal	281	61%
There should be no new housing, despite Herefordshire Council's plans (see statement above).	138	30%
No opinion	16	3%
Total respondents	462	
Not answered	16	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

⁴⁹ 12e Some suggested that any new small-business initiatives would need to be matched by improvements in road safety, e.g. widening or more passing places



Residents' were asked for their views on the nature of new housing, if there was to be any built in Breinton, as suggested by current Herefordshire Council plans.

Just under a third of respondents (30%) felt that there should be no new housing in Breinton⁵⁰, despite Herefordshire Council's plans to the contrary and 44% indicated that there should be some limit on new house building⁵¹.

Two thirds were of the view that new housing should be on sites of previous buildings or structures where possible and a similar number believed that new properties should be based on conversion of redundant buildings where this could be achieved⁵². Having regard to the provision of services such as water supply and sewage disposal was also an important consideration for over 60% of respondents⁵³. There was some, though not as much, support for restricting new building to infill with around a third of respondents who selected this option⁵⁴.

The survey did not provide any evidence that these views varied significantly either by the respondent's age band, area of residence in Breinton or by how long they had lived in the parish.

Q14. If additional houses were to be built, which size or type should they be?

	Yes		No		No opinion		Total resp.	Base*	Not ans.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
Starter homes (2 bedrooms)	162	34%	120	25%	70	15%	352	478	126
Family homes (3 or more bedrooms)	241	50%	80	17%	58	12%	379	478	99
Executive homes (4 or more)	117	24%	137	29%	71	15%	325	478	153

⁵⁰ 13a 30% opposed any new housing in Breinton

⁵¹ 13b 44% hoped for limits on new house building

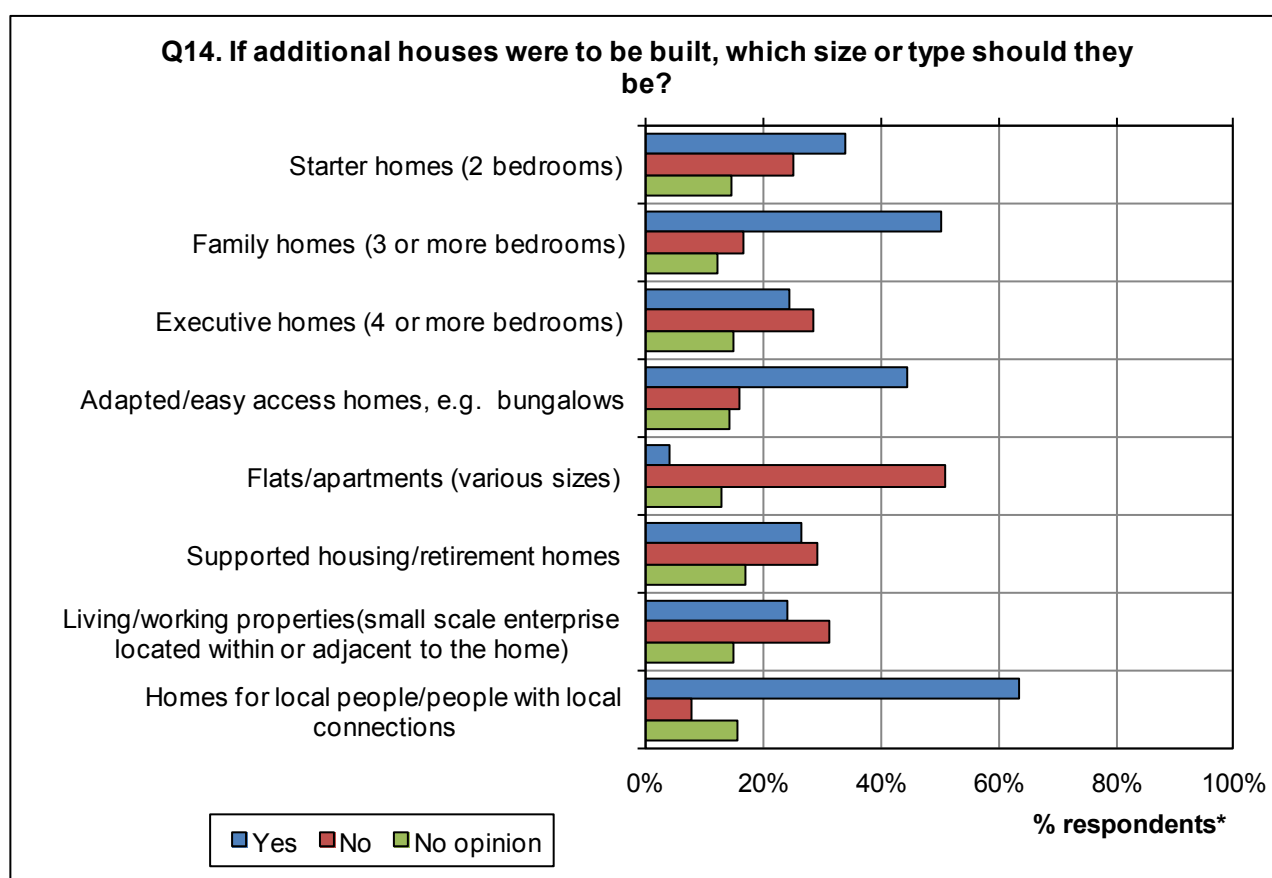
⁵² 13c Around 65% would support new housing on sites of previous buildings or structures, or conversion of redundant buildings

⁵³ 13d Over 60% felt new housing might be restricted by water supply or sewerage issues

⁵⁴ 13e 35% would support new housing as infill

bedrooms)									
Adapted/easy access homes, e.g. bungalows	213	45%	76	16%	69	14%	358	478	120
Flats/apartments (various sizes)	19	4%	243	51%	61	13%	323	478	155
Supported housing/retirement homes	127	27%	139	29%	81	17%	347	478	131
Living/working properties(small scale enterprise located within or adjacent to the home)	115	24%	149	31%	72	15%	336	478	142
Homes for local people/people with local connections	303	63%	38	8%	75	16%	416	478	62

*Base=Total survey respondents. Note that with a widely varying number of people choosing not to answer some of these options, it is considered more appropriate to use a consistent number, the number of respondents to the survey, as the base when calculating percentages for all these options.



This question asked respondents to indicate the size and type of new housing, if any, in Breinton.

As the table and chart show, there was strong agreement amongst respondents (nearly two thirds) that whatever housing were to be built, it should be for local people or people with local connections⁵⁵ while 8% disagreed.

In terms of size of any houses that were to be built, family homes with three or more bedrooms were the most popular⁵⁶ with half the respondents to the survey saying "Yes" and 17% saying "No". Starter homes (with 2 bedrooms) were the next most popular size with over a third selecting these compared to a quarter

⁵⁵ 14a 63% supported new housing of local people with local connections (8% disagreed)

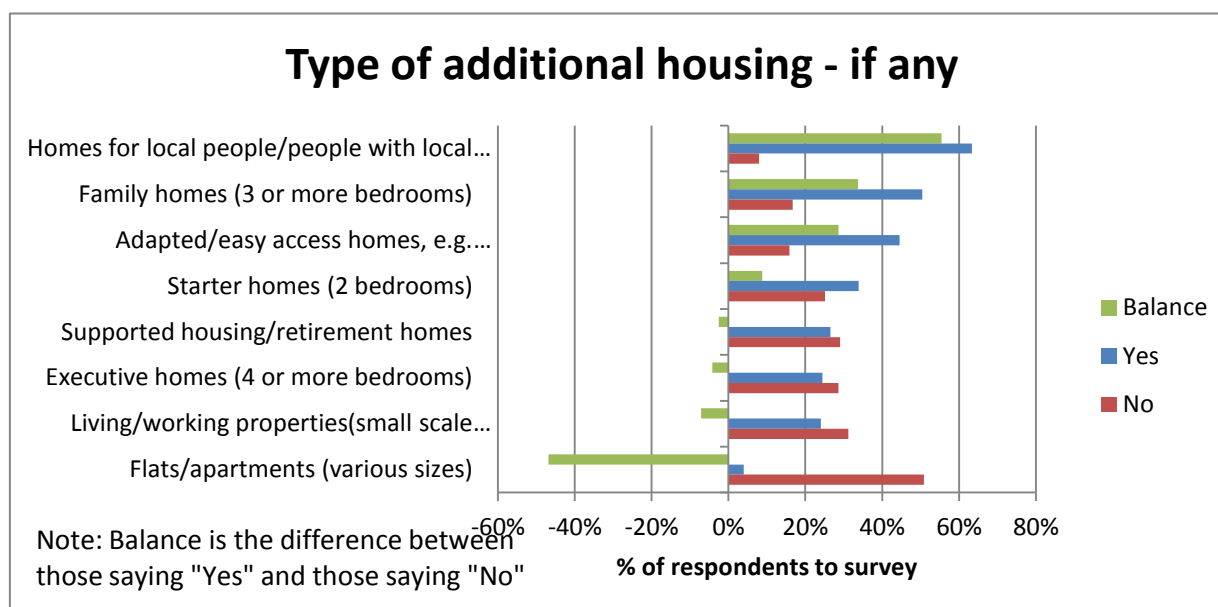
⁵⁶ 14b 3 bedroom homes would be most popular

who said “No”⁵⁷, followed by executive homes of 4 or more bedrooms with just under a quarter choosing these compared to a larger proportion, 29%, who would not wish any housing to be built to be of this type.

Adapted and easy access homes were the third most selected with 45% saying any additional housing to be built should be of this type⁵⁸, compared to 16% who said they should not. Views on supported housing or retirement homes were about balanced with 27% saying “Yes” to these and 29% saying “No” while living / working properties were slightly less popular (24% saying “Yes”, and more, 31% saying “No”). Few people supported and many opposed flats or apartments of various sizes with over half respondents saying they would not like any additional housing to be of this type.

The chart below shows the “balance” of views about the different types of housing - should any additional housing be built. Where the balance is above 0%, it means more people ticked the “Yes” option than “No” and conversely, if more people ticked “No” than “Yes”, the balance would be less than 0%. The chart is in descending order of support.

As the chart shows, the four types for which more were in favour than against were, in order of most popular to least: homes for local people, family homes (3 or more bedrooms), adapted homes such as bungalows and starter homes with 2 bedrooms. Apart from flats for which there was a strong view against, the remainder (supported homes, executive homes and living / working properties) had marginally more against than in favour (a balance of less than 7% against).



Whilst the numbers are fairly small meaning the evidence is weak, there is a suggestion that younger people up to 44 years old were more likely than people over that age to say “Yes” to executive homes. Similarly, there is also a suggestion that respondents over the age of 65 were more likely than those below that age to want to see any new housing to be easy access such as bungalows.

The data also suggests, though with the same caveat that due to small numbers the evidence is weak, respondents who have moved to Breinton within the last 5 years are less likely than those who have lived there longer to have selected adapted / easy access homes or homes for local people as the type of property, if new houses were to be built.

Q15. If additional homes were to be built, should they be:

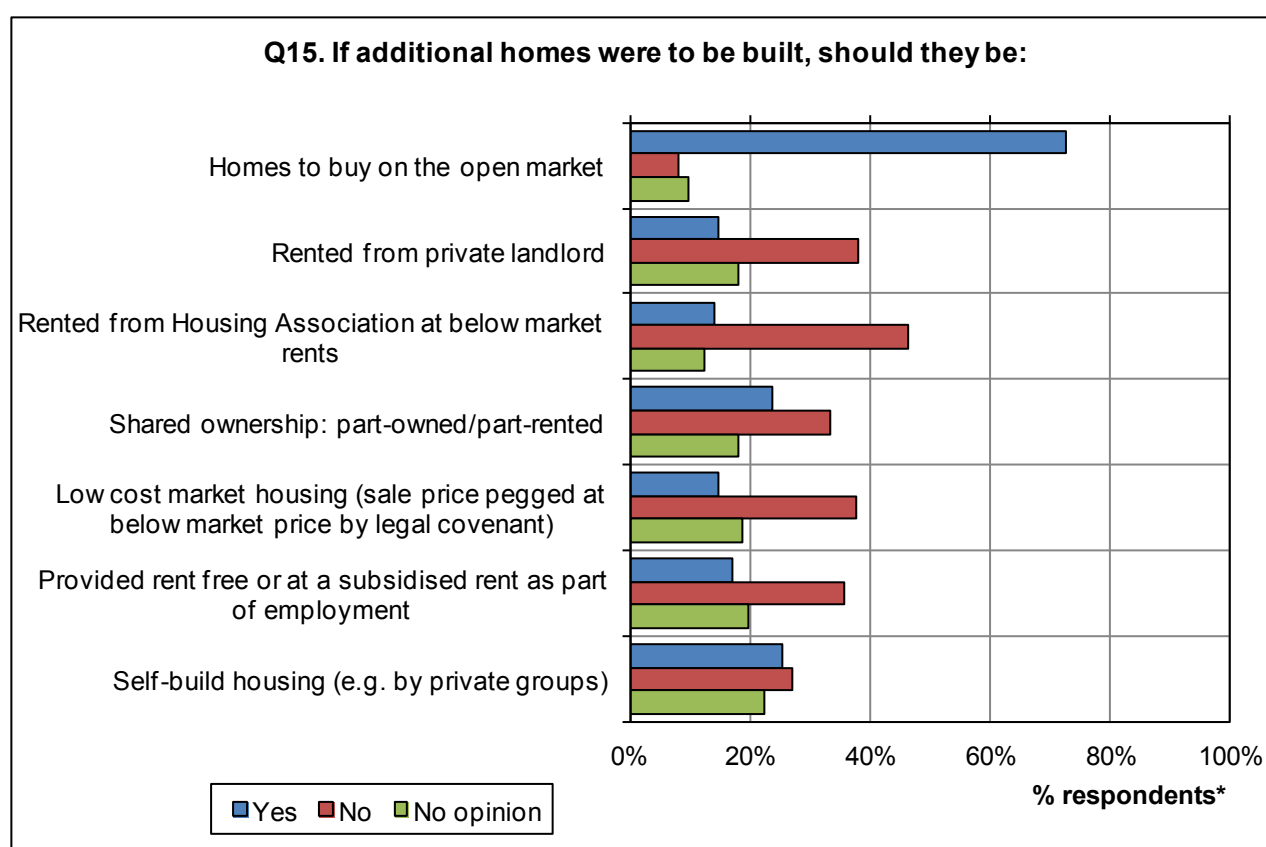
	Yes	No	No opinion	Total	Base*	Not
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⁵⁷ 14c Starter homes with 2 bedrooms were acceptable to 34%

⁵⁸ 14d 45% were in favour of adapted/easy access homes such as bungalows, especially people over age 65

	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	resp.		ans.
Homes to buy on the open market	347	73%	38	8%	47	10%	432	478	46
Rented from private landlord	71	15%	182	38%	86	18%	339	478	139
Rented from Housing Association at below market rents	68	14%	221	46%	60	13%	349	478	129
Shared ownership: part-owned/part-rented	113	24%	159	33%	87	18%	359	478	119
Low cost market housing (sale price pegged at below market price by legal covenant)	71	15%	180	38%	90	19%	341	478	137
Provided rent free or at a subsidised rent as part of employment	81	17%	170	36%	94	20%	345	478	133
Self-build housing (e.g. by private groups)	121	25%	130	27%	107	22%	358	478	120

*Base=Total survey respondents. Note that with a widely varying number of people choosing not to answer some of these options, it is considered more appropriate to use a consistent number, the number of respondents to the survey, as the base when calculating percentages for all these options.



Respondents were then asked for their views on the nature of the tenure of any properties that were built.

As the chart above clearly shows, if additional homes were to be built, the strong preference was that they should be homes to buy on the open market, with nearly three quarters (73%) of survey respondents choosing this type compared to 8% who disagreed⁵⁹.

⁵⁹ 15a 73% said any new homes should be for sale on the open market (though 8% disagreed)

For all the other types listed, more people opposed than supported.

Shared ownership and self-build housing were each supported by about a quarter of respondents, with a similar proportion opposing self-build (27%)⁶⁰ while a greater proportion, a third, opposed shared ownership.

Other types (rented from private landlord, rented from Housing Association, low cost market housing⁶¹ or housing provided as part of employment) were each supported by around one in six people or 15% and each opposed by around 38% except for rented from Housing Association which was opposed by approaching half (46%) of respondents⁶².

Whilst due to relatively small numbers, the evidence was weak, there was a suggestion that a greater proportion of males than females were opposed to new homes, if any, being provided rent free / subsidised as part of employment. With a similar caveat, this category and the low cost market housing option also attracted opposition from a greater proportion of young people (18 – 44 years old) than older people (aged 65 and over).

People in the age range 45 to 64 years were slightly more supportive of any new homes built being available to buy on the open market than were residents in other age bands. Subject to a similar caveat due to relatively small numbers, this middle age band was also more opposed to new homes being for rent from a private landlord than were younger people (18 – 44 years old) in particular, and to a lesser extent older people (over 65 years).

The data also suggested that a greater proportion of residents of the Kings Acre Road area were supportive of any new homes having shared ownership arrangements than were residents elsewhere in the parish. Furthermore, there was limited evidence to suggest that there was more opposition to any new housing being privately rented amongst Kings Acre Road residents than residents elsewhere in the parish.

Subject to the same caveat, there was also a suggestion that a higher proportion of people who had moved to Breinton more recently, i.e. within the last 5 years, were opposed to any new housing being of shared ownership, low cost market housing, provided rent free / subsidised or self-build than were residents of over 5 years in Breinton.

Please list comments and/or possible locations in the box below:

62 people made a comment or suggestion about the tenure of any new housing and possible locations for it.

Around a third of these comments indicated that there should be no new housing, frequently stating that the infrastructure (mainly roads) was inadequate for further building or (a few comments) that it would damage the rural nature of the area. For example:

*No additional homes should be built as these would destroy the peace and tranquillity of the rural area. The area is comprised of narrow lanes which are not suitable for increased volume of traffic.*⁶³

A similar number of people suggested that certain areas would be better suited to development⁶⁴. In some cases the comment was general for example: *Land within easy access to bus routes, and schools*, and in other cases specific specified a particular location, such as:

⁶⁰ 15b Mixed feelings about shared ownership and self-build housing, but more oppose than agree

⁶¹ 15c Low cost market housing was supported by 15%, opposed by 38%

⁶² 15c More oppose than agree homes for private rental, or housing association rental, or subsidised rental

⁶³ 15d Around 33% oppose new houses, suggesting e.g. that they would damage the rural nature of Breinton and put pressure on the narrow lanes

⁶⁴ 15e Around 33% suggested areas better suited to development, e.g. within easy access of bus routes and schools or on brownfield sites

The Old Hala Carr nurseries site (several comments), parts of the Roman Road particularly close to where existing development has taken place, the top end of Breinton Lane (towards A438) or West of the Kings Acre Road.

The redundant nursery site at the north end of Breinton Lane should be developed.

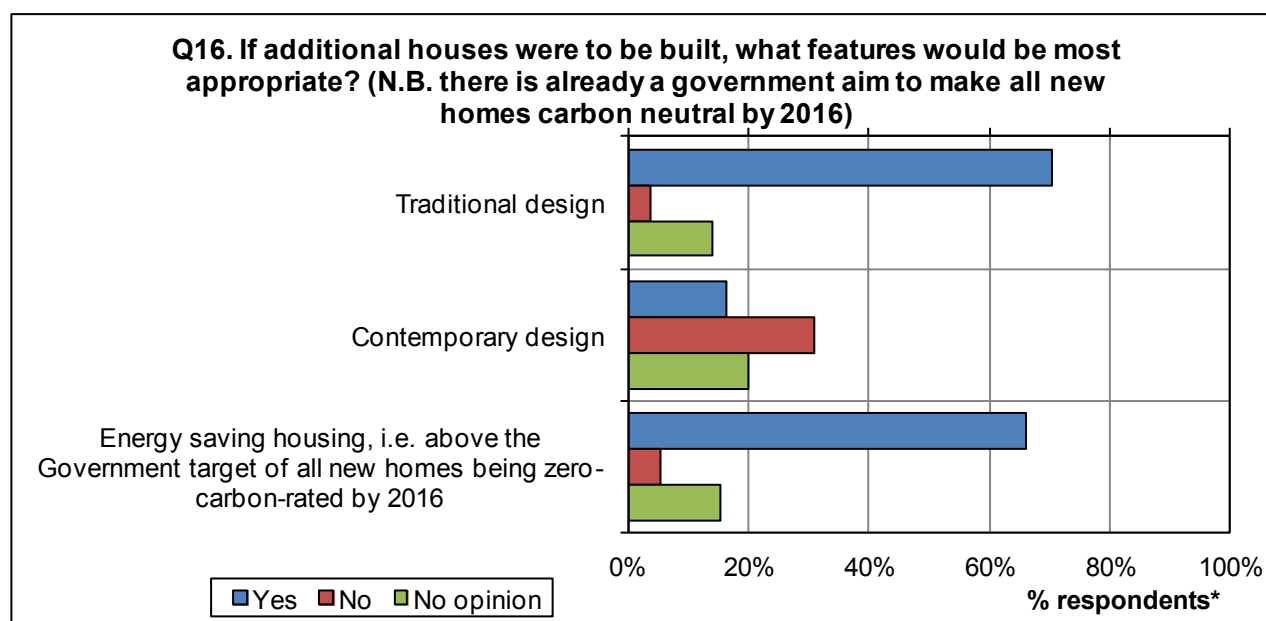
Old Hala Carr site or to be built on old redundant building areas.

A number of other points were each made by a few respondents such as any development must be small scale, new housing should be a mix of types, it should be on brownfield sites or to replace existing buildings only, and new housing should be built to high eco standards such as the Passive House Standard (Passivhaus)⁶⁵.

Q16. If additional houses were to be built, what features would be most appropriate? (N.B. there is already a government aim to make all new homes carbon neutral by 2016).

	Yes		No		No opinion		Total resp.	Base*	Not ans.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
Traditional design	337	71%	18	4%	67	14%	422	478	56
Contemporary design	78	16%	147	31%	95	20%	320	478	158
Energy saving housing, i.e. above the Government target of all new homes being zero-carbon-rated by 2016	315	66%	25	5%	73	15%	413	478	65

*Base=Total survey respondents. Note that with a widely varying number of people choosing not to answer some of these options, it is considered more appropriate to use a consistent number, the number of respondents to the survey, as the base when calculating percentages for all these options.



When asked for their views on the nature of the design of additional housing, if any, a large majority of respondents to the survey (71%) felt that any additional housing should be of traditional design⁶⁶ compared to just 4% who said it should not, while a minority of one in six or 16% considered a contemporary design to be appropriate and nearly a third (31%) felt it was not.

⁶⁵ 15f House building with high eco standards was preferred

⁶⁶ 16a 71% favoured traditional design for any new housing

There was strong support for energy saving housing in excess of the government target⁶⁷, with two thirds in support and 5% opposed.

Please provide any other comments and any possible locations for housing in the comments box below:

41 people made a comment about the design and possible locations of any new housing.

About a quarter of respondents stated that any new housing should be in keeping with the surrounding area or housing, such as:

Any new houses should be in keeping with surrounding properties.

Breinton is made up of differing styles of design in its housing but basically it is traditional style - new houses should blend with the existing styles.

A few comments said that they would like to see a contemporary design but in a way that was in keeping with the village, for example:

Contemporary design is important to refresh Breinton - but can be done in such a way to be in keeping with surrounding properties (e.g. The Barn Conversions opposite Breinton church).

Several comments emphasised the importance of high eco standards and that energy saving should be a general requirement for all new housing. For example:

To fit in well with surrounding area, well insulated and energy efficient to minimise running costs for people on low incomes, agricultural wages.

Other points made include: energy saving housing is expensive and would cause LEAs to grant permission for large, high density estates; houses should have adequate sized rooms and space for parking and recreation for children within the boundary; there should more one bedroom properties to address shortage of stock.

⁶⁷ 16b 66% favoured energy saving in excess of government guidelines for any new housing

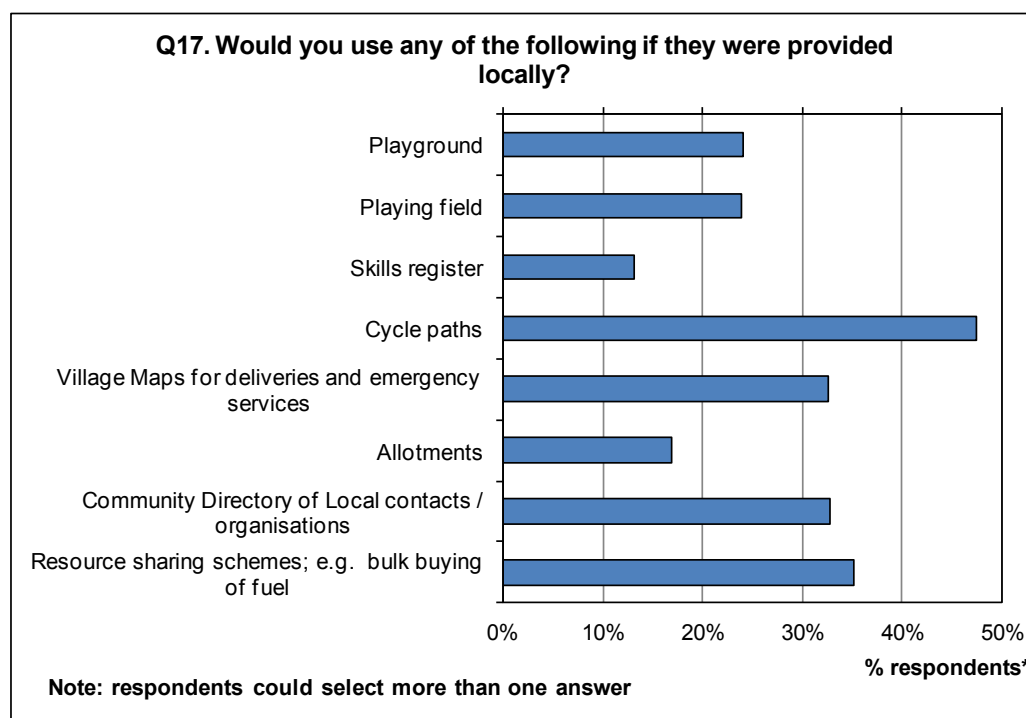
Facilities, services, leisure and environment

Q17. Would you use any of the following if they were provided locally?

	No.	%
Playground	115	24%
Playing field	114	24%
Skills register	63	13%
Cycle paths	227	47%
Village Maps for deliveries and emergency services	156	33%
Allotments	81	17%
Community Directory of Local contacts / organisations	157	33%
Resource sharing schemes; e.g. bulk buying of fuel	168	35%
Total respondents	389	
Base *	478	
Not answered	89	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

*Base=Total survey respondents



People were asked to indicate which, of a list of potential facilities, they would use if available locally. Of the facilities listed, cycles paths were the most likely to be used as indicated by nearly half (47%) of survey respondents⁶⁸. Around a third of respondents said they would use each of village maps, community directory and resource sharing scheme⁶⁹. Demand for a skills register was lower with 13% who said they would use one⁷⁰ and allotment would be used by 17%⁷¹.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, people younger than 45 years old were more likely to say they would use a playground (because they are more likely to have children of appropriate age?) or a playing field than

⁶⁸ 17a 47% would use cycle paths if available

⁶⁹ 17b Around 33% would use village maps, community directory and resource sharing schemes

⁷⁰ 17c 13% favoured a skills register

⁷¹ 17d 17% would use an allotment

people over that age⁷². Also, people aged over 65 and older were less likely to want to use cycle paths than those under 65 years old.

Residents who lived in Kings Acre Road area were less likely than those living elsewhere in Breinton overall to be interested in using a resource sharing scheme for bulk buying fuel for example.

If you have any thoughts on other ideas, and where any of your chosen ideas could be located, please specify below:

When asked for other ideas of facilities that would be of interest or for information about where their chosen ideas could be located, 32 comments were provided. The most common theme was related to cycle paths (about a third of the comments made). Some of these suggested new or extended cycle paths such as along Kings Acre Road or extending the one along Roman Road to Whitestone and Withington. Others described the need to maintain or improve existing ones and for the parish to set an example to others in regard to cycle lane provision. There were other calls for more cycle lanes in general, permissive routes agreed with local land owners, ideally linking to existing cycleways and to provide safe connection to quieter lanes from the main roads. Some examples include:

Cycle path on the south side of Kings Acre Road replacing the original grass verges most of which have been ploughed up with parked cars, turning cars and road works ...

The cycle paths need to be considered - as an example, the Yazor Rd cycle path is a particularly poorly designed route. It shares a path with pedestrians and is also interrupted by three junctions making it of little use to cyclists.

There were several suggestions for allotments including liaising with Wyevale about the provision and location which could be to the benefit of the parish and Wyevale. Another location suggested was on private land just off Kings Acre Road heading into Breinton – currently occupied by derelict greenhouses.

A couple of suggestions were made for increased community events such as a library in the parish church and playgroups or farmers' markets in the Village Hall and for support to help establish a community shop and/or pub which would help build the community.

Amongst a range of other ideas was the need to better maintain the public footpaths to encourage their use and to make more accessible the stile at the top of the hill on leaving Breinton common for Hereford and similarly the one at the top right hand side of the Bridle path in Breinton Common. At least one person is prevented from using the paths beyond by these difficult stiles. For example:

The public footpaths/bridleways should be maintained to a higher standard to encourage local and other walking groups.

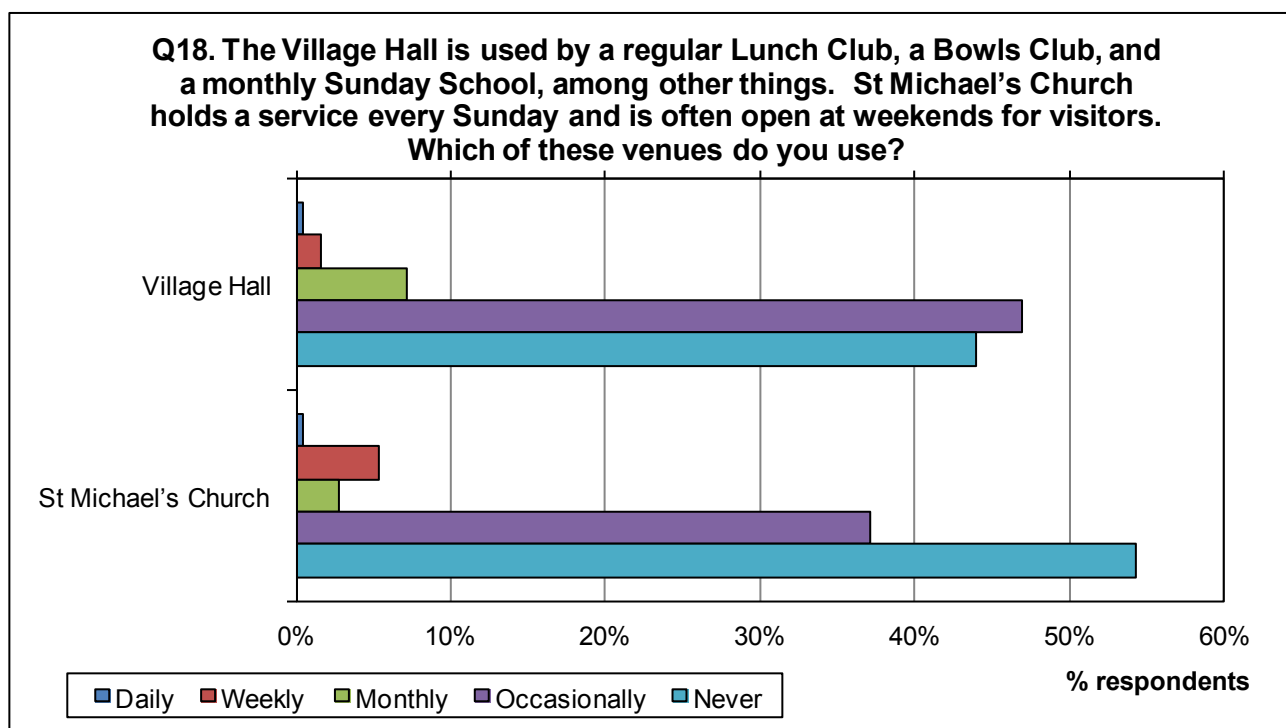
Other ideas for the area include community policing, improving signage and footpaths to the springs in Breinton Springs and the provision of dog excrement bins to encourage owners to clear up after their pets.

Q18. The Village Hall is used by a regular Lunch Club, a Bowls Club, and a monthly Sunday school, among other things. St Michael's Church holds a service every Sunday and is often open at weekends for visitors. Which of these venues do you use?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occas- ionally	Never	Total resp.	Not ans.
Village Hall	2	7	32	210	197	448	30
St Michael's Church	2	23	12	161	235	433	45

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occas- ionally	Never
Village Hall	0%	2%	7%	47%	44%
St Michael's Church	0%	5%	3%	37%	54%

⁷² 17e 24% would like a playground and/or playing field



Residents were asked about their frequency of use of the village hall and St Michael's Church.

Nearly half of respondents (47%) used the Village Hall occasionally⁷³ with a further 7% using it monthly and 2% on a daily basis while 44% said they never used it⁷⁴. People under the age of 45 were more likely to have never used the Village Hall than those aged over 45. Also, those who had lived in Breinton for 5 years or less were less likely to have used the Village Hall than those who have lived in the village for longer.

Over half (54%) of respondents indicated that they never used St Michael's Church⁷⁵ while around one in three (37%) used it occasionally⁷⁶. 5% or 23 people indicated that they used it weekly. Residents who had lived in Breinton for over 10 years were more likely to have used the Church than more recent arrivals while 80% of those who moved to the area within the last 5 years have never used the Church compared to 54% of respondents overall.

⁷³ 18a 47% used the Village Hall occasionally

⁷⁴ 18b 44% never used the Village Hall

⁷⁵ 18c 54% never used St. Michael's Church

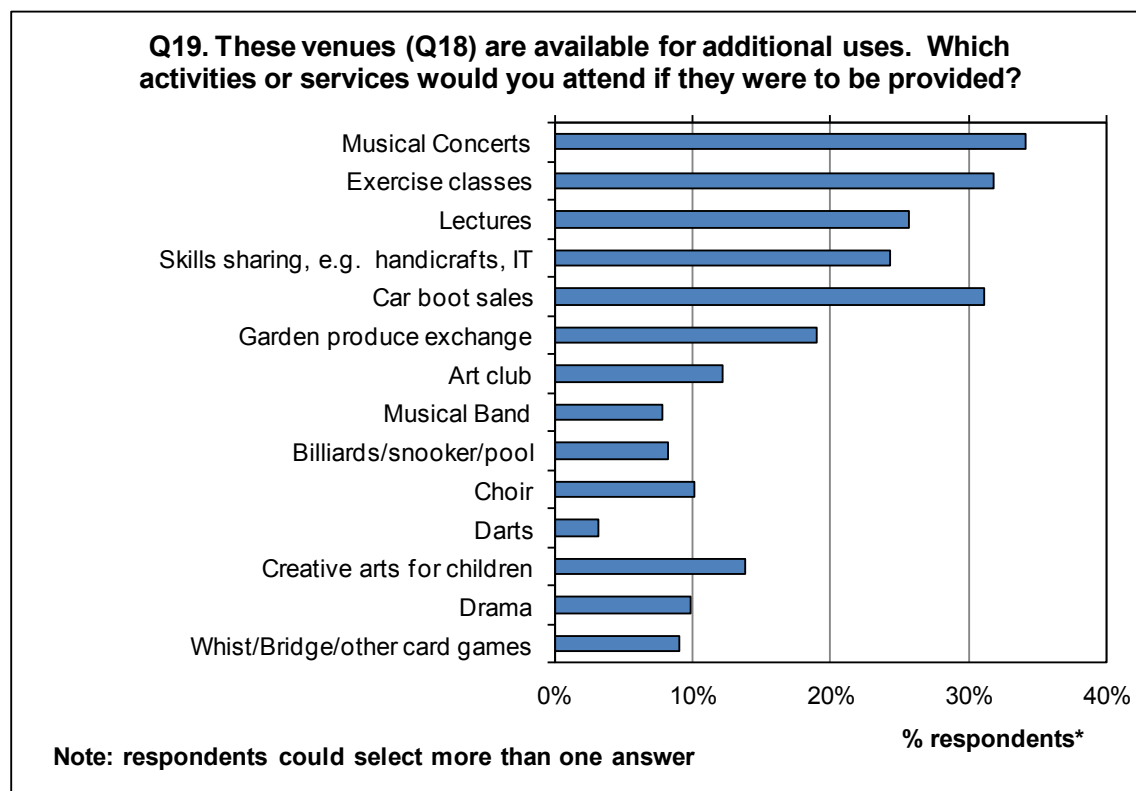
⁷⁶ 18d 37% used St. Michael's church occasionally

Q19. These venues (Q18) are available for additional uses. Which activities or services would you attend if they were to be provided? (If you might lead or help with activities please give details on page 17)

	No.	%
Musical Concerts	163	34%
Exercise classes	152	32%
Lectures	123	26%
Skills sharing, e.g. handicrafts, IT	116	24%
Car boot sales	149	31%
Garden produce exchange	91	19%
Art club	58	12%
Musical Band	37	8%
Billiards/snooker/pool	39	8%
Choir	48	10%
Darts	15	3%
Creative arts for children	66	14%
Drama	47	10%
Whist/Bridge/other card games	43	9%
Total respondents	341	
Base *	478	
Not answered	137	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

*Base=Total survey respondents



This question asked respondents to select, from a list, those activities they would be attend if they were provided at the Church or Village Hall.

The most popular, each selected by around a third of respondents to the survey, were musical concerts, exercise classes and car boot sales⁷⁷. Around one in four or 25% of respondents said they would like to attend lectures or to participate in skills sharing such as handicrafts or IT and 19% found a garden produce exchange of interest.

The remaining items in the list (creative arts for children, art club, choir, drama, whist/other card games, musical band and billiards/snooker/pool) were attractive to between 8% and 14% of respondents (37 to 66 people) except for darts for which just 3% said they would attend.

Please list other uses and/or activities you would like to find in Breinton below:-

Amongst the 39 comments was a wide range of suggestions for activities the people would like to see in Breinton.

A few people said they were interested in many of the activities or simply that it was a good thing that a range of activities should take place, for example:

Many activities I would enjoy participating in but not able to offer help at the present times. This might change in the future.

Anything which increases the current lack of focus of "village-ness"

Several people expressed interest in a film club or "flicks in the sticks" at the village hall while there was a similar level of interest in dance of various forms. Typical comments in this vein were:

A cinema - "Flicks in the Sticks" in village hall...

...Dance classes - salsa, ballroom, country etc.

There were several comments suggesting there should be more for young people including a playgroup for infants, holiday groups for children and a youth club, while another person emphasised the importance of keeping children involved in the village. For example:

More for children / teenagers.

You need to keep the children of the village interested in the welfare of their village or they will lose all respect for it.

There was a wide range of further suggestions including: table tennis, an art exhibition space for local artists, arts alive production, cake decorating, language classes, gardening club or garden visits, flower arranging, family history meetings, talks on subjects such as history, archaeology or geology and a small country fair next to the community hall. More ideas were expressed such as clubs for writing, reading, scrabble, skittles, knitting, self-defence, sports, a mobile library visit, meetings of WI and Towns Women's Guild, periodic walking groups, litter picks and voluntary work for isolated elderly people. Some typical comments were:

Local/family history meetings walking group (quarterly?) litter picks and nature conservation.

Self- defence classes for all ages.

WI, Towns Women's Guild, visits club to visit interesting places at reasonable prices, perhaps subsidised by a local lottery club, Reading club.

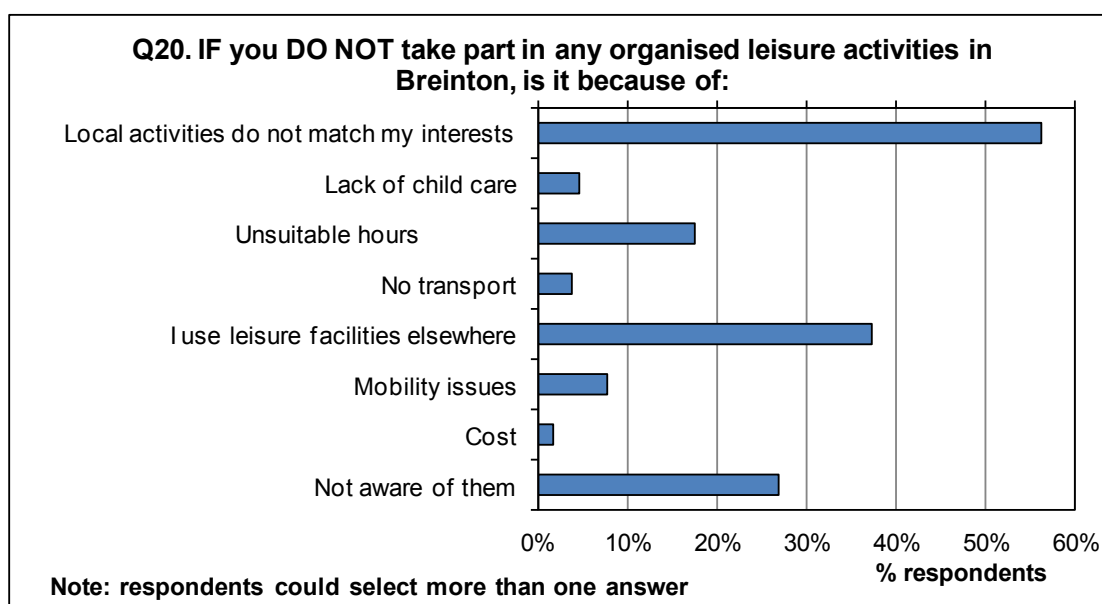
A small scale country fair on the field adjacent to the community hall would bring money for community enhancements such as the revamp of Breinton springs.

⁷⁷ 19a Parishioners would welcome new leisure activities, particularly musical concerts (34%), exercise classes (32%) and car boot sales (26%)

Q20. IF you DO NOT take part in any organised leisure activities in Breinton, is it because of:

	No.	%
Local activities do not match my interests	226	56%
Lack of child care	18	4%
Unsuitable hours	70	17%
No transport	15	4%
I use leisure facilities elsewhere	150	37%
Mobility issues	31	8%
Cost	7	2%
Not aware of them	108	27%
Total respondents	402	
Not answered	76	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.



Q20 asked those residents who did not take part in organised leisure activities in Breinton to indicate the reasons (and note people could select more than one of the options).

For over half of respondents (56%) the local activities on offer did not match their interests⁷⁸ (about a third of these people also indicated that they used facilities elsewhere).

A little over a third of respondents said they use facilities elsewhere and a little over a quarter were not aware of the organised leisure activities in Breinton. Nearly a quarter of those who use facilities elsewhere were not aware of the facilities in Breinton.

Another reason (please specify in box below).

If there were other reasons for not participating in organised activities locally people were asked to describe them.

Around a third of the 50 comments made stated that lack of time was the reason and this was due work commitments, busy family life and in several cases due to caring responsibilities. For example:

Too busy working.

Busy house looking after teenagers. Maybe I'll be more interested and have more time when children have left home!

⁷⁸ 20a 56% did not take part in organised leisure activities in Breinton because those currently on offer did not meet their needs

Full time employment and carer (no time).

A second common reason given was due to age, in most cases because they were elderly, for example:

As an OAP (72) my leisure activities are limited (golf and watching TV).

At my age I have no desire to go out on winter nights. Go to church on Sunday mornings.

Age group - no young person specific <activities> e.g. for 18-30's.

A few people said either they had no interest in participating in organised events, or specifically those on offer or simply they were content at home.

At present I am not interested in taking up any organised activities.

Either unaware, unsuitable time or lack of appeal at present.

A couple of comments said there were no suitable venues and made reference to other places:

The village hall is too big for groups of 6-10 people which are best accommodated in peoples' homes. There is no place within the village for groups with different interests meet at the same time, so it is difficult to generate enthusiasm to come together for the common good. In today's pattern of free time pursuits the only thing that Breinton might strive towards is a leisure complex such as at Fownhope to serve north/west of city

Breinton is not really suitable for drama or music on stage or films - no decent venue. See Moccas and other villages of same age and adapted good facilities.

A range of other comments included:

Living on Kings Acre Road I feel that the village hall and church are too far away and therefore I do not feel part of Breinton.

My current interests are provided elsewhere at the moment. In fact the population in the area is probably insufficient to support regularly many activities in the hall.

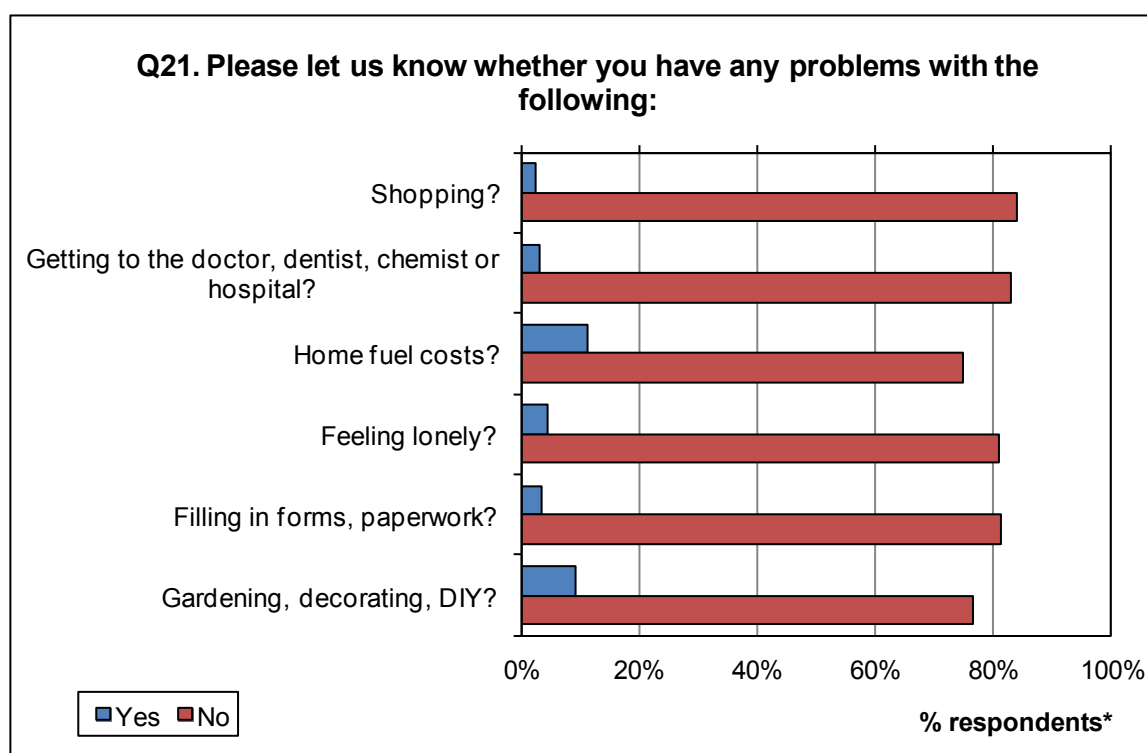
Breinton is so close to Hereford⁷⁹ that it is easy to find what leisure activities I am interested in there. I don't think there is a need for leisure activities in Breinton.

⁷⁹ 20b For some people it is easiest to attend leisure activities in Hereford (37%)

Q21. Please let us know whether you have any problems with the following:

	Yes		No		Total resp.	Base*	Not ans.
	No.	%	No.	%			
Shopping?	12	3%	401	84%	413	478	65
Getting to the doctor, dentist, chemist or hospital?	14	3%	396	83%	410	478	68
Home fuel costs?	53	11%	358	75%	411	478	67
Feeling lonely?	21	4%	386	81%	407	478	71
Filling in forms, paperwork?	16	3%	388	81%	404	478	74
Gardening, decorating, DIY?	44	9%	365	76%	409	478	69

*Base=Total survey respondents. Note that with a widely varying number of people choosing not to answer some of these options, it is considered more appropriate to use a consistent number, the number of respondents to the survey, as the base when calculating percentages for all these options.



Residents were asked if they had problems with a number of activities or issues such as shopping, fuel costs or feeling lonely, for example. For each of the issues, there was a small minority of respondents who had a problem with it, the most common being with home fuel costs (11%)⁸⁰ and gardening, decorating or DIY (9%)⁸¹. The remaining items (shopping, getting to doctor/dentist etc., feeling lonely⁸² or filling in forms/paperwork) were each experienced as a problem by 3% to 4% (between 12 and 21) of respondents.

Whilst the numbers were small and the evidence consequentially weak, there was a suggestion that gardening, decorating and DIY were more likely to be seen as a problem by people over 65 years of age than those younger and also by those who had lived in Breinton for over 10 years compared to more recent arrivals. With a similar caveat, home fuel costs were more likely to be experienced as a problem by residents from areas in Breinton other than the Kings Acre Road area.

⁸⁰ 21a 11% have problems with home fuel costs

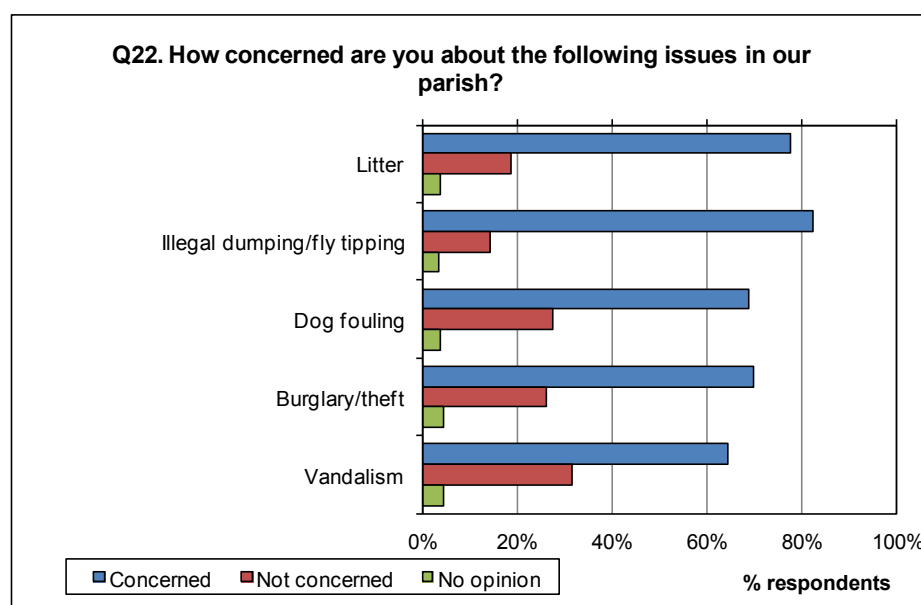
⁸¹ 21b 9% would like help with gardening, decorating or DIY

⁸² 21c 4% were lonely

Q22. How concerned are you about the following issues in our parish?

	Very Concerned	Fairly Concerned	Fairly Unconcerned	Not Concerned at all	No Opinion	Total resp.	Not ans.
Litter	161	178	55	27	16	437	41
Illegal dumping/fly tipping	228	128	36	25	15	432	46
Dog fouling	171	124	70	48	16	429	49
Burglary/theft	151	146	79	32	18	426	52
Vandalism	138	135	86	47	18	424	54

	Very Concerned	Fairly Concerned	Fairly Unconcerned	Not Concerned at all	No Opinion
Litter	37%	41%	13%	6%	4%
Illegal dumping/fly tipping	53%	30%	8%	6%	3%
Dog fouling	40%	29%	16%	11%	4%
Burglary/theft	35%	34%	19%	8%	4%
Vandalism	33%	32%	20%	11%	4%



The chart above shows how residents responded when asked about their level of concern with a number of issues in the parish.

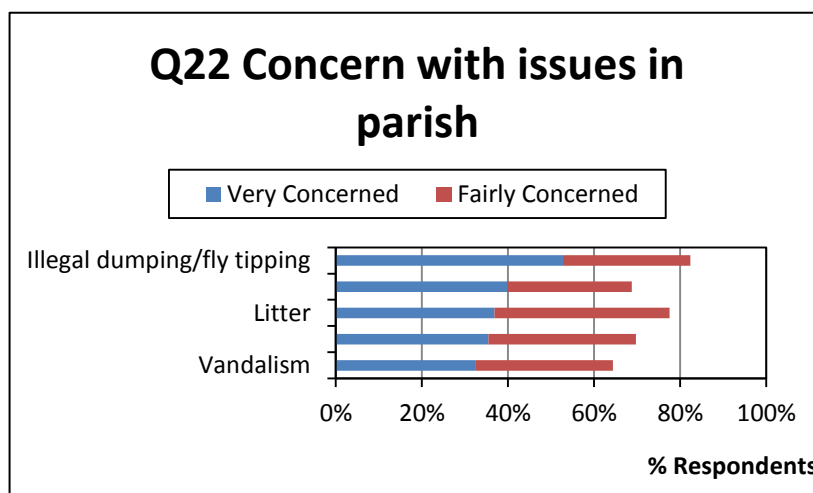
As can be seen, the greatest level of concern (= very concerned or fairly concerned) was with illegal dumping with 83% of respondents being concerned and litter (78%).

A majority, around two thirds, were concerned with each of the other three issues, burglary/theft, dog fouling and vandalism.

The adjacent chart shows the level of concern with each issue in order of decreasing proportions of those who are “very concerned”.

Again, Illegal dumping / fly tipping attracted the greatest level of concern with over half (53%) of respondents who were very concerned about it.

Dog fouling was of great concern to 40% of respondents followed by litter (37%), burglary/theft (35%) and vandalism (33%).



Nearly half (49%)⁸³ of respondents indicated that they were concerned (= very concerned or fairly concerned) about ALL five of the issues listed and 11% of those who answered all questions were neither very concerned nor fairly concerned about any of the issues.

There were no marked difference in the levels of concern between males and females however there were noticeable differences between groups of different ages. Whilst the numbers were fairly small and therefore the evidence not very strong, respondents aged 18 to 44 years were generally less concerned (= very concerned or fairly concerned) about the issues listed than people over 45 years old.

The results showed that people over 65 years old were more likely to be concerned about all 5 issues than people below that age.

There was a general pattern that when dividing respondents into three broad age bands, 18 to 44 years, 45 to 64 years and over 65 year, the degree of concern increased with age band.

An exception was seen with illegal dumping/fly tipping, where the level of concern was highest at 91% for those in the middle band, aged 45 to 64 compared with 83% overall.

There was also a noticeable variation of levels of concern according to the area where the respondent lived. Residents who lived in the Kings Acre road area were more likely to be concerned about dog fouling (77%) than residents who lived elsewhere in Breinton (60%). Furthermore, while 49% of respondents overall were concerned about all five of the issues, this was higher for residents of the Kings Acre road area (55%) than for residents of the rest of Breinton (42%).

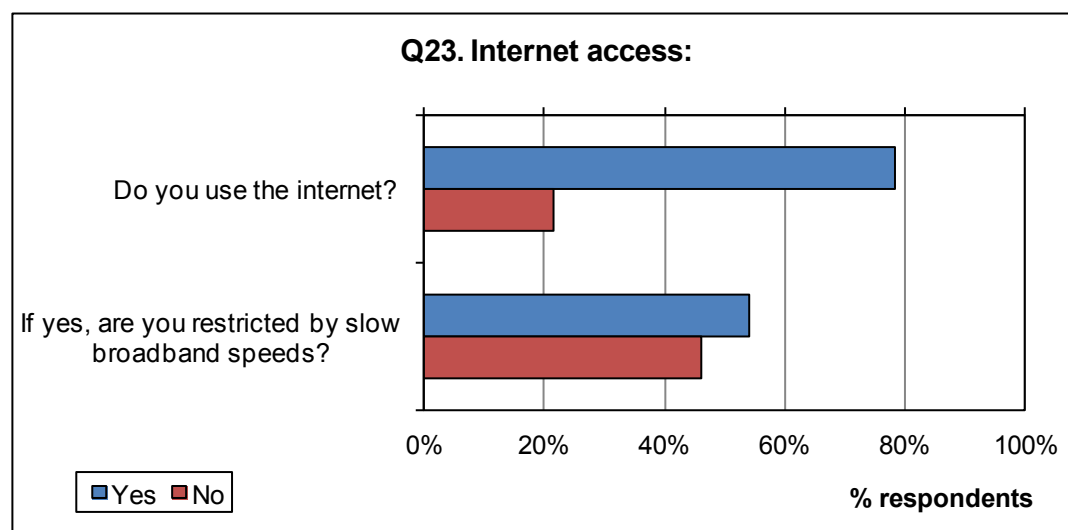
There was also a pattern suggesting that the levels of concern with these issues were higher amongst those who had lived in Breinton longer. For example, 63% of people who had lived in Breinton for less than 5 years were concerned about litter compared with 83% of those who had lived there for over 10 years.

⁸³ 22a 49% were concerned by all the anti-social issues listed,

Communication

Q23. Internet access:

	Yes		No		Total respondents	Not answered
	No.	%	No.	%		
Do you use the internet?	359	78%	99	22%	458	20
If yes, are you restricted by slow broadband speeds?	202	54%	172	46%	374	104



These questions asked residents if they used the internet and if they did so, were they restricted by slow broadband speeds.

Over three quarters of respondents (78%) used the internet⁸⁴ and a little over half (54%)⁸⁵ of those who used it found that they were restricted by the slow speed of broadband, while a little under half (46%) do not experience such a limitation.

No marked difference was seen in either usage or adequacy of broadband speed between males and females, however there were marked differences between different age groups.

Whilst around 96% of residents aged under 45 years indicated that they used the internet, this fell to around two thirds or 67% of those aged over 65 years, with the middle age band (45 – 64 years) in between at around 88%. So it is important to note that around one third of residents aged 65 and over do not use the internet. Whilst the numbers are too small to provide strong evidence, there is a suggestion that the younger age bands (up to 64 years) are more likely to feel restricted by slow broadband than those aged over 65 years.

Little difference was seen in terms of likelihood to use the internet between those who lived in the Kings Acre Road area and those who lived elsewhere in Breinton. However, there is a suggestion (with caveat for relatively small numbers) that residents of the Kings Acre Road area were less likely to be restricted by slow broadband speeds than those in other areas of Breinton, as a whole.

The results also showed that people who have lived in Breinton for over 10 years are less likely to be users of the internet than those who arrived more recently.

⁸⁴ 23a 78% used the internet

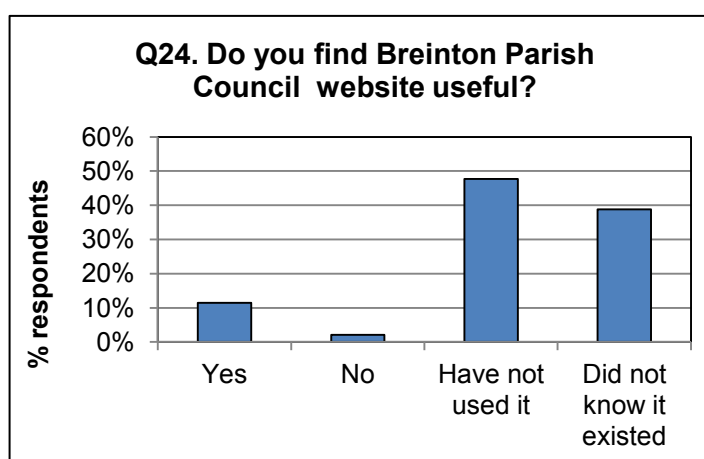
⁸⁵ 23b 54% of those who used the internet experienced slow speed of broadband

Q24. Breinton Parish Council has a website at <http://www.breintonparish.co.uk/> where minutes of Parish Council meetings and other news are posted. Do you find this website useful?

	No.	%
Yes	50	11%
No	9	2%
Have not used it	208	48%
Did not know it existed	169	39%
Total respondents	436	
Not answered	42	

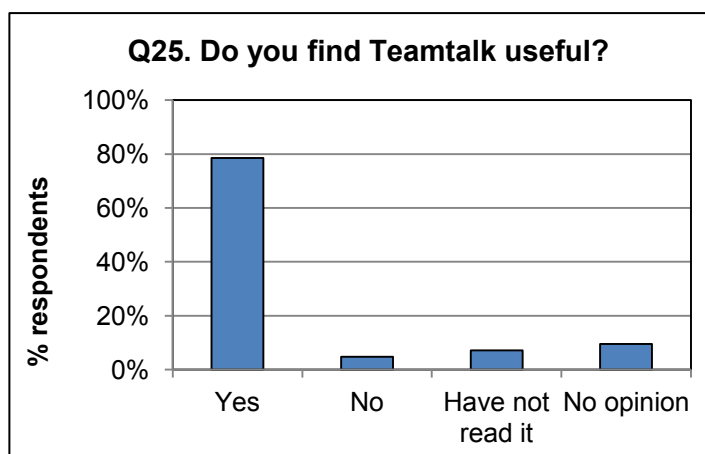
Respondents were asked about their awareness and usage of the Parish Council website, and if they had used it, whether they had found it useful.

A minority, 11% of respondents (50 people) had found the website useful⁸⁶. A large majority (48%) either had not used it or were not aware of its existence (39%).



Q25. Teamtalk is a monthly magazine compiled by the West Hereford Anglican churches, with input from Breinton Parish Council. It is delivered to all households and covers news and events in Breinton. Do you find Teamtalk useful?

	No.	%
Yes	361	78%
No	22	5%
Have not read it	33	7%
No opinion	44	10%
Total respondents	460	
Not answered	18	



Brief background information was provided about, Teamtalk, a local magazine and respondents were asked if they found it useful.

A large majority (78%) of respondents said they found it useful⁸⁷ and just 5% who said they didn't find it useful, with the remainder either having no opinion (10%) or not having read it (7%).

The proportion who found it useful was similar amongst those who used the internet and those who did not.

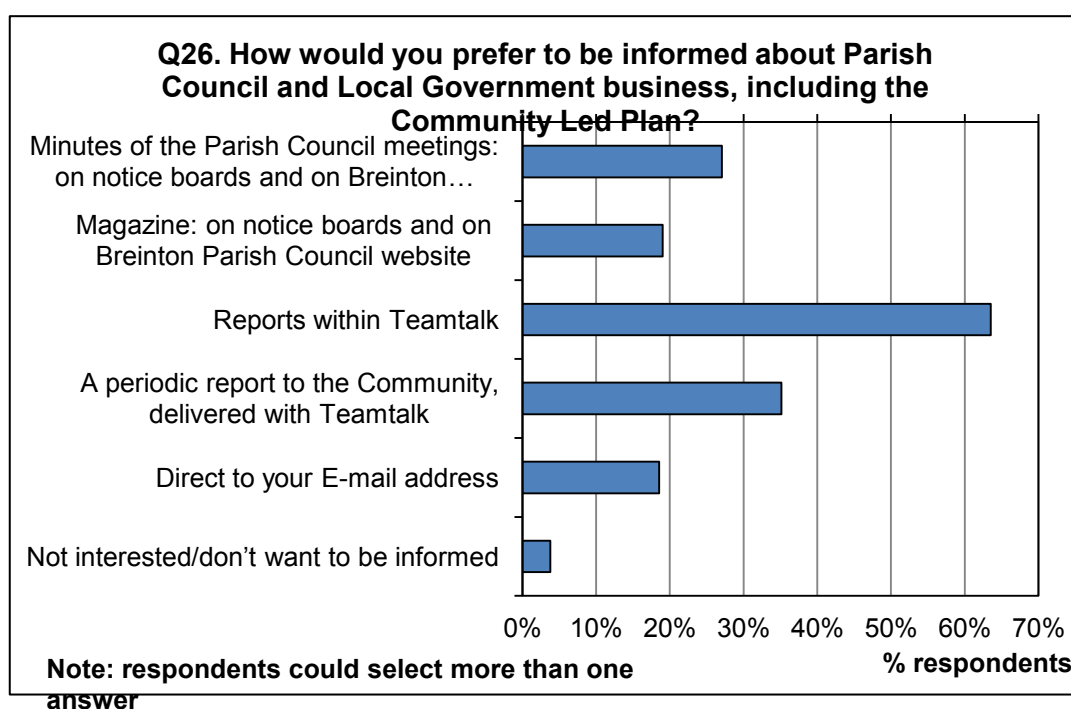
⁸⁶ 24a 11% found the Parish Council website useful

⁸⁷ 25a 78% found Teamtalk useful

Q26. How would you prefer to be informed about Parish Council and Local Government business, including the Community Led Plan?

	No.	%
Minutes of the Parish Council meetings: on notice boards and on Breinton Parish Council website	121	27%
Magazine: on notice boards and on Breinton Parish Council website	85	19%
Reports within Teamtalk	284	64%
A periodic report to the Community, delivered with Teamtalk	157	35%
Direct to your E-mail address	83	19%
Not interested/don't want to be informed	17	4%
Total respondents	447	
Not answered	31	

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.



Respondents were asked for their preferences for methods of providing information about the Parish Council and Local Government business including the Community Led Plan.

The strong preference expressed was for reports within Teamtalk for which nearly two thirds of respondents indicated it was included in their one or more preferred methods.

The next preference amongst respondents was for a periodic report to the Community, delivered with Teamtalk for which there was support from over a third (35%) of respondents.

A large majority (79%) indicated that they preferred either or both of the options of a report within Teamtalk, or a periodic report delivered with Teamtalk⁸⁸.

⁸⁸ 26a 79% preferred to be kept informed by items in Teamtalk or periodic reports delivered with Teamtalk

Minutes on noticeboards and the Breinton Parish website was an option included in the preferences of over a quarter of respondents while the choice of a magazine on noticeboards and website, or a direct email were each included in the selection by around one in five respondents.

A small minority of 4% of respondents or 17 people did not want to be informed.

If you have any further comments related to this Questionnaire please make them below or on additional pages.

Finally, people were invited to make any further comments they wished to make about the questionnaire.

The 66 comments made covered a wide range of topics and many of the comments were about more than one topic. The two themes mentioned most by respondents (about 13 for each) were about Teamtalk (possibly because this was the subject of the preceding question) and concerns about the roads and/or flooding.

Six people said that they didn't receive Teamtalk, while several considered it should have a wider perspective or in a couple of cases that it should be more about the parish than the church. One or two questioned the whether it was value for money, while another endorsed it as an excellent means of communication. Typical comments on this subject included:

Not seen "Teamtalk" for years.

Teamtalk should have a wider perspective. It could be used to generate a wider community spirit by including a greater range of interests.

Villages should have their own periodic magazine. They are usually much smaller than the Teamtalk. Teamtalk is OK for those who are interested in church things but it goes straight into my recycling box as it is mostly church and I can't be bothered trying to find local news etc. !

Teamtalk is an excellent means of communication....

Several people made a plea for something to be done about the condition of the roads with concerns for cyclists, the risk of a serious accident and the difficulty a wheelchair user has with the uneven surface of the footpath along Kings Acre Road. A few comments complained about car parking on the grass verges along Kings Acre Road, turning it to mud and a couple would like to see the grass reinstated. Comments also highlighted the need to address the flooding issue with a suggestion that maintaining ditches would reduce the damage due to water on the roads. One comment was concerned that the junction with Wyevale way and the A480 was dangerous and detailed some suggestions to improve it. The following were typical of the comments received on this topic:

Please, please, get these roads done asap. I have fallen off my bike twice and had two tyres damaged on my car. There will I'm sure, be a very serious accident very soon.

...Please make sure the grass surfaces are reinstated all along Kings Acre Road, and not left as mud patches or covered over by tarmac.

Damage to the roads can be limited by farming ditches to improve drainage off the road and this will reduce the volume of water coming onto the roads from fields. These only need to be where is regularly floods.

There is a dangerous junction where Wyevale Way joins A480, which has a legal limit of 60mph. Traffic emerging from Wyevale Way at this point cannot be sure that it is "all clear" to the left or right until they reach half way across the A480. I have suggested the following solutions most of which have been rejected by Herefordshire Council: ...

Around 9 respondents emphasised the importance of Breinton's heritage and rural nature and the need to protect and preserve it. For example:

Breinton is a rural community with a lot of natural beauty; development of the land would displace wildlife and upset ecosystems, as well as proving detrimental to the area's aesthetic. Herefordians should be able to be proud of their countryside, and should not have to worry about it and its animals being destroyed by developments which would be more suitable elsewhere.

It is essential to retain the rural character of Breinton Parish - it is the reason we choose to live here. Retaining & respecting the rural/city edge character of Breinton through e.g. Nature Trust woodlands, the extensive footpath network & wild-life habitat is critical. I appreciate the efforts of

Breinton Parish Council & parish residents in retaining the character of our area and access to the countryside. With ever increasing pressure on rural parishes such as Breinton I am grateful for the opportunity to express my views.

Breinton is a parish that has not changed a lot for hundreds of years. It is therefore a special area of heritage and particular environmental biodiversity. Future development should not harm this, but on the other hand a broader age-range of the population should be encouraged, plus new small-scale employment opportunities - that may lead to a greater variety of social activities too.

Stop building. Hereford is losing its identity as a rural city. The Council should protect agricultural Hereford, not turn it into a London suburb. Infrastructure is not keeping pace with building.

Several comments were made about the relief road. These covered a range of points: 1. It is needed but should be the eastern route. 2. It is needed but should not be funded by indiscriminate housing. 3. Push for the western route to progress as soon as possible. 4. In the absence of a decision, no progress can be made on other matters such as housing.

There were a few suggestions about cycleways to join with existing routes, the need for improvements to the speed of broadband and the requirements for more maintenance to the lime trees in Kings Acre Road. Such as:

Cycleways also through Breinton to join up with recently completed cycle ways at Kings Acre Halt.

Broadband speeds are slower and at times there is no signal.

Lack of maintenance to lime trees on Kings Acre Road has resulted in 30 feet or more excess height. The nature of lime trees means that many of the trees have dead or unsafe branches and the heights now mean that should one be seriously damaged (for instance storms) houses are at risk. [Need pollarding].

Several comments reflected a division within Breinton between the Kings Acre Road area and the other areas of the parish:

Breinton suffers from division - the Kings Acre Road parishioners do not feel part of the village and the rest of the village is in "pockets" of housing eg Breinton Common, Breinton Lane and houses near to Hereford. Some way should be found to make it a more cohesive village (not easy I admit!!) but it would strengthen the feeling of community.

A few people expressed appreciation for the survey, such as:

Thank you for all the hard work and thought put into this questionnaire and for distributing it to us individually.

Thank you for the opportunity to list my perspective(s)

In the following comments two residents provide their thoughts on Breinton:

Being 86 and needing to face the need to downsize, my specific needs etc. are not really very relevant. It would seem though that the ever increasing size of the UK population will inevitably lead to housing development schemes. To improve the sense of community it could well be helpful to include a wide variety of styles and sizes plus a few small local businesses such as a shop, small office premises, environmentally clean work places to provide work without so much travel as at present. A good care home could be a considerable asset in this regard and also enabling local residents eventually to be cared for still in their own area, backed up by easy access to friends and family to visit frequently without much travelling being required to do so.

Different parts of Breinton will have differing priorities e.g. I appreciate living in Breinton Common because it is rural living close to the river Wye. Kings Acre Road living provides an urban feel with pavements, street lights, bus stops, some retail outlets. Breinton land (grades I and II) is capable of supplying food, such land is worthy of preserving for food production for today and for the future generations. Valued opportunities for people to exercise are available in the Warham area - 2 mile walk from rowing club to St. Michaels church - by means of National Trust land. Rights of way over privately owned farmland provides the public with a chance to share undulating unspoilt countryside. Throughout the year there are joggers, cyclists, horse riders, foragers, campers, canoeists, fishermen enjoying Breinton - abundant evidence of the natural world - pheasants,

badgers, squirrels, slow worms, toads, a large variety of birds, trees, gardens, not forgetting bees to pollinate fruit trees.

Information about you

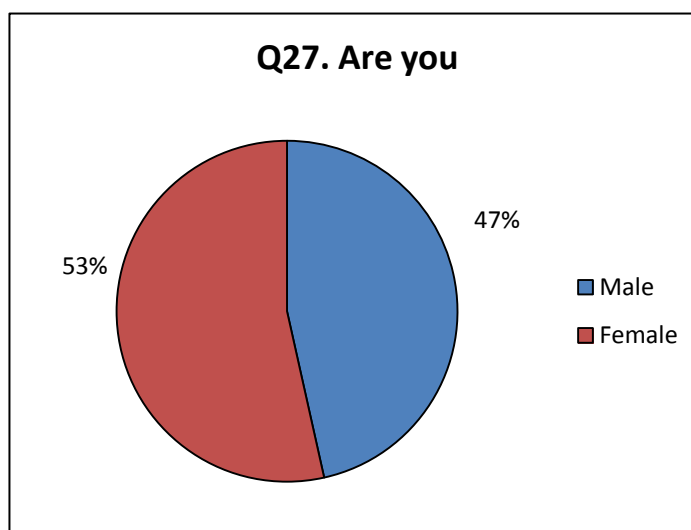
Q27. Are you male or female?

	No.	%
Male	206	47%
Female	237	53%
Total respondents	443	
Not answered	35	

Respondents were asked to indicate if they were male or female.

Of the 478 people who answered this question, 53% were women, 47% men and 35 people or 7% of all who returned a questionnaire chose not to say.

According to the 2011 census, the population of people aged 18 or over in the parish was 726 which yielded a response rate of 66% of the adult population.



Q28. How old are you?

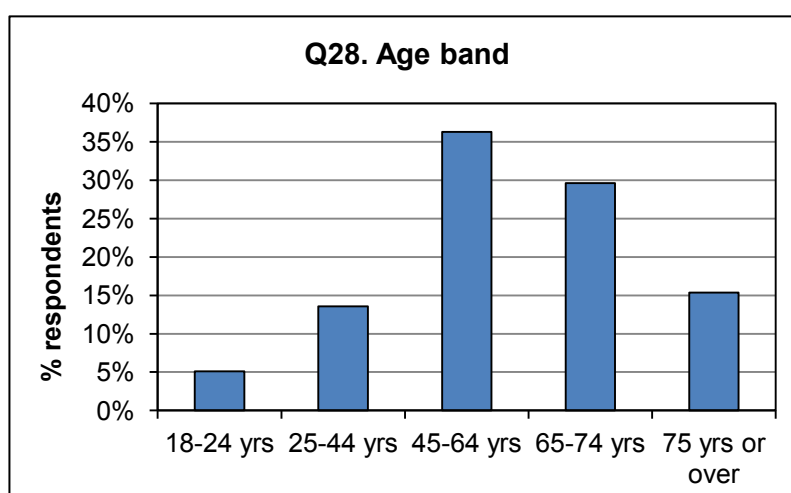
	Survey Responses		Breinton population (Census 2011) ⁸⁹	
	No.	%	No.	% Adults 18+
18-24 yrs	23	5%	52	7%
25-44 yrs	61	14%	148	20%
45-64 yrs	163	36%	266	37%
65-74 yrs	133	30%	149	21%
75 yrs or over	69	15%	111	15%
Total	449		726	
Not answered	29			

When asked to indicate their age band, 94% or 449 of respondents to the survey did so. The distribution of age bands is shown in the chart below.

Around one in five of the respondents to this question were aged between 18 and 44 years, while a little over a third were aged 45 to 64 and a little under a third were aged 65 to 74 years. 15% of respondents were over 75 years old.

The table above also shows the number of people in each age band who lived in the parish of Breinton at the time of the census in 2011.

As can be seen the proportion of responses from people aged 45 to 64 and over 75 matches the population distribution extremely well. However, as is common in a survey of this nature, younger people (aged below 45 years) are a little under-represented and people in the age band 65 to 74 are a little over-represented in the survey responses. This must be taken in account when considering the accuracy of the results, but is likely to have a relatively small impact on the results overall.



⁸⁹ Source: Office for National Statistics © Crown Copyright 2012

When analysing the results of this survey and considering any variation of views by age, it was necessary to combine some of these groups to give sufficient numbers for reliable comparison. For this purpose, the lower two groups were combined to give a group of 18 to 44 year olds and the 65 to 74 year old was combined with the over 75 year olds. These groups are described in the text whenever the results for these age bands are discussed.

Q29. Whereabouts in the Parish of Breinton do you live?

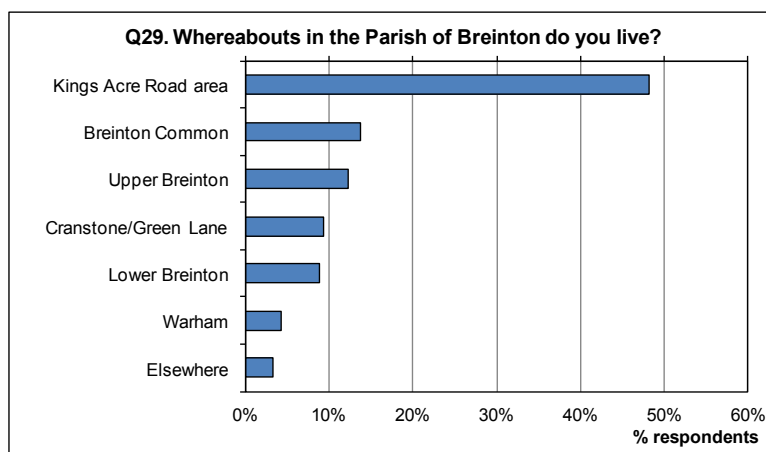
	No.	%
Kings Acre Road area	213	48%
Breinton Common	61	14%
Upper Breinton	54	12%
Cranstone/Green Lane	41	9%
Lower Breinton	39	9%
Warham	19	4%
Elsewhere	15	3%
Total respondents	442	
Not answered	36	

Respondents were asked to indicate which part of the parish they lived in from a list of areas provided.

The table and chart below show the proportion of respondents who lived in each area.

Nearly half (48%) lived in the Kings Acre Road area, slightly fewer than all the other areas together. Breinton Common and Upper Breinton returned the next highest numbers of questionnaires with 14% and 12% respectively.

When analysing the results of the survey and looking for any variation of views depending on where the respondent lived, two groups were formed. One group was of all respondents who lived in the Kings Acre Road area and the other of those who has specified any of the other six areas, including "elsewhere".



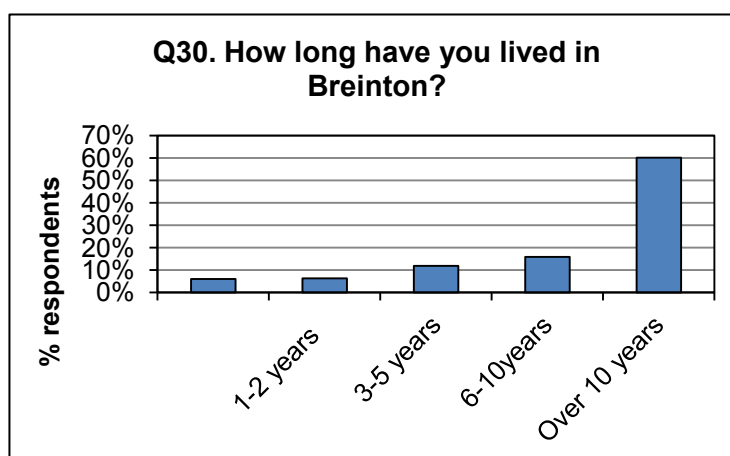
Q30. How long have you lived in Breinton?

	No.	%
Less than 1 year	27	6%
1-2 years	28	6%
3-5 years	53	12%
6-10years	71	16%
Over 10 years	269	60%
Total respondents	448	
Not answered	30	

People were asked to indicate how long they had lived in Breinton.

As the table and chart show, the majority of respondents (60%) had lived in Breinton for over 10 years, while around a quarter had lived there for up to 5 years including 6% who had been there for less than a year.

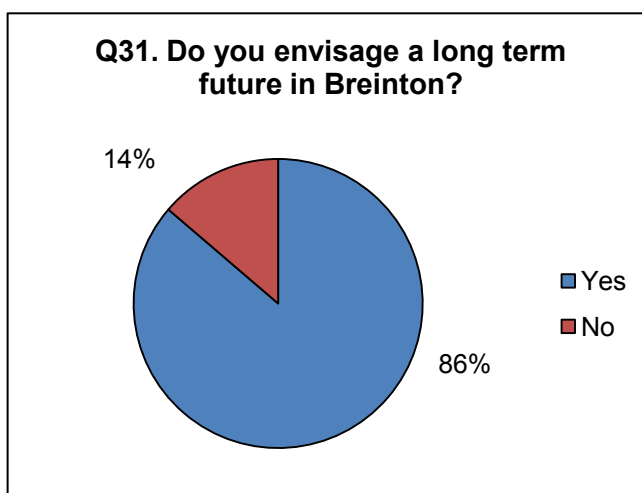
For the purpose of analysis of views according to length of time living in Breinton, the respondents were divided into three groups: those who had lived there for 5 years or less, those for 6 to 10 years and those who had been resident for over 10 years. These groups are described in the commentary when they are discussed.



Q31. Do you envisage a long term future in Breinton?

	No.	%
Yes	377	86%
No	60	14%
Total respondents	437	
Not answered	41	

Respondents were asked to indicate if they planned a long term future in Breinton, a large majority (86%) said "Yes".



Questions for young people

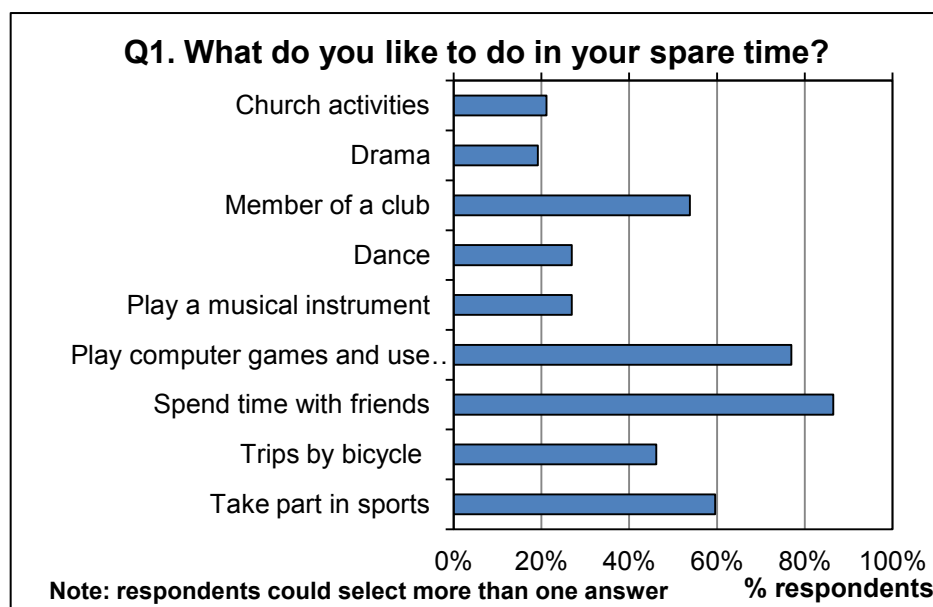
Q1. What do you like to do in your spare time? (Your answers will help us to think about possible new local activities, or better travel arrangements).

	No.	%
Church activities	11	21%
Drama	10	19%
Member of a club	28	54%
Dance	14	27%
Play a musical instrument	14	27%
Play computer games and use internet	40	77%
Spend time with friends	45	87%
Trips by bicycle	24	46%
Take part in sports	31	60%
Total respondents	52	

As the table and chart below show, when asked which activities from a list people liked to do in their spare time, spending time with friends (87%) and computer games / using the internet (77%) were the most popular.

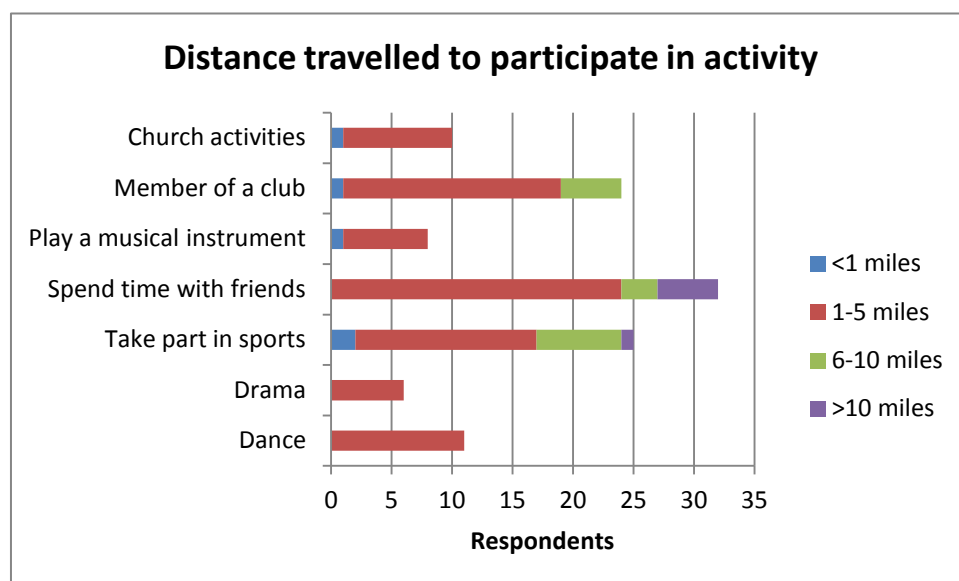
Over half of the 52 respondents liked to participate in sports or to be a member of a club and nearly as many (46%) liked to take trips by bicycle.

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.



Please also show roughly how far you have to travel to take part in any of the following activities, but if you don't know please leave the mileage blank.

Distance (miles)	Church activities	Member of a club	Play a musical instrument	Spend time with friends	Take part in sports	Drama	Dance
<1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
1-5	9	18	7	24	15	6	11
6-10	0	5	0	3	7	0	0
>10	0	0	0	5	1	0	0
Total respondents	10	24	8	32	25	6	11



The table and chart show the responses when asked how far people had to travel to participate in their spare time activities.

As can be seen, most of the journeys required were between 1 and 5 miles. However, a little over a fifth of the journeys for sporting activities or to participate in a club were between 6 and 10 miles in length and for a few people spending time with friends required a journey of over 10 miles.

Other activities:

There were 13 comments made about other activities as follows:

Baking - art + crafts

Brownies - 2 miles.

College - Holme Lacy

Cubs - 2 miles.

General cycling (road) not specific trips. Hockey, rounders, cricket, outdoor adventures & exploring.

Girl Lego

Go to school (3 miles)

Guides - Burghill.

JYM

Kids club guided walks.

Lego day, sports day.

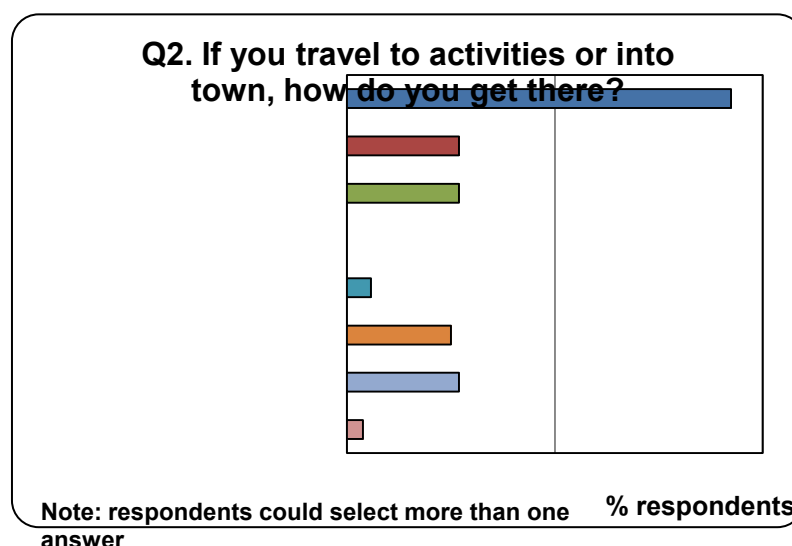
Monday swimming at Leominster, Tuesday Beavers at Credenhill, Wednesday trampolining at Hereford Leisure Centre, Thursday and Friday gymnastics at Hereford Leisure Centre.

reading - enjoys. Arts + crafts.

Q2. If you travel to activities or into town, how do you get there?

	No.	%
Lift from family	48	92%
Lift from friends	14	27%
Bicycle	14	27%
Scooter/motorbike	0	0%
Drive myself	3	6%
Bus (non-school)	13	25%
Walk	14	27%
Other	2	4%
Total respondents	52	

When travelling to town, families are the provider of lifts to a large majority (92%) of the respondents with lifts from friends, non-school bus, cycling and walking each being used by around a quarter of respondents. This can be seen in the table and chart below.



Note: respondents could select more than one answer.

Other (please write in box below):

There were four comments made as follows:

If it were easier to cycle or walk to school I would.

If it were safer to cycle or walk to school I would.

Sometimes jog down to the club.

Taxi

Q3. What sports and recreational facilities would you like to have in Breinton? (Some activities may need us to find people to run them first).

	No.	%
Safe playground	28	55%
Safe cycle routes	38	75%
Activity Club	19	37%
Sports pitch	27	53%
Total respondents	51	
Not answered	1	

When asked what sports and recreational facilities they would like to have in Breinton, there was strong support (75%) for safe cycle routes. Over half would like to have a safe playground and a similar proportion a sports pitch.

Note: respondents could select more than one answer.



If you have any other ideas about activities, or where to hold them, please write them in the space below:

There were 18 comments providing ideas about other activities and where to hold them. Many of the suggestions were for clubs of various types. Disco and dance featured in a number of the comments as did sporting activities of various types such as cricket, tennis and football. The comments were as follows:

Running club; Lego car club; disco club; cookery club.

A youth club

Book club, sports club, film club. In village hall.

Clay pigeon traps (site)

Community centres, libraries, swimming pools, cinemas, skate boarding facilities, ice rinks, mini shops.

Computer club - village hall. Music club - piano/guitar - form a band (Breinton Band).

Craft club. A rounders club in summer.

Create a Breinton Band and play at places. Cycling club. Survival skills in the woods (or activities) for older boys eg computer club with achievement levels. Music lessons in hall (piano/guitar). Use hall for younger person activities - after school weekends.

Cricket ground - boys training / boys team. Football and rugby pitch. Athletics training.

Dance club at village hall. Cooking club. Disco. Craft club. Book club.

Dance clubs

Dog training and dog agility in the village hall. Cricket ground - girls training / girls team.

Organise days out with Dad/Mum groups these days can be free trips (bike rides, walks, seaside trip etc or theme parks

Playground at village hall.

Tennis court.

Tennis courts

Various buses, shorter distances

Youth club group 15-19

Q4. How can we improve transport for young people in Breinton?

37 people responded to the question asking how transport could be improved for young people. There were two predominant themes to the responses.

The first was for the provision of a better bus service such as more frequent, regular, for children only or a stop in middle of Breinton. Typical comments on this subject included:

Better bus service more frequent.

Having daily bus to and from Breinton would be very helpful. Saves spending money on fuel in and out of town.

More buses. Mini buses for children.

The second major theme was concerned with either more, improved or safer cycle ways, for example:

Safe cycle routes and pathways.

Cycle paths because of the pot holes and drivers speeding.

Cycle routes. Make the roads safer to walk and cycle on e.g. pavements. Speed limits on roads.

Amongst the other comments, three people made the said that they don't have transport problems because they are close to a bus stop, for example:

I live on a bus route so I don't have transport problems.

Q5. Is there anything else you would like to say about living in Breinton?

20 respondents made other comments about living in Breinton as follows:

Can be isolated.

Cut the hedges on the cycle path going up to Stretton Sugwas school.

Friendly good walks.

I enjoy the country side and safe feeling of living in Breinton

I have lots of school friends now living in and around Breinton and enjoy visiting them, and getting to know the area as I grow up.

I like Breinton because of junior church.

I like the countryside.

I like the space and living close to school.

I would like to have more children living in the village.

It is a fabulous place because of all the surrounding countryside. One thing we need more of is bins (rubbish) and grit bins at tops of hills.

It's close to the country there's lots of lovely birds it's a lovely place we'd really like a young children's play area

It's fun and active because I get to ride(?) my dirt bike in the garden.

It's nice countryside. I just wish Hereford had more facilities because I don't mind travelling a couple of miles into town.

Keep it green.

Knowing the community.

Living in Breinton is very nice, but having a major village shop or pub would offer a sense of community. And would be a great place to go with family to meet others who live in Breinton.

More people

Nope :)

Not seen any vandalism !

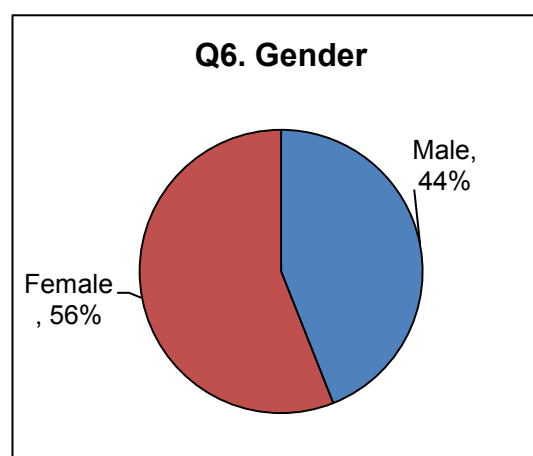
Nothing.

Information about you

Q6. Are you male or female?

	No.	%
Male	22	44%
Female	28	56%
Total respondents	50	
Not answered	2	

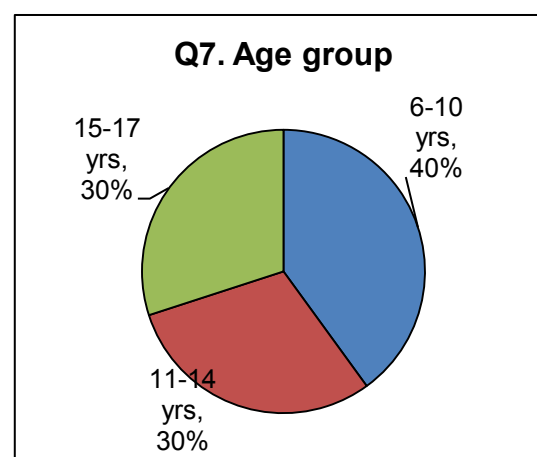
There were a slightly more females (56%) who responded than males (44%).



Q7. How old are you?

	Survey Responses		Breinton population (Census 2011) ⁹⁰	
	No.	%	No.	% of 6-17 yr olds
6-10 yrs	20	40%	32	38%
11-14 yrs	15	30%	23	27%
15-17 yrs	15	30%	29	35%
Total	50		84	
Not answered	2			

There was a broadly similar number of respondents from each of the age bands, 6 to 10 years, 11 to 14 and 15 to 17 year olds.



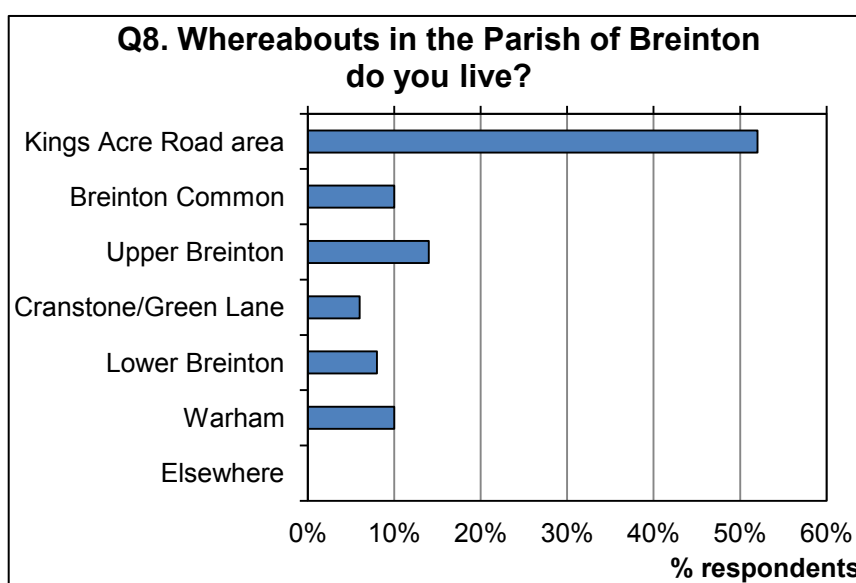
The table also shows the number of people in each age band who lived in the parish of Breinton at the time of the census in 2011.

As can be seen, the proportion of respondents in each age band is a good reflection of the number of people in each age band who lived in Breinton at the time of the census in 2011.

Q8. Whereabouts in the Parish of Breinton do you live?

	No.	%
Kings Acre Road area	26	52%
Breinton Common	5	10%
Upper Breinton	7	14%
Cranstone/Green Lane	3	6%
Lower Breinton	4	8%
Warham	5	10%
Elsewhere	0	0%
Total respondents	50	
Not answered	2	

The distribution of where the young people lived was broadly similar to that of the adults, with around half from the Kings Acre Road area and half from elsewhere in the parish.



End of Report

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Appendix - the questionnaires are now available as Appendices H&I of the Community Led Plan although they were originally attached to this report for completeness sake