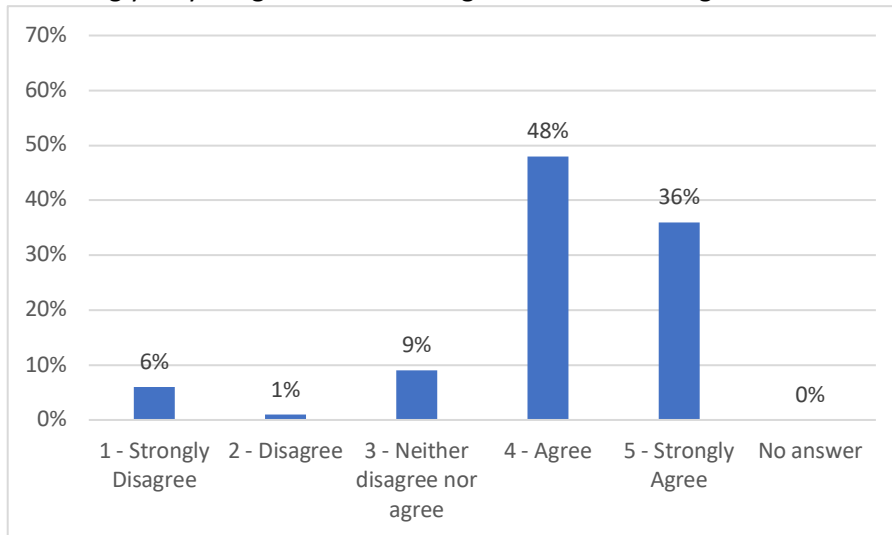


## Survey for Ousden Village Hall Results

Here are the results of the survey circulated throughout the village. 135 were successfully delivered, with 91 being returned – 67% success rate of returns. 77 respondents agreed that the village should have a village hall (57%) of the total sent out. An additional 8 neither agreed nor disagreed. 6 respondents (4%) replied that they did not agree that the village should have a village hall.

The results are as follows:

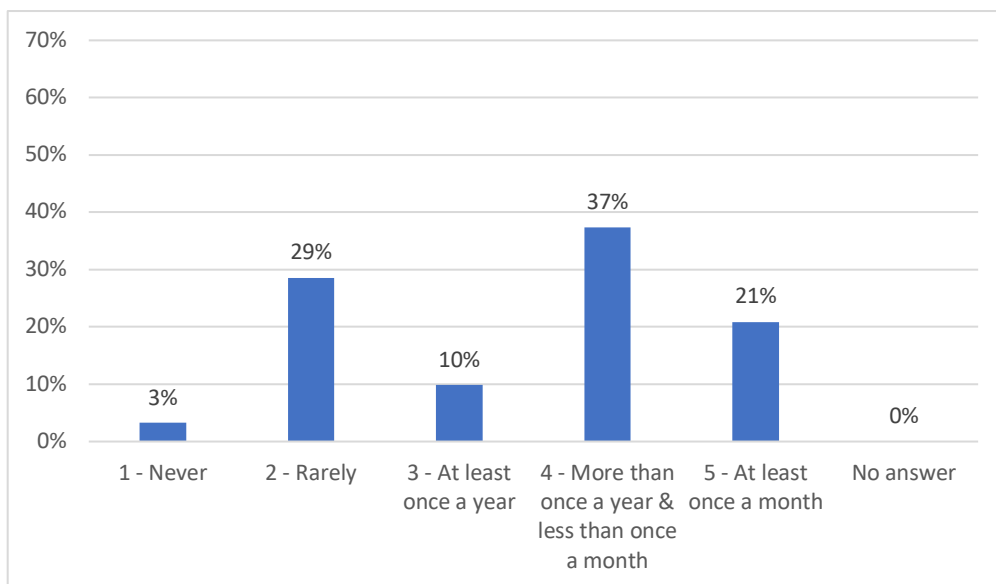
### 1. How strongly do you agree that the village must have a Village Hall?



### 2. What purpose do you believe the village hall fulfills? These responses were numerous and have been amalgamated & listed to show the common themes:

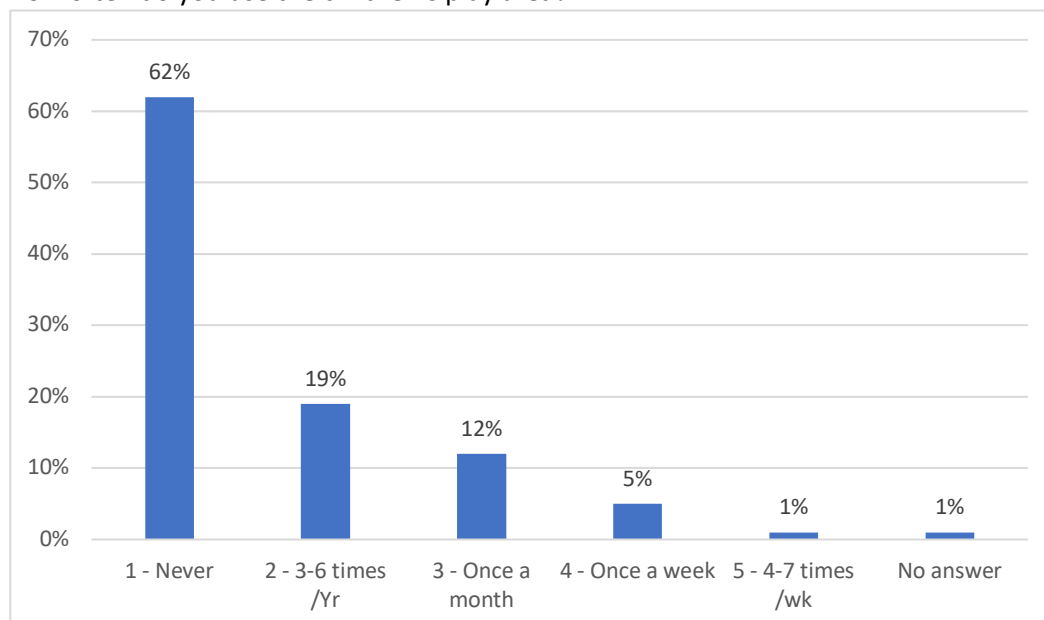
Provides social cohesion & provides facilities for various social activities. Community interaction. The heart of the village. The focal point of the community.  
A hub for the community & village. Builds & brings the local & wider community together. Keeps the sense of community. Foster community spirit  
Gives the village a purpose. An opportunity to meet, mix & socialise. Particularly in a linear village with limited other facilities except for a pub.  
To allow activities to take place to bring villagers together. Social events  
Central community facility for group & community events & meetings to be held. Community Action  
Promotes friendship & sense of belonging amongst fellow villagers. Brings people together. Keeps the village together. Meet our neighbours  
A communal asset. A community service. Serving the needs of the Ousden Village  
A social & village meeting place. A gathering place for a miscellany of activities old & new. Sports & Games Facilities.  
Voting  
There for everyone to enjoy for whatever events being held. Unifies the village  
Provides a venue for many events. Community events & private hire. Potential for generating income  
Somewhere for everyone to be able to meet, both for meetings regarding decisions regarding village life, and for social functions.  
A pleasant building to hold events & get the whole village together. Enables young people to get together  
Focus for villagers and central meeting place to enrich our lives. Promotes good rural relations  
To act as the hub of the community, providing social, fitness & hobby type activities & events to enrich the lives of the residents of Ousden, as well as those in surrounding villages  
Somewhere for everyone to be able to meet, both for meetings regarding decisions regarding village life, and for social functions. Voting  
Enables & promotes community life. A neutral centre for the whole community. Enables community activities.  
It was felt by one candidate that the village hall in its current state fulfills no purpose & is a drain on village finances

### 3. How often do you currently use or visit the Village Hall?

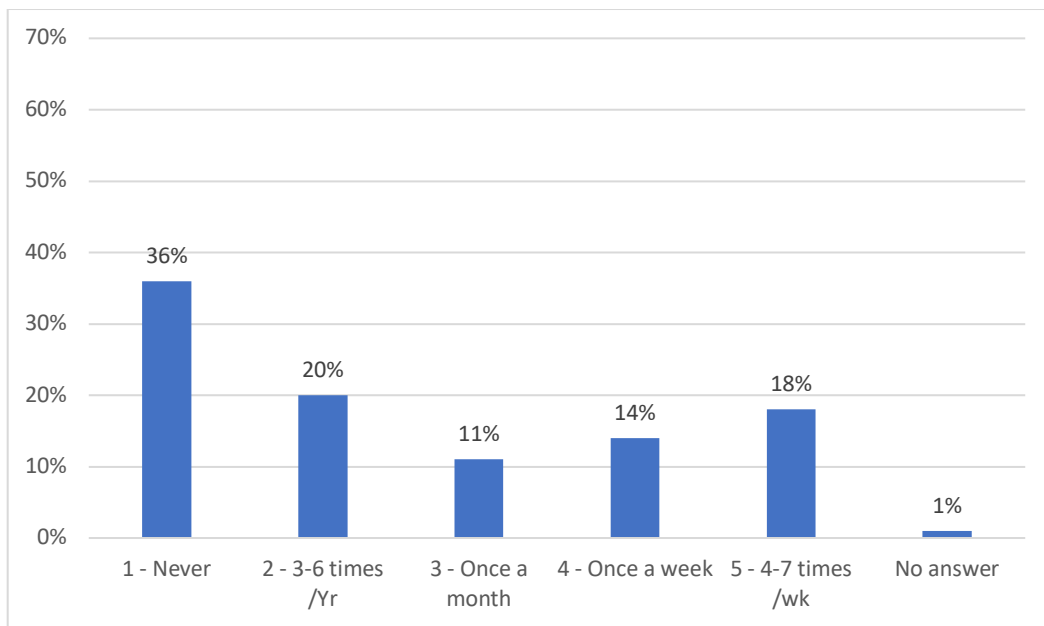


4. If so, for what activity? (the first twelve are shown in descending order of popularity)  
 Village Fete, Voting, Quiz, Bowls, Pop Up Café, Village breakfast, Meetings, Flower arranging, Village functions, Party, Talks, Race Night, Village meetings, Parish Council Meetings, Meeting, Village events, Various, Coffee morning, Flower demonstration, Dog shows, Events, Parish council meetings, Village Hall Committee meetings, Take my daughter to the park, Puppy training, Base for the village cricket team. Cricket teas are served in the village hall, Breakfast café, Funerals, Demonstrations, Local council meeting, Polling station, Local Produce Sale, Marmalade Morning, Social event, Daughter's birthday party hire, Village events, Meetings for village / church events  
 Village Hall Meeting, Children's party, can't remember, Christmas sales, Birthday parties, Wine Tasting, Celebrations, Social events, Cricket, Charity fund raising events, Various village events, Boot fair, Parties, Antiques Fairs, Ploughman's lunch, no activities of interest to me, Walking groups, Open Gardens, Walks, Other, A few village activities, Other village events

5. How often do you use the children's play area?



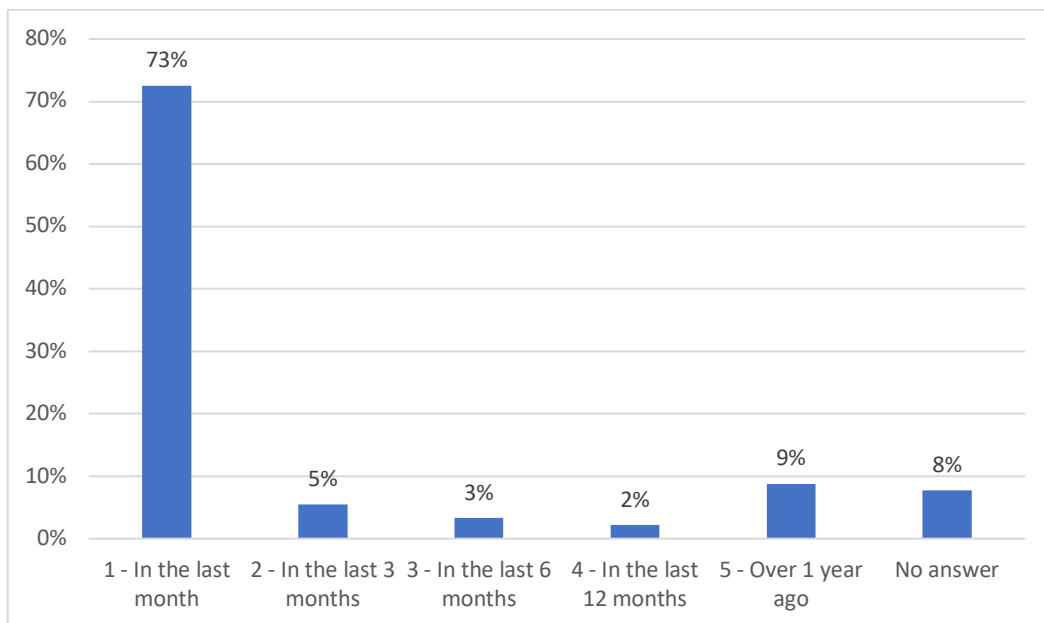
6. How often do you use the Playing Fields?



7. When was the last time you used or attended an event at the Village Hall?

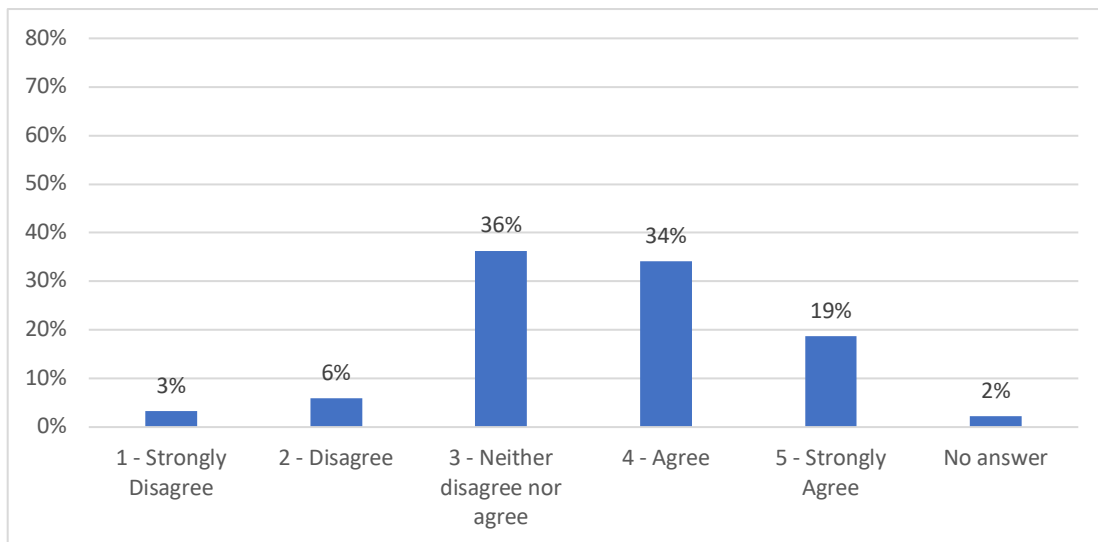
*Please state when & what event.....*

Answers included (in order of popularity) - Village Fete, Pop Up Café, Meetings, voting, Village Breakfast, Cricket. Where respondents named an event – it was translated in to how recently they have attended the Village Hall as follows



50% of respondents stated that they came to the Village Fete in June 2019

8. If the Village Hall was a newer building with better facilities would you use it more often?



9. What would you be likely to use the Village Hall for?

*Please state..... (see appendix list for ideas) and*

10. What type of events /clubs/activities would you attend at the Village Hall? *(see appendix list for ideas) Please state.....*

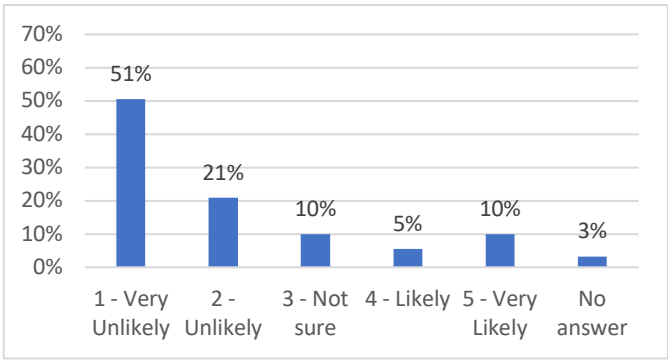
Both answers amalgamated:

Anything social really, Archaeology Road Fair, Art auctions, Art classes, Arts & crafts, Auction of Promises, Badminton, Ballroom dancing, Band evenings, Bands, Barn dance, Bingo, Birthday parties, Book club, Bowls, Breakfasts, Bridge Club, Brownies, Cubs, Burns' Night, Café, Camera club, Car boot sale, Ceilidh club, Charity fundraising events, Children's birthday parties, Children's cinema, Children's dance classes, Children's parties, Choir, Coffee Mornings, Community interest, Cookery classes, Church fund raising events, Cinema evenings /showings, Classes, Clubs, Coffee mornings, Community café, Community cinema, Community events, Craft club, Community groups, Community interest, Computer club, Concerts, Cookery classes, Creative workshops, Dance classes, Dog training, Dog walking group, Evening classes, Evening cultural events, Exercise classes, Fairtrade Café, Family fun days, Family function / parties, Farm tours, Farmers' Market, Fete, First aid training, Fitness classes, Flower arranging, Football, French language class, Functions, Fund raising events, Funeral wakes, Garden club, Harvest Supper, Health & fitness, Hiring for events, History Talks, Hog roast, Jazz, Jazz evenings, Jazzercise, Jewellery making, Keep Fit, Language classes, Language (Spanish), Library, Life drawing, Local history group, Local produce sale, Lunch club, Marmalade morning, Medical advice centre, Meetings, Mobile library, Mobile Post Office, Mother & Baby group, Movie nights, Music events, Needles & pins, Open Gardens, Otago, Over 60's fitness, Overnight Camping Barn, Parent & toddler, Parish Council Meetings, Parties, Pilates, Pop Up Café, Post Office, Presentations, Private functions, Produce Sale, Quilting, Quiz, Race night, Same as present or more if more suitable activities were organised, Salsa, Shop, Short bowls, Short mat bowling, Singing, Singing For Fun, Slimming club, Social events, Special events, Sports, Summer fete, Supper / Lunch Club, Table Top Sale, Table Tennis, Talent show, Talks, Tea parties, Theatre events, Themed dinner parties, Toddler group, Travelling Theatre Groups, Treasure Hunts, Ultimate dream would be for it to include a volunteer shop / café / library / hub, Village Breakfast, Village events, Village Fete, Village Get Togethers, Village lunch / Supper, Volunteer befriending service, Walk-In GP, Walking groups, Wedding Receptions, WI, Wine tasting, Winter activities, Would support most activities mentioned if they were available, Yoga, Zumba

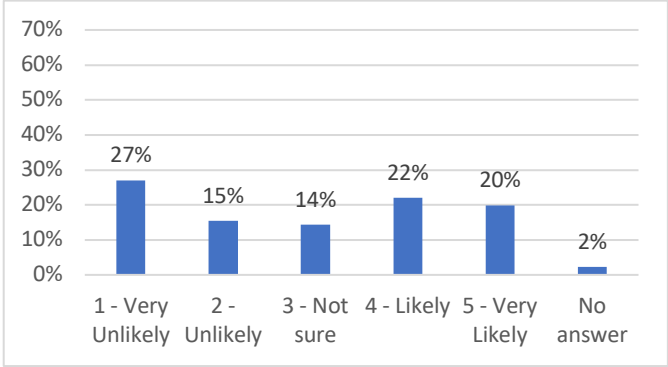
Most popular suggestions were: Pilates, yoga, Fitness classes, Over 60's Fitness, Village Fete, Quiz Night, Parties, Wine tasting, Farmers' Market / Produce sale, Marmalade mornings, Barn Dance, Art classes, Gardening Club, Travelling theatre, Cinema

How likely would you be to attend?

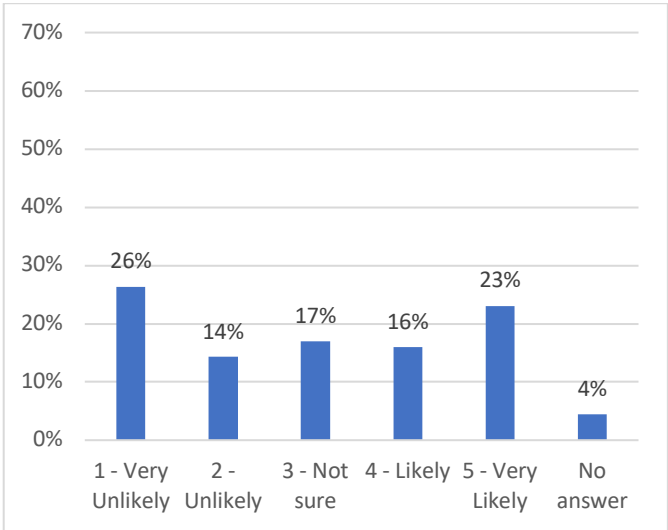
11. Bowls Club



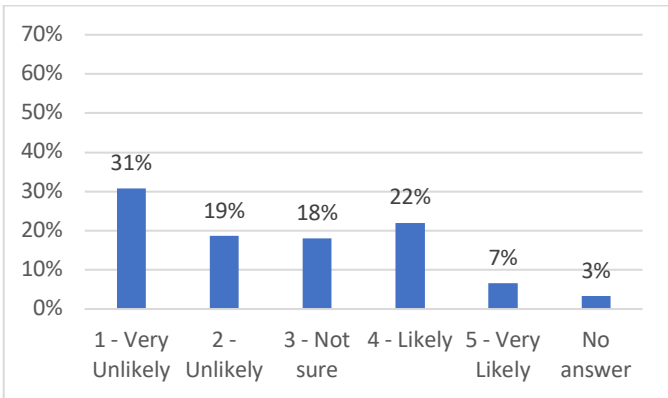
12. Yoga



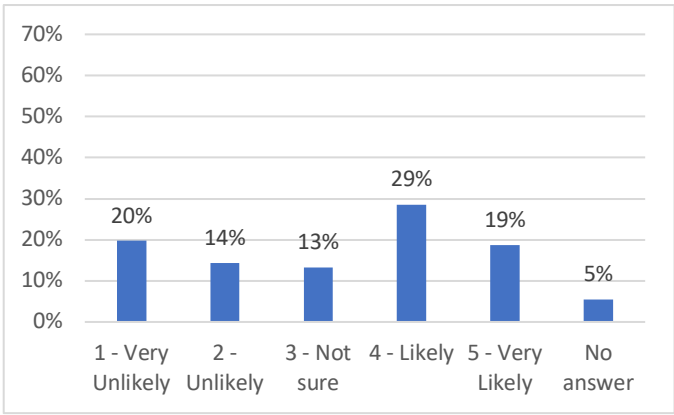
13. Pilates



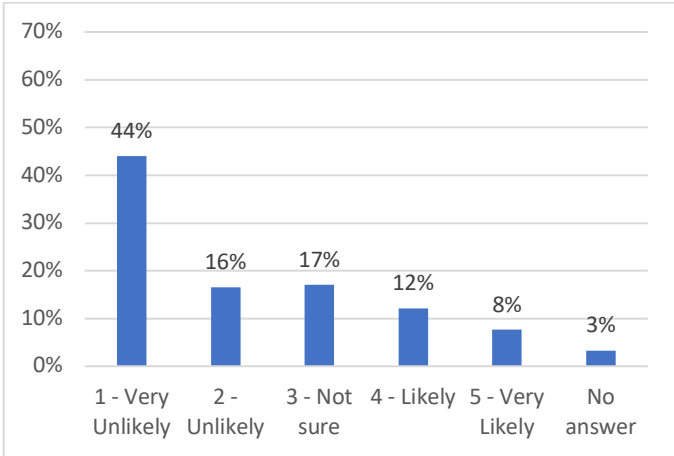
14. Badminton



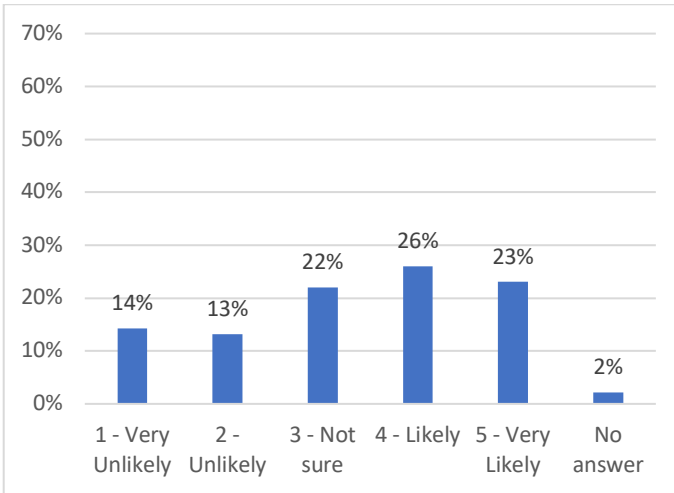
15. Keep Fit



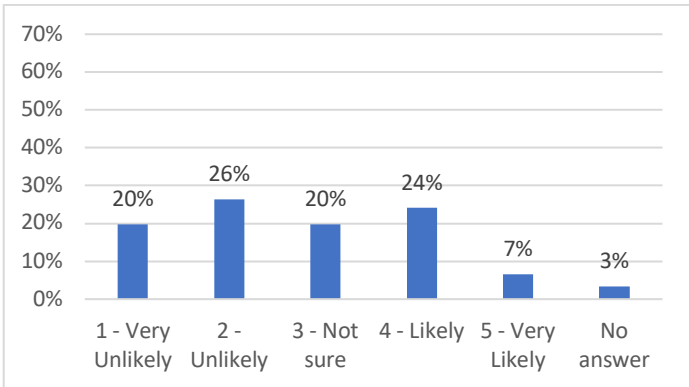
16. Singing for Fun



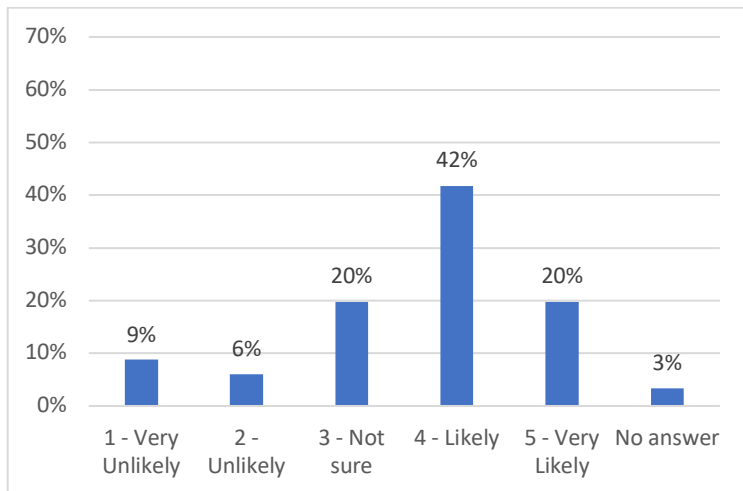
17. Quiz Nights



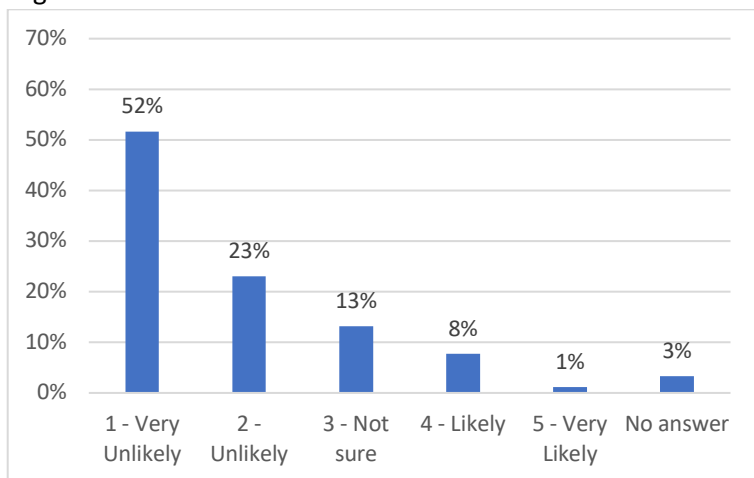
18. Dances



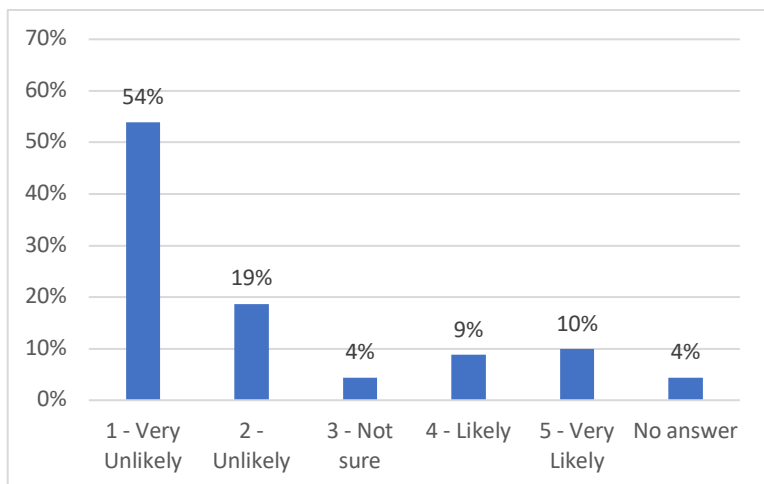
19. Demonstrations or Talks



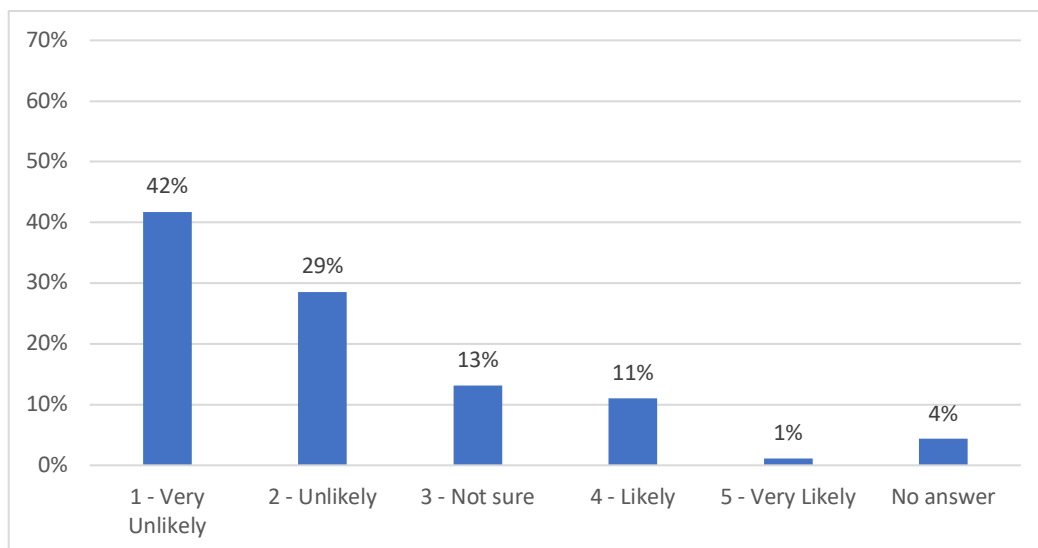
20. Bridge Club



21. Children's Parties



22. How likely would you be to start up a club / event at the Village Hall yourself?



11 people expressed an interest in starting a club or event.

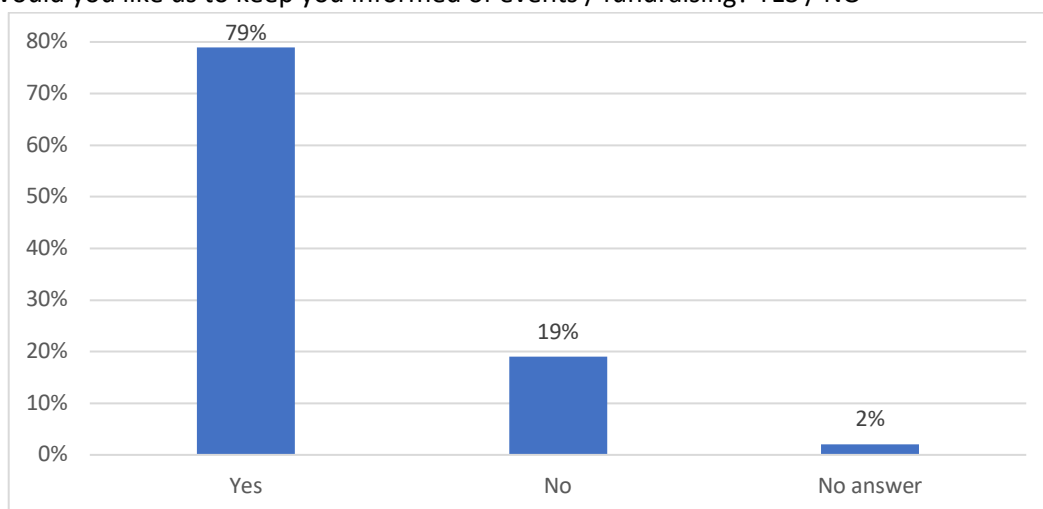
23. What would encourage you to start up a club /event at the Village Hall?

*Please state.....*

Filling an obvious demand, A decent village hall, A local children's group, Help from others for manning & organizing, Probably nothing, Spending more time in the village during the week, Over 80 with sufficient entertainment, support from others in the village, Enough spare time

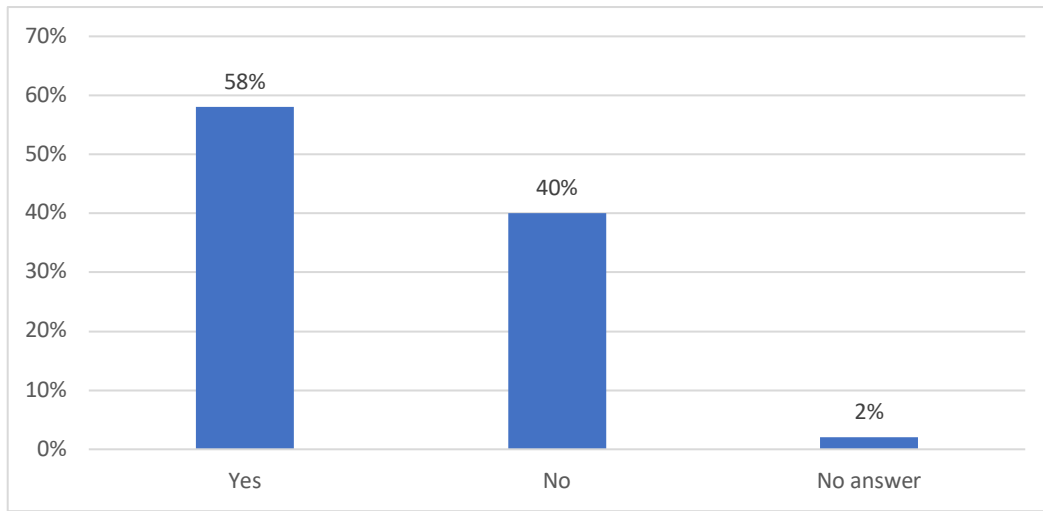
Both in mid 70's - have done my share in the past, Local produce & crafts; training, Knowing for sure that the interest was there, Nice facilities, strong group dynamic, Knowing that like-minded people would be interested, Life drawing & other art related subjects / talks, Unlikely, Very unlikely, Better facilities, air conditioning, nicer kitchen, no asbestos, Other people with similar interest to share organisation with, Other people prepared to support, Art classes, In future might be interested in running an informal art class, Too old, If enough people - 6 minimum were interested in life drawing (clothed figures) (David Hockney) - not tutored need conducive space & couple of armchairs; Ousden Archaeology & History Club if enough interested; An asbestos-free building. Modern facilities - a hall to be proud of in encouraging other people to come & participate in activities, Film night with supper.

24. Would you like us to keep you informed of events / fundraising? YES / NO



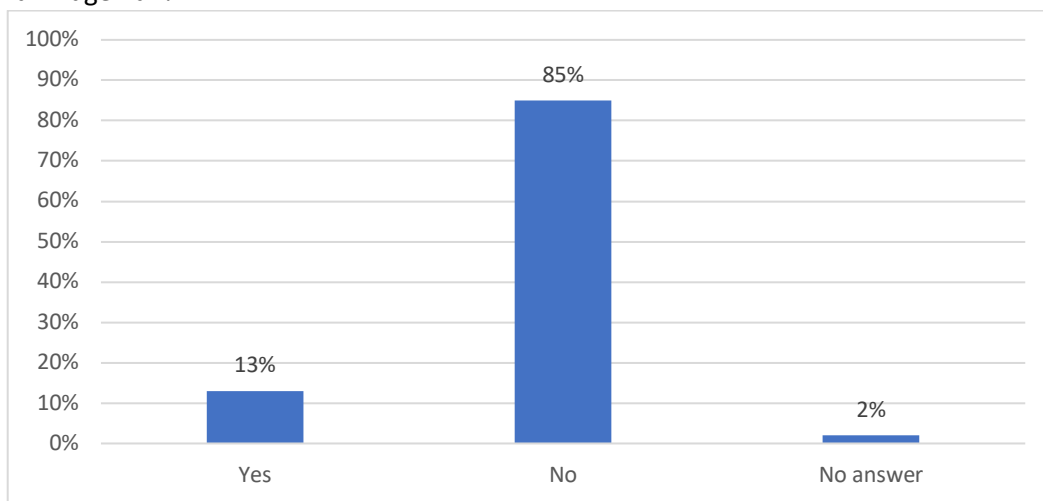
25. Would you like us to keep you informed of events / fundraising by email? YES / NO





53 households said they would like to be kept informed by email

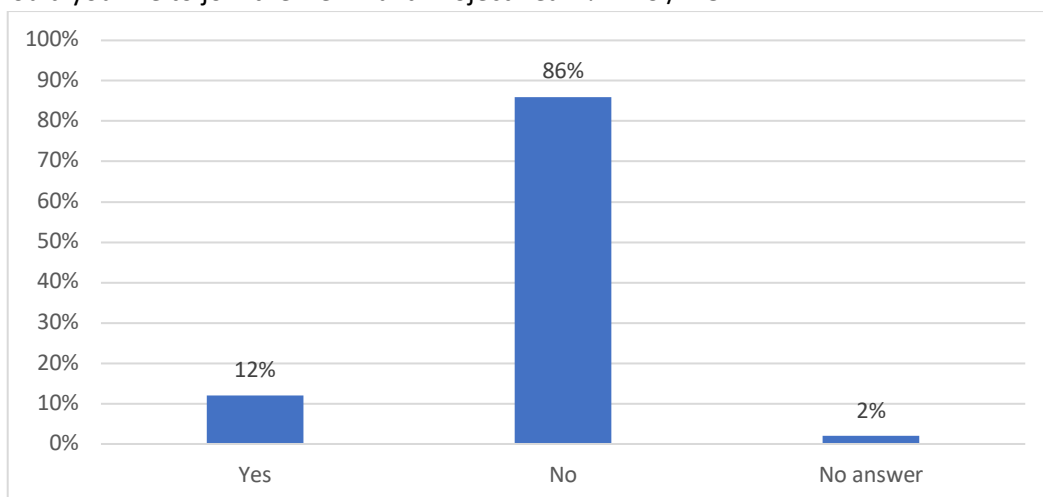
26. Would you like to join the Village Hall Management Committee which seeks to ensure the ongoing provision of a village hall?



Those that have offered help will be contacted individually and privately.

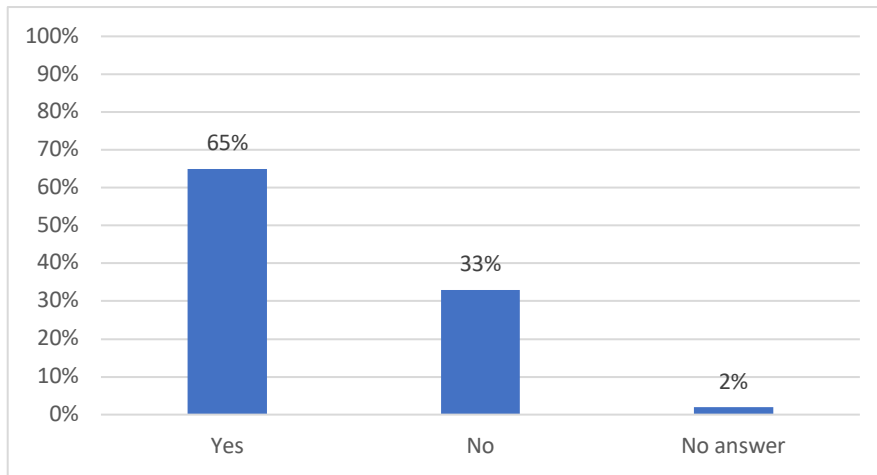
6 were already committee members. 6 additional people have offered to become committee members

27. Would you like to join the New Build Project Team? YES / NO



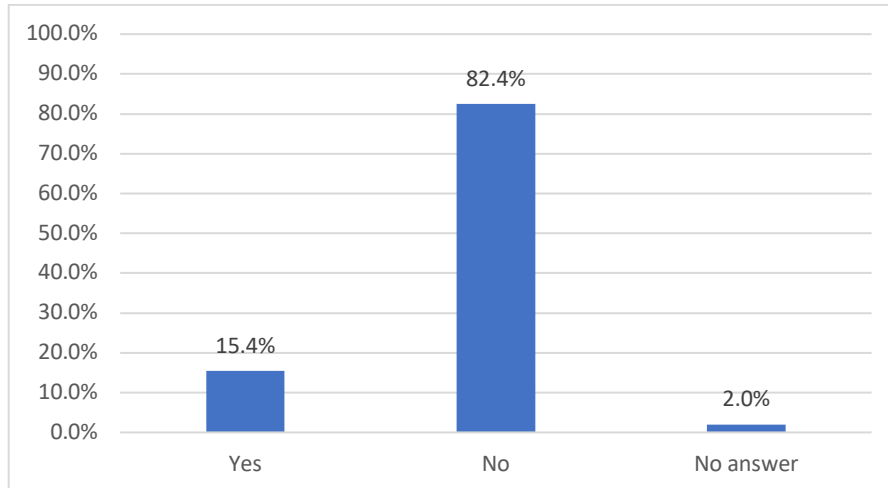
Those that have offered help will be contacted individually and privately. 7 individuals in addition to existing members have offered help or are willing to join the committee

28. Would you be happy to help volunteer at fund raising events? YES / NO



Those that have offered help will be contacted by email or personally. 59 individuals have expressed an interest in helping

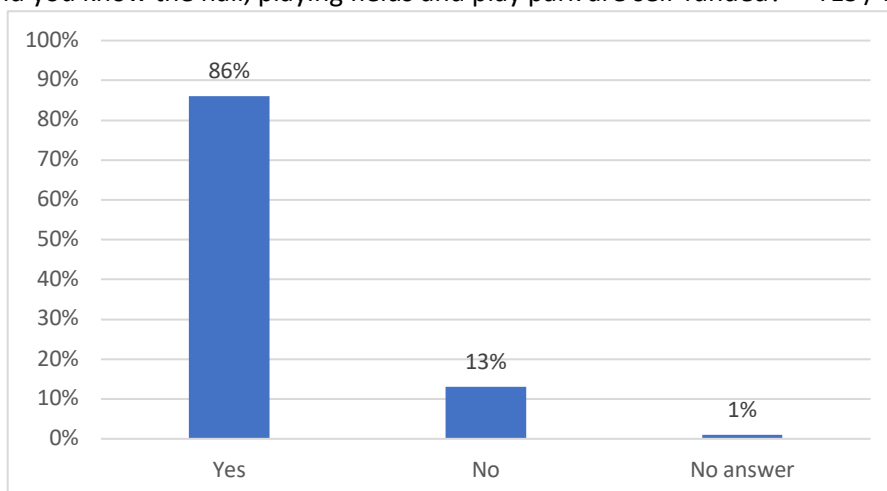
29. Do you have skills -practical or professional that you would be prepared to offer to support either the maintenance of the existing village hall; or that would help the new build? Eg. Trades such as plumbing. Electrical, construction, building maintenance, or professional skills in accounting, legal, surveying etc. YES /



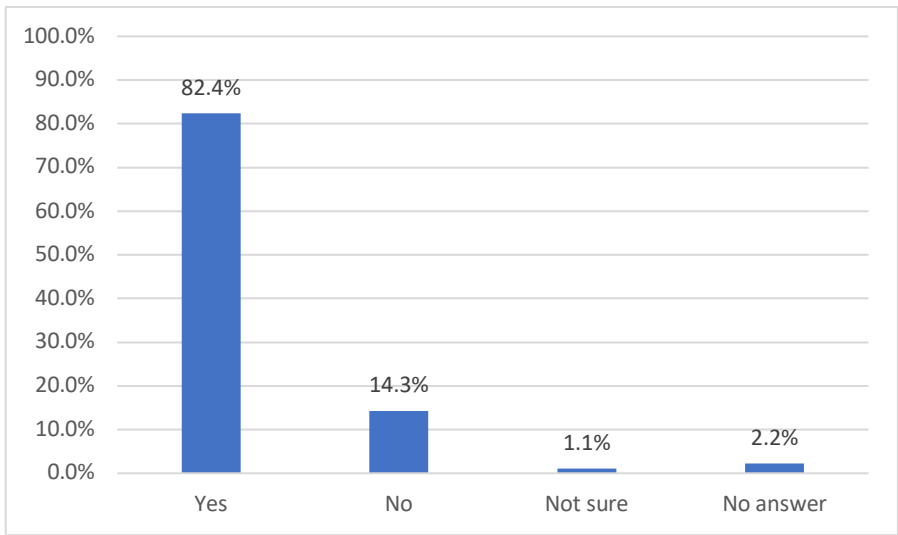
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Those that have offered help will be contacted individually and privately. 14 individuals have offered help (some of these are already participating on the committee)

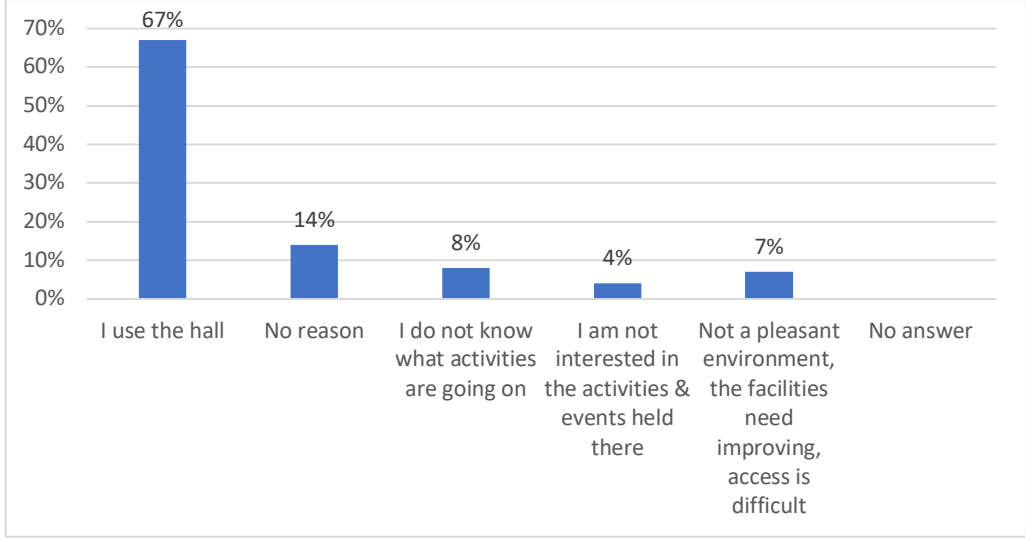
30. Did you know the hall, playing fields and play park are self-funded? YES / NO



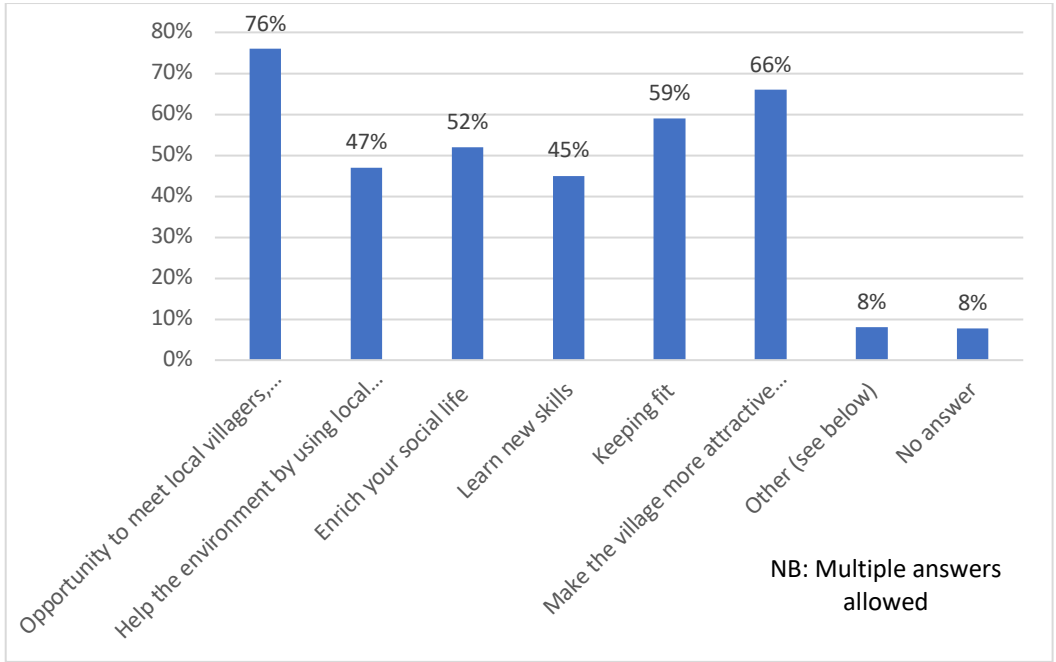
31. Do you think it would be fair that the ongoing annual cost for maintaining these facilities is shared among Ousden Residents by an appropriate increase in the Parish Council element (Precept) of the Council Tax? YES / NO



32. If you never use the village hall, is there a reason?

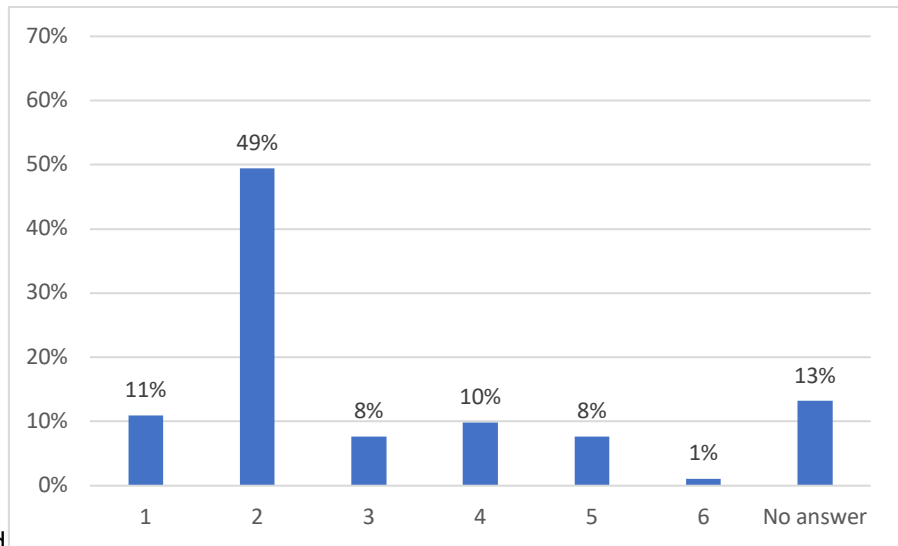


33. Finally - How do you feel a new village hall would help you and others?



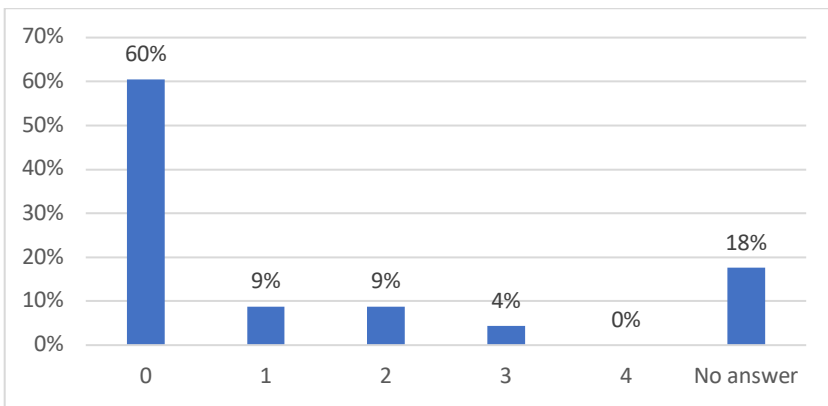
“Other” answers included: Maybe incorporate small volunteer shop; fundraising, concerts & theatre; add appeal to playing field, modern efficient building with solar or renewable energy could reduce running costs.

**Age Group Demographic**



No. of Occupants in household

No. of children (under 18) in household



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