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# Village Priorities Survey Results

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# Agenda



WEST DEAN  
Parish Council

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# 01 Introduction

In the past, village maintenance, such as grass cutting, river weed clearance and recreation ground upkeep, has been mainly carried out voluntarily by residents of the village.

This has been increasingly difficult to continue due mainly to:

- Less volunteers
- Physically demanding work
- Expensive equipment & maintenance
- Health & Safety and Public Liability issues



A survey was created to gather the views of the residents of West Dean on their priorities for the village which will influence the precept for the forthcoming financial year

# 02 Engagement & Response

14/11/2020 10:04	 If you've not yet had a chance to complete the Village Priorities		 17		1 1
13/11/2020 14:21	 The agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held		 29		6 0
09/11/2020 18:19			 88		17 10
08/11/2020 12:13	 To all residents of West Dean - the Parish Council are currently		 40		28 7
23/10/2020 12:23	 Please pick up after your dog and then either take it home with you or		 41		10 16
23/10/2020 11:51	 Road Closure - 9 November 2020 (Moody's Hill) Wiltshire Council		 48		74 3
16/10/2020 16:07	More news from our area <a href="https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/southern">https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/southern</a>		 31		1 0
16/10/2020 08:16	 The agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held		 39		6 0

- Engagement by residents has been disappointing.
- The posts on Facebook only reached 57 users (to give this some context the post regarding Toxicara Canis reached 88 users)

In total 40 completed Surveys were received

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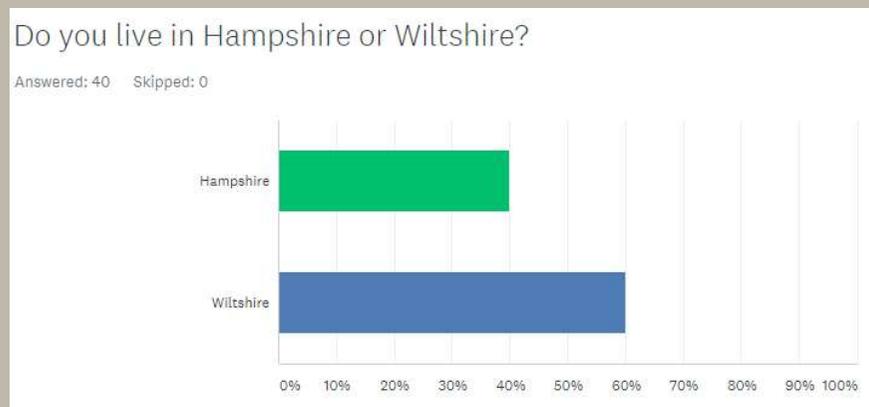
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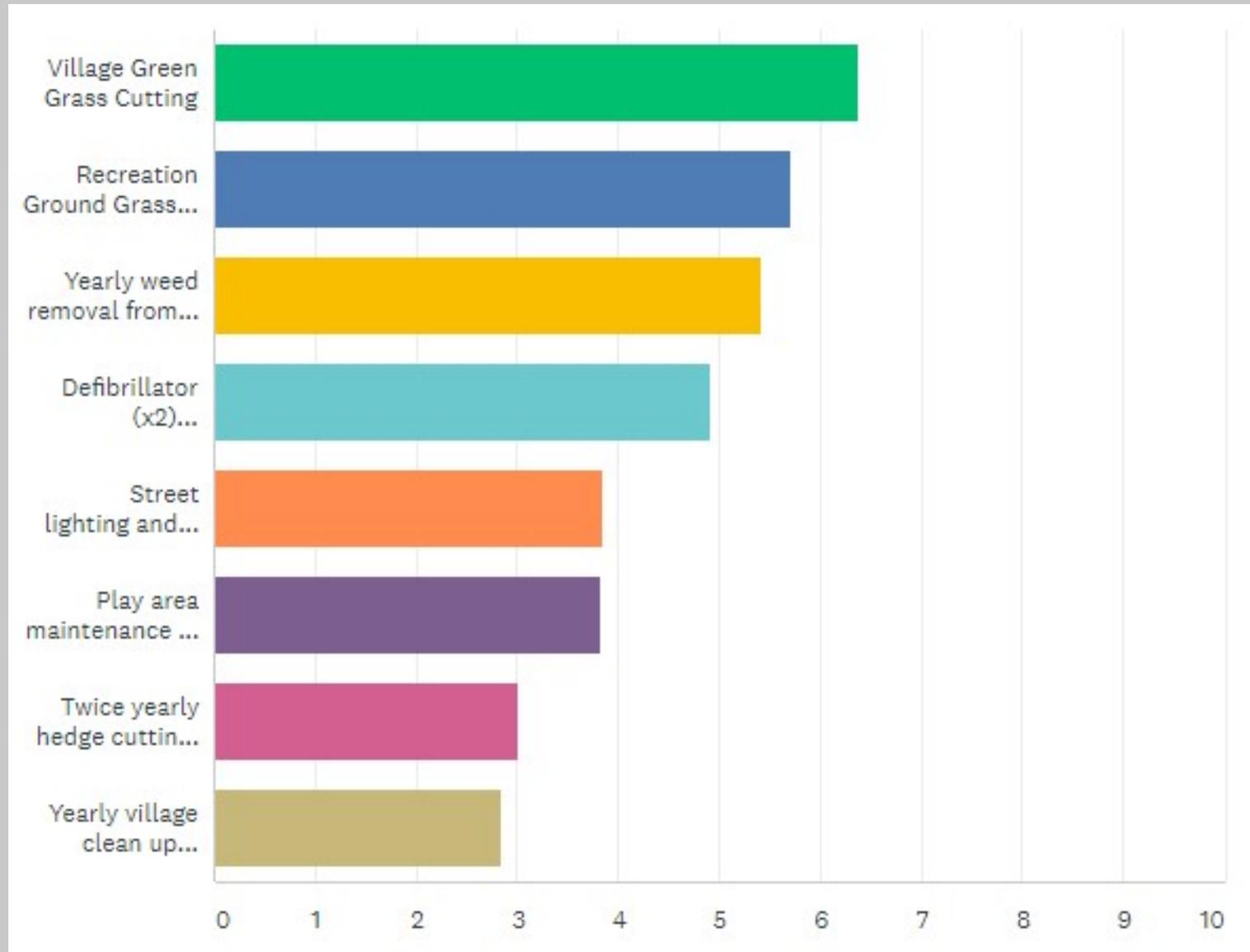
# Response by County

- Wiltshire Households 102 (24 responses)
- Hampshire Households 45 (16 responses)



Only 27% of the residents of West Dean responded to the survey

# Village Maintenance Priorities

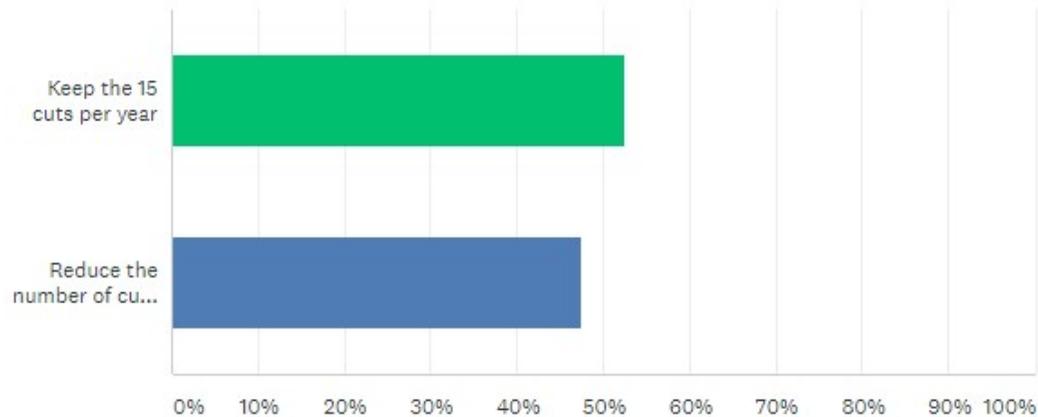


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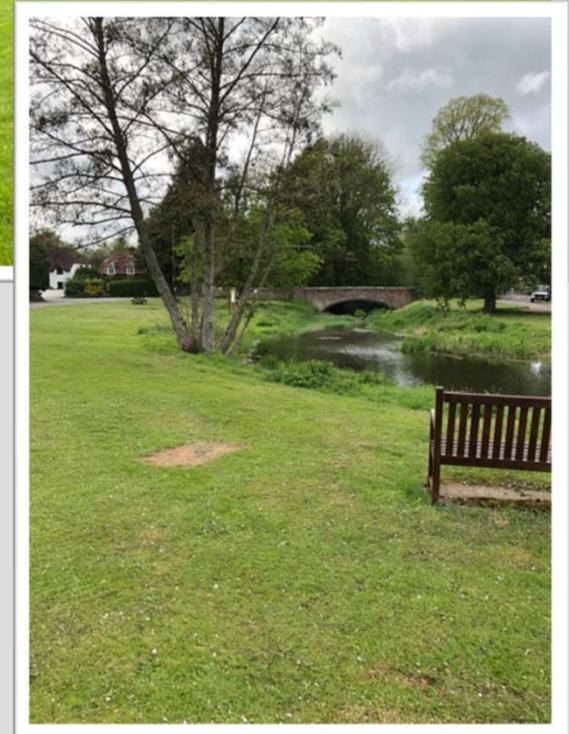
1. Village Green Grass Cutting
2. Rec Ground Grass Cutting
3. Weed Removal from river
4. Defib Maintenance

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Regular grass cutting of the village green	37.50% 15	17.50% 7	17.50% 7	12.50% 5	10.00% 4	0.00% 0	2.50% 1	2.50% 1	40	6.38
Regular grass cutting of the recreation ground	5.00% 2	37.50% 15	22.50% 9	12.50% 5	7.50% 3	12.50% 5	2.50% 1	0.00% 0	40	5.72
Yearly weed removal from the River Dun (between the two bridges)	20.00% 8	15.00% 6	15.00% 6	20.00% 8	10.00% 4	10.00% 4	7.50% 3	2.50% 1	40	5.42
Defibrillator (x2) maintenance	22.50% 9	12.50% 5	12.50% 5	10.00% 4	12.50% 5	5.00% 2	10.00% 4	15.00% 6	40	4.92
Street lighting and maintenance	10.00% 4	12.50% 5	5.00% 2	7.50% 3	17.50% 7	10.00% 4	12.50% 5	25.00% 10	40	3.85
Play area maintenance and improvement	2.50% 1	2.50% 1	17.50% 7	17.50% 7	15.00% 6	15.00% 6	17.50% 7	12.50% 5	40	3.83
Twice yearly hedge cutting of the recreation ground	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.50% 3	10.00% 4	17.50% 7	27.50% 11	17.50% 7	20.00% 8	40	3.02
Yearly village clean up (volunteer led but incurs expenses)	2.50% 1	2.50% 1	2.50% 1	10.00% 4	10.00% 4	20.00% 8	30.00% 12	22.50% 9	40	2.85

# Grass Cutting



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Keep the 15 cuts per year	52.50% 21
Reduce the number of cuts per year	47.50% 19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>



# River Weed Clearance

The cost of the weed clearance from the River Dun in 2020 cost over £700 (approx. 4% of the budget)

Residents were asked if they would be prepared to help with future river clearances

Yes 42.5% (17)

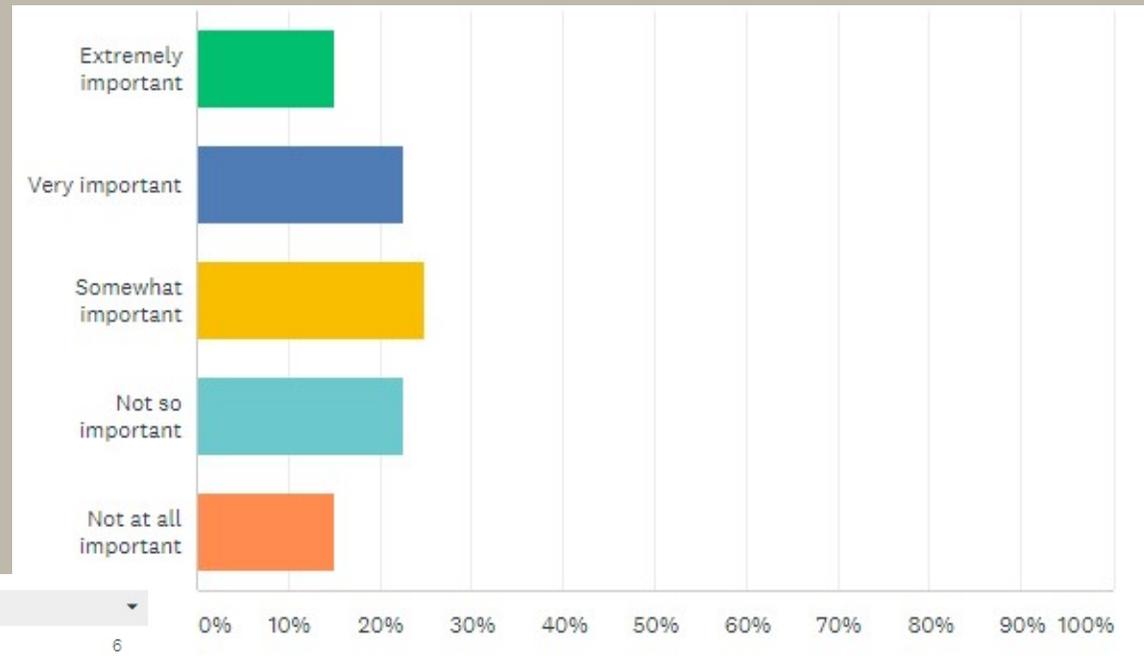
No 57.5% (23)

15 respondents give their details (88% of those who said they would help)



# Street Lamps

There appears to be a 50/50 split on the importance of the street lamps around the village

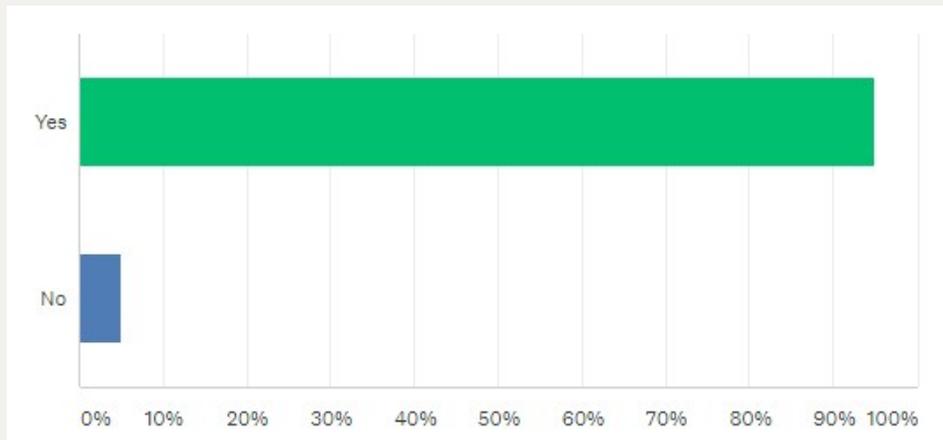


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Extremely important	15.00% 6
Very important	22.50% 9
Somewhat important	25.00% 10
Not so important	22.50% 9
Not at all important	15.00% 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>

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# Hog Roast

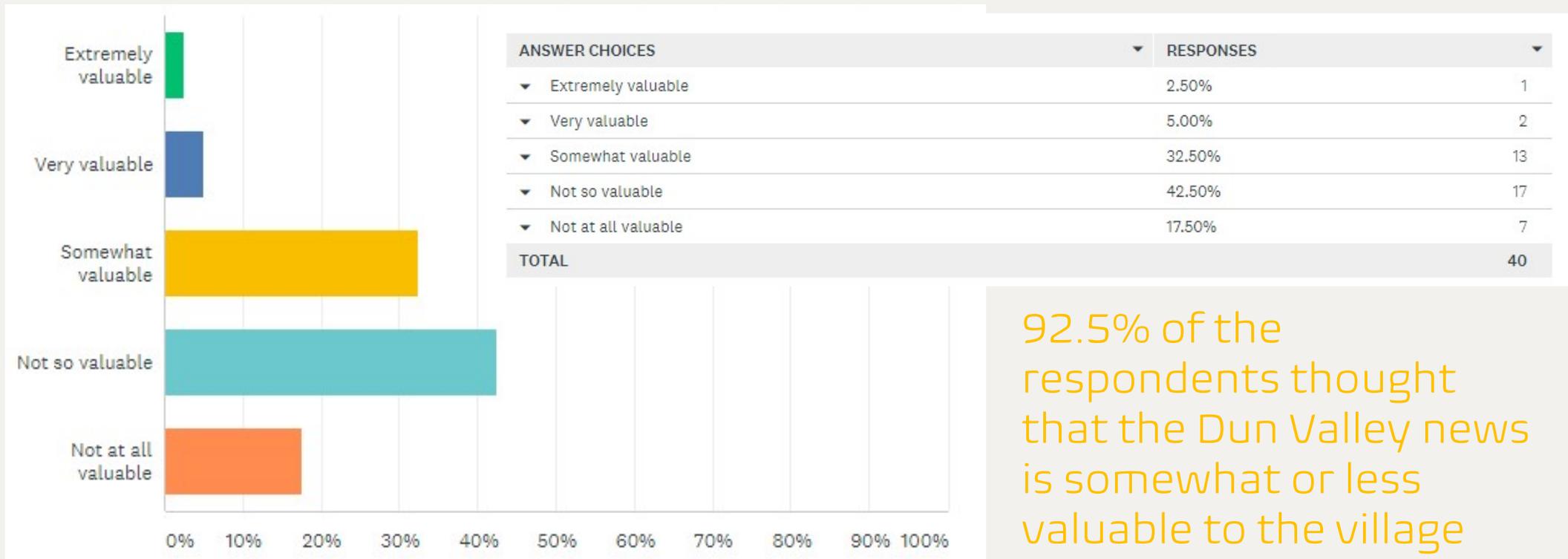
Responses were overwhelmingly in favour of the Parish Council organising but **NO LONGER** funding the yearly event



**Addendum from Patrick Hargrave:** The Hog Roast was subsidised originally as a thank you to villagers who had to pay a higher precept to cover legal expenses for fighting the Pub car park issue. This has long been completed and there is no longer a need to subsidise this.

# Dun Valley News

Residents were asked if they considered the publication a valuable asset to the local community



# Hampshire Householders

Residents who pay their Council Tax to Test Valley Borough Council were asked if they would consider paying a voluntary financial contribution to West Dean Parish Council



# 04 Residents Top Priorities



- Keep cutting grass at both village green & recreation ground – 15 cuts per year



- Continue with yearly weed removal from the River Dun



- Maintain the 2 Defibrillators

# 05 Summary

65% of respondents provided a name and/or email address

## Residents Top Priorities!

- Grass Cutting (Village Green & Recreation Ground)
- Weed Removal from River Dun
- Defibrillator

## Street Lighting & Maintenance

- Data suggests only those who live near the street lights regard them as extremely important

## River Weed Clearance

- 57.5% would not help with the weed clearance
- 42.5% would help with the weed clearance

## Play Area Maintenance

- Only 2 respondents said this was high on their priority list
- 45% placed this as low as a priority

## Defibrillator

- 4th in the list of priorities with 35% of respondents marking this as a high priority

## Dun Valley News

- Lack of appetite amongst the respondents for the publication
- 7.5% (3) of the respondents prioritised the publication as either very or extremely valuable

## Voluntary Contribution to Precept

- 50% of those who responded would be willing to provide a voluntary contribution but NOT everyone agreed to £100

## Hog Roast

- Overwhelming response for the continuation of the event but without financial support from the PC

## Twice Yearly Hedge Cutting – Recreation Ground

- Zero respondents put this as high priority. 65% regarded this as low priority in comparison to other maintenance items

## Yearly Village Clean Up

- 72.5% of respondents said this was lowest in the priority list