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**Meeting of the**

**COMMUNITY & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday 28 January 2025**

**6:30pm**

**Springfield Centre, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

Committee Members:

Cllr L Adura

Cllr O Cole

Cllr P Halton-Davis

Cllr K Kavarana (Chair)

Cllr M Petchey

Cllr B Barton

Cllr V Dixon

Cllr J Howard

Cllr D Kendrick



# AGENDA

1. **To Receive**  
Apologies for Absence  
Declarations of Interest  
Members of the Public Present
  
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** **Page 5**  
The Committee are invited to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2024, previously circulated and therefore taken as read.
  
3. **Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**  
Members of the public may make representations in respect of the business on the agenda.
  
4. **Grants** **Page 7**
  - i. Committee are invited to note the report received from Acornfields Community Interactions following the grant of £500 awarded in February 2024 towards the African Dance Fitness project.
  
5. **Communications - Programme & Priorities 2024/25**
  - i. **2025/2026 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation - Report** **Page 13**  
Committee is invited to consider the 2025/2026 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation Report and review the feedback received in relation to items within the Committees remit.
  
  - ii. **2025/2026 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation - Process** (C&C Minute 94/23 iv)  
Committee is invited to consider the outcomes, following the changes to the process to incorporate the use of Survey Monkey for the submission of online responses and the use of a QR code to direct users to the website to access the questionnaire. Committee are invited to consider any learning points or ideas for improvements to the accessibility of the 2026/2027 consultation.
  
6. **Community Projects - Programme & Priorities 2024/25**
  - i. **Review of Childrens Christmas Party**  
Committee are invited to consider any feedback received and learning points from the event held on Saturday 7 December.
  
  - ii. **Easter Tea Party – Saturday 5 April**  
Committee are invited to receive an update on the plans for the event. Members are invited to confirm their availability to support the delivery of the event.
  
  - iii. **MK Play Association** **Page 49**  
Committee are invited to review the information booklet provided by MK Play Association and consider commissioning MKPA to deliver play sessions during school holidays.

iv. **Seated Exercise sessions**

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The seated exercise sessions at Willen Pavilion continue to be a success with 17-23 people attending each week. Committee are invited to note the interim evaluation report that has been submitted to MK Community Foundation. The funding from MK Community Foundation ends on 29 April 2025.

The original plan was that at the end of the funding, the sessions would transfer to the CPCC Hub to reduce delivery costs. As the Hub will not be available immediately after this date, Committee are invited to consider continuing the booking at Willen Pavilion and covering this cost until the transfer can take place.

Participants would be asked to make a donation, if they are able, towards the cost of the sessions. The current weekly costs for delivering the sessions are £60, with the hall hire element being £25.20 per week. There may be a small increase to these costs for 2025/26.

v. **CPCC Community Hub Opening Events – Report 002/C&C**

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Committee are invited to receive and consider the report regarding plans for the opening events for the CPCC Community Hub.

**7. Homeground**

- i. Committee are invited to consider any feedback received following the publication of the November edition of the magazine.
- ii. Committee are invited to consider the proof of the February edition of Homeground magazine.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25 February 2025.

**BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL**

***T Jones***

**Community Officer/Committee Clerk**

**Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee  
held on Tuesday 26 November 2024  
commencing at 6.30pm  
at the Springfield Centre, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

**This meeting was open to the Public**

**Members Present**

Cllr L Adura	Cllr B Barton (arrived at 18:32)
Cllr V Dixon	Cllr J Howard
Cllr K Kavarana (Chair)	Cllr D Kendrick (arrived at 18:32)

**In attendance**

T Jones, Community Officer/Committee Clerk

**36/24**

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr O Cole – personal commitment  
Cllr P Halton-Davis – unwell  
Cllr M Petchey – personal commitment

**37/24**

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**38/24**

**Members of the Public Present**

1 member of the public

**39/24**

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**40/24**

**Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**

None

**41/24**

**Grants**

- i. Committee noted the Grant Evaluation received from Fishermead Trinity Centre following the grant award of £1000 in May 2024 towards the refurbishment of the patio area at the Centre for community use.

Cllrs Barton and Kendrick arrived on the conclusion of this item.

**42/24            Communications - Programme & Priorities 2024/25**

No updates

**43/24            Community Projects - Programme & Priorities 2024/25**

i.    **Review of Fancy Dress Tea Party**

Committee considered feedback received and learning points from the event on Saturday 26 October, noting that the event had been successful and some positive feedback and thanks had been received from attendees.

ii.   **Childrens Christmas Party – Saturday 7 December**

Committee received an update on the plans for the event.

As confirmed at the last meeting and at Council, the following Councillors will support the running of the event; Cllrs Halton-Davis, Dixon, Barton, Kavarana (TBC), Kendrick, Kent, Fraser & Adura

**44/24            Homeground**

i.    Committee considered feedback received following the publication of the November edition of the magazine, noting the positive feedback received from a Woolstone resident.

ii.   Committee considered and contributed to the draft content list for the February edition of Homeground magazine. Cllr Howard to confirm if he will provide a report on Woolstone Community Centre for inclusion.

**45/24            Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28 January 2025.

# **AFRICAN DANCE FITNESS PROJECT REPORT**

## **By Chinwe Osaghae**

### **Acornfields Community Interactions**

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#### **AFRICAN DANCE FITNESS AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD**

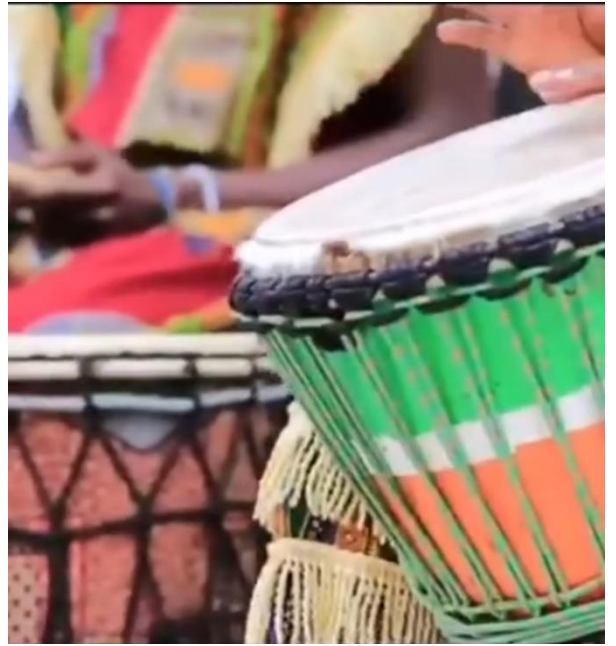
In the Summer of 2024, the Campbell Park Community Council awarded the wellbeing community organisation a small grant to support their ongoing inter-generational and multicultural work in the community. The focus of the work at Acornfields is designing and creating creative art based and horticultural programmes that promote mental well being and reduce social isolation in the community. The organisation has been in existence since 2014 and had been involved in organising cultural and wellbeing festivals until 2018.

In recent years they are more focused on strategically designed workshops and events that bring them closer to residents for more effective resolution of needs and for more effective interactions and tailored impact. In the light of these goals, Acornfields Community Interactions launched an African dance workshop, the first of which took place at the Trinity centre for Africa day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.

Other African dance fitness sessions took place at the centre, one of these being at the Cultural Harmony event which was hosted by Maria Affa on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The photos from both events are shared below for your viewing.



Chinwe Osaghae, the founder and programme director of Acornfields Community Interactions says the organisation is committed to providing these workshops.



Djembe drums from Africa



Participants engaging in one of our African dance fitness workshops at the Africa day.



African dance to Djembe drumming is very healing.



The sessions so far have been uplifting. In fact, Participants have shared how they have experienced the following numerous benefits found in the practise of Djembe drumming such as:

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

Djembe drumming can help reduce stress anxiety and can promote relaxation and emotional release.

### **IMPROVED CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH**

Djembe drumming can improve cardiovascular health, strengthen the cardiovascular system and promote blood circulation and build stamina.

### **PHYSICAL HEALTH**

This activity get people moving and found the drum workshop great way to break a sweat while having fun. An average of 270.4 calories in 30 minutes by playing the Djembe drum and moving to the beat is possible.

### **COMMUNITY COHESION**

This activity strengthens community bonds and bring people together, In fact the Bambara word “Djembe” translates to: “Everyone gather together in peace”

### **THERAPEUTIC**

Djembe drumming helps people to connect with their inner selves.

### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND UNDERSTANDING**

The Djembe drumming is also traditionally used as a form of communication between tribes as its resonance could reach long distances.

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### **LIFE LONG LEARNING**

Djembe drumming can be done at any age. Drumming is life-enhancing and can provide endless opportunities to improve on over time.

## **BE IN THE PRESENT MOMENT**

Playing the Djembe drum places the player and the dancer squarely in the here and now. The rhythm of the drum has the capacity to move one's awareness out of the body into the realms beyond time and space and to ground you firmly in the present moment.

The next session will be hosted on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 also at the Trinity session at the Trinity centre. Please see the poster below for details.

Due to the huge impactful benefits of Djembe drumming and the demand for our workshops we intend to continue offering sessions at a low and affordable prices into the foreseeable future by collaborating with other event organisers using Trinity centre and other venues..

We use this opportunity to thank Campbell Park Community Council for funding our initial workshops and enabling us create a platform for our workshops. Their support has been invaluable and continues to be,



# AFRICAN Dance fitness WORKSHOPS



• AFRICAN SMALL  
CHOPS

\*AFRICAN CULTURAL  
DANCE WORKSHOPS

AFRICAN GAMES  
DJEMBE DRUMMING  
WORKSHOP

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EVENTS:

GROUP SESSIONS ON SATURDAY, THE 18TH OF JANUARY 2025

VENUE: TRINITY CENTRE, FISHERMEAD MK6 2LA

6PM TO 11PM ( MORE DATES TO BE ADDED)

FOOD AVAILABLE AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE BY MGB COMMUNITY  
SERVICES





# Annual Resident Consultation 2025/26

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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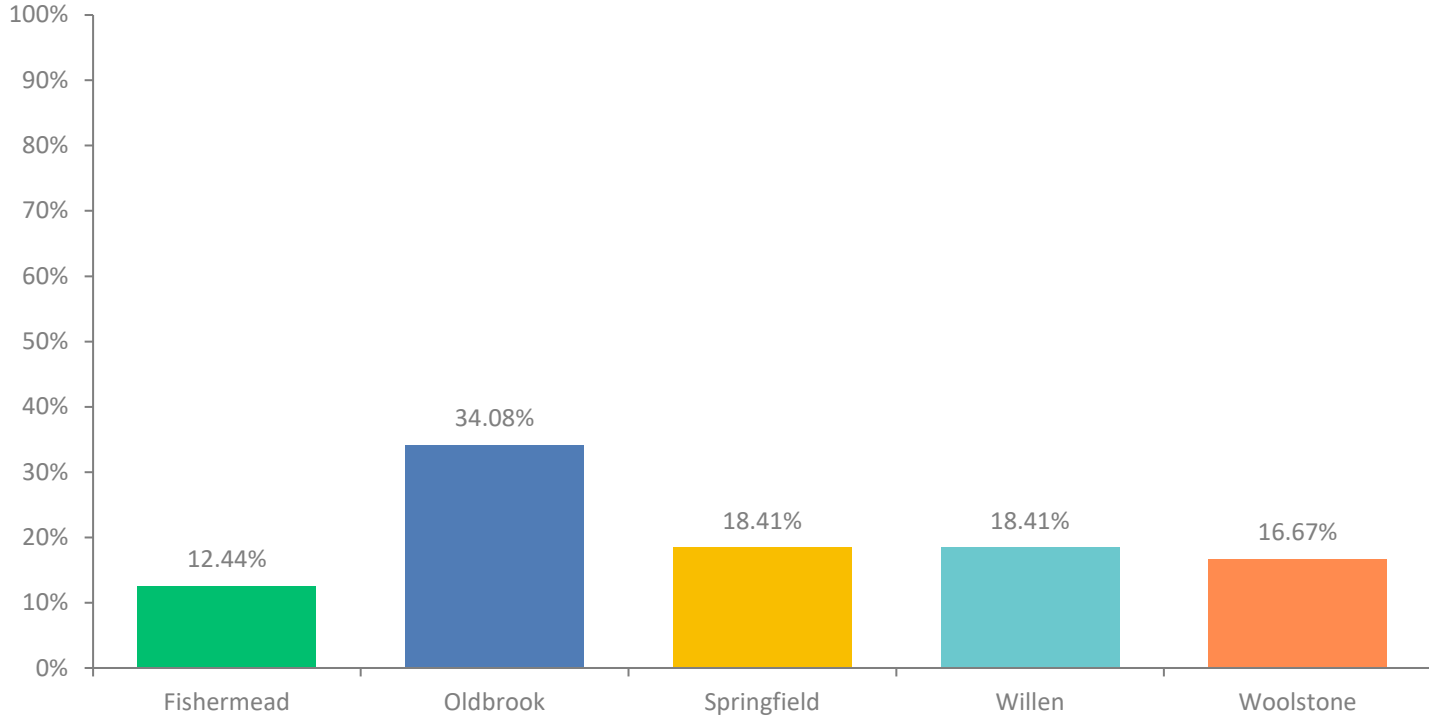
Total Responses

Date Created: Wednesday, August 07, 2024

Complete Responses: 417

# Q1: Please let us know which estate you live in

Answered: 402 Skipped: 15



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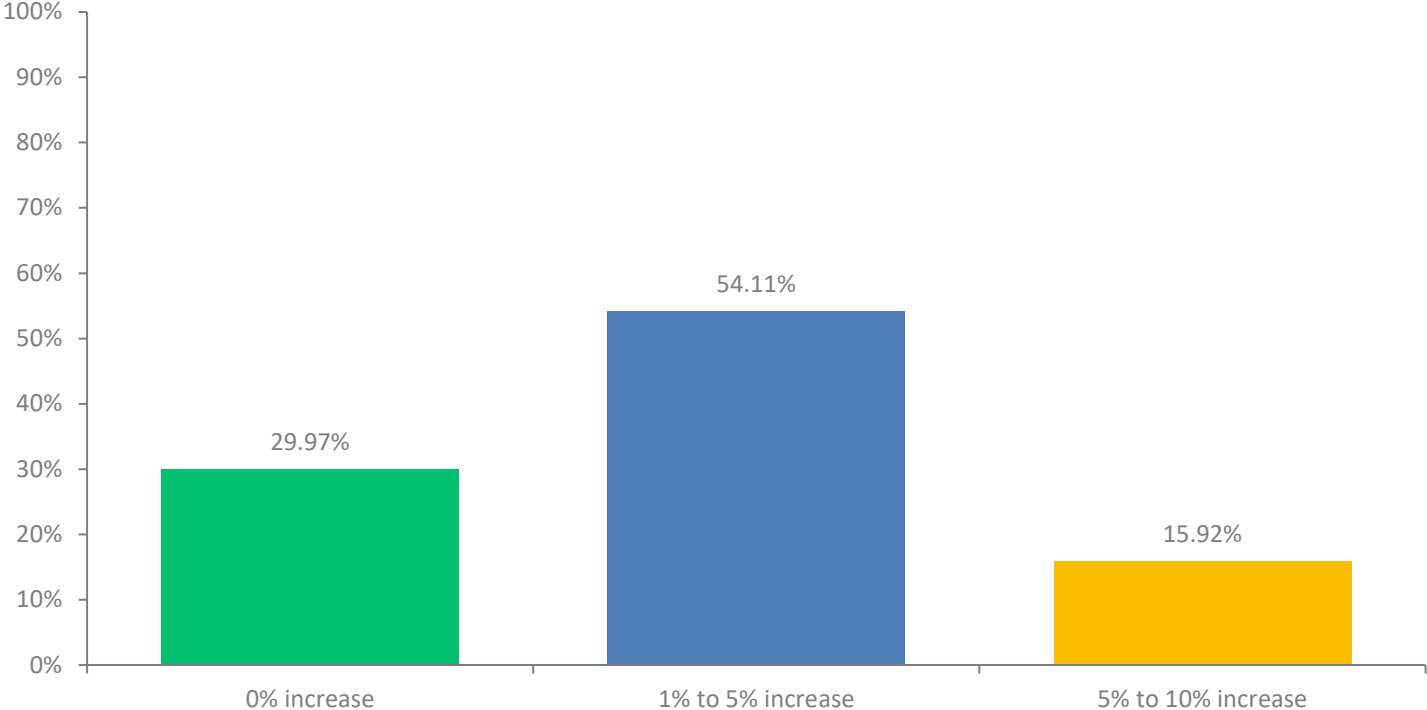
Answered: 402 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fishermead	12.44%	50
Oldbrook	34.08%	137
Springfield	18.41%	74
Willen	18.41%	74
Woolstone	16.67%	67
TOTAL		402



# Q2: Please select what you think would be an appropriate increase % for 2025/26

Answered: 377 Skipped: 40



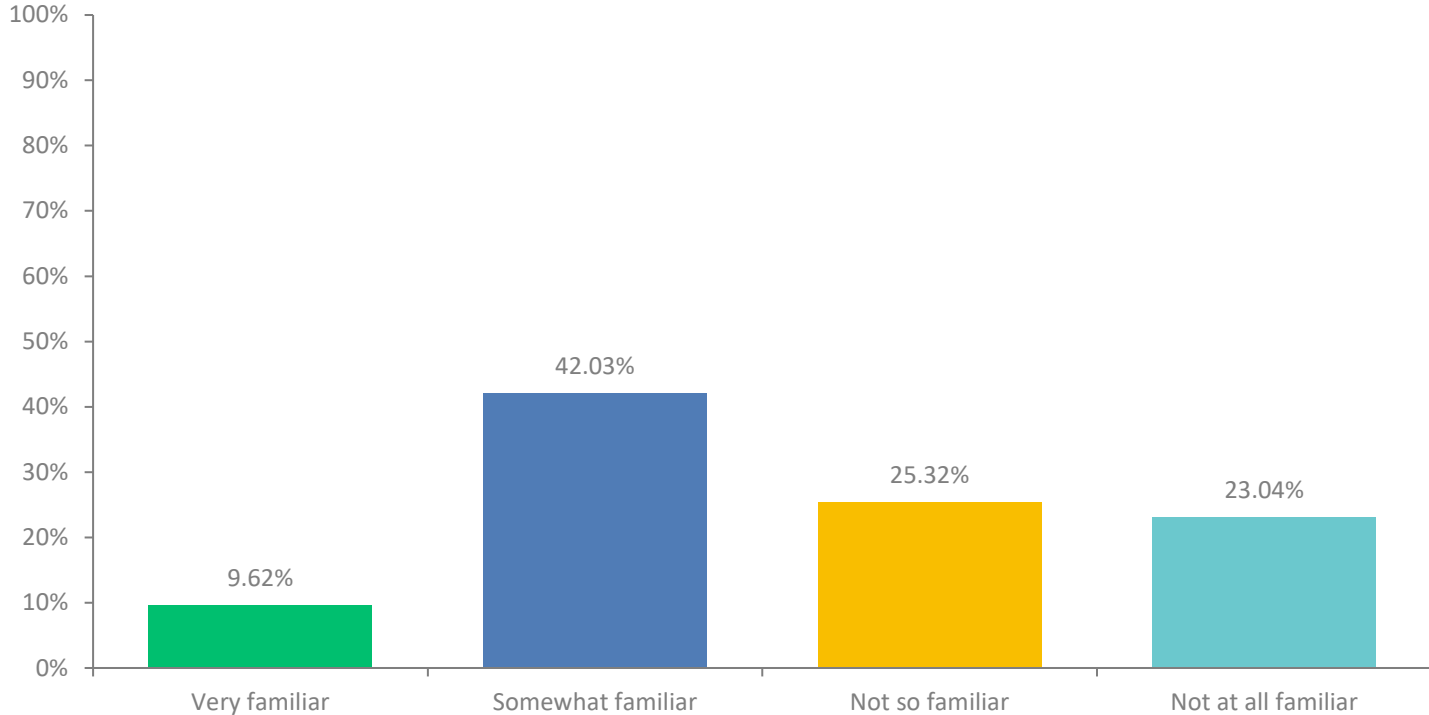
## Q2: Please select what you think would be an appropriate increase % for 2025/26

Answered: 377 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0% increase	29.97%	113
1% to 5% increase	54.11%	204
5% to 10% increase	15.92%	60
TOTAL		377

### Q3: How familiar are you with the local heritage, culture and arts scene in your community?

Answered: 395 Skipped: 22



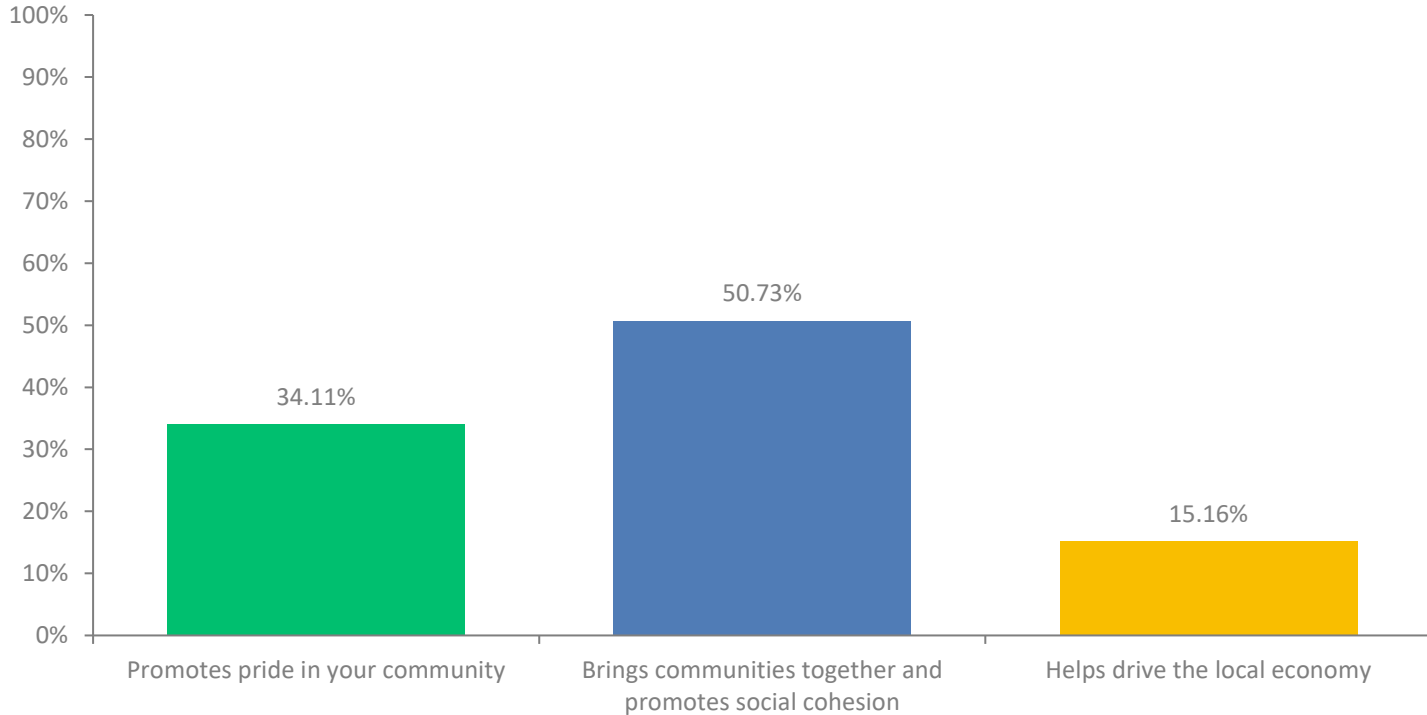
### Q3: How familiar are you with the local heritage, culture and arts scene in your community?

Answered: 395 Skipped: 22

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very familiar	9.62%	38
Somewhat familiar	42.03%	166
Not so familiar	25.32%	100
Not at all familiar	23.04%	91
TOTAL		395

## Q4: How do you think local heritage, culture and arts contribute to the community's identity?

Answered: 343 Skipped: 74



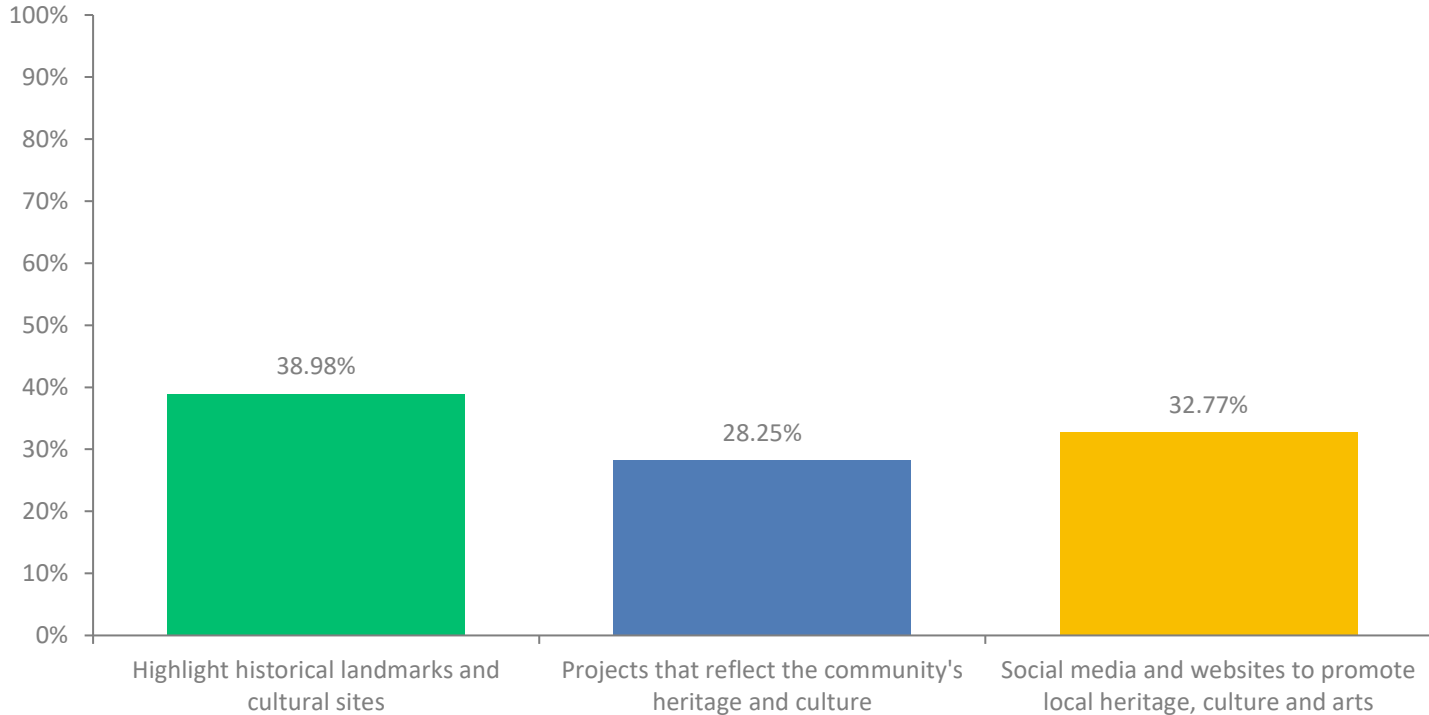
## Q4: How do you think local heritage, culture and arts contribute to the community's identity?

Answered: 343 Skipped: 74

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Promotes pride in your community	34.11%	117
Brings communities together and promotes social cohesion	50.73%	174
Helps drive the local economy	15.16%	52
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>343</b>

# Q5: How do you think local heritage, culture and arts can be better promoted in the community?

Answered: 354 Skipped: 63



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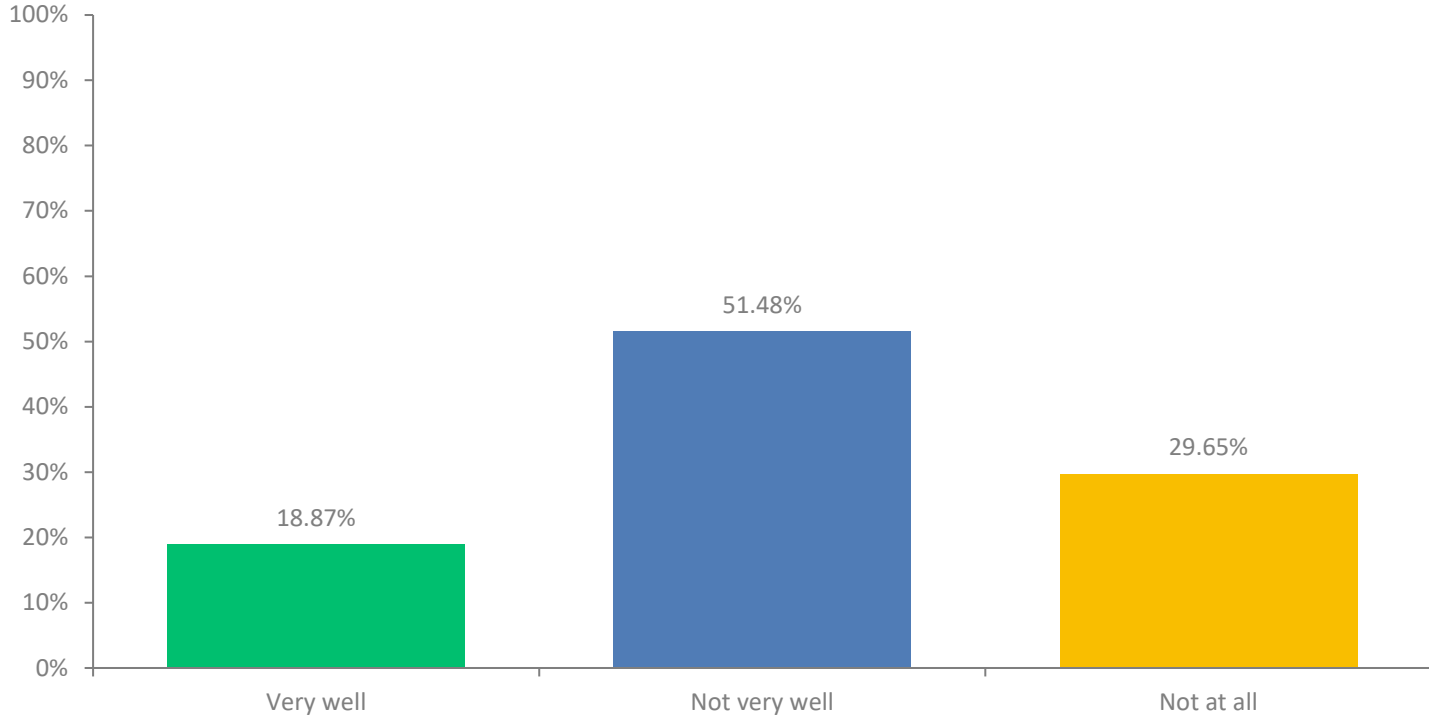
Answered: 354 Skipped: 63

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Highlight historical landmarks and cultural sites	38.98%	138
Projects that reflect the community's heritage and culture	28.25%	100
Social media and websites to promote local heritage, culture and arts	32.77%	116
TOTAL		354



# Q7: How well do you feel your voice is represented?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 46



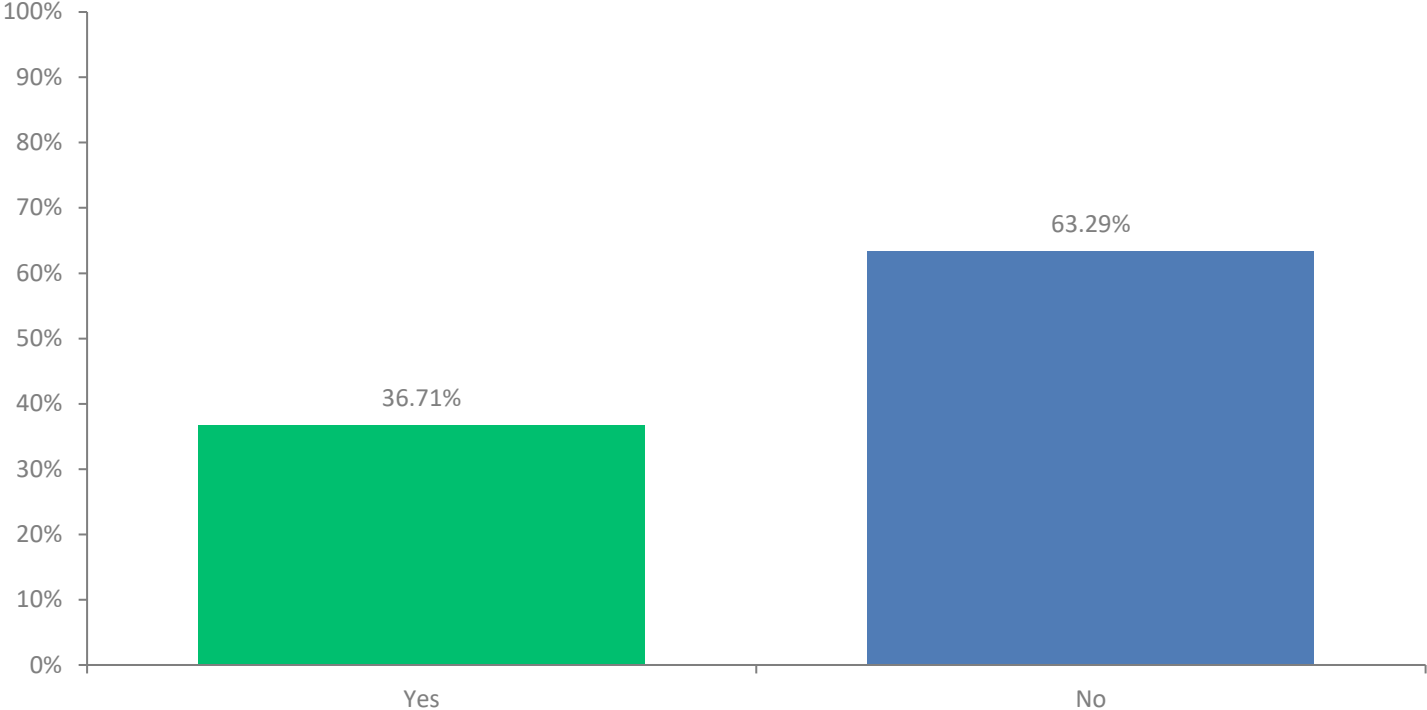
## Q7: How well do you feel your voice is represented?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 46

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very well	18.87%	70
Not very well	51.48%	191
Not at all	29.65%	110
TOTAL		371

# Q8: Have you ever participated in any community meetings or consultations regarding any issues that affect your community?

Answered: 395 Skipped: 22



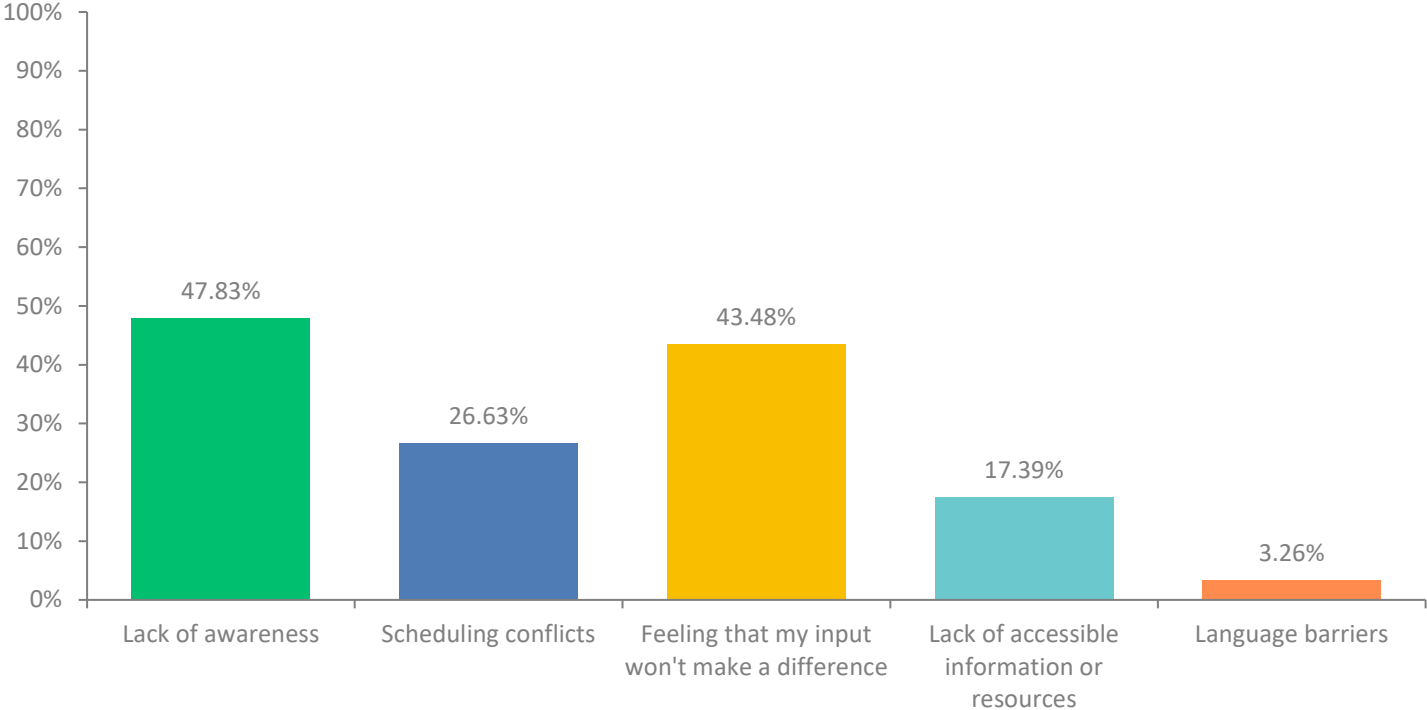
## Q8: Have you ever participated in any community meetings or consultations regarding any issues that affect your community?

Answered: 395 Skipped: 22

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.71%	145
No	63.29%	250
TOTAL		395

# Q9: What barriers, if any, prevent you from participating

Answered: 368 Skipped: 49



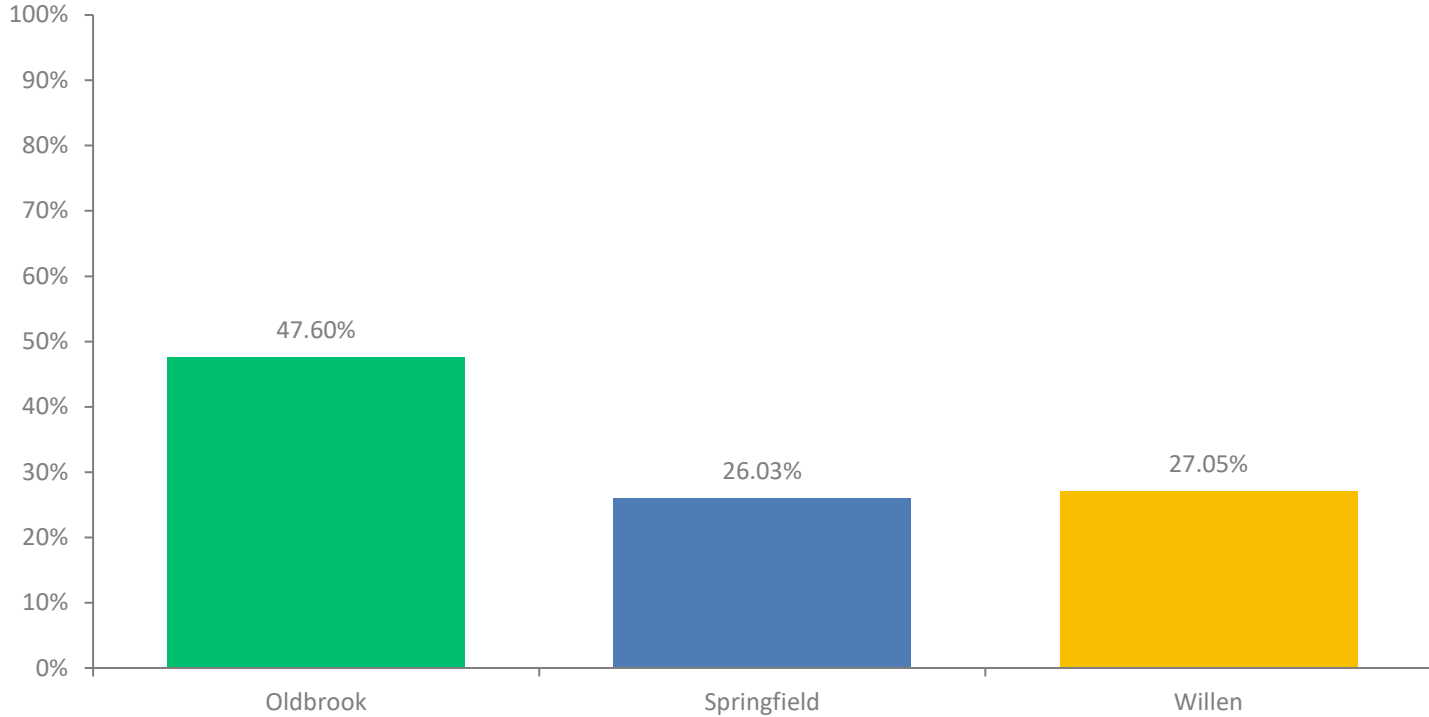
## Q9: What barriers, if any, prevent you from participating

Answered: 368 Skipped: 49

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of awareness	47.83%	176
Scheduling conflicts	26.63%	98
Feeling that my input won't make a difference	43.48%	160
Lack of accessible information or resources	17.39%	64
Language barriers	3.26%	12
TOTAL		510

# Q10: Please place a cross in the box to show which estate you live in

Answered: 292 Skipped: 125



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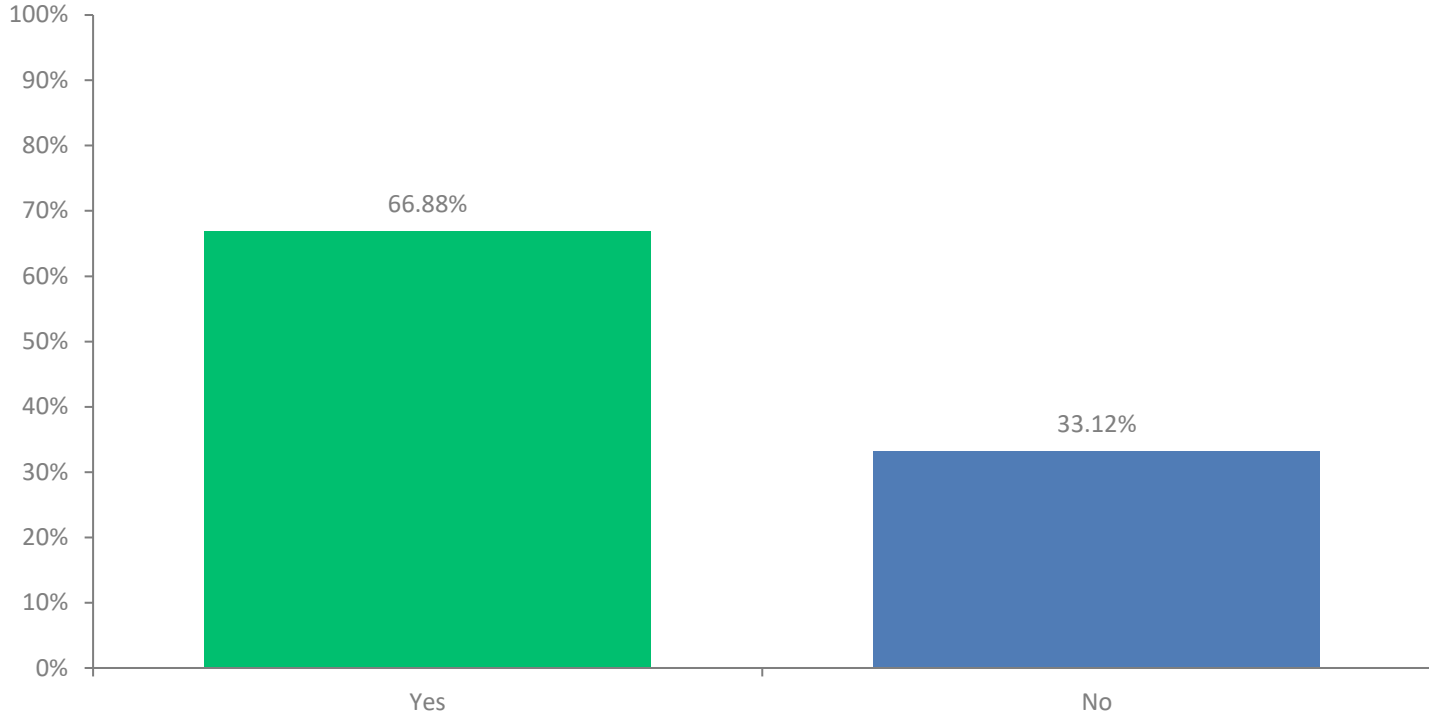
Answered: 292 Skipped: 125

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Oldbrook	47.60%	139
Springfield	26.03%	76
Willen	27.05%	79
TOTAL		294



# Q11: Are you in favour of the introduction of a 20mph traffic scheme

Answered: 314 Skipped: 103



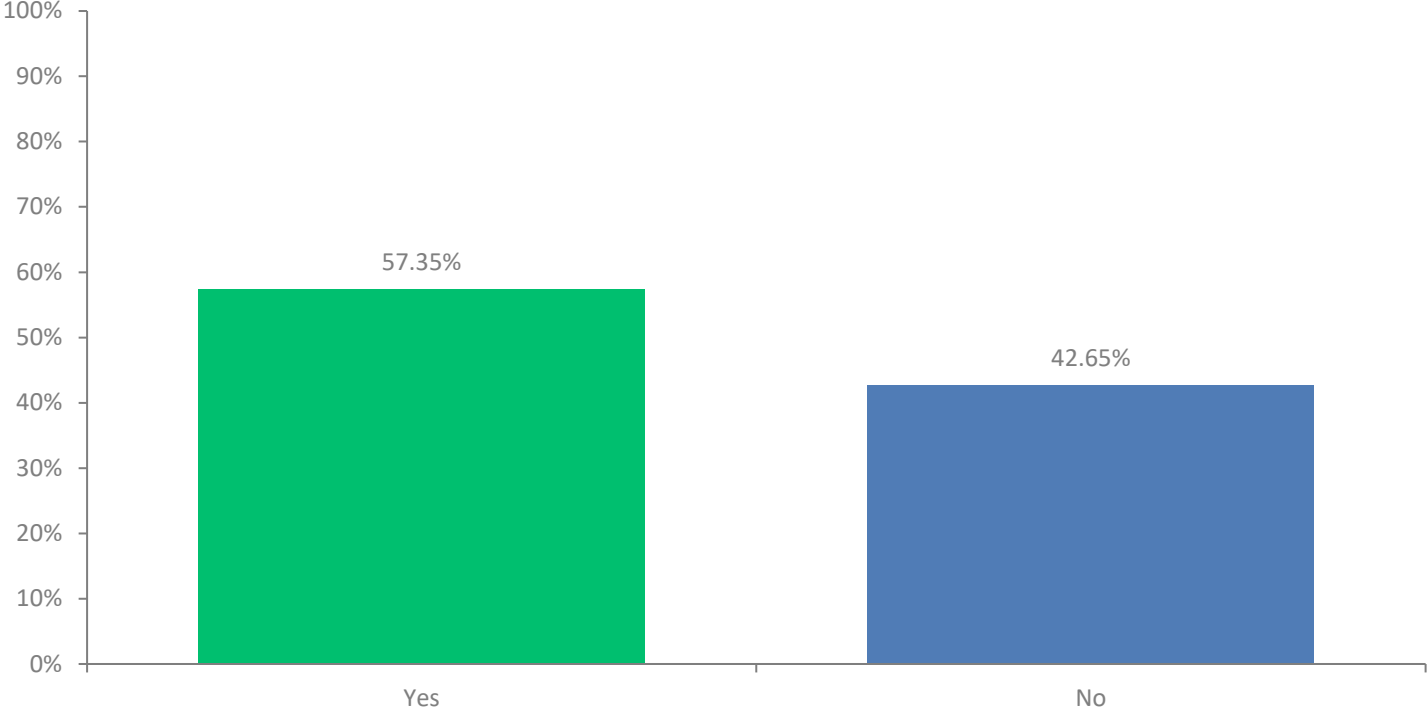
# Q11: Are you in favour of the introduction of a 20mph traffic scheme

Answered: 314 Skipped: 103

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.88%	210
No	33.12%	104
TOTAL		314

# Q13: Is the local play area provision important to you?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 77



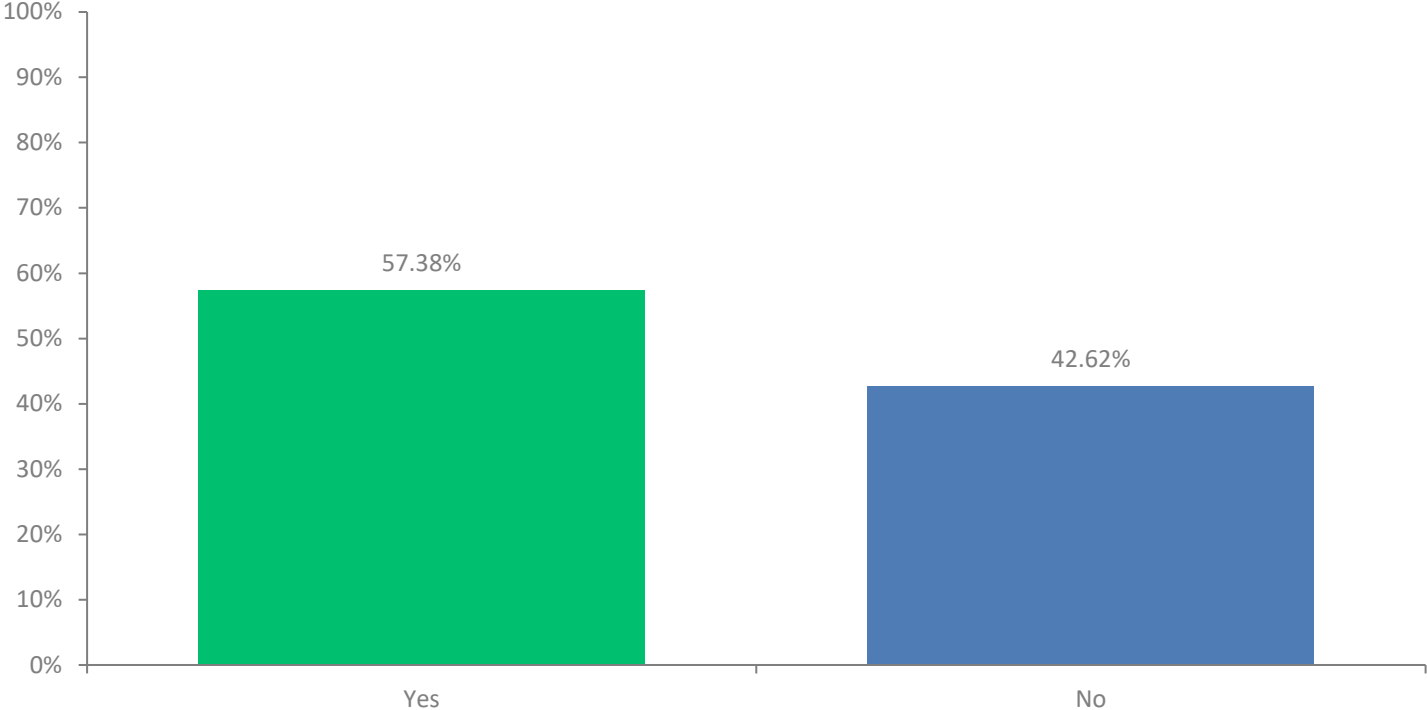
## Q13: Is the local play area provision important to you?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 77

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.35%	195
No	42.65%	145
TOTAL		340

# Q14: Do you think improvements to local play areas is needed?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 119



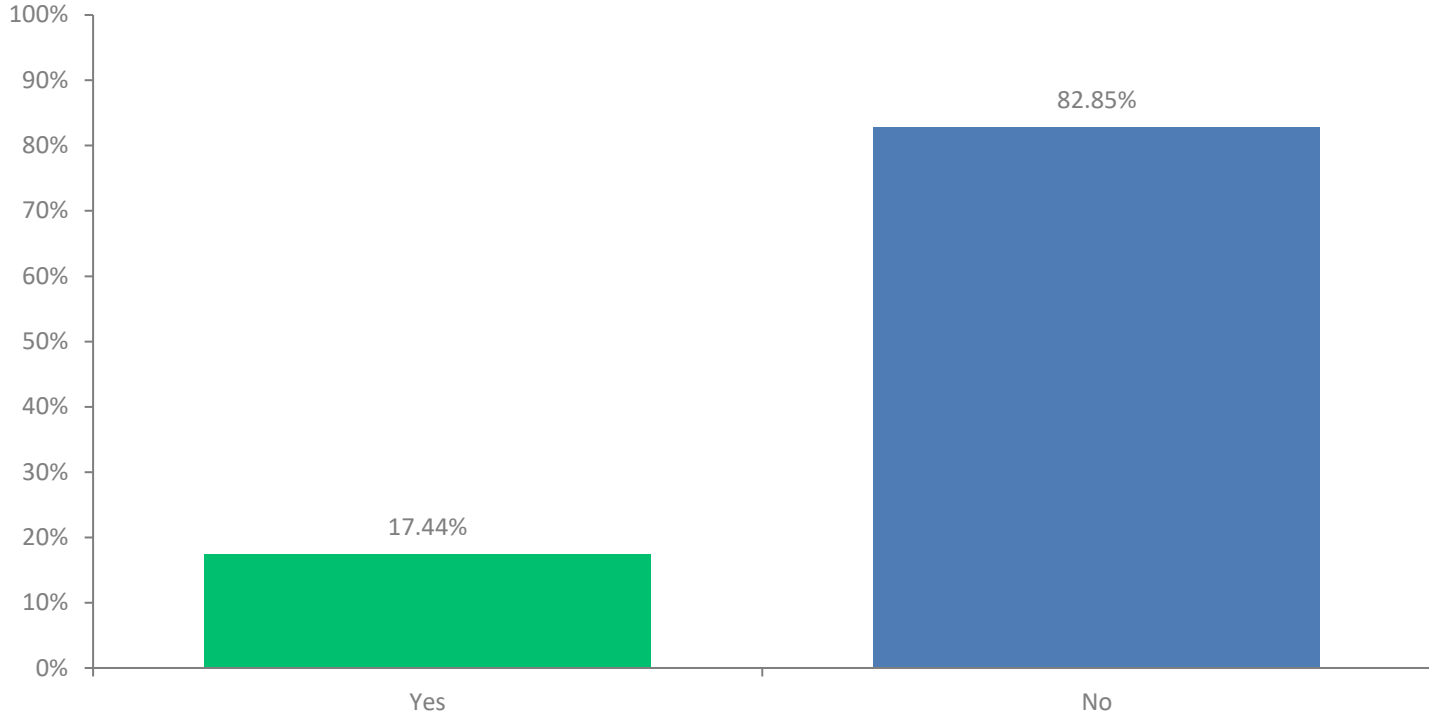
# Q14: Do you think improvements to local play areas is needed?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 119

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.38%	171
No	42.62%	127
TOTAL		298

# Q15: Do you have children within your household?

Answered: 344 Skipped: 73



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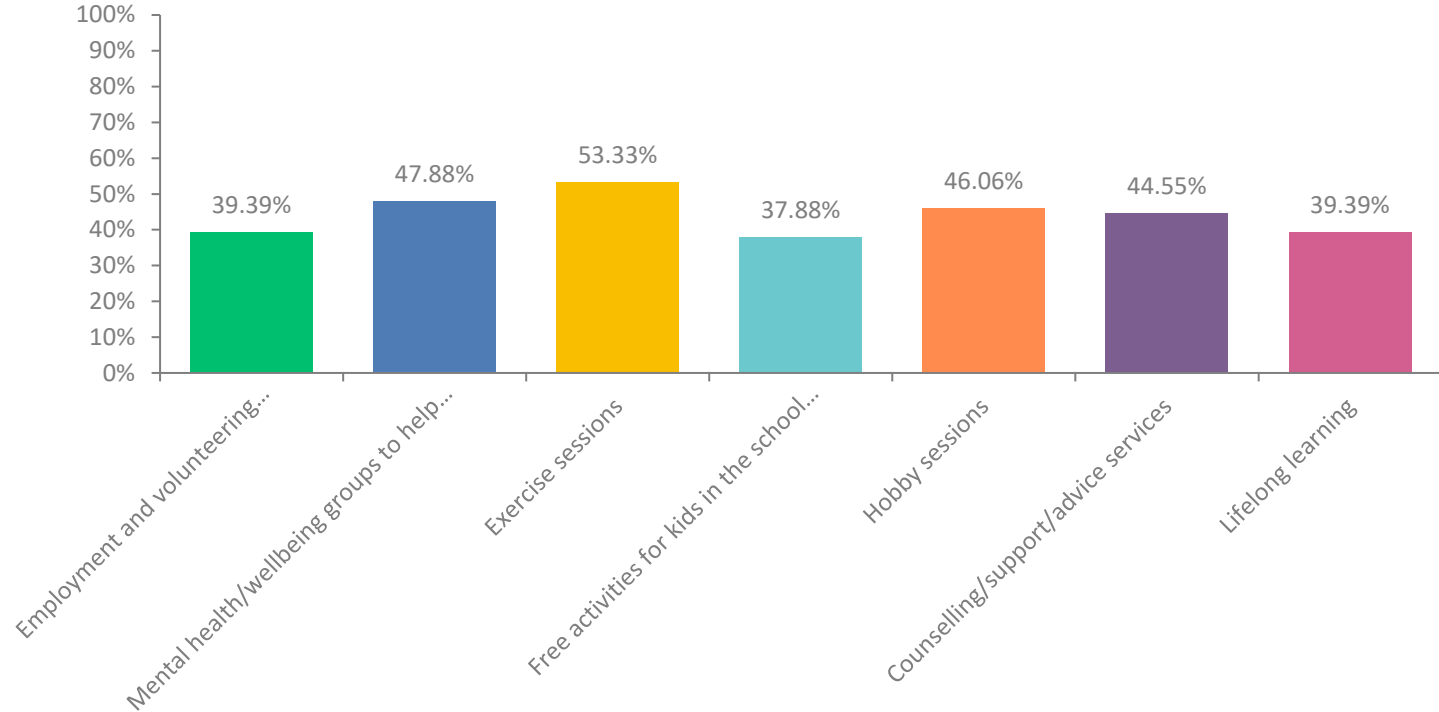
Answered: 344 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.44%	60
No	82.85%	285
TOTAL		345



# Q17: Community Hub: Below are some examples of the services which may be on offer, please mark those you would be interested in

Answered: 330 Skipped: 87



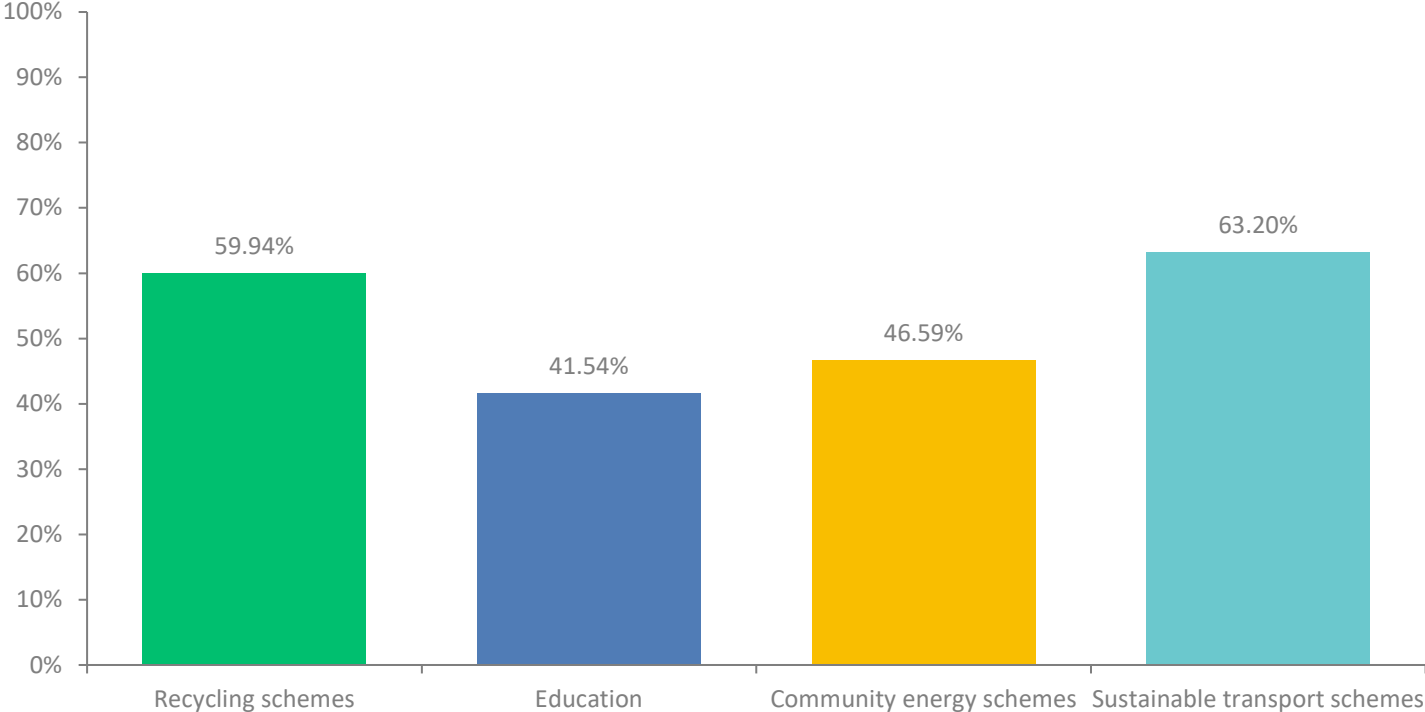
## Q17: Community Hub: Below are some examples of the services which may be on offer, please mark those you would be interested in

Answered: 330 Skipped: 87

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employment and volunteering opportunities	39.39%	130
Mental health/wellbeing groups to help combat isolation and loneliness	47.88%	158
Exercise sessions	53.33%	176
Free activities for kids in the school holidays	37.88%	125
Hobby sessions	46.06%	152
Counselling/support/advice services	44.55%	147
Lifelong learning	39.39%	130
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1018</b>

# Q19: What climate action would you like to see in your community

Answered: 337 Skipped: 80



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Answered: 337 Skipped: 80

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Recycling schemes	59.94%	202
Education	41.54%	140
Community energy schemes	46.59%	157
Sustainable transport schemes	63.20%	213
TOTAL		712

## Q20 Please let us know if you have any other ideas or suggestions

Answered: 86 Skipped: 331

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	reinstatement of local bus service through Woolstone/Woughton/Simpson to city centre/station	10/22/2024 3:55 PM
2	Highways - highway code for red ways and shared spaces (scooters!) Maintain clear through routes for paths/red ways. Ensure safe/secure bicycle storage for destinations	10/21/2024 11:45 AM
3	Repair & Reuse schemes for equipment Extension of some Neighbourhood schemes for exchange of unwanted but useful goods	10/21/2024 11:36 AM
4	Public Transport - replace number 1 bus service to benefit those working as well as being in Willen	10/21/2024 11:30 AM
5	To be involved with what is happening	10/18/2024 2:39 PM
6	Subsidised roof, solar panels	10/18/2024 2:31 PM
7	Disappointed to see the high rise flats at the bottom of the canal	10/18/2024 2:22 PM
8	Car Club	10/18/2024 10:48 AM
9	Reuse & Repair Schemes	10/17/2024 3:04 PM
10	Flooding - Bber flooding prevention	10/17/2024 2:33 PM
11	Flood mitigation measures ensuring Milton Keynes East & other development in the flood plain do not add any more run off water to the River Ouzel, particularly with anticipated increase in them frequently	10/17/2024 2:18 PM
12	Possible soft plastics collection	10/17/2024 2:02 PM
13	Hope the new Hub is Green as it can be in terms of insulation, alternative energy, solar panels, heat pumps etc	10/17/2024 9:13 AM
14	Public Transport - more bus routes	10/16/2024 3:40 PM
15	MKCC - fly-tipping	10/16/2024 3:34 PM
16	Recycling should be covered more by MKCC	10/16/2024 3:25 PM
17	Highways - stop pavement parking	10/16/2024 3:07 PM
18	Leave the climate alone!	10/16/2024 2:56 PM
19	Teach people how to recycle and care for where they live	10/16/2024 2:48 PM
20	Local companies - VW, Mercedes, Scania, Dominoes competing to sustainability	10/16/2024 2:40 PM
21	Textile recycling Increase cost of 2nd car parking in residential areas	10/16/2024 2:30 PM
22	Public Transport - bus service back at Willen	10/16/2024 2:16 PM
23	Public Transport - sustainable transport service like a tram	10/16/2024 2:10 PM
24	MKCC - More benches in Willen, especially near the Wishing Well. Disabled people relied on that	10/16/2024 9:47 AM
25	Keep an eye on the homes that break the rules and make difficulties in the Community. Apply consequences for repeated offences	10/16/2024 9:45 AM
26	Subsidised home battery storage	10/16/2024 9:41 AM
27	More dog bins to be placed near Springfield	10/16/2024 9:38 AM
28	Estate Free Cycle Scheme	10/16/2024 9:33 AM

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29	Public Transport - number 1 & 2 Bus Service for Willen needs to return. Too far to walk for many	10/16/2024 9:29 AM
30	Public Transport - a scheduled bus service so OAP's can access the City Centre/Health Services etc	10/16/2024 9:18 AM
31	Car free days Tax rebate if no car Higher charge if more than 1 car per household	10/16/2024 9:04 AM
32	Make school children aware of the impact that their rubbish they leave behind has on the Community & wildlife	10/15/2024 4:20 PM
33	Val Dixon is very proactive and realistic	10/15/2024 4:18 PM
34	Highways - parking in Bridgerford Court is bad. Needs addressing	10/15/2024 4:09 PM
35	Better litter bins and litter bins at Willen playing field	10/15/2024 3:41 PM
36	Pubic Transport Bus service through all estates	10/15/2024 3:33 PM
37	Public Transport - Free bus scheme for Grid System	10/15/2024 11:57 AM
38	Parks Trust - More bins around Willen Lake	10/15/2024 10:50 AM
39	More noticeboards	10/15/2024 10:47 AM
40	Highways - availability for safe parking of bicycles. Dedicated lane on red ways for bicycles for safer and easier journeys	10/15/2024 10:39 AM
41	Wind turbine scheme	10/15/2024 10:33 AM
42	Improvement or ideas to handle Fly-tipping, littering awareness of anti-social behaviour	10/15/2024 10:10 AM
43	Housing - MKCC - Too many HiMO's and the rubbish accumulates in alleyways and behind houses	10/15/2024 9:45 AM
44	Highways - fix roads	10/15/2024 9:36 AM
45	Rubbish bins on Oldbrook Green, especially near the Pavillion car park	10/15/2024 9:28 AM
46	Public Transport - bring back bus services	10/15/2024 9:06 AM
47	More dog bins needed in Oldbrook and near the 4 Bridges	10/15/2024 8:56 AM
48	Public Transport - bus stops on Saxon Street are too far away from housing. Fishermead needs its bus route back	10/14/2024 4:22 PM
49	Stop pavement parking	10/14/2024 3:24 PM
50	Stop pavement parking	10/14/2024 3:22 PM
51	Stop cars parking on pavements	10/14/2024 3:21 PM
52	Exchange used household items	10/14/2024 2:32 PM
53	No need for Homeground Magazine. On-line can be used and viewed	10/14/2024 2:30 PM
54	Schools could get involved with litter picking	10/14/2024 2:21 PM
55	Highways - Parking on roundabouts, especially Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead near the shops on the corners	10/14/2024 2:17 PM
56	Electric scooters and bikes to be controlled of speeds	10/14/2024 2:02 PM
57	Community projects that help provide help to support environmental sustainability and an awareness of the changes needed	10/14/2024 1:57 PM
58	Understanding food/nutrition/diet. how to use your green space/garden to grow or be a place for relaxation	10/14/2024 1:34 PM
59	Help for people in flats for recycling	10/14/2024 12:20 PM
60	MKCC - cut trees back for more light	10/14/2024 12:07 PM
61	Car charging facilities	10/14/2024 11:41 AM

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62	Public Transport - when is the bus service coming back to Oldbrook?	10/14/2024 11:39 AM
63	Stop bonfires at the allotments	10/14/2024 11:30 AM
64	Better public transport so people don't have to drive. More allotments	10/14/2024 11:26 AM
65	Get. residents to clean up the area. Take pride in where you live	10/14/2024 11:23 AM
66	Monitor rubbish being dumped outside houses/streets	10/14/2024 11:06 AM
67	More litter picking please, just before grass is cut	10/14/2024 10:32 AM
68	Solar panels on public buildings	10/14/2024 10:19 AM
69	Hope it goes better	10/14/2024 10:17 AM
70	Book shuttles per people	10/14/2024 10:12 AM
71	Landscape - Effective use of energy I.e: if mowers were serviced & blades sharpened regularly, the operative would not need to cut so often	10/14/2024 9:46 AM
72	Might be useful to have some EV chargers in the parking area of the main shops, parade (I.E: where Sainsbury's and the Pub are	10/14/2024 9:42 AM
73	Small library of helpful books. leaflet rack of green ideas, exhibition board for local groups	10/11/2024 2:58 PM
74	Large fine for anyone dumping their rubbish and household furniture in the streets or red ways	10/11/2024 1:56 PM
75	Public Transport - more bus routes, frequent service giving residents an opportunity to be less car dependant. Highways - well maintained red ways for bikes and scooter use.	10/11/2024 1:47 PM
76	Public Transport - The Government have put the power where buses go to your local council. Please make sure our OAP Villages get those buses back onto their door	10/11/2024 1:41 PM
77	Better rubbish removal for those that live with people who will not do anything other than dump it outside.	10/11/2024 1:32 PM
78	Workshops at schools, Oldbrook and Springfield Centre for all ages. Collection point for recycling items	10/11/2024 12:45 PM
79	Energy scheme to support the Community	10/11/2024 12:29 PM
80	Not at all interested in Climate Change. Heavy oil and coal on the way for me as old is gold!	10/11/2024 12:22 PM
81	The above schemes ticked will bring educational awareness to the Community. I feel some households need to become more educated to make a difference	10/11/2024 9:43 AM
82	N/A	10/11/2024 9:25 AM
83	Public Transport - the Bus Service through oldbrook ceased 4 years ago. There used to be 2 routes. Also the routes along Chaffron Way (F70/F77)	10/11/2024 9:20 AM
84	Maybe 3 wheeler electric bikes for the elderly	10/11/2024 8:51 AM
85	Transport - support to reinstate a bus route that goes via Willen. Due to recent Arriva changes, there are no buses serving Willen.	10/6/2024 3:51 PM
86	None	9/27/2024 2:26 PM







# Open Access Summer Play Sessions



## Open access play events

Every Year we offer open access play to thousands of children across Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas.

We can hold play sessions almost anywhere. Historically most events booked have taken place outdoors in local parks or any green space available but we are open to anywhere!

We can provide our play sessions in any of the school holidays, (not just summer) and you can ensure sessions are not affected by bad weather by booking us an indoor space, schools, village halls, church rooms, sports pavilions.

The sessions we provided for Shenley Church End and Two Mile Ash in October half term was a huge success and was fully booked within a few days of advertising it!

You could even make a day of it by adding a session onto an existing parish event you are holding.

Some parishes have also booked us for other types of sessions, like children's & adult crafting sessions. If you are interested in having a meeting to discuss what you want and what we can offer please call or email Jodi at [play@mkpa.co.uk](mailto:play@mkpa.co.uk)  
01908263033

This is a very well-established programme that is incredibly popular amongst residents in the communities we serve.

Play is a critical part of any child's development, yet it is sometimes easy to overlook its importance. It can be hard to find safe opportunities where children can have the freedom, space, or time that they need for play. Our role is to help overcome some of these challenges so that children have more opportunities for child-led play, this can help to develop social skills, build relationships, and promotes self-confidence.

# Sessions & Pricing

During the summer of 2024 we held 195 play events across Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas.

During this time we were able to reach 13'165. We are pleased to be able to continue to offer these sessions going forward into 2025.

The play programme we provide to you often operates at a loss, with other areas of MKPA's business activities subsidising part of the cost.

We have seen and will see further significant increases in costs, particularly with the large rise in National Living Wage & National Minimum Wage in 2024 and 2025 and the increase to Employer National Insurance contributions announced in the recent Budget. We strive very hard to keep increases to our Parish Partners to a minimum but with these additional costs to our overheads in mind we have assessed our prices for the Parish play sessions and events for the upcoming year. We trust that you will maintain your continuing support for our services for families within your own Parish Area.

## Session prices for 2025

2 hour Morning session - 9.30am - 11.30am - £520.00

2 hour Afternoon session - 1.30pm - 3.30pm - £520.00

Five hour fun day session - 10.30am - 3.30pm - £1040.00

3 hour Teen / Pre-Teen session - 1.30pm - 4.30pm - £1040.00



These sessions are available to Parish Councils, Town Councils and Community Organisations. The sessions are run by our dedicated play work staff, so there is no work for you to do apart from advertising your events with the poster we will create for you.

**MAKING PLAY MATTER**

# This is just some of the lovely feedback received from your parishioners in summer 2024

Samantha Louise

Awesome!

Usually Nanny will drive us if these play sessions are out of reach (bus fare is getting insane 😅) but she's had a hip replacement recently so is out of action. Was just googling the Church one and that's not too far if the girl is up to walking/riding her bike 😊

MKPA to us is life during the half terms ❤️ we really appreciate all the work you put in and the fun you provide 😊

Hi, I'd just like to give you some feedback from the session at Hanslope today involving a particularly a team member.

He was absolutely AMAZING!! My children were fully engrossed within the play with him, he adapted the game multiple times to accommodate my younger child, and to also make the games more challenging for them. He was so positive towards the children, both verbally and how he presented himself physically. He carried a smile on his face for the whole session, children were naturally drawn to him. He was so entertaining that my children (and other children) would go back to him after exploring the other areas. This is so refreshing and made other parents smile too.

I really hope this feedback is passed back to him, our children had an amazing time today, and it was all down to him!

At Monkston Park, amazing day ❤️



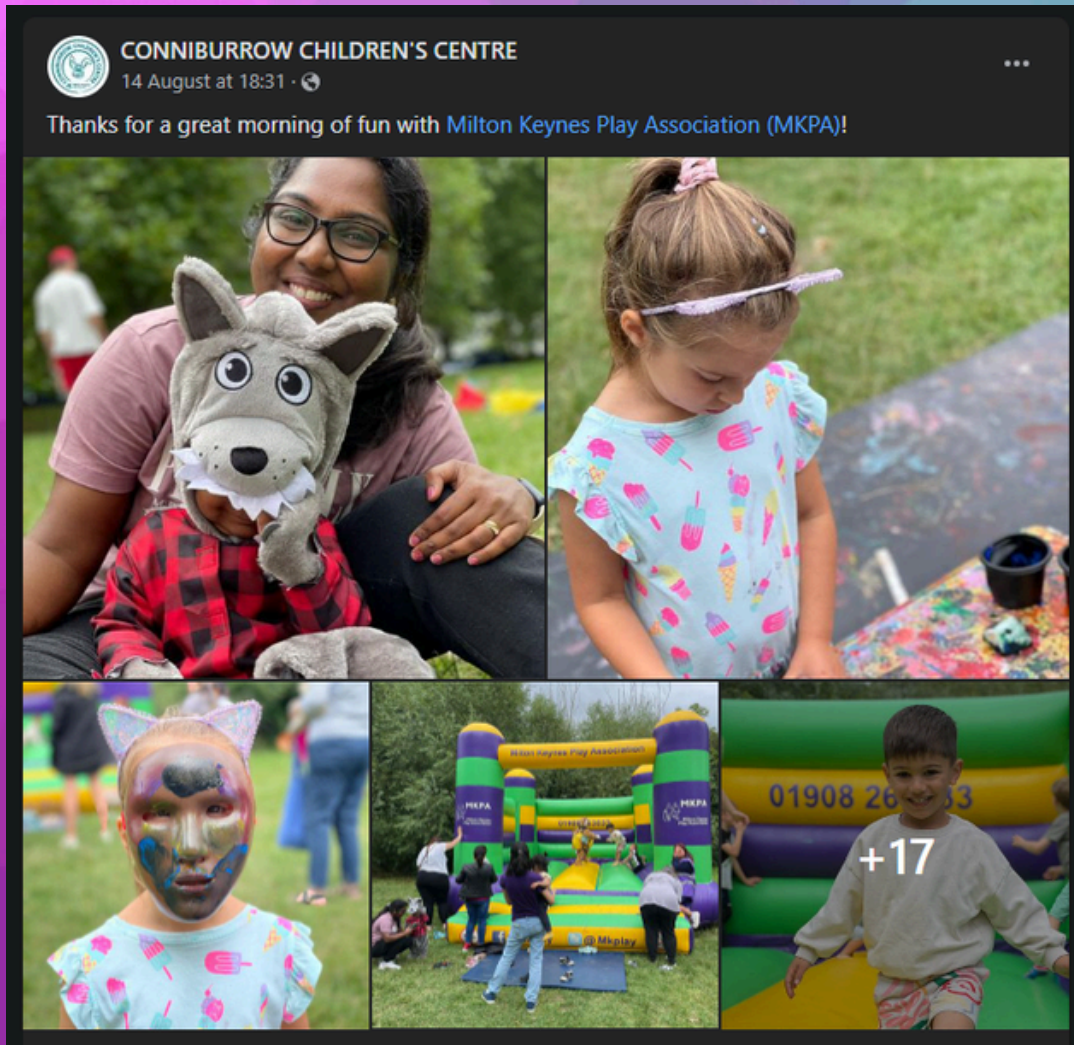
St Mark's Meals

We are so thankful for all the exciting activities you offer to provide children in MK with fun in the holidays! ❤️ Thanks so much for sharing 😊

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# This is just some of the lovely feedback received from your parishioners in summer 2024



I would just like to say a huge thank you for the session in Cheddington today. The staff were fantastic and we had such a lovely time! Thank you 🥰❤️

**Lisa Cahaya Trounce**

We had a wonderful day, wonderful weather and wonderful staff as always today at Monkston. Will See you tomorrow at Monkston Park 😊, thank you very much 🙏.



# MKPA Play Sessions ...

Children can explore different types of play

## Risky Play

Activities suitable for  
ages up to 12 years

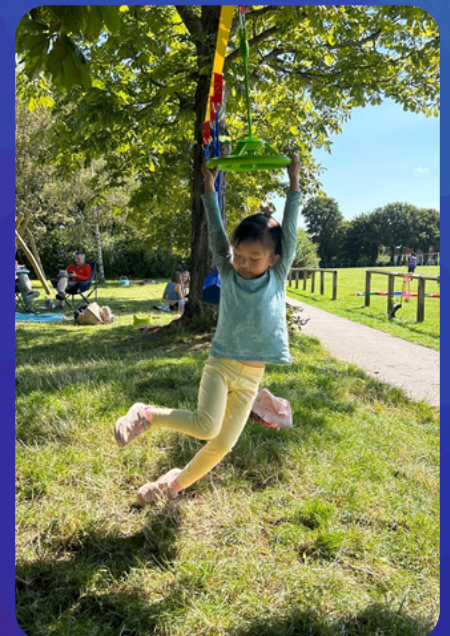


### Risky play

This session allows children to encounter risky experiences, to develop survival skills and conquer fears. Activities include climbing trees or using ropes to build and balance, lifting large objects, balancing on beams, using tools such as saws, hammers and drills, water slides, assault courses, and using and lighting a fire pit to cook. Some children discover strength they didn't know they had while engaging in these activities, which can develop their self confidence.



This session also includes  
giant games & a bouncy  
castle.



Every location can experience ...

every type of play

# Sports and Games

Activities suitable for  
ages up to 12 years

## Sports & Games

This session allows children to interact and be sociable with each other and to work together for a common goal, through sports and playing games. These include football, cricket, rounders, archery, badminton, volleyball, tag, parachute games, tennis, golf and many more.

This session also includes giant games and a bouncy castle.



Bring spare clothes!!!

# Imaginative & Messy Mixed Play



Messy play  
Through fun experiments, this session will allow children to discover textures and the effect some ingredients have on one another. We provide painting, foam play, slime play, sand and water play and all types of arts and crafts using materials from our scrap

store. Imaginative play

This session allows a child's imagination to run wild, using objects and actions to represent other things. It includes loose parts play (with small and large objects), face paint, dressing up, small world toys, and den building.



Mixed

This session also includes sports, giant games and a bouncy castle.



Activities suitable for  
ages up to 12 years



Something for the older ones!!

# Teen / Pre-Teen session

Activities suitable for ages 10 to 15 years



Teen/Pre-Teen Session  
Playtime isn't Just for preschoolers - teenagers need it, too! Play in the teen years provides opportunities for young people to take risks, practice decision-making and problem-solving skills, make mistakes (and learn from them), experience and accept defeat, build confidence, overcome fear, and mature in all manners of thinking and behaving!!



**Want a little extra??**

## **Additional (Bolt on) Play Activities**



**We offer a range of play activities which can be added onto the Open Access Play sessions, at an extra cost. All activities need trained staff to facilitate the riskier level of play involved. These activities attract higher staffing levels to ensure safety.**



**What can be added on to the sessions?**

- **Wickidizer equivalent**
- **Body Zorbs**
- **Zorb Balls**
- **Water Slide**
- **Large play equipment – e.g. Soft play sets, ball pools and much more**



## Grant Impact Evaluation Form

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Please note – If you would prefer, you can book a Grant Impact Evaluation Meeting with us instead of completing this form. At that meeting, you would need to bring all of your receipts and invoices and we would talk through the outcomes of your project with you. Please ensure you have arranged this appointment with us before the deadline has expired for submitting your report.

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If you would like any help to fill in this form, or to book an End of Grant appointment please call our Philanthropy Team on 01908 690276.

**Person completing this form:**

<b>Name</b>	Tracey Jones
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<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Campbell Park Community Council
<b>Grant Reference Number</b>	A732890
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	£2,760.00
<b>Original Purpose of Grant:</b>	
Seated exercise sessions in Willen	

**How has this grant made a difference to your group and the local people who benefitted from this project?**

This grant has enabled the sessions to continue and reach more people. The sessions remain popular, with around 17-23 people attending each session and each week is never the same! We have reached approximately 35-40 individuals.

Those attending have reported improved physical health, improved mental health and wellbeing and have benefitted from the social interaction each week.

**What lessons did you learn in the process of delivering this project?**

That there is a real need for these types of sessions. They are popular and reach people who would not normally attend standard exercise classes or the gym.

However, we have really seen the benefits of these sessions go far beyond the physical exercise, with connections and friendships being made and participants feeling less isolated and experiencing improved well-being.

**Please provide at least one quote or testimonial from a participant / service user describing their experience of this project.**

“Thanks a million. I really love the session and I think everyone should come along and enjoy exercise and social interaction with others”

“Thank you for providing a great community facility”

“Maggie is a great trainer”

**Will this activity / service continue after the end of the grant? If so, please tell us where the funding will come from.**

Yes – we are considering either relocating the session to our Community Hub once open or opening an additional session.

With support from donations from participants and funding from our Council we can continue this valuable service.

**How did you acknowledge that MK Community Foundation funded your project?**

On social media and within our Homeground magazine

**How can we support you better in securing and managing grants from us? What did we do right?**

Communication was good and documents and resources supplied were clear and easy to use.

**What was the best thing about this project? Please share any stories you have about it that help us to understand what it was like.**

We asked participants to complete a Feedback Survey at a recent session.

100% of the participants said that they came to the sessions as they helped with their overall health maintenance, for enjoyment and fun, for their personal growth and achievement and for social interaction.

100% of the participants reported that by attending the sessions they had experienced an improvement to their physical health, be that through increased flexibility, improved strength and muscle tone, improved balance and co-ordination, boosted energy levels or reduction to their normal pain or discomfort. 50% of participants had noticed improvements in all of these areas.

86% of participants reported that their mood and emotional wellbeing had improved, with 64% also noticing reduced feelings of depression or low mood since attending the sessions.

50% of the participants said they felt less lonely and isolated as a result of attending the sessions, with 79% reporting that they had made new friends.

**How many people benefitted from the grant? Also, please estimate, to the best of your knowledge, the number of participants / beneficiaries who fit the following descriptions.**

- Total Number of Participants / Beneficiaries: 40
- Children / Young People (up to 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_
- Older People (60 or over): 35
- Non-White: 5 (estimate)
- People with Disabilities (Learning or Physical): 5 (estimate)

*Please don't forget, we love photos and video of our funded projects! Please let us know if you have any you can share.*

Many Thanks for completing this form. Please return it, along with the Expenditure Report Form, to [monitoring@mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk](mailto:monitoring@mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk) or:

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**REPORT TO:** Community & Communications Committee  
**DATE:** 28 January 2025  
**REPORT ON:** CPCC Hub Official Opening Events  
**REPORT BY:** Deputy Clerk & Community Officer  
**REPORT NO:** C&C/002/24

### **Purpose of Report**

For Committee to consider plans for the official opening of the CPCC Hub and contribute ideas to the delivery plan.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Committee give delegated authority to an officer working group to develop a delivery plan and organise the events - with a progress report to be made at each Committee meeting. The officer working group to be made up of the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Community Officer & Estates Manager.
2. That the opening events be held over 2 days with partners and local organisations being invited to a networking lunch on 24 September (Date TBC) and a community event with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday 27 September (Date TBC).
3. That Committee consider and make a recommendation to Council as to who it may wish to invite to give a speech and/or officially open the building and cut the ribbon, as part of the opening ceremony, i.e. local dignitaries, project contributors, key community figures, or local celebrities.

### **Main Text**

With the Hub construction nearing completion and the community's anticipation building, we need to start making plans to officially open of the building, inviting partners, local organisations and, most importantly, the community to be part of the celebrations.

It is important for the Hub to be 'in action' when its officially opened, so we will need to allow a few months for the café operator and activities to start to settle in before the official opening event takes place. The event is therefore, proposed to take place in September 2025.

An event like this takes months of planning and organisation, so it is important that we start to put plans in place, and we seek the input of the Committee to this process.

Previously, large events hosted by CPCC (e.g. Jubilee event in Willen, Four Bridges Festivals) have been successfully organised and managed by an officer working group, so it is suggested that this approach is used again.

The suggested outline of the events is as follows;

## **Partner & Community Organisation Event – Wednesday 24 September 12-2pm TBC**

CPC to invite our partners and local/regional community organisations to a networking lunch on 24 September. The invitation list to include MK City Council, MK Community Foundation, MK Community Action, Sofea, Willen Hospice, MKFM, Hubbub Community Fridge Network, Headteachers of the local schools etc. This event will provide us with the opportunity to give a presentation on what we have achieved, showcasing the facilities we have available and bring forth opportunities to develop new partnerships for the benefit our residents.

Committee are invited to contribute to the invitation list.

We will work with the café operators to develop the refreshments and food offering for the event.

Further consideration needs to be given as to how we can get the most out of this event.

## **Official Opening Event - Saturday 27 September 11am – 7pm TBC**

On Saturday 27 September we will invite the community to celebrate the opening of the Hub.

It is envisaged that this event would run during the day and into the evening with a programme of activities and entertainment provided, around the main event of speeches and the official ribbon cutting ceremony taking place mid-afternoon.

We expect the event to reach a wide audience beyond our boundaries.

We want to encourage our residents, families, local businesses, schools and community groups to come along and be an active part of the event.

Committee are invited to contribute ideas of how this could be achieved. We are keen that the event is inclusive and welcoming to all members of the community and make use of the inside and outside spaces at the Hub.

- What kind of activities or entertainment would best represent the hub's offerings and our community? e.g. activities for children, demonstrations, live music, performances, food inc. the community larder, pop-up info sessions from partners/community groups.
- How can we incorporate community involvement? e.g. a "community showcase" where local schools or groups sing, dance or present something, a community art project or maybe a community gardening project

We will work with the café operators to develop the refreshments and food offering for this event. Committee are invited to consider if any elements of the food offerings at the official opening event should be funded to make this available free for attendees.

A communication plan will need to be developed to ensure the event is well attended. This will include flyers, local news, posters as well as within Homeground. A social media campaign will also be developed to build a buzz ahead of the event.



There may be a need to recruit volunteers to help at the event.

In line with our Climate Emergency Action Plan, there be an emphasis on environmentally-friendly practices during the event e.g. minimise waste, use of eco-friendly decorations and avoidance of single use plastics.

### **Financial Implications**

A budget will need to be made available for the events. This could potentially be allocated from the earmarked reserves for the Community Hub.