



Drigg and Carleton COMMUNITY LED PLAN

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Foreword



Councillor **John Jennings**

It is my pleasure to present to the residents of the Parish of Drigg and Carleton the 2016 Community Led Plan.

We have spent many months collecting your views and you have all had the opportunity in numerous ways to feed in your ideas and thoughts on how you want to shape our local community both now and for future generations. It is fair to say that the vast majority of people made very positive comments about the Parish, referring to the peace and tranquillity, the community spirit and the stunning scenery. You also, as requested, commented on and made suggestions about areas where with some change or improvement, local aspirations can be met.

Assembly of the plan was led by a steering group comprising representatives of Drigg and Carleton Parish Council with support from LLWR Ltd, GRAHAM Construction and NSG Ltd who worked hard to produce this Community Led Plan which accurately reflects the views of you, the local residents.

Within the plan you will find details about some of the achievements made since the publication of the 2008 Parish Plan, information about the parish

which is not always readily available and which we hope may be a source of interest and reference. We explain the process of how we carried out the consultation and report the results of the community questionnaire. An action plan, informed by your responses and feedback, has been included in the appendix. This will be used to guide the future direction of work carried out by the Parish Council and partners. It is important to us that you are kept apprised of progress therefore we will update you periodically. A progress report will be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Please take the time to read through the plan, after all it is your plan, and one which Drigg and Carleton Parish Council, Drigg Charity and partners will use to guide future community engagement and investment.

There is much to be excited about living in the Parish of Drigg and Carleton and this plan will help us further improve the parish of which we are all so evidently proud of.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Steering Group for driving this initiative and to you, our community, for participating in the process.

1 2008 Parish Plan Achievements

It is now eight years since the Drigg and Carleton Parish Plan was produced. Whilst the parish plan was intended to be a living document, to be reviewed and modified on a regular basis, the majority of the items listed in the original action table have now been closed or superseded. The full details of The Drigg and Carleton Parish Plan (2008) Closing Statements can be found on the website www.drigg.org.uk.

It is important to remember the many achievements that have been delivered because of the 2008 Parish Plan:

- Following negotiations with the NDA, LLWR Ltd and Local Authorities a parish specific Community Fund was established in recognition of the parish hosting the LLWR site. This Fund receives an annual £50,000 socio-economic payment from LLWR Ltd via the Copeland Community Fund.
- Working with LLWR Ltd to adopt new transport arrangements has resulted in a significant reduction in vehicle movements through the parish.
- A liaison group comprising senior representation from LLWR Ltd and Drigg and Carleton Parish Council has been established to create a forum where all matters affecting the parish can be discussed (including employment and service provision opportunities etc.).



Bridleway before the works.



Bridleway after works carried out.

- A bursary fund has been established by the Drigg Charity in partnership with LLWR Ltd to help individuals access training opportunities and further education.
- Successful liaison with Network Rail has resulted in modifications to the height of the platform at Drigg station enabling easier access for passengers.
- Completion of improvement works to the Drigg beach entrance, including the installation of information boards.
- Improved communications through the provision of a new Drigg and Carleton community website and the replacement of dilapidated notice boards throughout the parish.
- The Drigg Public Rights of Way sub-committee was set up to manage improvements of the Public Rights of Ways network within the parish. Although this is an on-going project, several sections of Public Rights of Way have already been enhanced. Please refer to our website www.drigg.org.uk for more information.
- An annual grass cutting maintenance contract has been established and is now up and running along with the annual provision of floral tubs in key locations.
- Improvements to the facilities of the Parish Hall have been made including the provision of new seats and tables, a hearing loop and a new fire detection system.



Drigg Railway Station, 1984.



Drigg Railway Station, 2015.



Community Profile

All the information included in this section was collated by **Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)** in November 2013 through their rural evidence project. The full report can be obtained from ACT in Cumbria or accessed by clicking on this link if you are reading this plan electronically:

http://www.cumbriaaction.org.uk/Portals/0/Parish%20Profiles/Copeland/Drigg_and_Carleton_Parishprofile_E04012151.pdf

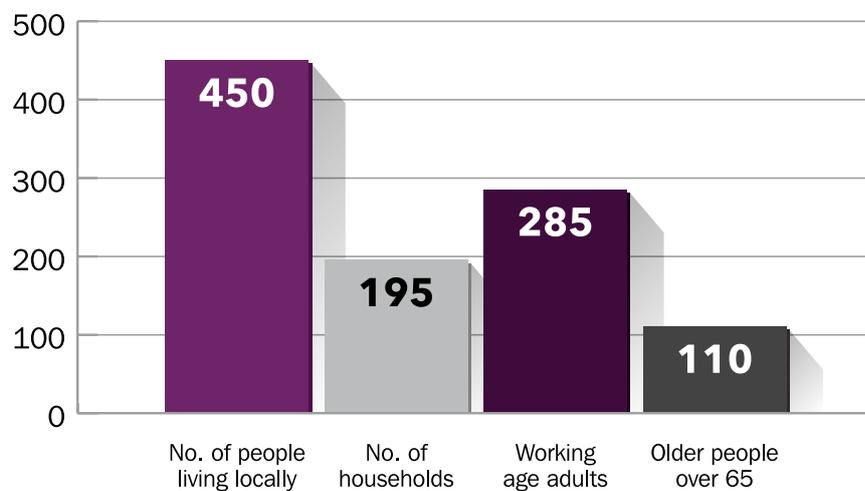
The rural parish of Drigg and Carleton is 7km long and 6km wide. It is bounded on the north by Seascale Parish and on the south by the river Mite which separates it from Muncaster Parish. In 2010 the Drigg and Carleton Parish Council submitted an application to Copeland Borough Council to formally request a review to consider changing the boundary between Drigg and Carleton and Irton with Santon. This request was approved which resulted in 26 additional properties being added to the Drigg and Carleton Parish.



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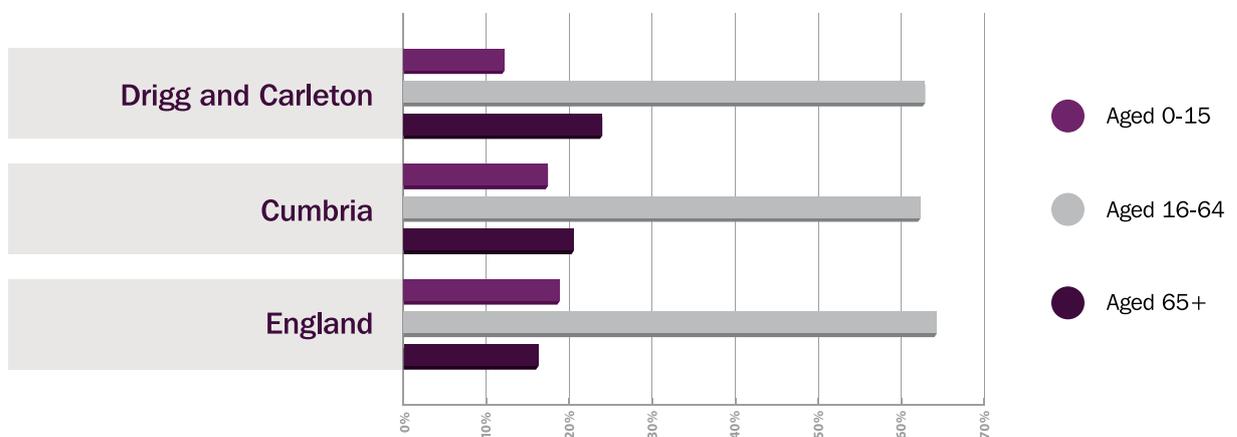
At the time of the 2011 Census the population of the parish was 450. The population was made up as follows:-

Who lives in the Parish of Drigg and Carleton?



In comparison with the average figures for Cumbria and England the parish has an older population aged 65+.

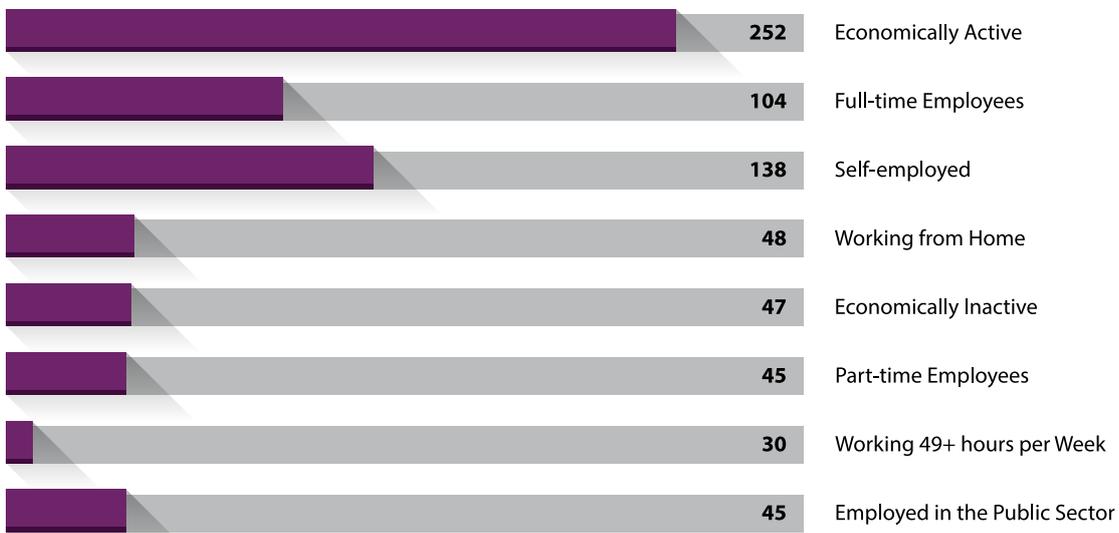
% of Population of Drigg and Carleton by Age



Community Profile - Cont.

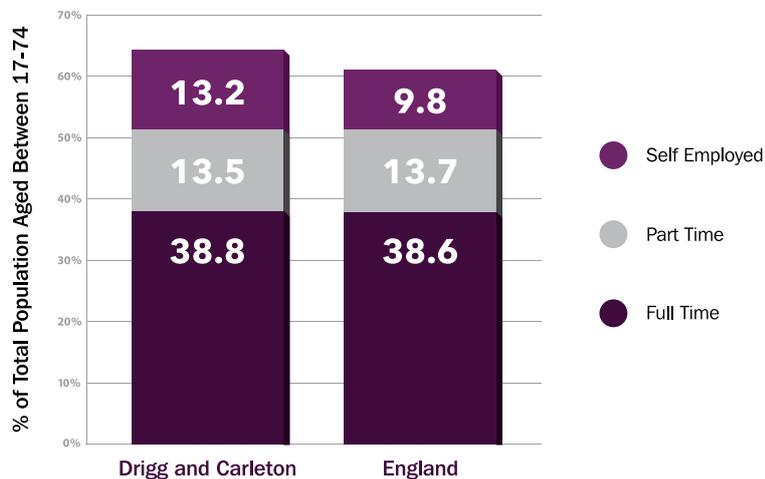
Economic activity within the households in the parish is generally higher than that for the average for England.

Employment in Drigg and Carleton



The percentage of those actively in employment in the parish against the average for England is illustrated in the chart below and highlights a greater percentage of self-employed people than the national average.

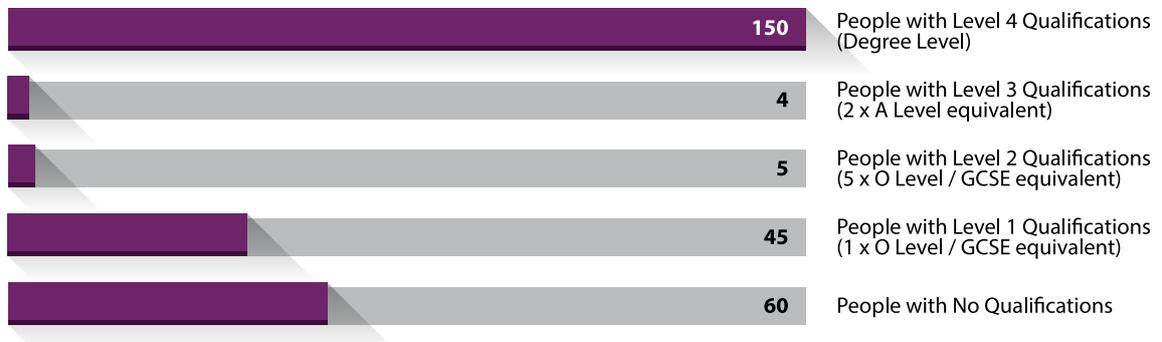
People in Employment



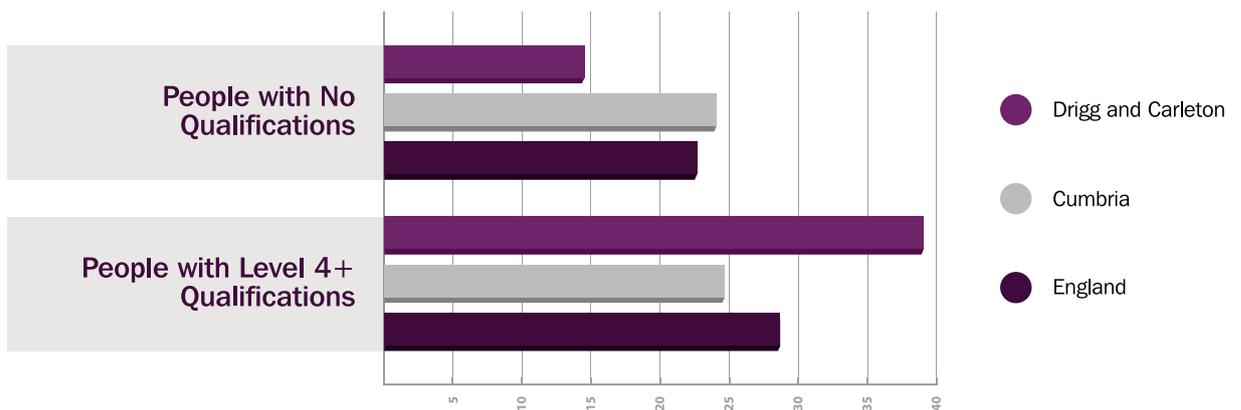
Community Profile - Cont.

The skills level of those living in Drigg and Carleton Parish demonstrated through academic achievement shows a below average number of people with no qualifications and a higher than average number of people with degree level education.

Skill Levels in Drigg and Carleton



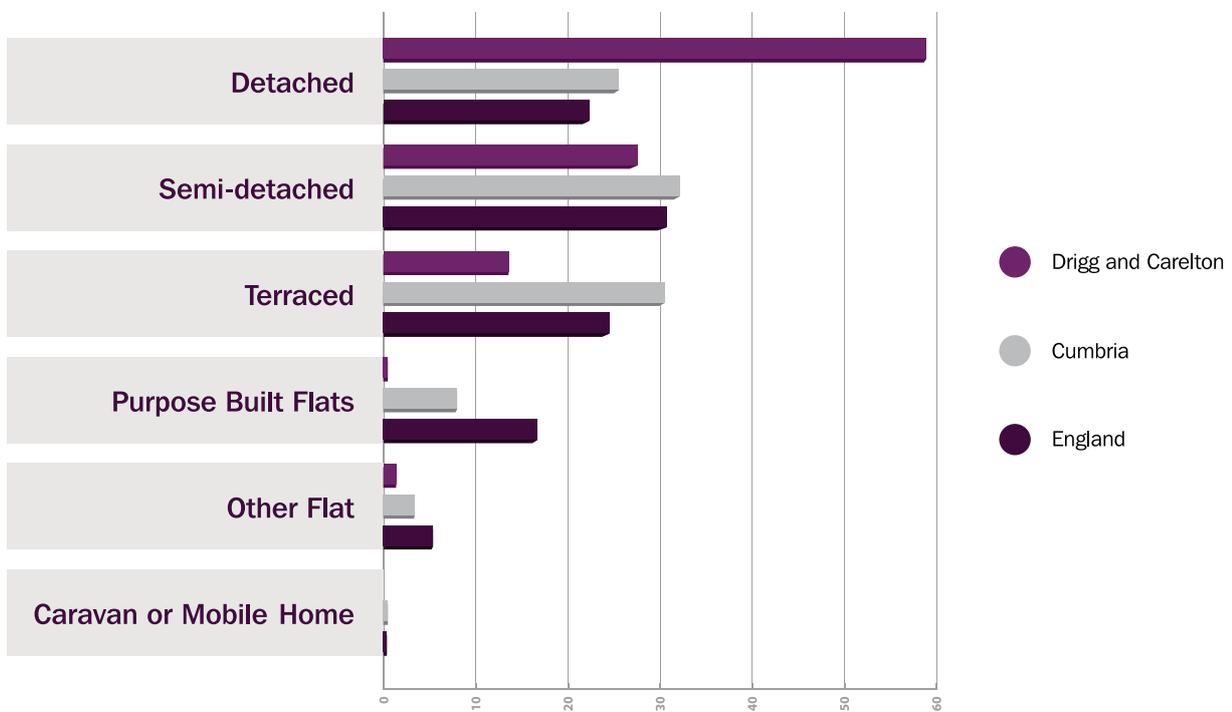
People with No Qualifications



Community Profile - Cont.

Housing is an important issue in Drigg and Carleton Parish and the types of dwellings within the parish are shown below:-

Types of Dwellings in Drigg and Carleton Parish



Community Profile - Cont.

Distance from the Drigg and Carleton Parish to key services is shown in the table below and demonstrates that in all areas they are more than double the average travel times to key services compared to the rest of Cumbria and England.

Average Travel Time (mins) by Walking or Public Transport to the Nearest Key Services



“The great majority of people paid tribute to the parish’s positive community spirit, the stunning environment and the peace and quiet.”

Background to the Community Led Plan

Community Led Plans are based on the views of local people, businesses and organisations located within parishes. Through the consultation undertaken as part of the community plan development, the community can take the lead and say what it wants to see maintained and what it wants improved or changed. The whole community is given the opportunity to agree and plan how to achieve their goals and inform the Parish Council and Local Authorities of their priorities.

Initial meetings held with the Drigg and Carleton Parish Council indicated that there was support for proceeding with the production of a Community Led Plan for Drigg and Carleton. A steering group was formed with representatives from the Parish Council, **John Jennings, Andy Pratt and Gary Creaser**. The Parish Council wanted to ensure business participation, consequently LLWR Ltd’s, **Cath Giel, Alex McCarthy, Amy Huntington, GRAHAM Construction’s, David Slevin, Elaine Woodburn** and NSG Ltd’s, **Jim Fyfe and Gareth Wilson** joined the steering group.

The formation of the steering group enabled establishment of dedicated resources and the development of a schedule to deliver the plan.

The Process

Having formed a steering group the group took advice from ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) on how other parishes had undertaken similar exercises.

An initial paper based survey which all households in the parish received was conducted in May/June 2015. The survey posed three questions:

- What do you like in the Parish?
- What do you dislike in the Parish?
- What would you change within the Parish?

The responses were collated and the following distinct topics emerged:-

- Environment
- Transport/Roads
- Economy
- Community Facilities/Activities
- Drigg and Carleton Parish Council/Drigg Charity

The great majority of people paid tribute to the parish’s positive community spirit, the stunning environment and the peace and quiet.

Information boards capturing the initial survey data was placed on display at the Drigg and Carleton Gala Day where once again residents were given the opportunity to validate the topics raised in the

Background to the Community Led Plan - Cont.

survey or add something further. Based on the feedback from the initial survey a detailed questionnaire was generated. This questionnaire elaborated on the topic areas generated from the initial survey and was distributed in July / August 2015.

Each household received a printed copy and the questionnaire was also available online via the Drigg and Carleton community website. Additional effort was deployed to specifically seek the opinions of the local business community. All responses remained anonymous although information was collated on where respondents lived, their age and gender.

The questionnaire results were analysed and the detailed results provided objective and quantitative information about the issues that concern residents, it also identified potential actions which you, the community, prioritised. A further drop-in day was held in Drigg Village Hall where key partners and

residents of the parish were invited. This was yet a further opportunity to feed in views.

The analysis of the results then allowed for the production of this Community Led Plan.

The raw statistical data and comments collected from the questionnaire are available in full on request. If you would like a copy of this information please get in touch with **Drigg and Carleton Parish Council** on **019467 24272** or through the contact form on the Drigg and Carleton community website www.drigg.org.uk/contact.



Community Drop-in Day, 12th November 2015.



Drigg Gala Day, 2015.

4 Community Questionnaires

A total of 240 questionnaires were sent out and 78 questionnaires were returned (21 on-line and 57 paper versions). This amounts to a return rate of 33%.

Please note the percentages within the 'TOTAL%'

column have been calculated using the actual number of responses for each particular question posed, rather than the total number of questionnaires returned. This is because some of the questions were not answered.

The following pages capture the five themed topic areas and are colour coded for ease of reference.

Q. Where do you live in the Parish of Drigg and Carleton?

Drigg	Stubble Green and Low Moor	Carleton and Saltcoats	Holmrook	Business
41%	14%	13%	20%	12%

Gender and Age Derivation of Drigg and Carleton Parish

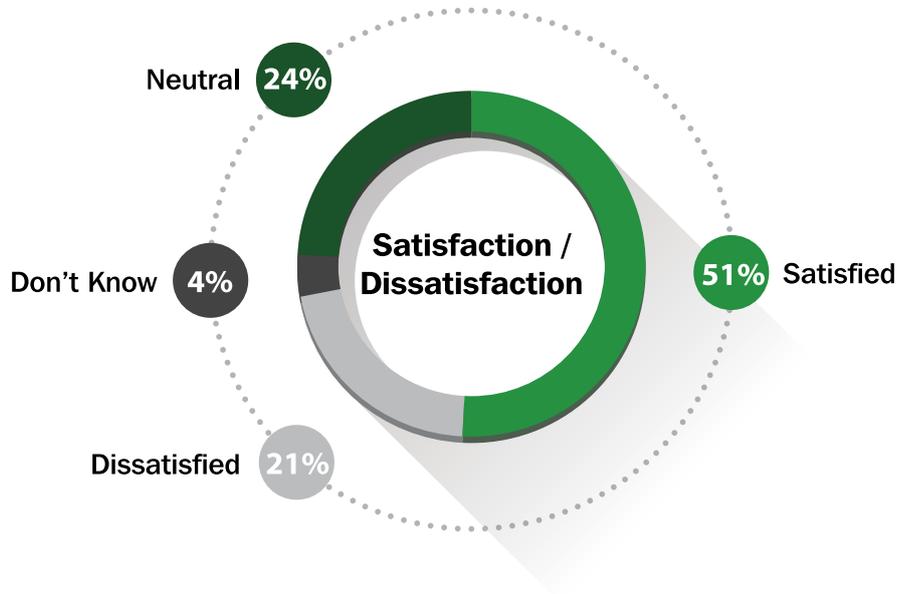
Male	Female	Not Given	Household / Business
40%	28%	10%	22%

Under 16	17-25	26-35	36-50	51-65	65-80	Over 80
4%	4%	4%	18%	40%	28%	2%

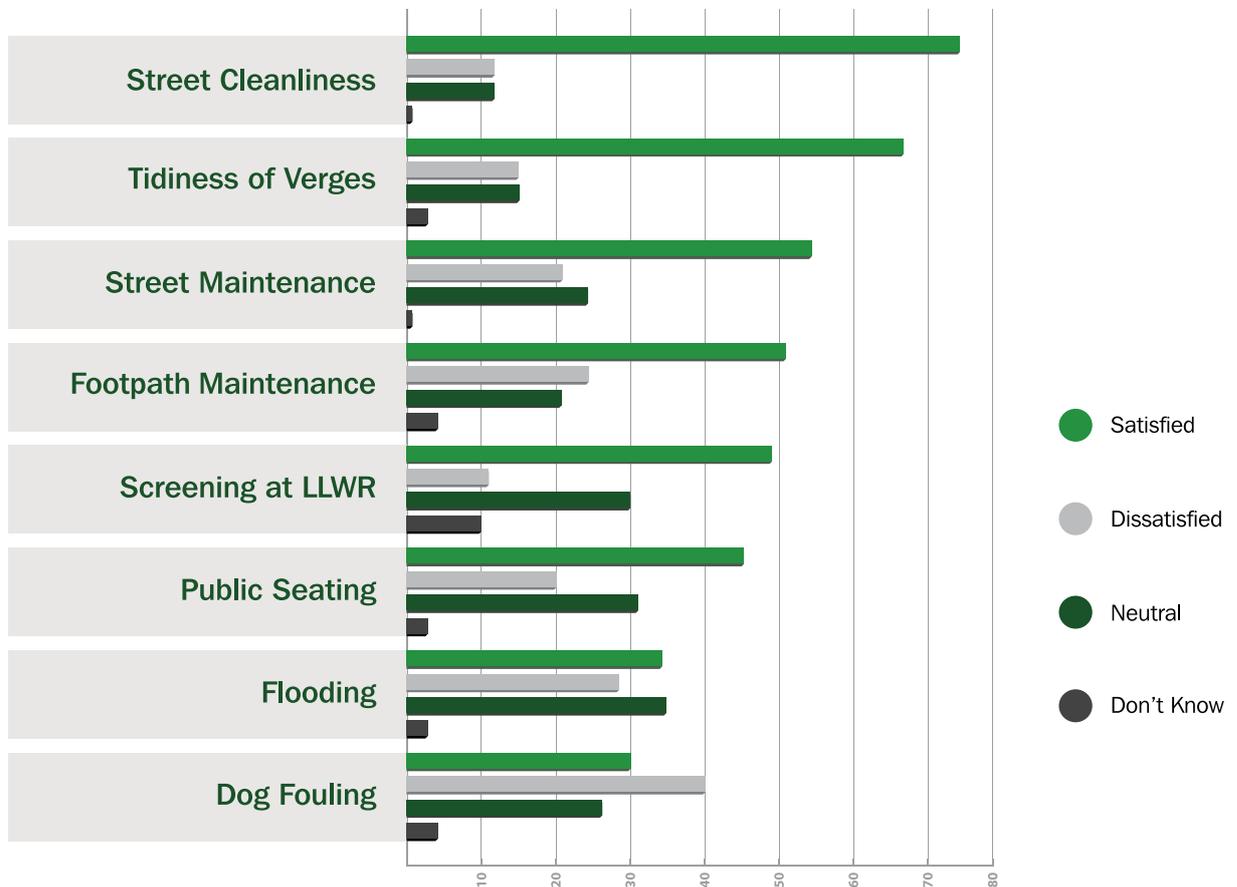
Under 50	Over 50
30%	70%

4.1 Environment Section

Q1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with aspects of how your environment is cared for?
The overall statistics relating to this question are as follows:

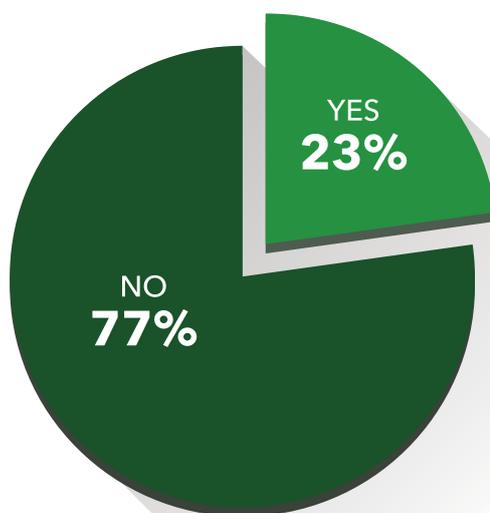


In relation to the specific topic included in the questionnaire the overall satisfaction ratings were:



Community Questionnaires – Environment Section Cont.

Q2. (a) In answer to the question, “Would you support wind turbines within the parish?”, the response was:-

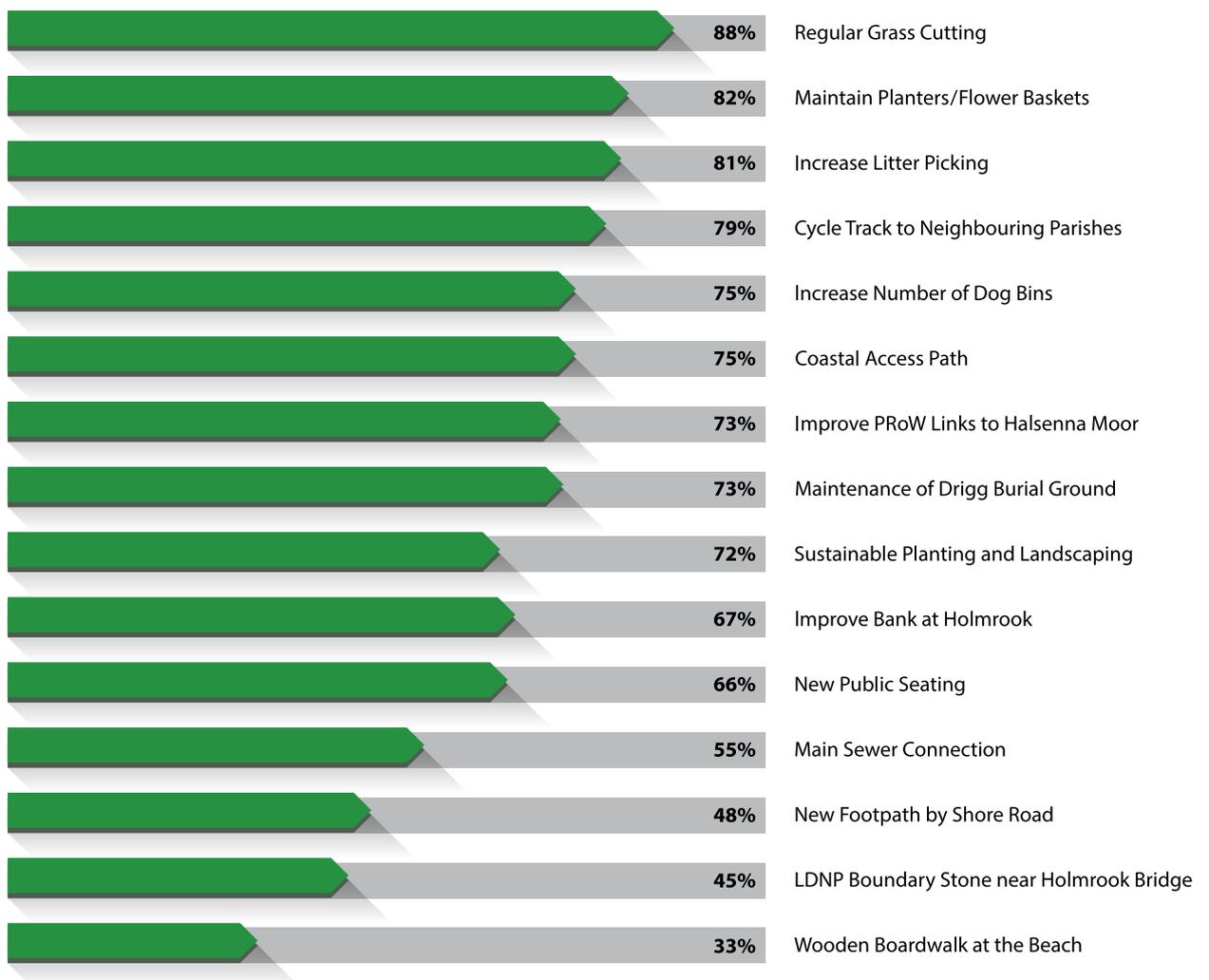


Q3. Some suggestions were made on the environment and you were asked to prioritise them, these are the results. The overall statistics relating to this question are as follows:-



Community Questionnaires – Environment Section Cont.

The statistics relating to the specific environmental projects (going from highest to lowest priority) are as follows:-



Community Questionnaires – Environment Section Cont.

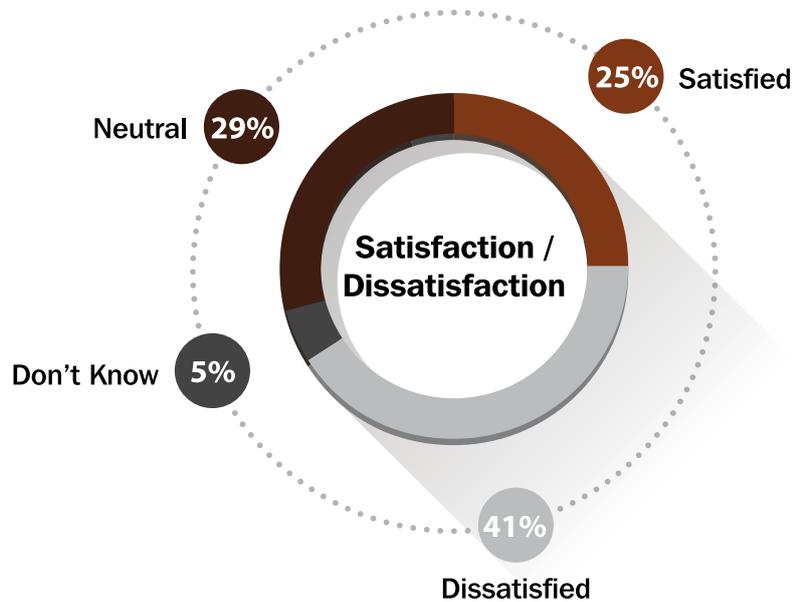
Comments

There were a total of 59 comments made under the heading of environment and 20 comments made under the heading of wind turbines. 11 further comments about the environment or wind turbines were made elsewhere in the questionnaires but have been included in the table below. The subject matter of the comments is as follows:-

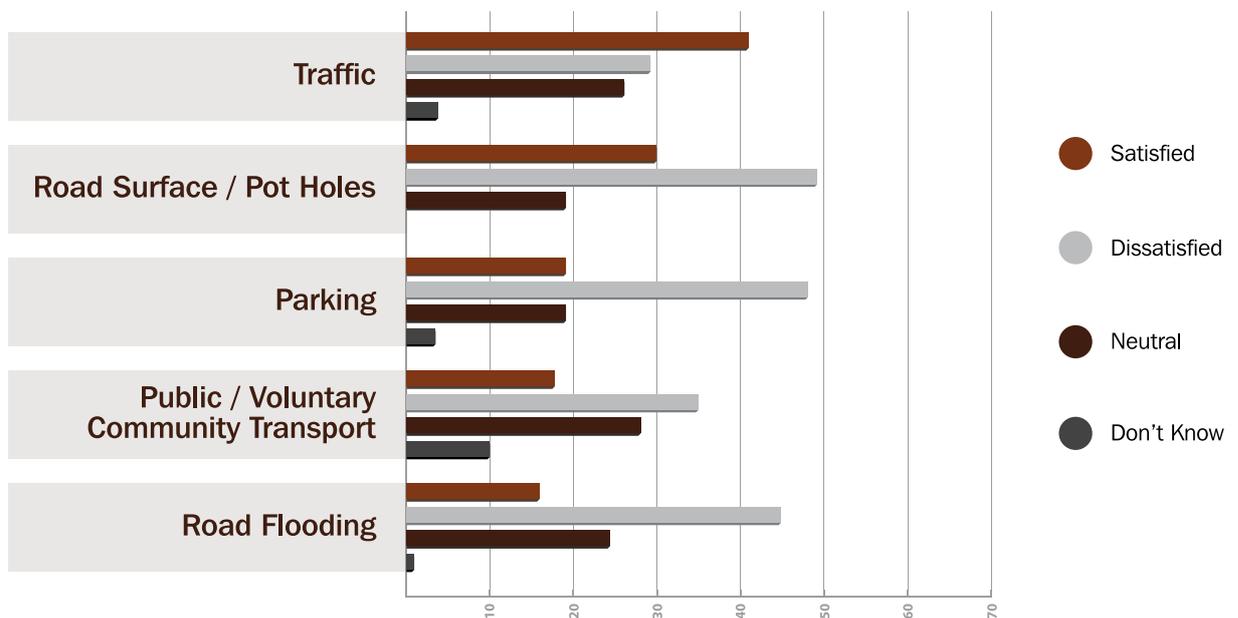


4.2 Transport/Roads Section

Q5. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with aspects of the transport and roads in the Parish? The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:



In relation to the specific topic included in the questionnaire the overall satisfaction ratings are:-

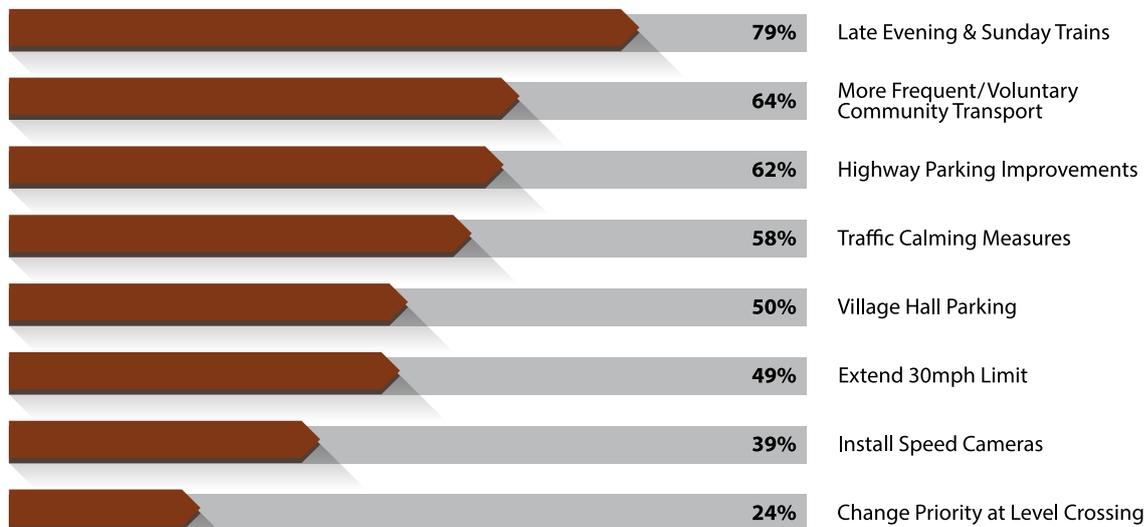


Community Questionnaires – Transport/Roads Section Cont.

Q7. Some suggestions were made on transport/roads and you were asked to prioritise them, these are the results. The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:-



The statistics relating to the specific suggestions associated with transport/roads (going from highest to lowest priority) is as follows:-



Community Questionnaires – Transport/Roads Section Cont.

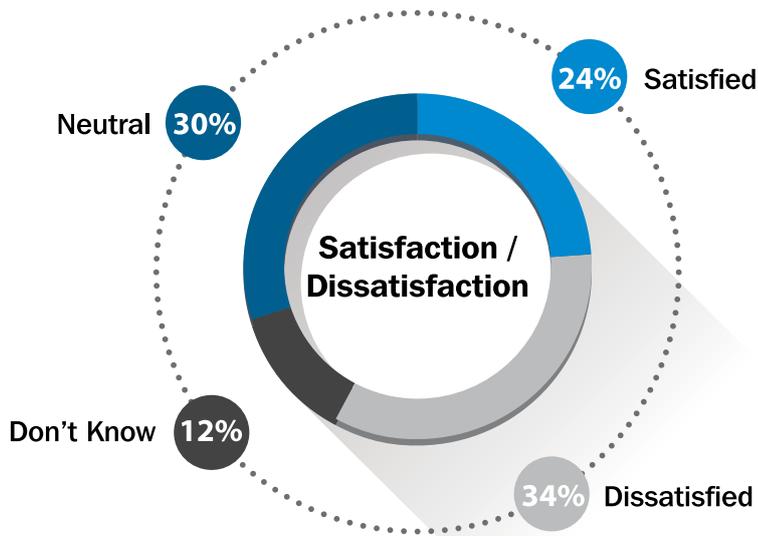
Comments

There were a total of 58 comments made under the heading of transport/roads. 13 further comments about transport/roads were made elsewhere in the questionnaires but have been included in the table below. The subject matter of the comments is as follows:-

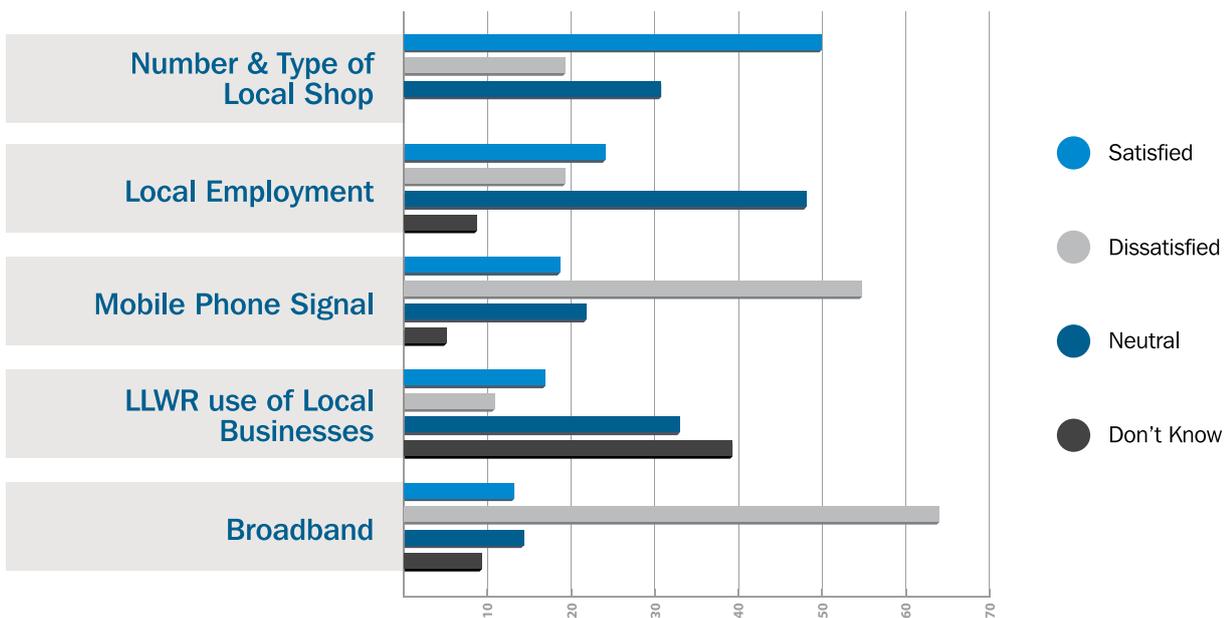


4.3 Economy Section

Q9. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the local economy? The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:



In relation to the specific topic included in the questionnaire the overall satisfaction ratings are:-

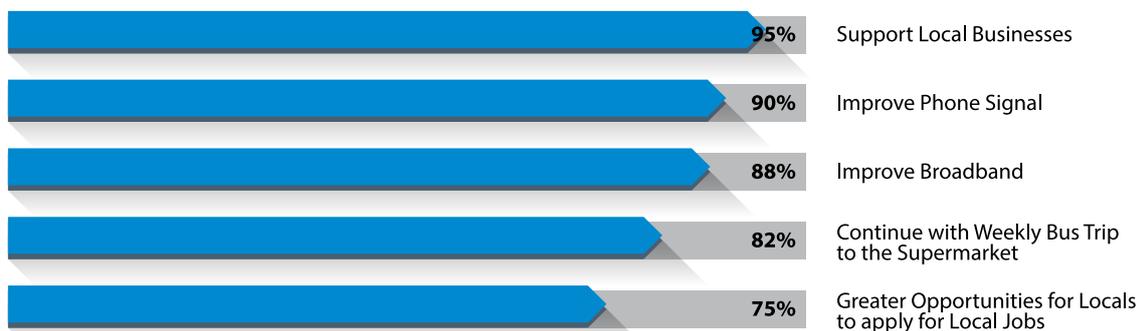


Community Questionnaires – Economy Section Cont.

Q11. Some suggestions were made on the economy and you were asked to prioritise them, these are the results. The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:-



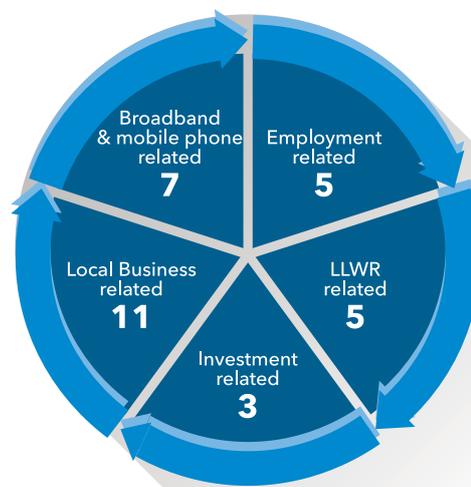
The statistics relating to the specific suggestions associated with the local economy is as follows:-



Community Questionnaires – Economy Section Cont.

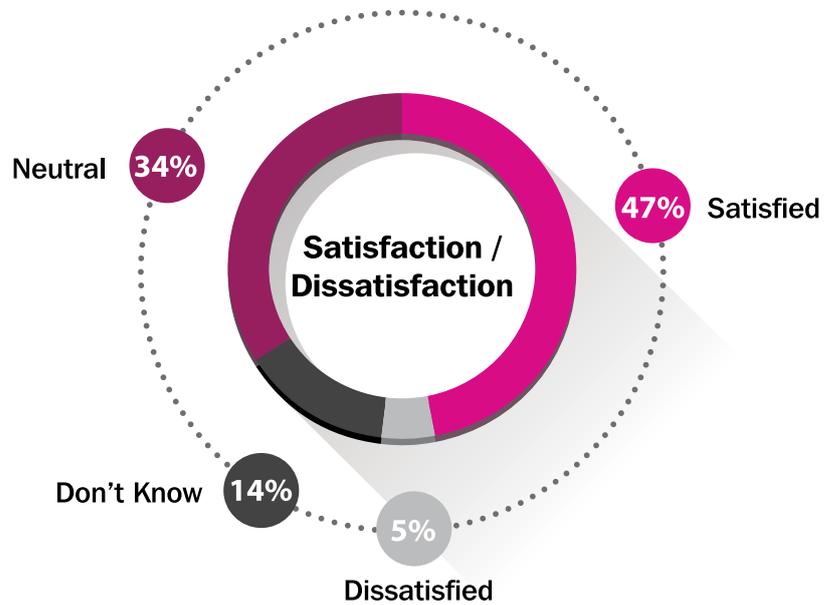
Comments

There were a total of 25 comments made under the heading of economy. 6 further comments about the local economy were made elsewhere in the questionnaires but have been included in the table below. The subject matter of the comments is as follows:-

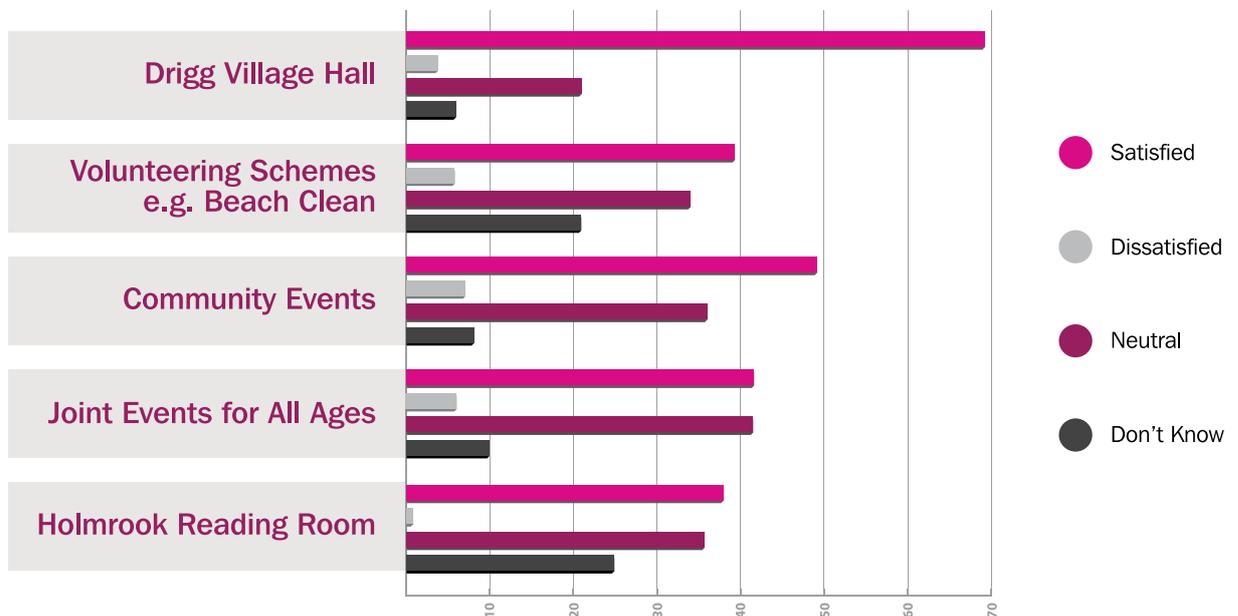


4.4 Community Section

Q13. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the local community facilities/activities?
The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:



In relation to the specific topic included in the questionnaire the overall satisfaction ratings are:-

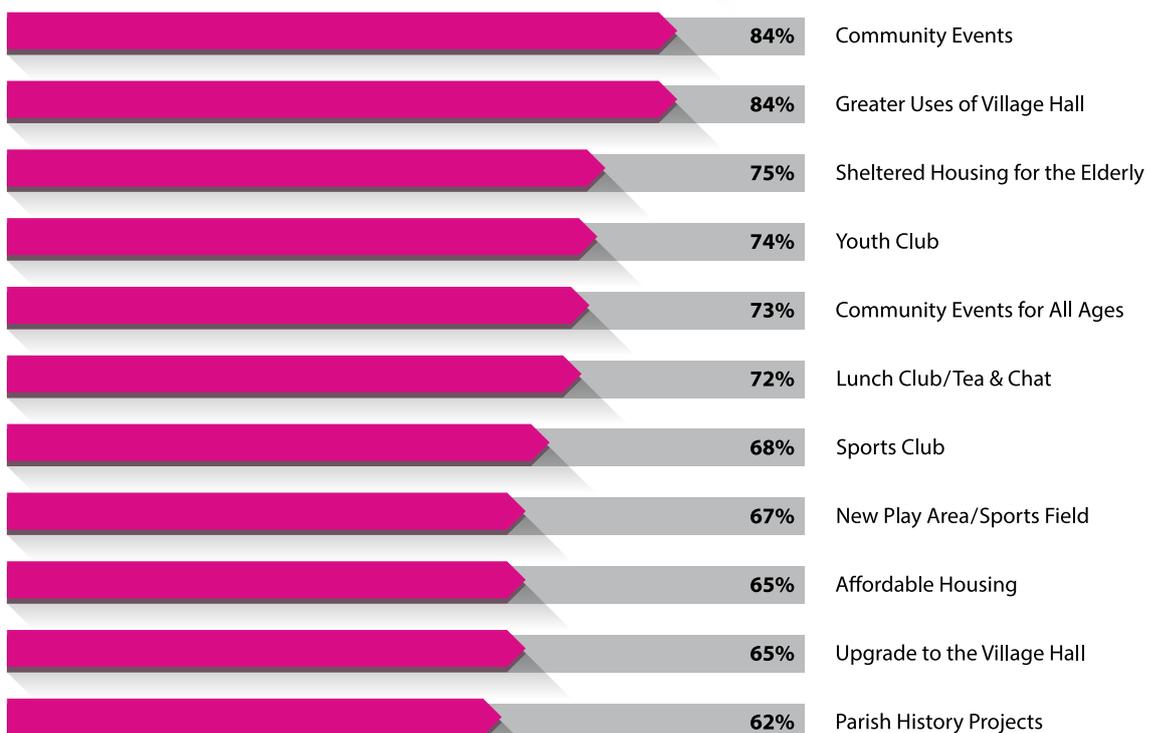


Community Questionnaires – Community Section Cont.

Q15. Some suggestions were made on the community activities/facilities and you were asked to prioritise them, these are the results. The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:-



The statistics relating to the specific suggestions relating to community activities/facilities (going from highest to lowest priority) is as follows:-



Community Questionnaires – Community Section Cont.

Comments

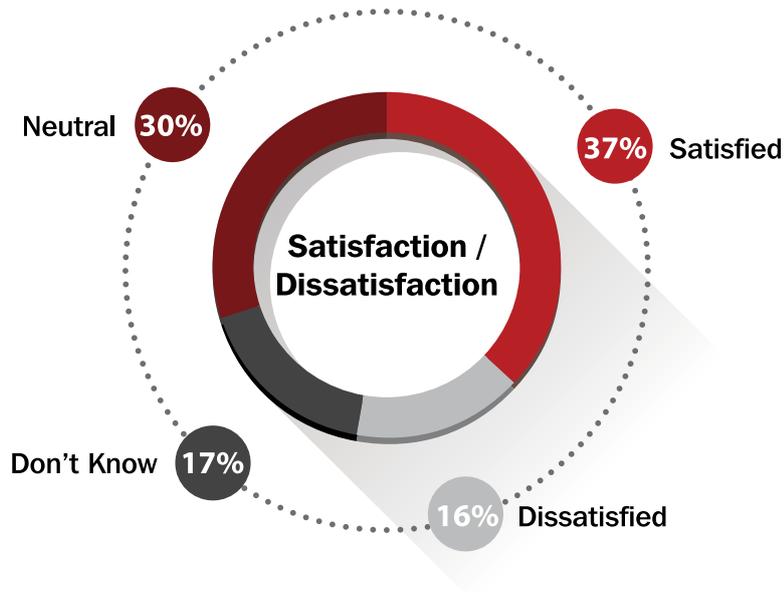
There were a total of 34 comments made under the heading of the community. 11 further comments about the community facilities/activities were made elsewhere in the questionnaires but have been included in the table below. The subject matter of the comments is as follows:-



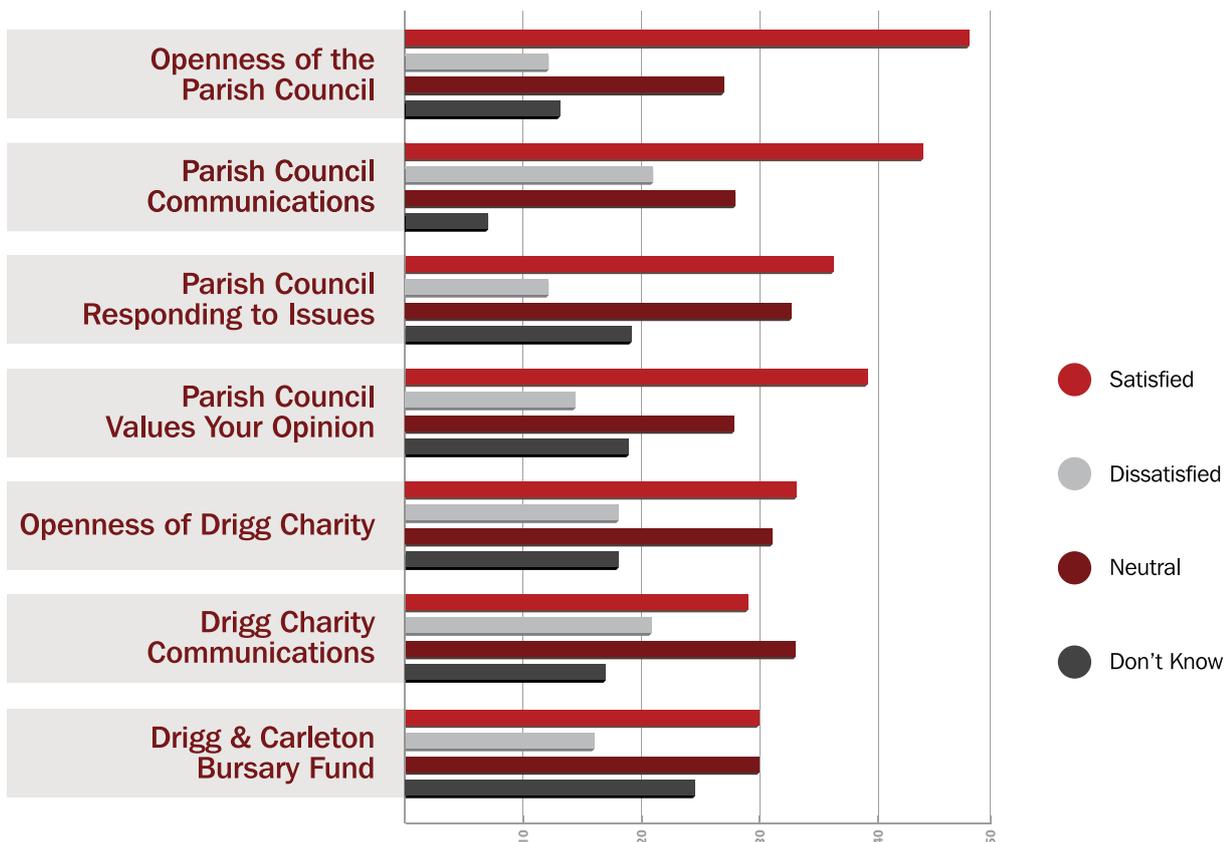
Drigg Gala Day, 2015.

4.5 Parish Council/Drigg Charity

Q17. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your Parish Council and Drigg Charity?
The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:

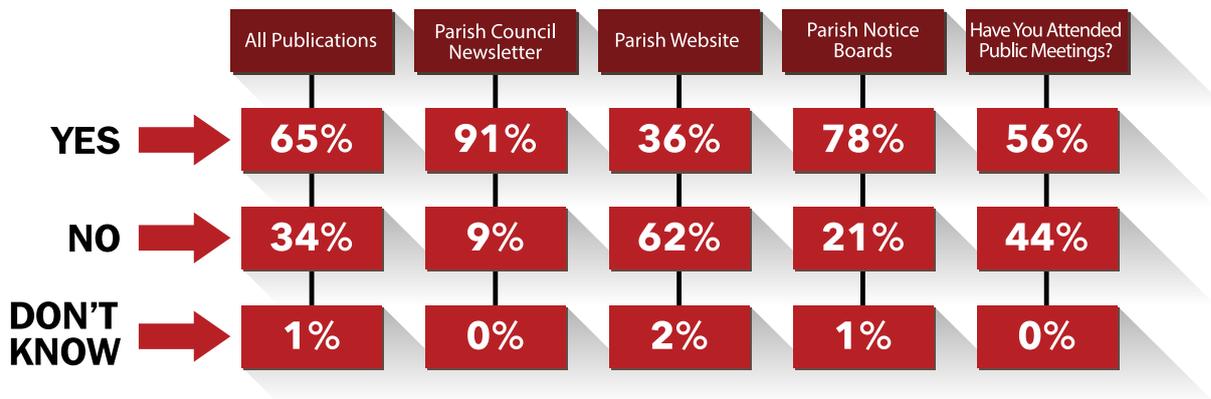


In relation to the specific topic included in the questionnaire the overall satisfaction ratings are:-



Community Questionnaires – Parish Council/Drigg Charity Cont.

Q18(a). What information published by the Parish Council or Drigg Charity have you read?

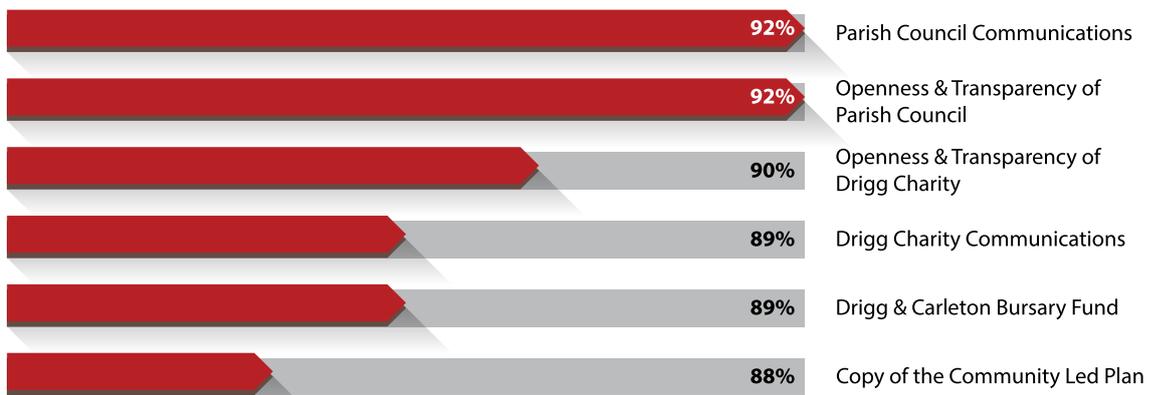


Q19. Some suggestions were made on Parish Council/Drigg Charity and you were asked to prioritise them, these are the results. The overall statistics relating to this question is as follows:-



Community Questionnaires – Parish Council/Drigg Charity Cont.

The statistics relating to the specific suggestions associated with the Parish Council/Drigg Charity (going from highest to lowest priority) is as follows:-



Comments

There were a total of 28 comments made under the heading of the Parish Council/Drigg Charity. 5 further comments about the Parish Council/Drigg charity were made elsewhere in the questionnaires but have been included in the table below.

The subject matter of the comments is as follows:-



Action Plan – Environment

Issue	Action(s)	How to tackle it?	Lead Group & Partners	Priority	Timescale	Resources
1. Affordability of continuing with regular grass cutting in community areas.	<p>Review the existing contract.</p> <p>Look into the sustainability of the present contract and consider using more planting and reduce grass cutting.</p> <p>Look into landscaping improvements.</p>	<p>Check costs of continuation and secure costing for an increase in frequency and adding in more areas.</p> <p>Notify community and ask them to prioritise the options.</p> <p>Consider with neighbouring parishes having a lengthsman scheme.</p> <p>Consider planting some areas with wild flowers therefore reduce grass cutting.</p>	Parish Council	High	2016	Drigg Charity Fund Parish Council
2. Affordability of maintaining flower baskets and planters.	Review the existing contract.	<p>Check costs of continuation of present service.</p> <p>Investigate if the community would consider adopting a planter or flower basket.</p> <p>Consider forming a “In bloom” group.</p>	Parish Council	High	2016	Drigg Charity Fund Parish Council Community Donations
3. There is a lot of litter within the Parish.	Carry out litter picks in the village and at the beach.	<p>Arrange litter picking days and give early notification to the community of when the litter picks will take place.</p> <p>Utilise the notice boards and Keynotes to inform the community of dates and times of clean up's.</p> <p>Review the position of existing bins and request to relocate if necessary.</p>	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Drigg Charity Fund

Action Plan Environment - Cont.

Issue	Action(s)	How to tackle it?	Lead Group & Partners	Priority	Timescale	Resources
4. Improve the connectivity between Drigg and Carleton Parish and neighbouring parishes via cycleways.	Set up a Parish Council sub-committee to investigate options.	Meeting to be held with CCC to discuss options. Ensure the desire from the parish for a cycleway is fed into the South Copeland Coast Economic Plan.	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	High	2019	Cumbria County Council Nuclear funding Britain's Energy Coast
5. There are not enough dog bins nor are they in the right location.	Review location of existing bins and hold discussions with Copeland Borough Council about either relocation or new ones.	Survey where existing bins are located with the idea to relocate. Consider having posters or local campaign, include posters in notice boards and by the beach.	Parish Council	High	2016	Drigg Parish Council Copeland Borough Council
6. Improve public seating.	Review location of existing seating and repair or renew.	Survey where existing seating is and consult on potential locations.	Parish Council	High	2016	Drigg Chartry Parish Council
7. Continuation of the PRow project.	Ensure delivery of the new coastal access path. Improve links to Halsenna Moor. Improve other PRow's within the Parish.	Continue working through the Drigg PRow group.	PRow Working Group Coastal Communities Group Parish Council	High	2020	Coastal Communities Group Parish Council Drigg Chartry
8. Improve landscaping within the parish.	Consider options for landscaping schemes.	Review locations and existing designs.	Parish Council	High	2018	Parish Council Drigg Chartry Nuclear Funders

Action Plan – Transport/Roads

Issue	Action(s)	How to tackle it?	Lead Group & Partners	Priority	Timescale	Resources
9. Train service inadequate.	<p>Improve late evenings and Sunday train service.</p> <p>Improve accessibility onto Northbound station.</p>	<p>Discuss with neighbouring parishes their needs.</p> <p>Discuss with Network Rail the potential for improvements.</p> <p>Arrange meeting with Network Rail to discuss potential solutions re accessibility.</p>	Parish Council Sub-committee	High	2019	Parish Council Business Forum
10. Bus service inadequate.	Improve bus services.	<p>Look to attract more voluntary drivers to help with voluntary/community transport.</p> <p>Consider having a targeted campaign through Keynotes and Tethera.</p>	Parish Council Muncaster Micro Bus Local Community	High	2016	Parish Council Community Donations
11. Not enough places to park in the village.	Survey to elicit the specific parking requirements.	<p>Discuss with Cumbria County Council potential solutions.</p> <p>Carry out a check on land ownership.</p>	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	High	2021	Parish Council
12. Speeding traffic.	<p>Carry out necessary surveys.</p> <p>Slow the traffic down.</p>	<p>Parish Council liaison committee to discuss with Cumbria County Council possible solutions.</p>	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	High	2019	Parish Council Drigg Charity Nuclear Funders Cumbria County Council

Action Plan – Economy

Issue	Action(s)	How to tackle it?	Lead Group & Partners	Priority	Timescale	Resources
13. To ensure local businesses are sustainable they need to be used by locals.	Need to understand the specific needs of business and users.	Help with arranging the formation of a business forum.	Local Businesses Parish Council	High	2016	Local Business Parish Council
14. Broadband is poor.	Maintain pressure on Connected Cumbria.	Request update from Connected Cumbria.	Parish Council	High	2016	Parish Council Connected Cumbria
15. Phone signal is poor.	Investigate options for improvements.	Talk with local business to consider options for improvements.	Parish Council	High	2016	Parish Council Local Business
16. Need to retain the weekly bus trip to supermarkets.	Investigate the feasibility of the continuation of the service.	Look to attract more voluntary drivers to help with voluntary/community transport.	Parish Council Volunteers Muncaster Micro Bus	High	2016	Parish Council
17. LLWR Ltd. need to advertise any vacancies more locally.	Arrange jobs to be advertised locally	Talk to LLWR Ltd. re vacancies. Consider the possibility to advertise vacancies in local businesses and on Drigg website.	Parish Council LLWR Local Business	High	2016	Parish Council LLWR Local Businesses

Action Plan – Community

Issue	Action(s)	How to tackle it?	Lead Group & Partners	Priority	Timescale	Resources
18. To ensure sustainability of Drigg Village Hall it needs to be used more.	<p>Carry out necessary surveys.</p> <p>Improve facilities.</p> <p>Upgrade amenities.</p> <p>Invest in new technology.</p>	<p>Arrange meeting with existing users.</p> <p>Consider upgrading facilities inc. kitchen and IT equipment.</p> <p>Consider the signage needed throughout the village inc. signage for the village hall.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Local Community</p> <p>ACT</p> <p>Hall users</p>	High	2016	<p>Drigg Charity</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>ACT</p> <p>Nuclear Industries</p>
19. Need more community events.	<p>Look to forming an events committee for all community events.</p> <p>Carry out necessary surveys.</p>	<p>Arrange a meeting with existing event groups to elicit their interest.</p> <p>Advertise asking for volunteers through Keynotes.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Drigg Gala Day Committee</p>	High	2016	<p>Local Fundraising</p> <p>Copeland Community Fund</p>
20. The elderly residents who need more support have to leave the area as there is no sheltered housing in the parish.	<p>Investigate the potential for sheltered housing in the parish.</p>	<p>Lease a property to develop.</p> <p>Buy a central property or properties, fund services/carers.</p> <p>Speak to CCC about any future plans they might have.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>CCC</p> <p>CBC</p>	High	2016/17	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Drigg Charity</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Local Groups</p> <p>Copeland Community Fund</p> <p>Parish Council Fundraising</p>

Action Plan Community - Cont.

Issue	Action(s)	How to tackle it?	Lead Group & Partners	Priority	Timescale	Resources
21. Nowhere for the youth to go.	Improve youth provision or access to youth provision.	Cost for the provision of transporting locals to the nearest youth service. Look for volunteers to run a youth scheme in the parish.	Parish Council	High	2016	Parish Council Neighbouring Parishes Drigg Charity
22. Need a Sports field and play area.	Investigate the potential to provide a sports field/play area.	Check land availability. Consult community through keynotes and Drigg website.	Parish Council Volunteers	High	2016	Parish Council Volunteers
23. Need more affordable housing.	Consider having a Parish Neighbourhood Plan.	Consult with St Bees Parish Council on how they created their Neighbourhood Plan.	Parish Council CBC	High	2016	Parish Council

Action Plan – Parish Council/Drigg Charity

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24. Parish Council need to communicate better.	Improve communications to Parishioners.	Ensure agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings are in the Parish Notice Boards. Ensure agendas and minutes are on the Drigg Website. Regular updates are included in Keynotes separated from communications from Drigg Charity.	Parish Council	High	2016 onwards	Parish Council
25. Parish Council need to be more open and transparent.	Need to demonstrate openness and transparency.	Advertise more widely the Council's annual meeting.	Parish Council	High	Ongoing	Parish Council
26. Drigg Charity needs to improve its communication.	Communications to be improved.	Utilise Keynotes and the Drigg Website to keep the community updated on both grant recipients, where possible and of the grant award criteria. Retain separation of any articles between the Drigg Charity and the Parish Council.	Drigg Charity	High	Ongoing	Drigg Charity
27. Drigg Charity need to be more open and transparent.	Demonstrate openness and transparency.	Hold a standalone annual Drigg Charity meeting, inviting the community along.	Drigg Charity	High	Ongoing	Drigg Charity

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