
March 2020

Cross and Compton Bishop Village Survey Findings

Attitudes to life in the villages; isolation; events and use of the village hall

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

Total agree + strongly agree

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

I like life in Cross and Compton Bishop



81%

Life in the village can be isolating



50%

I have experienced loneliness / isolation



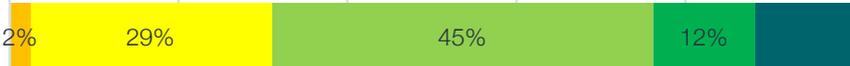
21%

I would like more chances for the villages to put on events



60%

We could make better use of the village hall



57%

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Agree Strongly agree Don't know

Responses

If you would like to explain any of your answers, please use the box below

“About the village hall - aren't they restricted in its use as it run by / as a charity?”

“ Loss of shops and a bus through villages has left villagers totally reliant on retaining good health, mobility and a car.”

“I could imagine elderly people without transport could find themselves isolated. Events in the village have not been well publicised, though I know there is a calendar.”

“I don't feel isolation too much but sometimes I feel lonely, perhaps because I live alone and the winter weather doesn't encourage me out.”

“I was widowed 10 years ago and following my retirement 5 years ago I regretfully feel that the village is not friendly. I hardly know anyone despite living here for 19 years.”

“With the inevitable advance of age, I am a little concerned at the lack of Public Transport. As a car driver at present, I am aware this will not be always the case, and could lead to moving away from village life.”

“Keep booking fees competitive and affordable.”

“If you don't go to the pub or church and don't have a dog, you never get to meet anyone.”

“Activities for all ages. Activities for families.”

“ Who will volunteer to put on more events? What better use can be made of the Memorial (NOT village) hall?”

“There are plenty of opportunities for people to join various groups, gardening, bridge, cross connections conservatives, Pilates, lunch club, coffee morning, climate.”

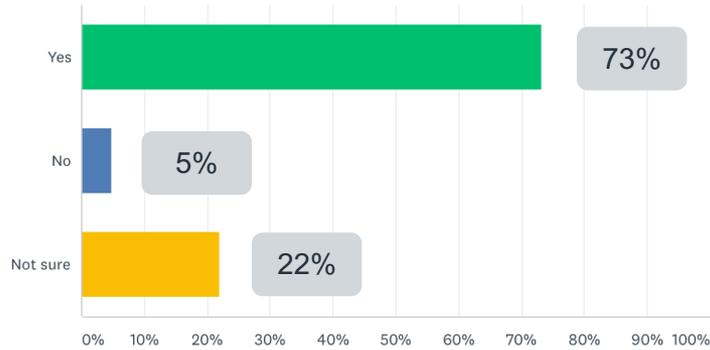
“Contact gives information on events plus community car scheme and prayer requests. No need to feel isolated.”

Responses

Rural cinema

Do you think that a regular cinema club in the village hall would be a good idea?

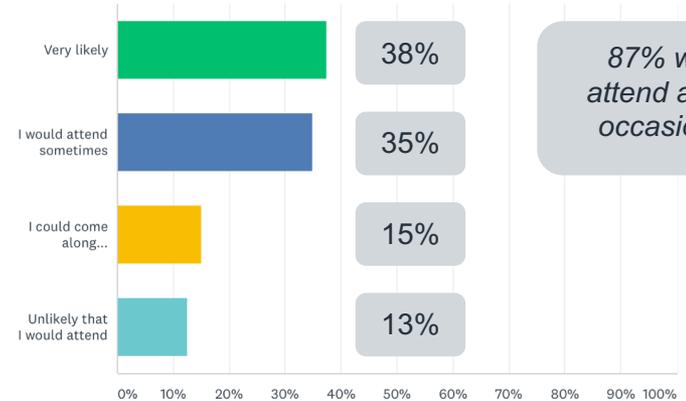
Answered: 41 Skipped: 1



Excluding 'not sure' responses, 94% of are in favour of a rural cinema

If there was a regular (e.g. monthly) cinema club, how likely would it be that you would attend?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 2



87% would attend at least occasionally

Responses

Do you have any suggestions for the Parish Council for how to make better use of the village hall?

“Jumble sale, cake sales, plant and produce, craft fair, knit and stitch gathering, art classes, craft workshop, cinema, vintage fair, children's wellbeing workshop, a facility to stop for a cuppa and a chat (see chatty cafe scheme .co.uk)”

“Possible produce market, spring summer with coffee and bacon baps in the hall.”

“Keep booking fees competitive and affordable.”

“Activities for all ages. Activities for families.”

“Neighbourhood watch.”

“Would love us to have our own community choir”

“Art activities, community dance, activities for wellbeing, book club, walking group, sharing stories of life in the village, community art coordinator to arrange events and create shared experiences.”

“More for younger age groups - first aid and safety training.”

Without volunteers to run the events it will always be a problem, a bit more publicity on our Hall and the potential for further use would be helpful.”

“Art exhibitions, craft shows, 2nd hand jumble sales.”

“Interesting speaker meetings”

“Film nights, evening classes, any art and craft? Also how about rock painting and hiding "crossroads" see fodrocks on Facebook. Brings all ages together?”

“Selling of local produce, villagers could sell fruit veg flowers etc with zero carbon footprint in the hall say every Saturday afternoon, maybe charge a table fee, otherwise it should be free to attend/rent for the benefit of residents. Local trades could also advertise there, community days or similar. I don't think there should be thousands in the bank for a rainy day with the hall, the money should be used to support the communities development by offering the hall as the community hub.”

What other uses would you recommend for St Andrew's Church in Compton Bishop?

"Exhibitions (Art), choir, clothes swap events, needlework classes, 'Learn how to...' classes."

" I think it's a very special place. Very impressed when it is used for burials, weddings and baptisms."

"Music events."

"Talks and music events."

"A library perhaps or say books / DVDs / jigsaws."

"Music concerts (not highbrow!) choir singing etc."

"As a current member of St Andrew's Church committee, I feel sure that we would welcome some other uses. The question about the Village Hall also might conflict, as would the creation of the proposed Community Hub at Loxton."

"Community choir."

"Concerts. Not modern music!"

"A library perhaps books dvds jigsaws."

"Musical events."

"Brass rubbing, Hand bell ringing and Singing tasters for children and young at heart with simple refreshments."

"Loved the carol singing."

"Social events."

"Concerts, events for children."

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"Housing. If the rich church is not prepared to support the church then due to lack of attendance, too many churches in the area and too might running cost the number needs to be reduced."

"The pews are lovely especially with their own little doors. An unusual feature that I haven't seen elsewhere. A lovely venue to mark life events. The evening with the hog roast and band was brilliant and something to remember. (when the weather prevented the marquee being used)."

"Theatre, performance classical and modern choir."

"Again use as a community hub regardless of religious affiliation."

"Farmer's Market."

Responses

If you have anything else you would like to say to the Parish Council, please use the box below

“Appreciate the consideration being taken into account to aid the community in democratic and community-focused way. I look forward to future outcomes and send best wishes to all for success.”

“Thank you for the work you do for us.”

”Thank you.”

“ Large junction with Old Coach Road and A38 is dangerous.”

“Please try to restrict the amount of spraying undertaken by Thatchers. I have been forced indoors during the spring and summer as the spray lands in my garden.”

“Glad there are new ideas. Social isolation is a problem with no general meeting place. Somehow we need events to encompass the whole population.”

“ Please consider installing solar panels.”

“Thanks for the work you put in for the benefit of the community.”

”Thank you for all the hard work the rather too few put into maintaining and improving our Parish for us.”

“Why are we costing local parishioners the cost of so many minute takers and potted plants, combine with other local villages and save us some money.”

“Raft races Scarecrow competitions Street parties Bonfire night celebrations Duck races Sledging Summer fetes Flower & vegetable shows Christmas parties in the hall Carol singing Have been brilliant Picnics in the quarry Group walks Board game evenings Nature trails Easter egg trails etc Thank you for your hard work and maintaining the bus shelter and improving the area by the river. Please can the issues with dog mess be actively addressed. Thank you.”

“More must be done to end frequent chaos and danger from parked cars at eastern end of OCR - perhaps PC could rent part of White Hart car park?”

“You're doing OK. Positive interaction with the community is vital to ensure positive engagement which helps build a united parish. Well done!”

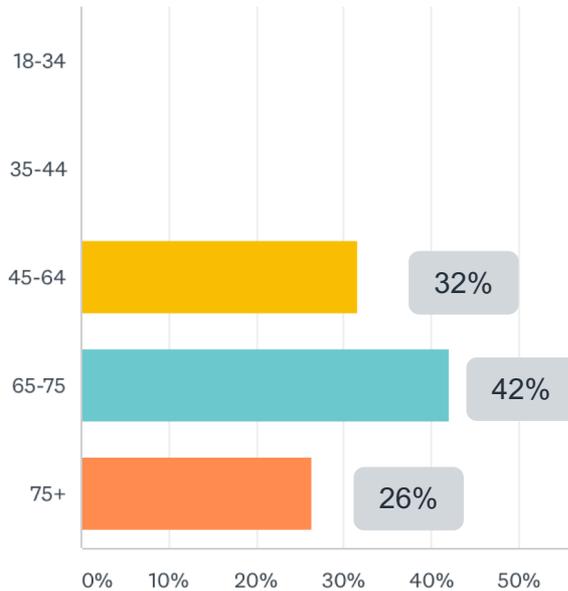
“1. We would like greater Parish Council support when dealing with planning applications that are contrary to the Village Design Statement and flout planning conditions laid down by Sedgemoor District Council. 2. There should be greater checks on vehicle speed through the village and on the A38 going north - we would be happy to operate manual checks. 3. The A38 footpath was fairly recently cleared and regular monitoring and clearing of this footpath would be greatly appreciated. 4. There are still several residents who continue to burn what smells like plastic and wet wood which is dangerous for people with heart and breathing difficulties. 5. The situation with regard to the use of the drove beside the river should be clarified as it is being used as a short-cut and is now a very muddy track, and difficult and slippery to walk along.”

About the respondents

Age, length of residency, location

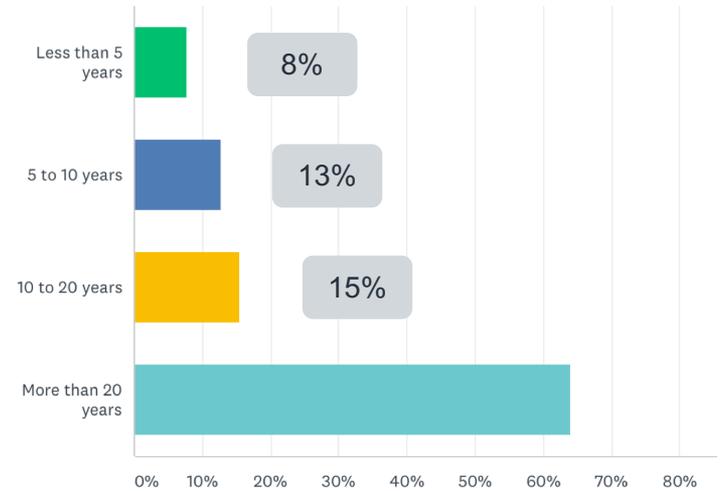
What is your age?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 4



How long have you lived in Cross / Compton Bishop

Answered: 39 Skipped: 3



I live in...

Answered: 40 Skipped: 2

