

# Badwell Ash & Long Thurlow Parish Council

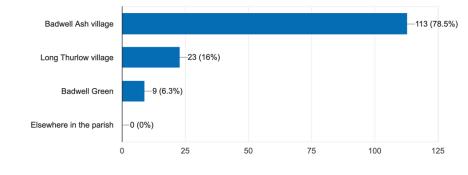
# Community Survey

**Thank you** to all those that filled in the Community Survey.

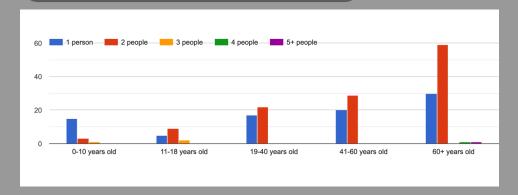
144 responses were received in total, which equates to a **40% response rate** from households.



Question 1: **Members of my** household live in (please tick ✓)



Question 2: In your household, how many people are in each age group? (please tick ✓)







Question 3: If you had money to spend in our parish, what would you spend it on to improve our community, and why?

#### **Key findings:**

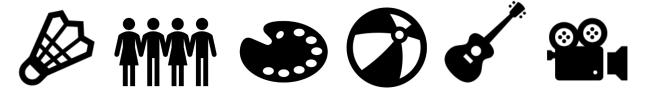
- Footpaths, walking and accessibility: More footpaths and better connectivity between different parts of the
- village and nearby villages, Pushchair, wheelchair and dog friendly routes and surfaces, Safer pedestrian routes, especially along The Street and new developments, Improved maintenance, e.g. cutting back vegetation, clearing undergrowth and road sweeping, Benches, picnic areas and a sensory garden

  Traffic, roads and safety: Speeding issues traffic calming, speed bumps, crossing points, cameras and 20mph areas, Dangerous bends, poor visibility near village entrances, Parking issues, particularly near the pub and high street dedicated parking areas, Better signage, road repairs and HGV restrictions

  Village Hall and community facilities: Overwhelming support for a significantly enlarged/upgraded village hall, over a new hall (large, more efficient, energy efficient, Multiple-use rooms for youth, NHS healthcare visitors (reducing need to travel elsewhere for appointments), meetings and hobbies, Community Hub to
- and catering space, Better access, car parking and outdoor space, Social club and bar), Community Hub, to act as a focal point for events and services, Better area around the village hall, including improved lighting Community activities: Children and youth activities, e.g. Scouts, martial arts, drama, youth summer program, toddler groups, preschool, community stay and play, Brownies/Scouts/Explorers/Duke of Edinburgh Award, kid's clubs, dance, drama, martial arts, Older person's activities, e.g. Men's Shed, Photography, computer repair/ coding, model plane-building, stitching/art group, snooker, darts, cards, conversation, bicycling fixing workshop, Community café, coffee mornings, community café selling local produce/food swap/plant swap, Intergenerational events, Volunteering, gardening, craft groups, Better outreach to reduce loneliness and increase cohesion
- **Transport:** Better bus services to Bury, Elmswell, Ixworth, Woodpit, Sunday services and later weekday options, More bus shelters and pick-up points, Community transport/bus
- Environment and green spaces: Protection and creation of wildlife areas, ponds and green corridors, Wild wood, more planting (trees, planters) and better maintenance, Dog poo bins and bag dispensers, signs and secure dog park, Cleanliness, litter picks and visual improvements to the village, Allotments

  • Leisure and sports: Football pitch, MUGA, tennis court, skate park, zip line, swimming pool, Community gym,
- Badminton in the church, Play equipment for toddlers and older children, Wider recreational use of playing friends and open spaces
- Housing and development: Community-led housing for first-time buyers to help retain younger residents, Developers to fund infrastructure
- **Utilities/misc.:** Better fiber broadband and mobile signal, Street lighting (solar powered) improvements for safety, Road repairs, cleaning, improved drainage, EV chargers, Amazon lockers, Recycling hubs, Church upkeep, Holiday hardship fund, Fireworks night, New road signs, Community van, Primary school





Question 4: What regular activities do you do in another village or town because they aren't available in our parish?

#### **Key findings:**

Fitness and sport: Badminton, Bowls/Outdoor bowls/ Lawn bowls, Climbing wall, Cricket, Cycling, Fishing, Football (including 5-a-side, walking football), Golf, Gym (mentioned very frequently), Horse riding, Netball, Pickleball, Pilates, Running/Park Run/Running clubs, Swimming and swimming lessons, Table tennis, Tennis, Walking/walking groups, Yoga, Zumba
 Social and community: Bingo, Book Club, Camera club, Choirs (Community choir, Wellbeing choir, Singing),

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• Arts, music, culture: Choir, Cinema/film, Dance classes, Drama clubs, History groups/Talks/Cultural activities/
Lectures, Live music/music festivals, Theatre, Family and children, Baby groups/Toddler groups/Soft play,
Children's sports/gymnastics, Kids clubs/music lessority related with European Management. Destar double beauth related with European sports of the second world and the control of the second world beauty for the second world beauty for the second world world and the second world beauty for the

• **General wellbeing**: Allotments, Doctor, dentist, health-related visits, Exercise classes/Fitness, Recycling/Lifestyle choices/Shopping local shopping, Wellbeing choir



Question 5: What events or activities would you like to see take place in the Village Hall and/or St Mary's Church?

### **Key findings:**

- Community and social events: Book clubs/book swaps, Chess club and bridge, Coffee mornings/cafés community cafés (very frequent), Community fayres/Summer and Christmas fetes/farmers markets, Fundraisers/charity events, Gardening club and plant sales, Jumble sales/boot sales, New villager welcome events, Pub nights/bar/wine tasting evenings, Quiz nights/bingo, Seasonal events/annual traditions, Social gatherings/meetups friendly get-togethers, Village meals/soup lunches/picnics/BBQs
   Arts, culture and entertainment: Art shows/musical showcases/drama/amateur dramatics, Cinema nights/film
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  evenings/mobile cinema, Classical, jazz, and folk performances in church or Village Hall, Craft fairs/craft groups/
  exhibitions, Dance classes/ballet/Zumba, Live music/concerts/music festivals, Talks/lectures/history, wildlife,
  educational topics
- Children and youth: Baby and toddler groups/baby classes, Dance/drama/karate/ballet for children, Holiday
  activities/specific children's events during school breaks, Pre-school, Rainbows/Brownies/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/
  Explorers, Support groups for new parents/playgroups, Teen-focused events or space, Youth club/youth activity
  club
- Health, fitness and wellbeing: Badminton/indoor and outdoor bowls, Environmental talks/local wildlife education, Keep fit/senior fitness/general fitness classes, Village sports teams, Walking, Wellbeing / Mental health support through activity, Yoga/Zumba/dance
- Learning, skills, services: Computer access/drop-in digital help, Craft workshops (e.g. flower arranging, willow weaving), Educational talks/history and environment lectures, Night classes (car maintenance, crafts), Outreach health clinics/pharmacy access/mobile dental services
- Church and heritage: Historical commemorations/celebrations, Music concerts in church (praised for acoustics), Support for Christian heritage, Use of church and Village Hall for shared events (with catering and seating)
   Facilities and inclusion: Accessibility improvements, Better Village Hall facilities (kitchen, toilets, extended space
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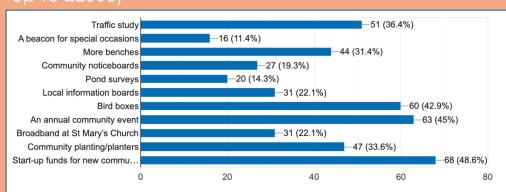


Badwell Ash Parish Council has recently put in signposts, repaired the war memorial, installed a new children's play area, an outdoor gym and benches, and purchased additional speed indicators. The Parish Council has also obtained planning permission for a Multi-use Games Area at the playing field... and we are keen to do more for the community.

Question 6. The following list has been generated through previous consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan. Which of these community projects should the Parish Council priorities spending time and money on? (please tick √)

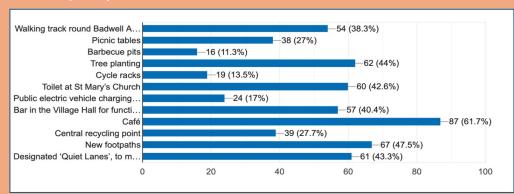
# **Small projects** (short term and low cost, up to £2000)



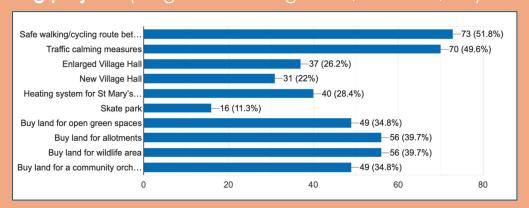


# **Medium projects** (medium term and medium cost, up to £10,000)





### Big projects (long term and high cost, over £10,000)







# **Community Survey**

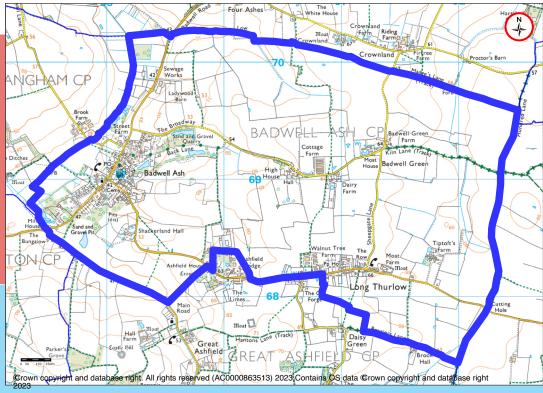
# Conclusions

A range of community projects have emerged from the Community Survey (June 2025). Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow Parish Council will need to prioritise the long list of projects that have emerged.

It is recommended that the Parish Council moves forward by undertaking the following:

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

- 1. Establishing the level of interest shown in each project (based on the Community Survey results).
- 2. Considering how much a given project addresses an unmet need or improves the quality of life in the parish.
- 3. Investigating deliverability: viability, affordability, complexity, timescales, permissions required, manpower.
- 4. Engaging other individuals, groups, organisations and experts.
- 5. Producing a publicly available action plan a 'Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan'.



If you are interested in getting involved in community projects please leave your name and phone number with a member of the Parish Council. Thank you.



Parish of Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow. Source: Parish Online, with blue line showing parish boundary.



Above: Word cloud (created using www.simplewordcloud.com), from answers for Question 3.