

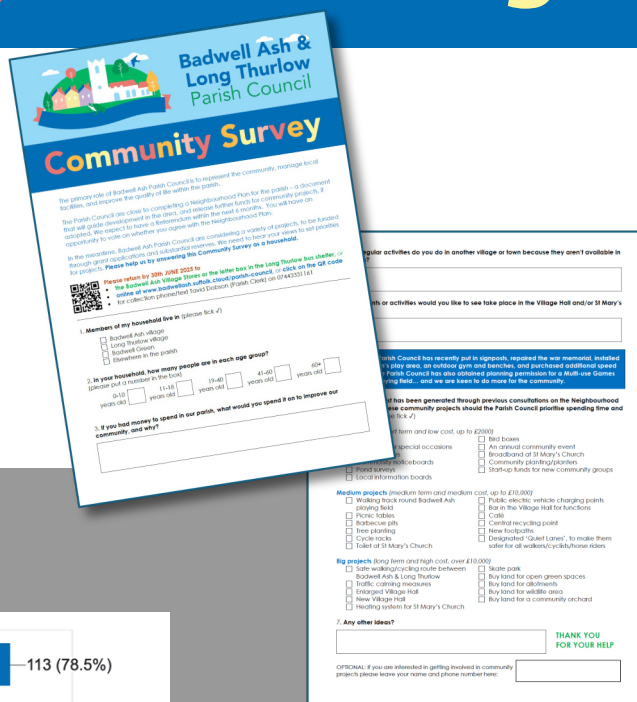


Badwell Ash & Long Thurlow Parish Council

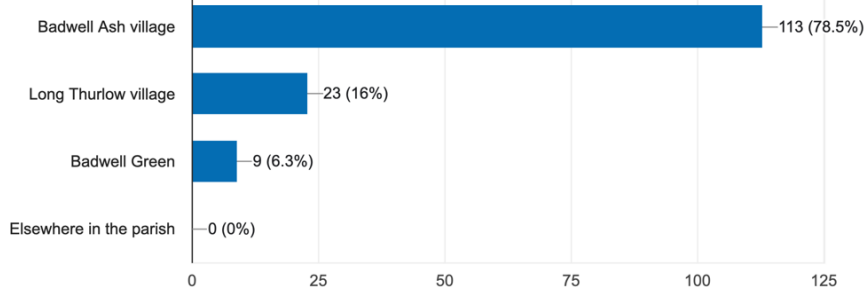
Community Survey

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

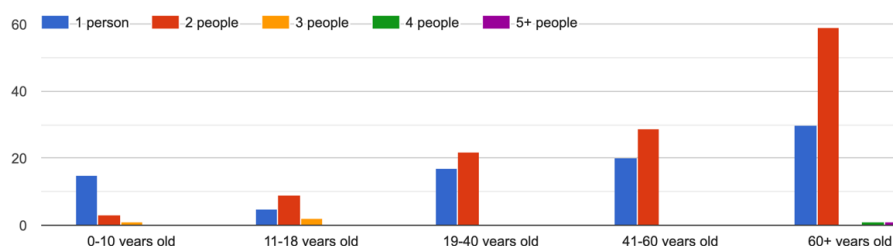
144 responses were received in total, which equates to a **40% response rate** from households.

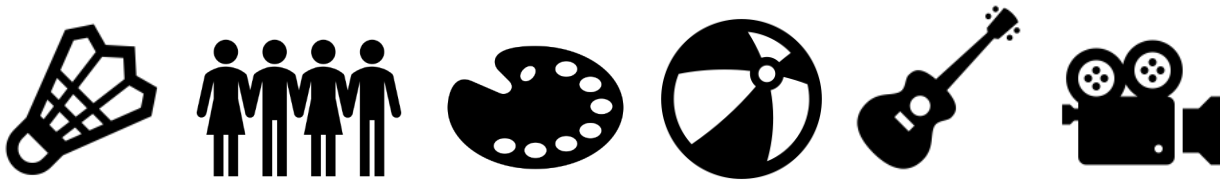


Question 1: Members of my household live in (please tick ✓)



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





Question 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), Church concerts, Coffee mornings/cafes/coffee shops, Community lunches, Eating out, Film nights, Garden clubs, Pub nights, Sewing group/knit and natter/craft group, U3A meetings, Women's Institute meetings
- **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 lessons for kids
- **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?

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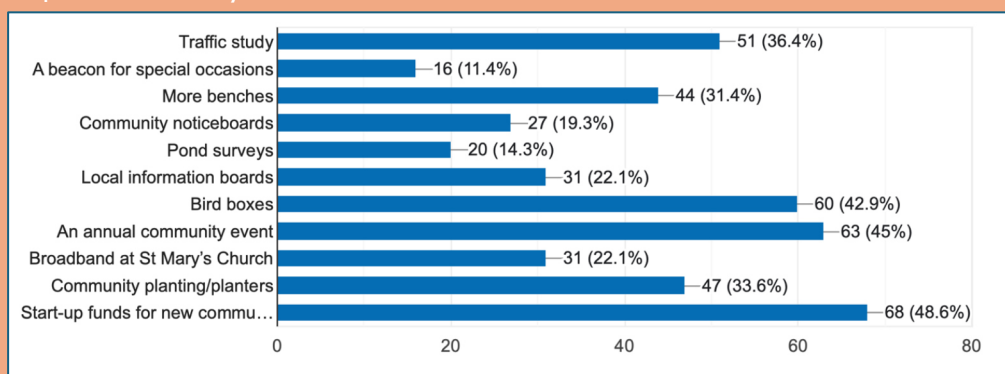
- **Community and social events:** Book clubs/book swaps, Chess club and bridge, Coffee mornings/café community cafés (very frequent), Community fayres/Summer and Christmas fetes/farmers markets, Fundraisers/charity events, Gardening club and plant sales, Jumble sales/boot sales, New villager welcome 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 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 for badminton), Desire to include newcomers and inactive residents, More welcoming environments to encourage participation



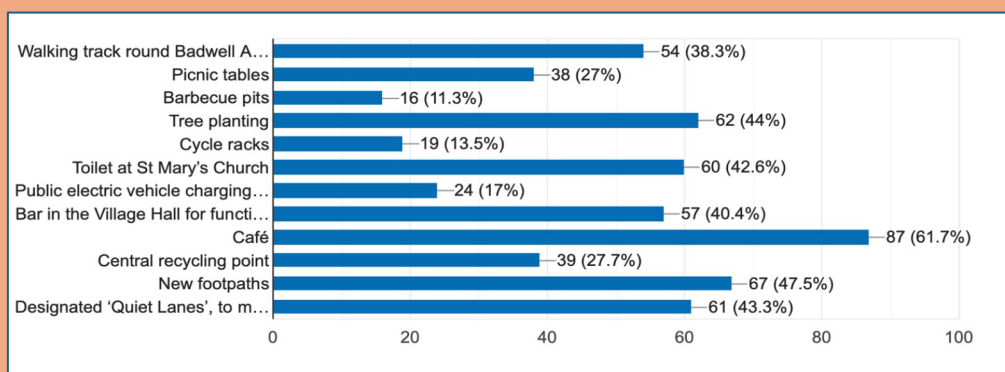
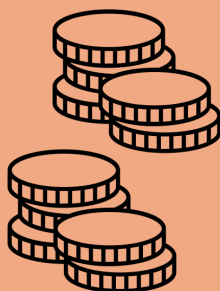
Badwell Ash Parish Council has recently put in signposts, repaired the war memorial, installed a new children's play area, an outdoor gym and benches, and purchased additional speed indicators. The Parish Council has also obtained planning permission for a Multi-use Games Area at the playing field...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

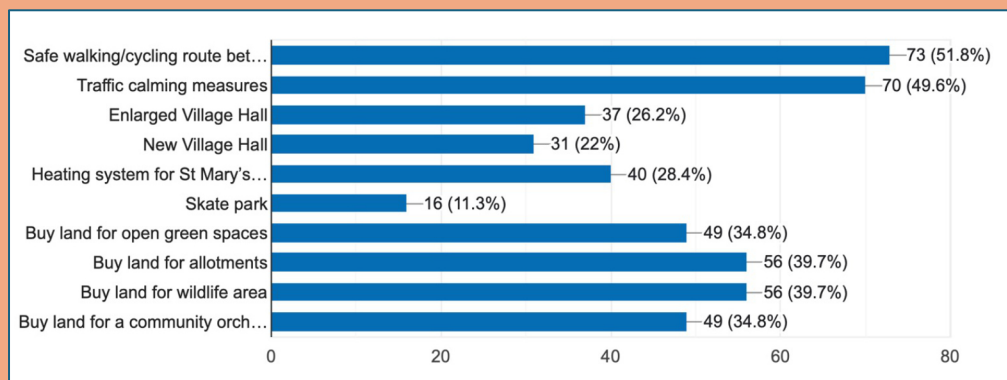
Small projects (short term and low cost, up to £2000)



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



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



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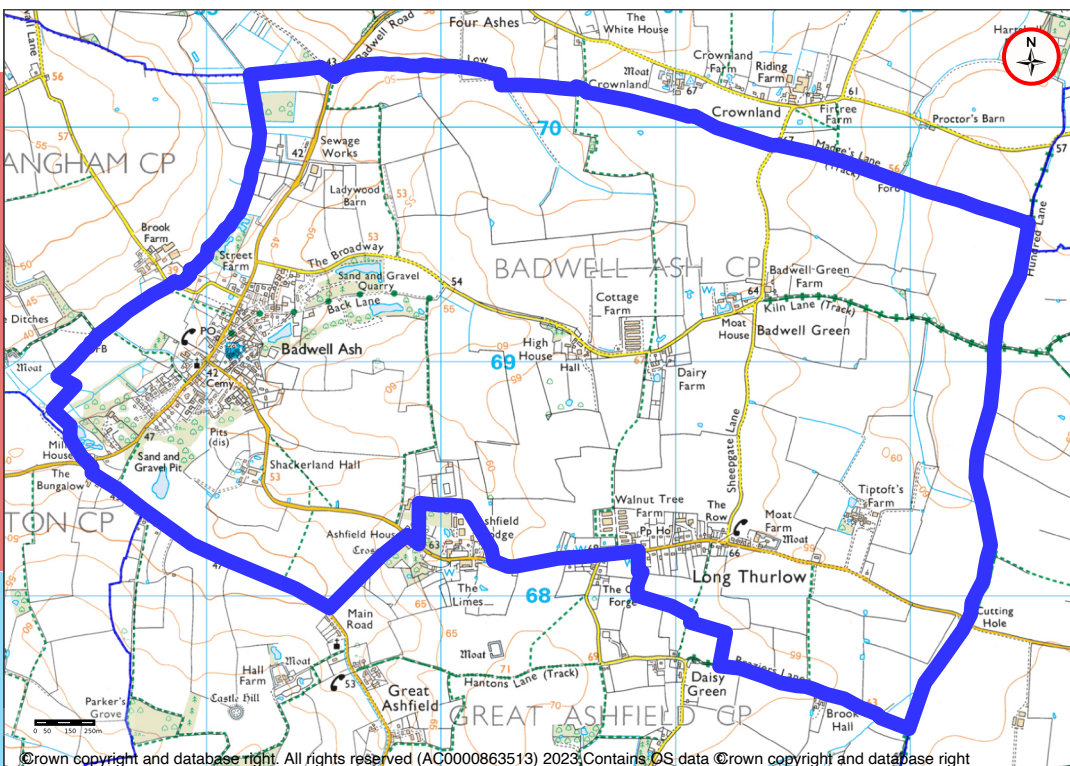
Conclusions

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.



