



Badwell Ash & Long Thurlow Parish Council

Community Survey

July 2025

REPORT ON COMMUNITY SURVEY FINDINGS

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow Parish Council are close to completing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. If adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council, it will be a document that will guide development in the area and release further funds for community projects.
- 1.2 In the meantime, Badwell Ash Parish Council are considering a variety of projects, to be funded through grant applications and substantial Parish Council reserves. The Community Survey is designed to hear the views of the community in order to set priorities for projects.
- 1.3 The following report outlines the findings of the survey and makes some suggestions for moving forward.

2. Delivery, promotion and response rate

- 2.1 The community survey was written and designed by members of Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow Parish Council, with support from Rachel Leggett and associates (independent consultant also supporting the Neighbourhood Plan). See Appendix 1 to see the full paper survey.
- 2.2 A team of volunteers from the Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow Parish hand delivered a paper survey to all 361 households in the parish. Paper copies of the survey were also available to pick up in the Village Stores. The paper survey (see Appendix) was also available online, where all the results were inputted and collated.
- 2.3 The survey was out for the month of June 2025.

- 2.4 The following promotion of the survey was undertaken:
- Posters around the parish (see Appendix 2).
 - Regular posts on Facebook.
 - Page in the 'The Broadsheet' (parish magazine).
 - Feature on the Parish Council website.
 - Word of mouth, particularly by Parish Councillors.
- 2.5 **144 responses** were received in total (of which 103 were paper copies, and the remaining 41 were done by respondents online). The response rate equates to **40 per cent return rate from households** (144 responses from 361 households).
- 2.6 The Parish Council intends to hold two public information days setting out the results and how the Parish Council intend to move forward on delivering projects.

3. Findings of the Community Survey

- 3.1 The following section outlines the findings of the Community Survey and some potential ways forward.

RESPONDENT INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

Introduction to the survey

The primary role of Badwell Ash Parish Council is to represent the community, manage local facilities, and improve the quality of life within the parish.

The Parish Council are close to completing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish – a document that will guide development in the area, and release further funds for community projects, if adopted. We expect to have a Referendum within the next 6 months. You will have an opportunity to vote on whether you agree with the Neighbourhood Plan.

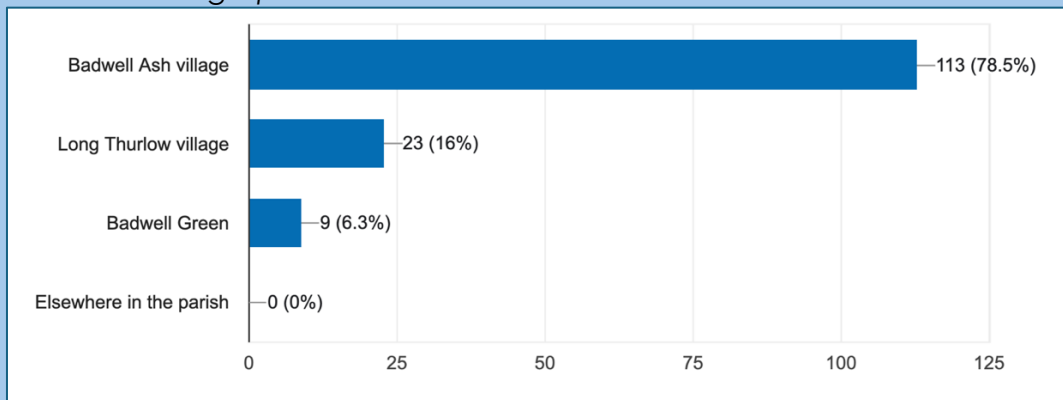
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Please help us by answering this Community Survey as a household BY 30th JUNE 2025.

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

Key findings: a good cross section of the population have responded to the survey from Badwell Ash village (the majority and where the majority lives), Long Thurlow and Badwell Green.

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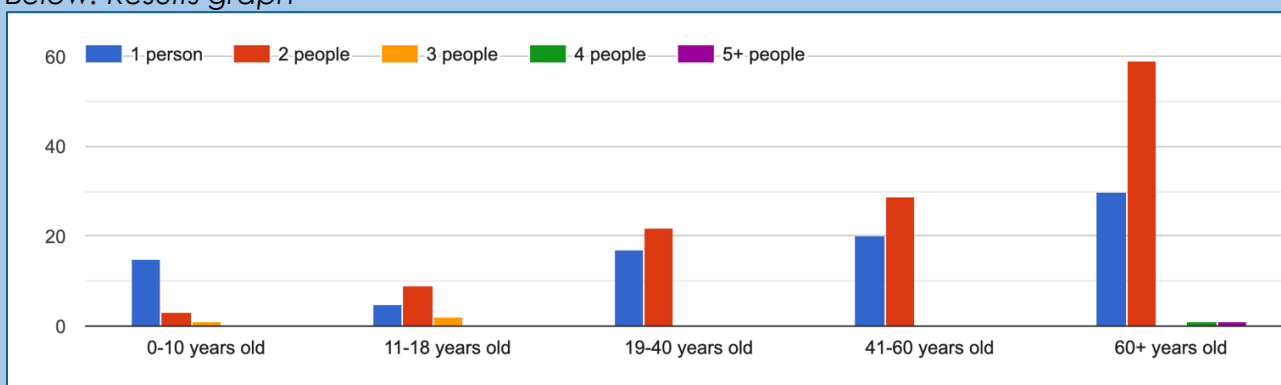


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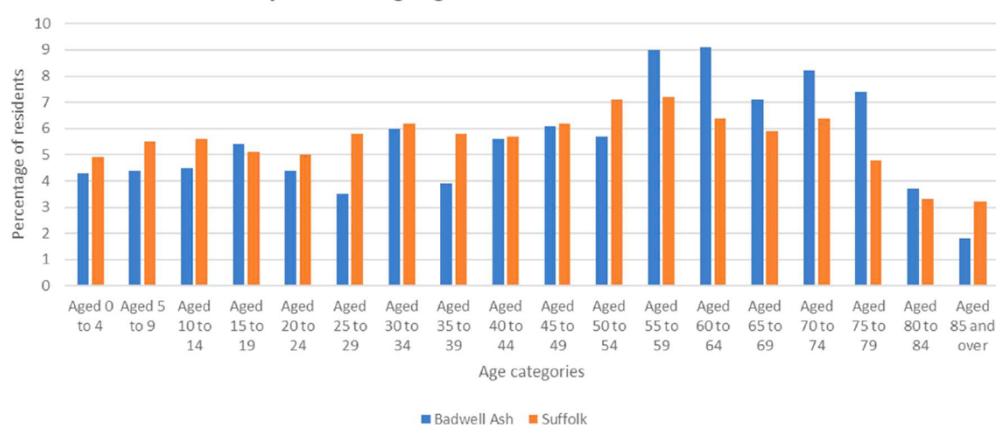
Question 2: **In your household, how many people are in each age group?** (please tick ✓)

Key findings: A diverse range of respondents completed the Community Survey, with the 60+ age group being the most represented. This reflects a notable skew compared to the overall population distribution of Badwell Ash parish, as shown in the Census 2021 graph. (see graph below showing Badwell Ash parish population breakdown (Census 2021)).

Below: Results graph



Graph showing age of residents. Census 2021.



Left: Graph showing Badwell Ash parish population breakdown (Census 2021).

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OPEN QUESTIONS

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 undergrown 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
 - Commercial standard kitchen 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 fields 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



Left: Word cloud (created using www.simplewordcloud.com)

Moving forward: Consider the delivery of the following projects

1. Footpaths, walking and accessibility.
2. Traffic, roads and safety.
3. Village Hall and community facilities.
4. Community activities.
5. Transport.
6. Environment and green spaces.
7. Leisure and sports.
8. Housing and development.
9. Utilities/misc.

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
 - Wellbeing choir

Moving forward: Answers to this question provides a clear idea of the types of regular activities that respondents are leaving Badwell Ash parish to access elsewhere, highlighting gaps in local provision and potential areas of investment in the parish. In summary, there is

- A high demand for fitness and sports.
- A desire for social and community life.
- A need for arts, music and culture.
- A lack of family and children's activities.
- A desire for access to wellbeing and health services.

This implies that the parish would benefit from

1. A community hub (e.g. an improved Village Hall).
2. An investment in sports and recreation infrastructure, cultural programming and children's activities.
3. Exploring mobile or part-time services to bridge the gap.

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 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

Moving forward: Answers to this question reveals a strong appetite for a vibrant, inclusive community hub, possibly centered on the Village Hall and/or St Mary's Church. It highlights both the type of events residents want and how these spaces could better serve different segments of the community. In summary, there is

- A strong demand for community and social events.
- An under provision of arts and culture.
- An interest in more for families, children and young people.
- Some interest in fitness, health and wellbeing activities.
- An interest in people wanting to learn and share skills.
- A need for improved facilities.

This implies that

1. The Village Hall and Church are seen as vital, underutilised assets. Investment in these two facilities could enable a wider range of uses.
2. Community activities should focus on being intergenerational and inclusive.
3. A volunteer-led or part-time coordinator could help organize diverse activities and ensure offerings match the needs of the full community.

CHECK BOX QUESTIONS

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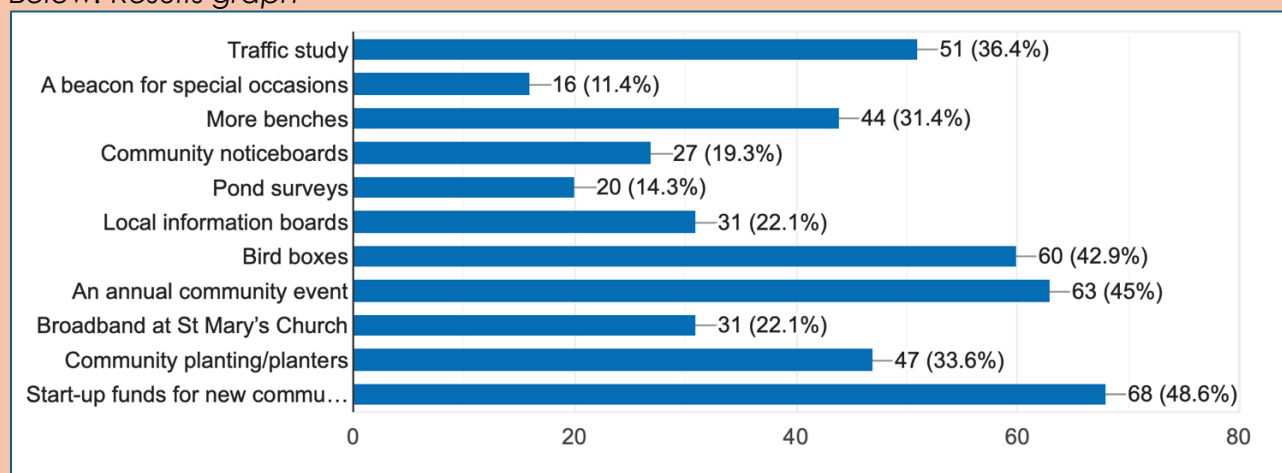
Question 6. The following list has been generated through previous consultations on the Neighbourhood Plan. Which of these community projects should the Parish Council priorities spending time and money on? (please tick ✓)

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

Key findings: In order of preference

1. Start-up funds for new community activities – 68 (48.6%)
2. An annual community event – 63 (45%)
3. Bird boxes – 60 (42.9%)
4. Traffic study – 51 (36.4%)
5. More benches – 44 (31.4%)
6. Community planting/planters – 47 (33.6%)
7. Local information boards – 31 (22.1%)
8. Broadband at St Mary's Church – 31 (22.1%)
9. Community noticeboards – 27 (19.3%)
10. Pond surveys – 20 (14.3%)
11. A beacon for special occasions – 16 (11.4%)

Below: Results graph



Moving forward: There is potential for the Parish Council and others to

1. Look at the potential for setting up a start-up grants programme for new community activities.
 - Provide small grants (e.g. £100–£500) to individuals or groups to kickstart new clubs, events, or services in the parish.
 - Decide grant size, eligible activities.
 - Launch via noticeboards, social media, village newsletter.
 - Form a grants panel from the Parish Council.
2. Explore the organisation of an annual parish event.

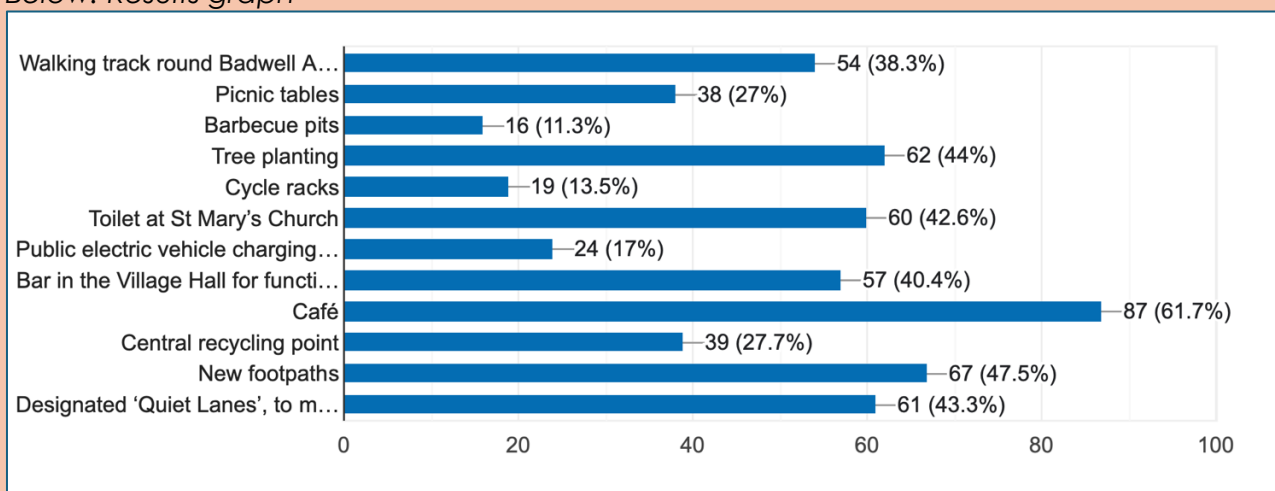
- Establish a working group.
- Choose theme (e.g. summer picnic, Christmas fayre), location and date.
- Apply for local grants.
- 3. Consider the feasibility of installing bird boxes, more benches, planters, information boards, community noticeboards, a beacon.
 - Establish a working group.
 - Identify ideal locations via a parish walkabout.
 - Host community install days.
- 4. Consider undertaking a traffic survey
 - Establish a working group.
 - Focus on speeding hotspots, rat runs, unsafe junctions.
 - Request official speed/volume survey or loan of traffic counting equipment.
 - Present results at PC meeting; share with Highways and residents.
 - Use data to push for road calming, signage, or 20mph zones.
- 5. Consider undertaking a pond survey.
 - Establish a working group, engage Suffolk Wildlife Trust and local ecologists.
 - List public or accessible ponds in the parish.
 - Assess water quality, invertebrates, vegetation, and habitat condition.
 - Publish results in newsletter, consider restoration days, planting aquatic plants, or putting up educational signage.

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

Key findings: In order of preference

1. Café – 87 (61.7%)
2. New footpaths – 67 (47.5%)
3. Tree planting – 62 (44%)
4. Designated 'Quiet Lanes', to make walking/cycling safer – 61 (43.3%)
5. Toilet at St Mary's Church – 60 (42.6%)
6. Bar in the Village Hall for functions/events – 57 (40.4%)
7. Walking track round Badwell Ash – 54 (38.3%)
8. Central recycling point – 39 (27.7%)
9. Picnic tables – 38 (27%)
10. Public electric vehicle charging – 24 (17%)
11. Cycle racks – 19 (13.5%)
12. Barbecue pits – 16 (11.3%)

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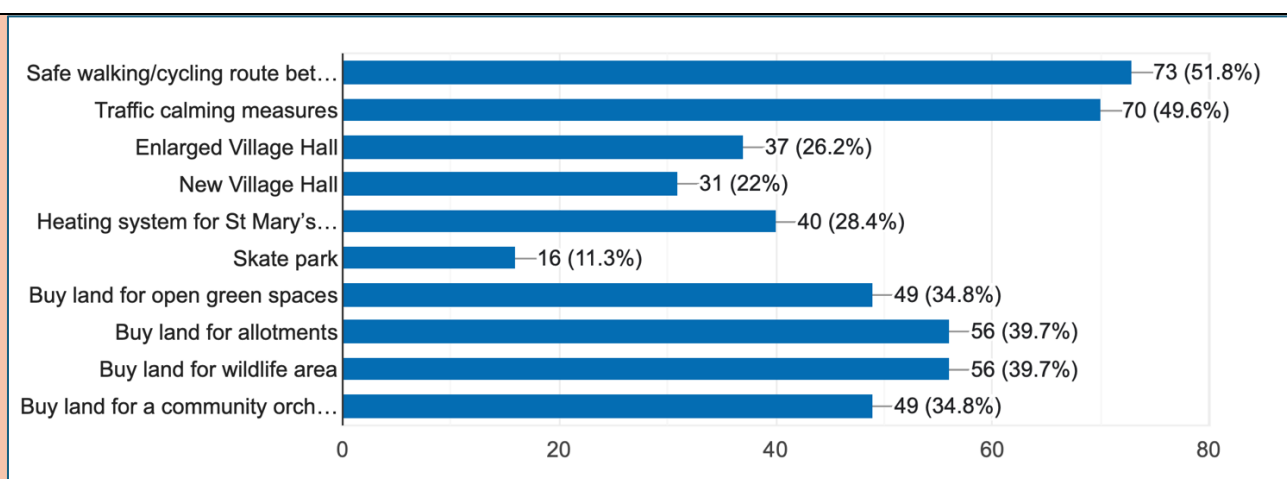
1. Explore the potential for encouraging a commercial run café or enabling a community run café
 - Establish a working group.
 - Investigate location and model (commercial vs volunteer-run) and opening hours.
 - Explore grants/donations.
2. Explore areas for new footpaths and a walking travel around Badwell Ash, and associate costs
 - Identify priority routes.
 - Engage with Suffolk Highways and landowners.
 - Apply for Public Rights of Way status if needed.
 - Secure funding (CIL, DEFRA, Paths for All grants).
3. Identify areas and community members willing to plant trees
 - Establish a working group, work with the Woodland Trust.
 - Identify land.
 - Host community planning days.
4. Work with Norfolk County Council regarding the designation of 'Quite Lanes'
 - Identify routes.
 - Gain local support (required for designation).
 - Submit to Suffolk County Council Quiet Lanes scheme.
5. Investigate the costs and practicalities of putting in a toilet at St Mary's Church, a bar at the Village Hall, a central recycling point, picnic tables, EV charging points, cycle racks and barbeque pits
 - Toilets: Work with the Parochial Church Council, Diocesan and planning permission required, grant applications (Heritage Fund, local trusts).
 - Bar: check suitability of space and licensing needs, decide on set up (permanent vs pop-up), storage, staffing.
 - Recycling point: identify site (e.g. Village Hall), work with Mid Suffolk District Council to install bins.
 - Picnic tables: identify site, order and install.
 - EV charging points: identify site, liaise with Mid Suffolk District Council and/or private providers.
 - Cycle racks: identify site (e.g. outside shops, Village Hall, church), apply for sustainable transport grants.
 - Barbeque pits: identify site, liaise with Fire Service for advice and community.

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

Key findings: In order of preference

1. Safe walking/cycling route between Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow – 73 (51.8%)
2. Traffic calming measures – 70 (49.6%)
3. Buy land for allotments – 56 (39.7%)
4. Buy land for wildlife area – 56 (39.7%)
5. Buy land for open green spaces – 49 (34.8%)
6. Buy land for a community orchard – 49 (34.8%)
7. Heating system for St Mary's Church 40 (28.4%)
8. Enlarged Village Hall – 37 (26.2%)
9. New Village Hall – 31 (22%). *Note, there is more interest in enlarging the Village Hall than there is in a new Village Hall.*
10. Skate park – 16 (11.3%)

Below: Results graph



Moving forward: There is potential for the Parish Council and others to

1. Explore safe walking and cycling routes between Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow
 - Map current paths, bridleways, verges, and road safety risks.
 - Liaison with Suffolk Highways and Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council.
 - Consult local landowners for permissive path opportunities.
 - Commission initial feasibility report (including safety, surfaces, lighting).
 - Identify funding streams for next phase (design/delivery).
2. Explore potential traffic calming measures
 - Use data from traffic survey.
 - Meet Suffolk Highways to assess what's feasible (e.g. 20mph zones, pinch points, signage).
 - Conduct public consultation on possible measures.
 - Prioritise interventions and cost estimates.
3. Investigate the potential for land for allotments, a wildlife area, open green spaces and/or a community orchard
 - Identify possible land using Land Registry or local knowledge.
 - Liaison with landowners, assess viability (access, planning classification, topography, drainage), determine legal process for acquisition (purchase, lease, community asset transfer).
4. Feasibility work for an enlarged village hall focused on activity requirements
 - Engage regular users and wider community to gather space/activity requirements.
 - Commission a building condition and capacity assessment.
 - Consult an architect on extension options vs. rebuild.
 - Assess site constraints (parking, drainage, access, utilities).
 - Develop concept designs and indicative costings.
 - Present feasibility options to community for input.

Please note:

- A skate park has not been included in the list, due to low interest, however, this may be reviewed in the future.
- At the time of Community Survey (June 2025), the community had already been consulted on the installation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) by the Parish Council. A clear mandate by the community had been given to deliver a MUGA. Therefore, this has not been included in the Community Survey and the list above.

FINAL OPEN QUESTION

Question 7: Any other ideas

Key findings:

- Infrastructure and safety
 - Safe walking and cycling routes:
 - Between Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow, Walsham, and Hunston
 - On Broadway, The Street, North End, and near shop/pub
 - Request for wider paths, drop kerbs, and paths suitable for buggies/wheelchairs
 - Traffic calming and road safety:
 - Speed limit reduction to 20MPH
 - Speed indication boards, pinch points, and zebra crossings
 - Employ a Traffic Calming Consultant
 - Concerns about speeding trucks and cars, especially with more housing
 - Lighting and dark skies:
 - Replace streetlamps with dark-sky compatible lighting
- Village Hall and public spaces
 - New, larger, or improved Village Hall
 - Some opposed to spending more on existing hall
 - Suggested uses: café, badminton, library, book swap, community events, toilets, kitchen, pickleball
 - Café (repeatedly mentioned):
 - As a community hub, youth study space, and family destination near the play area
 - Suggestions to bring Village Hall under Parish Council control
 - Outside toilets, sun-sheltered seating, picnic tables for park users
- Green spaces, nature and environment
 - Buy land for:
 - Open green spaces
 - Allotments
 - Community orchard
 - Wildlife areas
 - New footpaths / bridleways (e.g. Long Thurlow to Badwell Ash)
 - Planting and biodiversity:
 - Trees, daffodils, hedges, wildflower areas
 - Maintain ponds for wildlife
 - Strong opposition to:
 - Skate park
 - "Concrete over green space" concerns
 - Suggestions for natural exercise areas:
 - Walking/running track with static fitness stations
 - Remove unused gym equipment
- Children and young people
 - Expand play park: more toys, toddler-friendly equipment, splAsh park
 - Supervised youth activities (6–16 yrs), e.g. games, sports
 - Community events: games mornings, rounders matches
 - Opposition to overdevelopment reducing child-safe areas
- Dogs
 - Dog waste bins (Langham Road, footpaths)

- Dog walking area or secure off-lead dog park
- Rules enforcement (e.g. keep dogs on leads)
- Housing and development
 - Strong sentiment against further housing:
 - “Keep it a village, not a town”
 - Multiple requests: “No more houses”
 - Concern about impact on traffic, village feel, and facilities strain
- Ideas for community, events and belonging
 - More recreational and social activities for 60+
 - Walking, cycling, bridge, quizzes, swap club, annual open gardens
 - Community trips, cleaning groups
 - Community singing
 - Combatting loneliness, dementia via craft/interest groups
 - Address village divisions and host inclusive events
- Additional ideas and services
 - Toilets/kitchen in St Mary's Church for extended use
 - Improve mobile signal (e.g. 5G)
 - Community library and book swap
 - Coffee shop or more takeaways
 - Better parking, especially near developments
 - School, doctor, dentist mentioned as future needs
 - More effective action against anti-social behaviour
 - Visual improvements to village entrances and public spaces
- Opposition/concerns
 - Skate Park: Noise, location, expense, impact on wildlife
 - Gym equipment: Not used/effective — suggest removal
 - Public money concerns: Waste, poor consultation, prioritisation

Moving forward: Feed the above ideas into a list of potential projects and activities.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 It is recommended that the Parish Council moves forward by undertaking the following:
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’.

APPENDIX

Appendix 1: Poster



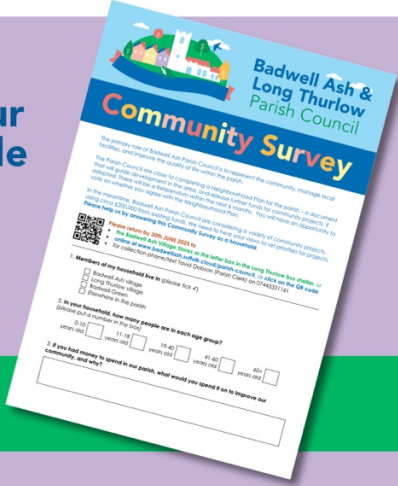
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Community Survey

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Please fill in the paper survey delivered to your door or use the QR code to do it online by 30th June.

Thank you!



Appendix 2: Community Survey



**Badwell Ash &
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Parish Council

Community Survey

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Please return by 30th JUNE 2025 to

- the Badwell Ash Village Stores or the letter box in the Long Thurlow bus shelter, or
- online at www.badwellash.suffolk.cloud/parish-council, or click on the QR code
- for collection phone/text David Dobson (Parish Clerk) on 07443331161

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- ☐ Badwell Ash village
☐ Long Thurlow village
☐ Badwell Green
☐ Elsewhere in the parish

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(please put a number in the box)

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| ☐ A beacon for special occasions | ☐ An annual community event |
| ☐ More benches | ☐ Broadband at St Mary's Church |
| ☐ Community noticeboards | ☐ Community planting/planters |
| ☐ Pond surveys | ☐ Start-up funds for new community groups |
| ☐ Local information boards | |

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

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| ☐ Walking track round Badwell Ash playing field | ☐ Public electric vehicle charging points |
| ☐ Picnic tables | ☐ Bar in the Village Hall for functions |
| ☐ Barbecue pits | ☐ Café |
| ☐ Tree planting | ☐ Central recycling point |
| ☐ Cycle racks | ☐ New footpaths |
| ☐ Toilet at St Mary's Church | ☐ Designated 'Quiet Lanes', to make them safer for all walkers/cyclists/horse riders |

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| ☐ Enlarged Village Hall | ☐ Buy land for allotments |
| ☐ New Village Hall | ☐ Buy land for wildlife area |
| ☐ Heating system for St Mary's Church | ☐ Buy land for a community orchard |

7. Any other ideas?

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR HELP

OPTIONAL: If you are interested in getting involved in community projects please leave your name and phone number here:

Appendix 3: Raw data for open questions (3, 4, 5 and 7)

RAW DATA for question 3:

- A pushchair friendly path around the village to be able to walk with the children and dogs safely. There are some lovely walking routes around the village but not suitable for a pushchair.
- Reduce speeding traffic to make the roads safer and the environment more pleasant. Ensure that all walking paths are regularly maintained.
- more paths in the high street where there are none.
- Social club and bar at the Village Hall
- Community-led new housing specifically for 1st-time buyers - to retain more of our youngsters within the parish.
- Dedicated room/s that NHS healthcare visitors can use for minor care and reviews - to reduce need for folk with long-term conditions to travel to Woolpit, Ixworth or Bury.
- Catering ('proper commercial equipment' - not the current domestic kit) facilities for hire that can be used for pop-up or regular cafe/lunch/celebrations. NB Parish Council may choose to fund initial a year hire to encourage take-up by organisations within the parish that encourage activity and stimulate local economic growth.
- Workshop facilities suitable for local 'Men's Shed' Photography or computer repair/coding or model plane-building or stitching/art groups - combat loneliness in retired people, skills transfer, delay onset of dementia, promote community cohesion.
- Indoor spaces that can be used free or hired by youth groups - to combat boredom and anti-social behaviour; by curbing the flow of young folk out of the villages each evening and weekend to Elmswell, Woolpit, Stowmarket, Ixworth and Bury; and return a portion of night-time economy currently spent in towns to the parish economy."
- Better Village Hall
- Improve the village hall facilities
- Speed limit in lane to Brook Farm past the bungalows. Traffic calming in The Street
- Traffic Calming as speeding through the village is now ridiculous. Sure the SID's slow them down when they enter the village, but then they accelerate through.
- road Sweeping and general Tidying_ The parish has a busy through road and needs regular upkeep
- Badminton in church
- Traffic calming to reduce the speeding
- A crossing in the village as road very dangerous for the elderly
- An extension to the village hall as a recreation room for all ages at separate times (snooker, darts, cards, conversation etc)
- Road Sweeper to clean gutters and paths
- see ticked items
- More focus on green spaces/wildlife/etc
- improved footpaths and more of them
- Bring Back Firework Night
- Speed Cameras, restriction of HGV's, - Rent local Industrial units and establish a pre-school facility or community Stay and Play
- A bus shelter where the bus actually picks up, so that in bad weather you don't get soaked
- As the village is growing traffic has increased so more traffic calming measures should be a priority for safety.
- A new village hall to encourage a more community environment as it would provide space that people would want to be in as opposed to our long outdated village hall
- better area around village hall - so much potential - better village hall - more green space
- Better paths and street lighting and cleaning
- Orchard Way pathway to main road. Clearance of branches and grass issues
- Pavements linked from the new developments to the centre of the village to improve safety
- New community cafe selling local produce/food swap/plant swap
- Bicycle fixing workshops
- Better parking for the pub, they have made the car park smaller and the cars park on the road making it dangerous
- The village hall needs updating
- A decent bus service as at the moment without a car, particularly the older members of the community are isolated
- New road signs, LT = rusty and falling over
- community bench for LT
- Planters for LT

- Longer footpaths (for safety) in and out of LT
- Road humps/speed cameras to help reduce speeding in the Parish and our country lanes.
- funding to encourage the creation of ponds and wildlife habitats for land owners and interested parishioners, to increase biodiversity and to generate an interest in wildlife
- Community Bus
- A few more solar powered environmentally friendly street lights to improve safety and security
- more community events
- cutting back vegetation on footpaths in the summer,
- poo bag dispensers
- it would be nice to have a community coffee morning and a mini bus that does day trips out. Meeting more people would be great.
- large village hall
- more footpaths joining up the villages
- safer road paths on our joining roads
- more signage re speed limits on roads
- coffee shop/ gym
- benches
- More and wider footpaths so you don't have to keep crossing over the road.
- Improved street lighting
- tennis court
- Take home your litter and clean up your dog poop signs
- buses, improved village hall and community, traffic
- measures to slow down traffic, especially lorries that speed through the village at all hours
- wildlife projects, road safety
- Playing Field, village Hall, St Marys church, footpaths, wild wood, provide community facilities we can all use.
- enable cars to have electric charging points e.g. change our green for parking or mark out spaces to enable residents to have space near home
- A Community Hub which can host a variety of events
- Use existing facilities better, the Village Hall is ideally located but access to it and the adjacent field are restricted by the access road. Is there another access that could be created or improvement to the width of the existing access. Why was this not fully investigated/ discussed when the school was knocked down.
- An architect designed, new village hall, which is fit for purpose and something the community can feel proud about. Look at Westhorpe Village Hall as an example of what can be achieved
- It is so hypocritical that the members of the village hall committee who were 100% against housing have spent the CIL payments on the village hall. I fail to understand how a canopy could possibly cost £85,000. This I believe is a complete waste of money considering that the village hall has such an unappealing approach.
- A new village hall as the hub of the community. Traffic calming measures
- Better carpark for the pub so the road is clearer of parked cars and vans
- Start the Muga
- Develop sports field
- More litter picks, Fines for leaving Dog Poo
- Sports Complex, Leisure Facilities
- Better parking at the Pub, I am fed up of their customers parking all along the road.
- Street lighting on the street so we can walk to the pub/village hall safely
- Improved street lighting
- Cafe, 5-a-side sports pitch, allotments, native woodland planting, community gym
- Community groups--> A cafe in the village centre or somewhere near the park/village hall. Brownies/Scouts/ Explorers or DofE. Kids clubs e.g. dance, drama, martial arts (karate etc) in the hall. Gardening events/ meets in the park
- Improve the size of the Village Hall and enhance the playing field area to optimise its use as a Community Space taking into account the wishes of the Community recorded in the NP Surveys and in this 2025 Community Survey. To make it more of a Community Hub for the whole Parish.
- To further enhance the Parish with new Green Spaces, footpaths and reduced traffic speeds. "
- I would ensure that the community has access to Full Fibre Broadband with "Fibre to the Property" available to all. This will become essential as the Government and Businesses move more services on to the internet.
- New Village Hall (Ours is outdated compared to others in the surrounding area).
- Then get a variety of people to offer activities that interest all ages.
- Better Mobile signal
- A cafe and transport to it. For friendship for house bound persons living alone and access for wheelchairs and "manageable" slopes to and out of the building

- Footpath to Walsham, skate Park, Football Court, traffic calming
- Clear the streams that run alongside the public footpaths in Badwell Ash and surrounding area. They have not been maintained for years and flood every year. Full of discarded debris.
- Better Pavements, A Path (usable 365 days) around the playing field through the trees like Ixworth. Ideal for prams scooters bikes, joggers walkers, all ages with benches and picnic tables- A quiet space outside in all our busy lives
- Benches on footpaths, well maintained paths Summer fund for low income families for day trips. Exchange holiday hardship fund. society must always look after its children and care for those who are vulnerable or in poverty
- Grow the facilities at playing field/village hall further
- Improving the facilities we already have such as village hall and playing field damp proofing the church and toilet and kitchen facilities to enable a usable public space
- Toddler/play group
- Toddler/play group
- Street Cleaner to clear pavements and cut overgrown hedges back off pavements.
- The wood needs to be replaced on the war memorial as it is rotten!
- A Park, Saturday bus, shop
- Buses Please
- More sports facilities/leisure activities/general well being
- sports, footpaths
- community gym container (similar to Walsham)
- We are keen on dark skies so money spent on encouraging people not to floodlight and have bright lights over driveways etc.
- Spending money on removing street clutter such as speed indicators.
- A Community Hub where we can meet for coffee and tea.
- A little community van that sells farm produce and fresh bread"
- A proper bus shelter on The Street near the shop pub so people have a safe place to wait
- A road/street lamp at the end of the alleyway or at the entrance of the Village Hall
- Traffic improvements
- Community gym container
- improve the bus service
- Badwell is lovely as it is. Improvements are not always for the best
- roads, potholes, health facilities
- More supervised activities for 6- 16 yr olds - they are bored
- Better Footpaths and pavements so you do not need to walk on the road, more areas for children to play in, wider footpaths for prams, more footpaths and walks suitable for prams/young children
- Better wider paths, safe cycling routes, better lighting and a coffee shop.
- Cafe or meeting point for people to meet up
- Suitable walking routes
- A wheelchair/pushchair friendly sensory garden. It's a great way of encouraging children to be interested in plants, and for adults to share sensory experiences for fun and mental wellbeing.
- Cleaning and weeding the village to keep it tidy
- More community events to get everybody together
- A zebra crossing where the path from orchard way is, very dangerous trying to cross over. More wildlife refuge areas after developments have decimated the current wildlife. Better footpaths to Hunston and long Thurlow. Traffic calming at each end of Badwell Ash. The road out of the village towards long Thurlow has a blind bend that often has walkers on and people flying round in vans lorries and cars. Owl boxes.
- To build a primary school because all the schools are oversubscribed
- More village events
- Enhancing or, much better, replacing the Village Hall entirely to enable it to
- Be the useful go-to hub it should be
- Be used in more imaginative ways with a different mix of spaces - e.g. storage for activities (See 5 below) - sports hall? - changing areas? - perhaps doing away with a stage? - secure area for NHS visiting health services? - Pop-up cafés - office and storage for PC? - an occasional bar?
- Be made more welcoming with (much!) better acoustics and improved adaptations for disabled users - not so visually cold and echoey - cosier!
- A decent sized kitchen with professional catering equipment (e.g. See Great Ashfield's Thurston Hall!) to handle bigger events e.g. weddings/wakes and private parties etc.
- Making it far more energy efficient - insulation/heat pumps/solar panels etc.
- Have more car parking E.g.
- In the ideal world, create a better access into the VH site from either Platinum Drive or Langham Road, as existing access to a busier VH will be a big constraint

- an enhanced car park where a communal EV charger(s) Amazon lockers, recycling bins etc. Could all be comfortably located and serviced. Take away food services could be invited to visit an enhanced car park.
- Other areas of expenditure should be - (in my book!)
- a hard standing footpath from the end of the existing footpath in Richer Road to the entrance to Footpath 9.
- Negotiate the transfer of Right of Way from existing line of FP9 to the permissive path along northern boundary of field (about £5000)
- create an all-weather surface path along newly aligned FP9 (suitable for walking/kids on bikes/push chairs) to start to create the accessible pedestrian link between BA and LT that residents have already identified.
- A wild wood or ideally, an open space where we could encourage a new wild wood i.e. creating a net increase in woodland in the Parish.
- consider a PC grant scheme (when the PC acquires "General Powers") to contribute to landowners' costs in restoring field ponds - but such a fund could be used more widely
- install at least one communal EV charging point -see above
- The list is endless - it just need the PC to flex its imagination (which I'm sure it will).
- General traffic calming - see my remarks below
- A bigger park for the kids/older kids and maybe a proper gym or sports centre , cafe
- Better toilet facilities in village hall, better flooring in small room in hall
- pot holes, bad parking, cars/motorbikes speeding in and around village
- Traffic
- Road improvements to stop speeding and resolve parking issues opposite the pub
- Village carpark, try to prevent ridiculous and dangerous parking on the High Street and parking on pavements in back Lane. better provision of pavements in Back lane, Richer Rd . Footpath to new Mulberry Homes dangerous walking on road, 20mph through village. Secure dog park so people don't think it's their right to have loose dogs in the gravel pits
- Accessible year round footpaths. Each village is quite separated from the next one
- For more things for toddlers in the park.
- More annual activities that are for everyone. Most activities, no offence, are either for old people or children, no between.
- Rumble strips or speed bumps through the street. More street lights.
- Safe footpaths. from the entrance of Langham road to the Broadway turning. Also from Dovedale close to the beginning of the fields. Additional dog poo bins (ideally at the bridge at Langham road). More frequent bus facilities. Parking control in the high street.
- A loo in the church would make more events possible
- churchyard looking nice and tidy, Damp in church sorted out, toilet in church
- Footpaths to new developments in the village paid for by developers as a condition of the development
- Boohoo that the school has gone and is now going to be needed unless all new homes are adult only"
- Bus service:- To BSE @ 13.00 and 17.00 Mon-Sat(ideally Sunday) , From BSE to Stanton/Ixworth arriving here @ 16.30 and 19.00 Mon-Sat(ideally Sunday), to Elmswell/Thurston railway stations @ 07.20 Mon-Friday (ideally Sunday)
- Playground equipment for older children
- Pavements covering the length of The Street between the Village entry signs/ 30mph signs
- Cut Football pitch and playing field so football can be played easily

RAW DATA for question 4:

- Gym, kids clubs, music lessons, cycling, running
- Outdoor bowls
- N/A
- Table tennis
- "Coffee morning/ community lunches weekly or monthly at Walsham le Willows; Elmswell; Stanton; Bardwell; Diss.
- WI meetings held at the hall in Great Ashfield.
- Camera Club at Sapiston VH.
- Coffee, cake and walks at Pakenham Water Mill; Haughley; Walsham le Willows; Horringer; Risby; Bury; Woolpit; Elmswell; Fornham; Stowmarket; Garboldisham.
- Macintosh (computer) User Group meets at Ipswich."

- Swimming / Gym
- Visit cafes.
- Indoor sports and swimming
- Cinema. Live Music (jazz at the Hunter Club)
- Cinema and Theatre.
- U3A at Thurston
- Badminton
- Walking , Netball, table tennis
- Book Clubs, film nights, using restaurants and cafes
- Arts, Drama, Cinema
- Pub Night, Bingo
- sewing and craft group
- knit and natter
- Badminton, Pickle ball , 5 a side
- Tennis, Badminton
- Dancing
- Recycle
- Music festivals
- Go to a cafe
- Pilates, swimming, golf, Badminton, Pickleball
- cinema, swimming, cafe
- Pilates, coffee morning, cinema evening, history group events, knitting group, walking group
- "History Group events
- Cinema evening as in Walsham"
- outdoor bowls
- swimming
- I don't as I don't have transport to get anywhere and I have to rely on neighbours
- riding horses
- Gym / running club / horse riding /coffee shop / cafe
- shopping, doctor, recycling
- sports walking football
- Garden centres, coffee shops, school, nursery (grandchildren)
- outdoor bowls, gym
- Badminton
- Theatre, concerts, doctor , dentist
- Pilates, cinema evenings ,badminton, coffee mornings
- Dance Classes In Ixworth
- none
- None
- Talks/Lectures/Cultural activities/Concerts
- If the village hall was more photogenic it may be used for the occasional wedding, thus making it self-sufficient. A new approach should be found as the narrow drive is not at all welcoming
- U3A Meetings
- Zumba
- soccer and Golf
- Gym and golf
- Bowls , Quiz nights , movie nights
- Walking, Cycling
- soccer, fishing, Golf
- football, tennis, bowls, fishing
- nothing
- shopping but not a criticism. I love the wildlife area in Walsham. Pavements/walking areas by roads
- None
- 5-a-side football, climbing wall, gym, cafe, Scouts/Explorers
- Drama clubs, gym, bouldering, CCF, DofE, running/ park run, cooking clubs, sports fixtures, study groups
- Badminton, Wine Tasting, Garden Club, Cafes, General Interest Talks, Music events
- Gym, garden club, cinema nights, general interest speakers, cafe, pizza nights, community events, live music nights and events.
- Cafe where you can get a hot meal with the option of cheaper snacks on a weekly basis. When its fortnightly it's hard to remember when its available especially for us oldies
- coffee mornings, over 55 club
- football court, skate park
- Church Concerts
- An allotment in Bury St Edmunds

- Community Choir
- swimming and badminton
- Gym , Baby Classes
- Exercise Class
- Sing in a choir
- Bingo
- girl guides, gym
- Tennis/ cycle cafe
- yoga
- Run Clubs, park Run, gym
- Various exercise classes and attendance at the Bacton Community Workshop in... Bacton.
- I go to the Gym
- Zumba, swimming, ramblers/walking groups
- Netball, Lawn bowls
- Running clubs, park runs, gym
- Badminton, walking football, outdoor bowls
- Library, walks, cafe, coffee shop
- Very few takeaway choices, Walks, Cycling and get a coffee.
- Cafe and help for elderly in a more tech world which would also help elderly avoid scams
- Wellbeing choir, shopping, sewing group, lifestyle, cinema, Women's Institute, quilt group
- None
- Coffee shops/ co-op
- n/a
- Baby classes, fitness, gym.
- Play cricket
- Zumba
- General shopping (Bury)
- Varied eating out (Bury and elsewhere)
- Coffee and a bite to eat (Elmswell, Bury and elsewhere)
- Picking up prescriptions (Elmswell),
- Picking up hearing aid batteries (Elmswell)
- Doing a big food shop (Bury)
- Doing a top-up food shop (Elmswell)
- Recycling soft plastics (Co-op or Tesco Bury)
- Recycling generally (Stowmarket)
- Having blood tests (Woolpit)
- Buying diesel (Woolpit)
- Car Servicing (Elmswell)
- Cinema (Stowmarket, Bury and Wyverstone)
- Donating to charity shops (Stowmarket and Bury)"
- Children's gymnastics and sports clubs
- Baby groups/toddler groups.
- Book Club
- Football, Tennis
- Book Club
- film nights, running track around outside of field.
- badminton
- bowling, badminton, shopping at reasonable cost
- walking, paths, sports centre, social gatherings inc film night
- Baby and toddler group
- Toddler group for under 5s and a playground for under 5s in Pakenham. Evri/Inpost parcel drop off services in Elmswell.
- Coffee Shops, Brunch, Soft play for kids
- none
- cinema, big shopping, library, health issues
- Playground for older children
- meeting for coffee/lunch

RAW DATA for question 5:

- Gardening Club
- Youth Club
- regular community cafe - Arts reach events - greater range of community events
- Pub Nights, Bingo

- Pre-school groups
- Increased coffee mornings for elderly, weekly
- music concerts , coffee mornings
- Music Event
- Chess Club
- Spring /Summer Garden Club
- Music concerts in the church as the acoustics are so good
- More environmental talks focusing on local wildlife/education
- music festivals
- book club
- Unfortunately although there are a lot of new people in the village they don't seem to want to take part in any events just go home and shut the door
- Bridge, keep fit, , senior fitness, quizzes
- Live music /concerts - cinema nights - women's community group club - Flower festival (for charity), Open gardens (for charity)
- coffee morning weekly, cinema evening
- Events commemorating historical anniversaries in both church and Village Hall, plus more celebrations in the church to reflect our great christian heritage
- classical music concerts
- Book Group and craft group in the evenings
- Would be lovely to have a meal or something with others at either the church or village hall
- indoor bowls , outdoor bowls
- film evening and talks
- plant sales / coffee mornings / yoga /flower arranging /craft events
- plant sales
- film night or afternoon
- Not sure
- cinema
- see Qn 4 same as, silent disco, beer festival, franchise coffee bar, kitchen and toilets in church
- dance (kids classes)or more availability for kids activities i.e. Brownies
- Regular coffee mornings so people of the village can meet up
- More for the youngsters of the village
- Music/Talks/Gardening Club/Youth club and other things for younger people.
- Ballet class Dance class for children. Amateur dramatics
- Music recitals, Community lectures / talks, garden club, Youth Club,
- other things to encourage the young people to use the village Hall
- Something for the teenagers to enjoy
- Movie shows , Jumble Sales, Coffee
- Boot Sales, Cafe, BBQ
- BBQ, Picnics
- Jumble Sales
- Fitness Classes, Quiz Nights
- cafe
- nothing
- Not fussed we love the quiz night in the village hall
- None
- wine tasting, book club, Scouts and Explorers, gardening events (open gardens), charity events and fairs
- Clubs and activities aimed at children so like dance and drama groups, maybe karate, scouts etc. New parent support groups, like daycare but only for a few hours on some mornings. Summer fairs in the park, charity events and volunteering opportunities for students and teenagers doing things like DofE awards.
- Badminton, Cafe, General Interest Talks, Music Events
- Happy to assist monitoring all local footpaths (PROW)and keeping the paths clear of obstacles etc.
- Quality Live Music , rock and roll bingo, general interest talks, community events.
- I would not want to do any activity in the Village Hall with its internal CCTV recording
- Music Lessons
- more social events for adults
- Youth Club, more quiz nights
- Traditional Village Fete
- Social gatherings for all ages from the local villages, a friendly get together every month or so.
- Car boot sales. Jumble sales.
- Whatever motivates those who never go, to change their habits of a lifetime
- events in the hall, church should be for worship and prayer
- Baby Classes
- New villager evening. (Fresher event for people in village)

- Concerts in the church summer afternoon tea in village hall fireworks night. Something that brings whole village but has to be tickets so know for catering
- Fetes, fun days, farmers markets
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- Bingo
- more social activity / cafe / regular bar / badminton court
- youth club, badminton, cafe
- fundraisers, fairs, exhibitions
- The village hall seems to have a goodly number of activities. We attend All Saints Great Ashfield mostly rather than St Mary's. Clearly St Mary's could do with money spent on repairs etc.
- Night Classes e.g. crafts, flower arranging, car maintenance
- Highlight what we have already. Loads of new homes/families but same people supporting events
- Craft fairs, more coffee mornings, to get the community together
- fund raisers , fairs , exhibitions
- Mobile dental health services
- nothing more than current usage
- Baby and Toddler groups
- Baby/Toddler group.
- Cafe for people to meet up like in Elmswell and access to food apart from chips
- Book Swap/book club/musical performances/ singing/community cooking and sharing e.g. soup lunches, jam and preserve making, activity, workshops - willow weaving
- Community fayre
- Without being rude, things for younger children and middle aged parents - most of the activities on at the village hall tend to be targeted towards an older demographic
- Baby classes
- Village sports teams
- Zumba, pub quiz, summer fetes, beer and live music
- I would like them to offer a range of services that made them a vital core to our village. Examples might be:
 - - Music (concerts) in the Church - (it would be a great venue for Jazz and Folk) - with car
 - parking in the VH.
 - Outreach clinics/pharmacy services in VH (probably only weekly) for routine issues to
 - save us all trundling 4/5 miles to Woolpit to pick up a prescription/have a blood test/have
 - a dressing changed etc. It wouldn't need a GP - just a good Practice Nurse.
 - Good talks - history - wildlife -
 - Book club
 - Clubs generally
 - Choirs
 - Mother and toddler groups (if VH was more accessible and welcoming)
 - Rainbows/Beavers/Brownies/Cubs (think of the new families that will come as village grows)
 - Films (in Church or VH)
 - I'm not sure a full time cafe would be viable but why not a Saturday morning cafe - (provided the VH had a decent coffee machine!)
 - Wedding receptions/family celebrations/sports clubs annual knees ups/ i.e. all the usual things!
 - Drop in computer access for those who haven't got (I suspect a shrinking cohort)
- More community events, music events
- Baby/toddler groups.
- Christmas / Summer fayre, Bingo, Mobile Cinema
- Seasonal Events, Children's Classes
- Youth Activity Club, organised car sharing
- cafe
- quizzes, film nights, specific kids activities in school holidays, extension to village hall to accommodate badminton court/s
- film nights, cafe
- More family events, we love the Church Easter Trail
- Film Nights talks
- Baby and toddler group
- More craft fairs, summer fair like carnival, music, showcases.
- Annual events for the villagers to look forward and become used to expecting. So a summer fayre for example that's always held on the first weekend of July/September. Quiz night every quarter perhaps. Food and drink festival on the field/VH. Partner with White Horse to create the event.
- More community events. (Wine tasting evenings, bingo, quizzes etc)
- love the events that already happen

RAW DATA for question 7

- It would be nice to have more for the kids - we struggle living in a village with limited safe walking and cycling spaces often committing to other villages to be able to do these activities. A cafe would be lovely; you could have games mornings for the kids - an opportunity to meet similar aged children for the kids to play with.
- Item 5 is missing from this online form: I would like to see opportunities for community singing.
- 1- Installing a small kitchen and a toilet in St Mary's Church so that the space can be used for a wide range of full day events - would double the number of venues for community use; and facilitate attendance at services, helping the long-term viability of the church building.
- 2- Convert or build dry storage spaces at peppercorn rent for craft/interest groups across the parish - to combat loneliness in retired people, skills transfer, delay onset of dementia, promote community cohesion.
- If really needed - I'd Buy land away from village for sports facilities / skate park - similar to Walsham (tennis, paddle, 5-a-side etc) - i.e. where noise will not affect nearby houses. I feel a sports area behind the village hall is not the right place - the noise from racket sports or regular five a side is shown to cause a nuisance to locals across the UK and lighting /evening or weekend sports will impact a significant number of houses surrounding or near the playground. Some of the investment has been wasted - e.g. gym equipment, which is not suitable for proper exercise, has little resistance so is not effective nor used. A better investment would be of a multi-use nature - a running / walking track around the field, with static exercise points around the field (similar to Ickworth House). I'd also remove the football posts and plant trees / wildlife in some areas / have picnic tables and allow smaller mown areas for a rounders / softball pitch for small family games to be played. Ideas such as cafe / sports facilities need to be commercially viable, which talking to other parish councils seems to create a problem as eventually people aren't prepared to run voluntarily.
- Consider community woodland like the W-le-Willows wild wood in conjunction with the residents of Platinum Drive between pond and the Street once ownership of this land passes to the residents. (n.b. ALL the residents need to be consulted, not just a small group!!)
- Buying land for open green spaces is slightly perverse as you've just got planning consent to concrete over the playing fields with a MUGA which no-one asked for? Make the speed limit 20MPH in the village.
- 1) Footpath from bottom of Broadway to Platinum Way 2) notification of any new development
- Street Lighting and pavements to new estates
- Not Speed Bumps - something for teenagers - continuous Pavement from Broadway to pub/shop
- footpath on fields from Badwell Ash to Hunston
- No More Houses
- Rounders Match
- Dog Waste Bins in Langham road
- Safe walking between Badwell and Walsham,
- Take away the ok for dogs on the playing field !!!
- Definitely opposed to the Muga and skate park
- Community Library
- Focus should be on creating a close community in the village youth of the village"
- Bigger hall in Village hall for other activities
- No More Houses
- No More Houses
- Replace street lamps for 'dark skies' compatible lighting
- I love the village I don't want to see more new developments other than those started
- More recreational activities for the 60+ who love the outdoors
- Walking and cycling groups , bridge , quizzes
- safe walking/cycling route between BA and Walsham
- safe walking/cycling route between BA and Hunston
- Community Book Swap
- Bring the village hall under the control of the Parish Council
- community trips
- Community cleaning group or walking groups, senior groups
- Consideration for future generations
- annual open gardens event similar to Walsham
- widen existing footpaths with drop kerbs
- more dog waste bins on public footpaths from Badwell to Langham
- Speed indication boards on The Broadway up to the new cemetery from the High Road. May walkers having to dodge speeding cars on this section.
- With new houses opposite The Broadway the is even more important as I can see accidents happening on the bend when the occupants exit the site. Perhaps the flashing slow down ones would be good. Perhaps community speed watch occasionally as they do in Stowlangtoft and Hunston. "

- I do not think the village hall needs anymore spent on it.
- A new hall after the public issues spent would be obscene
- not sure why there are plans to build on existing green space
- Improvements to Langham road
- New village Hall on current site or new site.
- Totally refurbished village hall for coffee shop and badminton
- cameras for the church and play areas
- Work closer with future developments, they will provide or certainly part fund some of the projects mentioned
- WE NEED A NEW VILLAGE HALL!
- Dog walking area, this one free of charge with dog Pooh bins and plastic gloves and bags
- Keep it a village not make it into a town
- Holywall lane for trial quiet lane
- Safe walking along the Northend of the street to Broadway and beyond to Walsham in the future
- Village Hall has been vastly improved but could be made more use of - its location is ideal, a cafe would be great here
- A dog park where dogs can be off-leash (so like only for dogs who are safe around other people and dogs). I know it said cafe already but I think that this would be the most important to me because it would be great if there was somewhere easy to get to where I can meet other young people and study etc--> I think it could be very beneficial to the community even if it was only open a few days a week. in my head I have this idea of a potential café being located inside or near where the village hall is now, as I think that location would mean more people going around the park area which would mean it is getting good use, and potentially it could encourage families to use the cafe if they are bringing young kids to the playground. this would also make the park a very sociable place to be especially in summer when the weather is nice and strengthen the community of the village.
- Employ a Traffic Calming Consultant to undertake a study with recommendations which will be acceptable to Highways
- "Buy land for new (PROW) footpaths and Bridleways
- To purchase land to establish a safe walking route between Long Thurlow and Badwell Ash.
- This could be in the form of a public right of way footpath which allows walkers to avoid the dangerous roads e.g. Richer Road and Long Thurlow Road.
- We already have a footpath (PROW) between Long Thurlow and Badwell Green.
- Cyclists can safely travel along Sheepgate Lane to Badwell Green and Badwell Ash"
- Upkeep of War Memorial and all benches in village . The wood on the Memorial needs upkeep. Hedges trimmed near phone box
- Footpath to Walsham to access sports club and school etc
- A "swap club" centre. A place where people can leave unwanted items and take something they might find useful. Books, children's toys, gardening tools etc etc. Non electrical items only.
- More improvements to the village hall, a great job being done on work to date
- Sun protected eating area for walkers/families and youth.
- Bus route through Long Thurlow
- With all the money coming in reduce Council Tax for a change
- Bus shelter with window opposite the village hall Drive.
- Dogs kept on leads at all times please
- More promotion of the Village Hall/ Playing Field for sports/ team events
- Outside toilets in new village hall,
- More speed signs to near village sign on Richer Rd. Cars/lorries come speeding around the bends/corners, it's frightening!
- Priority should be for traffic calming because it's getting increasingly dangerous as there is so much traffic from new developments
- Not in favour of ideas that will increase our rates bill due to maintenance etc
- we need school, doctors, dentist, (health centre)
- Supervised activities for 6-16 yr olds
- Coffee Shop, More Takeaways available, Cycling routes and better phone signal 5G
- Suitable walking routes for disabled people on wheelchairs and scooters
- Expand the play park - it has suffered minimal issues in relation to vandalism (odd occasions) - originally I thought a zip line was going in there?
- Start a primary school.
- Improving the parking in the village rather than everyone parking on the street.
- Stop building houses in the villages.
- The visual impact of our village - certainly coming from Hunston - is not great, especially around the junction with Back Lane. The pub car park is not a thing of beauty. To tackle that:
 - More defined and welcoming entrances into the village at all three approaches.
 - Plant a tree at the Back Lane end of the pub car park.

- Ideally, hedge the pub car park so it doesn't look quite so stark.
- Weeding the kerb lines would make a disproportionate difference!
- The Street is getting steadily busier with bigger trucks and faster cars. To mitigate risks:
- Create a proper safe space for kids/parents waiting for school buses rather than having to huddle on the corner of Back Lane and the Street in all weathers.
- Consider a zebra crossing on The Street where the hard footpath crosses from one side to the other.
- I'm hoping traffic calming could include variations in road surfaces and pinch points at entry points to villages as a minimum.
- More houses will generate more traffic. Try to reduce it by making other transport easier:
- Push for a continuous hard standing footpath (suitable for children's buggies/wheel chairs etc. from one end of village to another -even if BAPC has to pay for it
- Explore a community bus service to Bury - see Elmswell/Beyton etc. For proof it can be done."
- Make sure ponds are available to wildlife ,deer etc
- more effective action against anti-social behaviour
- Planting of daffodils throughout the village like other villages
- Footpath needed between shop / pub and Broadway. Lots of new houses and needed for kids going to school and dog walkers, very dangerous bends where people are always speeding
- Note : this parishioner 'double ticked' Cafe and 'starred' enlarged village hall ,I presume for their desire to play Badminton
- Get agreement from the majority before creating the MUGA
- secure dog field, traffic calming signs and speed watch
- slow down speeding traffic
- A few more toys in the park for toddlers, my daughter can only use the swing. She's too small for anything else.
- Smaller events should happen, there's too much money being spent on meaningless things, what's the point in heating the hall when there's no good events happening there for all. There's a lot of divisions within the village; there should be events to bring everyone together.
- Remove the gym equipment that doesn't get used and replace with a splash park on the field. Like Bourne or Holywells park in Ipswich. Would drive a higher footfall in just a few short months compared to a whole year of the gym equipment being there.
- Improvement of mobile coverage in the village. In a world of advancing digital technologies, the mobile signal in the village is terrible and needs improvement
- Ditch the artificial sports surface and keep natural surface. cheap and durable and can be used as open green space, wildlife area, community orchard around the perimeter. Too much new hard landscaping already.
- - traffic calming already provided by chicanes of parked cars in 'The Street'
- Pavements covering the length of The Street between the Village entry signs/30mph signs
- Other eating places
- **** Build MUGA ****