

Timsbury Village Plan

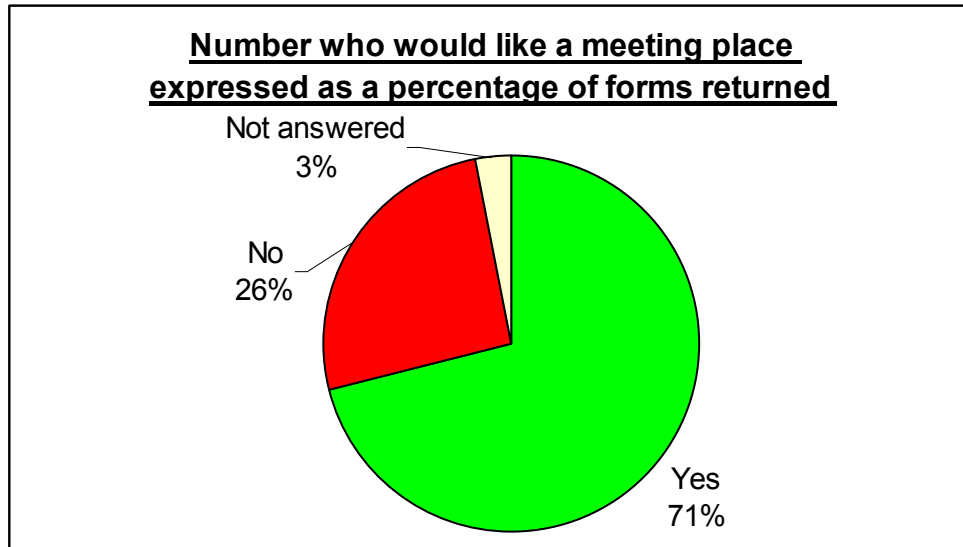
Responses to the Youth Questionnaire

73 questionnaires were returned (34%)
consisting of 70 on paper and 3 on-line.

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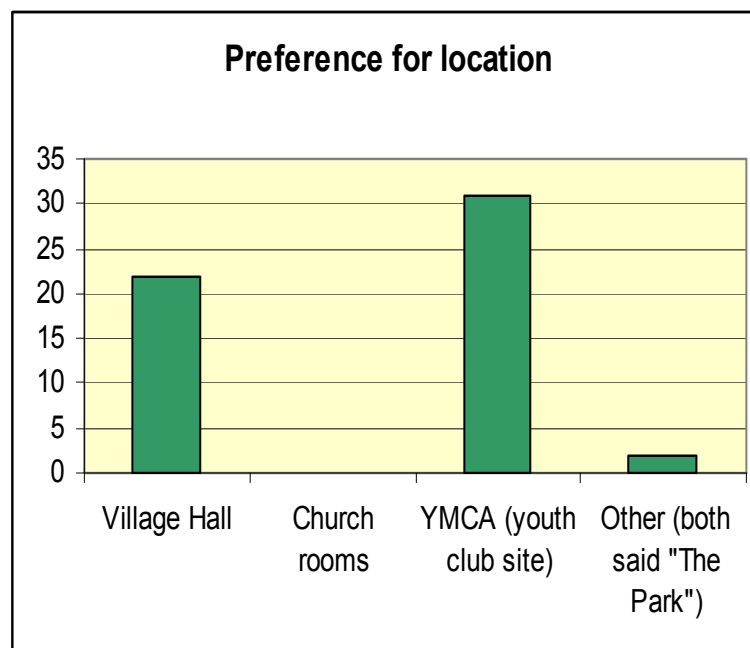
Q.1 Do you think there should be a meeting place for your age group in Timsbury?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who would like a meeting place expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	52	71%
No	19	26%
Not answered	2	3%



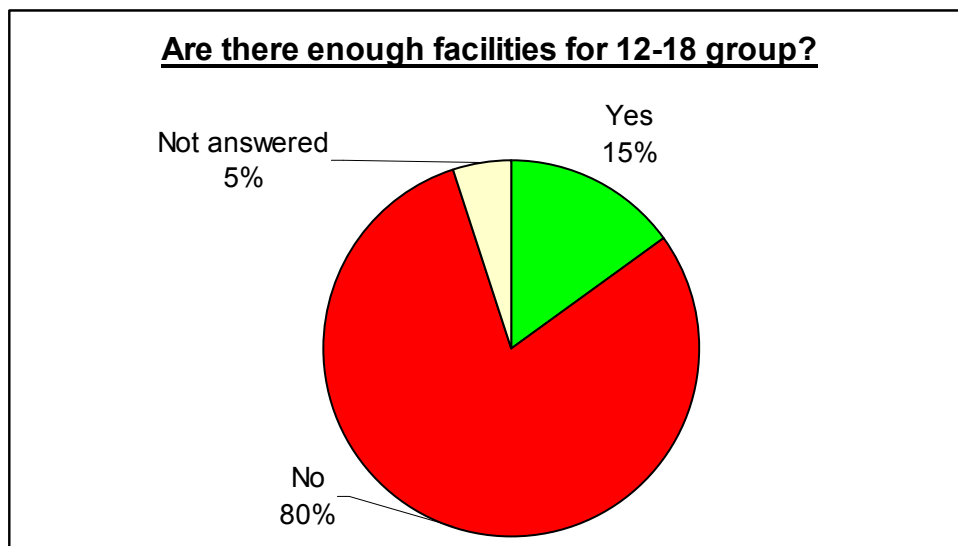
If Yes, where should this be?

Village Hall	22
Church rooms	0
YMCA (youth club site)	31
Other (both said "The Park")	2



Q.2 Do you think there are enough facilities for young people aged 12 – 18 in the village?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who would like a meeting place expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	11	15%
No	58	80%
Not answered	4	5%



If No, what facilities would you like to see?

There were 48 responses, (see next sheet)

Q.2 (continued)

If No, what facilities would you like to see?

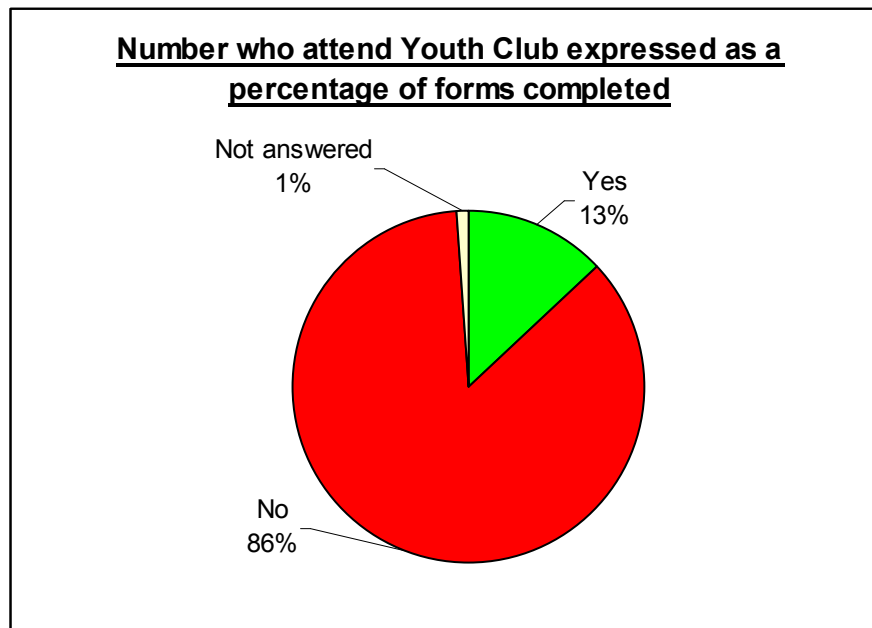
A site with more planned events which teens can get involved organising.
A bicycle ramp area. The opportunity to play badminton in the Conygre Hall.
A recreation field near St. John's Road.
Shops, cinema.
Use of badminton courts in Conygre Hall
Sports facilities.
Bike ramps. Useable Youth Club.
Play equipment suitable for older children
Good dirt jumps like the ones at Odd-down.
Somewhere to meet and talk without it being too regimented. e.g. Coffee bar.
More shelters to sit in, either up park or around the village.
Bigger park; more things.
Small swimming pool
A cafe where we could hang out after school/college and relax and eat.
More sport
Anything
Dirt jumps, more play area things and more things for teens.
Bike ramp, bike park. An older children's park.
Better shelter facilities to stay in during bad weather - 7 days a week.
Somewhere to rent that a band can practice.
Discos
Swimming
Trampoline, drama, dance lessons
I think there should be dance lessons and singing lessons.
More things to do.
Don't know. Just more things to do.
Swimming pool, more shops, nice day cafe.
Small football astro.
A better Youth Club
Better places to go.
A bigger park
Bigger park; more facilities.
Don't know
A gym
Youth club open more often. Clubs for 12 - 18 e.g. dancing
A place to meet or a chance to watch films or hang out.
More clubs and a better park for our age group.
A park for older kids and a hut for bike ramps (metal ramps).
Roundabout and swings that don't squeak and some shady places to sit.
BMX track
Pool or snooker clubs for our age.
Not enough entertainment; also no good facilities for sport.
More free workshops e.g. circus club!
Cinema, trampoline club, swimming pool.
Youth Club that opens! More meeting places
Cinema
Lots more
Better park

Q.3

Do you go to the Youth Club in the Village?

It should be noted that at the time of the survey, due to staffing difficulties, the club had been closed for some months and the new arrangements were not fully in place.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who attend Youth Club expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	9	13%
No	63	86%
Not answered	1	1%



If No, please say why

There were 55 comments (see next sheet)

Q.3 (continued)

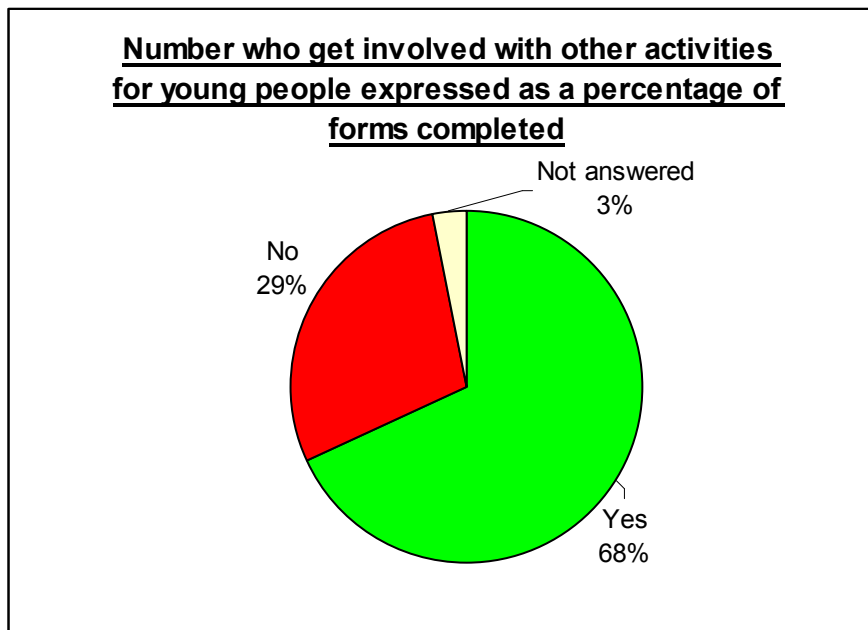
Reasons given for not joining Youth Club

I was never properly introduced or encouraged to attend.
Nothing different from being at home.
Boring
Don't know
Boring
Boring
Don't have time
Don't know anyone who goes there.
Doesn't appeal to me.
It's boring. There should be more stuff for older kids.
I don't feel welcome as I don't know anyone of my age in the village.
I don't think I would be interested.
It doesn't interest me.
Because I am just 12 and have started secondary school.
Don't get on with others in the village; too old for that type of activity.
Because I didn't know there was one.
I'm too shy
Don't want to.
I personally do not like things like that.
Sometimes
I didn't know it was on.
Not my sort of thing.
Not something that I am interested in.
Not really interested.
Don't know
Because I'm busy with homework
I would rather go out with my mates.
It got closed down and all the young people get thrown out by older people.
Used to go but not any more.
Don't have time.
It attracts the younger group.
I don't know anyone where I live and feel I wouldn't fit in.
Don't want to.
Too busy, and go to Bath when I have nothing to do.
Other interests
Because it is not very good.
Never open anymore; not much to do there.
Don't have time
Not sure when it is open; not enough free time.
No friends there.
There is not anything for my age group (17) to do there.
It's not for my age; not enough on offer.
Because it isn't on!
No point
I've been, but there's nothing to do.
I don't have enough time.
Too rough and everyone hangs outside.
Boring
It's rubbish
Too many nasty people; not strict enough
I don't really know much about it.
Don't have time.
Too old
I don't live there but I live close, so if there was a cinema then I could get a bus there easily
There isn't one

Q.4

Do you get involved with any other activities for young people?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who get involved with other activities for young people expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	50	68%
No	21	29%
Not answered	2	3%



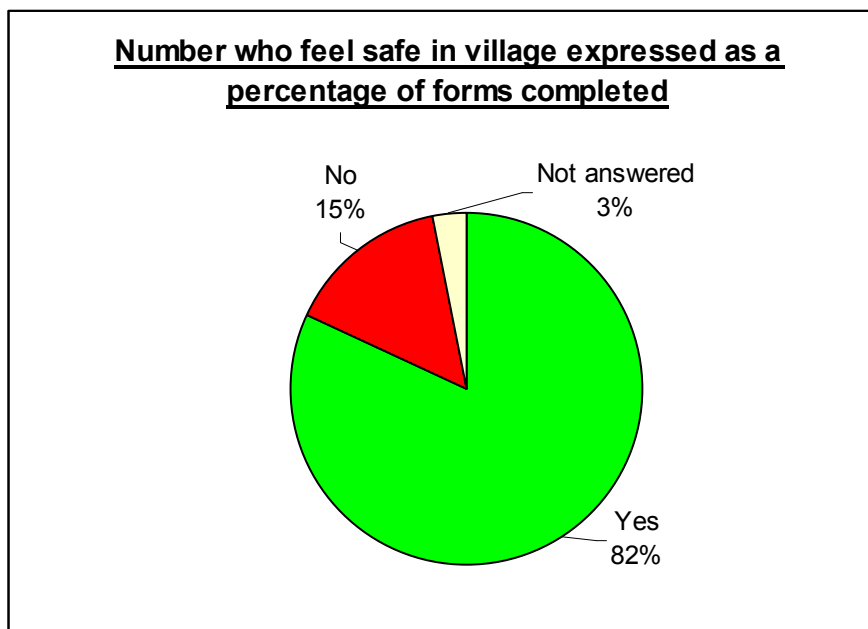
Reasons given for not joining other youth activities

Lack of information about activities.
Don't know. Busy.
Using the ramps, what ramps?
I am not interested in any of the above.
I have enough to be doing at home.
Because it's rubbish and I don't like church.
Not my sort of thing.
Nothing that interests me.
Just hang about the rec.
Don't get round to anything.
I'm busy with college.
Nothing that interests me.
Go to a church youth group in Bath
Too busy with school work etc.
Not in this village, there's nothing on offer.
Sell ramps and get a track.
In Peasedown
I used to, but I have too much homework to do.
Focus on school coursework.
Helped obtain jumps. Cricket club.
There's nothing to do where I live

Q.5

Do you feel safe in the village when you are out and about?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who feel safe in village expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	60	82%
No	11	15%
Not answered	2	3%



What could be done to improve feeling of safety? plus comments.

Gangs, people smoking, drug-taking
Less cars
Because there are older people and I feel intimidated by them, but yes during the day.
Because of drinking and drugs in the village.
Friends
Because I'm Rambo
I don't really know.
Good community
More street lights
Stop people congregating after 9 p.m.
No and Yes really. No because of all the teenagers around and Yes because there's lots of people around and about during the day.
Stop people hanging around the park after 9 pm
Because its full of pikeys

Q.6

What do you like about living in Timsbury?

Everyone is friendly here.
Not much traffic. Everything you need here. Not crowded. The countryside.
My friends live here
All my mates live here
Don't like Timsbury
Friends, countryside.
Very peaceful.
Nothing
People are nice
Most people are friendly and happy to help. Good play areas.
You can walk to the shops, park and hall.
It is a friendly place that is peaceful.
The people. It's a nice place to live, everyone is great.
Rural countryside, fresh air, yet close to two cities both in distance and time.
The environment; people; facilities.
I think that it is quiet and quite a few of my friends live near me.
It is near everything else.
It is a friendly place
Post Office; Cricket club; Friendly shops; General atmosphere.
The shops and the park are close.
It has open spaces and green fields.
My home
Mates
It's peaceful
Walking my dogs over the fields.
I don't like it
It's in the countryside and it's quite peaceful
Going out with people and feeling safe.
It's quiet
It's quiet and most people are friendly.
It is peaceful, quiet and has a nice country atmosphere to it.
It's quiet and you know everyone.
The people in it.
Countryside
Park. Lots of fields and trees.
You can hang out with your mates.
It's not a rough village
Not too much crime.
I've made lots of friends since I've moved here and I feel safer here.
Quiet and friendly
Seems a safe enough village from crime; nice views and easy to commute to Bath and Bristol.
Nice view. Very quiet.
It's in the countryside.
Quiet and friendly with lots of places to go.
There's not much to do.
The people, but not all of them.
Friends that live here; good size park; OK shops.
Not much
It is a nice village
Friendly community

The fact that I have a lot of friends here to hang round with.
It's quiet and has loads of my friends here.
The countryside and playing out in the fields.
Nice people
Everything.
The local amenities i.e. shops, hairdresser etc. The brilliant football and cricket clubs!
Nice safe village
Relaxation; good community
Friends here
Peaceful
Living just down the road from my friends.
Lots of memories e.g. school.
I don't
I don't live there
Fun and friends are there

Q.7

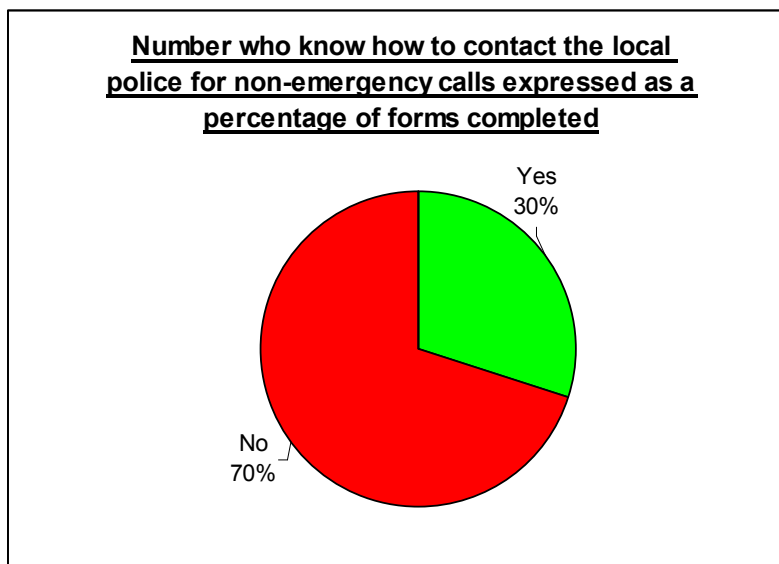
What do you NOT like about living in Timsbury?

The bus service
It's boring
Not a lot to do.
Nothing to do.
People messing around.
Boring
Everything.
The chavs (Yobs)
Too much vandalism.
The park is too childish. There should be things like bigger slides, monkey bars etc.
Too quiet at night
The yobs. They kick you off the jumps and I don't have a key to the ramps.
The levels of traffic, inconvenient and often unlawful parking.
Lack of coffee (or other non-alcoholic refreshment) in bar or cafe.
Nothing really
Graffiti
Do not know
No buses to Wells which is where my friends are.
The kids that take drugs and smoke.
Chavy kids (yobs)
It's boring
It's a bit boring.
Nothing to do for teens
It's rubbish. Too many old people.
The amount of gangs and other bad people.
Not good public transport.
It's too far away from Midsomer Norton.
It's not got enough for teenagers aged 14 - 18
Nothing
The facilities for 12 - 18
How far away it is from Bath
Not much to do.
Not many shops. Loads of cars zooming past.
Not many shops and big parks.
There's nothing to do for people aged 12 - 18
There's nothing to do.
Sometimes a bit tedious.
No friends, nothing to do, not that friendly.
Lack of buses.
It's too far away from Bath
Not many friends in Timsbury.
There's not much to do.
The people, but not all of them.
No transport links to see friends who do not live in Timsbury.
No friends, not near anywhere, no buses.
Nothing to do and teenagers hanging around outside the shop causing trouble.
Nothing to do; it costs a lot of money to get into Bath
There isn't really much to do.
There are not many facilities for young people.
Busy roads (and some around sharp bends)
Busy roads

Not enough to do.
Not a lot to do except hang around.
Druggies if that's what they're called.
Too many drug users.
The gangs
All the cars about. Easy to get hit.
My friends don't live here
Everything. Nothing to do. Costs too much to get anywhere. Bus too expensive and bad timetables.
I don't live there
Gangs and violence

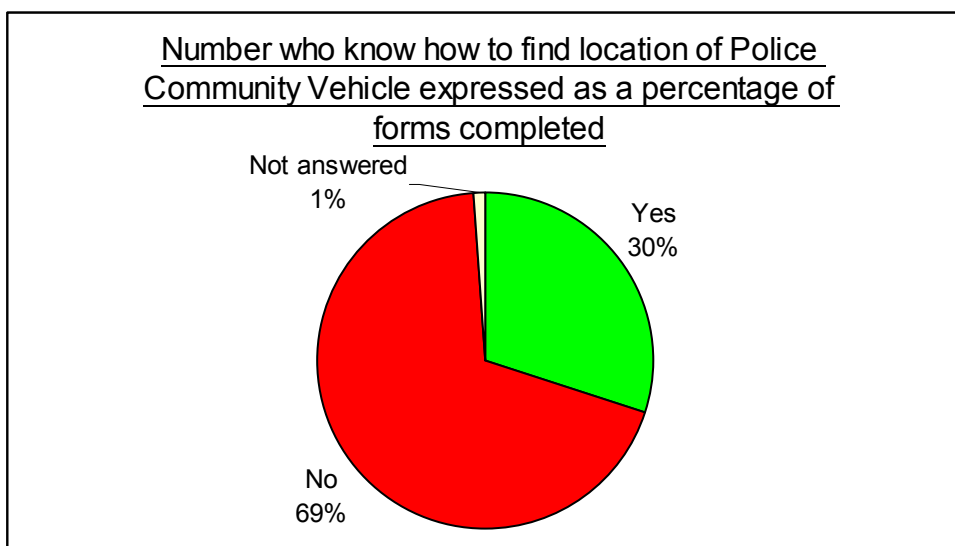
Q.8 Do you know how to contact the local police for non-emergency calls?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who know how to contact the local police for non-emergency calls expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	22	30%
No	51	70%
Not answered	0	0%



Q.9. Do you know where to find the times and places that the Police Community Vehicle comes to Timsbury?

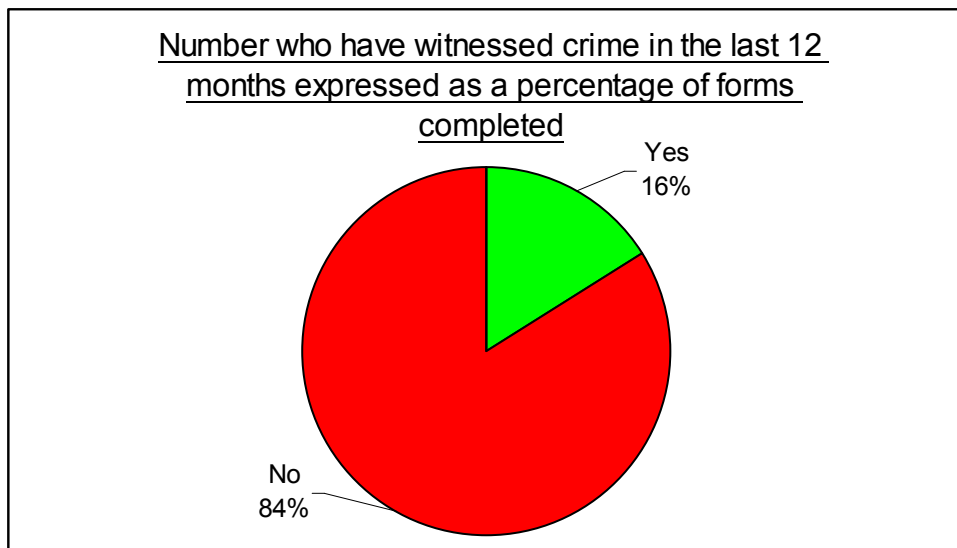
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who know how to find location of Police Community Vehicle expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	22	30%
No	50	69%
Not answered	1	1%



Q. 10

Have you personally experienced any criminal activity in the village within the last 12 months?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number who have witnessed crime in the last 12 months expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	12	16%
No	61	84%
Not answered	0	0%

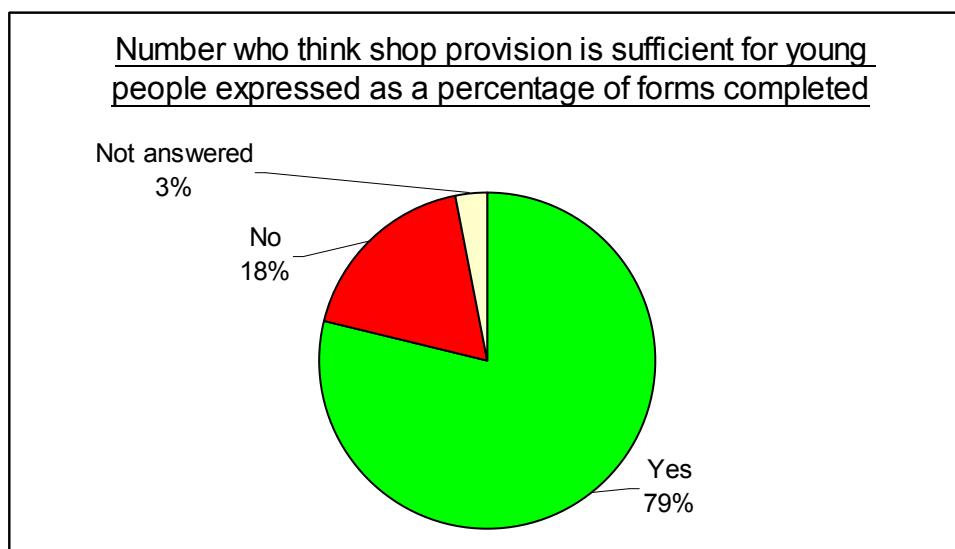


If Yes, please explain

Not allowed to say
The drug raid - (<i>location named</i>)
Robbery from a shop
The car next door was broken in to.
Fireworks in the recreation ground.
Fire bangers in the park.
The letting off of fireworks.
Teenagers setting off fireworks in the park in the play area.
Heard about drug dealers
Mind your own business
Just lots of fights and drunk and disorderly

Q.11 Do you think that the shops in the village provide enough for young people?

	Number	Number who think shop provision is sufficient for young people expressed as a percentage of forms completed
Yes	58	79%
No	13	18%
Not answered	2	3%

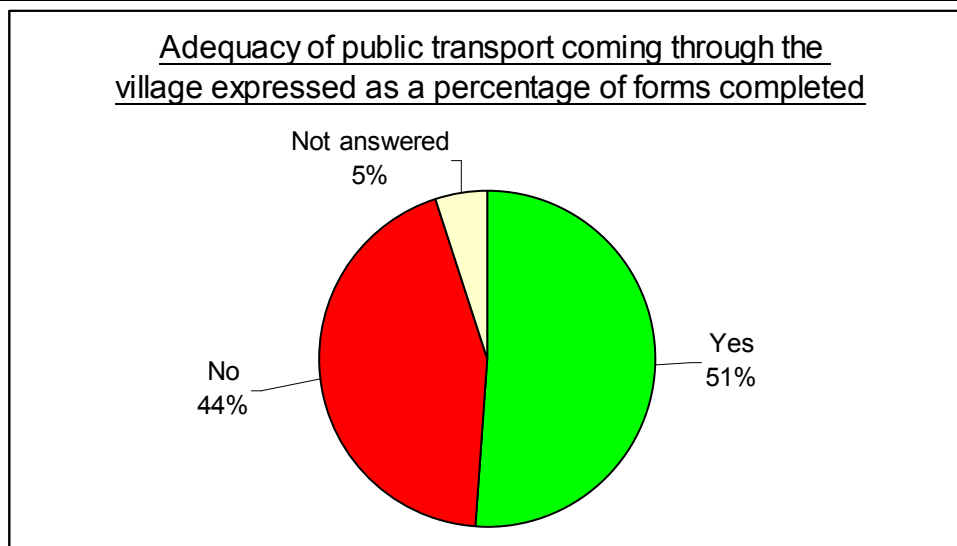


If No, what would you like them to stock?

Clothes, music, DVDs
<i>(Edited)</i>
Clothes (fashionable)
Computer games hire.
Not bothered.
More sweets and snacks.
CDs and DVDs, sports equipment, more kid's magazines.
The stock is fine, but neither shop stays open late enough.
More CDs, DVDs and Games
Fun and games and more DVDs
<i>(Named location)</i> is rubbish and too expensive

Q.12 Is enough public transport coming through the village to meet your needs?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Adequacy of public transport coming through the village expressed as a percentage of forms completed</u>
Yes	37	51%
No	32	44%
Not answered	4	5%

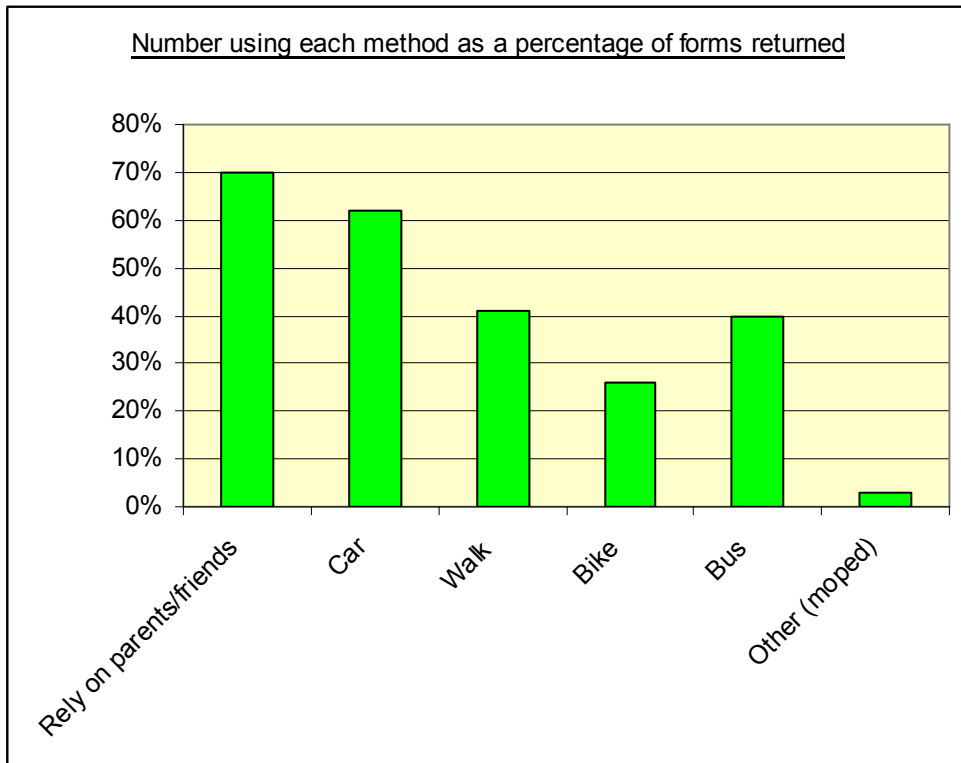


If No what times and routes do you need?

More early to mid-morning services to Bath on weekdays and a later service on Sundays
All the time
Routes into Bath.
All of them
Around to the other local villages.
There is no bus service to Bristol. It is infrequent and inconvenient to Bath.
To Wells at the weekends
More frequent buses to Bath on the 179 and 779
cheap fares
Buses to Bristol at regular times; regular times to Bath too.
Around 3.30 from Bath (Bearflats, Hayesfield school) to areas around Timsbury.
Bath 7.40 a.m. There is one already but it always comes late so I am late for school.
Bristol
Bus routes to Bath
To Midsomer Norton for 10 or 2 o'clock. I have to make my parents take me and it means they have to revolve around taking me everywhere.
Route to Bristol; and a bus from Bath to Bristol between 1 and 3 in the afternoon.
Routes to Bristol
Places like Peasedown and Coleford.
Regular buses to Radstock. Cheaper buses at about 30 minute intervals to Bath and Radstock would help.
Some people need to go to Radstock more often e.g. students.
Not often enough to Bath. None direct to Peasedown. Far too expensive for young people.
Not enough regular buses to Bath.
Just need better times to Bath.
179 and 779 running every hour or half-hour
Expensive, bad service; can't get to Bristol.
The 179 to run every 30 minutes !!!!!
Every hour, on week days

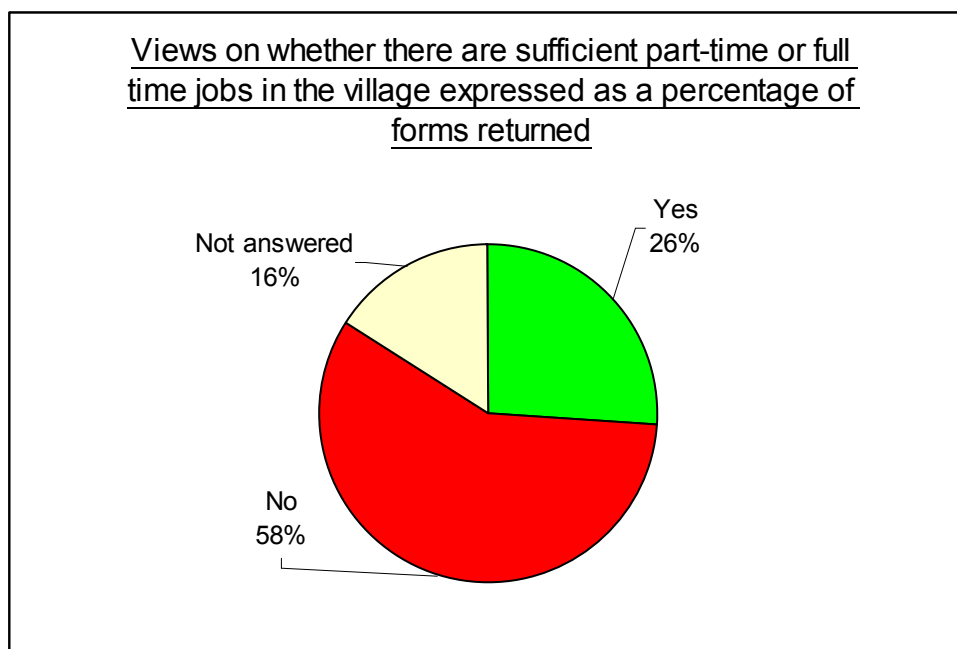
Q.13 **How do you normally travel to visit places or friends who live in other places?**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number using each method as a percentage of forms returned</u>
Rely on parents/friends	51	70%
Car	45	62%
Walk	30	41%
Bike	19	26%
Bus	29	40%
Other (moped)	2	3%



Q.14 Are there enough opportunities for local part-time or full time employment in the village for young people aged 16 – 18?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Views on whether there are sufficient part-time or full time jobs in the village expressed as a percentage of forms returned</u>
Yes	19	26%
No	42	58%
Not answered	12	16%

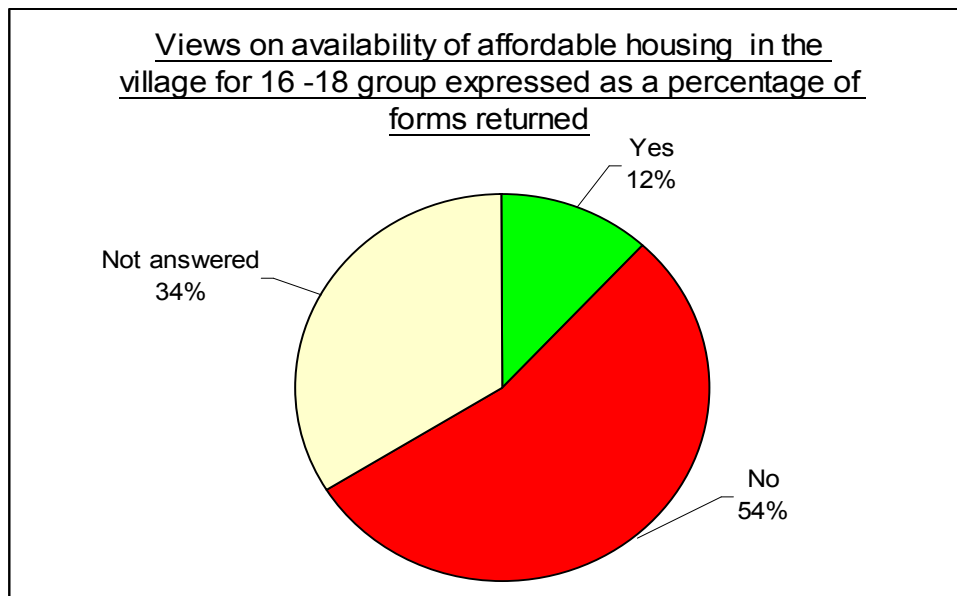


If No, what specific type of work would you like to see?

Dunno
Stuff
Dunno - just more jobs. There's just paper rounds.
Local businesses should offer part-time jobs to local people.
Yes for me personally, but limited opportunities overall.
Don't know because I am not old enough.
Any
Not enough places for work.
More shops and specialist work.
More shops (clothes and media)
Anything
I would like to see part-time babysitting jobs.
Waitressing and a decent restaurant with good food.
Unskilled - so that we can earn a bit of money.
Youth work
Work that you don't have to get up at 7a.m. for!
More
More variety
Not enough places to work
Trades
Jobs at shops
Just normal jobs

Q.15 Is there enough affordable housing to rent in the village for young people aged 16 – 18 to be able to live independently of their parents?

	Number	Views on availability of affordable housing for 16 -18 group in the village expressed as a percentage of forms returned
Yes	9	12%
No	39	54%
Not answered	25	34%



If No, what type is needed?

Decent flats
Flats
Small, rentable housing.
More places
A cheap flat or something
Don't know because I am not old enough.
Flats that are affordable.
Flats
Reasonable flats or rentable housing.
Studio flats
Flats
Need more flats.
Community YMCA
Flats
Houses with less of a price tag.
More small flats
Flats or something.
Flats
Small cheap houses.
Well firstly, how could they afford a house!
Cheaper
Cheaper houses and more flats.
Nicer and cheaper
Because there aren't any houses that can be rented in Timsbury

Q.16 If you could change anything about Timsbury to make it a better place for young people aged 12 – 18, what would you change?

There were 57 responses:

A recreation area near St. John's Road. Use of badminton courts in the Conygre Hall.
Get rid of gangs, drugs. Police need to deal with these problems.
More shops.
Timsbury needs more things to do.
Have a playing field near St. John's Rd. and Greenvale Drive. Use of badminton courts in Conygre Hall
More sports facilities e.g. football.
Everything
More indoor sports facilities
Upgrade the park and put things in for children 12-18.
Another park with better facilities.
Better jumps up the park; ones like Odd-down
A senior school is needed as the three main senior schools in the area disjoint the young community.
More shelters for people to sit in when raining; more benches
More stuff to do (Not Youth Clubs). You have to be there at a certain time; people might not want to do that. They might want to do things when they feel like it.
The pavements because I am in a wheelchair.
That it is in the catchment area for Writhlington and not for Bath schools.
I would put more meeting places or places to go.
Better park, less dog muck, less litter
More things to do.
Dirt jumps.
Get rid of the dirty drug addicts such as <i>(name of person)</i> .
The amount of gangs in the village.
Make more places available more times in the week.
Nothing
Get somewhere for teenagers to go and have a drink and play games e.g. pool and air hockey.
Make Discos happen.
More things to do.
More than two shops.
I would have more shops.
Make it not boring; more things to do.
More things to do.
More opening of Youth Club. Field to ride motor-cross on.
More entertainment days e.g. village fair.
Village shops should stay open until 10 pm or later.
I would want more things to do; active things like swimming or something.
The park
Nothing
Have a better Youth Club with more things to do with your friends.
I would make more stuff to do.
The park.
The Park.
More buses, more jobs for young people; somewhere to live independently of family.
The cost of the buses and what's available for us to do.
Give the Youth Club more funding to do it up.

The Park - make more equipment for older kids. More places to go for children
More places to meet up.
Make less busy.
BMX track
More up-to-date park
Not a lot.
Make it safer in areas.
Stop people going out after 10 p.m. (gangs up park)
Park - change the equipment. Cinema, trampoline club, swimming pool.
More teenage activities
More facilities for young people.
Well you think and then you will know
Better places for people to go and things to do

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All this information will be carefully considered by local groups and a Draft Report and Action plan compiled.

This Draft Report and Action Plan will be displayed for consultation in the village later in the year.

Then a Final Report and Action Plan will be completed and presented to both the Parish Council and B&NES Council, who are both required to take note of the views expressed in their decision-making on matters affecting Timsbury. Copies will be available for every house in the village.

Opportunities will also be sought for taking action quickly through local groups and existing organisations.