

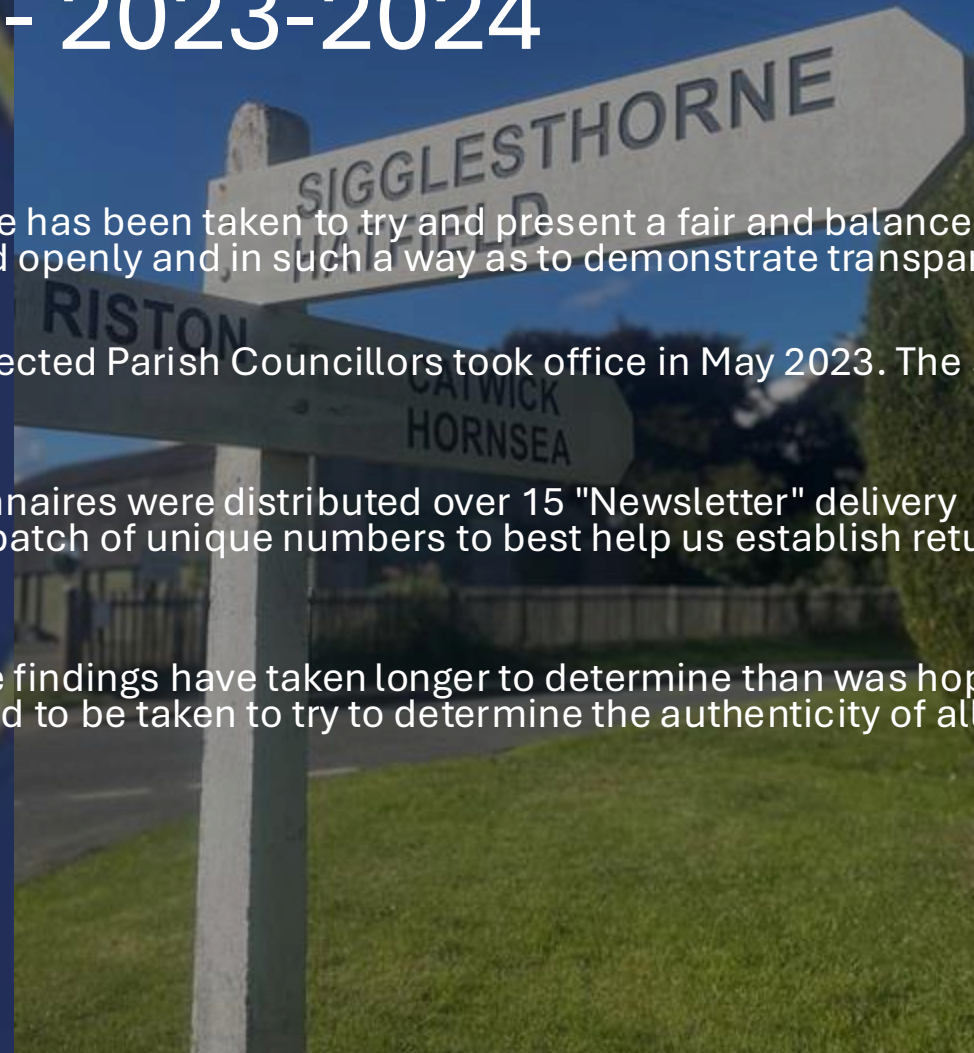
Riston Parish Community Engagement Questionnaire Feedback - 2023-2024

These are the aggregated results of the Questionnaire. Care has been taken to try and present a fair and balanced view of the findings. This is to best ensure views are represented openly and in such a way as to demonstrate transparency.

This feedback relates to the time period since the newly-elected Parish Councillors took office in May 2023. The survey concluded in November 2024.

Questionnaires were completely anonymous, the questionnaires were distributed over 15 "Newsletter" delivery rounds. Each round was issued with its own QR code and batch of unique numbers to best help us establish return rate metrics specific to each area of the Parish.

Due to the large amount of fake and fraudulent returns, the findings have taken longer to determine than was hoped. That was due to the significant effort and measures that had to be taken to try to determine the authenticity of all returns as best we could.



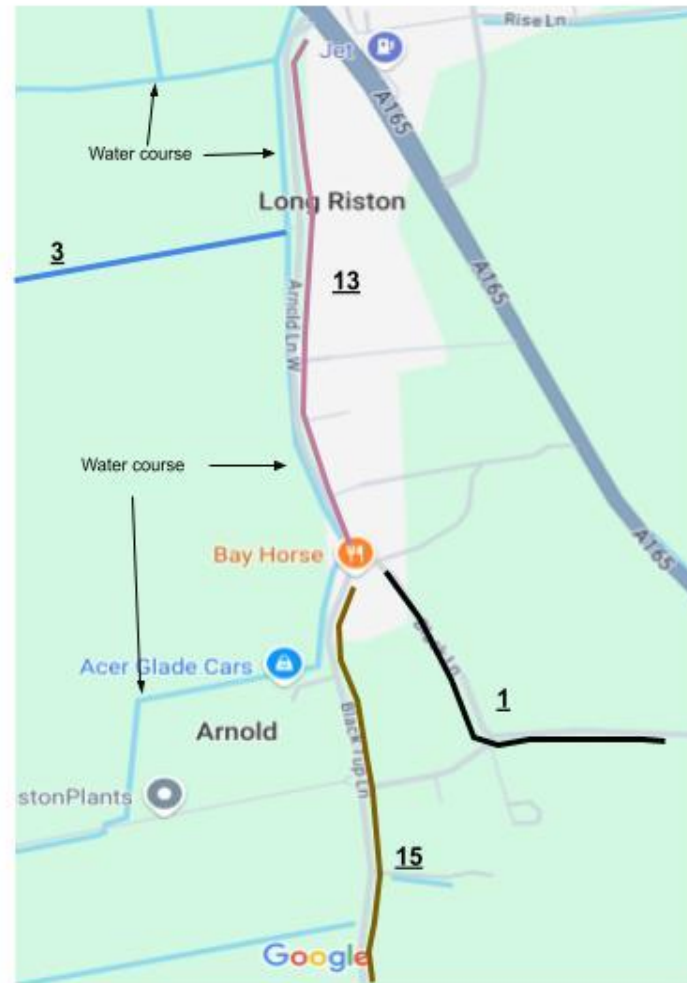
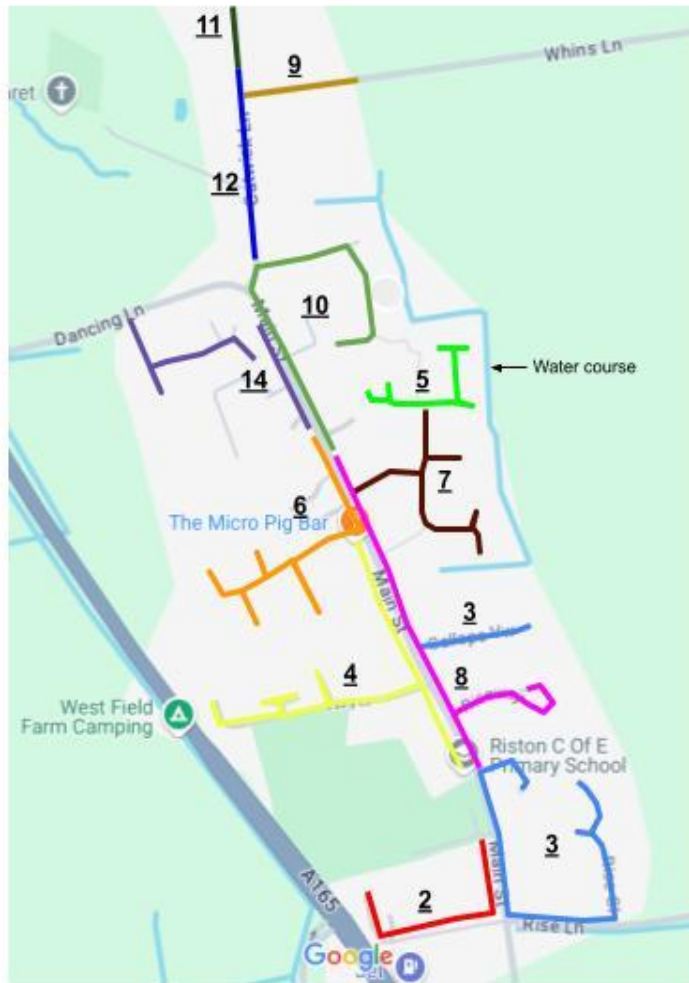
We received a total of **160** returns, both electronically and in paper form.

We have very high confidence that **62** are genuine. That equates to a response rate of **c16%**, which is good.

There were **3** late submissions, and **12** spoilt/damaged papers where respondents removed the unique number and/or rendered the QR code unreadable. These were excluded from the analysis of the results. Spoilt papers carried the risk of duplication, deception and fraud.

Also excluded were **83** electronic returns that were deemed as fake/fraudulent. The data suggests that these **83** returns were generated by a **single individual**. How we identified this fraud is shared in a separate document.

Round	Route
1	Black
2	Red
3	Blue
4	Yellow
5	Green
6	Orange
7	Brown
8	Pink
9	Olive
10	Light Green
11	Dark Green
12	Dark Blue
13	Purple
14	Light Blue
15	Dark Olive



Round	Delivered	Genuine Received	Non-Genuine Received	Genuine Return Rate %
1	18	1	0	6%
2	11	3	0	27%
3	39	4	5	10%
4	38	4	78	11%
5	24	2	0	8%
6	32	6	0	19%
7	30	11	0	37%
8	39	8	0	21%
9	10	2	0	20%
10	47	6	0	13%
11	19	2	0	11%
12	15	5	0	33%
13	40	2	0	5%
14	30	6	0	20%
15	3	0	0	0%

Questionnaire Results

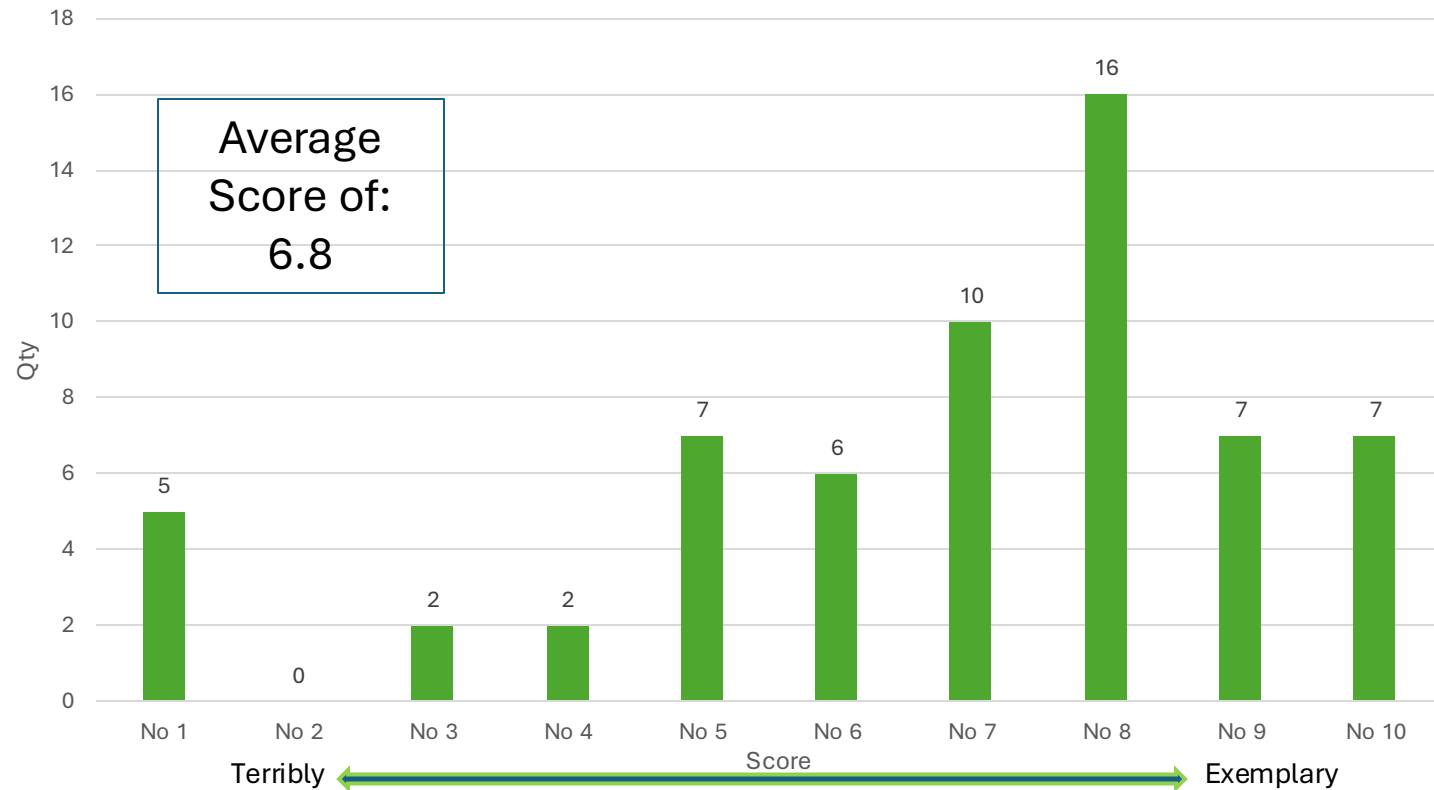
- The following results are taken from the responses in the genuine digital and paper returns. All quotes are shared verbatim.
- These slides are purely the words of the respondents and **not** the Parish Council.
- **Where the Council has made a statement, this is made clear.**
- Online AI software has been used to summarise and draw conclusive statements from the feedback provided.
- This strategy has then helped us to relay the feedback of the survey in an impartial way.



Q1 - How has the PC Performed?

The Feedback:

Due to limited direct contact, it's hard to evaluate the Parish Council's performance, but they have worked for the village's benefit. The community felt proud during the Tour of Britain cyclist event, yet there have been instances of division and embarrassment, though things seem to be improving. The Parish Council has been transparent and appears to care for the community without a hidden agenda. However, some believe that money has been wasted on projects that do not help the village, like Yew Tree and Grit Bins.



Despite challenges, the current council is seen as more proactive than previous ones, focusing on good communication and a community plan. Concerns remain over the council's silence regarding the Traveller Rest public house and the need for better support for village maintenance. Since the 2023 elections there have been several resignations without public explanation, historic unanswered correspondence, and limited transparency in historic meeting minutes.

Many appreciate the aesthetic improvements but are wary due to a lack of visible action and engagement. Residents have noted that the council is working hard, but the focus seems uneven, with Arnold feeling neglected compared to Long Riston. People want the council to listen to public opinion and address issues that matter to the wider community, rather than just a select few.

7-10 The new council has taken on challenges left by the old one, which acted unlawfully. Residents appreciate the new council's efforts, noting improvements in community involvement and transparency. While the village has seen positive changes, some issues remain, such as the need for safety measures on Balk Lane due to speeding vehicles. Overall, the current council is more proactive, inclusive, and visible, earning residents' confidence in their management of taxpayer money and community services.

5-6 The Council has been quiet about the Traveller Rest issues and needs to be more supportive of the village's appearance and noise. There have been four resignations, and some information shared is misleading about funds for the church and play park. Residents appreciate recent improvements but desire more transparency about council activities. Overall, the council is facing challenges but is performing reasonably well given past issues.

1-4 The Parish Council has faced many complaints about its conduct and wasted public money on low-value projects like salt bins. Seven resignations occurred without public explanation, and the council often ignores community input. There's a lack of clear vision for improving the village, leading to disengagement among residents.

Reply 6669 said: Did not know previous Council Existed

Reply 4389 said: I think the current PC far more proactive than the previous councillors who appeared complacent

Reply 2095 said: they are more engaging with the village and more open than the previous council.

Reply 2821 said: I think they have been held back by historic inadequacies and inherited issues but overall have performed well given the difficulties

Reply 4317 said: Do something with the Travellers Rest

Reply 8735 said: Arnold receives little or no funding as far as we are aware.

Reply 1721 said: I do not have sufficient background info to qualify an answer. Therefore, my score is neutral.

Reply 7057 said: Size of Christmas tree very disappointing

Reply 5801 said: The village is stagnant, the Parish Council promises change, the same as the local authority and central government however nothing changes for the better. There is no real vision to push the village forward, nor to embrace it's past. The ideas suggested are seemingly personal follies only desired by the minority.

Reply 2427 said: "They seem to have wasted a lot of money on things what do not benefit the village. ie Yew Tree, Salt Bins"

In conclusion, while there are noted improvements in transparency and community engagement by the current Parish Council, challenges persist. Residents observe a proactive approach compared to previous councils, highlighted by aesthetic enhancements and clearer communication about financial expenditures. However, concerns regarding historical inadequacies, lack of attention to broader community needs, and allegations of misleading information undermine public confidence. Various criticisms emphasize the perceived insularity and sometimes insubstantial focus on local issues over community-wide priorities, with calls for increased participation and accountability. There is also apprehension regarding frequent resignations and unanswered correspondence, which indicates a need for better governance practices. Overall, while there is a foundation for positive change, the Parish Council must genuinely reflect community sentiments to foster unity and progress in the village.

The Feedback:

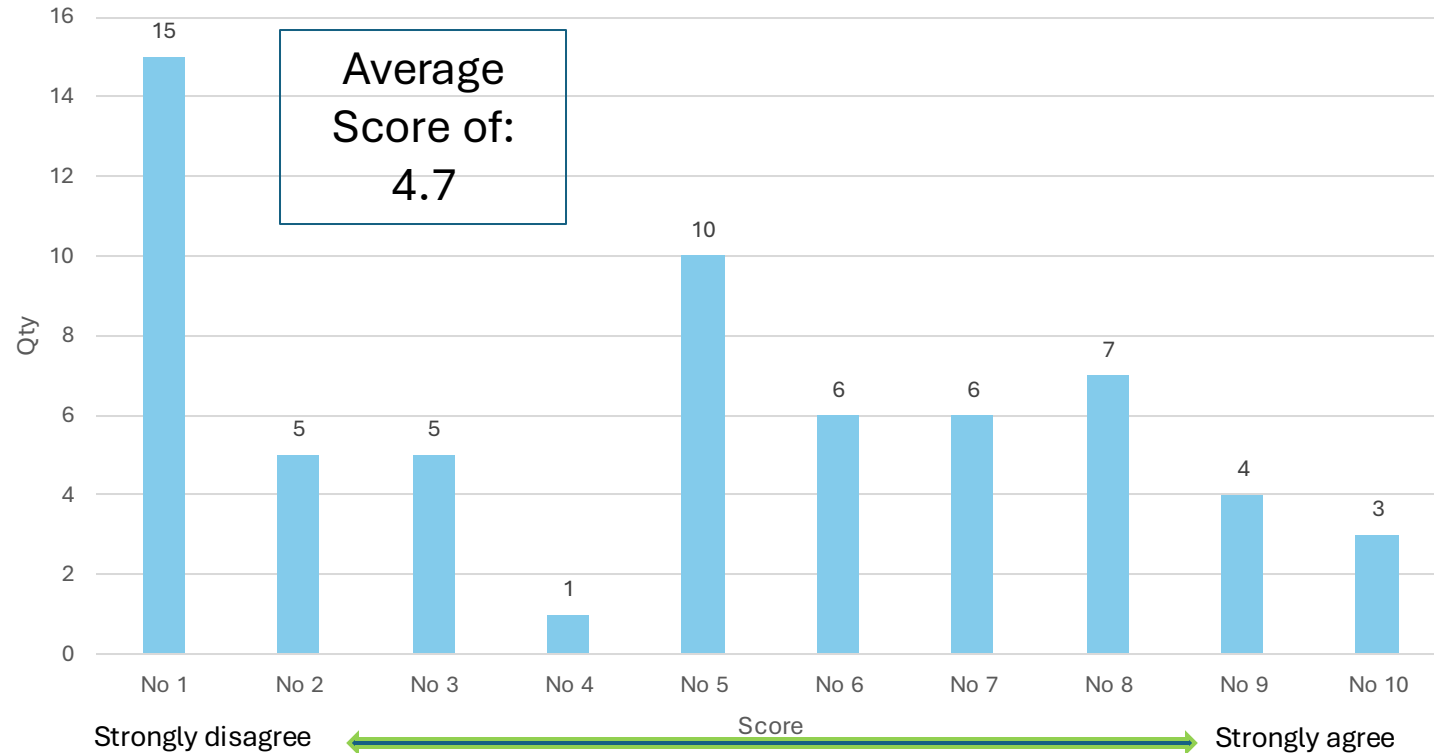
Some believe a small amount of money can significantly help the community. The new council is seen as potentially better at managing funds than the old council. Many residents feel that the community needs to come together and improve facilities for all ages, but they are hesitant about raising taxes amid financial pressures and rising costs.

Several residents expressed that any increase in taxes should lead to visible benefits for the community.

There are concerns regarding certain spending, such as on the playing fields, which some feel is not necessary when other needs, like litter bins and street lighting, are more pressing. While some are open to paying more for better facilities, they want transparency on how the money is spent.

Residents also highlight the burden of high living costs, making it difficult to accept any tax increases. A few noted that they don't benefit from existing facilities and call for better accountability regarding where funds are allocated. Clear communication and defined goals for any potential tax increase are essential for gaining public support. Overall, a diverse range of opinions exists on improving local amenities while managing finances wisely.

Q2 - I wouldn't mind paying more in my Parish Council tax to have better local facilities.



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Sample replies:

9357 said: I feel the old PC didn't use the cash wisely I think the new one will. Also with inflation I don't think we add another cost to our community

2427 said: The old council used to fund raise, the new council is like a child in a sweet shop.

2869 said: Makes sense like everything. You should get what you pay for. The more we spend the better something should be.

3485 said: I think many of the things you have contributed to have made the village better but why is so much of the money going to the playing field. I think money would be better spent on new litter bins for the main street or street lighting on the main street

8735 said: We live in Arnold. What money goes into the Village. To walk from Arnold to Long Riston is a dangerous walk as we have no footpath + cars drive at excessive speed. Dog walkers too are at risk.

2883 said: A relatively small amount of money can have a significant impact when targeted locally

1455 said: Some of the spending has appeared frivolous e.g. the yew tree, the paper chosen to print the document attached to survey, some of the bulbs chosen were not suitable for the position in which they have been planted and have not flowered this year (tulips).

4975 said: Books seemed to balance with that precept in previous years but suddenly had a big overspend last year. Concerned that the council got "carried away".

6611 said: I don't know enough about how the money is spent to know if it is being used appropriately. A lot of the money seems to go to the playing field committee who are not accountable to the in how the funds are used, this feels wrong when the council have to disclose every light bulb or cleaning product they buy.

1721 said: We all have to tighten our belts according to the new government. The Parish Council should not be an exception.

5801 said: Just more council taxpayers money to be squandered on again personal follies or complete waste of money, like the ridiculous Christmas tree, or duck pond. None of these things better the village or helps it's residents.

4317 said: 42% Goes to PFC

5159 said: It would depend on what the money would be spent on as to whether we would want to pay more

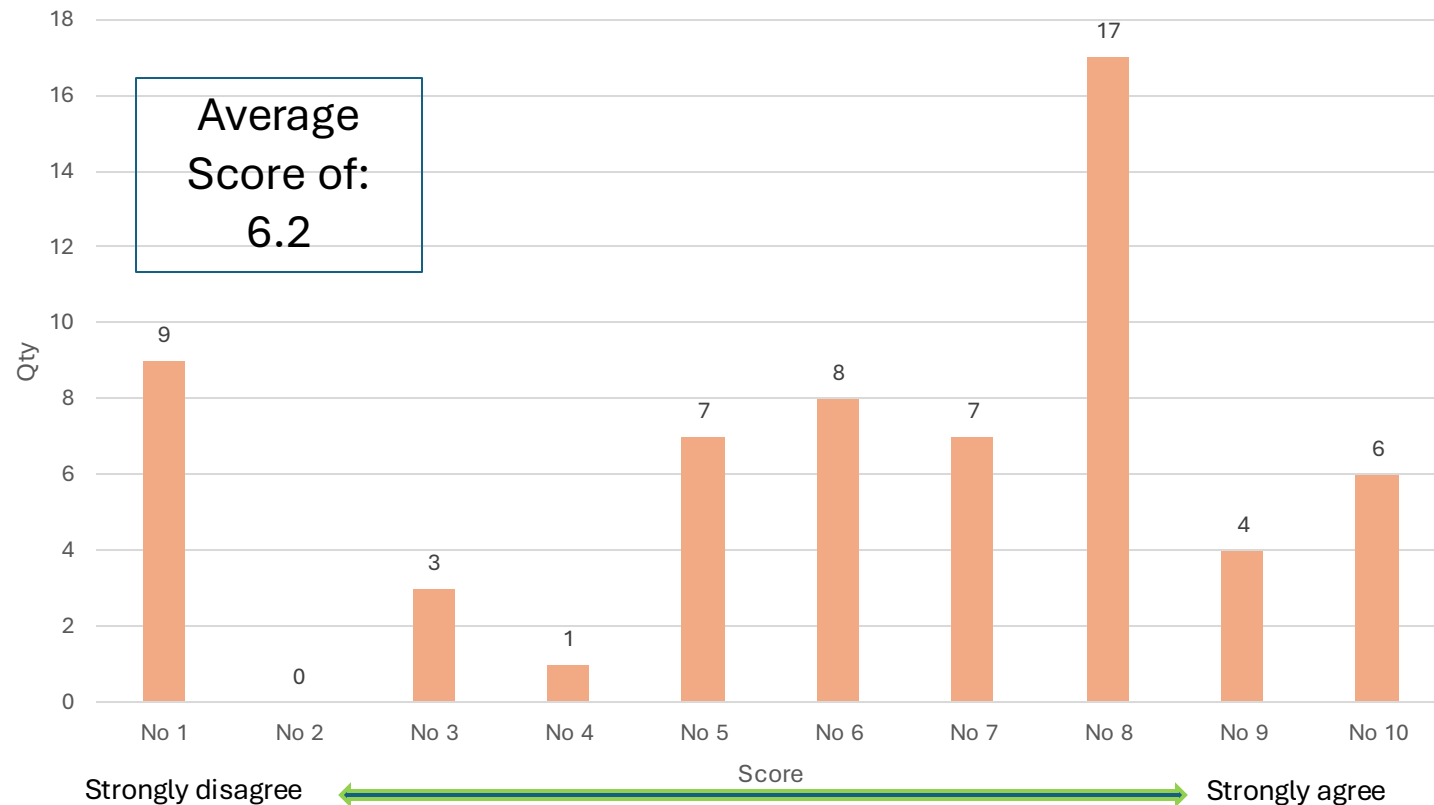
The Feedback:

Better pavements are needed, and there should be some lighting in certain areas because speed limits are too high near children in the village. The new council has organized free events that unite the community and demonstrate transparency, unlike the old council. The bench outside the village hall should be placed on concrete to prevent weeds. The council currently supports existing community groups and shows openness to future support.

Some people are unsure about commenting but believe the council is doing its best. Others feel happy with the situation. Comments were made from sources relating to how costs looked misleading. One-time payments that are not clearly itemized in council documents.

Concerns were raised about extra spending when the focus should be on providing safe spaces for residents and gaining local service funding. While some community investments, like bulbs and tree planting, are appreciated, there's also concern about costs connected to the village hall, which is underused. Traffic calming measures are suggested for Arnold Lane West. Many agree that council spending benefits community life, as support for various groups helps improve the village. Notifications about council activities should be increased online. There's a feeling that the playing field committee gets too much funding, and it's unclear how their money is spent. Some spending is seen as unnecessary, like grit bins that see little use. The council is credited for being more transparent but there's criticism over how funds are allocated, particularly for the church and costly items like a Christmas trees.

Q3 - I am happy with how the Parish Council spends my money.



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Sample replies:

2383 said: The financial figures are very misleading. The £4848 reads as an annual payment to the PFC . The £1000 donation to the play park was to fund a much needed project. It was not an ongoing annual cost to the PC. The £500 spent on the car park is again a one off payment for a project that both the PC and PFC deemed necessary. Again, including this payment is misleading as it is not itemised as a one off payment.

9357 said: The new PC have put on free events that have brought all the community together also they have spent it showing us transparency which the old one didn't.

6767 said: Bulbs, Grit, village hall, newsletter, toddler, hart + horticulture positive spend , But living Xmas tree too expensive what does the money going to church and playing fields get used for???

7057 said: Village hall under used for money spent

9719 said: I am not an economist you look like you are doing your best.

7899 said: too unbalanced

2095 said: The council spent the money on a a variety of community events and things that benefit the village. To make it better by making sure the village gets gets the best prices on insurance ect

1455 said: You are never going to please everyone all of the time. Some of the spending was not properly explained in your document leading to some groups needing to give a response to your document.

6033 said: However, the playing fields committee appears to have a far too larger slice of the cake, is this necessary?

1439 said: I am unsure as to what the PFC spends their money on so cannot comment here. Regarding the village hall, it is obviously expensive to run/heat and is not used enough at the moment. A new, more energy efficient building would be more appealing to use/hire for large groups/events and would be more cost effective to run. At some point, tired old buildings just need to be replaced 😞

5801 said: Ridiculously wasteful spending on 'facilities', ie, the village hall, which at best is massively underused, and a perennial drain on funds, re: maintenance. Holding out of date, under attended and unpopular events, which are decades out of date and very very few residents in the village attend.

5233 said: Disproportionate amount given to the Church compared to total Community Spend. Christmas tree vastly overpriced.

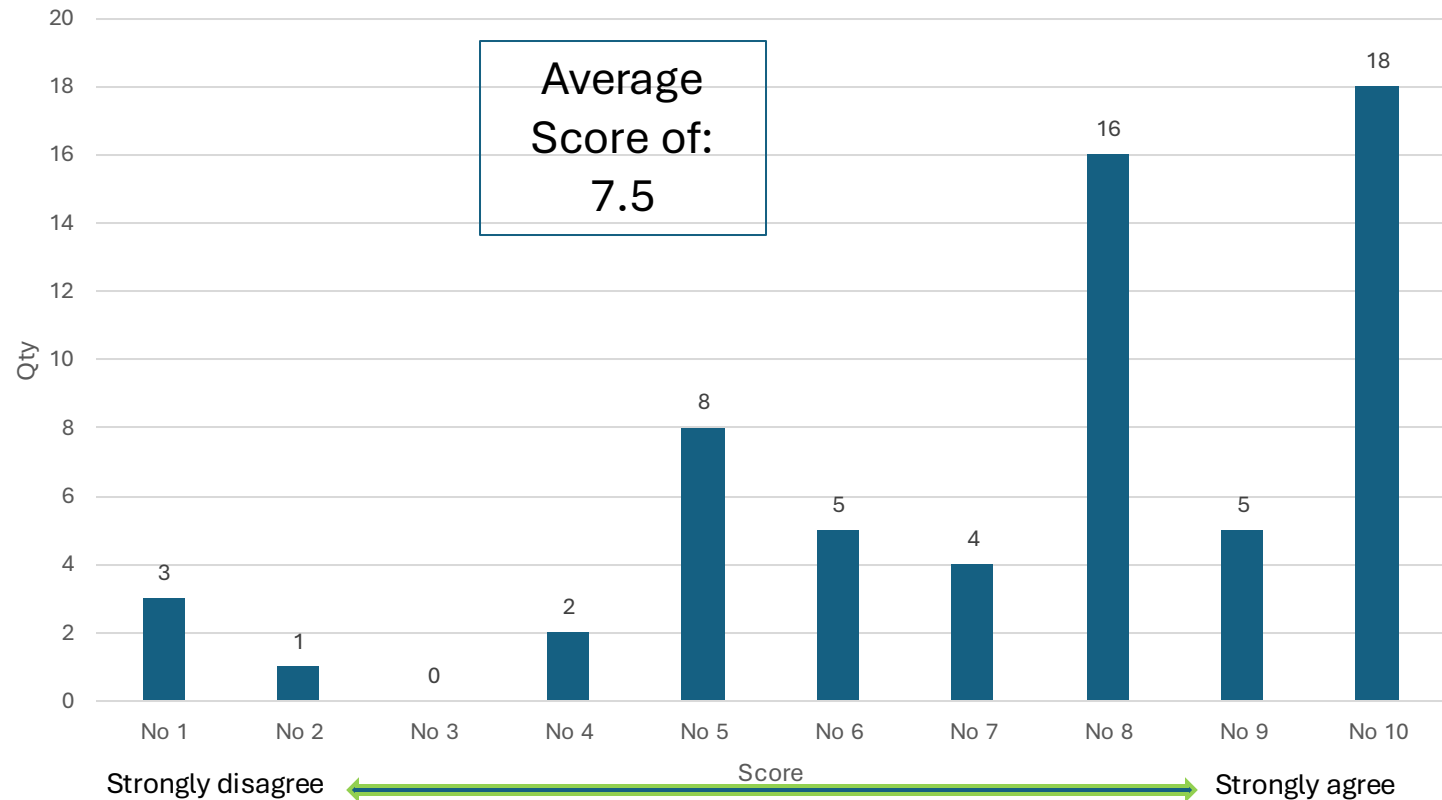
9409 said: Most money has been spent well, especially on aesthetic areas which enhance the experience of living in our village

The Feedback:

The council must take a proactive approach to securing grants to enhance community facilities, similar to the successful development of the tennis courts. There is a need for greater awareness around available funding and support for local initiatives that promote social integration and improve the wellbeing of residents, particularly the elderly, lonely, and new or single parents. Financial support for community groups, primarily run by volunteers, is crucial for fostering community spirit and addressing local needs effectively. While continuing to back organizations like the PFC, **it is important to ensure that funding processes are transparent, fair, and encompass the entire village demographic.**

Overall, encouraging local initiatives and facilitating access to necessary resources will significantly strengthen community ties and enhance village life.

Q4 - I want to see more Grants



What is your opinion of the Village Hall and how it meets the needs of the Community?

The building is adequate and needs to be maintained for several more years:

Concerns regarding the financing and utilization of a new community building have come to light as a main factor here, particularly following a poorly planned previous project. The Village Hall's significant electricity costs juxtaposed with its minimal usage raise doubts about the necessity of a replacement. Engaging older residents for assistance in maintaining the building should be considered. Reassessing the future need for community spaces, such as in relation to the Travellers Rest, may provide more positive outcomes rather than adhering to a predetermined narrative.

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The building is at the end of its life, and we need a new 'Community building':

The village hall has long been deemed inadequate and costly to maintain, making it more sensible to replace rather than repair. Community members suggest that a modern, multipurpose facility could better serve diverse activities and attract users. With funding opportunities available, engaging potential users in planning a new building could lead to a safe, energy-efficient community hub that enhances local events and groups, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

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Another Option:

The current village hall requires significant renovation or replacement due to its poor condition and limited utilization. While a new building could provide modern, versatile space for community events and potentially enhance funding through increased bookings, financial constraints present a challenge. The ongoing maintenance costs and safety concerns, such as asbestos, must also be addressed. Before making any decisions, a comprehensive cost analysis comparing repair expenses and new construction is essential to determine the best long-term solution for the community's needs.

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What is your opinion of the Village Hall and how it meets the needs of the Community?

4841 said '*Another Option*': It clearly needs work, which is achievable... But it's a pretty sad (+ ugly!) building that the community does not full utilise.

2383 said '*Another Option*': The building should be renovated or replaced on its current site

5087 said '*Another Option*': The village hall is adequate, but the newest part of it is brick built. So perhaps in time the older building could be replaced with a new brick structure as an extension of the newest section. I would have liked to be able to combine 2 of the reasons- the suggestion I have given, and the second one, because they overlap.

6003 said '*Replace it*': Replace it with a new one. It's not got anything, cold. old fashioned. damp wet floors. no good for dancing Sorry.

9357 said '*Replace it*': I feel if the PC knocked it down and made it more multipurpose we could have room for snooker and pool tables and more groups to go there. Also kids can use it in winter when it's dark.

9641 said '*Replace it*': it is very scruffy and much below standard compared to other village halls.

9409 said '*Replace it*': Any further money spent will be wasted when the building inevitably needs to be replaced. The current building is an eyesore.

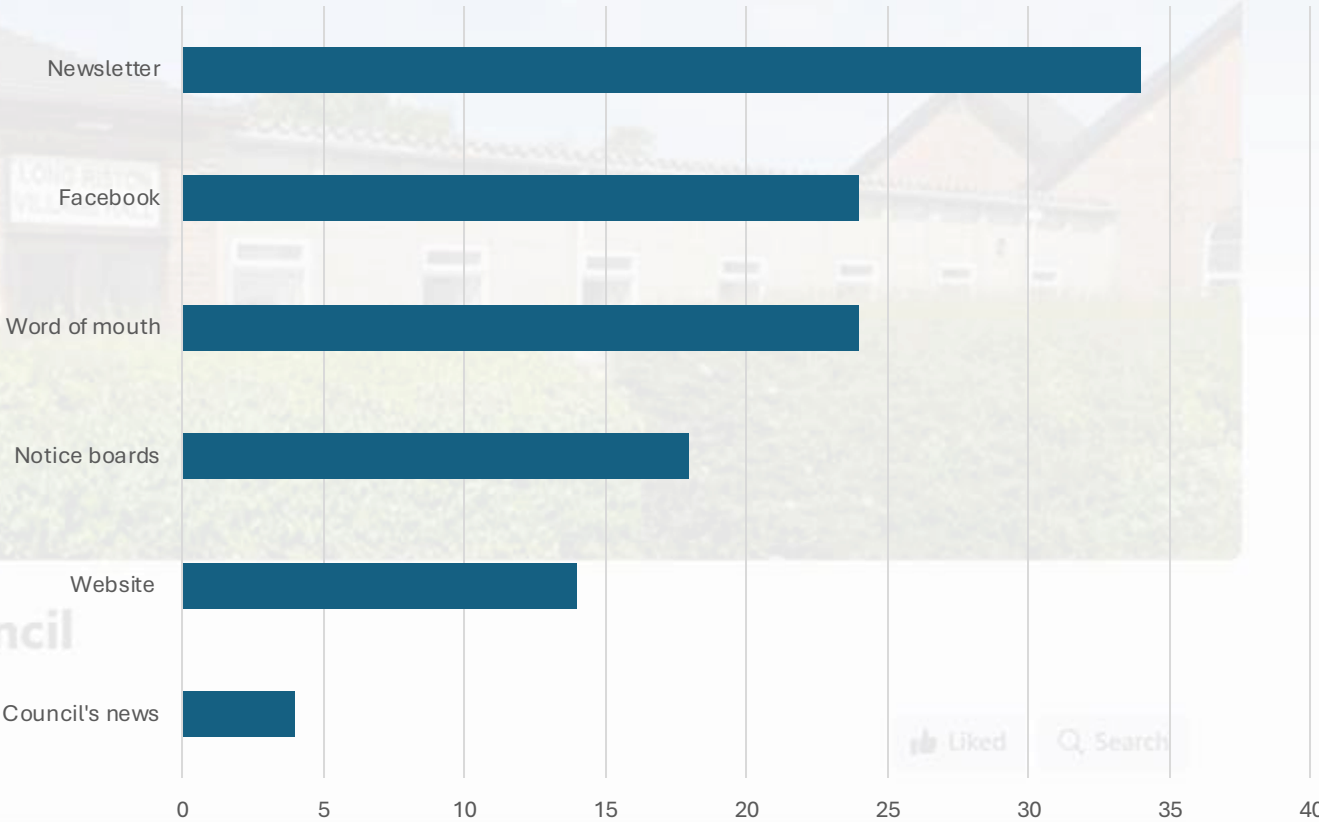
9413 said '*Adequate*': Concerned that we would struggle to finance a new building and also what would happen with the groups using it whilst being built.

4389 said '*Adequate*': The plan a couple of years back for a community build was atrociously thought out (the pavilion project).

9719 said '*Adequate*': There are too many "older residents" that may be willing to help.

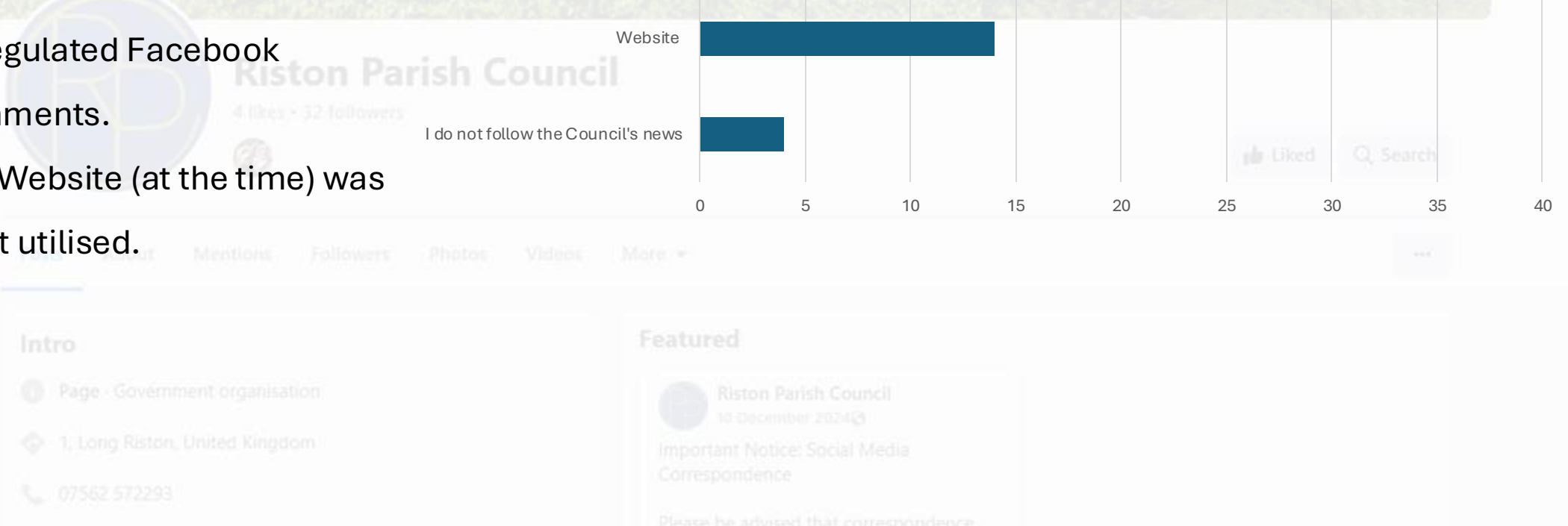
8639 said '*Adequate*': The Village Hall Obviously is not use very much - why is the electricity cost so high

How people follow the Parish Council news:



The Council's comments:

- The Newsletter was most used.
- We did not have our own Facebook account when this survey was run, so residents gained information from unregulated Facebook comments.
- The Website (at the time) was least utilised.



Snapshot of the priorities of the respondents.













The Council's comments:

More than 61% (38) of respondents indicated they would like to see a reduced speed limit along Main St, Riston.

As for the A165, more respondents said that it was a low priority than those who thought it should be a higher one.

The same applied to street lighting along Main St, Riston, with more preferring to maintain the status quo (32) as opposed to (20) who preferred to have them.

These results demonstrate some strong sentiments and polar opposites.

Issue	For	Against	Your Verdict	Popularity +/-
Speed limit to be reduced to 20 MPH along Riston Main Street.	38	11		27
Enhancement of green spaces e.g. – opposite Micro Pig bar.	17	11		6
Better management of verges, grass-cutting and/or wildflower sowing.	15	9		6
Planters and aesthetic street furniture at the entrances to the villages.	16	13		3
Improved parking along Riston Main Street.	19	17		2
Management of hedges in the Parish, to include traditional hedge laying.	13	11		2
Restoration of the pond on Dancing Lane.	16	15		1
A reduced speed limit on the A165 road past Arnold and Riston.	22	26		-4
Better measures to help reduce dog fouling.	10	14		-4
More benches sited in and around the Parish.	15	22		-7
A dedicated War Memorial in the Parish.	11	22		-11
Street lighting on Riston Main St and Catwick Lane.	20	32		-12

A list of issues respondents would also like to see as priorities.

- Cut back over growth from foot ways on main street. Bins in Arnold.
- Lighting to the entrance to the village - not through the village
- Somewhere older children/teens can hang out. Somewhere fire proof but allow them to decorate/graffiti
- Removal of bench at pond to more desirable location
- I would like to see another waste bin at the end of the houses on Catwick Lane to stop all the litter louts.
- Second Priority - or other measure to include Catwick Lane
- Traffic Calming Arnold Lane as it is hazardous for pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers. We don't have a footpath. The bend at the bay horse pub is particularly dangerous. I am not saying I want a footpath as the lane is too narrow, just traffic calming measures.
- Bus Stop/shelter near the village hall for high school kids to use in bad weather.
- ? Is there not a war memorial in the church yard already?
- community events eg film nights
- "Speed monitoring signs that indicate the driver's speed.
- Ensuring that the bus can get through the village as this is a vital transport link for non-drivers."
- Repairs to the village hall
- More waste bins particularly near entrance to Old Chapel Close or the cut through to Old Chapel close
- Existing Village Hall maintenance and improvement.
- "Street lighting on Balk Lane and Arnold Lane West in Arnold. There are no street lights at all in the hamlet which for 2024 needs to be addressed.
- Road safety mirrors or speed cameras for Arnold."
- Clean road signs and repair pavements to ensure that they are level and safe.
- Bench or Benches in Arnold for Elderly People walking. Footpath in Arnold. Cannot safely walk in Arnold. Reduce speed to 20mph/speed humps. Drivers pass way over the 30mph. People using mobility scooters at risk as are dog walkers.
- "I would like to see facilities for teenagers such as a skate park area. This isn't really in the gift of the council as the playing field committee have already said no, but we are missing facilities for that age group who don't want to play team sports.
- Also better cycle or walking links to Leven or Skirlaugh, similar to between Leven and Beverley."
- Level crossing outside the school.
- Bike path to White cross roundabout
- Double yellow lines in the passing place on the entrance to Riseway.
- traffic calming features as you enter the village from the A165 similar to other villages.



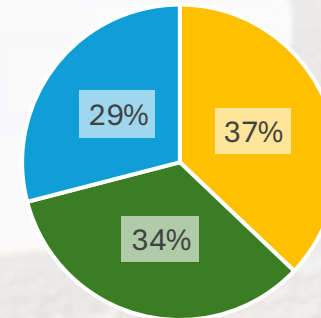
Your views on the site of the former Travellers Rest.

Travellers Rest

23 - Returns voted to **Convert to residential use**.

21 - Returns voted to **Restore the pub**.

18 - People expressed **Other views/ideas**.



■ Convert to residential use ■ Restore to a Pub ■ Other Views

The views of people For/Against are summarised as:

The former public house in Long Riston is deemed financially unsustainable, with the community expressing a pressing need for affordable housing in its location. The Travelers Rest, although once a hub, has not functioned effectively in recent years and does not meet the current demands of the village. Many residents argue that converting the old car park into housing would alleviate an eyesore while addressing the village's housing shortage. Furthermore, the existing Micro Pig pub, although appreciated, lacks the capacity to meet the needs of the whole community. A broader vision is needed to enhance community cohesion and resolve the detrimental effects of the former pub's status. While restoring the pub has been suggested, it would likely not revitalize the area, given its previous underuse and community size. There is a consensus that moving on from past establishments and focusing on residential options with necessary parking provisions would better serve Long Riston's future.

People with "Other Views" said:

In conclusion, the community seeks a resolution for the building's future, favouring its transformation into a hub for small businesses or a communal space, while ensuring sufficient parking and maintaining village character, rather than expanding the pub, which may not be viable.

20 People score 1-4:

The opposition to the Pear Tree solar farm underscores the importance of preserving agricultural land for food production. Many residents are concerned about the long-term negative impacts on the community, environment, and local wildlife, emphasizing the need for balanced energy solutions that do not jeopardize farmland.

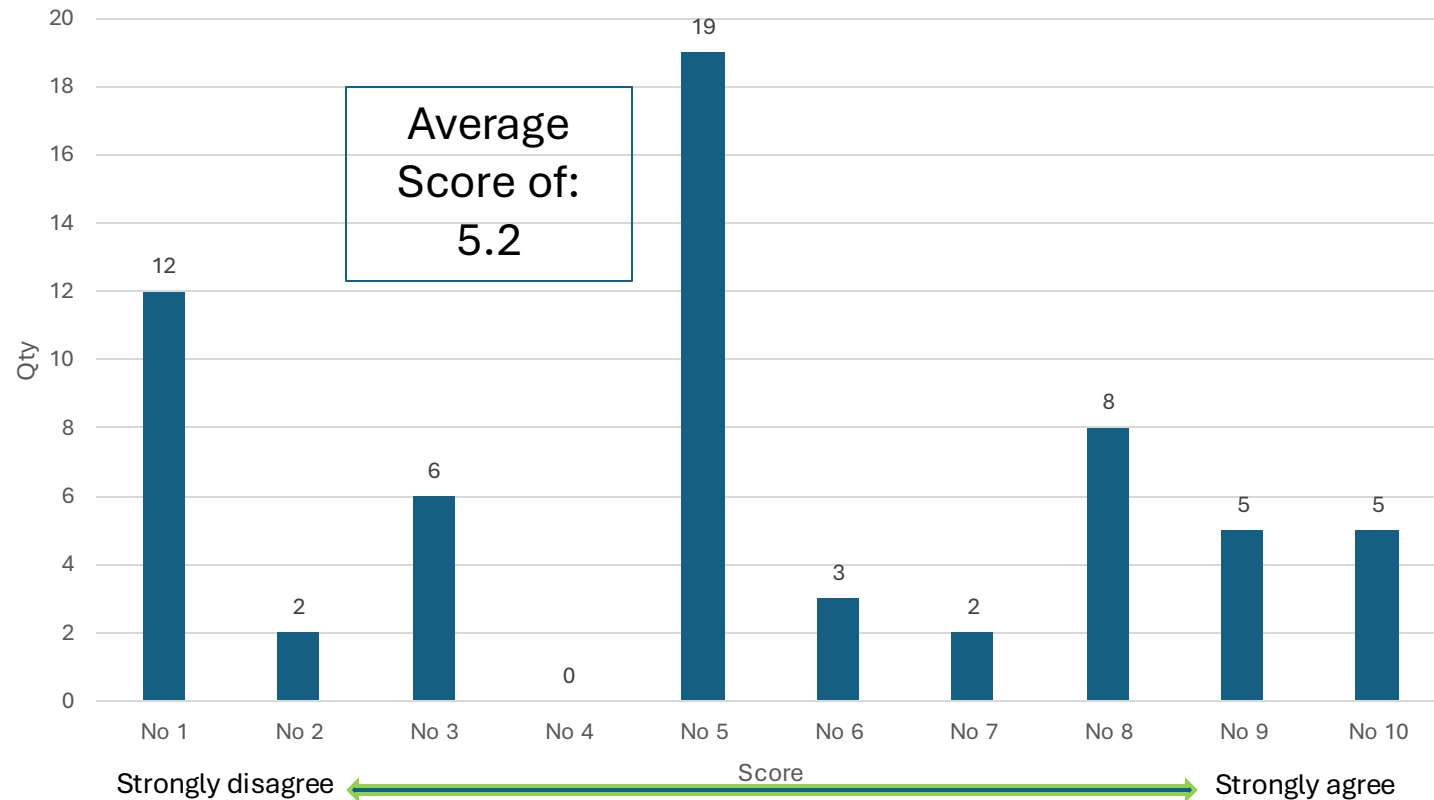
22 People score 5-6:

While there is consensus in favour of renewable energy development, some have reservations about its scale or lack thereof. A need for more information and better consultation exists to balance progress with local interests.

20 People score 7-10:

Embracing renewable energy initiatives is essential for securing grants and improving village facilities, while also contributing to a sustainable future. Community support is vital, and we must prioritize actions against climate change, ensuring that benefits are realized, including promised accessibility improvements.

Q10 - How do you feel about Renewables?

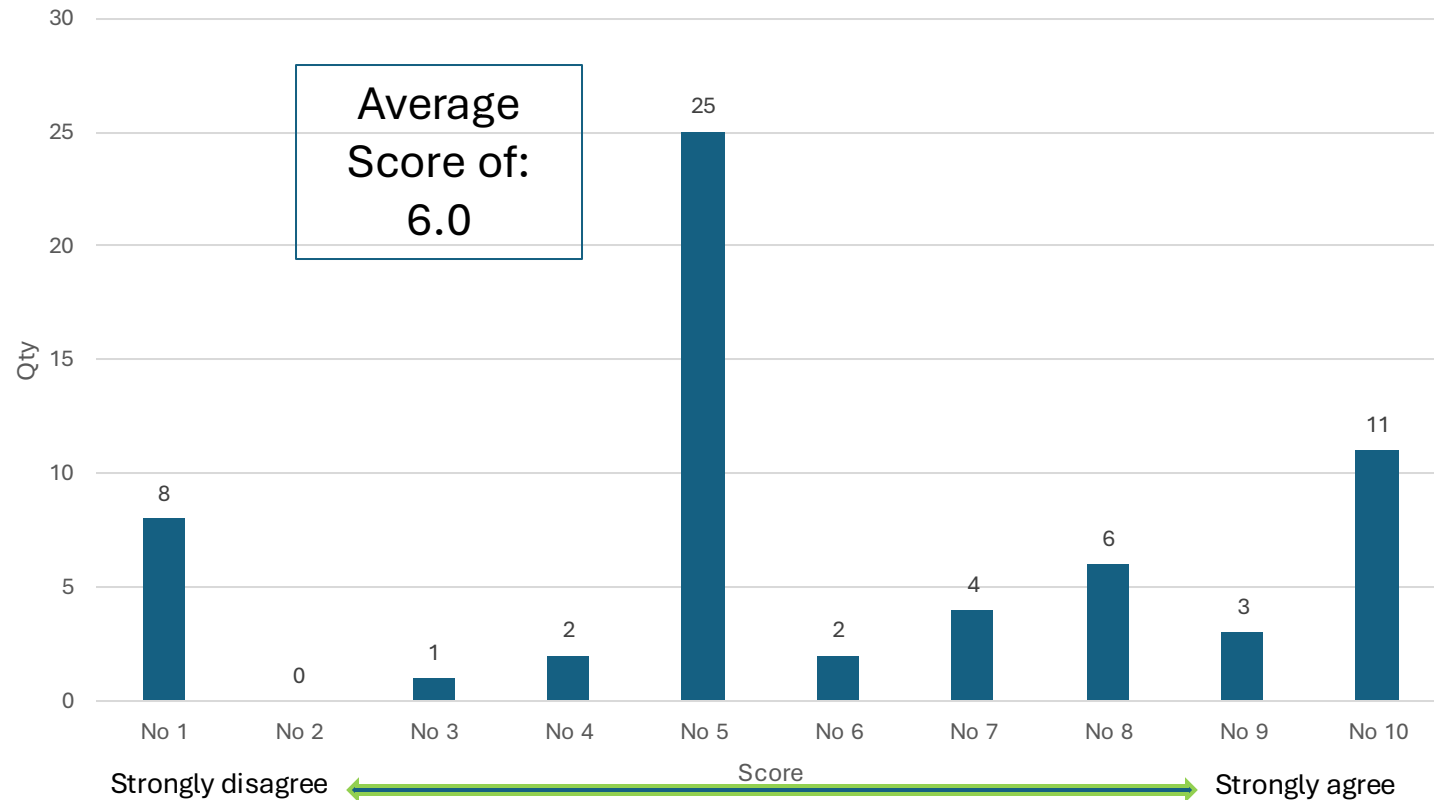


The Council's comments: The feedback was *broadly* split equally:

- **1/3 (20) scored 1-4** – 9719 said: Net zero Climate change do not exists. We need farm land for food, utterly despicable.
- **1/3 (22) scored 5-6** - 8089 said: Can see the benefits but it may be an eye sore.
- **1/3 (20) scored 7-10** - 4667 said: It is necessary for a sustainable future.

Q11 - Do you feel you'd be listened to regarding Planning

In conclusion, there is a sentiment of distrust towards the impartiality of the Parish Council from some people regarding planning applications, with some residents feeling their concerns are often overlooked in favor of personal connections and preferences. Many express discomfort in attending meetings, believing their voices will not be valued and fearing repercussions for differing opinions. Despite some hope for positive change with new council members, the fundamental issue remains that residents crave genuine representation and consideration in local planning decisions.



2383 said: The council does not listen to views outside of their own. This was evident on the Holderness hunt application and the yarrows application where councillors ignored the unanimous public opinion and voted for the schemes at meetings where the Yarrows application and the Holderness Hunt application received unanimous public objection and yet were supported by Councillor.exemplified when planning applications like those from yarrows

9413 said: I feel the member of the PC will be open about my views however have felt members of the public have been quite aggressive and intimidating when people voice opinions which differ to theirs - also videoing others in attendance (not PC members)

2869 said: I feel that way now because I know who I am going to be talking to without fear of being linched.

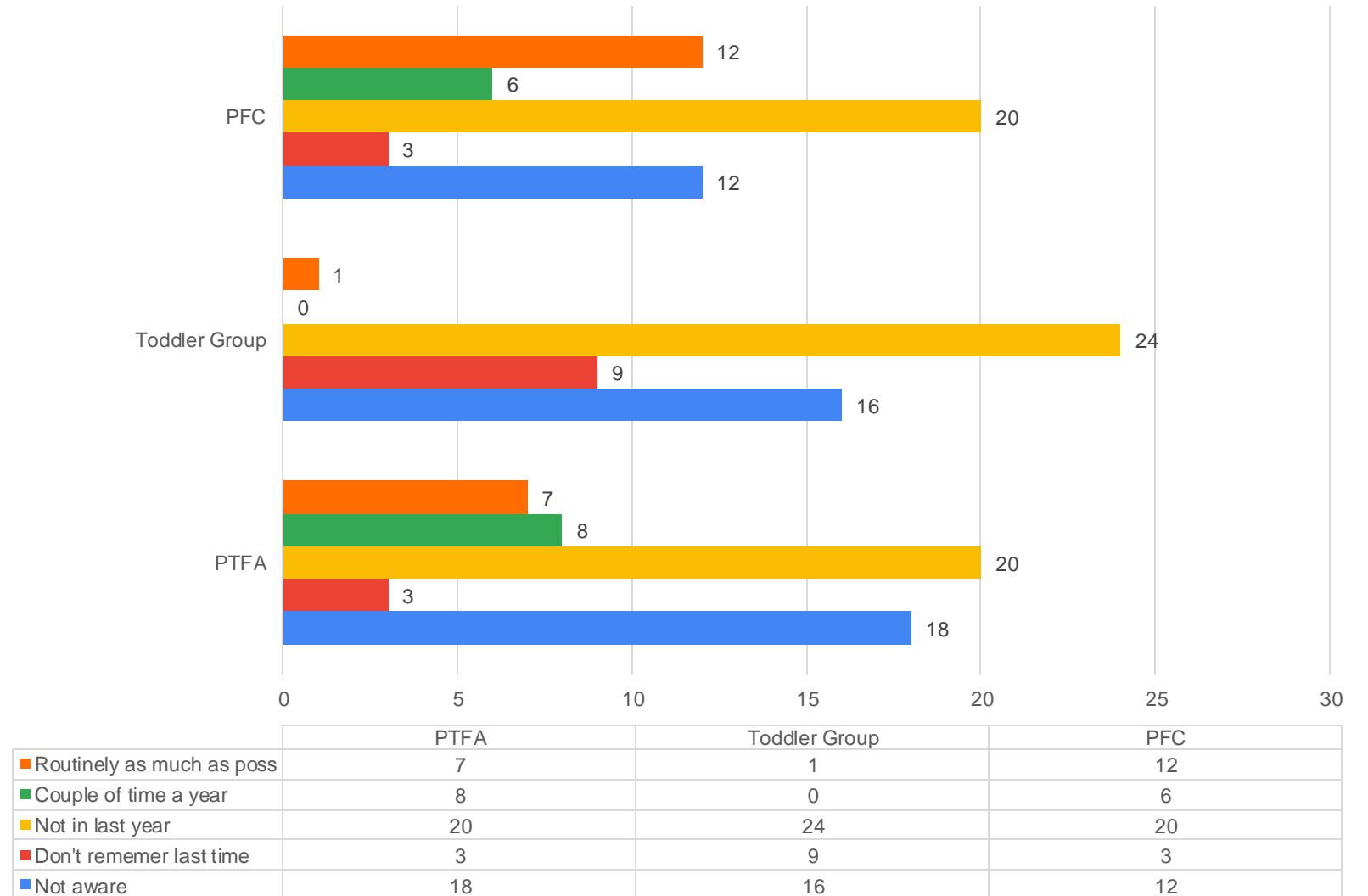
The Council said: In hindsight, this was a poorly-structured question that proved too difficult to derive any accurate and meaningful information from.

Notwithstanding this, the results show that the PFC events/facilities are/were the most attended (38 responses), the PTFA events second (35) and the Toddler Group was the least attended/aware (25).

The data also then shows most people “Not Aware” of the PTFA , which conflicts slightly.

Other events mentioned by respondents were Coffee Mornings, Youth Groups, Flower Arranging, Craft & Company and Young Farmers.

Are you aware of the following Groups & Communities and if so how often do you attend their events or use their facilities?



■ Routinely as much as poss
 ■ Couple of time a year
 ■ Not in last year
 ■ Don't rememer last time
 ■ Not aware

What other facilities and features of Riston and Arnold would you like the Parish Council to improve?

The responses indicated, the community's desires for improvements in village amenities and safety are clear and numerous. Key suggestions include enhancing lighting at the Astro for evening play, the transformation of underutilized spaces into a 4G football pitch, and the introduction of more recreational facilities for younger residents. Residents emphasize the need for regular maintenance of public areas, including litter management, street cleaning, and hedge trimming, to ensure a pleasant environment. Increased engagement with the local school is vital for fostering pride and responsibility among children, which can help shape a positive future for the community. Traffic calming measures, improved parking solutions, and better conditions for footpaths and curbs are critical for safety, particularly around schools. There's also a call for a stronger voice from the Parish Council, ensuring transparency and responsiveness to residents' concerns and enhancing community events and gatherings. Ideas such as outdoor exercise equipment, festivals, and better signage are aimed at not only beautifying the village but also strengthening community ties. Addressing these concerns presents an opportunity for the Parish Council to establish a proactive partnership with residents and local organizations, ultimately leading to a more vibrant and safer village.



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What did people think of the Questionnaire.

- In conclusion, the community engagement initiative has sparked varied reactions among residents, with many appreciating the opportunity to express their views and emphasizing the importance of regular consultations. While some praise the effort, others critique aspects like the questionnaire's accuracy, costs, and representation. There are suggestions for improvement, including the need for clearer, shorter surveys and better feedback mechanisms. Overall, residents value being heard but are concerned about the potential oversight of negative feedback and the inclusivity of all community voices.

2883 said: Good idea. Kudo to those who produced it. Maybe repeat every 2 years? We'd recommend having the opportunity to complete. Names and addresses for those happy to do so with the opportunity for anonymity for those wanting it.

5231 said: I think it's great reaching out to residence to get their views. For 8 years living in the village, we have never had anything like this.

6767 said: Very good and is great to see the new councillors taking and interest in the residents views.

7899 said: Well produced but what about the costs?! Summary at the beginning clear and good idea. Like most questionnaires hard to answer accurately!

1721 said: A useful survey. It's results will be of interest.

5801 said: It only scratches the surface of the real issues in the village, I believe that any or all negative feedback and comments will be disregarded and ignored as not to upset the 'click' of the self serving council.

7283 said: Waste of time!

8735 said: Biased toward Long Riston, Arnold forgotten.

What other questions would you like to have been asked?

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- •Key questions have been asked.
- •Is parking opposite junctions okay?
- •Happy with the selection in this document.
- •Maybe just a final chance to add/raise any other ideas or concerns.
- •We will find out the results of this survey.
- •Cannot think of any
- •"Question 7 additional comments: A reduced speed limit on the A165 will not help the village in any form. However a full 20mph village limit, will hopefully deter the idiots in their executive cars speeding along. Riston is another Walkington waiting to happen.
- •Question 8 additional comments: Restoration of the duck pond is a momentous waste of council tax payers money, stop trying to emulate Bishop Burton or Burton Agnes, Riston will never be anything like those attractive and desirable villages. Similarly the ridiculously expensive Christmas tree, planted in the completely wrong place and an affront to non Christians who live in the village.
- •Additional comments: The council and local authority need to be getting to grips with properties that have hedges overgrown the footpaths, and have front gardens more like a builders yard than a residential house. "
- •Unsure
- •It would have been opportune to share some of the ongoing activities and share ideas for enhancing the parish.
- •Do you understand the role and remit of the Parish Council?"
- •N/A Why wasn't a location in Arnold given to leave questionnaires, we have a Pub, the Bay Horse. Who would have been available, I'm sure.
- •Can't think of any.
- o"1. **What local services or amenities do you feel are most in need of improvement or missing from the village (e.g., parks, public transport, healthcare, waste collection)?**
- o2. **What are the top three issues or concerns you have about the (e.g., traffic, safety, housing, environmental concerns)?**
- o3. **How would you rate the effectiveness of the council in addressing local issues, and how can we improve communication and transparency with residents?***
- o4. **What additional facilities or activities would you like to see provided for different groups within the community (e.g., youth, elderly, families)?**
- o5. **Would you be interested in participating in more community events or volunteering opportunities within the ? If so, what type of events would you prefer?"
- •Questions that focus on coming together as a community and having a sense of pride. This could be ideas for events and fundraising, or on how we can become one community that respects diversity but is inclusive of all.
- •what should happen the the overgrown hedge near the village hall. before the xmas tree is put up, you could not see the tree.

What other questions would you like to have been asked?

- The news letter is always too late. That's why I've missed it [horticultural show]
- •Why are you advertising for a caretaker, it will be cheaper to get a cleaning firm in. * I would also like an itemised list of where the money went.
- •Probably just a larger area for personal opinion - everyone likes to rant, vent + have their say!
- •How does the Council manage potential conflict of interest eg owning the Micro Pig yet sitting on the Council? the views of others are well known and do not reflect the ruling of many local residents views. How is conflict of interest managed.
- •2382 said: "Question 11 did not allow me to enter a full response. Please include this as my response. The Parish Council do not listen to views if they are not in line with those held by Councillors this was clearly evident at PC meetings where the yarrows, Holderness hunt and bridle path were discussed. In each case there was huge opposition in the room and yet some councillors still supported the applications. These councillors do not represent our community.
- •Who came up with the list of 4 priorities and 4 least priorities, they seem very obscure and may be described as whimsical in this age of austerity
- •Option of removing eye sore/over grown hedge in main st which distracts from all the handwork done to improve/enhance village verges
- •20mph speed limit for the whole village not just speed limit on main st.
- •none I thought it covered all areas
- •Should give you some good feedback
- •any other complaints of issues.
- •Enough here for a start
- •Some kind of an annual celebration / event run by the PC would be good to bring people together
- •Face to face consultation (1:1)
- •"Questions:
 - O What do you value most about living in Riston and Arnold?
 - o If the council hold events in the future would you consider volunteering?
 - o What events would you like to attend?
 - o Do you think litter and littering in and around the villages is an issue?
- •We have a number of adults in our household with differing opinions. It would have been helpful to be able to capture these different opinions in our responses. Going with the middle ground for each question does not give a valid or accurate representation of each person's opinion. This then brings the accuracy of the survey into question. Please consider how this might be achieved in your next survey."

A final word.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the questionnaire. This was a first for this Parish, so many lessons were learnt. Care has been taken to try and avoid this report being seen as a political vehicle. Of the 62 replies received, not everyone makes a comment about each question and the responses that are published are selected to try and portray a fair balance of the views submitted.



It is however evident that there is a *strength of feeling* in the community around some emotive topics and this didn't go unnoticed.



A reminder that the "Questionnaire Results" report is built around what *you, the respondents*, said to us. These are **not** the words of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank the Newsletter volunteers for delivering the questionnaires and also the owners and staff of the Micro Pig and Oasis Garage for allowing us to use their premises as 'drop-off points' – we are very grateful for your support – thank you!

