

# Mayfield Parish Council Community Survey 2021

## Your Views – The Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parish Council survey

### 1 Overview

This report provides an analysis of the Community Survey 2021, organised by Mayfield Parish Council. This is the first community survey to be conducted in recent years. The results of the survey will be used to formulate the Parish Council's business plan setting out priorities for the village over the next three years 2022 – 2025. The survey was conducted as one method of engaging residents to help define and design local priorities and policies and influence Council decision-making in areas that impact on their lives.

612 surveys were distributed and 128 completed survey forms were returned representing a 21% response rate. (86 forms were returned to Mayfield stores, 35 forms to Scraggs garage and 7 forms returned in Church.)

### 2 Characteristics of people completing the survey

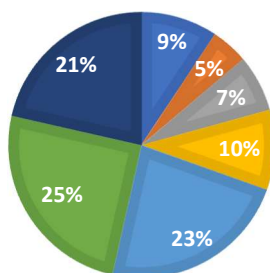
Five questions were asked to describe the characteristics of people completing the survey to determine numbers of respondents, gender, age group and length of time in the village.

**Question 1** asked for the number of people completing the survey and their relationship to each other for each household responding. 251 individuals participated in completing the 128 forms. Not all individuals answered every question.

**Question 2** asked respondents to identify their gender. Of the 251 individuals, 134 were female (53.4%), and 113 were male (45%), with 4 (1.6%) not responding to this question. **Question 3** identified the age profile of respondents. The age profile of respondents was as follows:

#### AGE PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

■ 0-15 ■ 16-24 ■ 25-34 ■ 35-49 ■ 50-64 ■ 65-74 ■ 75+

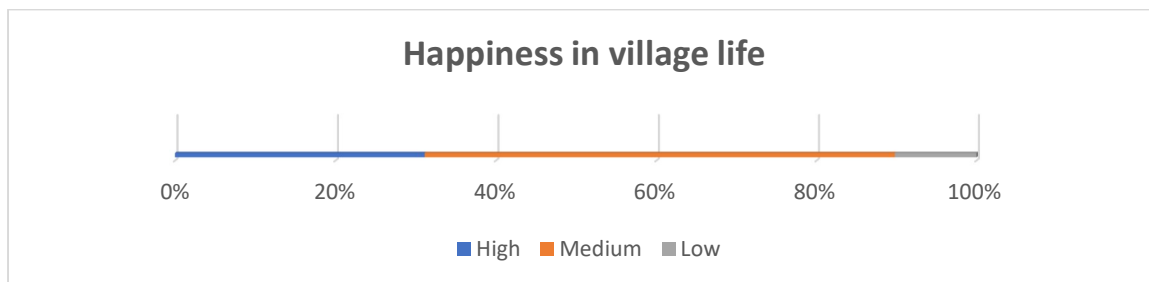


**Question 4** asked ‘How many years have you lived in the village?’

247 responses were received for this question. 51% of respondents had lived in the village for more than 20 years, 21% more than 10 years and 28% under 10 years.

**Question 5** asked respondents to ‘Rate your happiness based on village life’.

244 responses were received for this question. Over 89% rated their engagement as High or Medium with 10.2% rating their engagement as low.



Of those responding to low engagement, 60% were male and 40% were female.

52% were over the age of 35, with 48% being under 35 years. The highest groups indicating low engagement were 16-24 years, and 50-64 years.

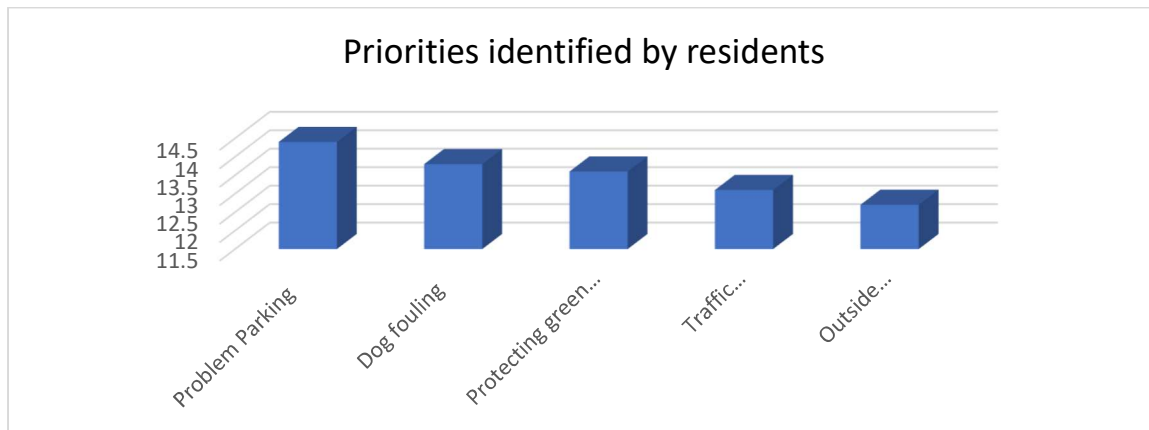
### 3 Priorities identified by respondents

**Question 6** asked ‘What 3 issues would you most like the Council to prioritise in the next 3 years, in rank order?’

648 responses were received for Question 6. **You said the top three issues were:**

- Problem parking (93 responses)
- Dog fouling (89 responses)
- Protecting green spaces (88 responses)

High responses were also received for traffic management/speeding; outside activity/space for children.



**Question 7** asked ‘How important are the following facilities to the people in your household, in rank order?’

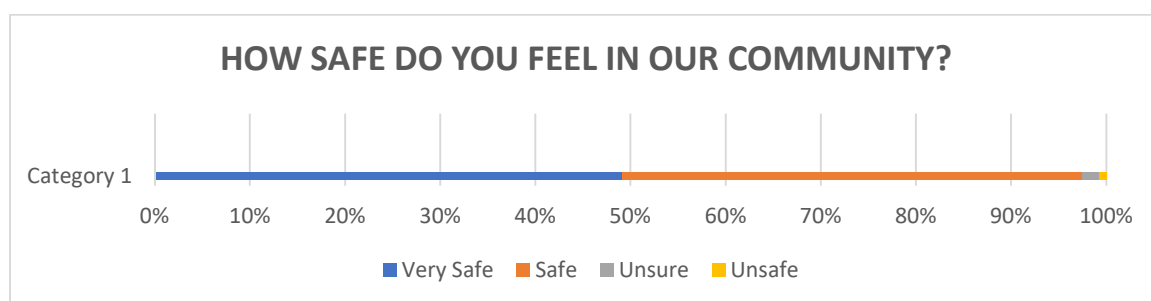
176 responses were received placing facilities in rank order. **You said:**

First place highest responses	Second place highest responses
1 Good public transport	1 Village Hall
2 Village Hall	2 Village based clubs for children
3 Children’s play area	3 Place of worship

**Question 8** asked ‘How safe do you feel in our community?’

240 responses were received for this question. Respondents overwhelmingly indicated that they feel very safe/safe in the village.

**You said:** 49.1% (118) felt very safe, 48.3% (116) felt safe, with 1.7% (4) not sure and 0.8% (2) responses feeling unsafe. The unsafe responses were both female in the 65-74 age group.



**Question 9** asked ‘Which, if any, are issues on your street?’

426 responses were recorded for this question. **You said** the top three issues affecting residents across the village, identified in all postcodes are:

- Problem parking 25.8%
- Speeding cars 24.8%
- Dog fouling 24.1%

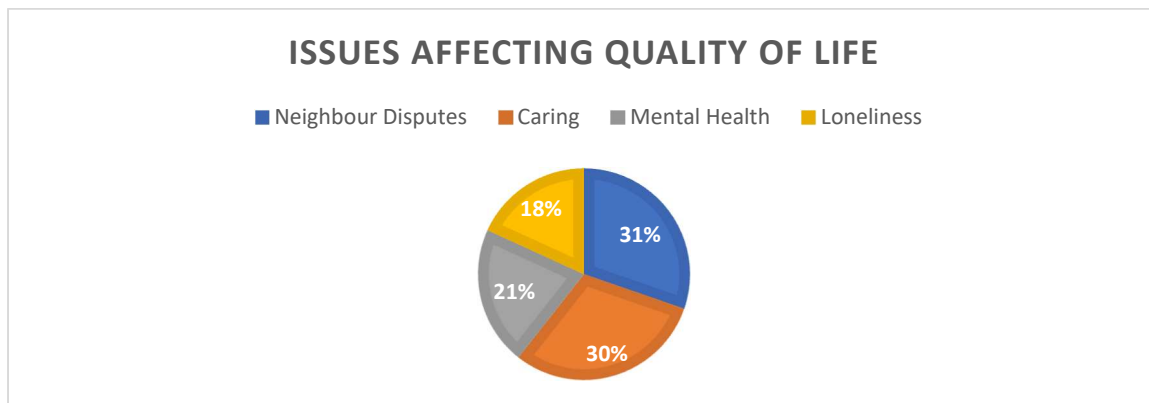
**You said** additional issues identified in areas of the village include:

Conygree Lane, Weirside, Mayfield Terrace, Meadowside, Church Lane – Traffic management HGVs to mill, nuisance neighbours, light pollution, unlawful developments, bad smells
Bridge Hill – Traffic management, noise and pollution
Piccadilly Lane, Hollow Lane – noise related to holiday lets, nuisance neighbours
Main Road – Anti-social behaviour, vandalism, traffic management and noise
Moorlands Drive, Churnet Close – problem parking especially on Moorland Drive close to Main Road limiting access; The Park – parking close to Main Road

**Question 10** asked 'What has a negative effect on your quality of life?'

This question provided an indication of issues affecting the quality of life for people in the village. There were 114 responses to question 14. **You said:**

Neighbourhood disputes 31%; Caring for elderly 30%; Mental Health 21%; Loneliness 18%

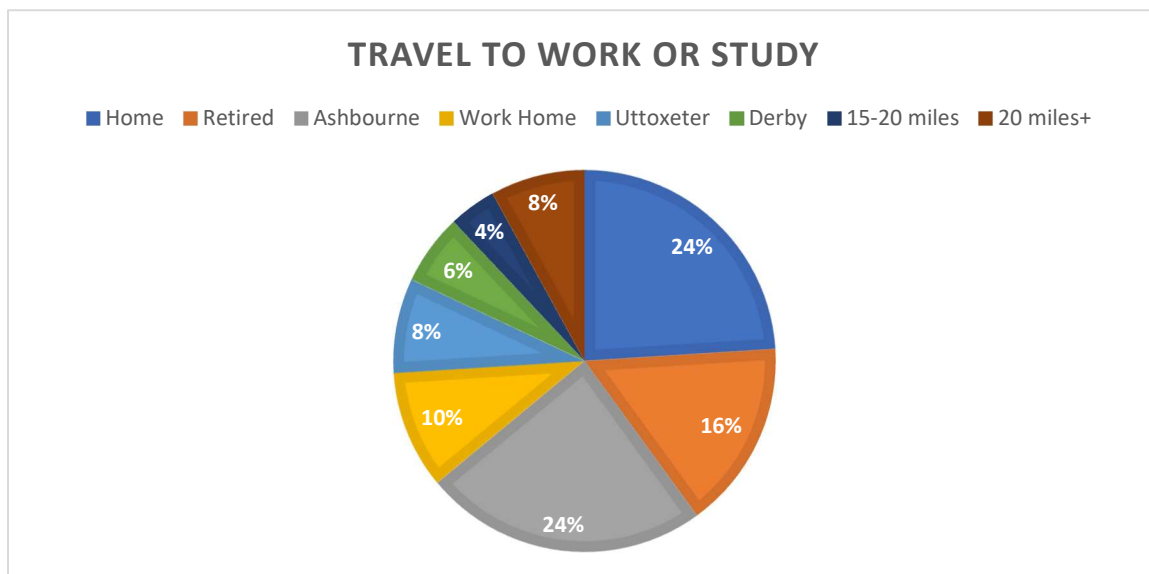


#### 4 Travel patterns

Residents were asked to indicate their travel pattern and mode of travel to work or to study. Two questions were asked.

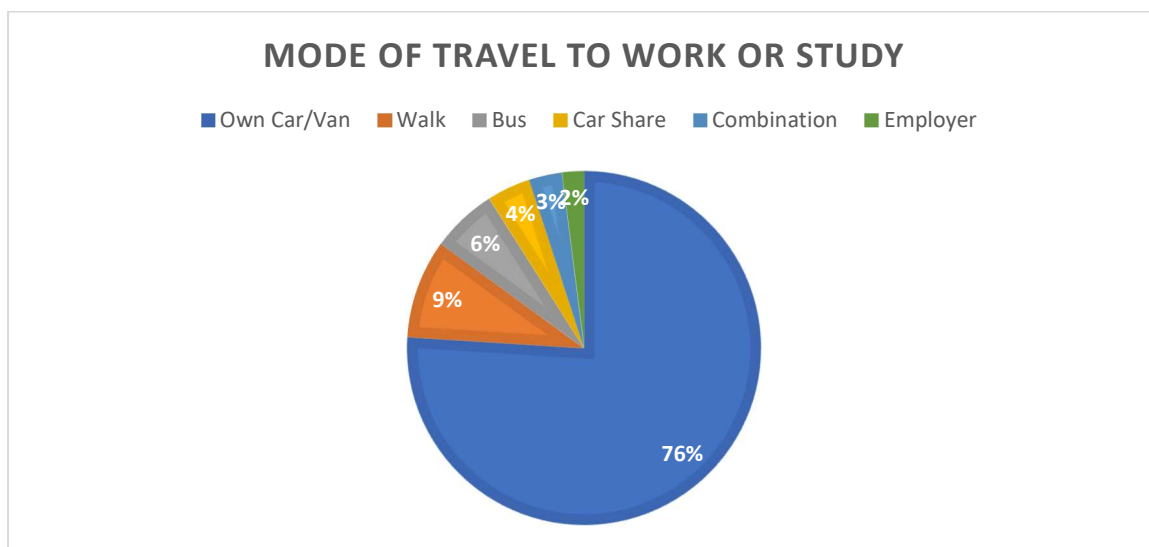
**Question 11** asked 'How far do you travel to your main place of work or study?'

187 responses were received for Q11. Of these 24% stated they stayed at home in Mayfield. A further 16% stated they were retired. 24% of respondents travel to work in Ashbourne; 10% of respondents work from home; 8% of respondents travel to work in Uttoxeter and 8% also travel more than 20 miles away to work. Under 4% travel between 15 to 20 miles to work and over 6% of respondents travel to Derby to work.



**Question 12** asked 'How do you travel to your main place of work or study?'

Responses to this question indicate that 76% of residents use their own car or van to travel to work. Only 9% stated they walk to work; 6% stated they use the bus; just under 4% of residents responding car share and 3% recorded a combination of all forms of transport. Just over 2% stated their employer provided transport. No respondent reported that they cycled to their main place of work or study.



**5 Other issues and themes reported in the surveys**

**Question 13** asked residents 'What improvements or benefits would you like future developments and changes to bring to the community which you have not already listed?'

Respondents provided comments in respect of this question and to other questions. All these responses have been clustered into recurring themes and issues. **You said:**

**Traffic issues**

- Reliable local bus service/access to transport
- Parking by old school is dangerous
- Speeding and speed limits; speed cameras
- Reduce speed limit to 20 mph
- Better signage/reduce unnecessary signage
- Enforcement of speed limits
- Reduce number of HGVs in village
- Integrated traffic management with neighbouring villages/speed gates reinforcing limits like Ellastone
- Traffic calming
- Can grass bank at East View provide more parking

## **Environmental issues**

- Street cleaning/road sweeps
- More waste bins – Slack Lane
- Keep drains clear/flooding issues
- Footpaths and walkways maintenance
- Footpath repair above River Dove at Fox Holes
- Extend footpath past Birdsgrove House to Upper Mayfield
- Footpath between Gallowstree Lane and Mayfield
- Restore closed footpath at Field Head
- Street lighting by Weirside and Meadowside
- Hydro electric turbines at Mayfield Yarns
- Electric car charging points
- Noise pollution before/after normal hours
- Eyesore on Church Lane
- Tighten planning controls/stop unlawful development

## **Community life**

- More information about local events
- Information on how to access domestic/home help
- Enjoy all community events – Halloween train, Advent windows
- Bring back well dressings
- Make Mayfield more accessible (disabilities)
- Hanging baskets; Christmas decorations
- Mayfield in Bloom
- Wild flower grass verges
- Grass cuttings left to blow about

### **Animal fouling and related issues**

- Dog fouling/horse fouling/cat fouling – more waste bins
- Lack of bins on Piccadilly Lane, Church gate
- Issue fines
- Dog walkers wear high viz jackets
- Dog walkers - carry torches

### **Community spaces and events**

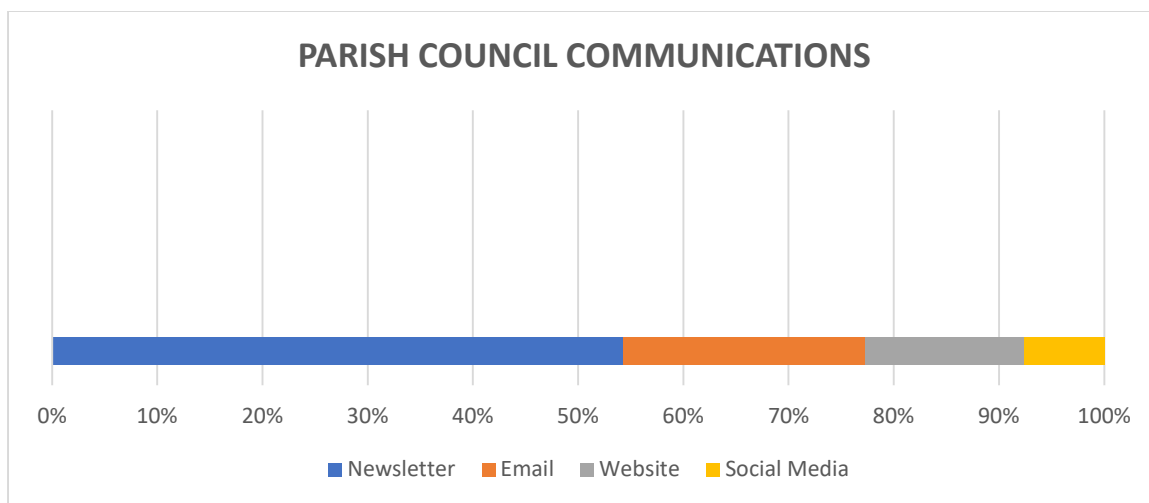
- What are the plans for the school building
- Could it be used for community events; café, clubs
- Education facility – adult education and training; beginners to advance courses
- Village based courses/clubs for adults
- Village based clubs for children
- Fitness classes for adults and children
- Allotments
- A park for people to walk and sit in
- More benches
- Use of outdoor gym – ‘White Elephant’
- Use of playing field – not just for football
- Playing field – unlit and dangerous
- Position of current play areas are not safe for children
- Remove old toilet block on playing fields and replace or provide seating area

### **Parish Council communications**

Residents were asked for their preference in receiving updates and news from the Parish Council.

**Question 14** asked ‘**How would you prefer to receive Council updates and news?**’

Respondents were largely in favour of some form of printed newsletter. 144 responses were received. **You said:** 54% (78) in favour of a printed newsletter, 23% (33) in favour of email, 15% (22) in favour of using the website and 7.6% (11) in favour of using social media.



Additional comments received referred to issuing a newsletter in the Parish Magazine and posting a newsletter on the village noticeboards.

## 7 Next Steps

<b>2022</b>	
January	Mayfield Parish Council reviews the survey analysis and agrees publication of results; Survey results distributed to every household and on parish council website
February	Mayfield Parish Council reviews and agrees 3 year development plan including priorities for Mayfield
February/March	Mayfield Parish Council publishes 3 year development plan; project priorities and funding strategy
March	Funded projects to achieve priorities in 3 year development plan get underway
During 2022	Mayfield Parish Council continues to review funding priorities and the progress and impact of village projects Councillors hold meetings with community groups (via Zoom, small groups, one to one) to review the 3 year plan, priorities and projects, as Covid restrictions allow

January 2022