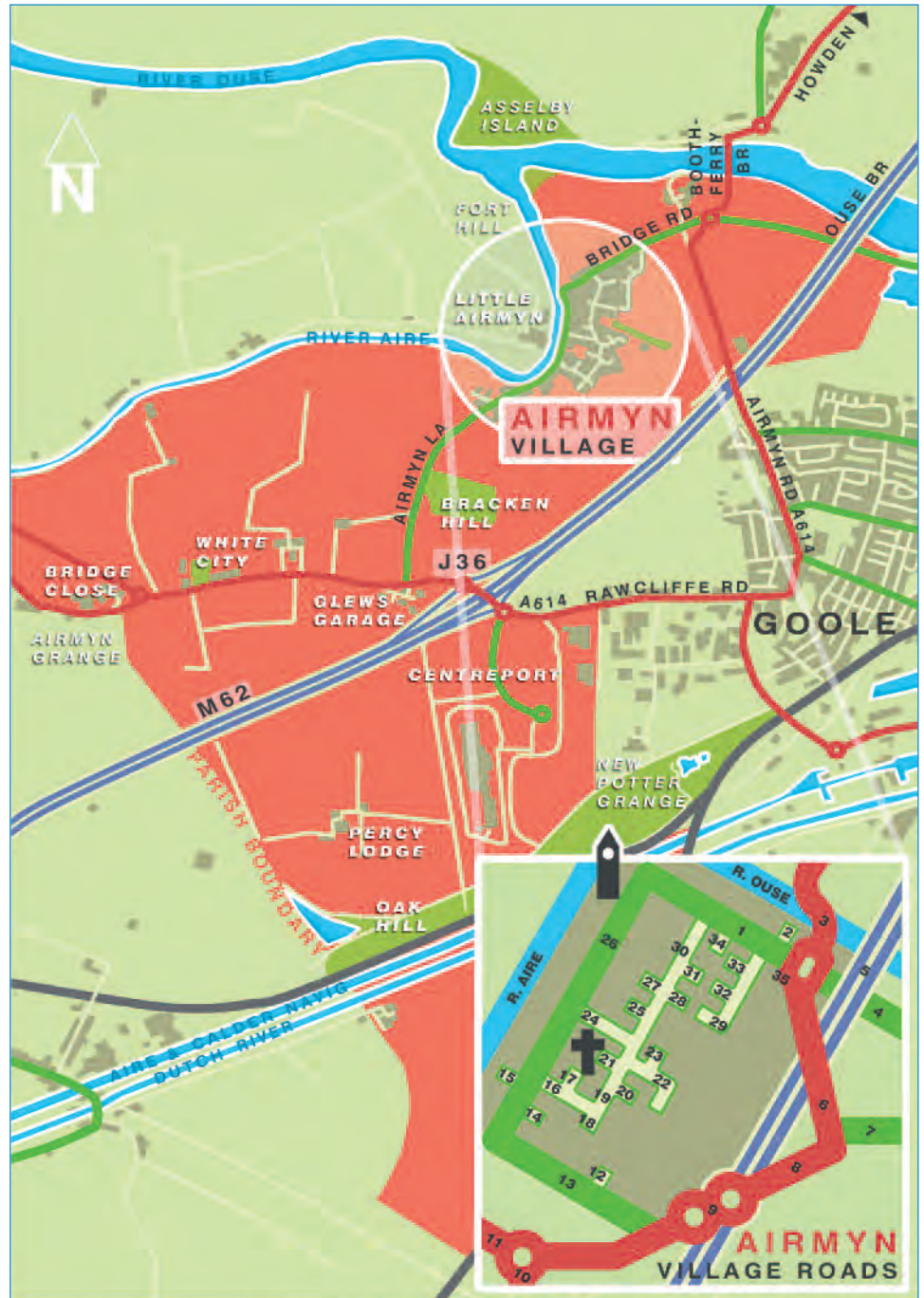




Airmyn Parish Plan

Where is Airmyn?

Airmyn is a small village in the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is approximately two miles northwest of Goole, 21 miles northeast of Doncaster, 22 miles southeast of York, 26 miles west of Hull and 34 miles east of Leeds.



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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Bridge Road | 10 Rawcliffe Rd A614 | 19 Parsons Walk | 28 Percy Drive |
| 2 Ferry Lane | 11 A645 | 20 Parsons Close | 29 Beech Avenue* |
| 3 Boothferry Br | 12 Bracken Hill (Tip) | 21 St David's View | 30 Park Road |
| 4 Hook Lane | 13 Airmyn Lane | 22 Woodland Way | 31 Chestnut Avenue |
| 5 M62 | 14 Wood View* | 23 Courts Close | 32 Beech Ave (cont)* |
| 6 Airmyn Road | 15 Corn Hill* | 24 The Paddock | 33 Beech Grove* |
| 7 Boothferry Road | 16 The Crossings | 25 Park Close | 34 Walker's Close |
| 8 Rawcliffe Road | 17 Church View | 26 High Street | 35 Stack Yard |
| 9 Junction 36, M62 | 18 Crossings (cont) | 27 Hall Close | *(unadopted) |

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List of recommendations resulting from the questionnaire

Scattered throughout this Parish Plan are a number of recommendations which have arisen from the responses in the questionnaire. The full list of these is as follows:

Recommendation 1.1:

Feedback regarding the use of St David's church to be passed on to the vicar, the Rev. Geoff Hollingsworth.

Recommendation 1.2:

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council's highways department that issues relating to traffic regulation, lack of parking, congestion, cycle lanes, lorries and speeding had been identified as problems.

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Information regarding tree planting is to be passed on to the parish council with a recommendation that it approaches landowners about planting on the roadside between the tip and Glews Garage.

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Comments regarding the provision of a footpath from the tip to Glews Garage to be passed to the parish council.

Recommendation 2.1: The steering committee to approach McDonald's to sponsor any new litter bins.

Background



The questionnaire was launched at Airmyn Village Gala in July 2006 (top, above and below).



In 2005, in response to a Government initiative, Airmyn Parish Council decided to take the first steps towards creating a formal Parish Plan.

An application for grant assistance was made to the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council and in December of that year we were informed that our application had been successful.

In January 2006 work began on putting together a timetable of events and in March two public meetings were held in the village hall. The focal point of these meetings was a 3D model of the parish of Airmyn, created by the children of Airmyn Park Primary School.

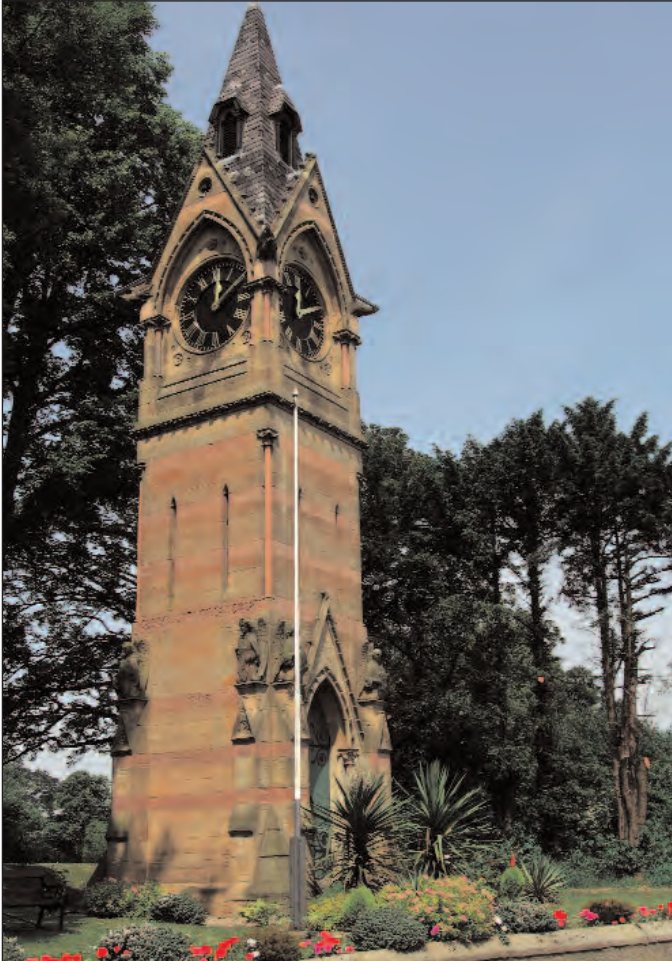
The meetings, which were very well attended, sought to gather the views of residents: what they thought of the parish, any improvements they would like to see, etc. Comments were collected on Post-It notes and arranged under different headings – eg. environment, community, services.

As a result of the public meetings a steering committee of volunteers was formed. The first meeting was held on 20 March 2006 and a constitution agreed.

The committee's first task was to gather the views of residents via a questionnaire. The issues raised in the Post-It notes which had been collected at the public meetings formed the basis of this questionnaire, which was launched with a stand at Airmyn Gala on 15 July and distributed to every household in the parish in July and August.

The questionnaires were collected during August and September, with an impressive 70% return rate recorded. The responses were collated and analysed, and the steering committee used the results to compile the final Parish Plan, as published here.

Introduction



In March 2005 Airmyn Parish Council initiated the Parish Plan Steering Committee, which was charged with consulting the community on the current state and future development of the parish.

One of the main conclusions identified in the Plan is that the residents of Airmyn want it to retain its village identity and environment. They are concerned for the future well-being of the parish and those who live here.

The major areas of action relate to:

- Addressing traffic and transport issues.
- Protection of the rural environment.
- Provision of suitable facilities for youth.
- Conservation of the parish.

This is your plan and its success depends on you to see it carried out.

John Bilton, Chairman,
Airmyn Parish Plan Steering Committee
January 2007



History of Airmyn



Its origins

It is Little Airmyn, on the opposite side of the river, which earns a mention in the Domesday Book of 1086. What became the main village of Airmyn was not started until 1135, shortly after the land had been granted to the monks of St Mary's Abbey, York, by King Henry I.

Its name

The main village was originally called Great Airmyn to distinguish it from Little Airmyn and it appeared on maps as such until the early 16th century, after which time it seemed to fade out. 'Airmyn' itself was spelt a number of ways until it settled down to become 'Armin' for quite a long time. Church registers show that it became Airmyn in 1855. 'Airmyn' simply means "the mouth of the Aire".

The growth of the village

The houses along the High Street, which form the heart of the original village, all radiate from the river – an indication of the dependence of the earliest inhabitants upon the Aire as a source of food, water, transport and building materials.

The church

Airmyn's first church was built in 1318. It was ruinous by 1674 and was replaced two years later by the nave section of the present-day church. This served as a chapel of ease until the chancel extension was added in 1884. The registers began in 1726 so baptisms, marriages and burials could be legitimately carried out at Airmyn.

Both Airmyn's churches have been dedicated to St David – and are unique in this respect in the Diocese of Sheffield and York.

The Percys and the Heber-Percys

From 1740 to 1865, the Airmyn estate was owned by the Percys of Northumbria. From 1865 until 1920 it was owned by the Heber-Percys of Hodnet Hall in Shropshire. Both families treated



Airmyn well until the economic climate forced the sale of the estate, in lots, at the end of the First World War.

The Airmyn Door

At one time, all the front doors of estate cottages along the High Street had the same ribbed design; narrow arches of applied strips of wood running vertically down the full height of the door. The design imitated that of the church door.



The Clock Tower

This imposing monument is the one single feature by which most people remember Airmyn. It was erected between 1866 and 1868 at the expense of the tenantry, as a mark of their respect for the departing Lord of the Manor George Percy, second Earl of Beverley. The reason it has only two faces is that the residents of Little Airmyn did not contribute to the cost.

The old school

Airmyn's original school was erected as a Sunday school in 1834, paid for by the Earl of Beverley. It very rapidly began to be used as a day school, one of the very earliest in the area. It only closed in 1991 and can still be seen next to the clock tower, with its original ecclesiastical windows fronting the High Street.

The Percy Arms

The village's only pub was called the Bay Horse Inn from the late 18th century until 1867, when it was renamed the Beverley Arms. This name only lasted for three or four years before it was changed again to the proud name it still holds.

Airmyn as a river port

Airmyn was a thriving river port between 1747 and 1778 after the Aire and Calder Navigation Company moved its base downriver from Rawcliffe. The water at Airmyn was deeper, which allowed large vessels to berth there and unload their cargoes into smaller boats or on to Airmyn's foreshore.

Some of the houses along the High Street were originally warehouses. There was no riverbank to impede operations in those days as tides did not run as high as they do today.

Farming

Airmyn has always been primarily a farming parish. It became noted for producing huge quantities of wheat and potatoes, much of this for the London market.

Airmyn men were at the forefront of pioneering and refining the technique of warping: the deliberate but controlled flooding of infertile land with river water to allow layers of silt to be deposited. This allowed the natural fertility of fields nearest the river to be extended to more distant agricultural land.

Airmyn today

Today, Airmyn has a population of about 800, living in 330-plus households. According to the most recent Census (taken in 2001), the majority of residents (292) are aged between 45 and 64, followed by 179 in the 25-44 age range. In 2001 there were 33 under-4s, 83 children aged 5-15, 72 people in the 16-24 category, and 136 people aged 65 or over (of these, 57 were 75 or older).

The parish has a thriving primary school, which is able to accommodate some 100 pupils; a pub; village hall; church; several businesses; and good public transport links to the nearby towns of Goole and Selby.

Badminton

After school clubs

Biking

Crafts

Community involvement

Debating

Cricket

Discos

Go-karting

Football

Dancing

Gym

Music

Shelter

Paintball

Netball

Pool

Roller-disco

Youth club

Drama

Rugby

Scouts

Playgroup

Scrabble

Tennis

Squash

Volleyball

Walks

Recreation

Table-tennis

Skateboarding

Suggestions for youth activities (the bigger the text, the more popular the activity)

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Services – Retail

Airmyn's village shop and post office – both situated in one building on the High Street – closed in July 2006. The questionnaire sought people's responses on how often they had used the facility.

The shop itself was used more than the post office, with a greater number of parishioners using the shop regularly. Of 463 responses, 244 people used the shop at least once a week or more. 163 people used the shop once a month, or almost never or never.

Of 454 people who responded to the question about the post office, 143 used it once a week or more and 213 people used it once a month, or almost never or never. A significant number of respondents felt it was very important (45%) or important (30%) to have a village shop and/or post office. A further 16.7% felt it was slightly important.

Services – Youth

From 486 responses, 169 felt there were not enough appropriate activities for young people in the parish. It was interesting to note that only a relatively small number of households had young people as members of the family, yet a significant number of people felt strongly about the issue of facilities for young people.

Only 40 people felt that there were enough activities for young people.

Suggestions for additional activities included basketball, mountain biking, walking, swimming, general fitness activities, street dancing and horse riding. Other organised activities were also suggested, including a youth club and more outside facilities such as a football pitch, a tennis court, a BMX track and a skateboard park.



Reading
group

History
group

Roller hockey

Advertise

Yoga

Pilates

Playgroup

Basketball

Auctions

School holiday
activities

Netball

Evening
classes

Better
acoustics

Oldies'
group

Fitness

Indoor
bowling

Roller
disco

Horse riding

Children's
activities

Street
dance

Cricket

Discos

Debate

Table
tennis

Pool

George Dales
Room functions

Youth
club

Scrabble

Cinema

Family
activities

Volleyball

Heating

Dancing

Farmers' market

Gym

Tennis

Indoor football

Music

Whist

Aerobics

Theatre group

Suggestions for activities
at the village hall



Services – General

It was rewarding to note from the results of the questionnaire that the *Airmyn News* is an effective way of communicating notices to the parish (91.3% of respondents said they read it). It is published monthly and distributed to every household in the parish – please continue to make use of it!

Although the majority of respondents (60.2%) had not attended St David's Church during 2005, an overwhelming number of people (85.1%) said they wanted it to remain open. Of those people who said they had visited the church in 2005, 112 said it was to attend a baptism, wedding or funeral; 106 people had attended the Christmas service; 65 people the harvest festival, and 43 the Easter service.

Recommendation 1.1: Feedback regarding the use of St David's Church to be passed on to the vicar, the Rev. Geoff Hollingsworth.



The village hall is quite well utilised, with 194 out of 499 respondents saying they use it. Suggestions for alternative uses of the hall included health and fitness (eg. yoga or pilates); entertainments; pre-school groups; social groups (games, debates, reading group, youth club, general interest); cinema nights and a youth club.

Recommendation 1.2: Suggestions for other uses of the village hall to be passed on to the Airmyn Memorial Hall committee for its consideration.

Tip traffic

Airmyn
Lane

Widen footpaths

High Street

Bus shelter
Flashing
30mph signs

Crossings
Speeding

More parking
bays

Remove
pinchpoint

Bridge Road

Park Road

Tower
parking

Traffic
calming

Change Glews
roundabout

School
traffic

Speed cameras

Pub parking

Traffic issues

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Transport & traffic

Most people living in the parish of Airmyn use personal transport to get in and out of the village, with 78.8% using their own car, 11.2% using someone else's car, and 5.1% using a pedal cycle. Out of 499 responses, 48 said they used the local public transport.

Of those respondents who found it hard to get in and out of the village, the majority said the reason was either lack of public transport (40%), or lack of public transport to the desired location (35.4%).

There is a regular bus service to Goole and Selby, the timetable for which is published each month in the parish newsletter, *Airmyn News*, so it could be that people want to see services to other locations, such as Howden or Snaith.

Recommendation 1.3: A more in-depth survey needs to be done to find out where people want to go.

People were asked to consider the issue of traffic problems within the parish. Traffic regulation (159 responses) and a lack of parking (104) were identified as particular problems, along with general congestion (90), a need for cycle lanes (88), and lorries (87). Speeding was also an area of concern for residents, with one example of the comments received being to introduce a 50mph limit from Glews Garage to the Drax link road.

Recommendation 1.4: Put forward to the East Riding council's highways department that the above issues had been identified as problems.

Recommendation 1.5: Approach an independent body as to the best way of addressing these issues.



Boothferry Bridge signs

Prune trees

Bird feeders

Dog fouling

Clean steps

Glews footbridge

Stop motorbikes

Stop pushbikes

Airmyn Road footpath

Wildlife viewing hide

Litter bins

Drainage

Tidy

Council assume responsibility

Widen footpath

Stop walking

Bins

Information board

Sow wild flowers

Kissing gate – poor access

Lighting

Mend stile

Cut grass more

Cut grass less

Leave natural

Picnic tables

School house

Suggestions for riverbank improvements



Environment

The general consensus among respondents was that more trees and/or hedgerows should be planted along the riverbank, with 72% in favour of extra planting, and 28% felt there were sufficient trees and hedgerows within the parish.

The majority of people want to see them on the riverbank, although several respondents wanted them on the roadside between the tip and Glews Garage, and some to replace dead or diseased trees. A number of people wanted to see planting at both entrances to the village.

Recommendation 1.6: This information is to be passed on to the parish council with a recommendation that it approaches landowners about planting on the roadside between the tip and Glews Garage.



An overwhelming number of responses were made to the question regarding riverbank improvements. Out of the 789 responses made, 234 wanted better footpaths, 193 wanted more trees and flowers, 185 wanted more litter bins and 131 wanted to see better access for disabled people.

Comments about other aspects of the riverbank related to seating, dog waste/bins, grass cutting, general cleanliness/tidiness and the provision of a nature reserve/wildlife sanctuary.

Recommendation 1.7: To ask the parish council to continue to investigate the provision of litter bins and dog bins.

Recommendation 1.8: To ask the parish council to present the full list of responses to the Environment Agency and the local authority.

Boothferry Bridge drainage
 Sympathetic planning
 Pro wind turbines
 Traffic one-way system
 Dogs on leads

Squirrels on increase
 Tippers' detritus
 Village hall noise

Drainage
 Drax concerns

Airmyn Lane
 footpath

Wind farm screening Fly tipping

Traffic rat run

McDonald's
 rubbish

Grass cutting
 White City
 neighbourhood watch

Speeding

More footpaths

Consider village
 periphery

Young families'
 housing

More recycling

Litter
 Nest boxes

Livestock in gardens

Care for new planting

Sewage works concerns
 M62 noise Village feel

Dog waste

Reduce waste paper

Surface Park
 Road
 Restore High Street

Traffic volume

Traffic parking

Riverside pruning

More street lighting

Roundabouts upkeep

Second post box

Environmental
 issues

Parish Plan

Environment

Bracken Hill – the wooded area behind Airmyn tip – has for many years been managed by the Woodland Trust. In 2013 responsibility for the site is expected to be passed back to the village. Some 134 people responded to the section in the questionnaire which asked what Bracken Hill should be used for in future. Several people wanted to see it become a nature reserve (18), a wildlife haven (17) or a conservation area (9). More than 30 people wanted to see it used for leisure activities – such as a cycle/BMX track or a woodland footpath – with public access.

Recommendation 1.9: Because of the site's previous use as a general tip – and therefore the possible unstable nature of what lies below the ground – advice should be sought from the appropriate agency.



Regarding the provision of more litter bins in the parish, 195 people wanted them sited in High Street (132 outside the pub in particular), and 125 outside the village hall. Some 76 people wanted to see more bins in Park Road, 62 in The Paddock, 39 in Wood View and 42 in other areas.

Other environmental issues that respondents expressed concern about included the need for a footpath from the tip to Glews Garage, dog mess and litter from McDonald's.

Recommendation 2.0: Comments regarding the provision of a footpath from the tip to Glews Garage to be passed to the parish council.

Recommendation 2.1: The steering committee to approach McDonald's to sponsor any new litter bins.





Maintain farmland

Cricket pitch

Bridge path

Lychgate

Inappropriate
building

Crossings path

River
maintenance

Whole parish

Clock
tower

Village hall

Restrict height

Stop riverbank building

Bridge Close

High
Street

Hall

Infill housing

Freedom to
develop

Building ban
on Bridge Road

Church &
churchyard

Bowling green

Building on Airmyn Road

Playing field

Wild flowers

Old school

Preserve
village

Trees

Woodland park

Stop industrial building

Most important
areas to preserve



Housing

Out of 749 comments made regarding the issue of new housing in the parish, 103 people did not want any new houses to be built. Of those who did want to see new development, most wanted homes for local people (166), closely followed by low cost starter homes (156). Family homes were also high on the list of priorities, with 122 people in favour of them being built. Fewer people wanted homes for older people (79), sheltered accommodation (45) or homes for disabled people (39).



History & Heritage

Almost 70% of respondents felt it was important or very important for Airmyn to be declared a conservation area. The riverbank was seen as the most important area to be preserved (310 responses), closely followed by older historic properties (303) and wooded areas (238).

Note: Anyone wishing to act on any of the information contained within this report is advised to refer to the primary source – i.e. the full data collected from the questionnaires. In the first instance, please contact John Bilton on 01405 765730 to arrange to view this data.

Questionnaire results

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About you and your family or household

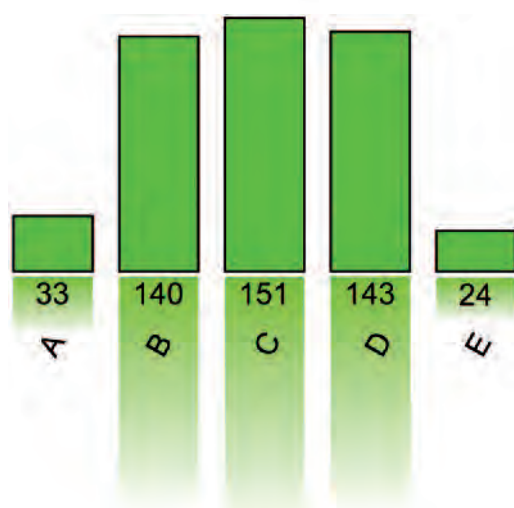
Some 491 Airmyn residents completed the questionnaires which were delivered to each household in the parish in July/August 2006.

Some of the questions gave the option of multiple answers, therefore the following charts show figures corresponding to the number of responses rather than actual percentages.

How many people in your household are in the following age groups?

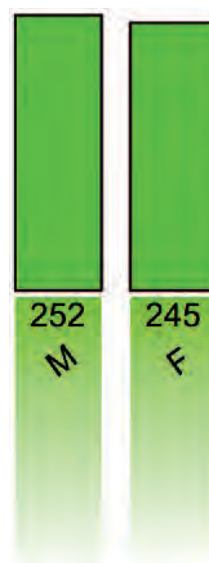


In which part of the parish do you live?

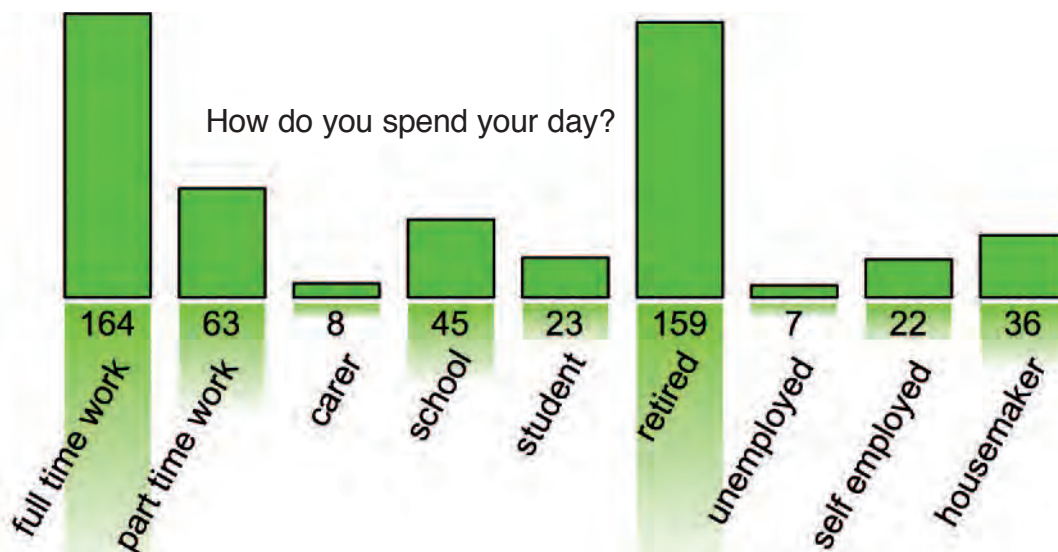


A = Beech Ave/Beech Grove/Boothferry/Ferry Lane
 B = High St/Bridge Close/Bridge Road/Walkers Close
 C = Chestnut Ave/Hall Close/The Paddock/Park Close/Park Road/Percy Drive
 D = Church View/Courts Close/The Crossings/Parsons Close/Parsons Walk/
 St David's View/Woodland Way
 E = Percy Lodge/Rawcliffe Road/White City/Wood View

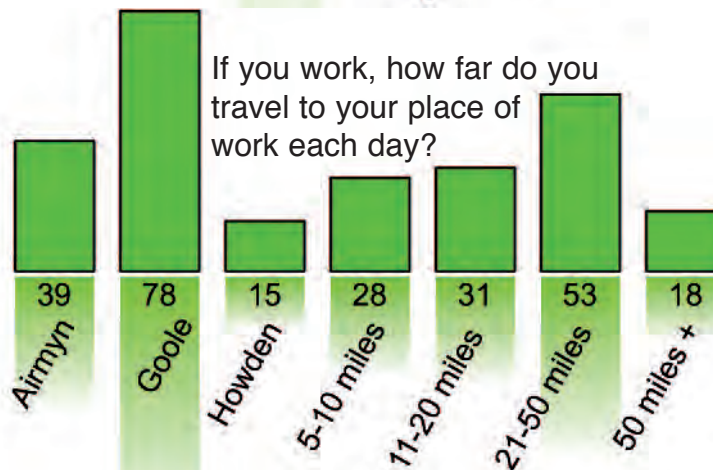
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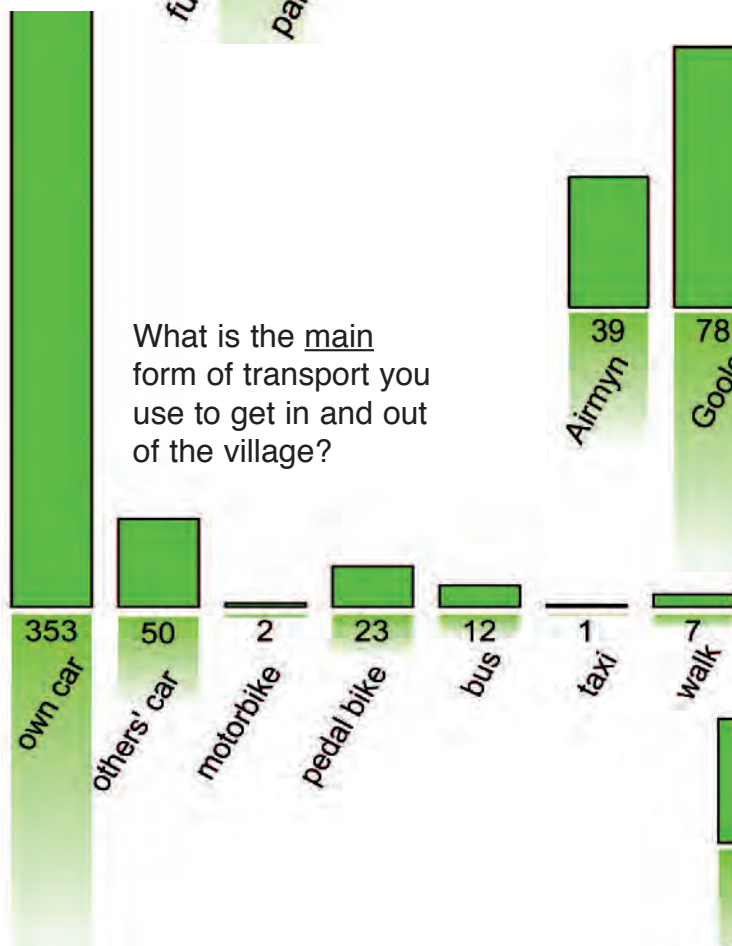
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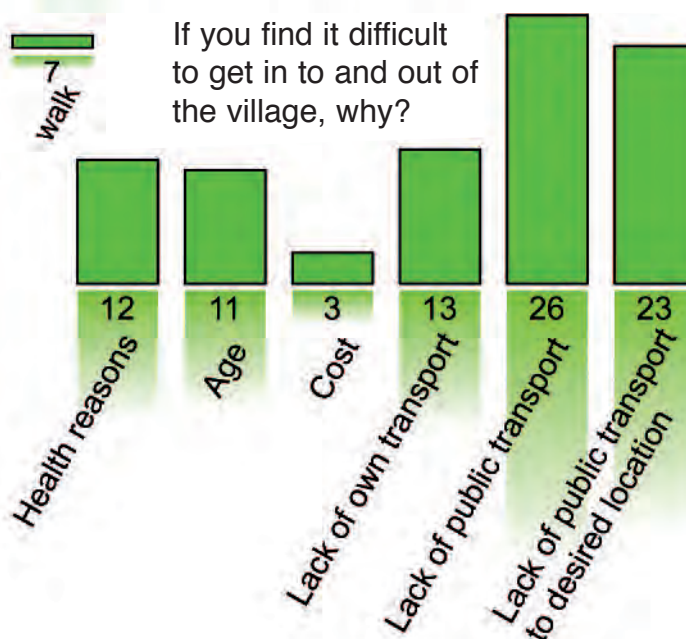
If you work, how far do you travel to your place of work each day?



What is the main form of transport you use to get in and out of the village?



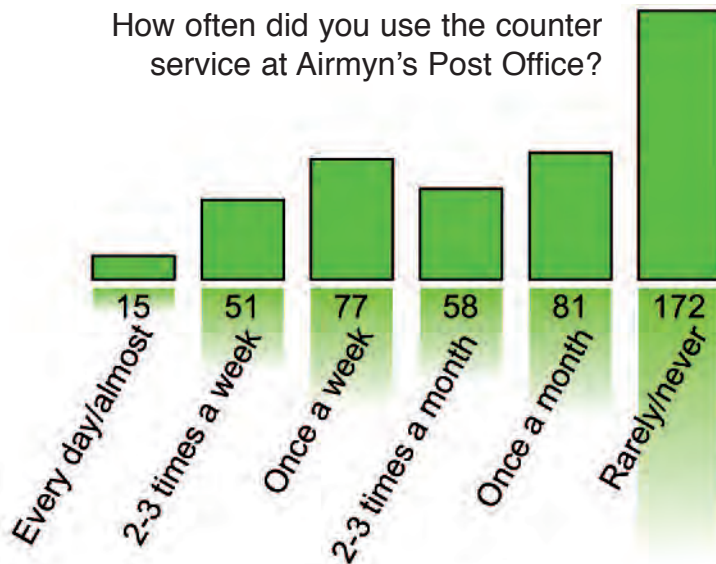
If you find it difficult to get in to and out of the village, why?



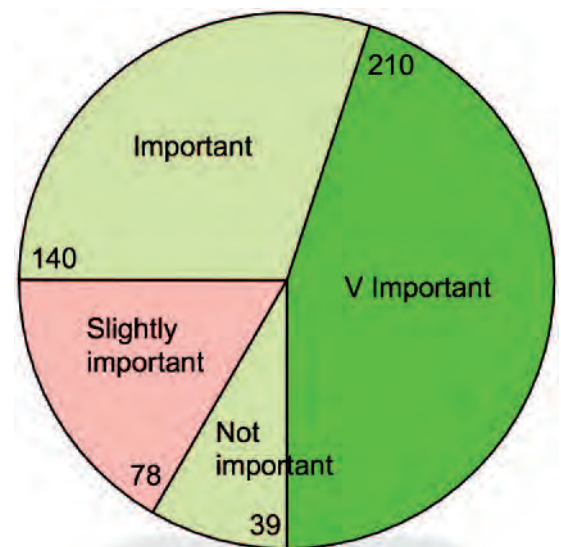
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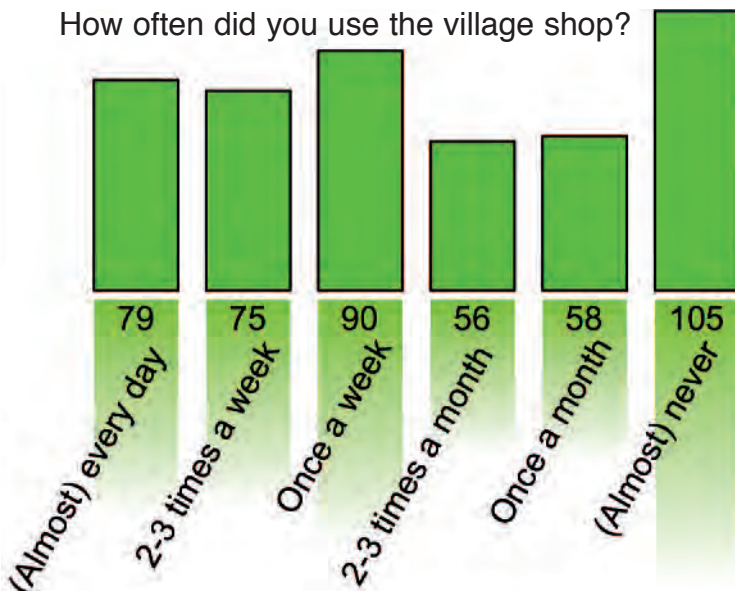
How often did you use the counter service at Airmyn's Post Office?



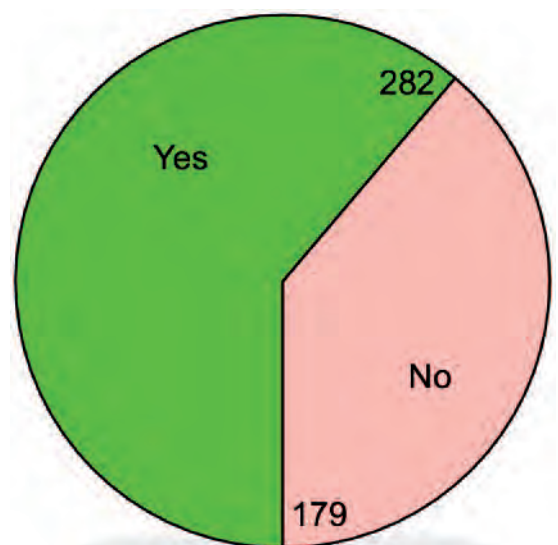
How important is it to you to have a village shop and/or Post Office?



How often did you use the village shop?

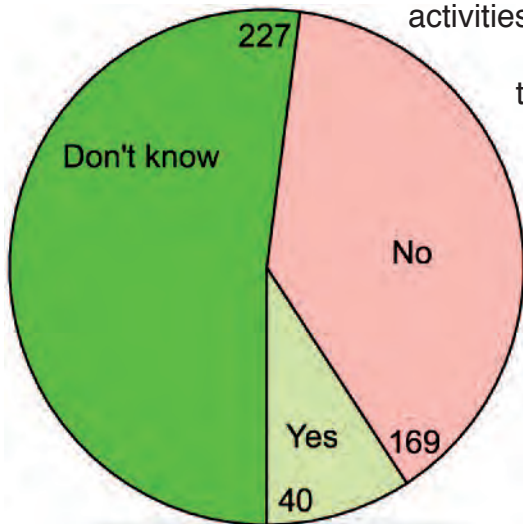


Would you use a mobile shop if one (or more) was available?

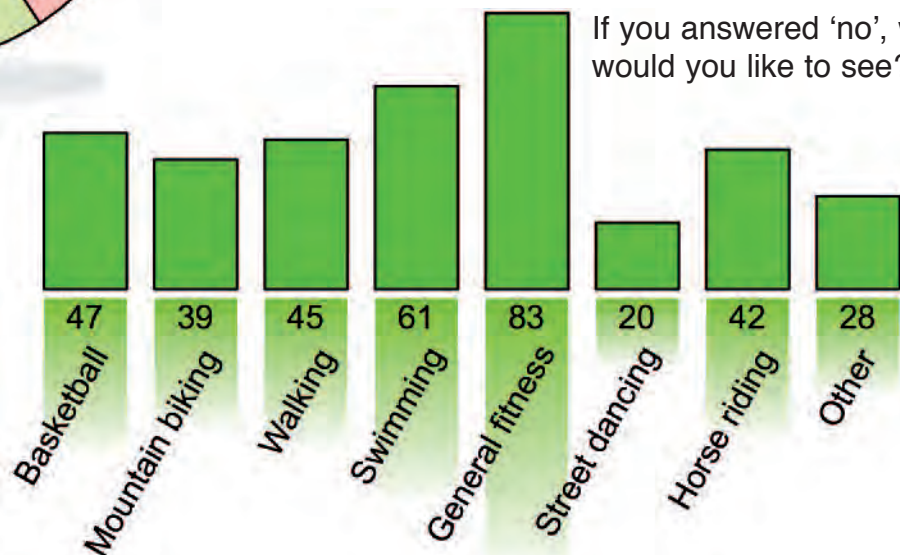


Section 2b: Services – Youth

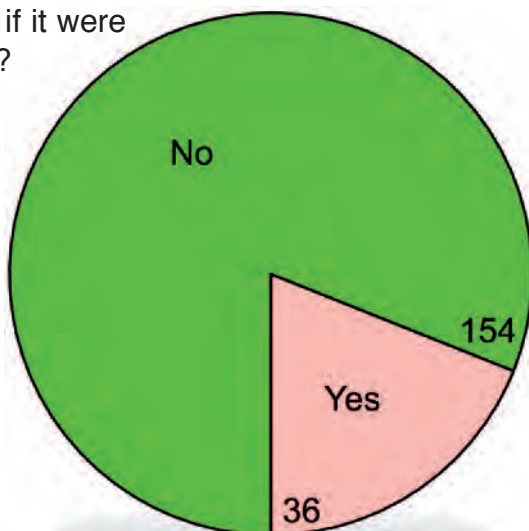
Are there enough appropriate
activities for young
people in
the parish?



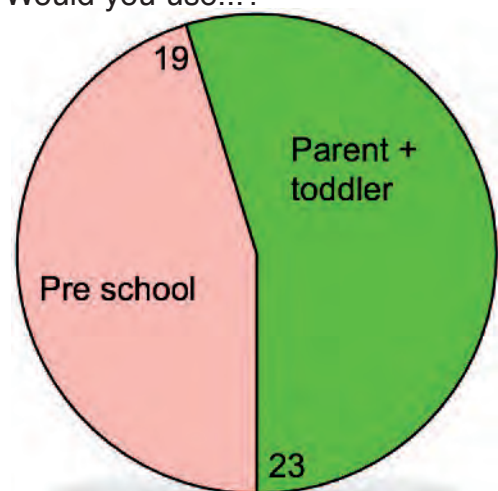
If you answered 'no', what
would you like to see?



Would you use before- and/or after-school
childcare if it were
available?



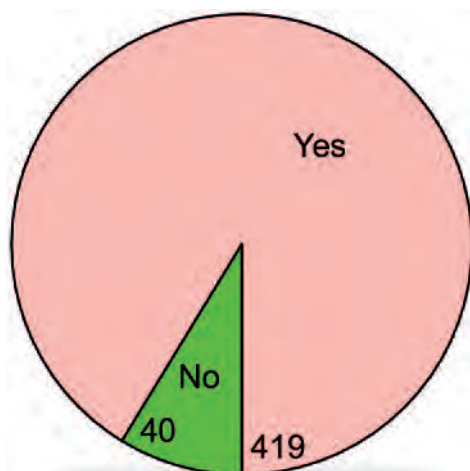
Would you use...?



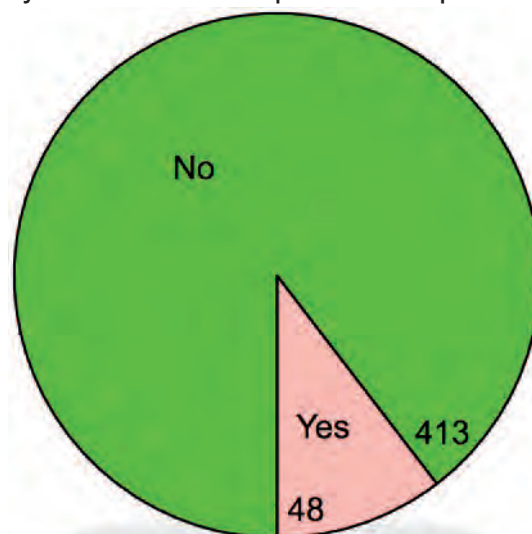
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Section 2c: Services – General

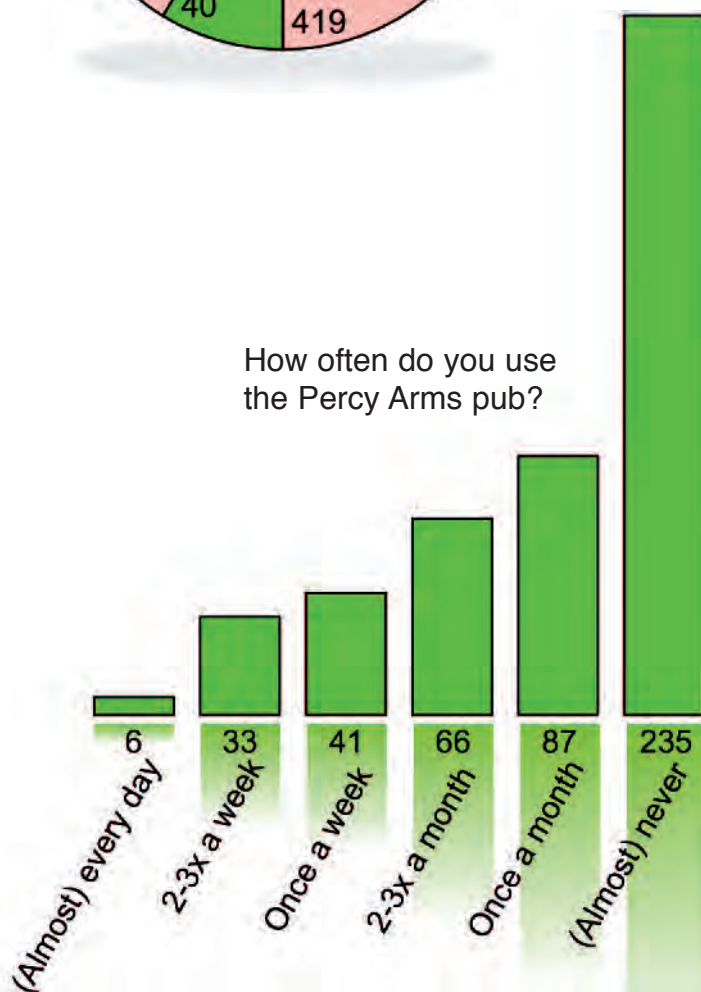
Do you read *Airmyn News*
(the parish newsletter)?



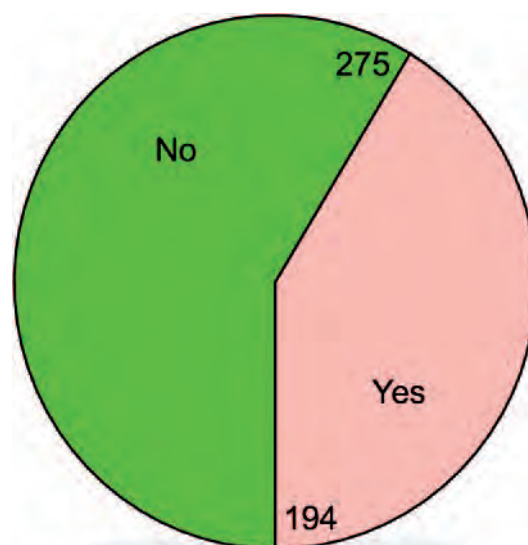
Do you use the local public transport?



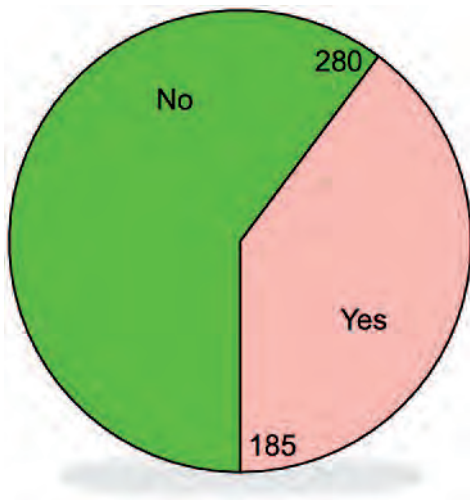
How often do you use
the Percy Arms pub?



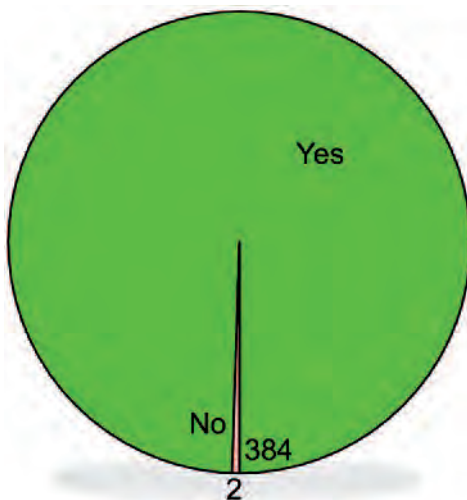
Do you use the village hall?



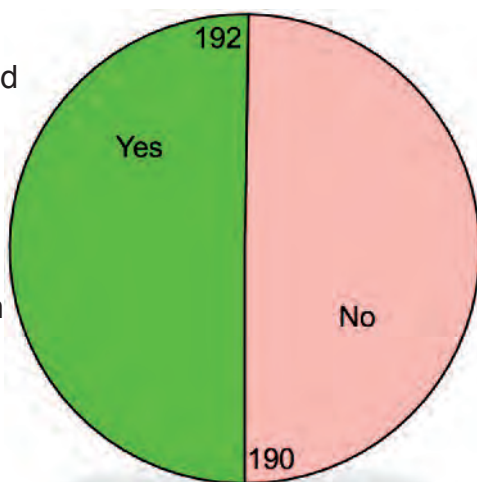
Did you attend St David's Church in 2005?



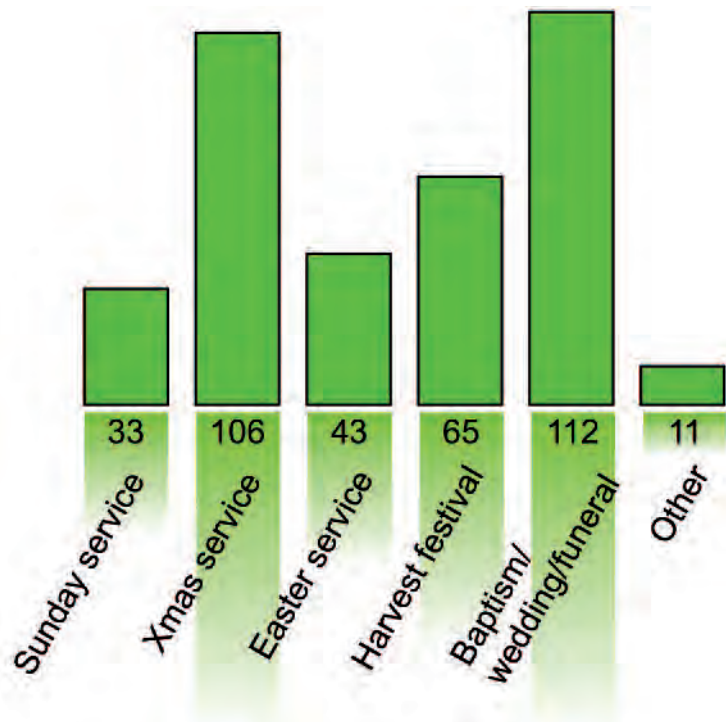
Do you want the church to remain open?



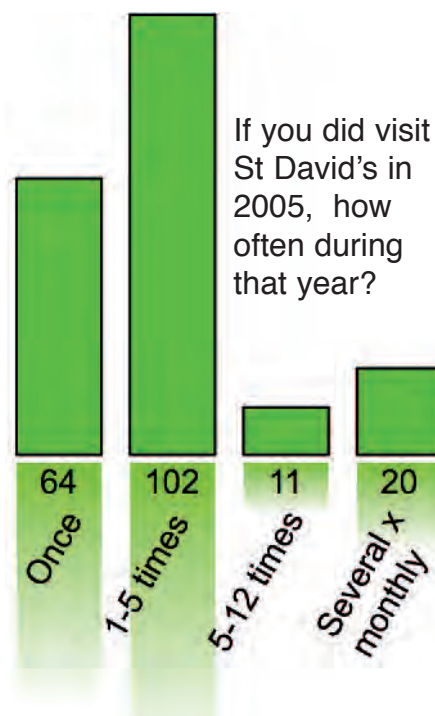
If yes, would you be prepared to make a regular, voluntary contribution for its upkeep?



Please state your reason(s) for visiting.

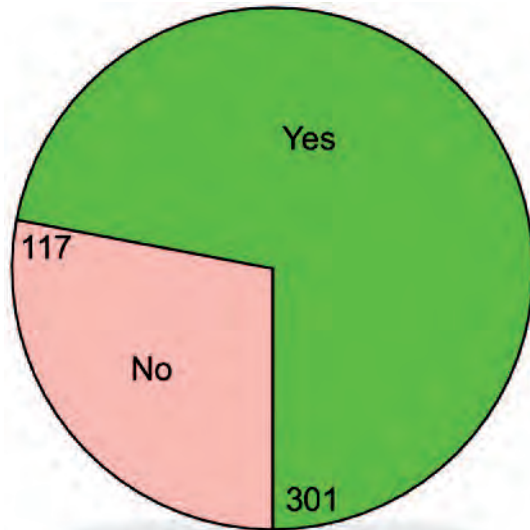


If you did visit St David's in 2005, how often during that year?



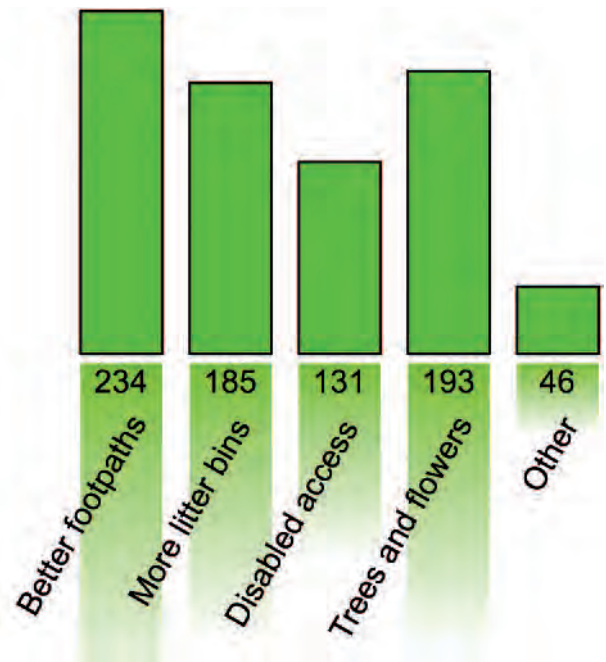
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Would you like to see more trees and/or hedgerows planted in the parish?

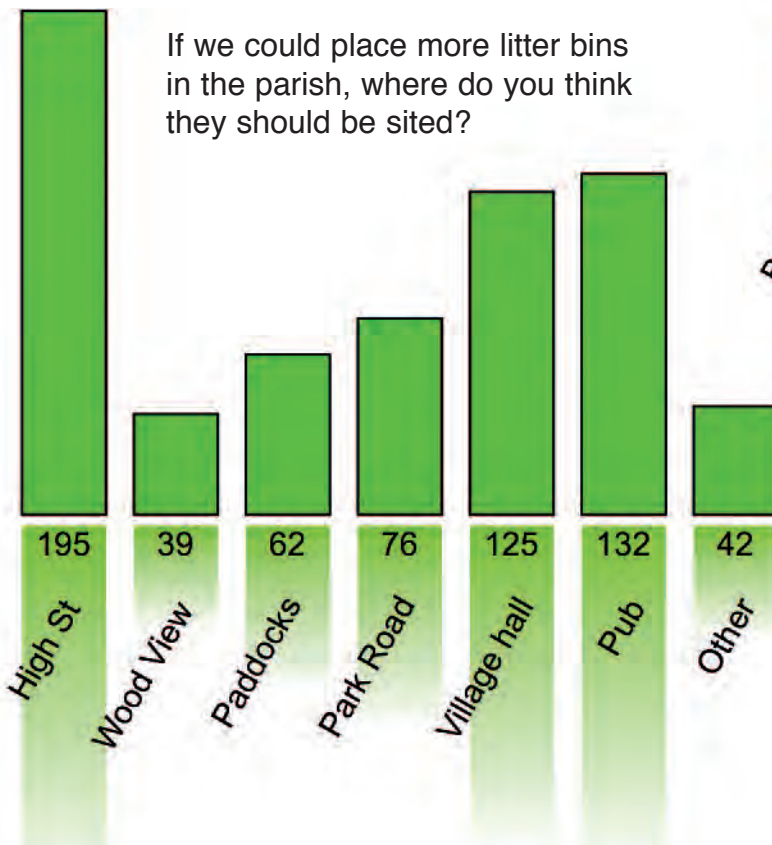


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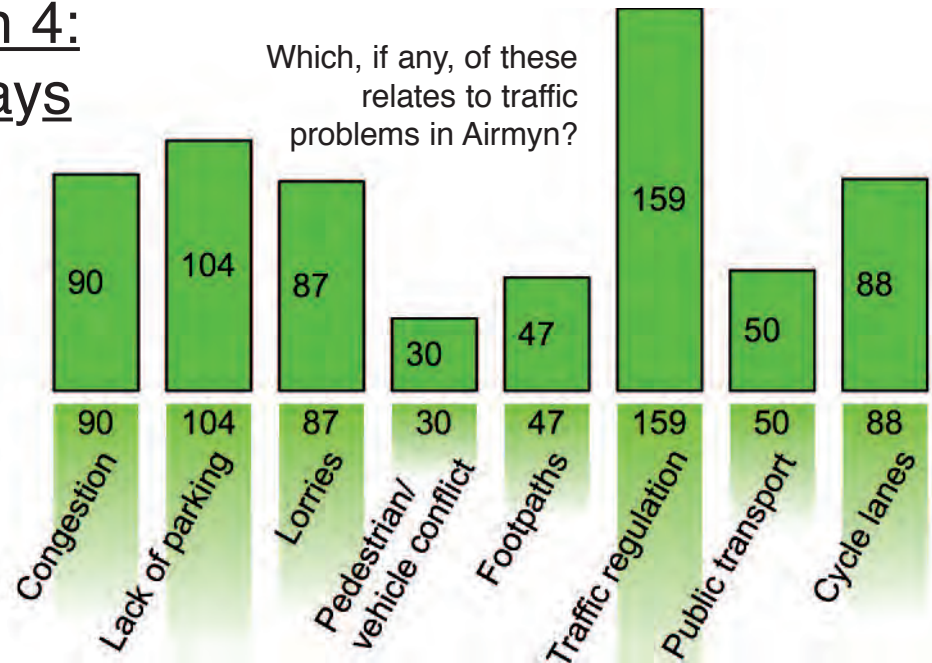
What, if any, aspect(s) of the river bank would you like to see improved?



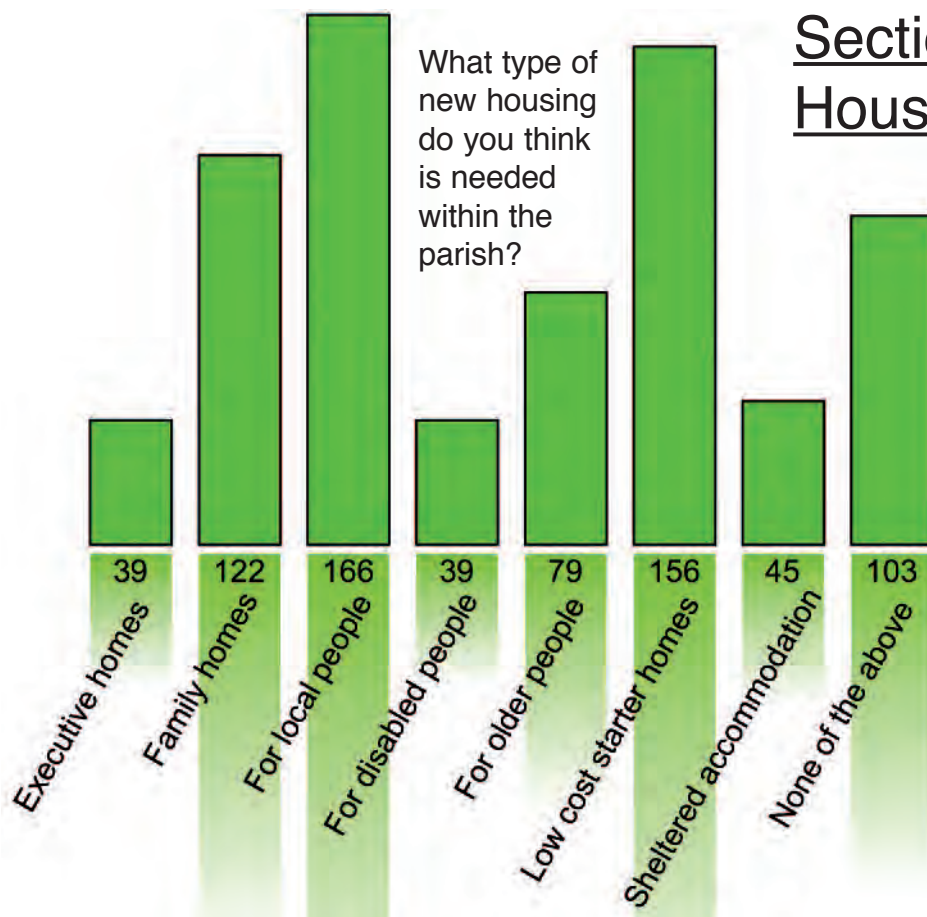
If we could place more litter bins in the parish, where do you think they should be sited?



Section 4: Highways



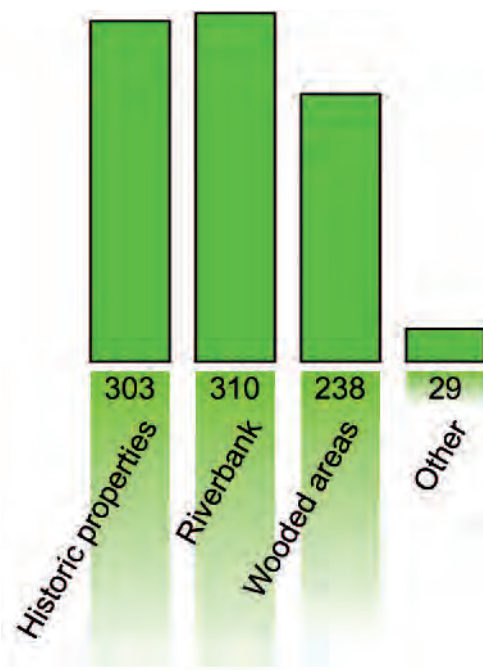
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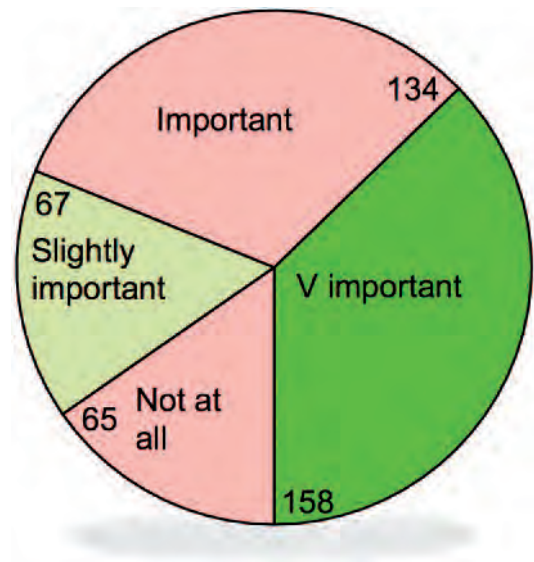
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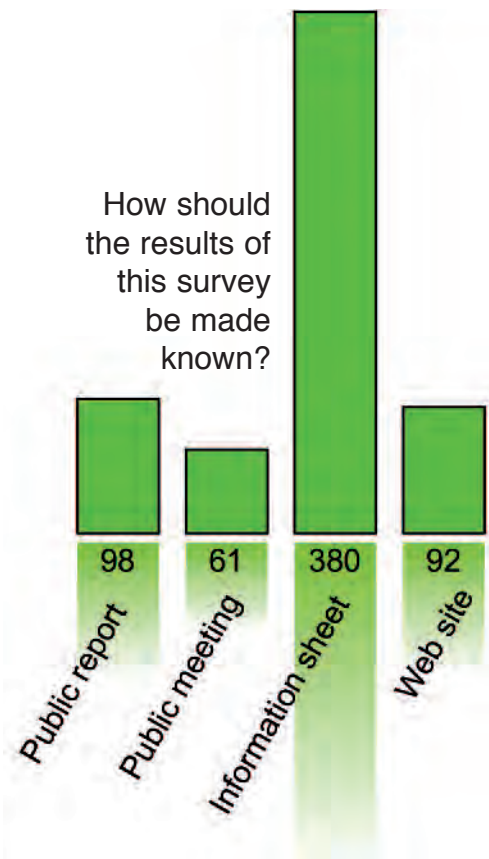
Which area of the parish in particular do you think it is most important to preserve in this way?



How important is it to you for Airmyn to be declared a conservation area?



How should the results of this survey be made known?



Acknowledgements



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hall, etc.”

“It was nice
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— both
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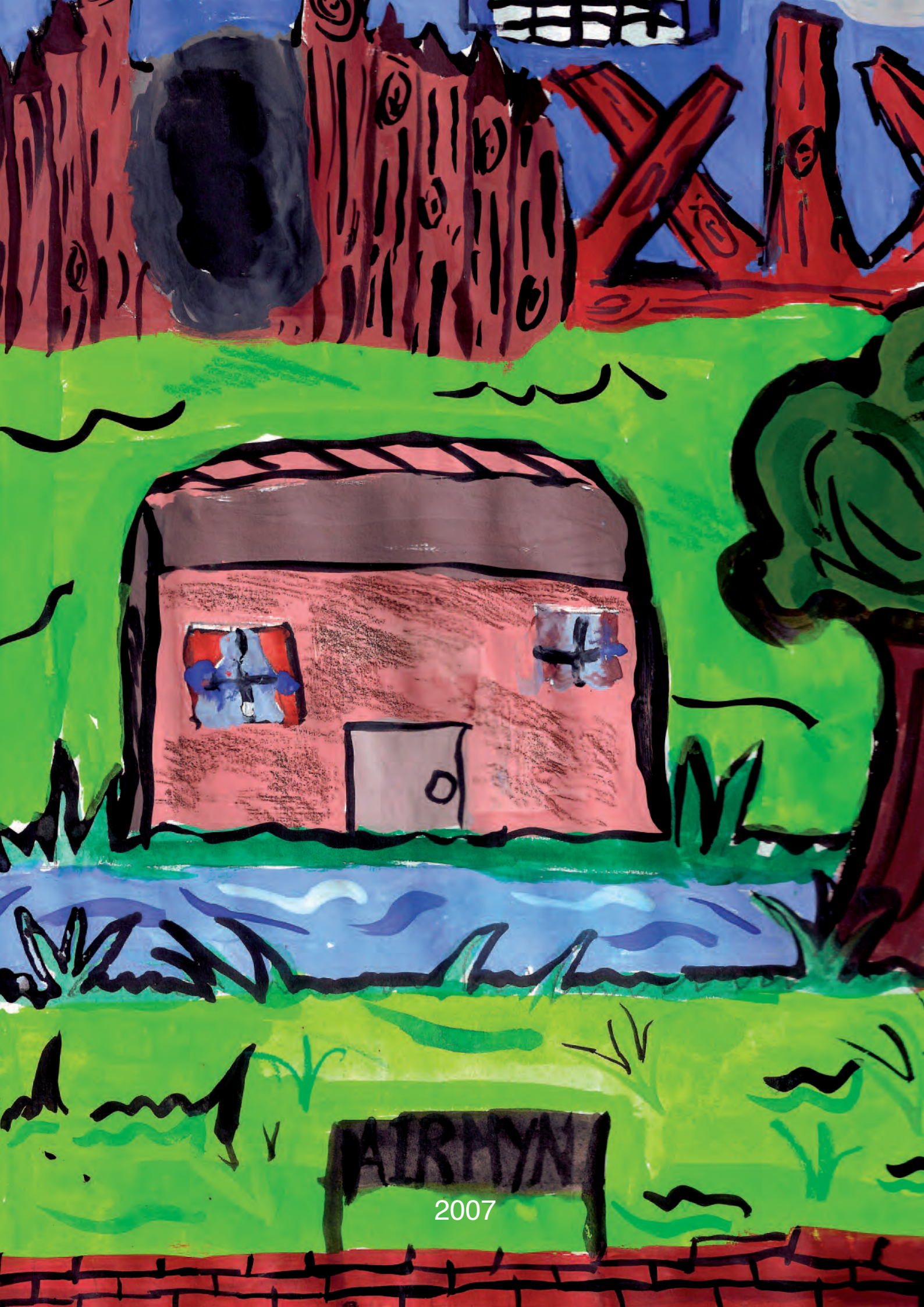
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Note: The Parish Plan steering committee is to disband in January 2007 as the work on the Parish Plan document is now complete. A new action committee will be set up in March/April 2007 to take forward the key issues identified in the Parish Plan. Anyone interested in taking part is invited to contact John Bilton on 01405 765730.

Anyone who did not get chance to respond to the original questionnaire and who would still like to have their say is also invited to contact John Bilton on the above number.



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