

This is Bampton 2015



Bampton Community Plan Report

June 2015

This report is the collation of the responses from the people of Bampton, who very kindly gave their time and consideration in completing the questionnaires entitled 'This is Bampton 2014'. Questionnaires were distributed to all household in Bampton during September and October 2014.

The aim of this survey was to give you the opportunity to comment on the community in which you live. The responses you have given, by comment and statistical input, have now provided valuable information for those authorities and community service providers, who run and manage our community.

As the authors of this work, we have made no interpretation or comment, so that these results can be seen as 'the voice of the people'.

We would like to offer, on your behalf, as well as our own, grateful thanks to all those stalwart volunteers who not only distributed, but gathered in the questionnaires. Without their work, none of this would have been possible.

Information is generally presented graphically and in summary tables, with occasional direct quotes from respondents, where they reflect a general consensus of opinion on more subjective issues. It is hoped that, presented in this way, a lot of information is made available to you in an easily digestible form.

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leofric81@hotmail.co.uk.

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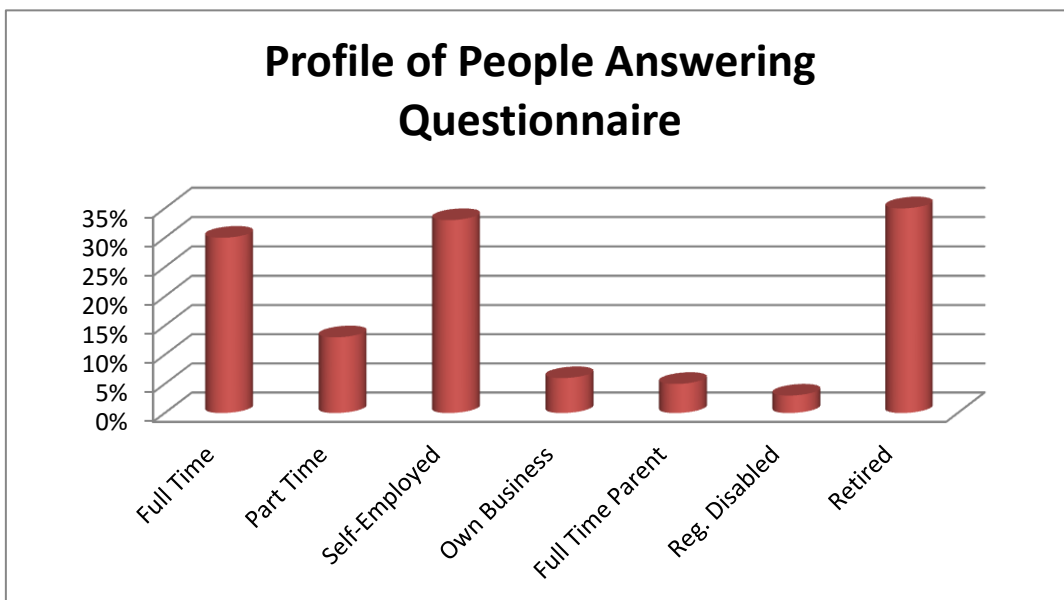
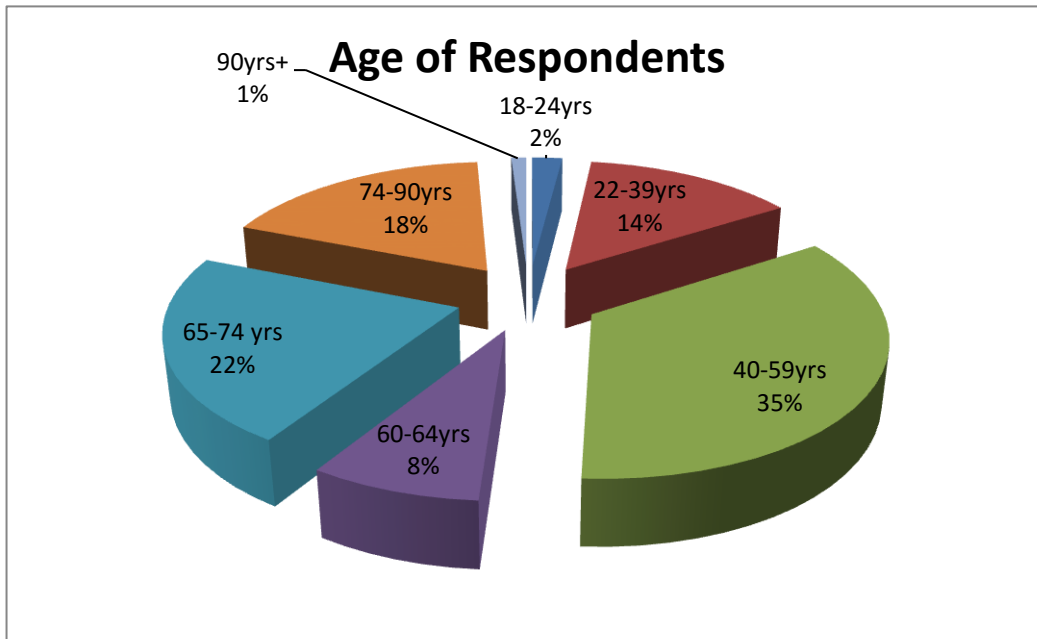
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Questionnaire responses were made by **543** households in Bampton.

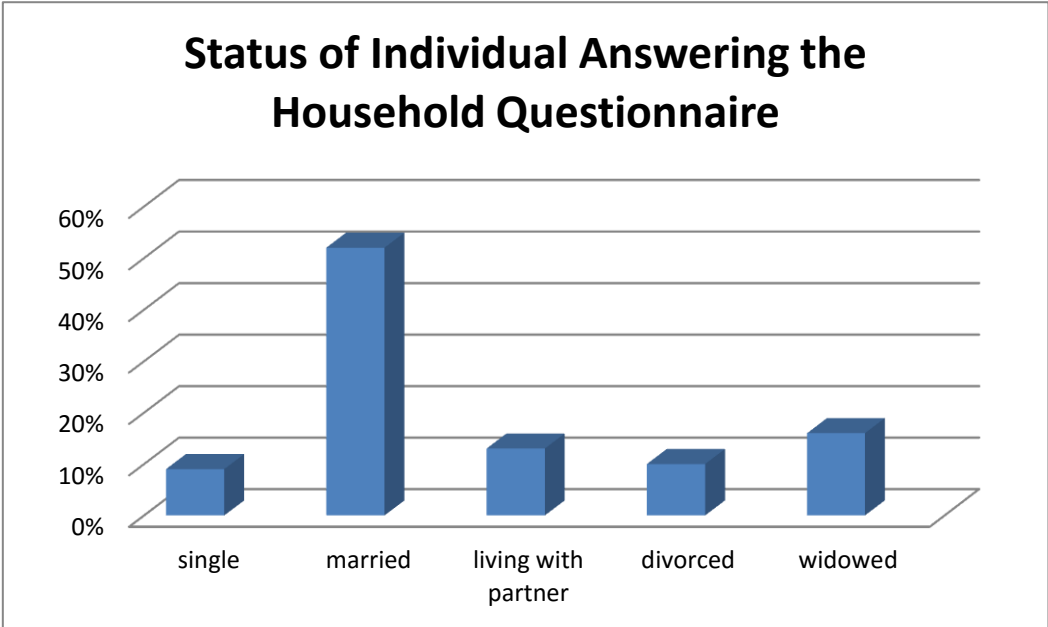
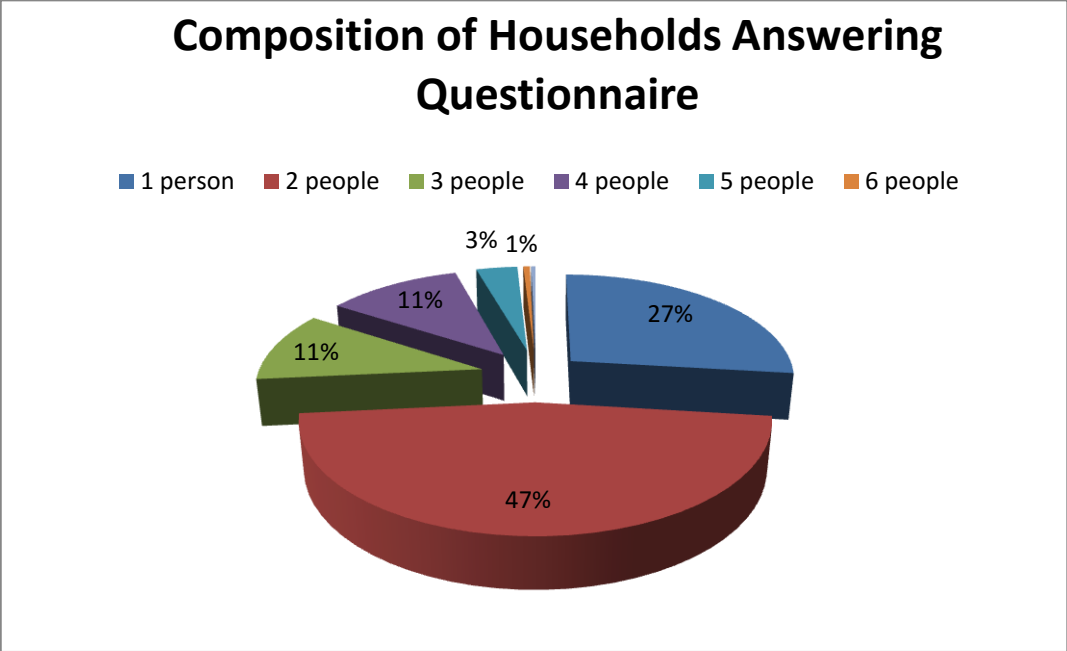
In total there were **1252** respondents.

Young people's questionnaires (7-17yr olds) were completed by 133 young people.

55% respondents were female and **45%** male.

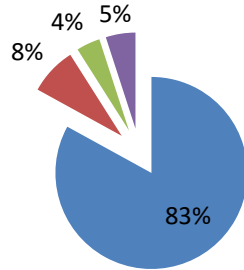


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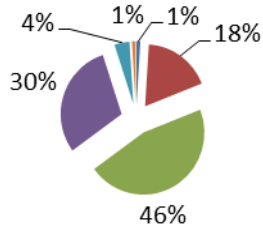
■ House
 ■ Bungalow
 ■ Flat
 ■ Mobile Home



Number of bedrooms in each type of residence :

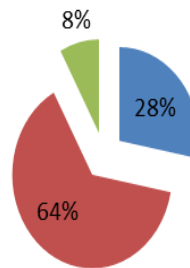
Houses

■ 1 bedroom ■ 2 bedroom
■ 3 bedroom ■ 4 bedroom
■ 5 bedroom ■ 6+ bedrooms



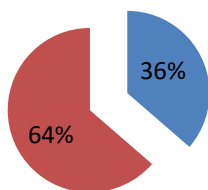
Mobile Homes

■ 1 bedroom ■ 2 bedrooms ■ 3 bedrooms



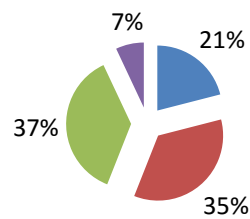
Flats

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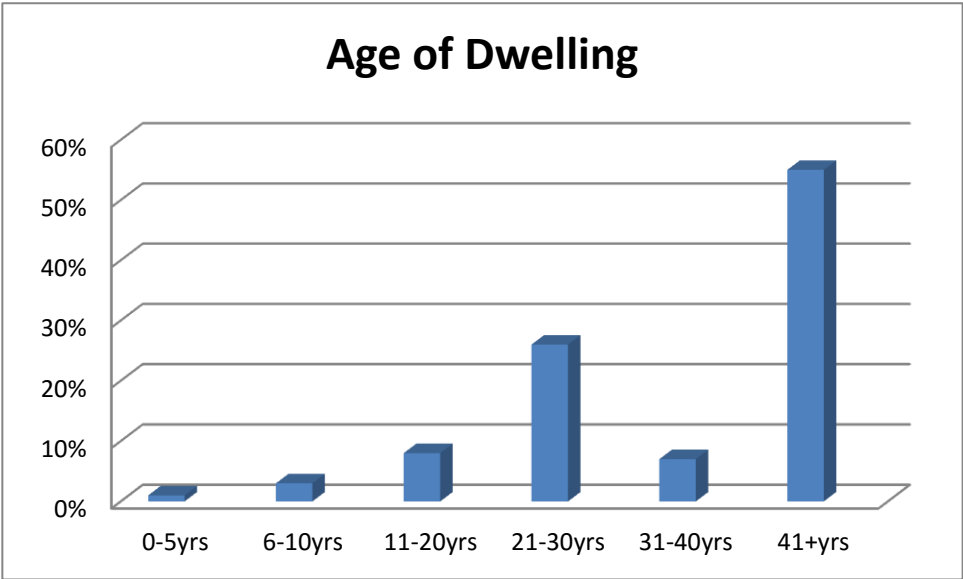


Bungalows

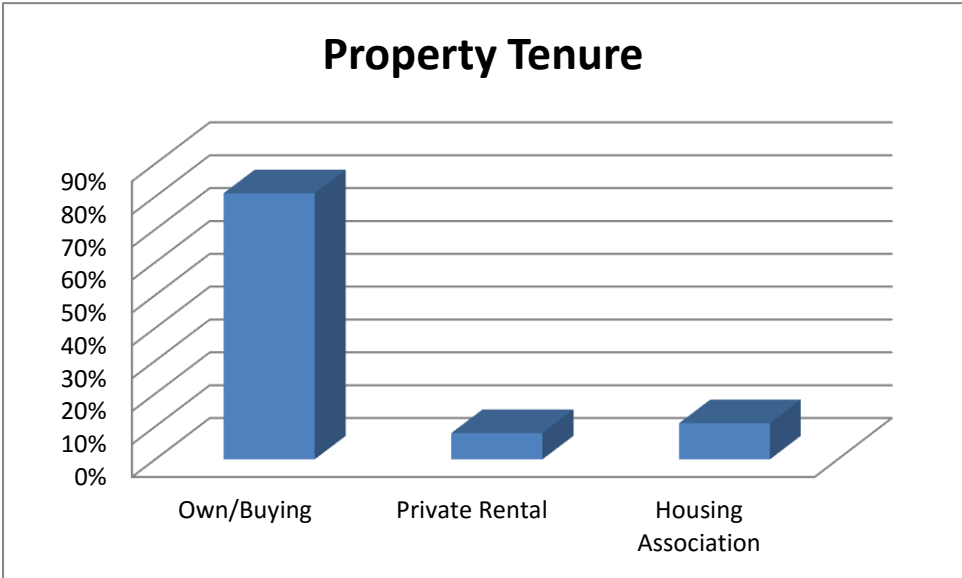
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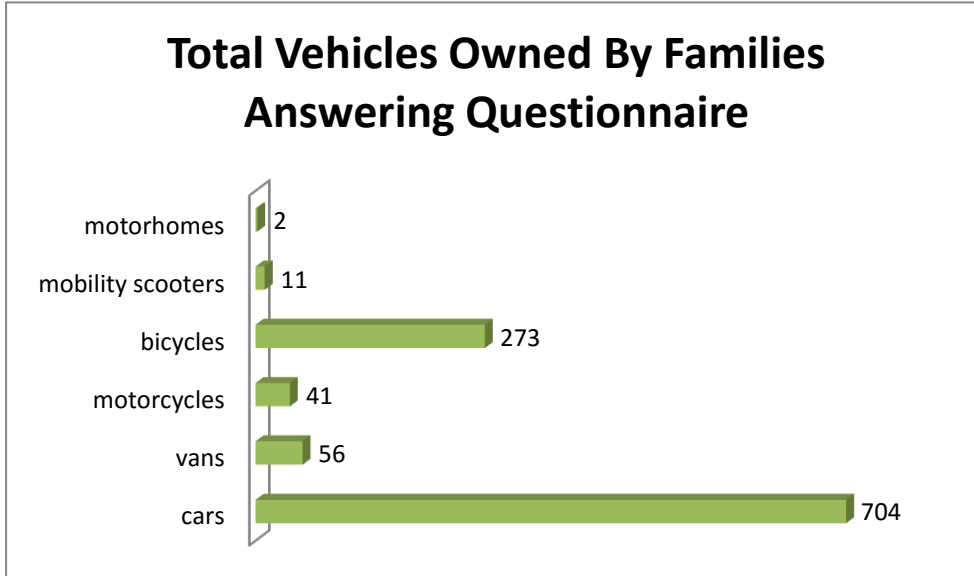


Property tenure : Own/Buying, Private Rent or Housing Association

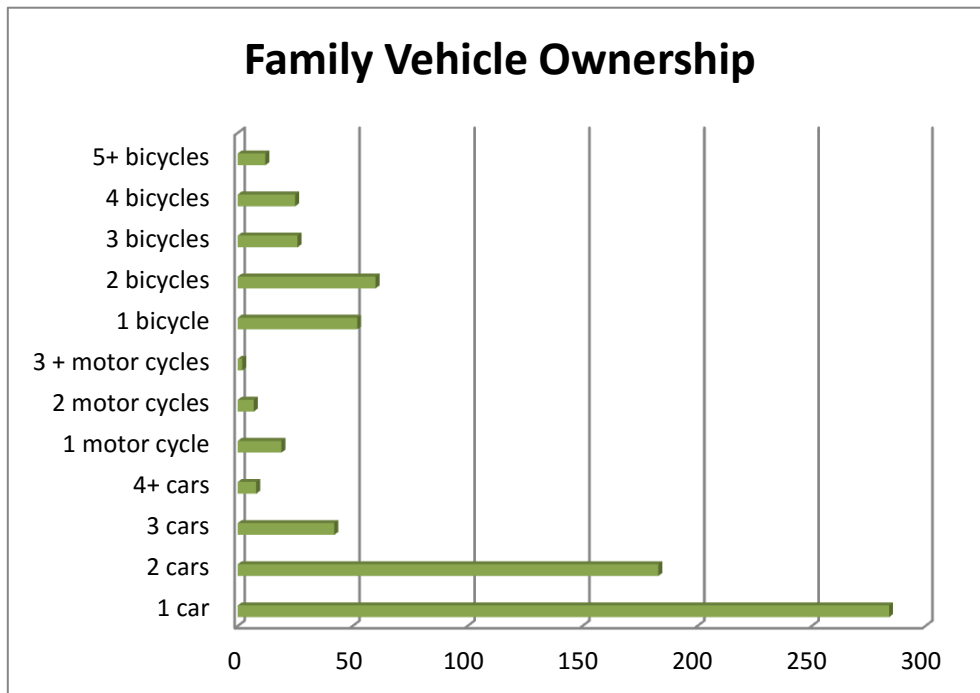


VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

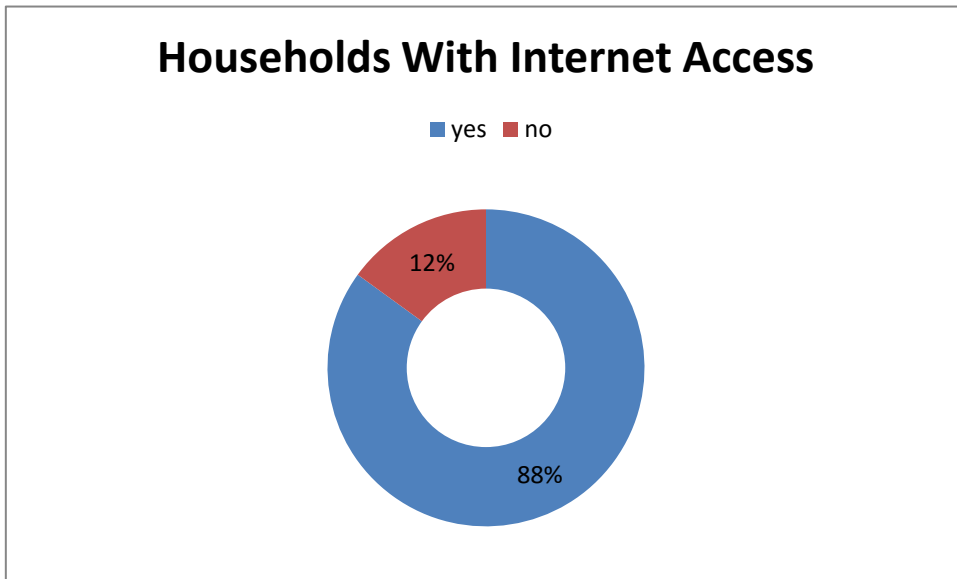
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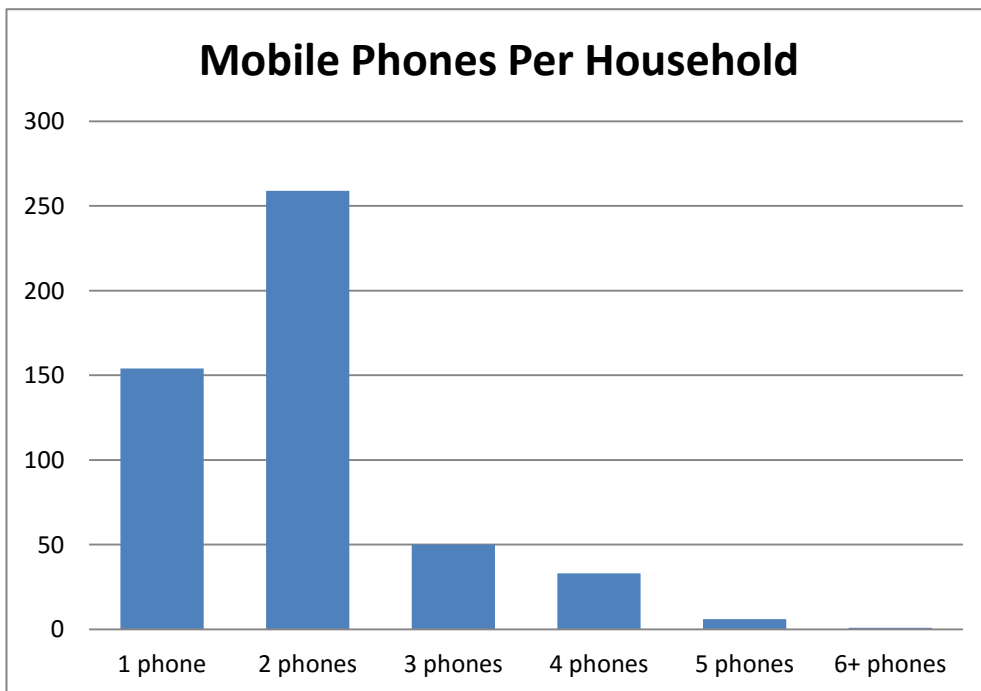
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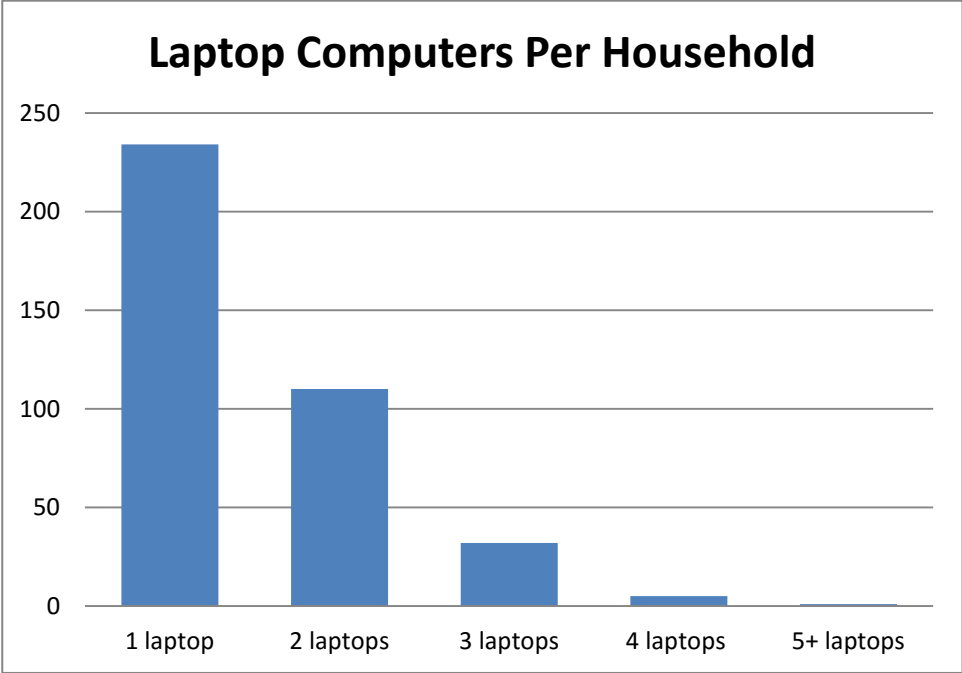
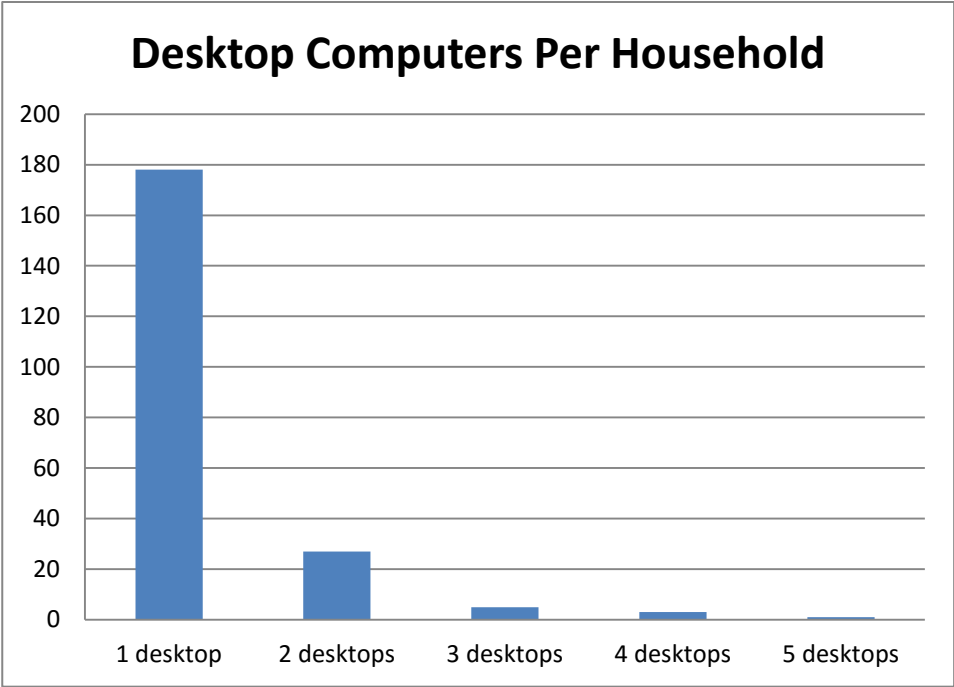
COMPUTERS AND I.T.

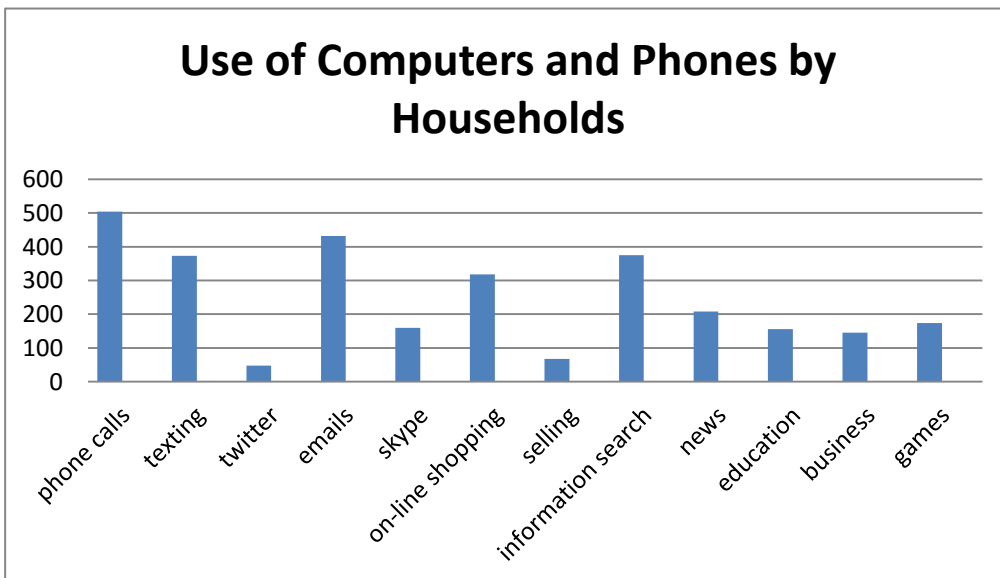
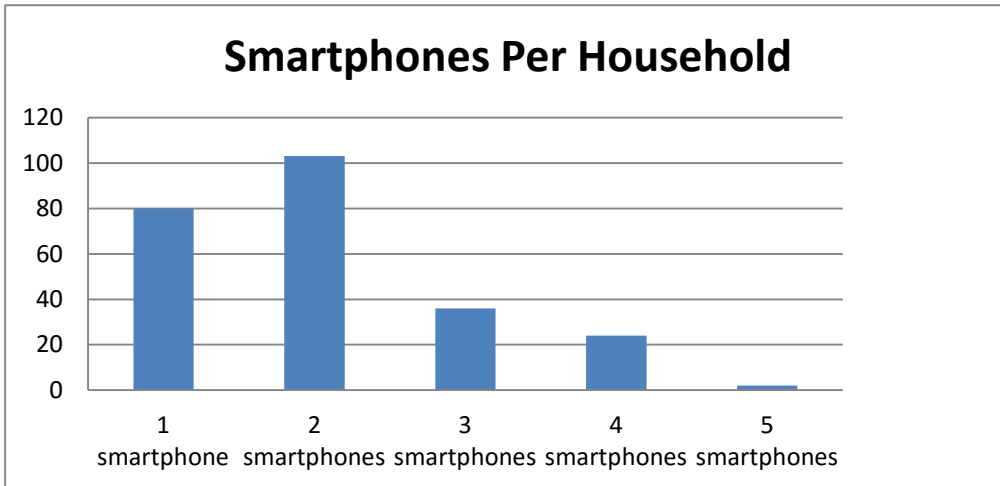
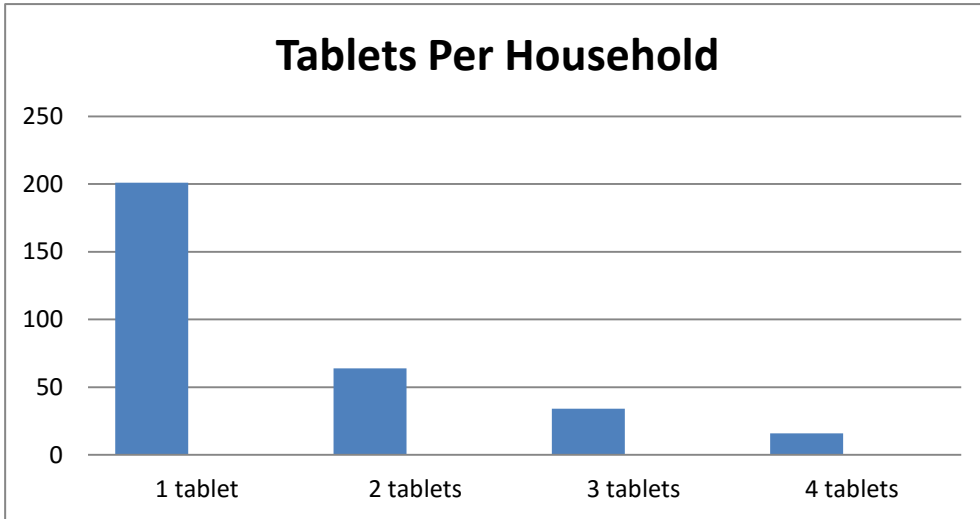


Mobile Phones

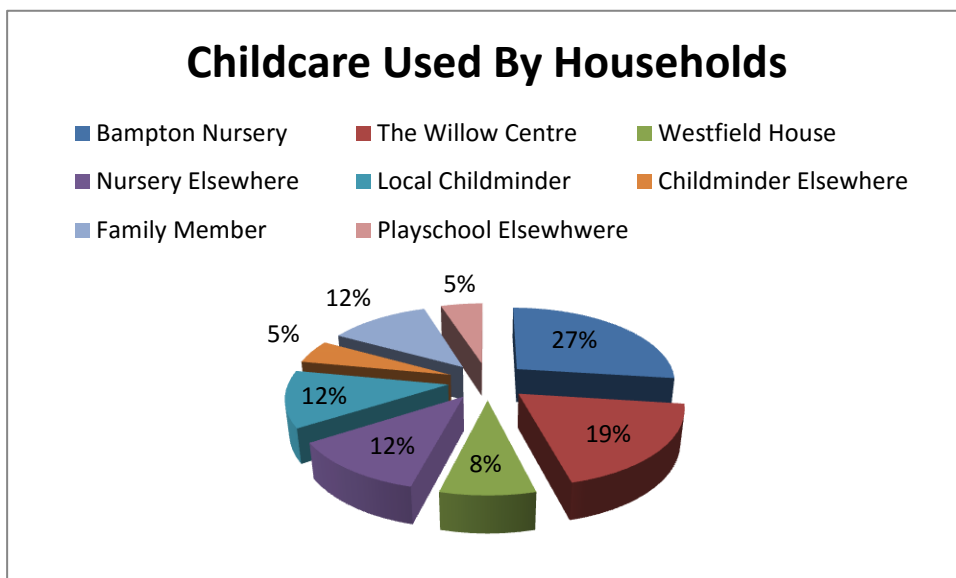


Type of I.T equipment owned:





CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN 0-4YEARS



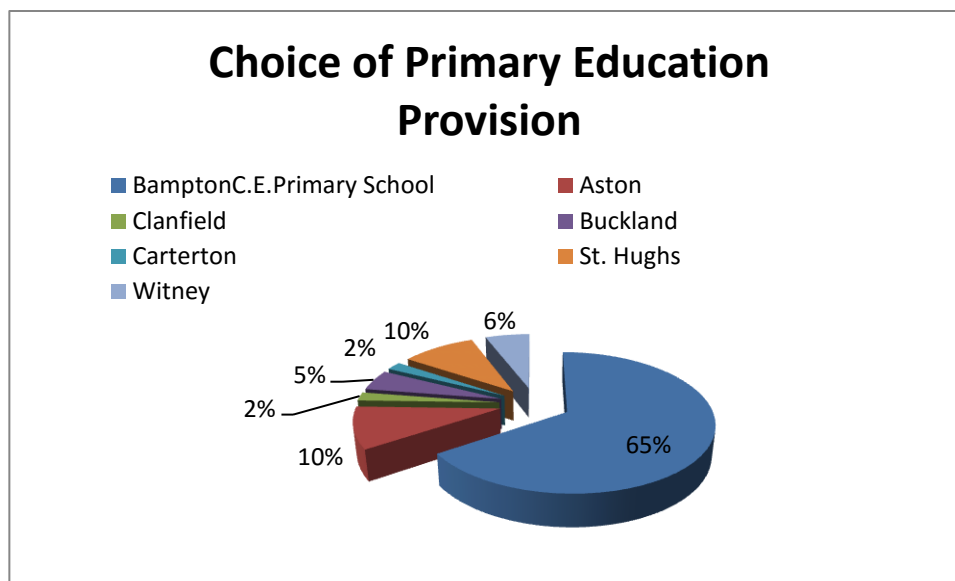
Willow Tree Children's Centre, Bampton

Children's centres are for children under five and their families, places where they can find a variety of activities, play, information and support from professionals working in a wide range of fields, whatever their background or circumstances.

Services

- Advice on parenting, child development
- Family health courses
- Feeding / Breastfeeding support
- Family / Parenting / One to one outreach support
- Volunteering opportunities
- Support returning to work & adult education
- Stay & Play
- Drop-in sessions at centre & other villages
- Monthly Saturdads group for dads & male carers
- Baby group & Health Visitor Clinics
- Baby and toddler group support
- Young Parents group
- **Contact details**
- Tel: 01993 851799
- willowtree@oxfordshire.gov.uk

SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY CHILDREN OF RESPONDENTS - KS1 AND KS2 (5-11yrs)



Bampton C.E. Primary School OFSTED March 2015

Summary of key findings for parents and pupils This is a good school.

- The headteacher provides strong leadership and constantly checks on the quality of teaching. She gives good advice to teachers to help them improve pupils' learning in lessons.
- Teaching has improved since the last inspection and is now good. Teachers check on pupils' progress carefully. They use this information to plan lessons that match the abilities of different groups of pupils.
- Pupils now make good progress overall in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Attainment has risen since the last inspection and is now above the national average overall at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2.
- Children in the early years make good progress in their learning due to good teaching.
- Behaviour is good. Pupils are typically polite, and respect each other and adults in the school.
- The school works well to help keep pupils safe. Pupils are given talks by local police and fire officers about keeping safe at home and when out of school.
- Governors question effectively senior leaders about the quality of teaching and pupils' progress. This is an improvement since the last inspection.

SIAM: National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Report

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Bampton as a Church of England school are good.

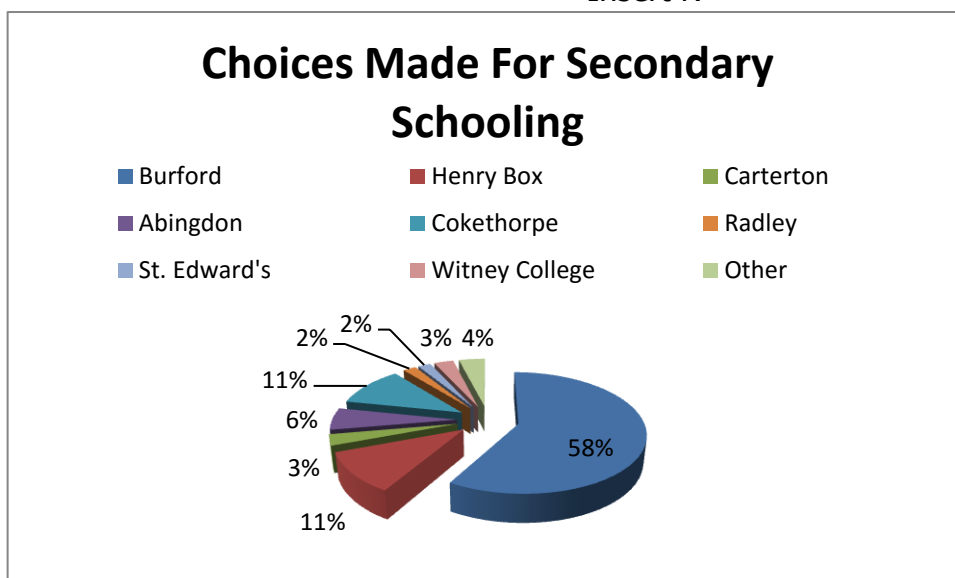
- The committed Christian leadership and drive of the headteacher has led to improved standards and strengthened the Christian distinctiveness in the school.
- The importance given to religious education (RE) and collective worship has a significant impact on the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development of all learners.
- The effective support of the governors ensures that the monitoring and evaluating of Christian distinctiveness has high importance and influences the provision for learners.
- The close links with the local church and the community are mutually beneficial and ensure that the school is seen as central to the village life.

The school is about to become an academy and join the Oxford Diocese Schools Trust. (July 2015)

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SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN KS3 AND KS4 (SECONDARY SCHOOL)

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Burford Community College is currently the catchment school for Bampton pupils.

Tuesday 24 February 2015

Press Release

Burford School's success attracts Government attention

Following the Department of Education's validated statistics for the 2014 GCSE and 'A' Level results Burford School received a letter from the Minister of State for Schools.

'Your school has proven to be one of the top 90 in England. I would like to congratulate your staff, governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils. I would also encourage you to share your achievement with other schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience.'

*Rt Hon David Laws MP
Minister of State for Schools*

The validated results confirm that Burford School is academically the best performing school in West Oxfordshire and is also within the top six schools across the county. The Department of Education's website states that...

'There is no statistically better performing school within a 75 mile radius'

Department of Education 29/01/15

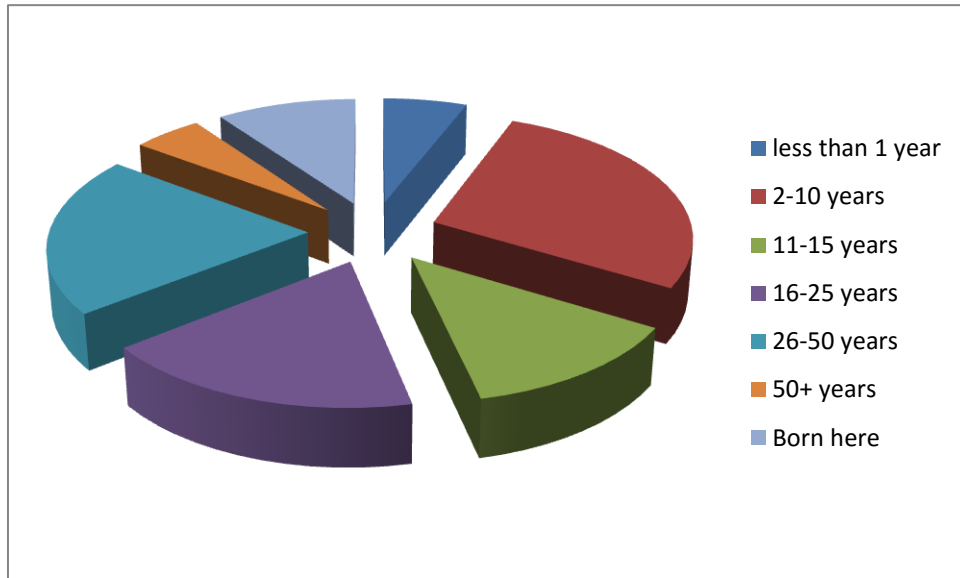
This is a fantastic accolade for students and staff, a vote of confidence for current parents whose children are already part of Burford and the highest recommendation possible for all those seeking secondary education in the near future. As the inspectors commented during their recent Ofsted inspection

'Students are hungry to learn and ambitious to do very well. They are very proud of their academy.' Ofsted October 2014

Clearly they are right to be so.

INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Length of time respondents have lived in Bampton:



The reasons for living in Bampton were evenly distributed: born here; living with family; moved to be close to family; some people moved for employment; others for retirement and some because of housing availability. In addition, many of the respondents indicated that their choice to live here was also influenced by the fact that Bampton is a nice place in which to live.



A small number of people intend to move in the next five years. A significant number of those would be looking to move within Bampton. Reasons given: a need for a larger property; an intention to down-size; the need for a bungalow; the need of a Housing Association property, as well as private rental requirement.

The question was asked: How would you like to see Bampton develop over the next 10 years?

Stay as it is.	Development based on provable need	More affordable homes	Private rentals	Acceptable growth 10-20 homes	Acceptable growth 20-50 homes	Acceptable growth 50 – 100 homes	Acceptable growth 100+ homes
32%	29%	14%	1.5%	7%	13.5%	7%	2.5%

In answering, some people ticked more than one box. Many who wanted Bampton to ‘stay as it is’, recognised that some development would be inevitable. They, therefore, also expressed a view as to what size of development would be acceptable.

More significant are the comments made by respondents. **See APPENDIX 1**

UTILITIES.

How would you rate the quality of service you receive?



The vast majority of people rated supply of electricity, gas, water, telephone, mobile phone and internet as good or very good. In view of the large number of providers mentioned, when customers are not satisfied with the service provided, they simply change to an alternative provider.

Some respondents commented on poor/slow internet. Some commented on poor mobile signal strength in parts of the village. Water taste and water pressure were concerns of some respondents:

- Water pressure in my area affects showers!
- Sewage odour and flooding need to be sorted. In 2013 the aerator at the sewage treatment plant failed and sewage was discharged into the Shill brook. The sewage pumping station has failed four times this year.
- Thames Water should be more pro-active when it comes to planning applications on flood plains.
- Looking forward to faster internet from BT. Vodafone is the only signal I get in the cottage.
- We recently moved from SKY internet as it was so poor!
- We are one of the 100 or so houses that missed out on the cabling initiative, so therefore have very little choice for internet.

PUBLIC SERVICES



1: very good 2: good 3: poor

	FIRE BRIGADE (656 ANSWERS)	AMBULANCE (637 ANSWERS)	REFUSE COLLECTION (814 ANSWERS)	RECYCLING (802 ANSWERS)	LIBRARY (733 ANSWERS)
1	83%	67%	58%	56%	75%
2	14%	27%	33%	34%	21%
3	3%	6%	7%	10%	4%
	POSTAL SERVICE (831 ANSWERS)	POLICE (713 ANSWERS)	STREET CLEANING (767 ANSWERS)	ROAD MAINTENANCE (785 ANSWERS)	FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE (777 ANSWERS)
1	74%	38%	27%	9%	14%
2	21%	47%	53%	35%	44%
3	5%	15%	20%	56%	42%

Great concern was expressed over the maintenance of roads and pavements in the village.

Respondents comments:

- Potholes in roads need attention
- Pavement surfaces poor and need maintenance
- Road maintenance is totally inadequate
- The pavements along New Rd are uneven. Many pavements are patched and narrow. Being elderly and using a walking stick, I am unable to walk steadily and so have to walk in the road

To report a pothole online:

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/potholes>

<http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

For pavement defects: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/pavement-hazards-and-defects>

CRIME



Thames Valley Police statistics indicate that we live in an area of very low crime. In certain areas of the village, a few residents indicated concern about anti-social behaviour and vandalism, particularly in the Mercury Close Park. Some residents expressed concern that after reporting a crime, no up-date was received from the Police.

Please read the report from our PCSO Colin Davies, **APPENDIX 2**, in which he indicates an awareness of the issues that concern residents and explains how he intends to deal with these.

ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Every neighbourhood in Thames Valley has a dedicated Neighbourhood Policing team.

Neighbourhood Policing teams can be contacted via 101, the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Neighbourhood Policing teams...

- Are led by senior police officers and include police community support officers (PCSOs), often together with volunteer police officers, volunteers and partners.
- May serve one or several neighbourhoods.
- Work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and prevent local, low-level crime, anti-social behaviour, and any ongoing concerns.
- Provide you with a visible, accessible and accountable police service and aim to make your neighbourhood safer.
- Have been present in every Thames Valley neighbourhood since 1 April 2008.
- Focus all of their efforts on their dedicated neighbourhoods, building relationships with local people.

Neighbourhood Policing...

- Needs you to tell us about the issues that concern you in your area.
- Has transformed policing at a local level, to meet the needs of local communities.

Comments of some respondents:

- I feel very safe here. We were delighted by the reduction in our contents and car insurance premiums when we moved here from London
- PCSO Colin is great: he knows his area, is practical and pragmatic and has respect for Bampton.
- I have never lived anywhere where I have felt safer. Given how little street lighting the village has, I feel completely safe at all times of day or night.
- Local police, that I have met in the past, seem very approachable and helpful
- A very peaceful place, thank goodness

- Very rarely see any police
- I live near a play area and have had car damage, garden vandalism and noise day and night from teenagers drinking and playing loud music also revving cars and motorbikes.
- We need more visits by police. More radar checks at each of four entrances to village.

HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY CARE.



The vast majority of respondents rated the medical services in Bampton as Good and Very Good. A few reported unsatisfactory experiences. The Surgery has a very good website, which includes, how to contact the Practice Manager in the event of dissatisfaction; information on appointments; clinics and services; prescriptions and much more useful information for patients.

<http://www.bamptonmedicalpractice.co.uk/>

Respondents comments:

- Top class surgery
- We find our medical practice excellent with a friendly, caring team
- I receive excellent service from the medical service.
- Surgery, doctors , nurses and pharmacy staff all fantastic.
- Regularly use pharmacy for my daughters medication, cannot praise staff enough!
- The NHS has always been an excellent service to me.
- Top quality medical services.
- Excellent service from local GPs
- Excellent and committed local health centre.
- We should be proud of our surgery
- Being able to order my repeat prescriptions on-line has made a big difference, so much easier

The appointment system still causes some concern: Respondents' comments:

- I do not like the new appointments system where the doctor phones you back to make sure you need an appointment.
- Not everybody has the use of a mobile phone in their workplace so cannot receive the doctor's call. They therefore won't bother, then it becomes an emergency.
- I don't like the new system of having to speak to a doctor over the phone first as I feel vulnerable. People with mental health issues will fall through the cracks.
- Local Doctors are above average but it is getting more difficult to contact them or get access for appointments for people who work
- Frequently use the surgery but it's getting increasingly more difficult to be seen by a GP. I do not think the new appointment system makes any sense
- I was sceptical about the surgery system, but it seems to work

Travel to, and parking at hospitals is definitely problematic, especially for the elderly. Respondents' comments:

- I can reach the surgery by car, if I am well enough to drive safely. Attending Witney Hospital is feasible but transport to Oxford hospitals is difficult and expensive as driving in fast, heavy city traffic is too demanding. Is there a volunteer driving scheme to/from the JR and Churchill?
- Traffic congestion and lack of parking at Oxford hospitals.
- Hospital travel difficult because of A40
- Difficult to get to the hospital by bus.
- The JR should offer appointments after 10:30am for Bampton patients as it's almost impossible to get there for appointments timed at 8:30-10:00am



NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT

Patients who fall into one of the following categories may be entitled to use the patient transport service

provided by South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust to get to and from hospital:

- patients who require continuous oxygen
- patients who are unable to stand or walk more than a few steps and who cannot use public transport or, for example, a family car
- patients who require a stretcher
- patients with a disability or problem that prevents them travelling by private or public transport.

To request ambulance transport to attend hospital:

Tel: **0300 100 0015**

Monday to Friday 8.00am - 6.00pm

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VOLUNTEER LINK-UP GOOD NEIGHBOUR SERVICE.

Volunteer Link-Up can provide transport for people who cannot use public transport. Part of their work involves providing community transport - volunteer drivers, using their own cars, transport residents to medical appointments, to meetings, as well as social appointments such as visiting the hairdresser. Volunteers also provide transport to allow people to visit loved ones in



hospitals and care homes. A week's notice is preferred for booking but sometimes a drive can be arranged within three working days. There is a charge for this service, which is currently 45 pence per mile - further details on costs can be obtained by telephoning us. All drivers are CRB checked.

Who to Contact:

Name: Volunteer Link Up (West Oxfordshire)

Telephone: 01993 776277

Email: office@vlu.org.uk

Website: <http://www.vlu.org.uk>

Address: 10 Wesley Walk, Witney

DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE WELL SUPPORTED IN THE VILLAGE ESPECIALLY WHEN FACING DIFFICULTIES?



Respondents' comments to this question:

- One of the good things about Bampton is the great mix of people rubbing along well
- Bampton is a caring, active community (especially SPAJERS, Bush Club, Community Shop)
- Bampton is a very sociable, cohesive village and most people have friends to call upon for support.
- I feel that Bampton is supportive and caring re Bush Club, SPAJERS & Community Shop.
- We are supported by neighbours and church friends.
- Bampton's community is very helpful and everyone looks after one another.
- I receive excellent service from Volunteer Link-up who provide transport to hospitals etc.
- Neighbours are great.
- Luckily neither my family nor I have needed any other support than family or friends. With Bampton being such a lovely community, I know that support is always available.
- There is currently good and diverse support for families with children.
- I am well supported by friends and Methodist and Anglican members
- A scheme is needed to enable contact with voluntary carers in a crisis (health or otherwise) with a phone to assist with e.g. collecting medicines from the Pharmacy, doing essential shopping, pet care, voluntary transport (costs paid by user). Emergency childcare e.g. school travel
- More community interaction with all age groups. I think a befriending service within the village.
- I do not know what support there is.
- Better promotion of support available.
- Knowing where to get the information? The phone box in the Market Square could be turned into an information booth like you see elsewhere. Great for Downton tourists etc.
- When dealing with more than one organisation, who do you go to in order to ask the right questions. This is never made clear.
- Lack of information/points for information.
- I think there could be more information either delivered to houses or more noticeboards for people to gain information about what is in the village when looking for support. Many elderly residents don't have internet access so are unaware of the help they could get.
- A community support group that people could call on, if there isn't one already. If there is, then more information is required about it.

SUPPORTIVE, WELCOMING ORGANISATIONS:

Bampton Bush Club

Address: Church View Bampton



Bampton Bush Club runs every Wednesday during term time and offers its members the chance to chat in friendly surroundings. The morning starts with a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit from 9.45 onwards. Various entertainments or activities start around 10.30. Recent activities have included armchair exercises (run by a qualified physiotherapist), bingo, singing, talks, quizzes, short films, and demonstrations. An excellent two course lunch is served at 12 noon followed by tea/coffee and a raffle. Free transport can be arranged within Bampton upon request. We also arrange regular

outings which may include a pub lunch.

Who to Contact: Mavis Newing/Mike Wareham/Sally Proctor/Louise Robinson

Telephone: 01993 850809/01993 851963/01993 850479/01993 851837

Email: bushcentre@yahoo.co.uk

Where to Go

Name of venue: The Old School Community Centre

Venue address: Church View Bampton

Postcode: OX18 2NE

When is it On?

Date & Time Information: Every Wednesday during term time from 9.45 until approximately 1.45pm.

Other Details

Cost(s): £2 per session

Age Range: 60+

BAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH:

Weekly Events:

Monday Lunch Drop-In: 11:45am Enjoy friendly conversation with a light lunch.

Suggested voluntary donation £2.50

Every Monday from 08 Sept

Singing for Fun: Tuesdays (term time): 8-9 pm £2.

Come and enjoy a wide variety and repertoire of songs and hymns. Loads of Fun for everyone!



<http://www.bamptonmethodistchurch.co.uk/>

ST. MARY'S LADIES' LUNCH



St. Mary's Ladies Lunch takes place on the last Friday of each month in The Pavilion, The Recreation Ground, Buckland Rd. All ladies are welcome to attend as are babies and pre-school children with their carers. Lunches run from September to June.

See the Church website for information on other activities.

<http://www.bamptonchurch.org.uk/>

VOLUNTEER LINK-UP (West Oxon)



Volunteer Link Up Good Neighbour Service

Address: 10 Wesley Walk Witney

Volunteer Link Up links people with time to spare with people who need their help. We provide transport for people who cannot use public transport. Volunteer befrienders visit isolated people in their home, for a chat or to help sort out paperwork, or to take them out - to shop or simply for a drive - they also can be asked to do people's shopping or errands for them.

Who to Contact

Name: Volunteer Link Up (West Oxfordshire)

Telephone: 01993 776277

Email: office@vlu.org.uk

Website: <http://www.vlu.org.uk>

Our 'practical task' team can help with small DIY or decorating jobs, and our gardeners help people who can no longer maintain their gardens by mowing lawns, trimming hedges and weeding borders. Every request is bespoke and is treated as such.

Where to Go

Name of venue: Volunteer Link Up (West Oxfordshire)

Venue address: 10 Wesley Walk Witney
Postcode: OX28 6ZJ

When is it On?

Date & Time Information: Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am - 1pm.

Age Range: We serve the entire population - but volunteers for our service should be 18 and over.

Notes: One to one, confidential interviews are available to potential volunteers. All information given to Volunteer Link Up remains confidential and is only shared on a 'need-to-know' basis.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU, Witney

Address

The Old Print House
Marlborough Lane
Witney
Oxfordshire
OX28 6DY



Opening Hours: Drop in

Mon: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Tue: Closed

Wed: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Thur: 9.30 am – 12.00 pm . 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Fri: 9.30 am –12.30 pm 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Sat: N/A

What advice do you need?

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- Benefits
- Civil rights
- Communications
- Consumer affairs
- Discrimination
- Education
- Employment
- Energy
- Family

- Health
- Home and neighbourhood
- Immigration
- Legal system
- Money management
- Tax
- Travel

E-mail Advice: We provide a free e-mail advice service to residents in the Banbury, Bicester and West Oxfordshire area

bureau@wocab.org.uk



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Other sources of local information:

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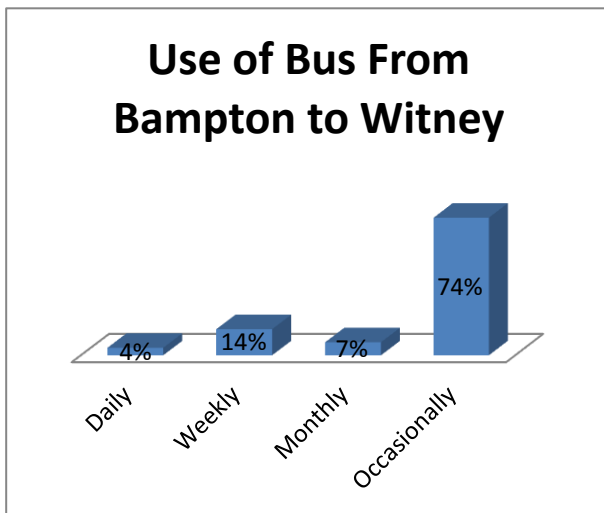
TRANSPORT



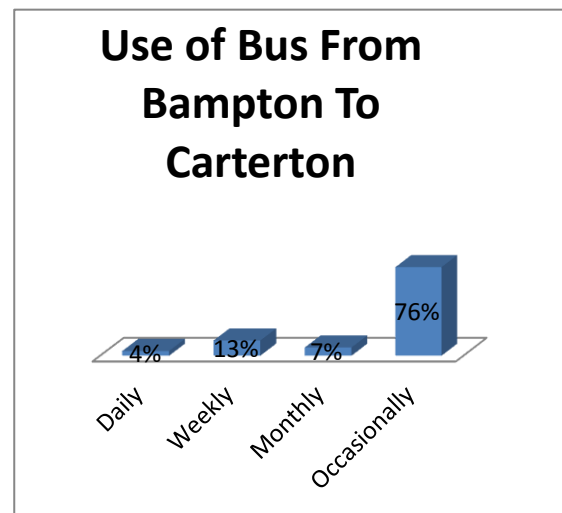
Results show that the car is the favoured mode of transport in Bampton. Residents use their cars for shopping, getting to work, leisure and a small number of people reported using their car for taking their children to school.

Many respondents commented that for work, buses did not run at convenient times; for families it is very expensive to travel by bus; car travel enabled respondents to transport heavy groceries.

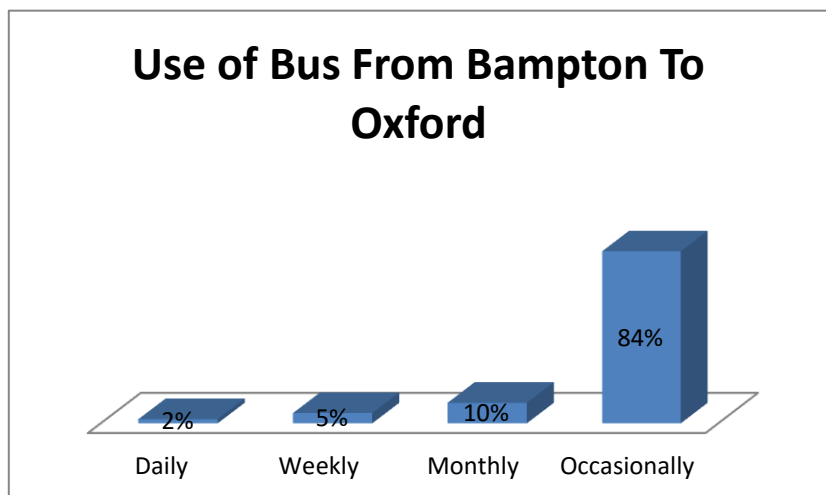
320 people answered this question.



148 people answered this question



341 people answered this question



Evidence suggests that the majority of people using the Oxford buses are retired residents with bus passes.



As a result of 'The Beeching Cuts', Bampton lost its railway station. From Bampton Station it was possible to travel to Witney, Oxford and London. In the opposite direction, one could travel to Fairford and Lechlade.

Although the bus service is not used by the majority of residents, other residents have commented that we are rural community and not everyone has a car, or is able to drive. Others commented:

- I am very impressed that Bampton has a service that runs regularly to Oxford and Witney.
- Bus service seems good and I will be happy to use it one day, when it becomes necessary
- We have an excellent bus service but it cannot be diminished, as so many people depend on it. The drivers are extraordinary helpful and kind
- The bus service is an absolutely vital link!
- Bus service to Oxford is cheaper and easier than using the car
- I am concerned about the bus service being reduced/withdrawn, as it is little used by Bampton people.

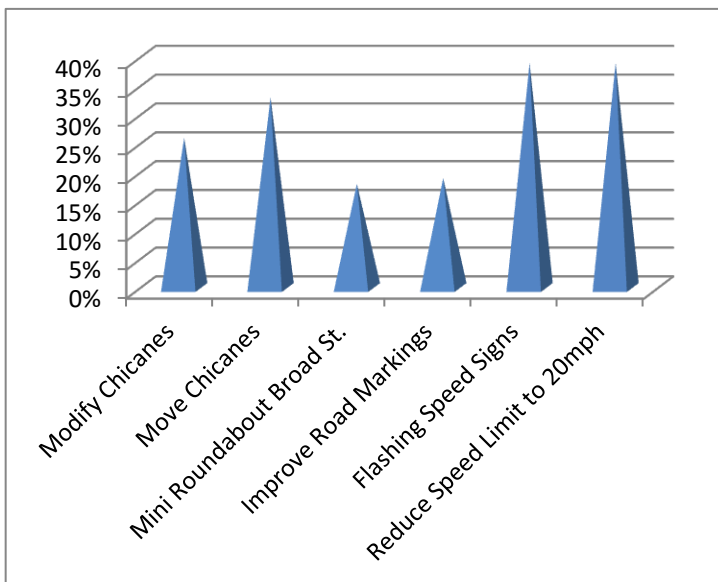
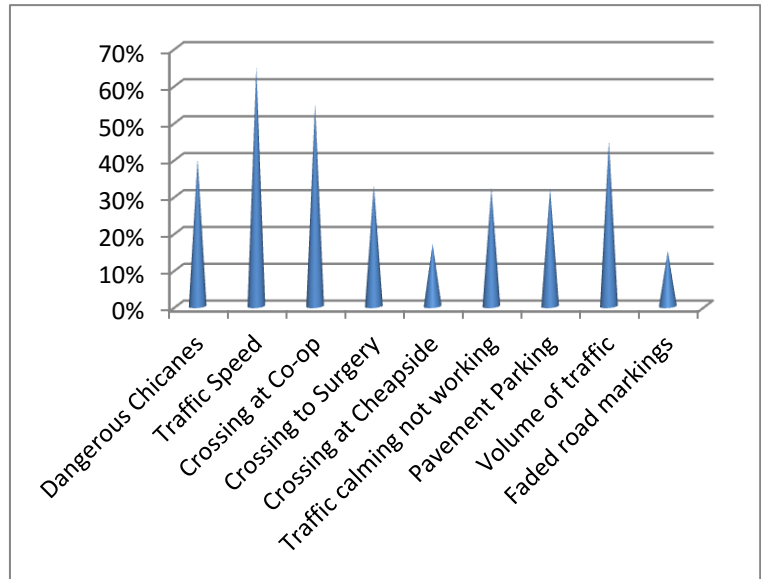


A number of residents expressed a wish for a late bus and a Sunday bus. Others commented:

- The fact that there is no Oxford bus service after 1800hrs every day and none at all on Sunday, limits its usefulness.
- I would certainly use the bus service more frequently if there was a bus into Oxford around 8am and if it was possible to get back to the village direct later in the evening.
- It would make a huge difference to my life if there were mid/late evening buses from Oxford; even just a 7pm return bus would miss the worst of the rush hour traffic and allow for an adequate length of working day
- Lack of early and late buses means I have to work part time as the timetable does not allow me to do a full shift.
- The re-introduction of a rail service would be a great benefit to travel and traffic issues

TRAFFIC

The vast majority of respondents felt that there was a problem with traffic in Bampton. Speed of traffic was of great concern, leading to road safety issues. Parking in the centre and congestion in Bowling Green Close, Colville Close and Chandlers Close at the beginning and end of the school day, was of great concern to residents, who are often inconvenienced when their driveways are blocked by parked cars.



Respondents made suggestions that they felt may address some of the problems.

Another issue of great concern was the difficulty of crossing the road between the Town Hall and Budgens (now Co-op).

Residents commented:

- Pelican/zebra crossing outside Budgens (now Co-op). Traffic coming off roundabout doesn't allow much time to cross, especially with a pushchair.
- We need a crossing in the town centre as crossing by Budgens (now Co-op). can be a challenge
- We need an island opposite Budgens (now Co-op) to help crossing the road, as on other roads off the mini-roundabout
- The parking on the yellow lines outside Budgens (now Co-op). needs to be monitored
- Remove all road markings to make drivers more cautious. Remove roundabout bollards.
- The traffic-calming island going into Clanfield is very effective in my view. The crucial difference between ours and theirs is that the Clanfield one is welcoming. The Bampton ones are not. The

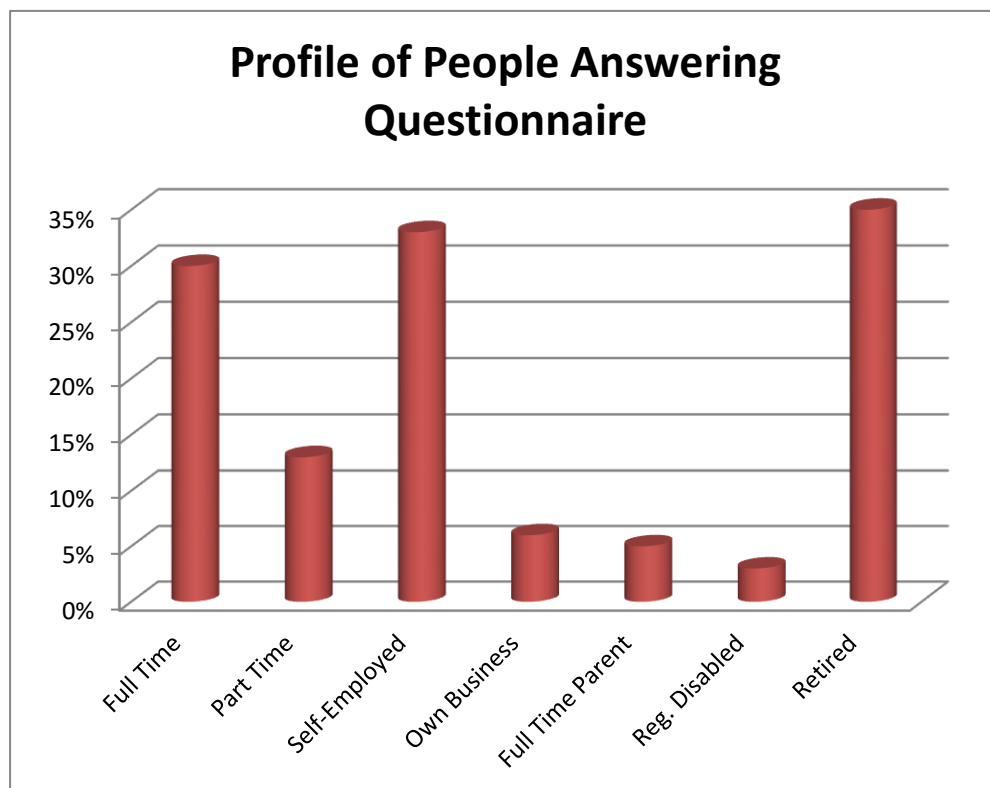
Bampton chicanes do not encourage drivers to think before entering the chicanes – they are just a nuisance. Clanfield’s make you slow down and encourages respect that you are entering a village community.

- Have a red light outside every entry into Bampton. It would only change to green when travelling under required 30 mph speed. I’ve seen it in Europe and it works.

It was acknowledged by many that much of the problem actually lies with motorists, who do not drive according to limits and conditions.

Please see the letter from the Chair of the Parish Council, **Appendix 3**, as many of the areas of concern have now been addressed.

Employment



DISTANCES TRAVELLED TO WORK



Places where respondents are employed :

Bampton, Black Bourton, Buckland, Clanfield, Lew, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Witney, Crawley, Burford, Carterton, Sutton, Finstock, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, Lechlade, Abingdon, Milton Park, Eynsham, Didcot, Chipping Norton, Faringdon, Wantage, Long Hanborough, Weston-on-the-Green, Fritwell, Banbury, Kidlington, Swindon, Oxford, Cirencester, Cheltenham, Thame, Bicester.

.....AND FURTHER AFIELD



Places of work recorded by respondents who area long-distance commuters:

Worldwide, Scotland, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Reading, Trowbridge, Stokenchurch, Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Southampton, Luton, Yately, Multiple nationwide destinations.

SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

The number of respondents engaging in the following sporting activities:

Cricket	Soccer	Bowling	Badminton	Tennis	Golf	Shooting	Fishing	Cycling
24	41	12	12	38	72	25	34	153
Squash	Swimming	Archery	Rambling	Riding	Running	Walking	Motor Sport	Rugby
5	128	8	77	21	77	381	18	11
Netball	Weight lifting	Gym / Exercise	Other					
10	8	27	59					

The number of respondents engaging in the following leisure activities:

Patchwork	Bingo	Whist	Bridge	Amateur Dramatics	Darts	Aunt Sally	Art/ Craft	Pool
22	23	3	21	12	21	31	89	3
Gardening	Flower Arranging	Sewing	Morris Dancing	Cooking	Crib	Music/ Singing	Other	
281	34	77	17	176	6	7	30	

Sporting and social facilities at the Recreation Ground appear to be well used.

To the question that encouraged comments on Mercury Close Park and Pembroke Place Park, many respondents expressed concern about the condition of Pembroke Place Park.

- I would like to see a gate at Mercury Close play park to keep dogs out and for child safety.

Please see the letter from the Chair of the Parish Council, **APPENDIX 3**

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES



A large number of respondents reported taking part in charitable activities both in Bampton and elsewhere.

These activities included:

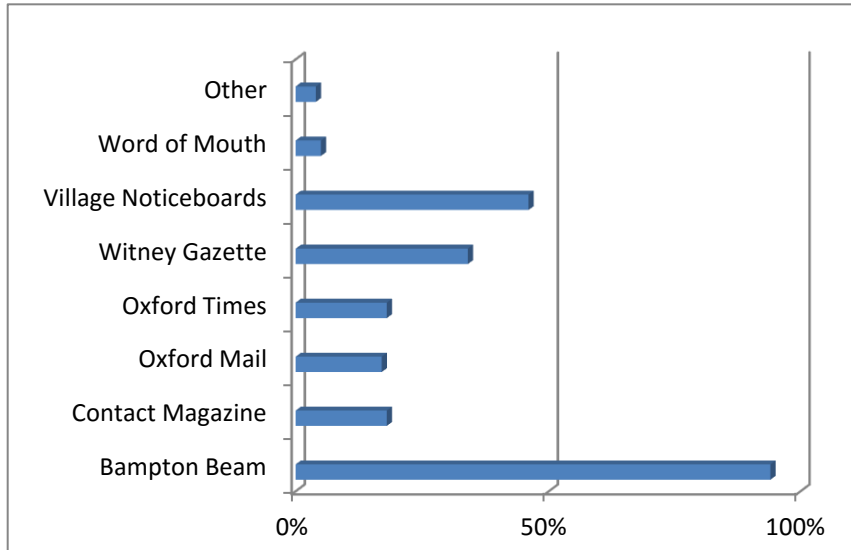
Organising/ helping with sporting activities; helping the aged and infirm; church or chapel activities; supporting national charities; involvement with youth organisations; organizing social and fundraising events for charities.

Respondents reported supporting locally: BEWG (Bampton Environmental Watch Group), SPB (The Society for the Protection of Bampton), SPAJERS (The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing) , FOBS (The Friends of Bampton School), British Legion, West Oxon Arts, The Zimbabwe Project, The Community Archive, Church and Chapel activities.

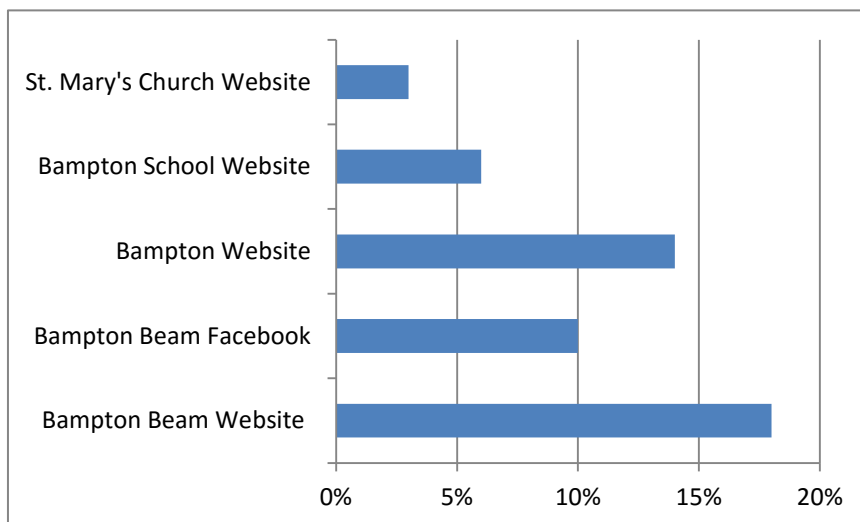
LOCAL NEWS AND COMMUNICATION

How do you get your local news?

Percentage of respondents using these local news sources:



Percentage of respondents using local technology-based news sources:



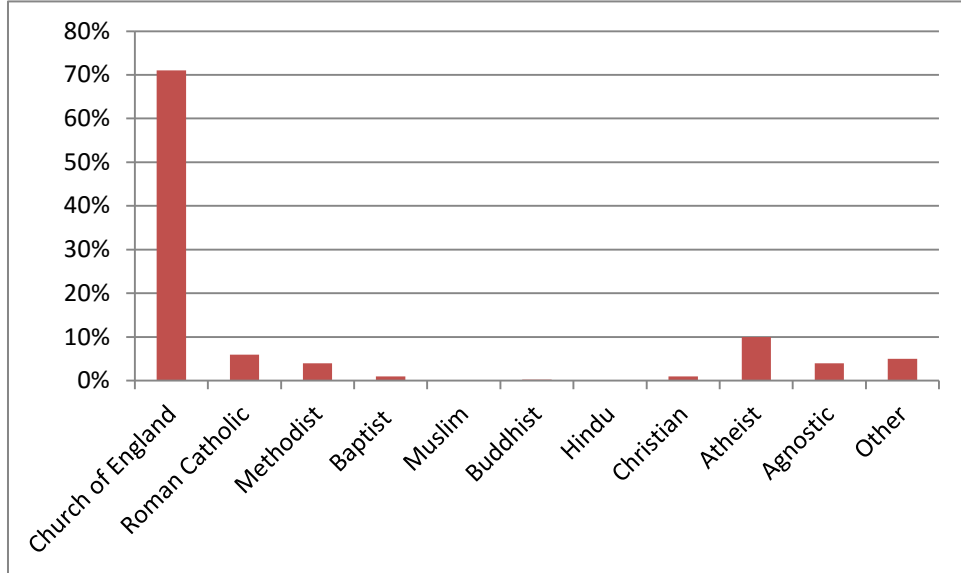
Comments from respondents:

- Bampton Beam : much improved, something of interest for most age groups and sections of society. The quality of presentation has brought it into the 21st century. I note that some old contributors still fill a page or two to give us the village flavour.
- Really glad The Bampton Beam is up and running. This is the ideal method of communicating to all in the village.

RELIGION

How would you describe your religion?

(822 Responses)

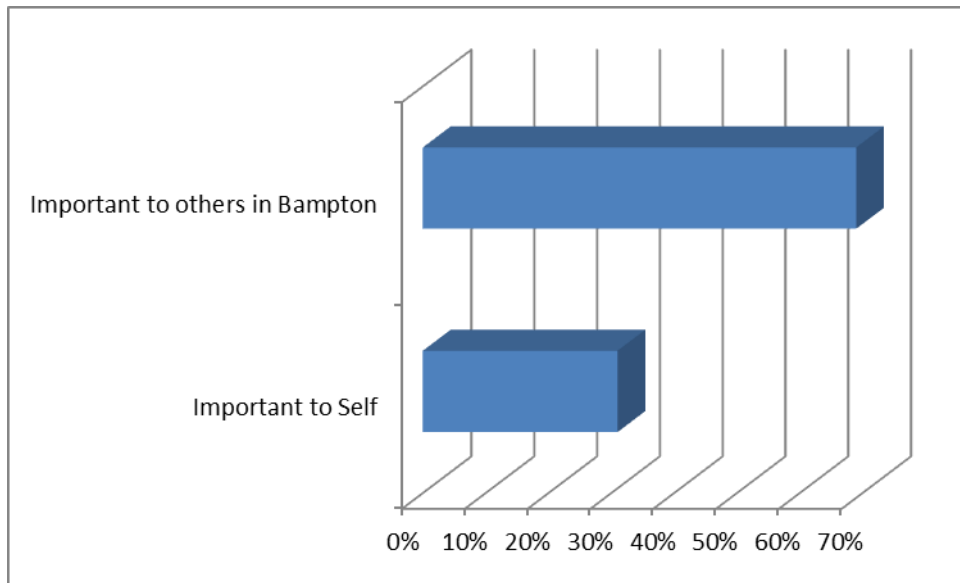


What is the main importance of St. Mary's Church to you?

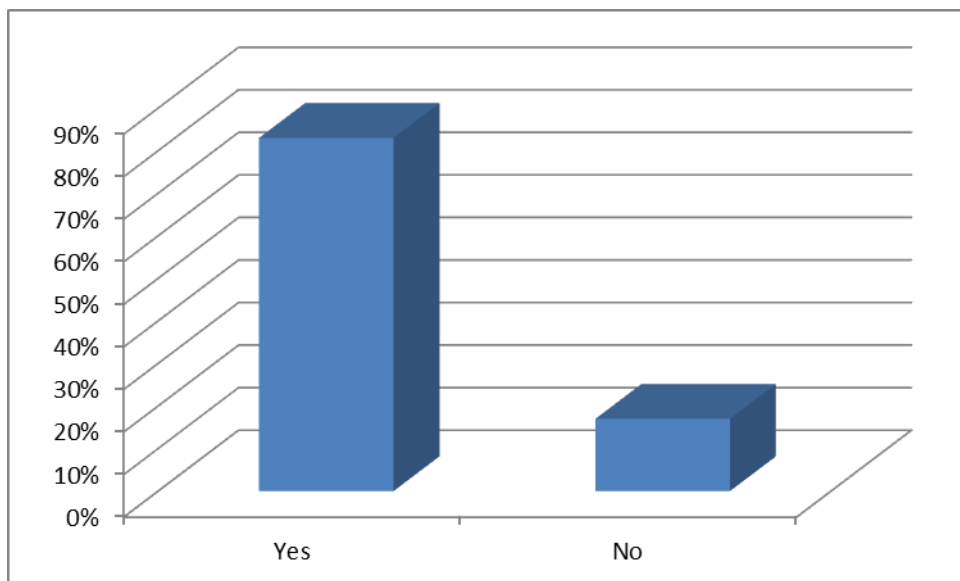
(779 Responses)



Would you say religion plays an important part in your life? (779 responses)



Do places of worship play an important role in the village? (747 responses)



Apologies for not mentioning the Methodist Chapel in this section. We acknowledge the importance of the Chapel; its inclusive and welcoming attitude; the events and 'Drop-in' lunch provided by its members.

Comments made by respondents in relation to the Church and religion:

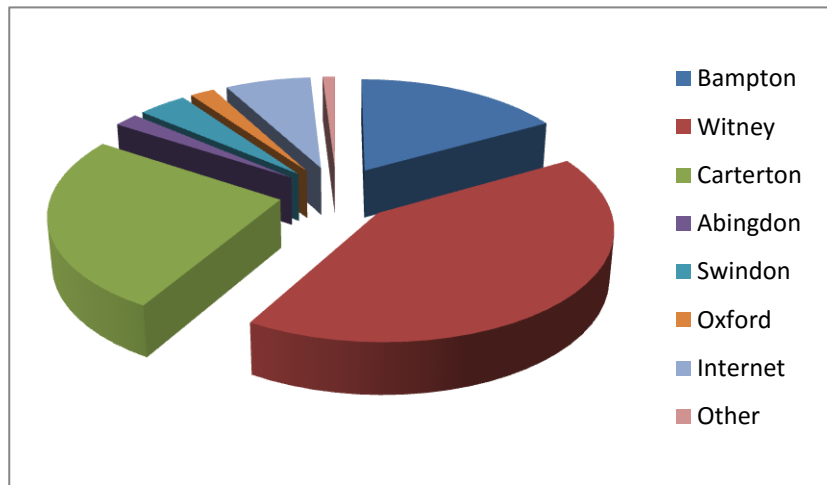
- The Church provides everything I want from being part of a church congregation, love, support, care and an exceptional vicar whose interest extends to all members of the village.
- Although I am a non-Christian, I believe the church is very important for the villagers who are.
- The Church community is a source of friendship and social life.
- The Catholic community greatly appreciate the use of St. Marys for Holy Mass on Sunday mornings.
- The most friendly, community-centred church I have ever come across, not stuffy
- A beautiful landmark in Bampton. The sound of the bells brings me comfort. The church is a wonderful setting for functions
- The church is a wonderful, useful venue for concerts and social events, not connected to C of E or RC congregation.
- A place for peaceful contemplation and private prayer.
- Exceptional vicar and good lay back-up.
- Church is a great source of social interaction

- St Mary's is a beautiful, important building and a vital community space
- Important for all the usual reasons, but also a place for quiet reflection and prayer
- Bampton Methodist Chapel means a lot to me and many other people – it plays an important role in village life
- Bampton Methodist Church provides a “drop-in” on Mondays providing 20-25 lunchtime meals – a much valued village resource
- Worship adds to our mental and physical wellbeing
- St Mary's is a very important part of the Bampton dynamic
- My religion is a guiding principle rather than regular worship
- I respect all religions but do not practice any. I believe that people can lead a good life by choice. I love Bampton church, look forward to hearing the church bells and see it as beautiful.
- I don't think you need religion to be a good person

SHOPPING

Where do you do your main household shopping?

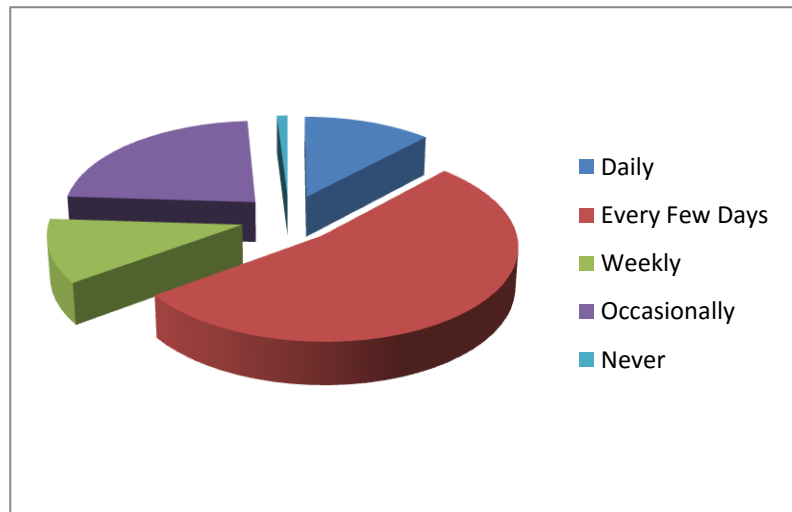
1282 responses – some RESPONDENTS ticked two or three options



How frequently do you shop in Bampton?

RESPONDENTS' COMMENTS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES

- The shops are a very good local amenity that I value
- Excellent village shop
- Fantastic village shop.
- We are fortunate to have Budgens.(now Co-op)
- We try to support local shops wherever possible and find it well stocked with a wide variety of produce. Staff always helpful and friendly.
- Really like to support local businesses – butchers, Budgens (now Co-op) , Post Office etc.
- Great selection of services in Bampton. Makes Bampton one of the few self-sufficient villages in Oxfordshire.
- Shops in Bampton are convenient and excellent and we also take occasional trips to Witney
- Budgens(now Co-op) is excellent
- It's great to have the convenience of Budgens (now Co-op) for the daily items and more. I always try to use the local shops when I can to try and support them. The opening of the fabric shop is wonderful for the crafters among us.
- We must support local tradespeople and jobs.
- The shops are vital to the village, most especially for those without transport, elderly or disabled They are hugely important when it comes to contact with other people if living alone.



- Budgens(now Co-op) is very good value for money especially when factoring in the cost of petrol now
- It's a wonderful village shop, loads of choice and the staff are brilliant.
- Budgens (now Co-op) is a well-stocked store and so convenient if you don't wish to leave the village. We also have a butchers and hairdressers.
- We are very fortunate here in Bampton.
- The coffee shop is most useful and Biztro for special occasions.
- Really like to support local businesses – butchers, Budgens (now Co-op), Post Office etc.
- Postal services and Post Office are excellent we are lucky!
- Local pubs are great, social and friendly.
- Bistro is a fabulous facility for lovely.
- We are so fortunate to have a 7 day-a-week supermarket; a butcher's shop; three hairdressers; a solicitor ; an estate agent ; a fabric shop; an outdoor-wear shop all in one small village.


When asked how frequently residents used local pubs and eating facilities, at least half the respondents reported using them occasionally; others reported using them more often . These facilities provide a base for many of the local organisations as well as encouraging trade from outside the village and serving the needs of the many tourists who now visit Bampton. We are very fortunate to have a variety of eating and drinking establishments in the wider area, so that all tastes and needs are catered for.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES



The question was asked about the importance of maintenance of hedges, trees, public green spaces, country footpaths and ditches. The vast majority of respondents regarded all of these as very important, or extremely important, particularly in relation to ditches.

Respondents' comments on ditches:

- The clearance of ditches helps to get rid of water run-off
 - I was flooded in 2007 and out of my house for 5 months which was a dreadful experience. The ditches have been totally neglected.
 - Ditches and drains need to be maintained
 - Ditches on New Rd. need constant attention
 - Ditch clearance is of vital importance. Since 2007 WODC has failed to develop an enforcement policy and did not use its power to require landowners to clear their ditches.
 - Obviously after the bad flooding we had a few years ago, lessons have been learnt and clearing ditches is of the highest priority
 - Maintenance of ditches is most important to avoid flash flooding when we have prolonged periods of heavy rain
 - The ditch between Ampney Orchard and Chetwynd Mead is overgrown, as is the ditch adjacent to Mount Owen Rd. They have had no maintenance for at least a year
 - The ditches along New Rd should be better maintained given how easily they flood
 - Ditches and drainage
 - Ditches and brook maintenance to alleviate flooding is vital.
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- Thames Water should be more pro-active when it comes to planning applications on flood plains.
 - Culverts need constant attention to prevent flooding

Respondents' comments on hedges and trees:

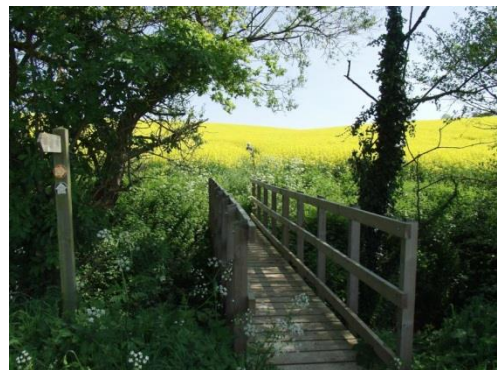
- Trees and hedges help to make a village
 - Plant more trees
 - Hedges are being allowed to overgrow on to public footpaths
 - Overgrown path between Valence Court and Ampney Orchard
 - The footpath near the surgery is rather overgrown the last time I walked there in September
 - The footpath by the Fire Station is now overgrown and difficult to walk along
 - The footpath opposite the Fire Station is overgrown and often obstructed by a parked car. It was badly resurfaced after extension work on a nearby cottage, very hard for buggies and walking
 - Footpath by Prospect Cottage/house has become very narrow due to hedge being overgrown
 - On the Aston Rd, overgrown hedges force pedestrians on to the road between Ampney Orchard and Mercury Close
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- We need to look after our hedges, particularly next to footpaths. I walk around Bampton a lot and at times you have to walk on the road if you meet someone coming the other way – especially Aston Road
- Hedges in the village overgrow the pavement, which is dangerously muddy and slippery when wet for old people like me.
- The environmental list is more important than the roads, as footpaths and trees are irreplaceable. Hedgerows are vital to local ecology and ditches must be cleared. New Rd ditches are often dirty and full of litter
- Footpaths have overhanging brambles and branches and need attention more regularly
- Some pavements are challenging with a pushchair – overgrown bushes and hedges.
- Overgrown bushes in Aston Road
- Private hedges over-hanging footpaths. New Road/ Broad Street junction. Entrance to Ampney Orchard.
- Over-hanging hedges from doctors' surgery.
- Bushes either side of the entrance to Ampney Orchard. Have to step into the road to get past.
- Overhanging branches and hedges are a problem on footpaths because I am visually impaired.

The writer accepts that some of these issues will have been addressed by the time the report is published.

Respondents' comments on country footpaths:

- The stiles on the footpath from Clanfield to Glebelands need attention
- The Plantation/wood by the stream beyond Glebelands is often full of rubbish/discarded items etc.
- All public footpaths need checking, kept clear, well maintained and open all year
- Some footpaths in Weald are almost impassable, also broken/rotten stiles.
- I am very impressed with the way in which most farmers care for country footpaths. In the summer brambles can quickly grow out of control. We always carry secateurs with which to attack these offending plants.
- All the open spaces provide help to wildlife and add to the beauty of our surroundings
- I trim brambles etc. on footpaths across fields when necessary.



The responsibility for the maintenance of the highway, including pavements, street lighting, signage and public footpaths that form part of the numbered footpath system/public right of way, rests with Oxfordshire County Council and to an extent with farmers/landowners, when a public right of way crosses their land .(including the maintenance of stiles and gates)

For information visit: - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/what-are-public-rights-way>

Respondent's comment:

- As tourism is such a big and ever-growing business, we need to keep Bampton looking well-maintained and visitor friendly. Visitors bring a huge amount of money to the area

When asked about their main concerns in relation to pollution, LITTER and DOG FOULING were by far the main issues, followed by traffic, aircraft.

Respondents' comments

- I feel dog fouling is not such a problem as it used to be
- Encourage some owners to clean up after their dogs.
- Even though bins are provided some owners do not clean up after their dogs.
- Increase number of dog bins and encourage usage through polite signage.
- More dog bins as long as we can get people to use them



Respondents' comments on litter:

- At the rear of the Village Hall (Bell Lane) we have discarded bottles and litter and the gutters are full of leaves and weeds
- Area around the Weald still has far too much rubbish and occasional evidence of dumping
- Street cleaning is perfectly reasonable, however, the amount of rubbish/litter in hedgerows and similar areas is undesirable
- Generally we need more litter bins and sweeping
- Litter is a problem with items dropped in my front garden
- Bowling Green Close area has a litter problem
- The litter by the sports field and the wooded area is bad
- Local people tend to pick up litter that has been discarded, which keeps the village presentable.
- Rubbish bins near school – encourage children to use them.
- There are people who are very public-spirited. I have seen them picking up other people's litter to keep our village tidy.
- Without regular care and maintenance, Bampton's beautiful environment could easily deteriorate and be lost for future generations.



Since this question was asked a Lengthsperson has been appointed by the Parish Council. An excellent job is being done and Bampton is looking much tidier.

Respondents' comments on aircraft noise:

- Silence would be golden but we do get off rather lightly considering we are a large busy village on the A4095 road, with a busy airport nearby.
- Aircraft noise is a real nuisance
- Considering we live two miles from a major transport base, aircraft noise is relatively tolerable.
- I didn't think planes could fly over the village.



For information on :

- Local Area Flight Information
- Local Area Flight Times
- Aircraft Activity – Frequently Asked Questions
- Flying Complaints
- Low Flying
Engine Ground Running.....and much more

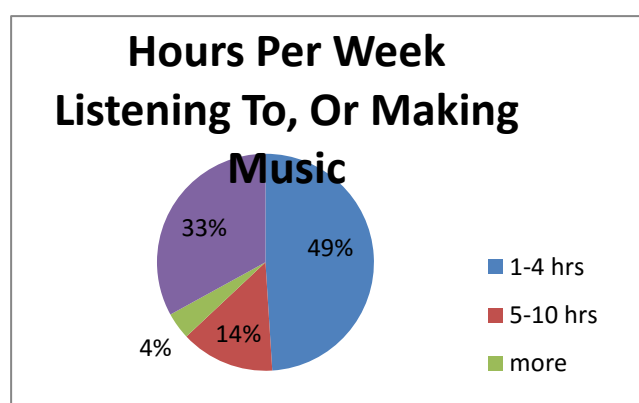
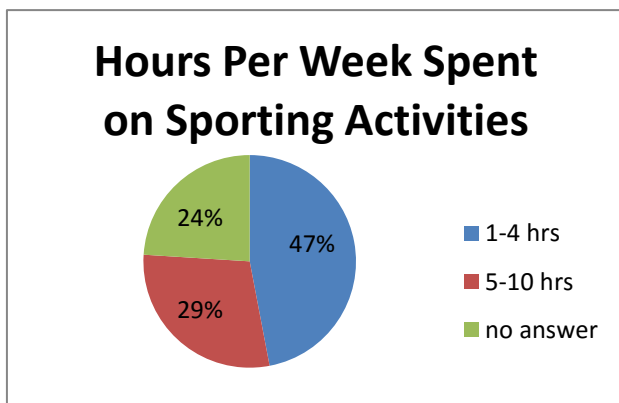
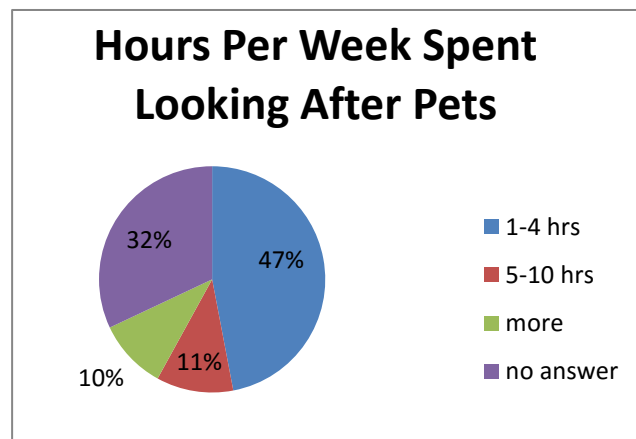
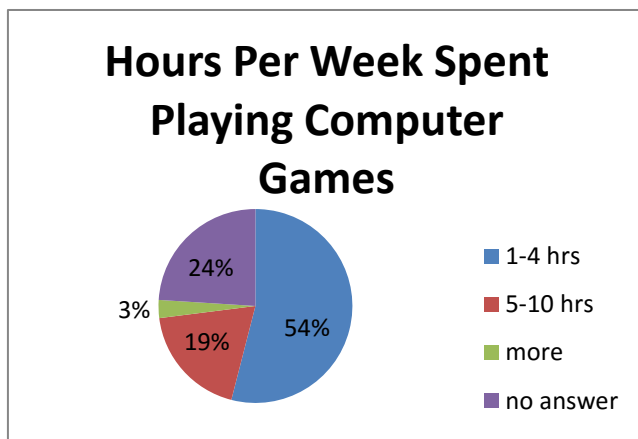
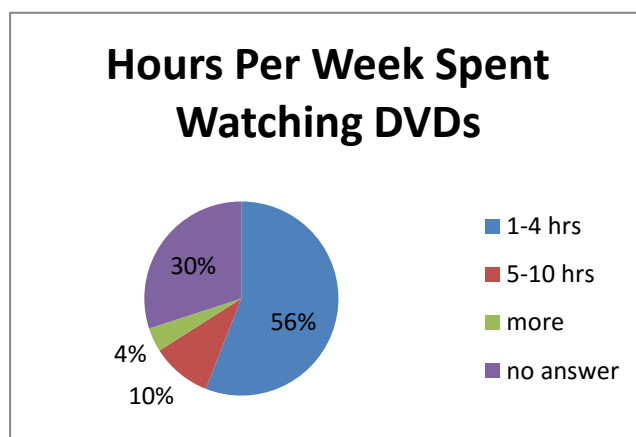
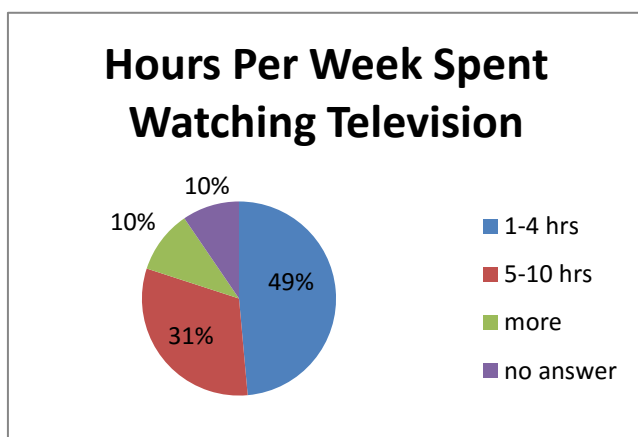
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Key Stage 2: 73 children completed the Young Persons' Questionnaire

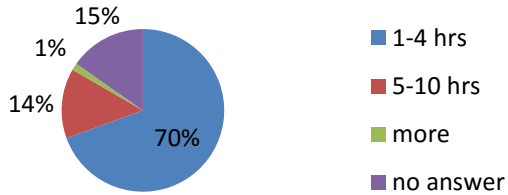
Schools attended by respondents:

Bampton	Aston	Cokethorpe	St. Hugh's	W. Witney	Buckland
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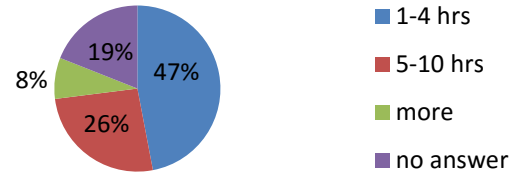
73 7-11 year olds were asked how they spent their out-of-school time. Results represent percentages of 73.



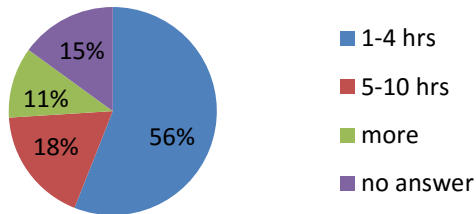
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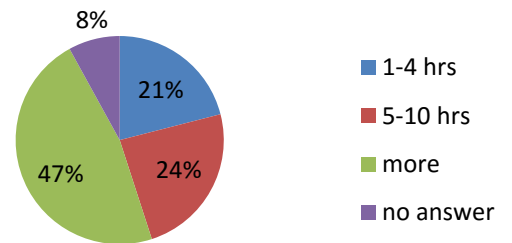
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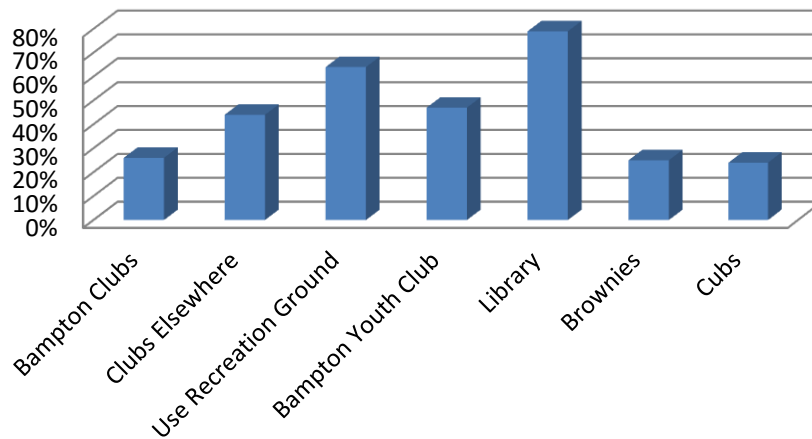
Hours Per Week Spent Reading



Hours Per Week Spent With Family

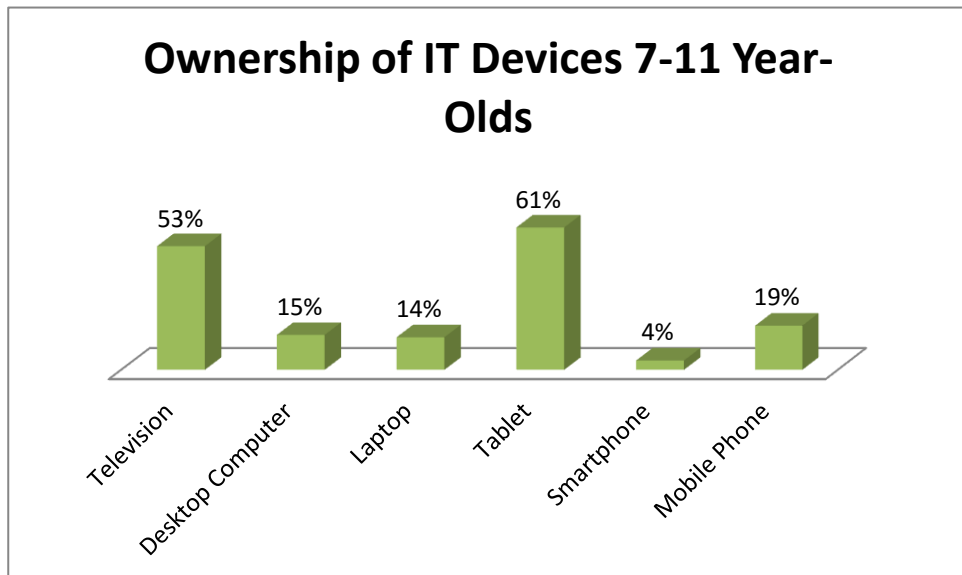
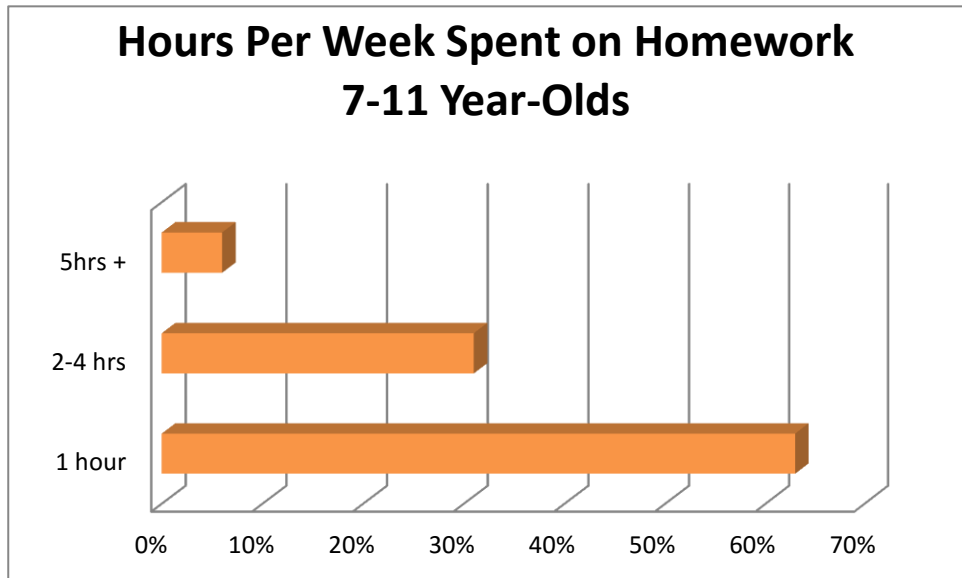


Leisure Activities 7-11 Year-Olds



Activities enjoyed by 7-11 year-olds at school, in Bampton and the surrounding area:

Tennis, Hockey, Boxing, Rugby, Netball, Riding, Ballet, Swimming, Karate, Football, Stage School.



The voice of the children of Bampton is the most significant part of this survey. They were asked how life could be improved for young people in Bampton:

- It would be nice to have a toy shop
- Less litter
- Less litter, less damage
- It could be a bit tidier.
- It could have traffic lights.
- More clubs
- A better and safer way to exit and enter the recreation ground.
- Change speed limit to 20mph.

- More clubs; a crossing from the Town Hall to Budgens (now Co-op). Cycle paths. More alley ways.
- Life is great as it is.
- I would like a children's Archery Club.
- It would be nice to have better playground facilities . An adventure park like Carterton.
- Life for young people in Bampton could be safer if cars travelled more slowly.
- Better transport links. Less traffic through the village. Replace Pembroke Place Park.
- I think children should be allowed to have Co-op membership cards.
- Fix Pembroke Park.
- More places to go and play in.
- Another Lollypop Lady.
- Because people leave litter and dog poo, perhaps we could have more dog poo bins .
- Improve Pembroke Park
- More clubs.
- A footpath through the fields to the recreation ground.
- A place to hang out with friends.
- More books in the Library.
- I wish we could get Play Rangers back. We need new play equipment for Pembroke Park.

They were asked if they liked living in Bampton and what they liked about living here:

- It has a lot of good walks
- I like the park
- I like the different pubs and shops
- I like all the nice people in Bampton
- It's a nice place to live
- It has the best shops
- It is a safe place to live.
- I like the park and all my friends
- I like how it is old and not new.
- I like visiting the Garden Centre and all the nice walks.
- I like the quiet friendly place that it is.
- I have all my friends here and it is a nice place to live.
- My friends are here and we have a good school.
- It's always peaceful. I live close to all my friends.
- It is safe.
- I like the community; being able to walk to places; no really busy roads. It feels safe.
- My friends live locally and there are lots of things to do
- I like visiting the library. I like walking to school. I like the fact that I know lots of people in Bampton. I like living near the park.
- Nice village; nice school; nice people; nice events. People take care of the village and respect it.
- It's not too big and not too small. I am close to my extended family here.

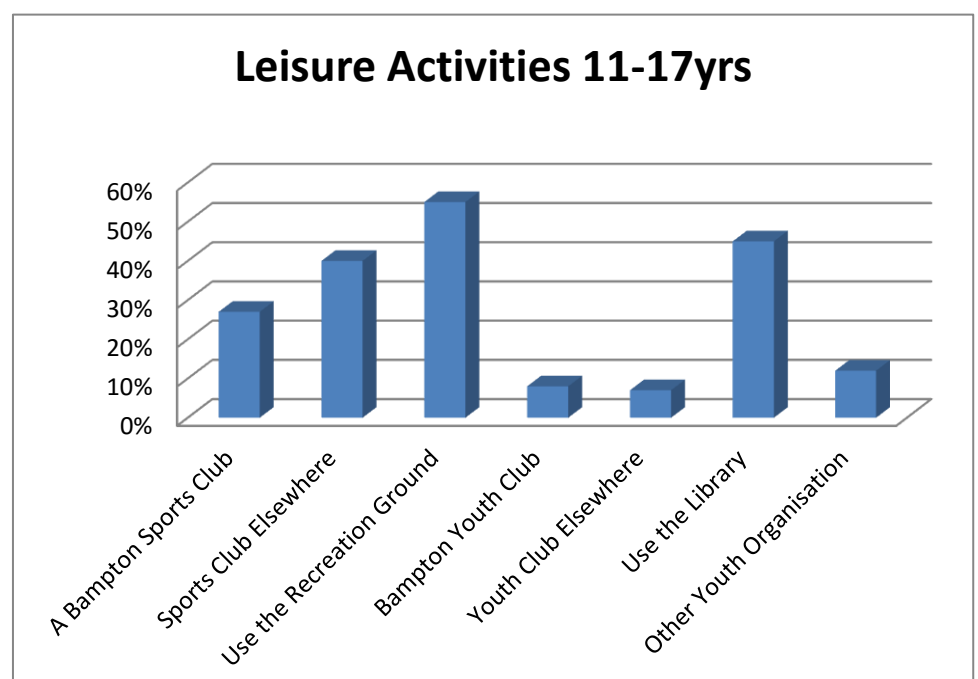
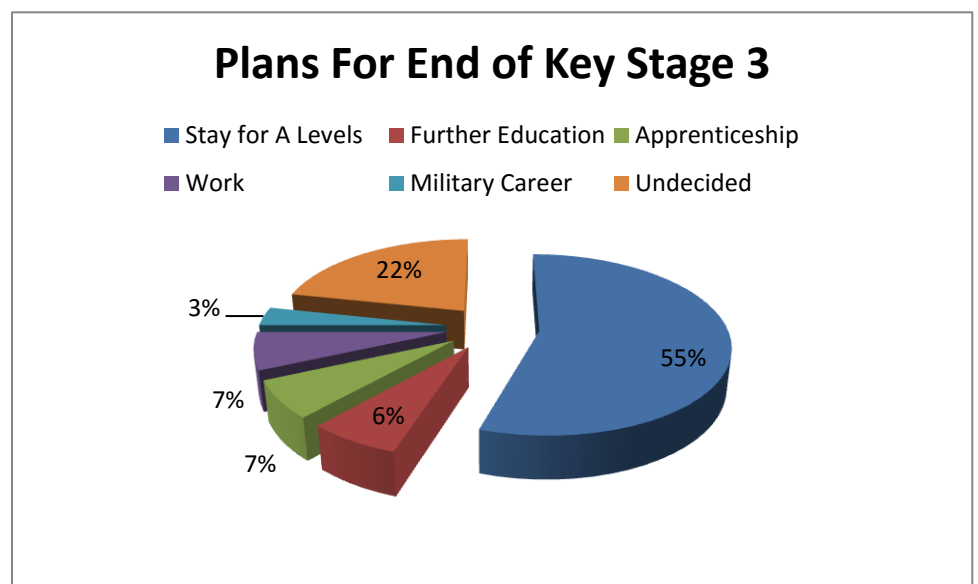
- My brothers and my mum live here.
- I like : the playgrounds; cycling to the village shop; the library and Shillbrook Woods.
- Bampton is great!
- Everything is just fun!
- All my friends are in Bampton and it is a friendly village.
- Bampton is a very safe place full of very kind people. It has a library and a great school.
- I like it that lots of kind people go to Bampton School.
- I don't like big, crowded places and Bampton is a small, quiet village. That's why I like living here.
- It has a good school; I have lots of friends ; good playgrounds and shops.
- There are lots of good walks and it is friendly.
- I like the friendly environment and the way everyone gets along with each other.
- Everyone knows everyone and everyone is kind.
- It has wonderful wildlife.
- There's lots of entertainment here.
- I like Bampton because it has got a skateboard park.
- It's a nice place to live.
- I like it because it is quiet.
- It's a cool place.
- It's a nice, friendly community.
- Bampton has a good school; places to cross roads, two parks; houses; St. Mary's Church; the Shirt Race; activities; shops and lots of litter bins.
- I like the friendship in Bampton.
- I like Bampton because everyone is friendly.
- I like the school and there is a range of things to do in Bampton.
- It is a friendly place. I like how everyone speaks to each other.
- It's a friendly place to live.
- I like the shops.
- I like living near my friends and my family.
- It's easy to wander around safely.
- I like St. Mary's Church.
- I love the friendliness of Bampton.
- It's a peaceful, friendly place with lots of nice people.
- In Bampton there are lots of friendly people and lots of village togetherness.
- I like living in Bampton because it is quite small. I also like it because most of the time it is quiet.
- I like it because there is peace and quiet and I feel safe.
- I like Bampton because of my friends, my school and my home.
- It is a safe place to play and I like playing for Bampton football club.
- Bampton is a nice environment in which to live.

Young People 11-17 years-of-age. 60 young people completed the Young Persons' questionnaire.

Schools and colleges attended by those completing the Young Person's questionnaire:

Burford	Carterton	Henry Box	Cokethorpe	Witney College	St. Hugh's
41	1	4	3	3	2
Magdalene	St. Katherine's & St Helen's	Bicester	Our Lady's, Abingdon	St. Edward's	Hartbury
1	1	1	1	1	1

When asked about future plans for education or work :



The young people a named variety of clubs to which they belong and activities in which they take part.

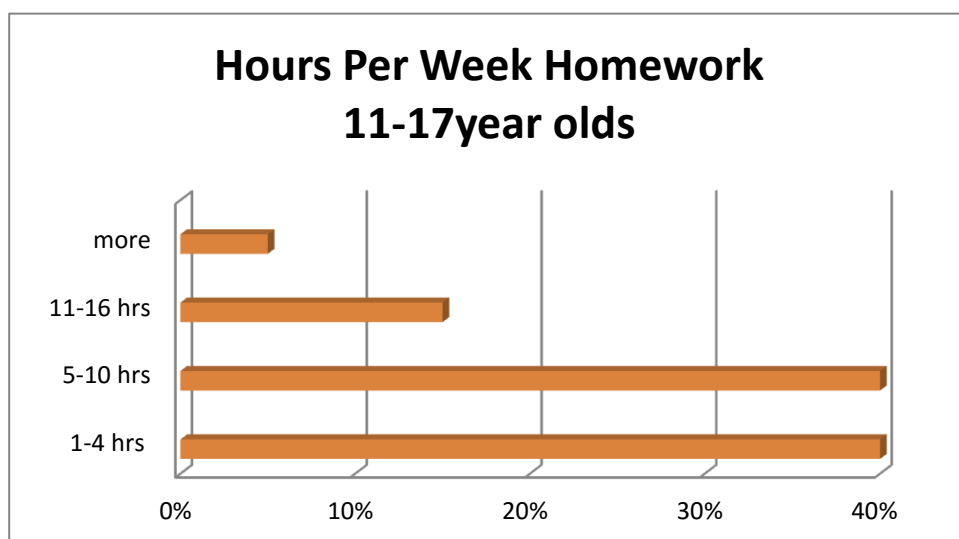
Sports Clubs:

Carswell Golf Club, Burford Golf Club, Witney Rugby Club, Grove Rugby Club, , Bampton Football Club, Clanfield Football Club, Carterton Football Club, Ducklington Football Club, Bampton Archery Club, Bampton Tennis Club, Witney Hockey Club, Bampton Netball Club, Brize Norton Netball Club, Faringdon Netball Club, School Clubs, Witney Road Runners, Windrush Leisure Centre, Badminton, Karate, Sailing Club, Young Farmers.

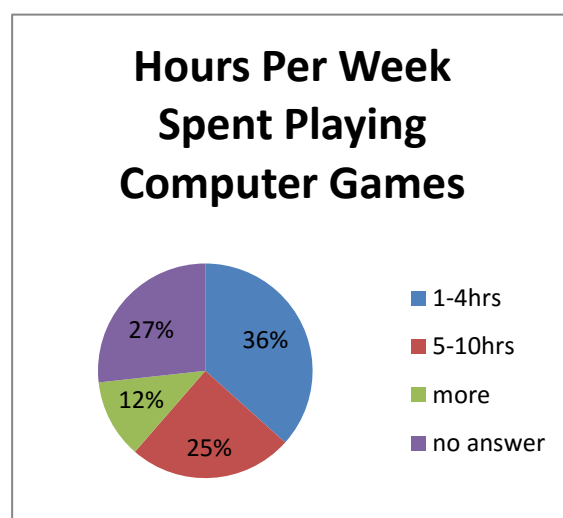
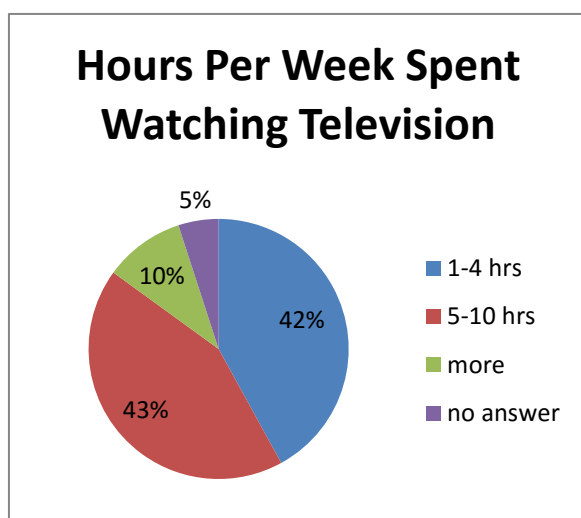
Other Activities:

Aston Girl Guides, Scouts, Oxfordshire Schools’ Symphony Orchestra, Stagecoach, Jill Stew School of Dance, Dancemania Ducklington, Morris Dancing, Cotswold Stables.

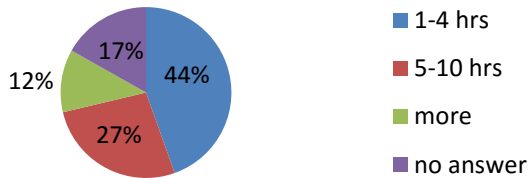
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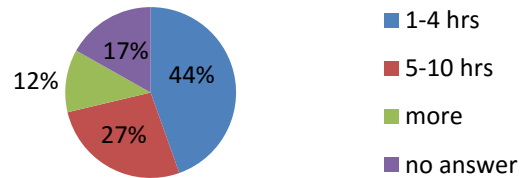
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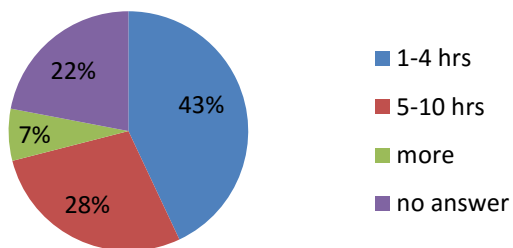
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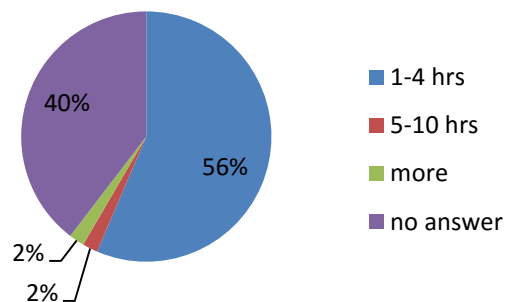
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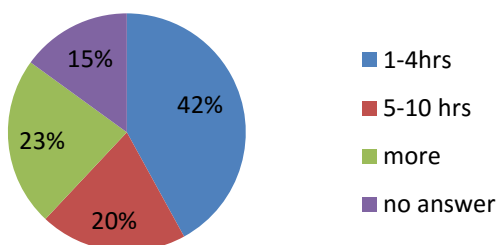
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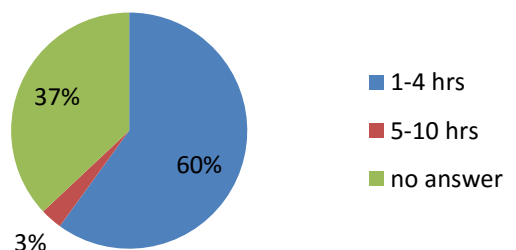
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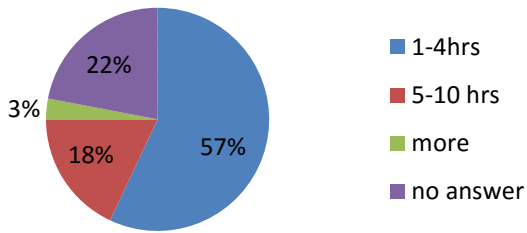
Hours Per Week Spent With Friends



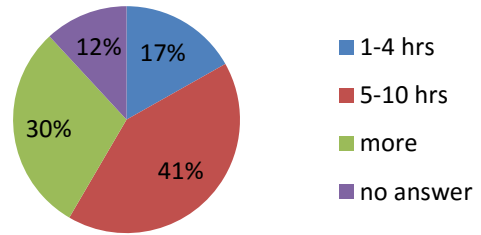
Hours Per Week Helping With Household Chores



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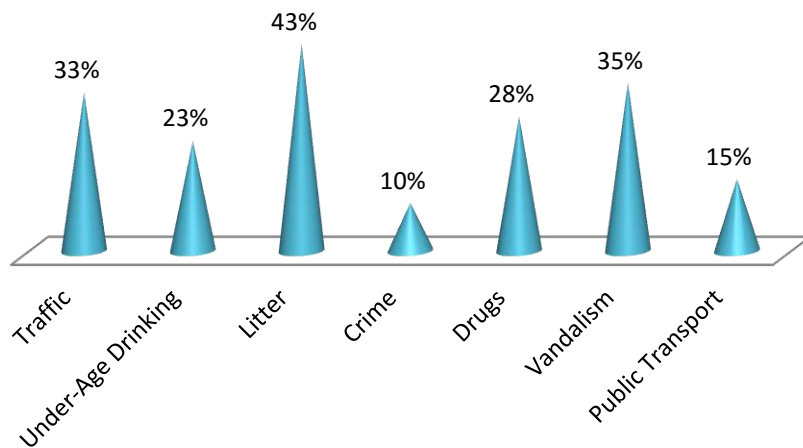


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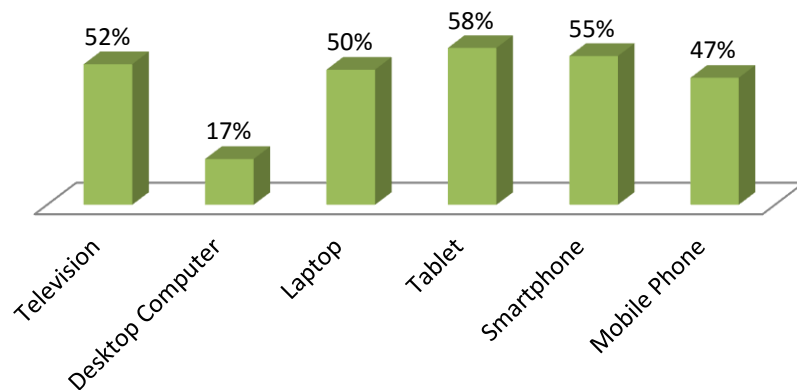


Local concerns of Bampton's young people:

Local Concerns of 11-17 year-olds



Ownership of IT Devices 11-17 year-olds



The comments of the young people.

How could life be improved for young people in Bampton?:

- Less graffiti in the play parks
- Stop drugs and vandalism
- By building no more houses
- Floodlights at the tennis courts
- Make the skatepark bigger
- A few more activities; days out etc.
- Make more woodland in Bampton to help wildlife and more area for us to play
- More activities e.g. Scouts
- More activities and a better bus service
- More zebra crossings . Public busses drive really fast down Bushey Row which is really narrow with no proper footpaths.
- Better parks; more clubs; Youth Club every night (weekdays)
- Better parks and footpaths used to get to the school bus
- More activities and places to go
- Safer crossings for pedestrians in the centre of the village
- Safer roads. No under-age drinking
- Later buses to Witney and Oxford
- More facilities in park areas
- Improve facilities at the Recreation Ground
- Better transport links i.e. Witney/Carterton/Oxford
- Better buses
- Some football goals in the parks
- No vandalism in the parks and the wood
- Perhaps some would like a larger choice of clubs
- Allow under-age jobs
- Cannot think of anything
- I think there aren't many places for the older children, 11-16, to hang around in.
- More street lights in the alley ways in order to feel safe at night.
- Re-open Pembroke Place Park.
- Start a Girl Guides unit.
- A better bus service. Cycle routes to Aston and Witney.
- Less traffic, less speeding. Cheaper buses for young people. More direct cycle routes needed.
- Cycle paths
- Make it safer. There are lots of gangs hanging around in the streets and alley ways.
- A 3G pitch could replace the hard court at the Buckland Road recreation ground as teams in the local area and young people could play sport and reduce pitch wear. It would also help Bampton teams to train in the winter when the ground is frozen.
- A swimming pool.
- There is not enough for teenagers to do. The buses stop too early. We could do with more clubs and somewhere to hang out (indoors)

The following comments were made when the young people were asked what they liked about living in Bampton:

- There is a good community
- I like the traditions and how good the community is
- A very communal atmosphere, allows for an excellent maturing environment for young people
- Our house is near Budgens
- It's a safe place to live
- The close community and friendliness
- It's quiet
- It's a nice place to be
- It's friendly
- I like that everywhere is in walking distance and nearly everyone is really friendly. Also it's nice how there's lots of things going on and the traditions we have here. It's quite good that there is a lot of countryside and not much pollution. It's not overcrowded.
- It's pretty and a nice community
- I like the community and the events that happen here
- It's nice and there are lots of friendly people
- Lots of friendly people, shops and doctors
- Good community. Things to do.
- It has a good Recreation Ground
- It's a good place for young people
- There's a lot places to go
- I like living in a village; I like the the village lifestyle
- It's a nice place to live
- I like spending time with my friends and really enjoyed attending Bampton Primary School. Bampton is a very pretty village
- It's a safe location. I know lots of people and we all look out for each other regardless of age.
- I just do.
- It's friendly.
- Good facilities for a place this size
- There is a lot of stuff to do in Bampton. I am rarely bored.
- It's friendly.
- I like living here because everyone in my neighbourhood is friendly.
- I love the sense of community, of going out and knowing there will be a 95% chance you'll bump into someone you know.
- A really friendly atmosphere
- I like the convenience of the shops as well as the bus arrangements in place.
- My mates live in Bampton
- Bampton is a good friendly community. It has a good sports area.
- It's a lovely area in which to live
- The community spirit for events such as The Shirt Race; everybody comes together, which is lovely. I do not like gangs of young people smoking and drinking around the shop and the bus shelter.

- Bampton has a good library and a nice community feel. There is a good array of village services and a very useful shop so you don't have to leave the village every time you need something.
- It's a small village and I feel safe. There is a lovely community here.
- It's pretty and friendly
- There is a good sense of community and the sports facilities are very good.
- Friendly. A good recreation ground.
- It's got lots of shops, nice parks and recreation ground. It has a good school with good teachers. It's a very nice village with plenty of opportunities for young and old.
- The community spirit and diversity of age.
- My friends live here.
- It's quiet

APPENDIX 1

COMMENTS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN BAMPTON

- I would prefer steady growth.
- Build for locals who ask & review such requests by locals eg. grandchildren seeking to get on property ladder.
- Make sure there is enough parking; check infrastructure.
- Housing association houses needed for local people.
- Housing growth must be matched by growth in services.
- Must be gradual development so that facilities and amenities are able to absorb new people.
- Development should be small scale and in keeping with the size and appearance of the village.
- The infrastructure of Bampton doesn't allow constant growth without changing it for the worst.
- Medical, educational, parking and road structures are not able to cope with large development.
- Bampton needs time to absorb the newcomers already here and services will suffer by further expansion.
- The New Road development will be sufficient to meet housing needs in the medium term and no further building is required.
- We need small groups of houses, as needed, dotted around the village to slowly be absorbed.
- The infrastructure and facilities of Bampton will not support large scale developments.
- More houses are needed for local people and to keep the village alive, however, the development should be sympathetic to a village environment.
- I don't really mind how Bampton grows as long as it's appropriate to village character and style.
- I think growth is needed to sustain and develop the community and encourage and provide for the younger population.
- We should not jeopardise the look and feel of Bampton with bad development, so no "closed off" estates.
- Staged development is important so that the village grows at a rate that allows people to settle in gradually.
- Bampton's road infrastructure needs to be greatly improved; it needs to be discussed in parallel with housing developments.
- There is a dearth of mid-range three/four bedroom houses.
- Growth of 50-100 houses is going to happen due to the New Road development
- I would not like to see any more houses spoiling the village and affecting the community, particularly the school, but the New Road development has already been approved and no doubt the refused development on Aston road will also go through!
- I am happy with the size Bampton is
- Bampton does need more affordable houses but we don't want it overrun with new houses – as few as possible.
- I realise that new houses will have to be built but too many will ruin the lovely feel of Bampton and put increased pressure on the facilities.
- Don't build any more houses as this will make Bampton's car parking problems worse.
- We already have had 160 houses approved at New Road and a possible 127 at Aston Road and 17 at Weald, so Bampton is in danger of becoming a dormitory town!
- We need to live in the present and provide for the future in Bampton as much as anywhere.
- The whole character of the village would be changed for the worse if suburban sprawl occurs.
- Bampton has insufficient jobs, poor transport links and too great a propensity to flood to expand!

- I had never lived anywhere for more than two years until I came to Bampton (Service family) and now I enjoy the community and wish it to remain as it is now.
- The perfect size village.
- The village utilities of water treatment and doctor's facilities are at maximum!
- Development based on probable need, as long as facilities expand to meet housing and extra traffic is considered.
- I have not lived here long enough to know the area but I would say stay as it is!
- More affordable homes for Bampton's needs.
- A village without development is stagnant, but I don't feel Bampton could cope with a large amount of new housing.
- Any new houses must be sold to people who intend to live in them, not buy to let or second properties, they must be affordable to local and surrounding communities, also we can't continue to expand forever, so other local areas must grow.
- We need to keep young Bampton people here if they want to stay. As someone who has lived here all my life, we don't want to become a village for retired people only.
- No more expansion unless guarantee is given for extra car parking facilities, particularly around Budgen's (now Co-op) and the High Street.
- More houses are inevitable but I would like numbers to be minimal.
- The lack of a Local Plan for West Oxfordshire has enabled developers to exploit loopholes for development in Bampton, most unfortunate!
- No problem with Bampton growing, as long as the demand is justified and the infrastructure grows/adapts with it.
- We have had several housing expansions already and now a big one is approved at New Road.
- I am strongly opposed to large-scale developments in villages.
- More people in the village will help businesses/services to survive.
- People who would like to stay are having to move out of Bampton as no Council houses are available.
- Sensible growth
- Sensible growth with other beneficial services
- I think Bampton's community spirit has continued because growth has come about in small increments of housing. I worry that large developments will spoil something very special about Bampton.
- Certain not in groups of more than 20
- Although I love it as it is, I realise we have to move on – but NOT through large, unsustainable housing developments. Our roads and services e.g. Doctors: can only just cope.
- I would love to be able to stay in Bampton to see my little girl go to school here but I need a larger, affordable home. Looking to get on the market but lack of houses in our price range.
- Grow houses with appropriate amenities.
- Any development should be based on provable need rather than government aspirations based on the ONS which consistently has to amend its predictions. Any development needs to be phased over a lengthy period in order to allow for integration and assimilation. 165 houses – twice the size of Calais Dene- is inconsistent with the nature of Bampton and should be avoided at all cost. Although developers may be able to alleviate flooding on the site, flooding will continue to be a serious issue with many nearby properties. Families in Fox Close are already coping with huge house insurance premiums as a result of surface flooding from north of New Road.
- Why expand and put strain on all local services, roadways etc. if there is no need.
- I don't want Bampton to grow any bigger.

- The village should grow at a steady pace. It is essential that it does not become a 'retirement village' only.
- Ideally, it should stay as it is but growth is inevitable, so I would like to see sustainable growth.
- Every road out of Bampton is uphill. Every new building increases the risk of flooding.
- Growth needs to be sympathetic to the community.
- Keep the essence of the village and the community.
- I realise some houses will be built but I am very concerned about flooding, sewage and parking.
- Growth subject to improved infrastructure e.g.: sewage, traffic, flood protection, medical provision, schools.
- I am very much against large developments.
- No more houses!
- I do not want Bampton overwhelmed by large housing developments.
- Development needs to be in keeping with the infrastructure available. Roads, parking, schools and amenities cannot cope with new developments in New Road let alone large scale developments elsewhere.
- Infrastructure, road network and the village community can't take any more. The proposed New Road development will stretch these to breaking point.
- I realise that places have to extend in order to provide housing for the increasing population, however, I do feel that with the current planning suggestions it should be remembered that we are on a flood plain.
- New houses are clearly needed. However, there is no need for another estate of social housing with immense spending on roads, schools and public transport.
- Development for local residents.
- Bampton is big enough as it is. We do not need large developments destroying our village.
- Infrastructure needs to keep pace with any additional housing.
- It would be a great pity to alter the character of Bampton.
- Of course people need homes to live in but need should be proven and infrastructure/facilities taken into account. Homes should also have adequate parking provided.
- I don't think the village infrastructure e.g. doctors, school, can cope with a large development.
- More affordable homes- but they should remain as that- not like Southby which started out in that way but now sell at full market price.
- Small building plots as needed. Not huge housing estates that actually spoil Bampton.
- Already not enough disabled parking. Over-crowded street parking in New Road, Bowling Green Close, Chandlers Close.
- Due to lack of parking in the Market Square, we are being forced to shop elsewhere. We cannot cope with more vehicles.
- Bampton needs to grow organically, in a way that the infrastructure can cope.
- Services i.e. school, doctors, parking etc. cannot cope now so will struggle further in the future.
- We cannot escape development and Bampton has to have its share, but only at a reasonable level.
- Please don't let our village lose its character and become a large housing estate.
- Development should be in small areas, in keeping with the individual housing already in place.
- No more! Bampton will really struggle to absorb the proposed development in New Road
- I am against any rural development in Bampton or Weald.
- Steady growth over ten years. Young people from Bampton families need gainful employment. Only then should they be looking for affordable homes.

- There is a need for more housing in Oxfordshire but it is important that the level of growth in Bampton does not spoil the character of the village (wonderful community) Parking in the centre of the village could be a major problem if households increase too much. Also, support services: school, doctors' surgery etc. must be able to absorb extra people.
- The town/village cannot cope with more traffic
- It is important to enable young people to live here and those who were born here.
- We need to keep a broad range of age groups. It must not become a retirement village.
- We do not need large developments.

APPENDIX 2

POLICE REPORT: BAMPTON BEAM , JUNE 2015

For those of you that don't know me, I am PCSO Colin Davies and I am based at Carterton Police Station and have been the PCSO for all the villages that the Beam gets sent to and a few more, for the last four years. My details will be at the bottom of this article for anyone wanting to contact me directly along with a photograph for your dartboards!

Speeding and parking, I am sure, are the issues you would like updates on first – both are taken very seriously by myself and the team and are being dealt with robustly. The current sites for structured speed enforcement by us and Roads Policing are Buckland Road Aston Road, the main road through Clanfield, Black Bourton and Alvescot. Other sites are being looked into and statistics being collated for ongoing enforcement. You have been warned! Regarding parking, it has been brought to my attention that there are a number of areas of concern, all of which I am aware of. Without writing an exhaustive list, any vehicles parked on the pavement in anyway; on double yellow lines; within 10 metres of a junction; parked on a bend or in loading bays are liable for a parking ticket by myself, or the council parking attendants, that have been notified for further enforcement.

On a crime prevention note - crime remains very low in Bampton and keeping it like that would be great. So some simple precautions you can all take will help prevent opportunistic crime. Ensure that your sheds and garages are locked when you go out and large items of petrol machinery are chained together along with your mountain bikes. This makes these valuable items much more difficult to carry. Marking with your postcode will also help us identify stolen property. Don't leave anything of value clearly visible in your cars or houses, particularly if you have left windows open for some fresh air. These crimes are rare but don't take long, so simple steps really help. For those interested in current crime in the area, either check Crime mapping on the internet or sign up to TVPs community alert page on the link here

<https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/>

I send frequent locals messages on here of current crimes.

On a final note, Anti-Social Behaviour in the village is always a priority and any reports will be investigated fully. With the summer months coming, as throughout the year, I will be working at all times of the day and night and patrolling frequently. Anyone wishing to report individuals or groups acting in an anti-social manner, should go through the 101 non- emergency number so it

is recorded. If I am on duty, I will attend or be made aware on my return. I am aware of the areas of concern and will be very robust in my approach to nip any issues quickly in the bud.

Lastly, I hope you all have an enjoyable summer and I will see more of you at the community events in the village or whilst I am out and about. Many Thanks

PCSO Colin Davies c6584

Carterton Police Station

101 Non-Emergency or extension 3952 at Carterton. Asking to speak with me will always result in a message being sent and I will get back to you.

An additional message from PCSO Colin Davies

It has come to my attention that there have been further problems around inconsiderate parking at school opening and closing times.

A reminder to **ALL** parents:

- driving to school then parking on the yellow zig – zag lines is highly dangerous and as such carries a £60 fine and 3 penalty points on your license.
- Parking that blocks the pavement for pedestrians; visibility to other road users and residents driveways is unacceptable and carries a fine for causing an unnecessary obstruction. I, and the Neighbourhood Policing Team, will be closely monitoring the situation and, should the situation not change, fines will follow.
- Keeping pedestrians safe and the enforcement of parking will always be dealt with robustly for the obvious issues it causes.
- **ALL** parents are reminded that they are personally responsible for their behaviour and parking - any issues surrounding the above advice, after consultation with the school, will be brought to Police attention.

APPENDIX 3

RESPONSE FROM CHAIR OF PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is aware that for a number of months and certainly at the time of the questionnaire, areas within the village have not had the same care and attention paid to them that we would like. The responsibility for the collection and removal of litter generally including provision and emptying of litter and dog waste bins and the cleaning of paths/streets etc. rests with West Oxfordshire District Council.

For information visit: - <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/residents/environment/fly-tipping,-litter-dog-fouling/>

However, in order to ensure that Bampton gets services in the village where we want them, Bampton Parish Council has for many years employed a 'Lengthsman' to generally keep areas of the village tidy and litter free. For a number of months last year we were without the services of a Lengthsman however our new Lengthsperson, Louise, started work after Christmas, and hopefully the village will now start to look tidier and better kept. It would be good however if people did not leave litter at all but took their rubbish home with them. A lot of rubbish is left in the playparks and recreation ground and also finds its way into the roadside ditch system. Whilst a proportion of this may perhaps be blown out of recycling boxes, the vast majority is just dropped or thrown by people living in the village.

The responsibility for the maintenance of the highway, including pavements, street lighting, signage and public footpaths that form part of the numbered footpath system/public right of way rests with Oxfordshire County Council and to an extent with farmers/landowners when a public right of way crosses their land (including the maintenance of stiles and gates)

For information visit: - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/what-are-public-rights-way>

and: - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/potholes>

The Parish Council have very regular and continuing contact with OCC about the poor condition of road and pavements, road markings etc. The reply from OCC, being repeated with increasing frequency, is that they have no budget to carry out any work. We were very fortunate just after Christmas to be able to secure the last of the monies in our county councillor's fund for highway works, and road marking painting has been carried out and in particular areas of linings and hatchings that form part of the historic traffic calming works plus two new speed activated signs have been installed. The Parish Council hope that now there are speed activated signs on three of the four entrances to the village, the speed traffic travels through will reduce but we are realistic enough to know that these will not be the panacea for all speeding issues! We will be working towards securing the funding for a speed activated sign for the Aston Road in the forthcoming financial year. We encourage every resident to report issues relating to all highway problems, potholes and damaged highways and signs directly to OCC as we will continue to do – if more people complain to the correct authority this may increase the chance that funding becomes available and repair work is carried out.

The Parish Council liaise with Thames Valley Police directly and through the Neighbourhood Action Group and one area under constant discussion is speeding traffic. Roads policing and the

neighbourhood team continue to carry out checks periodically and so far in 2015 we are aware they have been carried out in both the Buckland and Aston Roads. They were also carried out on these roads last year together with checks in the Market Square from the Clanfield direction and Station Lane. Speed checks will continue and we will be happy to feed any specific areas or issues on to our PCSO and to TVP should you want to let a Parish Councillor know. We are also aware that TVP have been dealing with complaints about parking on pavements and verges in certain areas and this is still an ongoing issue.

It is the responsibility of all owners of properties to ensure that their hedges and trees do not obstruct or restrict pavements, footpaths or public rights of way. It can be especially difficult for people using a wheelchair or pushing prams/buggies to negotiate pavements or paths that are already relatively narrow but that are further narrowed by vegetation. It is also difficult if those paths are obstructed by parked cars. Oxfordshire County Council will in certain circumstances write to owners if they consider that trees/vegetation poses a risk to highway users, but it is necessary to report this to the county council. The Parish Council have, in certain circumstances, instructed our Lengthsperson to strim or trim back problem areas of vegetation and we will consider this course of action should other courses of action fail.

The Parish Council is aware that the car park at the Recreation Ground is in poor condition and has received quotations to remedy this. Work was delayed until after the visit of the Downton Abbey film crew visit in March/April and will now go ahead.

The Parish Council had a comprehensive survey carried out of all the trees that it is responsible for throughout the village in 2012, with a view to maintaining them in good condition and budgeting for any future work needed on them. Please contact the Parish Council either through our website or via our Clerk if you need to find out if we are responsible for a particular tree. We are not able to tell you however who is responsible for a particular tree if it is not us unless it is clearly on the highway where it will be the responsibility of OCC.

The council is responsible for looking after both Pembroke Place and Mercury Close Playparks. Unfortunately, most of the money spent on the Pembroke Place Park recently and over the last few years, has been to repair equipment that has been vandalised. Much of the equipment at Pembroke Place is now 23 years old and the council will have to consider a phased replacement as it nears its life expectancy but there is a degree of hesitation in committing large amounts of money to new equipment if this is likely to be vandalised also. The suggestion that a gate should be placed on Mercury Close Playground will be appraised by the council and if this is deemed necessary then funding will be sought.

The gravel semi-circular area in front of the cemetery gates is in poor condition with a number of potholes, and the Parish Council will look to filling these and improving the porous gravel surface for funerals. Other potholes in this area, on the highway will fall to OCC to repair.

RAF Brize Norton is the largest RAF base in this country and the airport of embarkation for all our armed forces together with the air freight and air to air refuelling capabilities. Parts of the base sit within the parish boundaries. In recent years there has been much more local interaction between the base hierarchy and local parish and town councils in order to try to improve both lines of communications and to deal with local complaints if possible. Having the largest RAF base in the

country on our doorstep is never going to allow residents of Bampton to remain free from aircraft activity and noise, although certain noise levels have changed with the phasing out of the VC10 and Tristar and the introduction of their new replacements. Operational considerations will always take precedent over everything else but the RAF have a very good web-site where they now try to give as much information about their activity as they are reasonably allowed to.

For information visit: - <http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton/>

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