

## Community Plan questionnaire analysis

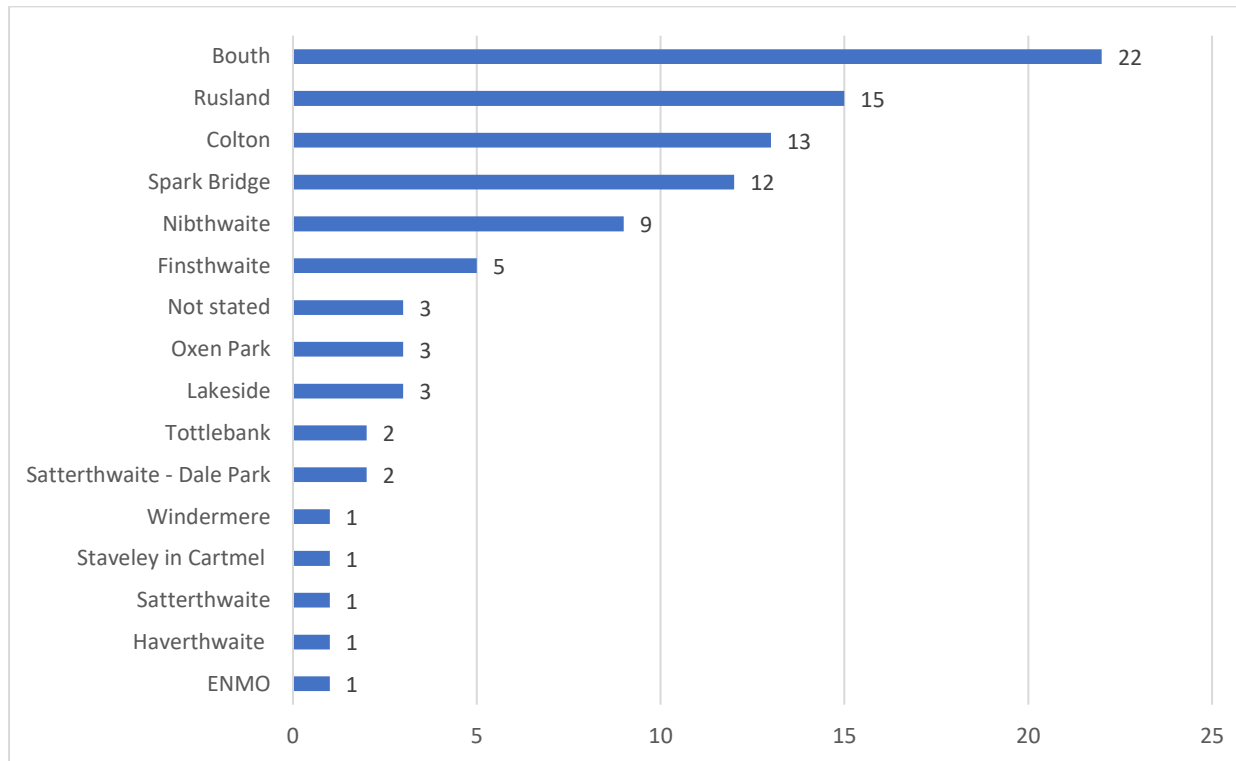
### Colton Parish

Total of 316 households and 601 electors in the Parish broken down as:-

- West ward-127 (244 electors)
- Central Ward-91 households (188 electors)
- East ward- 98 (169 electors)

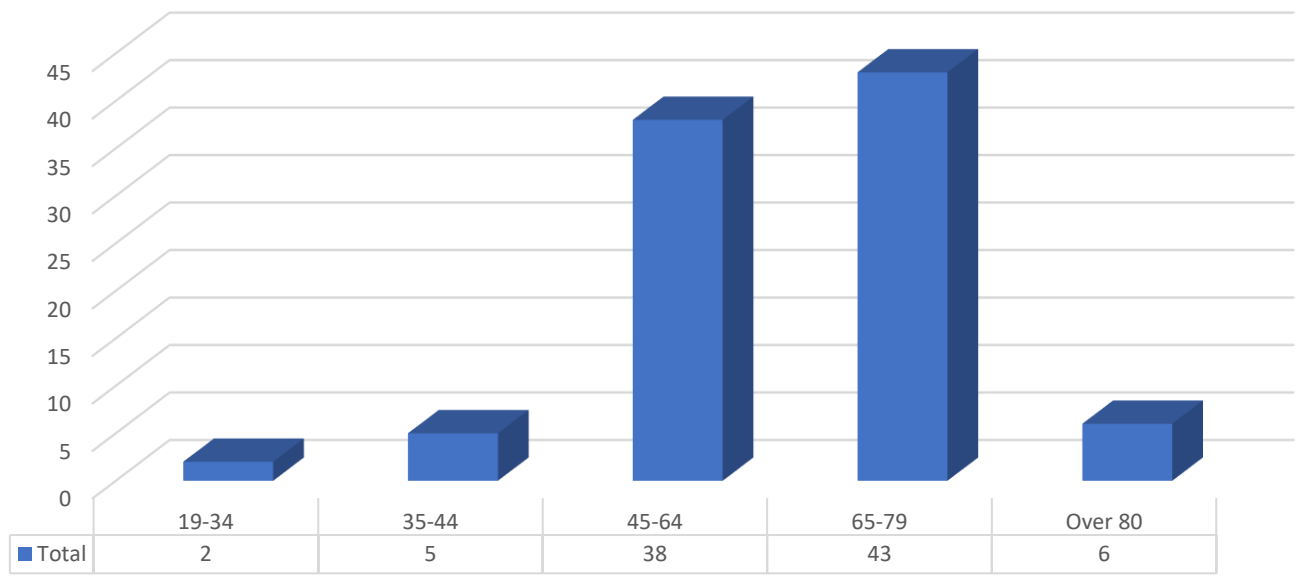
### Response rates

Total responses: 87 from within the PC (14.4% of individuals or 27.5% of households) and 7 responses from outside the Parish

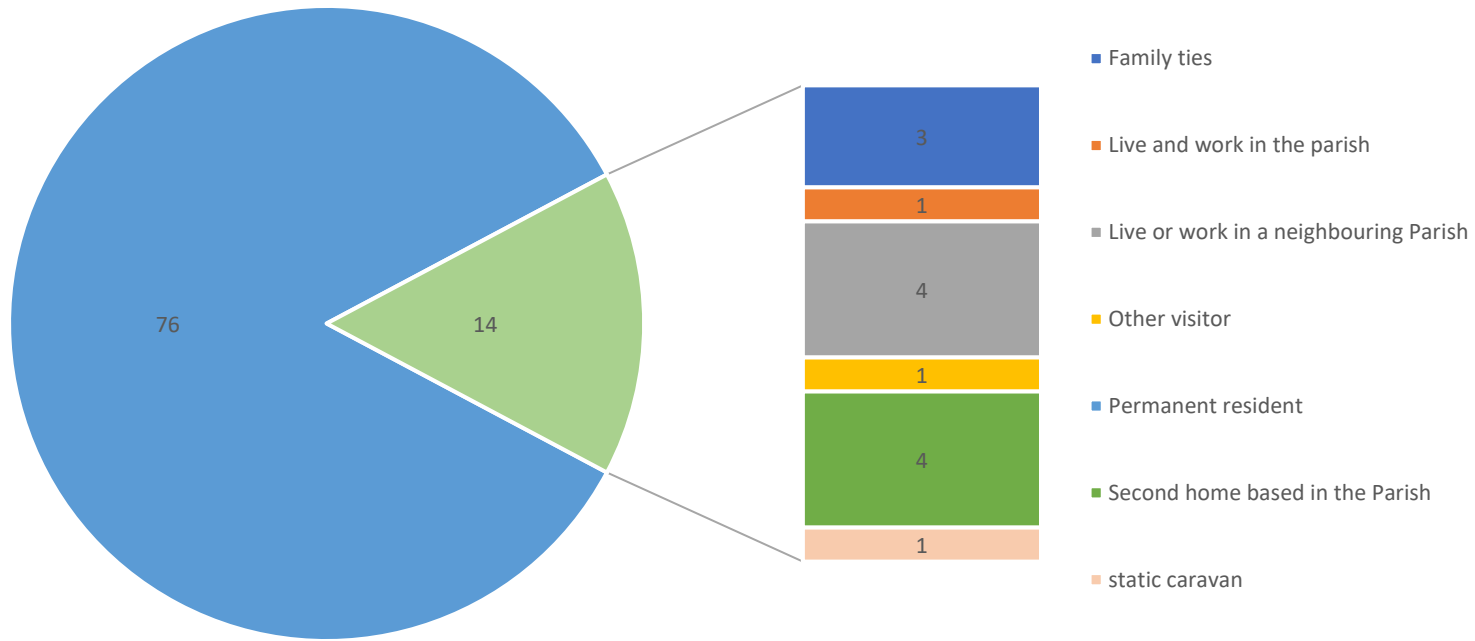


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Age profile of respondents

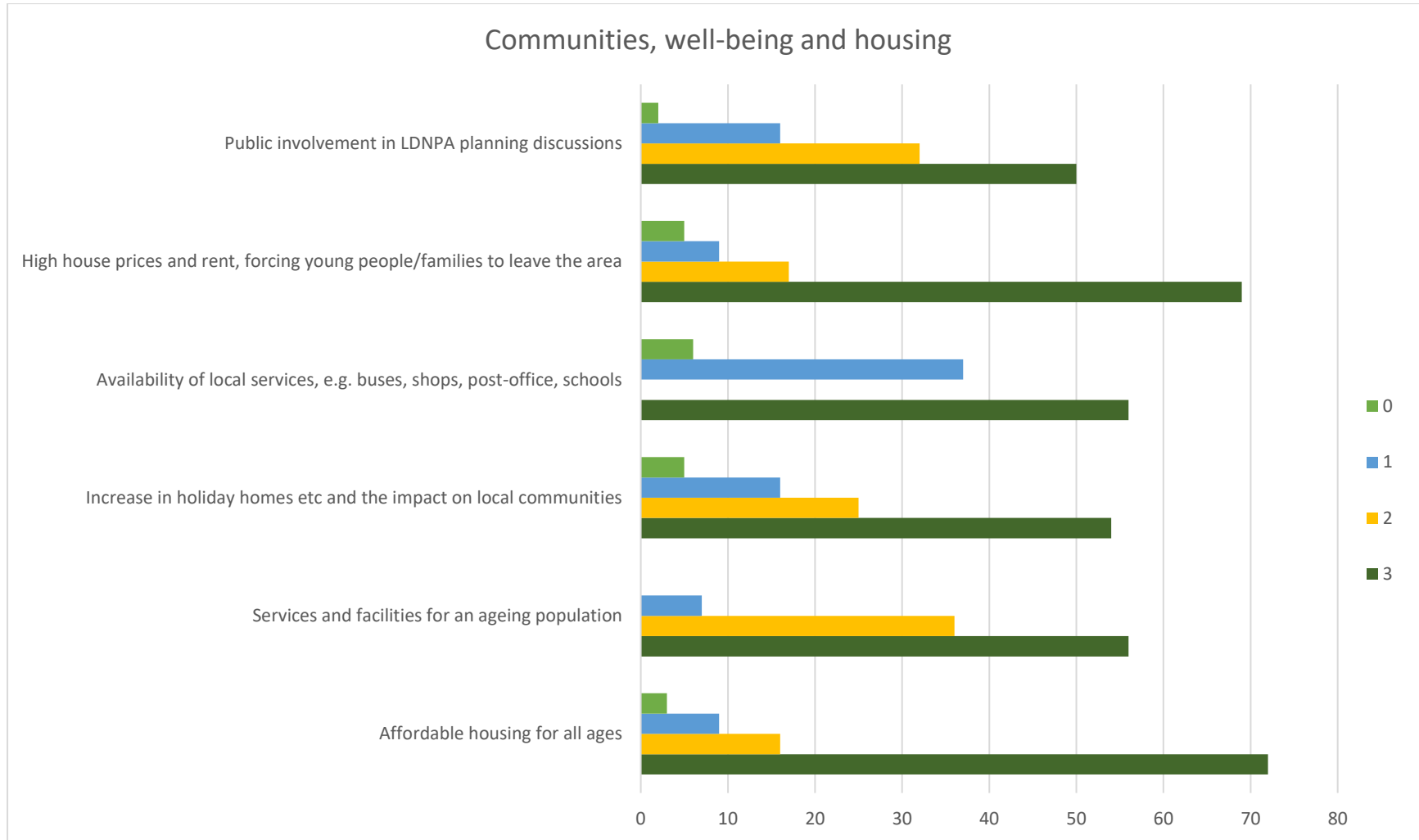


## Connection to the area

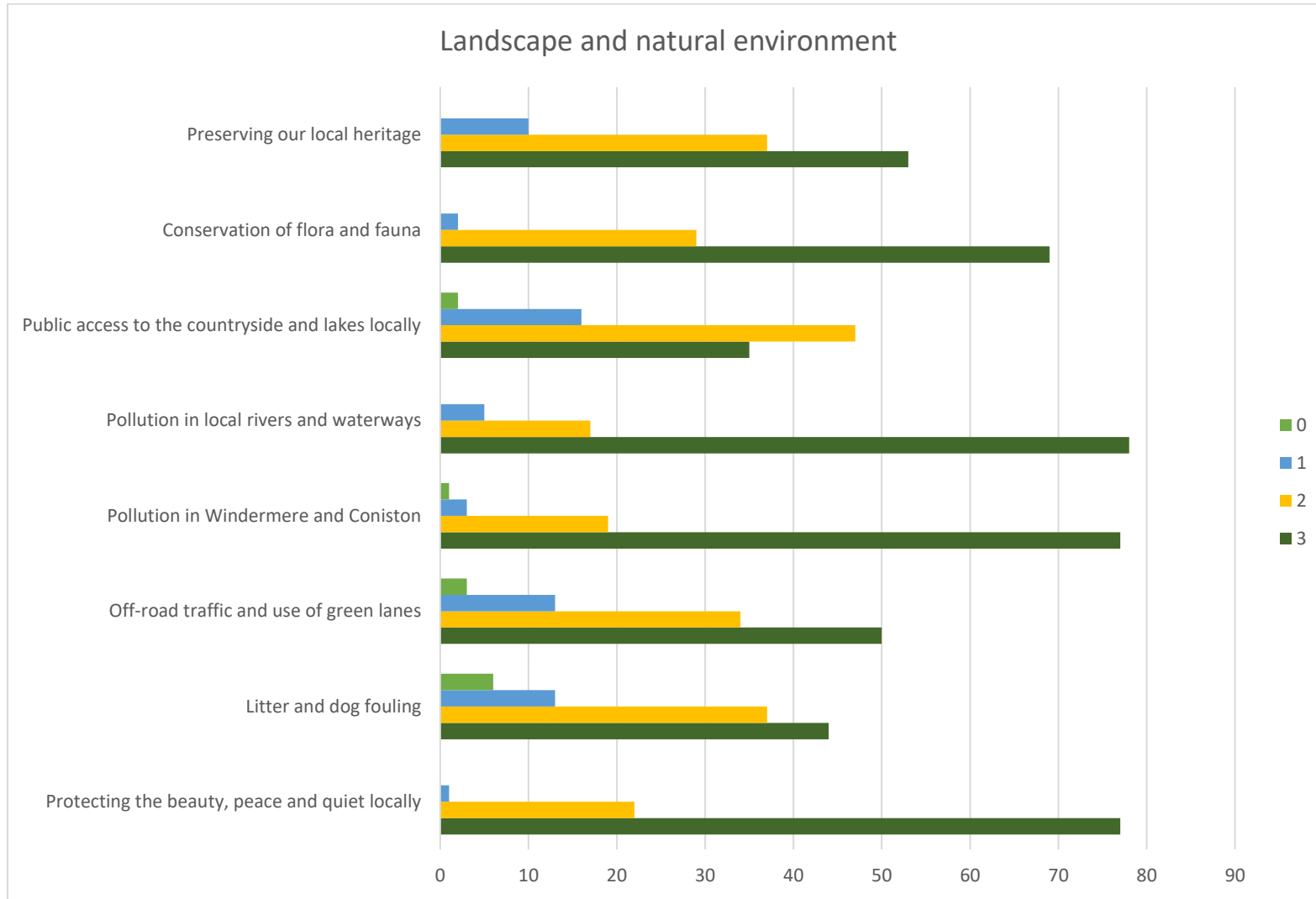


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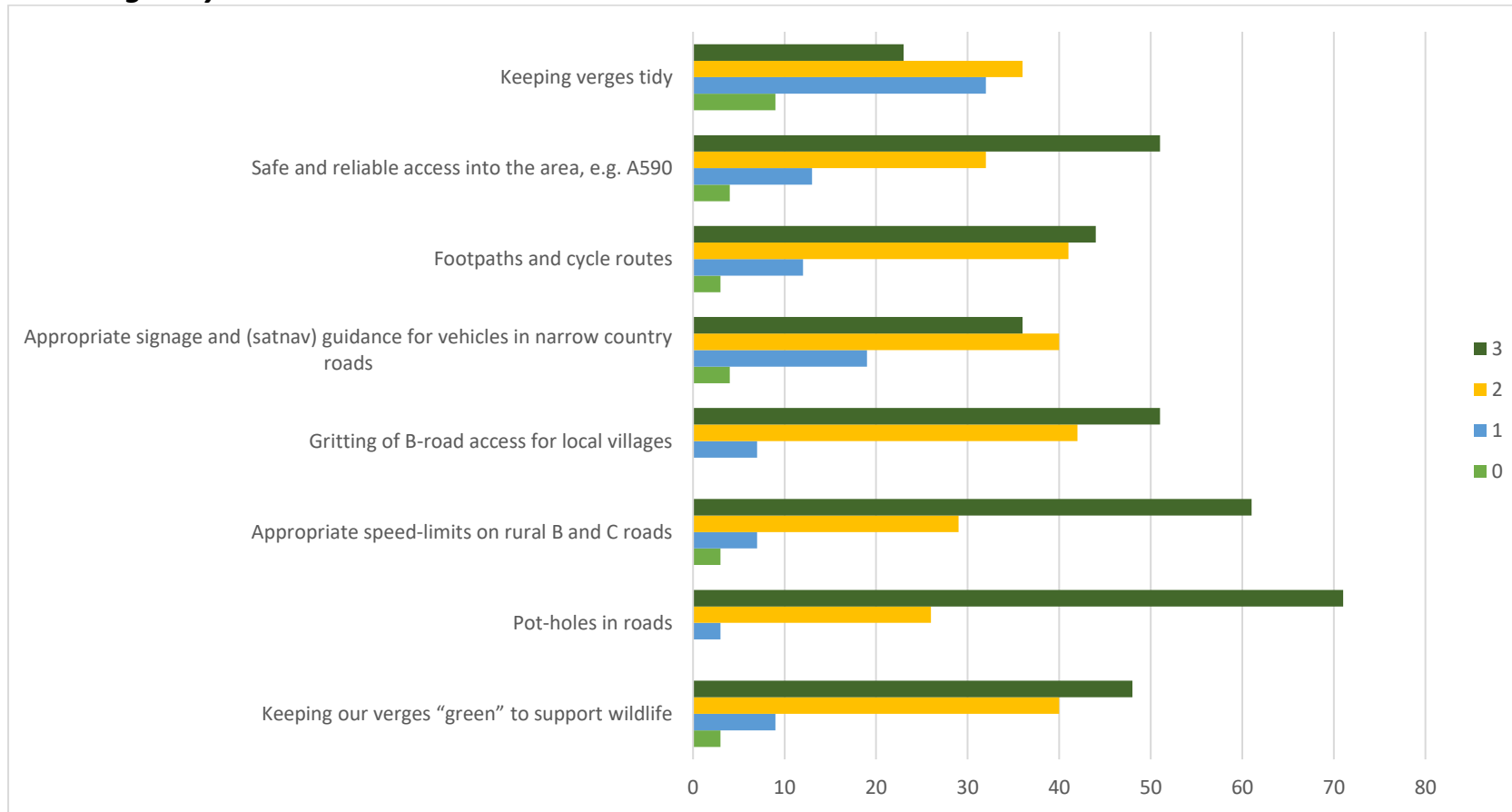
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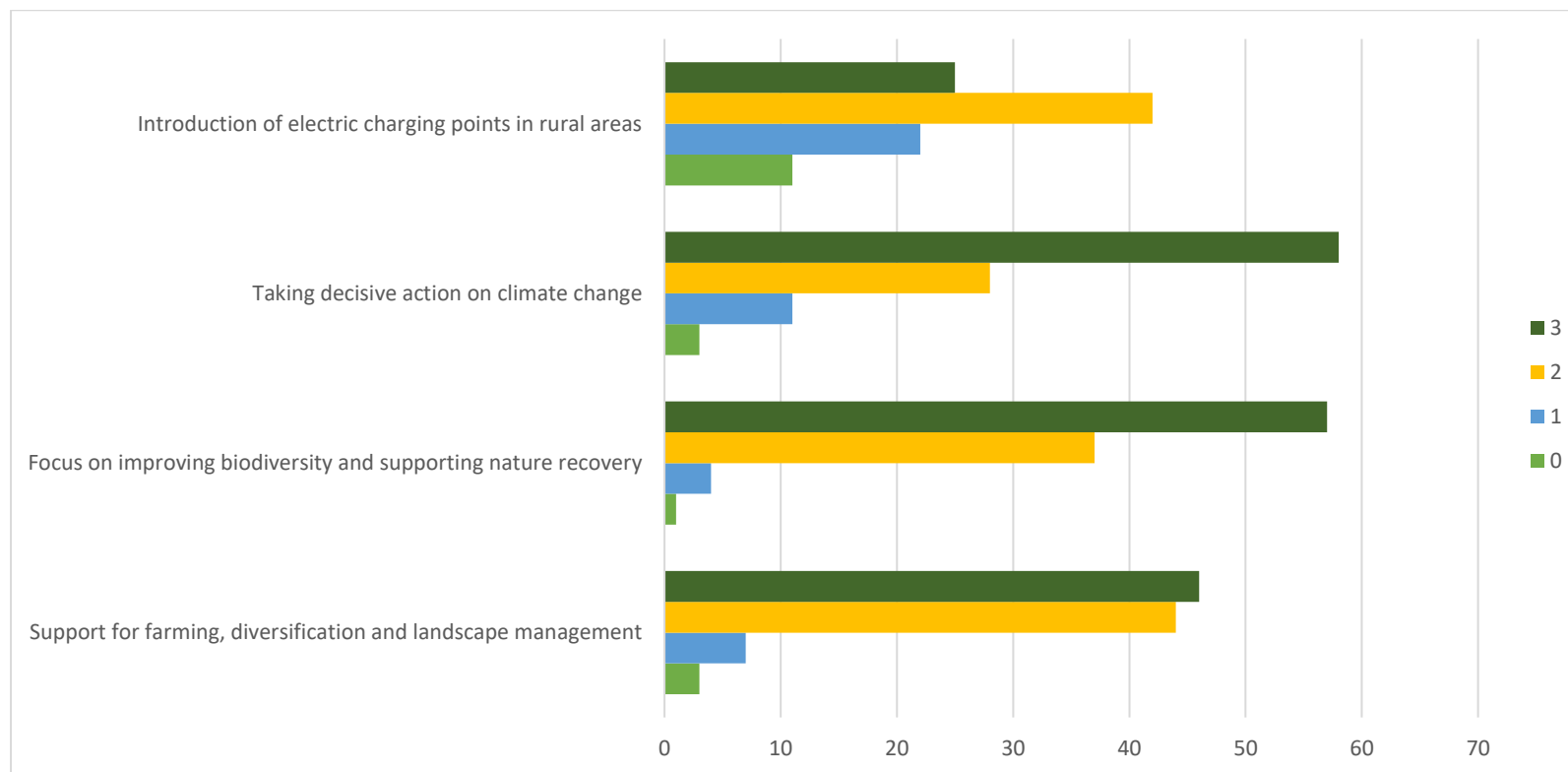
## 2. Landscape and natural environment



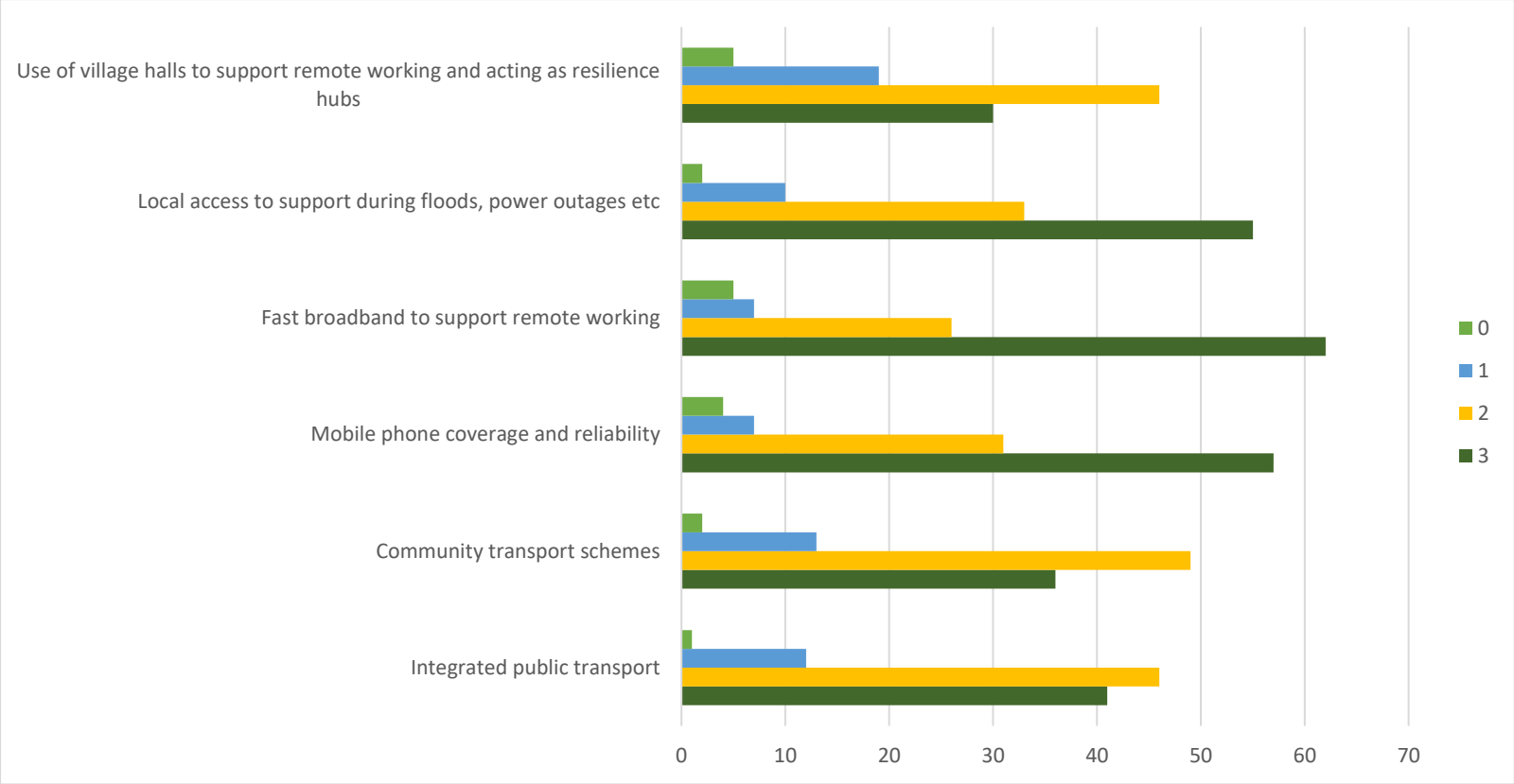
### 3. Highways and access



#### 4. Energy, sustainability and the environment

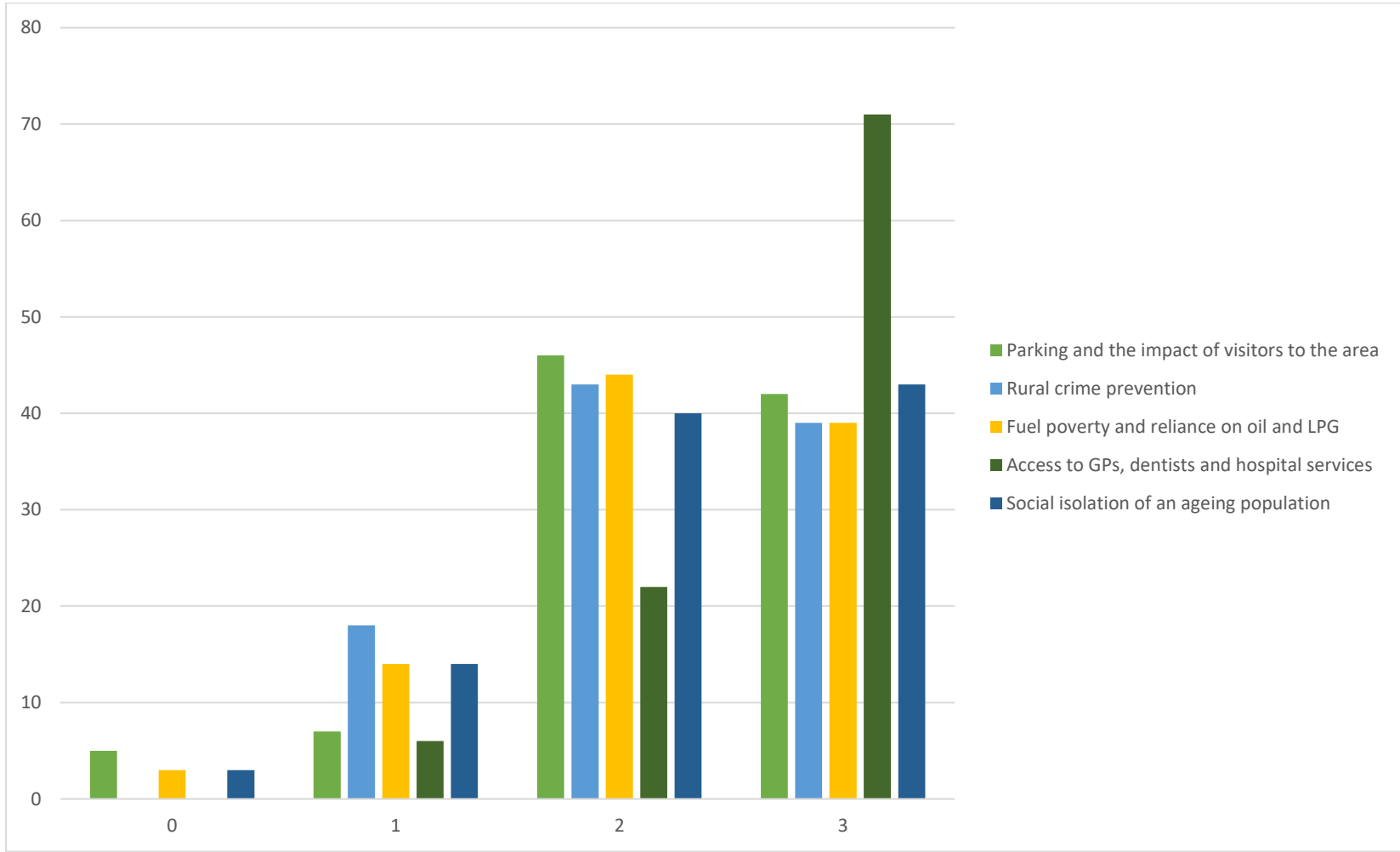


**5. The local economy and resilience**

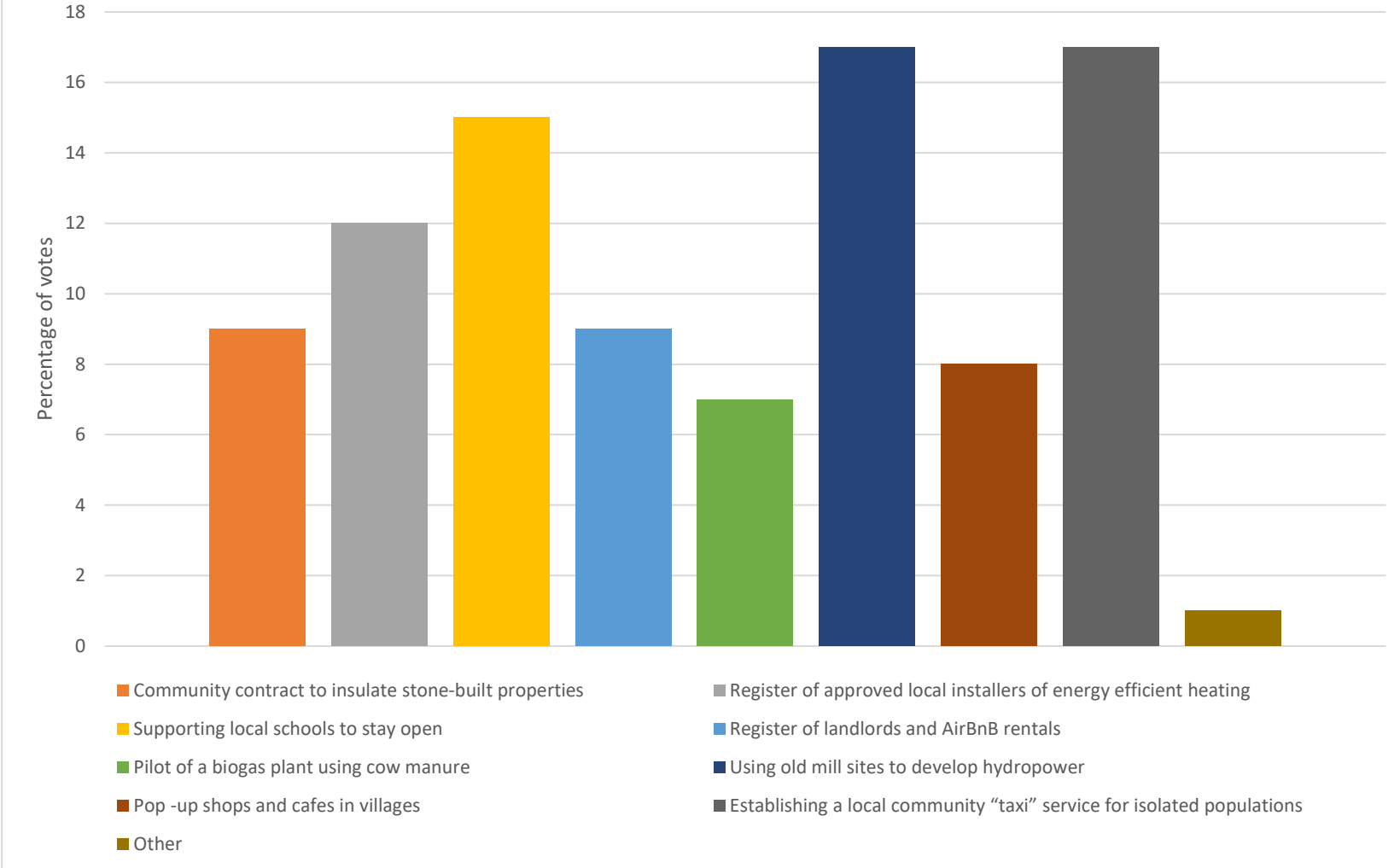




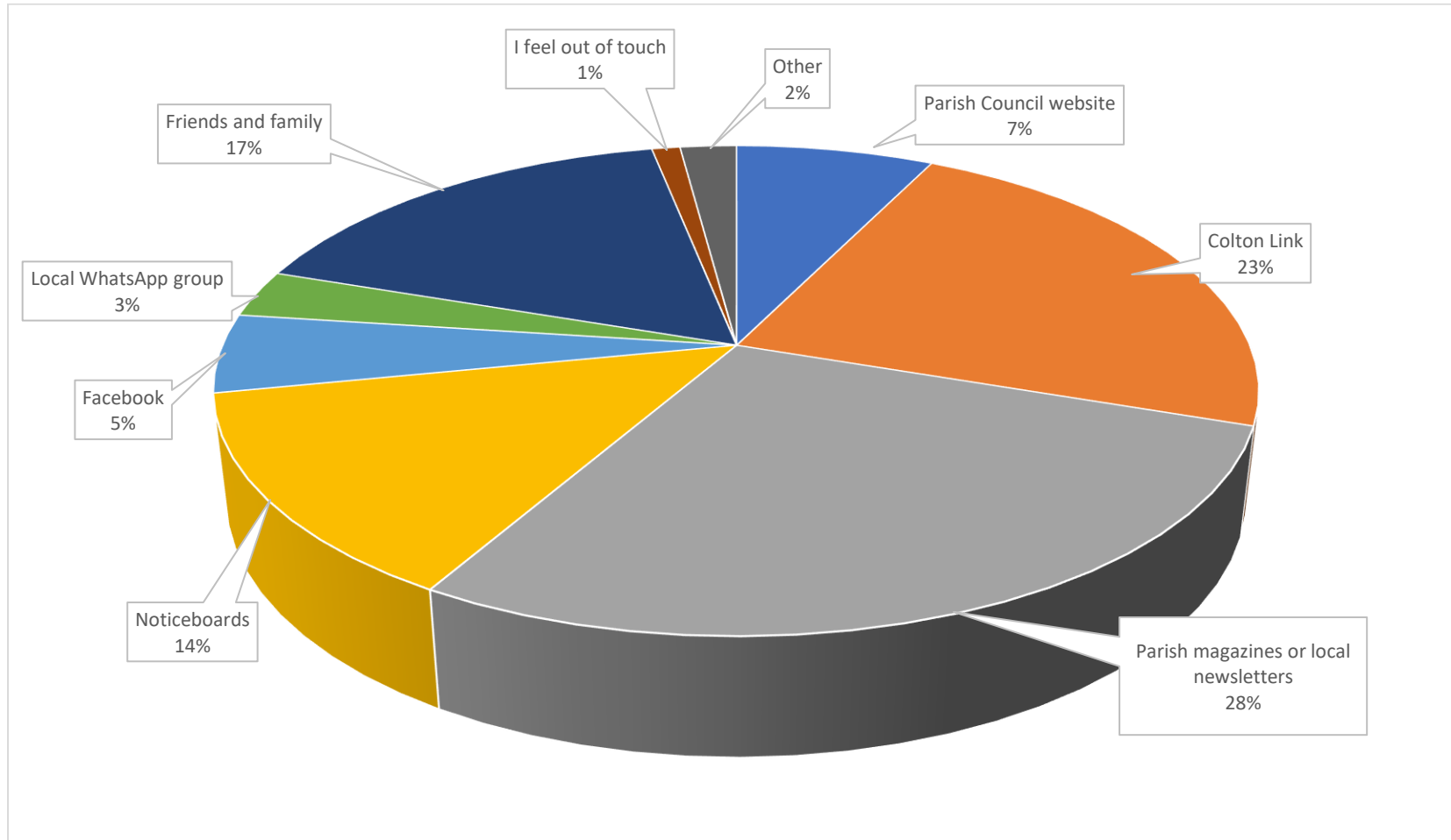
**6. Matters relevant to rural communities [scored from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important)]**



### "Top 3" proposed projects



**How do Parishioners receive news about local events?**



## ***Additional comments verbatim (in themes)***

### Communities, well-being and housing

- Lobbying for reclassification of council tax and business rates for holiday homes, holiday lets and AirBnB to contribute more to local councils
- I am a static caravan owner, sometimes we are frowned upon but we do add so much to the local economy, I do wish there were affordable properties for local people. Bouth is becoming a village of holiday let's which may be good for local pubs but will eventually see no Cumbrians living in the village.
- Management of how many 2nd or holiday homes are allowed in rural areas
- Community involvement in maintaining public spaces, assets, infrastructure etc.
- Allow development in infill sites in the villages for family, this could enable the youngsters to stay local."
- Making the LDNP more answerable for its planning decisions
- Supporting schemes which bring more and appropriate housing for locals into the area. Supporting schemes which bring local employment opportunities.
- Creating a balance between local housing requirements for young people against the ever-increasing amount of 2nd and holiday homes. Our communities are becoming ghost areas.
- Control the number of holiday homes and holiday let's, they are spoiling local communities and causing the decline in facilities and the infrastructure for the local peoples who are left living in the half empty villages
- Welcoming newcomers and refugees to the area to support a more inclusive and diverse population
- A tax on AirBnB's and holiday lets (and/or visitors) to cover their impacts on local environment (or ban AirBnB)

### Landscape and the natural environment

- Fund Rusland Horizons
- Increasing general knowledge of the natural world locally - via flora/fauna surveys e.g. birds, animal, butterfly and moth surveys etc

### Highways and access

- Roadsides should be tidied the roads are getting narrower
- Road Surfaces and White Lines
- Integration of transport routes across the area - for example using a bike from Colton parish to access to Ulverston by bike is curtailed by the dominance of the bike unfriendly A590, and the alternative routes are not easy.

- Speeding cars. Speed limit too high for small roads.
- Regular trimming of overgrown hedges along roads
- Measures to reduce car domination and dependency
- Community traffic/ speed control e.g. 20 is plenty
- Road signage to slow speeding cyclists in local villages
- Encourage use of footpaths and not roads for visitors.
- Control of traffic, parking and off roaders in the area and numbers of campers permitted as there is a caravan park already
- encouraging "active" transport i.e. walking, cycling, horses and accessibility for people with mobility issues, including restricting car use, improving safety, facilities, maps, footpaths
- Charging system for entry into LDNP. Would help pay for necessary services taken for granted.
- Park and Ride schemes for specific areas which struggle with traffic.
- Support for continuing work on off road footpaths in areas where access is via narrow heavily trafficked B & C roads
- Signs on rural roads that indicate speed limits.

### Energy, sustainability and the environment

- Double glazing single glazed properties
- Wind turbine info
- Energy support for the vulnerable
- Don't get involved in any of these climate alarmist scams. Just concentrate on things you can actually effect.
- Put pressure on Government not to ban oil and LPG boilers without having an affordable and effective replacement
- Proactively dealing with climate change

### The local economy and resilience

- It is only worth being included in LDNP if they actually listened to locals and don't continue treating the place like a theme park, instead of a living, working environment
- Community land trust to enable self-build? I'm concerned about unwarranted development- for example, the 'woodman's hut' under construction in the field near Rusland Church. I am concerned that planning will go through for projects like this- where there is no discernible community benefit- but not for affordable housing for people that work in the area or are retiring from work in the area.

- Continuing development and support for community resilience plans
- Good broadband is, in my opinion, the single most important issue for Colton.
- Addressing the gaps in fibre broadband

### Matters relevant to rural communities

- A much-improved formula for getting RELIABLE carers for those who are in need
- The population dynamic is very top (old) heavy. Good to reverse this (affordable housing, Broadband, etc)
- Continuing to support community assets which support community involvement and activities e.g. Village Halls, Village Greens, pubs, the Cinema Club etc
- Raising awareness and options for moving traditional isolated communities forward into a rapidly developing world rather than run the risk of ever-increasing self-isolation
- Rural living comes at a price - fewer services, isolation etc. With an aging population, any projects that support sustainable community-based solutions would be worthwhile.
- I feel there is an implication behind some of the questions / statements that outside visitors are a real problem. This is a major industry for the area and brings in a lot of money which supports local businesses and facilities which may not be viable at all without them. I think the focus should be on directing and assisting the visitor load to benefit visitors and by extension locals.
- We do not need to be so averse to outsiders
- All subjects you mention are important to rural life. Keep up the good work
- Providing info about the environment/locality./community in appropriate places for visitors to the area to provide a better understanding of the unique characteristics of the area and encourage better behaviour and respect

### Miscellaneous

- Action speaks louder than words...so, let's see some action & be made aware of it...not just via e-mail !
- Lobby government for financial and legal support for LDPB in challenging those who break planning rules.
- Haverthwaite surgery potential closure
- encouraging campsites etc near to pubs, village shops and bus routes i.e. tourism that does not use local housing and creates income for local services
- This consultation process is very good. The National Park needs to feel obligated to consult more. You only have one item on this that refers to them. They need to listen more.