

21st October 2022

Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting
held on **Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 10.30am**
at Stantonbury Parish Office, 126 Kingsfold, Bradville, MK13 7DX

Minutes

32/22	Chair's Welcome and Introduction to meeting.	Actions
33/22	Present: Cllr S Agintas (SA) Cllr A Anwar (AA) Cllr G Davison (GAD) Cllr S Kennedy (SK) Cllr P Kirkham (PK) Cllr P McGahan (PM) Cllr L Morgan (LM) - Chair Cllr C Northwood (CN) Mrs K Fane (KF)-Minute-Taker Mrs D Moore (DM)-Proper Officer Mr D Outram (DO)-Parish Ranger Supervisor Mrs S Tozer (ST)-Senior Administrator PCSO Rogers (LR)	
34/22	Apologies for Absence: AR - 8 votes for.	
	Cllr E Seaborne – Not Present Cllr J Kite – Not Present *(apologies have been received and will be added to vote on next Community Project Meeting)	DM
35/22	Public forum for members of the public to speak: Public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed (15) minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Each member of the public shall not speak for more than (3) minutes in accordance with standing order 3(g). N/A	
36/22	Chair's Remarks: Residents' Survey. Chair confirmed staff had put a survey together which would be featured in the upcoming Autumn Newsletter.	
37/22	Declarations of Interest: None.	
38/22	Minutes: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting held on 7th September 2022. Approved by 8 votes for.	

39/22	<p>Christmas Market Trip (Oxford Christmas Market - Thursday 8th December 2022).</p> <p>a) To retrospectively agree to hire 2 coaches at a total cost of £ 1040.00. Agreed by 8 votes for. SK requested a spelling correction needed on a word in item 39/22 a) of the agenda.</p> <p>b) To retrospectively agree to sell the coach tickets at £7.50 per adult for resident, £5.00 for child for resident and non-resident and £10.00 for adult non-resident. Agreed by 8 votes for.</p>	
40/22	<p>Skip Amnesty:</p> <p>a) Deferred from Community Project meeting on 7th September agenda item 26/22, Committee to confirm whether they wish to proceed with 1 Skip for Linford Wood in November at a cost of £260 ex. VAT for skip hire and £56 for permit (if required). Total cost of £312 inc. VAT. Chair advised DO & DM met with Linford Wood representative who agreed we could place a skip on site. This now means no permit is required.</p> <p>Skip Amnesty at Linford Wood was agreed by 8 votes for.</p> <p>SA-advised of Mears vans/cars parking along road in Brecklands, dropping rubbish and had also seen spilled paint and recommended Committee consider contacting them. LM advised would contact and organise camera.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>LM</p>
41/22	<p>Crimewave:</p> <p>Deferred from Community Project meeting on 7th September agenda item 27/22 Committee to make recommendation to Full Council to continue with this service Chair advised multi-agency meeting still to be agreed. SA requested place if available. Chair advised limited numbers.</p> <p>Agreed by 8 votes for to make a recommendation to full council to continue with service.</p>	DM
42/22	<p>Donation received from Residents Association for Stantonbury</p> <p>Deferred from Main meeting on 20th July 2022 agenda item 46/22, Committee to discuss and consider how to allocate the donation. LM advised money was received a while back and was to be used on the Community Hub.</p> <p>PK reminded Council this could be discussed at the upcoming hall meeting. Agreed date was Monday 17th October at 10.30am.</p> <p>Agreed by 8 votes for to defer decision of allocation of donation until after hub meeting.</p>	DM

<p>43/22</p>	<p>Budget requirements: Committee to consider budget requirements for 2023-2024. Chair invited suggestions from attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise focussing on the Hub. • Opening Hub (café) for warmth. • Youth Club. • Mobile Library. • NHS-Scanning trailers-need car park facilities. • Blood donor sessions. • Autumn/winter children events. • After school sessions a place to do homework and play games. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grit Bins. DM advised RFO looking at funding alternatives. • A memorial tree and bench for HM Queen Elizabeth II. • Skips Amnesty. • PMc requested a Clothing Bank update. DM gave overview of organisation who recently contacted SPC and advised looking at alternative options to ensure SPC get best deal. <p>AA asked why MKCC have no money to do anything. GAD suggested Council write to MKCC (via CEO/Ward Councillors) to ask for a statement of why they continue to use the words ‘don’t have any money’ as a stock answer. GAD concluded SERCO were given a 1-million-pound maintenance grant to look after parks which they haven’t done.</p> <p>LM updated Council, officially the name has been changed and the Asset Transfer on Mercers Drive is now officially called The Community Hub.</p> <p>LM concluded meeting by requesting all suggested ideas needed to be forwarded to her before the issue of the agenda of the next meeting on 2nd November.</p>	<p>LM</p>
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Meeting finished 11.15am



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Protecting our planet and preventing climate change is extremely important to us.

Sadly more than 300,000 tonnes of used clothing goes to landfill in the UK each year. 10% of all greenhouse gas emissions are caused by the Worldwide fashion industry, with 1.2 billion tonnes of greenhouse gasses caused by textile production into the atmosphere every year.



With global warming becoming a huge concern around the world, we need to do everything we can to make a difference.

By donating to our clothing bank, 100% of all clothing donated is re-used or recycled, whether that's to be re-worn by someone else, or made into something new.

By donating, not only will this provide much needed fundraising for the charity or community involved, but also prevents clothing from going to landfill and contributing to the climate change problem.





We are at the heart of the industry, being proud members of the Textile Recycling Association, with one of our members being an executive committee member which ensures that code of practices and procedures are regularly maintained throughout the UK. We are also delighted to be a part of Textiles 2030, a sustainable UK textiles action plan.

We also work with other leading UK Charities, local and regional authorities.



How we can work together?

We pride ourselves on offering an easy, regular and stress-free service to all of the Charities, local authorities and community projects we work with.

1

STEP 1:

Just let us know who you are and what you are fundraising for, then we can work out the most suitable fundraising scheme for you!

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STEP 2:

We can provide and deliver a completely free of charge clothing bank which can be placed on your premises or wherever is best suited in the community, where local people or your centre visitors can donate their unwanted clothing and shoes.

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STEP 3:

Collections are made weekly or more frequently depending on how quickly your bank fills.

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STEP 4:

The money is then sent to your account every month, providing you with a regular monthly income stream!

**The process is completely stress free with
no outlay, we do all of the work for you.**

We can also provide you with posters and leaflets should you wish to share these with your local community to raise awareness for your cause.

What if I haven't got the room for a textile bank?

If you haven't got the room to put a clothing bank, not to worry!

We can also work together by doing a one off or regular collection on an agreed date, where a member of our team will come to your premises and collect all of your clothing and shoes, whether this is leftover from a village hall sale or a school fundraising collection scheme.

We are also open to any clothing fundraising ideas that you may have! Get in touch with us and we can work alongside you.



School collections scheme:

By taking part in our School collections scheme, this encourages and educates children on the importance of recycling and protecting our planet.

Our school collection scheme works by being mentioned in the newsletter or school assembly, which then the children can bring in any unwanted clothing or shoes in in a carrier bag or cardboard box. A member of our team can then come and collect all of the donations on donation day suited to your preferred time or requirements, which then we can pay you for everything collected.





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Shoes
Trainers
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Ties



NO THANKS

Soiled Rag
Carpet
Uniform
Rugs
Blankets
Towels
Sheets
Paper
Rubbish



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Please Use Bags



YES PLEASE
clothing
handbags
belts
shoes

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

NO THANKS
soiled rag
carpet
rugs
blankets
towels
sheets
glass
metal
paper
rubbish

By donating your clothes and shoes you are supporting your local community

All donations are re-used or recycled helping to protect our planet



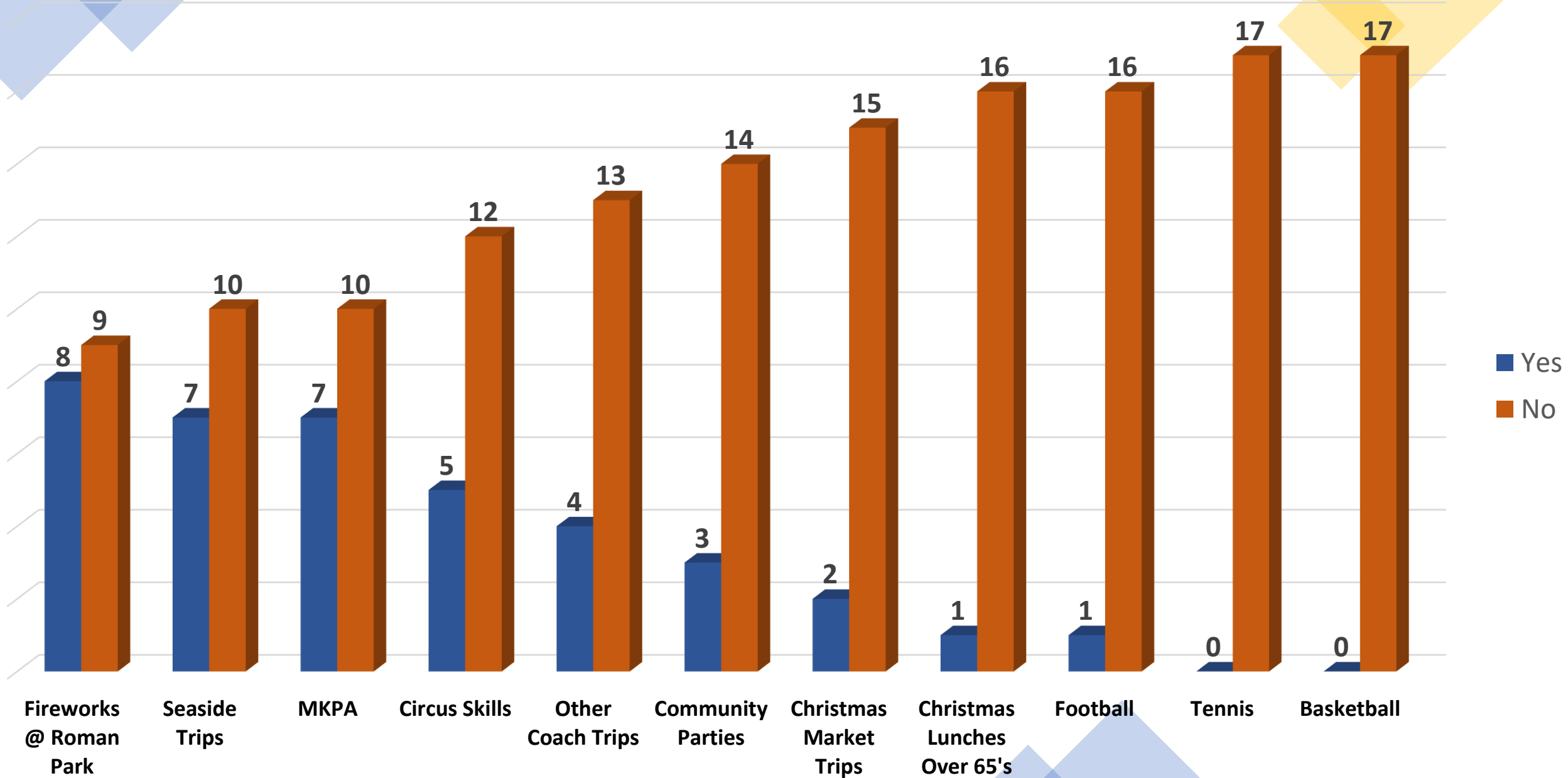


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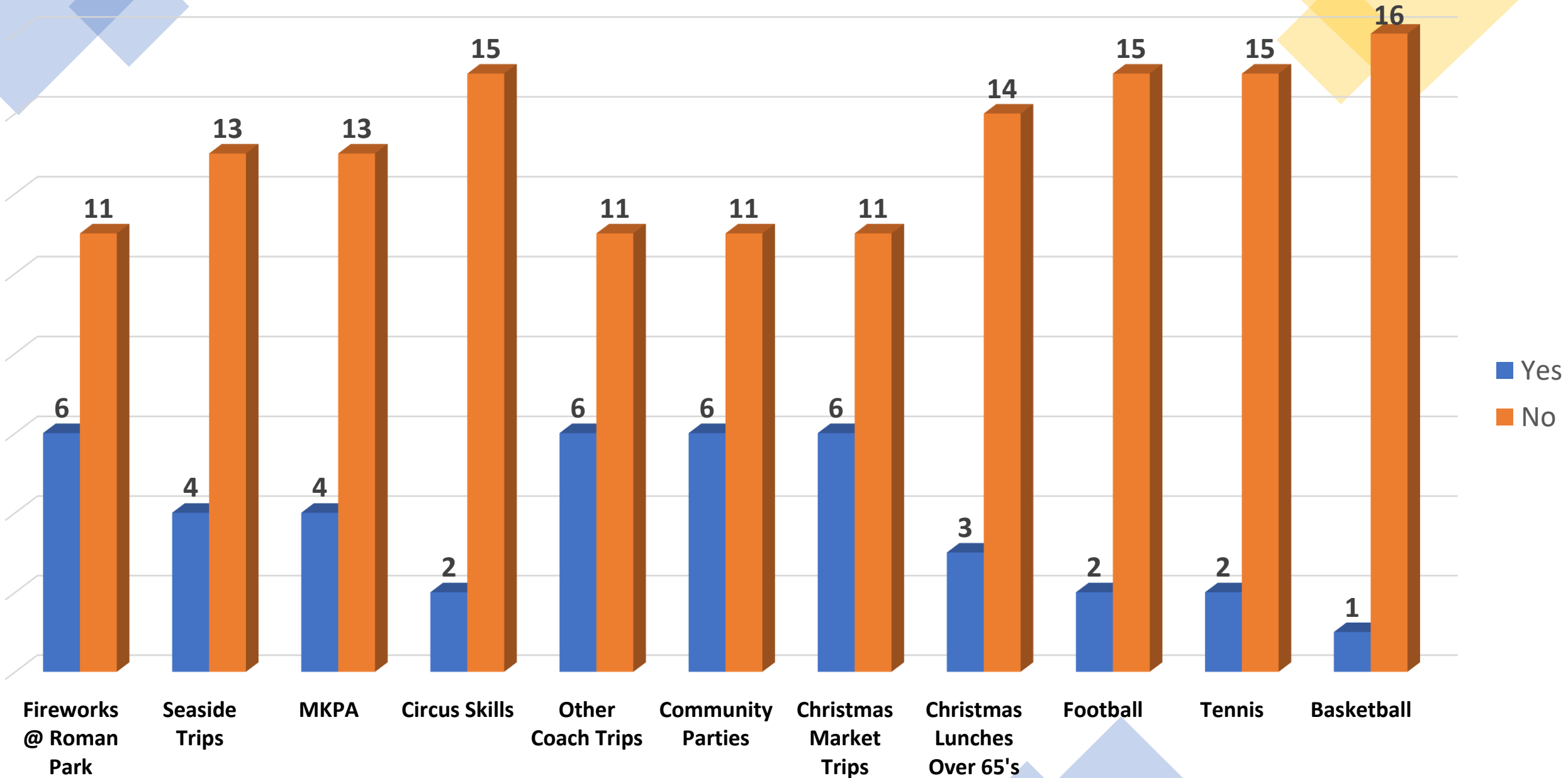
Residents Survey October 2022

RESULTS

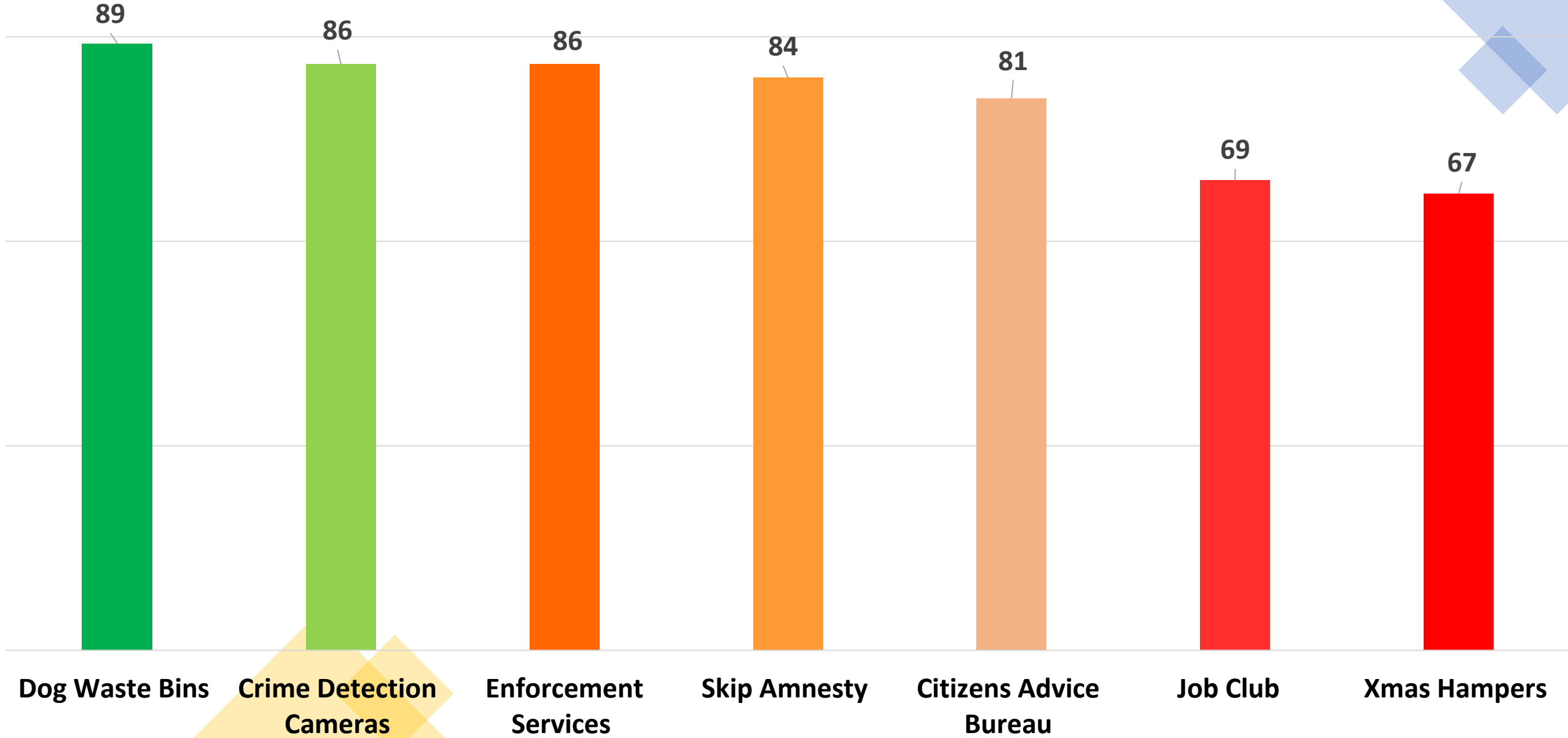
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PARISH EVENTS WOULD USE IN FUTURE



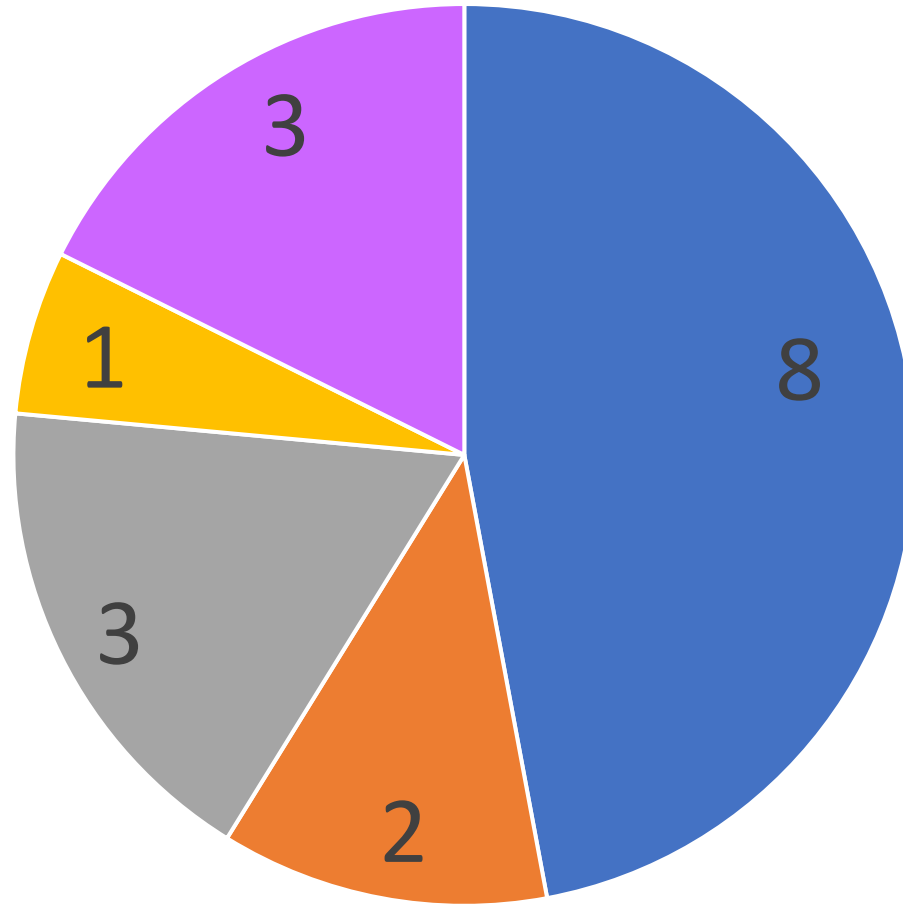
SERVICES RATED MOST IMPORTANT TO LEAST IMPORTANT



Feedback / Suggestions from Residents

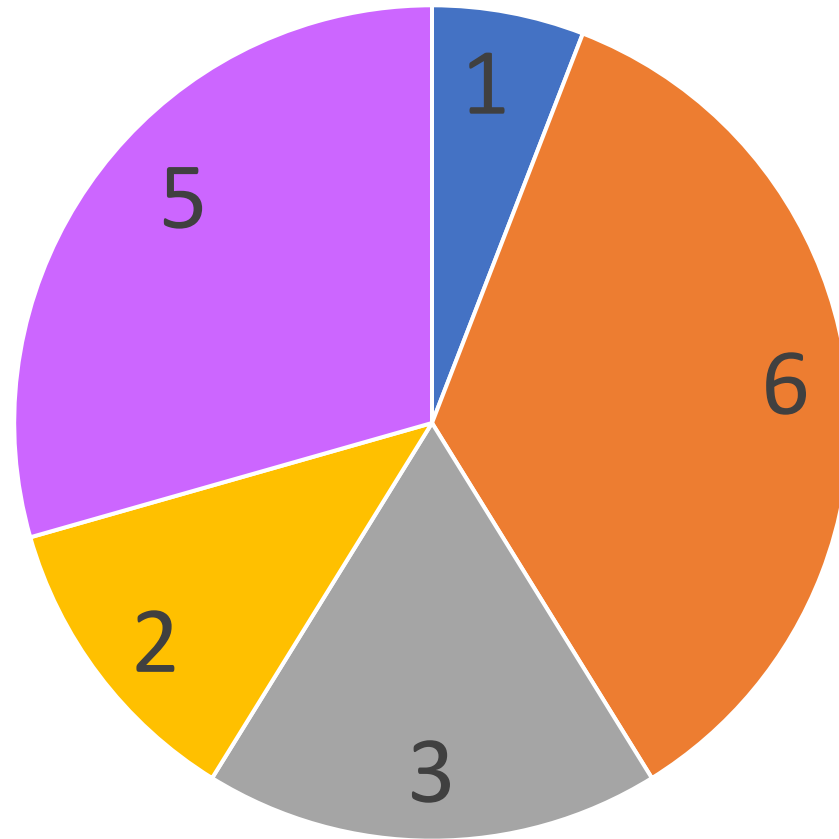
- Community Hub up and running
- Path clearing so buggies are able to walk on the path, Also some tlc on park equipment.
- Food bank, Local shop, Local café, Free yoga, More litter bins
- More regular events like cake sales, coffee mornings, guided walks etc.
- More litter bins
- Trips to open gardens. Art classes.
- More children's clubs at the community hub and a food bank
- More police patrolling the area
- Exercise classes - all levels, Walking group
- Drop in cafe/ information place for all ages
- I like the idea of possible Groups/Services at Community Hub. IT Clinic, Cycle Repairs, Café, Dementia
- Community Café For all

ESTATE SUMMARY - Number of Responses



■ Bradville ■ Bancroft ■ Bancroft Park ■ Blue Bridge ■ Stantonbury

AGE RANGE - Number of Responses



■ 25 - 34 ■ 35-44 ■ 45 - 54 ■ 55 - 64 ■ 65+



Milton Keynes

Outreach Report

Stantonbury Parish Council

April - October 22

This report details the main activities relating to the weekly **outreach service** funded by the council. We'll tell you a little about who is using the service within the parish, and why, as well as reporting on the impact the service and our advice has had on local residents.



Over the last **6 months** we have

- Helped **219 people** from the Stantonbury Parish area to solve **621 problems**
- Supported **80 of those residents** with **334 separate problems in person**, at the community advice outreach funded by the Parish Council
- Held a total of **23 weekly advice sessions** at the **Stantonbury Parish Council Offices**.
- The remainder of this report shows figures for those residents supported at the **outreach sessions only**.

Top 5 Issues



Benefits
182



Debt + Finances
66



Housing + Homelessness
40



Family + Relationships
25



Employment + Rights at Work
16



56% of clients were women



56% had a disability or chronic health issue



26% were aged 60 yrs +



33% were tenants of a private landlord

£47,231 in financial gains as a result of our advice





Case Study

Kelvin's Story



Kelvin came to see our Adviser at the Stantonbury Parish Offices in relation to **raising a complaint with HMRC**.

Kelvin is 86 years old, and lives alone. Despite his children and grandchildren living near by, he is very independent and likes to sort problems out himself if he can. Kelvin told us that **his wife Joyce died last year** and he received a lump sum payment from her pension. Kelvin told our Adviser that this payment had been taxed and a charge made on the pension.

Kelvin said that he was aware of his rights in this regard and as a result, wrote to HMRC about the charge over 6 weeks before coming to see us. He said that to date he had **not received a reply** or acknowledgement of his letter.

Kelvin does **not have access to the internet** and didn't feel confident contacting HMRC online to further his enquiry. He is also unhappy about the lack of response and told us he would like to raise a complaint.

Our Adviser took the information about the payment from his late wife's pension and called the company that paid the pension to her. The company said Kelvin would receive some money back as he was charged at the basic rate of tax.

Our Adviser then called HMRC to check this and the person on the helpline confirmed that Kelvin would **receive the amount he was taxed back in full**, via cheque within 7 weeks. This was because the amount was under his personal tax allowance.

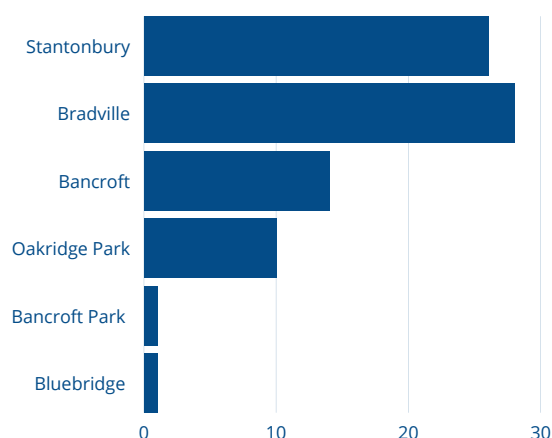
Our Adviser asked that this be confirmed in a letter sent via post as Kelvin does not use email. HMRC confirmed they would do this and Kelvin was very happy that the matter was now resolved.

Location

By Estate / Area



Clients attending the outreach, broken down by areas within the civil parish



Focus on:

Benefits Advice



Advice on **welfare benefits** was the most popular type of enquiry at the outreach. The advice given in this area mainly related to **eligibility** for or **problems** with the following benefits:

Benefit	No. of Enq
Universal Credit	59
PIP	50
General Benefit Eligibility	33
UC Limited Capability for Work Assessment	24
UC Housing Element	16