

NETTLESTONE
AND SEAVIEW
PARISH PLAN
2005



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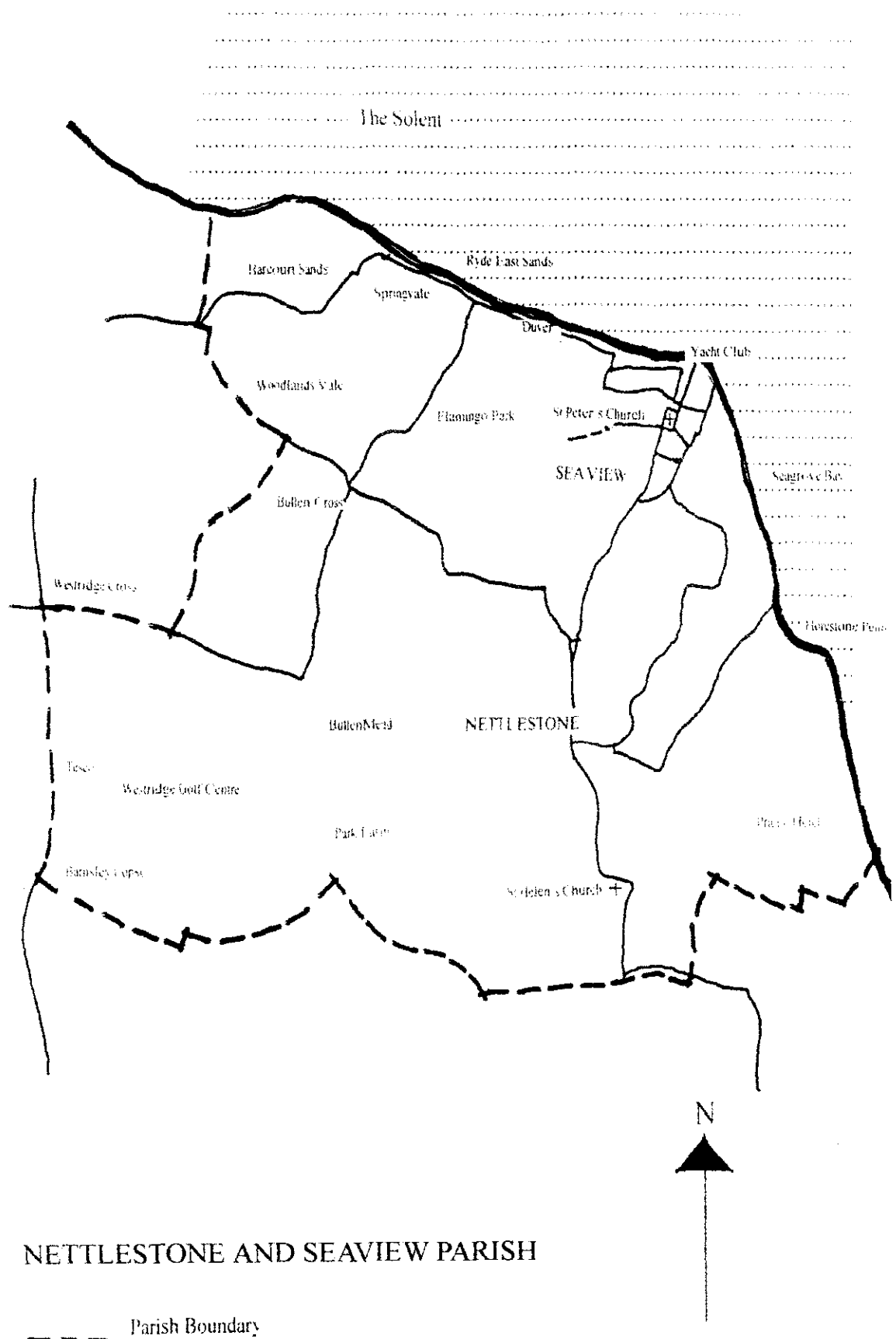
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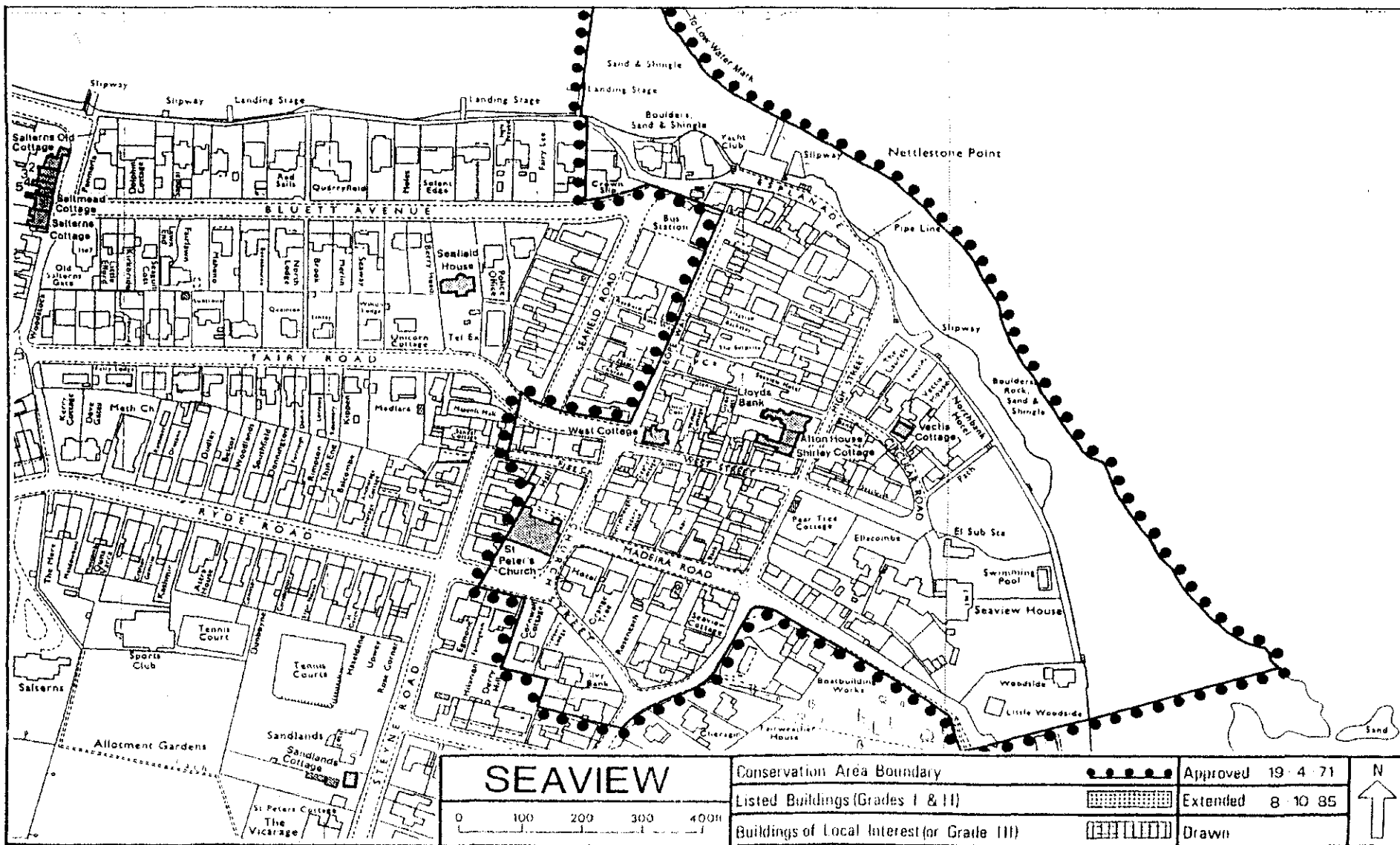
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Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Plan



NETTLESTONE AND SEAVIEW PARISH

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Historical background and current descriptions
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Introduction

"The Government wants local communities to take more control of their own lives, to say what they want doing in their own neighbourhoods and to engage with other powers to get it done".

"A Parish Plan sets out the vision for how the community wants to develop, and identifies the action needed to achieve it."

"It is up to you , the community, to decide what is important to you".

"The Parish Plan must be consistent with related policies set out in the local authority's planning documents and local strategic partnerships".

Above are some key extracts from The Countryside Agency booklet on Parish Plans. It was with this in mind that a public meeting was organised in January 2004 at Nettlestone School to raise awareness of the need to formulate a parish plan. The grant for doing this work had already been applied for by the Parish Council from the Countryside Agency.

From this meeting a number of people came forward to join a steering group. A meeting was arranged shortly afterwards at the Springvale Hotel and a chairman, secretary and treasurer were chosen by the group. Regular meetings followed and we soon had ideas on how we could achieve a parish plan by March 2005. A publicity campaign was put in place to let everyone in the parish know that a questionnaire would be delivered during July. This was a series of posters of differing colours which gradually gave more information of how we wanted people to become involved.

During this time a questionnaire was compiled and printed and we are indebted to Charles of Vic's Stores and his team of paperboys and girls who saw it safely delivered into 1700 letterboxes throughout the parish. A list of the Stakeholders in the parish was compiled and 100 questionnaires were sent or hand delivered to the businesses, landowners, societies, clubs and historic building occupiers on the list. To make it easy for the completed forms to be returned we sent out prepaid return envelopes and this worked very well as 51 % were eventually sent back.

A public meeting was held in St Peter's Hall in September 2004 which was well attended and allowed further consultation with parishioners. The May Day Fair and Regatta Day saw orange balloons flying from stalls manned by steering group members handing out leaflets about the questionnaire and answering questions and raising awareness.

During the course of the year various stakeholders attended our monthly meetings as well as officers from various departments of the Isle of Wight Council to enable us to have a balanced view.

The grant for a consultant was used to allow local people to be involved in and have ownership of their Parish Plan.

Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Plan

It took two weeks with a team of several people each night to open and notate the responses. Following that process, computer software was used to allow easier handling of the information and data. Analysis of all the figures gave the basis of the recommendations and action plan.

I would like to thank David and Joyce Smallwood of the Springvale Hotel for providing us with our meeting venue throughout the year and all the members of the Steering Group who have given so freely of their time and effort on behalf of the parish, without you this plan could not have been achieved.

It has been a pleasure being Chairman of such a dedicated and happy group.

David Thompson
Chairman

The Parish of Nettlestone and Seaview

The Parish of Nettlestone and Seaview was formed in 1989. It is one of the largest on the Island both in population and area [see map]. The parish is made up of the two eponymous villages plus the outlying areas of Pondwell, Seagrove Bay, Springvale, the isolated corner of Woodland Close and most of Puckpool Hill. It also includes Brading Rd from Bullen Rd right along to Attrills Lane, footpath R63.

Historical Background

The two villages of Seaview and Nettlestone were originally quite separate communities.

Nettlestone is by far the older of the two. The Manor of Nettlestone was mentioned in the Domesday Book as "being held of the King", but the land was later held by the de Lisle family and others until mid 1500s when it passed to the Oglanders of Nunwell. The present Manor house dates from 1580, and was inhabited by the tenant farmers of the two farms on the land.

Park Farm had the fertile land running down from Nettlestone across the valley, and Nettlestone Farm had the land the other side of the ridge running down to the sea. The houses were originally those associated with farming: workers' cottages, wheelwrights, cart makers etc, possibly a forge.

Nettlestone House was built around 1800, and the rest of the houses round the Green are mostly 19th century. Eddington Rd was subject to a ribbon development throughout the 20th century. This included the West Priory cottages which were built by Ryde Borough Council in 1928 and were the only Council Housing in the area, until most were sold off after the "right to buy" legislation in the 1980s.

These were built on land acquired from the Priory Farm Estate, as was Gully Rd, built piecemeal between the wars in the 1920s and 30s and reflecting that era of architecture, and then again postwar in the 1950s or 1960s.

Pondwell was built as a development in the late 1960s and 1970s, as was Woodlands. There is therefore a variety of architecture including development of the Heights, built in two parts over the 1960s and 1970s.

Seaview did not exist before 1800, except for a few fishermen's huts, and possibly the Salterns buildings. It is unclear whether the saltpans were already operating before a Mr KirkPatrick from Newport set up the business and installed a manager to run it around the turn of the 18th to 19th centuries. At that time the Rev. Henry Oglander who held the living of St Helens, had built a beautiful new house called Fairy Hill to retire to. Anthony Caws, son of the steward of Priory Farm lived on the land immediately below Fairy Hill, with his own large family of eight and several grandchildren. A deal was done by which Anthony Caws exchanged that land for the outright possession of a large field known as Outer Cliff down on the seashore, and Seaview was begun. The land was divided into nine equal parts for the eight children and one sitting tenant (who was quickly bought out), leaving room for a Rope Walk at the rear to make the ropes for the men of the family who were mostly ship's pilots. Building began at once on what is the High St, the original plots being on the west side. The Esplanade and West St followed, and later Circular Road and the other side of the High St. By 1850 the centre of Seaview was

complete, and it has retained its early Victorian character remarkably well. The Conservation Area was in place by the 1960's.

Seaview expanded outwards quickly throughout the second half of the 19th century and was a thriving seaside resort by 1860. The Pier, a renowned and very elegant, "suspension" type, was built in 1881 and stood for 70 years welcoming visitors and day trippers right up to World War II. It finally blew down during a violent storm on December 29th 1951, shortly after being Listed. When the Seafield House Estate was broken up in 1911, Bluett and Fairy Roads were put through joining up to the Salterns. This led to the development of the Duver and the opening up of Oakhill and Puckpool hills as through ways to Ryde.

Further development continued quietly until the explosion of building in the 1960s and 70s. Outside the village this brought The Heights, and within, The Bowl (Spithead Close and Sandcove Rise) and towards the 80s, the development of the old garage site right in the middle of the village, (Sandpipers). Then the old bus station at the bottom of Seafield Rd, (The Anchorage) and finally Seaview Bay on the site of the old Pier Hotel.

The Parish Today

The most recent development in the parish is centred on the Westridge, part of which is Bullen Village. This comprises a variety of new houses and a growing light industrial park. Being very close to Ryde and situated on the boundary of the parish this area is developing its own individual character.

The building of the Heights in theory linked the two villages of Nettlestone and Seaview, but in practice the steep hill of Seaview Lane and Steyne Rd, is still a physical and mental barrier. Some of the residents within walking distance shop regularly in Nettlestone. At the other end of the development, the only direct route into Seaview village involves steep climbs.

Nettlestone does have direct connections to both Ryde and St Helens and thus Bembridge via the B3330. Seaview on the other hand leads nowhere except the sea, even though it is served by three roads (all steep hills,) which link up to the B3330.

This separation emphasises the rather different character of the areas. Nettlestone and the outlying areas mentioned above are predominantly residential, with a permanent population, largely in the older "retired" age group. Seaview in contrast is very much a holiday village, centred around sailing and traditional family seaside holidays. The Yacht Club dates from 1896, and organises sailing for its own Members and visiting sailors, especially firms and organisations who charter the Mermaid boats from Easter through to late September.

The permanent population of Seaview Village is also mostly in the "retired" age group, but an important feature of Seaview is the proportion of second homes, one of the highest on the Island. For the whole Parish the percentage is 27% but for Seaview village it is well over 50%. Many of these second homes belong to the sailing community and are let during the summer months. This means

that during the winter whole streets are deserted and that the population increases greatly during July and August, even more in Regatta week. Two of the busiest offices are the agencies letting holiday homes. There is a very loyal type of visitor who comes every year choosing Seaview as a base. Not all are sailors, but are attracted by the sandy, safe beaches, such as the "nanny" beach at the bottom of Pier Rd, where generations of small children have played. There are 19km of footpaths affording varied walking. The Barnsley Trail is a circular 6km walk initiated by the Parish Council in 1994. This corner of the Island seems to have a micro climate of its own which encourages shrubs to bloom all year round. The mimosas in particular are a blaze of colour in the middle of winter. Wildlife includes red squirrel colonies, badgers, foxes, and a wide variety of sea birds and waders, including little egrets and grebes.



THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS RELATE TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE
QUESTIONNAIRE.

ANSWERS ARE ILLUSTRATED BY GRAPHS

1. Population

The 2001 Census gives the Parish a resident population of 2883. This is broken down as follows:

MALE 47% FEMALE 53% (This is close to the Island average.)

AGE	PARISH%	ISLAND%	NATIONAL%
Under 16	11.2	18.2	20.3
16 to 29	10.3	13.2	17.5
30 to 59	37.6	40.3	41.5
60+	41.0	28.2	20.9

The age breakdown is strikingly different from both the Island and the England and Wales breakdown. The over 60 group is nearly double the national average, and in within that group 17.6% are over 75 compared to 11.4 % for the Island and 7.6% nationally. Conversely the school age children and under 30 group is well below average.

There is a rather higher than average proportion of married people, and a slightly higher proportion of widowed.

In race and religion the Parish follows the Island average closely, being overwhelmingly white and Christian.

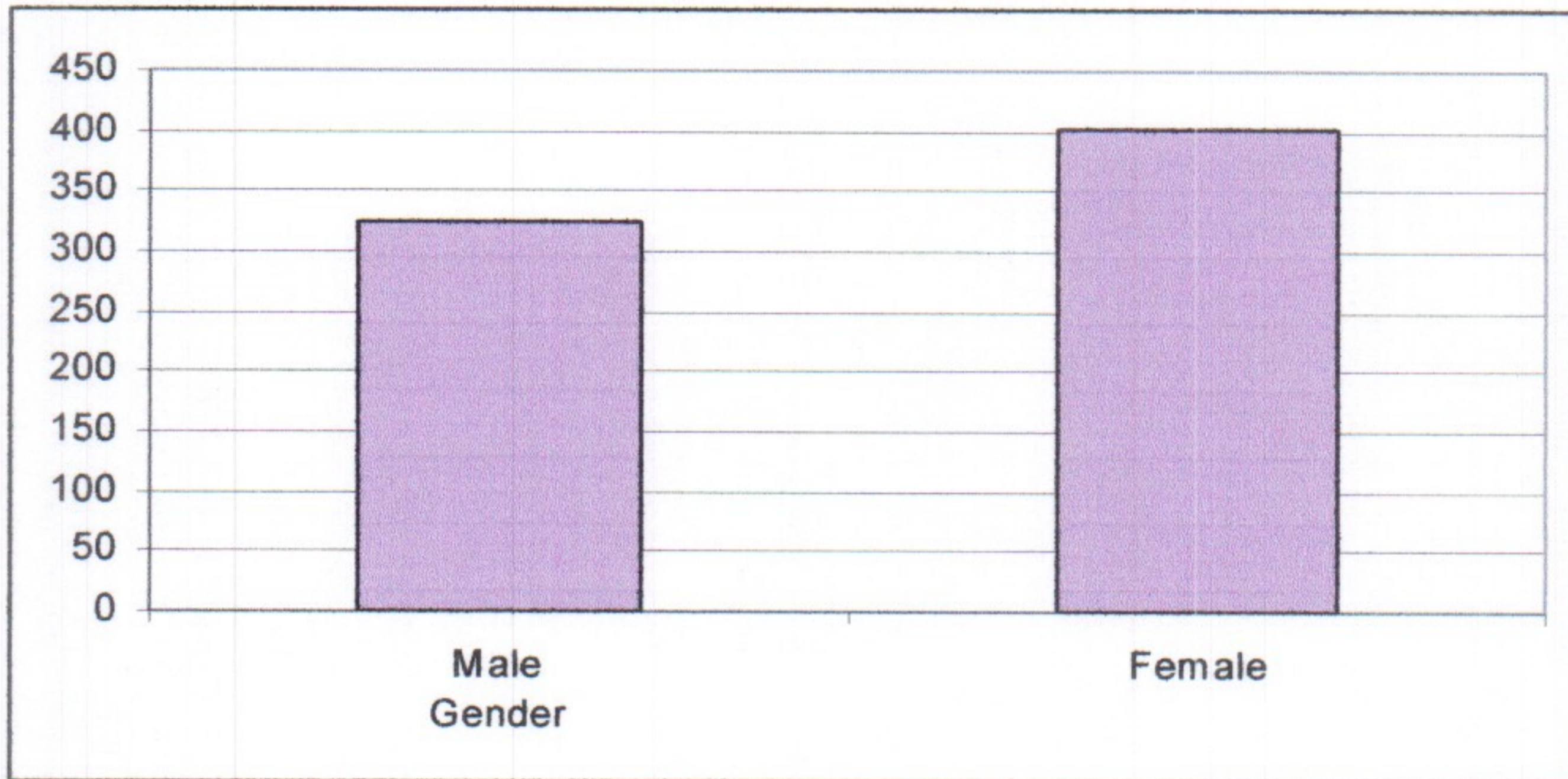
Health was generally considered to be good, but long term illness and "Providing unpaid care" was slightly over average, reflecting the predominantly elderly age group.

One category which did show an above average status was that 23% were qualified to degree level or higher, against 15.3% in the Island and 19.8% nationally

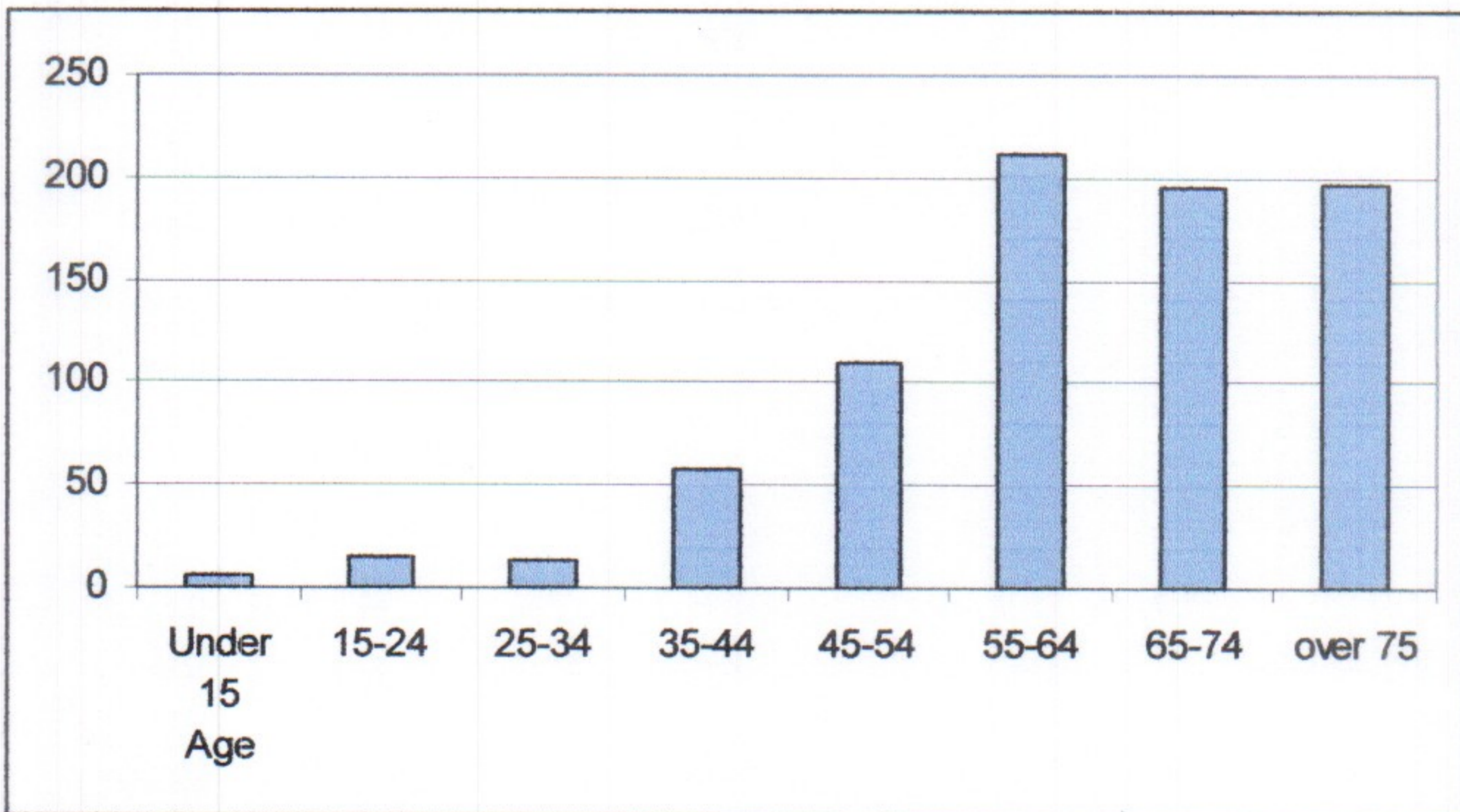
53.7% were in employment, and only 1.9% were unemployed. 27.9% were retired.

Of the 1700 QUESTIONNAIRES distributed, 853 were returned completed making 51% of which the ratio of Female to Male was 47% to 38%. The highest % of returns came from those aged 55 and over. There was a very low % of single parents and carers amongst the replies, however relatively few respondents were in the younger age range. One in six of all respondents are car owners, and 55% have Internet access.

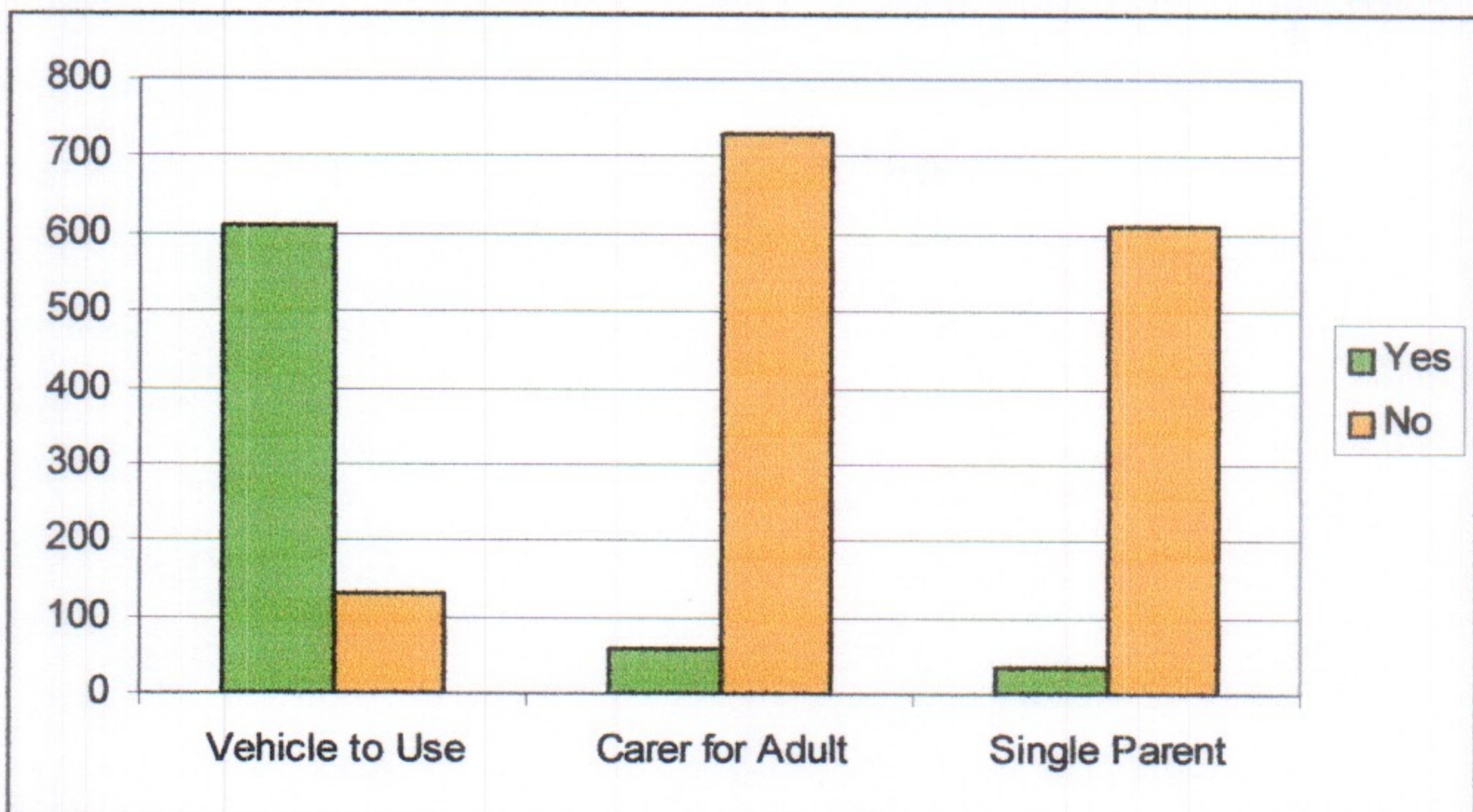
The following graphs illustrate the answers to section 1 on population
Are you male or female?



Your age group?



Do you have a motor vehicle to use and are you a carer or a single parent?



2. Community Facilities and Recreation

Shops

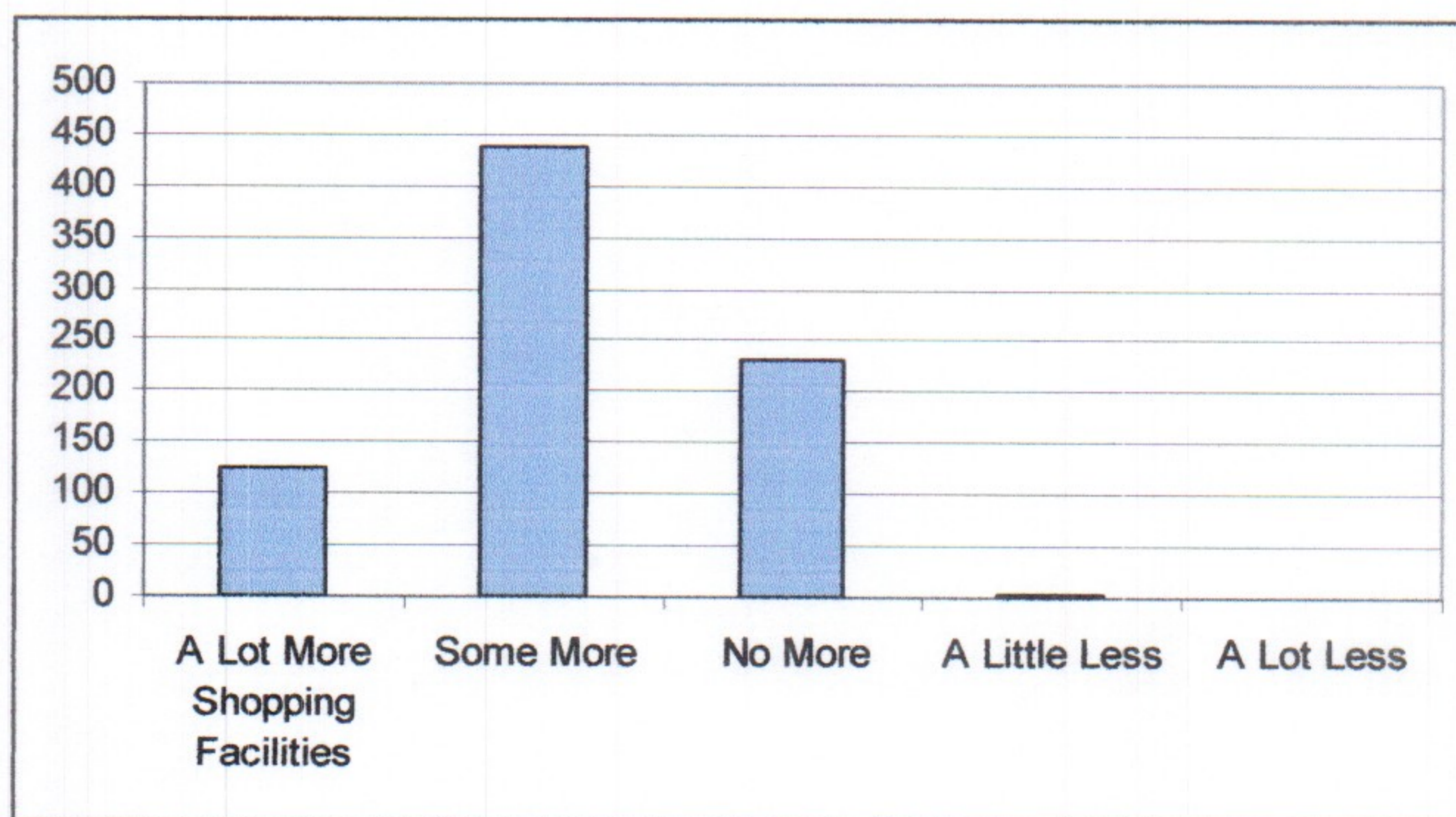
Nettlestone has a Londis Store selling food, household goods, newspapers (it runs the only delivery service in the area), wine and spirits and tobacco, plus plants and other garden supplies in season. Nettlestone also has a Post Office which sells some basic stationery supplies, and acts as a depot for the prescription service run by the Seaview Chemist.

Seaview has a General Store and Off Licence selling the same selection of goods as above, plus home cooked bread, cakes and frozen dishes. The Post Office is also the Newsagent / tobacconist, and sells some beach toys, sweets and general goods. There is a dispensing Chemist who supplies a valuable service to the elderly population by accepting and collecting repeat prescriptions from the doctors' surgeries. Caws' old established shoe shop sells also outdoor / sailing wear. A ladies' outfitters, a shop selling mostly sailing based clothes and accessories; an art gallery, a gift shop, and a toy and bookshop with artist's materials make up the remaining shops. There is only one shop, empty at present, still available for commercial trade.

Many shops have shut over recent years and have been converted to residential use.

Tesco superstore is within the Parish boundary and most people use it for their main weekly or monthly grocery shop, using the other food shops locally for top up shopping. The new Bullen Village development is within five minutes walk of Tesco.

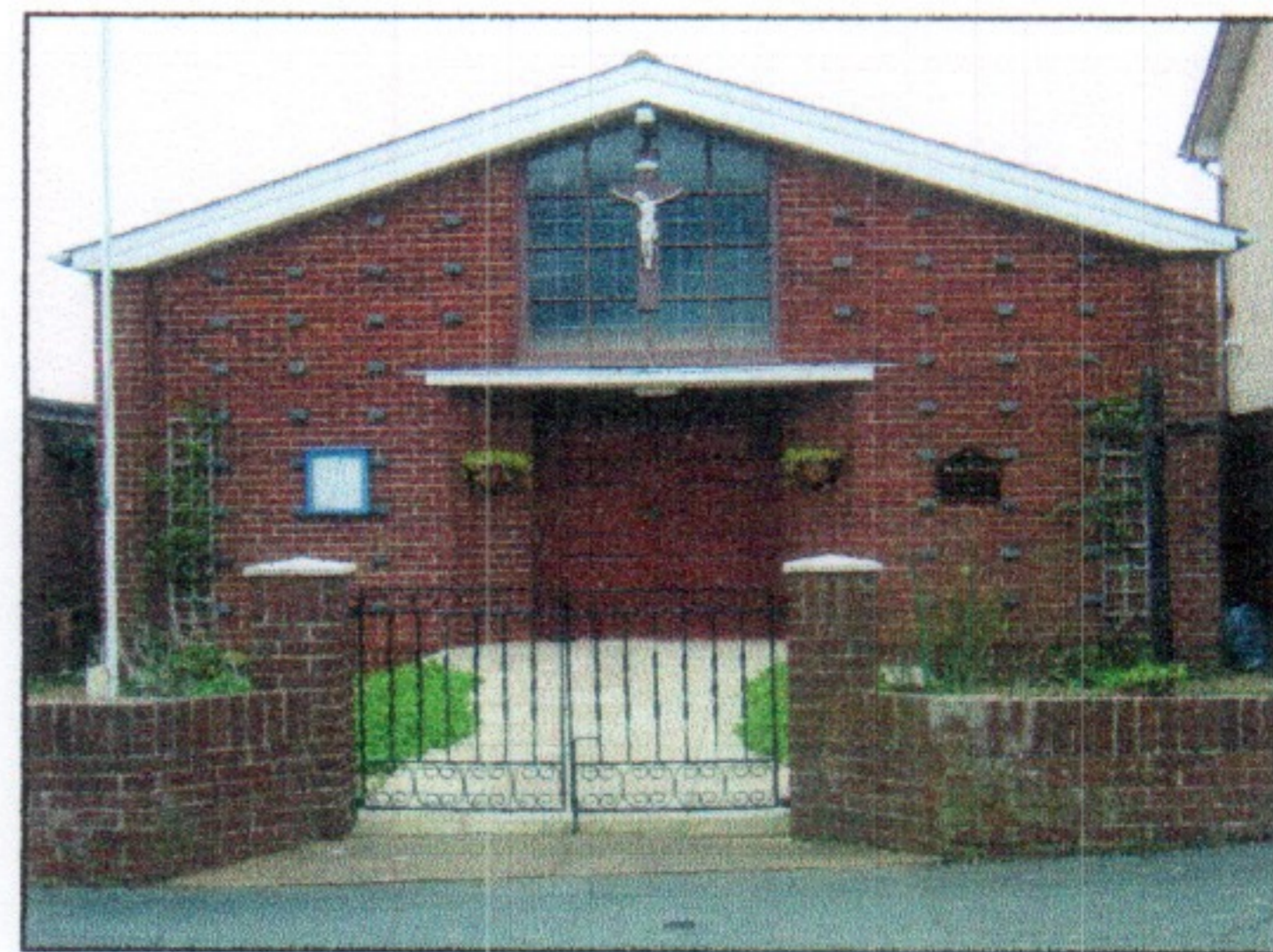
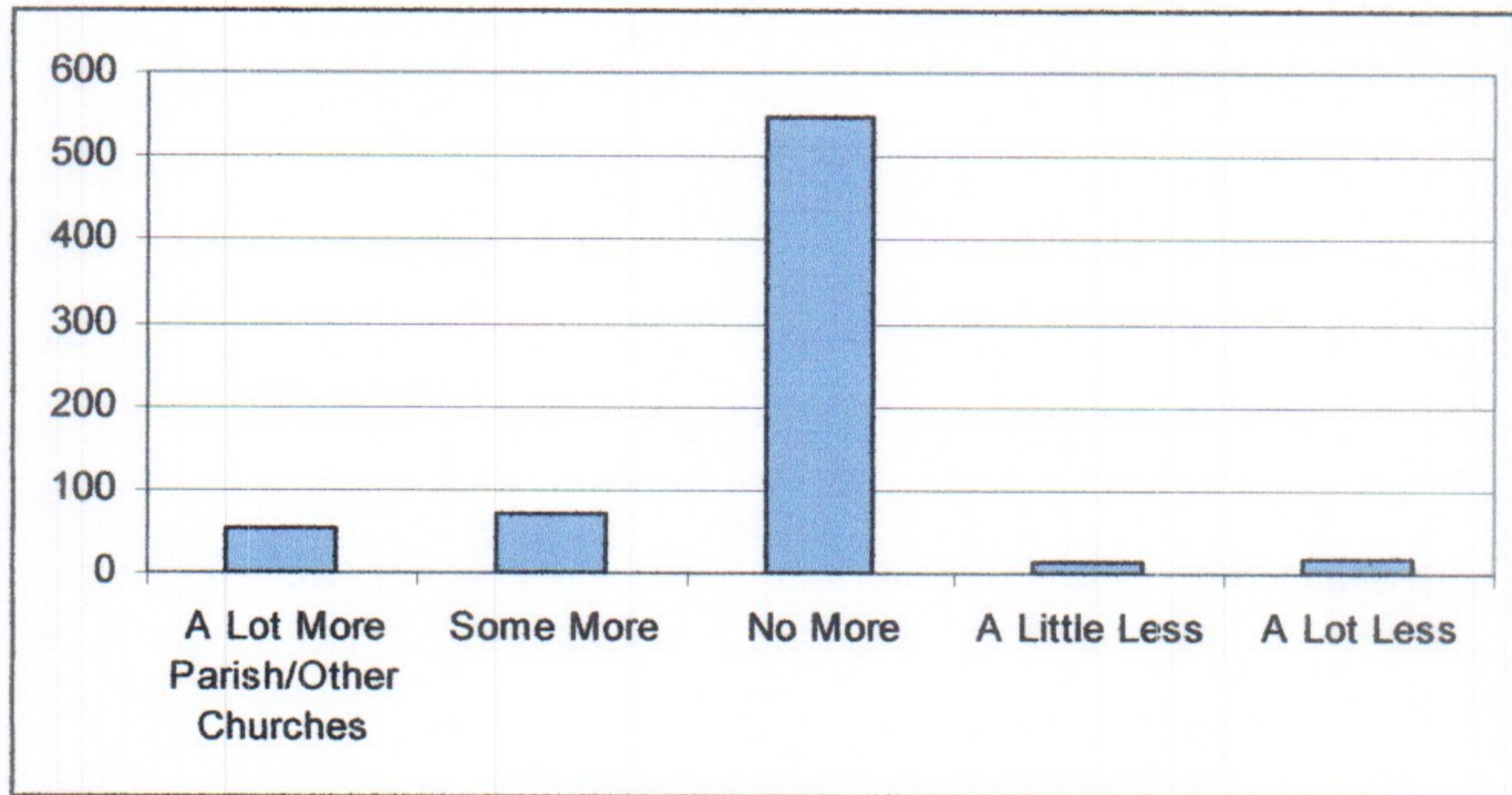
How important is it that the Parish should keep the shops?



Churches

There are actually four churches in the Parish, since St Helen's church and the Vicarage lie within the Nettlestone and Seaview boundary. This was originally the only church for the whole area and St Peter's Church was built in 1860 as a chapel of ease. These two churches are now a combined Church of England Parish, served by one incumbent. There is a Beulah Evangelical Church and the Holy Cross Roman Catholic church which is part of St Mary's Ryde Parish. There is close contact between the ministers of all the Churches.

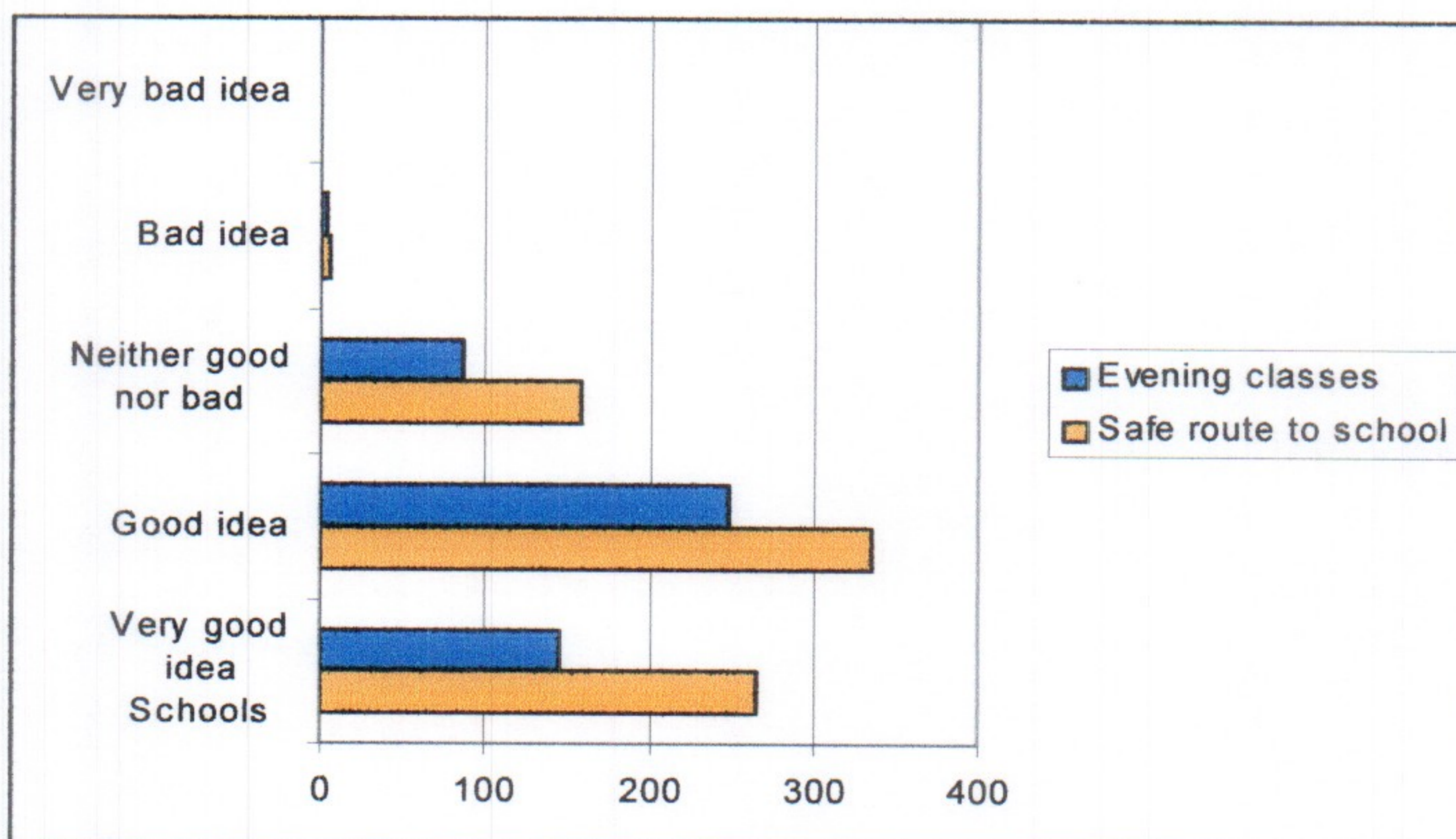
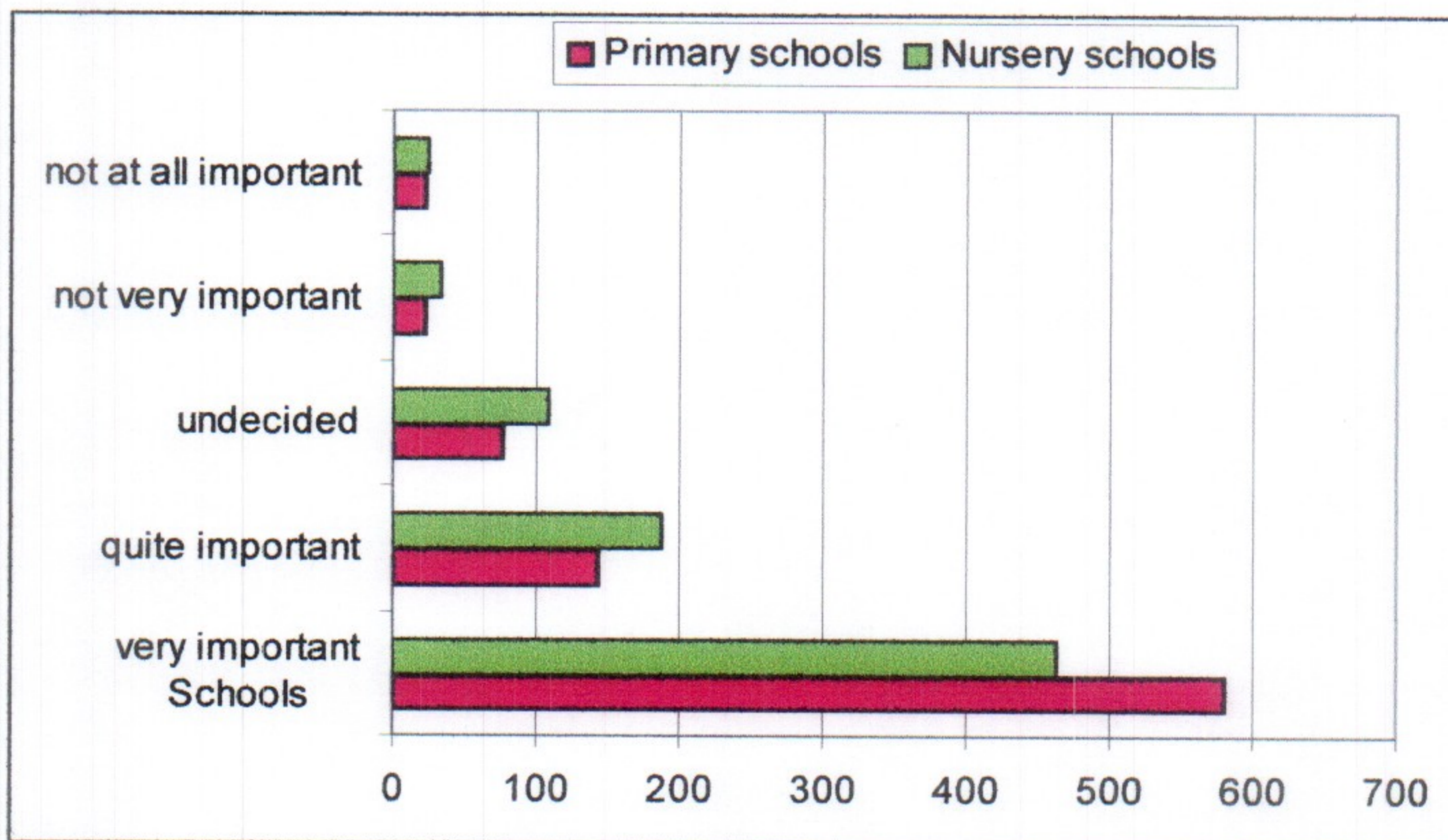
How important is it that the Parish should increase its Churches?



Schools

A Mother and toddler group meets in St Peter's hall. There is a thriving Montessori Nursery school in Seaview, and a Nursery group in Nettlestone, in the grounds of the County Primary School (ages 5 - 8) but independent of it. The Primary School has 130 children. As already shown, the school age group in the parish is well below average, and there are not enough 5-8 year olds to fill the school. Approximately 25% of the children are brought in by the school bus from Ryde. Many of the pupils are second generation whose parents attended the same school. Plans are in hand for an extension, in order to meet disabled access requirements, and the aims are to include the nursery, and also offer "extended" school facilities. The school has always been and remains a cornerstone of our community and consideration is to be given to evening classes and a "safe route to school".

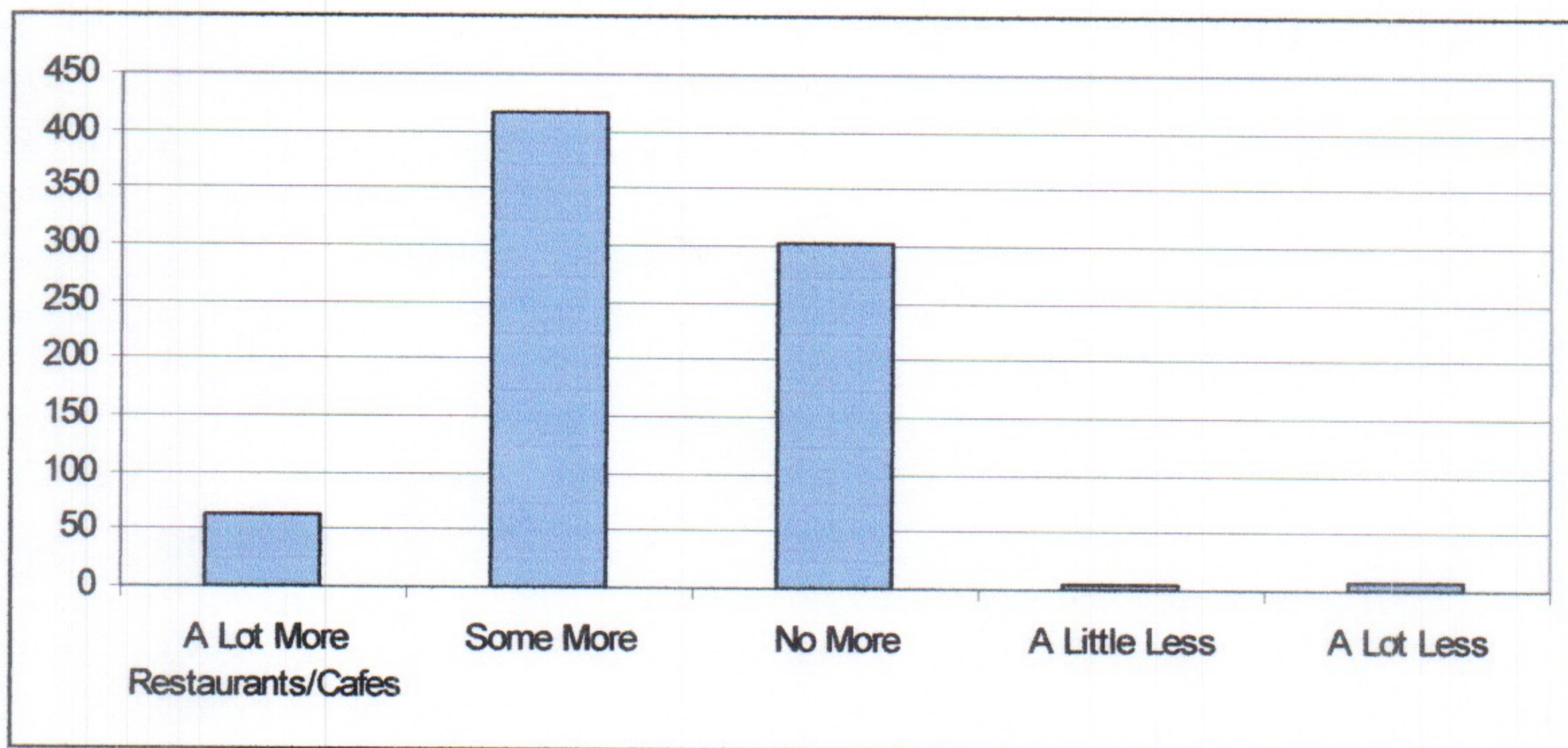
How important are the schools?



Restaurants and Pubs

Some of these are used very much by visitors in season and they are very important to the local community. The Roadside Inn, on the main road in Nettlestone, has a local clientele who regularly eat in the Restaurant. The Roadside Inn also has a few rooms as accommodation. The Wishing Well further along the same road towards Ryde, is extra busy in season since it backs onto a very popular camp site. The Battery Hotel, on the corner of Springvale and Puckpool Hill, offers food as well as drink, and has some B&B accommodation. It is very well placed for walkers along the sea wall, and is adjacent to Puckpool Park and the Harcourt Sands complex. Puckpool Park has a cafe with outdoor tables in season. In Seaview the Old Fort on the Esplanade is both pub and restaurant with outstanding views of the Solent, and in season has a cafe/snack bar too. There is a licensed cafe in the High St, currently closed. There is a seasonal cafe on Seagrove Bay. Restaurants are also available at The Springvale Hotel, Seaview Hotel, Northbank Hotel, Priory Hotel, Thai Restaurant and McDonalds all the year round.

How important are the restaurants and pubs?

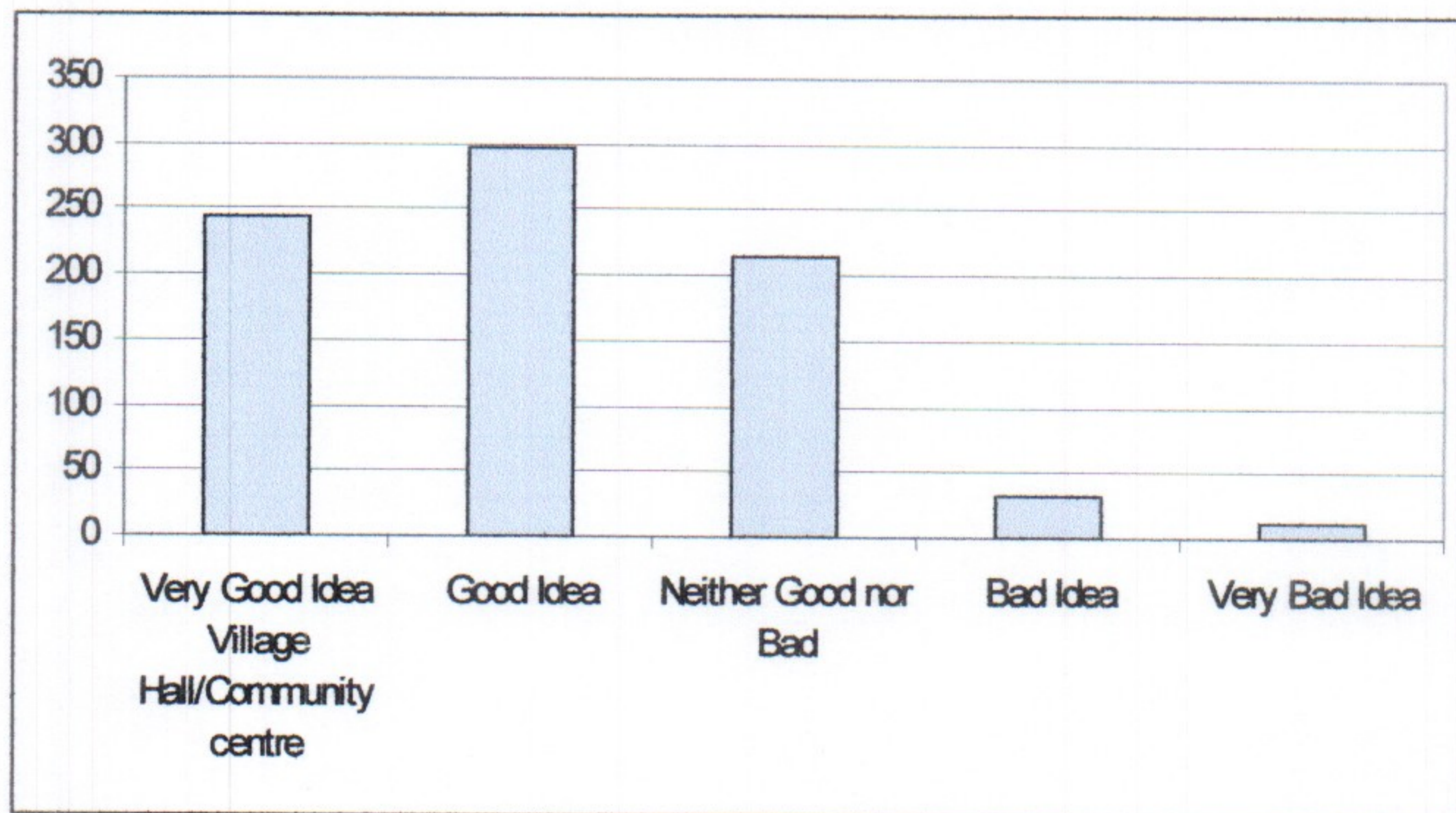


Meeting Halls

There are three halls, all in Seaview. The Masonic Hall belongs to the Spithead Lodge, and can be hired for private functions or exhibitions. It is licensed, has toilets, cloakrooms and a good sized kitchen. It also boasts one of the best maple sprung dance floors on the whole Island.

St.Peter's Hall has a large meeting space on the first floor, (with a stair lift) which has a toilet and small kitchen. It is used by the church itself for coffee after Sunday Service, and any church function, and also by most of the clubs and societies in the parish for their monthly meetings. On the ground floor are several rooms, one rented permanently by Seaview WI , one under consideration for a Parish Council Office, and one used by the Youth Club (now in abeyance) and /or choir. Exploratory talks have been held between the Church, The Parish Council and The Partnership as to the feasibility of using the church hall for wider community use. This would involve raising the necessary funds to refurbish the hall as work is required within five years on the structure of the building. The Beulah Chapel has a hall and hall/meeting room and kitchen opening off the Chapel, which is used frequently by the church itself and also available for any other group who want a smaller meeting room.

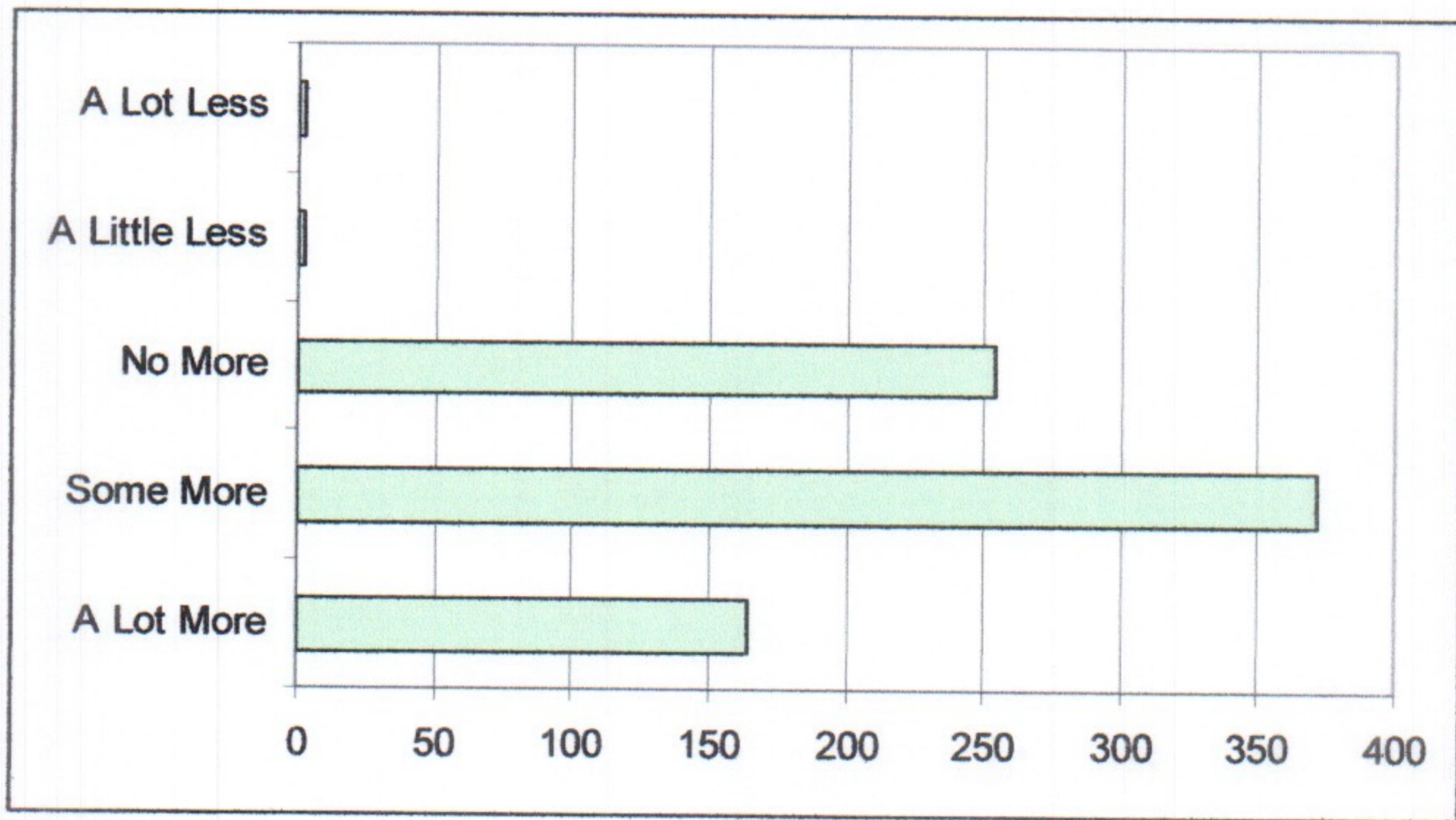
How important are meeting halls?



Open Spaces

Nettlestone Green is the open space at the top of Nettlestone Hill and Seaview Lane. This, like Sophie Watson Gardens where Steyne Rd and Old Seaview Lane meet, are both held and maintained by IWC.

Other open spaces in the Parish were taken over by the Parish Council some years ago to preserve them as a public amenity. Ansells Copse, Seagrove Dell and Seagrove Green have all been tidied up and maintained by the Parish Council. The other open spaces in the Parish belong to Priory Park Management, and by the terms of the company registration the land cannot be sold or given away. Open land on the boundaries of the Parish is mostly farm land.

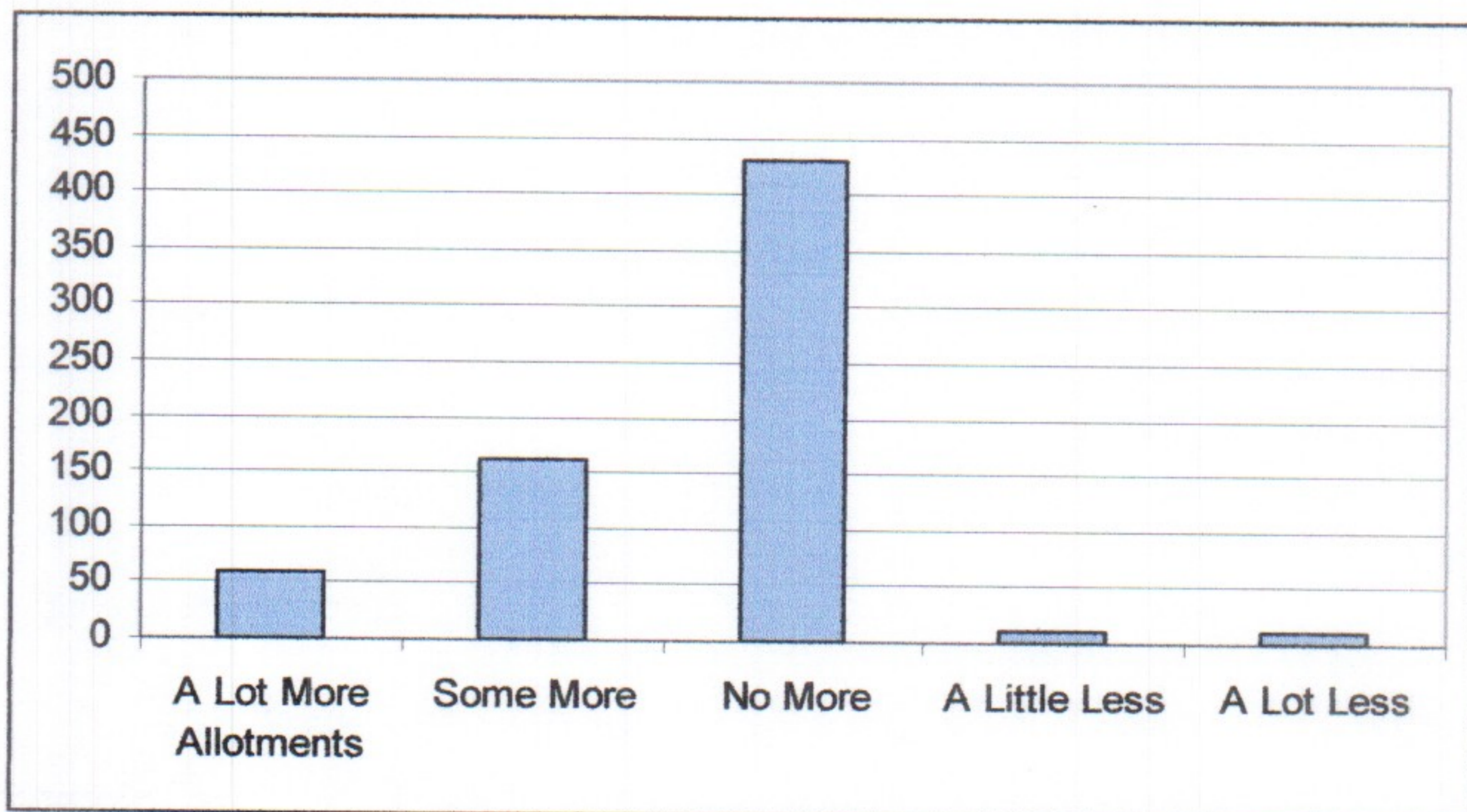


Communal Open Spaces

Allotments

These are on a south facing slope off Steyne Rd. They are run by IWC and are very well used. Most of the plots are in use, and very productive.

How important are allotments?



Other Facilities

There are further facilities for the Community even if not within the Parish.

There is a mobile library, a mobile chiropody clinic and a fresh fish van once a week in Seaview. The library calls at Nettlestone too, and a mobile fish and chip van calls twice weekly.

Mention must be made of the Medical Centre at St Helens. Over half the patients registered there live in Nettlestone and Seaview. This a modern health centre with three full time and two part time doctors, 6 nurses who deal with minor accidents, dressings, injections, taking out stitches, etc. They also run clinics for diabetes and asthma among other conditions. There are also regular chiropody, blood monitoring and physiotherapy sessions. It is a well and frequently used facility by inhabitants of Nettlestone and Seaview.

There is no longer a branch doctors surgery or bank in either village. The nearest garage is on the edge of the Parish on the Brading Rd. There are public toilets at Seagrove Bay and Rope Walk Seaview.

Sports and Recreation

The football field is roughly equidistant between Nettlestone and Seaview, and the flourishing Football Club took over responsibility for it from IWC on a long lease recently.

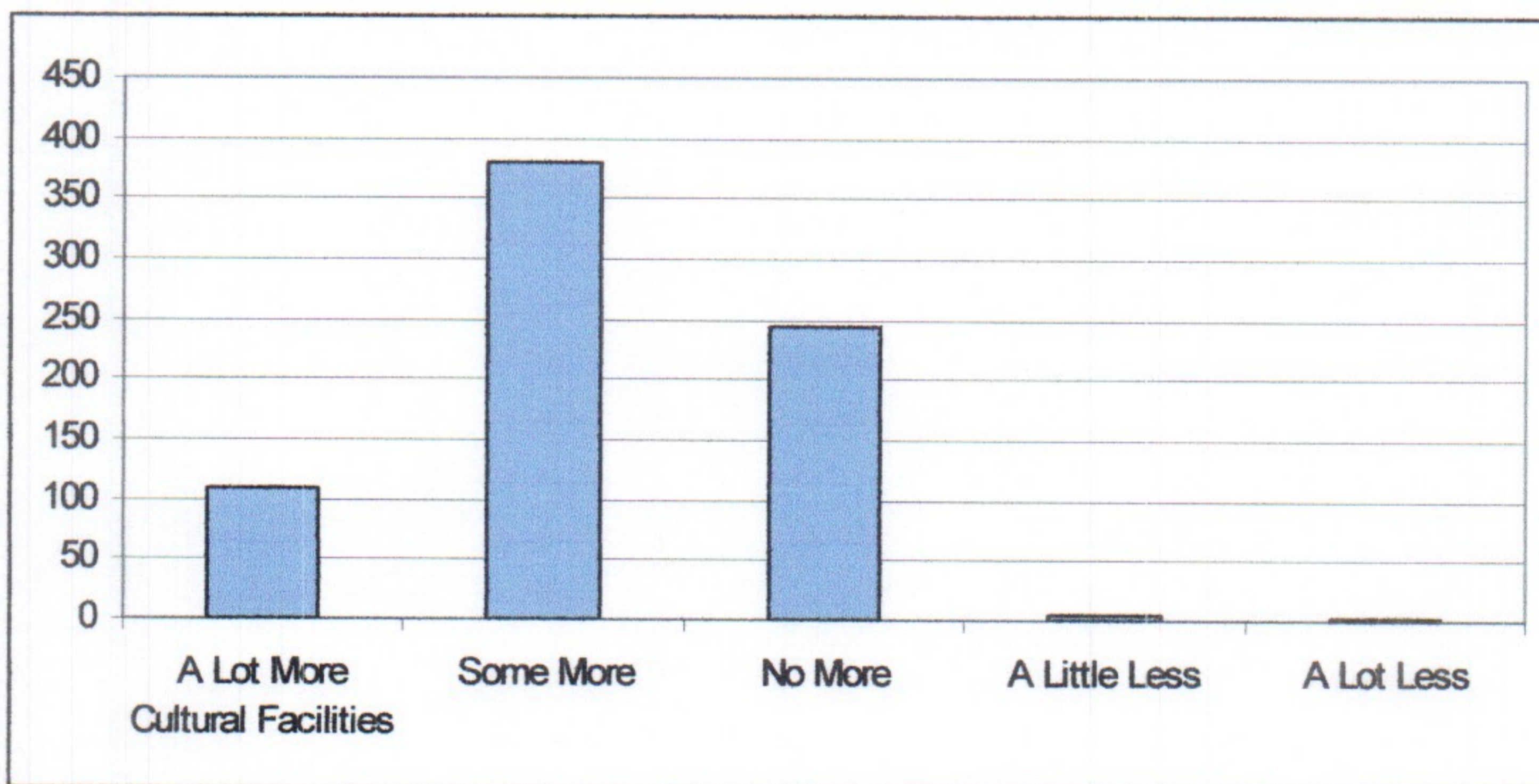
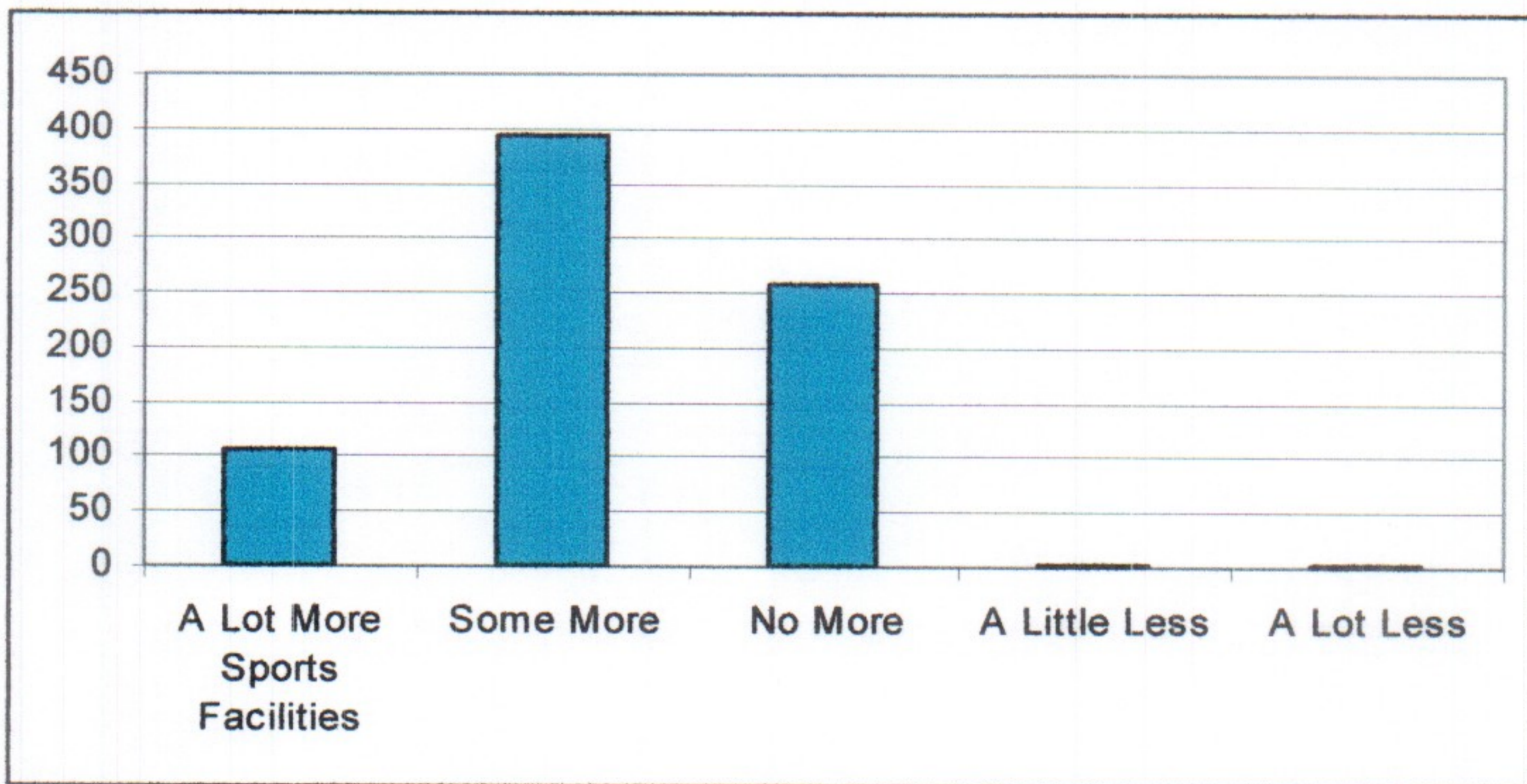
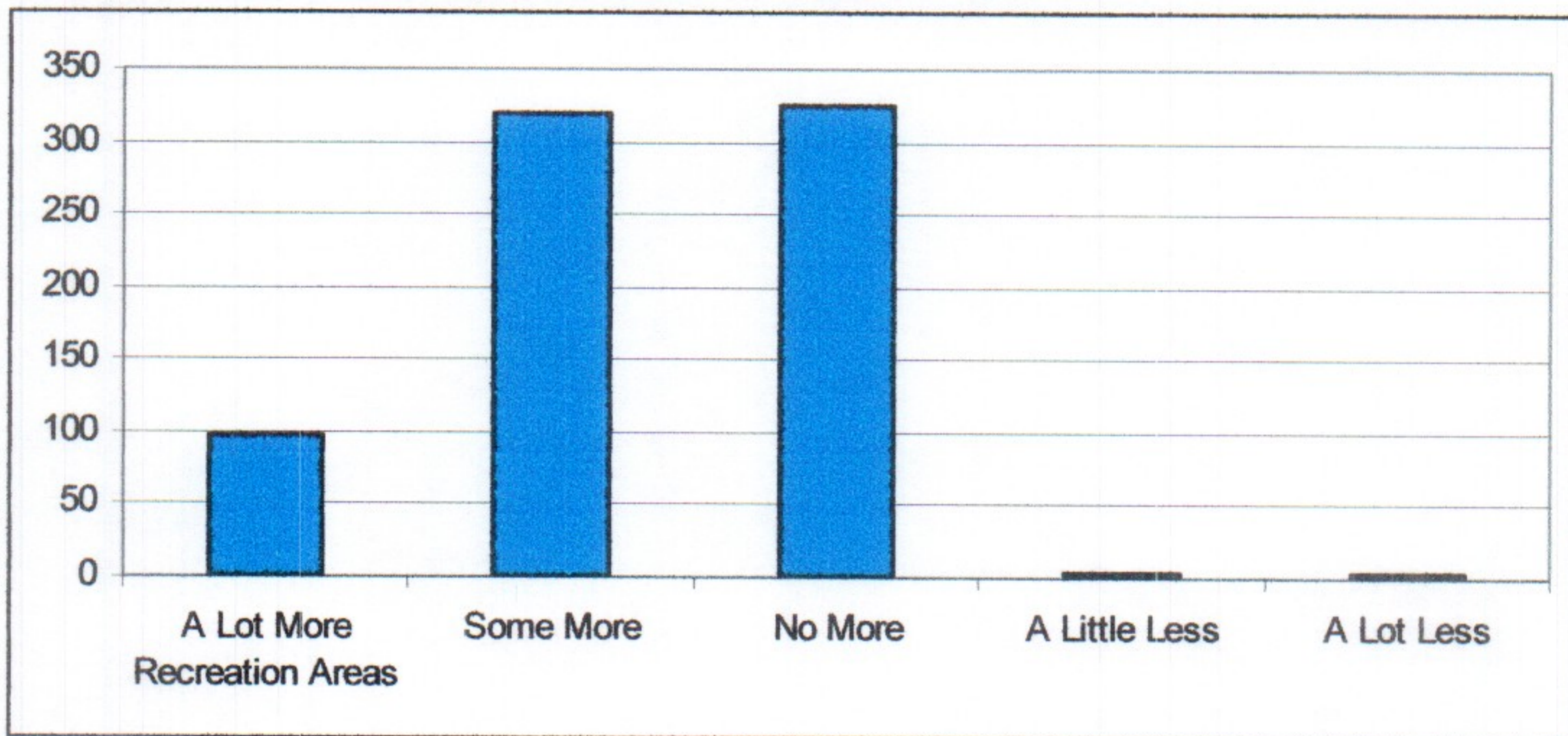
There are public tennis courts as well as crazy golf, putting and a children's playground at Puckpool Park, an IWC facility. There is a children's playground on Eddington Rd run by the Parish Council. The ground is leased from Medina Housing Association.

There is a very popular and well equipped privately owned Sports Club in Seaview. It offers tennis, badminton, squash and gym facilities, also a full sized swimming pool. It has a yearly subscription or weekly for visitors and attracts people from as far as Ryde to Bembridge, as well as the local population.

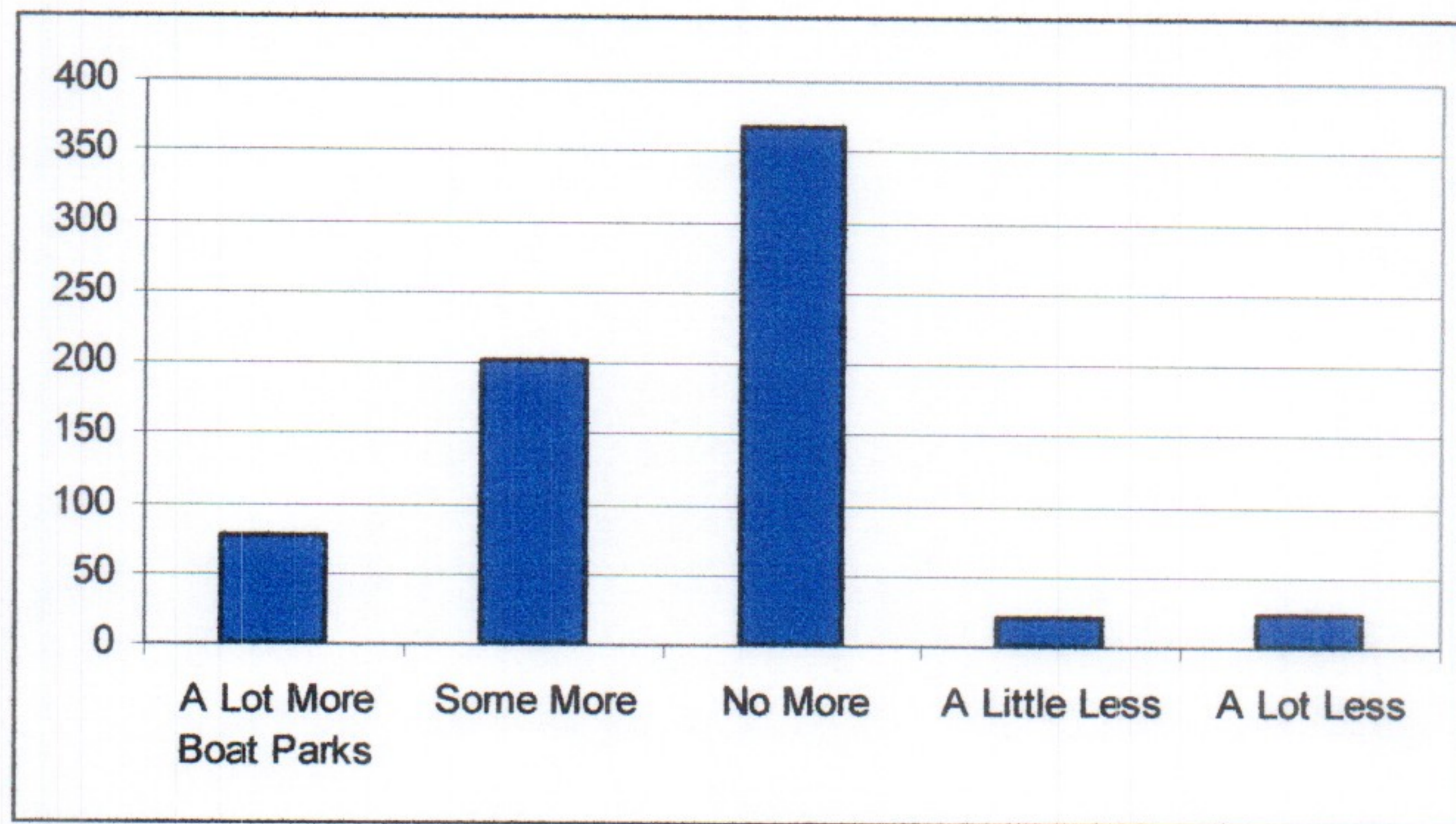
Sea View Yacht Club is 112 years old, and has 1400 members. Many of these live on the mainland. If they have second homes here, they come down frequently throughout the sailing season, which is roughly from Easter to the end of September. Many non member visitors sail with the Club by chartering the Mermaid class boats. The Club has sailing fixtures every day during the season, and during July and August the Seaview One Design Dinghies also race every day. This is a clinker built boat developed by Warren Boatbuilders in the 1920s and now numbers almost 200. There are many other types of boats sailing off Seaview, and the club runs many training sessions, offering 6 places each year to local children who are not members.

Another recreational feature of the Parish is the Seaview Village Regatta held every year in August, two weeks after Cowes Week, now at least 113 years old, and probably 20 years more than that. It is a three day event covering Sailing, Rowing, Swimming, Diving and fun events like tug of War, Greasy Pole and Children's sports including the 3-5 year olds, who have their own races. It always finishes with a splendid Firework Display on the Thursday night, and the whole seafront from Seagrove Bay to Springvale is packed out. Seaview Regatta is unique in that it covers so many different sports and recreations in a very busy three days.

How important are the sports and recreation facilities?



How important are boat parks?



Replies for FACILITIES fell into 4 categories:

Buildings
 Commerce
 Open Spaces
 Recreation.

- Opinion on building expressed the need for more meeting halls, with value placed on the schools. It was considered that there are sufficient churches.
- Opinion on commerce expressed the need to retain the existing shops, Post Offices and pubs.
- Opinion on open spaces expressed the need for maintenance and preservation
- Opinion on recreation expressed a need for sports and cultural facilities, and a community centre.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS** - the Action Plan to include a project for a Meeting Hall, retention of the existing shops, maintenance of open spaces, and a Sports/ cultural/ community centre

3. Housing and Building Development

There were 1348 households in the parish at the 2001 census.

87.5% were owner-occupied. This is 10% more than the Island average, and 20% more than the national. All had sole use of bathroom, and 93.8% had central heating.

Only 11.2% lived in privately rented accommodation against 13% for the Island and 11.9% nationally. 1.3% rented from Council or Housing Associations, compared with 10.1% on the Island and 19.2 % nationally.

There were 31.2% one person households, [average], and the figures for pensioner households reflect the population breakdown given earlier.

The type of housing reflects the local architecture, with a well above average 36.2% living in detached houses. The number living in semi detached houses and flats was fairly average compared to the national figure, whilst the number living in terraced houses was well below.

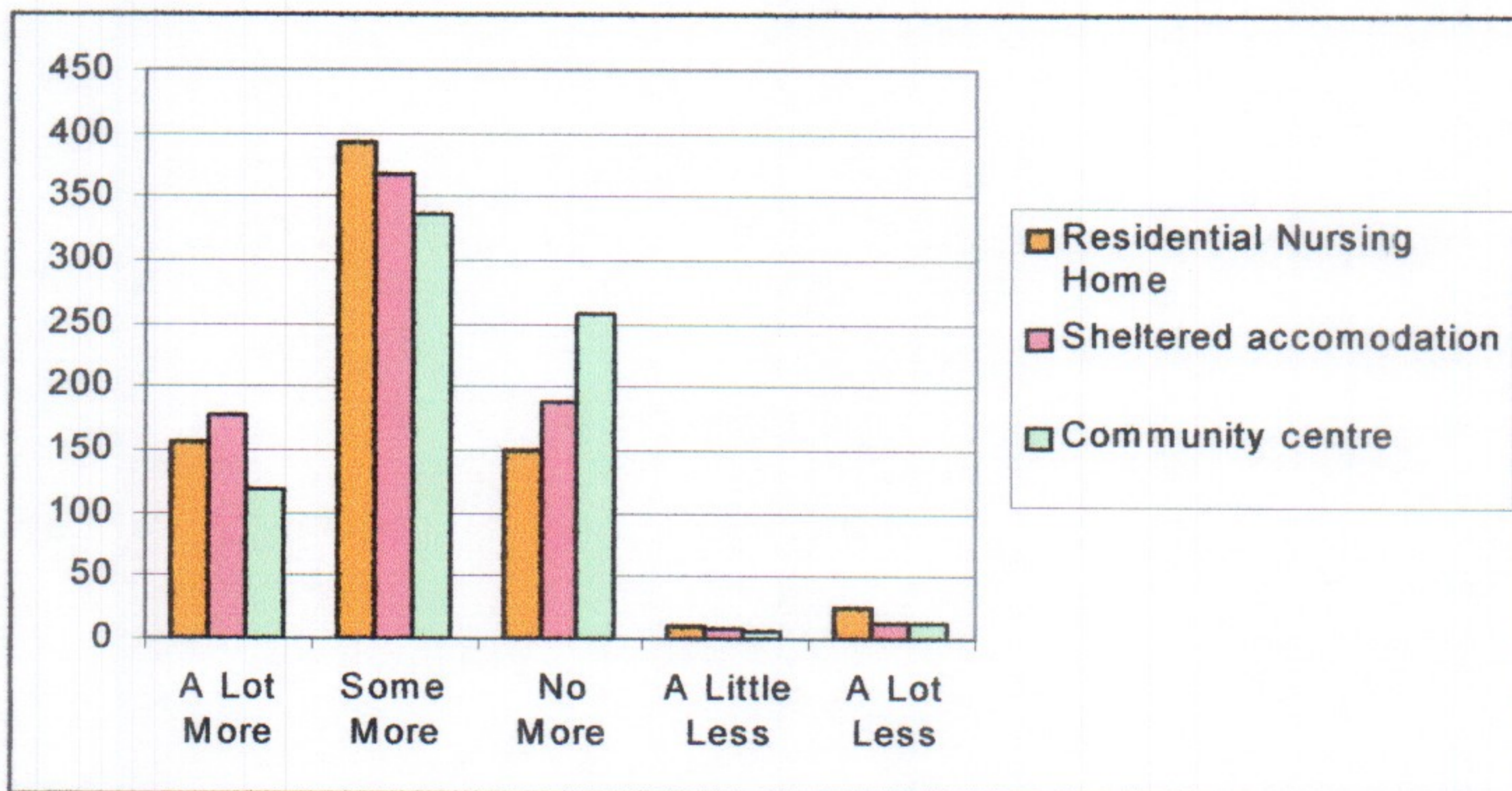
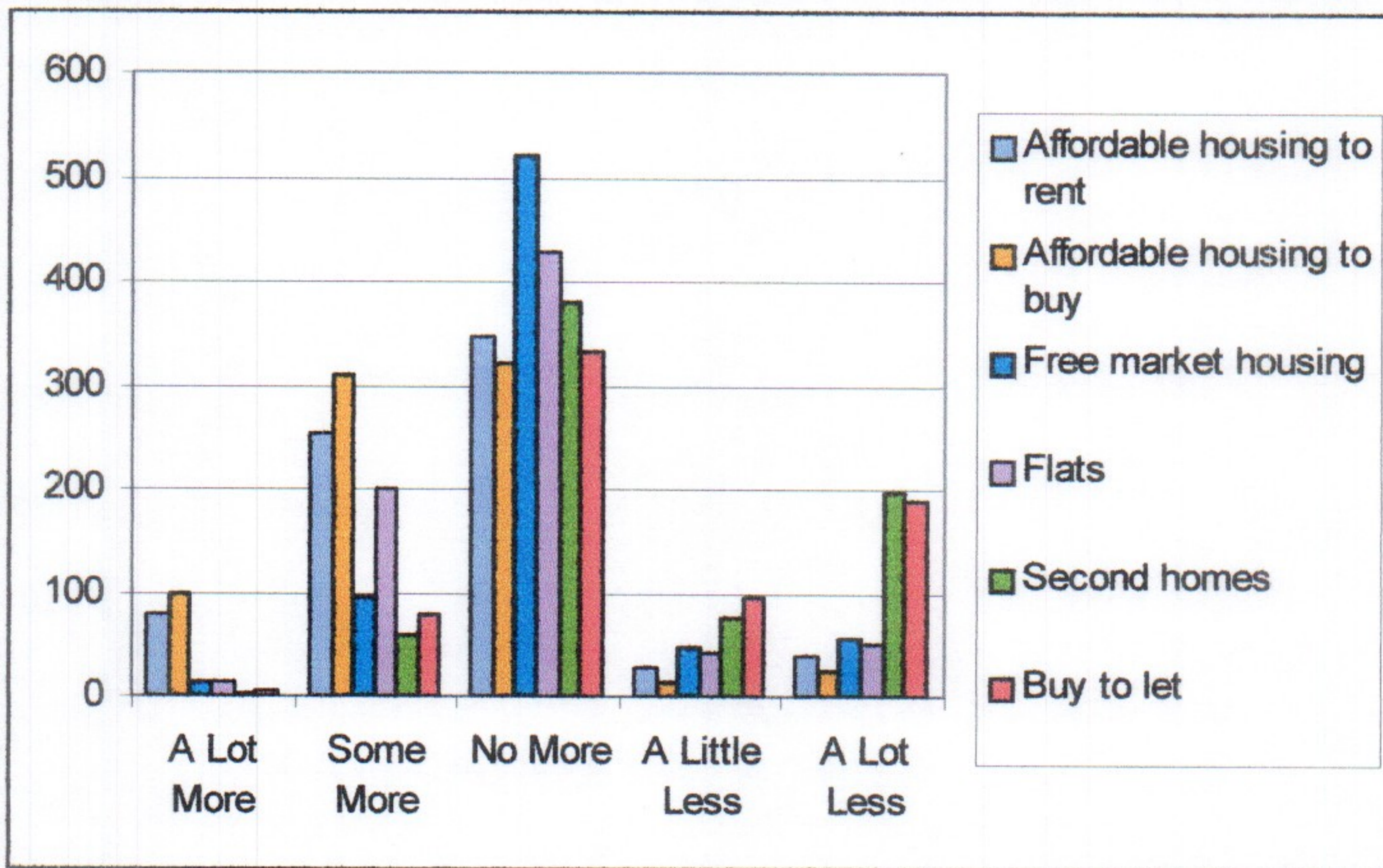
The fact of a very high percentage of second homes, particularly in Seaview Village has been remarked on earlier. Some of these are let on short term winter lets and then weekly or monthly in summer. Many lie empty except for a week at Christmas and Easter and possibly half terms, until July and August.

There is no Social Housing, and no sheltered housing. The West Priory Cottages on Eddington Rd were built as council houses, but almost all are now privately owned. Over the years there have been attempts to find sites for sheltered or residential home facilities but so far without success.



3. BUILDING DEVELOPMENT replies polarised into 2 categories. The first reflected the needs of the elderly population with the desire for a residential nursing home, sheltered accommodation and a community centre. This positive category also saw the need for more affordable housing to rent. The second category was negative in that replies indicated a strong feeling against more buy-to-let houses, second homes, free-market housing and mobile home parks. This could be seen as a strong indication that the parishioners wish to retain the identities of the villages with more building of facilities for permanent local residents, especially the elderly. There was very strong feeling indicated in the returns against any increase in occasional use property.

How important is it to develop Nettlestone and Seaview over the next ten years?



RECOMMENDATIONS - The need exists for a Residential Nursing Home, Sheltered accommodation, Community Centre, affordable houses and a monitoring strategy for occasional use property.

4. Transport and Roads

There is a total of 19.6 km of adopted highway in the Parish. There is no figure known for the unadopted roads. They are lit by 286 street lamps.

Three Car Parks serve the Parish; Pier Rd has 48 spaces, Puckpool Park has 88 and the Duver which has 46. All are pay and display only in the season. 34.5% of the population own 2 or more cars, and while most of the more modern properties have garages or at least off street parking, there is virtually none in the older parts of the Parish, particularly the centre of Seaview. Parking restrictions exist in Madeira Rd, Church Street and Pier Rd, and on the Esplanade. The High St, the village end of Old Seaview Lane have double yellow lines on both sides. Nettlestone Green and Eddington Rd have some parking spaces, but not enough to serve the people using the shop, or the school. In high season parking anywhere in Nettlestone and Seaview can be a problem.

The Boat Park in Pier Rd, owned by IWC , but leased and administered by the Parish Council, is much in demand by both local residents and visitors or second home owners.

Public Transport.

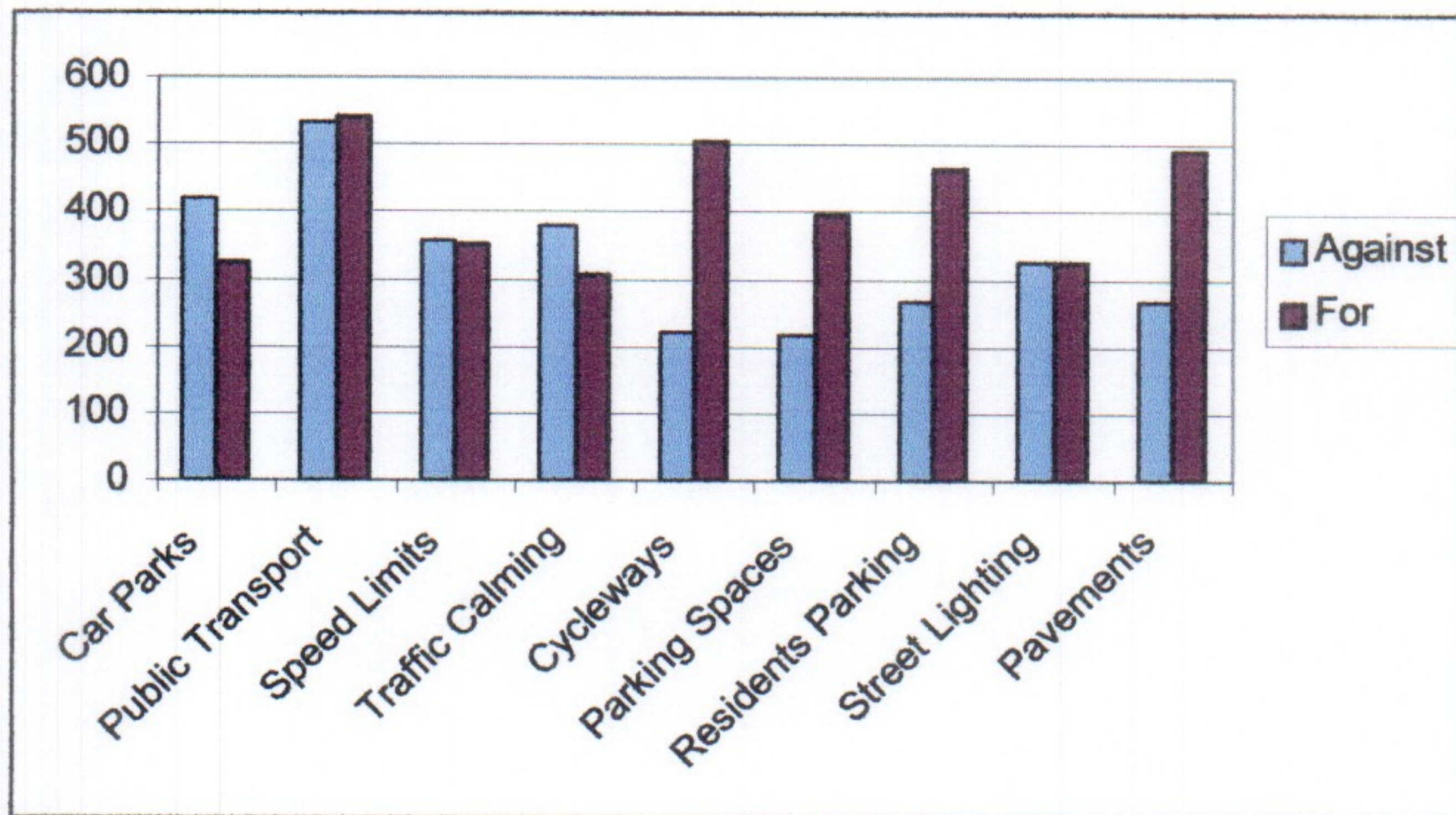
The Parish is not well served by buses. Southern Vectis service No 12 runs from Ryde to Nettlestone and on to Bembridge and Sandown. This bus takes school children from the Ryde Bembridge and Sandown schools, morning and afternoon, but with infrequent service in between. The 83 runs three times a week in the morning, one return journey only, from Shanklin, through Bembridge Nettlestone and Seaview to Tesco. The No 8 goes in a circular route through Ryde to Seaview and Tesco, alternately via the Duver and Puckpool Hill, or along Calthorpe Rd and through the Heights.

None of them is very frequent, and they tend not to connect with each other, so that Seaview to Bembridge can involve a bus to Nettlestone, a long wait for the No 12, which stops in St Helen's and then on to Bembridge. This is a journey which is taken often to attend the medical centre, or visit the residential homes in Bembridge. Southern Vectis change routes and even numbers of routes frequently. In the past there have been subsidised extra journeys in the evening or on Sundays, but even these have undergone changes in frequency.

There are no cycleways on the highways. There is one signposted through Puckpool Park, but it is largely ignored and cyclists use the seawall, despite No Cycling notices. Many of the footpaths throughout the Parish are also used by cyclists.



TRANSPORT & ROADS replies were divided into two categories. In the first respondents voiced a strong need for increased car parking of various types, as well as increased cycleway facilities. The need for more pavements also rated highly in the results. In the second category the replies were more negative as respondents did not see the need for any more street lights, speed limits and traffic calming. However with public transport there was an equal division of opinion for and against .



RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolve various car parking problems and needs, introduce a network of cycle paths, also increase and maintain better quality footpaths.

Various viable suggestions have been made concerning specific road junctions. These will be forwarded to the Highways Department of Isle of Wight Council.



5. Conservation

Coastal Protection is important in the Parish. The official policy is to maintain existing coastal defences.

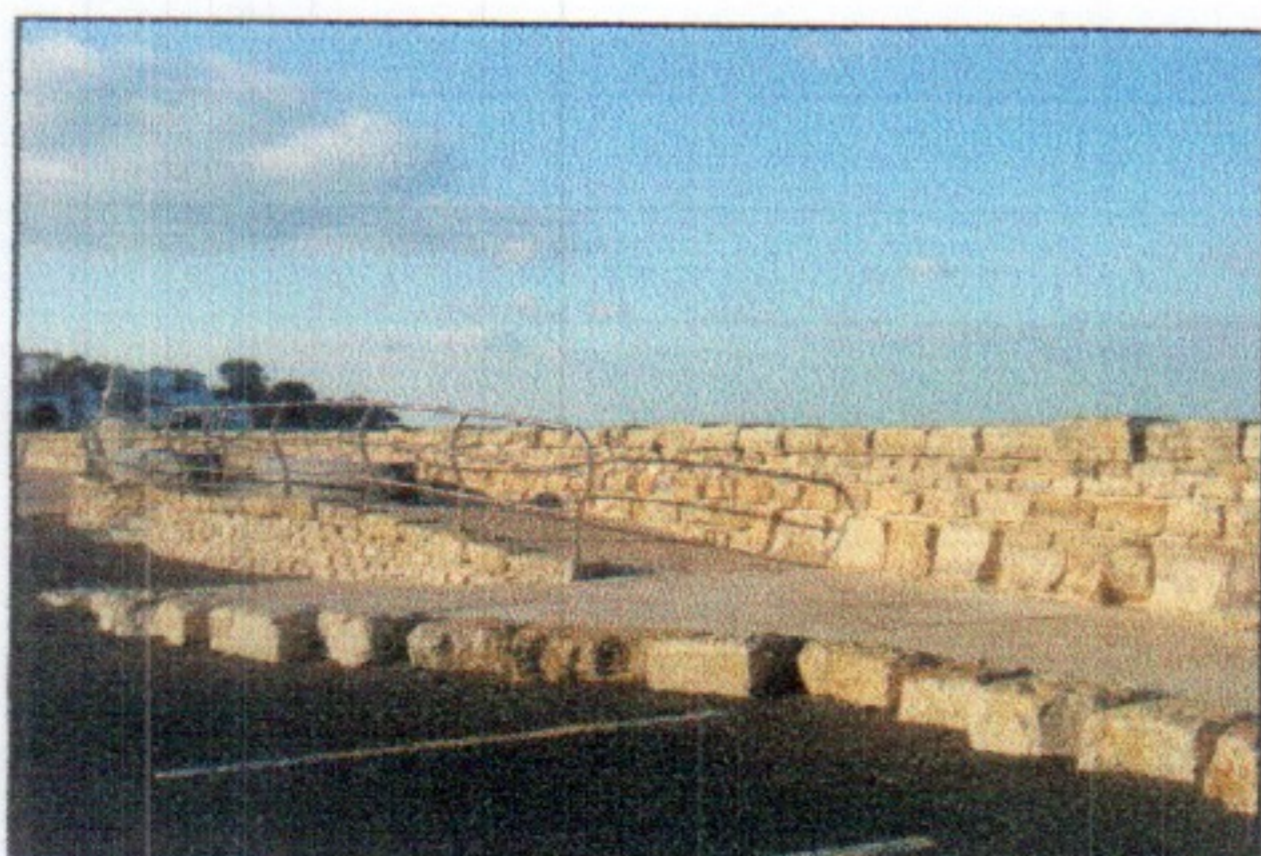
The wall at the east end of Seagrove Bay was rebuilt together with the Esplanade in 1999, none too soon since it was badly damaged during the previous winter. This was to prevent erosion and slippage. Further coastal defence is under consideration.

The recently completed seawall along the Duver prevented the flooding of that area which had frequently happened, particularly in winter, and in easterly storms. So far nearly £6 million has been invested in these defences. Any proposals for defence works are complicated by the fact that the whole of the Solent and Southampton Water was declared a Special Protection Area and Ramsar site [A wetland area designated as internationally important]. The Duver including the marshes behind the road belong to the Ryde Sands and Wootton Creek SSSI [Site of Special Scientific Importance]. The brackish lagoons are used by not only the native water birds, but also the migratory Teal, Shelduck, Lapwing, Little Grebe, Brent Geese, and Oystercatchers. These, and many other water birds, along with the resident swans, Canada geese, moorhen, herons, many kinds of duck and now, Little Egrets, can all be seen from the bird hide in the Hersey Nature Reserve. Cllr Alan Hersey first put forward the idea of a nature reserve here in 1992. When English Nature insisted on mitigation for disturbed feeding sites on the intertidal foreshore, due to the new wall, this idea was ready and waiting. Cllr Hersey did not live to see it, but it was fittingly named after him.

The Nature Reserve also contains various rare species of plant, and is a BAP [Biodiversity Action Plan]. There are six other SINC's [Site of Importance for Nature Conservation] These are at Priory Woods, (which is also a Geological SSSI), Longlands Copse, Nettlestone Marshes, Bullen Cross Wood Cothey Bottom and Barnsley Farm. All contain rare plants and the wildlife includes red squirrels, badgers, and dormice. Squirrels have their own rope walkway across the busy Calthorpe Road.

There are still large areas of woodland in the Parish and some is almost certainly Ancient Woodland. There are several ancient trees all of them with tree Preservation Orders.

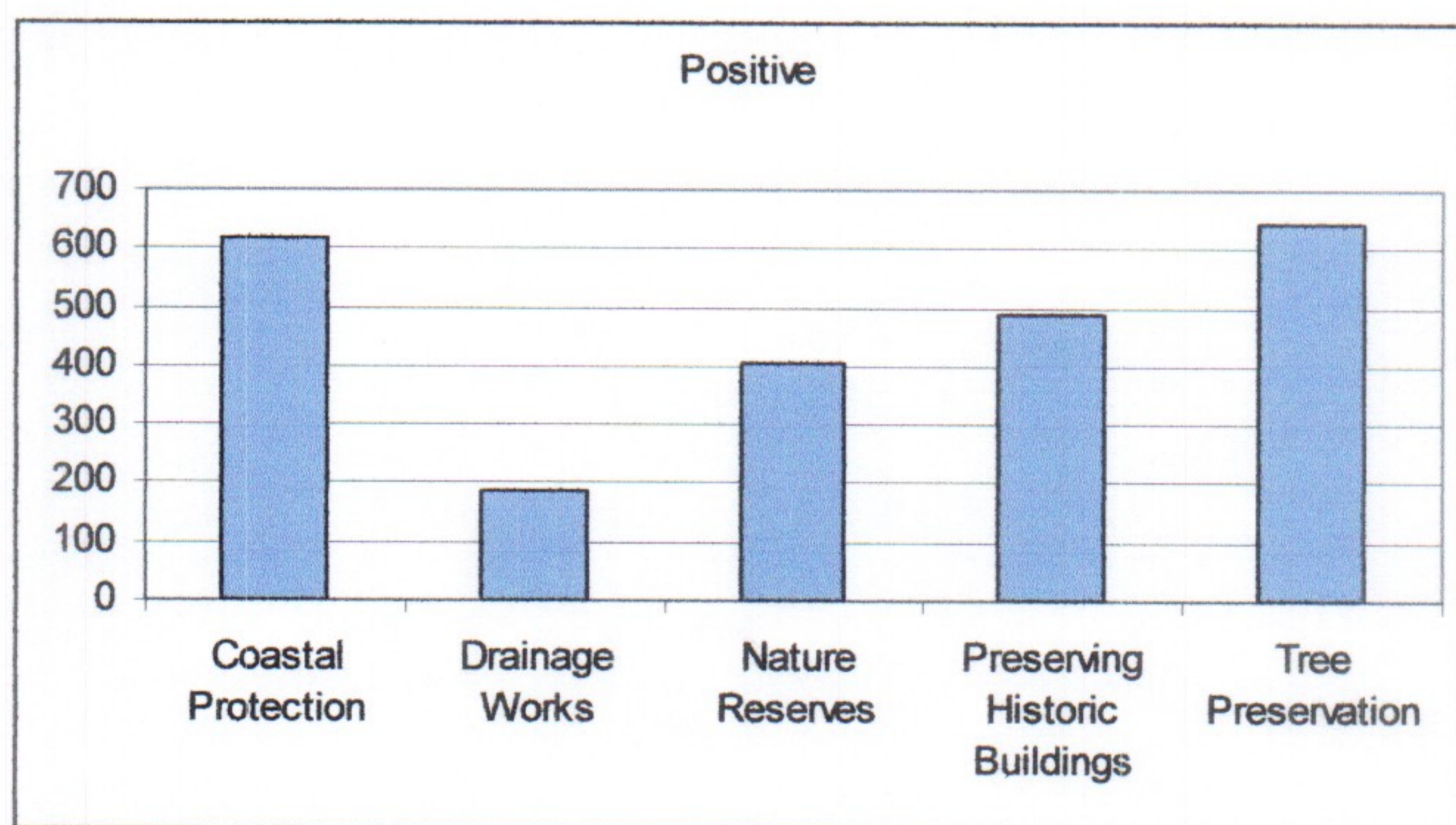
Woodlands Vale House with its grounds is designated as Historic Park and Garden Grade 2.



Conservation Area.

The centre of Seaview is designated as a conservation Area since 1971 (see map). There are several Listed Buildings either Grade I or IIB. The Old Boat House next to the new Seaview Bay development, Woodlands Vale, Nettlestone Manor, Vectis Cottage and Pear Tree cottage in Circular Rd, Shirley Cottage, Alton House and Jasmine Cottage, a row of three of the original Caws houses in the High St; Seafield House; the Salterns Cottages; Old Rose Cottage and Sandlands Cottage in Steyne Rd, two of the original Caws dwellings before they moved down the hill; and Nettlestone House on the Green.

How important is more conservation to the Parish?



In the CONSERVATION section all respondents returned very positive views. The highest priority was Trees, then Coastal Protection followed by Historic Houses and Buildings. Nature Reserves and Drainage Works were also highly valued.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To support plans for further sea defence work between Seaview and Seagrove Bay and to continue to maintain and expand Nature Reserve assets. To work with the Tree Preservation Officer to maintain historic trees, and to make an audit of listed buildings in the Parish, in order to offer appropriate support and consultation to owners.

6. Commerce, Tourism and Development

Shops, pubs and restaurants have been listed in Section 2. Light Industry is limited to the newly built industrial park next to Bullen Village on the Brading Road. There is a joinery business next to Eurovines, the wine merchants on the site of the Old Forge at the top of Nettlestone Hill. Caws Herman and Luck has builders' premises in Madeira Rd with a small workshop attached. Warren the boatbuilder uses the old Wesleyan Chapel adjacent to the Yacht Club as a workshop where all the SVOD dinghies are maintained. Vaughan and Page [trees fencing and landscaping] have premises at Park Lane, Goddards Brewery is at Barnsley Farm. Agriculture still plays some part in the Parish, now centred on Park Farm. Many of the fields are let for grazing, mostly by dairy cattle, there is very little arable farming. There are three separate "horsiculture" operations. The riding school and stables at the top of Puckpool Hill, stables and a small smallholding next to the Flamingo Park and a stables at Eddington Rd. The award winning Flamingo Park is a tourist attraction with a serious wildlife conservation and breeding programme in exotic species such as flamingos, penguins etc.

The only offices are the letting agencies for holiday premises, and a branch of a Ryde estate agent, used only for displaying details of properties. There are no offices for building societies, accountants, or solicitors. The IVC tourism and sports departments use the old Westridge Leisure centre, to the rear of Tesco. The former swimming pool there is now a "Waltzing Waters" attraction. There is also the Heritage Museum at Cothey Bottom.

There are no "craft industries" as such, but much individual and talented work is done by embroiderers, quilters, artists etc. The Parish Map was produced in the early 1990s under the aegis of the Parish Council, entirely worked by local people. It is exhibited in St Peter's Church.



Tourism.

Seaview village from its beginning has been a tourist resort, and it is still very important today.

The sea has always dominated the village. The Caws men worked as pilots mainly, and fishermen. Now sailing as a leisure activity has replaced that, based around the Yacht Club. Tourists are well catered for. Many of the second homes are let during the summer on a self catering basis, and B&B is offered to visitors to the club by resident members. Other self catering accommodation can be found at the Pondwell campsite and chalets, and three chalet sites along the Duver offering different sizes of accommodation for couples up to large families. These are open from Easter to late October, and are well used throughout. The Harcourt Sands holiday complex lies within the Parish, and offers many facilities on site. Its customers tend to walk towards Ryde, rather than Seaview.

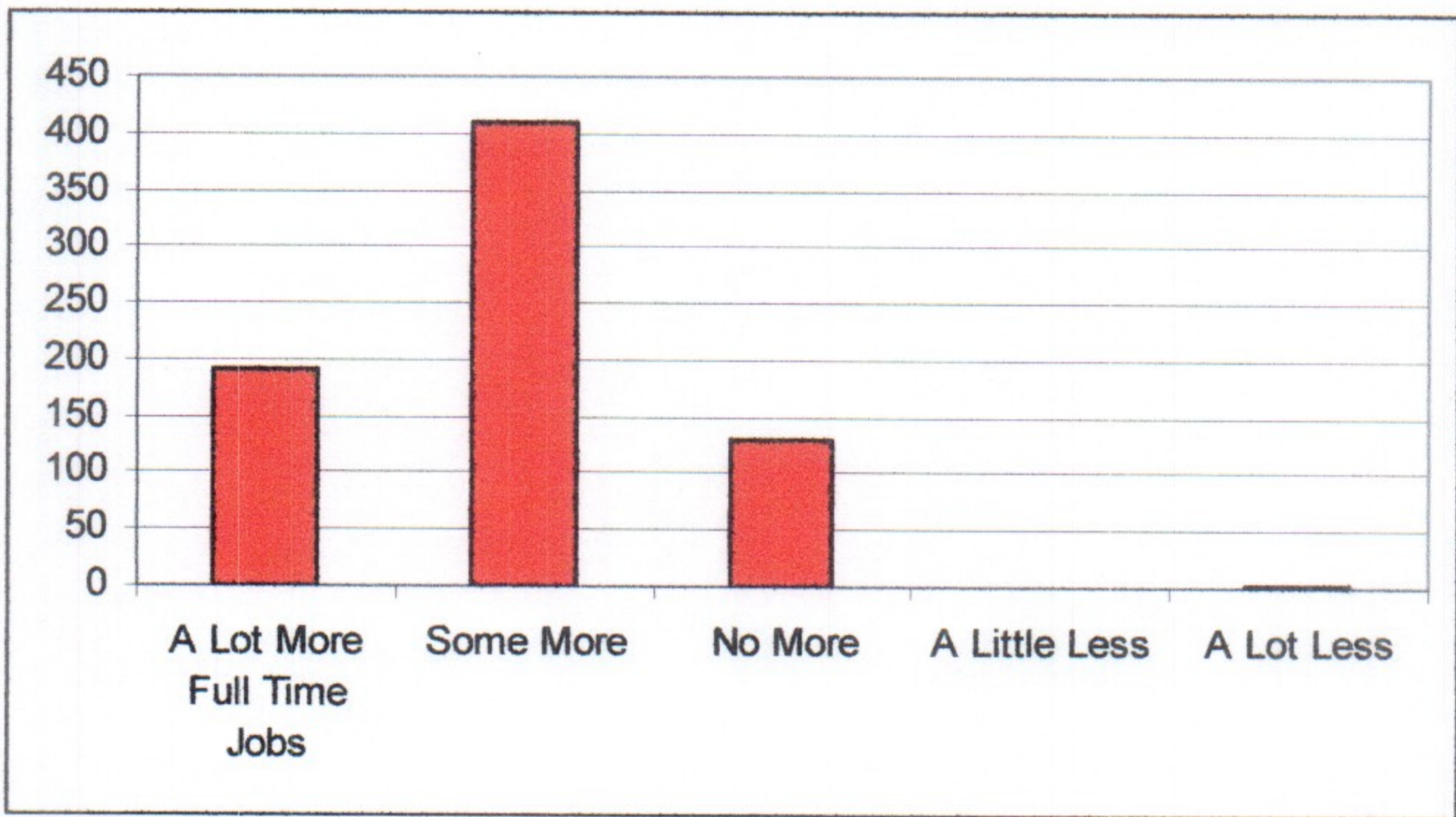
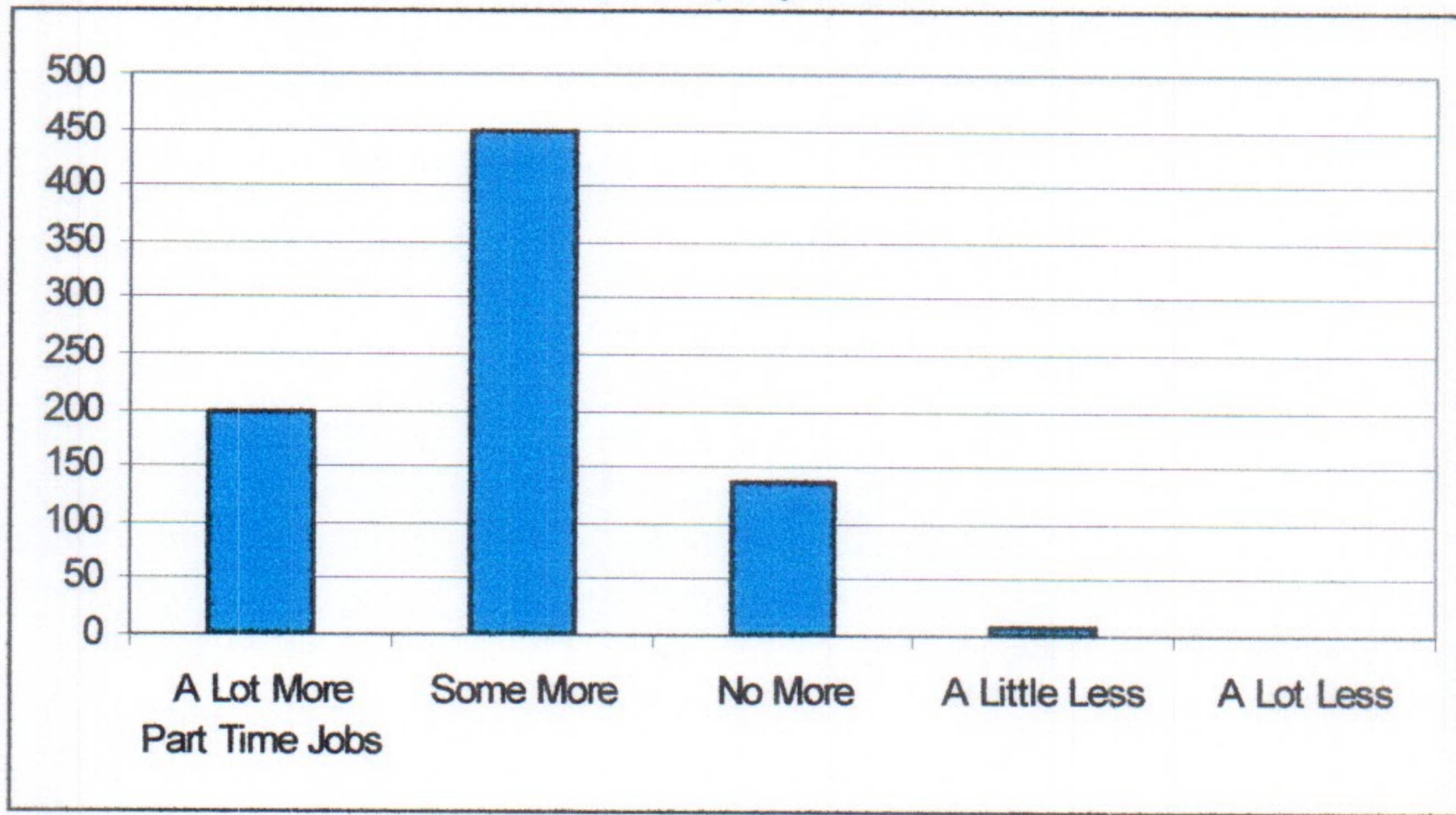
There are five hotels in the area, the Seaview Hotel in the High St, the Northbank in Circular Rd, the Springvale Hotel on the Duver, the Priory Hotel on Priory Bay and the Battery on the Duver. The Priory Hotel is partly in this Parish and partly in St Helens, as the boundary runs through its grounds. Physically it is nearer to the amenities of St Helens. All these have restaurants open to the public, and for functions. The pubs and cafés referred to in Section 2 also cater for tourists.

Tourist attractions are largely the beaches and the sailing. The footpath network and the Nature Reserve have already been mentioned. The new sea wall itself is proving to be a major asset offering walkways either side of the wall and plenty of seating with views of the Solent and passing boats and ships.

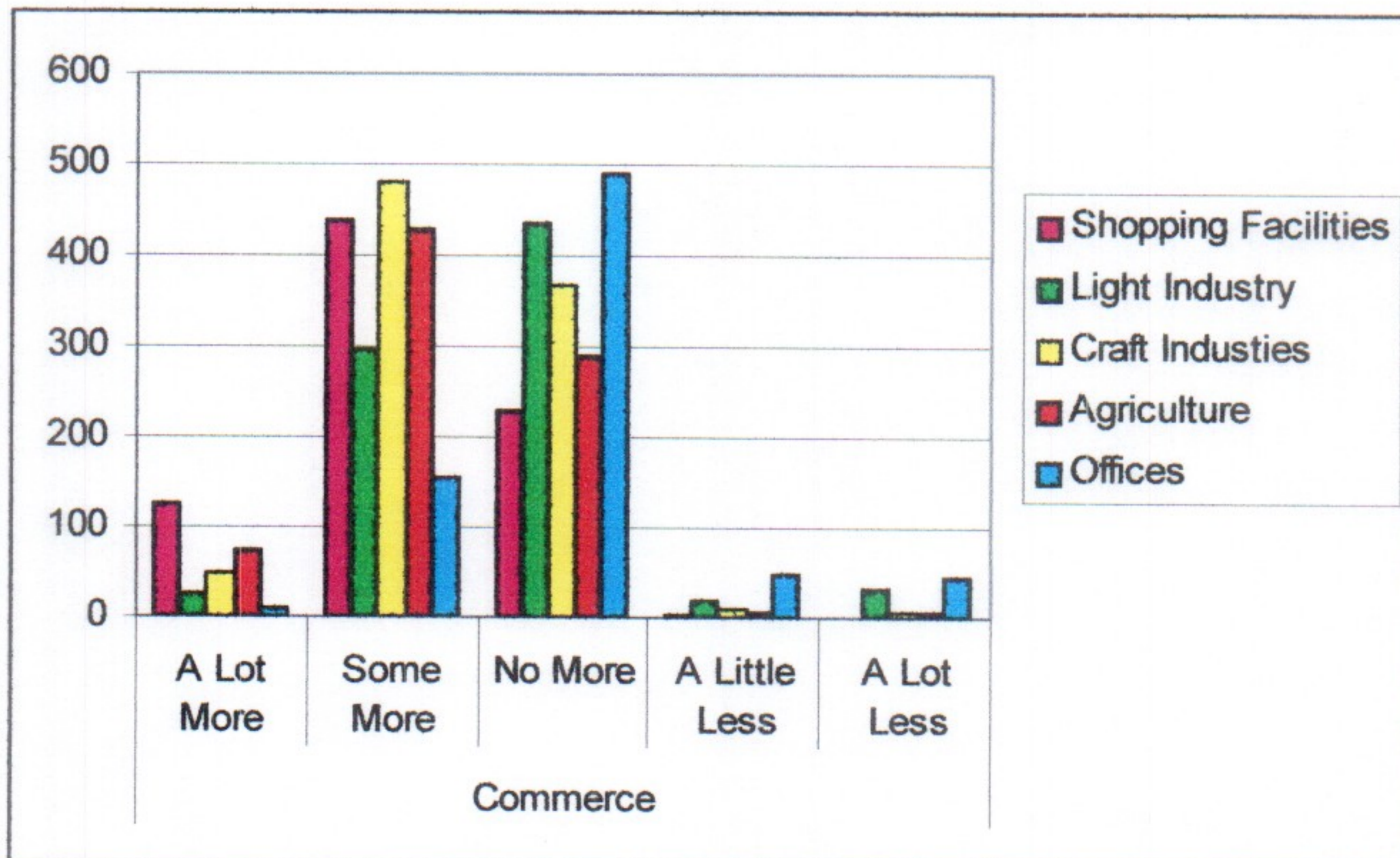
The opportunities for employment in commerce and tourism, plus those in the shops, including Tesco, one of the biggest employers in the area, are often seasonal and/or part time.



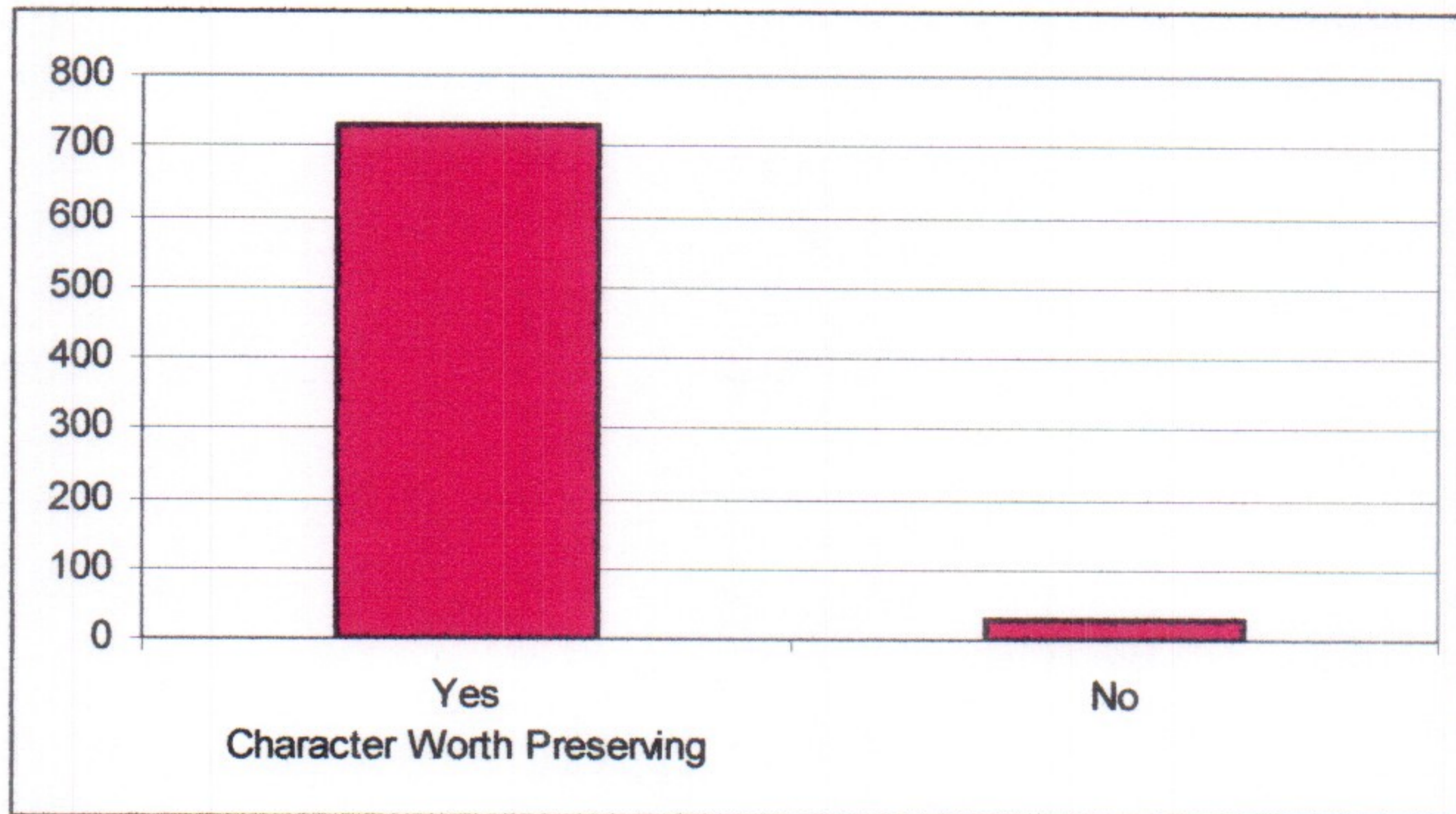
How important is it to create more employment?



How important is it to develop commerce?



Do you think that Nettlestone and Seaview has a character worth preserving?



Returned data overwhelmingly expressed the need to retain the distinctive character of the Parish. This character was described as picturesque, peaceful and relaxed. Returned data on EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE, BUSINESS & TOURISM indicated a perceived need for more full-time and part-time employment. Increased shopping facilities and more restaurants were highlighted by most people as a priority for the future. Craft and agricultural industries were also seen as important for employment. However, most respondents did not want an increase in light industry or office accommodation. The focus of replies was NOT to increase the tourist accommodation in Hotels, Camping Sites, Bed and Breakfast and Self Catering facilities. From this it could be argued that returned Tourism results indicated that an increase in the day visitors rather than residential visitors was thought to be good for the future of the Parish

RECOMMENDATIONS

To support strategies to prevent the change of use of shops, to subsidise overheads for use of empty shops to be craft centred retail outlets, and facilitate increase in craft and restaurant facilities for day visitors.



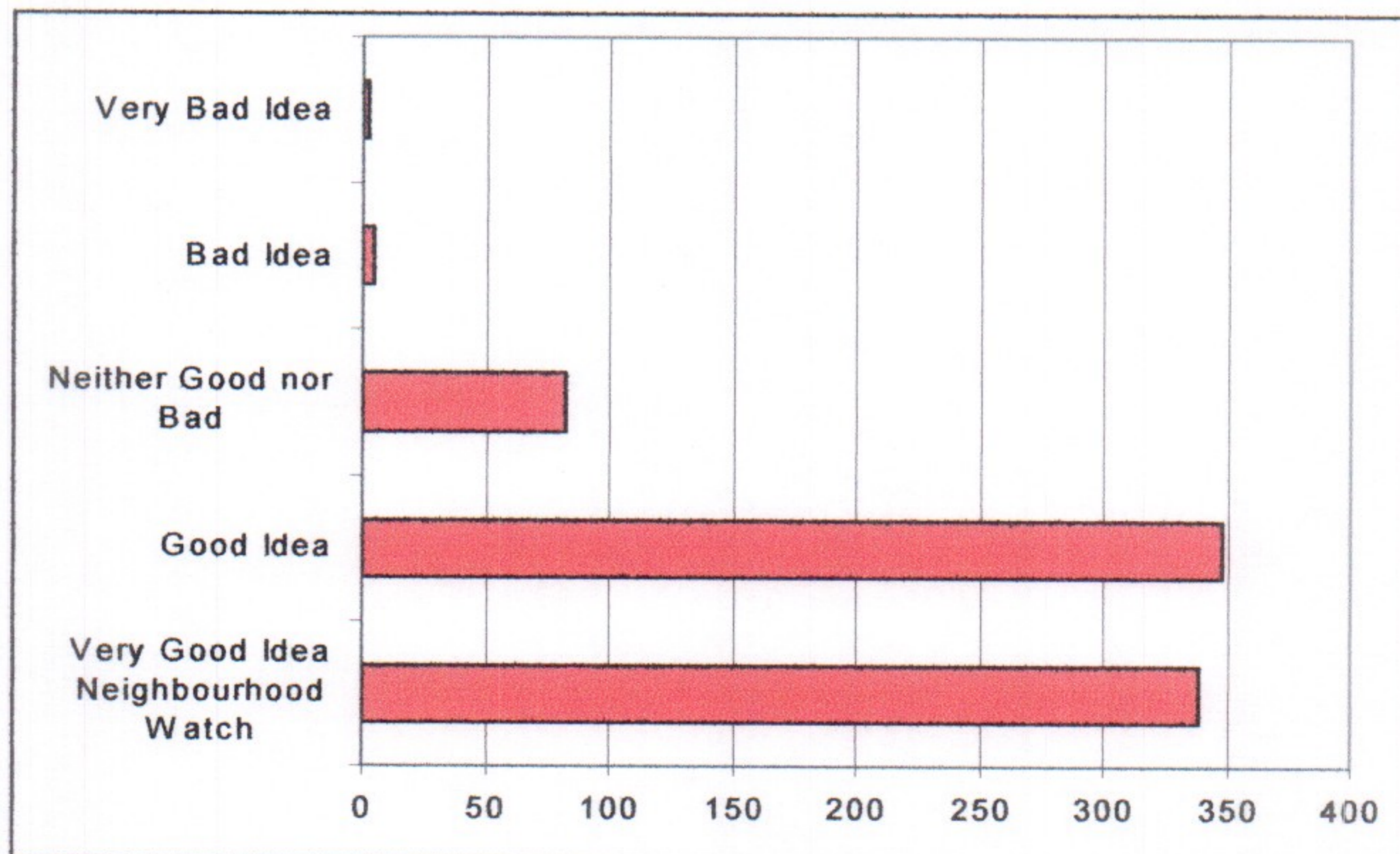
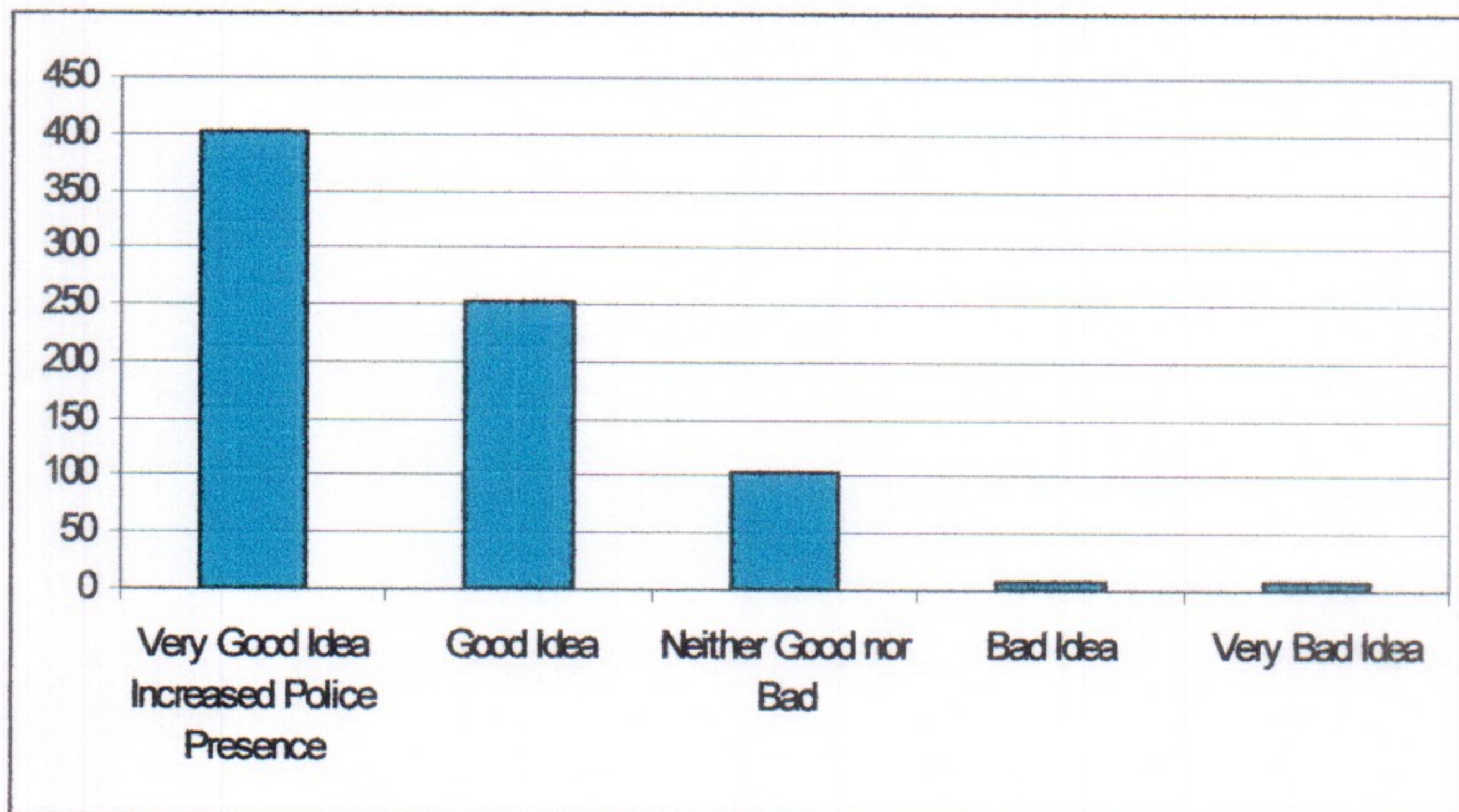
7 Law and Order

The crime rate on the Island generally is lower than on the mainland, and is certainly not high in the Parish.

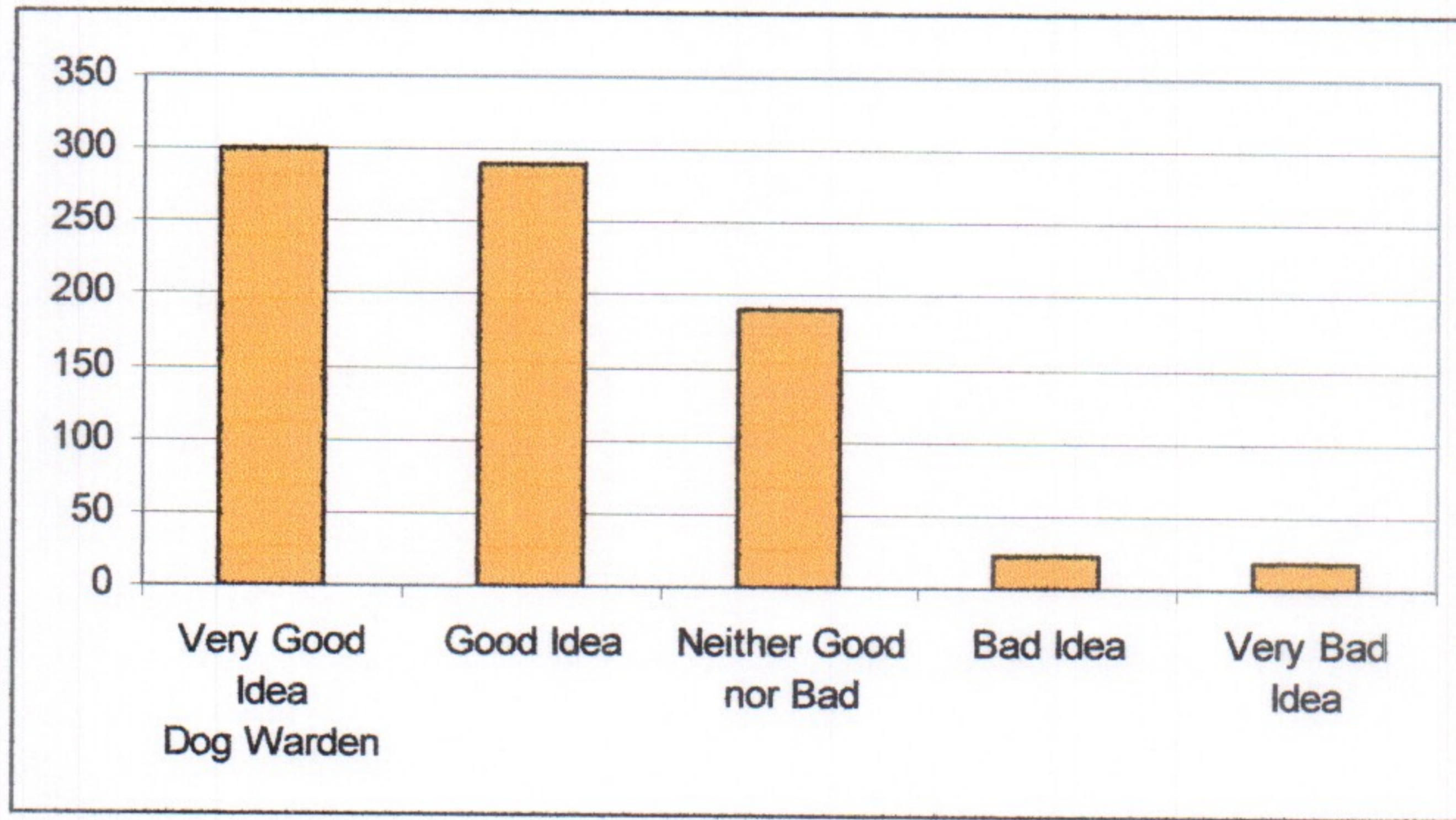
There is no longer a "local" policeman living within the Parish. The Parish is now covered by a pool of policemen in Ryde, who deal with the outlying communities, not necessarily on a continuous basis.

There are several Neighbourhood Watch schemes usually comprising only one or two streets each. Some are more successful than others. The recent reorganisation of the police to a central control on the mainland had teething problems, but is now successfully recruiting staff from the island. This has placed staff with local knowledge at the Central Control Centre at Netley to direct island based police efficiently in the Parish.

How important is it to have Police presence and Neighbourhood Watch?



How important is it to have a dog warden?



Replies for LAW & ORDER were almost totally in agreement that there is a need for increased Police presence, an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme and a Dog Warden.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To set up a Community strategy to ensure efficient information exchange between Police, Parish Council and the Community. To actively support continuation of visible policing, and set up Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. To follow recent legislation with the appointment of a Dog Warden.



8. The Wish List

A survey of the Parish was done in 1992 /3 by the Parish Council to find out whether it would be worth seeking the upcoming Lottery money for a project. Another one was carried out in 1998/9 when the Parish partnership was being considered. Both had space for suggestions for facilities that residents would like to see in the Parish.

The Parish Plan Questionnaire was circulated in May 2004.

Many of the issues raised are long standing concerns in the Parish.

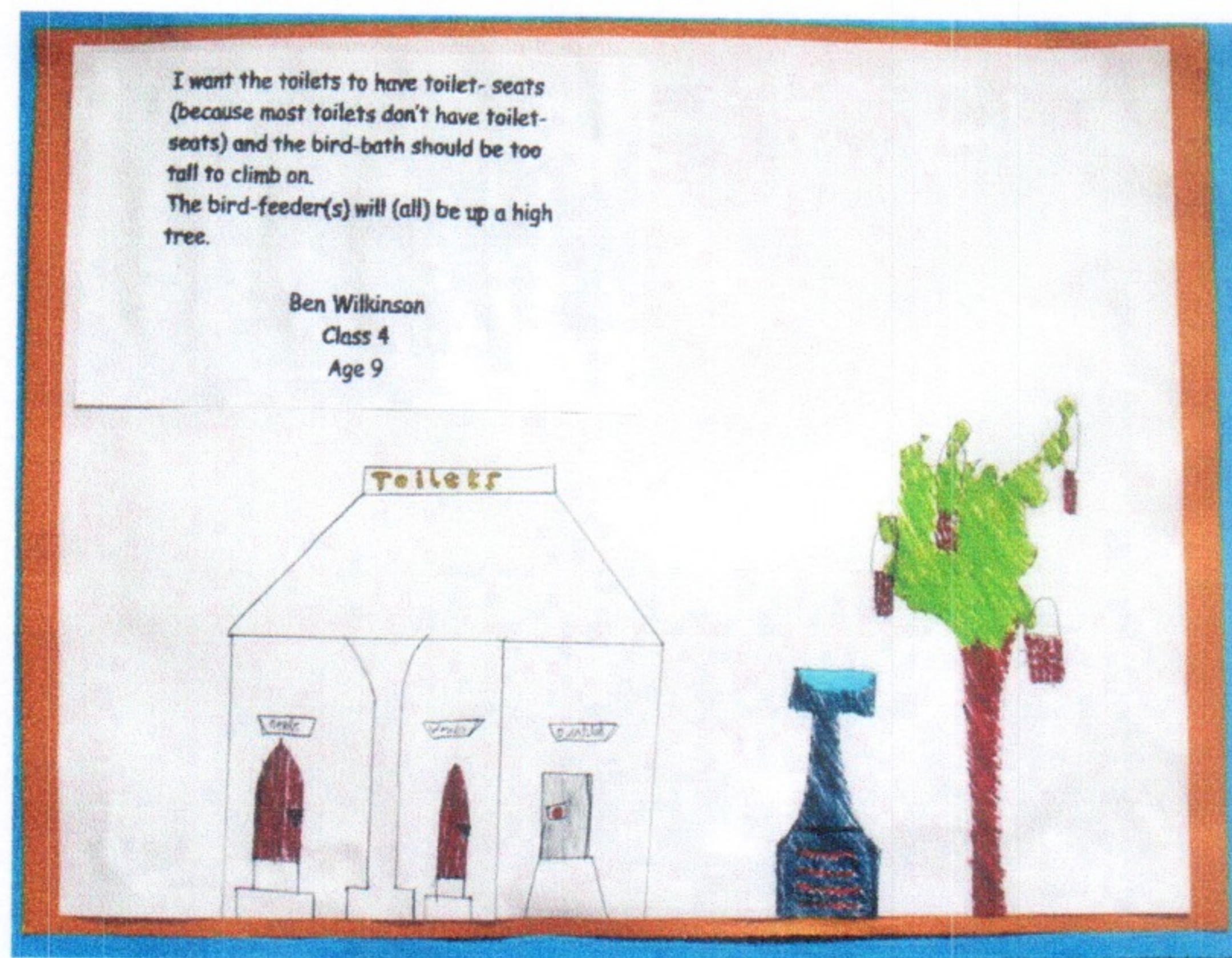
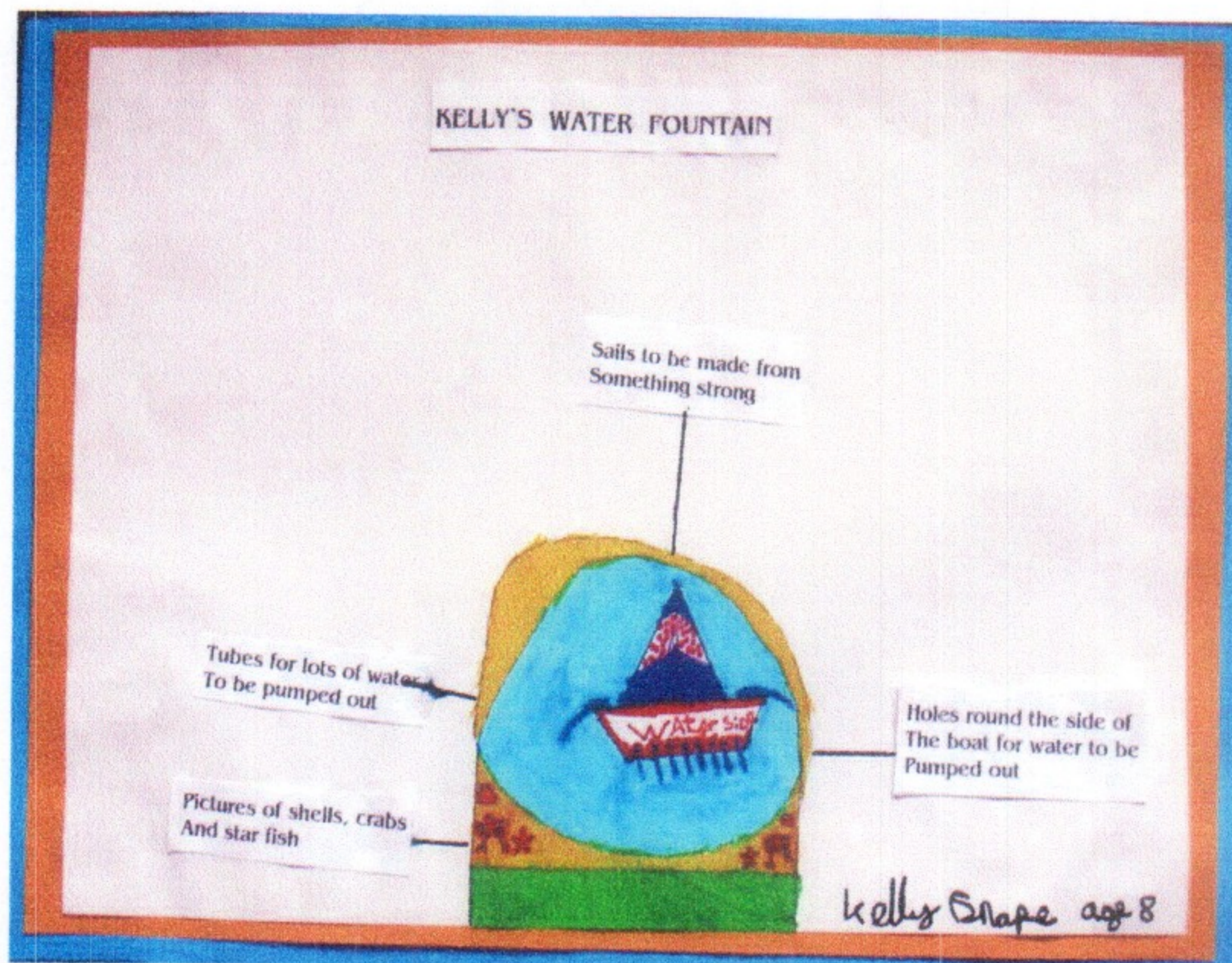
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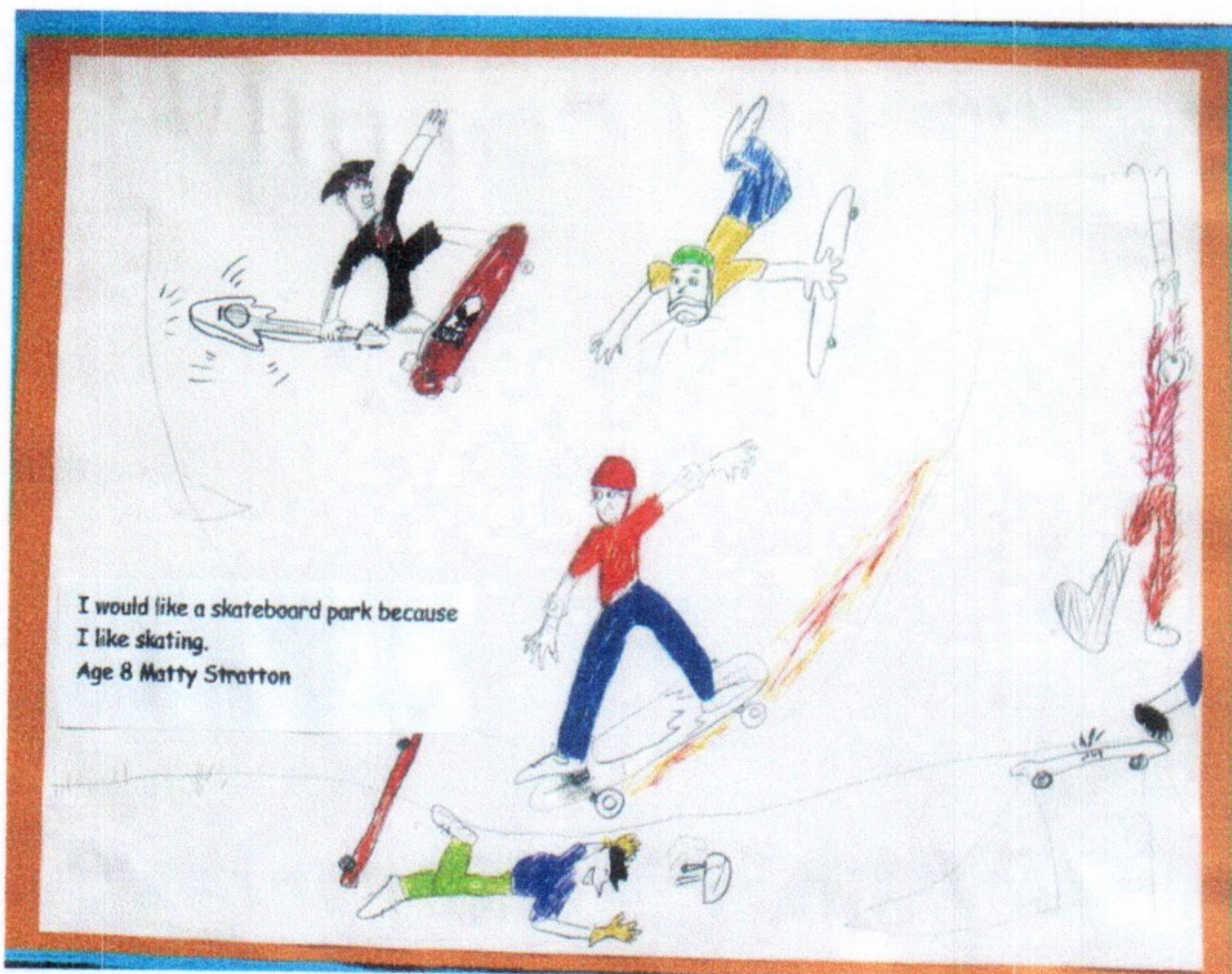
The list starts from the most frequently mentioned issues.

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| 16 Dog Fouling 29 | 42 Library 6 |
| 17 Better bus services 29 | 43 24hr ATM Machine 5 |
| 18 Care Home 25 | 44 Recycling Facilities 5 |
| 19 Beach Cleaning 24 | 45 No Fireworks 5 |
| 20 Hedge Cutting 22 | 46 Emptying Bins 4 |
| 21 More Permanent Residents 21 | 47 More Recycling 4 |
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| 23 Toilets 19 | 49 No Jet Skis 3 |
| 24 Caws Avenue junction 19 | 50 Bicycle Parking 2 |
| 25 Residents parking/near properties 18 | 51 Duver Road Resurfacing 2 |
| 26 Broadband 17 | |

**Nettlestone Primary School
Pupils' Design Ideas
for Duver Facilities**

As part of the consultation with the community, a group of Primary School children visited the Duver and as a result drew their ideas, some of which are shown here.





Quotes

from Questionnaire replies to

Question 7 - What 3 things would most improve life in the parish for you?

and

Question 8 - Any other comments?

"This seems a very expensive way to provide a wish list."

"The reality is that Mr Prescott will decide what we want and money will only be provided for that. I wish you all success - perhaps more of our hopes will become real."

"It would be nice to believe the IOW Council would take note of your eventual Parish Plan which I applaud, but I do not believe they will."

"A unitary authority with integrity and common sense."

"Someone to pay my mortgage for me."

"Thank you all of you for your hard work."

"Community Centre to bring the communities together."

"Free car parks - Council have a death wish against small businesses."

"To bring to the notice of the IOW Council that they should be working for the people on the IOW - not against them."

"The new sea wall and sea defence at the Duver is wonderful"

"The Hersey Nature Reserve is outstanding."

"No fireworks except for regatta."

"If only the weather was always like it is today."

"Improve refuse collection particularly from public litter boxes."

"Keep all dogs on leads and make their owners walk properly."

and finally

"Keep the Villages just as they are, they are so beautiful."

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1 Shops	2-2 & 6-1 2.3
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7-3

49 No Jet Skis

50 Bicycle Parking

51 Duver Road Resurfacing

Issues Raised For Action	Recommendations From Data Returned	Specific Actions To Achieve The Recommendations	Lead Responsibility	Responsible Partners	Timescale & Milestones	Monitoring and Evaluation	Resources and Costs	Specific Action Achieved
SECTION 1 Population Information	Future consultation at the time of review to target younger parishioners more effectively.	<i>Biannual review. Evaluation & update of action plan.</i>	Parish Council Individual person To be delegated	NSPC Steering Group The community and stakeholders RCC	1st review process to start 2006 complete 2007	Quarterly Report to Parish Council Annual report on achievements	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
SECTION 2 Facilities in the Parish	Project for a meeting hall, retention of existing shops, maintenance of open spaces, centre for sport/culture of community.	1. Meeting hall & centre. for sports/culture & community incl parish office & medical centre. <i>To finalise business case for refurbishment of church hall.</i>	Parish Council Parochial Church Council	IOW Council Member Partnership Architect/Consultant	2 years. Legal agreement 6mths preparatory plans 12mths	Parish Council sub committee report monthly	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		2. Retention of existing shops. <i>See section 6</i> 3. Maintenance of open spaces. <i>To audit all open spaces to establish ownership & responsibilities.</i>	Parish Council Individual person To be delegated	IOW Council Member Parish Council Landowners	Annual audit Set up strategy for land management in 6mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council Annual report on achievement	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
SECTION 3 Building Development	Respond to need for a residential nursing home, sheltered accomodation and affordable housing. Strategy for occasional use property.	1. Residential nursing home. To revisit need in light of succesful application by Abbeyfield.	Seaview Care Home Project Individual person To be delegated	Care Home providers IWC Social services	On going	Seaview Care Home Project to be invited to present progress to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		2. Community centre. <i>To identify appropriate sites within the parish</i>	Parish Council Planning committee	IOW Council member RCC Local landowners	Identify sites 6mths Devise action plan and brief 12mths	Bimonthly reports to Parish Council Annual report on achievements	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		3. Affordable homes. <i>To identify sites within parish. Make housing need survey and seek partnerships with neighbouring parishes.</i>	Parish Council Planning committee	IOW Council member Local landowners RCC	As above	As above	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		4. Strategy for occasional use property. <i>To find appropriate strategy as used succesfully by authorities elsewhere.</i>	Parish Council IOW Council member	IOW Council RCC	Individual strategies identified in 6mths Draw up strategy to suit local needs in 12mths	As above	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
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SECTION 4 Transport and Roads	Resolve various car parking problems, introduce a network of cycle paths. Also increase and maintain better quality footpaths. Various road junctions to be referred to IOW Council as considered cause for concern.	1. Car parking. <i>To audit all car parking in Seaview & Nettlestone.</i>	IOW Council member Individual person To be delegated	IOW Council Parish Council	Report result of audit in 6mths to Parish Council	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		2. Cycle path network. <i>To identify routes.</i>	Parish Council Individual person To be delegated	IOW Council, The Community Partnership	Report routes identified to Parish Council within 6mths As above	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		3. Footpaths. <i>To identify the more dangerous routes.</i>	Parish Council Individual person To be delegated	IOW Council Highways		Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		4. Road junctions. <i>To identify areas of concern from questionnaire.</i>	IOW Council member	IOW Council Highways	Report and refer to IOW Council in 3mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
SECTION 5 Conservation	To support plans for further sea defence work between Seaview and Seagrove Bay. To continue to maintain and expand nature reserve assets. To work with tree preservation officer to maintain historic trees. To make audit of listed buildings in the parish. To offer appropriate support to listed building owners.	1. Sea defence work. <i>To monitor and support plans under consultation.</i>	Chair of Seagrove Residents Assn	IOW Council	Report to Parish Council progress every 3mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		2. Nature reserve. <i>To monitor management of assets.</i>	Parish Council Individual person To be delegated	Coastal Management IOW Council NR Management committee Key Holders	Report to Parish Council bi monthly or as appropriate	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		3. Tree preservation <i>To audit ancient and historic trees in the parish.</i>	Parish Council	IOW tree preservation officer	Audit within 3mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		4. Listed buildings. <i>To take an audit of listed buildings in the parish.</i>	IOW Council member	IOW Council	Audit within 3mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
		5. Support for listed building owners. <i>Consult owners.</i>	Parish Council	IOW Council	Audit within 3mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
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SECTION 6 Commerce Business Tourism and Employment	To support strategies that prevent the change of use of shops. To subsidise overheads for use of empty shops to be craft-centred retail outlets. Facilitate increase in craft and restaurant facilities for day visitors.	1. Prevent change of shop use. 2. Subsidise empty shop use. 3. Increase craft & restaurant facilities. <i>Action for 1,2, 3 to establish designated retail area in Seaview.</i>	Parish Council Planning committee	Parish Council Planning committee	Initiate process to establish designated retail area. Report in 3mths	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
SECTION 7 Law and Order	To set up a community strategy to ensure efficient information exchange between Police, Parish Council and the community. To actively support continuation of visible policing. To set up neighbourhood watch scheme. To follow recent legislation with the appointment of a dog warden.	1. Information exchange between police, parish council and parish community. <i>To publish and deliver a regular newsletter.</i> 2. Visible policing. <i>To monitor the police commitment to patrol parish.</i> 3. Neighbourhood watch. To audit neighbourhood watch schemes. To devise a safer community strategy. 4. Appoint dog warden. <i>To ensure best use is made of IOW Council dog wardens.</i>	Parish Council Parish Council IOW Council member Parish Council	Parish Council Police Parish Council Police IOW Council, The Community Partnership Police IOW Council Parish Council	First newstyle newsletter to be published within 3mths. Then publish bimonthly Report monthly to Parish Council Report in 3mths Evaluation of current dog warden use	Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council Monthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council Bimonthly report to Parish Council. Annual report on achievements to Parish Council	All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started All financial costs and resources to be identified when action started	
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