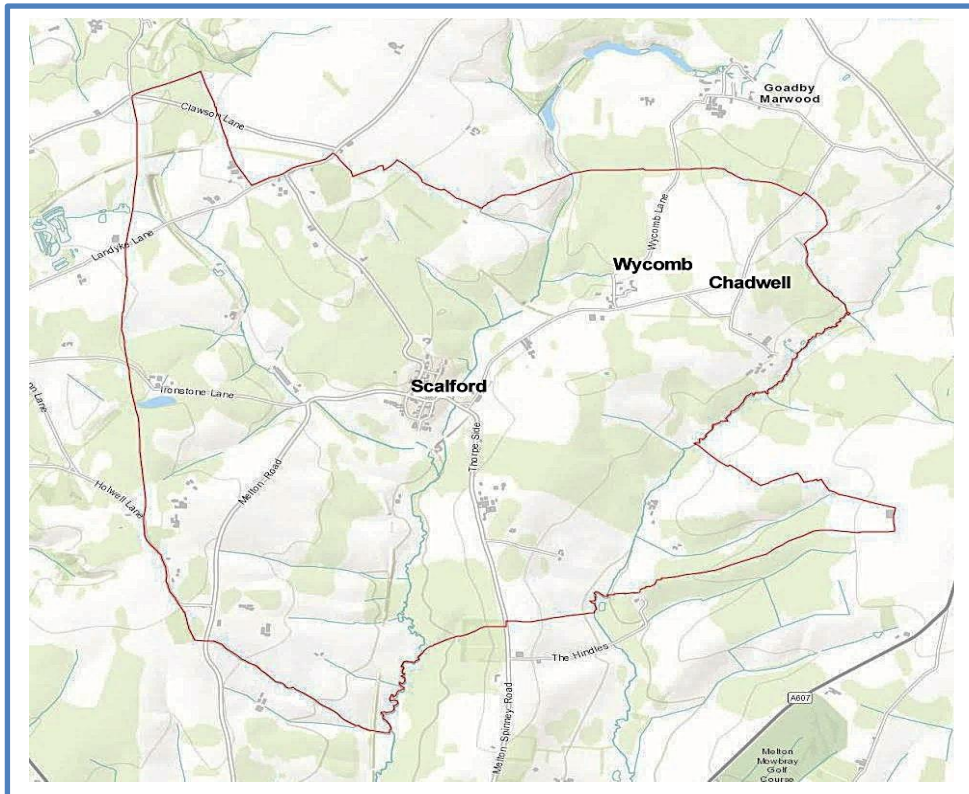


# Scalford Parish Community Questionnaire



**Analysis**  
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# Overview

The Parish of Scalford, incorporating the settlements of Scalford, Wycomb, Chadwell and surrounding areas, has commenced the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

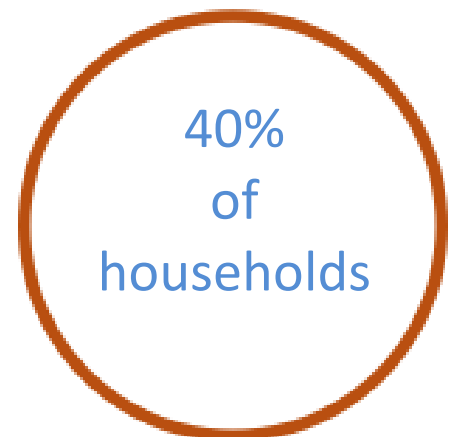
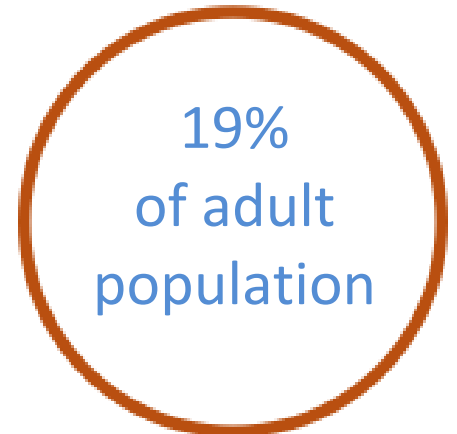
An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. Key to this has been the development and dissemination of a focused community questionnaire.

The questionnaire contains 21 questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the Neighbourhood Plan.

The survey took place between August and September 2018. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper version. The level of response from the community was good, there being 99 responses. This is a return from over 19% of the adult population of 511, who reside in 246 households.

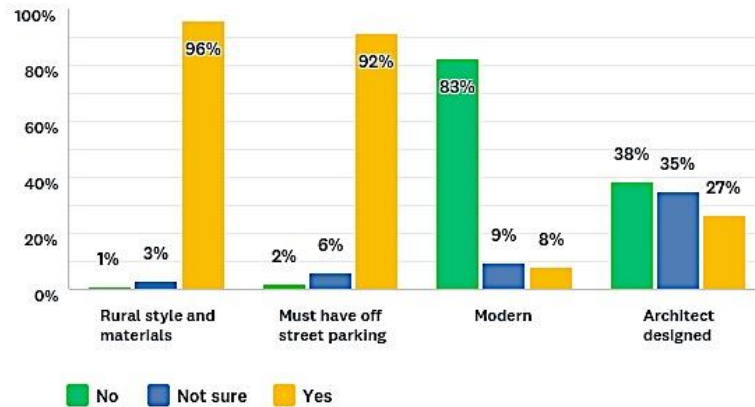
This demonstrates a very good level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.

Population data taken from 2011 Census



# Housing

Q1 What design features would you like to see in any development?



96% of respondents feel that new developments should be built consistent with the existing rural style and materials.

92% said that new developments must have off street parking.

There is a strong feeling against modern style development (83%), whilst respondents had mixed views about the merits of bespoke architect designed houses.

Q2 what type of homes do you think we need?

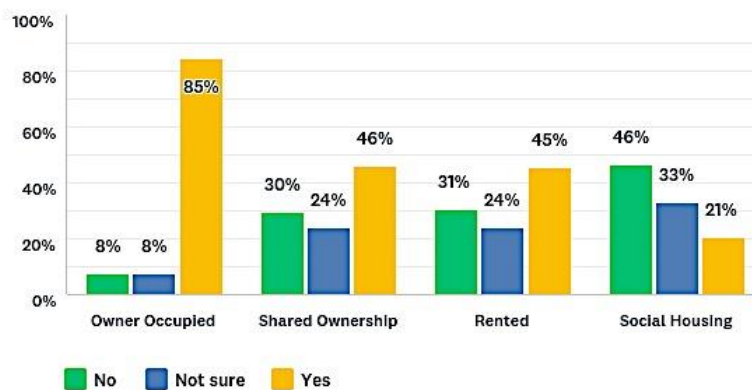
	NO	NOT SURE	YES
Up to 3 beds	7% 6	6% 5	87% 76
Semi Detached	11% 9	18% 15	71% 60
Eco Friendly Homes	11% 9	20% 17	69% 57
Starter Homes	15% 13	19% 16	66% 56
Detached	20% 17	18% 15	62% 53
Bungalows	20% 16	22% 18	58% 47
Terraced	31% 25	25% 20	44% 35
4 beds & over	48% 38	18% 14	34% 27
Luxury Executive	71% 55	18% 14	12% 9

87% of those responding believe that homes of up to 3 bedrooms are needed.

71% favour semi detached homes whilst 69% feel that eco friendly homes are essential.

There is overall support for bungalows and terraced housing, whilst there is a negative response to houses with four bedrooms and over, and even greater negativity towards luxury executive homes.

### Q3 What sort of housing do you think we need?



Respondents overwhelmingly favour owner occupied status for new housing (83%) just fewer than half of respondents are in favour of rented accommodation and shared ownership, whilst social housing is supported by less than 1/4 of all those responding.

### Q4 Do you have any other thoughts on housing that you would like to highlight?

29 thoughtful comments appear in the appendix. These include the need for diverse and affordable accommodation, which is in keeping with the environment. There is a strong call for off street parking. There is also a feeling that those renting are generally less committed to the Parish than owner-occupiers, hence a majority favouring the latter tenure.

# Transport

Q5 Please rate from 1 - 5 any concerns you may have on the following subjects 1 being not concerned at all and 5 being very concerned

	1	2	3	4	5
Speed of traffic	7%	4%	10%	16%	63%
	6	4	9	14	57
Access for HGV vehicles	7%	8%	10%	13%	62%
	6	7	8	11	52
Public Transport	2%	10%	17%	16%	55%
	2	9	15	14	49
Condition of roads	0%	10%	35%	20%	35%
	0	9	31	18	31
Daytime 'on street' parking	19%	8%	21%	18%	34%
	17	7	19	16	30
Evening 'on street' parking	22%	10%	22%	15%	32%
	19	9	19	13	28
Weekend parking	19%	9%	21%	19%	33%
	16	8	18	16	28

Each of the listed issues caused respondents to express genuine concern (levels 4 and 5).

Those responding expressed greatest concern about the speed of traffic (79%) and the prevalence of HGV vehicles (75%).

## Q6, Q7 & Q8

On average there are two cars owned by the households of each respondent, the vast majority are parked within the respondent's property boundary but 40 respondents' vehicles are parked outside of their property boundary.

Q9 Do you have any other thoughts on transport that you would like to highlight?

46 comments appear in the appendix. Predominant amongst these is the issue of parking in the Parish. There are comments about speeding, the need for better public transport and also issues arising from the proximity of the TwinLakes attraction.

# Characteristics and amenities

Q10 Please rate from 1 - 5 according to your view of each item's importance to life in Scalford Parish 1 being not concerned at all and 5 being very concerned

	1	2	3	4	5
Rural atmosphere	1% 1	1% 1	4% 4	18% 17	76% 71
Broadband provision	2% 2	1% 1	4% 4	18% 17	74% 68
Protection of fields, woods	2% 2	2% 2	10% 9	15% 14	71% 67
General upkeep of the village	0% 0	0% 0	4% 4	24% 22	72% 67
Protection of local wildlife	3% 3	2% 2	9% 8	16% 15	70% 66
Protection of rights of way	1% 1	4% 4	11% 10	13% 12	71% 65
Green spaces in the villages	0% 0	3% 3	14% 13	14% 13	69% 64
Working farms and agriculture	0% 0	2% 2	8% 7	24% 22	67% 62
Uninterrupted views	2% 2	4% 4	14% 13	19% 18	61% 57
Mature trees	0% 0	4% 4	15% 14	22% 21	59% 55
Nearby local schools	1% 1	4% 4	12% 11	24% 22	59% 55
Recreation field	3% 3	1% 1	14% 13	26% 24	56% 53
Protection of Listed Buildings	1% 1	1% 1	19% 18	24% 22	55% 51
The Village Hall	4% 4	3% 3	13% 12	26% 24	53% 49
Activities, community spirit	2% 2	5% 5	15% 14	27% 25	51% 47
The churches	1% 1	7% 7	17% 16	26% 24	49% 46
Dog waste bins	5% 5	13% 12	17% 16	21% 20	44% 41
Local employment	2% 2	5% 5	16% 15	34% 31	42% 38
The Local Pub	10% 9	9% 8	17% 15	24% 22	40% 36

Street lighting	7% 7	12% 11	18% 17	26% 24	37% 35
Allotments	3% 3	12% 11	23% 21	25% 23	36% 33
Fixed seating	4% 4	6% 6	33% 31	27% 25	29% 27
The village noticeboard	6% 6	15% 14	30% 28	24% 23	24% 23
The Book Exchange	19% 17	18% 16	32% 28	11% 10	19% 17
The Parish website	13% 12	17% 15	40% 36	11% 10	18% 16

Responses to this thorough list of Parish characteristics and amenities require some careful thought. There is no doubt that, along with broadband provision, the rural nature of Scalford, and all the positive elements this entails, are of great importance to respondents.

However, those characteristics and amenities receiving less support from respondents are not necessarily unimportant to some in the community. For example, the allotments and the book exchange are perhaps important to a small number in the Parish, but for those people they may be very important.

**Q11 Do you have any other thoughts on characteristics that you'd like to highlight?**

18 helpful responses appear in the appendix. These include comments about street lighting, the importance of trees, a call for more community events and courses, cycling and the need to support farming.

# Parish council precept

Q12 The Parish Council has a set budget to deliver activities, upkeep, administration and a level of amenities such as street lighting, village noticeboard, dog-waste bins etc. For this purpose, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following:

	No	Not sure	Yes
I am happy to increase payment by 10% per annum	49.37% 39	27.85% 22	22.78% 18
I am happy to increase payment by 25% per annum	85.33% 64	12.00% 9	2.67% 2
I am happy to increase payment by 50% per annum	93.24% 69	5.41% 4	1.35% 1

There is no majority in favour of increasing the annual parish precept by 10%, 25% or 50%.

Q13 Do you have any thoughts on additional amenities or activities that you would like the Parish Council to provide e.g. more benches, an upgraded website or social media platform?

30 responses appear in the appendix. These include comments about the need for a play area, support for community activities and for the Parish Council to lead in the maintenance of public spaces within the Scalford Parish.



# Demographics

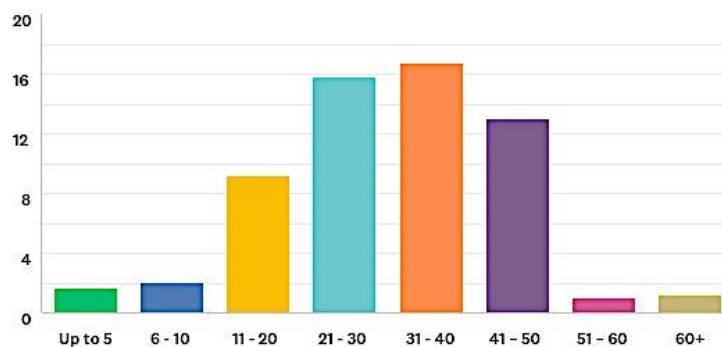
There is a near equal number of males and female in the households of respondents. The following table shows the total number of parishioners of each age group in the households of respondents.

	TOTAL NUMBER
Under 18	25
18 - 40	25
41 - 60	68
61 - 80	76
Over 80	12

There are 22 children in the household of respondents. There were 97 under the age of 16 in the whole Parish at the last census.

31 people stated that they work from home. The last census indicated that 48 people work from home. As just 40% of households are represented by the questionnaire, this indicates a likely increase in the number working from home, in line with a regional and national trend. This implies a potential need to consider homeworking as a factor when designing new homes.

## Q19 How many years have you lived in your village/hamlet?



# Summary

**In summary, a strong response to the Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire has demonstrated a set of clear concerns and preferences amongst the respondents. This offers a good steer to those actively involved in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, the wider community and the Parish Council.**

**These results will be taken into account as an important part of the evidence gathered to develop the Plan policies.**

# Appendix

Q4 Do you have any other thoughts on housing that you would like to highlight?

- Definitely no log cabins in fields that in turn will develop into houses in green field areas, i.e. down Muckly Lane
- Type and style should match immediate surrounding properties. Within the village there are detached, town houses and terraced, so any development should match these in close proximity.
- Affordable housing would encourage the young people to stay in the village
- From my experience, owner occupied housing is visually kept neat and tidy on the outside - dustbins put away, verges swept, litter removed, dog poo removed etc. etc. Scalford is small, it needs to be maintained
- Built with materials sympathetic with those used in existing village buildings. Not modern estate style properties. Off road parking must be created as existing parking is inadequate
- Any development should be sympathetic and complimentary to its true present village appearance
- Too much traffic through village and parking we do not need anymore
- We need a mixture of all sizes and type of homes but feel it important that state homes stay state homes and not let people put all housing need be keeping?
- I think that there is enough rental property in the village already. Rental properties tend to change hands quickly and their occupants don't seem to want to engage in the village
- Off road parking as it is very dangerous in this village due to parking too close to the junctions. Bend from Church St onto Main Rd is barely visible.
- If new houses are to be built, can they all have off street parking as the number of cars parked on the road is constant and is very dangerous?
- Any new build housing should have off road parking provision
- Height and external lights must be in keeping with the rural feel.
- Need to have off road parking
- Scalford has a wide range of housing types & a number of styles and I feel any increase should be a mix also, even if it is a single development (i.e. 1 field). Given the limited number of new homes proposed I think it will be difficult to introduce new/challenging styles as they will always be an exception to the overall character of the village.
- Need to consider the number of rented houses and a more transient population in village over recent years
- To be kept in keeping of other village houses. We already have a large council house area. An area of small homes as starter homes for the younger couples in the village
- Infill development & replacement of existing.
- Housing that is affordable, new buyers are not able to stay in the village.

- Social housing but for villagers
- Housing that does not impact on homes with rural views and cause even more traffic problems especially parking.
- Any house that is built should not come at the expense of the others. For example block their view, make parking more difficult.
- New housing not needed
- Our village has a large amount of expensive housing with ageing residents & not enough young people/affordable housing to keep the village vibrant.
- More affordable homes for younger people are needed in villages to keep new families moving into the villages.
- The use of the term "eco friendly" is unfortunate; it means different things to different people and is overly vague. It is important not to confuse "eco friendly" houses with renewables (as it appears it has been in the questionnaire introduction). Energy \*generation\* from renewables \*may\* even be the sign of a dwelling that isn't very "eco friendly" because it is not using energy efficiently in the first place. Instead, if an "eco friendly" approach is really required, we should mandate a rigorous, third party certification approach such as Passivhaus. This would not only ensure minimal energy use, it would also ensure high indoor air quality and avoid overheating.
- Understandably (people/dwelling volume etc.) the parish is Scalford-centric. The hamlets of Wycomb and Chadwell are considered "open countryside" in planning terms and development in the hamlets is generally presumed against additional dwellings. Is this still the case concerning the identified housing need of the 25 additional dwellings to be built by 2036?
- One and two bed flats
- More one and two bed flats for young and older people

Q9 Do you have any other thoughts on transport that you would like to highlight?

- Some cars are parked on pavements, making it impossible to walk with push chairs, or negotiate with mobility scooter
- New housing location opportunity within link of Melton Rd and Eastwell Rd
- Stop giving planning permission to people where off road parking isn't a pre-requisite. Parking is chaotic around the school and church at drop off and pick up times- very dangerous
- Scalford has become a rat run, with car and HGV vehicles passing through King St and Church St. The on street parking makes access difficult and excess speed approaching the two blind bends in Church St and King St is hazardous. Put speed bumps on Church St.
- I think there should be some action taken to stop traffic speeding through the village in order to preserve the older buildings and before there is an accident when coming in and out of the old dairy entrance.
- Concerned about TwinLakes traffic on surrounding lanes, 2 village streets.
- Get rid of cyclists
- The parking of cars in the village makes it impossible to get by but could

cause an accident

- Would love to see public car park made better use of. It should be sign posted, welcoming to visitors to village, which hopefully in turn brings business
- Concerned about potential reduction/loss of public transport service, particularly for those who need it.
- Parking in Church St is very bad, also the speed of traffic along Church St. Also parking near church gates, very narrow, school employees should park at village hall car park
- Please can something to slow down cars travelling along the road between Scalford and Chadwell. Turning out of Main Rd, Wycomb is treacherous! Also, dissuading people from parking opposite a junction - i.e. Main Rd and Pickards Lane, Wycomb. Sometimes the bin lorry cannot run down Pickards Lane. What if a fire engine needed access??
- Parking for the school needs to be found. Speed limit through the village
- I feel it is very important that our roads are not blocked by parked cars, HGV etc. have to get through to deliver. The conditions of our roads in several are much safer but we have more traffic so ongoing problem. In villages the roads are still quite good.
- Proposed future bus service
- Bus service to Melton is essential
- Speed traffic are travelling through the village is excessive. Volume of HGV's is increasing. Also action is taken to limit the speed.
- Too much traffic, travelling too fast for the conditions- some parts e.g. Church St should be 20mph. we could also do with traffic calming as there is in Asfordby, at Casterton, Ashwell, Baldocks Lane, Melton etc., even entrance gates such as Harby or Tastwell may help a bit but not as much as physical obstacles.
- The parking of vehicles on the side of the road throughout the village is cause for concern. Vehicles are constantly on the road, parked on bends, junctions causing poor visibility, especially on King Street.
- School picking up times still cause congestion and safety hazard for all pedestrians, and motorists. Park at village hall and walk to the school.
- Cars come through fat too fast. The village is used as a shortcut
- More bus lanes to larger villages and town centers for teenage/young adults, elderly, disabled as main target to combat isolation and support shopping and facilities. Lower speed restrictions due to small villages and equestrian busy countryside. More pavements between Wycomb and Scalford.
- The volume of parked cars on the street and in and around Scalford constantly puts road users and pedestrians at risk. This must be tackled NOW! Action, not words needed.
- Through traffic directed by satnav (e.g. Twin Lakes) which satnav should send by better roads via Melton etc.
- Provided access for emergency vehicles is maintained I think street parking is a good thing as it slows vehicles down.
- Village needs more off road parking
- Bus service is very expensive and limited. Car is essential for residents. On-

street parking has advantage of slowing through traffic. Volume will be an issue until Melton by-pass in place - what can be done to dissuade use of village as a rat-run? Would like to see the promised South St, Car Park works completed now land sale is complete. There are frequently 6 or more cars in there now.

- School parking am & pm and staff through the day. Consider one way system
- Parking on pavements is prevalent in the village and should be better policed.
- School lane is dangerous with on road parking due to school. Impossible to get down at school start n end times. Parents' inconsiderate parking on private properties. Lack of buses into Melton. Houses should only be allowed if have enough off road parking
- Mostly on street parking is sensible but a village car park area could ease parking issues. Greater use of village hall parking perhaps or another area?
- The bus service is good I wonder if a better route would be to go via TwinLakes to/from Melton instead of Scalford Road. This would take cars off the road and support a local company (e.g. young people working at the park are often seen walking on edge of road which is quite dangerous)
- Lack of bus service or low cost transport is causing rural isolation and forcing relocation for non-car drivers. i.e. elderly
- South street and school lane should be 1 way. The road is not wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass safely. People drive far too fast around the village.
- Volume of traffic increasing rapidly on the narrow roads in the village, which is not acceptable
- There are not enough parking spaces for all residents, as some properties do not have any off road parking available. This could be addressed by offering a grant or incentive to get the car off the road.
- Too much HGV traffic
- Volume of traffic relating to TwinLakes. Signage from Nottingham direction is pointing through village. Also Coaches coming through. On special event days to speed up the exit of traffic from TwinLakes is split with half the traffic deliberately directed through the village regardless of individual needs
- Public transport is a joke in the rural area; recently busses were cut down to 1 every 2 hours 6 days. This is not adequate if the elderly or the young wish to be mobile. You live in Scalford - you need a car, thus parking problems in certain part of the village. Also with the council cutting the bus service, this goes against the government's plans to get us out of our cars! I would use public transport if it was reliable & frequent to access Melton
- New Street parking is a total nightmare and needs sorting out sooner rather than later. Allowing vehicles to partially block the road and doing nothing to resolve the issue is a complete joke. The problem has been around for what I'm told many years so why has something not been done to alleviate the issue?
- Public transport is non-existent. There should be bus morning and evening, even a mini-bus.
- Cycle ways and footpaths put in place for the area Bus and train reinstated
- Better public transport for the area, serving Wycomb and Chadwell Train line into Scalford and Chadwell

Q11 Do you have any other thoughts on characteristics that you'd like to highlight?

- Off street parking is most important
- Village events should be held in the village hall or churches, not in road areas
- We need a village green
- Farmers have it hard enough, make life easier for them
- Street lighting activated by sensor
- Farm traffic too fast for size of vehicles through village
- Here in Wycomb, please can we have amnesties for out children - recreation field, and safe cycle parks.
- I would like to see more training on basic cooking in school to educate the next generation so people can live better and cheaper.
- Discarded rubbish on roadsides glass bottles cans etc.
- Street name signs need improving. 20mph limit permanent in village. Our Streets are narrow
- All local business
- Please please protect the ridge and furrow and hedgerows in the Parish and have a wildflower friendly policy re verge cutting. It's wrong that some local farmers are careless with their sprays and kill off the flowers in the verges due to spray drift in windy weather. Local employment is an odd one, how local? 45 - 60mins commute is local in my view.
- Street lighting - If I wanted bright lights all night I would live in town. Dark skies at night please! Appreciate having the dog poo bins as there a lot of dogs in the village now - wish more residents would use them!
- Lots of large old trees not kept pruned will fall and damage homes sooner or later. School too small to accommodate more families Need a proper community shop not in post office, which is poorly run, and in an inappropriate place. Street lighting poor in winter. Local pub inconsequential as expensive and poor value for money. Rural feel and setting important to keep. To remain a quiet village.
- Mobile coverage unacceptably bad
- Too much noise
- Why was the importance of a Post Office/Shop omitted from the survey, these are very important to the village community?
- Plant more trees

Q13 Do you have any thoughts on additional amenities or activities that you would like the Parish Council to provide e.g. more benches, an upgraded website or social media platform?

- Install shelves to enable book exchange in telephone box
- More benches would be useful around the village
- Social media platform would be great, better involvement of the parish

- council with villages - seem distant
- Greater pressure to control speed and size of vehicles using village as a through route
  - We desperately need a playground for our children - in Wycomb or Goadby. Apart from a postbox and a bus shelter (but no busses) - we have nothing in Wycomb. We need transport so we don't have to rely on cars: we need safe pavements between villages.
  - We believe the neighbourhood plan is probably the most important work that the parish council can do. Traffic through the village (twin lakes) is another.
  - I am happy with what we have but if I knew what or where my money was going to be spent T would increase.
  - Think the parish council should concentrate on amenities rather than activities. I am fairly happy with the status quo but feel the maintenance of public space is important.
  - Gronstone Lane should be restricted access and not a 'rat run' to twin lakes. It is time that the parish council has the church clock time mechanism repaired.
  - We'd like to see more activities at the village hall for it to become more about the community. For this we would pay more
  - Not happy with level of service. Pay enough already.
  - Village playing field and park in Wycomb and Goadby. Pavement links between villages to support and encourage people to walk. Will also help people with mobility scooters and parents with push chairs. Bus route past Goadby, Chadwell, Wycomb to Melton. Again to reduce isolation.
  - No to streetlights, that's for towns. Yes please to social media, would be great to have somewhere to view and record wildlife, field names etc. And to know what was happening.
  - Difficult to answer this question as don't know what I'm paying? e.g. what is 10% more?
  - Need a reduction in council tax charges including parish precept; cut out money wasting ideas get rid of parish and district councils. Time the parish precept went down not up
  - A Facebook group?
  - Survey is asking the wrong questions
  - Until such times as the Parish Council changes, no additional money should be paid to it. Attention to detail in what it undertakes, needs to be addressed. The Parish website should be updated & made accessible to all the community. From my experience on the Parish Council, public perception & general lethargy in the village/council is there a need for a parish council, maybe the public money could be deployed
  - Should it be necessary to pay more to keep things at the level they are now, would be happy to pay more