

Arreton Parish Plan 2005



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Introduction

In 2004 a team of unpaid volunteers undertook the task of circulating a questionnaire to every household in the Parish of Arreton.

In all 380 questionnaires were sent out and over 50 percent of the questionnaires were returned, which was an amazing response.

The returns were statistically analysed by an independent undergraduate who produced bar charts and pie charts.
These are reproduced in this document.

The results were displayed at the Arreton Parish Exhibition in August and were presented to the Parish Council.

Regular reports have been made to the Parish Council and this document is now available to the Parishioners, the Parish Council and the various statutory bodies involved, in the hope that the wishes of people will be made known to the various authorities.

ARRETON PARISH PLAN

Your chance to influence the future development of Arreton/Merstone and Blackwater

Attached to this questionnaire is a pair of tickets. Please complete the questionnaire and return it in the **FREEPOST** envelope. Tear off one ticket and keep it, leaving the other attached to the papers.

A draw will take place and the following prizes could be won:

Free Meal and bottle of Wine for 2 at Arreton Barns

Free Meal and bottle of Wine for two at the White Lion

A £20 Gift Voucher from Safeways

A £20 Gift Voucher for Marks and Spencers.

Every household in the Parish boundary is being circulated, and it is most important that as many questionnaires as possible are returned.

What is a Parish Plan?

The Government's Rural White Paper "Our Countryside – The Future" (November 2000) launched the idea of Parish Plans and set out their purpose as follows:

"... to set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities which the community needs to safeguard for the future."

Plans should ***"identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved."***

The structure of the planning process will change radically in 2011. Out goes the old "Unitary Development Plan" and in comes the "Local Development Framework" ("LDF"). The Isle of Wight Council will be among the first authorities to develop an LDF.

The Council are required to consult local communities on how they themselves want planning guidelines to be developed. The Arreton Parish Plan is an opportunity to have an input into that process. This survey will provide the basis for drafting the Plan.

What is Arreton Parish?

It stretches from Blackwater in the West to Budbridge in the South, including Merstone to the Fighting Cocks Crossroads in the East, to Langbridge and Northwards to the main road on top of the Downs, past the Hare and Hounds, Downend down Long Lane to Pan Down near Shide and then Southwards along the river to Blackwater again.

There are 809 people on the electoral roll in the Parish and 375 houses.

What happens next?

When the survey forms have been analysed, the Parish Plan Steering Group will incorporate the conclusions in a draft plan. There will then be opportunity for anyone to make further comments before the Plan is published.

Will it make any difference?

Planning authorities are obliged to take parish plans into account when preparing their own planning priorities. The Arreton Parish Plan can have a significant effect on the future of Arreton Merstone and Blackwater. Provided that it is soundly based on substantial local opinion – which is why it is vital that as many households as possible take place in this survey. Any project that has strong local support has much more chance of being implemented, and the parish plan is the recognised way in which that support can be demonstrated.

**This is Your "wish list". Tell us what you want or do not want.
Please return your questionnaire by FRIDAY 18TH JUNE**

1. How important is it to you that the Parish should keep the following?:

	Very important	Quite important	Undecided/ no opinion	Not very important	Not at all important
Primary school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Office and shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methodist Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Long term strategy (next 10 years or so) How would you like to see the Parish develop?

(If an item would be new to the Parish and you wouldn't want it, tick "no change")

	A lot more	A little more	No change	A little less/fewer	A lot less/fewer
Building development					
Affordable housing (to rent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable housing (to buy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free-market housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile home parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barn conversions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No further development			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Employment					
Part-time jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full-time jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment					
More landscape protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extend Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty down to River Yar.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Area for nature conservation along River Yar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserving old buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More country foot paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write in any other topics you feel are important

	A lot more	A little more	No change	A little less/fewer	A lot less/fewer
Commerce / business					
Craft industries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmers' Community Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teleworking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotel accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism					
Bed and Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Touring Caravan sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camping sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self catering accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. All these ideas for projects have been suggested by one or more people. What do you think?

	Very good idea	Good idea	Neither good nor bad	Bad idea	Very Bad idea
Prescription delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foot way on Blackwater Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you consider a Hospital Car Scheme provided through a Rural Transport Scheme useful?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More seating about the Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Childrens' "walking" bus to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Gateways" at either ends of the villages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More ornate village name plates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Very good idea	Good idea	Neither good nor bad	Bad idea	Very bad idea
Weekly Community Club for over 60s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you require transport to the above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage Churches to use their premises for more community purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-road Cycle Way beside the Main Road from Arreton Cross to Blackwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like mains drainage throughout the villages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School to open Computer Suite for locals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure activities					
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mother-toddler group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband internet access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motorcross at the Gore	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiday play scheme for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiday scheme for 11-16 yr olds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Petanque pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community equipment (marquee, BBQ, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your village your preference

	Yes	No	Where?
A village car park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
More police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mains drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
CCTV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Public toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Better lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Do you live in: (Please circle)

Arreton Merstone Blackwater

4. The Parish Plan will identify those characteristics of Arreton / Merstone / Blackwater that the residents would like to preserve.

What characteristics of your village are worth preserving?

Circle any of the words below which you think are characteristic of your village (please write in any other words you think appropriate)

Quiet	Relaxed	Friendly
Noisy	Accessible	Picturesque
Historic	Strong community	Rural

5. About yourself. To help the analysis of the results, please answer the following:

How long have you lived in the Parish? _____ years

How many people live in your household? _____

	Under 15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	Over 75
Age groups (✓)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How many cars does your household possess? ...

How many bicycles? ...

Do you have access to the internet? Yes No

What sports facilities would you like to see in the Village? _____

6 Transport / roads – Would you like:

	✓/x	Where?
Wider foot pavements	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Extend foot pavements	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
New off-road cycle ways	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
More foot paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Traffic calming	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Speed restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Road re-alignment opposite White Lion to form a green in front of the Pub	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Roundabout at Arreton Cross	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Shopping bus - from _____ to _____

Where do you work (town) _____

How do you get there? _____

Where is your Doctor's Surgery (town)? _____

If you would like to be included in a village e-mail database to receive progress reports on the Parish Plan, village news and information on other village events please enter your e-mail address below. It will not be given to any third parties.

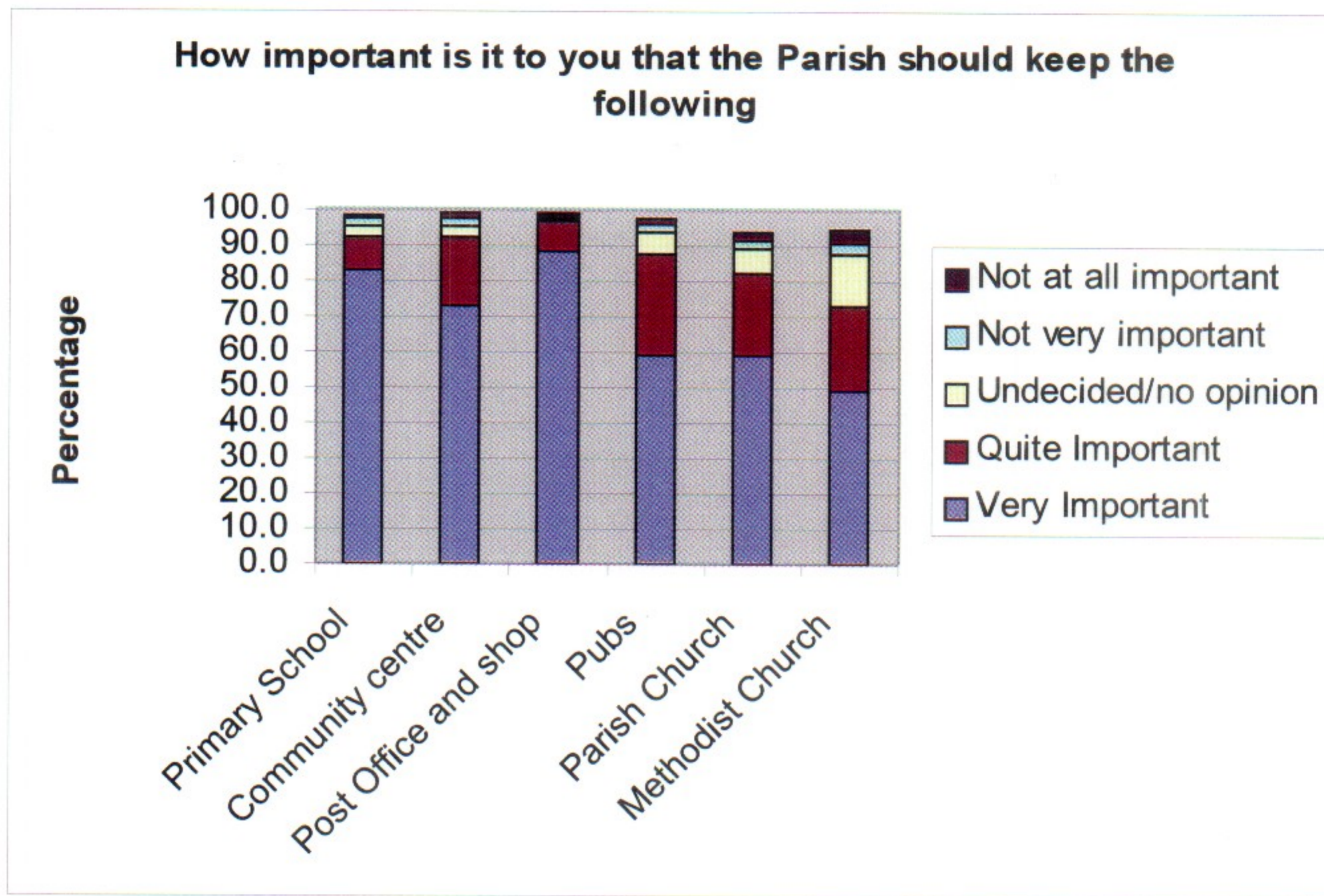
e-mail address (optional):

If you have any queries on this survey please contact:
- Robln Oulton 865 720
- Heather Calloway 867 804

Please use this space to add any projects you would like to see done in the Parish or any other comments you may have.

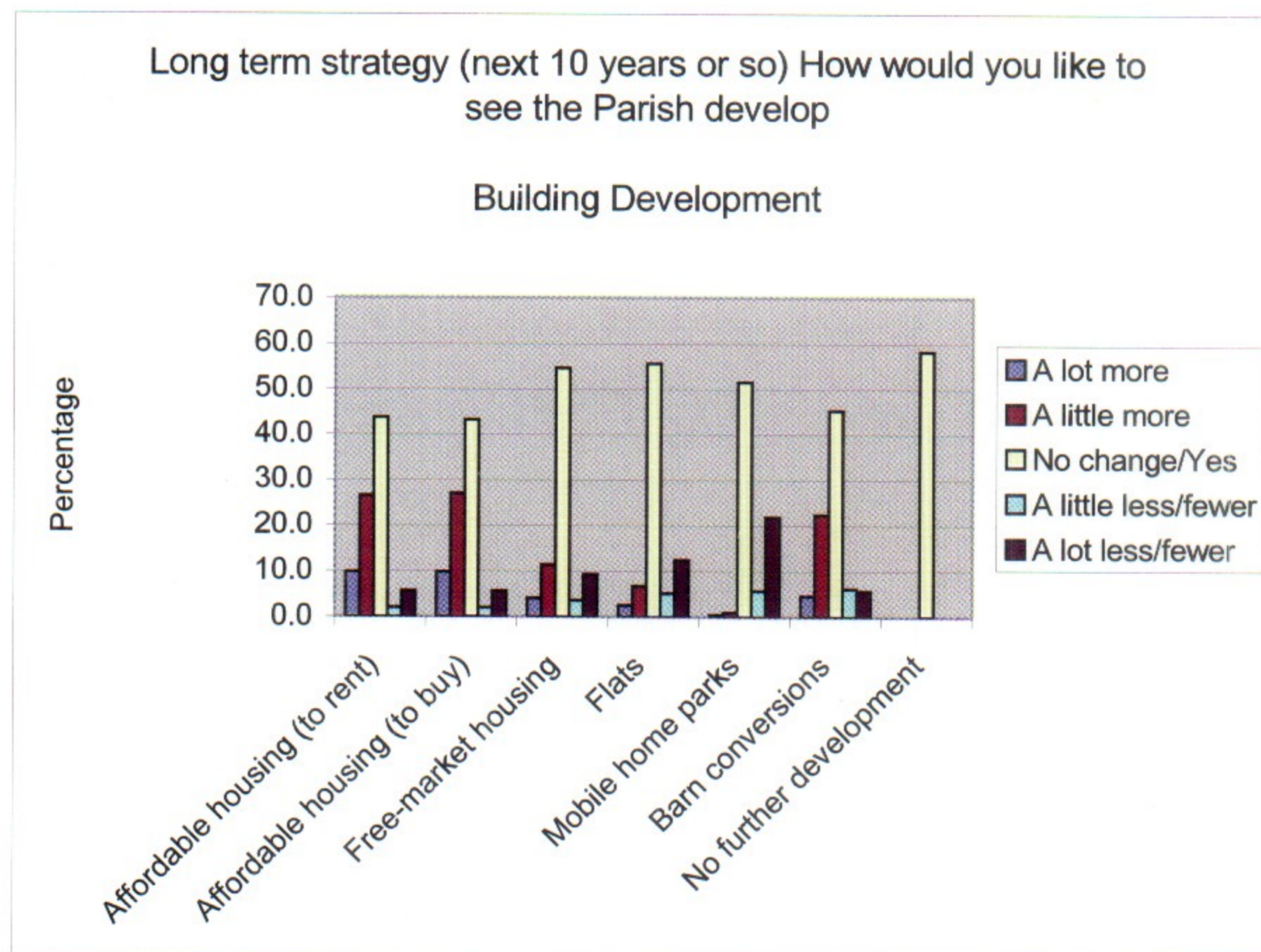
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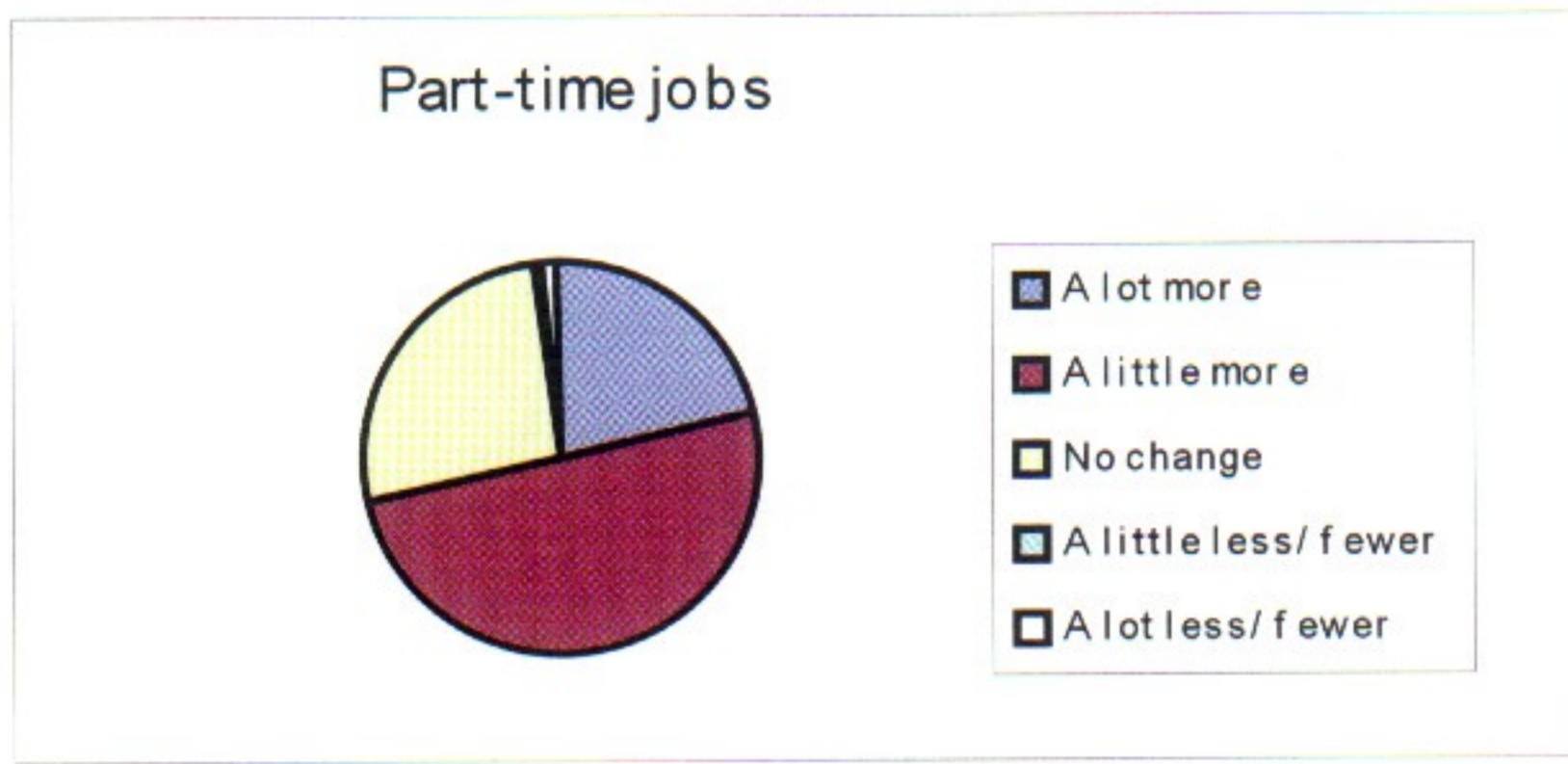


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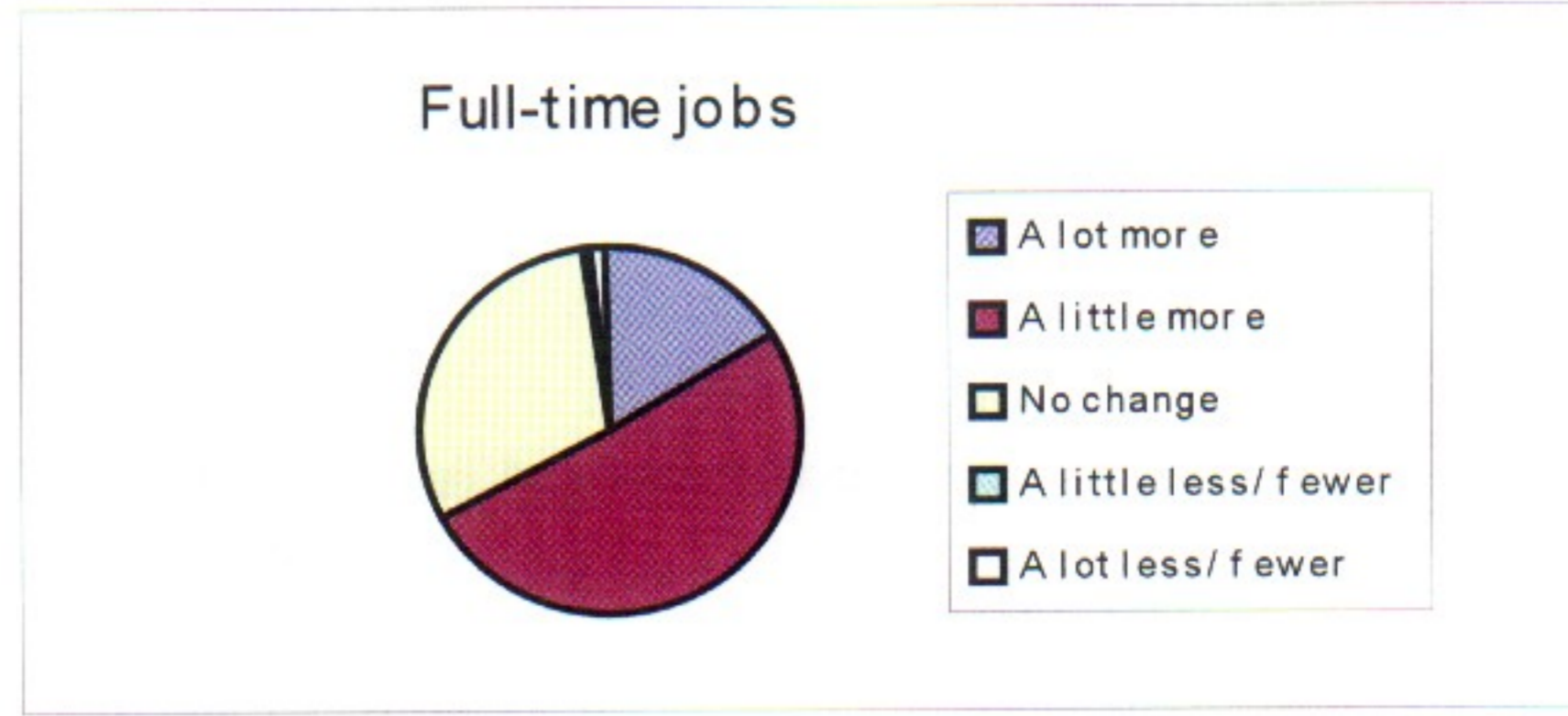
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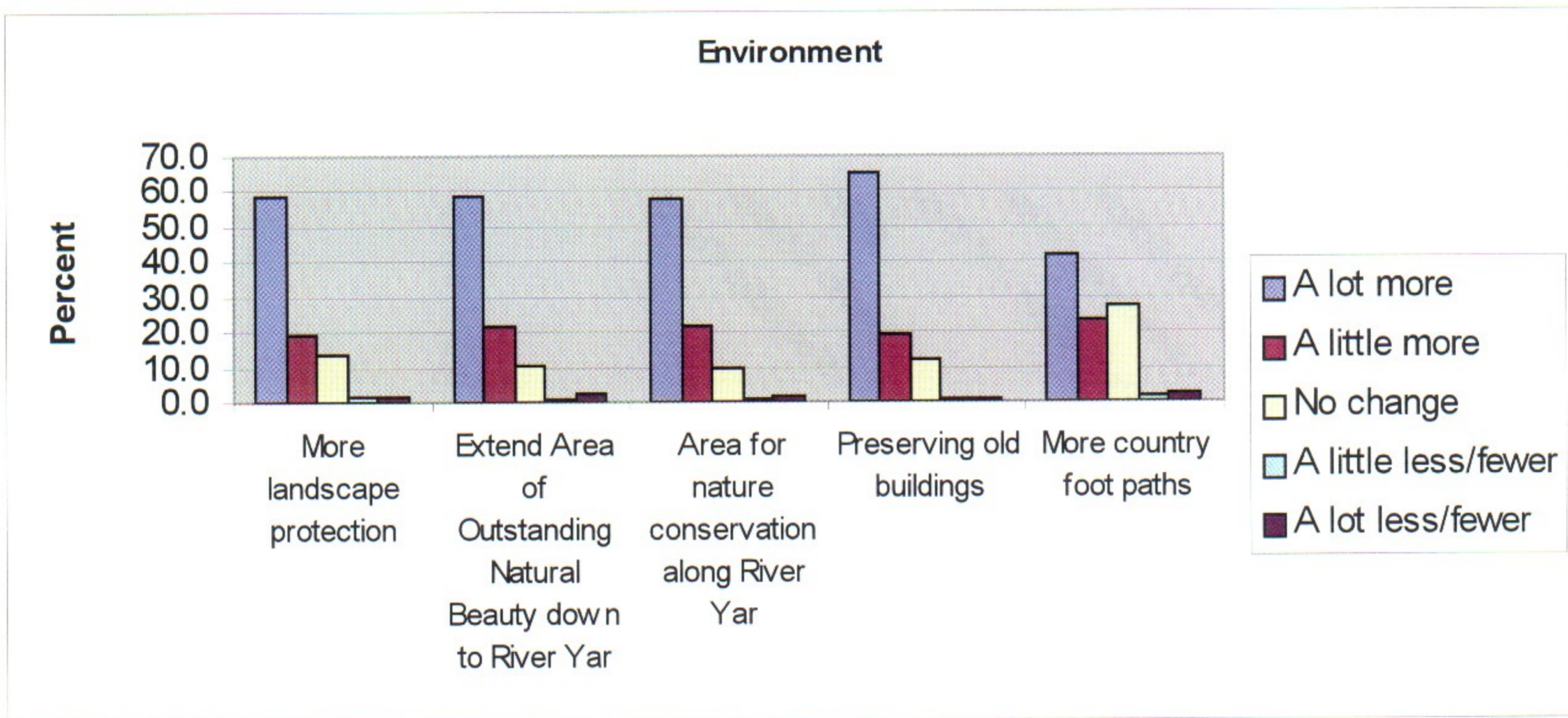
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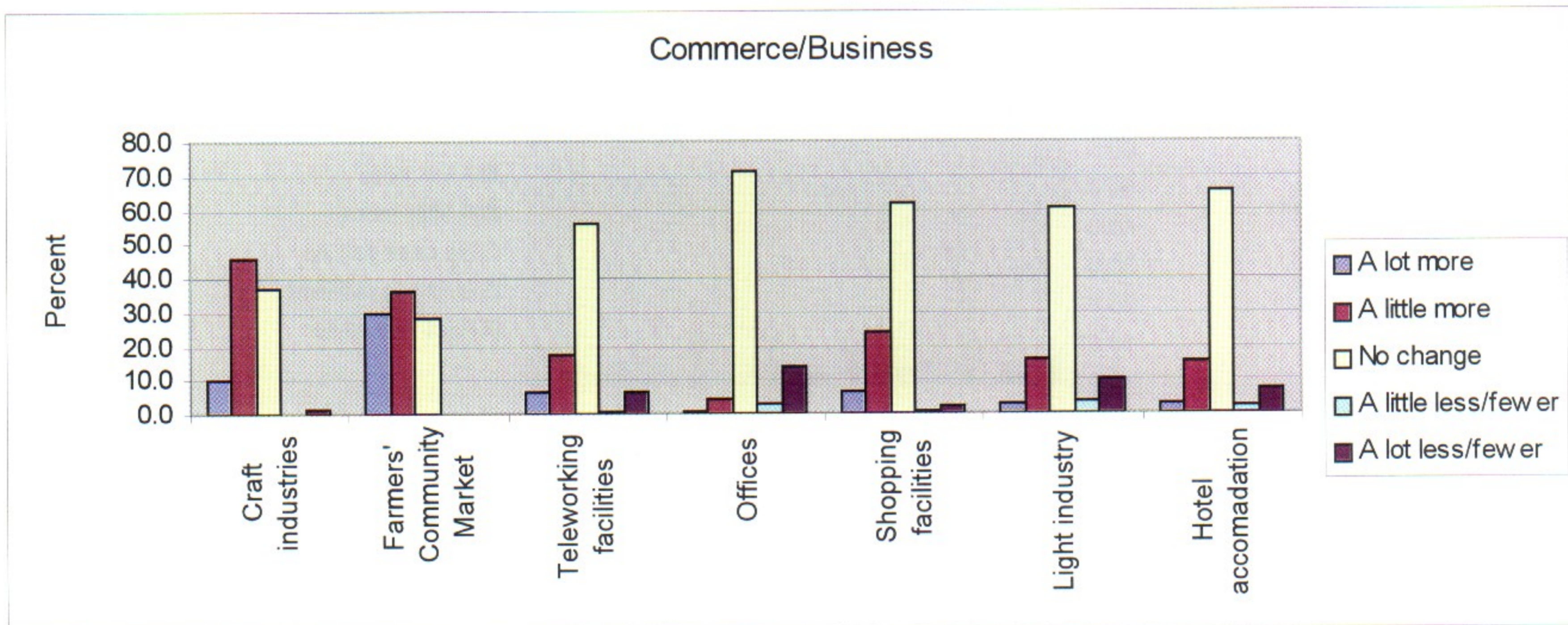
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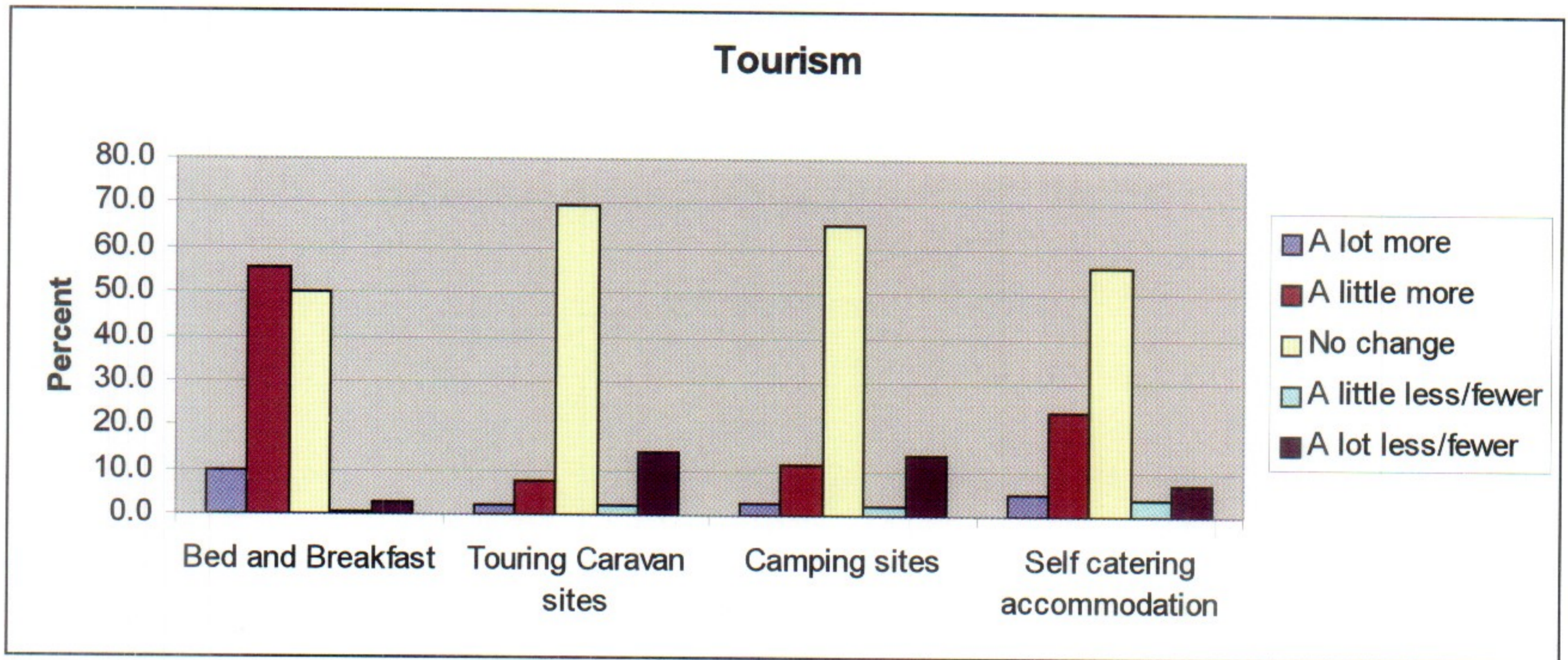
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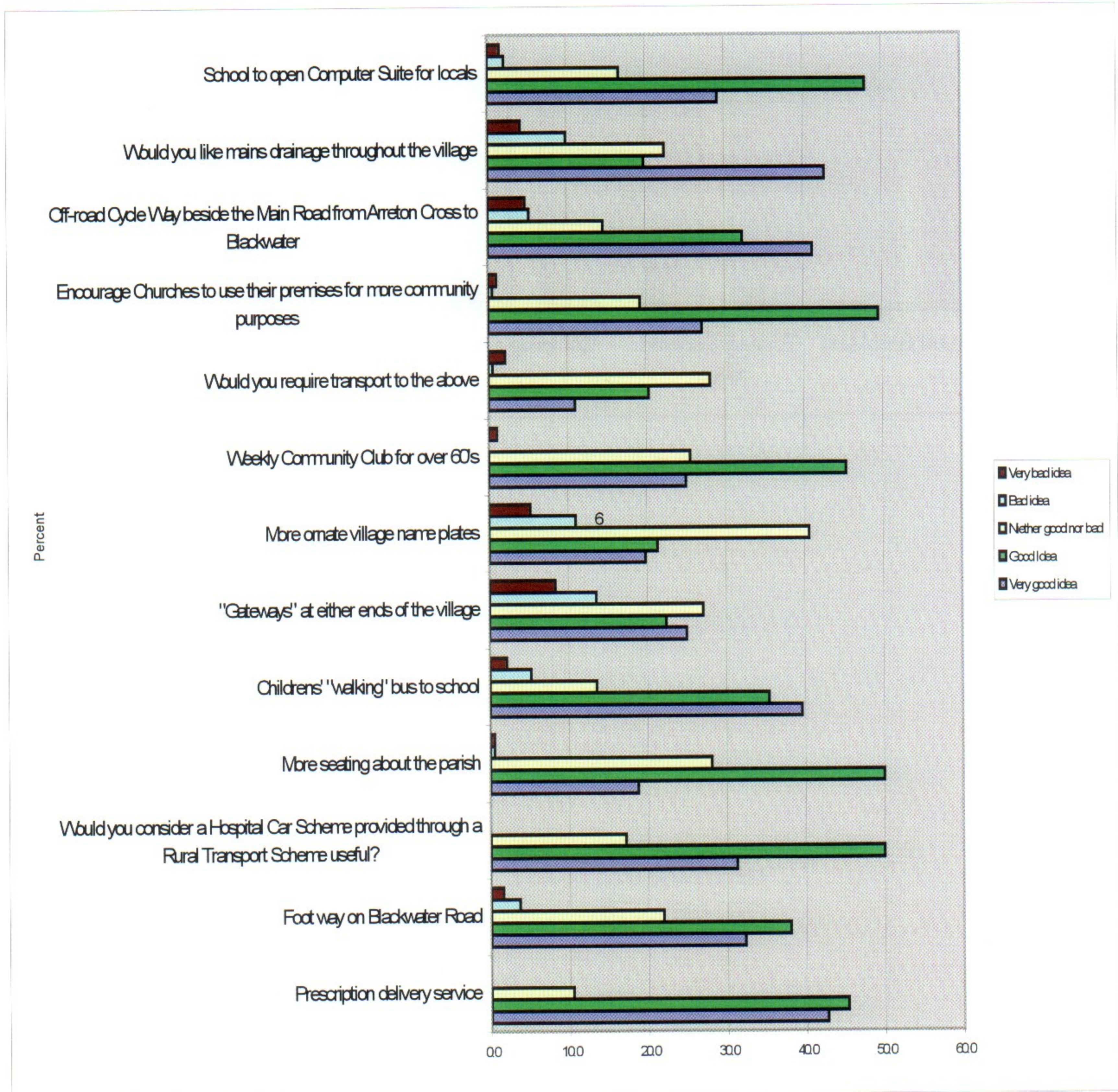
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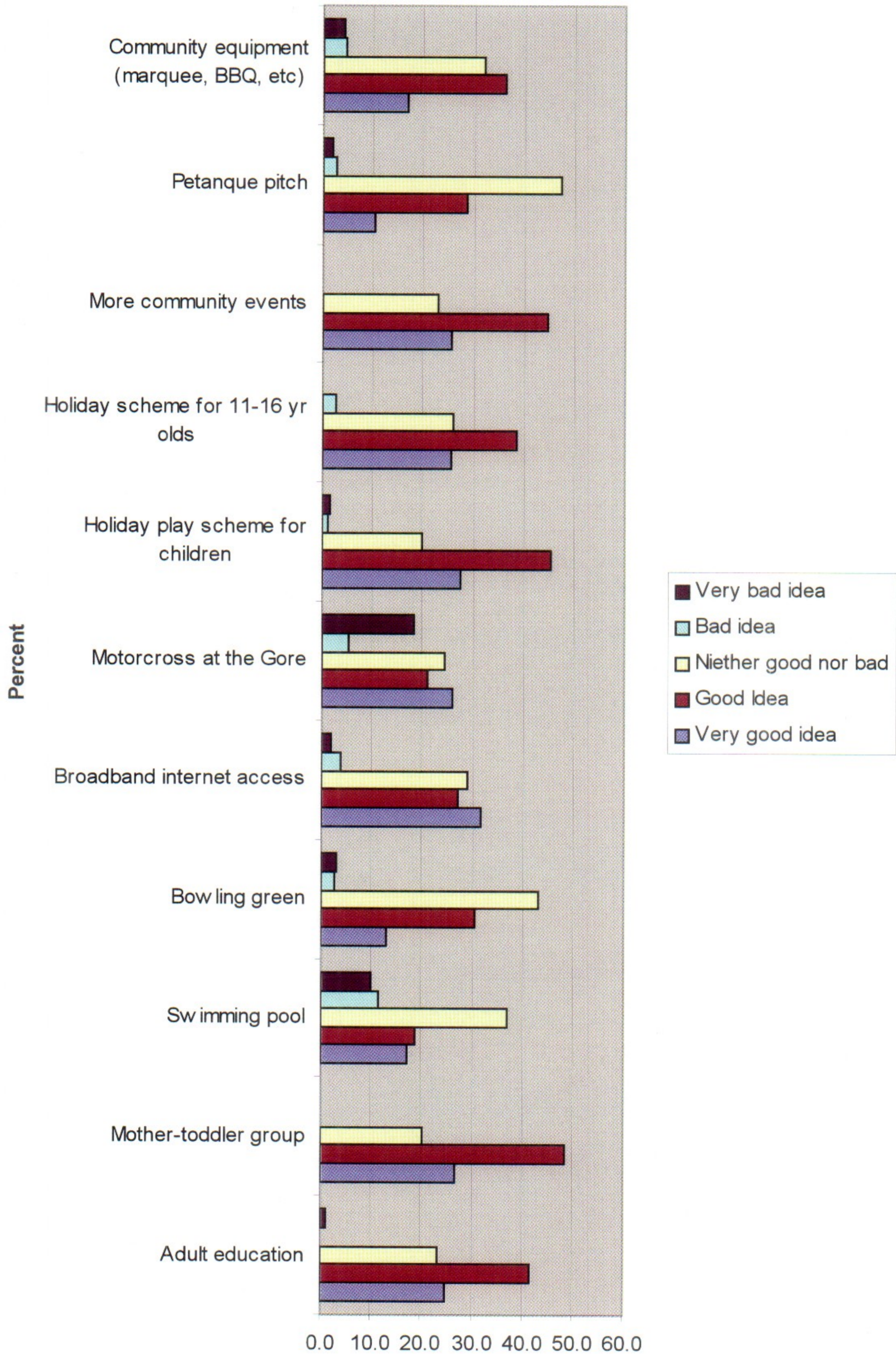
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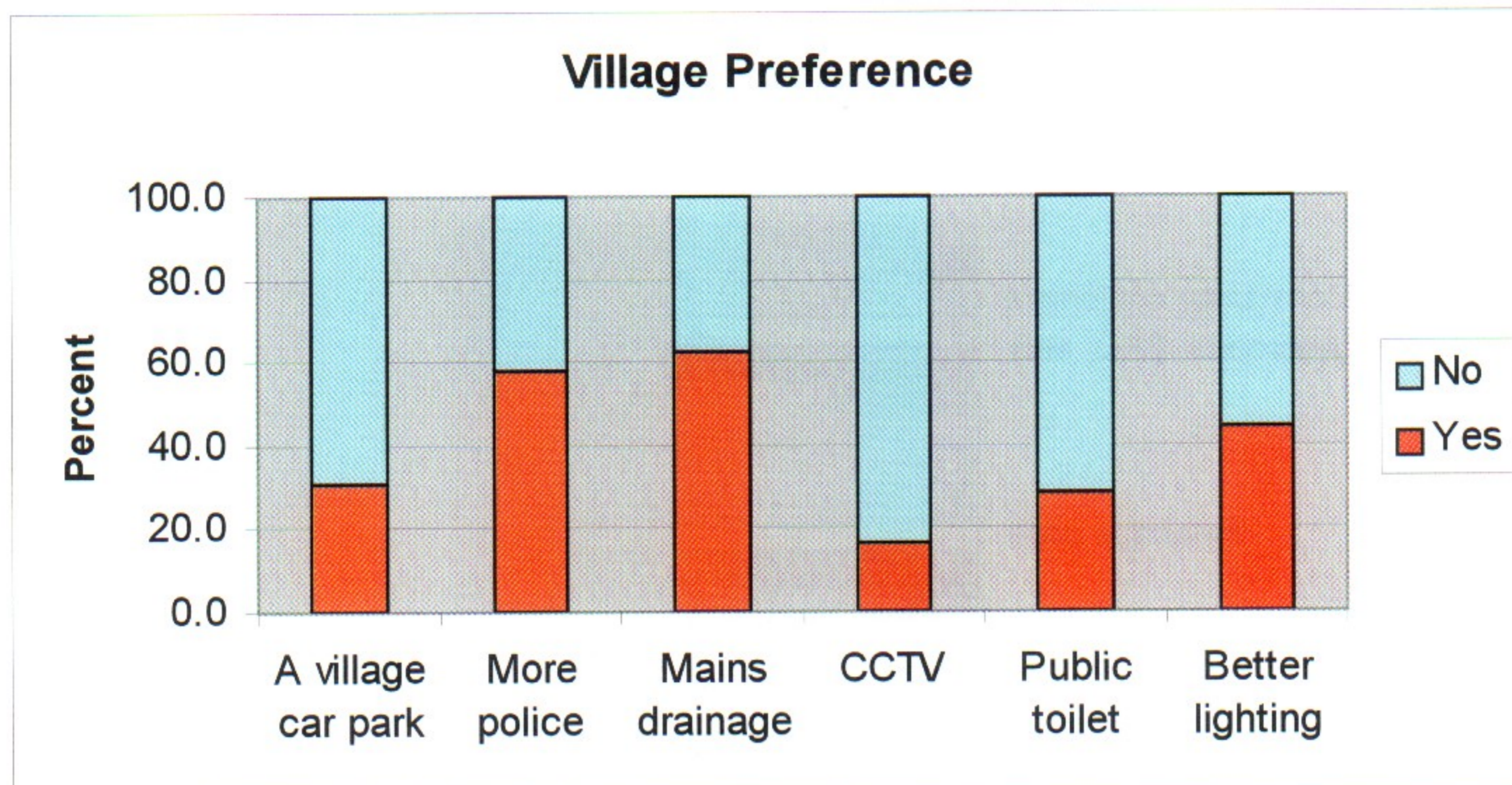


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Leisure Activities



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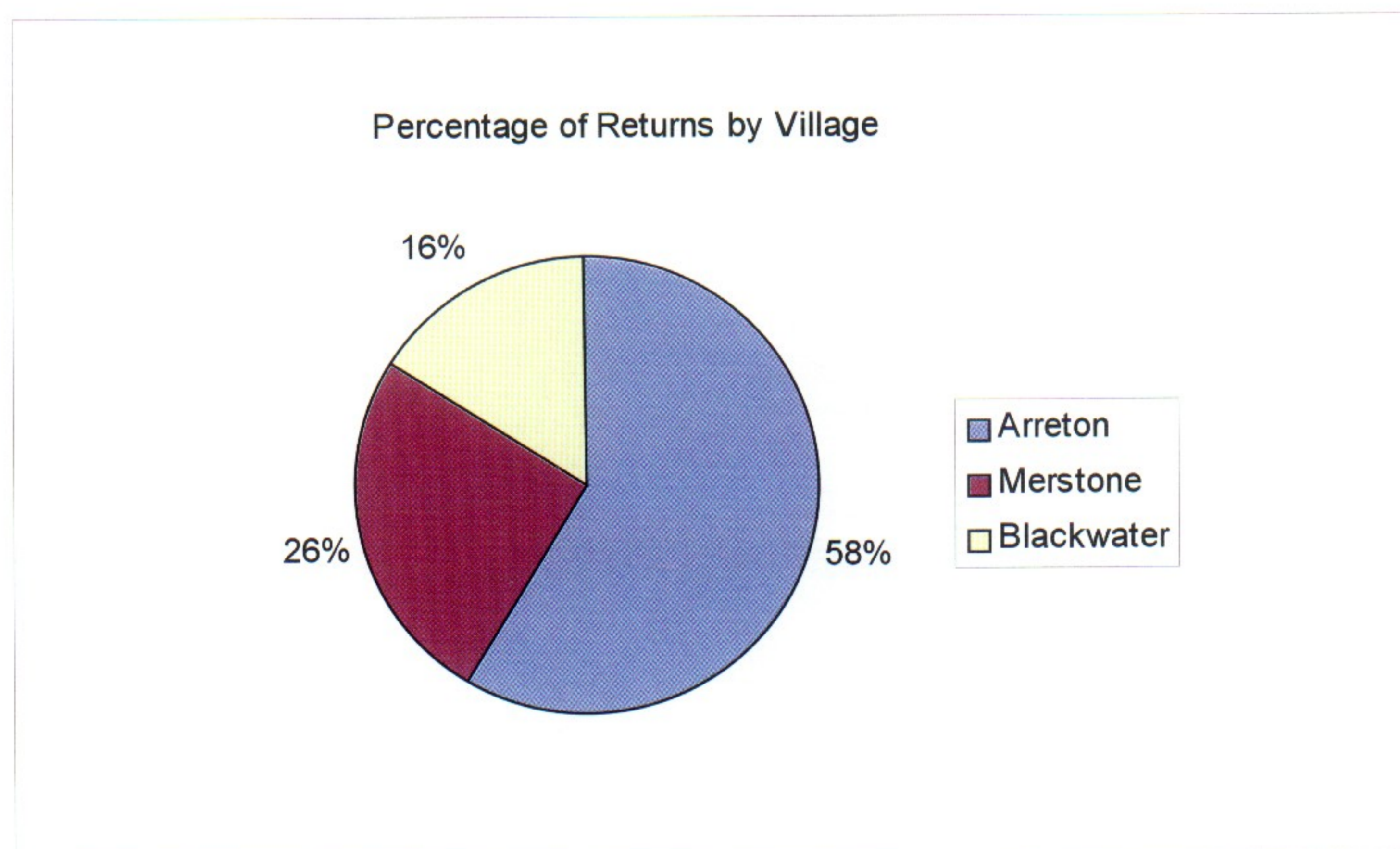


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	Location
A village car park	Community Centre, near Arreton School, nr Shop, adjacent to cycle track, at White Lion, Merstone nr Chapel
More police	All Areas, Main Road Arreton, Merstone, Community Centre
Mains drainage	Sandy Lane Blackwater, Merstone, Throughout, Through Hale Common, Connect to Haseley
CCTV	Merstone, Arreton School
Public toilet	Nr Arreton Church, Cycle Path, Community Centre, Merstone, Nr School
Better lighting	Arreton, Merstone Lane, Blackwater Road + cycleway, footpaths, Post Office to White Lion, Chapel Lane Merstone

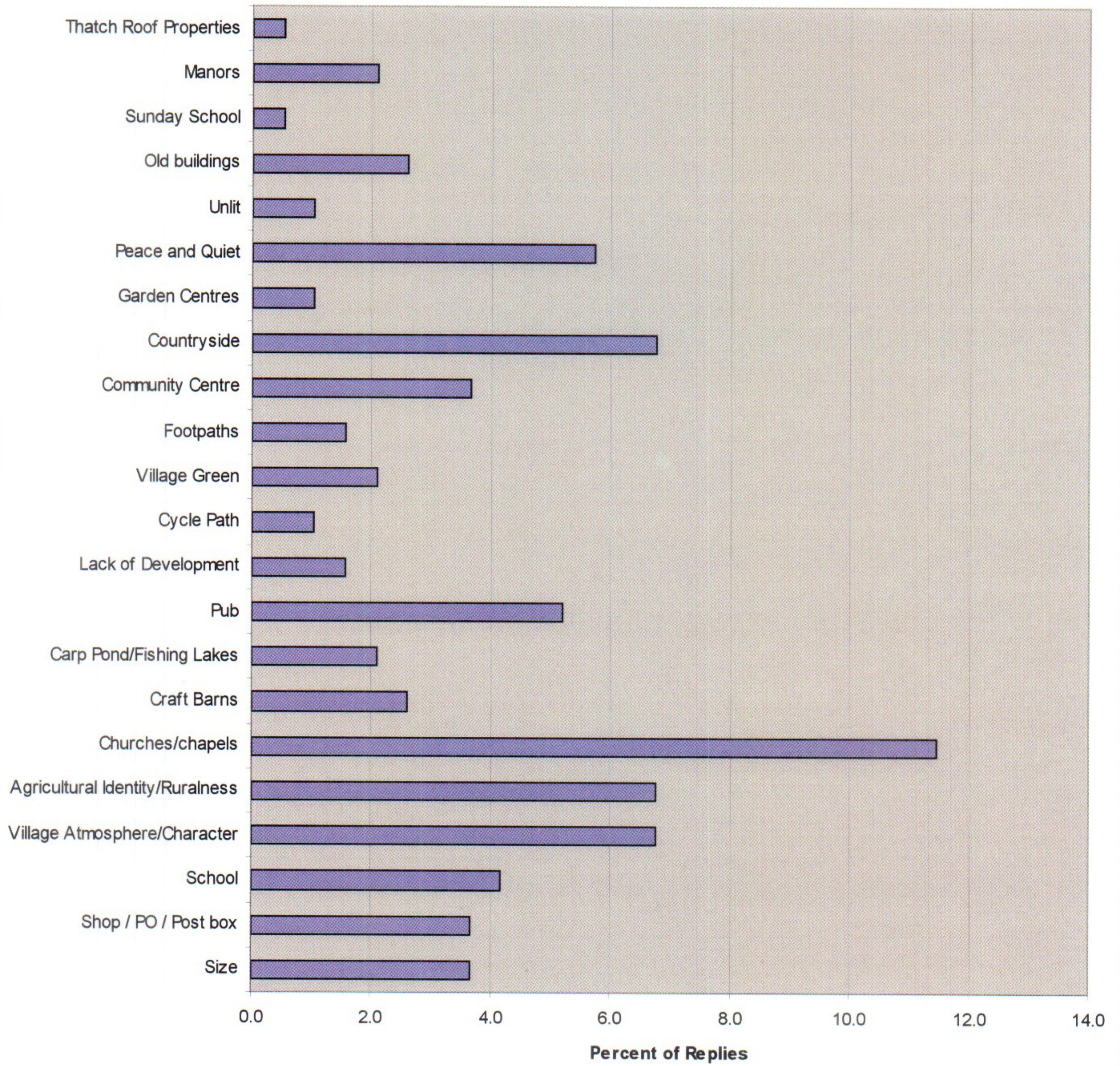
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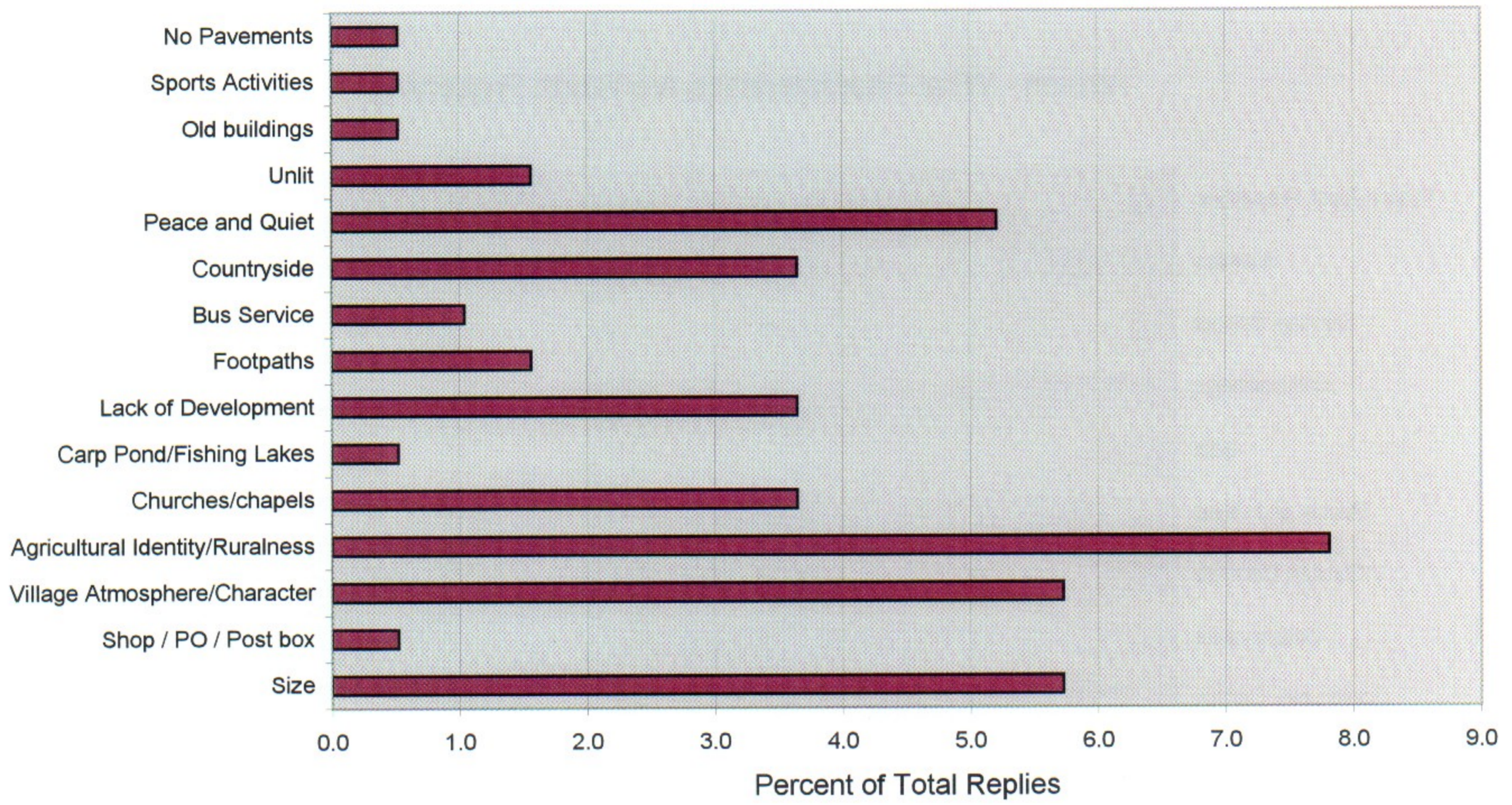
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Arreton - What Characteristics Are Worth Preserving



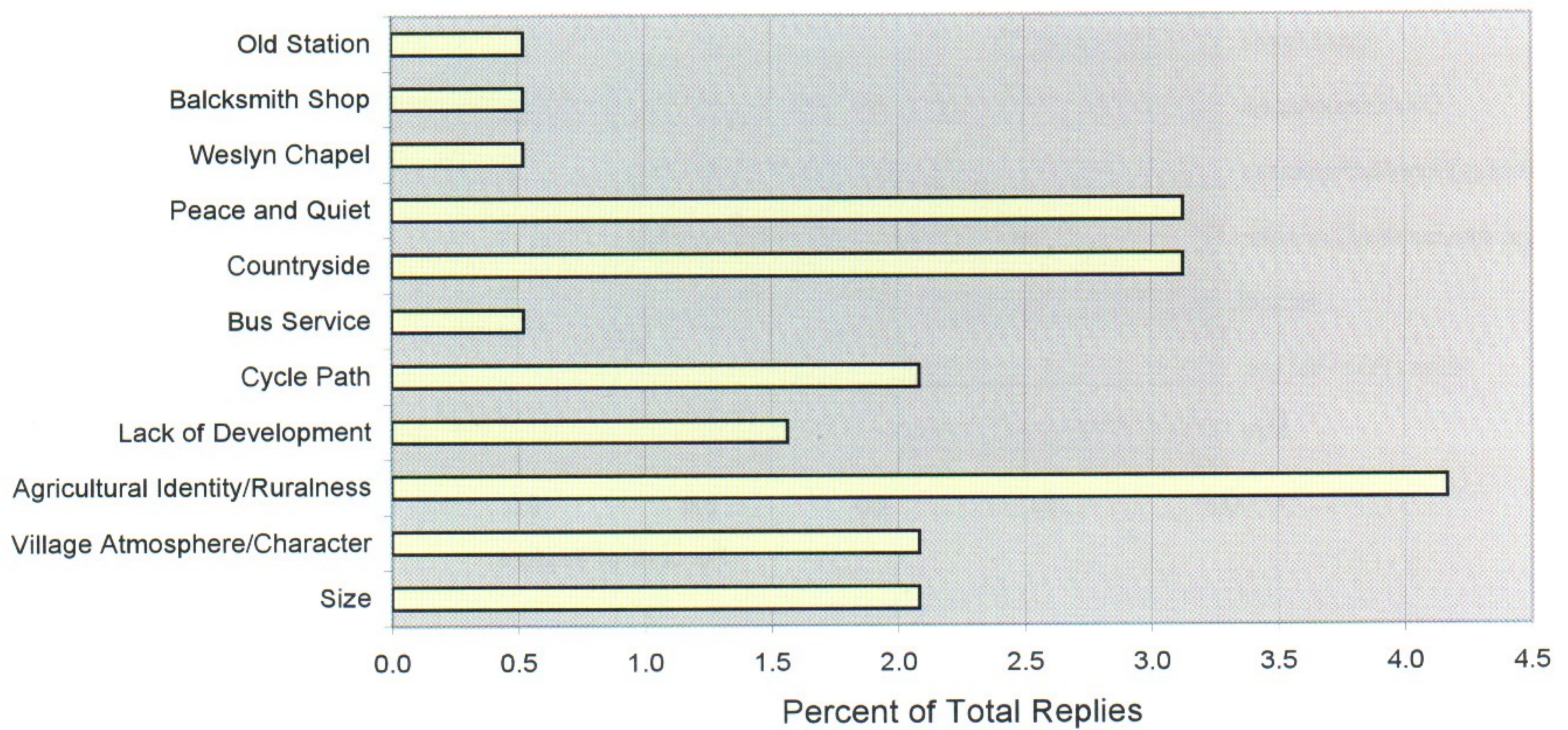
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Merstone - What Characteristics Are Worth Preserving

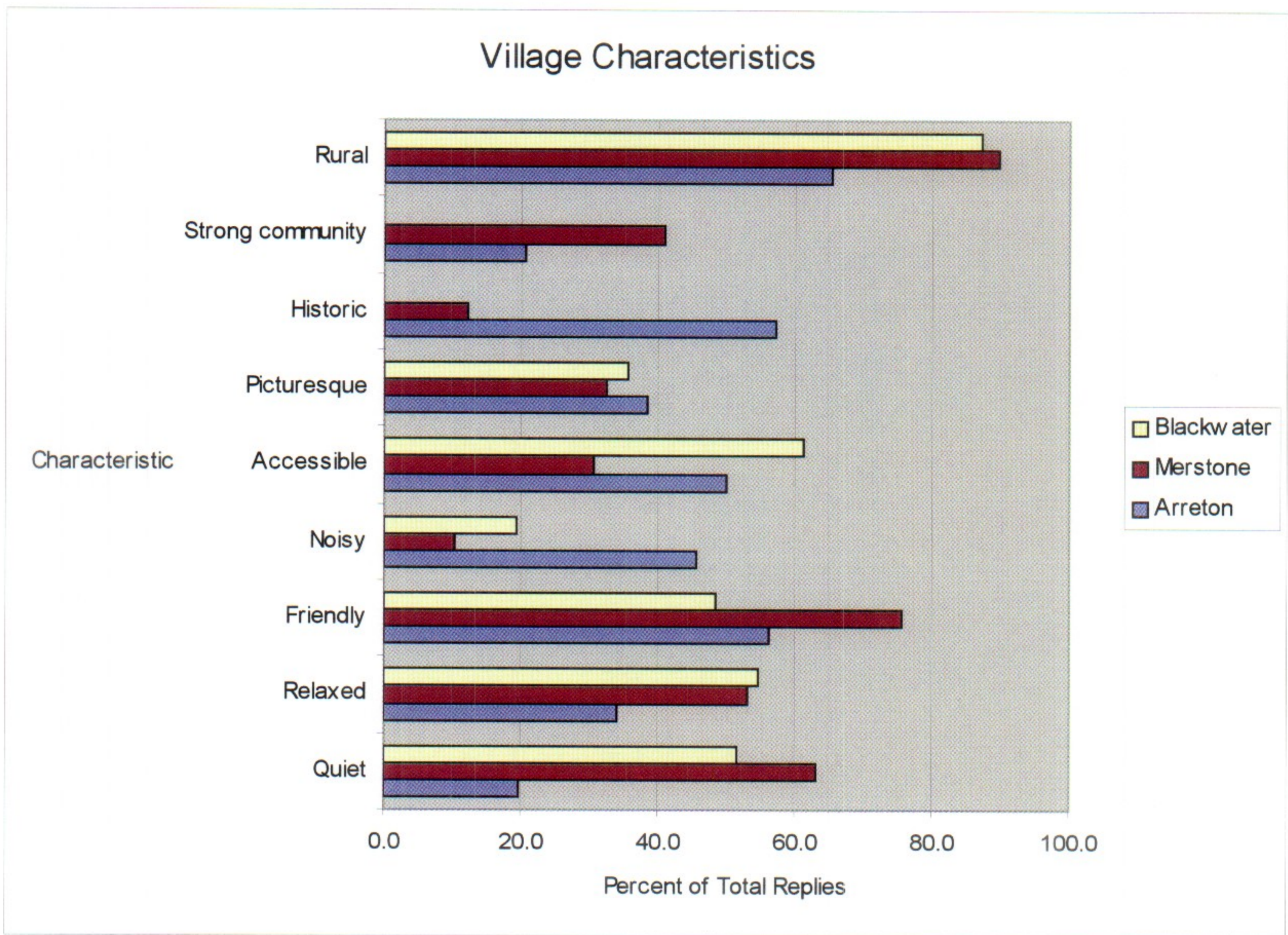


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Blackwater - What Characteristics Are Worth Preserving



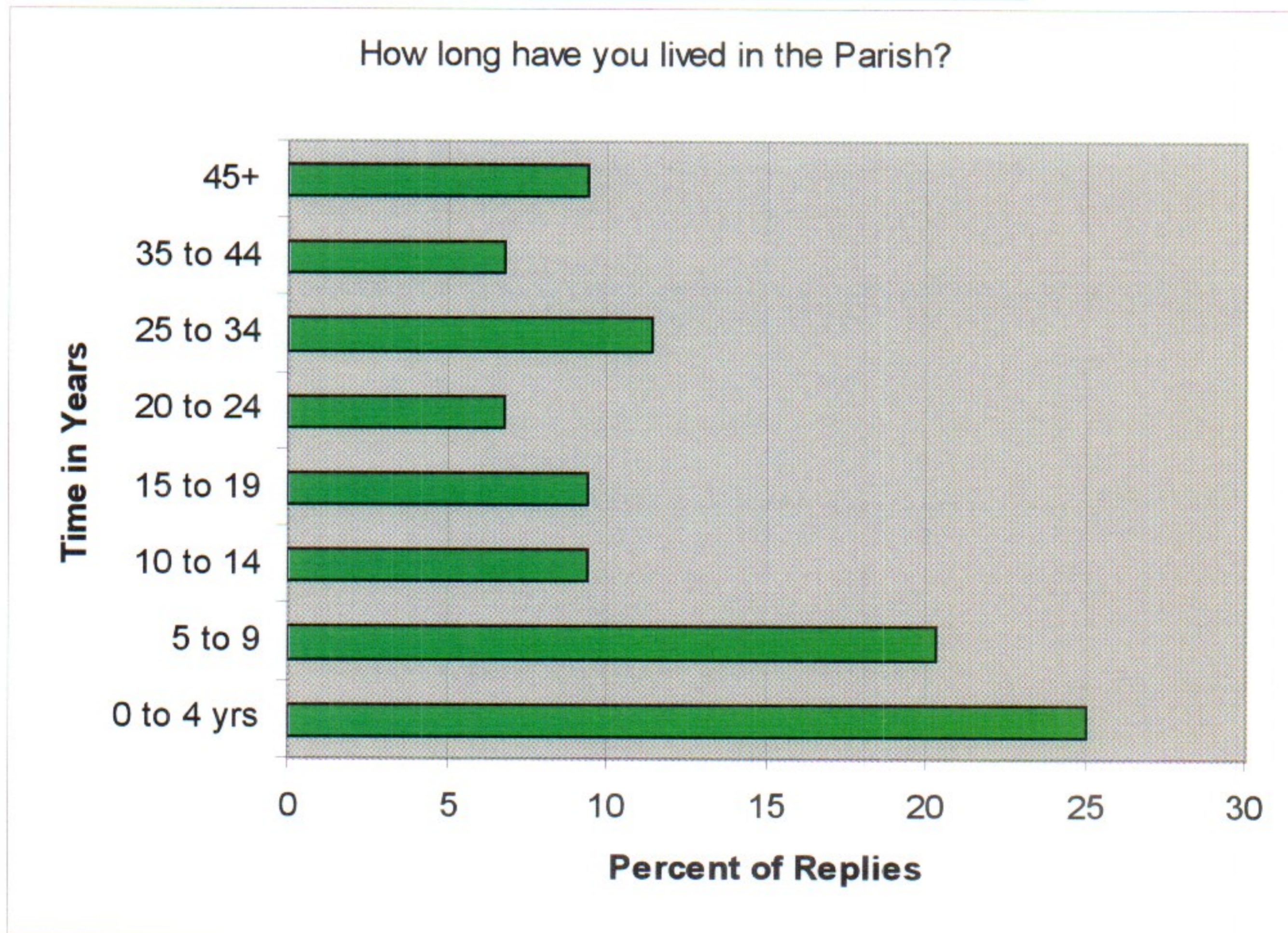
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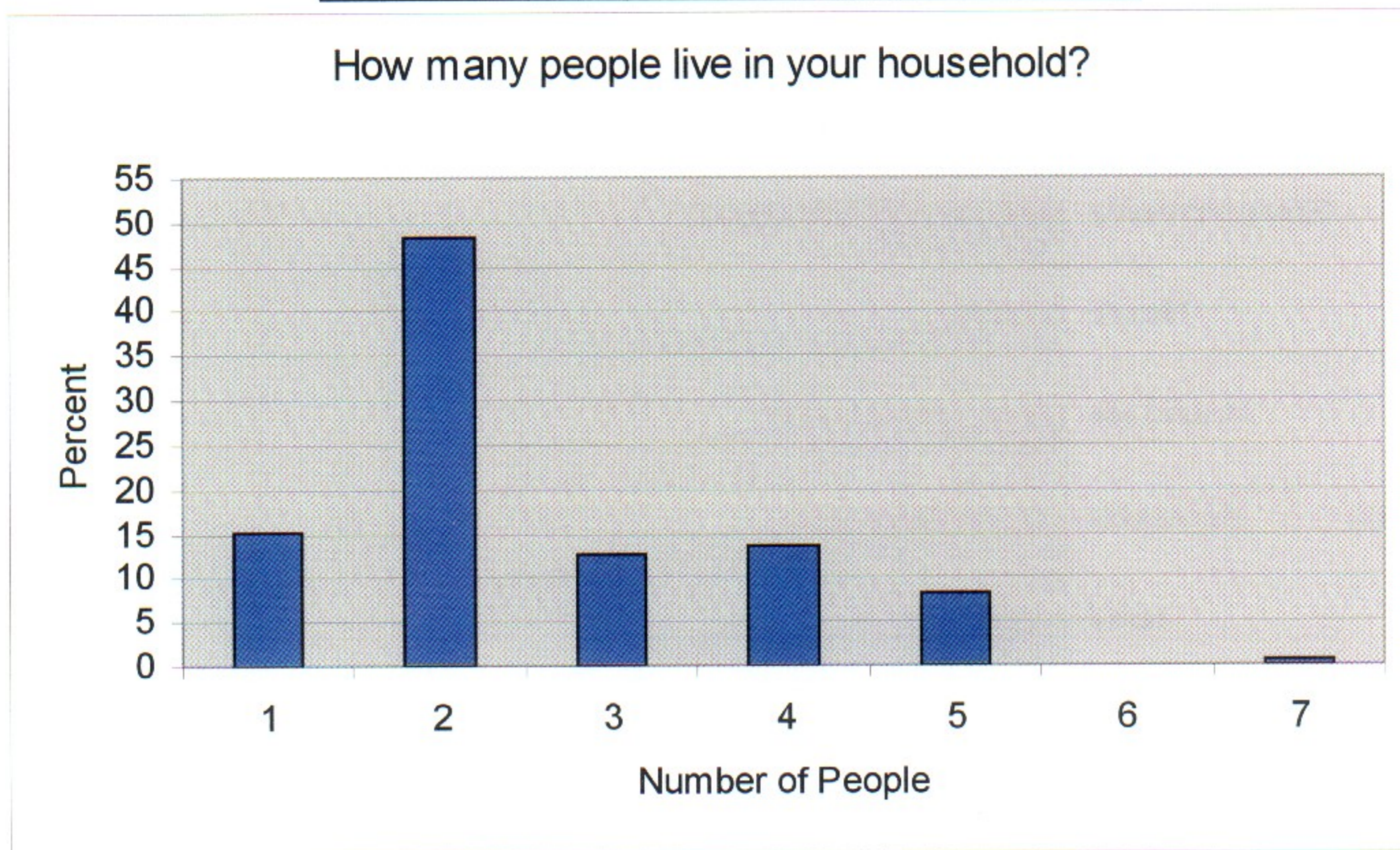
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Average time lived in village: 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs

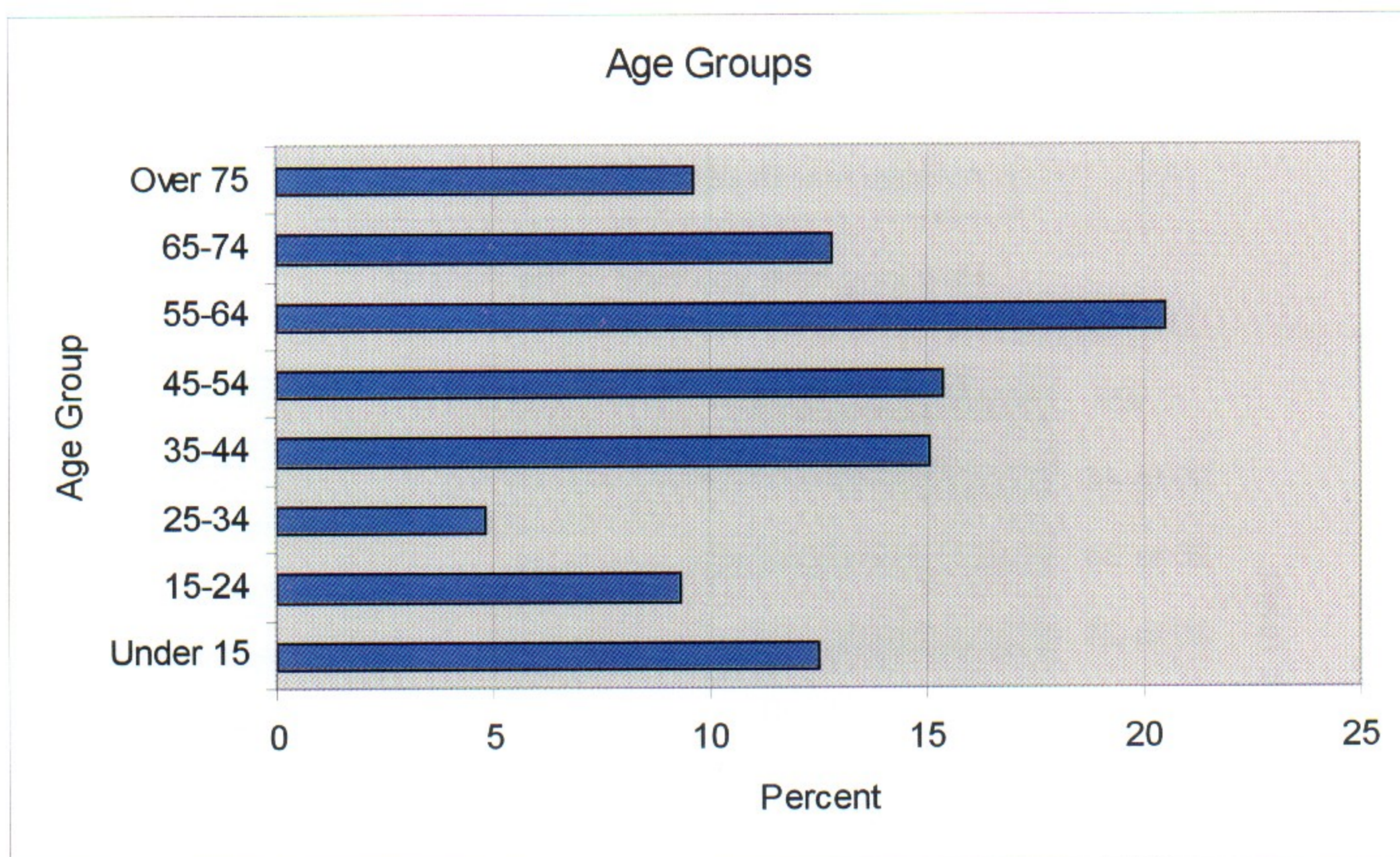


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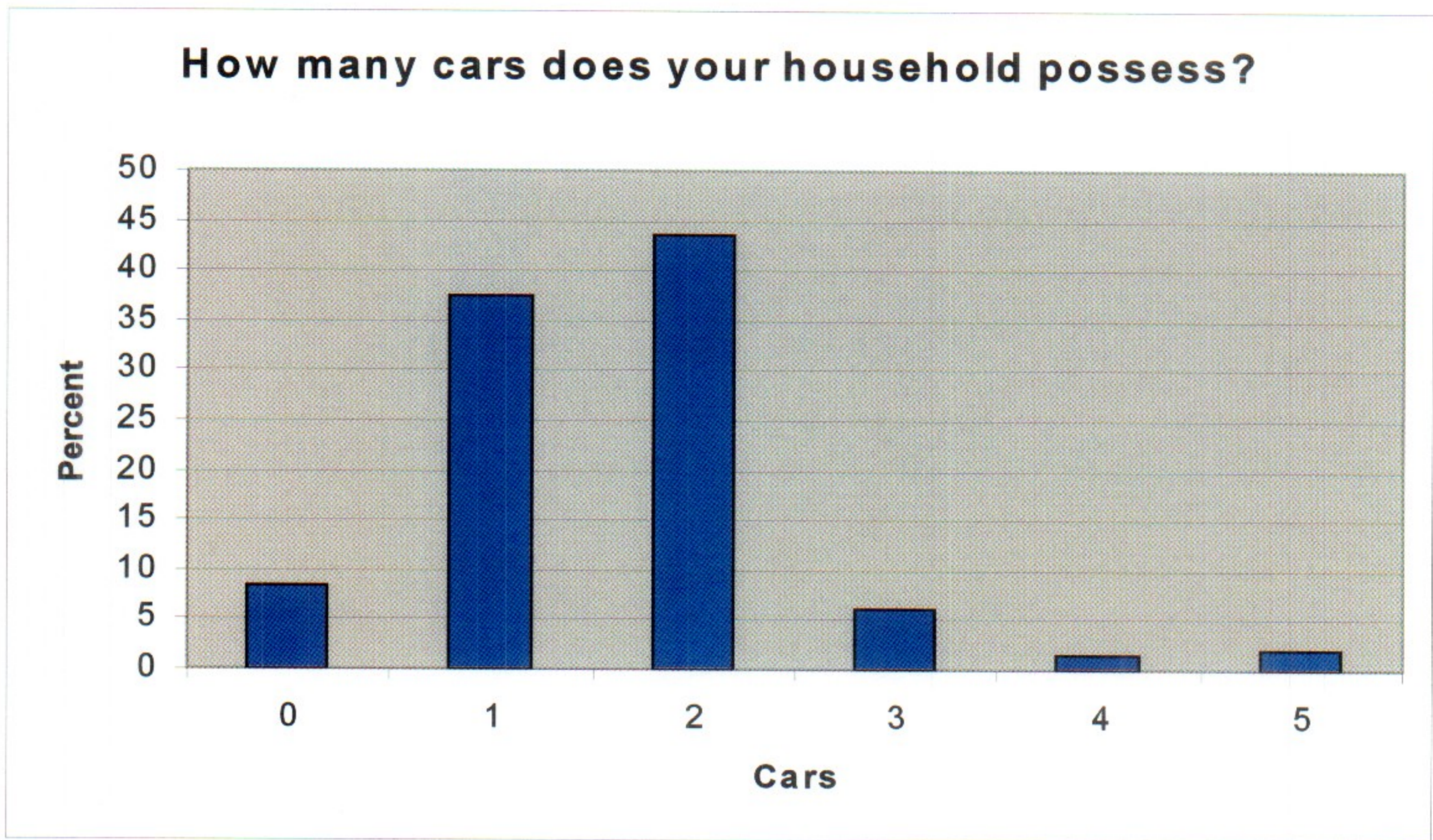
Average number of people in household: 2.4



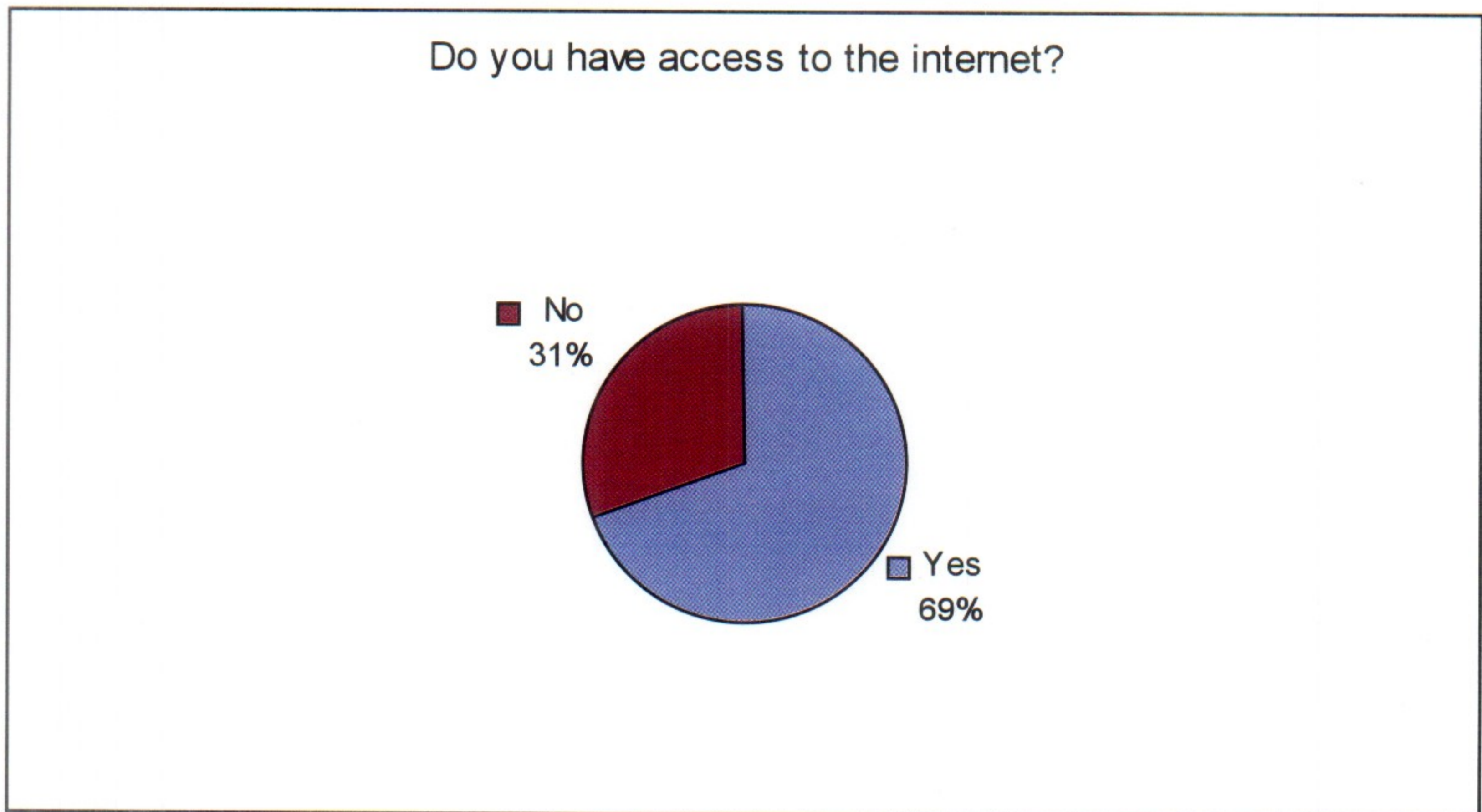
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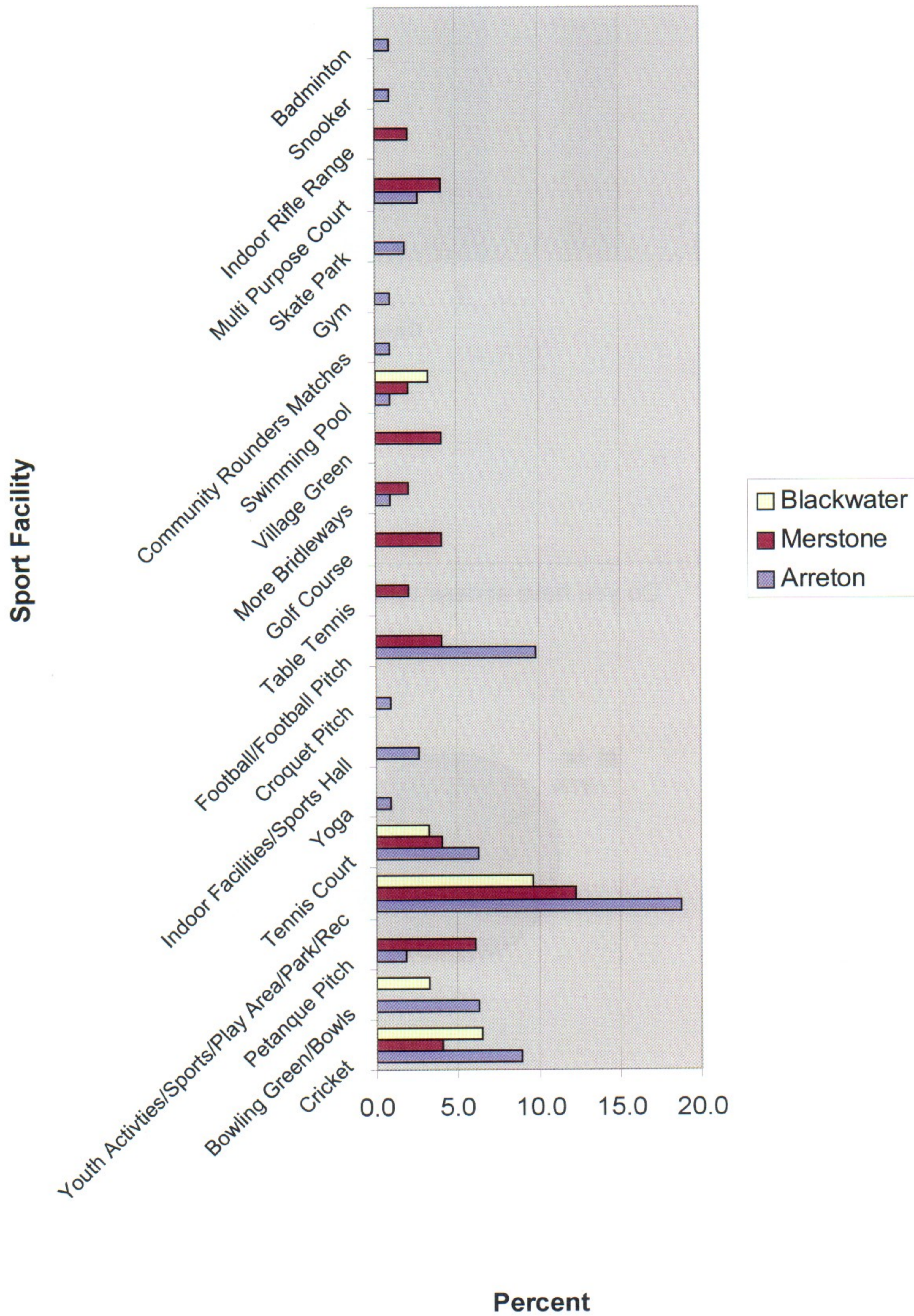


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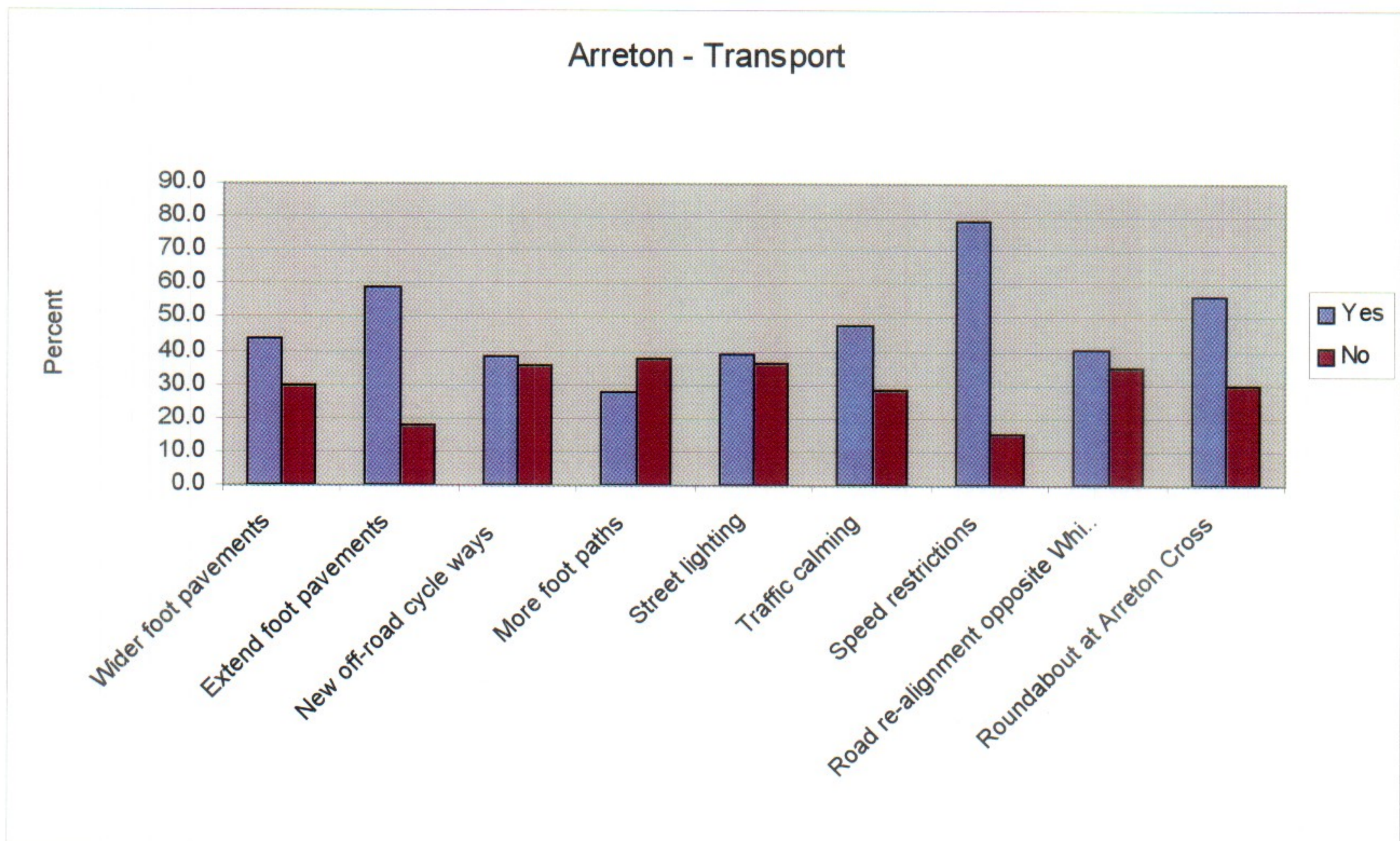


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What sports facilities would you like to see in the village?



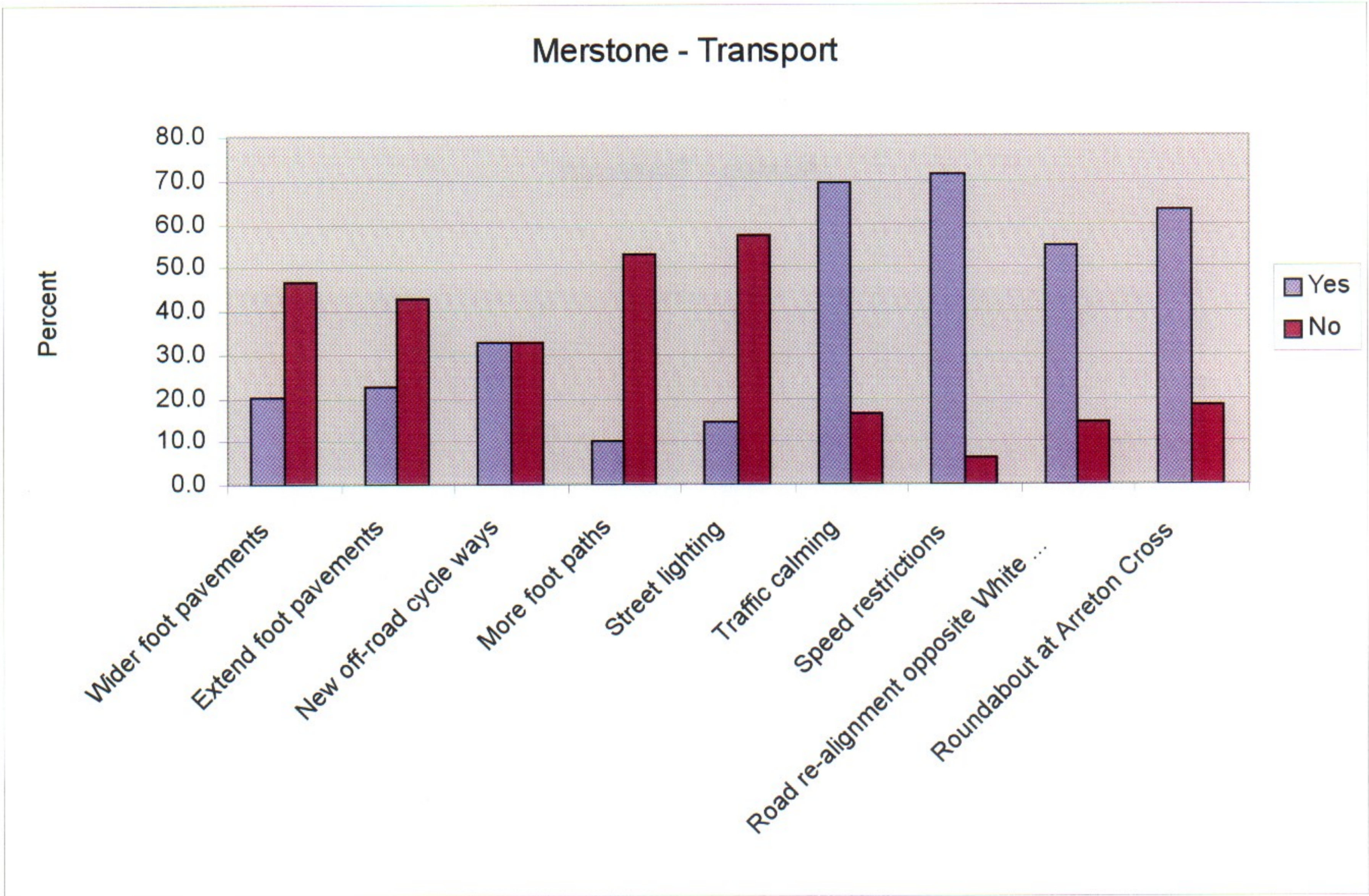
Question 6



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Suggestion	Where
Wider foot pavements	Main Road, between Arreton and Horingford, outside pub, outside park cottages and Huxford bungalows, shops to Cherrywood, Opposite Village Hall, White Lion to Haseley
Extend foot pavements	Haseley Coombe to Haseley Manor, Everywhere, Fighting Cocks Cross, From Green to cycle track, Huxford to Stickworth, Horingford, Stickworth to Arreton, Haseley to Horingford, To Barns, School, Arreton to Aspe Heath, Huxford Cottages, Hale Common to Arreton
New off-road cycle ways	Through Arreton, Behind School, Where Applicable
More foot paths	Across Arreton, From Estates to School, To Link Paths
Street lighting	Main Road, Hazely Coombe, School, Community Centre, Mackelts Lane
Traffic calming	Through Arreton, Main Road, Arreton Cross to Horingford, School, Shop
Speed restrictions	Through Arreton, Main Road, Burnt House Lane, 30mph Horingford, Hale Common
Road re-alignment opposite White Lion to form a green in front of the Pub	To include car park
Roundabout at Arreton Cross	-

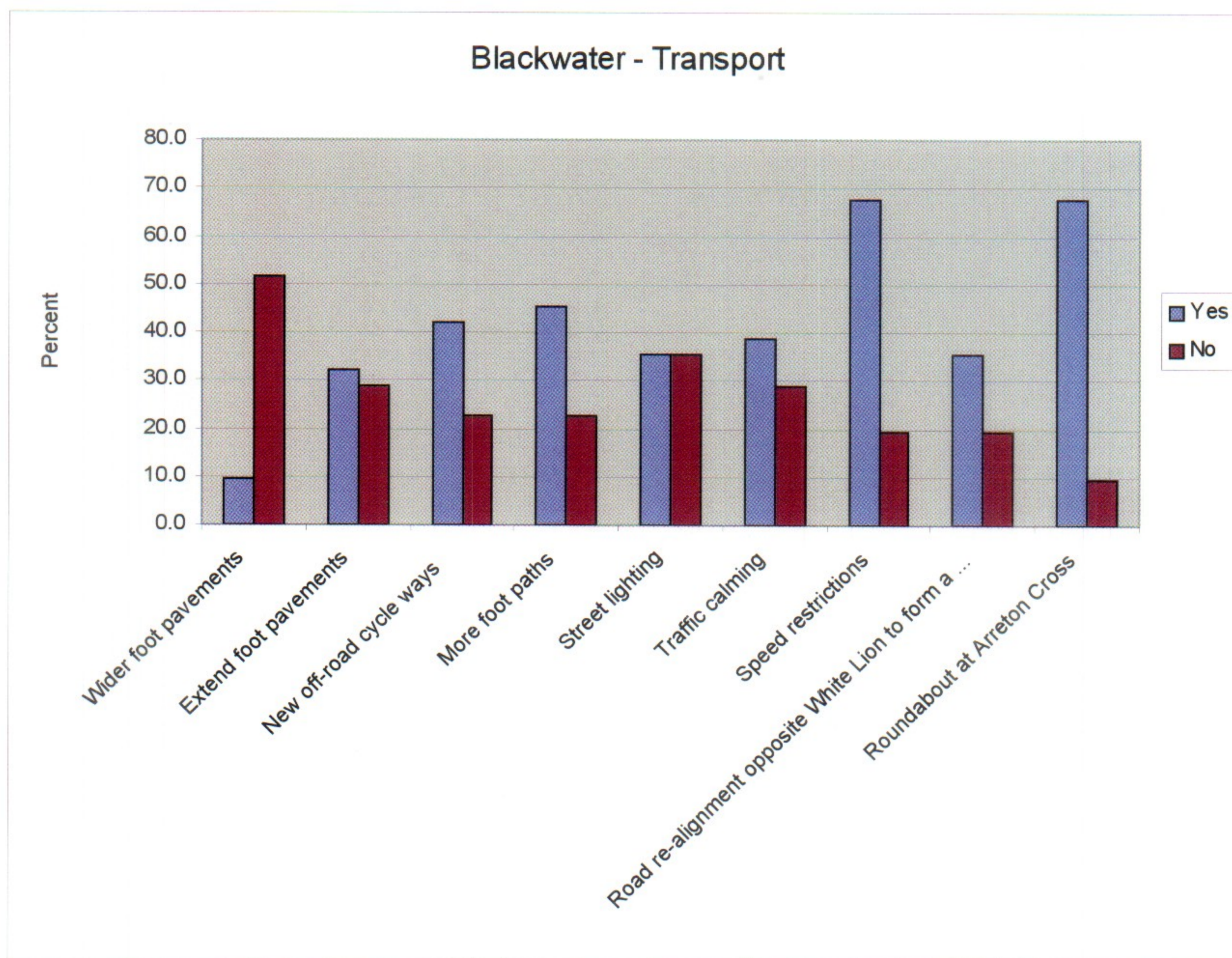
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6.1

Suggestion	Where
Wider foot pavements	Merstone Lane
Extend foot pavements	Merstone Lane
New off-road cycle ways	To Godshill
More foot paths	Blackwater Road, Merstone to Arreton
Street lighting	Merstone Lane to Chapel Lane, Merstone to Arreton, Corners
Traffic calming	Merstone Lane, Merstone to Arreton
Speed restrictions	Merstone Lane/Chapel Lane
Road re-alignment opposite White Lion to form a green in front of the Pub	-
Roundabout at Arreton Cross	-

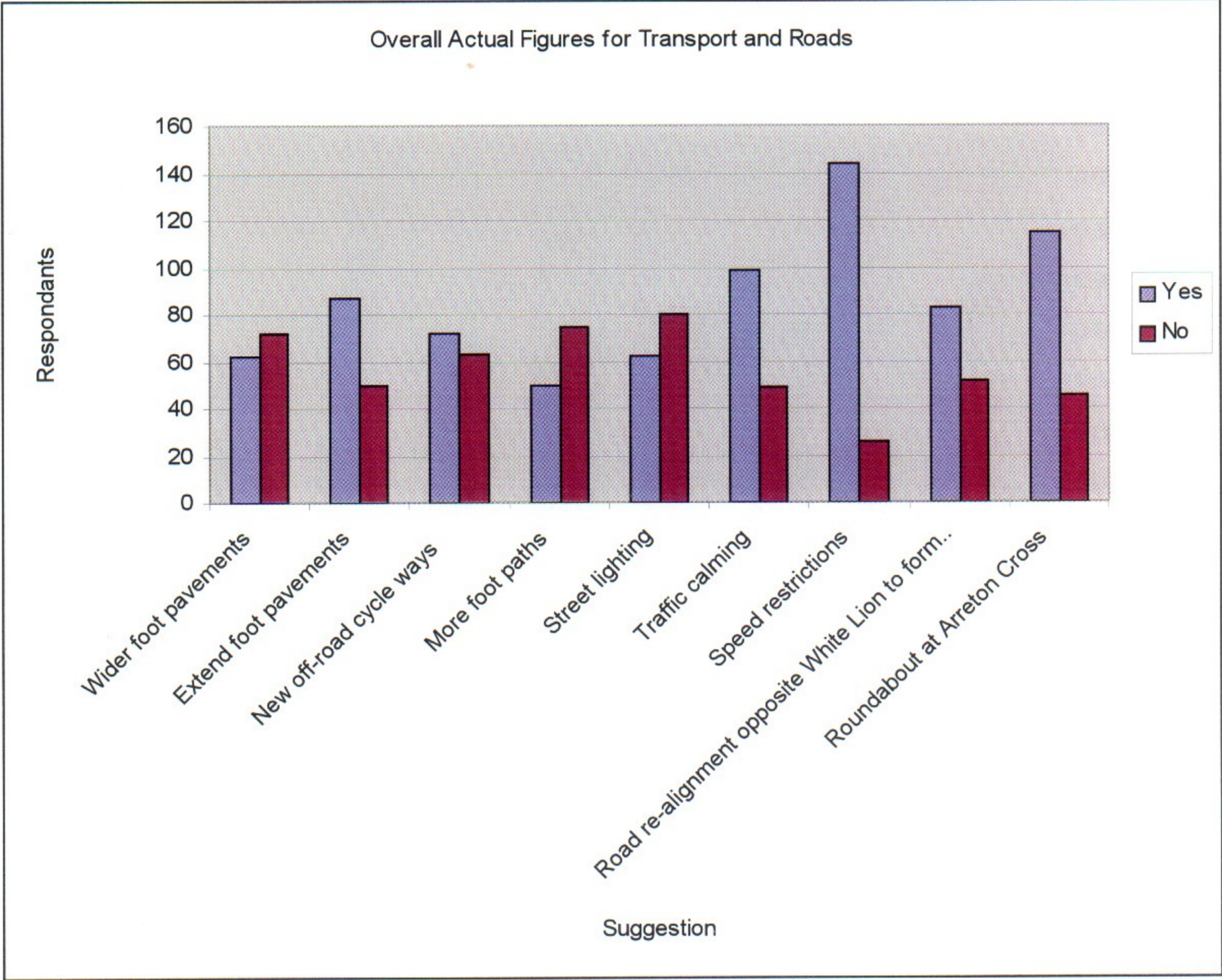
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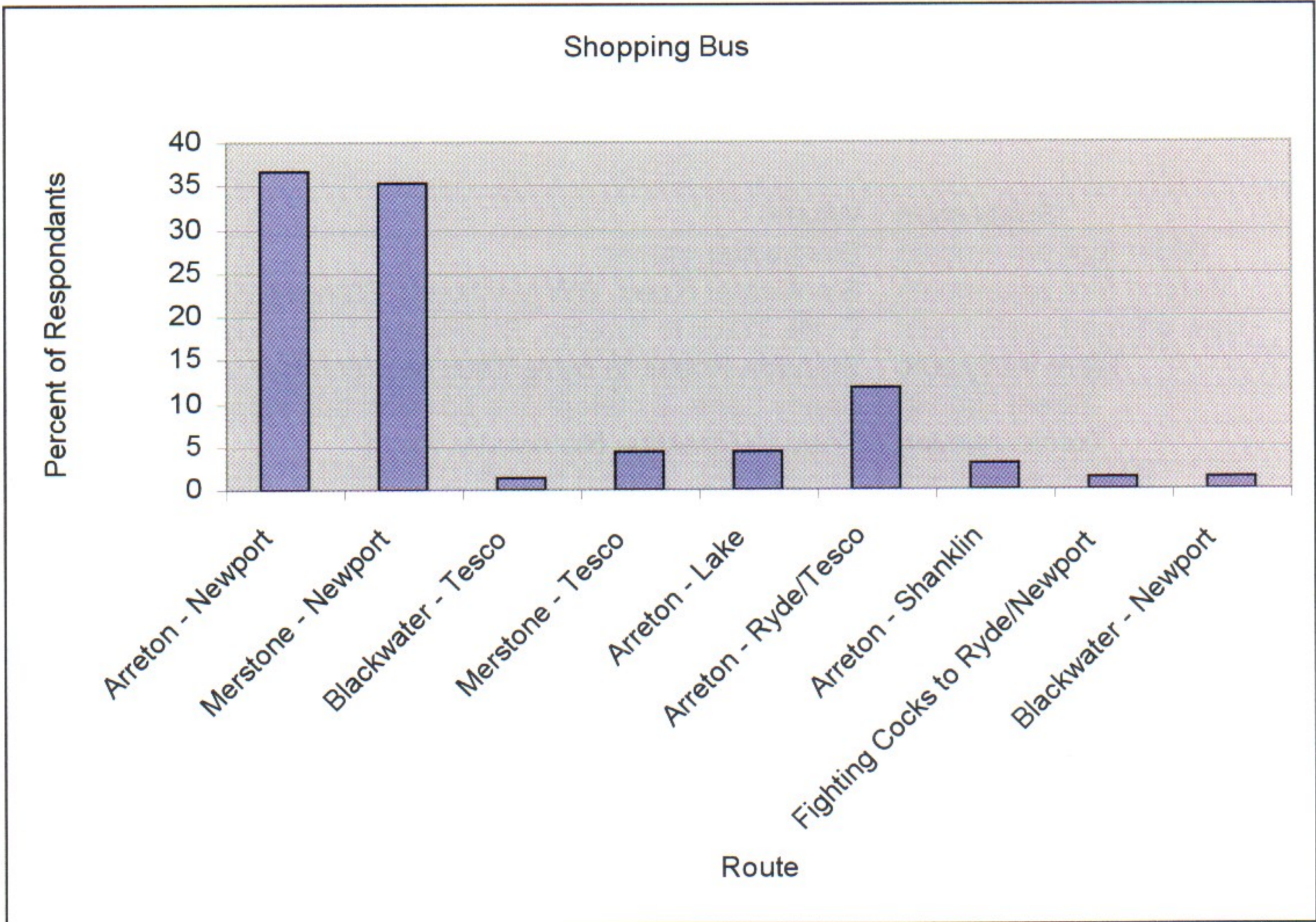
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Suggestion	Where
Wider foot pavements	Blackwater corner
Extend foot pavements	Blackwater Road, BW junction to Standen House
New off-road cycle ways	Cycle Track to Arreton, Blackwater to Rookley
More foot paths	Standen House to cycle track between BW and Shide
Street lighting	Sandy Lane, By telephone box and bus stop, Blackwater Road
Traffic calming	Road to Rookley, Blackwater Road
Speed restrictions	Sandy Lane, extend from BW to Bardon Vectis, BW to Rookley, Blackwater shute
Road re-alignment opposite White Lion to form a green in front of the Pub	-
Roundabout at Arreton Cross	-

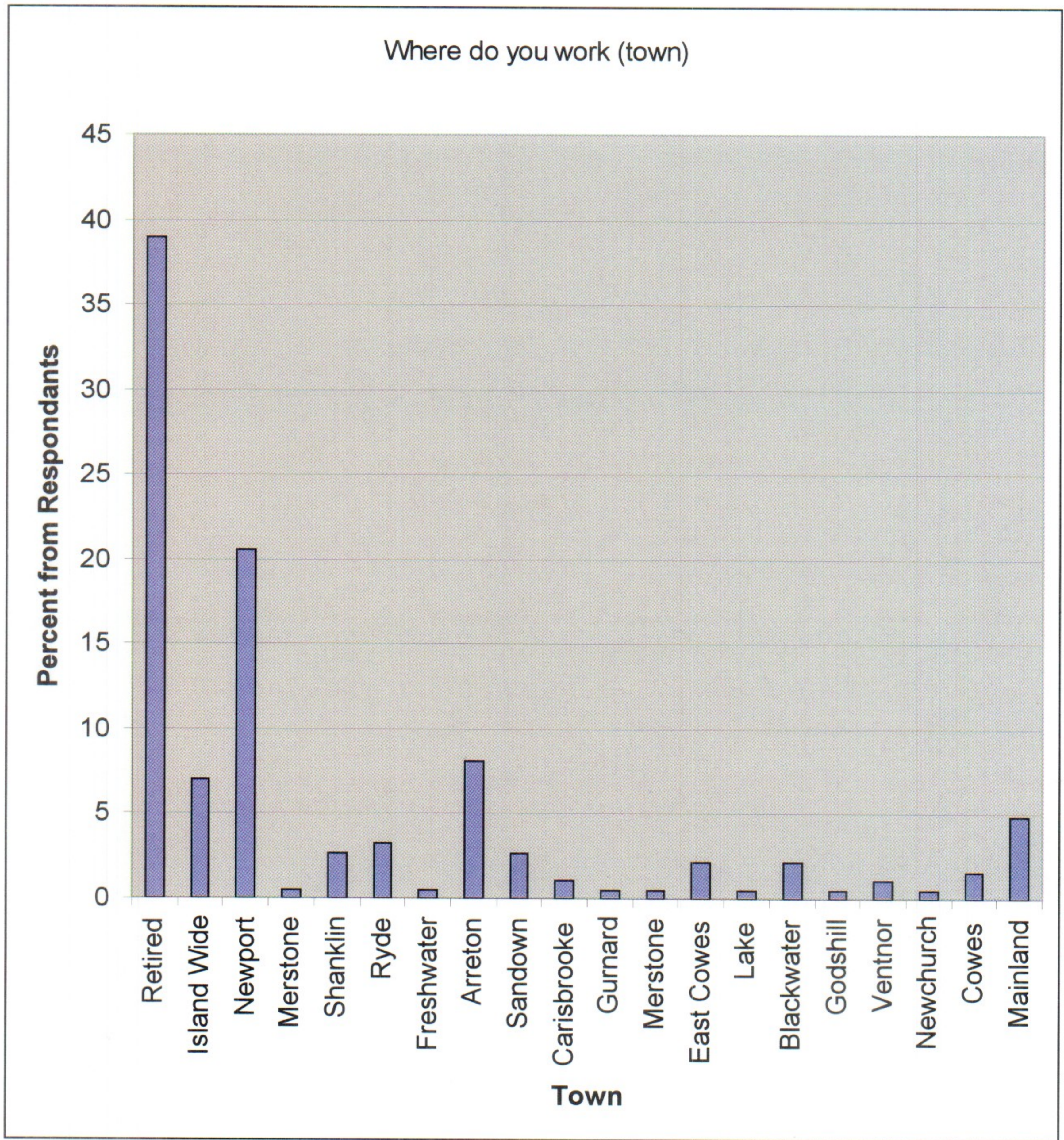
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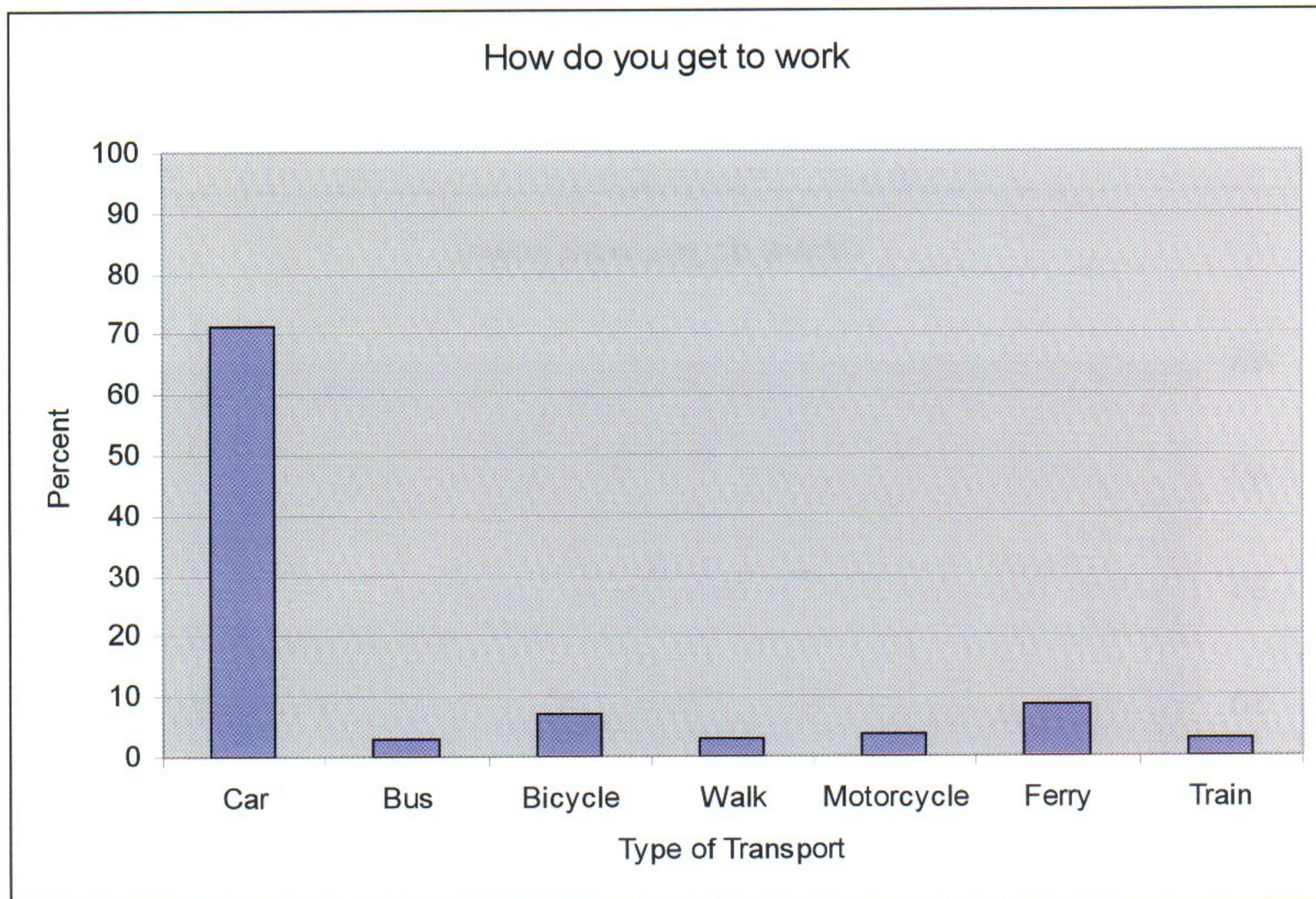
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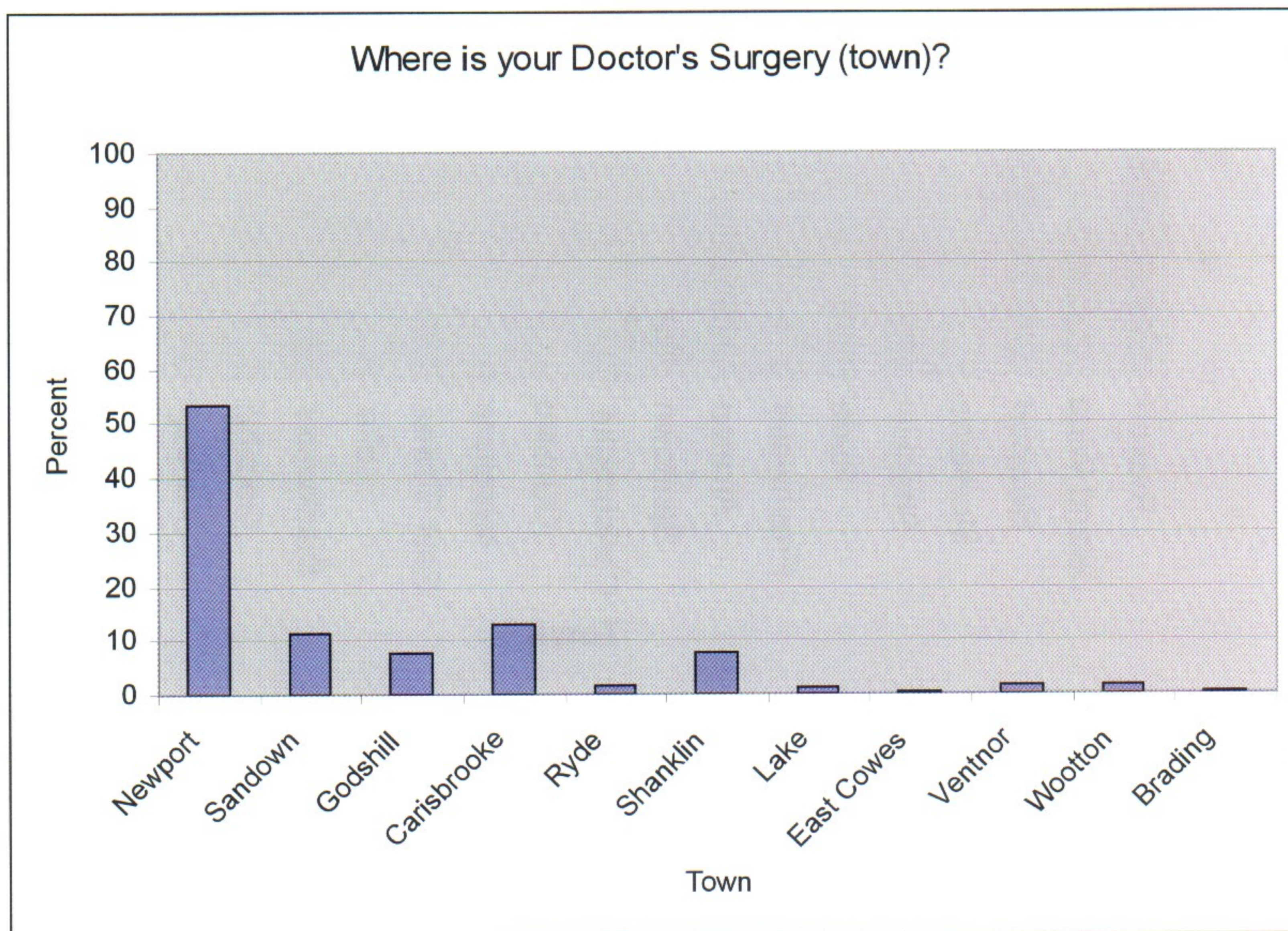
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Arreton Parish Plan

Comments and Suggestions Page

Key

Transport/Paths

Housing/Development

Services/Facilities/Events

Environment/Aesthetic

x = times raised

items ranked by number of times raised

- Appreciate the chance to have say and think the survey is an excellent idea x7

Transport

ROADS

- Reduced speed limit 30mph and mobile speed camera arreton x17
- Traffic calming through Merstone as some people exceed the limit by double, Speed trap 20mph limit general enforcement of restrictions and Police with speed gun along Merstone lane x8
- The main Sandown to Newport road (Arreton area) badly requires street lighting. x6
- 40 sign not enough in Blackwater, needs painted road or permanent speed cameras x3
- There should be a speed limit on Sandy Lane Blackwater (20 mph and 10 at bridge) and mirrors on Sandy Corner + Traffic Calming x2
- No turning in Cherrywood View x2
- Make speed signs bigger and clear of hedges x2
- Extend 40 limit from Blackwater junction to Bardon Vectis
- Speed restrictions East Lane/Budbridge road
- Straightening the road through Arreton would increase speeds approaching the school
- Bypass the Arreton from Merstone to the Fighting Cocks
- Amber school crossing lights
- Public crossing from community hall
- Gateways and speed restrictions in Arreton
- Reduce use of 'blue light' sirens through village
- No more coaches through Arreton
- Traffic lights at black water junction as speed limit is often disregarded
- Arreton Cross and Hare and Hounds Junction needs lights
- Double yellow lines on main road in Arreton to deter illegal parking
- Long Lane needs a better speed limit and enforcement, as it is dangerous
- Train on Railway line Sandown – Newport linking all 3 villages

BUS

- Better bus service from Merstone to Newport/Ventnor x4
- Community bus, especially for Merstone could double as a pub bus x3
- Improve bus stop at Carpenters Yard, larger and further from the road x2
- Bus routes from Merstone to Newport and Godshill this could also help bring more people to the Merstone station cycles track for walks

PAVEMENTS/FOOTPATHS/CYCLEPATH ETC

- Maintenance on footpaths and bridleways x3
- Wider pavements with lighting to link P/O with Pub in Arreton and school safe route with wider pavements x2
- Horses now have to use road due to the cycle track, this causes problems on the roads
- Cycle track alongside road from Blackwater to Arreton School
- Pavements and a pinch point in Merstone because it is currently dangerous, this would also negate the need for street lighting as the road would be safer for pedestrians
- Link footpaths so it is possible to walk without stretches on the road
- Bollards on pavement either side of the school
- No street lighting in Merstone to preserve the view of night sky
- Footpath from Herringford to Arreton would mean people could walk to the shop and gain access to the cycle path

PARKING

- Adequate and sensitive parking for the White Lion should be considered if the proposed realignment goes ahead, so as residents property isn't adversely effected + general concerns over future parking and location of green x3
- More parking for the school and pub x2
- Parking for residents only in Cherrywood View
- The Green outside of Park Cottages made to look like a Green, with enforcement of no parking sign

Development

FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Affordable housing sympathetic to surroundings should be built in Arreton to make it more a village, it should be part of a holistic planning approach to develop a focal point x3
- Any building development should be sensitive, brown field as much as possible and be low energy consuming
- Local youngsters should be assisted to get homes
- Need affordable housing for islanders as people are being forced away from villages
- Change in Planning Laws to allow more barn conversions
- Redundant farm buildings should be used for employment and other things other than farming
- Merstone chapel floor should be repaired/replaced and also there should be disabled access also could use it as a garden club
- Any new housing scheme in Merstone could include village shop/pub to act as a focal point and give a greater sense of community
- Sort out redundant nursery opposite Chapel Lane in Merstone

AGAINST DEVELOPMENT

- There should be no more development in the Parish and it should become an extension of Newport, hopes the LDF to follow X4
- Merstone to keep the same size and no new building x3
- Preservation of rural aesthetic including field entrances and general development
- There should be no further conversion of agricultural buildings or land for industrial use, as in the future they could become industrial estates

Environment

MOTOCROSS

- Motocross – damaging the environment, pollution (air and noise), erosion of area. X3
- More Motocross as it brings more money to the Island and puts it on the map (along with the festival) x2
- The destruction of landscape by Motocross and gravel extraction should stop

FLOODING

- Address flooding problems, could divert stream behind school to back fields to meet back up at Haseley Coombe, dig back the banks along pavements where existing channels may be.
- Clear drain covers in Merstone to prevent flooding

HEDGEROWS AND FOOTPATHS AND FOULING

- Poorly kept hedgerows in Arreton (phone box to cherry view) who has responsibility? x5
- Footpath maintenance, dog friendly stiles and possible dog waste bins x4
- Keep hedges tidier and let flowers grow on side of road
- New stiles between Carpenters Yard and Footpaths, the current ones are difficult for the elderly

GENERAL/SUGGESTIONS

- Litter bin at bus shelter in Arreton
- The green area in front of new houses in Blackwater should have flowers/trees/a bench

- Red squirrels need a place to cross at The Tip
- Extend A.O.N.B. to River Yar
- Protect the beauty of the Valley
- The environment should be preserved as much as possible
- Reduce light and noise pollution in parish

Services/Facilities/Events

YOUTH

- More activities for younger people x10
- Improve the cricket club so it could more widely used; training youngster and or youth club? x2
- Use the Community Centre for a wider range of activities e.g. youth club for 9-15 yrs
- Walking bus of limited usefulness as many children come from outside of Arreton
- Children's Park attached to community centre with parking and a toilet

COMMUNITY/SUGGESTIONS

- Use Arreton community centre for local events to try and bring together villagers more x4
- More events throughout the year not just Xmas and fireworks e.g village show, holiday workshop, pottery etc. to link the community more especially Blackwater + Arreton x3
- Anyone else interested in forming a group discussing Parish history etc x3
- Local people should have priority with regard the community hall
- School used for evening community activities
- Playing field for all sports/hobbies
- Parish map showing clear boundaries
- GP's surgery (branch)
- Village green for fetes etc
- Young farmers club?
- Community event 'Jazz In the garden' (for an island charity) would wish to communicate throughout the parish – is this possible?
- Merstone chapel floor should be repaired/replaced and also there should be disabled access also could use it as a garden club

SHOPS ETC

- Shop – better parking, longer opening hours, more choice
- Local shop/Post Office/pub in Blackwater
- Butchers Shop in Arreton

PARISH COMMUNICATION

- Move parish notice board in Merstone as it obscures the exits of homes
- Blackwater notice board to be kept up to date

UTILITIES

- Mains drainage x3
- Gas in Blackwater x2
- Mains drainage in Merstone would make it like a Barrett Homes estate

GENERAL

- Freshwater Pharmacy would offer a prescription delivery service to the Parish (contact Style House Arreton)
- Signs for Amazon etc are poor, IW Council should design a corporate image for all public businesses
- Annual Beer Festival

Historical Background

Arreton has always been a very rural parish. Originally a medieval ecclesiastical parish, it stretched from Wootton Creek in the North to Moor Farm, Godshill in the South. Most of the work has always been agricultural and the various manor farms in the parish employed many men and women. The villages also had a carpenter, a blacksmith and a mason, and some of these employed men from the parish. The men were mainly farm labourers and the women domestic servants.

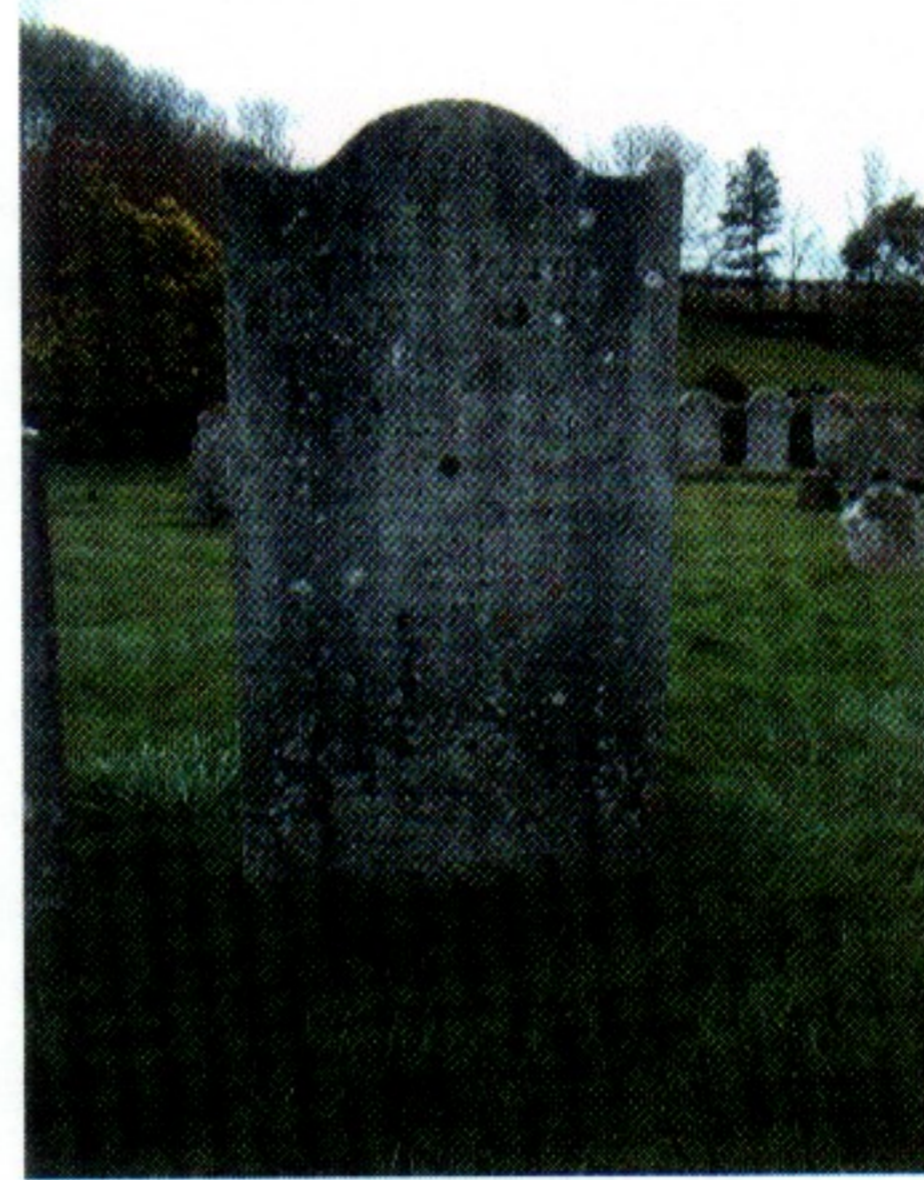
The name "Arreton" is sometimes written as "Adrington" in ancient manuscripts. It is thought that this was either a corruption of Adrian's Tower or a translation from Anglo-Saxon meaning "the clearing in the wood".

Famous and infamous people have lived within its boundaries. Princess Cicely, daughter of Edward IV lived in a quiet life at East Standen with her second husband Thomas Kymbe. This marriage was not recognised by the King and when she died in 1507 she was buried in the church of Quarr Abbey.

Mrs Dowsabel Mills lived at Heasley around 1560, and kept a school for young ladies who it is said, used Shepherd's Lane as a dancing area!! She was also the mistress of the Captain of the Isle of Wight, Sir Edward Horsey, who unfortunately died of the plague while at Heasley Manor. It is hoped that this was before she kept a school!! Dowsabel was buried in Arreton Church in 1603.

Elizabeth Wallbridge the "Dairyman's Daughter" lived at

Hale Common and was immortalised in Leigh Richmond's book "Annals of the Poor". She was a pious girl who lived a godly life and died of consumption at the age of 31 in 1808. Her tombstone with its long epitaph can still be seen in the churchyard.



The gravestone of Elizabeth Wallbridge the "Dairyman's Daughter"

Michael Morey was arrested and hanged for murder in 1737. He lived at Sullens on St. George's Down and was arrested by the Overseers of the parish for murdering his grandson James Dive. He was taken to Winchester to be tried, hanged there, and his body brought back to be hung in chains on Arreton Down, thus giving rise to the following rhyme, which children of earlier generations learned at school:

*"Michael Morey he is dead
For chopping off his grandson's
head;
He is hanged on Arreton Down
For rooks and ravens to peck
down"*

Michael Morey's grandson was buried in the churchyard in 1737 when his body was found after a hue and cry raised by the overseers. There is an account in the Overseers' book of the expenses incurred in sending

witnesses to Winchester for Michael Morey's trial.

In the 19th century, James Ruffin Blake who lived at Birchmore and then at Stone farm Blackwater kept a daily diary from the 1850's until his death in 1904. This gives a good picture of a yeoman farmer's life during those years. He was a churchwarden at St. George's church, cared about his workmen and his house servants, was an enthusiastic advocate for the opening of the railway between Newport and Sandown, and became the 1st County Councillor for Arreton in 1892. He was secretary to the School managers of Arreton CE School for many years.

There has been a school in the parish since the 17th century. It began as a Charity school funded by a bequest from John Mann of Merstone and in 1833 the school was registered as Arreton National School under the care of the Vicar and churchwardens, but the salary of the master and mistress was still paid from the charity fund. This continued until 1874 when the Education Act, which brought free schooling to all, came into being. Until the 1944 Education Act, the school had pupils from ages 5 – 14 years except for those who passed the scholarship exam and went to the Secondary Schools at Newport or Sandown. The age range then changed to 5 – 11 years and those over 11 went either to grammar school or a secondary Modern school. Now Arreton is a Primary School catering for children from age 5-9 years, has over 65 pupils and is called Arreton St. George's CE Primary School.

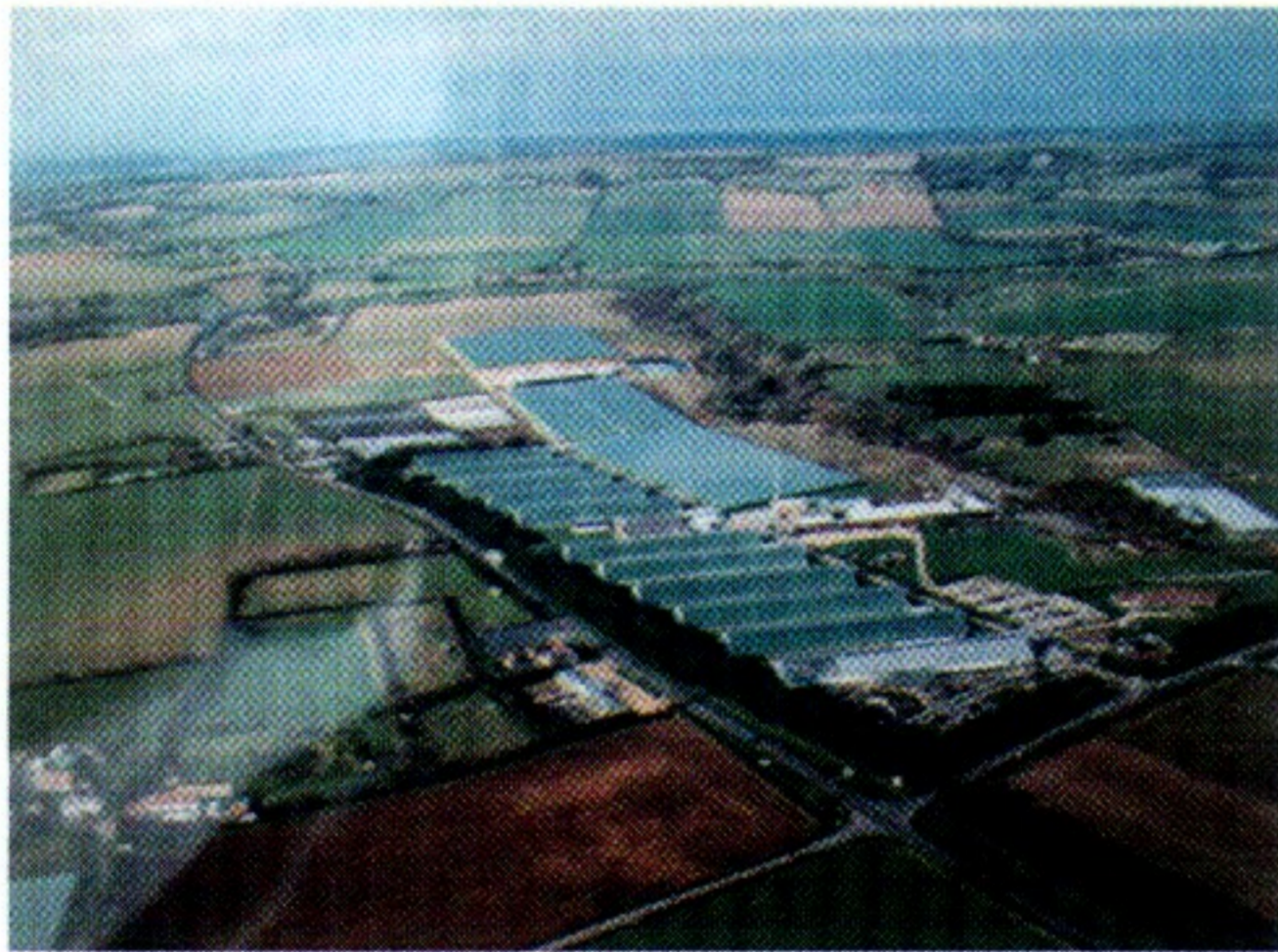
It had been at risk of closure due to failing numbers in the early 1990's, but thanks to the housing development at Cherrywood View resulting in an increase in numbers, that danger has been averted.



Arreton St. George's CE Primary School

Arreton Parish Council came into being in 1894, and was then called South Arreton as the part of the parish to the North of the Downs was North Arreton with a separate Parish Council. However, in 1904 North Arreton was amalgamated with the Borough of Newport and Arreton continued to be known as South Arreton until the 1960's when this prefix was dropped. There were six parish councillors elected every three years by show of hands at the Annual Parish Meeting. However, in 1945 Arreton Parish was the first parish in the island to demand to elect its councillors by Poll. Today there are eight parish councillors elected for a four year term. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public with a time set aside at the beginning for public participation. The Parish Council belongs to the Island Branch of the National Association of Local Councils of which it was a founder member in 1945.

The present parish consists of the villages of Arreton, Merstone and Blackwater with boundaries stretching from Downend in the North to just South of Merstone and adjoining the parishes of Newchurch, Godshill and Rookley. Arreton continues to be a rural parish and agriculture still plays a part in the work of the parish, but it is also joined by large glasshouses where tomatoes and cucumbers are grown as the Arreton Valley apparently has some of the best light levels in Europe for these fruits to be grown commercially.



The Glasshouses of Arreton Valley Nurseries and Wight Salads

There are several tourist attractions in the parish. Arreton Manor is open to the public, and The Barns Craft Centre and the Brass Rubbing Centre get many visitors during the year.



Arreton Barns

The Parish Plan will help the Parish Council to gauge the need of the parish in the years ahead, and to work towards those needs

expressed in the result of the questionnaire, which had such a good response from the parishioners.

Development Within The Parish

The I.W. Council planning dept. has set down, amongst other things, Development boundaries for all villages. Except in exceptional circumstances no development will be allowed outside these envelopes. As a result only "infill" development has been allowed. This has taken place in Arreton, Merstone and Blackwater with varying degrees of success. One very large housing estate has been built in Arreton called Cherry Wood View.



Cherrywood View

Only other minor "infill" sites and extensions have been allowed.

In Merstone similarly only "infill" development has been allowed. In Blackwater, sometime ago a very pleasant group of houses, set back from the Main Road, was allowed.



Survey Results

Sixty percent of those surveyed state that they want no change and no further development in the Parish.

Forty five percent wanted no further barn conversions,
Over fifty percent wanted no further mobile home parks.
Fifty five percent wanted no further free market housing.
And fifty seven percent wanted no further development of flats.
Twenty five percent thought that there should be a little more affordable housing to rent and twenty six percent thought there should be little more affordable housing to buy.
But the resounding vote was that there should be no change in the Parish. This is more or less in line with present planning policy.

There seems to be a strong wish for the villages and hamlets in the parish to remain as they are without any further expansion.

Future Planning Policy

The present planning policy known as the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) remains in force until 2007. After the publication of the UDP a Regional Assembly for South East was set up which included the Isle of Wight.

It could also come under a Sub Regional Strategy (SRS), which includes East Dorset, South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. These regional assemblies could have the power to make certain areas of the county build more houses. For instance in the South

Eastern Region 1.4 million houses will have to be built over the next 20 years. For the Isle of Wight this gives a growth rate of 520 houses per year to be built.

Historic Buildings within the Parish

The jewel in the crown is St. George's Church. This has been listed grade 1 by the Dept. of National Heritage, it is the only church on the island with Saxon remains in its structure and is therefore the oldest church on the island.



St George's Church

The church, Arreton Manor, the Vicarage and Style House formed the original heart of the village. To this were later added the White Lion, the village school and the community centre. This is really the heart of the village.

The village then developed along the main road with a series of cottages.

Most of the other historic buildings were very fine farmhouses and manors, notably Haseley Manor, Standen House, Merstone Manor, Bulbridge Manor, and many other historic farmhouses and manors and some cottages.

Merstone and Blackwater similarly developed with a series of cottages and larger houses along the main road with larger farmhouses set back from the main roads.

Survey Result

Under question 2.3 over 60% felt that there should be a lot more preservation of old buildings in the Parish.

See appendices for details of listed buildings within the Parish.

Arreton Parish Plan Survey

Results

Senior Citizens & Health

Senior Citizens

1. 45% of all replies received for this survey came from the over 55's & almost 40% of these replies from "retired occupations". It is therefore important to anticipate areas of activity where the Plan can provide useful assistance in the future for the older age group.

Weekly Community Club for the Over 60's

2. 25% of replies said it was a *very good idea*
45% said it was a *good idea*.

Logically the Arreton Community Centre would seem to be the obvious choice for a venue. This concept is supported by a number of suggestions from respondents that the Arreton Community Centre should be used more, in order to bring villagers together. This could, of course, apply to all age groups from youth to senior citizen.

Health Matters

3. Hospital/Health Car Scheme (Now provided by a Rural Transport Scheme)
31% of replies felt it a *very good idea*.
50% thought it a *good idea*.

This is a concept recently introduced by OPTIO, a division of the Rural Community Council, which uses volunteer drivers or buses. It is available by individual application. Volunteer drivers are sought.

4. Doctors Surgeries

Respondents have indicated that they use 11 different Surgeries across the IOW with almost 55% in Newport followed by Carisbrooke (+/- 15%) and Sandown (+/- 12%)

5. Prescription Delivery Service
42% approx of respondents thought this project a *very good idea*.
45% thought it a *good idea*.

Arreton Post Office has said that in principle they would be prepared to act as a "Collection/Distribution Centre" which would benefit Arreton Residents. Merstone and Blackwater residents may need to find a venue if they wish to participate.

Boots will be introducing a Prescription Collection/Delivery Service probably before Christmas 2004, which could deliver prescriptions 4 working days after collection. The actual details will be available shortly.

Transport and Traffic

The village of Arreton is straddled along the A3056 Newport to Sandown road, there is a foot pavement along most of the roadway but the promised extension down to Herringford has not yet materialised. The A3056 is a busy road and interestingly enough in one where data is collected on a certain day each year for traffic indicator reasons and on a day in September 2003 the number of vehicles counted was 15,325. In addition to the usual buses and cars, there is a great deal of heavy traffic, the island's largest haulage firm's depot is close by and there are several major businesses in the area served by 40 containers. Also during the summer months for the next ten years a local aggregates company will be moving gravel through the village. Recently a 50mph speed limit was imposed along Hale Common and there is a 40mph limit through the village. There are 2 pedestrian crossings, one in the village and one serving the cycle track. The parish council has tried on a number of occasions to get the speed limit reduced.

In a rather similar fashion the village of Blackwater lies on the A3020 Newport to Shanklin road. This too is a local indicator road and the number of vehicles counted on a day in June 2003 was 19,435, which makes this one of the busiest roads on the island. There is no footway at all past the junction and very little through the village. There is a 40mph speed limit through the village and on the Newport road.



The speed limit on the Main Road, Arreton

Merstone is altogether more rural on a tertiary road and the dwellings on the road and Chapel Lane are served with no footways at all. Passengers waiting for the bus are required to stand in the road. There is a 30mph limit through the village.

All three villages are connected by the new Cowes to Sandown cycle



Merstone's lack of footpath/pavement

way (National Cycle Route 23), which utilises the old railway line.

Where People Travel to

The Parish Plan questionnaire asked where residents travelled to work. By far the most people who replied (45%) indicated that they are actually retired but just over 20% worked in Newport. Nearly 10% worked in Arreton and about the same figure worked Island wide. Interestingly 5% worked on the mainland and Ryde, Shanklin and East Cowes all come in at

under 5% each. The remaining respondents worked in towns and villages close to the Parish.

Public Transport

All three villages were stations along the Sandown to Newport line while the Isle of Wight Railways ran until the early 1960s. There were several local bus services too – Enterprise, Blakey and Regal. Open topped, solid tyres, wooden slatted seats, driver exposed to the elements – it makes Southern Vectics buses a pleasure to ride in. The Parish is essentially rural in nature and the bus continues to struggle to compete with the accessibility afforded by the private car. Both Arreton and Blackwater are well served by buses. The questionnaire asked how people got to work and by far the most travelled by car, 8% by ferry and going by bus, train or motorcycle all scored less than 5%.

There was a separate question with regard to a “shopping bus” and 65% of replies indicated the need for either an Arreton - Newport or Merstone – Newport bus. Nearly 20% from all the villages were in favour of a bus to Ryde or Tesco and nearly 5% from Arreton to Lake.

Private Transport

The questionnaire asked how many cars does your household possess. Nearly 45% had two cars, 37% had one car while nearly 10% had no car at all. Just over 5% of households had three cars and 4% had more than three.

Just over 70% of people travelled to work by car and about 5% by

motorcycle and a healthy 8% used their bicycles and about 4% walked.

Future Objectives

Another question suggested a number of road improvements around the parish and asked for your comments. There is a graph for each village on this question along with the suggested improvements. By far the most interesting statistic is the number of replies asking for speed restrictions and traffic calming. Arreton residents are particularly concerned about speed restrictions, extending foot pavements and a roundabout at Arreton Cross. Merstone residents



The current pavements alongside the road in Arreton

expressed the same concerns as Arreton and are interested in a road re-alignment opposite the White Lion and interestingly enough feel strongly not to widen or extend the foot pavements and do not want more footpaths or street lighting. Blackwater is not concerned about widening pavements but feel more strongly about off road cycle ways, more footpaths as well as speed and traffic calming and a roundabout at Arreton Cross.

Recommendations to Parish Council

The Parish Council are fully supportive of the Parish Plan and are keen to use the information gained from the questionnaire to press the IW Council for more action on quite a number of points. Below are some of the recommendations brought forward from the plan:

General:

- Speed Restrictions
- Traffic Calming
- Roundabout at Arreton Cross
- Make speed signs larger and keep free from vegetation
- Reduce "blue light" sirens
- Trains on the old Sandown to Newport line
- Wider foot pavements
- Safer route to School
- Cycle track from Blackwater to Arreton alongside main road
- Link up existing foot pavements

Arreton:

- Implement 30mph limit
- Mobile speed camera
- More streetlights
- No turning in Cherrywood View
- Crossing lights by Arreton School
- Traffic lights at Arreton Cross and Hare & Hounds
- Double yellow lines to deter parking on road
- Speed limits on Long Lane
- Improve the bus stop at Carpenters Yard
- Bollards on road near School
- Footpath from village to Horringford
- More parking for School and pub
- No parking on grass outside Park Cottages
- Residents' only parking in Cherrywood View

Merstone:

- Implement 20mph limit
- Mobile speed camera
- Better bus service
- Community bus service doubled as a "pub" bus
- Bus to bring people to Merstone Station to walk the cycle track
- Pinch points in village
- No street lighting – prefer view of night sky

Blackwater:

- 30mph through Blackwater
- 20mph through Sandy Lane
- More traffic calming signs painted on road
- Traffic lights at Blackwater Junction

Parish Leisure and Recreation

Of those who responded to the survey 48% expressed a wish for more community events. 49% would like to encourage their churches to use their premises for more community purposes. 36% would be in favour of central equipment e.g. marquee, BBQ etc. for the use of the community for community events. This would be in addition to Party/Halloween decorations currently available and held in the community centre.



Community Centre

72% stated it was very important to keep the Community Centre. Some felt that local people should have priority with regard to the use of the

community hall. It was generally felt that the community centre should be used for local events and to make accessible a wider range of activities across the age range from youth to the retired members of the community. At least 45% of those who responded felt a weekly community club for the over 60's would be a good idea.

Most who responded would like to see community events spread throughout the year and some suggestions were a village show, holiday workshops, an annual beer festival and jazz in the garden.

A final suggestion was for a children's play park attached to the community centre with parking and toilet facilities.

Arreton St. George's Primary School

42% of respondents would like to see adult education available within the parish and approx. 48% of people polled would like to be able to use Arreton St. George's Primary School computer suite.

It was also suggested that the school be used for evening community activities for example Parish history discussion group or pottery classes. Some of the respondents would like to be able to use the school play ground/field for sports and hobbies.

Broadband (Internet Access)

69% of those who responded and who have personal computers stated they had Internet access and 32% of those people would like to have broadband Internet access.

Sport and Sport Facilities

The survey showed that members of the Parish felt that generally the parish is lacking in sporting facilities.

9% in Blackwater, 12% in Merstone and 18% in Arreton who responded to the survey would like to see a recreation/play area in their respective villages with 10% who would like to see a football pitch in Arreton. There is currently an Arreton football team playing Saturday league football. The siting of a bowling green was thought to be a good idea by 30% of respondents within the parish and 28% think a Petanque pitch a good idea with the community centre being suggested as a venue.

It has been suggested that the cricket club pavilion be upgraded so it could be more widely used for sporting and social activities.

72% of respondents would like to see new off-road cycle ways and a suggestion was received in regards to having a cycle path along the road from Blackwater to Arreton St. George's Primary School.



The current cricket pavilion

Taking into consideration facilities currently available for children and teenagers within the parish, the following information has been collated from the Adult and Youth Questionnaires:

48% of respondents think the formation of a mother and toddler group is a good idea. There are members of the community who are currently looking at the viability of such a project.

There is currently a holiday club run by Arreton St. George's Nursery for 11 year olds and under which should meet the approval of the 45% of respondents who think a holiday play scheme for under 11's is a good idea. 39% of respondents think a holiday scheme for 11 – 16 year olds would be a good idea.

Approximately 40% of those who responded think it would be a very good idea to have a walking bus for local children who attend the Arreton village school. This would reduce parking congestion for those parents bringing children from outside the village.

10 people expressed a wish for more activities to be available for younger people and suggested venues for activities could include the community centre, the cricket club and the local churches.

People have suggested that a playing field be made available for sports and hobbies whether group or team based or individual or family based.

Children from Arreton St. George's Primary School completed a Young Ones Questionnaire, relating to

their perceptions of village life. 75% of the children (and parents) who participated in this questionnaire wished to have a play park/adventure play area.

100% of respondents to the Young Persons Survey (10 – 18 yr olds) said they would like to see a Parish website which would include full and part time work available within the parish. They also said (85% response) that they would like some form of multi-sports facility, which could offer football, kwik cricket, basketball, aerobics and badminton.

2 Respondents to the Young Persons Survey (10 – 18 yr olds) said they would like to see a drama and music club.

Arreton Parish Plan Survey Results

Rural Footpaths and Bridleways

Footpaths

1. Approximately 65% of respondents thought there should be more or a lot more country footpaths, with most of that number wanting a lot more. Some 285 felt there were enough footpaths, whilst surprisingly a few people (about 5%) felt there should be less! The need to link existing footpaths so that it is possible to walk without stretches on roads was also raised.
2. Clearly more footpaths are needed to meet local wishes.
3. The only specific suggestions were for all weather paths from Horringford and Stickworth

to Arreton. This would allow pedestrian access from both places to the village shop and other facilities, particularly when access to Stickworth is flooded, and for residents of Arreton to gain safer access to the cycleway at Horringford.

Bridleways

4. When asked what sports facilities they would like to see in their village, about 1% of respondents from Arreton and 2% from Merstone asked for more bridleways. Although horse riding does not have a wide following, those who do enjoy the pastime would be safer on bridleways than roads. Whilst walking and horse riding do not always mix, consideration should perhaps be given to new routes that would allow for both.

Seating

5. Nearly 70% of respondents would like to see more seating about the parish. Whilst no-one specified where, it could be useful to have some seats at suitable intervals along country footpaths near villages to allow older or slightly disabled people to enjoy more rural walking and rest when necessary.

Maintenance

6. Several people stressed the need for improved

maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.

Recommendations:

- a) More country footpaths and some new bridleways (paras. 1, 2 & 4), plus more seating along them (para 5), should be provided. First a follow up survey should be made to ascertain where parish residents would like them to be.
- b) All-weather footpaths from Horringford and Stickworth to Arreton (para 3).
- c) More maintenance of footpaths and bridleways (para 6).

Arreton Parish Plan Survey Results

Environmental Issues

Preservation of the environment

1. Almost 80% of respondents felt there should be more landscape protection, most of them (59%) wanting a lot more, whilst some 14% are happy with the way things are. Clearly most people feel more needs to be done to protect the landscape and the beauty of the valley.
2. Even more respondents (80%) would like to see the AONB extended down to the River Yar, and again 59% of those feel strongly about it.
3. The same percentage of respondents would also like to see an area of nature conservation along the River Yar.

4. An even larger number of respondents (85%) felt that more or a lot more (65%) could be done to preserve old buildings, so clearly people feel that we will lose some of our heritage unless more conservation work is carried out.

What rural characteristics are worth preserving?

5. Parish residents were asked to list those characteristics of their village (e.g. Arreton, Blackwater, Merstone) that they felt were worth preserving. As each village has its own identity, answers varied between the three communities.
6. Respondents from Arreton identified twenty two different features worth preserving, the most common mentioned being (in order of the number of respondents):
 - a) Churches/chapels
 - b) Village atmosphere/character
 - c) Agricultural identity/rural ness
 - d) Countryside
 - e) Peace and quiet
 - f) The local pub
 - g) The village School
 - h) Shop/Post Office/Post box
 - i) The size of the Village
 - j) The Community Centre

Other features mentioned were old buildings, the craft barns, the manors, the carp, pond / fishing lakes, village green, little development, footpaths, cycle path,

garden centres, unlit, thatch roof properties, and Sunday school.

7. Respondents from Blackwater identified eleven different features worth preserving, the most commonly mentioned being (in order of number of respondents):
 - a) Agricultural identity/rural ness
 - b) Peace and quiet
 - c) Countryside
 - d) Village atmosphere/character
 - e) Size of village
 - f) Cycle path
 - g) Little development

Other features mentioned were the old station, the blacksmith's shop, the Wesleyan Chapel and the bus service.

8. Respondents from Merstone identified fifteen different features worth preserving, the most commonly mentioned being (in order of number of respondents):
 - a) Agricultural identity/rural ness
 - b) Village atmosphere/character
 - c) Size of Village
 - d) Peace and quiet
 - e) Countryside
 - f) Little development
 - g) Churches/Chapels

Other features mentioned were footpaths, unlit, bus service, shop/post office/post box, carp pond/fishing lakes, old buildings, no pavements, sports facilities.

9. It is interesting to note that respondents in all three villages included village atmosphere /character, agricultural identity/awareness,

countryside, and peace and quiet in their respective top five characteristics worth preserving. Blackwater and Merstone included size of village in their top fives whilst Arreton put their church and chapel at the top of the list. It is clear that most respondents want to preserve the rural atmosphere and agricultural nature of the parish with the peace and quiet of the surrounding countryside, and do not want any more noticeable development.

Village Characteristics

10. Residents were asked which of a list of characteristics they thought applied to their village. Most respondents from all three villages (Merstone 95%, Blackwater 93% and Arreton 55% chose rural as the most applicable, followed by friendly (Merstone 75%, Arreton 55%, Blackwater 48%).
11. Merstone was considered the quietest village (62%), and Arreton the least quiet (20% as opposed to 46% describing it as noisy), which is not surprising given the volume of traffic passing through.
12. Blackwater was considered the most relaxed village (56%) and Arreton (34%) the least. Merstone was not felt to be as accessible as the other two villages.
13. Nearly 40% of respondents from each village described theirs as picturesque, whilst Arreton respondents (57%)

- thought historic was a characteristic of their village.
14. 42% of Merstone respondents felt they have a strong community, whilst only half that number (21%) applied the description to Arreton. In spite of it being described above as the most relaxed village, no one from Blackwater felt able to describe it as a strong community.

Environmental Concerns

15. *Motor cross* – The Motorcross is situated at the South-Eastern corner of St. George's down, adjacent to the main Newport to Shanklin road A3056 opposite to Gore cemetery. This lies to the West of Arreton and North of Merstone. The track borders an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. On the Northern side the boundary runs parallel to part of the Tennyson trail. The local (island) rider have been using the field sporadically for the last ten years. This did not require planning permission as the contours of the land remained the same and the amount of use did not warrant it. Planning permission was applied for in 2003 following conditional permission being granted protracted. Legal issues followed and this permission was quashed. In the mean time extensive works have been carried out on the ground, a World Championship and 2

National Championships have been held on the site all very successfully, well organised and competently executed.



The site used for Motocross

Local feeling has been mixed and passions have run high.

Those against the Motorcross are concerned with the noise, disturbance of land, nature and wildlife, value to property and quality of life.

Those in favour enjoy the spectacle, the appeal to the younger generations, the encouragement of tourism, worldwide publicity for the island and the island's ability to host a world class event. Our survey results show approx. 25% thought it a bad or very bad idea. Approx. 47% thought it a good or very good idea and approx. 23% thought it neither a good nor bad idea.

16. *Flooding* – Concerns were expressed about flooding in Arreton and Merstone. In Arreton there are flooding problems, which it has been suggested could be remedied by diverting the stream behind the school to the back fields to meet back

up at Haseley Coombe and digging back the banks along pavements where there are (or should be) existing channels.

17. At Horrington there is the perennial problem of flooding of the eastern Yar causing problems of access to Fulford, Stickworth, and the cycle track, which seems to be worsening each year and has started to flood the main road.
18. Merstone has problems of flooding which it has suggested could be avoided or ameliorated by more frequent clearance of drain covers.
19. *Hedgerows* – There was a comment that hedges should be kept tidier and flowers allowed to grow along roadsides. In particular, a number of respondents were concerned about poorly maintained domestic hedges between the telephone box and Cherry Wood View causing problems for pedestrians. Questions were raised about the responsibility for keeping them tidy.
20. *Stiles* – requests were made for new stiles to be erected between Carpenters Yard and footpaths as the current ones are difficult for elderly people to use. Also that, stiles should be dog friendly as well.
21. *Dog Waste Bins* – A number of respondents would like to see more bins provided where people take their dogs for walks.

22. *Noise and Light Pollution* –

As well as such problems at the motor cross, some respondents have stressed the need for general reduction of noise and light pollution levels throughout the parish. It should be noted that the parish boundary is not far from the Observatory at Watery Lane, Newchurch, which was built there because it was away from light sources, but the Vectics Astronomical Society is becoming increasingly concerned about light pollution in the area.

23. *Squirrels* – It has been suggested that red squirrels need a crossing place at the tip, but it was not clear from comments whether the reference is to the old tip, which is within the parish or the new one, which is just outside.

**Buildings of Special,
Architectural or Historic
Interest within the Parish.**

Listed Buildings

Arreton:

Grade:

Great East Standen Manor II
 Little East Standen II
 The Vicarage II
 Standen House II*
 West Standen House II
 Stone House II
 Arbutus Cottage II
 Arreton Cottage II
 Arreton Manor II*
 Hale Manor II
 Haseley Manor II*
 Horrington House II
 St. George's Church I
 Monuments in churchyard II
 Style Cottages II

Merstone Manor II*
 Perreton Farmhouse II
 Redway Farmhouse II

Blackwater:

Post Office and Brooklyn II

Gradings from the Dept. of National Heritage
 Grade I of National Importance,
 Grade II* slightly lower, Grade II
 slightly lower.

Schedule

Thirty-second list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest compiled under section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Long Lane:

Keepers Cottage II

SZ58NW

Great East Standen

1353 – 5/5/45
 18/01/67

Merstone:

Broadfields II
 Great Budbridge Manor II
 Little Budbridge II

(Formerly listed as: SOUTH ARRETON Great East Standen Manor)

ARRETON

Grade II House. Early C18 with mid C19 extensions to rear. Built of brick in black header with red brick dressings. Slate roof with brick chimneystacks. 2 storeys attic and basement, 5 windows. Moulded eaves band and plinth. 1 modern gabled dormer. 5 12-pane sashes in moulded architraves. Mid C19 off central brick porch with hipped slate roof C19 panelled door approached up 6 stone steps and ramped up brick supports. Left hand side has 2 oval-shaped oculi and cambered door and one off central brick chimney stack, 1 C19 stack and massive external brick chimney stack with a brick bearing the inscription "W.S. 1768" on the right hand side. 2storey painted brick extension to rear with sun fire plaque. Look out window near the top of external chimneystack. Internally the left hand side of this chimneystack is said to contain a small chamber, possibly for hiding smuggled goods. An ancient site belonging to Princess Cicely youngest daughter of Edward IV on her second marriage to Richard Keyne of Niton and later to Henry Wriothersley, Earl of Southampton who became Captain of the Isle of Wight in 1603 (C W R Winter: 71 – 75).

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Little East Standen

1353-0/2/46

GV

II

House. Early to mid C19, possibly with earlier core. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar quoins and slate roof with 3 clustered brick chimneystacks.

Irregular plan and fenestration, 2 storeys and attics, 3 windows. Front has 2 gables, one protecting through 2 storeys with stone coping and kneelers. 3 C19 cambered mullioned and transomed casements. Protecting gabled off central porch with arched door case. Plinth. This house was remodelled C1900 by a Mr H G Young but is reputed to have C17 origins. Interior not seen.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Barn at Little East Standen

1353-0/2/47

GV

II

Barn. Late C18. Clunch barn with red brick dressings re-roofed in C19. Hipped cart entrance. Rounded end for horse gin.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

The Vicarage

1353-0/2/1

18/01/67

II

Vicarage, early C19. Painted brick with hipped tiled roof and 2 tall brick chimneystacks. 2 storeys, 5 windows. Casement window with pointed lights on south front and ground floor French windows. Sash windows with glazing bars intact on North front, 6 or 8 panes to upper floor, 12 or 16 to lower. Early C19 porch with recessed panelled pilasters and French windows to west front.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Blackwater: Post Office & Brooklyn

1353-0/2/4

22/11/93

GV

II

Two houses, originally one house, later house and post office. C17 origin, but Post Office appears externally early C18 re-fenestrated in late C20 and Brooklyn early C19. Post office is of brick in English bond, now painted with tiled roof and brick chimneystack. Two parallel ranges, 2 storeys, and 3 windows. Late C20 UPVC windows with cambered heads to ground floor. Right side door case with flat wooden hood on brackets and original door, with C20 glazing installed. Brooklyn adjoins at right angles. Stuccoed except for brick rear elevation, with hipped tiled roof and 2-cemented chimneystacks. Two storeys, 4 windows. The two central window bays protect. Four centred arched windows with Gothic casements. Ground floor has trelliswork veranda. Left side Doric door case with fluted half columns and triglyph frieze. Blanks in left hand sidewall. Later C19 1 bay brick extension to right hand side.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

A 3020

1353-0/2/5

Standen House

02/08/57

GV

II*

House. Built in c1750 for the Roberts family with C18 addition to North end. Front of red brick, rear of ashlar. Tiled roof with brick chimneystack at each end. 2 storeys, attics and 7 windows. 2 parallel ranges. Parapet concealing 3 flat roofed dormers. Stringcourse. 12-pane sash windows. Central door case at the head of 6 steps with engaged Doric columns, triglyph frieze, protection cornice and door of 6 fielded panels. Fine contemporary staircase, seen but access refused.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

A 3020

1353-0/2/2

Barn at Standen House

GV

II

C18. Brick barn, end stone quoins and half hipped modern pan tiled roof. Central protecting hipped cart entrance with stone quoins. 2 lean-to extensions.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

A 3020

1353-0/0/2

Dairy Cottage at Standen House

GV

II

C18. 2 storeys red brick. Old tiled roof with 3 brick chimneystacks. 1:2 casement windows. Flight of 5 steps to 1st floor. 2 cambered arches with plank doors between.



Standen House (see page 45)

ARRETON

SZ58NW A 3020
1353-0/2/9

West Standen House

GV II

House. Oldest part dated 1690 with the initials R C A, altered and with L-shaped wing built on C1840. Stuccoed with slate roof and brick chimneystacks. 2 storey and attics with irregular fenestration. Late C17 rear range has 1 dormer, 9 paned sash to 1st floor and 3 light sash to ground floor. C1840 L wing has mainly 12 paned sashes gables in one of which is a 3-light canted bay with marginal glazing bars. In the angle is a Tuscan porch with pilasters. Rear elevation of older wing is of painted brick in English bond. C18 brew house attached to this. Interior of older wing has a spine beam with 2 brick chamfered and early C19 staircase with scrolled tread ends and mahogany handrail. Kitchen has corner cupboard with serpentine shelves and fielded panelling. 1st floor entrance to coachman's loft. Brew house has wide fireplace with bricked in bread oven and roof of angled queen struts and through purlins.

ARRETON

SZ58NW A 3020
1353-0/2/6

Walled Garden to West Standen House

GV II

Garden wall with piers and spear railings. Early C19. Red brick garden wall. Near the house there is a section of spear railings on low brick base and 3 brick gate piers, 1 with ball finial and 2 with terracotta urns. This is followed by a curved section of wall in Sussex bond. To the North are 2 further brick gate piers with ball finials and corner pier. The west part of the wall is in rattrap bond and has gate piers and 2 ball finials. The south part of the wall has a corner pier with ball finial.

ARRETON

SZ58NW A 3056
1353-0/2/8

Stone House

GV II

House now subdivided. Late C16 or early C17 altered in early and later C19 and restored in 1971. North part brick, South part stuccoed with tiled roof. South front of 2 storeys and attics rendered with 2 gables. Mainly mid C19 sashes but 2 early C18 sashes with wide glazing bars to ground floor left. Left hand brick chimneystack. Rear elevation brick 2 storeys with right hand gable with attic and stone coping with kneelers. 1st floor windows C20. Ground floor has 2 left side early C19 12-pane sashes

in mould architraves. Right side built on bay. Between is an early C19 porch with 6 flush panels and wooden modified Tuscan columns. Deep stone plinth. Left hand side is of 2 storeys red brick with tiled roof, 3 C20 casements and diagonally placed brick chimneystacks. Front left side room has C17 plank and mutiny panelling. Other side of the house has a massive spine beam. Early C19 staircase with stick balusters.

ARRETON

SZ58NW A 3056
1353-0/2/7

Barn at Stone House

GV II

Barn. C18. Red brick on deep stone base. Half hipped slate roof. L-shaped, 5x4 bays. End wall and some sidewalls are in English bond, rest in Flemish bond. Ventilation slits. Queen strut roof with through purlins.

ARRETON

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/11
Arbutus Cottage

II

Cottage. Early C19. Brick, stuccoed on front elevation with tiled roof and end brick chimneystacks. 2 storeys and attics in gable ends. 3 windows. Sashes, 12-pane to 1st floor (except for central 6-pane), 16-pane to ground floor. Central 6 flush panelled door, the top 2 panels cut away and glazed and

deep pediments, weather hood above on console brackets. Cast iron guttering with lions' head masks. Out shut to rear. 1 storey C19 extension to right hand side with 1 sliding casement.



Arbutus Cottage

ARRETON

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/12
Arreton Cottage

06/10/83
(Formerly listed as: MAIN ROAD:
South Arreton Cottage)

II

Cottage. C18 altered C20. Painted brick, the rear wall with structural timber framing of square panels with some diagonal tension bracing. Half-hipped thatched roof with central brick chimneystack. Lobby entrance house of 1 storey and attics with 2 windows. 2 modern casements with eyebrows. Ground floor windows 8-pane sashes with cambered heads. Central door case with modern plank door with diamond-shaped light and trelliswork porch. A 2-storey brick out- building forms an

L range with Queen struts visible in the end gable.



Arreton Cottage

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/13

Arreton Manor

(Formerly listed as: SOUTH ARRETON: Arreton Manor)

II*

Large manor house. Built between 1595 and 1612 by Sir Humphrey Barnet with central porch added in 1634 and 1812 addition on left hand side, restored and extended to rear in C20. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar quoins. Tiled roof with 3 clustered diagonally placed chimneystacks. Elizabethan H shape plan appearing E shaped now with early C17 porch. 2 storeys and attics in centre, 3 storeys to wings. 5 windows. End gables and porch have stone moulded coping and kneelers. Moulded stone band between floors. Plinth. Mullioned windows with hollow chamfered moulding and drip moulding above. End ground floor windows appear to be 1812 replacements. 2 storied

central porch dated 1639 has 2 centred arched doorway on the outside and 2 centred door on the inside with blank spandrels. Porch has chamfered beams with lambs tongue stops. C17 studded door. Flight of 6 stone steps, flanked by C19 stone seated mastiffs. To west is an 1812 1 bay addition. 2 storeys coursed stone rubble with brick dressings, tiled roof with 1 brick chimneystack and 1 mullioned window. To north of this is an C18 gabled wing, the floor of stone rubble, and the attic of red brick in Flemish bond and tiled roof. The rear elevation has a large external stone chimneystack. The area between the gabled protections at the rear has been in filled with C20 stone flat-roofed extension. Hall has Jacobean plank and muntin panelling with reeded pilasters on the north side. (This was originally in the west bedroom and was sold but later returned to the house. The over mantel from this room is said to be in the entrance hall of the Priory at Sea view). To the east is a very elaborate late medieval screen of oak and elm but probably introduced in the C20. The Dining Parlour was formerly the Courthouse for the Manorial court. It has panelling of C1630, including a finely carved over mantel with the coat of arms of Sir Thomas Barnet owner of the Manor at the time, flanked by strap work panels with carving of a lady fishing, and Jupiter with a thunderbolt, probably North German or Flemish separate carvings. Ionic pilasters to sides with lion's mask, floral drops and claws. Stone 4 centred arched fireplace. Plank and muntin panelling with Ionic pilasters with grapevine motif surmounted by grotesques and cornice with tendrils. On the brackets are

carvings of Justice and Mercy. Iron fireback of C1605 with coat of arms of James I. Chamfered bressumer with a heart motif, similar to carvings at Yarmouth Castle and in some smaller manor houses and farmhouses of the period. Staircase has been much renewed but top retains turned newel post and turned balusters and an internal framed wall has square framing and a display panel of wattle and daub. The Long Room has C17 stone fireplace and an eight-panelled door. The West bedroom has a closet door with carved panel and butterfly hinges. The panelling in the hall was formerly in this room. Roof of through purlin construction. Ground floor of the east wing has a two-centred arched doorway and two rooms with early C17 square framed partitions, chamfered spine beams with heart stops and four-centred arched stone fireplaces. Two-centred arched door case and plank door. Kitchen in the west wing has chamfered spine beam with heart stops. Stone fireplace with bread oven and some C17 plank and muntin panelling. Built on the side of a monastic grange belonging to Quarr Abbey. (Buildings of England: Hampshire and the Isle of Wight: 731; The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight: C.W.R. Winter: V.C.H. Vol V.p140: 29-33).



Arreton Manor

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/15

Barn at Arreton Manor

18/01/67

GV

II

Former barn, in ruinous condition at time of survey. C17 extended C19. Older west part of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar dressings and central wagon entrance to North. Early C19 extensions of East of coursed rubble with red brick dressings. Brick and stone ventilation slits, roof missing.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/19

Barn to South of Arreton Manor

GV

II

Barn. Late C17 or early C18. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar quoins. Roof now covered with asbestos sheeting. Gable ends have stone coping and kneelers. Deep plinth. Some triangular ventilation slits. Blocked wagon entrance to East. Five bays. Angled queen strut roof.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/37

Mounting Block approx. 3 metres East of stabling at Arreton Manor.

GV II
Mounting block. C18 or C19. It has three stone steps. Included for social, historical interest.

ARRETON

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/20
Dove-Cote at Arreton Manor
18/01/67

GV II
Dovecote. Early C17, Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar quoins. The lower courses of roof have stone slates and the upper courses are tiled. Gables with kneelers facing east and west. Blocked casement windows. West side has two-centred arched windows and a dove opening with hood moulding. Two-centred arched door case with hood moulding. Interior has roof of slightly staggered purlins and queen struts. Nesting boxes intact to upper part.

ARRETON

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/42
The Old Stable Shop Arreton Manor

GV II
Formerly stabling, now a shop and a museum. C18 and C19 altered C20. Three builds. Centre part C18 of island stone rubble with ashlar

quoins and slate roof, half-hipped to left. One C19 fixed sash window. Right hand side has fanlight over stone door to right hand side. Centre has introduced bow window of C19 type. Left hand side has fixed mullioned window. South part is of lower elevation. Two storeys Island stone rubble with slate roof. Two later windows to 1st floor, the left hand one in old quoined surround. Ground floor has later garage door to left, quoined stable door to centre and fixed four-pane casement to right in quoined surround. To North is C19 addition of clunch blocks with half-hipped slate roof. To this is attached a C19 one storey brick portion with hipped slate roof. Interior retains old wooden stall partitions and feeding troughs. Deep chamfered spine beam. Through purlin roof with diagonal tension braces.

ARRETON

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/43
Wall at Arreton Manor (to North of Dove-Cote)

GV II
Wall. Early C17 or earlier. Wall of Isle of Wight stone rubble about 10 feet high in an L shape and about 60 feet long by 15 feet wide. Ashlar quoins and putlog hole in the end of the wall.

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Arreton Street
1353-0/4/22

Hale Manor Farm

21/07/51

(Formerly listed as: SOUTH
ARRETON, Hale Manor
Horringtonford)

GV II

House. Late C16 or early C17 altered C18. Built of coursed rubble with ashlar quoins and brick dressings. Tiled roof with brick chimneystacks. L shaped. Two storeys. West wing has end gable and right side two-storey porch, having gable with coping and kneeler and offset brick buttresses. Three sashes, two 16-pane and one 9-pane with French windows to ground floor. C20 conservatory. Door case has hood moulding. East wing is of higher elevation. Central brick chimneystack. Two 16-pane sashes. Ground floor has one 16-pane sash, altered bay and offset buttresses. Right side end wall has stone ground floor and English bond gable with vitrified headers. One blocked C17 window with wooden surround. Interior west wing has fine late C16 or early C17 fireplaces with four-centred arch, plain spandrels and stops. Late C18 staircase. East wing has similar type of C17 fireplace reputed to have come from Merston Manor. Originally a manor house, though not a Domes day manor; and for many years in the possession of the Oglander family. (The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight: C.W.R. Winter: 188).

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Arreton Street
1353-0/4/16

Barn at Hale Manor Farm to Extreme South of Complex

GV II

Barn. Probably early C19. Built of coursed stone rubble with red brick quoins. Half-hipped slate roof. Central projecting cart entrance on North side, the centre filled in by breezeblocks. Five bays. Angled queen strut roof and through purlins.

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Arreton Street
1353-0/4/17

Barn to S. of Barn to SW of Granary at Hale Manor

GV II

Barn. C18. Partly stone rubble with ashlar quoins, south end of brick, four courses of headers to one of headers. Half-hipped roof, now covered with corrugated iron. Two blocked stone window surrounds and one brick one. Five bays. Roof is very late C19 with through purlins and added queen posts.

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Arreton Street
1353-0/4/18

Barn to SW of Granary at Hale Manor

GV II

Barn. C18. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar quoins and some red brick dressings. Half-hipped slate roof. Some blocked triangular ventilation slits. Central cart entrance, now with later door. Right hand end has two stalls with wooden partitions and hayrack. Queen strut roof with through purlins.

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Arreton Street

1353-0/4/21

Granary at Hale Manor farm

GV

II

Granary. Probably late C18. Tared weatherboarding on mushroom shaped straddle stones. Tiled roof. 3X3 bays. One plank door and one four-panelled door. Wooden loured opening.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/23

Haseley Manor

21/07/51

GV

II*

Manor House. Core of mid C15 monastic grange belonging to Quarr Abbey south, with C16 range replacing earlier building added to north and to south, partially re-fronted in C18 and with projecting wing north east, dated W.B. 1774 and C18 brew house dairy and

kitchen to north west. Built of stone rubble with brick dressings, some C18 brickwork and mathematically tiled roof. Two storeys attics and basement. Irregular fenestration. Courtyard side has mainly C19 casements or C20 windows in 1772 addition. East front has two late C18 24-pane sashes and C19 yellow and red brick porch with tiled roof. Behind this is an original door surround of C1570. North front has mainly C19 casements. 1st floor of stone rubble with brick 1st floor. To the east of second doorway is the C16 addition of two bays. There is a later addition with the reused coat of arms of Henry VII embedded in the wall. The east gable has a C17 double mullioned window to 1st floor and two cambered arched windows on ground floor. The south front has four mullioned windows and the extension has a Venetian window and is hung with mathematical tiles. The west front has two projecting stone chimneystacks with brick diagonal chimney stacks in English bond. C18 projecting dairy, brew house and kitchen extension to North West in stone with brick surrounds and C20 fenestration. Interior has to southeast wing remains of C15 two bay upper open hall with single bay solar either end of raised cruck construction. Late C18 partition walls and early C17 panelling and fireplace in west end bay. Dining room has stone fireplace and six-panelled door. Drawing room has late C18 dado panelling, eared architraves to door cases and panelled door. C16 kitchen originally had a smoke hood. C18 wine cellars with flagstone floor. The Great Bed Chamber has a late C16 stone fireplace. Roof of staggered purlin and queen post construction with some curved

tension braces. Half winder staircase. Brew house to North West was converted into a kitchen in the C18 with scullery and dairy behind.

(The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight: C.W.R Winter: 81-86; A report of Haseley Manor: J.T. Smith : Report on Dendrochronological data: D Hadden Reece)



Haseley Manor

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/38

Mounting Block at Haseley Manor approx. 2 metres south of porch

GV

II

Mounting block. Late C18. Red brick with three stone steps.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/14

Barn, approx. 75-80 metres to N.E. of Haseley Manor

GV

II

Barn. Probably C17. Stone rubble with roof now covered in corrugated asbestos. Two penticed cart entrances, one now with breezeblock infill.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/24

Horrington House

21/07/51

(Formerly listed as: SOUTH ARRETON, Horrington Manor)

GV

II

House. C17 with early C18 parlour wing built on front, early C18 dairy to rear and minor C19 extension. Parlour wing dated over porch 1718 with the initials W C M and a heart and diamond motif, the initials relating to William and Martha Cromwell, the former a grandson of Oliver Cromwell. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with hipped tiled roof and large brick chimneystack. L-shaped building. Two storeys and attics, three windows to principle front. Two 6-pane dormers, three sashes, 9-pane on 1st floor and a 12-pane on ground floor. Deep plinth. Early C19 porch with clustered columns of lotus type, projecting cornice with frieze of intersecting arches, panelled reveals and 6-panelled door. C17 south wing has gable end with kneelers, one C19 three-light casement and second blocked in openings. Gable has C17 stone mullioned window and built on mid C19 stuccoed and tiled lean-to with slate roof. Out shut on right hand side to rear of C17 wing, an early

C18 dairy to right hand side of stone patched with brick in random bonding pattern and stone end quoins. Ventilation panel above ground floor windows. Interior south wing has large brick fireplace with wooden surround, chamfered beam with run out stops and winder staircase. Parlour wing has chamfered spine beams, six fielded panelled doors and curved staircase of early C19 type with stick balusters, curved handrail, curved tread ends and reeded band. No trace of early C18 staircase said to have been brought here from Knighton Gorges when the house was demolished in 1820. Both staircases appear integral to the house. A manorial site first mentioned in 1235. (The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight: C.W.R Winter: 188; V.C.H.: 143)

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/44

Water pump attached to former Brew house at Horryngford House

GV

II

Water pump. Dated 1783 on terracotta plaque. Cast iron pump in rectangular wooden housing about six feet high, with spout and pump handle protruding attached to rectangular brick and stone basin. Unusual date plaque.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/39

St. George's Church

18/01/67

(Formerly listed as: SOUTH ARRETON Church of St. George)

GV

I

Parish church. C11 nave and part of chancel, north aisle of C.1200 altered C15, South aisle, West doorway and clerestory C13, late C13 chancel including chancel arch and three-bay south chapel. Upper stage of tower and angle buttresses C15. South porch C16. Some restoration c1885. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar quoins and tiled roof. Nave with north and south chapels, chancel with south chapel, south porch and west tower. West tower has Norman lower part and C15 upper part. three stages with late C15 ashlar angled buttress. Crenulated parapet. Top stage has two-light mullioned bell opening with wooden louvers and one lancet. Second stage has two-light mullioned window. First stage has C13 arched doorway. South porch is early C16 moulded stone parapet with sundial, arched doorway with hood moulding and angled buttresses. Ribbed barrel vaulted ceiling. Nave of three bays. South aisle has two cinquefoil headed windows with drip moulding above and one hipped dormer with two-light wooden window. North aisle also has two cinquefoil headed light windows with drip moulding above and arched door case. Cross-shaped saddle stone of 1885 on gable end which has stone coping and kneelers. South chapel has three late C13 pointed arched windows with two lancets and circular window above (original unfoiled) with thin shafts with capitals. East window has

geometrical window of three pointed lancets with three circles above. Cross-shaped saddle stone to gable end. Chancel has two late C13 Geometrical window with double lancets and circular window above. Small arched Norman window in north wall. East window has geometrical window of three lancets and three circles. Stone coping, cross-shaped saddle stone and buttresses. Interior: Nave has C1 west doorway with window above it. North aisle of c. 1200 has round piers and square abaci with chamfered corners. One capital has scalloped decoration. South aisle has round abaci and double chamfered arched. Early C13 clerestory of quatrefoil circles. Probably C17 nave roof in seven cants with chamfered beams having lambs tongue stops. Under the dormer is a double trifoliate window now blocked by north aisle. Font if Victorian copy of a Norman one. Pulpit is dated 1925 but appears to have reused Jacobean fragments. South aisle roof has C15 ogee shaped brackets, but C19 roof. East wall has a C13 fragment of a Christ in Majesty in an elongated quatrefoil, possible from a tympanum. Royal arms. Wall tablet to Henry Roberts (d. 1754), heart, cherubs, shield and bows and a series of C19 wall tablets. Two basalt floor slabs. North aisle has curious one or two-tier brackets supporting purlins and principal rafters, probably C18. Marble wall plaque with draped urn to Mrs Mary Hill (d. 1792). Wall plaque to the Rev Sir Henry Worsley Esq. (d. 1811) by Sir Richard Westmacott, a figure by a tomb flanked by an angel and an eagle. Wall plaque to Sir Leonard Thomas Worsley Holmer (d 1825) by J. Haskoll 1829, a seated

woman and two children in antique costume grieving by an urn. Wall monument to Richard Fleming Worsley Holmes Esq. (drowned 1814) by Sir Richard Westmacott, a relief of a female figure grieving with a wrecked ship on the right and a broken anchor on the left and shells below. South chapel has C19 roof and brass plaque to William Serle (d. 1595). Chancel has C13 chancel arch with ribbed columns the corbel heads C19. C19 roof. C19 stone and marble reredos with 10 commandments, creed and Lord's Prayer. This church is one of six island churches bestowed by William Fitz Osborn on his Norman abbey of Lire, c1150 it was given to Quarr Abbey. (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight: 730 and 731; V.C.H. Vol.V: 148)



St George's Church, Arreton

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Arreton Street

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**Monument approx. ½
metre East of monument
to John Pope at St.
George's Church**

GV

II

Chest tomb. C1815. Rectangular stone chest tomb with moulded base and top and corner balusters.

Monument to Amelia Cox approx. 1ft S. of tomb to W. Cromwell at St. George's Church

ARRETON

GV II

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/26
Monument approx. 3 metres S of monument to Amelia Cox at St. George's Church

Chest tomb. Early C19 type. Stone rectangular chest with moulded base and top. Fluted pilasters and shell ornament in corners of panels. The original inscription is worn and Amelia Cox (d. 1831) may not be the first burial.

GV II

Chest tomb. Late C18 type. Stone rectangular chest with moulded base and top. Three fielded panels to sides and one to ends. Inscription not legible at time of survey.

ARRETON

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Arreton Street
1353-0/2/29
Monument to Ann Roach approx. 5metres south of S. wall of S. chapel at St. George's Church

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GV II

SZ58NW
Arreton Street
1353-0/2/27
Monument approx. 8metres N of Angle Buttress of West Tower at St. George's Church

Chest tomb. C1808. Rectangular chest tomb with moulded base, top and corner balusters.

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GV II

Chest tomb in railed enclosure. Early C19 type of stone chest tomb with corner balusters, entirely smothered in ivy at time of survey. Iron railed enclosure with urn finials.

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Arreton Street
1353-0/2/31
Monument to Elizabeth Irvine approx. 2metres S. of Buttress at St. George's Church

GV II

Chest tomb. Early C19 type. Stone chest with moulded base, top and corner balusters.

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1353-0/2/34

Monument to William Cromwell approx. 1metre South of South window at St. George's Church

GV

II

Chest tomb. C1720. Rectangular brick chest with moulded base and stone memorial slab on top.

recessed corners with moulded capitals and incised ovals to inscription panels.

ARRETON

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Arreton Street

1353-0/2/285

Monument to Mary Hearn approx. ½ metres south of south wall of south chapel at St. George's Church

GV

II

Chest tomb. C 1815. Rectangular stone chest tomb with moulded base and top and corner balusters.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/35

Monument to William Jeffries Beckingsale at St. George's Church

GV

II

Chest tomb. C 1840. Square monument with elaborate moulded top and tapering Egyptian-style corner columns, on three stone steps.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Arreton Street

1353-0/2/40

Rayner Monument approx. ½ metre West of Monument 8metres North of West Tower at St. George's Church

GV

II

Chest tomb. Late C18 type, original inscription now illegible.

Rectangular chest with moulded base and top. Inscription panels with inset curved corners. Bronze plaque on top has a poem to one of the deceased who was a bell ringer:-

'Skill'd in the myster of the pleasing Peal,
Which few can know, and fewer still reveal,
Whether with little Bells or Bells sublime,

ARRETON

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Arreton Street

1353-0/2/36

Monument to William Roach approx ½ metres to North of Gibbs Tombs at St. George's Church

GV

II

Chest tomb. C 1809 stone rectangular chest tomb with moulded base and top. Straight

To split a moment to the truth of
time,
Time so oft truly beat at length
o'ercame,
Yet shall this tribute long preserve
his Name.'

Restored by Winchester Diocesan
Guild of Bell ringers in 1925.

ARRETON

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Arreton Street

1353-0/2/10

**Three Chest Tombs of the
Gibbs Family approx.
7metres South of South
doorway at St. George's
Church**

GV

II

Chest tombs. Early C19 type.
Three identical stone chest tombs
with moulded bases and tops,
corner balusters and fielded
inscription panels.

ARRETON

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Arreton Street

1353-0/2/41

Style Cottages

GV

II

House, formerly used for the
holding of church ales. Early C17
with porch added in early C18, re-
fronted in C19 and re-fenestrated in
C20. Built of Isle of Wight stone
rubble with mainly ashlar quoins,
but brick to rear right hand side.
Tiled roof with brick chimneystacks
and brick porch. Lobby entrance
house. Two storeys four windows.
Deep moulded plinth. Windows are

mainly C20 three-light casements,
but first floor retains two earlier
casements. C18 gabled brick porch
opposite chimney stack, with tiled
roof, cambered arch and two
blocked in cambered arches on the
sides. The porch obscures an
earlier stone mullioned window of
which part is visible. Early C17
three panelled studded door in
moulded architrave.

(V.C.H.: 139)



Style Cottages

ARRETON

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Long Lane

1353-0/5/48

Keepers Cottage

GV

II

Cottage. Early C19. Two bay
cottage extended in mid C19.
Original part is of coursed clunch
with thatched roof and end brick
chimneystack. One storey and
attics, three windows. Three
eyebrow dormers and three C19
casements. C19 brick half-hipped
porch with pointed arched door
case and plank door. C20
extension to rear.

ARRETON

SZ58NW

Merstone

1353-0/2/49

Broadfields

GV

II

House. In two builds, front early C19 and rear C18. Front range of red brick with vitrified headers. Tiled roof with end brick chimneystacks. Two storeys and attics, three windows. Two cambered 6-pane dormers. First floor windows are sashes including end tripartite sashes. Ground floor has C19 French window. C19 glazed porch with C19 round headed door case behind it. Two storey one bay early C19 brick extension to side. Rear range of red brick on cemented plinth. Tiled roof with end brick chimneystacks. Two storeys, two windows. Casement windows and central blank with London Insurance plaque.

ARRETON

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Merstone

1353-0/4/51

Great Budbridge Manor

GV

II

House. Probably built in 1633 by Sir Robert Dillington with porch added in 1688 and some late C29 re-fenestration. Two early C19 extensions and late C19 wing. Built of Isle of Wight ashlar with tiled roof and brick chimneystacks. Originally T shaped, but early C19 extensions added and late C19 parallel wing. Main front of two-storeys and attics.

Four windows. Two brick chimneystacks. Off central two-storey and attic stone porch with gable end with kneelers. Two-light stone mullioned window to attic. First floor windows are C17 stone mullioned windows, mainly four-light. Ground floor windows are late C19 in old surrounds. Porch has two-centred arched head with shields and the date 1688. To rear T-wing of lower elevation of two-storeys, stone rubble with tiled roof. First floor has C17 mullioned windows. Other windows are C18 in cambered heads. Two-centred stone archway. Two gabled early C19 projections one with clunch wall with brick dressings and late C19 wing to rear. Interior has dining room with early C17 partition wall of square framing with wattle and daub infill, two large early C17 chambered spine beams with 5-inch chamfers and lamb's tongue stops and wide brick fireplace. Curious semi-circular blocked window opening. A manorial site, first mentioned in 1248 when Henry, son of Odo de Butebridge gave a parcel of land to the Abbey of Quarr. Percy Stone considered the name derived from the word 'Butte', an ancient name for a hall of dwelling.

(C.W.R. Winter: The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight: 67-69)

ARRETON

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Merstone

1353-0/4/52

Little Budbridge

18/01/67

(Formerly listed as: SOUTH ARRETON: Little Budbridge)

GV

II

House. Late C17 or early C18 (there is a date stone of 1731 in the wall in front of the house), extended and re-fenestrated in early C19. Built mainly of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar dressings but left side elevation of red brick and C18 brick porch. Tiled roof with off central brick chimneystack. A lobby entrance house of two-storeys with attics in the gable end and three bays. First floor has three early C19 tripartite sashes with glazing bars. Ground floor windows are C20 to opening casements. Deep plinth. Brick gabled porch with round arch. Right side elevation has mullioned windows, the first floor are blocked with drip moulding. The L-wing is early C19 of red brick with grey headers.

ARRETON

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Merstone

1353-0/2/53

Merstone Manor

27/07/51

GV

II

House, formerly manor house. Built by Edward Cheke in 1605, restored in 1895. Red brick in English bond with stone dressings, but stone rear elevation and C19 tiled roof. E-plan house of two-storeys and attics, five windows. Stone string course forming drip mould over ground floor windows. Deep stone plinth. Ashlar quoins. Projecting wings have gables with stone coping and final and ball finials to kneelers. Most windows are casement windows with four or five-light stone mullions and transoms. Projecting

wings have on ground floor and first floors, c.1895 two-storey bays. Central projecting two-storey porch having pediment with dates 1605 and 1895. Stone doorway with obtusely pointed head and dripstone over with shields and spandrels. Rear elevation of stone with five mullioned windows. Lounge has stone four-centred arched fireplace and very fine oak over mantel with two herms and female figures with cornucopia, strut work motifs and marquetry inlay and fluted Ionic pilasters. There are two further early C17 over mantels in this room removed from the first floor at the time of the alteration in 1895. On the left side are one with two herms and a female figure in attitudes of prayer with lion's head masks and fluted pilasters. The third over mantel in the centre of the room has a frieze with accoutrements of war, strap work panels with central Tudor roses and elaborate pilasters. The room has elaborate plank and muntin panelling with frieze and concealed cupboard with cock's head hinges. Sitting room has a four-centred arched stone fireplace. One of the original domes day manors, recorded as having been held by Bricuin as a tenant of the King in the time of Edward the Confessor. By 1086 it was held by the Norman baron William FitzStur and passed through the hands of the de Insulas and the de Clamorgans before coming into the hands of the Cheke family of Mottistone in the middle of the C16. The builder of the present house Edward Cheke was married to the sister of Sir John Oglander of Nunwell, the diarist. Unusual for the Isle of Wight in being brick rather than stone.

(b.o.e Hampshire and the Isle of Wight: 731; C.W.R.Winter: The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight:99-101; V.C.H: 145&146).



Merstone Manor

ARRETON

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Merstone

1353-0/2/56

The Old Barn at Perreton Farm

GV

II

Barn. North part late C17 or early C18 and the South part early C19. North part of Isle of Wight stone rubble with ashlar end quoins. Slate roof. Deep plinth and blocked triangular ventilation slits. Central cart entrance blocked by breezeblocks. South part is early C19, the front coursed stone rubble, the rear and side brick in English bond to rear and Sussex bond to side. Half-hipped slate roof. One fixed casement to first floor, ground floor has cambered plank door and Diocletian window. Five bays. Roof of slightly angled queen struts and two layers of through purlins.

ARRETON

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Merstone

1353-0/5/54

Perreton Farmhouse

21/07/51

GV

II

House. C17, re-faced in C18 and re-fenestrated in early C19. L-shaped two-storeys. North wing is of red brick with grey headers in diaper pattern Flemish bond. Roof has lower courses of stone slates, the upper coursed tiled. Five windows, two or three-light casements. Ground floor has two three-light canted bays with 30-panes. Off central mid C19 door case with flat wooden hood on brackets and three-panelled door, the top two panels glazed. Right hand side has stone quoins. L-wing is of stone with red brick dressings and tiled roof. Three C20 casements in old window surrounds. Central modern gabled porch. South gable has date stone 1668 with initials L.B. (Levinus Bennett of Arreton Manor). Sixteen-pane sash on first floor and ground floor has C18 three-light mullioned window. V.C.H. considers this site to have been the domes day manor of Presletone. (V.C.H: 148; The Manor Houses of the Isle of Wight: C.W.R. Winter: 193).

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Merstone

1353-0/4/50

Coach House & Stabling for Hackney Horses at Redway Farm

GV

II

Coach house and stabling. Dated 1796 with the initials I.B. Part coursed clunch with red brick quoins and dressings, the west part, or tackroom of red brick in Flemish bond. Tiled roof with C19 pierced ridge tiles. Two fixed casements and central cambered door case. Interior has two C19 stalls with wood and iron plank partitions. Late C19 brick and wood extension to rear to accommodate a coach.

ARRETON

SZ58SW

Merstone

1353-0/4/55

Redway Farmhouse

GV

II

Farmhouse. C17 in origin (date stone of 1610 reported), altered and extended in C18 (date stone of 1741 with the initials I.P.M. on the South front), extended c1890. Built of Isle of Wight stone rubble, partly coursed with some brick and some stone dressings. Tiled roof with cemented chimneystacks. L-shaped with c1890 extensions to right. The south front east side is C17 with brick dressings. The west part is of stone. Off central cemented chimneystack, chalk below. Three gabled dormers with iron spike finials, coping and kneelers and C19 windows. Stringcourse to west part. Seven windows in all, late C19 sashes without glazing bars in C18 architraves with keystones to east, three-light casements to west. Plinth. Central early C19 trelliswork porch with late C18 door and three

stone steps. Rear elevation has L-wing of stone rubble with brick dressings. Rear of main range has one storey C19 yellow brick corridor extension with gable with kneelers, cambered door case and six-panelled door. To the east is a linked C18 service building, probably a brew house, of stone rubble with brick dressings and tiled roof with chimneystacks. Interior has a spine beam with late C17 profile, the lounge has C18 type panelling and there is an early C18 staircase with three turned balusters to each step, scrolled tread ends and floral designs. One room on the entrance west was lowered in the late C19 for meetings of the Plymouth Brethren. The house belonged to Arreton Manor and was given by Thomas Lord Culpeper to his natural daughter Charlotte who married Robert Pushall toward the ends of C17. (V.C.H.: 148).

Arreton Parish Action Plan March 2005

Questionnaire	Action	How to implement	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Source of Finance
Environment	Extend AONB	Press for a public enquiry to extend boundaries of AONB	Low	IWC, AOBN Partnership	5 Years	Parish Council	N/A
	Nature conservation along River Yar	Support existing programme and encourage landowners to extend conservation area and form heritage trail	Medium	Parish Council, local landowners	On going	Parish Council/Parish Partnership	N/A
	Preserve old buildings	Lend village support to those who wish to preserve such buildings	Medium	Parish Council	On going	Parish Council	N/A
Commerce and Business	Support craft industry and community market	Support existing programmes and encourage local farmers/businesses to establish regular community market possibly in Community Centre	Medium		On going	Parish Council	N/A
Tourism	Bed and Breakfast	Try and establish a Arreton bed and breakfast group	Medium	IW Tourism	2 years	Parish Council	Self funding
Suggested Projects	Computer Suite	Discuss with School and IWC Education Department arranging for computers to be made available to villagers on a card basis with users paying any extra costs Incurred by schools	Medium	IWC Education, Parish Council	2 years	Parish Council	Learning and Skills Council
	Mains Drainage	Southern Water	High		immediate	Parish Council	N/A
	Use churches for community purposes	Parish Council to meet with wardens of Methodist and Anglican church to see the kinds of projects that can be implemented and post details on notice boards	Low	St. George's PCC, Methodist Chapel Council	5 Years	Parish Council	Self funding
	Weekly Community Club for over 60's	Ask the churches to set up a trial club on a monthly basis for 3 months. Contact Evergreen Committee to ascertain likely support at their meetings	Medium	Volunteers	On going	Parish Council	Self funding
	Children's walking bus	Contact School and suggest they try and arrange a parents group to form the walking bus for a two week trial period	High	School, PTA, Parents	Immediate	School Governors	N/A
	More seating about the parish	Approach the Parish Partnership to buy a number of seats. Encourage individuals to gift seats in memory of loved one	Low	Parish Council	5 years	Partnership	Partnership
	Prescription delivery service	Approach the shop to act as delivery point on the grounds that it will encourage people into the shop. Arrange with pharmacies and doctors to implement. 55% respondents use Newport	Medium	Doctors, Pharmacists, Owen Ratcliffe	6 months	Parish Council	N/A

Leisure Activities	Community equipment	Approach the Parish Partnership. Stored at school perhaps with right to use it	Medium	All village organisations	1-2 years	Partnership	Partnership
	Multi-use recreational area	Joint initiative between Parish Council, IWC Sports Unit, Lottery funding	High	IWC, Parish Council	2 years	Parish Council	Joint
	Holiday play scheme for children	Approach PTA for volunteers and suggest that school facilities be made available	Medium	School Governors, PTA, Parents	1-2 years	Parish Council	Self funding
	Mother toddler group	Suggest community centre, storage required	High	School Governors, PTA, Parents	1-2 years	Parish Council	Parish Partnership
	Adult Education	Contact adult learning at IW Council. Also Children's Services for availability of school. Computer Bus??	High	Best Training, School Governors	6 months	Parish Council	Self funding
Village Preferences	More Police Presence	Approach IW Constabulary regarding a village bobby	High	IW Constabulary	Immediate	Parish Council	N/A
Roads - Arreton	Speed Restriction	Lobby IWC Highways and IW Police for a 30mph speed limit through the village	High	IWC, Parish Council, IW Constabulary	Immediate	Parish Council	N/A
	Roundabout at Arreton Cross	As part of any planning deal (Section 106) with Gore Basin Motocross	Medium	IWC, Parish Council	On going	Parish Council	N/A
	Extend foot pavements to Horringford	IW Council Highways	High	IWC, Parish Council	On going	Parish Council	N/A
	Widen footpath by school	IW Council Highways	High	IWC, Parish Council	Immediate	Parish Council	N/A
Roads - Merstone	Traffic calming	Approach IW Council Highways. Suggest a "Quiet Lanes" project	High	IWC, Parish Council	Immediate	Parish Council	N/A
	Roundabout at Arreton Cross	As part of any planning deal (Section 106) with Gore Basin Motocross	Medium	IWC, Parish Council	On going	Parish Council	N/A
Roads - Blackwater	Speed Restriction	Lobby IWC Highways	High	IWC, Parish Council	Immediate	Parish Council	N/A
	Roundabout at Arreton Cross	As part of any planning deal (Section 106) with Gore Basin Motocross	Medium	IWC, Parish Council	On going	Parish Council	N/A
Transport	Shopping bus Arreton - Merstone - Newport	Approach Southern Vectis or IW Council's Wight Bus. RCC's Optio bus	Medium	Southern Vectis, IWC, RCC	6 months	Parish Council	Self funding
	Limit new development	Arreton, Blackwater, Merstone Parish Council, IWC Planners	Medium	IWC, Parish Council	On going	Parish Council	N/A

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Arreton Parish Boundaries

