

TIDMARSH & SULHAM PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE - JAN 2026

Executive Summary of Feedback:

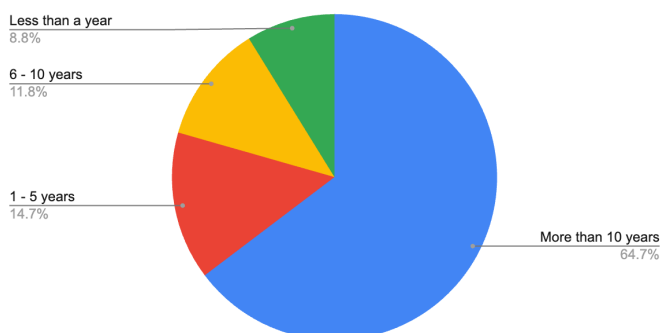
- 15% response rate from households.
- Strong appreciation for the countryside, village and community that we live in.
- Footpaths and Bridleways were the main areas of improvement cited: Key examples given: Speed calming/lowering of limit, improving the safety of footpaths between the villages, Tidmarsh Lane and to Pangbourne.
- Half voiced satisfaction with the level of environmental cleanliness in the villages, however there were many calls for more to be done along the roads.
- Main areas for improving facilities; making better use of the Millenium Green, Community shop/coffee venue, Seasonal events and Workshops and classes.
- A good appetite for using the Village Hall for a variety of new events, but a clear need to communicate and promote events at the village hall and in general across the community and channels.
- An appetite for getting involved, with new volunteers raising their hands.
- A call for the parish council to provide better and more regular updates. And to provide the updates across a broader range of channels.
- Almost universally (97%) positive feedback on the value of the Parish magazine.
- A good awareness of the defibrillator, and calls for more training and even greater awareness.

The survey was issued in the last week of December 2025. Residents were given six weeks to respond. The survey was issued in the Parish magazine, on the Facebook page, to the local Neighborhood watch email list and Whatsapp groups.

15% (35) of households in the communities of Tidmarsh, Sulham and Maidenhatch responded to the survey. 12 in paper copy, 23 via the online copy.

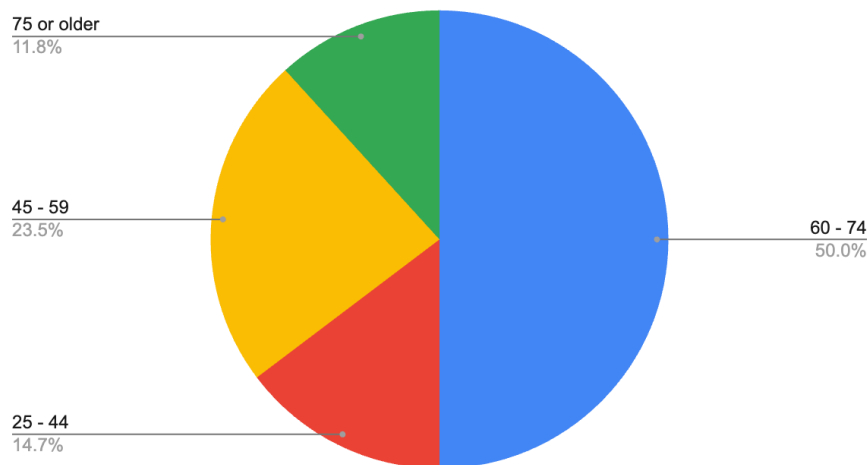
1. Regarding length of residence, there was a spread. However the vast majority of respondents (65%) have lived in the community more than 10 years.

Count of 1. How long have you lived in Tidmarsh, Sulham or Maidenhatch?



2. Regarding age of responder, the vast majority (62%) were over the age of 60. Although there were a number of responders in the 25-44 age bracket.

Count of 2. Are you aged



3. The Best Thing About Living Here:

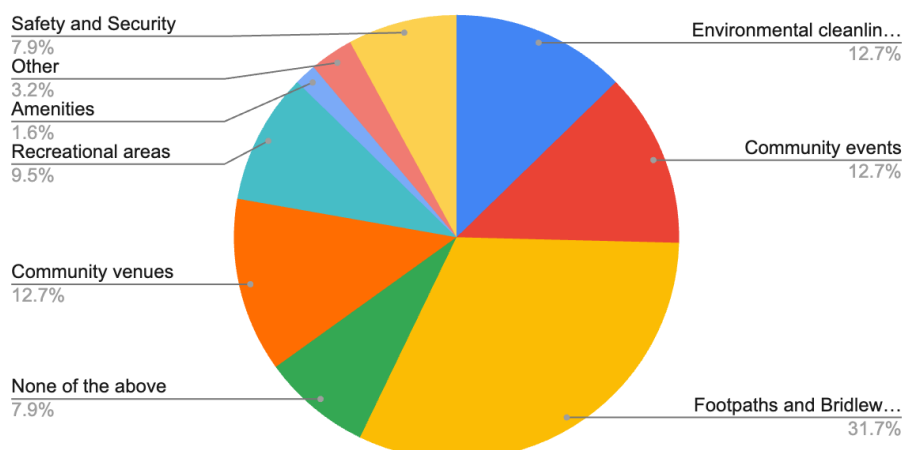
Being in the countryside - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty / rural location / countryside and / or the community were the most frequent responses (each by almost half the respondents).

Access to local amenities, including the pub, the Green, Pangbourne's shops and schools and the motorway were the next most popular choices.

4. Could Any of These Be Improved to Make This a Better Place to Live?

The most frequent improvement given (32% of responses) were the Footpaths and Bridleways. Community venues, environmental cleanliness and community events were the next improvements most frequently given.

Count of 4. Could any of these be improved to make this a better place to live? (tick any that apply)



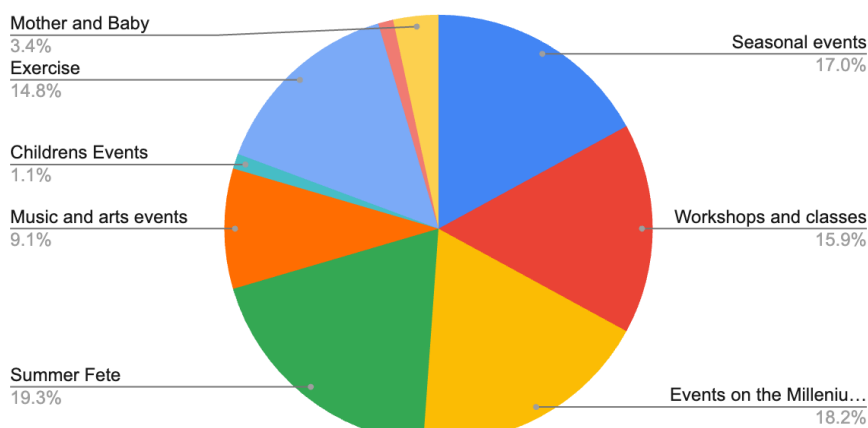
5. What New Facilities or Services would you Like to See?

Community shop for essentials, also service coffee (could be the Greyhound)	6
Upgrade Green to enable more use: playground, add goalpost, walking path to suit all ages, allow dog walkers, add electricity for night time use	5
Speed calming/lower speed along main road and Mill Lane	5
Improved safety on footpaths to Pangbourne, along Mill Lane, Tidmarsh Lane	4
Bus service to connect to Theale or Pangbourne	4
New menu at the Greyhound	2
Empty litter and poo bins	
Restore Sulham post box	
More effective Parish council	
Bridleway through BBOWT	

6. What Types of Community Events would you like to Participate in?

The range of responses was spread, with a Summer Fete and events on the Millenium Green being the most popular. Seasonal events, Workshops and classes and Exercise classes were also popular.

Count of 6. What types of community events would you like to participate in? (tick any that apply)

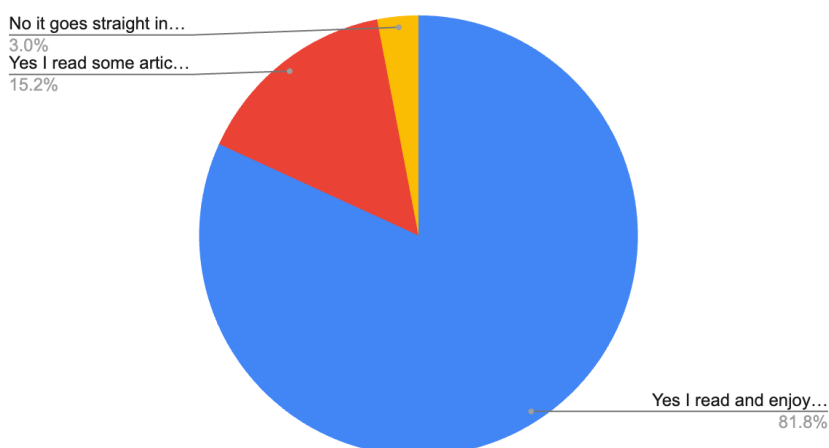


7. Do You have any Suggestions for Making Better Use of the Hall?

Upgrade Village Hall - modernise and make more welcoming inside and out	3
Pilates, yoga classes	3
Christmas Fayre	
More Craft classes	
Kids classes (ballet dance etc or art crafts etc) and would love more evening sessions of things for adults.	
Plant sales	
More events like last year's wine tasting and music events	2
A community shop run by volunteers.	
Regular society or community specialist talks	
Tidmarsh Cafe for locals, walkers and cyclists at the weekend	
Sleepover space for DOE students to generate income	
Dog training classes	
Bingo, Horse racing, murder mystery evenings	
Collaborate with local businesses as a venue for events eg wine tasting was a great success	
Quiz nights etc are great fun. Do you advertise the availability anywhere which may attract more use?	
Promote it more widely than the Parish magazine	
Information available for what is going on in the hall	
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Installing an EV charger	
Once a month display/donation of home produce instead of waste - apples, herbs, fruits - donations or payments to benefit hall or churches	
Encourage residents private hire of VH for birthdays etc. at a good price	

8. Almost all respondents (97%) saw value in the parish magazine

Count of 8. Do you see value in the Parish magazine?



9. What suggestions do you have for the Parish Council and Community to do more to Communicate with you?

Most suggestions were for the parish council to provide fuller and more regular updates. Then more updates and notices of events across more platforms.

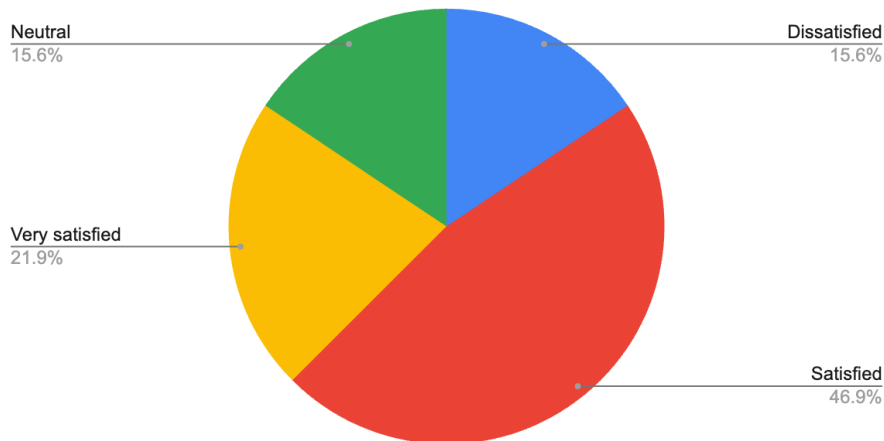
A full briefing on the parish mag/website and noticeboard. Inc Planning applications and results	4
Update us all with a page in the parish magazine half yearly	
More widespread communication on what's on eg monthly update, update website, facebook	3
Up to date website including details of village events	
Offer an "online only" option of magazines to save costs, for those who are happy with online	
Invite as many people in our community to connect with the WhatsApp group to keep well informed.	3
More emphasis on website/e-mail/paper and less on social media	
6 monthly newsletter - 1 page like this with survey results and planned actions	
Stop being dominated by person(s) who have self interest as a priority	
No communication is good	6

10.Are you Interested in Volunteering?

11 of respondents put themselves forward and provided their contact details.

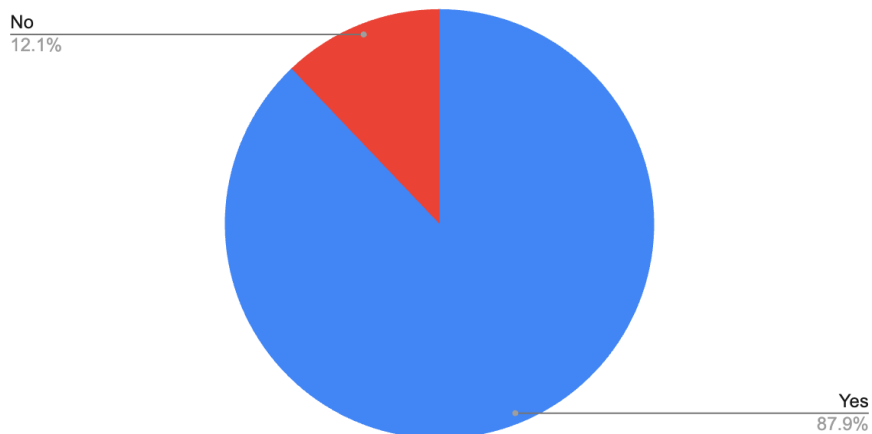
11. Almost half (47%) of respondents were satisfied with the current environmental cleanliness in the villages.

Count of 12. How do you feel about the current environmental cleanliness in the village?



12. 88% of respondents were aware that we have a defibrillator in the village - but some were not.

Count of 13. Are you aware that we have a defibrillator in the village at the Greyhound pub?



13. Do you have any more Comments or Suggestions to Improve Village Life?

Clearing the path from Tidmarsh to Pangbourne	3	
Too much rubbish thrown out of cars		
Speed of traffic through the villages. Pavements are too narrow and there is no street lighting. A 20 mph speed limit	3	
Clean up / maintenance parties for everything the District Council no longer does along our roads and footpaths...		
Another training session on the defibrillator	3	
Dogs onto Millenium Green	2	
Thank you everyone for your efforts. Would love the Greyhound to be more of a community place in the mornings		
Greater attention in welcoming new residents		
Opt out option from magazine to save costs		
Heating in churches. Services to be more interesting or adapt to modern times - encourage older children or young adults		
Volunteers need to help both churches with churchyard gardening, tree bush pruning etc.		
The topographies of Tidmarsh and of Sulham do not lend themselves to close communities. Maybe group visits that bring people together through a common interest		
Expand the small group of people who provide most effort		
Always willing to support magazine which is very important!		
Improve parking around the Greyhound pub. Cars park dangerously in Mill Lane		
Thank you to the volunteer team who make Tidmarsh a lovely place for us all		