

Deopham STAR Community Survey The Findings



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The survey was completed as part of our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF).



The NLHF funds projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK.



We have to demonstrate that the community wants to keep St Andrew's alive. The survey allowed us to prove that; it also showed what work the community would like to see done in and around the church.








Funding should allow us to repair St Andrew's to keep it safe to use for present and future generations.




It should also allow us to improve facilities at the church to make it more welcoming and usable as a space for community events.

Summary


-  44% of 187 community surveys were completed (paper or online) and returned with agreement for analysis. However, a further 14% were returned completed, but without the necessary agreement for analysis.
-  Comparison with 2011 Census data showed respondents were broadly representative of the community.
-  The majority of respondents were in favour of St Andrew's being maintained for present and future generations and agreed that it could become a place to facilitate community support.
-  While maintaining St Andrew's as a place for prayer and worship, the most popular additional uses were for display of local heritage and for use as a community event space.




To make St Andrew's more comfortable and welcoming, the most popular addition was better heating. An accessible toilet and better seating were also popular.




Popular uses for the churchyard and parking outside the Gralix Hall were siting for a local information board, a stop for the library van, the site for a defibrillator and a stop for a post office van.



The need for improved car parking was identified.






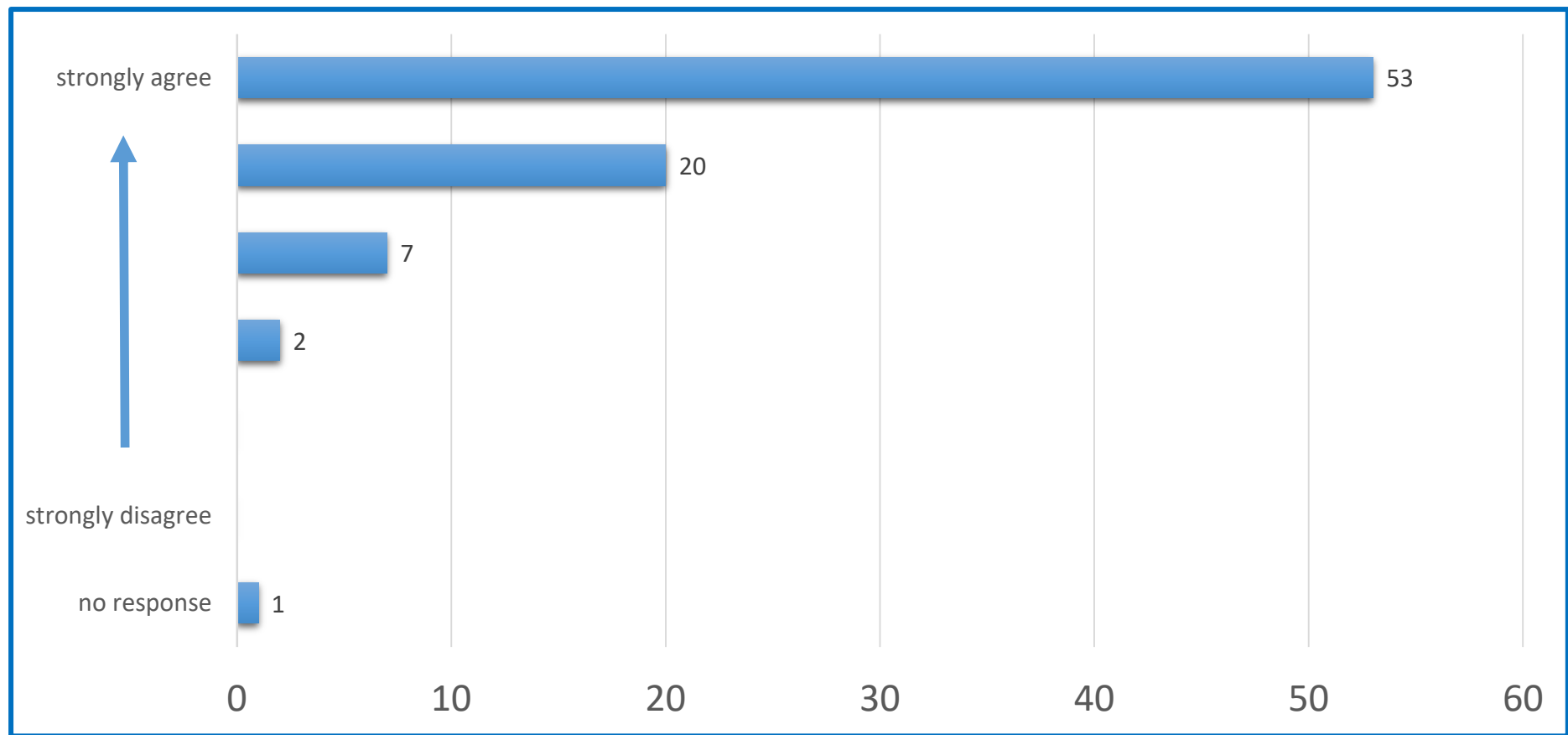
20% of respondents currently visit St Andrew's. 80% said they would visit if it became a community hub.



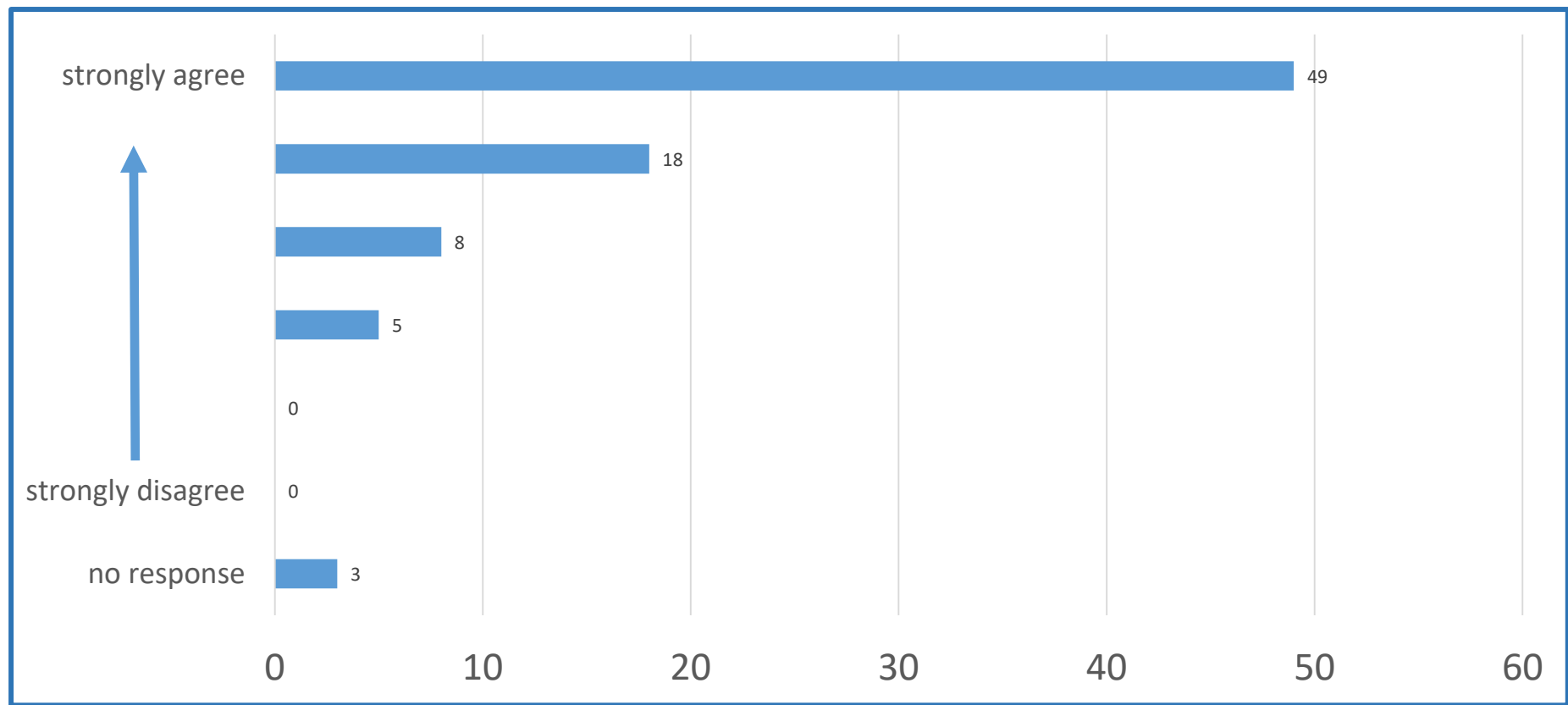
A number of respondents currently have little village support or social activity.

Progress so far

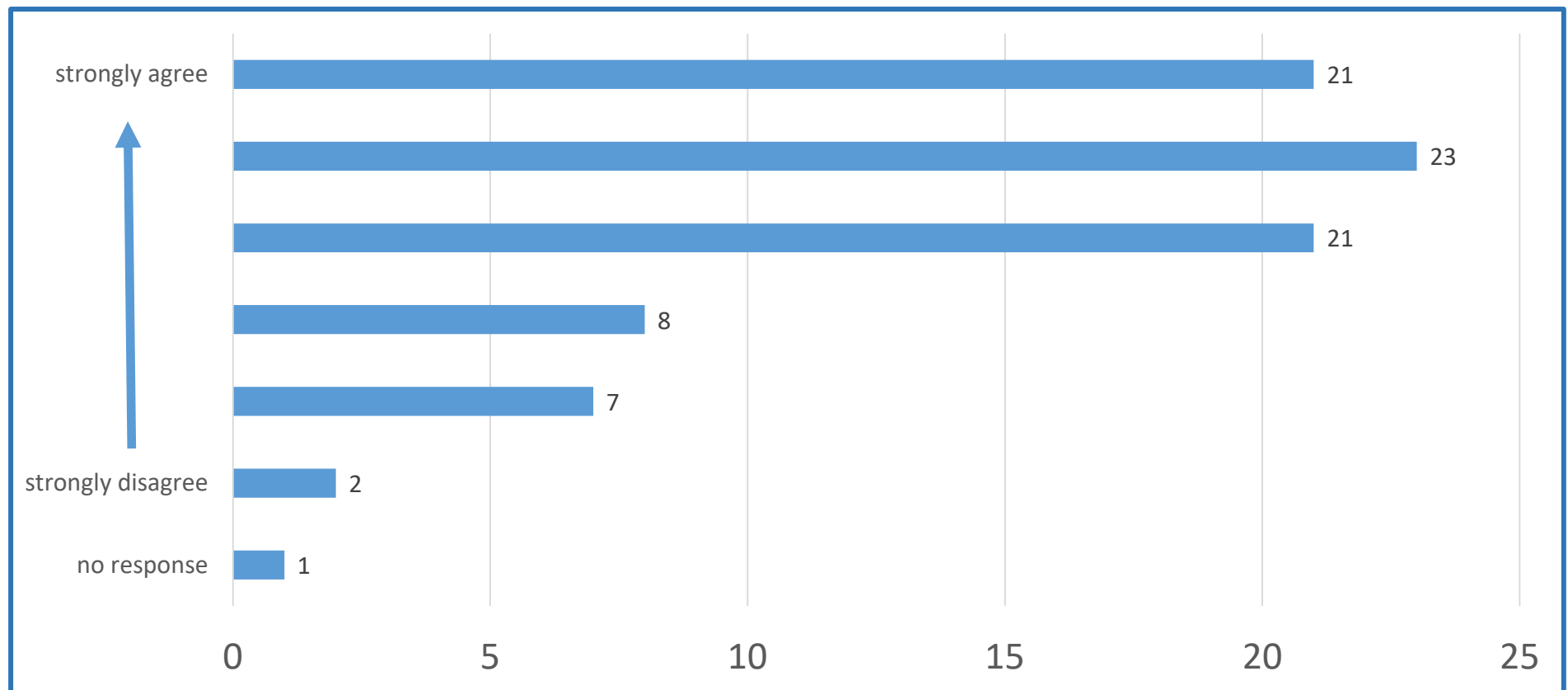
-  Three of the buttresses are being repaired using a grant from The Norfolk Churches Trust.
-  The stone crosses on the tower will be repaired shortly.
-  We have started the application process for National Lottery Heritage Fund funding for the major repair work. We submitted an Expression of Interest and should hear back from the NLHF by Christmas.



St Andrew's is a place with rich heritage which should be maintained for present and future generations

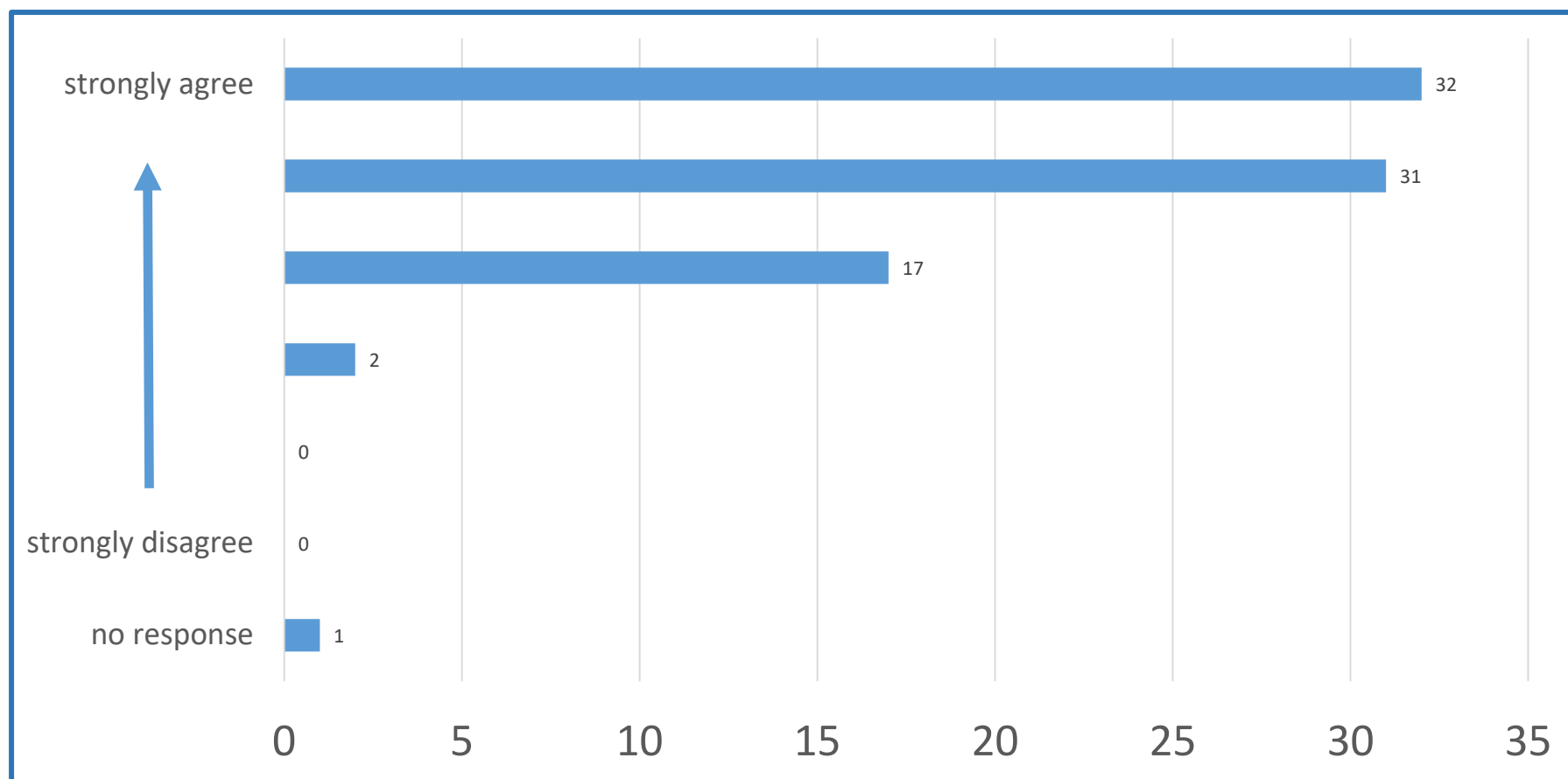


*Local heritage is important for all residents, especially children,
living in the village*



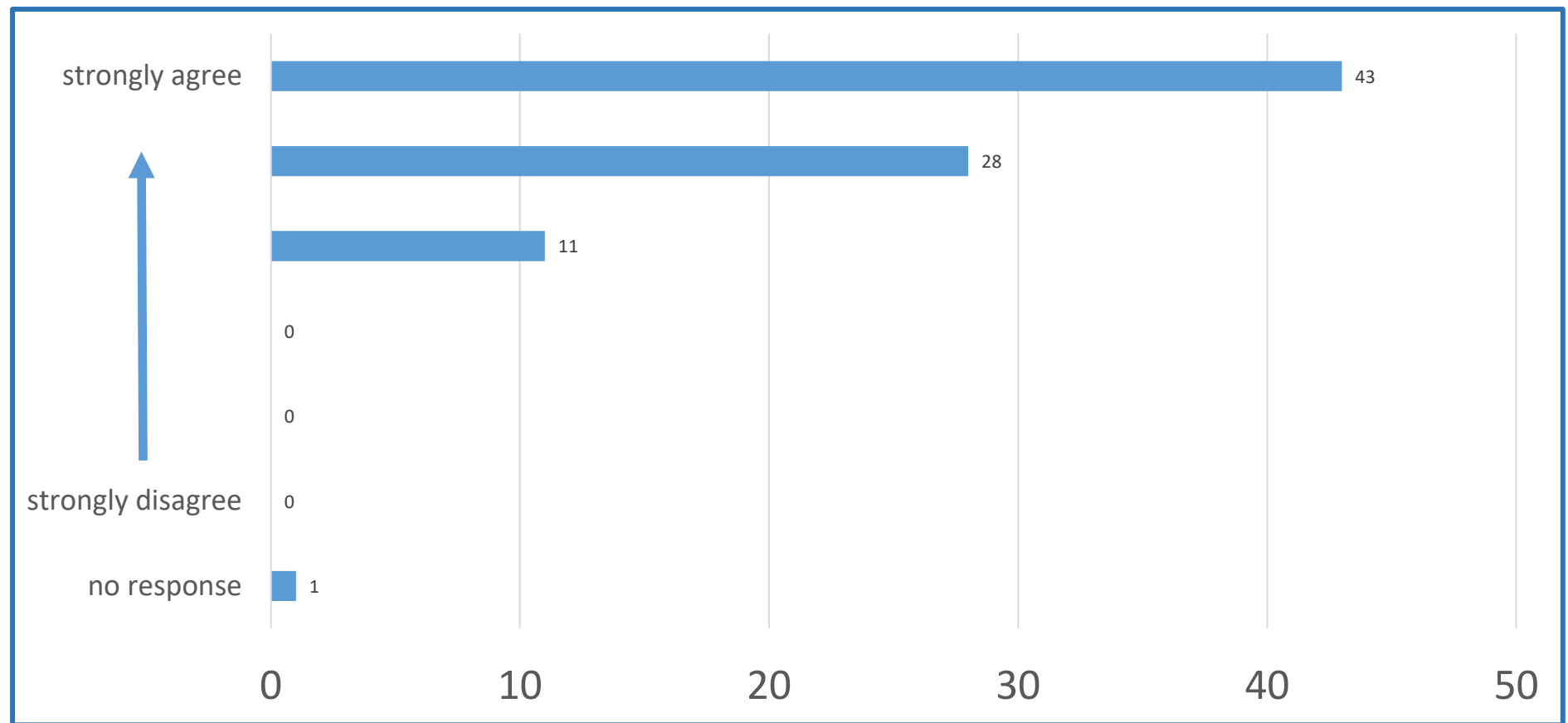
Deopham village community is very important to me as a base for my social life and personal wellbeing

(Additional comment: I do not socialise with anyone in Deopham)

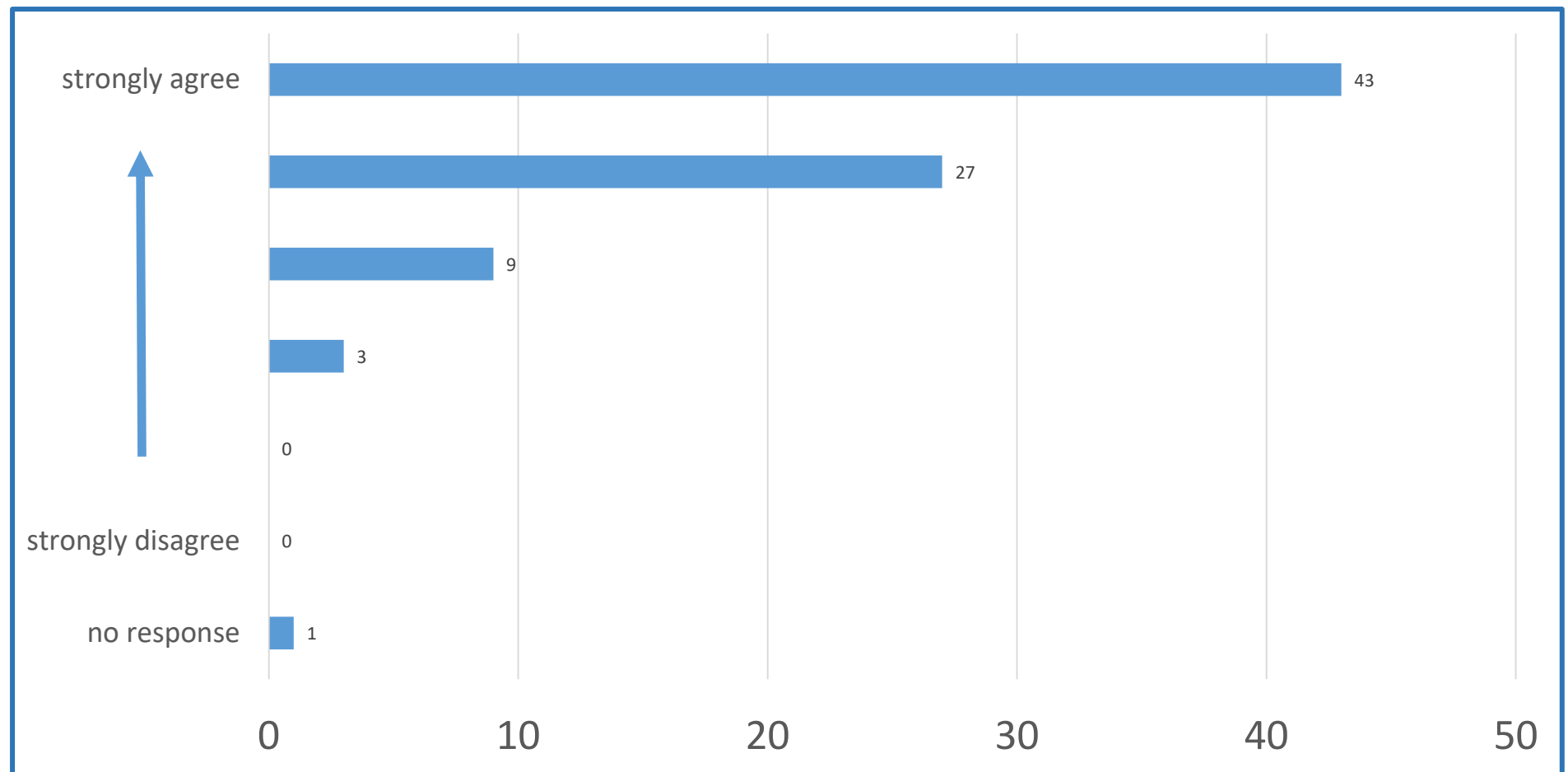


The chance to meet and chat with people and share local knowledge is important in the village

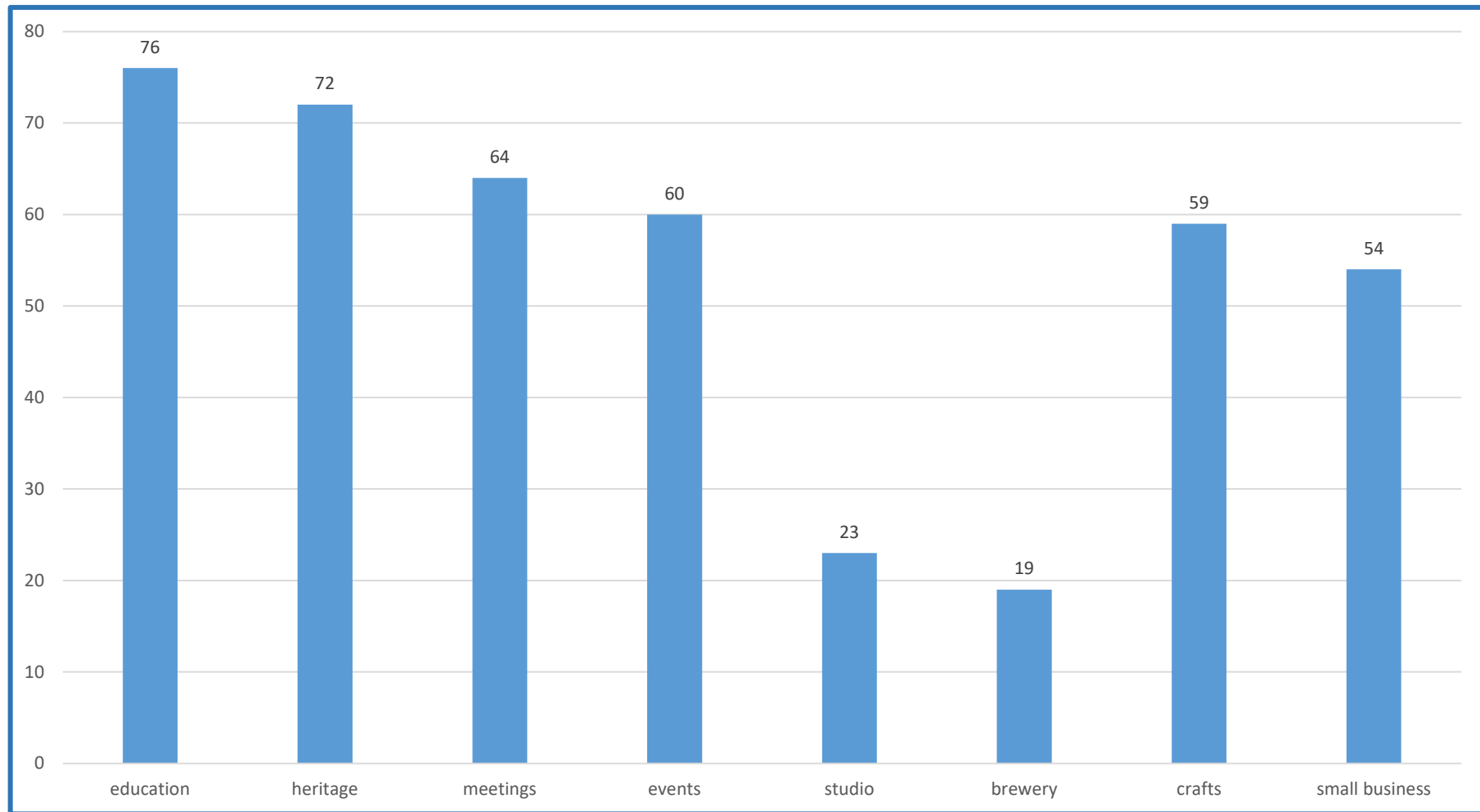
(Additional comment: Use the facebook group)



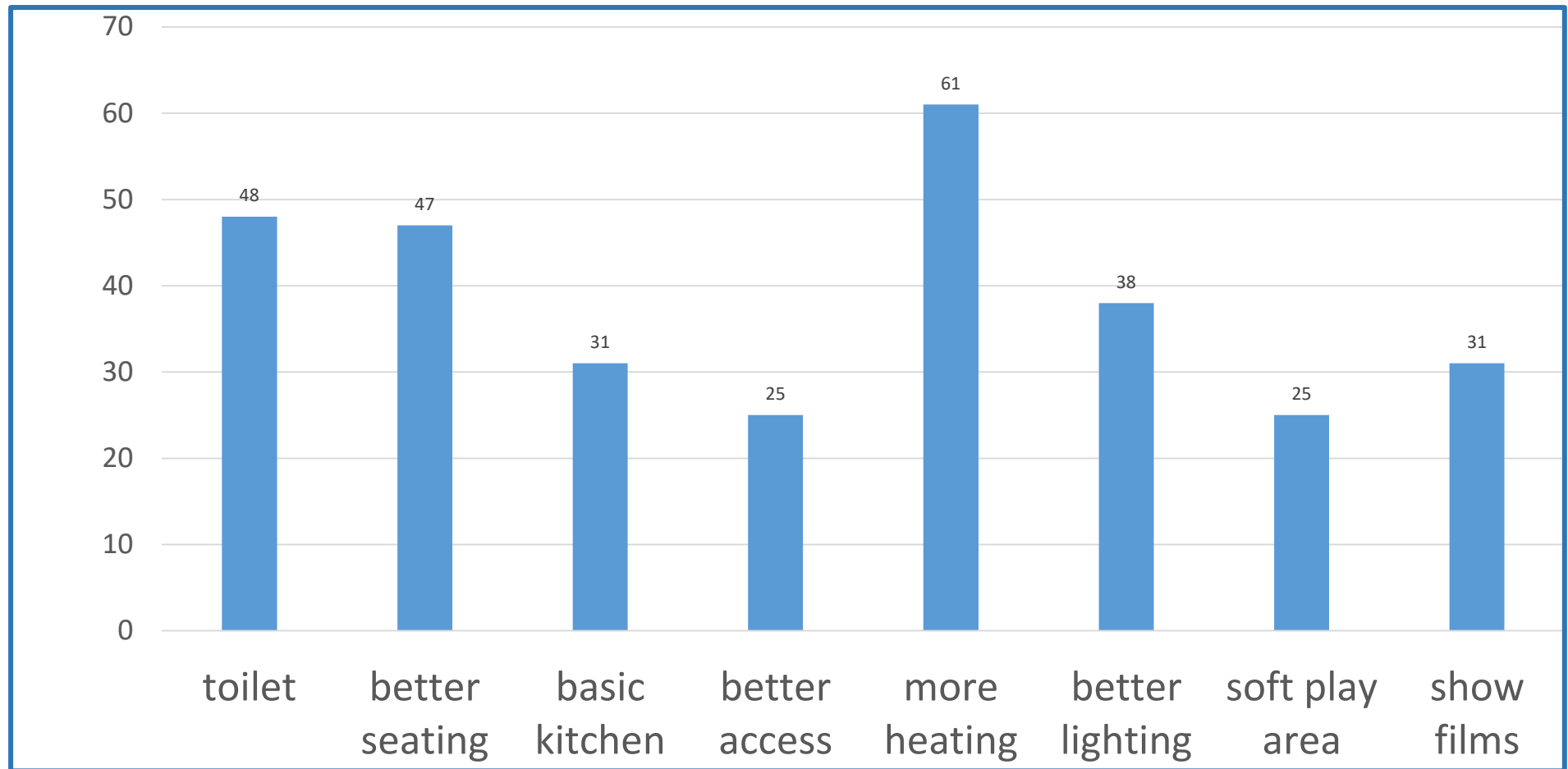
*Mutual support and community networks are important,
especially at times of crisis*



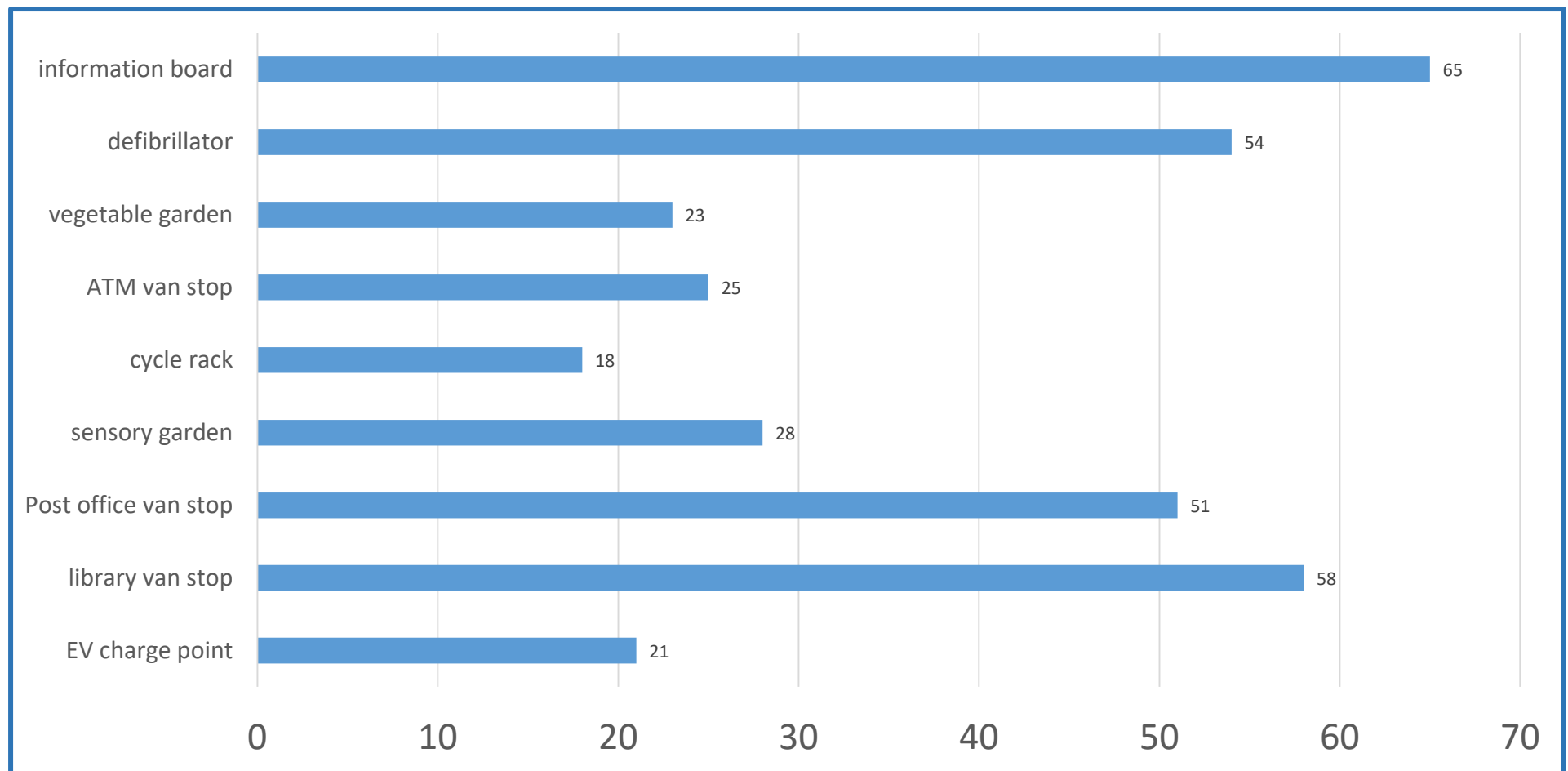
St Andrew's is a place that could facilitate community support



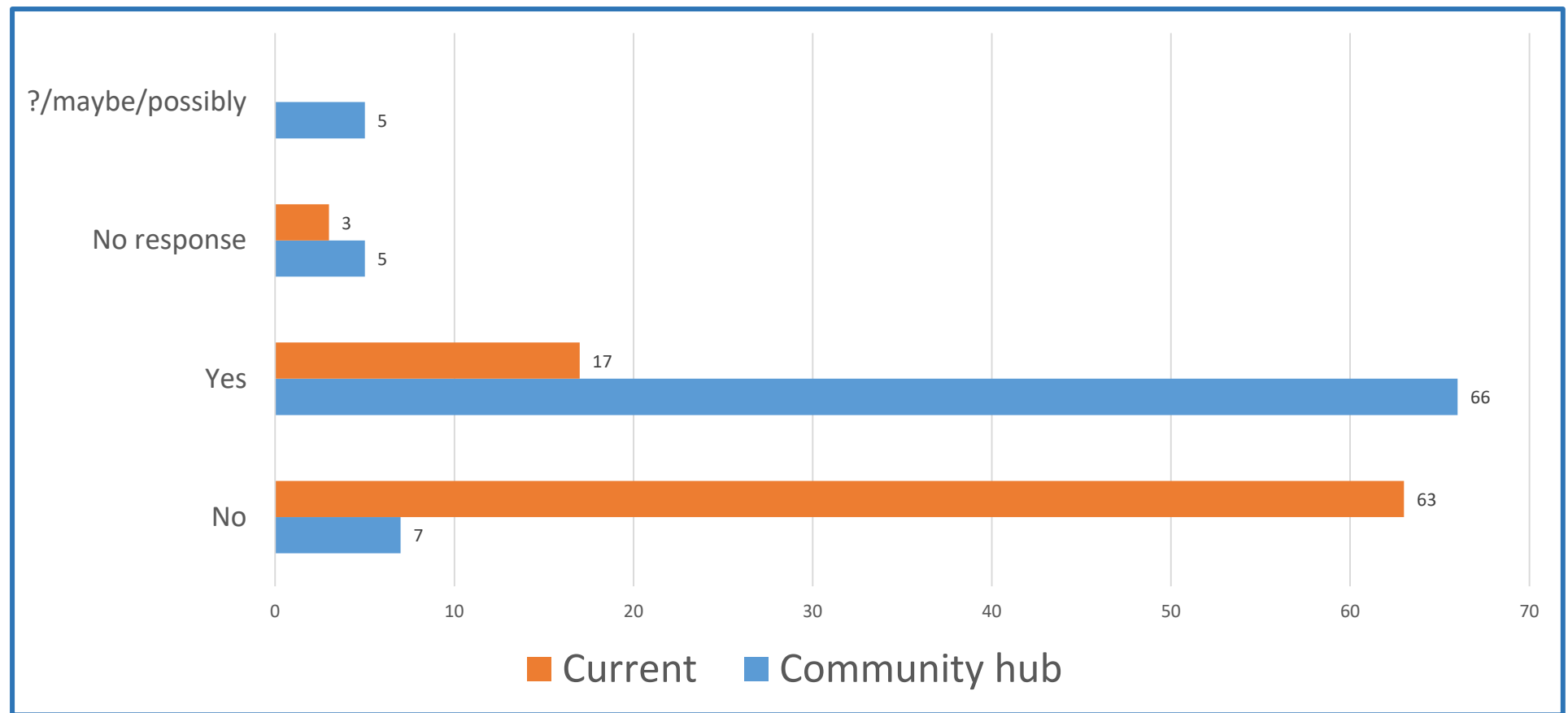
*While maintaining St Andrew's as a place of prayer and worship,
do you think it could also be used for...*



St Andrew's would be more comfortable and welcoming if it had...



The churchyard and car park outside Gralix Hall would be a good location for...



Do you currently use St Andrew's? Would you use it if it were to become a community hub?