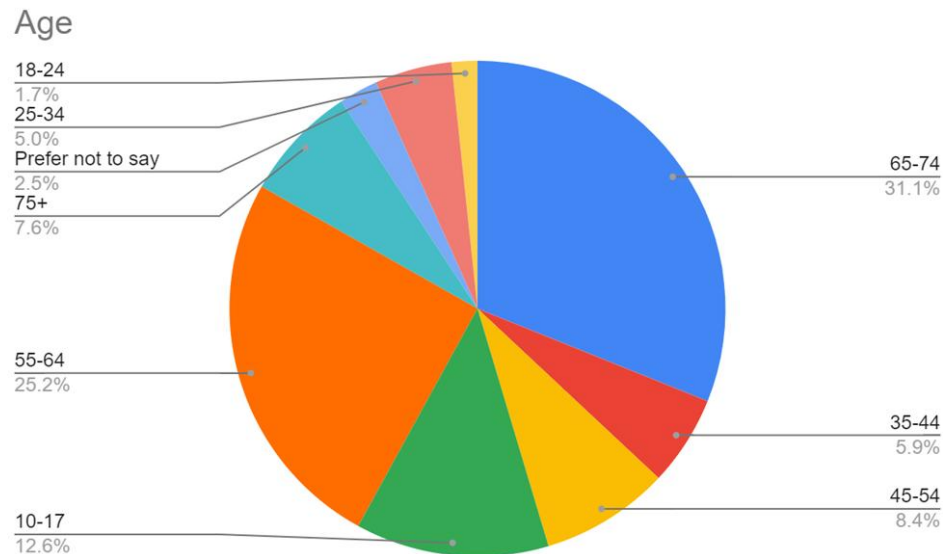
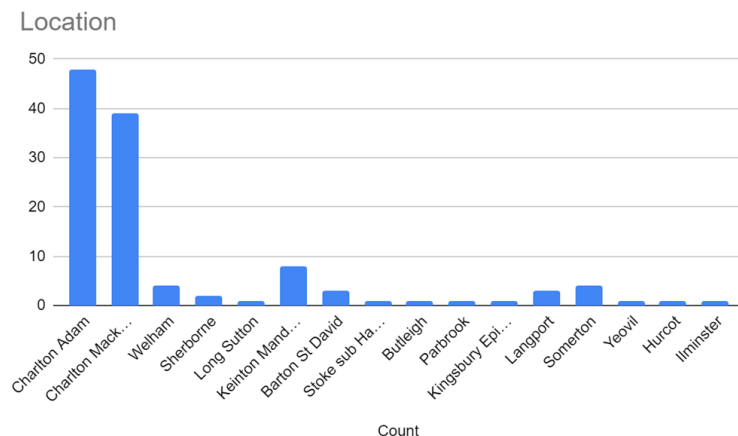
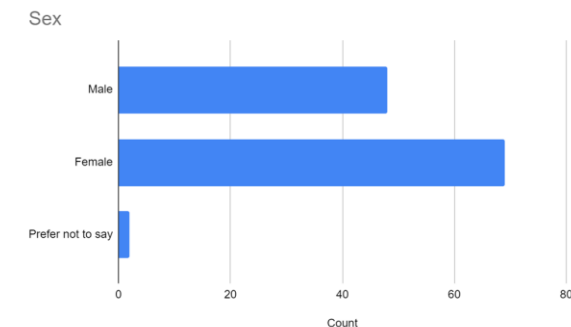


Who responded - by age, sex and location

- A total of 119 responses
- 64% aged 55+
 - 2011 census 48.5% of The Charltons were aged 55+
- 12.6% in the 10-17 age group
- Relatively few from the middle age 'family' bracket
 - only 19% in the 25-54 age range
- 58% female, 40% male, 2% prefer not to say
- 48% (48 people) from Charlton Adam; 33% (39 people) from Charlton Mackrell



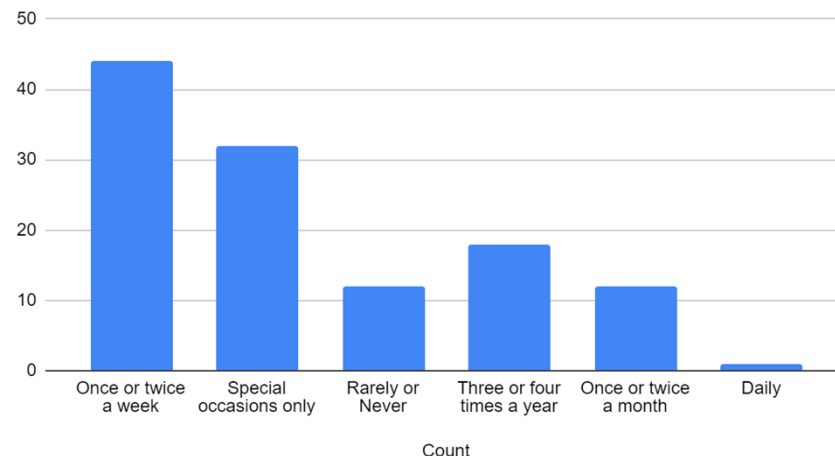
Thinking pre-Covid, how often do you use the Community Centre?

Age	Daily	Once or twice a month	Rarely or Never	Three or four times a year	Special occasions only	Once or twice a week
10-17			1			14
18-24					2	
25-34			1	1	3	1
35-44		1		2	3	1
45-54	1			3	3	3
55-64		3	3	5	9	10
65-74		7	7	5	8	10
75+		1		2	3	3
Prefer not to say					1	2

Everyone answered this question:

- 44 people (37%) use it once or twice a week
 - of whom 52% (23 people) are aged 55+ and 32% (14 people) are 10-17 years-old
- 27% (32 people) only on special occasions
 - this represents the broadest range of ages
- 18 people (15%) three or four times a year
 - this also represents the broadest age range
- 12 (10%) use it once or twice a month and another 10% rarely or never

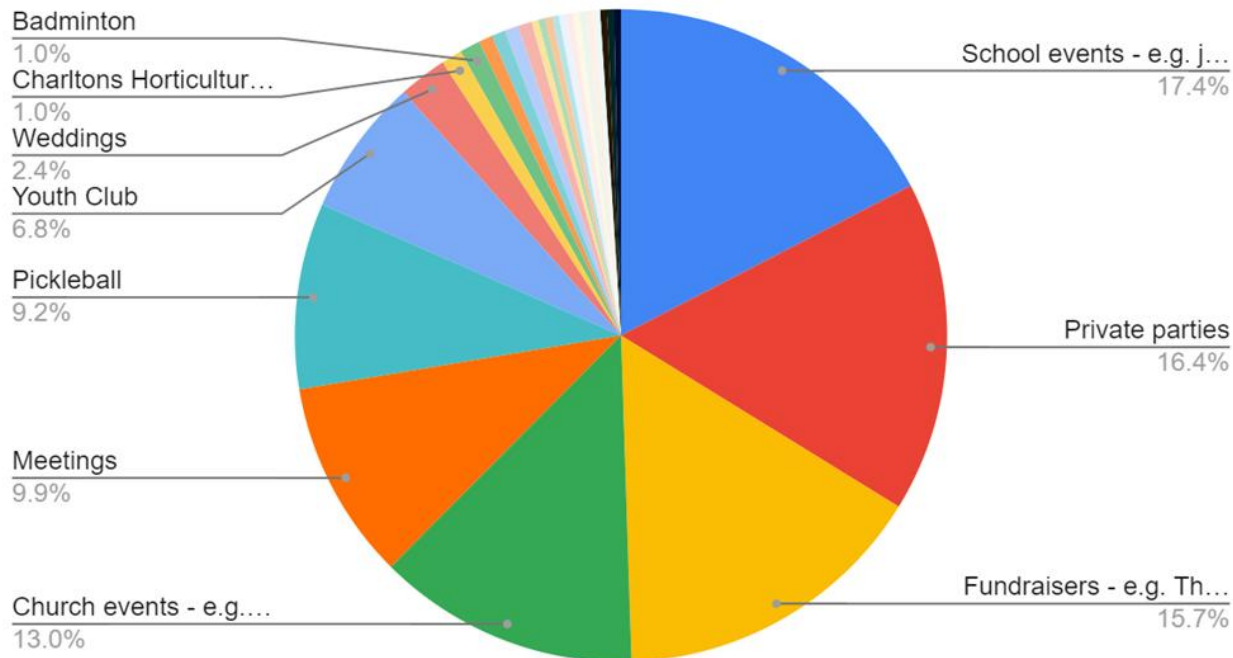
How often do you usually use the Community Centre?



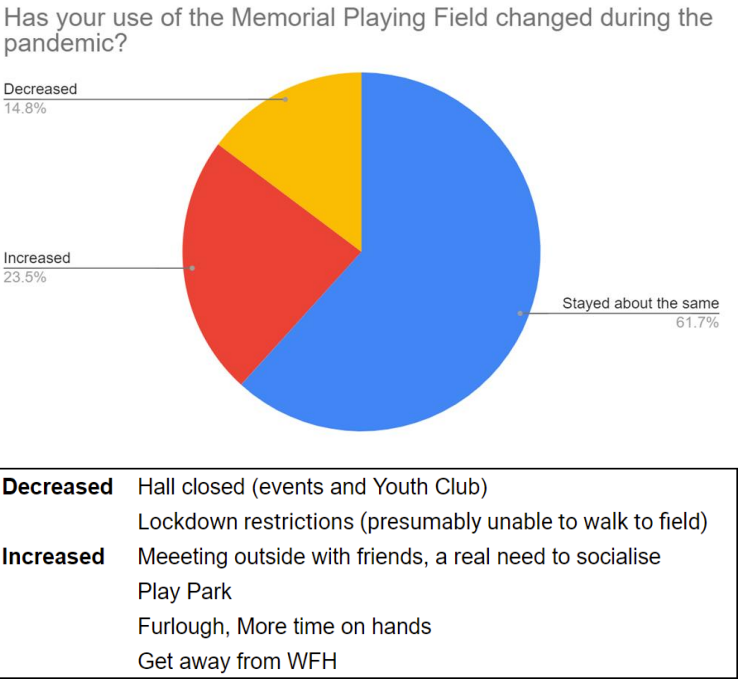
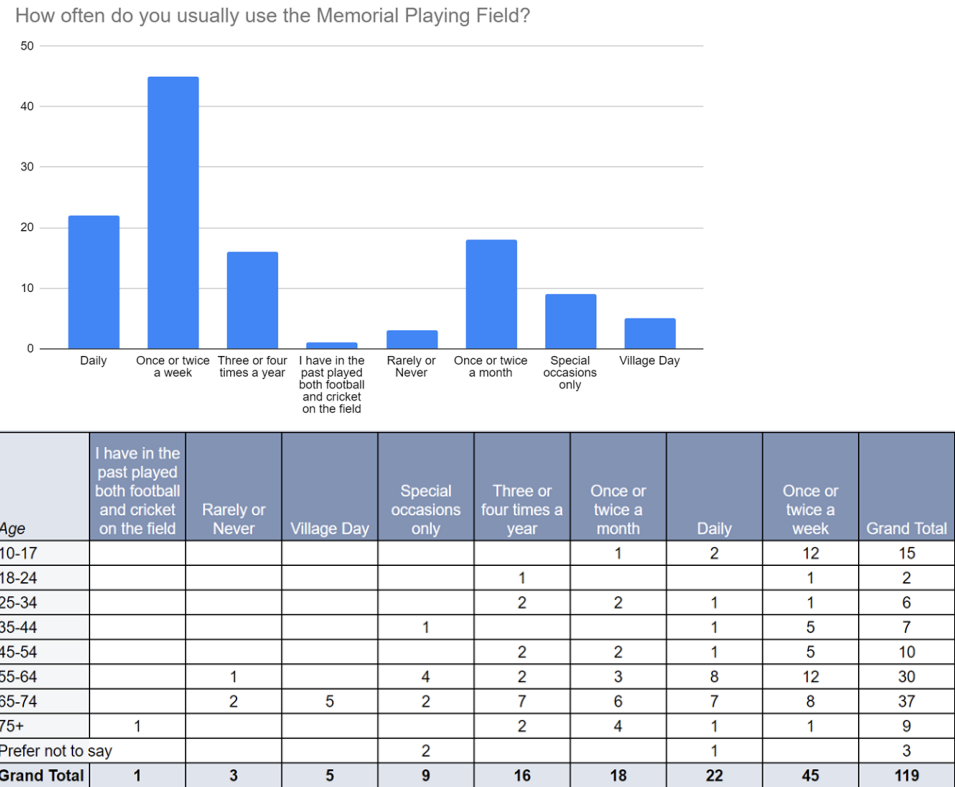
Also pre-Covid, what activities do you usually do in the Community Centre?

Activity	COUNT
School events - e.g. jumble sale	51
Private parties	48
Fundraisers - e.g. The Black & White Ball	46
Church events - e.g. jumble sale	38
Meetings	29
Pickleball	27
Youth Club	20
Weddings	7
Charltons Horticultural Society	3
Badminton	3
Village Day	2
Repairs & Maintenance	2
History society	2
Dancing	2
went to events such as plays	1
Village events - pickleball demo	1
Somerset Take Art shows	1
roller skating	1
Quiz	1
Pilates class	1
Music and theatre - hopefully!	1
litter pick	1
Football	1
Dog walking and exercise	1
Dog training	1
Christmas brunch & community events	1
cafe	1
	0
Grand Total	293

Hall Activities



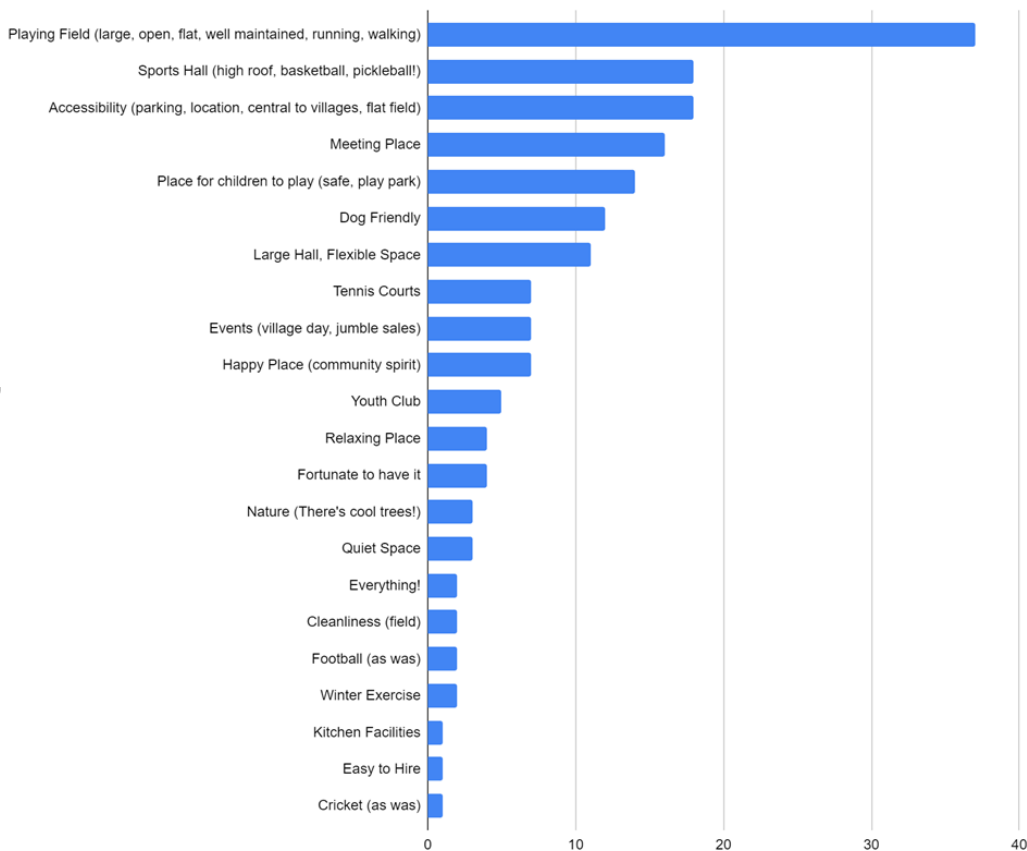
How often do you use the Memorial Playing Field?



What do you most value about The Community Centre and Memorial Playing Field?

112 people, or 94% of all the respondents, answered this question, of which:

- A third (37 people) valued the playing field most of all
- 16% put the sports hall at the top of their list and another 16% the accessibility, including parking
- For another 14% it was top as a meeting place and for 12.5% as a safe place for children to play.



What do you most value about living in The Charltons?

These are the views
of 88 people, or 74%
of all the respondents



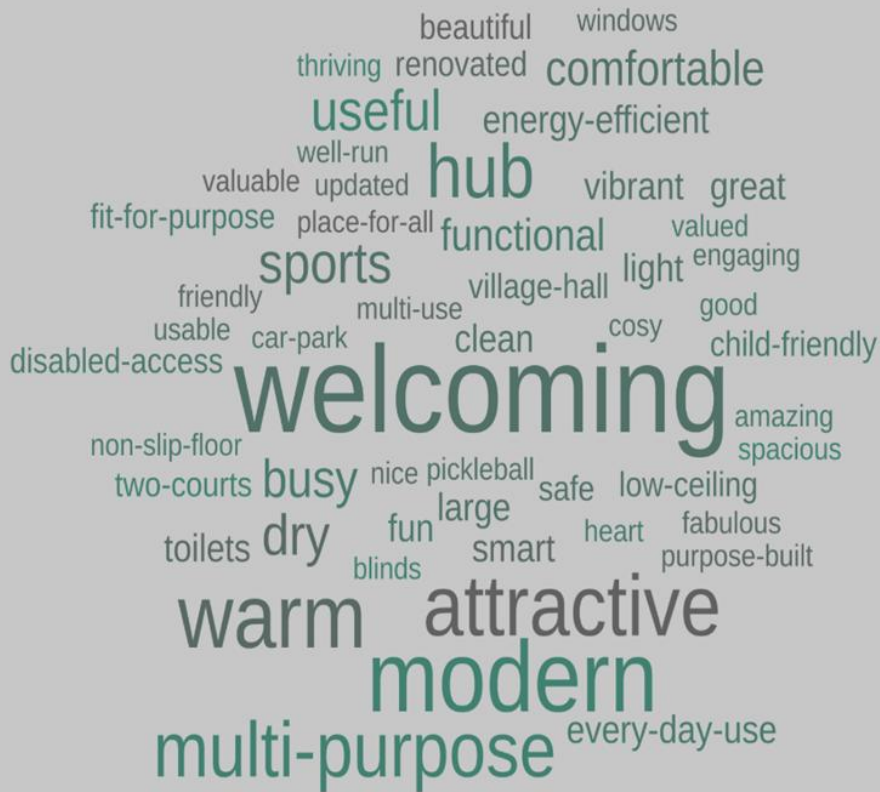
These are the words
used by of 114
people, or 96% of all
the respondents



How would you *like* to be able to describe the Community Centre of the future?

These are the aspirations of 107 people, or 90% of all the respondents

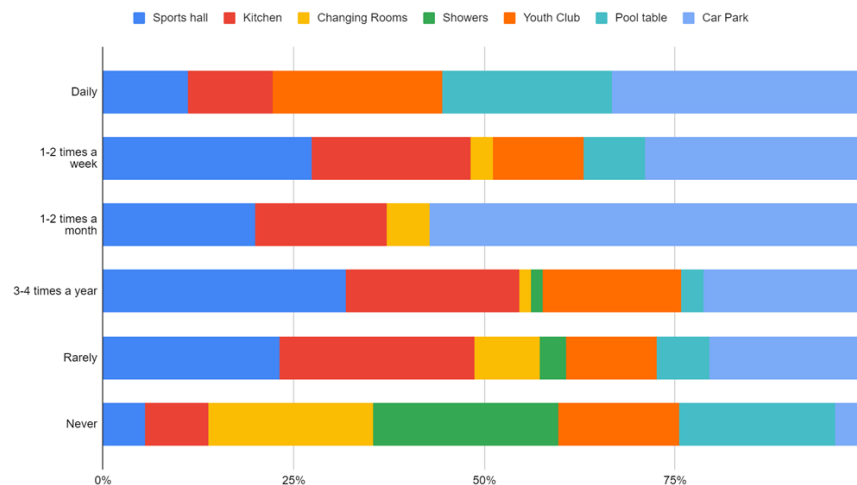
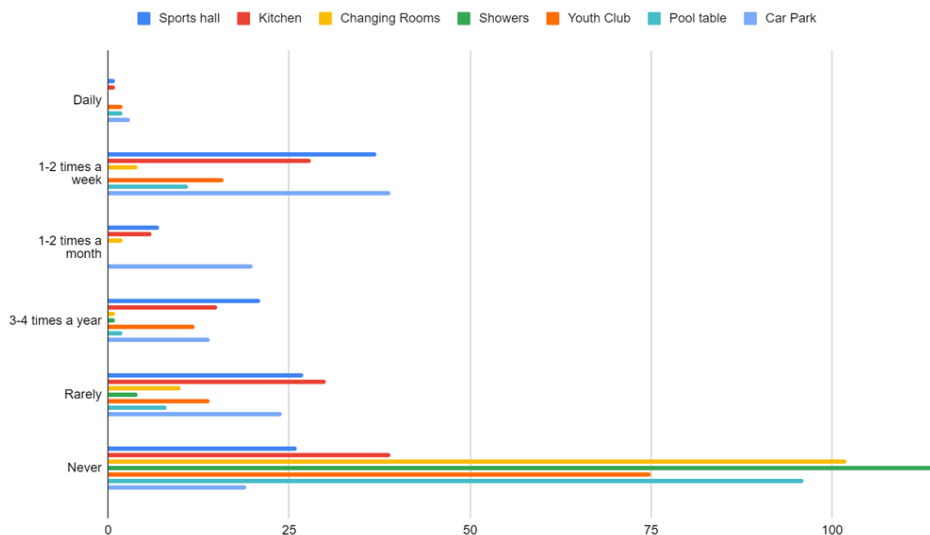
- Those that currently use the facility very much	
want the sports facility to remain	
- Those that do not, wish that it were more	
multi-functional	
- Otherwise no-one finds it "nice"	



Thinking pre-Covid, which of the current facilities do you use and how often?

	Sports hall	Kitchen	Changing Rooms	Showers	Youth Club	Pool table
Daily	1	1	0	0	2	2
1-2 times a week	37	28	4	0	16	11
1-2 times a month	7	6	2	0	0	0
3-4 times a year	21	15	1	1	12	2
Rarely	27	30	10	4	14	8
Never	26	39	102	114	75	96

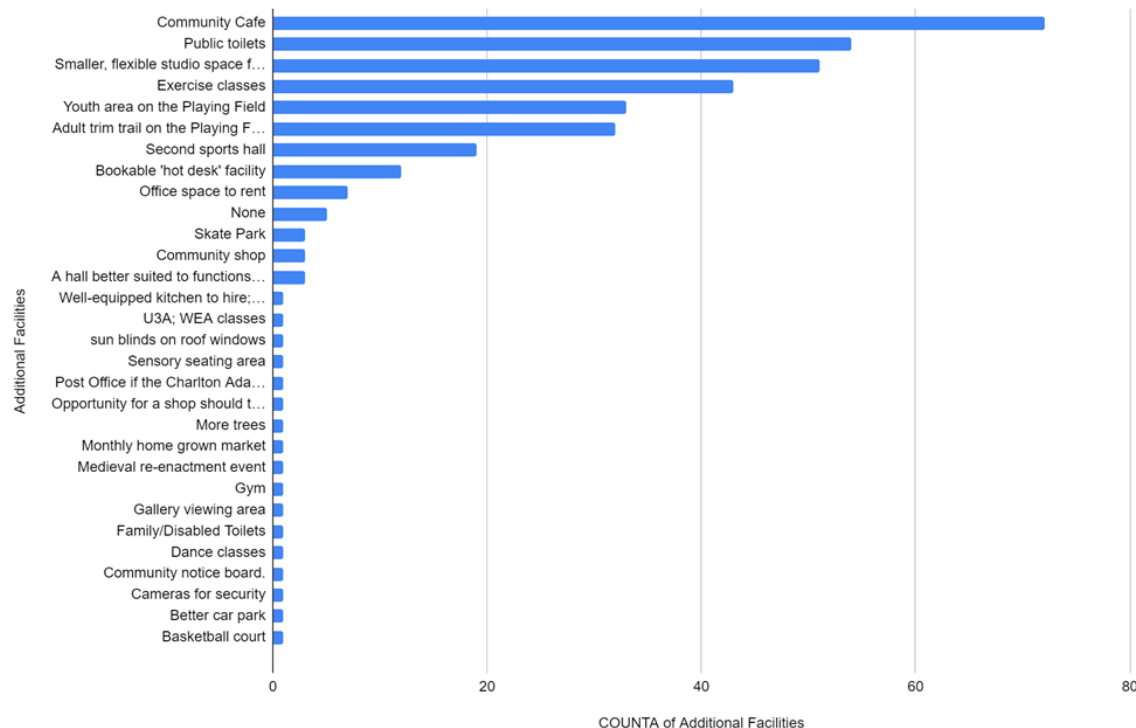
Every survey respondent answered this question



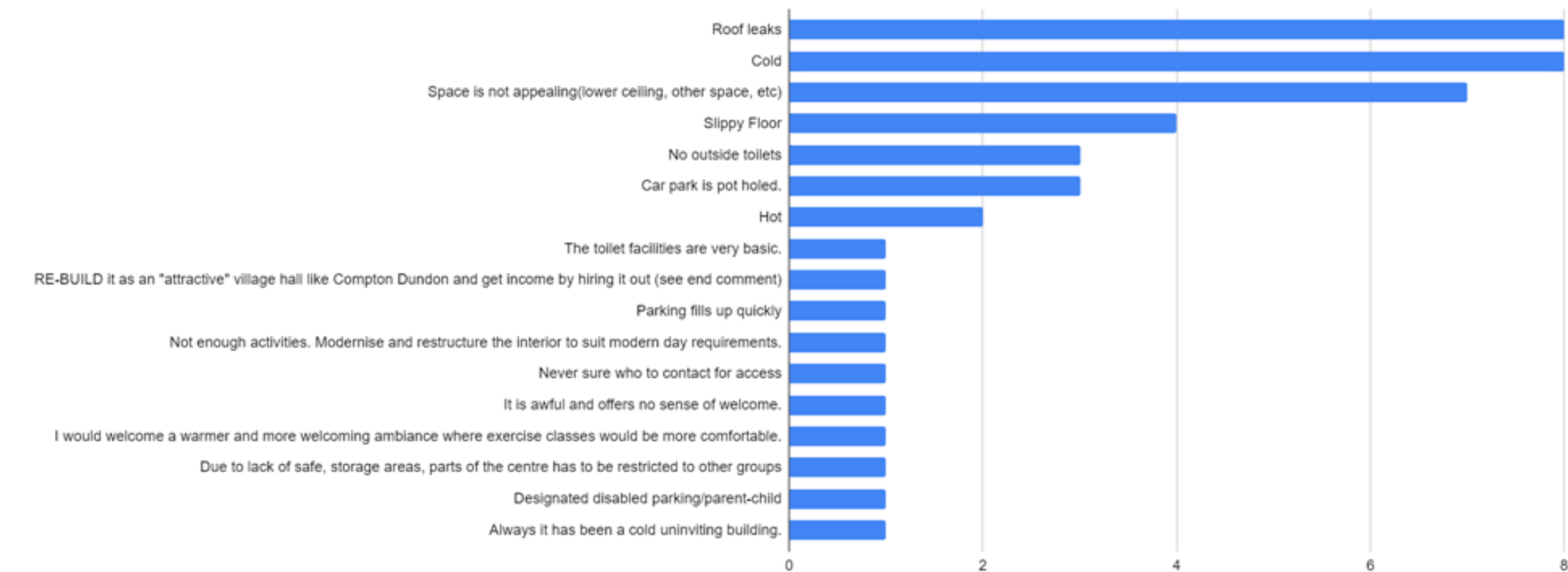
What additional facilities would you like to see, if any?

94% of all respondents (112 people)
answered this question

Additional Facilities	COUNT
Community Cafe	72
Public toilets	54
Smaller, flexible studio space for meetings, groups and classes	51
Exercise classes	43
Youth area on the Playing Field	33
Adult trim trail on the Playing Field	32
Second sports hall	19
Bookable 'hot desk' facility	12
Office space to rent	7
None	5
Skate Park	3
Community shop	3
A hall better suited to functions, concerts etc	3
Well-equipped kitchen to hire; pleasant larger space to hire for events;	1
U3A; WEA classes	1
sun blinds on roof windows	1
Sensory seating area	1
Post Office if the Charlton Adam one is lost	1
Opportunity for a shop should the PO close	1
More trees	1
Monthly home grown market	1
Medieval re-enactment event	1
Gym	1
Gallery viewing area	1
Family/Disabled Toilets	1
Dance classes	1
Community notice board.	1
Cameras for security	1
Better car park	1
Basketball court	1
	0



Does anything restrict your use of the Community Centre?



Additional comments (1)

The hall and field is a huge asset to our Village and I'd love to see it become more of a Community hub where people enjoy the building and feel proud of the space.
I would not support expansion of use to hold events that currently use the Reading Room. There is room for both.
I would like the Trustees to concentrate on improving the facilities for sport to attract team sports back to the Playing Field. Also have they considered bench marking other sports facilities in the area to find best practice.
Rip up the field and plant a wildflower meadow.
I think the village benefits from a great community looking to improve things for others. Well done!
In all honesty, I think we should have a long-term plan to build a completely new community hall. I choose Keinton Village Hall if I need to hire a facility for events because it is light (whole side of windows and patio doors opening to outside); a water fountain outside; spacious; has a nice floor for exercise classes or toddler groups; feels more cosy (lower ceiling); has a good kitchen; a smaller meeting room (with bar); the temperature can be controlled; the toilets are spacious and clean; has plenty of chairs and tables; and a stage. The Charlton's community centre is like a giraffe house. The high ceiling creates poor acoustics for teaching or speaking, as well as making it feel cold and unwelcoming. If you turn the heating on, it makes so much noise that you cannot hear properly. I feel I couldn't run classes there and charge people without feeling embarrassed. Thank you for asking for feedback and for thinking about how to improve community facilities.
The hall would benefit a second hall which would permit removable stage for events, plays, films, bands, pantomime etc.
Nothing fundamental needed- just sort car park potholes, tidy outside & odd bits of paintwork
Please keep the height of the roof to enable badminton to be played
Changes to the hall should include improvements to the exterior appearance. I know that knocking it down and completely rebuilding it more in keeping with the historic style of the village is probably not an option but anything that stops it looking like a run down 70s business unit would win a lot of support in the village.
Would be great to add a smaller and more functional extension.
Thank you to all who are leading this. It would be great if we could make it good enough to be the hub of the village
I think that the Parish Councillors should be more supportive on Community Centre activities both financially and Councillors supporting local events such as Village Day.
It is a great space but feels under utilised and could be a real hub
Used the facilities when my son was young. Seem irrelevant to those without young children who are not yet retired. Wouldn't hire the hall for a function as there are far more attractive halls locally.
The hall needs to be less of a sports hall and more of a village hall. there needs to be scope to accommodate a village shop
It would be fabulous to see the Community Hall fulfil the potential it has to bring the village together more.
Thank you for giving the community the opportunity to express our opinion of the hall and playing field, may I add Project Charltons has made massive ongoing improvements to the facilities in the field.

Additional comments (2)

The building desperately needs large windows facing out onto the field, without being able to restructure the building in this way, any other improvements would seem fairly pointless
A thinking would be to remove the hall and build a primary school and community facility combined and sell the existing school to partially fund the enterprise
Disappointed that the old play area has not at least been kept tidy and usable
I appreciate all the hard work that is put into running the hall and doing the fundraising. The new equipment for kids is fantastic.
please get rid of the pointless new play park and refurbish the old existing one or put a fence around the new one.
building is ugly and deters me from using it
I would very much like to see the hall redeveloped into a more welcoming, multi-use village hub in the style of the Davis Hall or Keinton village hall. The eye-watering amount of money being spent on the new, limited use outside play area should be used for this instead.
Since the Hall was designed and built as a sports hall, it should be maintained as a sports hall, and not compete with the other facilities in the village (ie The Reading Room).
A decent carpark surface would help improve appearances and reduce the ammunition for window breaking.
Like many people our family has used many of the facilities regularly in the past, but we are now at a point in our lives where there are often other demands on our time. From experience of managing the Field and Hall, I know that consideration of maintenance (systems and costs) and the changing needs and popularity of different activities are vital.
I think you would be extremely unwise to attempt to commercialise the facilities with office space etc. in light of safeguarding insurance issues with close proximity of childrens' play area. I assume commercialisation not allowed within terms of your Trust deed.
I would add only that when I came to the village the field was regularly used by local leagues for football and cricket; later for rounders too. Following the building of the sports hall for badminton, the management ceased to mark out the playing surfaces on the field and the new changing facilities were poorly maintained and cleaned. Consequently the leagues withdrew taking valuable funding income with them. The continuation of this narrow-view approach to management of the whole site has led to today.
Community noticeboard on front of the hall
A conservatory-type front overlooking the playing field would make for a user-friendly atmosphere.
I was the client agent for Aylesbury Canal Society when they built a new club house with function room and bar. I am quite happy to offer my experience in that and other building projects.
What are the constraints to re-invigoration? The hall is the way it is because that is what the funders would pay for, does this still pertain?
I applaud what has been done so far to make the hall and playing field more of a hub for villagers - Well done to community minded villagers.
An area suitable for youth - Very important

Additional comments (3)

Thank you for starting the process of giving the community a lift.
Artwork & Cake baking
It'd be fantastic to renovate what we have got and add a smaller building to create a multi-functional space with loos accessible from the park.
I would help as long as major changes take place and not "tinkering" with minor repairs.
Take this opportunity to make this building somewhere people want to use EG Wedding receptions etc... Instead of the ugly, cold, unwelcoming sports hall/ warehouse it is.
Take this opportunity to make the building somewhere people would want to use. It is currently an ugly, cold unwelcoming sports hall/ warehouse.
Whatever we do we need to preserve the high roof for badminton.
In the event that we lose our current Post Office & Shop, locate at community hall with a cafe.
Best of luck. The committee tried something similar 20 years ago but failed to raise the finance to follow through.
Good luck
This building has been the source of many suggestions to improve it's appearance outside and in and the estimated cost has been prohibitive. Hopefully it can be done.
Fresh, clean and tidy space - Youth Club equipment left alone. Resources to hire
Maybe a parkour course. Medieval re-enactment (my stepdad said to do that)
Needs a dedicated store for Youth Club equipment.
A PS3 and air guitar for youth club
I would like to see the field used for the purpose the villagers envisaged when they raised the money to buy it. The idea of Public Toilets is a complete no go if they are to be maintained to the same standard as the rest of the building.

	Organise a fundraising event	Help at any fundraising events?	Contribute materials or equipment?	Contribute skills or time?
Yes	25	80	34	57
No	94	39	85	62