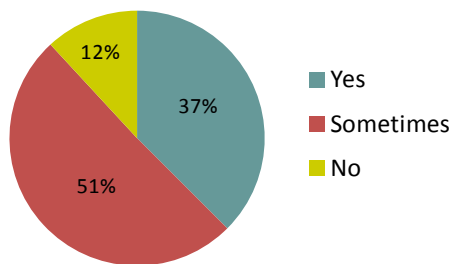


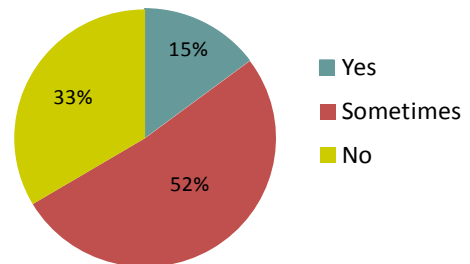
Traffic Survey 2016

Complaints are regularly submitted to the Parish Councils about traffic issues, together with requests to resolve them. In particular, we hear concerns about the difficulty in exiting the Co-op due to poor visibility, too many parked cars on The Street, a lack of parking spaces on The Street, cars parking on the pavement, cars driving on the pavement outside the newsagent/Post Office and vehicles speeding through the villages. In February/March 2016 the parish councils delivered a traffic survey to every household in the villages and had a response of just under 20%. Below you will find an analysis of the responses along with examples of the comments received. A report with all of the comments will be available on the council websites – <http://botesdale.onesuffolk.net> and <http://rickinghall.onesuffolk.net>.

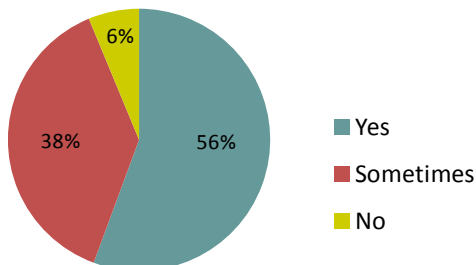
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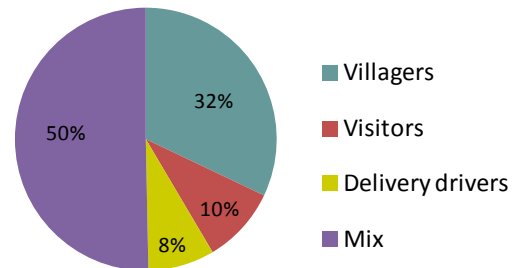
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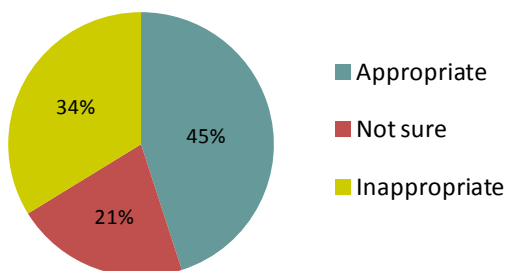
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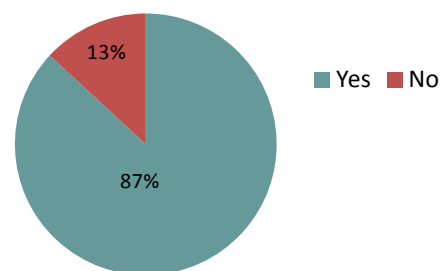
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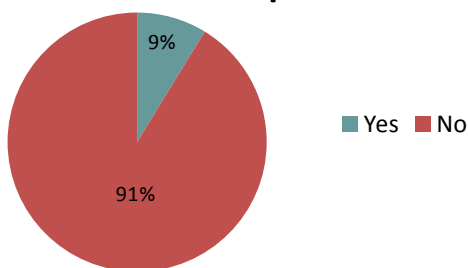
How are speed limits, road signs and road markings?



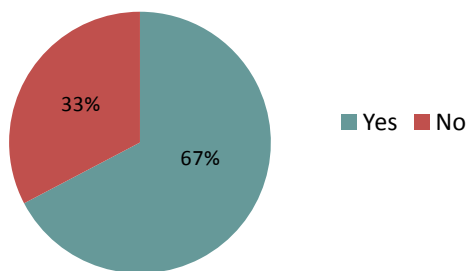
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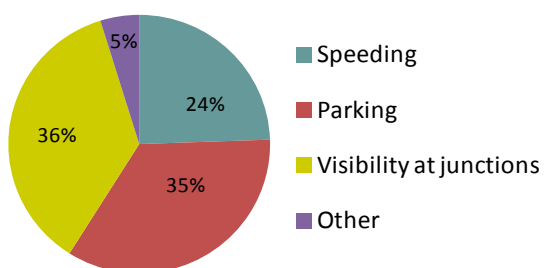
Do you object to lengthening the double-yellow lines at the Co-op?



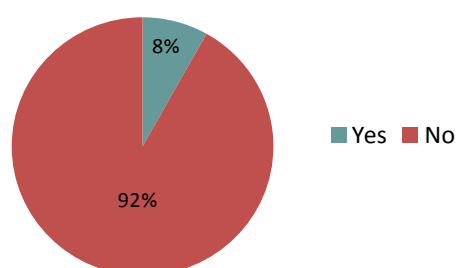
Do you support bollards in front of the Post Office?



What issue is your highest priority?



Would you be willing to join a Speedwatch group?



Signage and Road Markings: “Many lines faded, suggest having speed limits printed on highway and could then possibly get rid of some of the repeater speed signs.” “Road markings to reinforce notice of speed limit on entering/leaving the village.” “The pavers are a menace and give confusing messages—sometimes indicating parking, sometimes not; stupidly decorative.” “Painted crossings on the road near Co-op and Botesdale Church Rooms.” “Paint parking spaces on the pavement opposite the Chip Shop.”

Parking Issues: “Several places e.g. at Botesdale Village Hall, Co-op, Junction near Chapel of Ease.” “Outside the Post Office, at the junction of Garden House Lane and the main road and at the entrance to the Co-op.” “Several places e.g. at Botesdale Village Hall, Co-op, Junction near Chapel of Ease.” “Outside St Mary’s Church blocking visibility as you enter the village from Rectory Hill.” “The junction of Mill Road.” “Stop all parking on pavements.” “Give us more parking in The Street please.” “A car park for the village.”

Speeding: “I would welcome an extension of the 20mph speed limit by the school and doctor’s surgery, possibly all the way down Back Hills.” “I think a 20mph limit is a great idea.” “I don’t think speeding is the main problem. It is the inconsiderate parking.” “I am concerned about my son crossing the road when the school buses drop them off.” “A 20mph limit wouldn’t make much difference - but the speed signs currently in Hepworth (by the Lollipop Diner) would be worth the money.” “Speed limits are useless without enforcement.”

Bollards at Post Office: “Bollards are essential outside PO.” “I am fed up with people parking outside the PO. They make it dangerous to cross the road, sometimes they park on the path blocking it! There is a layby across the road.” “Painted ‘no stopping’ lines could be applied at the front of the PO.” “I would sooner see a simple double yellow line outside the Newsagents.” “If you put bollards in front of the PO, the elderly and infirm will not be able to get near enough to get in the shop – we may as well close down the PO.”

Lines at Co-op: “Bad parking inevitably causes problems around road junctions as people cannot see to exit safely.” “It should be done as a priority. There is nearly an accident there every day due to vans parking and causing a blind spot.” “Although I support it, this would inconvenience people living in the area.”

Speedwatch: “Only does a job the Police should do!” “A temporary solution but effective.”