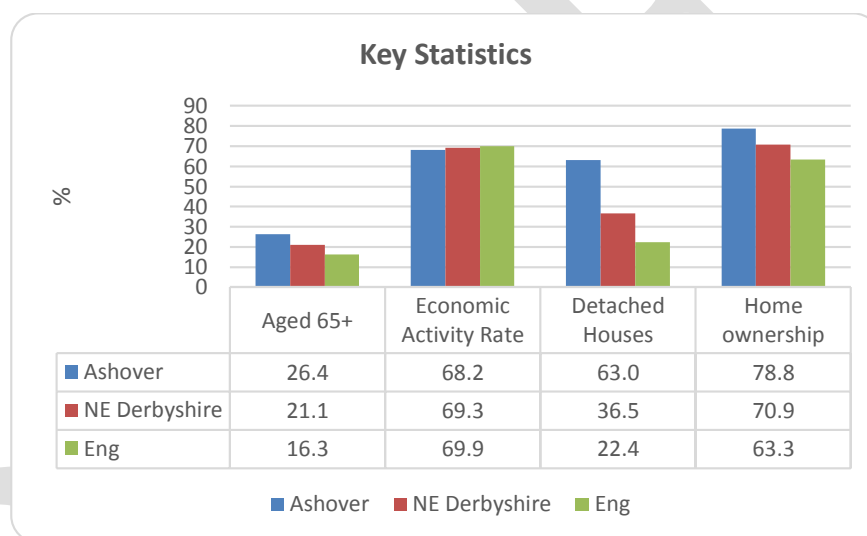




## Introduction to Ashover

Ashover is a parish situated in North East Derbyshire. One of the largest parish councils by area in the Country its serves a number of villages and hamlets, including Ashover, Kelstedge, Milltown, Uppertown, Littlemoor, Alton and Fallgate, interspersed by large areas of countryside.

It had a population of 1,905 and 798 occupied households at the time of the 2011 Census. The Parish has a higher than average proportion of older residents with over 26% aged over 65 compared with 21% for North East Derbyshire as a whole and the 16.3% national average. The economic activity rate is slightly lower than the district and national averages but it is worth noting that the self employment rate is particularly high and at the time of the 2011 Census were more than 10 percentage points higher than the district and national rates. Home ownership levels are also high with around 79% of households being owned outright or with a mortgage or loan against 71% for North East Derbyshire and 63% England average. Privately rented households represent just 9% of households which is slightly higher than the 7% reported for North East Derbyshire but somewhat lower than the 16.8% England average. Detached housing represent 63% of houses which is significantly higher than the district (36.5%) and national (22.4%) rates.



*Census 2011*

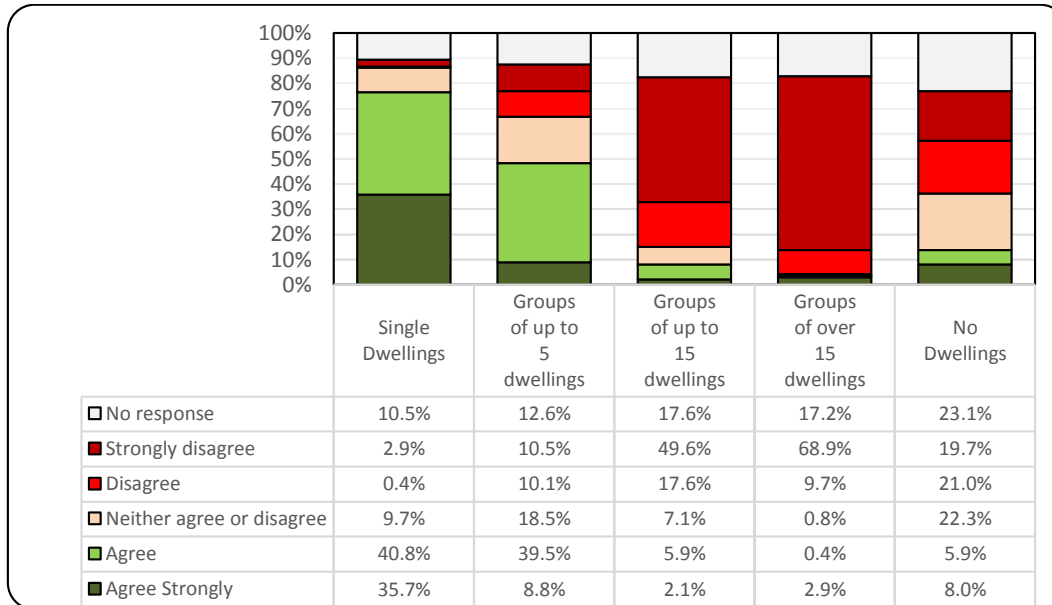
## The Survey

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group carried out a household survey of parishioners to assist in the preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group is keen to engage with the whole community and the survey was conducted during the summer of 2015.

A questionnaire was produced by the Working Party and delivered to 875 households throughout the Parish. A total of 238 completed questionnaires were returned representing a 27.2% household response rate. The printed survey responses were entered into an Excel spreadsheet and the results were analysed by way of pivot tables and ranked accordingly.

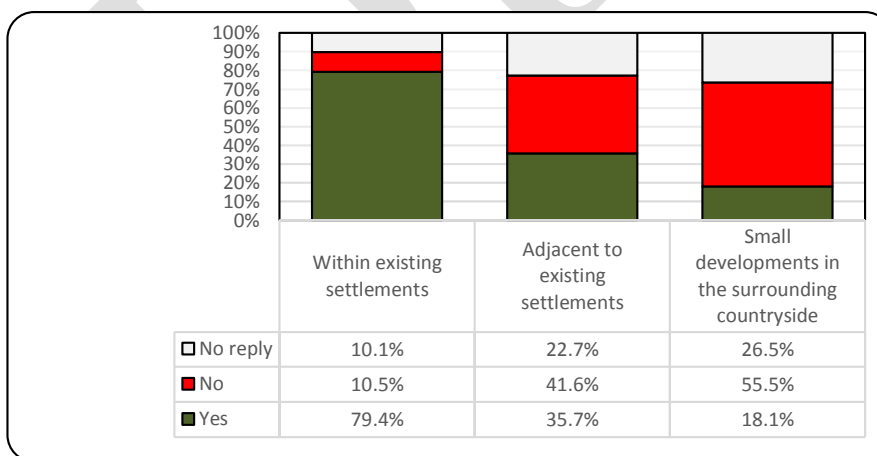
The following section provides a summary of the key findings.

**Q1: In terms of housing development across Ashover Parish would you prefer?**



- The vast majority of respondents indicated that in the future they would prefer to have single unit housing developments across Ashover with 76.5% agreeing or strongly agreeing with this statement.
- Groups of up to 5 dwellings was the second preference with 48.3% of respondents in agreement and 20.6% in disagreement.
- The results show respondents have less of an appetite for developments containing more than 5 dwellings with the vast majority disagreeing and strongly disagreeing. Only 8% were in agreement of groups of up to 15 dwellings and just 3.3% of groups of over 15 dwellings.
- However, results show that a minority of respondents (13.9%) indicated agreement to no development suggesting 40.7% are in agreement of some developments. A further 22.3% neither agreed nor disagreed with the notion of no housing and a similar amount (23.1%) failed to respond.

**Q2: If housing is needed in Ashover Parish where would you like to see these new homes built?**

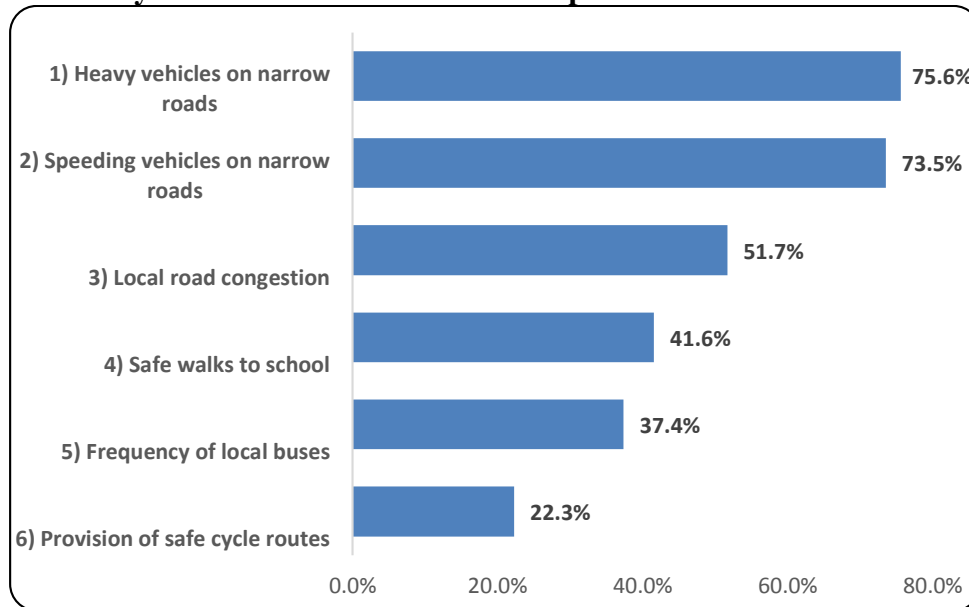


A large majority of respondents (79.4%) agreed that new housing developments should be within existing settlements.

- There is less preference for new housing to be built adjacent to existing settlements with 35.7% agreeing to this and 41.6% in disagreement (22.7% didn't reply).
- The majority of respondents (55.5%) do not support small developments in the countryside

- 50 respondents commented under "other" including Infill, Brownfield, conversion of redundant (farm) buildings and redevelopment of existing.

**Q4: What do you consider are the main transport issues within Ashover Parish?**



Road safety is of particular concern in the Parish with respondents identifying heavy vehicles on narrow roads (75.6%) as the highest transport issue followed by speeding vehicles on narrow roads (73.5%).

Local road congestion is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> place with over half of respondents (51.7%) identifying this as a transport issue; followed by safe walk to school (41.6%); and frequency of local buses (37.4%). Provision of safe cycle routes was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> place with 22.3% of respondents.

Under "Other" the most expressed concerns raised were: School drop-off/parking (33); road/verge/pavement maintenance & repair (21) and parking/parking on pavements (12).

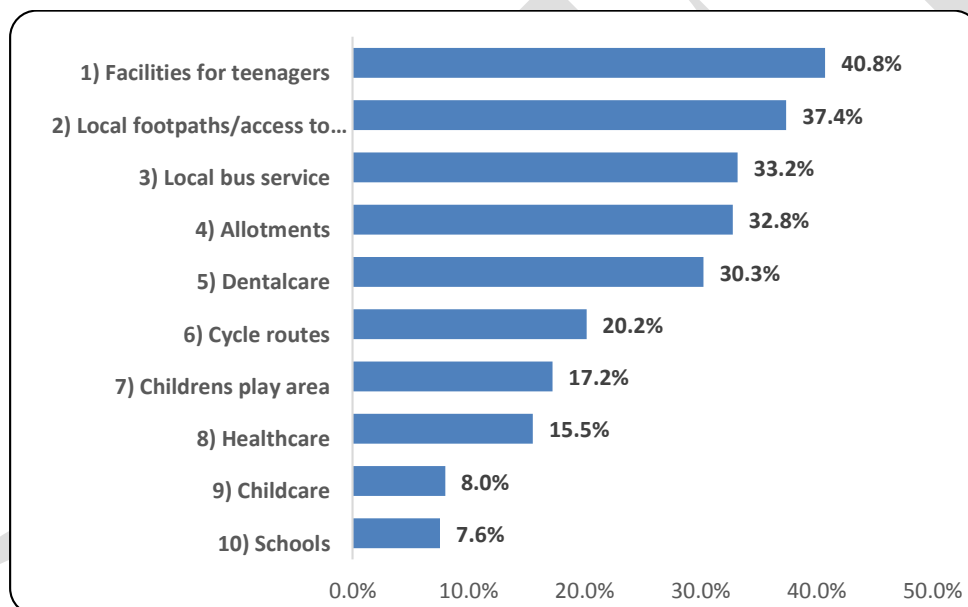
**Q5: Which Community facilities do you use within Ashover Parish and how often?**

Community Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Blank
Bus Service	4.6%	7.1%	5.9%	29.8%	42.4%	10.1%
Community Bus	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	6.3%	74.4%	17.6%
Shop/Post Office	33.6%	45.4%	10.9%	8.4%	0.0%	1.7%
Pub	4.2%	36.1%	22.7%	32.4%	1.7%	2.9%
Church	0.8%	10.9%	3.8%	57.1%	21.4%	5.9%
Community Venues	0.8%	15.1%	17.6%	53.8%	5.5%	7.1%
Mobile Library	0.0%	0.8%	4.6%	11.8%	69.3%	13.4%
Play area/Green space	10.5%	14.3%	7.6%	33.2%	23.9%	10.5%
Exercise Equipment	0.4%	1.7%	2.5%	9.2%	72.7%	13.4%
Medical Centre	0.8%	10.1%	39.9%	33.2%	11.8%	4.2%

- Residents were asked how often they used local community facilities and the shop/post office was identified as the most commonly used with a third visiting it on a daily basis, 45.4% using it every week and 10.9% monthly.
- The play area and green space attracted the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest amount of daily visits with 10.5% of respondents and 14.3% using it weekly.

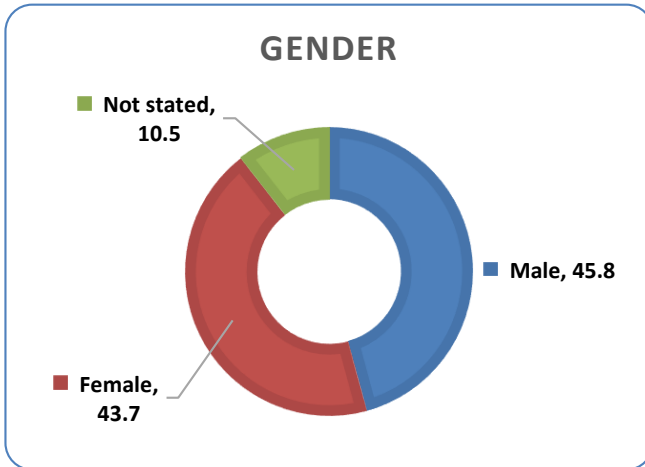
- The pub is also a popular community asset with over 36% of respondents visiting monthly and 4.2% on a daily basis.
- Around 40% of respondents visit the medical centre every month and over 10% weekly.
- Over 57% of respondents said go to church occasionally and 10.9% visit weekly. Around a fifth of respondents never go to church.
- Around 42% of respondents never use the bus service but about 30% travel by bus occasionally. Around 5% catch the bus daily, 7.1% weekly and 5.9% said they catch the bus on a monthly basis.
- According to the survey, the community bus and exercise equipment were the least frequently used community facilities.
- Under "Other" the most frequently mentioned community facilities were: Footpaths/Bridleways (13), Tennis (6).

**Q6: What additional or improved community facilities would you like to see in Ashover Parish?**



- Facilities for teenagers ranked highest in terms of community facilities respondents would like to see more of or improved (40.8%).
- Local footpaths and access to the countryside was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> highest (37.4%) followed by local bus service (33.2%) and Allotments (32.8%).
- Improvements or additions to schools and childcare attracted the least number of responses. However, just 7.6% of respondents reported having children in their households so the results could imply that childcare and schools may be a significant issue for this particular cohort.
- Under "Other" additional or improved facilities the most frequently mentioned were: public/school/resident parking (6), cashpoint (3), extra health services (3), café/tea/coffee shop (3).

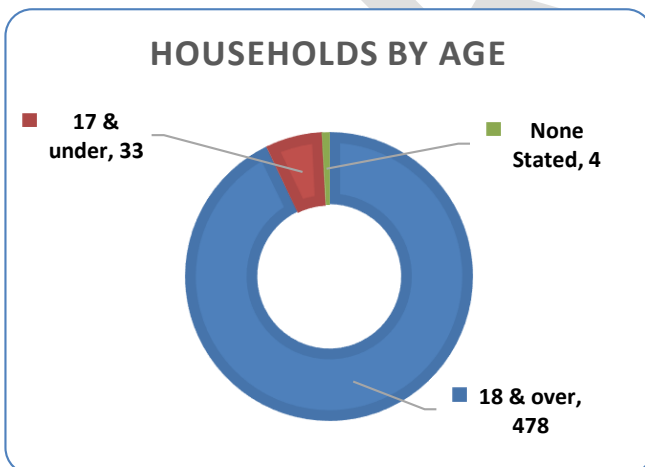
**Q6: Demographics of Respondents?**



- Both men and women were well represented in the findings with roughly equal proportions of males and females responding to the survey.

RESPONDENTS BY AGE BAND			
	Census 2011	Survey	Difference
18-24	6.8	0.4	-6.4
25-34	7.5	1.3	-6.2
35-44	14.5	8.8	-5.7
45-54	19.5	14.7	-4.8
55-64	19.8	25.6	5.8
65-74	18.1	27.7	9.6
75-84	10.1	15.1	5.0
85+	3.6	3.4	-0.2
NOT STATED	0.0	2.9	2.9
	100.0	100.0	0.0

- There was a higher response rate from older residents with 46% of respondents aged 65+.
- The results suggest younger people are underrepresented in the survey when compared with age band breakdown from the 2011 Census.



- There were 17 responses from households with young people aged 18 and under.
- Around 478 households were home to people aged 18 and over.
- Some respondents replied jointly and ticked multiple boxes

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION		
	No	%
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	18	7.6%
1 PERSON HOUSEHOLDS	47	19.7%
2 PERSON HOUSEHOLDS	133	55.9%
3 PERSON HOUSEHOLDS	23	9.7%
4 PERSON HOUSEHOLDS	31	13.0%
UNSPECIFIED	4	1.7%

- Around 8% of respondents lived in households with children.
- 20% of responses were from single person households.
- 2 people households represented 56% of responses.

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