



## **Chichester City Council**

### **Results of the Community Space in the South Survey**

#### **Introduction**

As part of Chichester City Council's City Plan 2024-2029, we have committed to exploring the possibility of delivering new community spaces within the South Ward.

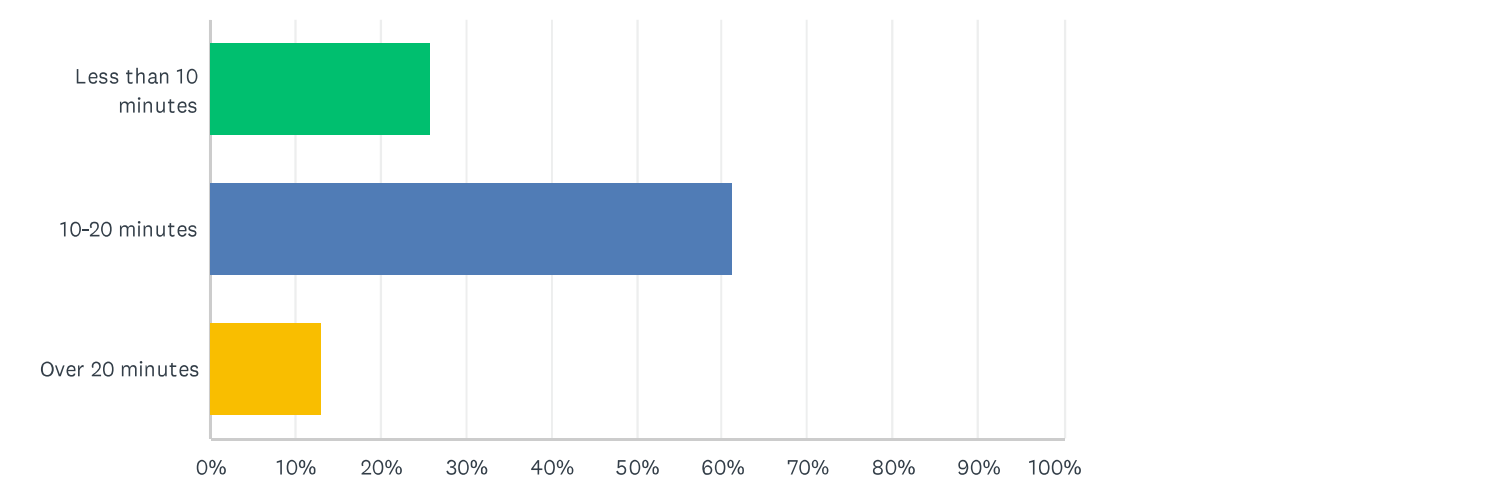
To explore this ambitious task, we undertook a survey between the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 through until the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Over this period, we received 229 responses. Using the household figures from the 2021 census this represents an 8% response rate for Chichester South.

The following data comes from the responses to the survey. All closed responses to the questions have been presented in full and where we gathered open responses, we have presented the data using word clouds or a summary of the collated responses. Some of the questions gathered personal data such as postcodes and emails. To comply with Data Protection this information has not been provided.

This data will be used to inform our decision-making process.

# Q1 How far are you willing to walk to a community centre?

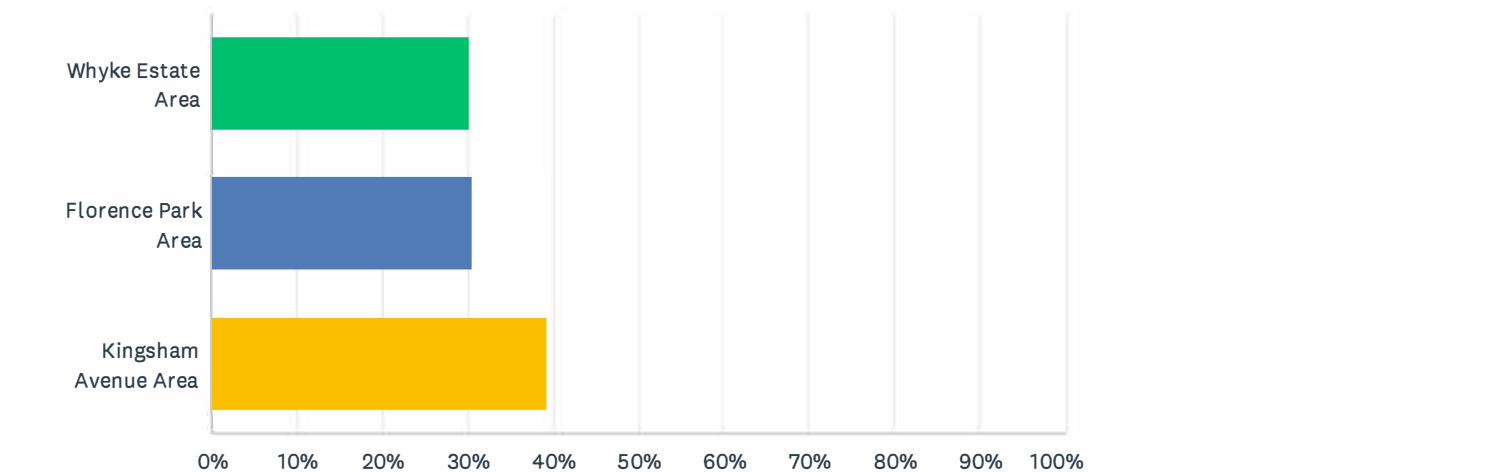
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 10 minutes	25.76%	59
10-20 minutes	61.14%	140
Over 20 minutes	13.10%	30
TOTAL		229

## Q2 Where would you like to see a new community space

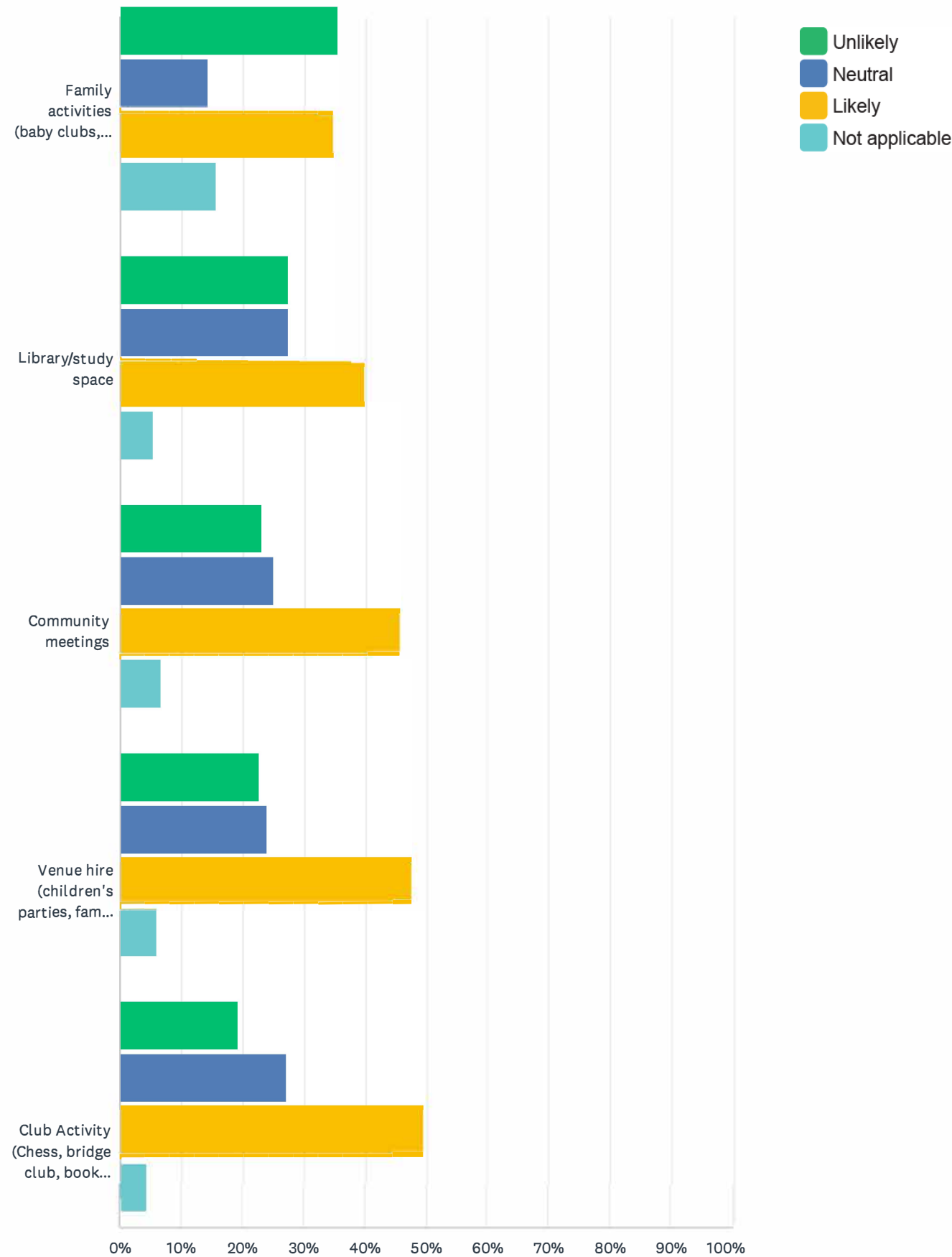
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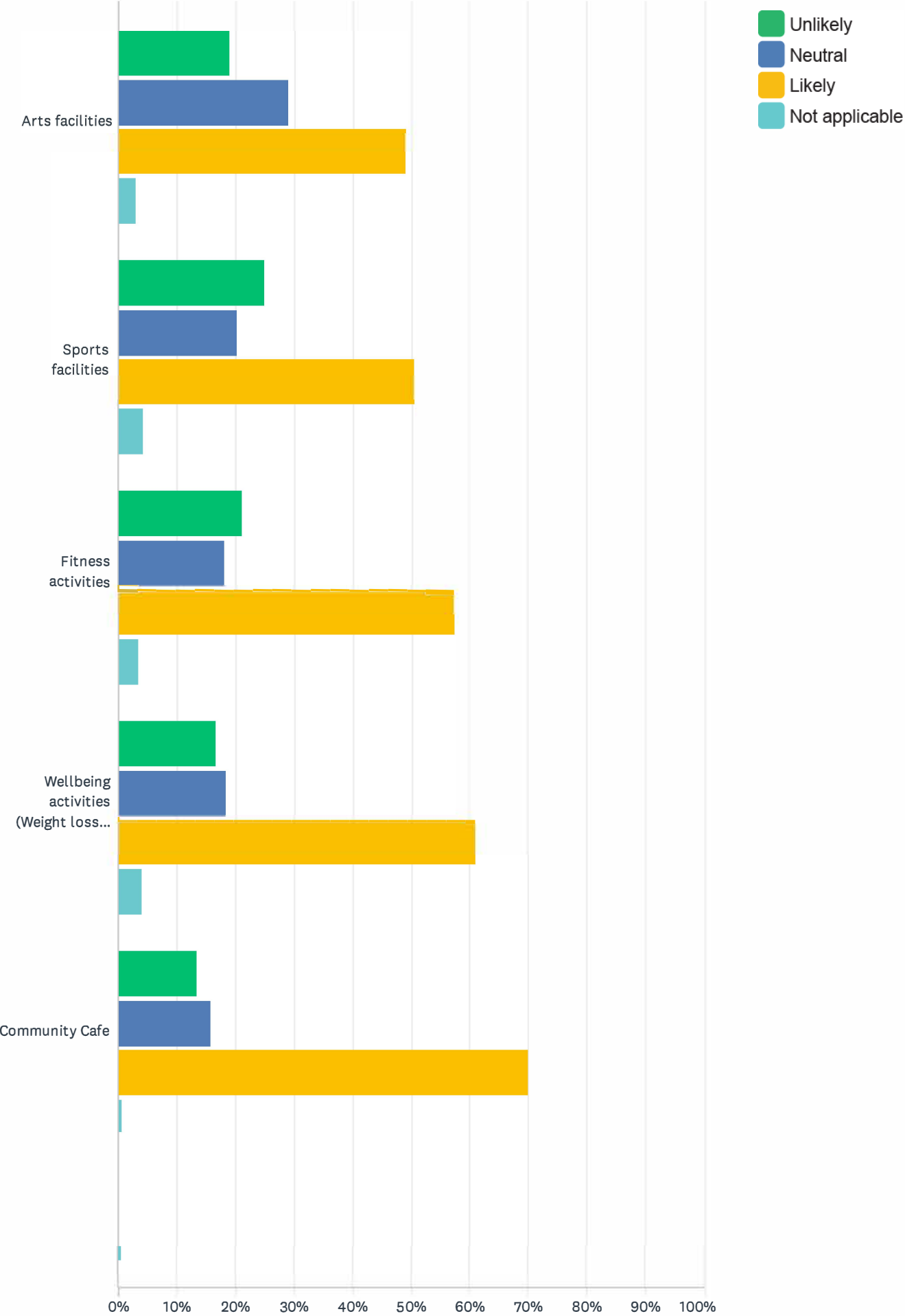
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Whyke Estate Area	30.13%	69
Florence Park Area	30.57%	70
Kingsham Avenue Area	39.30%	90
TOTAL		229

Q3 How likely are you to use the new community centre for the following?

Answered: 172    Skipped: 57



Community Space in the South



## Results of the Community Space in the South Survey

	UNLIKELY	NEUTRAL	LIKELY	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Family activities (baby clubs, toddler groups, play groups)	35.33% 59	14.37% 24	34.73% 58	15.57% 26	167
Library/study space	27.38% 46	27.38% 46	39.88% 67	5.36% 9	168
Community meetings	23.08% 39	24.85% 42	45.56% 77	6.51% 11	169
Venue hire (children's parties, family functions, wedding receptions)	22.62% 38	23.81% 40	47.62% 80	5.95% 10	168
Club Activity (Chess, bridge club, book club, etc).	19.28% 32	27.11% 45	49.40% 82	4.22% 7	166
Arts facilities	18.93% 32	28.99% 49	49.11% 83	2.96% 5	169
Sports facilities	25.00% 42	20.24% 34	50.60% 85	4.17% 7	168
Fitness activities	21.05% 36	18.13% 31	57.31% 98	3.51% 6	171
Wellbeing activities (Weight loss groups, yoga, Pilates, etc).	16.57% 28	18.34% 31	60.95% 103	4.14% 7	169
Community Cafe	13.53% 23	15.88% 27	70.00% 119	0.59% 1	170

Q4 If you have prioritised sports, arts or fitness activities, please provide more information about your needs.

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Q5 What additional activities do you think are currently missing in your community that a community space could address?

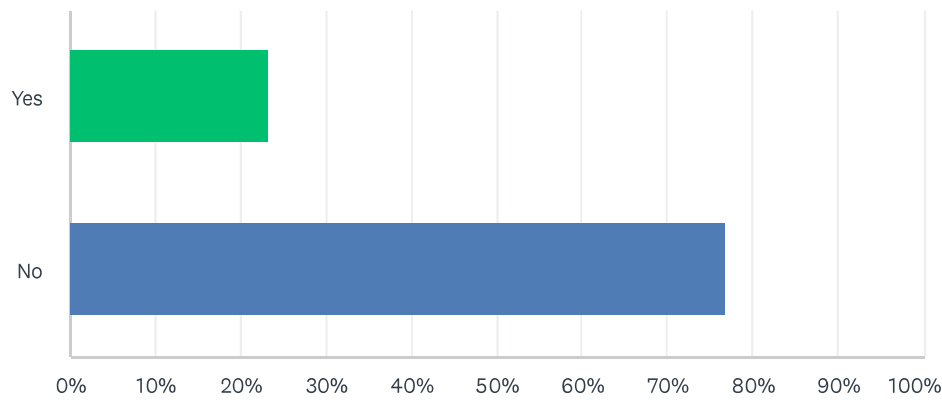
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Q6 Would you consider volunteering to help run the community centre or its activities?

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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		23.31%	38
No		76.69%	125
TOTAL			163

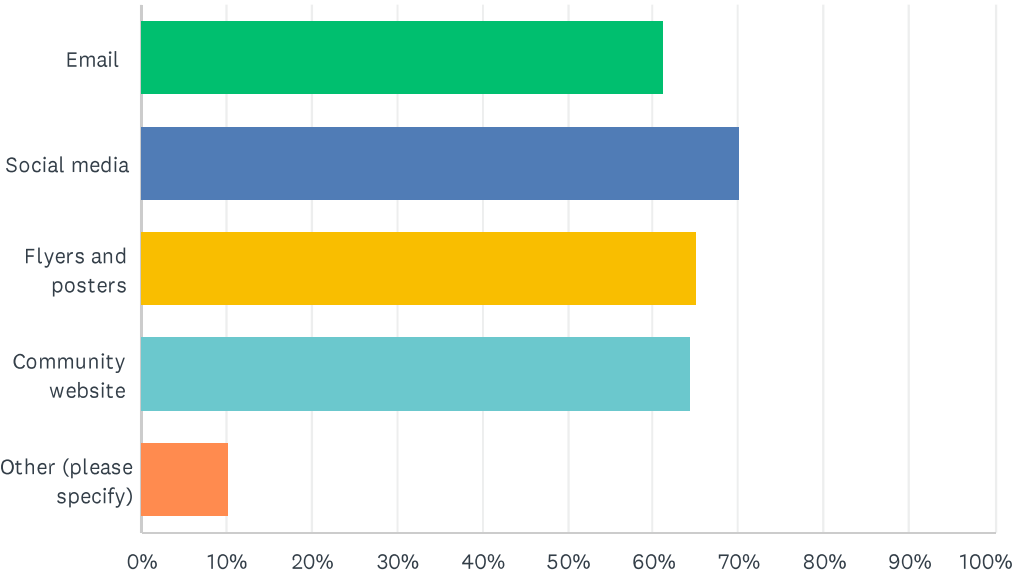
Q7 If yes, please provide an email address for us to contact you.

Answered: 34   Skipped: 195

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Q8 How should the community centre communicate with residents?  
(Select all that apply)

Answered: 157    Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Email	61.15%	96
Social media	70.06%	110
Flyers and posters	64.97%	102
Community website	64.33%	101
Other (please specify)	10.19%	16
Total Respondents: 157		

## Q9 Do you have any other suggestions or comments about a new community space?

Answered: 52    Skipped: 177

### Summary of comments:

#### Core Needs & Priorities

- Community space for all ages: There is a strong desire for an inclusive, indoor community space serving all age groups—from young children and teens to the elderly.
- Youth engagement: Many comments emphasise the lack of safe, welcoming areas for teenagers, with calls for supervised activities, sports, and youth-focused support to reduce antisocial behaviour.
- Facilities: A need for basic amenities such as toilets, a café, seating, shelter, and warm spaces, especially during cold or wet weather.
- Accessibility & location: Suggested areas include Florence Park, Kingsham, and central Whyke.
- Safety: Recommendations include wardens, quality lighting, CCTV, panic buttons, and vandal-resistant design.
- Inclusivity: Community centre should support a range of activities including coffee mornings, drop-in sessions, arts, gardening, food waste initiatives, and music/theatre events.
- Environmental & logistical concerns: Desire for green spaces, easy access by foot or bus, and concerns about traffic and site selection.

#### Alternative Views

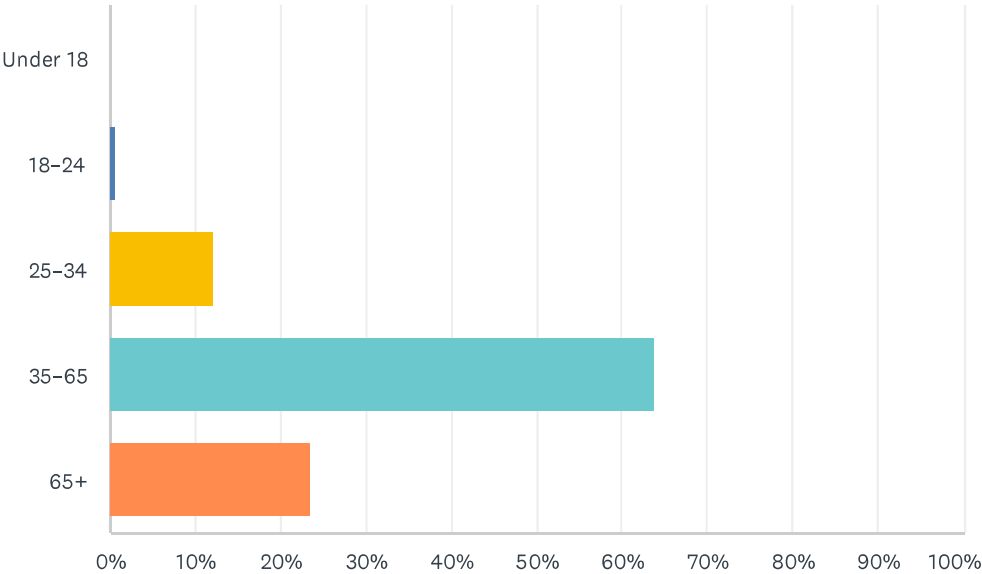
- A few residents questioned the need, pointing to underused existing facilities or concerns about increased traffic and poor site choices.
- Some preferred multipurpose sports venues or highlighted existing assets like the Chichester Canal space and St George's Hall.

#### Organisations & Offers of Help

- Several individuals and groups (e.g., UKHarvest, KAAG, CAOS theatre group) offered ideas, support, or examples of successful initiatives.
- One person offered yoga and meditation services; others suggested drawing on university student involvement.

Q10 What is your age group?

Answered: 141    Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.71%	1
25-34	12.06%	17
35-65	63.83%	90
65+	23.40%	33
TOTAL		141

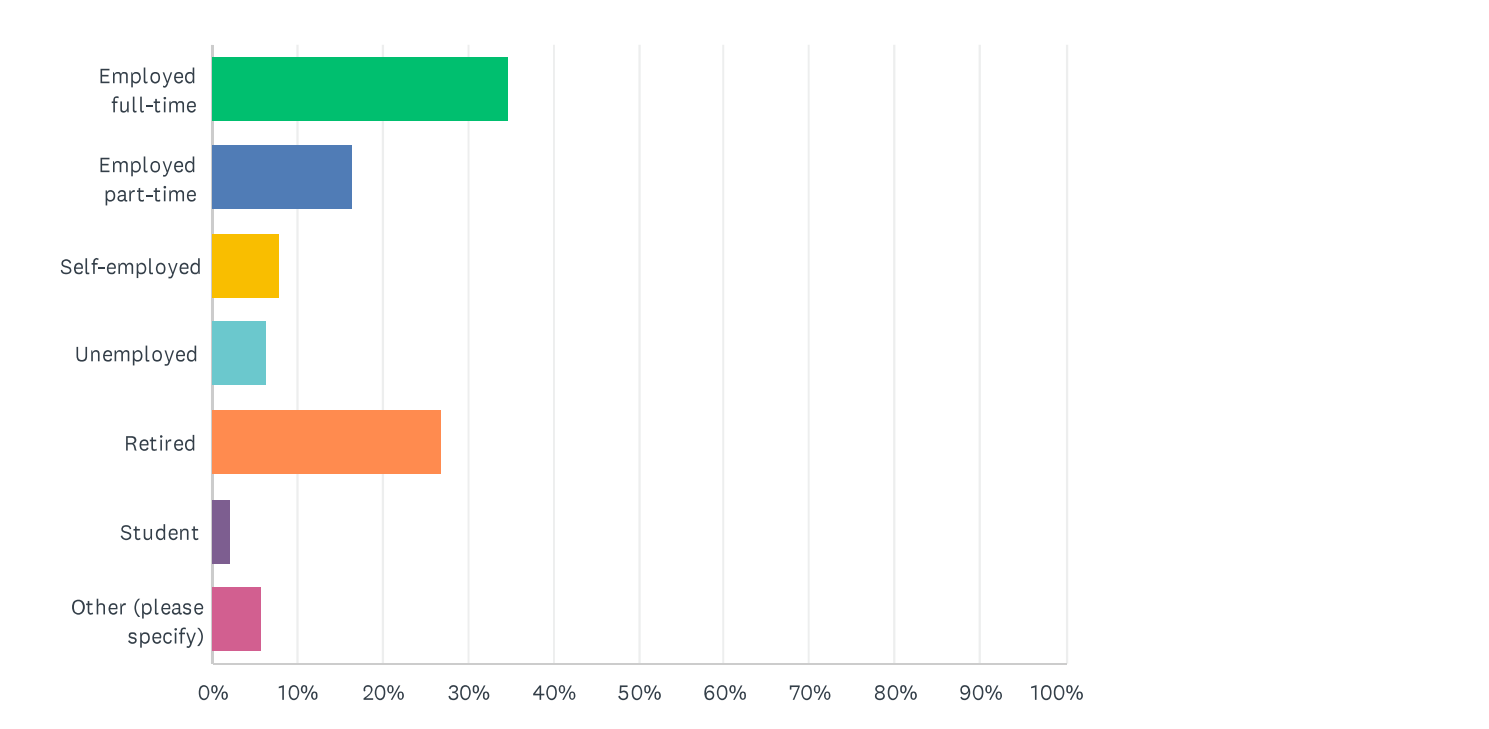
## Q11 Please provide your postcode?

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Q12 What is your employment status?

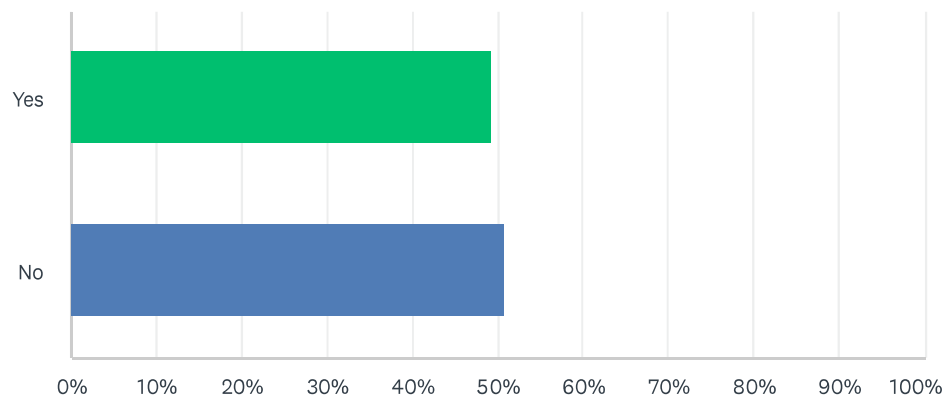
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed full-time	34.75%	49
Employed part-time	16.31%	23
Self-employed	7.80%	11
Unemployed	6.38%	9
Retired	26.95%	38
Student	2.13%	3
Other (please specify)	5.67%	8
TOTAL		141

Q13 Do you have children or dependents?

Answered: 140    Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.29%	69
No	50.71%	71
TOTAL		140



Q14 If you would like to be kept informed about our work in and around the City please provide your email address to receive our newsletter.

Answered: 44   Skipped: 185

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