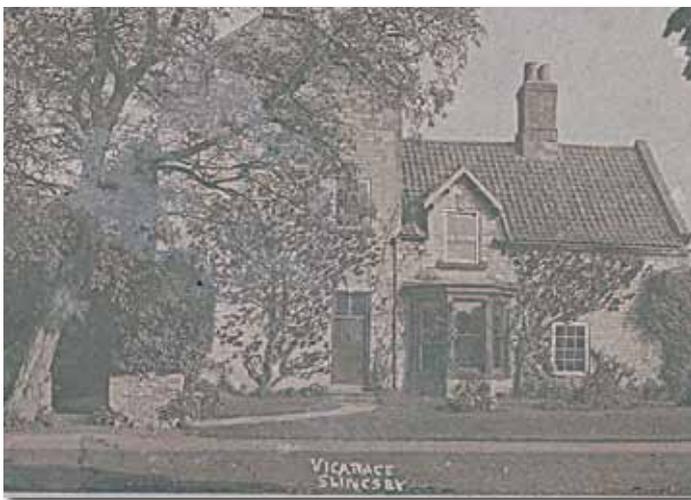


SLINGSBY, FRYTON and SOUTH HOLME PARISH PLAN 2010





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Foreword

As chairman of the Parish Plan steering group, I welcome and support the plan and encourage you to come forward and get involved in implementing the outcomes.

Our Parish Plan has given the residents of Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton the chance to air their views and put forward their ideas for the future. This has posed a challenge to the villages, and the Parish Council will be looking at ways to begin to implement it. It has been an interesting experience, and we are fortunate to have been supported and guided by Maggie Farey, Parish Plans Development Officer for Rural Action Yorkshire, who also collated the questionnaires.

We are grateful for all those who took part preparing the questionnaires, delivering and collecting them and those who took the time to fill them in and put forward their comments.

We have every right to be proud of our heritage and must work together to preserve and improve our villages for the future generations.

Chris Wilson

Our villages are in a beautiful part of the country and are excellent places in which to grow up, live, work and retire.

This parish plan has given residents the opportunity to express their views on their vision for the future development of the villages which should ensure that existing facilities remain and new ones are developed for the wellbeing of future generations.

Ryedale District Council will work with the Parish Council and other partners to improve the future housing requirements especially the provision of affordable homes for the younger members of our community, the transport infrastructure, business and recreation needs.

We must now look to the future and hope that the community spirit and enthusiasm demonstrated by residents in the production of the plan will enable us to fulfil all our expectations.

Robert Wainwright
Ryedale District Councillor, Hovingham Ward.

I warmly commend Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme for excellent work in establishing their first community plan. The high level of engagement shows such strength of community spirit. The appreciation of the beautiful countryside, traditional values and the need to protect and preserve our historic buildings and environment are a pleasure to hear.

However residents identify needs and concerns about the roads, traffic and footpaths, street lighting and surface drainage. There is strong support for the reinstatement of the Post Office in Slingsby and improvement to the mobile phone reception. Whether essential or aspirational, these key issues must all be recognised by organisations such as North Yorkshire County Council and taken note of.

In the difficult financial times that lay ahead it is vital to know where local priorities lie. They will support my representations to the County Council to focus minds so wherever possible a real difference is made.

I welcome and support the plan and look forward to working with the Parish Council, the local community and other partners to achieve as much and as soon as possible.

Clare Wood
North Yorkshire County Councillor
Hovingham and Sheriff Hutton District

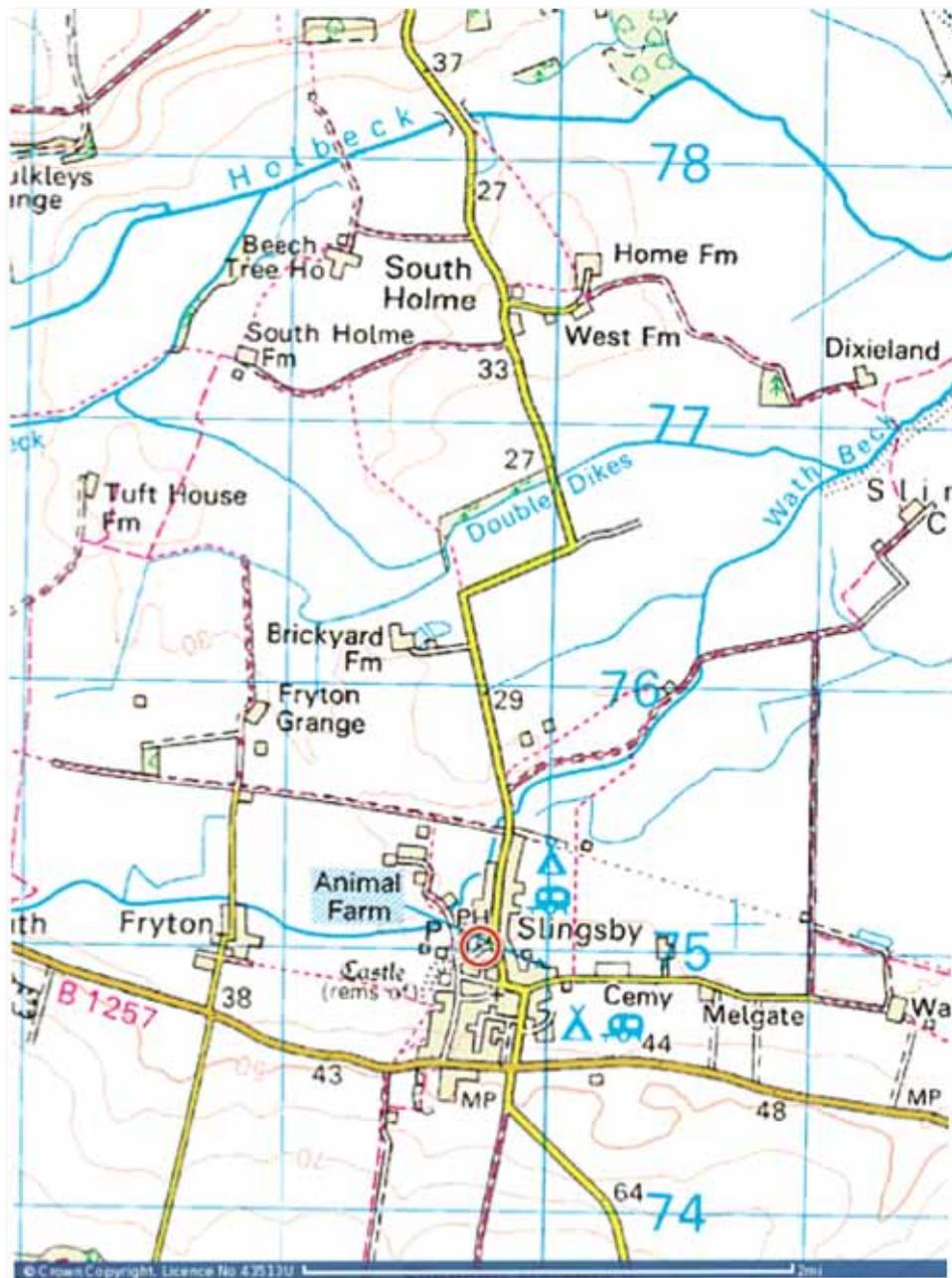
Introduction

Following the Parish Council Annual meeting in April 2009, Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Parish Council decided to move towards the preparation of a Parish Plan for the villages with the help of Rural Action Yorkshire.

At that meeting residents were invited to volunteer to become members of the Parish Plan Steering group. Initially about 10 residents came forward and in May 2009 the first meeting of the Slingsby Parish Plan steering group was held in the village hall.

The first task of the steering group was the preparation of a short 'Like-it/Don't like it' questionnaire that was designed to find out the key issues and interests of the community. This was delivered to every household in the parish in June 2009. Over 50% of these mini questionnaires were completed and the findings from them formed the basis of the main questionnaire that was compiled and distributed in Autumn/Winter 2009.

The findings from the main questionnaire have provided the basis for this plan, and begins to set out the priorities for the parish for the next five years. The main questionnaire was delivered to every household in the parish, 213 households returned a completed questionnaire representing the views of over two thirds of the parish.



A Brief History of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme.....

In the 9th/10th Century, the first known settlement on the actual site of the present village was 'Selungesbi' or 'Eslingesbi' or house of 'Sleng' or 'Esling' hence the derivation of the name Slingsby. This would have been a house in an enclosed garth with huts for servants where gradually the surrounding wood and wasteland would have been taken over and cleared. Like Amotherby, Slingsby's origins are Danish. There is other evidence of Viking influence in the area, for example the name South Holme, 'Holm' being the Danish for islet (South Holme is slightly raised above the surrounding carrs which would have been mainly marshy at this time). It is possible that South Holme may well have been the first place in the area to be properly cultivated, having the higher and better drained land in the area.

Fryton also stems from Viking roots with 'Fritum' or 'Frithis' Farm. People living in the area at this time would have been hunters with spears and hawks.

In 1086, the Domesday Survey records that the manor of Slingsby had 'fourteen carucates' of land (A carucate is the amount of land that could be ploughed in a year by one plough and eight oxen) (2,500 acres) There were two manor houses and a priest. At Fryton (then referred to as Frideton), in 1086 the Earl of Mortain owned half a carucate of land and the rest of the village was a berewick of Hovingham

In 1088 there was a rebellion of Norman noblemen against William Rufus, the Earl of Mortain's lands were confiscated as a result of his opposition to the King. In 1188 Hugh de Flamville of Fryton gave an area of land and Pockets Mill at Fryton to Rievaulx Abbey, and this holding became a grange (or outlying farm holding) and would have been farmed by the Abbey. The name Fryton Grange still exists, referring to the area and collection of farm buildings to the north of the former Fryton railway crossing gatehouse. The lands passed to the Mowbray family who owned a considerable amount of land and were an important baronial family.

The Wyvills were living in Slingsby (by then called 'Slingbi' or 'Lengeby') by 1215. Six generations of Wyvill knights lived in Slingsby and their descendants were still residents into the early 17th century. In 1253 Henry III granted William Wyvill 'free warren' (hunting and shooting rights) in Slingsby. William and Thomas Wyvill are listed in the Lay Subsidy of 1300 which lists the taxes raised by Edward I, and were important enough to pay a significant sum. The same records indicate significant wealth in both Fryton and South Holme, both of which had manors. The most famous of the Wyvills was the 14th Century knight, William de Wyvill whose stone effigy lies in the present Church.



In 1322 the land passed to the Hastings family and the castle became important because of its central position, with fine clear views of the Vale of Pickering. It was first granted a Royal Licence in 1216, and was later purchased in 1343 by Sir Ralph de Hastings from the Wyvills who kept the second manor, Wyvill Hall.

By the beginning of the 15th Century, Slingsby is referred to in Whitby Abbey records as 'Slyngysby'. The Hastings family were supporters of the Yorkist cause and they became most powerful when they were given the Barony of Hastings in Sussex. The grandson of Ralph de Hastings, Lord William Hastings was given a licence to further 'enclose, crenelate, embattle, and machicolate' Slingsby Castle in 1462. Slingsby Castle was considerably strengthened in defence of the Yorkist cause in opposition to Pickering Castle which was a Lancastrian stronghold. Hastings enclosed the castle with a wall or ramparts, with towers at its four corners. In about 1471 he built defences and battlements with slits for shooting through, and a projecting gallery or barbican for dropping heavy missiles and boiling liquid on the enemy.

The castle contained a chapel referred to as the Hastings Chapel, and was surrounded by a moat of about 80 feet wide, and a bailey wall. The moat was fed from Wath beck, and the position of the channel was clearly seen well into this century. In 1475 Hastings was allowed to enclose and impark a further 2,000 acres in Slingsby, would have brought about a major clearance of the scrub and tree cover, particularly in the north of the castle where pockets of land at various times have been known as 'the park' or 'parks' and associated

with the castle. After 1485, the first Slingsby Castle fell into ruins.

In 1594 Sir Charles Cavendish purchased the Manors of Slingsby and Fryton from Sir John Atherton. He intended to build a house resembling an old medieval castle and the ruined medieval castle provided a ready made moated base for the new house. The present structure, now also in ruins, was built by Sir Charles Cavendish, the younger in about 1630-5 to a different design, but there is no record of the house ever having been properly lived in. Sir Charles died in 1653 and the castle passed to his nephew Henry Cavendish and in 1691 John Holles, the Earl of Clare received the Cavendish Estate which included Slingsby, though marriage. The castle and lands were eventually purchased from his heirs by John Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham in 1719, unfortunately he died in 1720 and his son died in his teens leaving no heir, eventually the matter was settled in 1750 in favour of Margaret Daly, one of the Great Granddaughters of Sir John Sheffield and she became owner of the Manors of Slingsby, Hovingham and Wath. Slingsby Manor consisted of 1,530 acres, 250 acres of Slingsby Moor and a ruined house, called Slingsby Castle. The Slingsby Manor included 20 farmsteads and 30 cottages and the Manor of Fryton amounted to 1,067 acres including six farmsteads. By this time the pattern of roads and plots still recognisable in the present village were fully established.



In the early 18th Century the Howard family began to extend its land ownership, Castle Howard was built from 1699 onwards. There is no doubt that the years during which the great house at Castle Howard was being built were prosperous for the nearby villages, by providing abundant employment and boosted local trade. The Earls of Carlisle and the Howard family strongly influenced the development of the village at this time. In 1751 The Fourth Earl of Carlisle, Henry Howard acquired the Manors of Slingsby and Fryton from Margaret Daly. The second half of the 18th Century saw the appearance of many of the stone farmhouses and cottages that can be seen in the village today. The farmsteads at Fryton and South Holme were improved with larger buildings and substantial ranges of outbuildings, but the number of households did not seem to increase, Slingsby began to increase noticeably in size during the last part of the 18th Century.

By 1801 Slingsby village had 92 houses and a population of 434. Model cottages for estate workers were also developed to the east of the Green and a series of other cottages on the east side of High Street. The existing Methodist Church was built in 1837, and a few years later a new school was built in the centre of the village with separate accommodation for boys and girls and attached was a Reading Room (or library). At about the same time the avenue of trees along the Balk were planted.



In 1845 the Rev William Walker described Slingsby as 'peaceful, orderly and industrious' and had two good inns, a series of provident societies, and a clothing club. In the winter time, when the family were in residence at Castle Howard, a soup kitchen was run for the needy, and supplies of blankets, coal and clothing sent out to the villages on the estate. He also described the celebrations connected with the maypole, which in Slingsby has been a significant feature through much of its history. There was also at this time a policeman in the village paid for by voluntary contribution. Walker noted that the parish rates were moderate but he was not impressed by the state of the roads and footpaths.

1846 saw the beginning of the construction of the Thirsk/Malton Railway line which opened in 1853. In Slingsby the railway passed along the north side of the village and as a result the road running towards South Holme became 'Railway Street' and developed into the central village thoroughfare. The easy transporting of coal to the village was a significant benefit. In 1867 the medieval Church of All Saints was demolished and replaced by a new building which was a direct copy of the one it replaced.

The second half of the 19th Century saw the village at its largest. In 1861 the population peaked at 707, but by 1901 it had fallen back to 454 (roughly the level it had been in 1801). The size and shape of the village

changed little over the first half of the 20th Century. The main occupation continued to be agriculture with more than a dozen working farms all centred in the village plus other smaller holdings. A significant number of the male population in Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton fought in the First World War. Slingsby Church has an unusual commemorative painted board which hangs on the west wall of the church, it lists all the 101 Slingsby men who served in the war. Another memorial lists those who died in both world wars, fifteen in the First World War and four in the Second. After the Second World War the village began to change more rapidly, as more people began to seek work outside the village and mechanisation of agriculture reduced the amount of work available in the village. Secondary education provided in Malton for all children broadened horizons.

The maypole still stands on the Green to remind the village of its considerable history and traditions.

Extracts from 'The Parish of Slingsby, It's History and Wildlife'.



Slingsby Village Hall.....

The land for the village hall was donated by Lady Aurea Macleod and her brother Geoffrey Howard in 1931 as their contribution to the local fund being raised for it. Building commenced in October of that year by Frank Lumley, the village builder, with joinery work being carried out by Cecil Stanley. The work cost £1,112 with about £700 being raised from fetes and other activities with the remainder coming from a grant from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. A Charitable trust was set up in 1936 to administer the hall.



The cost of running and repairing the Village Hall is funded from hire charges and from various activities organised by the Village Hall Committee. Improvement works are paid from Hall funds supplemented by various grants that are available from the local authority and other organisations. In recent years these improvements have included a new roof, central heating, disabled toilet, disabled access, new curtains, re-rendering of external brickwork and new guttering. Plans for the future include a new kitchen whilst internal and external painting is currently in progress.



Slingsby Sportsfield

Slingsby Sportsfield has been in its present location between the castle and the church for as long as anyone living in Slingsby can remember, certainly as long ago as the 1920's.

The land itself belongs to the Castle Howard Estate and was for many years leased to Slingsby Parish Council. Traditionally it was used regularly for cricket (both men's and ladies' teams until the mid 1960's) and football. Bowls was introduced in 1952 with the creation of the bowling green and wooden bowls pavilion (which cost a grand total of £15), with an automatic watering system being added in the 1990's. That pavilion has been replaced on at least two occasions since and has also been extended. Tennis was played in the field intermittently on an area of grass cut short for the purpose or in an adjoining field. Until the late 1970's the field was also used for the annual gala.

Many remember the time when Slingsby sported two football teams playing in the Scarborough, York or Ryedale Becket Leagues, mostly with players from within the parish. Teams nowadays have to be supplemented by players from farther afield but, unlike many villages who have lost teams in the last 20 years, Slingsby still has thriving and successful teams representing the village.

The Bowls Club pavilion was always separate from the wood and corrugated 'shed', with primitive toilets at the rear that served as a pavilion for football and cricket on the top of the mound now occupied by the modern sports club. The shed had two changing rooms and a central common area all with wooden floorboards full of splinters. There was no electric or water.

In 1977 a group of villagers got together with the aim of improving facilities at the field. In order to access grants available from Ryedale District Council, the Sports Council and the Playing Fields Association the group had to be formally constituted and possess a lease to the land of not less than 28 years duration. The not-for-profit Slingsby Sportsfield Association was thus formed, a lease obtained from Castle Howard and fundraising commenced.

Its first achievement was to erect a wooden fence down the roadside to replace the crumbling and unsightly dry stone wall. This was completed in February 1981 with volunteer labour and was helped considerably by a £500 donation from the Burton family who lived in the Rectory overlooking the field. Fundraising continued and in 1982 it was possible to erect a toilet block with running water and electricity. The block was located near the pavilion with a view to building on the new pavilion when finances permitted. A new tennis court followed with tarmac surface and wire fencing around.

In 1988, thanks to much further fundraising and a grant from the District Council a new pavilion was built with changing rooms, showers, a communal area and licensed bar facilities. The pavilion was linked with the toilet block and for the first time Slingsby had modern sports facilities. In 1989 income from the bar enabled further building for the size of the communal area in the clubhouse to be doubled.

Soon improved play equipment was also provided to supplement the long standing swings and slide. That equipment has now been further replaced with modern safer items and safety matting. This and the sportsfield area is extremely popular thanks to its proximity to homes in the village and its safe access and situation away from heavy traffic.

In 1997 money from the National Lottery, Ryedale Council, the Tennis Club and the Sports Club funded the creation of a pair of all-weather tennis courts to replace the ageing tarmaced single court. The field has been and still is used regularly for outdoor sports by the local Primary School, open air services, car boot sales and is permanently open for use by residents and the many visitors to the village resulting from the two caravan sites.

The sportsfield has throughout been managed by an active Committee of Club Members who ensure facilities are maintained to a high standard and promote the social side of the Club. They enable fund raising for the various sports clubs and other organisations in the village such as the Village Hall, School and the Church. Club Members give time voluntarily to keep tidy the grass on the pitches and the hedges, grass and fences on the surrounding areas. All work associated with the social club is also given voluntarily,

maximising the benefit of money raised for the community and sports facilities. In addition Club Members raise many hundreds of pounds each year for charities including Cancer Research and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

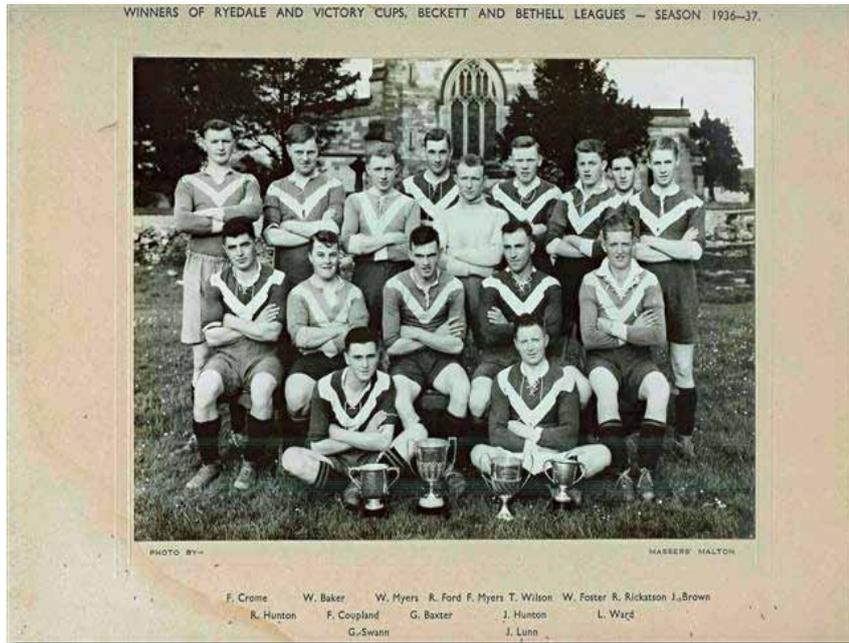
The Committee is trying to negotiate a new lease to preserve the sportsfield in its present position far into the future. Attempts by developers to use the land for building houses are currently obstructing the lease renewal but there is solid support within the village for the sports field to remain in place to continue providing the facilities that are the envy of many surrounding parishes.

Fencing Team February 1981



Left to Right Back ; Peter Smithson, Ken Simpson, Tony Hodgson, Brian Foster, Geoff Brooks, John Baxter, Jim Hunton. Front ; Walt Marshall, George Chapman, Willie Baker, Ken Noble.

Left to Right Back row ; Geoff Brooks, Jim Hunton, Richard Harrison, Ken Simpson, Walt Marshall, Raymond Ware Front Row ; Ken Noble, Brian Foster, Dave Calvert, Tony Hodgson.



Household

The following statistics are based on the responses contained within the completed questionnaires.

We asked – A number of household questions to try and understand the demographics of the parish including;

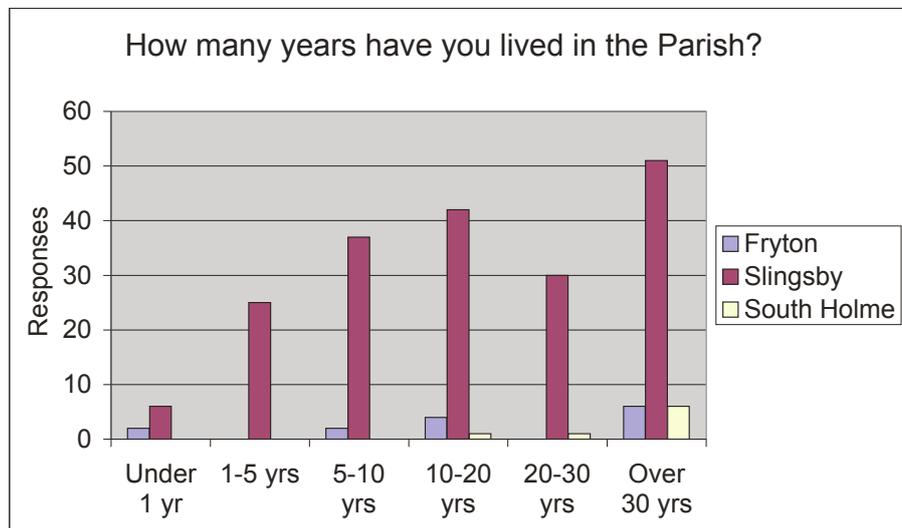
Which part of the parish do you live in?

The ages of members of your household

Village	Number of Households
Slingsby	191
Fryton	14
South Holme	9

Age	Fryton	Slingsby	South Holme
Under 5	13	1	2
5-11	22	5	1
12-18	34	6	1
19-30	29	5	3
31-65	172	16	10
Over 65	118	5	6

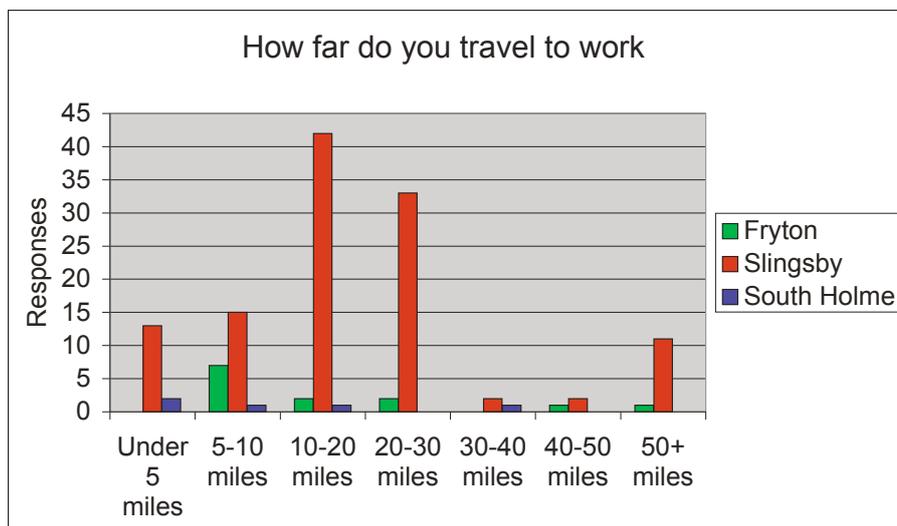
We asked:- *If you have moved into the area within the last 10 years, what were your main reasons for choosing Slingsby, Fryton or South Holme?*



The main reasons given were to retire, for work and for either larger or small accommodation. Other reasons were to be nearer to family and the attraction of the rural location and life style.

The good amenities including the school were also mentioned along with finding a suitable property and returning to the village of their birth.

We asked:- *If members of your household have to travel to work, how far do they travel?*

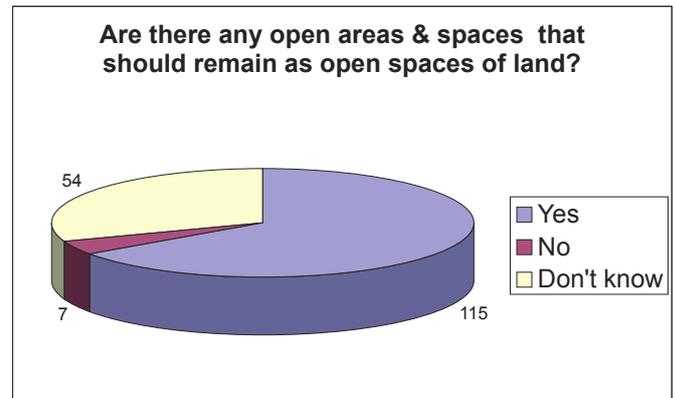
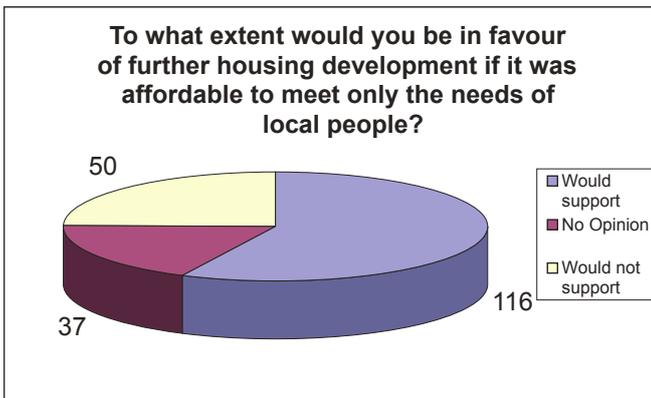


Housing and Future Development.....

Several questions were asked about housing and future development. This is particularly relevant at present with the District Council pulling together their Local Development Framework (LDF), which has seen several areas of land within the village of Slingsby put forward as potential development sites for the future. Some of the sites are within the body of the village but others are sites which would extend the village. These sites would have to accommodate a percentage of affordable homes which a small number of residents indicated would benefit members of their household.

“Affordable Housing” is housing built for people living in the parish, and if they are not taken up by them, then they are offered to neighbouring parishes, in perpetuity. Parishioners may either purchase a proportion of the equity, or rent.

More than half the residents were in favour of further developments in the village, the remaining half split between, not having any opinion, and being against.



The types of property required by people wanting to move during the following five years was equally split between larger, smaller, bungalows and warden controlled, although only half answered this question. Comments on development in the parish.

- “strongly agree all rural villages are dying out as families with children can’t afford mortgages”
- “subject to design and location”
- Would support on the basis that shops, schools, and transport infrastructure needs improving first”

The majority of people wanted open spaces within and around the village.

A number of sites were mentioned including; the village field, village green, land opposite The Balk, all open areas around Fryton, the field containing the Mowbray Oak, back land areas down Railway Street, but a large number, 83 respondents would not wish to see the sports field developed.

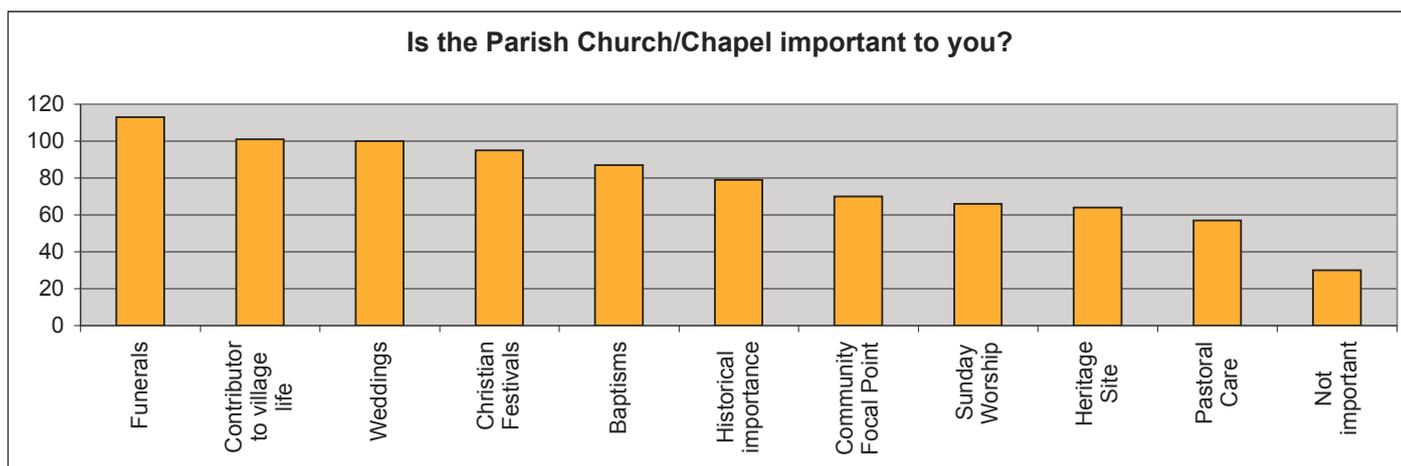


Church and Chapel.....



Although it was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 that “Selungesbi” (the abode of Eslinc) had a priest, it wasn’t until 1157 that there is any written evidence of a church building. Over the years it has been added to, repaired and in 1867 pulled down and rebuilt over a period of 2 years. The cost then was £5,000 borne by Admiral Edward Howard, later Baron Lanerton. “No expense was spared to build and furnish in the best material”. It has been loved, cherished and well maintained over the years but in 2008 structural problems were discovered with the deteriorating Victorian ironwork which holds the tall tower together. High up, large parapet stones and gargoyles are becoming loose. Urgent repairs are needed to prevent the tower becoming dangerous, which would result in the building being closed. An appeal was launched in 2008 and around £10,000 has been raised to date for these repairs.

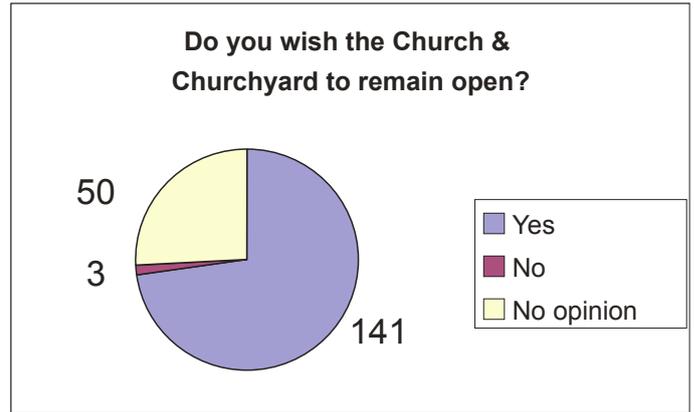
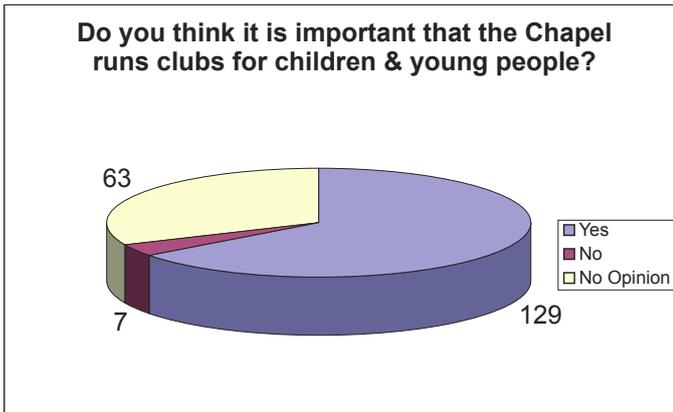
The church has just been awarded a major grant by English Heritage from the Heritage Lottery fund for Listed Places of Worship. In order to accept this grant we need to raise another £25,000 by March 2011. The English Heritage report praised the construction of the church and its fittings, both of which are of exceptional quality for a parish church, as well as the way the local community has looked after it. There are many fund raising events planned for this project. While some people have suggested removing the tower, to do this would be far more expensive than repairing it, so this is not an option. Some respondents felt the church should fund its own repairs and others submitted fund raising ideas.



Only 30 respondents thought it was not important and 3 said it should not remain open. The majority said they would like to see the Church and Churchyard remain open and some, who were interested in helping, gave their contact details.

Pastoral care was not seen as so important but obviously was appreciated by some. With ministers in rural areas increasingly being responsible for larger areas, the idea of one minister, one parish, is long gone and community members may be quietly undertaking a role. The clergy are still readily available in times of need and will respond to any requests. There are also a number of lay ministers in the benefice supporting the Rector and available to be called on.

Some people do travel beyond the parish for worship. Some are from other denominations and others have maintained contact with previous places of worship. As this is a multi parish benefice, the seven places of worship sharing the same clergy, many do move round to worship.



Looking into the future, the church is a large and well-built building, the largest in the village. With repair and adaptation it can remain open for all manner of use, in addition to religious worship. This is how churches were used in earlier times. The future can be exciting and ensure a Christian presence, support and outreach for generations to come.

Some quotes

"It is very important to get people involved in keeping these buildings which belong to the village"

"I think the churchyard should be maintained in a more wild-life friendly way"

I think every effort should be made to maintain the Church and Churchyard so it is still accessible and does not become a derelict site like the castle causing an eyesore in the village"

"Just to say what a beautiful Church it is....very well kept, lovely Church and well kept grounds are a pleasure"

"ramp needed for easier access"

"It would be sad if the Anglican facility in Slingsby had to close down – how to reverse the trend is difficult – needs a massive injection of funds"

The services at All Saints Church are;

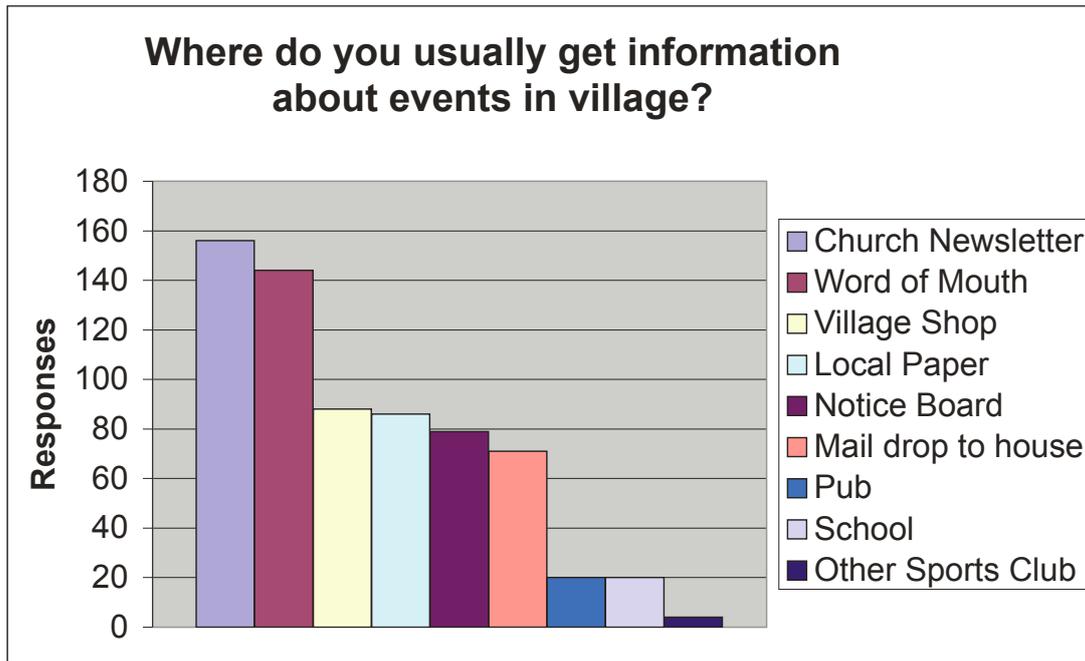
- 1st Sunday of month at 10.30am Morning Prayer;
- 2nd Sunday at 10.30am, United Worship with the Methodist Church;
- 3rd Sunday at 10.30am Eucharist
- 4th Sunday benefice Eucharist, venue movable in the Benefice
- Wednesday at 9.30am Said Eucharist
- Contact is Rev. Beryl Bowes on 01653 690663

The services at Slingsby Methodist Church are:

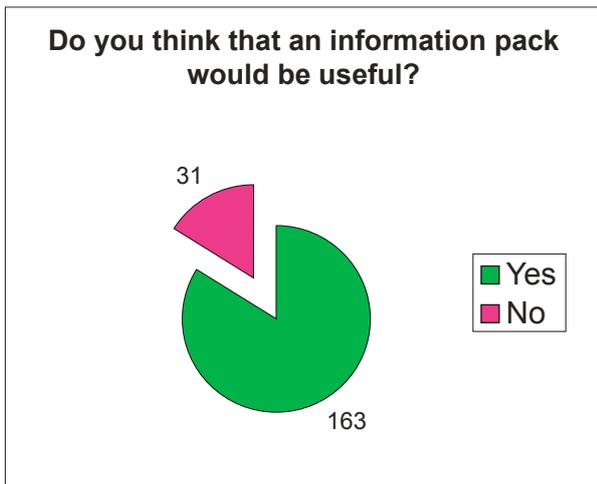
- Weekly Sunday Services @ 10.30am
- 2nd Sunday of month is a united service with the Anglicans
- 4th Sunday of month is All Age Worship service
- CHAOS (*children's activities on Sundays*) meets on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10.30am running concurrently with the service.
- Bible Fellowship – fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Castle Garth, High St Slingsby
- Little Adventurers – Wednesdays 1.30 to 3.00pm, for pre-school children and parents/carers
- Adventure Club – for children aged 4 to 11 years, meets on Thursdays in term time from 6.00 to 7.00pm in the Methodist Schoolroom
- YAZ for young people in school years 6-9, meets fortnightly on Thursdays 7.15 to 8.30pm
- Women's Fellowship – meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at 2pm, in members homes
- Contacts – Church Steward, Audrey Foster 01653 628643; for children/young peoples groups: Louise Hayes 01653 628064, Rachel Prest 01653 628277

Communication.....

We asked – *Where do you usually get information about events taking place in the parish?*



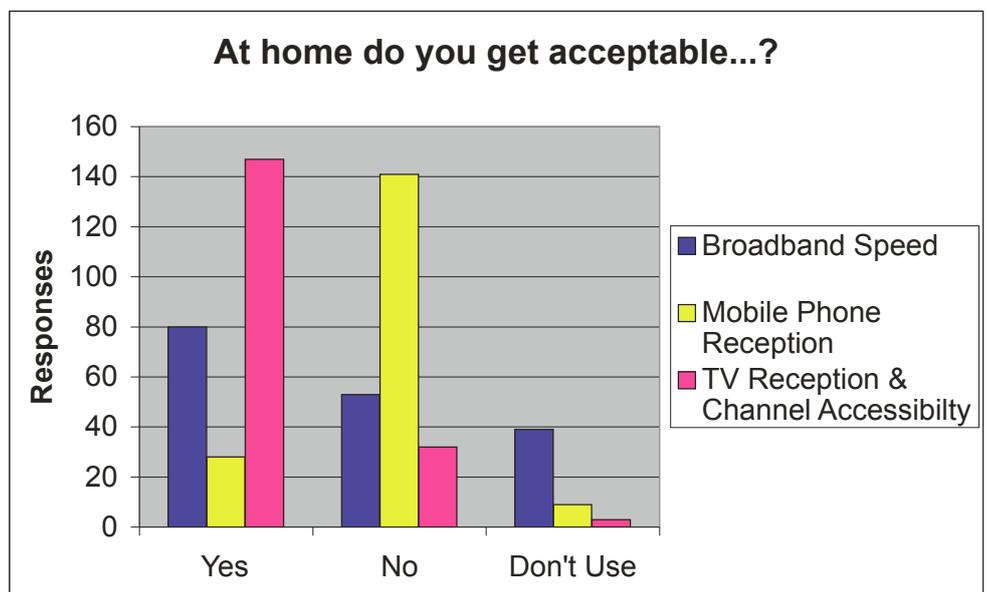
We asked:- *Do you think an information pack would be useful?*



Of the 194 households that answered this question a resounding 84% felt that an information pack would be useful, especially to new residents.

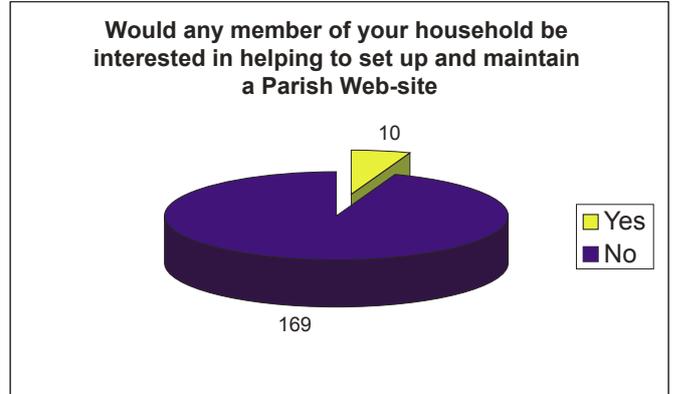
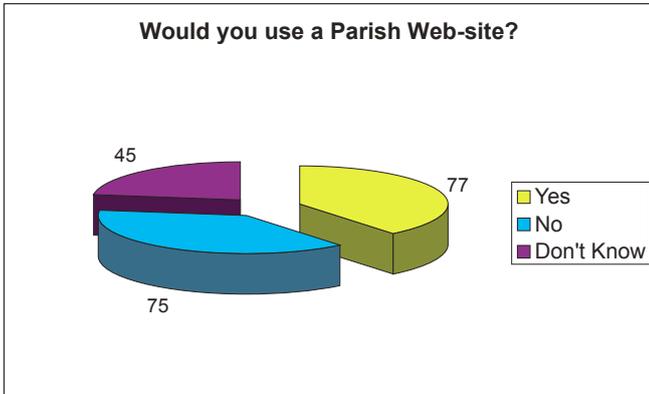
This could include information about services and facilities in the parish, including bus timetable.

We asked:- *If you found Broadband speed, Mobile Phone reception and TV reception and channel accessibility acceptable at home?*



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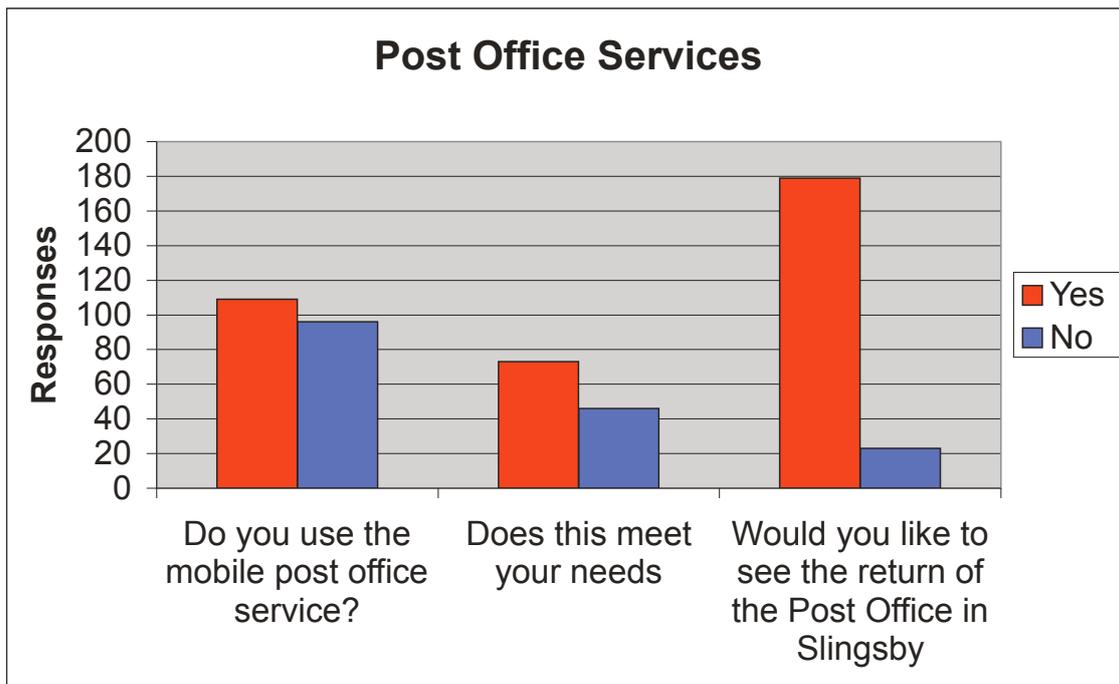
We asked:- Would you use a Parish Web-site if one was available?
and Would any member of your household be interested in helping to maintain a Parish Web-site?



Just over half the households that responded to this question would use a parish web-site with ten households having a member who would be willing to help set one up and run it.



Post Office



While most respondents thought the mobile Post Office staff are friendly and helpful and it meets the needs of many, the majority would like to see the return of the permanent Post Office in the village. The main reasons given were the lack of a shelter from the elements and the inconvenient opening times. There have been problems with the Wi-fi and on occasions the van has not arrived. The location is a problem for those of limited mobility living in the north of the village. Residents also missed the social contact they enjoyed when the Post Office was in the Farm Shop.

Quotes

"Post Office should never have closed"

"16 mile round trip to collect a parcel is too much"

"If only it would open on a Saturday"

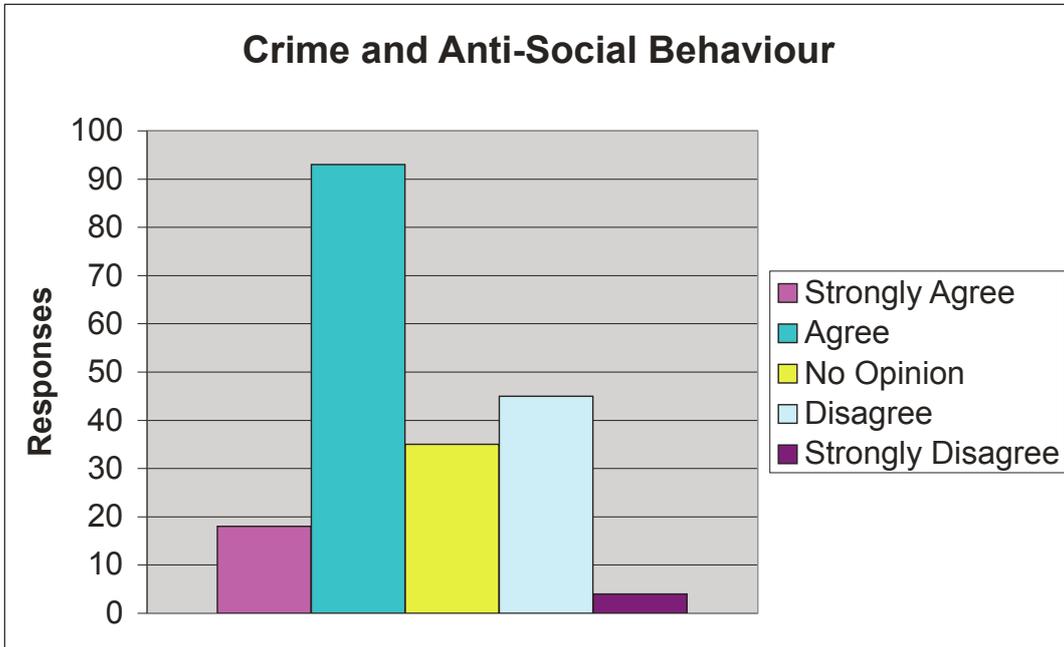
"We had a perfectly good PO in Slingsby when somebody had the mad idea of bringing a mobile PO into the village so people could stand outside in the cold in winter"

"The only thing about the mobile PO is that the postmasters are very polite, obliging and efficient"



Crime, Policing and other Emergency Services

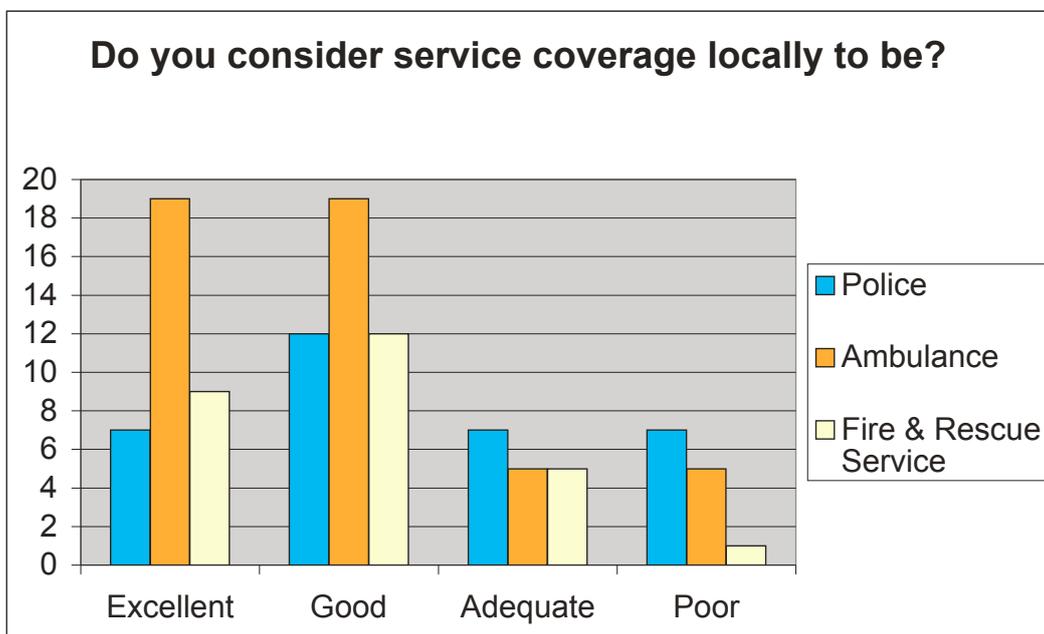
We asked:- Do you agree that Crime and Anti-Social behaviour is not a problem within the Parish?



Although 67% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that crime and anti-social behaviour was not a problem in the parish. A number of residents felt that there had recently been some cases of vandalism and petty crime. Some of the comments included;

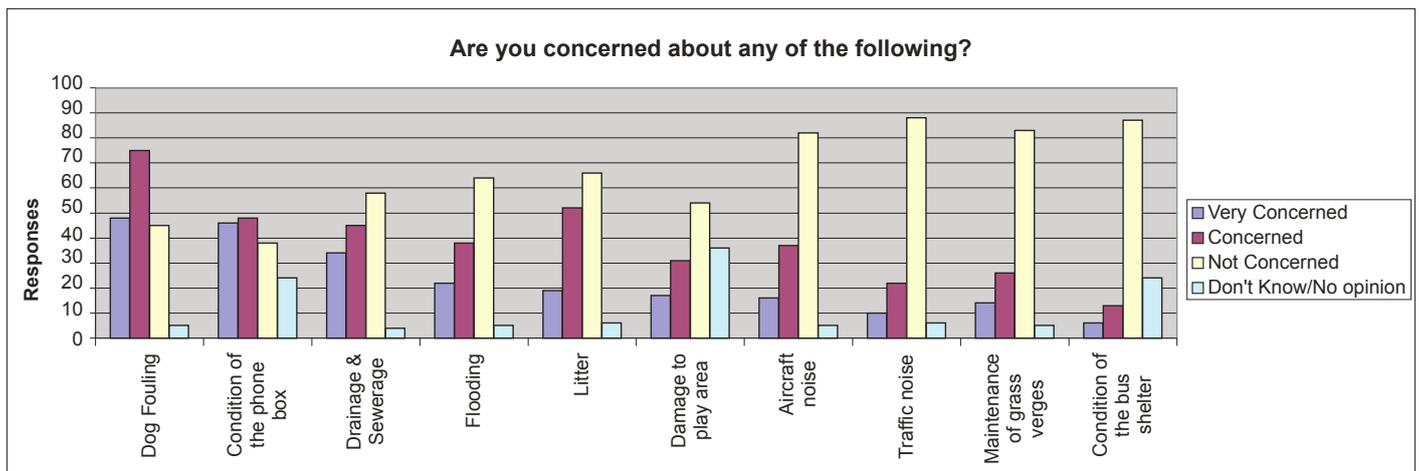
“although not a major problem there have been some incidents, cars damaged, graffiti etc” and “no major issues but regular policing in area should be more noticeable”

34 households have had cause to use the emergency services within the last 12 months and the majority of these considered the service they received to be excellent or good.

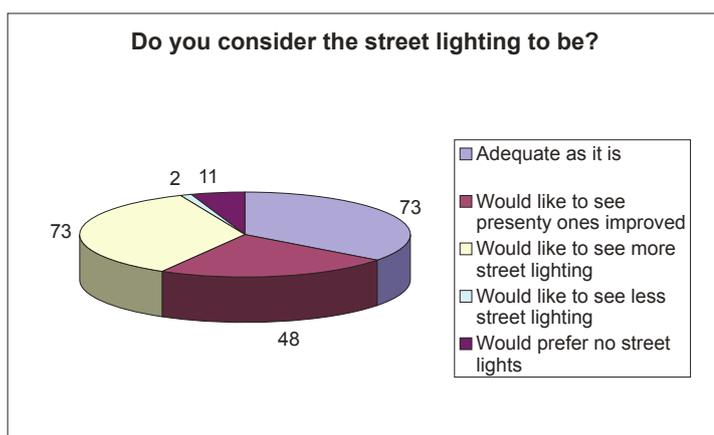
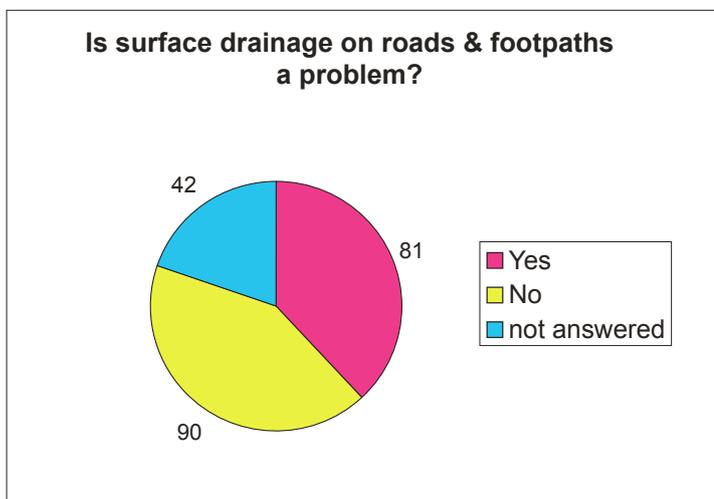


Environment

We asked:- If you were concerned about any of the following environmental issues?



The top 5 concerns were dog fouling with 123 households being either concerned or very concerned, with specific problem areas identified as Green Dyke Lane, Railway Street, Balk and the Lawns. The condition of the telephone box is highlighted by 94 households as a matter of concern. A further 79 households felt that drainage and sewerage is a problem and identified areas of concern to be Railway Street, Lawns, High Street and the road to South Holme. Litter was mentioned by 71 as concern and particularly a problem on the Village Green, the Sports Field and generally throughout the parish. Although the other topics were not considered to be a concern to the majority of respondents, there was a smaller but significant number who do have concerns about these.



Environment cont

Road Surface Drainage

The results of the questionnaire showed that for parishioners that have been affected by flooding, road surface drainage is a concern.

Blocked drains on the B1257 and lack of drains in Fryton, high beck levels and beck maintenance are identified as causing flooding problems in several areas of Fryton.

'Fryton road becomes a running river with water pouring off the top road'

'rainwater flows down the lane and if the beck is already high the drains back up and there is nowhere for the rain to go except into gardens and houses'

The road between Slingsby, South Holme and beyond identified as badly drained.

'you can no longer walk along safely without being drenched by passing vehicle'

High Street road drains reported to be often blocked causing flooding of the road.

Twenty five respondents expressed concern at the flooding in Railway Street after heavy rain.

'bottom half after heavy rain manholes bubble up'

Green Dyke Lane has flooding problems along with; backside of The Balksyde, The Balk, The Green, Aspen Way, Lawns Bridge, Railway path and bottom of Sycamore Close.

Street Lighting

Lighting provision results for the parish; views range from, none at all, adequate to needing improvements/increasing. Suggestions for improved lighting included;

'lighting at junctions'

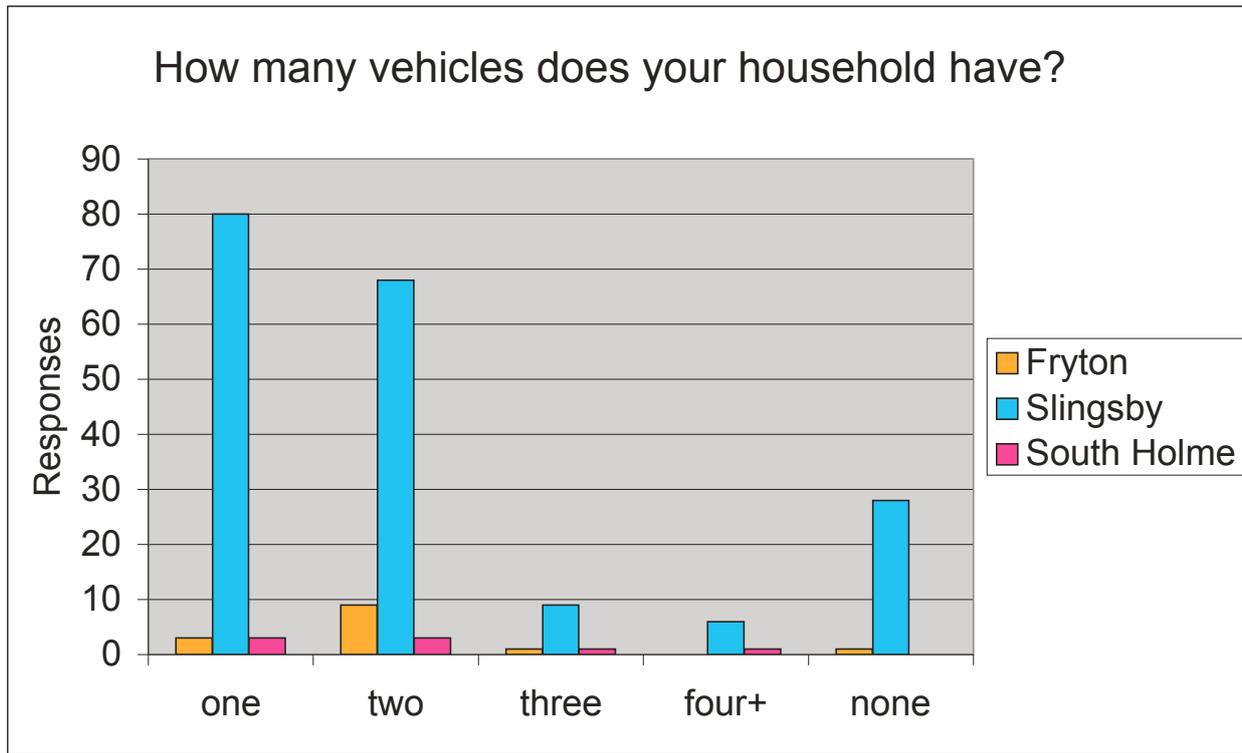
'would like to see present ones repaired'

'on the main streets of an appropriate type in keeping with the village'



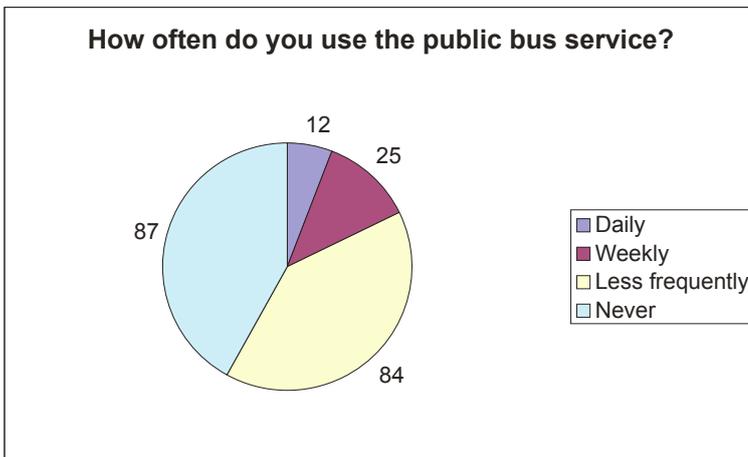
Local Transport

We asked – *How many vehicles does your household have?*



It was not surprising that in a rural area the vast majority of households have the use of either one or two vehicles, however a significant number of respondents do not have any vehicle at all.

We asked – *Do you use the public bus service and how often?*



We asked – *If you use the local bus service, what do you use it for?*

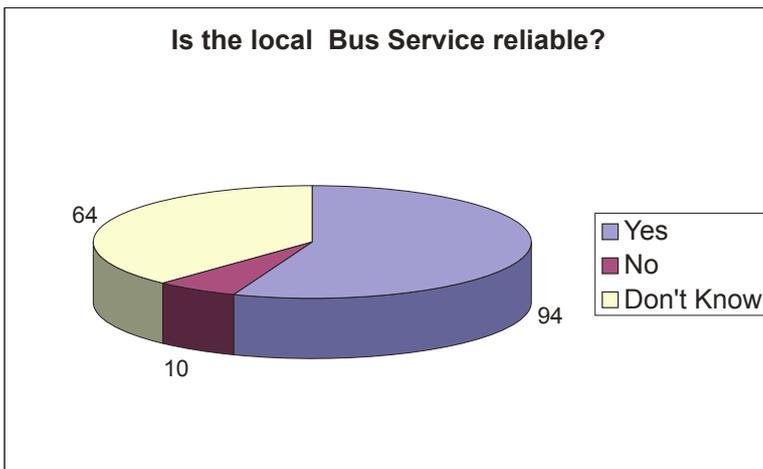
Reason for using the bus	
To work	12
For Leisure	48
To go Shopping	72
To get to Appointments	57
To visit Family	14

- Other reasons for using the bus are:
- Links to train
 - Volunteer work
 - To visit friends
 - Trips into Malton
 - When my car breaks down!

Local Transport cont

We asked:- What would make you use public transport more?

- A direct service to York was considered to be an important service for 85 households
- 43 households would like to see a late evening service
- A service on a weekend was requested by 36 households
- A better frequency of service was important to 31 households
- 19 households would like to see an early morning service
- Faster and more direct services were supported by 19 households whilst 17 households felt that a reduction in fares and incentives for frequent use would possibly increase usage of the local bus service
- 8 households would use an 'on demand' service such as 'dial a ride'
- 87 households stated that they would never use the public bus service



Of the 168 who answered this question, 56% felt it is a reliable service, and many are happy with the present arrangements. However there are a number of suggestions as to how the service could be improved

We asked:- Do you feel that this is a reliable service?

It appears that generally the bus service is greatly appreciated by the households that use it, with 37 households using it at least once a week. Comments included;

“excellent bus service to and from Slingsby” and “reliable service, pleasant drivers”

However there are some residents who feel the service is not reliable and comments included, “bus does not always arrive on time” and “no notification of buses running late or cancelled.” There are several suggestions for improvements including a better link with the buses and train in Malton, the introduction of earlier and later services especially aimed at getting residents to and from work. There is interest in a weekend service and buses to other destinations, with strong support for a direct service from Slingsby to York.

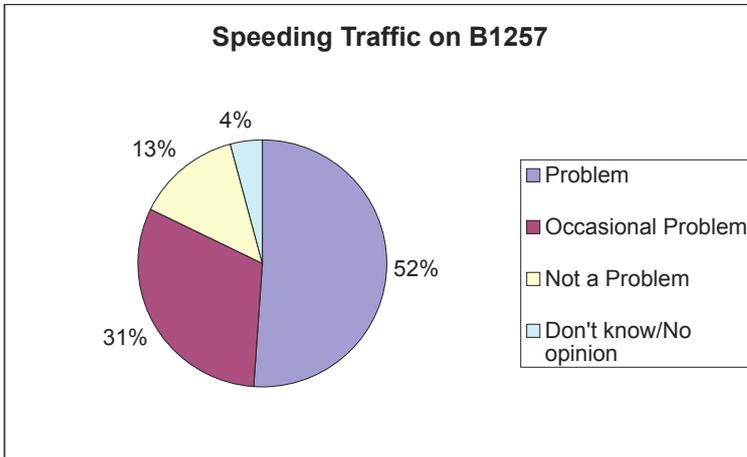
The residents of South Holme do not have any public transport and they need to travel 2.5 miles to the nearest pick up point, so not surprisingly no households that completed the questionnaires used the bus.



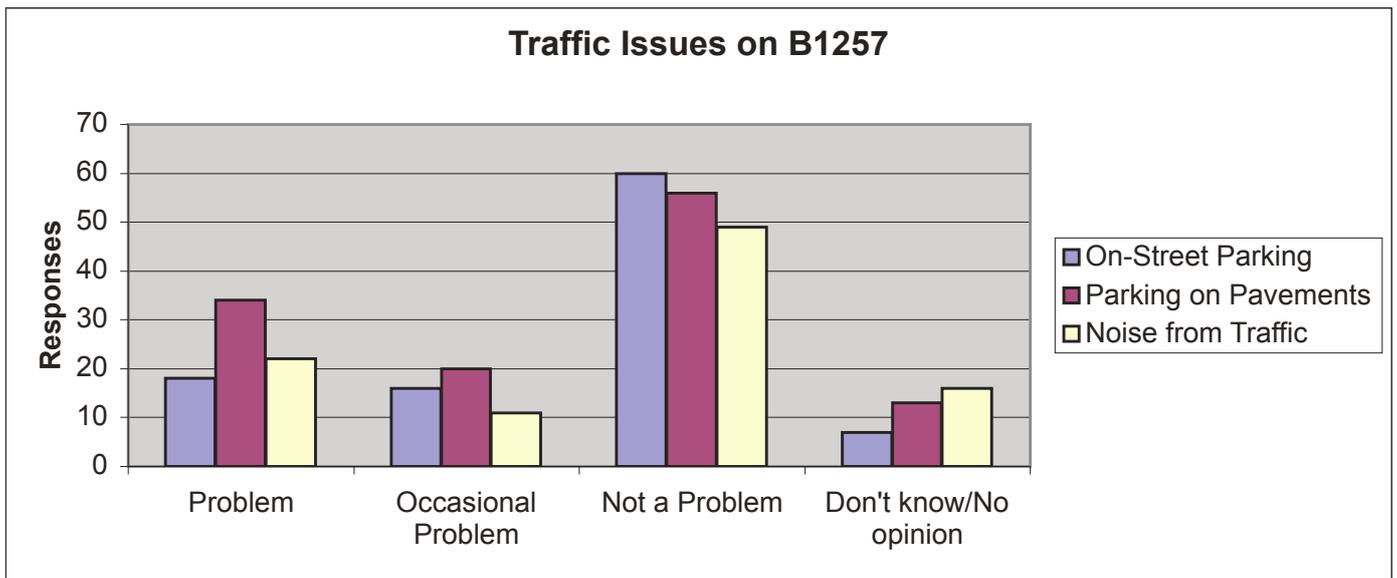
Traffic and Road Safety

Slingsby has the B1257 running to the south of the village which is an important vehicular route for traffic going to either Malton or Helmsley. The B1257 has a 40 mph speed limit on it through the village.

We asked:- A selection of questions about safety issues on the B1257 and the other village roads.



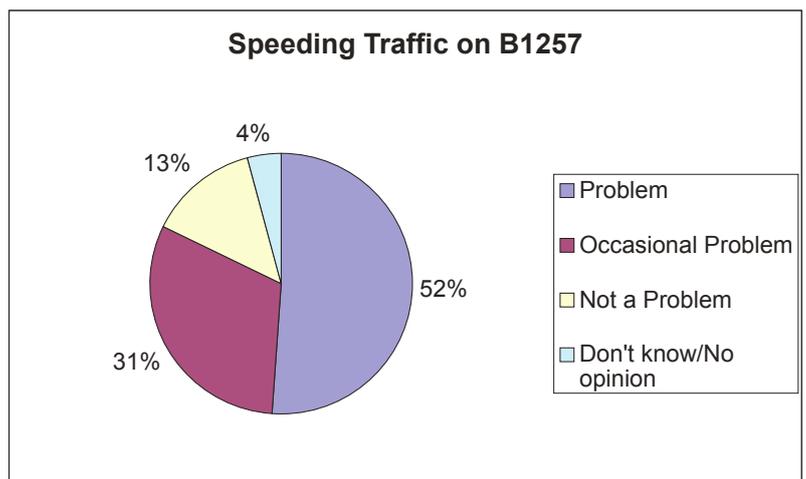
Residents felt there was not a problem with on street parking, parking on pavements or noise from traffic along the B1257.



Slingsby has two roads into the village from the south, 'High Street' and 'The Balk', but only one road out to the north along 'Railway Street'.

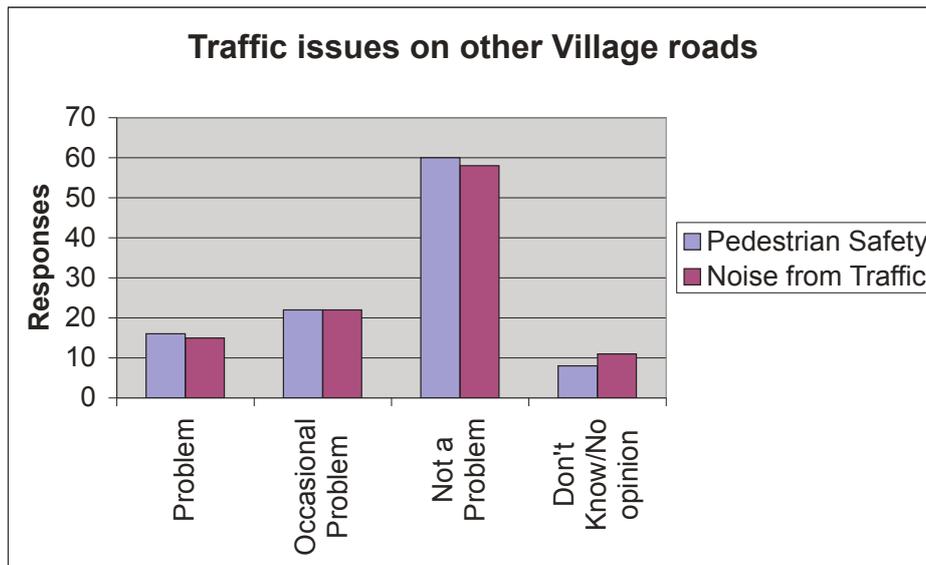
The same set of questions were asked as for the B1257 and similar results were achieved.

Speeding traffic is felt to be a problem through the village mainly along Railway Street.



Traffic and Road Safety cont

However on the village roads noise from traffic and pedestrian safety are not considered to be a problem.

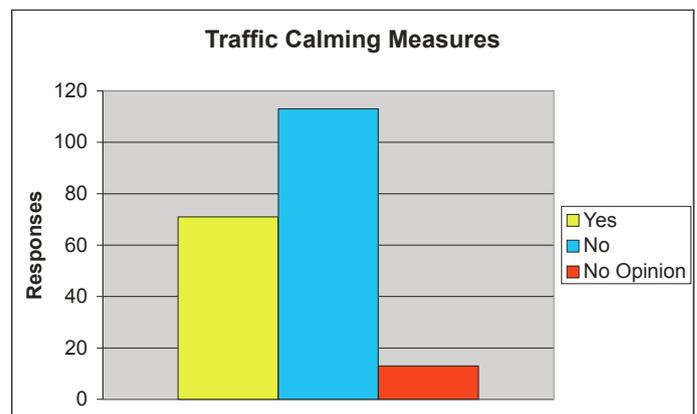
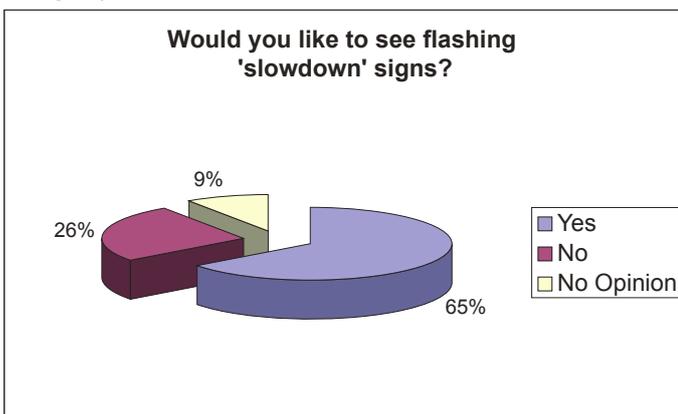


We asked: – If traffic calming measures were needed through the village?

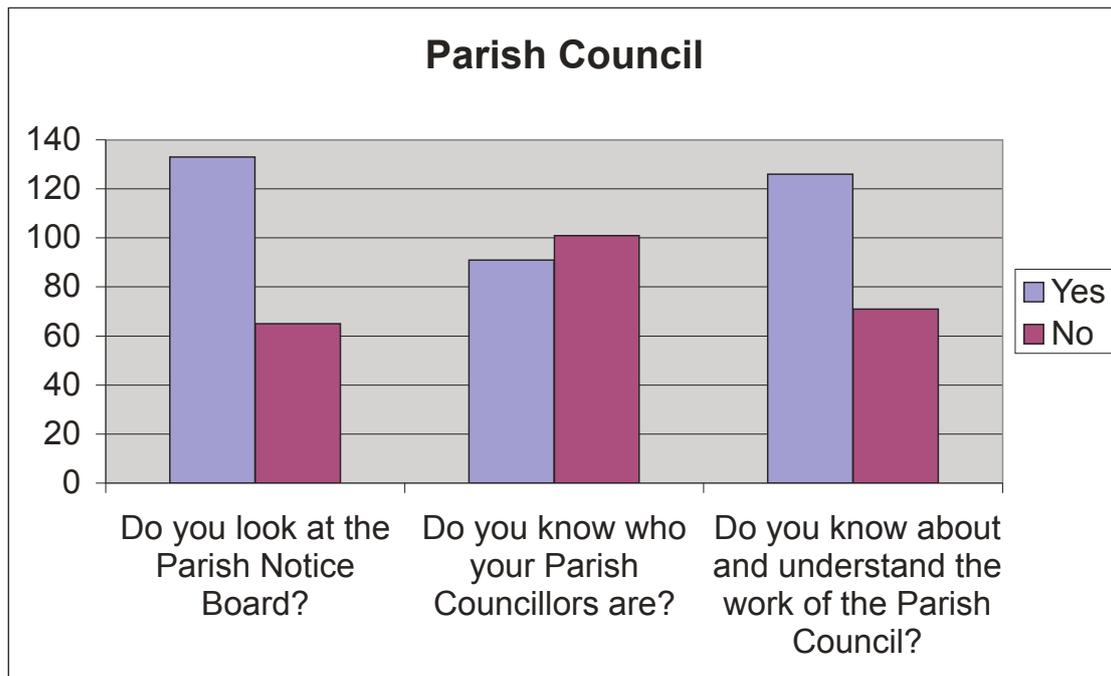
The majority of residents, 57% of those who answered the question, felt that no measures were needed, however 36% felt that some traffic calming measures are needed and these included;

- Railway Street – speed bumps, flashing signs and chicanes
- The Balk – speed bumps
- A greater police presence at both ends of the working day on Railway Street would help with speeding in the village

A significant number of households felt that flashing 'slowdown' signs at the entrances to the village of Slingsby were needed.



The Parish Council.....



Amongst the comments from residents regarding using the Parish Notice Board were

"I rarely pass it" "don't know where it is" "difficult to read – get information from other sources"

Comments made regarding the Parish Council suggested that over 50% of respondents are not aware of the members, although a number said they were aware of some but not all. However the majority did know and understand about the work of the Parish Council.

A number of comments were made and these included:

"perhaps they could send round an occasional newsletter so we could know who they are and what they are doing for the parish"

"a short account of council business should be inserted in the village newsletter each month and placed on notice board"

"we have a good parish council, diligent and forward looking"

"would like the Parish Council to have more influence in local matters"

"appoint two or three school children/young adults onto committee to meet their ideas and needs and get more people involved"

The following piece is a summary of the work and powers of the Parish Council and contains a list of current Councillors representing the Parish of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme

The Parish Council is managed by seven Councillors, who are all unpaid volunteers and have never claimed any expenses; even though they would be entitled to do so. The present Councillors sit as independents with no political affiliation. All Parish Councillors are required to have a Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members of the Council, and the Code has to include provisions included in a model approved by the Government. Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton Parish Council adopted a revised Code with effect from 1st June 2007, and all members and co-opted Members of the Council have given a written undertaking that they will observe the Code.

Councillors are elected for four years at a time in the same way as for other Councils and by-elections may be held to fill vacancies occurring between elections. The Council is the Corporation of the Parish and each year at the AGM in May the Councillors choose a Chair and Deputy Chair from amongst their number. Parish Council meetings are held five times a year in the Village Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Parish Council cont

There is always a chance for members of the public to ask questions or raise matters of concern. Any resident who cannot get to a meeting can contact any of the Councillors, or the Clerk, who can raise the issue on their behalf.

The elected Chair controls the business of the Parish Council full meeting and the Council operates as a Body Corporate; no one individual Councillor has the power to decide what the Council does or to speak on behalf of the Council. The full Parish Council has to resolve, by majority vote, to spend money and/or take any action.

The Parish Clerk, who is the Council's Chief Executive, prepares the meeting agenda and related paperwork, keeps councillors informed of correspondence, issues the summons to attend, ensures meetings are quorate, records the minutes, makes recommendations for the solution to problems and carries out the approved policies of the Council. The Clerk has to ensure Councillor's needs are met for training and that they are kept informed of issues arising including changes in Council powers or Codes of Conduct. The Clerk is also the contract and operational supervisor for any work, cemetery manager and responsible financial and legal officer. He prepares annual budgets and precept recommendations, and ensures that accounts are strictly kept and audited by both an internal auditor and an external Government auditor every year. He arranges supplier payments and claims VAT refunds, completes annual tax returns and undertakes governance management, including risk assessments and insurance arrangements.

The Parish Clerk has no voting rights however has the responsibility to inform the Council if their actions are outside permitted legislation and duties. He also has a responsibility to ensure the Code of Conduct is kept to by all Councillors and liaises with the Monitoring Officer at the District Council on ethical issues and the Councillors' Register of Interests.

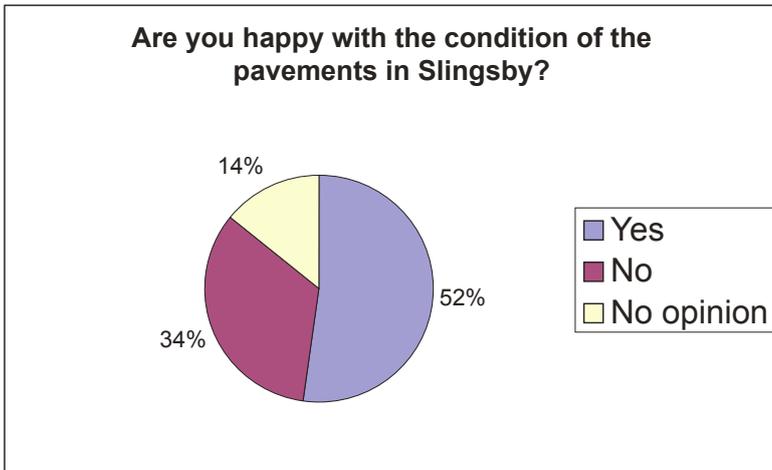
Names and Addresses of current Parish Councillors

Name	Address
Angela Shepherd (Chair)	The Old Rectory, Slingsby, York YO62 4AD
Fiona Farnell (Deputy Chair) (South Holme)	Beech Tree Cottage, South Holme, Slingsby, York YO62 4BA
Michael Singleton (Fryton Representative)	Brambling Barn, Fryton, Slingsby, York YO62 4AT
Peter Snowball	Harsley House, Railway Street, Slingsby, York YO62 4AL
Michael Thompson	Burwood, Railway Street, Slingsby, York YO62 4AN
Chris Wilson	Brickyard Farm, Slingsby, York YO62 4AY
One Vacant position	
Clerk to the Council David A Batley	Apple Garth, Green Dyke Lane, Slingsby, York YO62 4AP

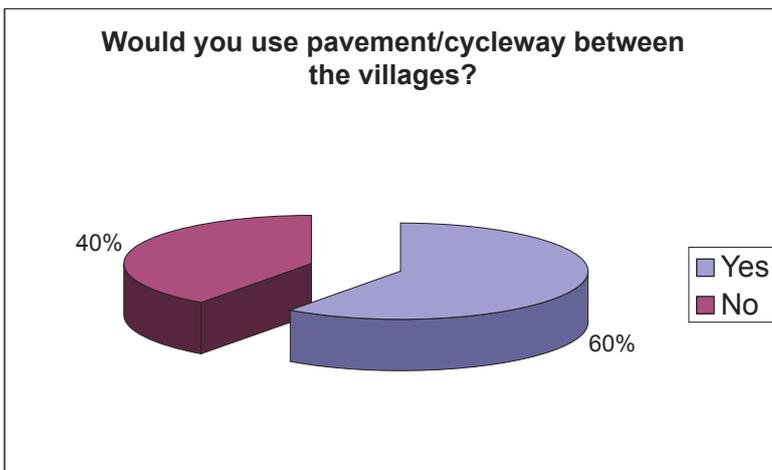


Pavements and Footpaths

The majority of residents are happy with the conditions of the footpaths in Slingsby.



Many indicated that they use the current footpaths networks, but would also like to see a link between Slingsby and Fryton.



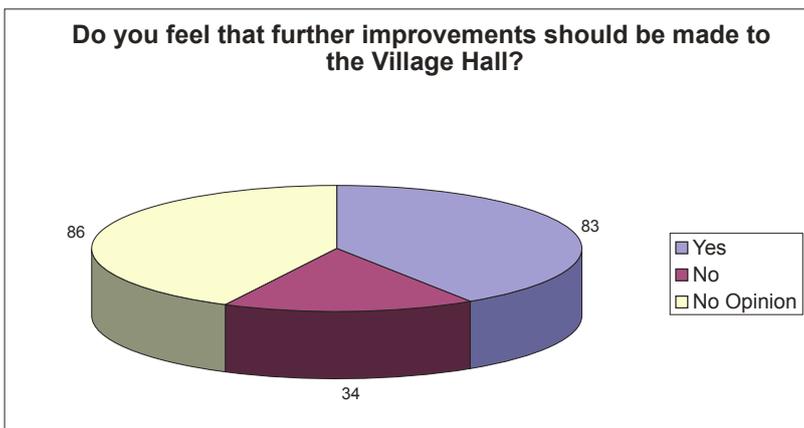
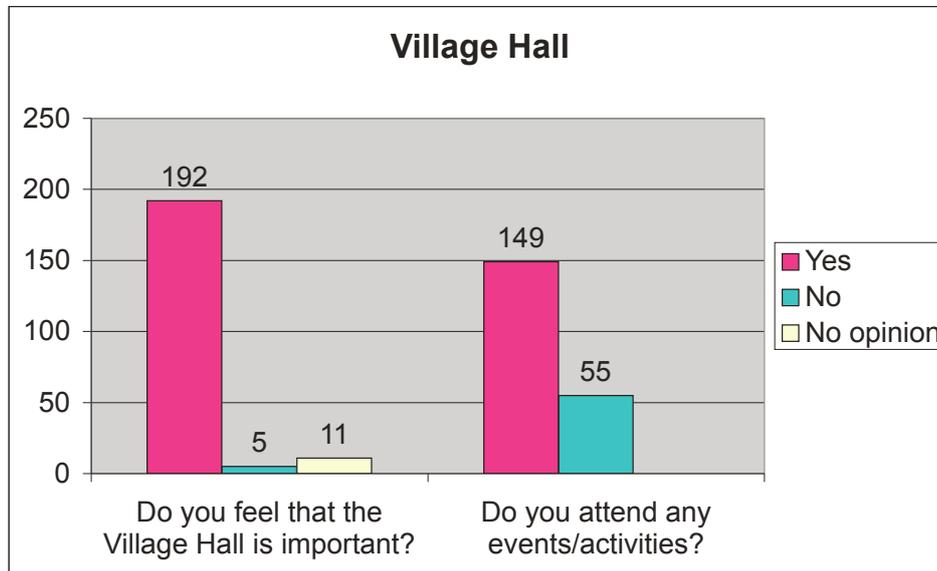
A considerable number of residents feel that the footpath network was well maintained, however residents who did not agree with that statement were asked to give comments and/or locations of problem areas.

Many residents indicated that the following areas of paths needed attention:

- Railway Street from The Grapes to the end of the village
- Path widening on High Street
- Total loss of the path in Fryton from barns to B1257

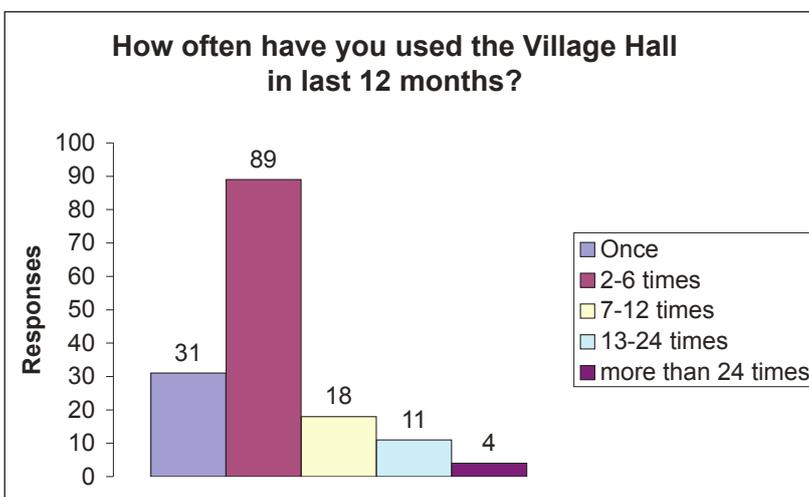
Village Amenities, Clubs and Leisure Facilities

We asked a number of questions about the amenities in the parish, including Slingsby Village Hall, the Castle and the Playing Field.



41% of households that answered this question feel that there should be further improvements to the village hall and these are (in order of preference)

- Kitchen
- Heating
- Outdoor lighting
- Indoor lighting



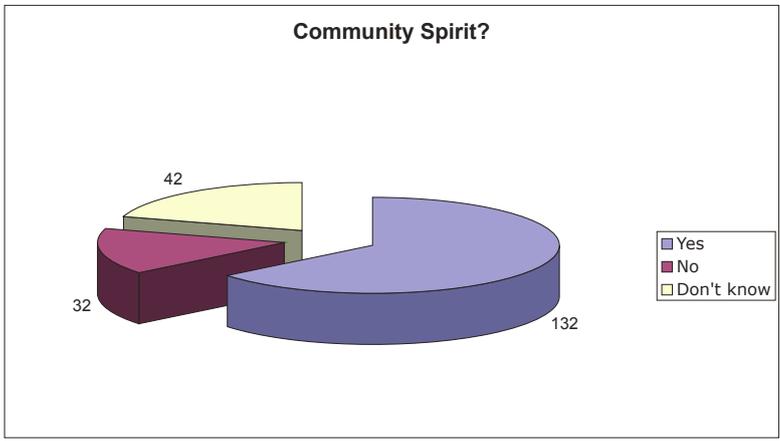
There is a comprehensive list of additional events and activities that residents would attend and these included;

- Musical evenings and dances
- Keep-fit
- Arts and crafts and hobbies
- Bingo, dominos and whist
- Social events (for older residents)
- Quiz nights

Sixteen residents said they were willing to get involved in organising an event / activity or consider becoming a member of the Village Hall Committee.

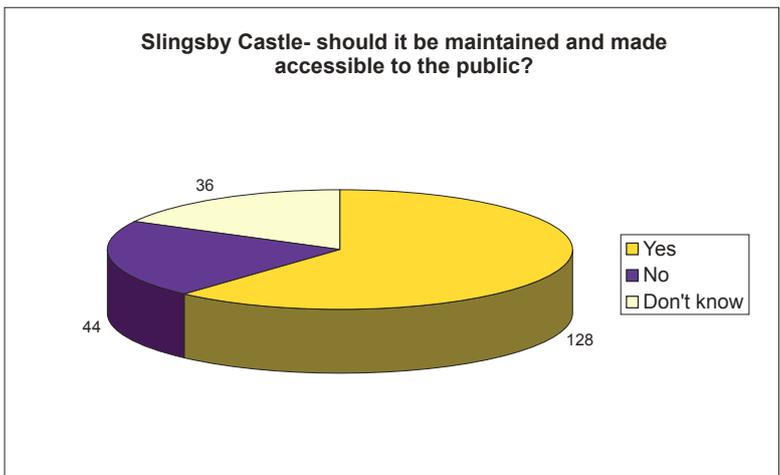
Village Amenities, Clubs and Leisure Facilities cont

We asked:- Is there community spirit in your village?



64% of households that answered this question said there is community spirit however 16% disagreed and 20% stated that they didn't know. Amongst the suggestions for improving community spirit are; more family events and organised sport for children and young people, continue with the current events, a bit more enthusiasm, more events appealing to wider age groups, talking to and welcoming new movers

We asked:- Do you feel that Slingsby Castle should be maintained and made accessible to the public?

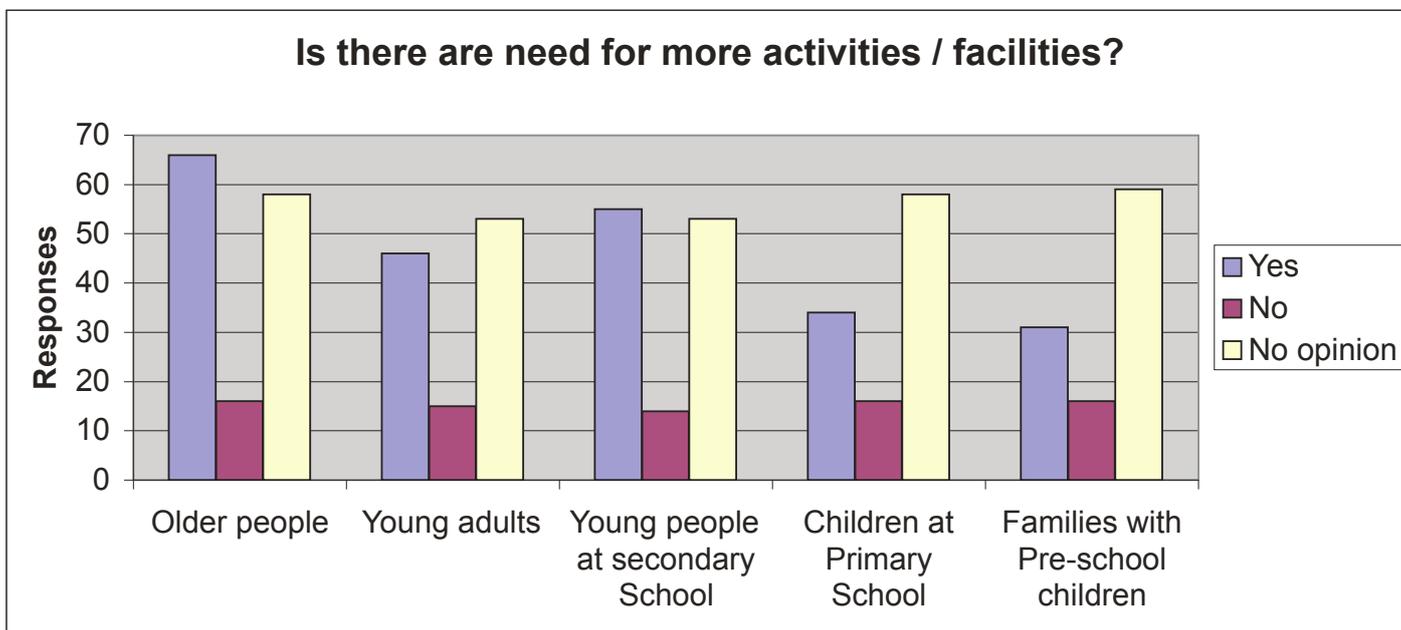


There is a significant number in favour of the castle being maintained and accessible to the public, but as some comments pointed out this could be a difficult thing to achieve. Comments included; *"doubt it is financially feasible"*, *"the Millennium committee looked at this and 3rd party insurance would be very expensive after the site had been made safe"* *"needs far too much money spending on it to make it safe"* *"it is very important to Slingsby history"* *"at least a perimeter footpath and information board (with safety warning if necessary)"*



Village Amenities, Clubs and Leisure Facilities cont

We asked:- Is there a need for more activities and facilities to be available for all age groups?

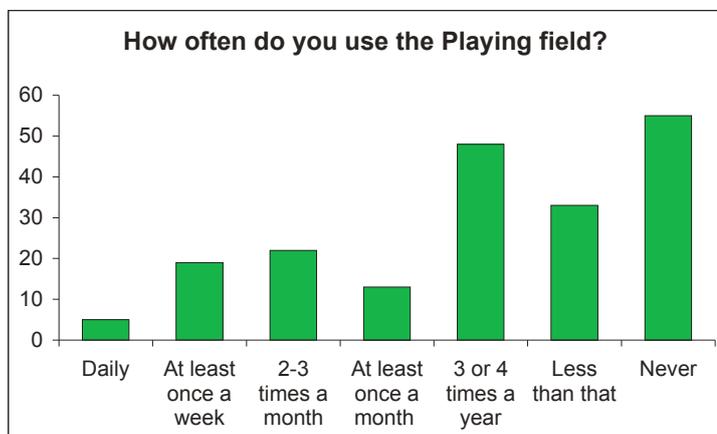


Suggestions for activities and facilities for older people include; luncheon clubs, tea dances. Christmas parties, afternoon get-togethers, social gatherings with refreshments, games etc, afternoon groups, arts and crafts and light exercise.

Suggestions for young people include; out of school clubs, games/fun nights, music group, some form of youth club, outings, organised sports, anything to get them outside! Brownies, Cubs, village pantomime and theatre group.

We asked:- How often do you use the Playing Field?

- 95 households attend the bonfire
- 31 the family sports day
- 24 for tennis
- 14 for bowls, and 13 each for football and cricket

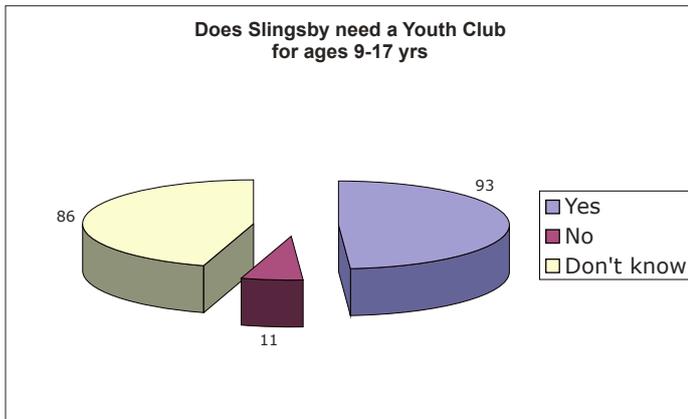


We asked:- If you would be interested in an allotment?

40 households said they would be interested if a suitable site became available, 142 said no and

Youth Club and School

A youth club has run in the village on a weekly basis for several years. Since October 2009 the club has closed due to lack of numbers attending.



The club accepted children between the ages of 9 -17, 49% of the village indicated that a youth club was needed, although few volunteers came forward to help run the club.

When asked what types of activities would encourage the children to attend, the majority of the answers included covered:

- Outdoor activities associated with sport
- Trips to different places
- Duke of Edinburgh studying
- Wide range of indoor activities – fitness/crafts/competitions

The school was built in 1860 under the patronage of the Earls of Carlisle and the Castle Howard Estate, in a simplified Gothic style, but with decorative timber bargeboards and pointed finials on the gables. The original layout of the school included separate entrances for boys and girls as was usual in Victorian times. This was not the first school in Slingsby as there had been earlier dame schools. In 1900 the parishes voted for schools to become run by elected school boards, and by 1902 Slingsby school, along with most other village schools, came under the control of the North Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The Reading Room was also endowed by the Earls of Carlisle; a library for the education of the Parish generally, it contained about a hundred books in 1850; an impressive number for that time. A Headmaster's house was built as part of the school and reading room complex, but prior to its construction the school teacher is said to have lived in the house to the north of The Green now called Mayward House.

The present school, Reading Room and attached houses are still owned by the Castle Howard Estate, although the school accommodation was extended into the adjoining house in 1997 to accommodate a head teacher's office and improved facilities. At the present time the school has a role of 34 children who are taught in two classes.



SLINGSBY, FRYTON and SOUTH HOLME ACTION PLAN 2010 -2015

Key:

NYCC - North Yorkshire County Council: PC - Parish Council: PCC - Parochial Church Council

HHAONB - Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: CH - Castle Howard

RDC - Ryedale District Council: RAY - Rural Action Yorkshire: VH - Village Hall:

RVA - Ryedale Voluntary Action: EH - English Heritage

Section	Action	Partners	Priority/Timescale
Local Transport	Look into possibility of early/late/weekend services Investigate direct bus to York	NYCC, Bus company	Medium
Traffic and Road Safety	Installation of flashing 'slow down' signs	PC, NYCC Highways NY Police	High, within 6 mths
	Request for police speed checks on regular basis	PC, NY Police	High, within 6mths
Pavements and Footpaths	Improvements to paths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway Street – Brookfields to end of village • Path widening High Street (top end) • Exposure of footpath (overgrown) Fryton to B1257 	PC, NYCC, HHAONB	High
	Apply to LEADER for funding for formal path and cycleway Slingsby to Fryton (line of former railway is only a public footpath).	PC, NYCC HHAONB	Medium
Housing and Future Development	Do a VDS (village design statement)	PC, RDC, RAY, HHAONB	Depends on acceptability of Local Development Framework
Crime, Policing and other Emergency Services	Regular visible patrols and presence	Police	High
Village Hall	Secure funding for improvements including a new kitchen	VH committee, RVA, RAY, Residents	Medium
Youth Club	Recruit activity leaders	PC, Parents, Residents	High
	Funding for new activities	As above	Medium, dependent upon success of recruiting leaders

Communication	Improve mobile coverage in parish	Service providers	Medium
	Put together an information pack	Residents working group	Medium
	Start a website and newsletter	Volunteers	Medium
Post Office	Lobby for re-instatement of village post office	PC, Post Office	Medium
Environment	Identify land suitable for allotments	PC, Residents	Medium
Street lighting	Improve arrangements for lighting repairs when faults occur	PC	High
	Look into implementing Improvements to street lighting in Slingsby (on-going)	PC	Medium - Low
Surface Drainage	Look into implementing Improvements to reduce surface water	PC, NYCC	Medium
	Regular cleansing of road drains in Slingsby and Fryton	PC, NYCC	High
Church	Ensure it remains open (prepare separate detailed plan)	PCC, All	High, medium, low
Village Activities	Identify/recruit leaders for older people/young/all	PC	Medium
	Encourage wider groups of helpers to form and make things happen	PC	Medium
Castle	Clearance of trees etc to make it more visible Install information boards	EH, CH	Low



