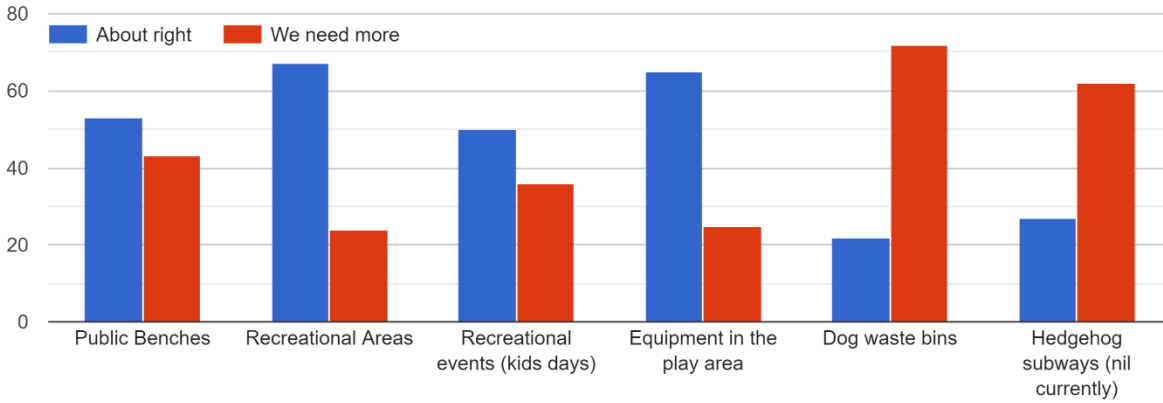




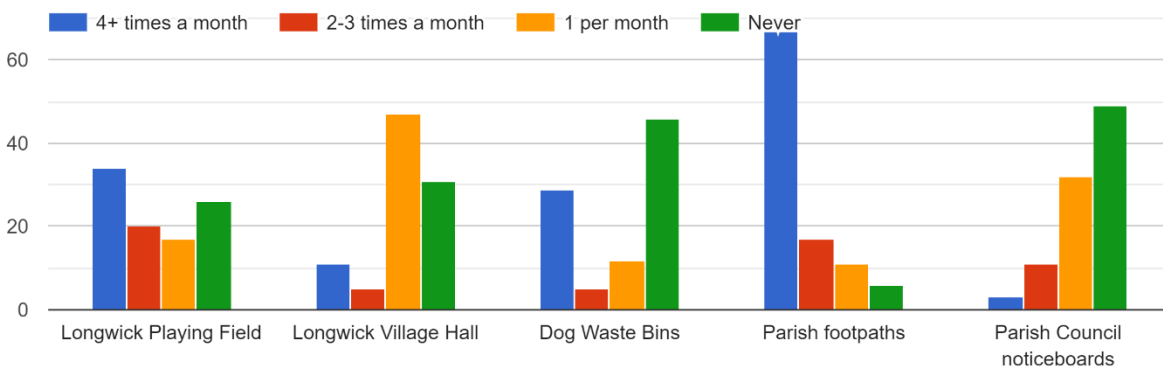
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**LONGWICK CUM ILMER PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY RESULTS 2024**

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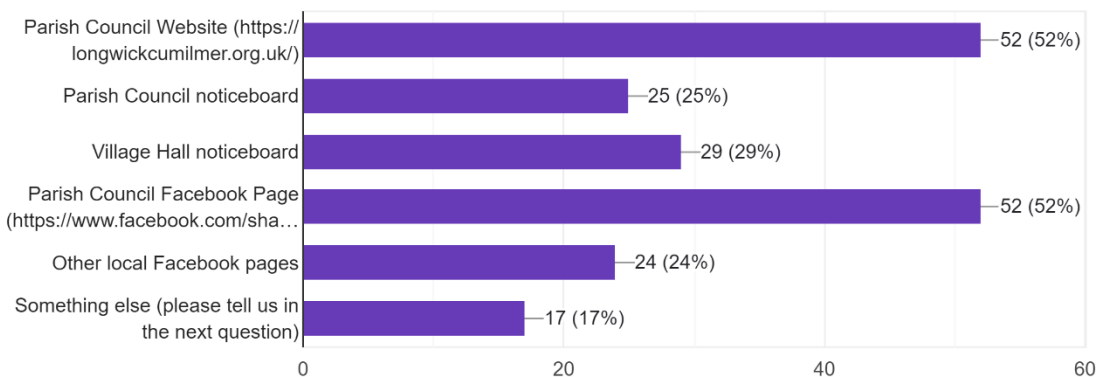


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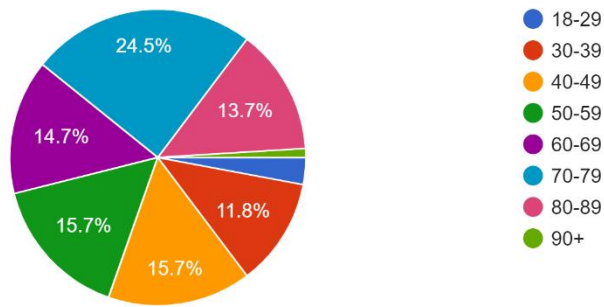
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100 responses



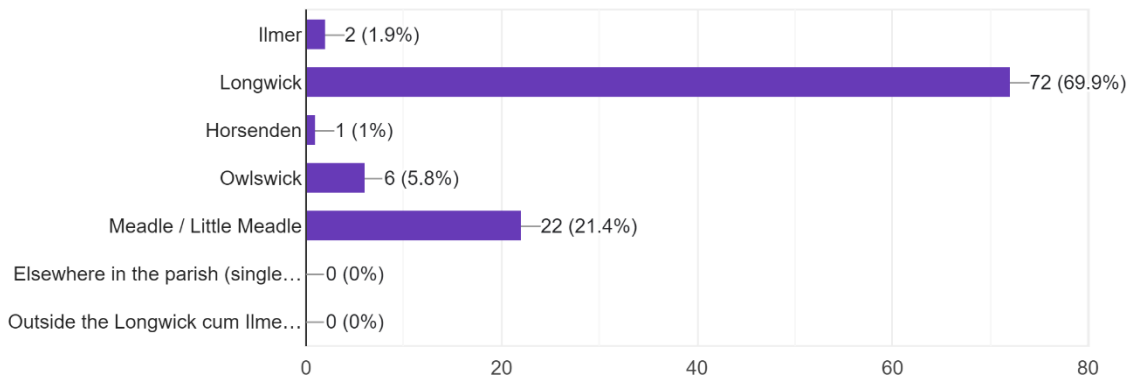
### Your age at your next birthday

102 responses



### Where will you be living during the Summer of 2024

103 responses



**Are there any comments or issues you'd like to raise with the Parish Council (Please press the SUBMIT button when you have finished)**

**Playing Field / Play Area:**

1. I do feel the park really needs more excitement in it as it is the same old. We need more fun for the children in the park. The park could be made so much bigger and so much better. We have a hill over near the zip wire that could have a trampoline put in it as i have seen at other parks this is how the trampolines have been done. There is an empty space in the park that hasn't had nothing put on it for years.
2. The dog owners need to be more respectful and watch their dogs. Dogs weeing all over a bag isn't on especially when the dog owner isn't even near the dog. Also, there was a time when I saw a dog being let of the lead at the Wickfields estate and it charged right across the field. Anyone could have been injured. It really needs looking into more about dogs of leads because if someone gets bitten badly where does it go then.
3. The amount of dogs off leads over the playing fields, meaning dogs run off while owners are talking not seeing dogs poo and subsequently not picking it up leading to the other issue of poo everywhere. Not pleasant for children. It would be lovely to see some sort of regular sporting event for children taking part on the field, it seems such a waste. Even just some goal posts on the grass would be amazing.
4. Anti-social behaviour in the evenings and night time in the car park, the field and the recreational areas
5. Thank you for all the litter pickers, it's a shame some dog owners don't pick up after their dog and let them run around near children without a lead, and a shame some people smash glass on the muga
6. More surgery facilities and school as they are using the scout hall. Continual thought to use of existing facilities to their best advantage bearing in mind there are no cricket or football village teams. Explore whether a tennis court would be beneficial - we would say yes.
7. Play equipment for disabled children

**Dog Bins:**

8. Excess of dog poo bins in the playing fields and none on public bridleway at the end of Walnut Tree Lane. One at the end of the new footpath from the new estate to the bridleway would be great!
9. Dog poo bins are all in the park it would be useful to have them at the end of footpaths

**Speeding, Traffic Calming and Highways:**

10. Why is the Thame end of Longwick neglected where speeding is concerned. The problem is frightening. The speed of cars heading through the village is never monitored and this will only get worse with the A418 closures and subsequent diversions.
11. Looking at vehicles speeding through Owlswick. The lanes are used as a rat run and soon there will be a fatality.
12. Curbing (Reducing) speed in both Longwick and Owlswick villages. We have children and people drive too fast through both villages. The hedges as you drive into Owlswick cover the signs so it's not obvious that you are entering a village especially as you enter Owlswick from Longwick. There are going to be more accidents on that corner unless a speed bump is put in to slow people down.
13. Please add speed restrictions through Owlswick before someone is killed
14. Speed limit in Stockwell Lane. When is it going to reduced to 30? It is extremely dangerous there have been numerous accidents. There are no pavements. Crossing the road is perilous. Does their need to be a fatality for this to occur? What is stopping this happening? There is traffic data to support the reduction. I do not understand why this is not happening.
15. When are the traffic calming measures along Stockwell Lane and approaches into Longwick ever going to happen? I understand that BCC has completely stonewalled the proposals despite the Parish Council having the funds available. I suggest going above their heads to the new Minister of Transport to avoid any further ridiculous delays.
16. When will the speed restrictions be put in place through Meadle
17. Why have the traffic calming measures on Stockwell Lane not been implemented?? The speed cars go past is terrifying and very dangerous for walkers, cyclists and horse riding - several cats and dogs have been killed in the road. Please get on with job of making our community safer for everyone and get these traffic measures in place.
18. The traffic on Stockwell Lane is increasingly dangerous. With people using it as a speed cut through.

19. Speed and volume of traffic on Owlswick Lane
20. You did a road speed limit survey more than. A year ago, and nothing has come of it. Please enact some of the recommendations.
21. Meadle/Little Meadle desperately need lower speed limits and traffic calming. I have had many near misses while either walking or exiting Meadle Village Road. It is unsighted and dangerous and there will inevitably be a collision there unless something is done to stop cars speeding in Stockwell Lane.
22. Speed restrictions amendments have repeatedly been requested (the reduction to 20mph in Meadle village itself, and on Stockwell Lane going through Meadle). The volume of traffic has increased and speeding has also become an issue. Something has to change before there is a serious accident - the community should feel safe leaving their property - which we don't.
23. Physical traffic calming in Meadle still outstanding. With recent developments and road diversions traffic gets faster, busier and more dangerous. This is evidenced by accidents and tyre damage as vehicles get squeezed to the edges but this is not necessarily recorded.
24. I would like a 20-mile speed limit on Stockwell Lane by entrance to Meadle. The speed cars drive round that bend is dangerous and terrifying
25. The most important issue for me is traffic calming/management along Stockwell Lane. It has become an increasingly fast cut through road for people who don't observe the 40 limits through Meadle and Little Meadle and turning out of Meadle is dangerous.
26. To impose a 20mph speed limit in Meadle.
27. Hello - speeding in the lanes around Owlswick, particularly Bar Lane, is a huge issue. We have raised this many times. Why are you not listening?
28. Please let's not make the parish speed limit 20mph. Some of us have lives to live and need to get around. Good enforcement of appropriate 30 and 60 mph limits is fine.
29. Reducing the speed limit along Stockwell Lane. I take my life into my hands every morning. Also cutting back growth on the footpaths and bridleways and repairing the leaking drain in the bridleway from Meadle Village to Owlswick Lane
30. We need some traffic calming and speed enforcement measures on Stockwell Lane. People regularly drive down Stockwell Lane at High speed, making it very dangerous for cyclists, horse riders, pedestrians and anyone pulling onto Stockwell Lane. Due to high-speed driving, there are regularly cars in the ditches on the double bends by Waldridge Manor, it's only a question of time before one of these is fatal. Traffic calming measures are needed on the Stockwell Lane by the Meadle turning, pulling out of the Meadle turning onto Stockwell Lane is very dangerous if someone is going over the 40 miles an hour speed limit. The speed limit on Meadle village road needs reducing from 40 to 20, 40 miles an hour is a dangerous speed for a mainly single-track road with few passing places.
31. What has happened to the 'Traffic proposal / Speed control'? What has happened to the bus shelter proposal? When will the Parish Council arrange for pedestrian crossings in the village?
32. The Parish needs to step up. When we raised noise issues, they completely avoided it and, nothing has been done to sort the speeding traffic
33. Yes, definitely the speeding through the village, I live on the main road and feel walking my dog every day is dangerous, due to the speeding cars, lorries etc and narrow pathways, which are worse at the moment due to overgrown hedges coming over the pathways.
34. Traffic along Thame Road through Longwick has hugely increased and speed limit is often ignored. Some lorries tear through the village like battering rams. It is now dangerous trying to exit Walnut Tree Road onto the Thame Road, we need proper traffic lights, traffic calming bumps or a roundabout. The situation not helped by the [?BT] green boxes blocking vision to the right and it being a crossroads with Bar Lane.
35. Speeding on Thame Rd especially motorcycles almost every night
36. Restore footpath width along Thame Road. Increase safe crossing places along Thame Road. Reduce speed limit along Lower Icknield Way to 30mph. Owners of petrol station need to reduce hedging and signage to improve visibility for traffic approaching
37. When are we going to get the zebra crossings and traffic calming and speed reduction?
38. Speeding traffic through Village and Chestnut Way needs Urgent action. Press Thames Valley Police (with MP support?) for Average Speed Cameras. Implement proposals from existing Traffic Safety Survey.
39. Speeding vehicles (average speed cameras through whole of village). Useful use of funds to improve failing investiture, improvements to footways, hedge trimming, long awaited pedestrian crossing at Walkers Rd, a

caring and understanding parochial council that understands the needs of the village, Longwick village web site now that the village newsletter has been discontinued to draw attention to village activities.

40. It seems a long time since we had a road traffic assessment and nothing seems to have been done to reduce the speed of traffic through Longwick. As a minimum it should be 30mph through the village and all the 40mph signs should be changed asap to 30mph. Also, zebra crossings need to be established by the red lion public house.
41. I would like the parish council to lobby the highways authority for a mini roundabout on the Thame Road by the red lion to assist safe exit of traffic to and from chestnut way.
42. Speeding through Longwick: needs to be a 20mph zone
43. Speed control measures need to be introduced and some kind of island or bollard is needed on the junction by the red lion pub to stop people cutting the corner at speed!

#### **Footpaths, and Pavements:**

44. Local public footpaths have been left to become so overgrown this summer that they have become completely unusable. Landowners need to be pressured to maintain public footpaths and bridleways.
45. Foot paths need more maintenance. Clearing, and damaged / missing signs require replacing. Sort out 20 mph limit in Meadle. Been going on for years while Oxford have implemented countless new 20 zones.
46. Bridle/ footpaths need cutting back
47. The public footpaths are not kept clear and they are not well sign posted
48. We would like a path to be built so we can walk safely to princes Risborough train station
49. I'd love to see improved access to the Phoenix Trail. It's a huge asset to have nearby but difficult to access
50. Better pavements are the most urgent need - they are disgraceful! Also, the local footpaths are so overgrown that some are unusable. It is no longer possible to cycle from the end of Walnut Tree Lane to join the Phoenix trail because of overgrown vegetation. If you want to cycle with children, it is necessary to negotiate the very busy and dangerous main road to Chinnor in order to join the safe cycling trail. Safe, all year-round access to the Phoenix trail would be of huge benefit to all residents, especially families, in terms of fitness, travel and recreation.
51. I'm not sure who's responsibility it is but I feel the footpaths through Longwick are not kept clear. Walking out of the village towards the garage & especially between Longwick & Ilmer are in a terrible state. The grass is now overtaking the path. You can't get a push chair through. The hedges need to be cut right back in places. The hedge by the crossing need cutting back & decreasing. It was always done by the council & hasn't been maintained properly for years.
52. Better lighting on roads and signage for both pedestrians and drivers. It's so easy to miss turnings in the dark please. A shop that can stay open later than 6pm. A Tesco express please 😊
53. Footpaths/tree & hedge maintenance: footpaths need to be kept more accessible eg footpath turning right out of Walkers Rd bushes overgrown and turning left out of Red House Farm. Pedestrians are forced into road never mind pushchairs, mobility scooters etc.
54. Sustainable planting required going forward with appropriate ongoing maintenance and dealing with current trees overhanging properties.
55. Footpath up to Ilmer from Longwick is a trip hazard

#### **Fly tipping:**

56. Fly tipping around Owlswick is terrible. We need to put up cameras to catch people. Also grass verges are very long making it hard to see round corners. Village signs when entering are over grown even.

#### **Communication:**

57. Communication needs to improve, more action taken on asb, regular emails/newsletters, poor explanation on anything. Very dismissive on points raised. Very 'Teflon' about issues and told not their remit- generally lots to improve on.
58. PC needs to start actively listening to residents and pulling its weight - ignoring the blatant rising antisocial and county lines drugs issue under your very noses! Instead focussing on do we need more benches - time to wake up you're sleeping at the wheel!
59. Email is the best way to communicate, but used sparingly is most effective.
60. Village hall website

61. How about communicating with your parishioners by email, as the County Council do? It would not be too great an effort to set up a subscription list of email addresses - voluntary of course.
62. A Village Website would be most useful for those parishioners who don't use Facebook/village notice boards. So sorry that the Parish Magazine is being discontinued/phased out. Val did a brilliant job which enhanced village communication and a sense of community.
63. No area to write my option of preferred communication with the Parish Council... I would like to have updates via email. Also, this Google form should be more professionally designed. There is a lack of punctuation and no other options for the periods of time that we use the facilities. 1 per month, 2 - 3 per month, 4+ per month. What about once a year and not at all?
64. Longwick & Parishes village website
65. We need continue the village newsletter and have a notice board for the village near the carpark and playing field and outside the shop
66. We very much miss the Parish Newsletter. Can't this be revived?
67. Restart Newsletter. Village Website NOT Facebook.
68. I would prefer communications by email. I am interested in the plans for traffic management in Longwick, especially Lower Icknield Way, and would like to be updated regularly on progress with the proposed speed limit changes and traffic calming plans near the railway bridge and the Sportsman's roundabout.
69. Seek to continue Newsletter and/or initiate new non-Facebook website.
70. All communication by email including the Parish newsletter.
71. All communication via email (as per NWatch - email address already used). Parish newsletter x 3pa could also be resurrected and distributed online by email. Update to use of CIL money, which is substantial, and concerned it is losing value due to inflation. Traffic calming measures appear to be taking years to implement.
72. email?

**Other:**

73. I'm concerned about the large amount of money currently held in Parish Council reserves.
74. The area by the scout hut, along the stream, could be made so much nicer and trees are getting out of hand!
75. Would like to see Parish Council Members more involved in local community events (eg Christmas Carols; May Day)
76. Clarify what issues are within your control
77. Wickfield play area disgusting state
78. The trees are too large for the green space on Walker's estate and is therefore making it unusable for recreational purposes as originally intended.
79. A recreational area at the end of Bell Crescent/ with seating area / A parish notice board at the B 4009 end of the village
80. I live in Wickfields and have had 3 hedgehogs in my front garden. Hedgehog highways would be an excellent idea.
81. Longwick needs a regular bus service to Thame and Princes Risborough, we seem to be the forgotten village. It would reduce the amount of cars in the area. Currently all that live in Longwick have to drive everywhere currently to use the facilities of other parish councils. A public footpath from Longwick to Princes Risborough train station allowing residents to walk safely via Summerleys Rd. A regular community cafe like the one at Wades Park in Risborough would be an advantage to get the community together, currently there are no facilities, once again locals have to travel out by car to do such things. Sporting clubs for kids or even football posts to be erected in the park for all to use, it seems such a waste of space.
82. Awareness of this survey was not obvious to anyone and when I went to the Post Office to obtain a copy for completion, I was told they had only had a dozen or so copies which went quickly and not replaced. The view was also expressed that people picking up the form were not impressed by its depth of issues and the questions chosen to be highlighted. IE more important things could have been covered. In my own view the content of this survey is not appropriately wide enough to present a view of the facilities and developments wanted or needed in the village, to provide not only for day-to-day issues of maintenance as things are now, but to also to address the changing profiles of the village, its population, demographic and social needs. The Council does not appear to adopt any forward planning process for the changes we have experienced over the last 15 to twenty years and certainly not during the last 7 or eight years when the population and house numbers have doubled. The Council has barely changed over that time and does not seem to have any drive, leadership, or focus on what might build community unity and integration by the fostering of common

interests. Money may be needed in order to do that work, alongside suitable leadership, but funds are certainly available now to do things other than issues the County Council should do (roads, speeding control verges etc. under Parish Council direction / request / lobbying). People were encouraged to come to Longwick as there was a thriving and welcoming community- it' has disappeared, and as a consequence we are seeing a decline in our local community spirit and wellbeing, alongside anti-social activity at a level we never had before. We are ignoring our new youth and will pay a price if action is not encouraged. We've lost our youth club, Scouts, Guides, Sports Club facilities, some local pubs and even the Old aged pensioner group meetings have now been undermined. The Council should be actively trying to assist and encourage the development and maintenance of the Longwick Community, to that end it should integrate its work with the Village Hall which is a community asset, alongside of the playing field management and use, again a community asset. We seem to have the money but not the leadership, or will, to energise improvement rather than accept decline. Communication and contact between the Council, its members, and Parishioners seems to be minimised and not expanded with any enthusiasm. Such contact should be seen in a positive sense by all, it is not a forum for complaint only, so should not be feared, provided all are looking at what is best to build and protect our "oneness" as we share all that the village and its members have to offer. There is still much pride and energy in the village, but it needs encouragement with things and ideas being added, not withdrawn, like the Parish Council Newsletter or the Sports Ground changing rooms, or funding for the Christmas Carol gathering evening. I hope that this Survey, limited as it is, has at least promoted some other useful feedback relative to the Longwick cum Ilmer Parish and what it could be as a modern community. I hope too that it stimulates something different in actions outwardly visible to all the residents of the Parish, but they don't all have Facebook, the internet or dogs to walk but they do have opinions and most care about where they live and who they share that space with.

83. I am disappointed that the survey is so basic and does not allow the reader to clearly or accurately specify wishes and equipment use. I am more concerned regarding the lack of support from the Council of the following:
- Support and encourage adult and child sport on the playing field
  - Support existing residents to cope with the intrusion and inconvenience of new building sites
  - Expand the role of the council to take a proactive role in the villages
- I study closely the monthly meeting agendas and subsequent minutes. I note there is little continuity by month or period. Meetings that are published to the public should include:
- Agendas - All outstanding items from previous meetings
  - Minutes: -Should address all the outstanding items
  - Should include the items raised by residents in the drop-in sessions (perhaps in summary)
- The Council does not currently represent the people of the parishes and must review its performance.
84. I think there should be street lighting on the main road through Longwick. The pavements along the main road through Longwick are also not sufficiently maintained, it is frequently difficult or impossible to walk along them due to overgrown hedges (admittedly often from private property, but this is still an issue, whether it be one of enforcement of the landowners' obligations, or maintenance by the council). The Walkers Road amenity space is not maintained often enough to be useful as recreational space. It should be mowed more frequently (as frequently as Longwick park) and the trees have become far too large for the space, they need a crown reduction urgently. Speeding traffic is still an issue. There should be a 40mph limit imposed between the edge of Longwick and the Ilmer road. A speed camera should be installed at the Thame end of the village shortly after the 30mph limit starts.
85. This form is rather strange... There are lots of inconsistencies and grammatical errors and the answer options are very restrictive so the data you receive will be rather compromised I suspect.
86. I'd really like the Parish Council to liaise with the Village Hall, perhaps the Red Lion too, and organise more community activities. Eg quizzes, bands, talks perhaps.
87. I believe the Parish Council must be Pro Active, listen to the needs of the Parish and respect their requests and knowledge We need action on: Bar Lane road marking Visibility Walnut Tree Lane to Thame road Average speed cameras Working speed indicators More regular village monitoring Support for villages affected by new housing Take more responsibility for Longwick matters rather than direct them to Risborough Councillors Improved us of meeting minutes and agenda to track projects and actions. More professional approach to meetings