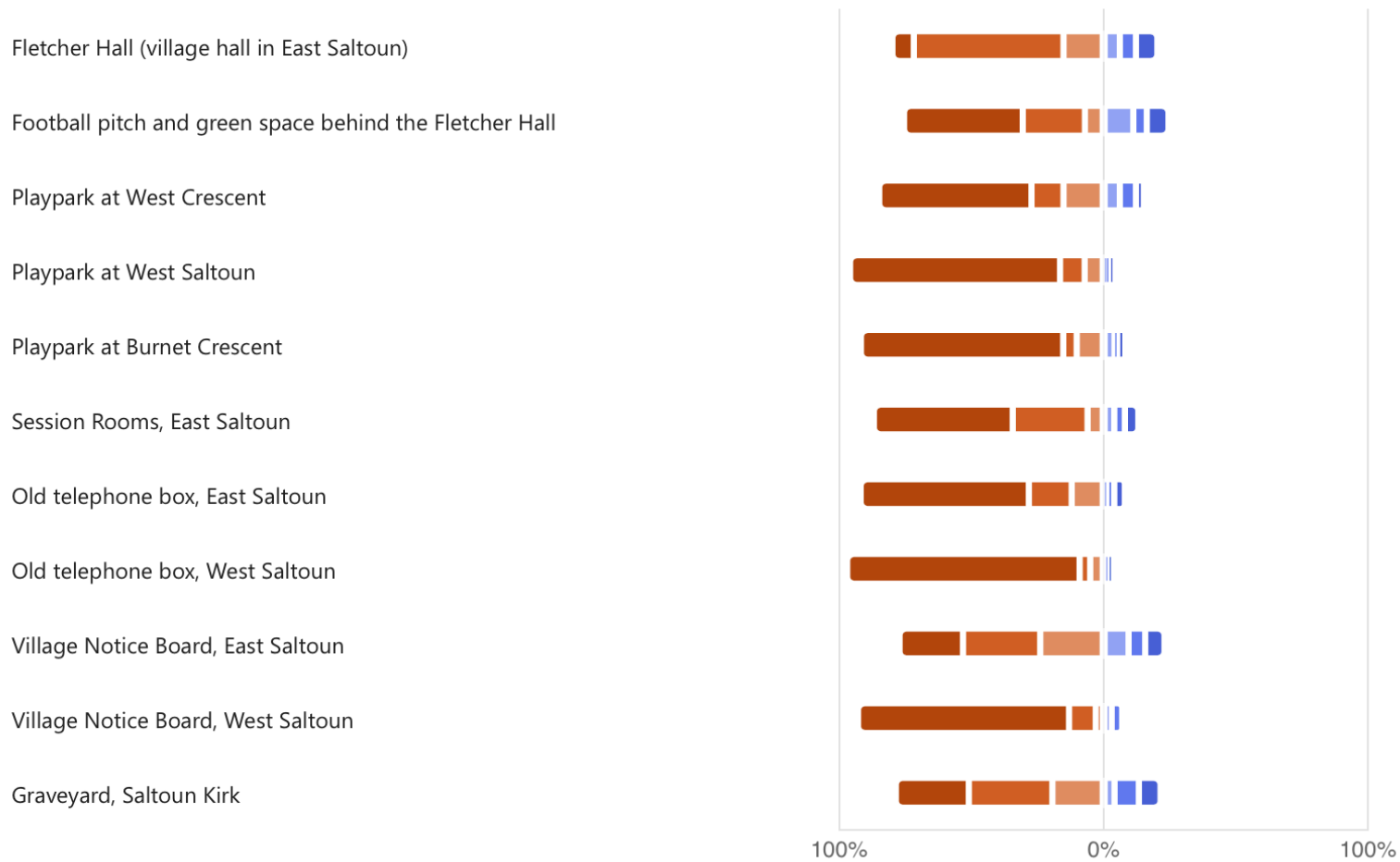


Saltoun's Future - Community Facilities & Amenities Survey

1. To what extent **do you use, view or visit** the following facilities and places? Please think about your usage over the last 12 months.

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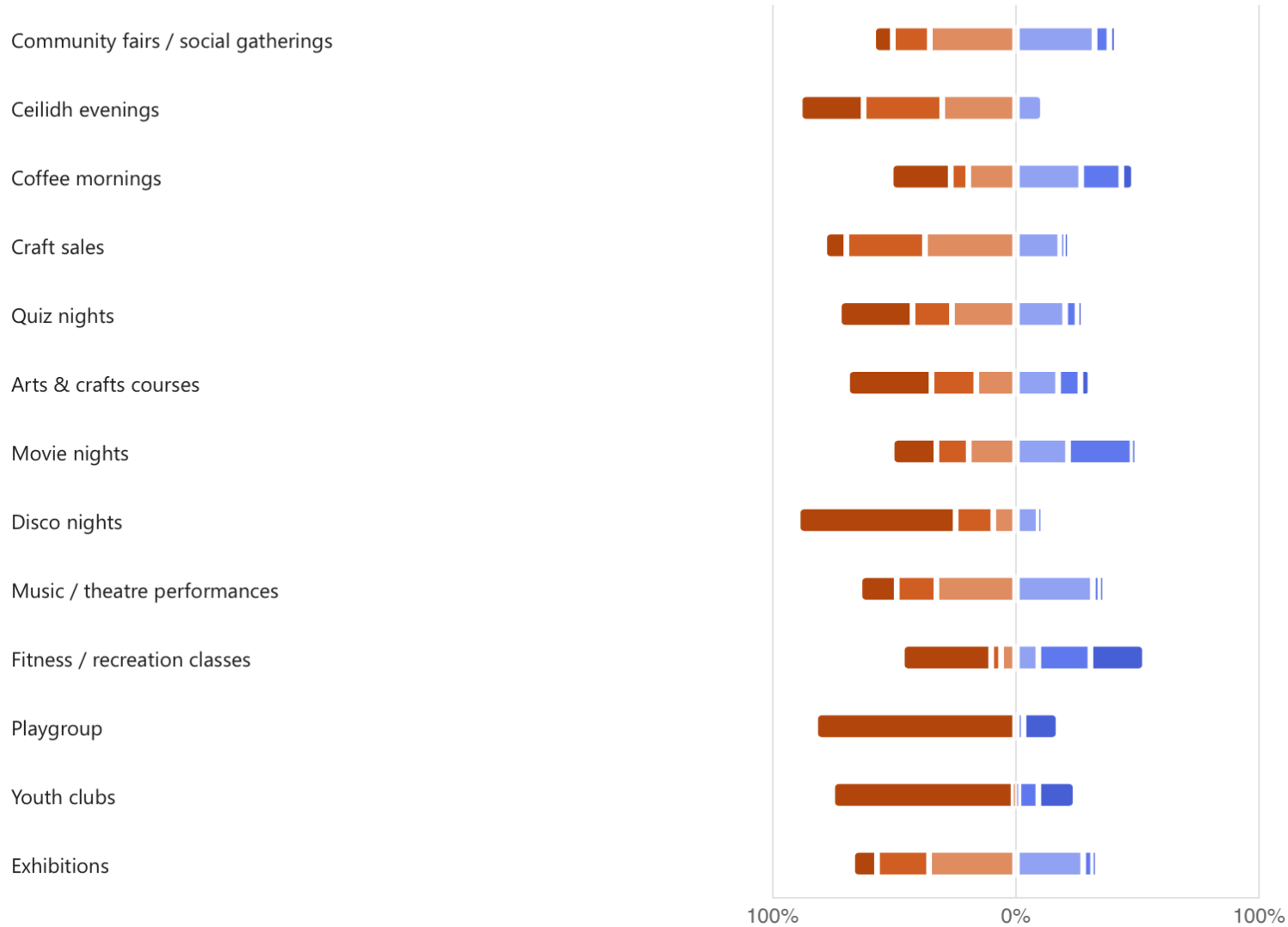
● Never
 ● Once or twice a year
 ● Every couple of months
 ● Every month
 ● Every couple of weeks
 ● Every week



2. How often would **you like to participate** in the following activities and events if organised for the community?

[More details](#)

- Never
- Once a year
- Twice a year
- Every three months
- Every month
- Every week



3. Would you like to suggest any other types of events or activities, not mentioned above, that you would like to see organised in the villages?

Walking cycling or running group

Community pub - open once a month for an evening; community shop open once a week (in collaboration with East Coast Organics perhaps)

I'm new to the area and it would be great to have a contact you can meet/email regarding activities, bus timetables and outdoor activities around the area including dog walks

Gardening and outdoor based activities - for example flower shows and taking part in Scotland's Open Garden Scheme as a village. Pop up restaurants would also be good

Local interest events Bite and a Blether Community Shop

Being part of Scotlands Garden Open scheme, community flower show, pop up dining experiences, vintage fairs, book fairs, art fairs

walking; bird watching; wildlife talks

Bowling

Clothes swap

It would be nice to have a small shop and cafe. We used to have one.

Garden and outdoor related activities - for example flower shows, village wide participation in Scotland's open garden scheme, pop up restaurants/supper clubs would also be good. A community garden with associated activities would be nice, too.

The circus

language classes, talks of interest like history, literature, art

Community garden. Community mobile hub eg bank, post office, library, local veg supplier.

Most of the events seem to be aimed at people with kids, other than the ceilidh which I wouldn't be able to participate in. I don't feel like there are things I could confidently be involved in locally other than attending a craft fair

Food & drink Markets

Walking group and/or nature group

Events specifically for adults.

First aid and mental health first aid courses

Book club

Community BBQ, Summer Garden Party, Christmas Meal, Curry nights, themed meals, weekly cake & coffee / soup and roll lunchtimes.

Pot luck supper clubs and pub nights have worked well in the past.

children/young adults competing in multi sport event during summer

Plays

book group, talks, lectures.

Yoga and pilates

Open mic night and or karaoke

U3A or Open University-type courses, music classes, gardening/horticulture courses

Food & drink market

badminton? litter picking group? and local walking group?

Communal Gardening group

Public meetings BEFORE the closure or proposed closure of our local village primary schools.

Our children are grown up and no longer live with us - when they were younger they used the playgroup and youth club. Youth club was really important for local children to get together informally outwith school. Sadly not enough parents were will willing to volunteer and continue to run the youth club.

N/A

Board games evening, guided nature walks

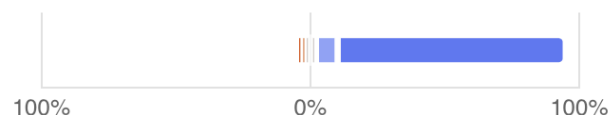
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4. To what extent **do you agree or disagree** that the community should continue to have a village hall and some adjacent ground for recreational activities in East Saltoun?

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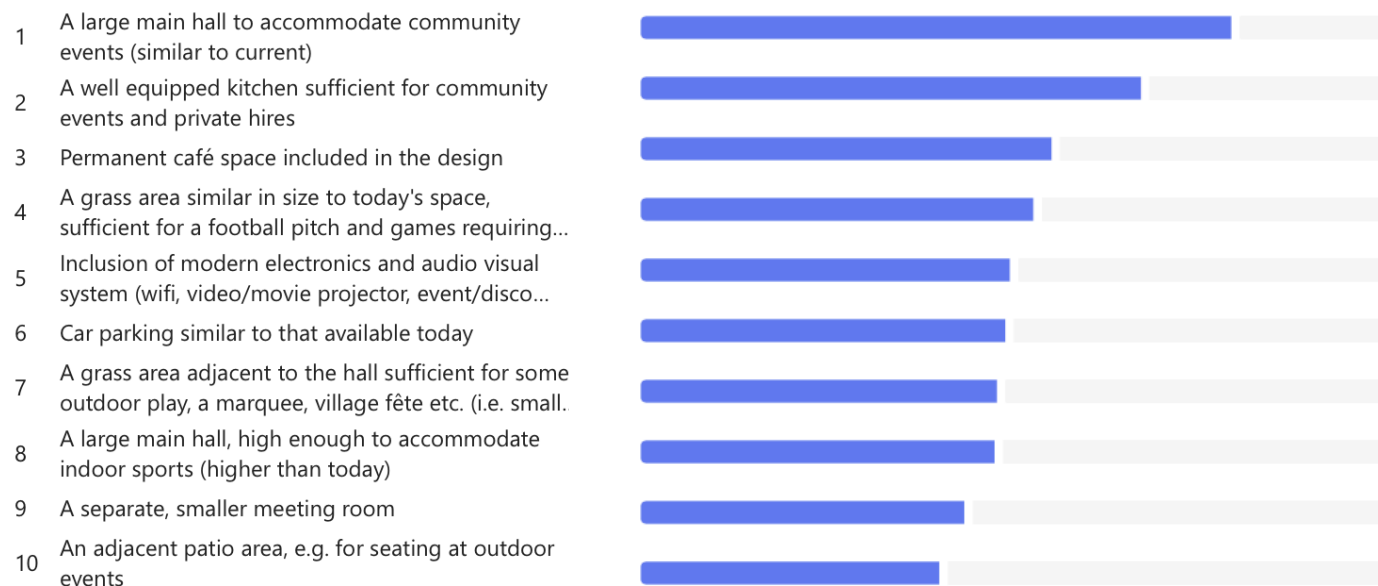
● Strongly disagree ● Disagree ● Neutral ● Agree ● Strongly agree

How do you feel about that statement?



5. Please rank the **importance to you** of each of the following features of a potential new village hall. Position the most important features at the top by dragging the boxes up and down or by clicking on the arrows at the right hand side.

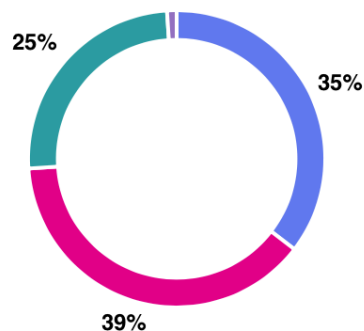
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6. **Would you be in favour** of the Saltoun Community Association selling a portion of its land (see outline in aerial photograph below) for a small number of housing plots, in order to help facilitate the building of a replacement village hall?

[More details](#)

● Yes	34
● No	37
● Maybe	24
● Don't know	1



7. To what extent **do you agree or disagree** with the following options for a small portion of the village hall grounds? This could apply to either the existing property or a new one with any earnings used to help with the upkeep of the hall.

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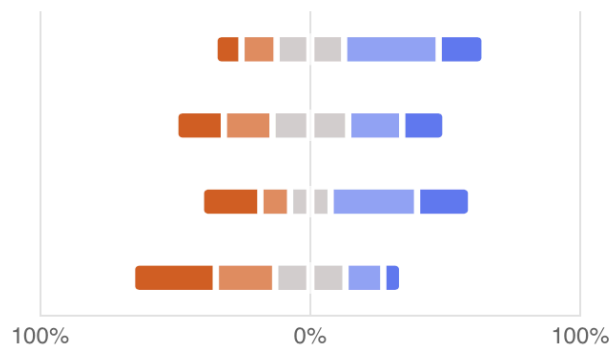
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Create and rent two or three allotment spaces

Build an additional playpark space

Install a wind turbine or other renewable energy source

Build and rent two or three 'glamping' pods



8. If you have any other suggestions for the green space beside the village hall please enter them here.

EV charging points in the car park

Work pods or workshop space

Nature area for wild flowers etc develop a nature trail. Fruit orchard for the community

Community Garden (accessible for respite for people of all abilities) community orchard,

important to preserve the field for communal use by the village

Pitch and put

The land should be used for partly affordable housing as part of any development to address the housing crisis and encourage young families. I understand the community association have botched the land transfer meaning that burdens are incorrectly shown on the register which will affect its marketability for development. [The SCA refute this suggestion given their legal advice]

Would love allotments, id even happily pay to rent one. Community orchard is a nice idea i have seen else where, id happily volunteer for either.

Community garden for growing fruit and veg

Some of it could be a community garden, it could also be upgraded for a range of outdoor sports aimed at football, cricket clubs etc. being able to rent it.

Biking trials

Create a community garden.

Allotments would be so good and especially if there was a disabled access community plot where local people could have an affordable membership and grow things and also learn about agriculture and this could link with the school if it returns. A mental health related grant could help with this as rural living is often associated with health inequalities

A small tennis court could be very nice for the village children.

Would only support selling it, if a new space was created, eg by the Church

A big adventure playground like or better than the one at Ormiston

A small area for additional car parking for events etc (perhaps only 10 car bays)

Shop

Outdoor gym facilities.

Community gym has been suggested before (with membership fee).

3G pitch so it can be used year round/hired out. Current grass cutting is non existant so renders the green space un-useable most of the year

I think the suggestions above are exciting,creative and most welcome.

Housing

Reasonably priced Aires for campervans and motorhomes and Tipis which are cheaper then glamping pods

Community orchard, wedding marquee location, cycle/running track, outdoor sports e.g.bowls, archery

Cafe like humbie hub, outdoor fitness equipment like pull-up bars, dip station etc

Make it more secure - dog training, outdoor fitness classes, outdoor events eg bushcraft classes, create a hard tennis court

Small workshop or office units? Ground source heat pump for local area. Improvements to village drains/sewers.

Communal veg garden and orchard

I feel it would be utilised even more if Fletcher Hall was to be replaced, therefore it would be unwise to sell or rent out any of it.

It depends on what happens with the school building - if the school doesn't reopen then there probably should be a negotiation with ELC to provide a new play area within the park behind the existing hall. The small play area within the Burnet Crescent housing estate isn't great.

For rent sheds or studios as workshop space

9. From **your own perspective** please state the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following options for making improvements to the existing green spaces and play parks in the community.

[More details](#)

● Strongly disagree ● Disagree ● Neutral ● Agree ● Strongly agree

Upgrading play park facilities for younger children

Upgrading playpark facilities for older children

Displaying additional dog fouling notices

Fencing off play parks and green spaces to prevent dog access

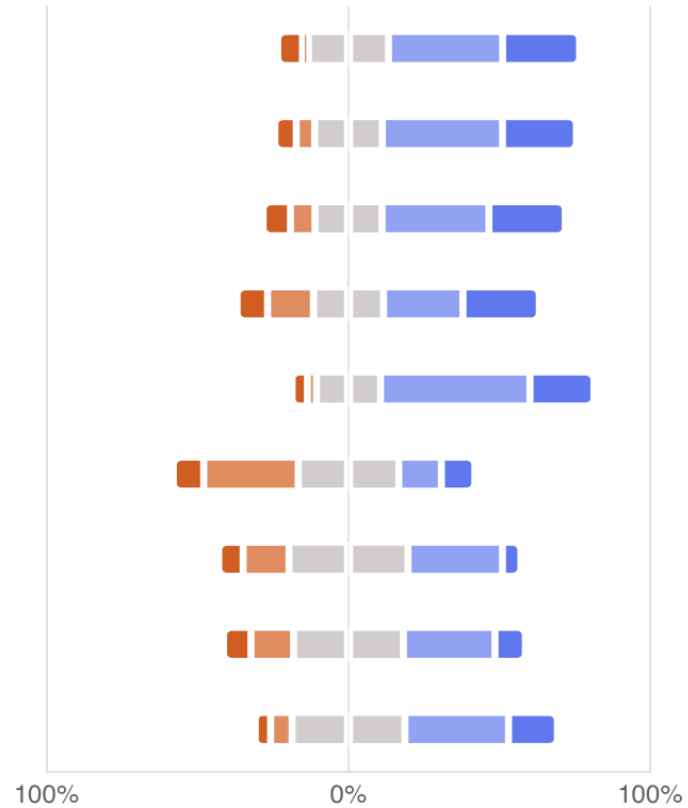
Adding picnic benches

Adding barbecue sites

Adding fixed table tennis tables

Adding outdoor fitness areas & equipment

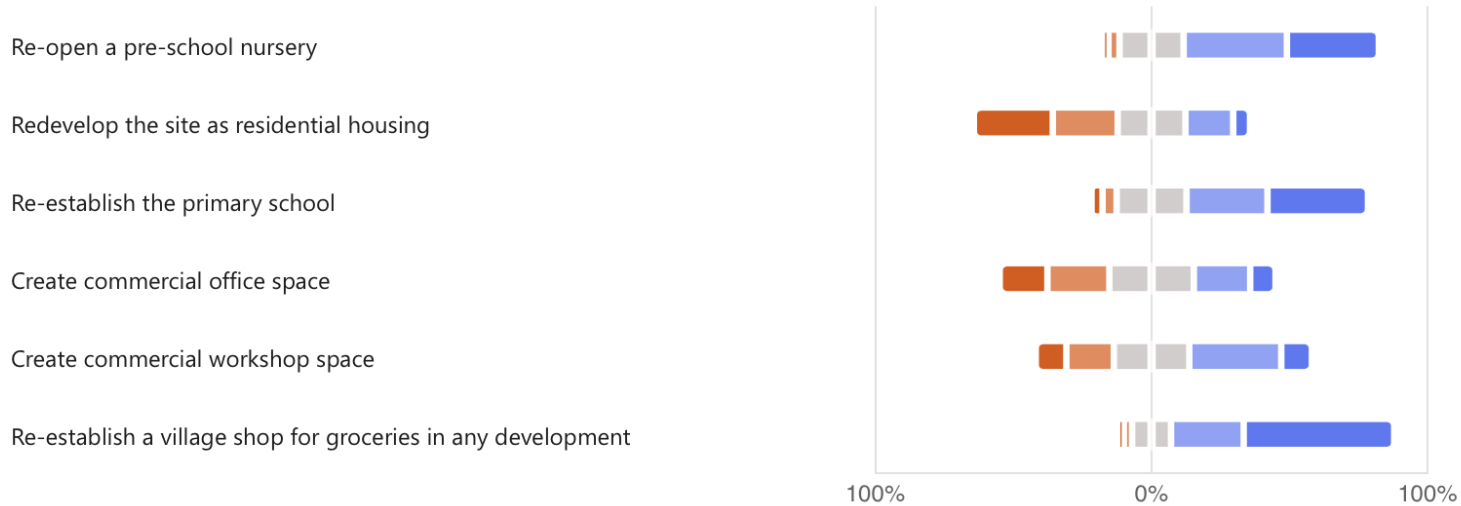
Adding outdoor games such as a gravel petanque / boules pitch or a chess board



10. From **your own perspective** please state the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following potential uses of the school building and site after the period of mothballing ends?

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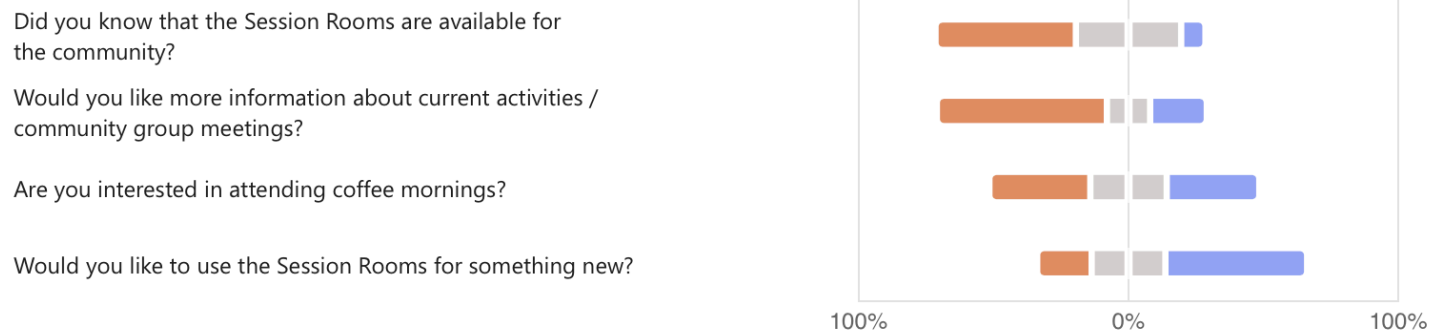
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11. How **do you respond** to the following questions?

[More details](#)

● Yes ● No ● Maybe



12. If you have a new idea for how to use the Session Rooms please describe your suggestion(s) in the box below.

Housing

Mental health counselling for the local rural

Session Rooms are not easy to book and access seems restricted to CoS members. This could be a proper community asset if it was made available to the wider community

Craft classes - could the Poldrate centre use it as a 'hub' to come and deliver some of their activities outside of Haddington. Book Exchange, too.

Small community events

Book club, local history museum/archive

local interest talks/ discussion groups or training sessions

Have a biscuit party

Available for a range of groups

cafe space, incorporating the museum / shop space (formerly Tithes Byre) - would be lovely to have something similar for the village again

It could be used for a book exchange/book club. Organisations like Poldrate could come and provide smaller versions of their classes outside of Haddington.

Pancake mornings put some bean bags in there get the chill vibe going ya know ya know???



Community youth clubs, kids craft sessions, community lunches, pop up shop

Book club

Skill sharing

None. The restrictions limit the possibilities

Occasional sale of crafts with teas & coffees

Weekly soup and roll lunchtimes like Pencaitland cafe does on a Friday. Have other events in there on a regular basis (weekends as well as weekdays). Use to have a regular music group potentially too or craft sessions.

Smaller social evenings. Could they be used to host private members club nights (£1 annual membership)

depending on what happens with the current village shop. Maybe a coffee shop that operates over weekends?

Teas /baking local produce open to public weekend afternoons in summer if local help available

Buy and use as an alternative village space

Art or music lessons

open several mornings/afternoons each week especially in winter months for drop in cuppa & chat, dominoes, draughts etc with perhaps a donations box. possibly covered by a rota of volunteers.

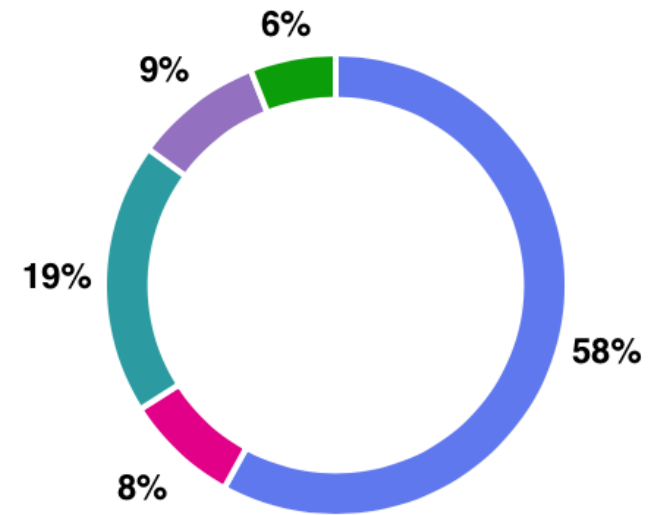
Is there scope to run a 'repair shop' type of initiative perhaps on a monthly basis where people bring along items and local people volunteer their skills and knowledge to provide repair service.....fits with sustainability aims (promoting reuse/reducing waste) similar examples working successfully elsewhere. Is the Session Room large enough to host bric-a-brac/antique sales - East Linton host popular monthly sales.

Mental health counselling groups

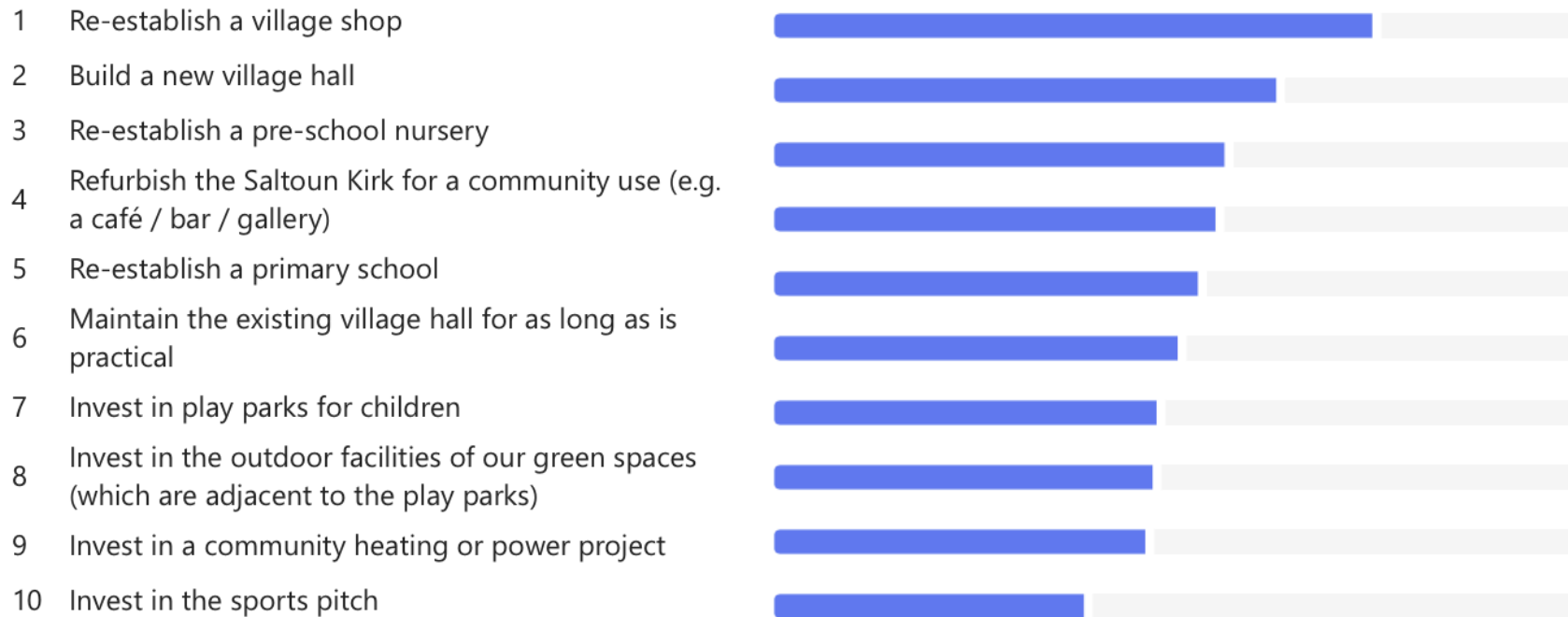
Community cafe/shop

13. At this time what is **your main preference** for the future of the kirk building?

- 58 I am most interested in seeing the kirk building being **developed by the community** as one or a combination of a **café / bar / gallery / meeting space / home office pods**.
- 8 I am most interested in seeing the kirk building being **developed by the community as a commercial space**, i.e. offices / workshops / studios.
- 19 I think the community should **let the kirk building be sold** to a third party.
- 9 I am most interested in seeing the **kirk building remain as it is today** (after purchase by the community or other third party).
- 6 Other



14. Please rank the importance of these development options **from your personal perspective**. Position the most important features at the top by dragging the boxes up and down or by clicking on the arrows at the right hand side.



15. If you feel that you have not been able to express your views adequately through the survey questions, please make additional comments in the box below.

We have a fantastic and unique village shop currently. Sadly, the business owner has been bullied out of the community by a few deeply nasty individuals who have repeatedly targeted the shop. With this in mind, we should not encourage anybody else to be put in that situation. The reality is that grocery shops have failed and the only interesting shop has been harassed. The garage failed long ago. Lets not encourage either. Business friendly, East Saltoun is not. We should encourage positive activities that do not rely on commercial activity - it is far more likely to be successful.

The nature of some of the questions (where there isn't a ranking order) means that it hasn't been possible to properly express my views. I guess this will apply to everyone.

the hall and surrounding land is such a feature of the town we should be focused on maintaining and enhancing it - finding ways to generate additional income from the assets without selling off the assets. The Humble Hub offers a good model of a mixed use development and a plan could be developed that includes the Hall, and the Church and sees them as part of a single community hub with flexible indoor and outdoor space and also includes spaces for studios, small businesses etc. Out of the Blue Drill Hall in Leith is a good example of a mixed use community arts resource.



I appreciate being able to take part in the survey but how does this relate to the plans to build a considerable number of new houses? For example I think a village school, shop etc are essential if there is to be big housing development but I would not put them high on my list if the community stays the same size as it seems they are not viable. Is there an option for the hall to be managed by the council?

It would be so very sad to see east and west saltoun enveloped in the soulless cut and paste housing schemes that are spreading across east Lothian. This land is beautiful and teeming with nature and energy. Once it's gone, it's gone. There's a sense of making suggestions that would be useful for a bigger village. This concerns me. A few houses tucked behind things would not be the end of it. Change is the only constant but villages are special places.

The old garage is not strictly a "community asset" since it is privately owned, and neither is it a "facility" since it has been closed for several years. However it is an important site but is neglected and an eyesore and brings down the tone of the village when viewed along with the closed church, the mothballed school and the propped up village hall. I may be wrong, but as I understand it, planning has been granted for the construction of two houses on the plot but there has been no sign of any activity for several years. I suggest that some gentle pressure is put on the owner(s) to either proceed with construction without further delay or agree to sell it on to another party who may be interested in integrating that site with other areas of possible development in the village. A discussion with the owner(s) might reveal other options, but the site should not be ignored just because it is in private ownership. For example, you could have a decent size general store with some parking on that site thus releasing the school or church from that option.

Where do you obtain the income to build and/or maintain the village hall?

Not the easiest format for the non tech folk who may want to say more / not fit with the options available.

I would like to see us choose one of the sites (shop, church, Fletcher Hall, session rooms) and do a really good job of turning it into a flexible social hub for all ages. The loss of the shop and its cafe facilities has been significant. It would be lovely if we could use a portion of whichever site we develop to reintroduce a shop and cafe. It would also be amazing to have a local restaurant. We could trial pop up restaurants again - these have worked well in the past.

When I moved here in 1998 I volunteered at the cafe in the session rooms at the weekends. There was a post office/shop and a garage. The village has been stripped out. It is sad and I think it is too small in inhabitant numbers to sustain most of the developments that are proposed in this survey. A generational change has taken place and we are victims to these changes. I am not optimistic that things can be reversed. Sadly.

The village shop is not viable, as has been proven in the past. Tranent, with much new development is dying on the high street, apart from Greggs, supported by the High School. Because of its location East Saltoun will not attract much interest from developers, other than to turn a big profit. The development was turned down last time essentially on these grounds by the reporter....the same will happen again. People now travel everywhere by car, and the prospect of many new houses running 2 cars into Edinburgh on B roads, quite a distance from the A1 makes no sense whatsoever.

Having an outdoor movie projected on the hall with tents in the pitch so it would be an overnight experience for the family's. Done similar to old american drive insns. Have 3 movies. First one is for the little ones. The second is for the older kids and the third is for the adults. Concessions would be available from the hall. Bringing in extra revenue. The tent pitches would be per pitch not per person.

Respondent not convinced we need a village hall but rather a village community space. The LPP should have less focus on the church building and residential planning, and more on commercial/enterprise which is much needed. Saltoun has no such buildings and is more of a commuter village. Businesses are not attracted due to lack of suitable premises. We need to ignore local services which have failed and instead provide for a balanced village not top-heavy in residential and car use. We should consider partnerships with local Council on the school building e.g. lease/rent when Fletcher Hall becomes unusable. There are usable spaces there for many of the survey suggestions. Buying the school would satisfy those upset by current changes and provide a new community centre rather than the village hall.

I believe the potential closure, even the mothballing of Saltoun Primary School, is absolutely ridiculous! It makes no sense whatsoever and, in my opinion, has been dealt with, in an underhand manner - not publicised, the community not given the opportunity to air its views and also parents almost 'forced' to move their children elsewhere, resulting therefore, in a huge drop in the school role, which then of course, gave the powers that be, the perfect reason to forge ahead with their plans, without taking into account the role of what was then, the nursery, the highly praised inspection reports only done one year before and the fact, that new housing is being proposed.

The current hall is no longer fit for purpose and should be demolished rather than have more spent on it. A new build option should be explored to bring together and revitalise the wider Saltoun community.

Newly moved to the village so had to say "never" for hall useage but would normally go to fitness classes at very least

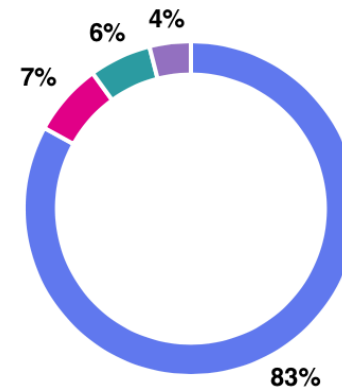
Whilst in favour of maintaining the Kirk and Hall for community use I am aware of the continued running cost of these poor insulated old buildings and the financial burden that they will inflict on any community ownership. Any scheme to reuse these should be backed by a robust financial plan.

Key priorities are to re-establish the Primary School, a village shop and to maintain a community hall as long as possible.

Many of these options seem great but are only worthwhile if they will be used, is there demand to run a shop? for office space? for cafe/studio space? I dont know the answer but if not it is not an option.

16. Where is the location of your home?

● East Saltoun	83
● West Saltoun	7
● Surrounding area	6
● Prefer not to say	4



18. Please select your age group

● Under 18	2
● 18-25	0
● 26-45	33
● 46-65	33
● 66-85	27
● Over 85	1
● Prefer not to say	4

