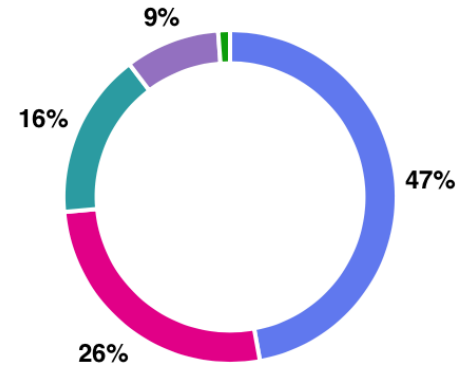


Saltoun's Future - Conservation & Sustainability Survey

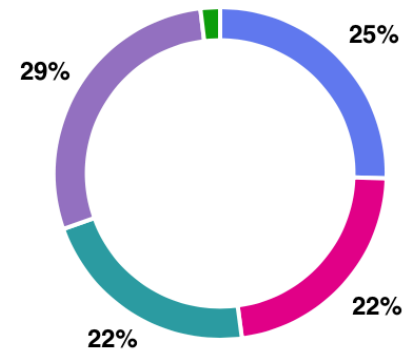
1. How important is it to you that new sustainable projects in Saltoun and surrounding area align with and enhance its identity as a conservation village?

● Essential	41
● Very important	23
● Somewhat important	14
● Neutral	8
● Not important	1



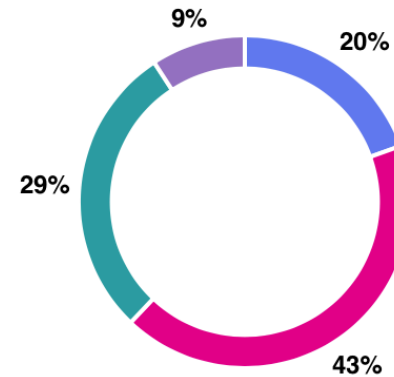
2. Which types of sustainable initiatives do you feel best support Saltoun's conservation area status? (Select all that apply)

● Projects that protect and enhance local biodiversity (e.g., rewilding, conservation areas)	67
● Renewable energy solutions that preserve the village's visual character (e.g., discrete solar or...)	59
● Programs that educate and involve the community in conservation (e.g., nature trails, outdoor education)	57
● Initiatives that support the restoration or sustainable use of historic buildings or spaces	75
● Other	5



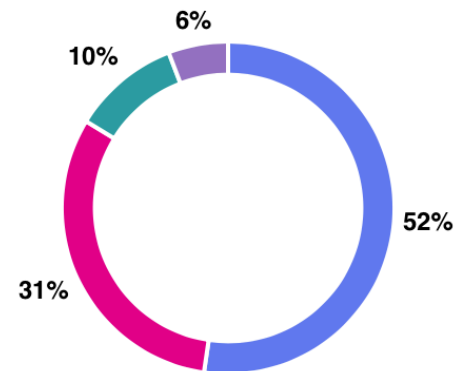
3. **Would you be interested in participating in sustainability initiatives that specifically focus on maintaining Saltoun's conservation heritage?**

● Yes, I'm very interested	17
● Yes, depending on the project	37
● Maybe	25
● No	8



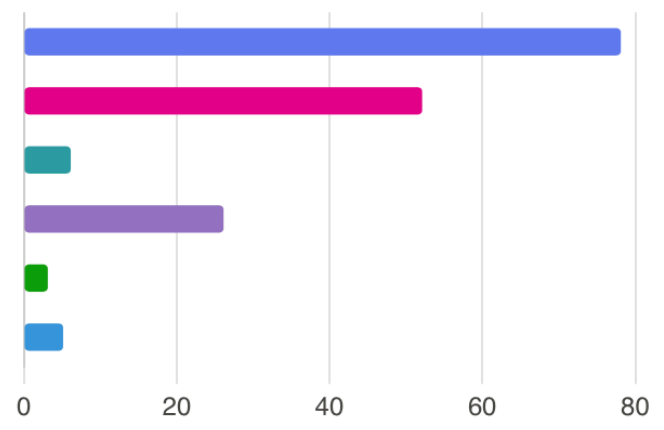
4. **How interested are you in seeing rewilding projects in Saltoun and its surrounding area restore natural ecosystems?**

● Very interested	45
● Somewhat interested	27
● Neutral	9
● Not interested	5



5. Which of the following benefits of rewilding is most important to you? (Select up to 2)

- Increased biodiversity 78
- Climate change mitigation 52
- Opportunities for ecotourism 6
- Educational opportunities 26
- Commercial carbon offsetting 3
- Other 5



6. What concerns, if any, do you have about rewilding projects in the area? (If none, please answer N/A)

I don't have one but I am very disappointed getting this survey later 🙄🙄🙄🙄



The only concern would be if they reduced access to outdoor places in any way.

I am unclear why East Saltoun is in a conservation area. The overwhelming majority of architecture is 20th and 21st century. The church is 19thC. Other parts of the 'Parish' which have more historic buildings / social history are not in the conservation area? I am in favour of rewilding (etc) but only after the more pressing priorities have been addressed to return community facilities to the village (shop, school, viable village hall etc). My concern is that the limited resources become even more diluted/distracted rather than focused on the key priorities first.

The land being owned by the estate and farms

Most of the surrounding land is owned by HFEL who seem unlikely to cooperate

Not to encourage over tourism

Don't want to lose good agricultural land

Finding landowners willing to agree to make over land for that purpose

Loosing good farmland for food production

this form conflates rewilding with climate change initiatives. This is highly misleading. I'm for rewilding, but please don't suggest things such as windfarms here. That would disturb wildlife and ruin the village completely. The two are not the same - they are juxtaposed.

In favour of re-wilding projects, but not at the expense of good agricultural land where we need to be self-sustaining in food production as much as possible.

Availability of land for rewilding projects.

That a level of management it required long term and how to fund that

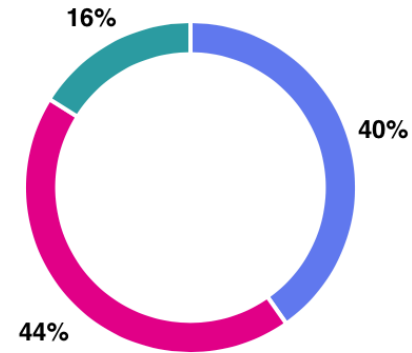
Any re-wilded areas must continue to be managed to allow reasonable access and to prevent uncontrolled growth of ivy etc.

Concerned that they might be used as economic/commercial projects disconnected from any social or societal responsibilities

This is an area of prime agriculture, there is also plenty of woodland and rewilding is unnecessary.

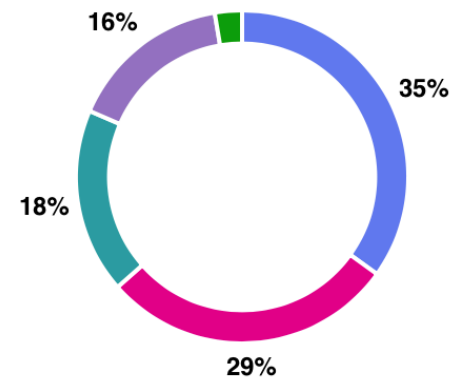
7. **Would you support agroforestry initiatives in the Saltoun area to improve sustainability in agriculture?**

● Strongly support	35
● Support	38
● Neutral	14
● Oppose	0



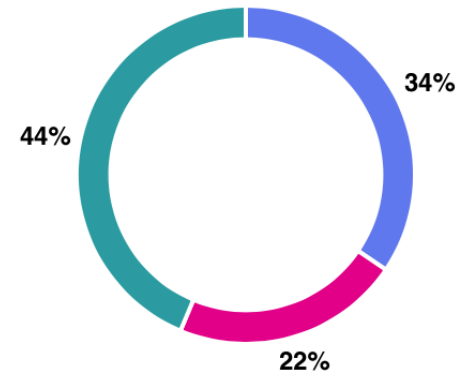
8. **Which benefits of agroforestry do you consider most valuable for the community? (Select all that apply)**

● Biodiversity enhancement	66
● Soil health improvement	54
● Economic opportunities (e.g., timber, fruit)	34
● Carbon sequestration	30
● Other	5



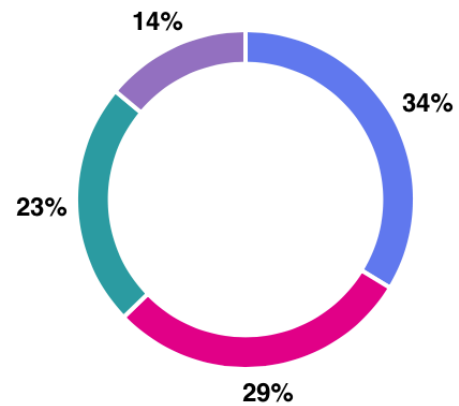
9. **Would you be interested in volunteering or participating in local agroforestry projects?**

● Yes	30
● No	19
● Maybe	38



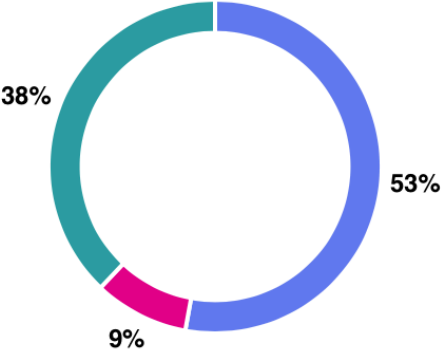
10. **Would you support the development of renewable energy projects on unused land or in agricultural land in the Saltoun area ?**

● Strongly support	29
● Support	25
● Neutral	20
● Oppose	12



11. **Would you be interested in a community-led renewable energy initiative, such as co-operative energy schemes?**

- Yes 46
- No 8
- Unsure 33



12. Do you have any concerns about installing solar roof and ground or wind energy facilities locally?

No

No concerns. However are ELC encouraging this?

No

No

Not in principle so long as they are done sympathetically, do not fundamentally change the appearance of buildings and do not block or obscure views from the village/create noise

Some of these houses are not built for the weight of solar panels.

No concerns about solar panels and to an extent wind energy. I would have concerns about agroforestry: there are enough forestry HGV's passing through the villages as it is. These questions are not statistically balanced; there is only one negative option to statements but 3 positives. Which market research company devised the questions ?

Concerned about visual impact and traffic generation of wind energy facilities.

No

No I would like to see that

No as long as scale is small

No

Yes Unsightly

Don't want enormous wind turbines

No

No

Yes if on the fields surrounding the village: could negatively affect the conservation status

Detrimental effect on wildlife

No concerns about solar roof. Only concern for ground solar is that it is well thought out in terms of appropriate siting and is integrated well for nature and biodiversity. Wind energy would unlikely be sited close to housing and so no real concerns.

No

Needs to be effective and not just 'eco bling'. The impact of wind turbines on residents and wildlife would need to be carefully assessed.

Would support solar roof and ground facilities but not wind energy facilities, due to the visual impact of the tall turbines.

No

Strongly disagree with Ground solar panels - no objection to being on roofs or wind turbines which allow the ground underneath to be used

None

No

Yes

No. We've already moved to air source and would welcome solar

Depends what and where. Need to have more details on this.

NO

Very, very strongly opposed. This would cause harm to our birdlife, cause noise in our quiet village, deter mammalian wildlife and destroy the aesthetics of the village. So much of east lothian nature has been destroyed in the name of renewable energy, lets not sacrifice our village also.

I think we would need to consider the visual and noise impact on the village and community. Anything that would create noise pollution or have an adverse impact on the visual aspect of the village I would not support.

Already have roof-mounted solar panels. In favour of wind energy solutions but not at the expense of food agricultural land.

Overall supportive but need to consider long term maintenance as well as installation

Noise from wind turbines depending on location.

Depends on the size of development and siting

No

none

None

Solar roof would impact village visually, as would wind energy if not carefully placrd

Solar panels on housing is acceptable, but would oppose agricultural fields been turned into a wind turbine farm or full of solar panels

Price

How safe would solar roof be on the structure of my house!

Will conservation aspect of village be compromised by visible solar panels

Wind turbines are more damaging to the environment then what people are taught to believe and solar is not environmental as well. If there is a need for evidence I can present more about both of these.

Don't know

None

There will be a similar issue with NIMBYism

no concerns solar would be my choice

Visual impact of large wind turbines would be of concern.

No

spoiling the character of the village

Entirely depends on location, given we are a conservation village

None whatsoever.

Hard to fully support something until you know what it is, but completely feel all communities need to do these things and it can't be a case of not on my street etc.

no

Yes, i am against wind farms in general as they are not sustainable and have a negative impact on the environment. Roof panels I would leave up to individual choice. I do not think ground based solar panels are an environmentally sound option. They detract from land available for agriculture, need regular upgrades and are an eyesore.

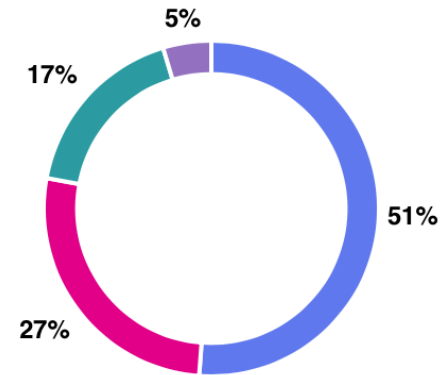
No

no

Wouldn't like them in fields immediately surrounding the village as noise & disruption issues

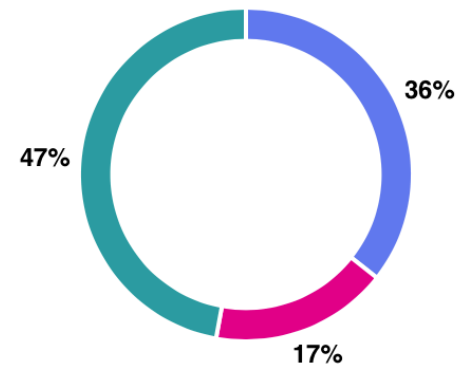
13. How interested are you in having a community orchard in Saltoun area ?

● Very interested	44
● Somewhat interested	23
● Neutral	15
● Not interested	4



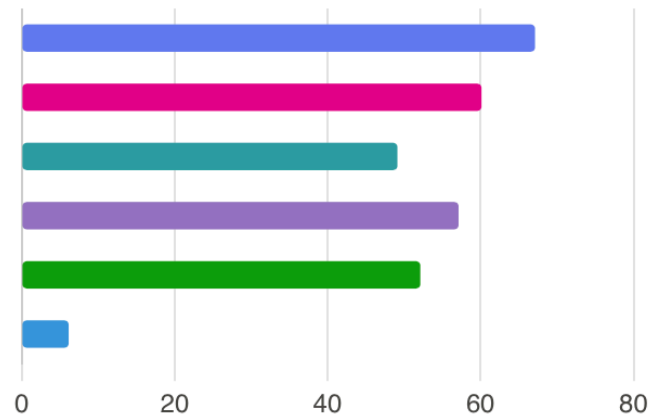
14. Would you or your family use a community orchard for harvesting fruits and nuts?

● Frequently	31
● No	15
● Occasionally	41



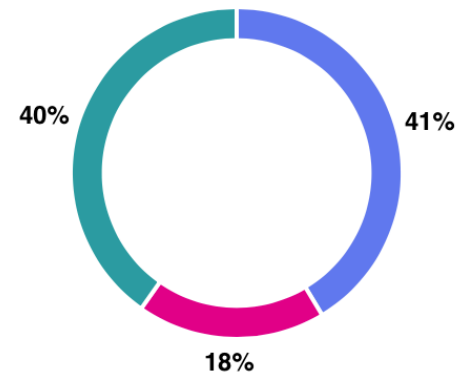
15. What do you believe are the most valuable benefits of a community orchard? (Select all that apply)

● Fresh, local food source	67
● Community gathering space	60
● Educational opportunities	49
● Environmental benefits	57
● Free to locals / charitable use	52
● Other	6



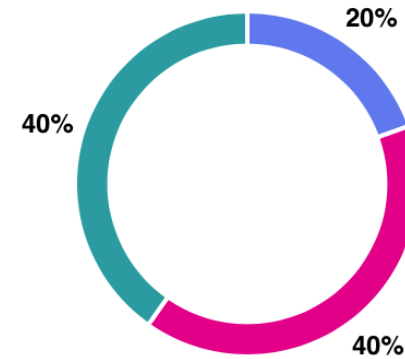
16. Would you be willing to volunteer in maintaining or planting in the community orchard?

● Yes	36
● No	16
● Maybe	35



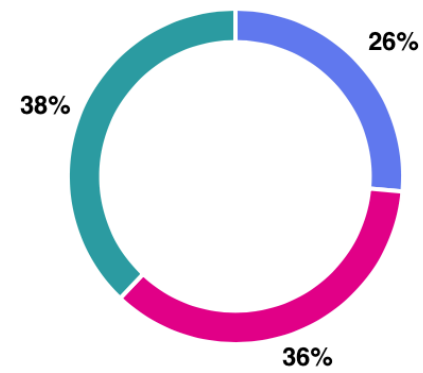
17. Would you like to see eco-friendly camping or glamping facilities in the Saltoun area ?

● Yes	17
● No	35
● Maybe	35



18. What impact do you believe eco-friendly camping would have on the local community?

● Positive – brings in revenue and visitors	23
● Neutral	31
● Negative – concerns about environmental or community impact	33



19. If positive about this where would you like to see this venture ? (if negative, please put N/A)

Hall playing field or the sheep fields opposite strawberry wood

N/a bit

n/a

East saltoun, around the Kirk or at the back (south) of west crescent

Idk rn yk but it's a good idea

I think it would need to be somewhere that was not directly next to any existing residential areas - I don't think someone's home should be affected by the impacts of tourism right next door.

I am not immediately against it. It would depend on the proposal? There is a 'community' orchard in East Saltoun. It is on a piece of land behind Burnet Crescent. It's let locked and no-one can really access it. If this is important, we should make use of what we have?

Field beyond south Crescent would work if pond enhanced into a wildlife park

Grass area at the hall

I don't have enough information to answer this question.

Difficult as would affect conservation status, but perhaps in fields north east of village beyond the tree line and before the farm, or by Saltoun tip.

Sheep fields / hall playing field

There are several areas of woodland ie The Big Wood, that would lend themselves to this type of development.

eco friendly camping sounds like a hoax. how could glamping have less of an impact than camping? If someone wants to build a camping site, let them put that forward honestly, not covertly under an eco label which is impossible

At this stage I have marked my answer as neutral as I think I would need to know more about the proposals. I can absolutely see that done well it could be beneficial to the village. Equally done badly there could be adverse implications.

Not in open space - to make it attractive it should be in a woodland area, secluded/atmospheric and 'wild'

No specific location in mind, but would be great for local economy as Saltoun isn't a visitor destination currently but offers great access to lots of local amenities, including nearby forests, hills, walking/cycling routes, also beaches nearby. Plus Edinburgh only 30 mins away....

Potential for a shop or more businesses being located in the village
It would need to be situated around a hub so close to the hall.

Unused fields by the hall

N/A

No objections, even happy if right next to where I live.

I have no idea of location because behind the hall can get boggy.

Do not know

N/A

Somewhere discrete for both residents and visitors

Village hall field

Definitely NOT in the grass area adjacent to the hall or down from the school, for obvious reasons. However, on the outskirts of the village elsewhere, could be appropriate.

Could be dotted around or any place suitable.

neutral

20. Do you have any concerns about eco-friendly camping/glamping sites in the area? (if not, please put N/A)

N/a it would be a good thing! Would bring tourist to spend money if we got a shop/hub

Nah bro

The primary concern would be about where it was sited and also the facilities for waste collection etc. to ensure that they did not create litter etc. in outdoor spaces

There is no need for tourism in an area that has little to offer tourists. Glamping and camping makes sense with easily commutable distance to amenities but it's ok for a rural place to just remain a quiet rural place.

Not particularly. There are facilities like this adjacent to the Rosearista Cafe at Pencaitland and I am not aware of any problems caused.

Noise and anti social behaviour.

Insufficient amenities within the village at present to make it appealing

I would be concerned about noise if it was near my house at Saltoun big wood

Noise after dark, rubbish.

Litter, noise, increased traffic

Messy and untidy .leave litter additional traffic and parking unregulated expansion; lack of facilities

Only negative impact on the conservation area.

Doubts about its economic viability.

I would not want to see large numbers of camping / glamping sites in the village, as I feel there may be some anti-social behaviour / noisy people.

Litter and traffic

Yes

No

Strain on infrastructure

Generates local income for whom? no shop. no garage. Increases traffic. Concern about safety of cyclists on road.

Yes

I don't believe it exists. Any concerns about a camping site depend on the exact location and a general query must be considered harmful and negative

It would need to be well managed and maintained to ensure it has a positive impact on the village. For example it could attract large group gatherings such as hen and stag parties which I think would be unwelcome.

Concerns about behaviour e.g. additional litter, noise disturbance etc

Yes

Location/amenities currently in village

The ability of the village to support such a venture.

Don't want it becoming like the NC 500 where littering and conjection happened.

yes, litter and vandalism

None

Safety, with strangers in the area overnight

Location, toilet, washing-up and parking. Glamping pods are expensive.

No

Again long term management and funding

How to ensure facility remains well managed in the long term and is of a suitable scale.

No

preserving the character of the village

Don't see any natural connection with history and local amenities of the area. Alien to the plan rather than part of an evolution of inherent aspects of East Saltoun.

Please see above.

Good education re litter / fire etc.

Yes - polluting

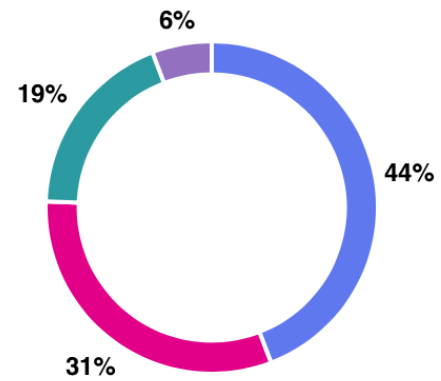
I am not sure that this village is the right place to have people coming to holiday. Concerns about waste.

Anti social behaviour potential issues but this maybe a rare instance

Of all the things that we could encourage as a community this seems to me to be a curious one to choose to promote over anything else.

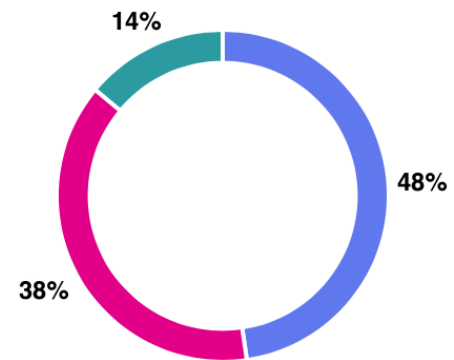
21. **How interested are you in the development of nature trails and outdoor education programs?**

● Very interested	38
● Somewhat interested	27
● Neutral	16
● Not interested	5



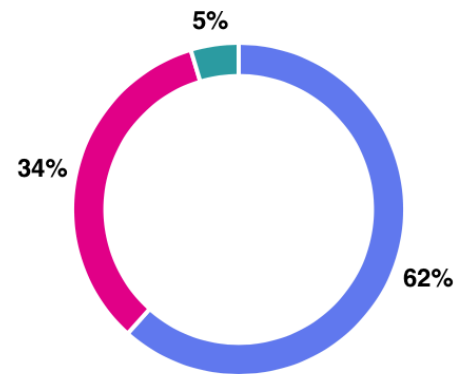
22. **Would you or your family use nature trails for recreation or learning?**

● Yes, frequently	41
● Occasionally	33
● No	12



23. Do you believe that outdoor education programs could be beneficial for local schools and residents?

● Yes, very beneficial	53
● Somewhat beneficial	29
● Not beneficial	4



24. Are there specific topics you'd like to see included in outdoor education, such as local wildlife, conservation, or sustainable farming?

Climate change , bee farming , the need for nature

Wildlife, paleontology like the fossil sharks in strawberry wood.

BIKING TRAILS WITH JUMPS AND STUFF PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE NOT A LAME PATH ACTUAL COOK STUFF PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE I WILL GET ON MY KNEES AND BEG The word quixotic means idealistic which can then be lead to god through happiness to yellow to the sun to light and yeah

I think the history of the land is also important

Disability access to anything that is created It would be nice to have some wild herb knowledge. We are sadly losing our herbalist due to people not understanding the value of plants

The community would definitely benefit from the construction of footpaths on some of the roads (similar to the work done on the roads to Haddington). A significant number of residents regularly walk and this is dangerous on many roads without footpaths. Key roads include the lane down from E Saltoun to East Mains past Strawberry Wood and the road between East & West Saltoun.

Wildlife and conservation

All of the above, plus local plant life and the effects of climate change

Wildlife and sustainable farming

All of the above.

Sustainable farming

bird life, conservation, river management, effect of pollution (land and water)

The 3 examples above would seem a good start point

Sustainability, local wildlife and increasing diversity and populations, joined up ecosystems, conservation, sustainable farming and showcasing what products the produce from the local fields goes into

Local wildlife, conservation, sustainable farming,

Local wildlife including fish species & invertebrates perhaps, conservation, sustainable farming.

Wildlife

Environmental protection , wildlife enhancement

Wildlife

extendind an invite to the east lothian council rangers with training on how to encourage eco friendly gardening, gardening safe and beneficial for birds, hedgehogs and other wildlife. And lets switch off street lights after midnight to protect wildlife and to save energy.

I worked with Queen Margaret University on the creation of their outdoor learning hub <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/learning-facilities/outdoor-learning-hub-at-qmu> so have a lot of opinions on this! I think all of the outdoors can be used for educational purposes, often with little intervention required. We should work with the context we have to create educational opportunities and we are very lucky to therefore have a wealth of opportunity in and around the village to do this.

Education on the "country code" and respect for others' property

Would like to see trails and paths for recreation rather than designed for education

Appreciation of wildlife, trees etc - BBC's Springwatch could be based in Saltoun Big Wood!

Conservation, local wildlife, bush / survival skills

how to behave in rural locations

All of the above

All these; historical land use

All topics concerning the countryside are valuable for all age groups

Conservation issues and local wildlife habitats

All of the above because they are intertwined.

I am disabled and got ill many years ago from pesticides. Very interested in environmentally safe farming...clean air.

Organic Farming, local wildlife

Organic horticulture and agriculture

local wildlife, conservation

Also what used to be known as the countryside code from a behavioural point of view.

Local history , local flora and fauna experience

Knowledge of the natural world and our exploitation of it.

All of the above, indeed, Saltoun Primary School, used to have weekly teacher led nature trails around the village re in particular, wildlife, in order to inspire the pupils' interest, protection and conservation of.

Rights and responsibilities re environment/ local area etc, wildlife, foraging, crafts, sustainable farming.

Tree identification in Saltoun Forest to reflect its history as a FC experimental woodland

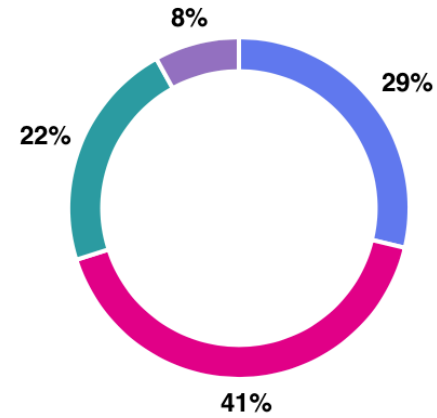
All of these!

Small allotment gardening

I am most interested in seeing paths being well sign posted and made accessible

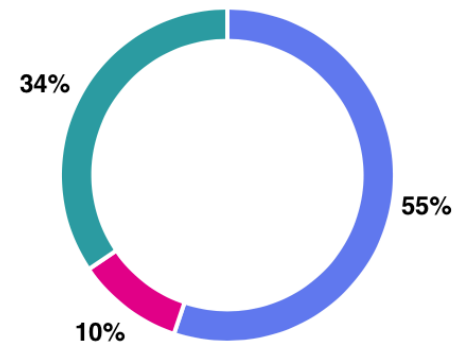
25. How supportive would you be of carbon offset projects in East Saltoun?

● Very supportive	25
● Somewhat supportive	36
● Neutral	19
● Not supportive	7



26. Would you support using land for carbon offset projects if it also generated revenue for the community?

● Yes	48
● No	9
● Unsure	30



27. Do you have any concerns about implementing carbon offset projects in the area?

No

Idk what that is

Same as previously - I would be concerned if this directly affected the views/outlook from the village

Some carbon offset projects have previously not fully accounted for additional carbon footprint generated (eg transport, seedling nurturing, fertiliser production etc etc). This needs care. Carbon Offset projects are unlikely to generate material funds for the village compared to other opportunities nor would they add support for the reopening of the school or improved transport links.

Unsure what they might involve

I do not think carbon offsetting is a good environmental practice in general as it is an excuse for industry to avoid changing to more environmentally friendly practices

Landowner takes all - needs to be carefully set up

No

No

Depends where it ranks in the list of priorities

Don't know enough to answer this.

No

They are run by a reputable organisation and villagers can opt in to buy the offsets

As trees take along time to grow, it is unlikely to generate revenue for the community in the short term.

Visual

No

No

Carbon offset projects is a very wide term. Might support specific projects but not everything in general.

I query the use of the term 'carbon offset' for this section as to my mind carbon offset is when developers and large industries try to use carbon offset to justify their heavy carbon producing practices and can simply be greenwashing. I think 'carbon mitigation' would be a better and more positive term to use for looking how East Saltoun can contribute to the growing climate emergency.

Again, not at the expense of good agricultural land whose use should be maximised for food production

No

No

No

none

As long as it doesn't damage the natural beauty

If agricultural land is to be forfeited to allow for carbon offset would be detrimental to the area

Such projects need to be technically and financially sound.

Specific information is necessary

I don't have an understanding of the impacts of these projects to comment

Companies greenwashing. Fake efforts at supporting climate change

yes i dont know how this would be implemented or operated

Depends on what they are, scale and location.

No

Offsetting encourages large organisations and companies e.g. airlines, to think they don't need to reduce or change fuel use. People then think its OK to fly, with an illusion they are reducing their carbon footprint.

As long as our local community was involved in the initial steps to potentially implement this.

No.

dont know enough about it

Yes, they are a scam and do little to reduce emissions.

N/A

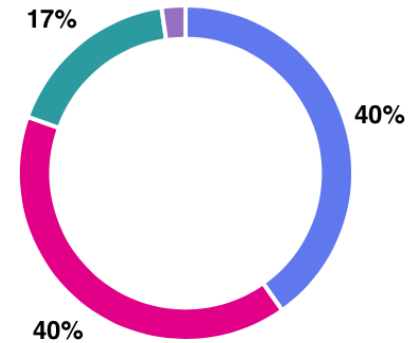
In order to do this, the community would need to buy up land and its not clear how the community could fund this.

Would like to understand the implications better

Carbon offsetting usually requires space and the community does not have much available to it.

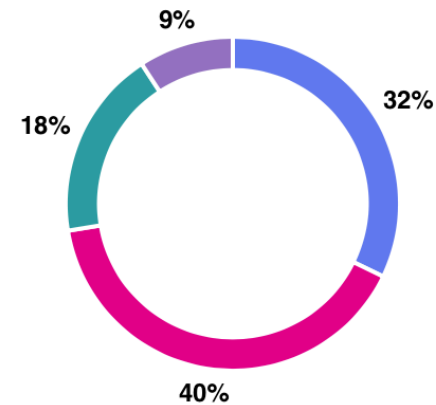
28. **Would you support the idea of inviting experts (e.g., Home Energy Scotland) to hold consultations with the village on these topics?**

● Strongly support	35
● Support	35
● Neutral	15
● Oppose	2



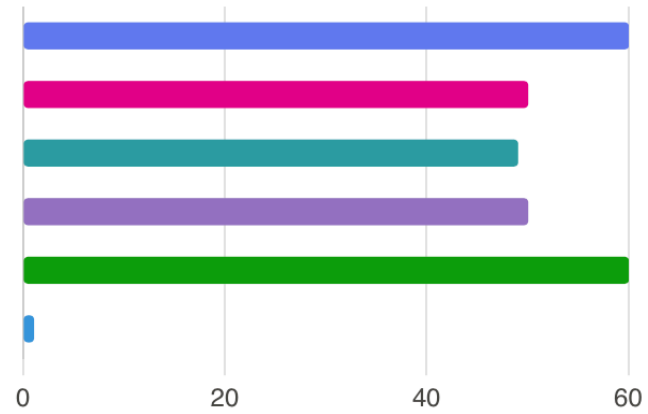
29. **Would you be able and willing to dedicate time to attend one of these consultation sessions if they were held in the village?**

● Yes, I would definitely attend	28
● Yes, if my schedule allows	35
● Maybe, depending on the topic	16
● No, I probably wouldn't attend	8



30. Are there specific topics you would like experts to cover during consultations? (Select all that apply)

- Renewable energy options for households 60
- Conservation practices 50
- Sustainable agriculture and gardening 49
- Home energy efficiency improvements 50
- Grants and support for sustainability projects 60
- Other 1



31. 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 need to do as much as we can to protect our conservation status for the benefit of the village and the environment



Agroforestry and Carbon offset projects isn't the priority for the 'Parish'. Nor will these add support for us to get our school or shop back or improved transport. Let's fix what matters first.

As well as a community orchard, I think a community garden would have many benefits.

It would be good if there was a forum for villagers to ask for and share experiences about home renewables, electric vehicles etc.

There was a community orchard set up for my housing development in East Saltoun. The trees have all died, this initiative has not worked so I am sceptical about a community orchard being of benefit and/or maintained

Keep the conservation village but in a sustainable/ green way

some questions difficult to answer without more information. Many of the positives were outlined but no negatives, which could distort answers. However a lot of important issues raised.

East lothian council has installed heat pumps that violate the noise regulations. Until existing pumps have been made compliant with noise limits, no further such initiatives should be allowed.

I think the idea of a community orchard and also community allotments as referenced in the initial survey are a wonderful idea, and would love to see part of the land around Fletcher Hall used for these purposes.

N/A

I already take care of fruit trees at a community garden and would be very happy to also set up and manage a community orchard in East Saltoun.

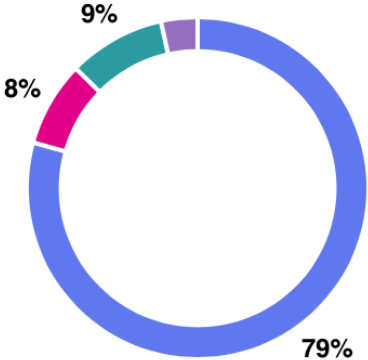
specific optional possibilities on some items needed

I would like to have info sessions on pesticides or some way we can be warned what day a farm is spraying so we can avoid outdoors at that time. The pesticide drift is unhealthy

I believe, that the way forward re East and West Saltoun, is a several pronged approach, in that any ideas, suggestions etc., should be made public, opportunities should be given for the community to meet so that opinions can be aired and shared, unlike (in my opinion), the underhandedness, totally illogical and WRONG steps which were taken re Saltoun Primary School and indeed, Saltoun Parish Church. It is absolutely ESSENTIAL, to be given the chance to come together, plan together and work together in all aspects, so that our community, of which we are very proud, can grow from strength to strength, instead of 'the powers that be' allowing, (indeed appearing to even, dare I say, encourage!) the withering away of our two wonderful villages.

32. Where is the location of your home?

● East Saltoun	69
● West Saltoun	7
● Surrounding area	8
● Prefer not to say	3



34. Please select your age group

● Under 18	0
● 18-25	0
● 26-45	24
● 46-65	37
● 66-85	23
● Over 85	1
● Prefer not to say	2

