

# Caston Village Appraisal 2017

**The Caston village appraisal was carried out in February and March 2017 with 194 questionnaires being distributed to households in the village.**

**The appraisal took place at the request of Caston Parish Council with the aim of understanding the current nature of the village and the views and concerns of its residents. This followed previous appraisals that took place in 2001 and 2007.**

**Individual responses have been treated as confidential, but all aggregated information from questionnaires will be publicly available.**

**124 questionnaires were returned, 64% of those that were sent out. In 2007, 124 households responded, with 182 questionnaires being distributed – a response of 68%.**

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## The Village

The increasing number of households in the village is part of a general population growth in the area, and this is reflected in the issues that most concern villagers: housing development and greater volumes of local traffic, particularly through traffic and larger vehicles.

Overall though the general view of Caston by its residents in 2017 is a very positive one, with the words ‘friendly’ and ‘pleasant’ being often used, and a perception that the sense of community is strong.

One particular theme to emerge from the appraisal was the value of The Waylander magazine as a useful source of local information.

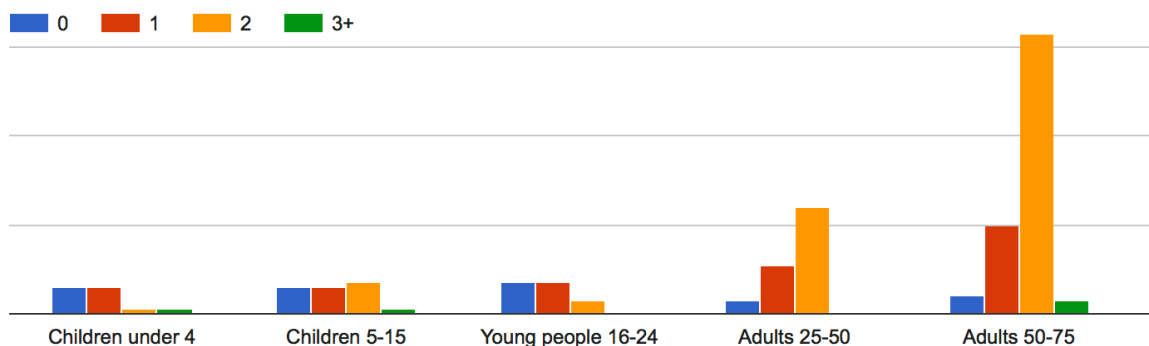
Approximately one quarter of Caston residents have lived in the village for less than 5 years. Although there are a relatively large number of households with members who are retired, this number is exceeded by households with individuals who are in employment.

## About your household

**What age groups make up your household? Please tick all that apply.**

(124 responses)

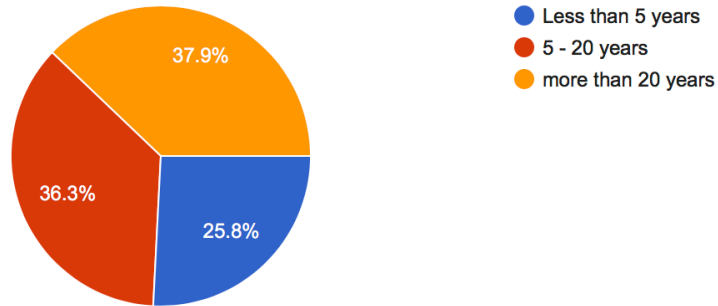
	0	1	2	3+
Children under	4	6	6	1
Children 5-15	6	6	7	1
Young people 16-24	7	7	3	0
Adults 25-50	3	11	24	0
Adults 50-75	4	20	63	3
Adults over 75	4	6	10	0



**How long has your household lived in Caston**

(124 responses)

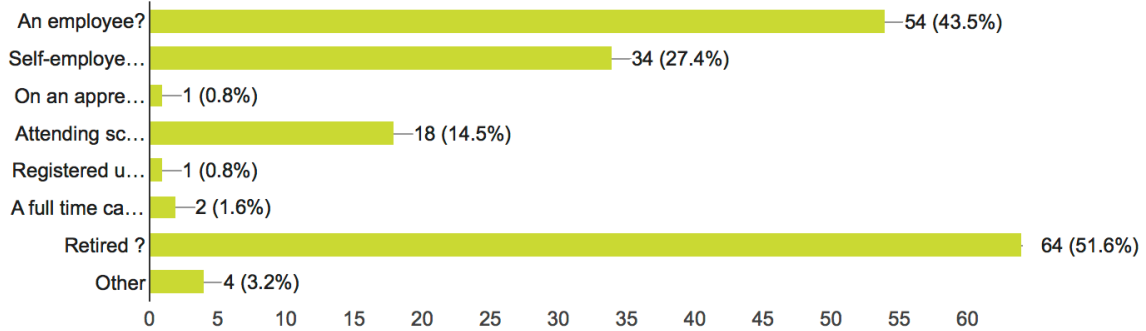
<i>Less than 5 years</i>	32
<i>5 - 20 years</i>	45
<i>more than 20 years</i>	47



**Are any members of your household, currently (Please tick all that apply.) ;**

(124 responses)

<i>An employee?</i>	54
<i>Self-employed ?</i>	34
<i>On an apprenticeship ?</i>	1
<i>Attending school or full time study?</i>	18
<i>Registered unemployed ?</i>	1
<i>A full time carer or voluntary worker?</i>	2
<i>Retired ?</i>	64
<i>Other</i>	4



## Transport and vehicle use

The car is overwhelmingly the main means of transport with few people relying on the limited public transport available, but concerns were expressed about travel for individuals with no access to a car.

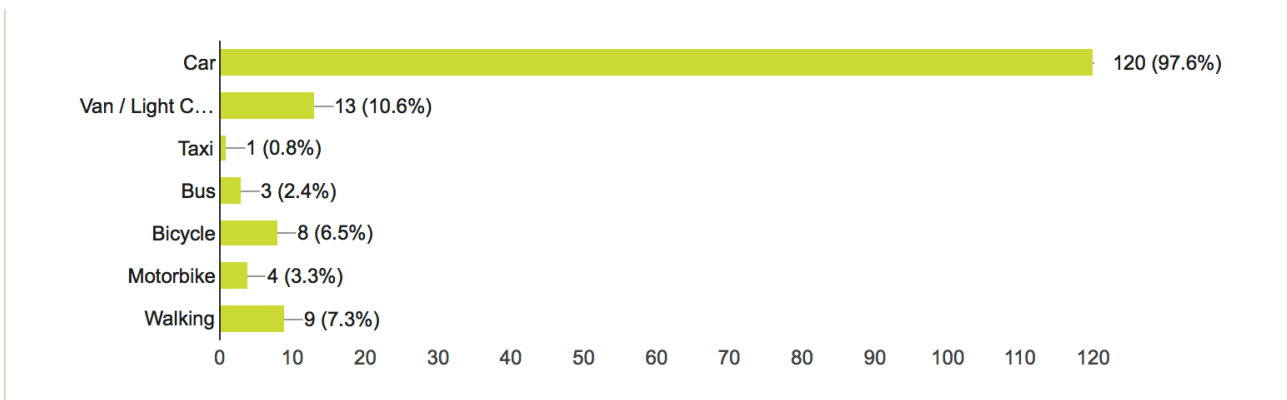
The majority of bus service users have a concessionary bus pass and users of the service are generally positive about it. There is however a perception that the small number of destinations available and absence of weekend services is a problem.

The views expressed about the service will be shared with the bus company.

### What are your household's main means of transport?

(123 responses)

Car	120
Van / Light Commercial Vehicle	13
Taxi	1
Bus	3
Bicycle	8
Motorbike	4
Walking	9



### How many regular RETURN trips, to and from Caston, does your household make in a typical week?

(124 responses)

Less than 7	33	14-28	27
7-14	54	More than 28	10

### Does any member of your household experience transport difficulties between Caston and other destinations

(120 responses)

Yes	4
Sometimes	11
No	105

**If you answered yes or sometimes to the previous question, please describe the issues here.**

(15 responses)

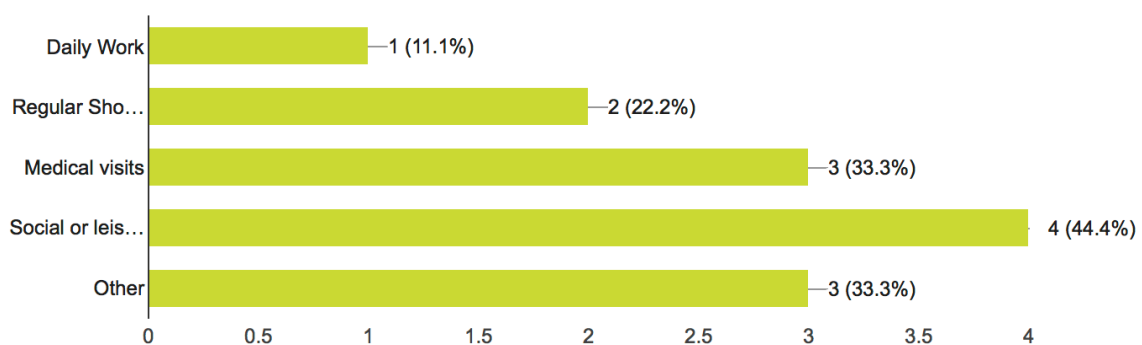
1. Traffic issues ie roadworks, congestion.
2. Mostly normal traffic congestion between Caston and Norwich or Bury St Edmunds and sometimes icy, slippery roads in the village
3. Due to needs to attend to medical conditions
4. No bus through Northacre
5. If car is in workshop or being used elsewhere = no transport.
6. If you do not have your own means of transport you cannot get to Attleborough or Rocklands shop and Post Office
7. Would like to use public transport
8. No problem whilst able to drive
9. Would be good if better public transport links eg bus to Attleborough, to access train station. eg. more buses to Watton on a weekend - to be able to get into Norwich to go shopping.
10. IF UNABLE TO DRIVE THEN VERY DIFFICULT TO GET TO EITHER HINGHAM OR ATTLEBOROUGH.
11. Public transport not available to Rocklands Community shop & PO Public transport not available to Attleborough
12. The bus from the Green only goes to Thetford or Watton
13. NORTHACRE IS VERY RARELY GRITTED DURING ICY WEATHER SO ANY JOURNEY THROUGH NORTHACRE IN THESE CONDITIONS IS PROBLEMATIC
14. Bus times do not coincide with appointments occasionally
15. DAUGHTER IS AT CITY COLLEGE & WORKS PART TIME IN NORWICH, SO WE HAVE TO DRIVE HER TO CARBROOKE OR ELLINGHAM EVERY DAY TO CATCH A BUS.

## Bus Service

**What do you use it for? Please tick all that apply.**

(9 responses)

Daily Work	1
Regular Shopping	2
Medical visits	3
Social or leisure	4
Other	3



**Do you use a concessionary bus pass?**

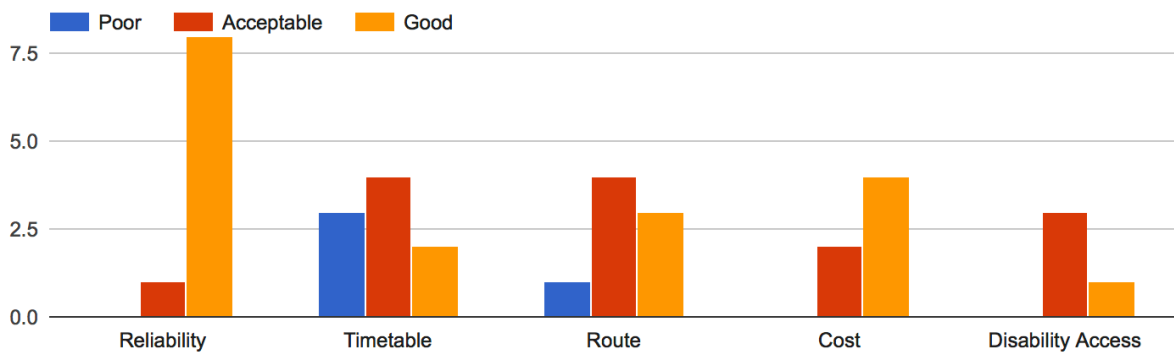
(29 responses)

Yes 20

No 9

**How do you rate the bus service for the following?**

	Poor	Acceptable	Good
Reliability	0	1	8
Timetable	3	4	2
Route	1	4	3
Cost	0	2	4
Disability Access	0	3	1



**If you have any other comments about the bus service please enter them here.**

(10 responses)

1. Not in a position to assess the bus service
2. We have no need to go to Thetford. Attleborough or Watton is our usual destination for services, DR's etc.
3. N/A
4. On the rare occasions we see a bus passing through Caston it is always empty! One questions how much this service is subsidised?
5. There needs to be more services to and from Caston to make it viable to use regularly.
6. Don't use the bus unfortunately, as the times are inconvenient and not frequent enough. (eg they are during the day and therefore only the retired/unemployed/part time worker can used them. Would like to use it though.
7. Don't use this bus service but we use the konnect services
8. THERE ARE NO BUSES OUT OF CASTON AT THE WEEKEND.
9. I am a strong supporter of our 81 bus route. I only wish more people would use it. The fact that it is there enables me to feel independent - thus maintaining my mental health. The drivers are courteous and helpful.
10. It would be good if an Attleborough service was available and a better access to Norwich.

## Facilities

The facilities of school, church, village hall and Red Lion pub were viewed as ‘Important’ or ‘Very Important’ by a large majority, with roughly equal weighting given to each one of the four.

The general appearance of the village was seen positively, with 92% of respondents of the opinion that this was ‘Good’ or ‘Acceptable’.

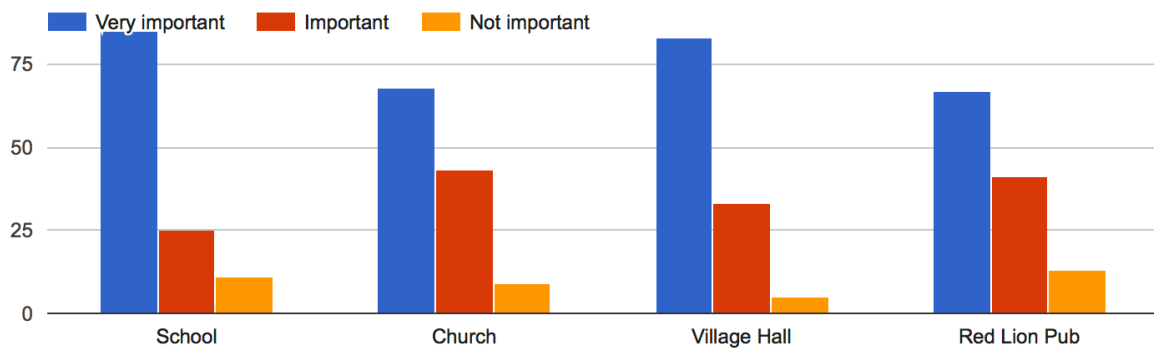
Unsurprisingly there were a range of views on what, if anything, could be done to create opportunities for different age groups to mix more in the village, although a greater number of respondents felt that there were sufficient opportunities to mix than those who thought there were not.

The provision of a children’s play area emerged as the most desirable additional facility, with ‘Live Music’ being the most popular choice of additional activity, selected by one third of respondents.

The Waylander is by far the preferred method of finding out about village events, ahead of the village website and emails, and ‘Word of mouth’.

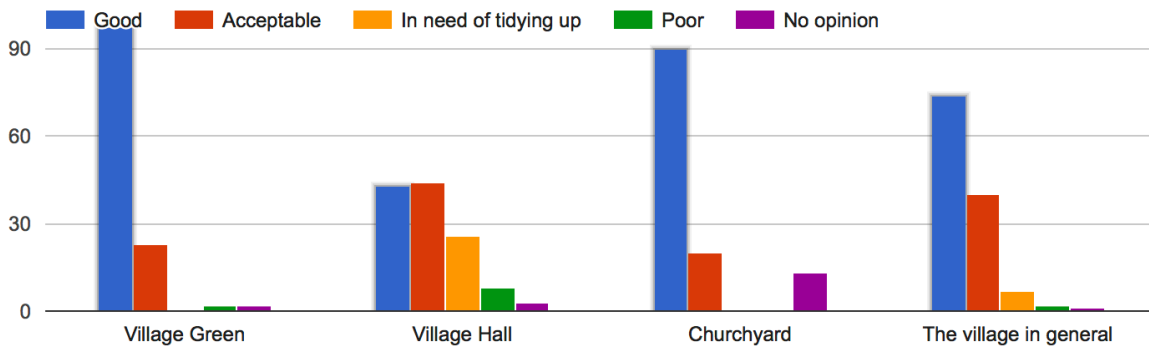
### How important are the following local assets to the village of Caston?

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Not important</i>
<i>School</i>	85	25	11
<i>Church</i>	68	43	9
<i>Village Hall</i>	83	33	5
<i>Red Lion Pub</i>	67	41	13



**How do you feel about the appearance of the following**

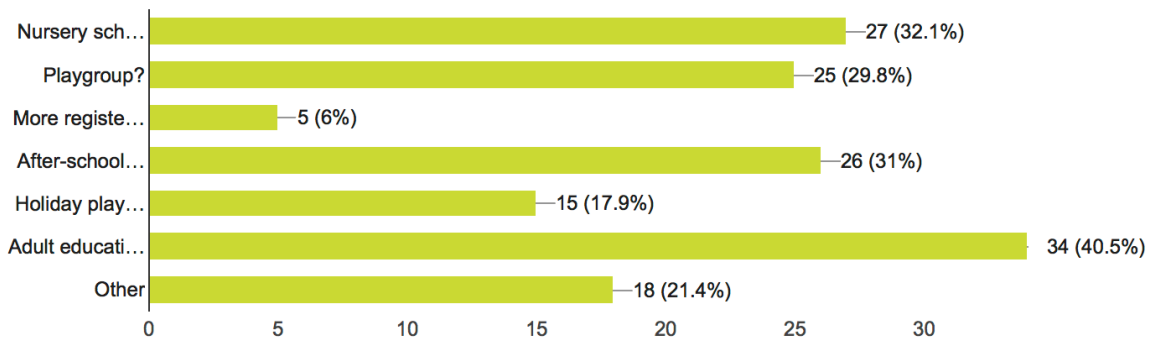
	<i>Good</i>	<i>Acceptable</i>	<i>In need of tidying up</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<i>Village Green</i>	97	23	0	2	2
<i>Village Hall</i>	43	44	26	8	3
<i>Churchyard</i>	90	20	0	0	13
<i>The village in general</i>	74	40	7	2	1



**In relation to educational facilities does Caston need any of the following;**

*(84 responses)*

<i>Nursery school?</i>	27
<i>Playgroup?</i>	25
<i>More registered child minders?</i>	5
<i>After-school clubs / activities?</i>	26
<i>Holiday play scheme?</i>	15
<i>Adult education / Evening classes?</i>	34
<i>Other</i>	18





**Do you think there are enough opportunities for age-groups to mix in Caston?**

Yes	43
No	33
Don't know	42

**Do you have any suggestions about how age groups might mix within the village?**

*(34 responses)*

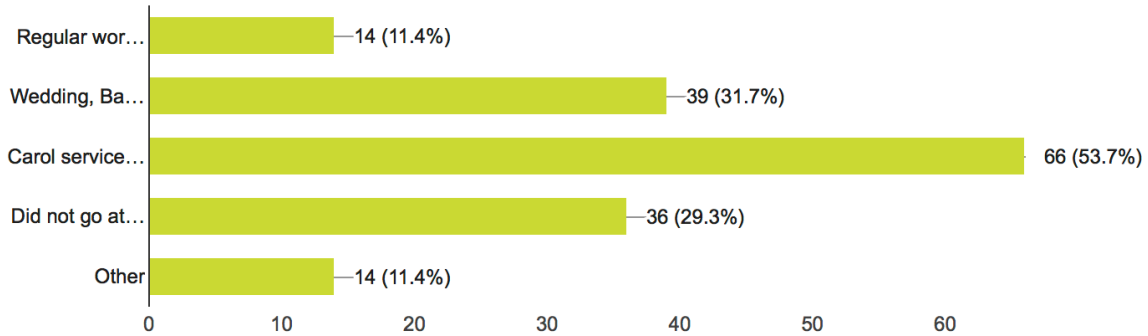
1. No
2. No
3. No
4. More social gatherings that appeal to all age groups and households with children.
5. sports club/sporting activities (cricket/football/rugby team - tennis club)
6. Family Fun Days, games etc. for all ages
7. Be more flexible taking into account schooling, childcare and work
8. Weekend event at village hall that might appeal to the younger members of Caston, and not a fundraising event.
9. Village bingo/ open air concert
10. Through the village hall
11. Only summer activities - where a sport field recreational space would be needed
12. Not relevant as those who wish to already do.
13. Difficult for people that work full time to do coffee morning etc.
14. Social gatherings
15. Youth Club. Childrens Play Area.
16. Improve village connection and contact with the Junior School.
17. Village Hall activities already offer this - other functions could be arranged here.
18. IT SEEMS THAT 'FRIDAY DROP IN' IS POPULAR BUT BY DEFINITION IT CANNOT BE ATTENDED BY THOSE WHO WORK OR GO TO SCHOOL. MAYBE IF THE RED LION COULD MAKE IT FINANCIALLY VIABLE THEY COULD OPEN SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR COFFEE AND PASTRIES. ARE THERE OTHERS LIKE US WHO TRAVEL TO BRECKLAND LODGE FOR THE OCCASIONAL SUNDAY MORNING TREAT? (SCONES/BACON ROLLS ETC.)
19. Ideally, an open, green space with play area, but difficult to know, in such a small village, where this might be. We are unsure as to how many children/teenagers actually live in the village now.
20. Improved communication relating to events at the village school
21. Teens club has been tried but failed. There is no apparent social meeting point for teens.
22. Activities/events in the evening (out of core working hours). We have made friends with several age groups, but it is difficult to maintain this as people seem to socialise in the daytime and we feel excluded :  
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23. MORE EVENTS IN VILLAGE HALL WITH WIDE AGE APPEAL
24. Live Music Events

25. *USE THE PUB. USE THE CHURCH. USE THE VILLAGE HALL.*
26. *PLAYGROUND WOULD BE GOOD. ANOTHER ACTIVITY LIKE JU JITSU.*
27. *Don't know*
28. *We have a large mixture of ages at our classes within the Village 4 years - 72 years*
29. *More activities in the Village Hall. Most activities are day based - what do you do if you work full-time?*
30. *None*
31. *IT IS PRETTY GOOD ALREADY*
32. *MORE WHOLE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FETES - THESE ARE GOOD EVENTS IN CASTON*
33. *YOUTH CLUB*
34. *AN AREA SAFE FROM THE ROAD (PREFERABLY WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT) WOULD BE A WONDERFUL MEETING PLACE FOR THEM TO PLAY.*

**Have any members of your household attended Caston church within the last 12 months and if so, why?**

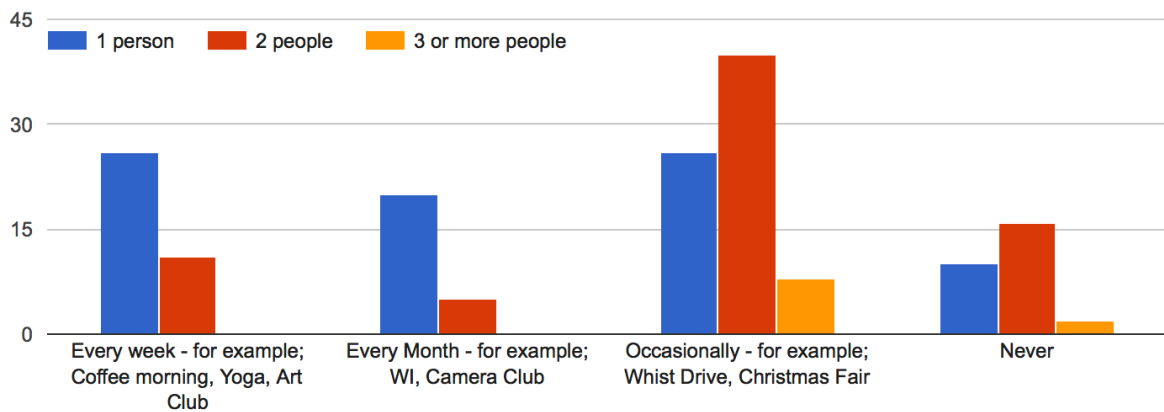
(123 responses)

<i>Regular worship</i>	14
<i>Wedding, Baptism or Funeral</i>	39
<i>Carol service, Harvest Festival or other Religious Festival</i>	66
<i>Did not go at all</i>	36
<i>Other</i>	14



**How many members of your household use the village hall?**

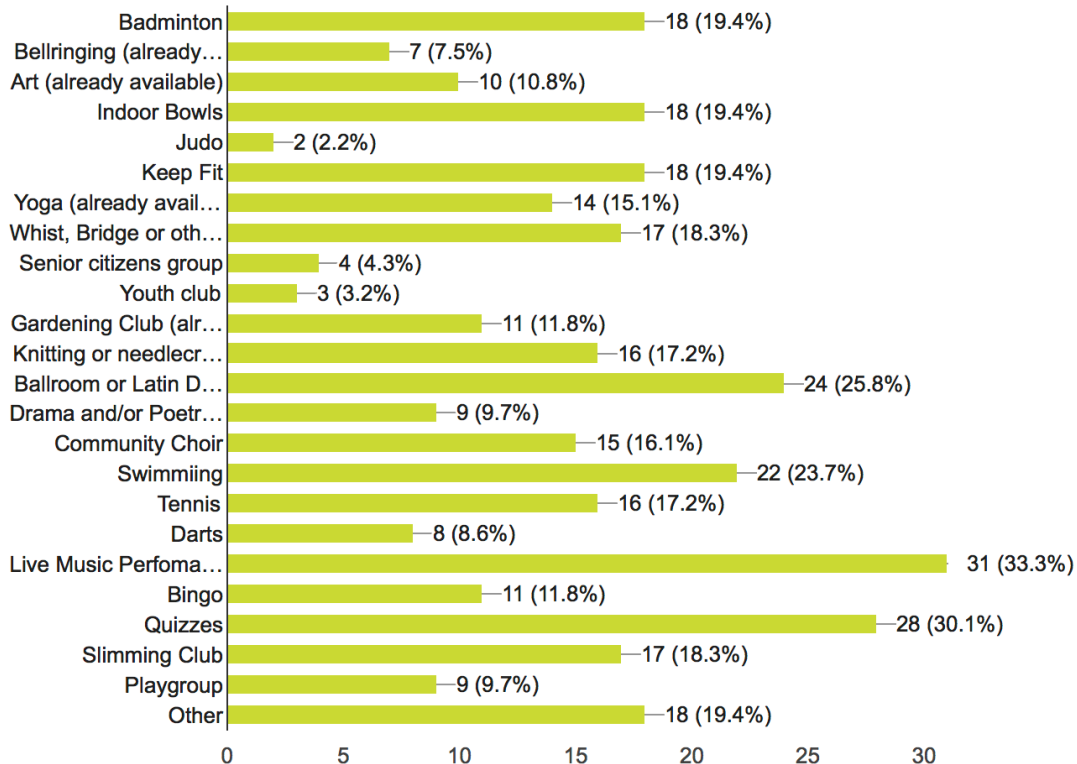
<i>Every week - for example; Coffee morning, Yoga, Art Club</i>	<i>Occasionally - for example; Whist Drive, Christmas Fair</i>
<i>1 person 26</i>	<i>1 person 26</i>
<i>2 person 11</i>	<i>2 person 40</i>
<i>3 person 0</i>	<i>3 person 8</i>
<i>Every Month - for example; WI, Camera Club</i>	<i>Never</i>
<i>1 person 20</i>	<i>1 person 10</i>
<i>2 person 5</i>	<i>2 person 16</i>
<i>3 person 0</i>	<i>3 person 2</i>



**Which activities would you be interested in attending if they were provided in Caston? (NB some already are)**

(93 responses)

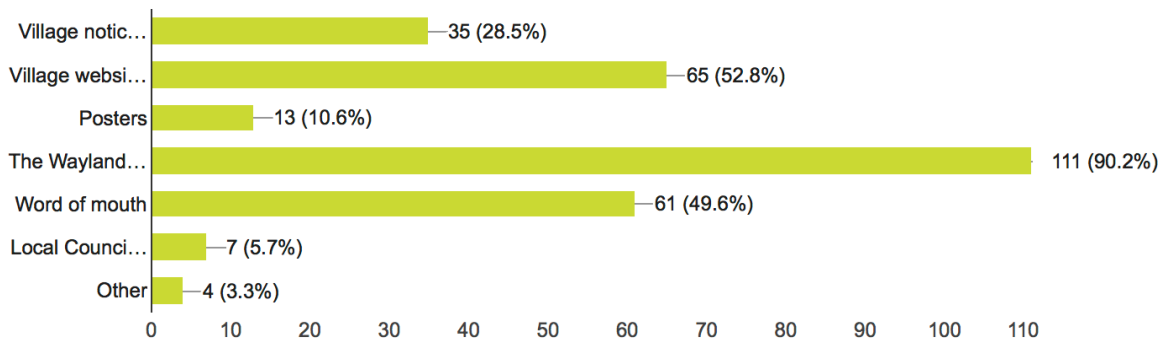
<i>Badminton</i>	18	<i>Ballroom or Latin Dance classes</i>	24
<i>Bellringing (already available)</i>	7	<i>Drama and/or Poetry club</i>	9
<i>Art (already available)</i>	10	<i>Community Choir</i>	15
<i>Indoor Bowls</i>	18	<i>Swimmiing</i>	22
<i>Judo</i>	2	<i>Tennis</i>	16
<i>Keep Fit</i>	18	<i>Darts</i>	8
<i>Yoga (already available)</i>	14	<i>Live Music Perfomances</i>	31
<i>Whist, Bridge or other card games</i>	17	<i>Bingo</i>	11
<i>Senior citizens group</i>	4	<i>Quizzes</i>	28
<i>Youth club</i>	3	<i>Slimming Club</i>	17
<i>Gardening Club (already available)</i>	11	<i>Playgroup</i>	9
<i>Knitting or needlecraft club</i>	16	<i>Other</i>	18



**Where do you most often find out about activities and events taking place in Caston?**

(123 responses)

<i>Village notice board</i>	35
<i>Village website or emails</i>	65
<i>Posters</i>	13
<i>The Waylander (monthly village magazine)</i>	111
<i>Word of mouth</i>	61
<i>Local Council / Councillors</i>	7
<i>Other</i>	4



## Crime

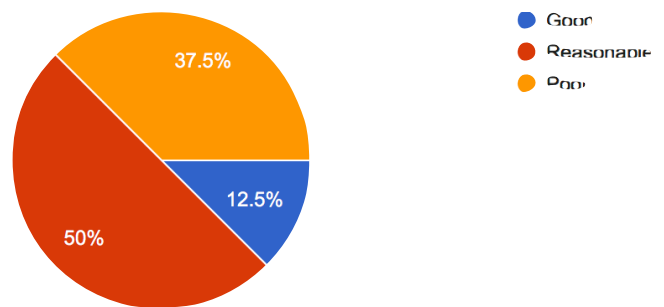
50% of respondents considered police coverage for Caston to be reasonable with 37.5% rating it as poor. Only 12.5% viewed police coverage for the village as being good.

Residents were asked about which crimes (including anti-social behaviour) were of most concern to them in the village. Assault, substance abuse, vandalism and anti-social behaviour were rated as not being a concern by a large majority. Theft, however, was either a major concern or a minor concern for nearly all respondents, and dog fouling was a concern for a substantial majority.

Do you consider the police coverage for Caston to be;

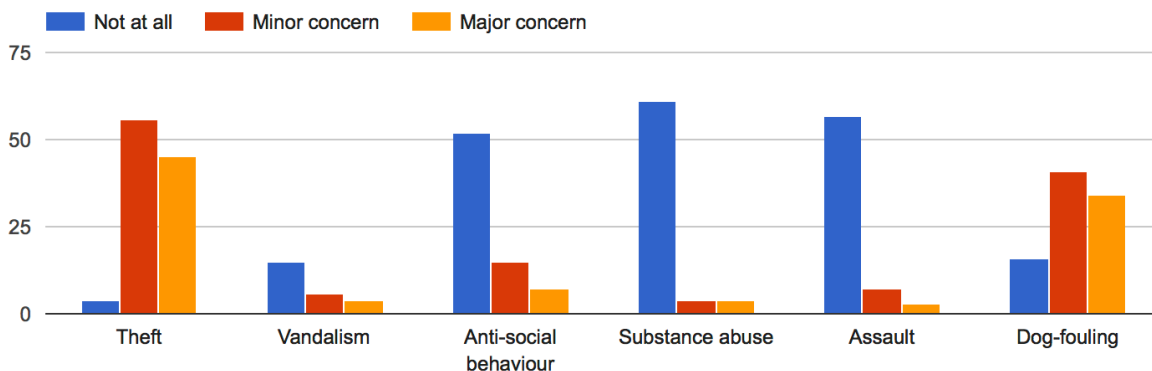
(112 responses)

Good	14
Reasonable	56
Poor	42



Which, if any, crimes and anti-social behaviour in Caston most concern you?

	Not at all	Minor concern	Major concern
Theft	4	56	45
Vandalism	15	6	4
Anti-social behaviour	52	15	7
Substance abuse	61	4	4
Assault	57	7	3
Dog-fouling	16	41	34
Littering	10	58	26
Speeding	3	28	81



## Communications

Residents were asked about difficulties with the reception of technology. From the questionnaires returned, 81% reported problems with mobile phone reception and 67% have experienced broadband problems.

A majority of residents use Vodafone as their mobile service provider, followed by EE and O2. A large majority use BT for broadband, the service provider for approximately 80% of respondents.

The number of people experiencing problems with radio or television reception was relatively small.

### **Do you experience reception difficulties with any of the following;**

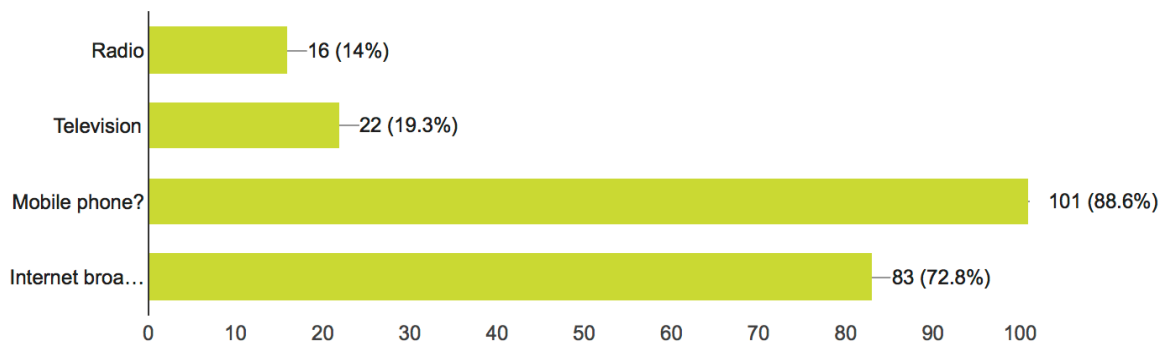
(114 responses)

Radio 16

Television 22

Mobile phone? 101

Internet broadband? 83



### **Which mobile phone provider do you use?**

(119 responses)

Vodafone	69
EE	22
O2	19
Tesco	10
3 -	4
Virgin	4
Talkmobile	3
BT mobile -	3

### **Which internet broadband provider do you use?**

(112 responses)

BT	86
Plusnet	8
Sky	2
EE	2
Other	9

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## Emergency Services

**Although a large majority were aware of the existence of the defibrillator at the village hall and the role that it can play, very few people were aware of the Caston Emergency Plan and therefore this needs to be communicated by the Parish Council.**

***Are you aware of the Caston Emergency Plan?***

*(123 responses)*

Yes 14

No 109

***Are you aware of the Defibrillator situated at the village hall, and the role it can play in situations of cardiac failure?***

*(123 responses)*

Yes 103

No 20



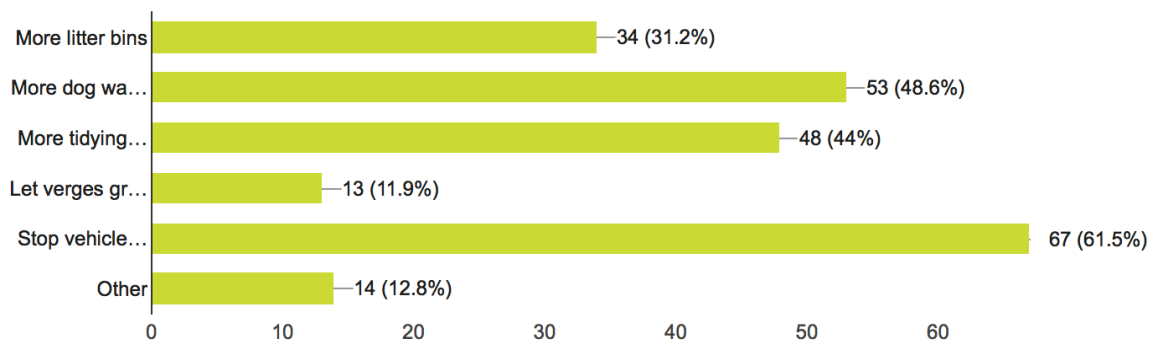
## Environment

Views on the environment were dominated by concerns about housing development and traffic, with the issues of vehicle damage to verges and the provision of dog waste bins being the two most remarked upon.

### What do you think could be done to make the areas in and around Caston more attractive?

(109 responses)

More litter bins	34
More dog waste bins	53
More tidying of verges and paths	48
Let verges grow for wildlife	13
Stop vehicle damage to verges	67
Other	14



**Do you think that there are any other environmental issues affecting Caston? Is there anything that can be done better to protect and enhance the village and surrounding environment? If so, please describe them below.**

(45 responses)

1. Traffic management
2. maintenance of some of the trees
3. DO NOT KNOW
4. Stopping all through traffic speeding
5. Some circular, off-road footpaths. We have very limited walks around Caston.
6. Flooding
7. Sustainable Development - not another White House
8. The restriction of large lorries through the village.
9. No more dense building on former single plots
10. New Housing increases risk of flooding

11. *Stop destroying greenfield sites with housing!!*
12. *We are very concerned about our verges being constantly damaged by large vehicles and we have probably lost a good 18 inches from the front lawn which is in danger of exposing our water meter to damage.*
13. *Kerb Cleaning, Sign Cleaning, Pathment cleaning (Leaves etc)*
14. *Limit any further building. Plant tress and hedges. Look at ays to limit un-necessary journeys & traffic. Stop light pollution.*
15. *Careful monitoring of the environmental impact of the newly establish pig units between Caston & Stow Bedon. Request that no further pig units are planned in the area as it will further impact on residents quality of life and possibly future house prices.*
16. *Caston is a very neat village, which is well cared for by a proud local community.*
17. *Make sure the huge tractor/trailers keep to the speed limit.*
18. *Overhanging trees & bushes over the public footpath. Owners of properties do not cut them back enough.*
19. *Light pollution*
20. *Pavement at Griston end. I think a dangerous bend sign should be installed at bend at Griston end before someone is killed. 3 crashes since Xmas. Signs now flat on floor.*
21. *Severe penalties for litter louts and fly tipping.*
22. *Owners of wasteland (building plot) on Attleborough Rd (opposite The Barns) should be encouraged to improve the appearance whilst development is awaited.*
23. *Number of trucks driving through the village. Traffic speed in general.*
24. *Litter to be picked up on roads leading to village.*
25. *KEEP ANY DEVELOPMENT IN CHARACTER WITH THE VILLAGE (NO MORE 'WHITE HOUSE' DISASTERS)*
26. *I don't think we need any more large housing developments*
27. *STOP BUILDING SO MANY NEW PROPERTIES*
28. *The farmers already do a good job in management of fields, hedges and generally conservation awareness. Over "butchering" of hedgerows with in sometimes happens. This is unsightly and detrimental to wild-life!*
29. *THE PLEASANT CHARACTER OF OUR VILLAGE IS ON THE VERGE OF BEING LOST TO TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF THIS BEING THE ERECTION OF THREE LARGE HOUSES (ON THE CORNER AT DUKES LANE) ON A PLOT REALLY ONLY SUITABLE FOR ONE HOUSE OF THIS SIZE. THE RESULTANT OVERCROWDING HAS RUINED A PLEASING ASPECT AT THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE. WORSE THAN THIS, BY FAR, IS THE MONSTROUS 'DEVELOPMENT' TAKING PLACE OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL. THE BUILDING OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THREE STOREY TOWN HOUSES IN A SENSITIVE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT IS INEXCUSABLE AND SADLY, WILL BE TO THE DETRIMENT OF WHAT WAS AN ATTRACTIVE VILLAGE.*
30. *Improve the village green to make it more attractive - possibly add flower plants*

31. *More pathways (eg path stops just past Walnut Tree Cottage - would be nice for Bridge Cottages to be linked up)*
32. *TOO MUCH HGV TRAFFIC GOING THRU. A NEED FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES. STEPS TO DETER RAT RUN TRAFFIC.*
33. *Flooding on The Street and Dukes Lane Roads sweep and pavements Overhanging branches when walking on pavements*
34. *STOP BUILDING HUGE HOUSES IN CLUSTERS. STOP HGV VEHICLES COMING THROUGH THE VILLAGE. STRATEGIC SPEED BUMPS OR TRAFFIC CALMING METHODS.*
35. *More owl and bat boxes*
36. *Broadband is hopeless! Lack of Public Footpaths - it's hard to walk the fields etc - other local villages have excellent walks - Could Caston farmers allow local (well-behaved) people access to the sides of their fields - could we develop a Village Walk?*
37. *The footpath through the Village is not good and very difficult to negotiate in some places, forcing pedestrians onto the road.*
38. *A weight limit should be imposed on the road that runs from the War Memorial to Stow Bedon to stop the colossal amount of heavy lorries and tankers that are using it as a rat run and in so doing causing sever damage.*
39. *Stop building so many houses on such small pieces of land, and on every vacant plot.*
40. *No more building. The houses opposite the School are an eyesore.*
41. *SLOW SOME CARS DOWN*
42. *NO*
43. *Too much building in Caston has not help to enhance the once picturesque Village*
44. *Stop building!*
45. *More footpaths and permissive paths across fields etc to give opportunity for varying length walks and possible footpath connection to Pingo Trail.*

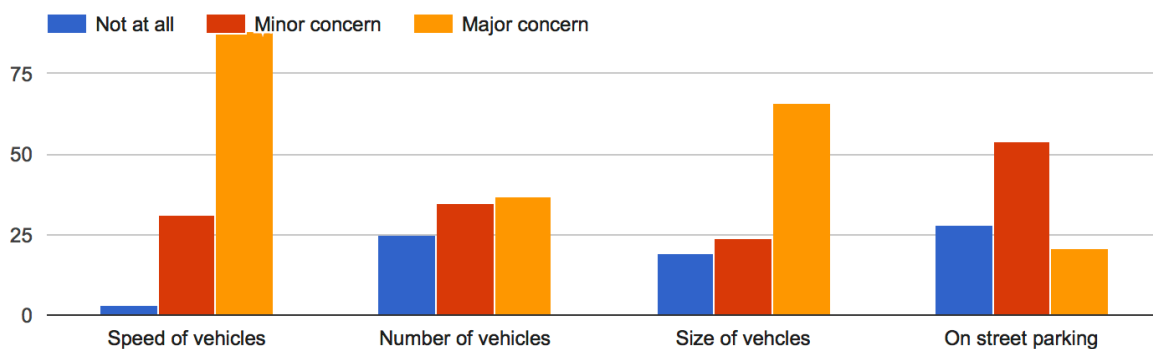
## Traffic

The greatest concern with respect to traffic was the speed of vehicles followed by the size of vehicles, with these being greater than the concerns about number of vehicles on the village roads. The improvements most recommended were a 20mph zone outside the school and a vehicle weight restriction.

The main danger spots identified were the sharp bends in the village at the Griston junction and at the junction of Dukes Lane with The Street.

### Do you consider the following traffic issues are a concern for Caston

	<i>Not at all</i>	<i>Minor concern</i>	<i>Major concern</i>
<i>Speed of vehicles</i>	3	31	88
<i>Number of vehicles</i>	25	35	37
<i>Size of vehicles</i>	19	24	66
<i>On street parking</i>	28	54	21



### Do you think that there are any particular 'danger spots' on the roads in and immediately surrounding Caston

(117 responses)

<i>yes</i>	103
<i>no</i>	14

### If yes, please describe the location and your view of any potential danger

(103 responses)

1. The bends at the Griston end, Flaxmoor House and Dukes Lane.
2. The sharp bend near Duke's Lane. On some nights on-street parking near the Martial Arts centre can be potentially dangerous as it makes it difficult for vehicles coming from both directions at the same time
3. the bend by Dukes Lane
4. Around the school at begining and end of day
5. Junction of Dukes Lane and The Street -severe U bend -driving too fast - parked cars.
6. Corner from Griston into Caston, and the corner at the end of Dukes Road.

7. *The Street/Dukes lane right angle bend & the right angle bend before the Red Lion Pub (house with the metal railings). Cars speeding, bad camber on the road, and right angle bends - a matter of time before there is a serious accident (already a number of accidents have happened at each site). Also the absence of decent signage and lighting at both sites. Vans, tractors and larger vehicles are of particular concern at these sites.*
8. *Corner into Griston Village and Northacre corner*
9. *Adjacent to School*
10. *Dukes Head Corner, Northacre Junction, Cook's Corner, Outside School*
11. *Very narrow footpath by the wrought iron fencing close to the sharp bend at the village green end of the Street (the fencing recently replaced after being damaged by a car) resulting in cars being too close to walkers. The narrow path is often difficult to negotiate with children/buggies and cars can often splash walkers on wet days.*
12. *1. Access from Attleborough Road 2. Attleborough Road turning to Carbrooke Road 3. Bend at The Street and Dukes Lane junction 4. Speeding at Stow Bedon Road entrance to village.*
13. *The bend on the Street at the Red Lion end of the road. Needs lighting at night and particularly an issue when large lorries come down the Street*
14. *The corner of the Street that is bounded by "Wardels", Lupin Cottage" and "Flaxmore"*
15. *Outside school*
16. *Bend shortly after Pub going into Village - travelling too fast and cutting corner*
17. *The speed of vehicles from Attleborough to Caston*
18. *Road bend at front of Guelder Ross. Heavy collection of water along road frontage to Guelder Rose in wet weather - pedestrians get soaked!*
19. *Corner near Village Hall. The School.*
20. *Caston School and new builds opposite*
21. *Junction Northacre & Carbrooke Road. Ben in Street at Dukes Lane. Bend at Griston Road junction. Also On Street Parking at School.*
22. *School Parking. Parking near Dukes Lane on road. Parking on road near Village Hall. ALL could cause accidents.*
23. *Speeding Cars through Northacre. They do not keep to 30 MPH*
24. *We live opposite the school and getting out of our drive at certain times of day is quite frankly terrifying.*
25. *The two junctions at Northacre and hedges not being chopped back. Outside the School where parents and visitors park - should not be allowed outside school - with the land that the school has got - vehicles should be allowed in to drop children off.*
26. *The junction of Attleborough Road and Carbrooke Road. Change priority to send traffic down Carbrooke Road . Parking at School times.*
27. *Bends at Griston drift and Attleborough Road.*
28. *Outside the school at 8.30 and 3.00 pm. too many parked cars to negotiate if you are passing by & not stopping as the row of cars is too long. Also Griston/Caston corner crash site sharp turn very narrow when lorries and big vehicles meet you. Dukes Lane corner very dangerous.*

29. *On the corner at the end of Rayner's Falgate. The Watton Road to Caston should be 40 MPH speed limit as it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.*
30. *Caston is full of bends, people go far too quickly. Mostly Prison Workers.*
31. *When there is a class on at the Old Bakery sometimes overtaking lots of cars on a tight corner is dangerous. Could there be an alternative area for the attendees to park?*
32. *On the bend driving into Caston from Watton. Cars frequently drive too fast and too near the centre of the road. This also happens on the Stow Bedon Road into Caston.*
33. *Dukes Lane Corner, Griston Road corner, Flaxmoor corner.*
34. *Outside school. Sharp bend corner of the Street & Dukes Lane. Pavement by Flaxmoor House is too narrow.*
35. *Parking in front of school at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. HGV's taking up more than half the width of the road in Northacre & between the Green & Village Hall. Trying to get out of my drive on the bend in Northacre. Improving surface flooding.*
36. *Stow Bedon Road. Too narrow, made worse now with the huge extra transport to service the pig enterprise.*
37. *Car parked on street near Hunters Ride. In front of school when cars parked. When cars are parked near the ju jitsu club near bend. Also the pond at the front of the school should have been a car park for the school.*
38. *Village end of Northacre at junction with road from Griston to Village Centre. Speeding Vehicles, especially at school times and poor visibility of roads at the t-Junction.*
39. *The 90 degree left hand bend. towards Griston - suggest fence rather than hedge, to see oncoming traffic. Northacre onto Carbrooke Road - keep hedge back to see oncoming vehicles.*
40. *Carbrooke Road/Attleborough Road Junction- would rumble strips be possible? Caston Road/Drift junction/Dukes Corner - again would rumble strips be possible?*
41. *Around School 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Deadly bend Griston Road/Thompson Road - 2 accidents in the last month*
42. *The sharp bend at Griston end. 3 accidents since Xmas. At night there is at present, no indication of a bend as arrow signs are damaged and flat on floor.*
43. *Vehicles outside school and around Dukes Head corner.*
44. *By the school, and between Coronation Terrace and the delimit sign on the Attleborough Road (the latter because the footpath runs out). The first bend by Flaxmoor (opposite Lupin Cottage) is also dangerous and needs a proper chevron road sign rather than scruffy plastic containers on the fence.*
45. *Carbrooke Rd intersection*
46. *Driveways on bends when motors are speeding*
47. *1. Narrow road and pavement by Flaxmoor House. There is a danger to pedestrians from being struck by wing mirrors and other vehicular protrusions. The road is too narrow to accommodate passing large HGVs. 2. The white lines road markings need to be re-painted in The Street especially by the 90 degree bend by The Old Dukes Head. 3. Vehicular access to the The Street from new housing developments by the School and land adj to Walnut Tree Cottage.*
48. *Vehicles speeding on Carbrooke Road*

49. JUNCTION OF NORTHACRE & CARBROOKE ROAD - SOME RESTRICTED VISION & SPEEDING TRAFFIC CAN BE UPON ONE VERY QUICKLY.
50. TOP END OF NORTHACRE ONTO CARBROOKE ROAD (T-JUNCTION)
51. PARKING AT SCHOOL TIMES BY THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
52. Road junctions and the very sharp bends
53. TURNING OUT OF 'NORTHACRE' AT THE JUNCTION WITH THE STREET (LEFT OR RIGHT), CONIFER HEDGE ON RIGHT OBSCURES VIEW. ACCENTUATED BY EXCESS SPEED OF MANY VEHICLES USING 'THE STREET'.
54. AT THE EASTERN END OF 'NORTHACRE' TURNING ONTO THE 'CARBROOKE ROAD'. WE HAVE HAD A NEAR MISS WITH A VEHICLE TRAVELLING SOUTH AT SPEED AND OVERTAKING. AS WELL AS ADDRESSING SPEED ON CARBROOKE ROAD THERE NEEDS TO BE NO OVERTAKING NEAR THE JUNCTION.
55. Bend where The Street joins Dukes Lane Bend where The Street joins Griston Road Parking outside jujitsu centre in the evening
56. Round bend coming into Caston
57. The area around the corner in The Street near Dukes Lane can be a problem when vehicles park on the road. Also parking outside the village hall and the school.
58. Outside the School at start and stop times The bend in The Street by Dukes Lane Stow Bedon Road. High speed traffic entering the village.
59. On entry to the village from Attleborough, cars do not slow down until they reach the small bridge/bad bend. May be helpful to have "Caston" village sign to where the White gates are?
60. GRISTON ROAD 90 DEGREE BEND. ENTRANCE TO WHITE HOUSE DEVELOPMENT. DUKES LANE CORNER. OBLIQUE BEND ON ATTLEBOROUGH ROAD. STOW BEDON ROAD.
61. Carbrooke Road T junction - visibility poor Flaxmoor Corner - speed of vehicles, cutting corners Dukes Lane - no road markings, cutting corners Northacre T Junction - visibility poor Penville Corner - speed of vehicles, cutting corners School - parent cars parked up to Chapel Farm
62. MOST OF THE ROAD IN THE VILLAGE HAS 'DANGER SPOTS' BUT YOU CAN'T PUT A NEW ROAD IN SO WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
63. The Street especially during School hours dropping off and collecting.
64. Access from future development on Attleborough Road
65. NORTHACRE INTO CARBROOKE TRAFFIC NOT VISIBLE FROM LEFT. NORTHACRE INTO THE STREET VISIBILITY FROM RIGHT VERY DANGEROUS.
66. Outside the School On the bends throughout the Village
67. Parking on bend before Dukes Lane Griston bend extremely sharp Row of cars at school start and end
68. OUTSIDE JU JITSU PARKED CARS ON BENDS
69. SCHOOL. BENDS NEAR VILLAGE HALL - DANGEROUS IN ICE & LOW SUNLIGHT.
70. VERY LARGE LORRIES DRIVING THROUGH AND AROUND VILLAGE GREEN AND SCHOOL
71. NORTHACRE - NO PATHS SO WALKING ALONG THE ROAD IS ALWAYS HAZARDOUS - ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PRISON LEAVES OFF & THEY RACE THROUGH. ALSO BEND NEAR DUKES LANE & THE NARROW PATH NEAR FLAXMOOR COTTAGE.

72. GRISTON CROSS ROADS SHOULD BE LIGHTS OR ROUNDABOUT. 'PEGGS CORNER' GETS VERY ICY - BEEN FLOODED IN PAST & CARS ARE PARKED OUTSIDE THE JU JITSU CENTRE VERY NEAR IT. LEFT HAND TURN (GOING OUT OF CASTON) ON EDGE OF VILLAGE WHERE ROAD TO GRISTON GOES STRAIGHT AHEAD.
73. Junction of Carbrooke Lane and Attleborough Road where there have been numerous accidents
74. NEAR SCHOOL WHERE NEW HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT. CROSS ROADS JOINING GRISTON AND THETFORD TO WATTON ROAD.
75. The School
76. Parking outside school at school drop off and pick up times.
77. Both ends of Northacre Road
78. New Housing Estate opposite the School
79. Speeding cars in Northacre is a problem
80. Northacre/The Street Junction - When turning right, oncoming traffic is not visible. You have to move out of Northacre in order to have full visibility of oncoming traffic on your RHS
81. Too new to the village to comment
82. The Village Green. Constant speeding and over use by heavy lorries etc.
83. Sharp bend near Dukes Lane, particularly when vehicles park along the road and up to the bend on nights when there is a session at the Martial Arts Centre. Outside the School am and pm
84. Griston bend
85. Junction of Northacre ad Carbrooke Road - hedge at corner obstructs view to left at the junction Junction of Northacre at Griston Road end - view to right obscured by hedge and trees.
86. MOST OF THE STREET
87. OUTSIDE SCHOOL/CHILDREN ACCESSING AND ALIGHTING VEHICLES WITH NO PARENTAL CONTROL INTO THE ROAD
88. THE JUNCTION OF NORTHACRE ONTO THE CARBROOKE ROAD IS A PROBLEM AS THE HEDGE SEVERELY RESTRICTS THE VIEW FOR THOSE LEAVING NORTHACRE AND MEANS VEHICLES ENTERING NORTHACRE OFTEN CUT THE CORNER NOT SEEING THE VEHICLE WAITING TO TURN OUT.
89. THE STREET
90. PULLING OUT OF CORONATION TERRACE(ESPECIALLY TOWARDS ATTLEBOROUGH) IS VERY DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF SPEEDING VEHICLES ALSO TURNING INTO TERRACE FROM THE VILLAGE. ALSO PEOPLE PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL, COULD PARENTS DRIVE IN DROP OFF AND DRIVE OUT?
91. Cars block parking outside of School at opening and finishing times. This will be made much worse by over-development of White House site. Cars parked on blind bend for Ju Jitsu School.
92. PARKING ON OR NEAR BENDS
93. Around the Primary School and more so since homes are being built opposite the School
94. Northacre junction
95. SPEEDING CARS ON NORTHACRE. OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES - POOR VISIBILITY TO SEE AROUND PARKED CARS.

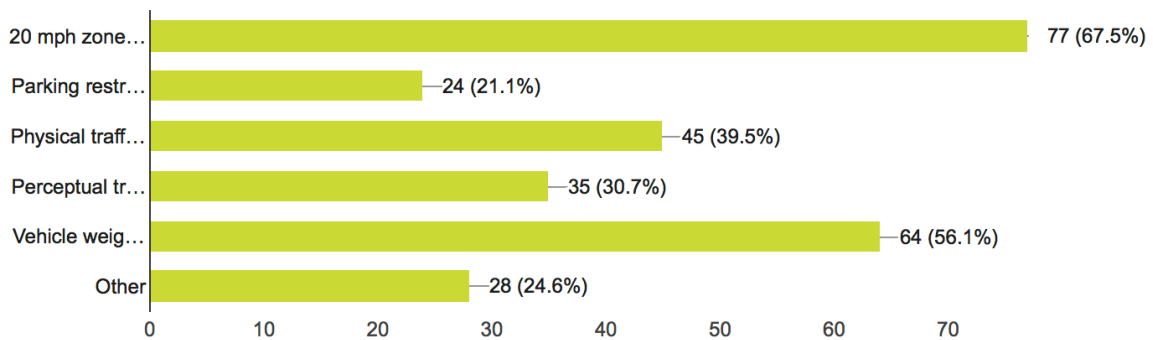


- 96. Duke Lane bend Bend entering the village Area entering the village near church
- 97. Northacre constantly used as a rat run not only Prison Officers but vehicles avoiding The Street in Caston. And certain times at the School. Should be 7.5 ton weight limit one way and speed restrictions.
- 98. Speeding along The Street; outside the School going to and from Griston. NO speed monitor at Griston end of the village - it might be a good idea to put one there!!!
- 99. In Rayners Falgate (my home) since Sat Nav it is a total rat run and with the addition of the pig production and farm traffic it has got worse
- 100.BETWEEN PUB & END OF TERRACE & UP STOW BEDON. TRACTORS BOUNCING ON THE WRONG SIDE.
- 101.SPEEDING VEHICLES EVERY DAY THROUGH THE VILLAGE - PARTICULARLY IN ICY CONDITIONS VEHICLES HAVE ALMOST COLLIDED WITH MY HOUSE ON SHARP BEND.
- 102.THE TWO SHARP BENDS AFTER THE GREEN.PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL (BUILDERS).
- 103.Cars parked on the road near the bend outside the Ju-Jitsu

**Do you think that Caston's roads could be improved by any of the following**

(114 responses)

20 mph zone around the school	77
Parking restrictions	24
Physical traffic calming (speed bumps or chicanes)	45
Perceptual traffic calming (road markings & signs)	35
Vehicle weight restriction	64
Other	28



## Development

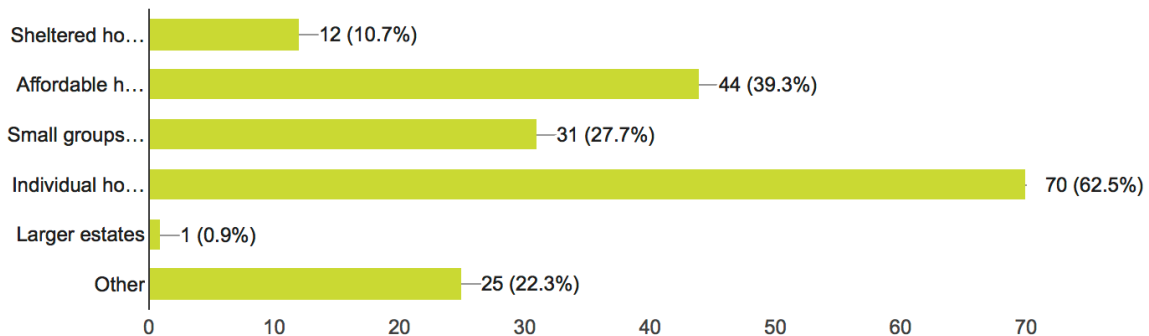
Although residents were supportive of some housing development in Caston, with support for the building of individual homes outweighing that for affordable homes, comments indicated that residents thought there were few sites available for housing, commercial or amenity development, with support for developments of groups of houses or mini estates such as the White House development not being strong.

Strongest support for a business development in the village was for a shop or café.

### What type of housing development would you support in Caston

(112 responses)

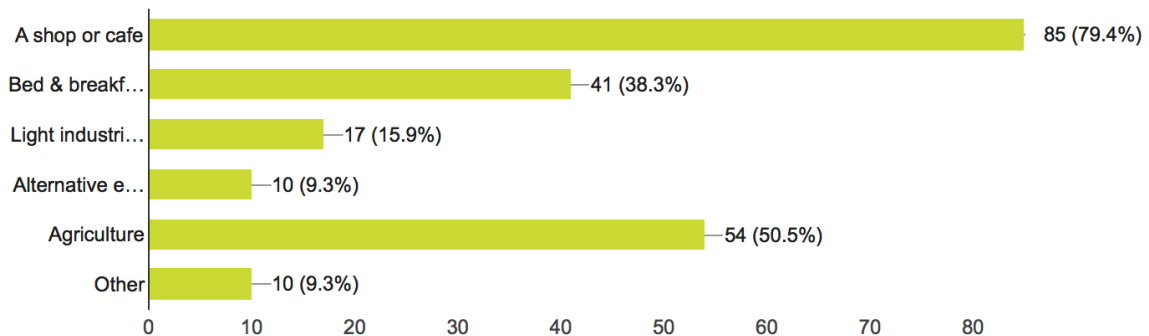
<i>Sheltered housing</i>	12	<i>Individual homes</i>	70
<i>Affordable homes</i>	44	<i>Larger estates</i>	1
<i>Small groups of houses</i>	31	<i>Other</i>	25



### What type of business development would you support in Caston

(107 responses)

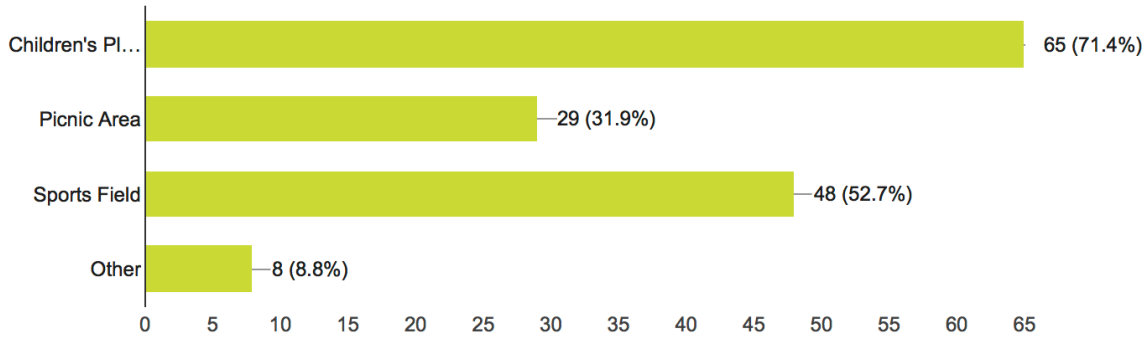
<i>A shop or cafe</i>	85
<i>Bed &amp; breakfast and tourist accommodation</i>	41
<i>Light industrial workshops or studios</i>	17
<i>Alternative energy supply production (biofuels, solar farms etc.)</i>	10
<i>Agriculture</i>	54
<i>Other</i>	10



**What type of amenity development would you support in Caston**

(91 responses)

Children's Play Area	65
Picnic Area	29
Sports Field	48
Other	8



**Are there any sites within Caston which you think would be suitable for housing, commercial or amenity development? Please describe them here.**

(57 responses)

1. NO
2. NO
3. NO
4. NO
5. NO
6. NO
7. None
8. None
9. None
10. None
11. None
12. No
13. No
14. No
15. NONE
16. NONE
17. Field next to school for play ground and school parking? Dukes Lane for individual housing.
18. Northacre, Outside Coronation Terrace
19. Commercial except for village shop or cafe. NO. Small sustainable housing possibly.
20. Between the school and Chapel Cottage
21. Coronation terrace land
22. Field next to School

23. *No. there is enough already. Several houses remain unsold despite being on the market for months.*
24. *The two fields next to and along from school would be suitable for park/play areas.*
25. *Cannot think of any in this rural environment*
26. *?*
27. *Several 'in fill' sites.*
28. *Land next to the school and near the windmill.*
29. *Both sides of the School*
30. *Childrens Play Area around the Green or next to School*
31. *Linear development inside the Village envelope only.*
32. *Wasteland opposite The Barns needs development as soon as possible*
33. *Children's play area next to school*
34. *The "odd" additional house can be acceptable. Any other development highly un-desirable.*
35. *All peripheral sites around the village - a small allowable increase in the size of the village would benefit all.*
36. *The privately owned land between The Old Chapel and The School*
37. *We are unsure as to if there is any available land/site. (we don't know if all greenspace is owned)*
38. *Next to the School either side. Edge of village*
39. *Re-build the Village Hall for better amenities.*
40. *NONE I CAN THINK OF.*
41. *NO MORE DEVELOPMENT*
42. *Amenity area between school and Mill or School and Chapel (picnic area and play area)*
43. *CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AT BACK OF VILLAGE HALL.*
44. *NONE LEFT!*
45. *There are none left*
46. *Some "infill" sites within Caston - eg next to the School. Current building regs should not be relaxed outside Village boundary - eg Northacre.*
47. *I like Caston as it is. Development should not be forced - it should evolve. We need to preserve the "village" atmosphere.*
48. *Not been in the village long enough to express an opinion*
49. *None come to mind without altering the "village feel". Already much of the new housing is more suitable for an urban environment. In-filling, backland development and "garden grabbing" is not the answer.*
50. *NOT SURE*
51. *AMENITY DEVELOPMENT CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA NEAR THE SCHOOL WOULD BE BENEFICIAL*
52. *Not enough knowledge*
53. *Several small plots of land along The Street and in Northacre*
54. *Field between School and Windmill*
55. *NO!*
56. *Next to School*
57. *The plot by the river which has been a mess for years.*

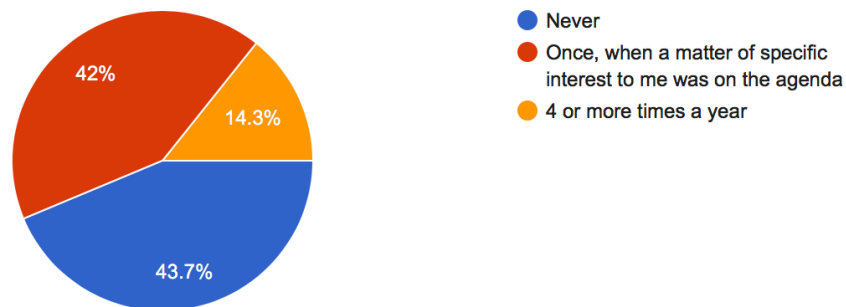
## Parish Council

The work of the Parish Council was positively supported with the majority of respondents reading Parish Council minutes and feeling that meetings reflected local concerns and were relevant to them. This contrasted with the relatively small number who regularly attended Parish Council meetings.

### How often have you attended a Caston Parish Council meeting?

(119 responses)

Never	52
Once, when a matter of specific interest to me was on the agenda	50
4 or more times a year	17



### Have you ever read the Parish Council agendas and minutes (published on the village noticeboard or website)

(123 responses)

Yes	91
No	32

### Do you feel that the issues discussed at the Parish Council meetings reflect local concerns or are relevant to you?

(101 responses)

Yes	87
No	14

### What do you think the Parish Council should do to serve your needs better?

(45 responses)

1. Don't Know
2. seek the opinion of everybody in the village about issues that affect them and then discuss them
3. don't be too over active
4. None needed
5. Engage with landowners to discuss improving footpath network around the village.
6. Try to engage with and obtain the views of residents.
7. Have a greater number of Councillors

8. *Notice in the Waylander perhaps twice a year inviting Newcomers to the village to the next Parish Council meeting, just to meet one another and raise, if any, their particular concerns at that time.*
9. *Nothing - think you do a wonderful job*
10. *Members of a younger age group.*
11. *Continue to consider over development of the Village as an important issue so that Caston does not become like everywhere else an over urbanised & thus loose it's character.*
12. *Keep up the good service already provided. Thank you for all your efforts, past, present and future.*
13. *Spend money more wisely.*
14. *It needs Executive authority.*
15. *Object to 2 storey developments*
16. *They do a good job now*
17. *Concentrate more on Parish affairs and cut out some of the red tape.*
18. *We think the parish council already works very hard to protect our interests*
19. *Make supporting documentation in respect of forthcoming meetings more readily available.*
20. **STRONGLY RESIST ALL INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT (E.G. THE WHITE HOUSE)**
21. *Parish Council do a reasonable job - as previously written I would support traffic bumps through the village to slow down traffic*
22. *They are carrying out an excellent job currently. Please continue with the good work!*
23. *Seem to be doing a good job.*
24. *The Parish Council needs more funding to enable it to be more effective and to give it the ability to be more relevant. I would be willing to pay more for this service.*
25. *Make the road better where Barhale messed up.*
26. *Ask for more options Offer more for the younger generation*
27. *Issues raised by Parish Councillors don't seem to be addressed.*
28. *Don't know.*
29. **BBFN FIBRE IN VILLAGE. 4G. STOP BUILDING HOUSES IN CLUSTERS. PUT AGENDA'S ETC ON LINE.**
30. **ASK US THROUGH QUESTIONNAIRES LIKE THIS MORE OFTEN.**
31. *Stop any more building!*
32. *Protect the village from building mini housing estates*
33. *This is a great method for canvassing views - a great start!*
34. *No opinion*
35. *I think the PC works very hard, but sometimes the decisions taken and actions following the decisions have little consequence to the general population.*
36. **WE ARE HAPPY AT THE GOOD WORK**
37. **BE MORE APPROACHABLE**
38. **NO COMMENT**
39. **DO SOMETHING ABOUT SPEEDING IN VILLAGE. CONTROL THE BUILDING.**
40. **NONE**
41. *Not allow ugly not in keeping housing like opposite the school which ruin the feel of the village*

42. *A thankless task. They can only do what very limited powers are bestowed on them. I don't see how they can serve us better than trying to be positive and professional*

43. *Sort speeding out*

44. *Unsure of what they do*

45. *I feel the residents of Rayners Falgate and down to Mere Road seem to be in no mans land - I don't think we have ever had a speed check. Seems like the village starts from the gates.*

## Community

**With respect to the most important aspects of Caston, the majority of responses identified 'Being part of a village community' as being of the greatest importance to them, with 'Environment' coming second.**

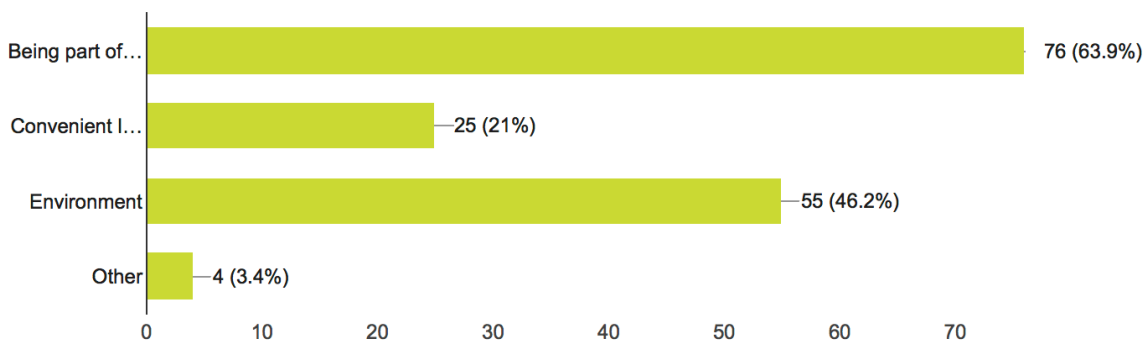
**Within the 'three words' assessment of the village the most popular words were:**

<i>Friendly</i>	<i>54 times</i>
<i>Quiet</i>	<i>21 times</i>
<i>Pleasant</i>	<i>17 times</i>
<i>Attractive</i>	<i>15 times</i>

### Which of these aspects of Caston is most important to you

(119 responses)

<i>Being part of a village community</i>	76
<i>Convenient location</i>	25
<i>Environment</i>	55
<i>Other</i>	4



### If you could describe the village using just three words, what would they be?

(103 responses)

1. *Quiet*
2. *Quiet*
3. *Pleasant, Friendly, Rural*
4. *Attractive, caring, interesting*

5. *quiet - safe - settled*
6. *Active, community, neighbourly.*
7. *Location - peaceful- clean*
8. *Could be quieter*
9. *Nice and quiet*
10. *scenic, community focus*
11. *Friendly Safe Spirit*
12. *Small, quiet, convenient*
13. *fine country scenery*
14. *Friendly, Caring, Supportive*
15. *Friendly, Peaceful, Tidy*
16. *Welcoming, active and diverse.*
17. *Welcoming, peaceful, rural*
18. *Friendly; Fundraising; Demanding*
19. *Pretty; Welcoming; Traditional*
20. *Beautiful; Well kept; Good Pub & food*
21. *Friendly*
22. *Friendly; Peaceful*
23. *Pleasant, Convenient and Busy*
24. *Quiet; Friendly; Clean*
25. *Peaceful, Rural, Friendly.*
26. *Friendly, Supportive; Community*
27. *Sociable, Welcoming, Active*
28. *Quiet, Friendly, active.*
29. *Rural, Friendly Small.*
30. *Caring, Convivial, Communicative.*
31. *Friendly, Pretty, Quiet.*
32. *Friendly, Picturesque, Elderly/Ageing community*
33. *Friendly.*
34. *Friendly, attractive, community.*
35. *Friendly, Traditional, Industrious.*
36. *1. Retired, Profession, middle class 2. Freindly, welcoming, active. 3. Traffic problems.*
37. *Rural, Historic, attractive.*
38. *Social. Clean. Pleasant location*
39. *Friendly, Attractive, Maintained.*
40. *Rural; Pleasant*
41. *Tranquil; Rural; Friendly*
42. *Small but friendly*
43. *Friendly, Rural, Vibrant.*
44. *Ageing; safe; community*



45. *quiet rural friendly*
46. *Nice and quiet.*
47. *Attractive Friendly Quiet*
48. *Friendly - Communal - Rural*
49. *Good community spirit*
50. *ATTRACTIVE, FRIENDLY, QUIET.*
51. *FRIENDLY, CONVENIENT, RURAL.*
52. *SOCIABLE, ATTRACTIVE*
53. *GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT*
54. *Unspoilt; Friendly; Quiet*
55. *PEACEFUL, TRADITIONAL*
56. *Small; Friendly; Attractive*
57. *Friendly; Attractive; Peaceful*
58. *Friendly; Supportive; Active*
59. *Most people friendly*
60. *Safe; Sometimes friendly; Pretty*
61. *ATTRACTIVE GOOD COMMUNITY*
62. *Not built up: Quiet; Friendly*
63. *A Lovely Village*
64. *Friendly; Innovative; Hard working*
65. *FRIENDLY. QUIET. RURAL.*
66. *Friendly; Quiet; Convenient*
67. *PEACEFUL. CONVENIENT. ACCEPTABLE.*
68. *Friendly; Quiet; Welcoming*
69. *QUIET. HOME. PRIVATE.*
70. *ATTRACTIVE. SAFE. FRIENDLY.*
71. *HAPPY, FANTASTIC. FRIENDLY*
72. *FRIENDLY, BUSY, COMMUNITY - MINDED.*
73. *Peaceful; Friendly; Welcoming*
74. *Friendly; Quiet; Fabulous*
75. *Friendly; Small; Welcoming*
76. *Friendly; Tidy; Overbuilt*
77. *Pretty Village*
78. *Traditional; Friendly; conservative (with a small "c")*
79. *Warm; Caring; Vibrant*
80. *Quiet; Rural; Interesting*
81. *Ripe for exploitation*
82. *Rural; Varied; Caring*
83. *Very Nice Village*
84. *Nice; Friendly: Community*

85. *Welcoming; Attractive; Friendly*
86. *WORK WELL TOGETHER*
87. *RURAL, ATTRACTIVE, QUIET.*
88. *Well kept; Attractive; Peaceful*
89. *Home; Comforting; Friendly*
90. *SOME PLACES EYESORE*
91. *SAFE, FRIENDLY, PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS.*
92. *Too many lorries*
93. *Peaceful; Isolating; Safe*
94. *FRIENDLY, COMMUNITY, PRETTY.*
95. *Friendly; Beautiful; Unspoilt*
96. *Friendly; Peaceful; Sociable*
97. *Lost its Charm*
98. *Home*
99. *NOT OVER DEVELOPED!*
100. *VERY NICE VILLAGE*
101. *FRIENDLY, CARING, COMMUNITY SPIRITED.*
102. *FRIENDLY, PEACEFUL, PRETTY.*
103. *Pleasant; Rural; Quiet*

## Additional comments

**Do you have any other comments, thoughts or ideas concerning Caston, not covered in this questionnaire?**

*(39 responses)*

1. *No*
2. *No*
3. *No*
4. *NO*
5. *NO*
6. *?*
7. *Caston seems to have an aging population, which is good but it would be better if there were activities for this group of people including university of the third age, adult education and suitable activities in the village hall but I don't know how they could be organised. The village should say a huge "Thank You" to Jane who does so much for every part of the village and is tireless in her efforts to make everyone's life better. How can we find a way to show her how grateful we are to her?*
8. *More walking footpaths (circular routes) would really enhance the amenities of the village offering walkers & dog walkers more variety. At the moment any circular walk round the village includes walking on roads, that personally we wouldn't use with a dog because of the speed of vehicles and lack of footpath.*
9. *I would like better identification for public footpaths / rights of way etc. Landowners don't really want to advertise or maintain them.*
10. *No.*
11. *There is a constant over zealous amount of fund raising, which is starting to spoil village life, not everything can be measured in money. Note the Village Hall committee is twice the size of the Parish Council.*
12. *I think that you are probably already going what we had thought of and that is a welcome pack for new villagers.*
13. *Continuous development is spoiling the character of the village.*
14. *Some kind of path to connect The Street & Northacre to enable pedestrians/cyclists to loop the village safely.*
15. *Road markings need to be more define. Pavements need to be cleaned more regularly. Flooding on Duke corner.*
16. *The rapid housing development is geared towards those who can afford a sizable mortgage or those who already have a property to sell. The land that is being developed should be allocated to Social Housing.*
17. *Help support the work of Jane Horner.*
18. *The Red Lion needs to have normal Pub hours. Especially on Sunday evening when coming back from a long country walk.*

19. *Resist Government policy to destroy our rural village by over development.*
20. *The church and churchyard always look lovely..something we should be very proud of!*
21. *Parish council meetings would be more beneficial if less time was spent on which councillors had read emails and the never ending saga of internet banking.*
22. *Traffic is increasing, more needs to be done, perhaps occasional police enforcement.*
23. *No, very well covered aspects for any resident living in Caston*
24. *We would love a play area like Griston. More clubs for the younger people, perhaps based at the school bringing the school more into the village. Would like to have a Village Shop - Post Office*
25. *Lack of gritting on Stow Bedon Road. Concern of housing estates and backland developments*
26. *NONE., VERY GOOD QUESTIONNAIRE.*
27. *We hope it would not be overdeveloped as we love the small village life where we find close neighbours.*
28. *Put a Park on the Green or a field. Ice Cream Van!*
29. *N/A*
30. *Walking (with or without dogs) is a big part of a rural village life. We have to go to Griston or Thompson to enjoy a walk. Could we develop a circular walk encompassing the Church, Pub, etc that would be great for villagers and attract others into the village: I realise that farmers would have concerns, so would need careful consideration. We would rather walk in our village and end up in our pub than go elsewhere!*
31. *Answers given as best as possible considering we only moved in less than 2 weeks ago.*
32. *We have not lived here long - about 15 months - but we have lived in Norfolk for 54 years in several locations but never have I witnessed the amount of heavy lorries that use this place as a rat race (around the village green)*
33. *I am fully aware that communities change and develop and welcome that. However, unless a much wider variety of housing is built the village will become a middle aged, middle class community.*
34. *The Red Lion should be a village focal point. A Pub.*
35. *FOR A RURAL AREA THERE IS A DISTINCTIVE LACK OF FOOTPATHS, ACROSS LAND, FOR WALKING - THE ONLY ONE THERE IS GOES NOWHERE. LACK OF PAVEMENTS DOWN NORTHACRE MAKE IT SOMETIMES DANGEROUS TO GO FOR A WALK.*
36. *THE PEOPLE ARE UNSOCIABLE*
37. *WE THINK THE DEVELOPMENT OPPOSITE THE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TOO BIG - DANGEROUS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN. ALSO DUKES CORNER IS OVER DEVELOPED. ALSO PEOPLE DON'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE.*
38. *Just to reduce traffic as since new housing estates in Watton it's becoming a pass through & several accidents have occurred recently & in some areas could be widened for walking.*
39. *See answer to question 8.2*