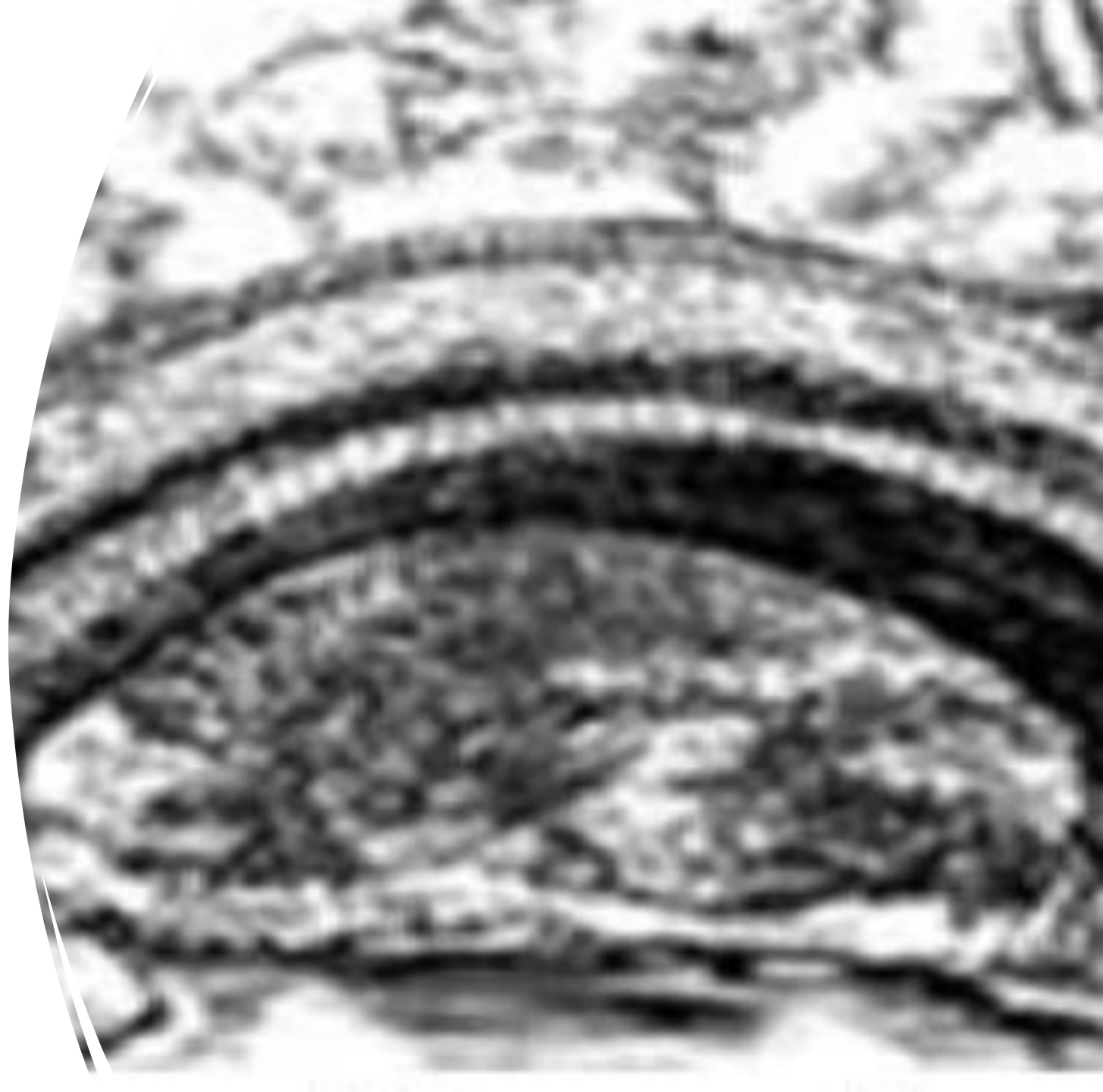
A photograph of a stone arch bridge spanning a river. The bridge is made of dark stone and has a single large arch. The river flows under the bridge, creating white rapids. The surrounding area is filled with trees, some of which are bare, suggesting a cool season. The sky is overcast.

Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council Survey 2025

Results and Responses

Introduction

- The third survey undertaken by the parish. The last one was in 2015.
- Conducted between November 2024 and January 2025.
- Promoted with leaflets to all households (c.200), notices on notice boards, Facebook and newsletter.
- Responses online and hard copy.
- Response rate 25%.



Comparisons with earlier surveys

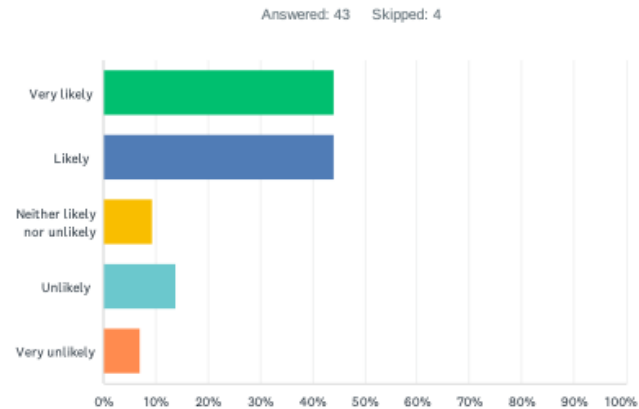
- Response rate down from 37%
- Concern for affordable housing, road conditions and cycling safety remain.
- Concern over litter, connectivity and planning are down.
- Desire for community activities and events and support for the community hall continue.
- Concern for the environment is up.
- Actions by the PC from 2015 have met with mixed success. Some have been achieved, some are ongoing and some are unachievable.



Actions arising from previous surveys

Aim	Tasks	Actions
Monitor and enhance the environment		
	Community wood	Maintain woodland
	Woodland survey	Underway
	Collate wildlife surveys	Underway
	Hold public events	Liaise and support hall committee.
	Maintain rights of way	Recruit footpath monitors
	Historical map	Hang at hall, post on web
	Dog fouling/litter	Monitor
Promote safe and active travel		
	Encourage cycle infrastructure along A6	Lobby W&F Local Authority
	Help people report road problems via website	Ongoing
	Monitor issues	Ongoing
Support wellbeing and social contact		
	Support hall committee	Liaise with hall committee
	Encourage participation in events	Promote local events
	Support the church and burial ground	Liaise with church
	Welcome new residents	Distribute welcome packs
Communicate effectively with parish		
		Enhance website
		Contribute to magazine
		Start Facebook group
		Use and maintain noticeboards
Ensure equitable access to housing		
		Review planning applications

Q2 We would like to know if people living in the parish would be willing to help maintain community woodland or monitor the condition of public footpaths. Would you be willing to help now and then?



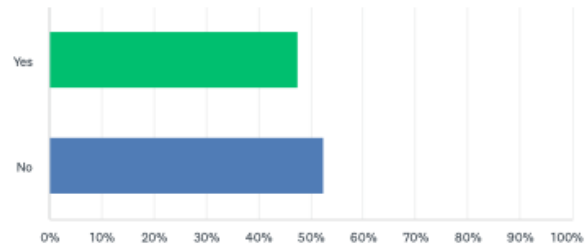
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	44.19%	19
Likely	44.19%	19
Neither likely nor unlikely	9.30%	4
Unlikely	13.95%	6
Very unlikely	6.98%	3
Total Respondents: 43		

Response:

- The Parish Council will continue to invite people to support volunteer days in the community wood and on other local projects such as footpath monitoring.***
- The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of managing a further piece of woodland near Gurnal Bridge for community access.***

Q3 Some people have expressed an interest in forming a parish environment group to share experiences and organise actions. Would you be interested in attending an initial meeting?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 5



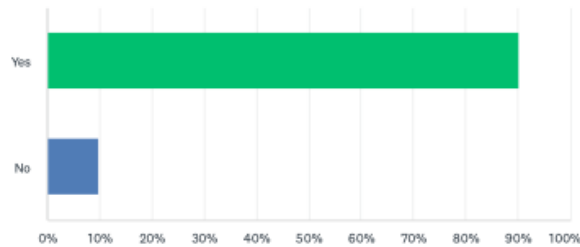
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.62%	20
No	52.38%	22
TOTAL		42

Response:

- The Parish Council will pilot an online and face to face 'Parish Environment Group; (PEG)***

Q4 Would you be interested in talks, guided walks or other public events about the parish, its history, wildlife and landscape?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.24%	37
No	9.76%	4
TOTAL		41

Response:

- ***The Parish Council will support plans for local guided walks and talks.***
- ***Suggestions for topics, speakers and guides welcome!***
- ***The Parish Council has power to grant-aid initiatives of this kind.***

Q5 Is there anything else you think the parish could be doing to care for the environment?



Topics raised:



The state of local hedgerows



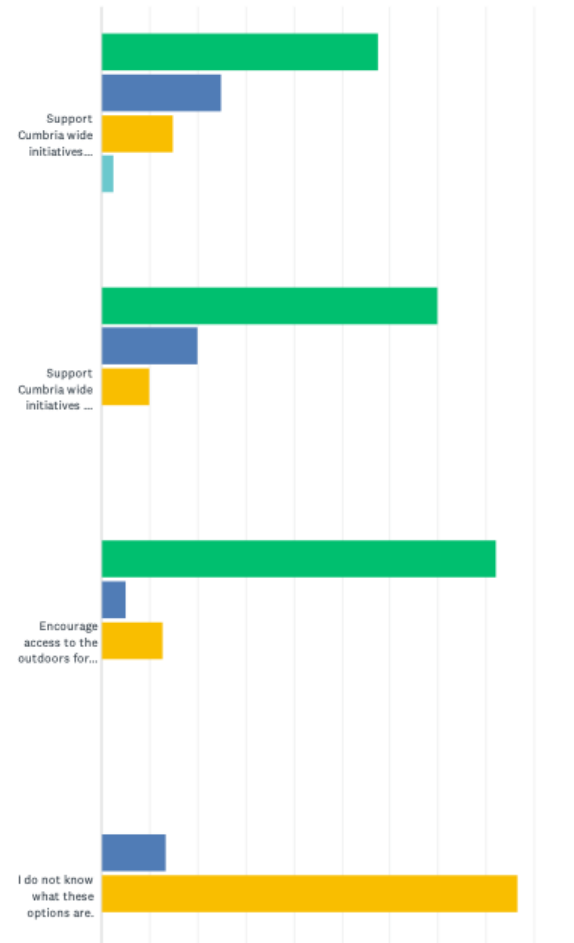
Knowing more about the state of our rivers

Response:

- ***The Parish Council will liaise with Westmorland and Furness Council, the Environment Agency, United Utilities and south Cumbria Rivers Trust to enable it to report to residents from time to time on issues relating to water quality in the Kent, Sprint and Mint catchments.***

Q6 Do you support the Council's environment objectives:

Answered: 40 Skipped: 7



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Response:

- ***The Parish Council will support events to inform residents of local plans for nature recovery and the environment.***

Q7 Do you have concerns about our roads and traffic you would like the council to consider?

people Extension walk along A6 traffic dangerous use especially
A6 Mealbank road need cycle Garth Row lanes Yes will
Mealbank Estates safe speed

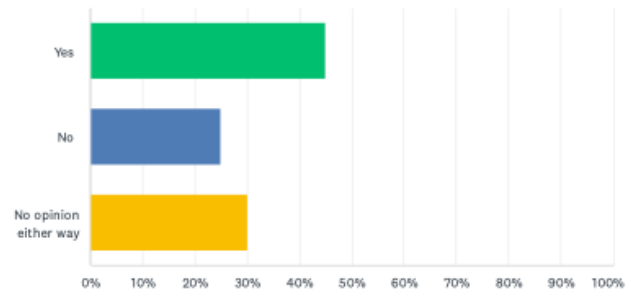
Response:

The Parish Council encourage residents to report problems with local roads and continues to lobby for:

- ***a footpath and cycleway along the A6 to Kiln Bank;***
- ***a speed limit at Dodding Holme;***
- ***road and bridge repairs at Laverock Bridge***
- ***gully maintenance on the A6***

Q8 Do you support a 20mph speed restriction being introduced at Dodding Green?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 7



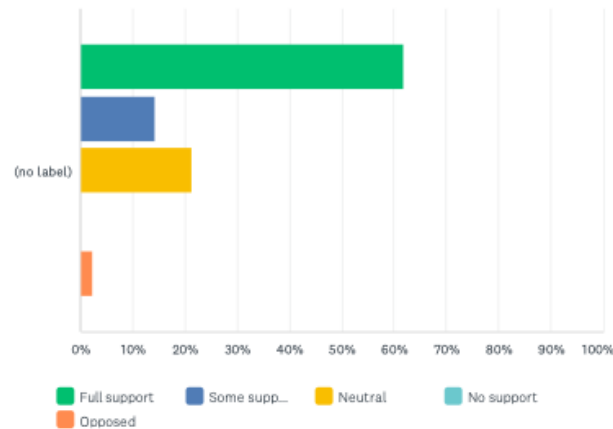
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.00%	18
No	25.00%	10
No opinion either way	30.00%	12
Total Respondents: 40		

Response:

- ***Apologies for the typo – we meant Dodding Holme***
- ***The Parish Council will explore the introduction of a speed limit with the local authority.***

Q10 Do you support the Parish Council's objectives to promote active travel?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 5



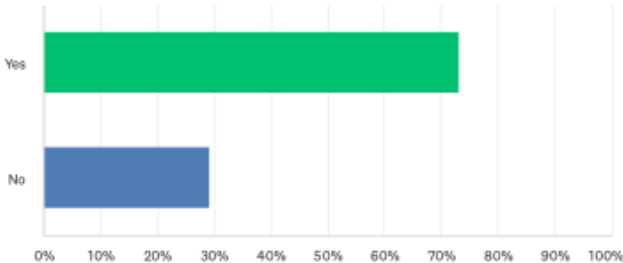
	FULL SUPPORT	SOME SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	NO SUPPORT	OPPOSED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	61.90%	14.29%	21.43%	0.00%	2.38%	42	1.67
	26	6	9	0	1		

Response:

- The Parish Council is lobbying the local authority for a footpath and cycle way extending along the side of the A6 to Kiln Bank.***
- The Parish Council will lobby for and promote the Rights of Way network and improvements and repairs to stiles, gates, footbridges etc. to enhance opportunities for residents to enjoy their surroundings.***
- The Parish Council will promote the local walks guide published and distributed to every household under a previous plan and now available via the Parish Council website.***

Q11 Are salt or grit for winter use being provided appropriately?

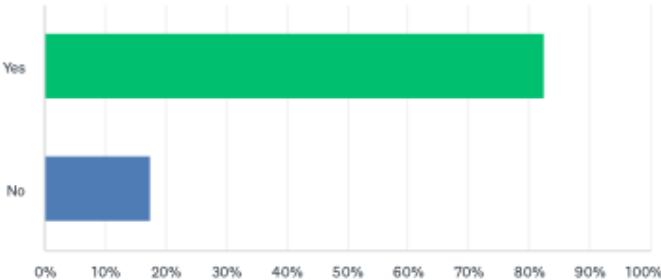
Answered: 41 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.17%	30
No	29.27%	12
Total Respondents: 41		

Q12 Are roadside hedges being trimmed annually?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.50%	33
No	17.50%	7
Total Respondents: 40		

Response:

The Parish Council will continue to encourage residents to report problems on the local authority website.

Q13 Do you have any comments or suggestions for us?

“A further say in how the Parish is run would be good.”

- *Residents are welcome to attend Parish meetings, the annual parish meeting and AGM and approach parish councilors via our website or Facebook group.’*

“The Hall is a fantastic resource!”

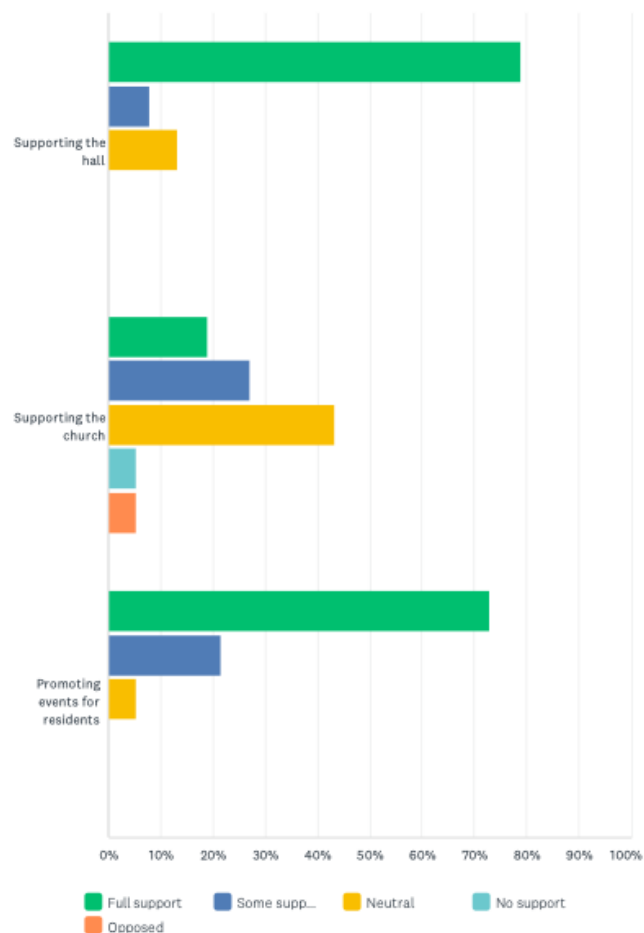
- *We’ve passed that on!*

“Better promotion of the Facebook Group and website.”

- *The website will soon be upgraded: <https://www.skelscalpc.org.uk>*
- *The Facebook Group is growing. Please visit and join Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council*

Q14 Do you support the Parish Council's objectives of promoting wellbeing and social contact by

Answered: 38 Skipped: 9

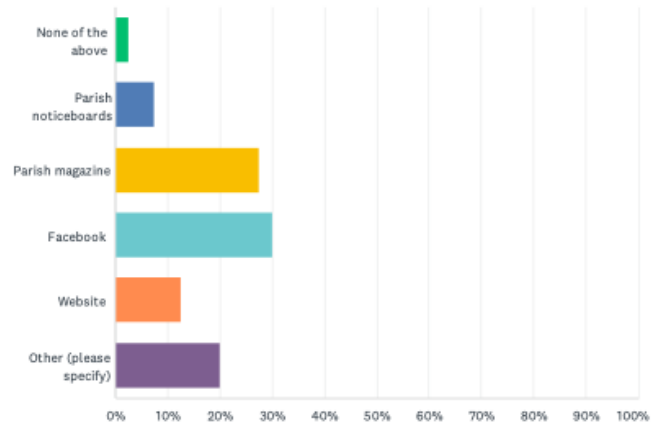


Response:

- ***The Parish Council will continue to support Skelsmergh Community Hall and Church.***
- ***We will organize volunteer events and maintain the community woodland for all.***
- ***The Parish Council will continue to play its part in promoting local social activities and events.***
- ***The Parish Council will continue to maintain the defibrillator located at the Memorial Hall.***

Q15 Which of the following would be a good way to communicate Parish Council matters to you?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 7



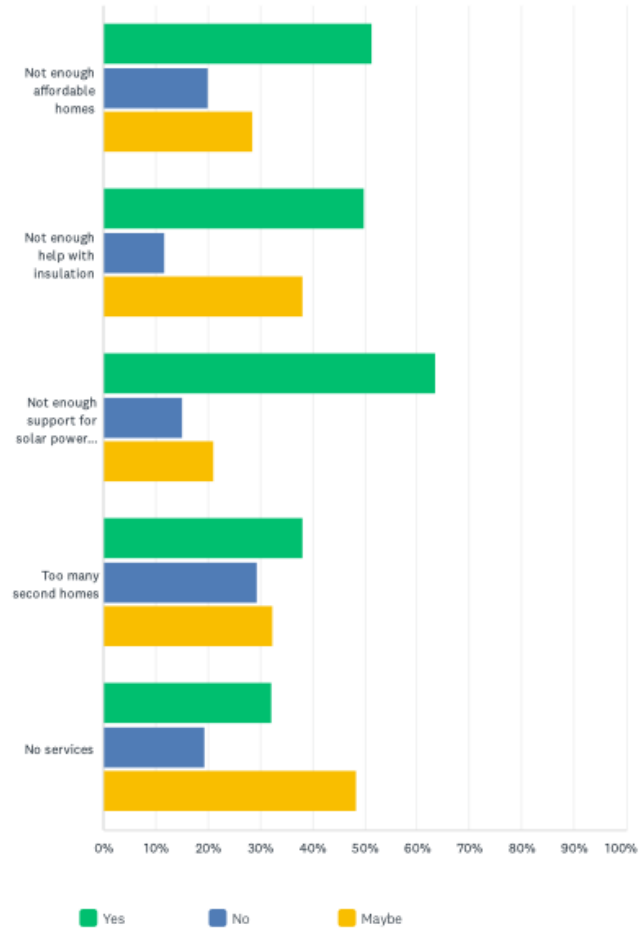
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	2.50% 1
Parish noticeboards	7.50% 3
Parish magazine	27.50% 11
Facebook	30.00% 12
Website	12.50% 5
Other (please specify)	20.00% 8
TOTAL	40

Response:

- The Parish Council will continue to communicate via noticeboards and the Parish newsletter. It will promote the newly established Parish Facebook group.***
- The website will soon be upgraded:***
<https://www.skelscalpc.org.uk>
- The Facebook Group is growing. Please visit and join Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council***

Q17 What issues do you think there are with the housing stock?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 11

***Response:***

- The Parish Council is exploring options in the Parish with Kendal Community Land Trust.***



Thank you for your participation and responses

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