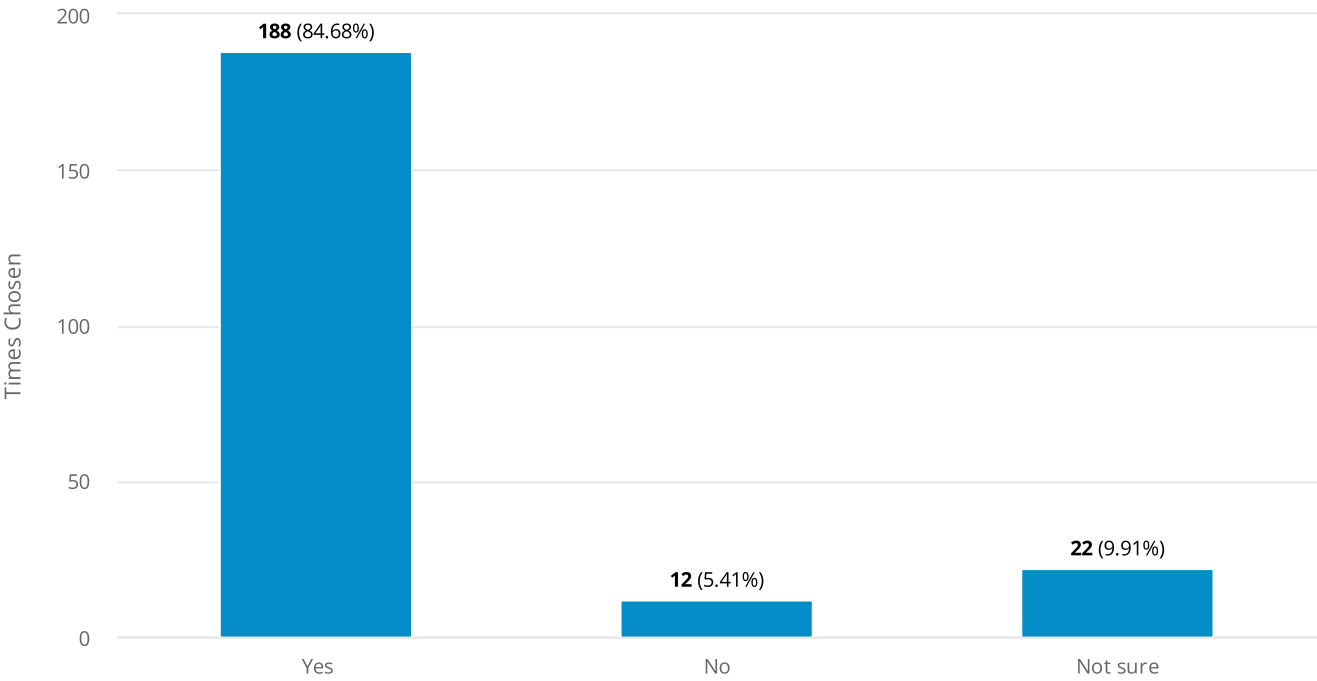


Village Cafe, Hub, Shop?

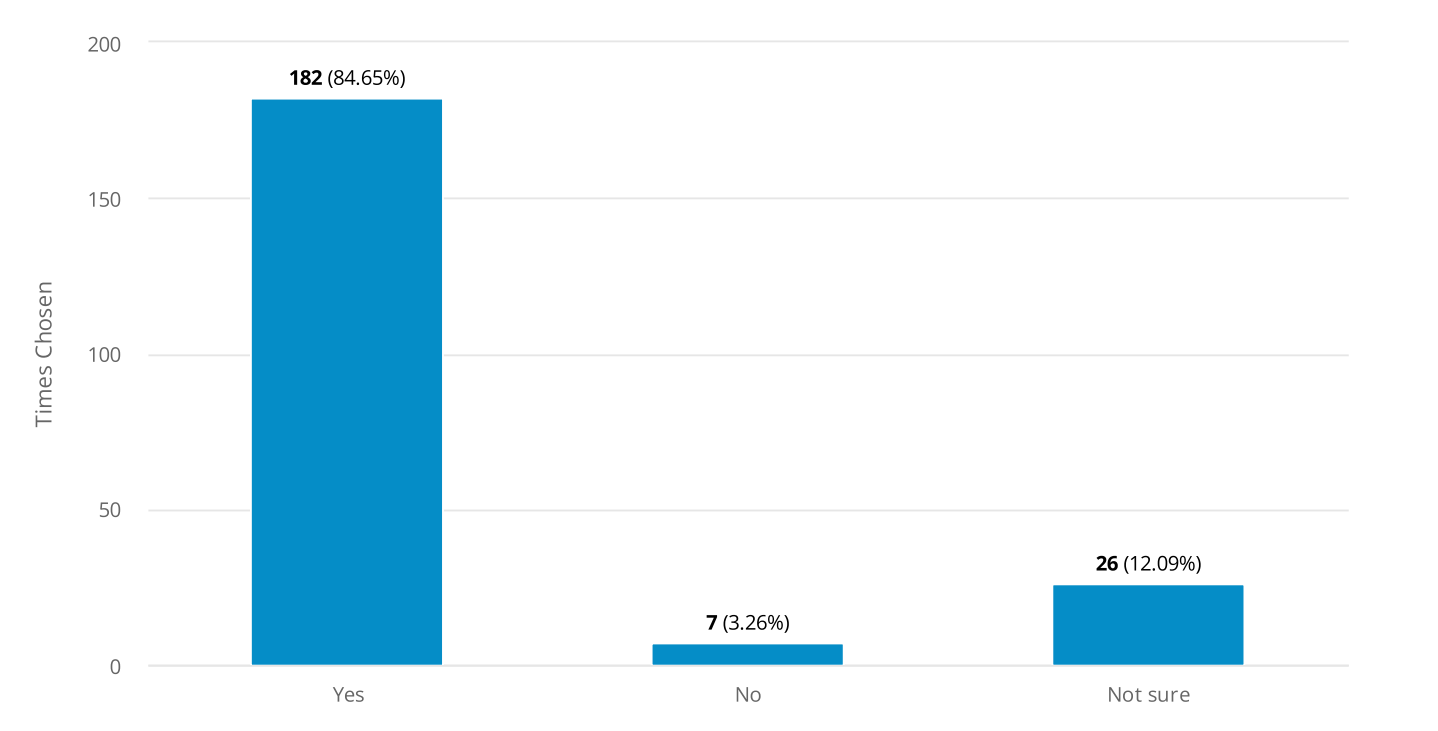
1. Would you like to see a Community Café in the village?

Number of responses: 222



2. Do you think having a Shop in the village is a good idea?

Number of responses: 215



3. Please use this space if you would like to state the reasons for your answers or to add any comments about the Café, Hub and Shop idea

Number of responses: 127

Text answers:

- A small shop ie 'corner shop' for buying essentials will be very beneficial. It saves having to leave the village for buying a couple items.
I'm fairly new to Muskham so a cafe area will be a space to mingle with other villagers.
- to meet up with friends and family
to meet local people
to use as craft/hobby spaces
- reservations whether there is enough trade for two shops. Would Muskham Pantry suffer and we end up with no shop
- we used shops (2) previously open in the village as it can save on car journeys into Newark
- any extra facility would enhance the village
- a shop has been tried before with little success

it is important to have somewhere to socialise
a shop is handy if you forget something from the supermarket

We have regular guests at our air b n b and many ask where they can get local provisions. We have little option but to send all the way to Newark

The village have had 3 shops since we came to the village and for various reasons have closed.

i think it would be very easy to access for people who live in the village

Any new venture could be nothing but a positive for the village.

A shop would be a positive asset to the village but it needs to be well supported to be sustainable. Providing staff to run both a cafe and shop needs to be carefully planned especially to cater for peaks in demand that might arise at peak times and when there are groups such as caravan clubs on the site.

I am a full-time, home-based worker (freelance) and I'd love to have a place to go other than my home but not have to get in the car
Overall sense of community and use by so many different xxx (can't read writing)

Cafe, parents, lecture groups, and for myself to meet anyone to talk to - lonely often on my own

A lot of elderly people would benefit from having a shop, not having to always go to Newark. XXX (writing not clear) a meeting place with coffee shop/cafe would generate a closer community

Every community shop i have knowb has closed due to lack of customers, after initial interest

Especially good for people with no transport. Good for villagers to meet and have a coffee, tea and chat together.

I think a shop selling essentials would be a good idea particularly for those without transport now that the A1 services are not easily or safely accessible. I am not sure there would be sufficient support for a community cafe unless it was part of the shop and manned accordingly.

It would help anyone who struggles to get into Newark for essentials or just if you forget something - keeping it local

Bring the community together. Useful to not have to drive into Newark for essentials. Benefits the elderly of the village having a social hub and also access to a shop.

I don't think a shop will be supported. Keith at the Ferry tried to start a coffee shop but again it wasn't supported

I think anything that is controlled by either the parish Council or MRCC will entail the usual people that run this village taking control. I don't have confidence it will be run by and for the community. Village politics in NM are strong and not necessarily an asset

Last shop was not viable

It would take custom from the nearby South Muskham shop which already sells good produce. I don't believe there is enough footfall in the village for a cafe except at school drop off and pick up time.

A café selling snacks such as cakes, crisps and confectionery would be good. Also soft drinks along with hot drinks. I wouldn't want to take trade away from the Muskham Pantry. Also if possible with liaison with the person who delivers newspapers in the village it would be great for people to go for a walk and have a coffee and buy a newspaper.

A village shop would be a very good idea for people unable to travel to Newark. A cafe would also be good for social interaction with others.

It would be good to have both shop and cafe as think it would bring the community together and maybe those people who live alone and isolated would find the cafe a safe place to visit and meet fellow villagers.

would encourage more community spirit without having to join in any of the community centres activities plus would make the village far more desirable - we already have a pub (unfortunately no post office) and the third most important village amenity, a shop!

Facilitate the feeling of community and a place to get together nearby

Think it should just shop essentials and work with other local shops together

it would create the possibility of improved relationships, better communication and distinctive identity.

It would reduce traffic, create a motive for purposeful exercise.

For some unknown reason, The Ferry, for all the benefits of the building, has never been able to achieve these aims.

We have a Londis, but access is blocked. Would like a privately owned/franchised shop but not a community shop with limited stock and fairtrade items rather than known brands

shop handy for everyday items
use of cafe for social and support

despite being an affluent village, we are in one of the highly deprived areas of England according to the IMD (index of multiple deprivation) for lack of services

A Café, Hub, and Shop in a rural village creates a vital community space, reducing isolation and fostering local connections.

Our excellent village shop closed due to lack of support, the previous landlord at the pub opened each morning for coffee and cake etc and this folded due to lack of support, we have an excellent shop at South Muskham which stocks basic essentials and much more and needs our support, where are all the volunteers needed to run a new shop/ cafe?
There is no need for a new building as the existing room with a bar and kitchen access could be used for this.

shop on it's own probably would not be viable. Cafe that sells every day essentials like milk, bread newspapers etc. or even veg from allotment. A joint cafe shop.

covid changed our habits; need to keep bus service; use to managing without

A basic shop for emergency food only.
Cafe could be good for people on their own, however, how much would it be used.

Yes and no, in order for it to be useful it will need to offer a decent selection of food supply's, and bigger than the Muskham pantry, like a general Coop size.

Having a community cafe would be a great place to meet other people from the village and surrounding areas and we would definitely benefit from having more community space

i'm unsure as we've had shops and delicatessans before in the village, on the high end prices. Would it be beneficial to have cheaper brands then everyone can get them

no other similar service in walking distance or the surrounding 5/6 villages

I think it will give parents and the aging population to meet during the day and particularly (if open early enough and late enough) for parents to meet inside.

Shop for essentials

There is a shop at south so do we need another, cafe we have maggies!

only good if everyone does thier best to support it. Sundays are a good day for newspapers etc, better than going into town

A shop selling a few basic provisions would be of great benefit especially to elderley residents, particularly on Sudays when there is no bus service

Very much in favour of a community cafe, but, with around 12 years experience of volunteering in a charity shop, understand the challenges of volunteer-led enterprises. In my experience, a paid person to manage/oversee the cafe would produce a better result. As regards the shop, I would be concerned that amount of business may be affected negatively. For example, if newspapers were sold, this would affect Julie Morgan's business.

I think having a shop in the village would be so handy, especially for essentials. It's such a pain to have to travel out of the village for shop essentials

Currently no facilities in the village without having to drive.

Proper shop like a CoOp. Not one that is subsidised using council tax.

As long as it's not overly expensive or became too 'niche' then this will be perfect. It should be back like how Robins Nest used to be, good all round items and stocked with basics not anything too fancy

Will attract more younger working population into the village to rent or buy, will indirectly help to boost the local school population

There is a shop in S Muskham. Any shop here would reduce footfall there. I can't imagine a business case that would work.

It's difficult to get groceries without venturing into town or trekking up the A1 to the garage

A shop will be a great addition to the village, one has been needed for a while

Having somewhere to walk to, just to get a coffee and get out of the house, is an amazing idea, and will be great for my mental health. Having a shop is just brilliant as I find it difficult, mentally, to make myself go into town because of the thought of so many people. I think it is a great way to stop people, like myself, feeling isolated.

Our closest shop is Newark Coop which means every day going down the A1 to go to a shop

We really need a small shop for essentials.

It would be a great place for people to meet and develop relationships.

To help prevent isolation and to further enhance the community spirit of North Muskham being available at all times which the MRCC can not currently offer

Having a shop would be beneficial due to working from home full time and would make it less of a chore to fetch bare essentials if run out.

A cafe/hub would provide an excuse to 'pop' out for a while and enjoy the community

A shop would be great for those with no transport

Having to go into Newark for any essentials is not ideal

Both would benefit the village in a social way.

I feel for the cafe to work it would need to sell decent coffee and teas, as I don't think people would bother if they weren't as there are other options in Newark or they can just meet up at the park for a social.

I think parking at MCC needs to be addressed/extended before any new project. There has been 2 village shops that couldn't make it pay- 3 if you include Norwell. I don't think a cafe is necessary when times are hard for people ATM & also there are coffee facilities at the end of the village anyway

Although Newark is close to North Muskham, the only routes are via main roads (e.g. A1), and, as such, are not suitable for many people to access as a convenience.

The village has no shop in safe, convenient walking distance. This is especially difficult for the many older residents. Anything that reduces isolation and a reason to get out of the house is a good thing

There isn't an easily accessible option without going to either South Muskham Pantry (limited items) or in the middle of Newark.

It would be nice to have the basics available in the village to avoid unnecessary trips to Newark and also for older members less able to travel.

The park is a lovely space that we enjoy using so a cafe at the same site would be nice so that we could use the facilities longer, also it would be great to have a community space for different groups to get together.

I think the idea of having a shop in the village is good however, it would need to provide the right kind of products to encourage people to use it!! Perhaps basic provisions bread / milk etc. Also include some loose refill provisions to encourage less use of pre-packed items, that waste a lot of wrappings.....added benefit is that folk are able to buy the quantity they actually need.

Not everyone drives and a place where people can meet and chatter and be able to purchase items would be great for the village

Having seen the shop in the pub in Winthorpe struggle and die out- I'm not sure it would be supported or profitable enough to keep fresh produce turning over. I.e. milk, bread etc.

I think the idea of a cafe is great, maybe with a book swap library set up and perhaps freshly home made cakes and hot drinks one or two days a week. Hopefully mums dropping off children could use it to meet and older members of the village can gather- which would be lovely. This is not available in the pub, so would provide something that doesn't compete.

It would be great if there was a rainbow, brownie, guides, scouts DOE group space for our village kids (currently a long waiting list at Tuxford, the nearest) and groups like knit and natter for those who want to learn to knit from someone who can!

Men's groups could also gather and gardening clubs with speakers in a small comfortable space.

I do think we could use the village teenagers and pay them to set out tables, serve non alcohol drinks and tidy up afterwards- all good for the cv and keep them engaged and occupied.

I think it would need to be quite a simple shop providing the kind of things people run out of, bread milk eggs and some stales. Being so near Newark most people do big shopping there or online. The cafe/ hub is a brilliant idea. When people are coming to exercise classes, or craft sessions or dropping off children at school etc it would be nice to stop off for a coffee with their friends. Good for groups like Knit and natter too.

The shop would be helpful for people unable to get to other shops and the cafe would be good for people to socialise and company and support for those living on their own.

Convenient for village folk and local interactions benefit many isolated or lonely folk

Would the Cafe and shop not impact existing local businesses unfairly, for example muskham pantry or the secret barn?

Discounted for over 65

It would build upon the community spirit within the village and offer opportunities for all. A shop would be especially useful for tho old and infirm villagers.

Enhances village life and makes it easier for people who can't always get into town for shops

I think a shop would only work if it was selling a range of down to earth every day well known branded food & products that families and cash strapped pensioners actually need. A shop selling epicure provisions at sky high prices would fail and not serve the community's needs. It may be that a small cafe could work for shoppers to have a quick rest and refreshment but I'm not convinced it's something locals would make a beeline for and support in enough numbers to make it pay. Volunteer fatigue can set in quite quickly and then reduce opening days and times to periods that only suit people with a lot of time on their hands.

I don't think there would be enough business to sustain a long-term venture. A shop would compete with existing local businesses.

I'm retired living in the village & would be pleased to see this project go ahead..

Good place for the community to meet other than a pub.

It would be great to have a local shop for necessities like milk and bread and be able to support local trade. This would help with creating a meeting area for older people and locals who might have run out of everyday basics.

Shop would be a great addition to the village

It would be really beneficial for all but especially those that find it difficult to get into Newark

If the village was to have a shop prices would need to be as low as possible else people just won't use it.

Muskham needs shop definitely, also Great meeting place for all.

We have had a shop before which sadly was not used enough, however if located where school pick up and drop off and activities are held it may well fair far better.

I hope it wouldn't detrimentally impact on Tea at Lil Maggie's cafe close to our village.

There is the South Muskham Pantry and we like to support it as a business, they have been a great asset to the area, especially during COVID-19. I would hate to see it affect their business. Nothing would be sadder than a new shop to open and an older one to close. So unsure if 2 shops are now needed in the area.

A café help would be ideal just to pop in I have a cup of coffee or tea and see you there for a chat one of the great strengths of our village. Very important well-being is all a friendly folks just to have a chinwag with and a cup of tea over Also a village shop would be great just to go and buy your bits for bread bar chocolate .

Nothing locally apart from
Travelling to Newark or co op at sutton

A lot of people support Muskham Pantry from the village. The shop which was here before couldn't survive as enough people didn't use it.

Not everyone can get to newark to get the basics or necessitys. Having something that's open to maybe 8pm for people who work

It would be a lifeline for many, allow opportunities for people to volunteer and provide hub to meet

I think a cafe would be good for people to go and get a drink but also meet up with others, especially those who live alone or who are lonely. It would also be good for parents to meet up after school drop off and get support from each other. Groups who use the MRCC during the day could also access the cafe after their group to continue building friendships. The shop could provide basics for those who cant get into town easily.

A meeting place for social interaction for villagers.
Shop, great idea

Something within waking distance would be great

Shop would be good for essentials.

I think this is a great idea for locals who are not always able to leave the village for various reasons to have somewhere to go to socialise. I would certainly use even with young children. It will be an asset to the village community.

It needs to be a cafe and shop using local products and possibly helping local businesses to sell advertising there products etc

Fantastic idea

Saves having to go to Newark or Sutton on Trent for those bits you want
Also somewhere to hopefully meet new people in the village

The cafe is a good idea but village has had 2 shops in recent history that have both had to close due to lack of support/financial viability. A cafe that perhaps sells just a few snacks and soft drinks as well as tea/coffee and cake I think will have the most chance of succeeding.

A believe a shop would be hugely beneficial to all the village, elderly or young. It is a long way to the nearest shop...too far for elderly or disabled

There are quite a few elderly/ single/ widowed people within the village, who might otherwise not have any other contact with others, without going into Newark, which is not always possible.
It's also the chance to exchange tips & services for those in need.

We've had shops before but unfortunately didn't have the footfall to keep them viable.

I think a shop would be great but my only concern would be it's competitiveness.

Save getting in the car to go to Newark etc for small items or meet with friends for a cuppa.

It would help a lot of people if there was a cafe and small shop within the village. The cafe would also be a space people could meet and have a chat or make new friends (as someone who has recently moved into the village it's an exciting prospect as I only know my partner)

It would be a central area for people to meet up and a small shop selling essentials would be very useful , particularly for those elderly residents who find it difficult to get into Newark.

The one thing missing from our village is a small shop.

It's a big village, a shop would be useful

I don't think there is a need for a cafe in the village but there is a need for a shop that sells the basics of milk etc and opens and closes at a reasonable time to suit people who work etc

Nothing local within walking distance - both a good idea

100% idea for a cafe but it need to be like a co op

The shop is a must in this village. Mainly down to running out of items such a milk, cereals, bread, (wine and beer)... Having to either travel up or down the A1 to get anywhere or risk the walk to the OVER priced fuel station along the A1. Also the Café. I think that would work well. Parents after/before the school runs, walkers and just general meet.

If we had a shop then it would have to be at reasonable NOT inflated prices.

Nice idea but previous attempts proved unviable

Would be a good resource for all age groups and be a central hub for people to get together.

I doubt that a shop could stock produce with a short shelf life (eg. milk, bread) because its difficult to match supply and demand which results in wastage. A hub that aggregates orders for people who have difficulty getting to shops may be more feasible as the exact requirement is known before purchasing and wastage is minimal.

It seems to me that as bus route are often under threat, there is a risk of the village becoming increasingly isolated and therefore becoming more self-sustainable would be very good. It is also a good opportunity to battle existing isolation, build community and support local people.

Love the idea of a cafe and hub. The shop idea could be great, but it sounds like a lot of work for a small village and I'm not sure people would use it often enough to make it viable.

some people struggle to get to town, or S Muskham shop with buses being hourly. Cafe provides a central gathering place outletfor local providers eg eggs, honey, crafts, cake, vegetables

4. Can you think of any other groups of people who might benefit from having a Community Café? Please name them in this space:

Number of responses: 91

Text answers:

I think you have mentioned most groups that would benefit from this space such as retired, young families, new mothers, new individuals to the village.

Cycling meeting point/social

Walking and running groups may use the cafe as a base to start their activities from.

fitness/exercise, seated yoga etc

Would the coffee shop just take away custom from NM village hall

walkers/cyclists
book club

Why obsess with groups ...how many people do we have within say a 5 mile area. Plenty to go at

Sports groups are regular users of the field at weekends and I'm sure would use a café.

Choir,
U3A,
Drop-in groups- dementia, ADHD, autism, anxiety, bereavement support.

Yoga
Pilates
Craft get togethers

Those who prefer coffee to pub environment but do not wish to visit a church group

teenagers and parents and players at muskham cougars

Visitors to the cafe will no doubt include anglers and other visiting groups.

Mums and dads picking children up from school, play groups etc

Knit and Knatter
Exercise classes could meet after thier class

If a food bank were added that would benefit the community

I think you have covered most groups!

Would be amazing if it could be dog friendly!

No

People who attend classes in the MRCC might like to drop in afterwards eg the seated exercise class.
Parents with young children for support eg NCT

All of the above

Mothers and babies

I think you have answered this.

Many of the listed groups already exist. What you are talking about is an extra room/chapel with kitchen.

Young people in the evenings.

health advice/support
financial/claim for assistance
youth club possibly?

my original support for the idea of an extension of/at the MRCC was for daytime users, old and young

Parents and spectators of Muskham Cougars football.

Anyone could benefit not just specific groups.

all ages like you say (meeting place for family contact - a really good idea for some families)

No

Great for parents before or after school drop off, I hear a lot of support for more elderly residents which of course is great but we must remember without the school, playgroup and park this village would be a very different place.

It would be a great place for the young generation of our community to have somewhere to meet up

Yes - local Hospice Beaumont house. They could do a talk for information

you've listed everyone

Think the list basically covers it.

Loved meeting at the village hall when with baby on Maternity Leave for a hot drink and play session.

would love to see a coffee and cake morning for all

older people to gather, also youth groups

the undermentioned list seems quite comprehensive

Parcel dropping off/collecting children from school. Like the idea of a village 'library' and toy/games exchange. A wonderful opportunity to welcome those parents who live outside the village.

School community, other local villages who do not have a lot of facilities (e.g. Cromwell)

Local Emergency Services such as Police or Fire could use the space to drop in for a coffee and be visible in the community.

Beat Officers in Newark or local Police can use the space to hold community meetings where ideas are shared

Walkers

Menopause groups

FND groups

ADHD groups

All these groups, except walkers, don't have anywhere to meet in the Newark and Sherwood area. They are always in Nottingham, and usually the other side of Nottingham, which is just too far. These are very under represented groups that need support, where none is readily available. It's just a safe space for people to not feel so alone with their illness.

Children elderly , teens

Old people

I think it could appeal to all ages.

It would be a good space for teenagers to meet and socialise.

Aged

Parents and families

The lonely

Those without a vehicle
Everyone

Walking group?
Quiz/games sessions

Elderly people meeting for a chat and to see people ,men's and womens groups

No

Those who homeschool their children

Those mentioned

The Knit and Natter group meet fortnightly on a Monday afternoon in The Chapel School room and a Community cafe would be ideal for our meeting

No

I volunteer for a charity which provides preventative drugs and alcohol education (Hope UK) - and wonder if this might provide a space for delivery of such education to the young people, parents and carers from this and surrounding villages. Other organisation might also be interested in using the space in a similar way.

All listed previously.

The Chair exercise group. Study groups like Lent groups and Book groups. Learning groups such as French conversation.

It would be great for older people and those living alone to have somewhere to go if they need help or just to get out of the house and see people.

Sports groups such as runners and cyclists might meet there and have a coffee after a run or during a ride.

Fishermen to attract more business into the area from people other than villagers themselves

All groups appear to be covered and it would be all inclusive. It would encourage different groups within the village to form, encouraging new hobbies and interests.

No

Similar groups from neighbouring villages.

Visitors, walkers, cyclists passing through. I think a cafe with the correct advertising would do well.

Ramblers, Caravanners on the playing field, anyone using the community centre.

Parents & children
Community groups
Sports clubs
Caravan clubs

Allotment owners

Lots of elderly people in the village who are not so good on their legs can get round there either with a carer or some help just to see some life and some people. I think everybody could benefit really because you can just go for a walk and have a cup of coffee or tea there and see you then we could also have some jigsaws and some board games so people could play a game together. It should be ideal for the daytime because lots of people don't come out at night.

Disabled, parents with young children, older people

A fantastic list above

musicians, other denomination church groups, book groups, women's groups, aspiring cooks/chefs

Think well covered from above

All sounds great, mums and dads dropping children off at school could get their early morning coffees for the drive to work too.

Football teams etc

Elderly especially
Younger members who want somewhere to meet

Local club committee members meeting up for informal discussions or hosting a meet and greet to promote their own club if they are looking for new members.

Those less physically able to travel out of North Muskham easily, elderly for company and everyone else as a general rule for somewhere to go

Could it be used on a sat/ sunday between say 10 - 14:00, or 16 - 18:00 for teenagers only to meet & organise things to do themselves, rather than be told what to do.

Nothing comes to mind at the moment

Possible internet/computer access and help with completion of forms. Meeting place that is less intimidating than the pub.

Not at the moment

Sorry I don't know of any

None you haven't mentioned

If this will be in the community centre. Then you have footie matches and practice. Mainly parents stood around cold...

There is a general lack of community groups in the village possible Mens Shed ?

Think you've covered all groups - would include people who use the MRCC and allotment group etc

No, the above list seems comprehensive.

This could be an opportunity for specific groups such as those recovering from substance abuse or mental health crises. It could also be a place for children from the school who might, for one reason or another, be finding the school campus problematic, to have support or education opportunities in neutral setting.

Be great for children and young people

Dance groups for seniors as good for the body to keep fit and mental health

5. If you think the Community Café is a good idea, what do you think should take place in it?

Number of responses: 122

Text answers:

I think it would be a great idea for all the reasons above.

Any other organised group events as long as the cafe is still available for the locals to drop in and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

essential food/milk etc
homemade and homegrown food and veg
craft area for buying and selling

all or any of the suggestions as appropriate

meeting place for lonely people

U3A meetings

Good home cooked food with local produce. I have past experience of running a garden centre cafe. Opened from new and the breakfast offering immediately established its own weekend club. Regulars soon established their own clubs and eventually had to take bookings. Same type of setting as our village.

As you have suggested, a wide range of groups.

Charity fund-raisers eg Macmillan coffee mornings,
Charity cake sales,
Craft fayres,
Coffee mornings,
Scrabble/board games/ word games/ jigsaw clubs.

All of the above

youth club

Most suggestions have already been covered.

All of these things look great - just important that it's always open for drop-in guests (like stir-crazy home-workers) even if in use by groups/activities

Some groups for older people and also some sort of activities for youngsters. e.g. computer-club or youth club

As many activities as possible

Befriending drop in sessions
Community library
Book club

Coffee, tea and chat

All of the above and Skill swap sessions could work too

Social/activity groups for the young and teens of the village.
Widens opportunities for more groups to happen both day and night.
The possibilities are endless so essentially anything that benefits our lovely community!

I can't see it being g supported.

Most of the above but people recovering from addictions might like more privacy.

I don't think anything needs to happen in it. Just somewhere where reasonably priced snacks,sandwiches,soup and drinks can be purchased and people can meet.

Any social groups , talks etc

some differentiation required from the proposed cafe and the community centre so that one does not suffer from the other - both as important - so the majority of the 'groups/societies' mentioned above I believe should remain as part of the community centre the cafe being more of a meeting place

As above - baby / family inclusive environment is key

somewhere where people can sit and use the internet (WFH) so that they are not isolated doing this just in their home.

May be also and Internet Kiosk for those without access to computers. Simple secure Chromebook

The list is endless and one could add to it. Film, Literature, Play Reading societies.

However, the key is the identification of a facilitator and coordinator.

Take advice from similar villages and visit thier sites, say places within 4-6 miles pf main centre etc.

All of the above

Anything that enough people express an interest in.

any of the suggestions/ideas previous

whatever provides opportunites for social mixing and information sharing, chat

(Additional comments put by the respondent at the end of the survey answers) "There is a missing question, 12; 'where do you live?' particularly for older people xxxx [can't decipher writing, but think it says at the ends]

of the village, the location of the MRCC may be a problem.

Despite my rather overall response, i applaud your efforts in making a proposal you believe in.

Youth club

Some of the above are already taking place in the MRCC, the others should be able to use the MRCC - that is what it is for!

It was funded and built to be used by the Community, not to provide a venue for a childcare business!

Some of us who live in the village have been denied use even though we were attending regular bookings due to the childcare groups being given priority.

Some of the things mentioned already happen in the community center. There could be opposition here if the hub is free and taking away bookings from community center.

communication from one to another; understand the good connection with allotment

There was another comment written on the printed survey - "?Chapel - Methodist to seek return on their investment???" Not sure if the comment is asking what this means, that the Chapel needs to see a return, or something else ...

Not sure how much it would be used

All the above seem to be a good fit, hobbyist groups in general.

we could have coffee mornings , even have a games cafe where people could meet up and play board games if they want too

Any of the above.

Nice bright tables and chairs

You've covered most things! Personally would be good for smaller groups/charities which aren't viable to hire the current MRCC as too large, busy or expensive

Cafe and shop.

Love many of the suggestions listed - place for family and friends to meet being one we would use most often.

As 4

as below

all the activities mentioned, depending on the support and interest. Some really good suggestions here.

Lego club, cooking classes,

All the above

All above sound good - would well being & health sessions include a dieting club of some kind?

A meeting place for parents after dropping kids at school ,and be meeting place after picking kids from school .

All of the above, and maybe CAB representatives. Who could advise on pensions, cost of living etc.
Maybe a food bank? For the residents in this area can go, and where local people can also donate towards it.
Maybe a DIY workshop, where people can learn the basic things.

Youth club, entertainment

Good food, cake and hot drinks welcoming walkers.

It would be a good space for existing groups to you use. There are endless possibilities for its usage.

Any/all of the above

A diverse range of activities and the availability of hot refreshments. Clothes and tools Swapping and library , chess sessions, visits by agencies to provide engagement, etc etc

Meetings of people linked either by common interest/hobbies.
Provide a 'pop' in facility for all to just have somewhere different to go and have a cuppaand chat, esp if cake is on the menu :-)

Craft groups

Groups, clubs, activists, courses

Anything to benefit the residents of the village

I think the above ideas are good but it relies on having good quality food and drink.

Sing and rhyme time for pre school children
Board games

Dog walking groups

All of the above

These are all great suggestions. Bereavement/friendship groups would be fantastic but also being able to visit in a less formal manner.

I like many of the ideas on your mind map. Perhaps a group for young people could be a good idea too, like a youth club, to give them something to do in the area.

Anything that helps prevent lots of screen time. The ideas above like a library/book swap and/or board game area for kids would be fab.

All the ideas suggested seem good but obviously not all feasible. I would think bereavement, Andy's Man Club, dementia cafe, clinics/surgeries.

Parent meet up
Memory community activities (dementia)
Going without any organised activity would also be good.

Any groups for children.

Any of the above sound great ideas depending on local demands.

Any of the above - whatever the need is. Particularly activities for retired people.

I'm not convinced it is a good idea

Post office days (like Sutton on Trent)

See previous answer

Suggestions listed previously

Any of those listed
Support groups for all ages

See previous answer

All of the above sound like good ideas. With the difficulty in getting to see a doctor it would be helpful to have someone available who can give advice on health matters.

All the above

All of the above but a drop in facility for cafe and shop should still be available if other things are also happening.

A diverse mix so there is something for all, a space where you can be for free (book sharing/ reading) or pay and join in.

All of the above especially groups for the retired as we have a high percentage of older members of the village. A youth club for younger members of the village should also be included as the village has a long history of one being provided.

Many of those subjects form part of the u3a groups topics. Maybe create an official u3a club?

Simply a place for people to socialise in a nice relaxed setting

N/A

Any of the above would be excellent

think most of the above could work well in the village.

Light meals, breakfasts, sandwich's and hot and cold drinks

I think you have a good widespread base, this will develop and expand with time.

Book club, memory cafe, parent/carer sessions, craft groups, well-being and health sessions, community library

Reading, socialising, games.

All of above are great ideas

Community well being for all

Would the cafe then compete with the MRCC for these groups bookings?

I think all of the above is good, maybe nice also for something for teenagers. They are an often missed group that could do with a place to safely meet friends. Many young teens do not want to hang out or look for

somewhere to go and do activities.

Coffee, tea cakes, jigsaws, and board games. No pipe music or TV or radio on because sometimes you can't actually hear a conversation if there's background music playing. It should be a social place for folks in the village from young mums to the elderly. Even the young teenagers might like to pop in on their way home from school and have a glass of pop or a cup of coffee maybe there should be some daily newspapers too just a selection. Keep costs down I'd say just three main titles people could pop in and read the paper.

I think most ideas have been covered above

Just friendly welcoming environment. Befriending and bereavement group

I think you have covered a good range and perhaps advice drop in would be useful with link to citizens advice . Possibly offer opportunity to local special schools for work experience

I think it would need to be balanced as to how much time the cafe is just a cafe, and how much time it has a group running in it, as some people may just want to go for a drink or natter with a friend but that might be tricky if there was something else happening in the space. I think any of the above ideas would work, it would just need to be thought about when they would take place. Having the option of an internet cafe might be good too, board games to play, and things for U3A. Regarding the cafe aspect, having good quality drinks and snacks is important - proper coffee, decent hot chocolate, fruit teas, a choice of milks. And comfy chairs as well as upright chairs. Inspiring quotes/encouragements /affirmations (even just as cards on the tables if not on the walls) would add to it being a place of peace, uplifting for the soul, a sanctuary

Social interaction for young and old alike

Children's craft and cooking classes that already run in other locations but could have a place here for local parents to use meaning you could charge a hire fee.

Support meetings etc and use as a local hub

Possibly computer access for those people that don't have it

Obviously tea and coffee and information of what's going on... talk to people who use it and see what they want... keep it simple initially

All the above

All of the above!

Think the above suggestions are all good.

Nothing comes to mind in addition to above

Depends on size, dont want it booked out for groups constantly so dropping in becomes difficult. Needs to be welcoming for all ages. Dog friendly.

Everything in the picture above

All of the above! The main point is not to take away revenue from the MRCC itself though...

Any of the above as all great ideas

Sorry no comment

All of the above ideas are great

Drinking Latte and eating cake! 😊

All of above - but start off slowly and gradually so as not to overwhelm the resource.

Leaving aside the need to avoid reducing the income of the MRCC, groups that might be too small to make meetings in the MRCC feasible. Any 'sensitive' groups (dementia, addiction, bereavement) would perhaps need an area that is private from 'drop-ins' who visit for a coffee and a chat or such groups meet at a time when the cafe is not open to the general public.

I think it would be good for this to be a 'pop-up' space where indeed all of these could happen at some point. If it were a versatile space with an agile management group, needs could be met on very short term basis. A manager with one eye on the hospitality and another on the community would really benefit meaning that it could be both pro-active and reactive to community needs.

Activities for children and young people, well being and loneliness support

as question 4 also meeting place for friends and those living alone to meet and make new friends. Mostly as a venture for older people

6. If you think the Shop is a good idea, what would you like to see it sell and stock?

Number of responses: 149

Text answers:

Basic essentials would enable individuals the opportunity to walk to the shop instead of having to drive or take public transport to Newark.

Everyday essentials. Fresh fruit and veg.

Nothing to fancy or specialised just essential items we all run out of from time to time that will keep and not have to be thrown away causing waste.

fresh local produce - eggs, veg, fruit etc
craft items
cards

the shop if it went ahead would need to stock the essentials, but these are perishable and as previous attempts have shown, become uneconomic

return amazon facility
post office

milk
bread
fresh cakes

Daily essentials , milk bread, coal , veg salad , eggs etc A bakery would be excellent.

Basic essentials.

Daily groceries -bread, milk, fruit, vegetables.
Tea, coffee, alcohol,
Newspapers.

All of the above

Things one runs out of....milk bread
But NOT to conflict with Muskham Pantry which came first, met a need and has worked very hard to become a well established part of our village

various snacks and confectionery
drinks

Quality frozen ready meals. Alcohol.

Essential items, milk, bread etc . Alcohol if that can be permitted given religious links to the proposed cafe and a range of frozen food.

Basic essentials such as milk and bread, stamps, newspapers, washing-up liquid (the kind of things you unexpectedly run out of - though would not want to undercut Julie), dry cleaning pick up/collection, tool equip loan, foodbank/pantry

Basic essentials, stamps, newspapers, milk, bread and other food

Small selection of basic medicines e.g. paracetamol, cough linctus, plasters

Basic goods to start with
Selection of pet food
Price to be reasonable otherwise people will go to town

Staples, bread, magazines, milk, papers

Vegetables milk tea, coffee , fruit , tinned goods , frozen goods - items that non mobile pensioners would welcome

All the above!
Easy ready meals are often good and things like pies that people can pick up quickly on their way home.

I don't think it will be supported

Shop not a good idea

Limited perishable goods and not in competition with the Muskhams Pantry.
See what I mentioned before.

General groceries, newspapers , milk, bread and local produce using minimal packaging or environmentally friendly packaging. Also to provide a recycling point for lightweight packaging which cannot be recycled in our grey bins.

Just basic things that people run out of and don't want to have to go into Newark to get.

Basic grocery items

All mentioned above, wondering if could also become a 'parcel hub' for Amazon/Evri/DHL for example?

As above

only essentials

Londis, Spar, Premiere - must be off licence to compete - otherwise Deliveroo/Amazon

All of the above and essentials, bread, milk, butter, juice, cheese

Milk, bread, stamps, produce from the allotments, homemade jams and chutneys.

Tea, coffee, sugar. Maybe sandwiches/rolls
Maybe emergency baby items? e.g. nappies?

Everyday food items, stamps etc., a local depot for delivery companies.

Of the suggested options, the only ones i would be likely to use would be milk bread snacks. Past experience suggests early support wanes quickly.
Whenever I shop I catch the bus to Newark

Basics

Must offer a reason for locals to visit regularly, e.g., fresh local produce, essential groceries. Foodbank is not a good idea.

Normal groceries & toilet items

Local selling place for local grown fruit and veg or anything that locals may want to use as selling platform. Access for local trading. A shop already exists at South Muskham which people from North Muskham pass. If linked to the cafe then people who visit cafe would also shop. I would use cafe if it did a cooked full English breakfast

Essentials

Everyday items

Basic provisions

Basic goods used daily, milk, bread, eggs, cereals, cordial and juices. I always end up driving to pantry or coop in Newark. Additionally hot goods like bacon cobs, especially for weekend football matches would be great, it started to happen then suddenly stopped which is a shame as other places we got for football matches usually have these facilities.

Just having the basics like tea, coffee , milk ect , would be a great start

Anything longs its at a sensible price

Milk! All of tyhe above - we would swap produce, fresh veg, salad, fruit, baked products

Non perishables mainly and day to day items.

Essentials items, milk (cow, oat, soy), eggs, and/or local produce.

Ooh! I'd like to have a shelf for my pottery sales!

as above

basic essential provisions e.e. bread, milk, tea, coffee, tinned goods, eggs etc

Not sure the population of the village is sufficient to support a shop with the Msukham Pantry being only a mile away.

All of the above sounds great, but the mostly the essentials bread, milk tea/coffee and some food cupboard essentials

local produce, fruit and veg, bread, milk,
should support local business'

Basics - milk and other dairy products. Bread, tinned goods. Basic first aid - plasters, paracetamol etc. Dry goods - rice, pasta, flour. Local produce - veg, eggs etc

Claypole village shop is a good example of always stocking what you run out of!

Prope CoOp type shop

All the above sound good as long as locally sourced.
Retail craft opportunites once a month would be good.

Beer wine spirits. Bread eggs milk snacks sweets.

Milk, yougurt other diary products
Tin food,
Bread biscuits
Basic Sanitary products .

Small section for over the counter medication.
Tissue packets.

Essential supplies (e.g. milk, bread, eggs, locally sourced fresh produce etc.).

Groceries, newspapers and good coffee

Basic essential items, local & authentic produce

Newspapers, magazines, fresh eggs, and in the summer maybe fresh veg from the allotments. Then general essentials like tins of soup, bread, milk etc. Could give the people who have an allotment the chance to maybe add more variety to the things they grow, knowing they won't go to waste. Maybe even a fruit stall, that could be a pop up outside, with fresh strawberries, tomatoes etc.

Normal everyday essentials ☐

Milk, bread etc, alcohol, cakes, sweets, pastries, local produce like eggs.

Vapes

Newspapers, bread, milk, eggs, basic household items. Also Birthday cards and stamps.

The above

Drinks, breads and cakes, essential everyday items, papers and hot drinks and snacks

Milk, bread, pasta, rice, tinned goods and everyday essentials.

Fresh bread, sausage rolls, sandwiches, drinks, maybe a meal deal. Gravy, stock, fresh veg, a rustic style setting. Maybe cards for occasions like birthdays etc.

Seasonal garden centre

Essentials, cards, flowers, in season fruit and veg, alcohol

Milk, bread, papers, beers and wine general store goods.

Essentials such as bread, milk, veg, eggs.

All of the above.

Basic items ,bread, milk, ice cream newspapers, alcohol, beer

All of the above

Ice cream in the summer. Possibly children 'packed lunch boxes' for school holidays and times when lots of families gather on the park after school in the summer.

It would be interesting to see how the shop competes with the Muskham Pantry as they too sell essentials.

Daily essentials- milk, bread,
Local fruit and veg

Shopping staples, such as basic groceries, and some snacks/treats for kids.
Local produce would be a great way to support the community.

I like the idea of basics plus some local items and fresh fruit and veg.

Basic items: bread, milk, cheese, ham etc and a few wines and beers etc,

Essentials would be great, things like bread, milk, eggs etc. Maybe a tuck shop style of sweets with it being over the road from school would be nice for the kids. (Miss the old fashioned 1p and 2p sweets you could pick at the corner/village shop).

Basics - bread, milk, juice, crisps & sweets
- kids miss that kind of shop. Maybe a little bit of pet food. Alcohol would be good.

Essentials eg milk, bread, teas bags

Basic goods, locally sourced goods, baked goods

All of the above sound real possibilities

Milk bread basics really

Locally produced items and basic essentials.

There is a real danger selling individuals home grown produce. There are both tax and health and hygiene issues.

As above

Basic foods

Possibly a small range of frozen foodstuff.

Not so sure about this

Basic items
Locally produced goods

Staples, some treats maybe ice cream cakes, maybe excess produce from allotments stamps.

A mixture of local produce and well priced necessities

Just the basics ie milk, bread, sweets, ice creams that people will run out of and pocket money treats for children after school. No one is likely to need a full weekly shop full of items or deli items that are expensive and available from to an extent from South Muskham

Basic essentials and local produce with pop up local craft and wares

Everyday essentials and seasonal products.g

Just the basics / emergency items. Opening times will be key. Often need something like say horseradish sauce to go with the Sunday evening roast and have run out but not able to get into town. Should be open until 8pm each evening I think.

Don't compete with Muskham Pantry. Selling homemade preserves, etc is a minefield you don't want to go down. They can be given away freely but not sold without complying with a wealth of regulations.

Doesn't seem to be anywhere to raise a general comment/question so I'll put it here... where is the shop to be located? I strongly believe it should not be 'run' by 'church people'. Needs to be 100% independent.

Basics, bread milk veg papers etc

Staples like bread, milk, cheese, eggs, a good freezer selection, fresh fruit, jams, tea/coffee, veg, ready meals, sweet and savoury items. Animal foods, dry goods staples, household essentials. No artisan goods unless they are cheap/affordable.

All groceries and basic household items, ice cream, fresh bread and cakes, vegetables and fruit.

As above. We did have a shop that sold all of the above and more, but it was under used and therefore closed down.

Yes a shop definitely, general day food items, magazines,

General store where people can supplement what they forgot to get. Produce for the elderly

Bread, eggs, butter, milk, cheese, fruit and veg

Everyday essentials plus chilled meals and fresh produce

Bread, milk, drink, basic food supplies for all families

Ice cream in the summer

Takeaway coffee/tea

Also it could house a parcel pickup/drop off point

The above is all good as a bit different to Muskham Pantry which is just up the road. A place that supports local businesses too is a great idea. Essentials would be a great idea, those items you often run out of. Could we offer something like Norwell Village Hall does and have a visiting post office once a week? I often prefer to support that, than go into town where you have to battle traffic and parking fees. Having one in the village would be great for both villagers and local businesses that send out parcels. Could there also be a parcel drop off and collection point for such as Evri, again a service that many of us have to travel to Newark to use.

Basic essentials that are people are gonna need when they run out. Not anything posh or bistro or delicatessen if folks want that sort of thing most of them can get on the bus and go to Waitrose maybe a selection of some newspapers because people like to have an excuse to go out for a walk and buy a paper . Wine, beer and spirits. It shouldn't sell any tobacco or Vapes. Some general stuff like Bens paper envelopes and maybe things like fuses and a few lightbulbs and things that you might just suddenly miss, superglue and birthday cards. It would be sensible not to overstock it with too many different ranges to keep costs down. If we think about those things that we suddenly realise we want and then we could just pop to the shop and see if they've got it. Basic food items some tin stuff maybe some frozen stuff too fresh bread fresh milk, butter eggs, cheese. But not overdoing it and buying loads of stuff that people don't want there's a lot of workmen who come through the village but would like somewhere to go and buy a pasty.

As
Above
Listed

The basics at a reasonable price

Bread, milk, baby milk, pet food, fresh fruit & veg toiletries magazines and newspapers sweets and biscuits

Just basic items

All above

Local produce and crafts. Longlife bread, eggs, milk, stamps, confectionary, cold drinks, biscuits, nappies, baby food, some tinned food eg beans, tinned tomatoes. Could there be a charity rail of secondhand clothes, or a shelf with second hand books on?

Everyday essentials
Robins Nest a good example

Milk bread etc.
Alcohol
Essentials

Bin bags; cleaning sprays the basics that you might run out of and are a necessity

A range of things from local businesses

Everyday essentials

Local produce/crafts
Second hand goods

Milk, bread, bacon local eggs, wine, beer

News papers... milk... fresh eggs
Maybe fresh vegetables... people will still do their main shop at Asda, Aldi and alike. It's the bits you want that you have to travel to get
Serve the elderly who perhaps don't drive ... what are their needs?

A fully stocked shop that has to buy in food items with a sell by date could potentially run at a loss as the stock would have to be purchased in advance and could go out of date causing wastage and items such as milk and bread would have very little mark up. The safer option would be to keep it as a cafe selling a few non perishable snacks and any items offered for sale should be on a consignment basis IE the supplier would only be paid once the item is sold and risk of leaving the items on display in the cafe would be at the owners risk - not the cafés risk.

Fresh local produce, vegetables and home made cakes and jams. Essential items such as milk bread and eggs

The basics as mentioned, nothing too fancy, that's available in Newark

I like the above but not sure how many times people would use it.

Basics, bread, milk , veg

I would say basic daily ingredients but I see a potential problem in cost with items like butter/milk etc. in addition to the facilities mentioned it would be handy to have somewhere to sharpen garden implements like shears etc.

Basics, dont go over the top. Local produce where possible.

Necessities eg milk, bread, meat ect
Sweets/chocolate for children

All the items mentioned above would be good, but essentially, milk, bread, papers. The Muskham Pantry has proved to be popular so this would benefit our our own village.

Basic essentials and think above idea are great too

Everyday items

All those items listed above

Thing like milk , bread , sweet and chocolate for the kids

You have a massive range

Tea bags

Coffee

Sugar

Cereals

Milk

Biscuits

Bacon

Cheeses- don't have to go too fancy

Pizzas

Crisps

Bread

Pasta

Beer

Wine

Definitely prosecco!!! This village wouldn't survive without prosecco.

So much more could be added but also depends on size of space.

Basic food items as above. Really annoying when I run out of milk and have to drive to get more! Link with allotment and local produce eg honey, eggs and jam would be great.

Products with a long shelf life such as Ling-Life Milk. See earlier suggestions re aggregating orders of people needing help shopping.

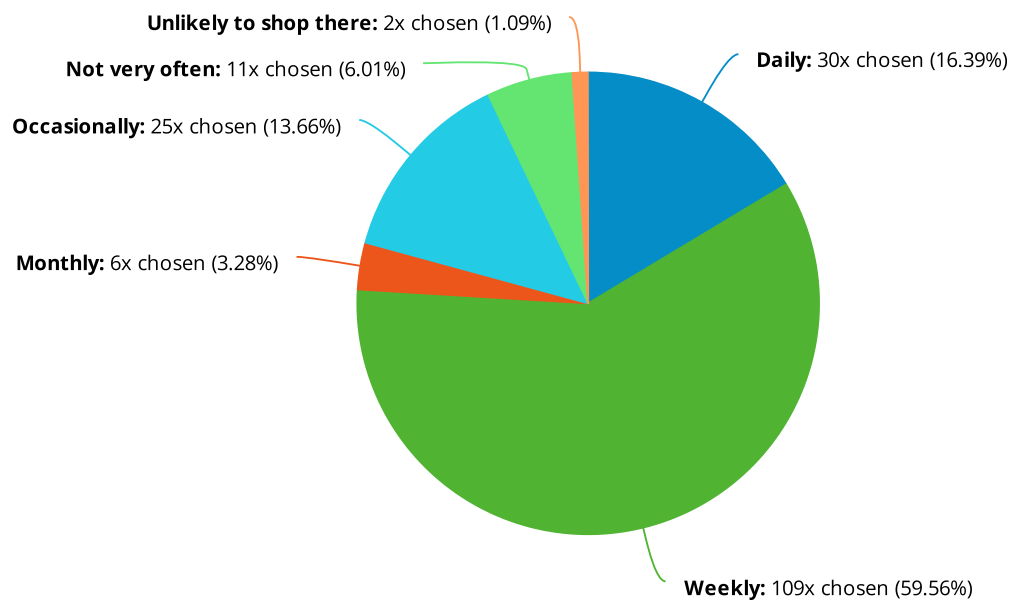
Locally sourced and/or essentials. Its would be good to provide a space for local businesses to sell their products, particularly small sole traders who may no be able to get their products to a wider market. These could be seasonal. Equally, having seasonal pop-ups means we could serve community with swaps such as toys, jigsaws etc.

Milk, bread

local produce eg eggs, honey, vegetables, milk. Basic tinned goods that won't go off.

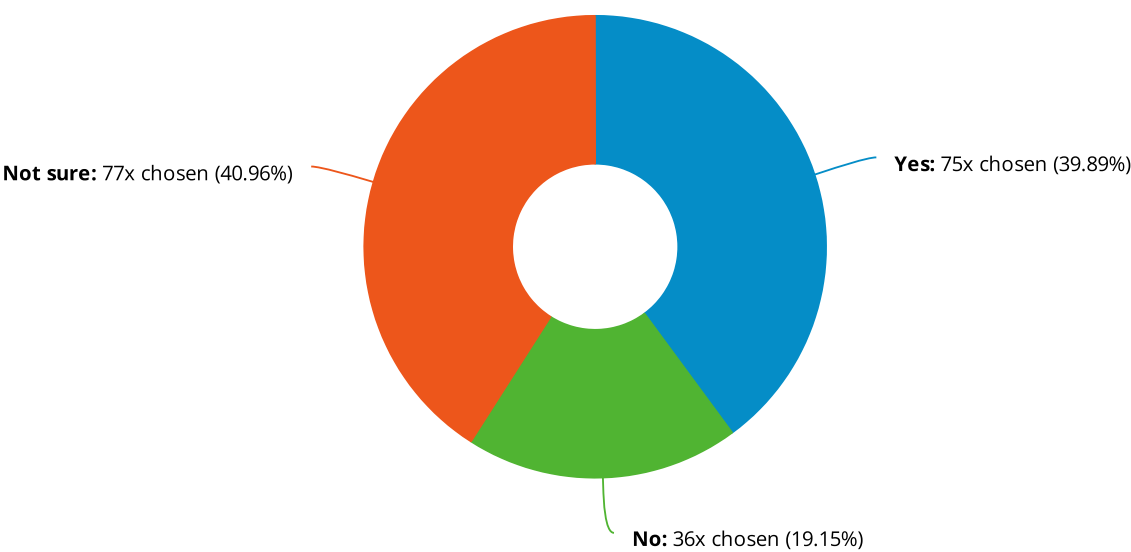
7. If you think the Shop is a good idea, how often do you think in reality you might shop there?

Number of responses: 183



8. Do you think you might invest in the Community Benefit Scheme?

Number of responses: 188



9. If so, and without obligation, how much might you invest?

Number of responses: 82

Text answers:

Approx £100
100
£500
100-200
Unknown at present.
100
im not going to invest because of my age
Not known

250

200

20

£100

£20

£100

£100

Not sure

unsure but 2 people would definitely want to invest

£50

£100

20

20

£100

I'm very sceptical about this aspect of the proposal, and (given that both PC and MRCC struggles to get local people to come forward for election) the 'elected management board', would, i fear, become problematic. No plans seen, uncertain legal position, and 'separate entity' all problems for me. If the village as a whole decides to support this proposal 'its' important that it succeeds ... in which case, i would make some investment to help it succeed £1000

£100

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not much

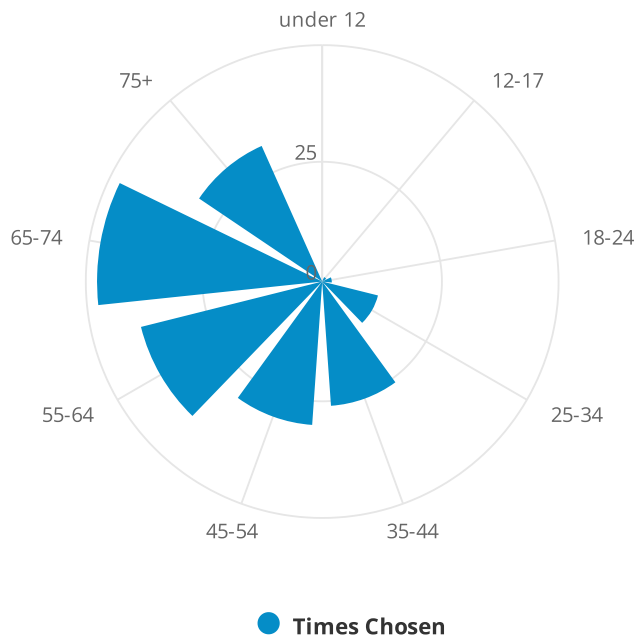
50-100
500
Not sure
I'm not sure what this part means, is this a one off payment or multiple payments (annually/monthly).
20
100
£50
500
It depends on when it is needed. Later in the year I might have a little more money. But no more than £100 as this is all I can afford.
20
£100
£200
£1000
£20
£20
200.00
£50
Depends on personal finances
£50

250
Not sure
200
Minimum of £100, maybe more
£100
A smallish sum £50 ish
Not sure but at least £100
£50
£50
There may be alternatives available to you, we should talk before considering Selling of the chapel
Depends on what the final thing is
£20 - £50
Not sure at the end.
Unknown depending on the plan
£100
£50
£20 - £50 (would love to do more but struggling with cost of living crisis)
£1000
20

The widows mite
200
Time and at least £1000
£100
£500
£500
Unsure
£100
Depends at the time.
£50
£500
Not sure at the moment
£50
Depends on terms - I would suggest you do make it advantageous to invest for a return as I would invest under those circumstances and you will likely get more investment
£100
£100
£100
250

Just last two quick questions: it would help us to know your age range and gender so we can better understand the needs and desires of different groups of people. 10. What is your age in years?

Number of responses: 188



and finally, 11. Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

Number of responses: 188

