

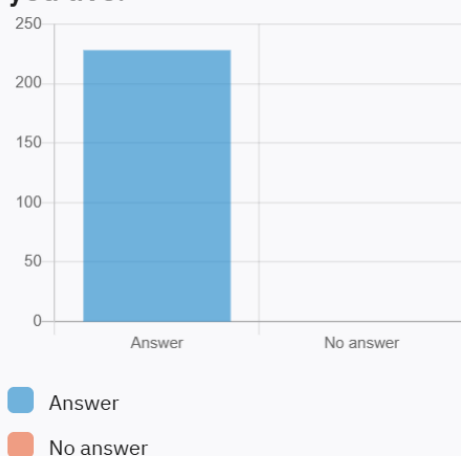
Parish Community Centre: Resident Consultation 2025

Results of the responses

Responses received	Responses outside Parish area	Responses analysed
202	3	199

More about you and your household

Tell us what postcode in which you live.



Specific area:

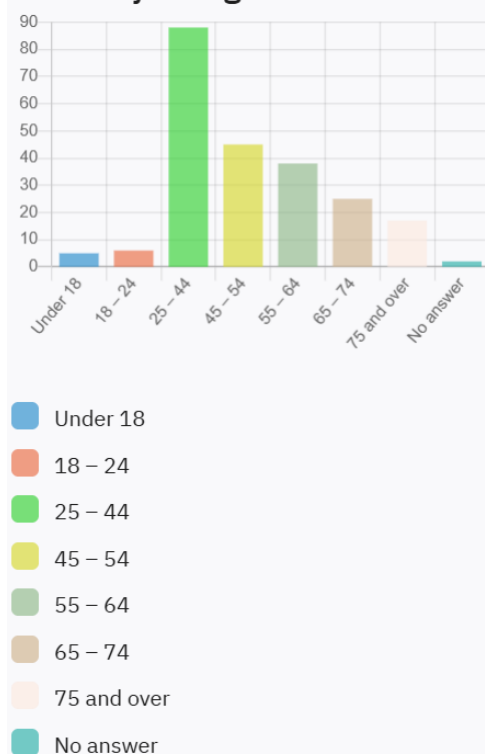
- Lawley - 139
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- Dawley Bank - 8
- Newdale - 6

Total = 190

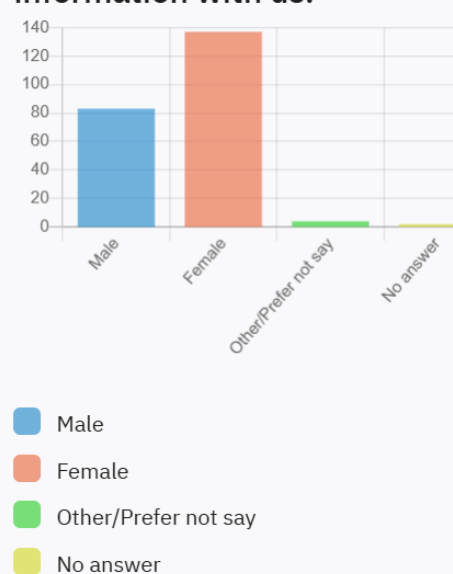
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- postcode answered as TF3 = 3
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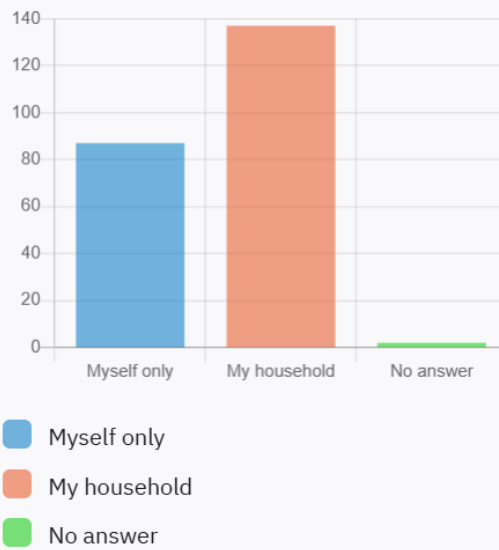
What is your age



State the following gender information with us.

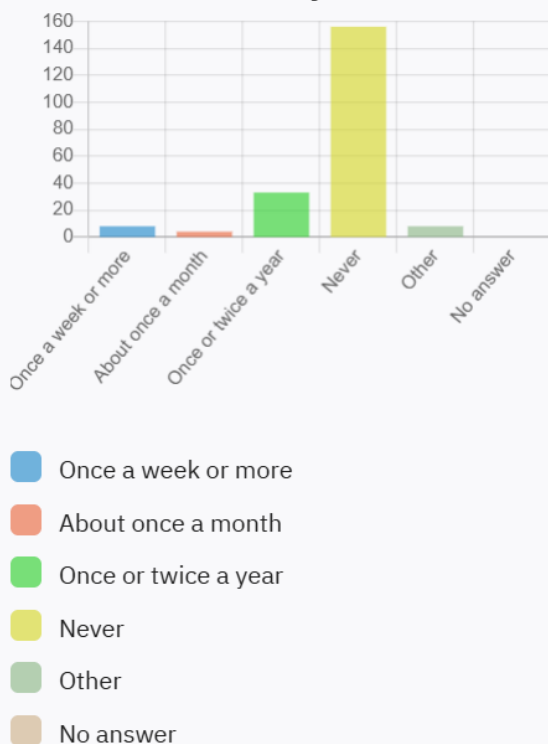


Are you submitting this response on behalf of yourself or your household?



More about living in Lawley & Overdale Parish

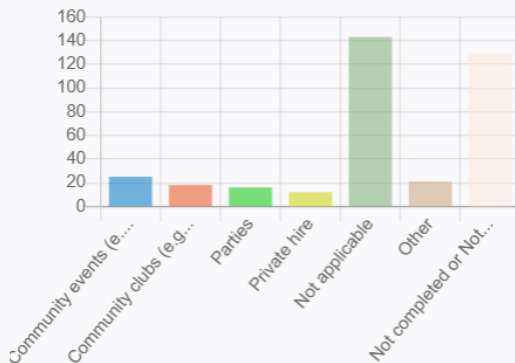
How often have you used the existing Lawley Community Centre in the last year?



If you answered 'never' to the above question indicate why you do not use the Community Centre.



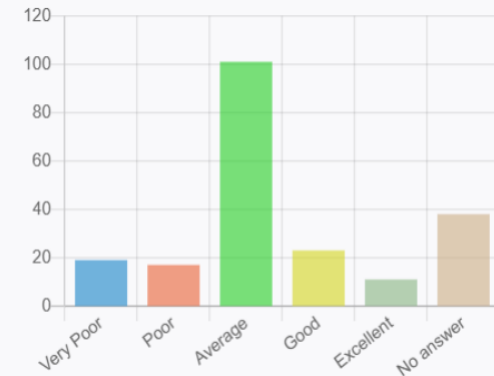
Which of these activities have you or a member of your family attended at the Community Centre?



- Community events (e.g. over 65's Christmas dinners)
- Community clubs (e.g. Brownies)
- Parties
- Private hire
- Not applicable
- Other

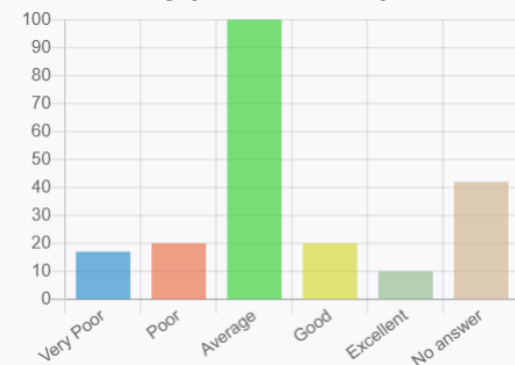
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What is your experience of the current community centre's facilities? [Parking]



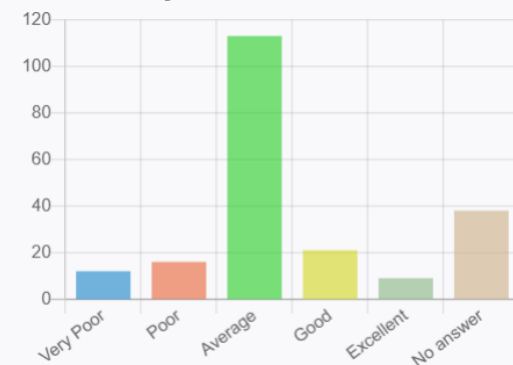
- Very Poor
- Poor
- Average
- Good
- Excellent
- No answer

What is your experience of the current community centre's facilities? [Access by public transport]



- Very Poor
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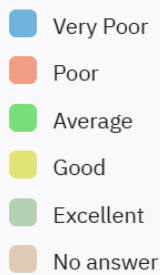
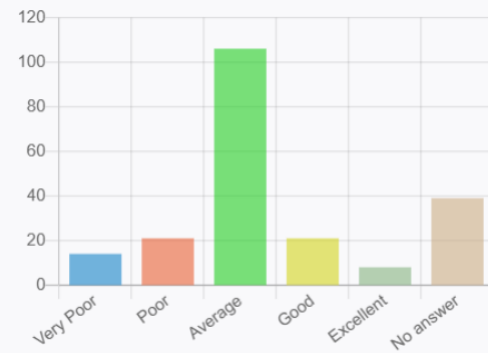
What is your experience of the current community centre's facilities? [Assembly Hall]



- Very Poor
- Poor
- Average
- Good
- Excellent
- No answer

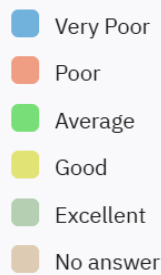
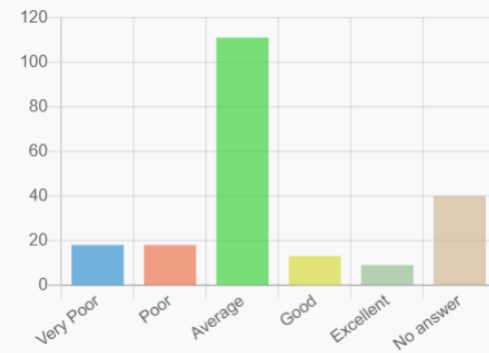
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[Layout and available space]



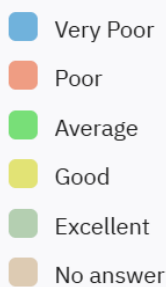
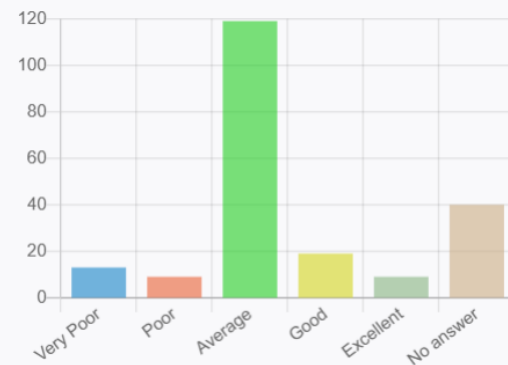
What is your experience of the current community centre's facilities?

[Capacity for booking & events]



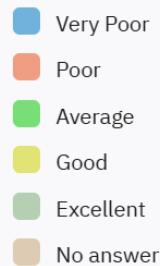
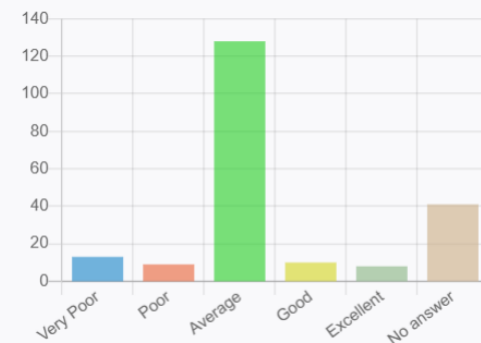
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[Disability access]



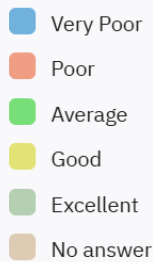
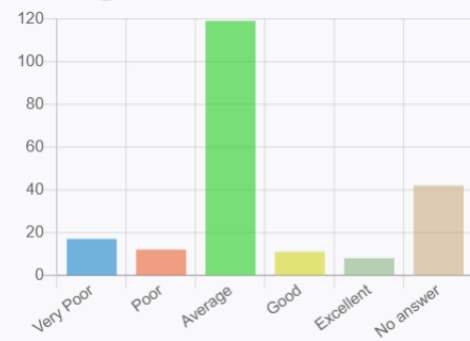
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[Kitchen facilities]



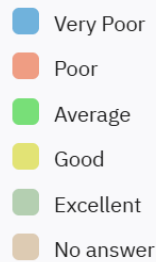
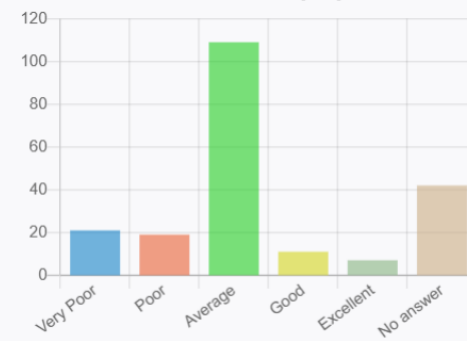
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[Storage facilities]



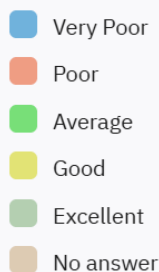
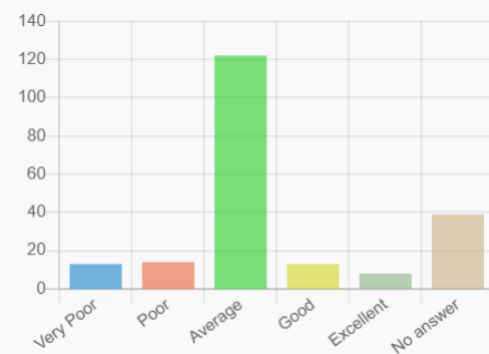
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[Wi-fi & TV/Audio equipment]



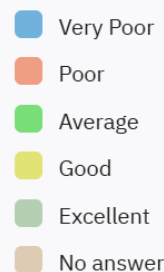
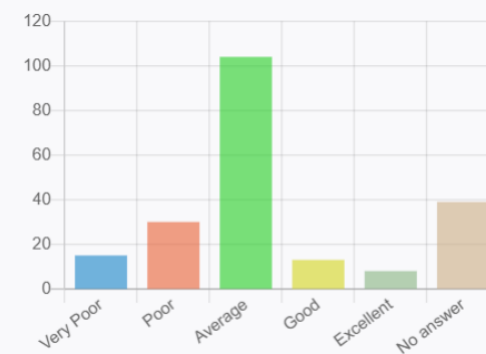
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[Toilet facilities]

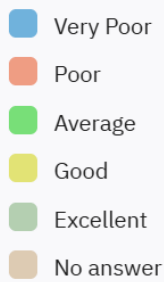
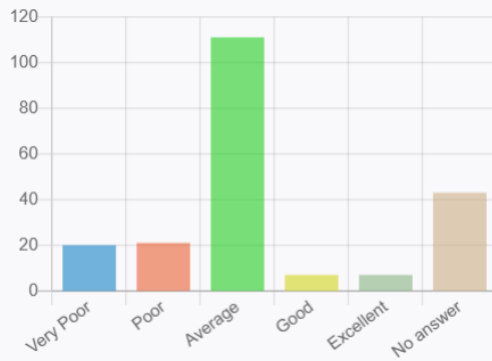


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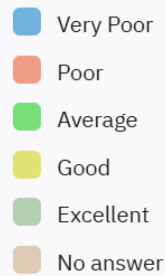
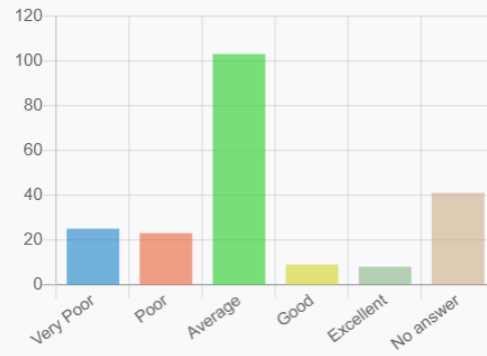
[Interior decor]



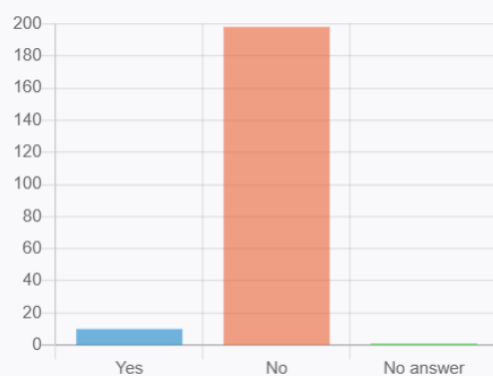
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[Energy efficiency & sustainability]



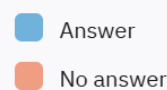
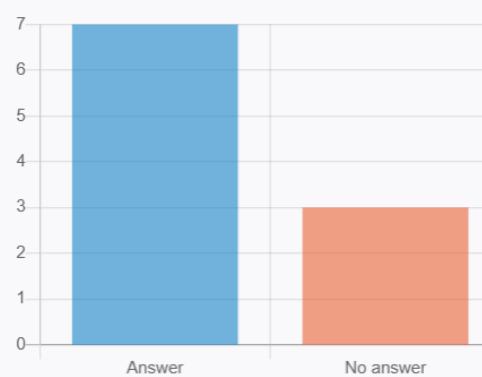
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[Outside space]



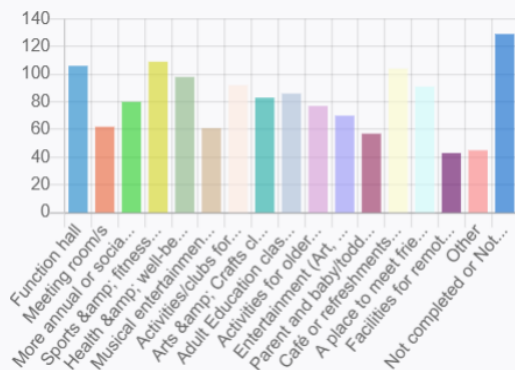
Have you enquired about hiring the Community Centre, but it has been unavailable?



Give details of when you enquired about hiring the Community Centre, but it was unavailable



Which of the following activities would you want in the Community Centre?



- Function hall
- Meeting room/s
- More annual or social events
- Sports & fitness classes
- Health & well-being sessions
- Musical entertainment/dances
- Activities/clubs for children and young people

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- Activities/clubs for children and young people
- Arts & Crafts classes and workshops
- Adult Education classes and workshops
- Activities for older people
- Entertainment (Art, drama, dance, music & film)
- Parent and baby/toddler activities
- Café or refreshments and snacks
- A place to meet friends locally
- Facilities for remote working
- Other
- Not completed or Not displayed

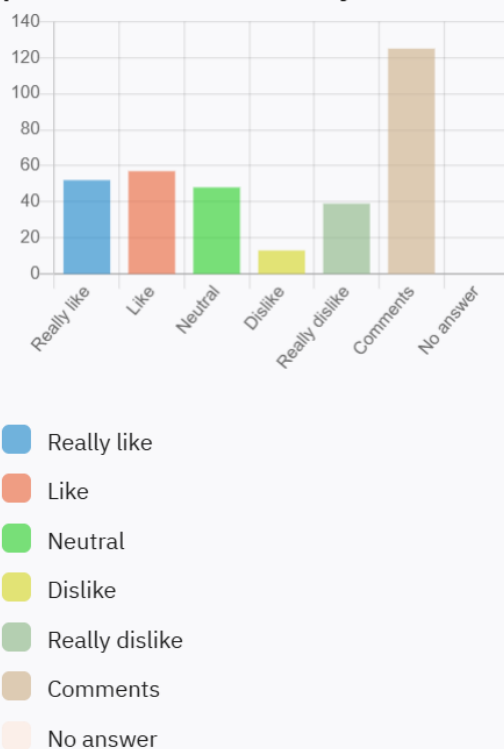
- Can't answer as we do not know what is already available
- Potential base for a local basketball team
- A stage for productions
- Craft, makers and antiques fairs/markets. Private hire for parties for children
- Anything that would be available to the community if they wanted to use & meet people
- Stuff for teenagers (15-18)

Would you use the facilities of a public cafe if one was installed in the new Community Centre?



- Good accessibility features. Kitchen and cafe adjacency.
- Café - one serving beverages, lunches - i.e. sandwiches, hot lunches, afternoon teas. It appears to be with added bonus of a lift.
- It's much needed! A community focused café that gave paid opportunities to people needing the experience - eg school leavers, people with SEND, care leavers, people coming out of prison.
- Love the idea of a cafe & social area
- Not a franchise!
- Make sure the cafe area is a good size. Think about outside seating (smokers).
- Casual, relaxed coffee, snacks, paninis, sandwiches, breakfast and cake.
- I like the cafe having that seating option allows somewhere to sit while events are on and get a snack or a place to catch up with friends.
- Could create some community spirit and give people, especially young people somewhere to meet up.
- coffee/ small refreshments.
- Maybe make the kitchen bigger and not have the cafe allowing all groups to prepare their own drinks and snacks without the costs of staffing the cafe.
- Be good to have a local central hub. Good cafe will always be a bonus. Morrisons is poor, tables often not clean, coffee just okay. Tea in china cups (charity shops have loads) would be bonus.
- Coffee shop with cakes and sandwiches. Independent or small local business. Not corporate.
- Cafe area too small
- Kitchen for the large hall is not big enough to cater for larger functions
- It seems quite adequate with cafe/bar and nice seating area.
- Cafe too small for all the equipment required unless hatch through to the kitchen to share dishwashers, etc.
- Could create some community spirit and give people, especially for young people

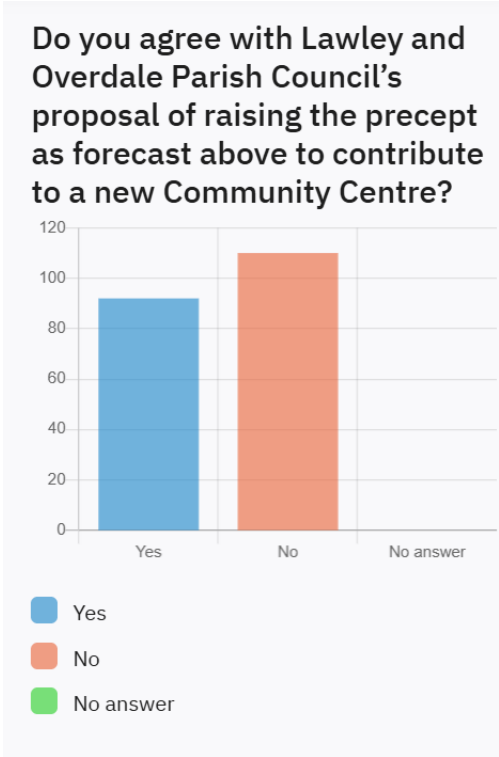
What are your thoughts on the plans for a community centre?



- Not used the current one, so not likely to use the new one
- Lawley already has a centre and should be just updated. Use existing buildings like schools and Morrisons café or the old people's home
- Extra cost to households via Council Tax
- Money should be spent on highways, (secondary) schools and more GPs and better public transport
- Pay Council Tax and Stewardship Charge for "estate management", street still unadopted, nothing gets done
- Don't agree with a 40-year loan
- The road will not cope with excess traffic and will take the only bit of green space left
- Concerned about the noise late at night and impact on my family
- Will affect the skyline and view, cause light pollution, more rubbish and parking problems
- Wrong location. Bryce Way is a residential area, find another area
- We have already had to put up with construction from the school
- What percentage of Lawley are expected to use it? I suspect very small
- Just another way to waste money, vanity idea
- There are places in Lawley, Overdale, Lightmoor, etc that could be used
- Reduce property value and we were not told about this when we bought our house
- Should not be a Parish Council office
- Waste of money, you do nothing about speeding

- Great design – lots of functional space
- Welcome addition, as poor room hire availability across Telford
- Multiple rooms needed to allow more than one user at a time
- Looks good use of space, modern and flexible could provide real value for residents of all ages
- Great layout, location and facilities
- Kitchen for large hall is not big enough to cater for large functions
- Flows nicely
- Ideal for community, so long as consideration for parking – yellow lines,
- Hope for many events to attend, especially with family and friends
- Support the principle as the current facility no longer meets the needs of the Parish
- Vibrant hub that supports wellbeing, inclusion and local activity, good for youth engagement
- If done well the project can more than a building, it can become a shared space that reflects and strengthens the whole community
- Ensure meaningful community ownership
- Like but use existing plots of land, the Carpenter Centre is often forgotten about
- Plans look really good
- Consider wood or brick exterior, render is tatty
- Potential for a good community asset but consideration needed regarding noise and times of use
- Fabulous development to help the community come together and for residents to hold their own functions
- Should have the potential to be sustainable – solar panels, rainwater collection, EV chargers, heat pumps
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition and enforcement of disabled bay parking
- SEN hub to create an inclusive and supportive environment. Perhaps a eco/sensory garden
- Flat roofs are 10yr problems, sloping are better
- Remote working spaces and quiet areas to allow students to study and option to pay for printing
- Smart building with flexible space and in a much better location than the current centre
- Good accessible features. Kitchen and café adjacency
- Like but need a bigger hall for indoor sports such as cricket.
- I go to lots of groups which are hard to get to and it would be great to have them here
- If I could find a carer for my wife I would use it
- Might be easier for use to get to and more disabled friendly

Building a purpose-built building



Do you support Lawley and Overdale Parish Council’s proposal to build a new, modern, and fully accessible purpose-built community centre?



You answered no, please tick one of the boxes to give your reason below;



- Should be funded by the Lawley Development Group – as a commitment by the builders for a community centre, which was supposed to be in the school but the school does not permit this due to safeguarding
- Wrong location
- Concerned by the size of the facility and noise pollution continuous use it will create
- We're already lumbered with giving BVT our money for nothing
- More work needs to be done to engage community in the project before commencing build
- Modernise the current building instead of wasting 3+million
- We should not have to pay. BVT charge too much, and the council tax is already a fortune
- When household budgets are already stretched I find this insulting to ask residents to pay for this
- The developers should be paying for this alongside the money promised to Lawley and Lightmoor by the labour council in the elections 6 years ago. We shouldn't have to pay extra.
- I would prefer a leisure centre rather than a community centre
- The poll tax already paid is too much so would not like to pay more
- I have not benefitted from the current community facility, nor will i from the proposed, i have lived in my current address for over 19 yrs and not benefitted from this . So NO, i do not want to contribute to this proposal nor do i support it. But that said, this being a Labour council, you will do what you want anyway and dismiss the thoughts from residents. just look at the 'Lidl' being built on green land
- This area has many buildings than are not used to their full potential. Schools, nursery, community halls, etc. Schools should be community hubs for everyone. Often left empty, evenings weekend and holidays

Conclusion of results

1. Specific areas and their respective responses to the questions

Location	<u>Agree</u> with the proposal of raising the precept as forecast and <u>support</u> the proposal to build a new centre	<u>Do not agree</u> with the proposal of raising the precept as forecast and <u>do not support</u> the proposal to build a new centre	<u>Do not agree</u> with the proposal of raising the precept as forecast but <u>support</u> the proposal to build a new centre	Total
Lawley	59	64	16	139
Overdale	2	2		4
The Rock	16	6	5	27
Old Park	4	2		6
Dawley Bank	6	2		8
Newdale	3	3		6
TF4/TF3	1		8	9
Total	91	79	29	199

The percentages of responses that are wanting a community centre, regardless of precept increase or not, is 60.3%.

2. Reasons for not agreeing with the proposal of raising the precept and/or building a new centre and address by the Parish Council

Reason	Address
Location – other areas should be considered	- Sites such as the Newdale pitches and Lidl would have been preferred but have been earmarked for years - LOPC approached Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) for potential sites, but none are available due to earmarked development
- Cost: - Too expensive - Residents already pay a charge to the Stewardship provider (in Lawley) in addition to Council Tax - The s106 money, part of the planning condition for community use, should be reclaimed and used	- The projected cost of the build is a forecast and does not include any grant funding which LOPC will access, thus reduce the overall expenditure - Projected income from the centre is conservative and expected to be higher - LOPC to continue to review and re-evaluate its service/contracts to determine better value for money - The centre would be built by LOPC and is intended to be used by all Parish residents across the whole of the area - The Parish Council has no recourse or remit for this
Concerns regarding extra traffic, parking, noise/light pollution, further construction	- Reports submitted as part of planning application to mitigate concerns include: - Planning conditions - Parking standards compliance - Design & Assess Statement - Transport Assessment - Street Scene Elevations - Acoustic Assessment - Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers (NEOs) attend Bryce Way as part of the school patrol

	• Request to TWC for further Traffic Regulation Orders • Centre times to be the same at the current location (no hire after 10:00pm) and no New Years Eve parties, etc
• The current facility should be refurbished, modernised and extended	• Enquiry to TWC to ascertain feasibility of extension, advised not possible as building is land locked
• Other buildings should be used, such as the schools, the Carpenter Centre, etc	• Use of schools would not provide access during the day due to school use, safeguarding, etc, as is the case with the current centre and would incur hire costs • The Carpenter Centre is a TWC building also with limited access, space and parking and it is part of a school

3. Other comments

Consideration/attention to be given to the following:

- Misconception of the precept and Council Tax, what they are used for, etc
- The need to distinguish the role and responsibilities of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council/Telford & Wrekin Council and those of the other organisations who operate within the Parish area
- Better communication required using a range of methods to ensure full coverage
- Appetite for additional activities other than those currently provided by the Parish Council and at varying times (during the day, evenings and weekends) to assist with mental health and wellbeing
- A need for sensory/family classes for children/adults with Special Educational Needs (SEN), possibly a hub
- Access for users with impaired mobility is essential (several residents have offered further input with this), not just for the new centre but for the Parish area as a whole
- Opportunities for work experience and volunteering across all demographics
- Social isolation continues to exist