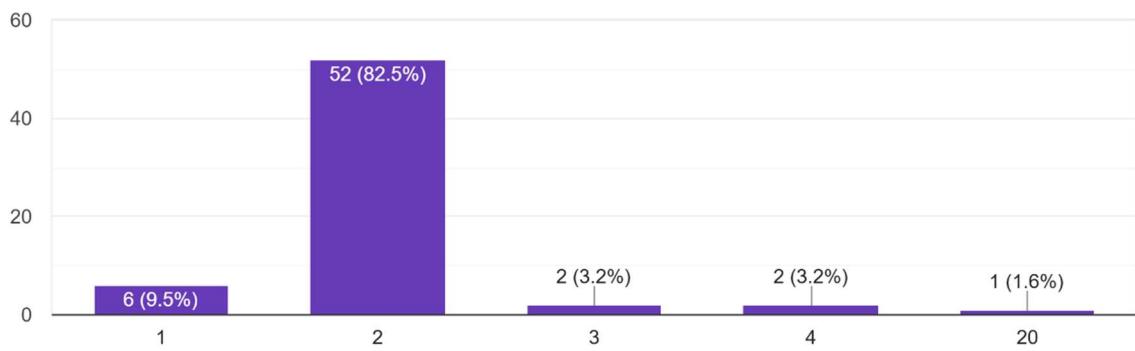


USE OF THE PAVILION BY THE WIDER COMMUNITY

VILLAGE RESPONSES

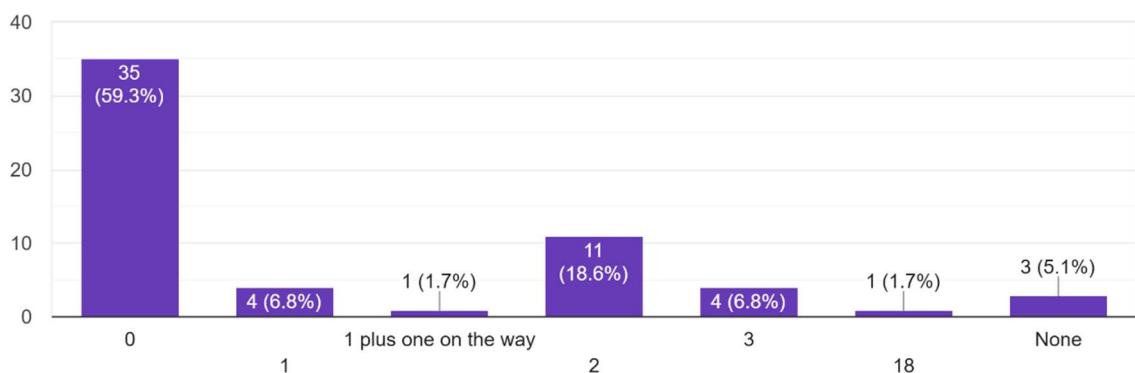
Number of adults

63 responses



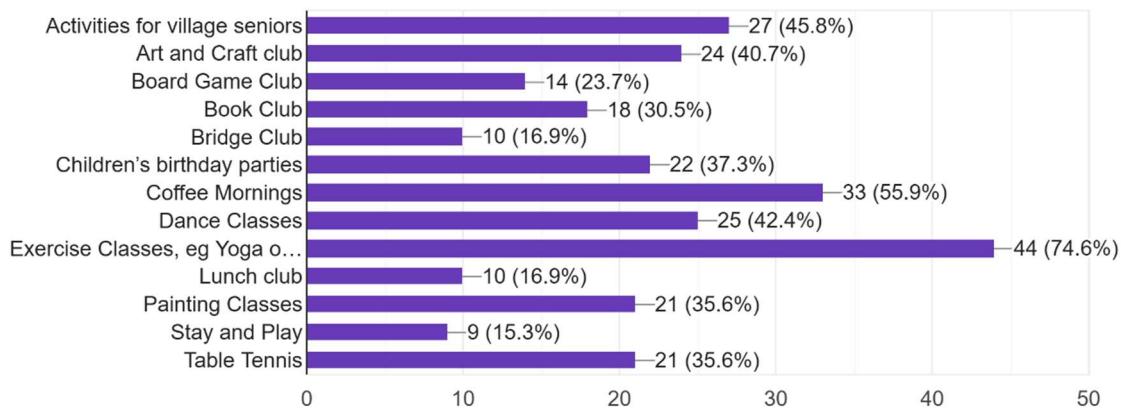
Number of children (under 18)

59 responses



Please tick all the boxes which are applicable to you and which you would support. It is important that we have a realistic idea of which activities we would like to undertake the necessary administration.

59 responses



Other suggestions:

Please add any other suggestions you have in the box below. Each one will be considered by the Pavilion Working Group.

21 responses

- Basic psychology / stress management / counselling
- Free use for Preston Primary School. This school needs significantly more help than the Cricket club does
- Snooker &/or Pool
- Youth club during holidays
- Wedding reception venue or adult Birthday parties
- Strength & Balance Class
- Older children birthday parties (supervised!)
- Talks (all subjects)
- Not interested in any of these clubs
- What a list of possible uses you have suggested, it's like Preston is stuck in the 1970's! Have you considered a shop / bakery / café - serving proper coffee - not instant coffee served at coffee mornings from the 1970's. How about a band practice / recording studio? A repair shop, film club, gaming studio. Having no parking is a hugely limiting factor, a solution should be found if the desire is to increase the size and usage of the pavilion otherwise you will never get enough people using it and it will always be just a cricket club pavilion.
- Gardening club

- Extend usage hours and if necessary provide external lighting to accommodate this, otherwise it will have very limited usage especially in winter when it's the most difficult to get to due to the boggy ground.
- Gardening Club, other card games e.g. Whist Drive, Sewing Club
- A community cafe
- A play area for children would be amazing as the only one in the village is hard to get to and not localised for all the village.
- Kids community hub to use
- I would not be interested in taking part in any of the activities listed above.
- None of the above. We would regularly use a coffee shop, serving good quality coffee, and shop stocking locally sourced products
- Does the Parish Council and the Working Group believe they can raise enough money to fund this project
- Adult party venue
- Business Meetings, conferences,

Comments:

Please write any comments you have in the box below. Each one will be noted by the Pavilion Working Group.

25 responses

- We support the idea of extending the pavilion. I can offer support to the working group - volunteer advice on structural engineering for the extension works.
- Current provision for female athletes is poor. With improvements and the addition of a women's club team, I would hope to see facilities improve to provide the same level of provision for both men and women, including with consideration of any ECB regulations.
- Free use for Preston Primary School. This school needs significantly more help than the Cricket club does
- I think a morning/afternoon/evening game of snooker would be popular but hesitate whether it is viable due to the space required. It would limit alternative uses at other times.
- Being semi retired and in my early 50's, I feel I would support and use the cricket club more if it had some activities on in the week that would be stimulating and socially beneficial to me and some of my friends.
- During the wet winters, the boggy ground could be a problem. The internal floor in the new building would require protection. Removal of shoes before entering

for example. Consider safety of people walking across the wet outfields whilst it is dark and perhaps slipping over.

- Also some interest probably in a few of the other options listed in this questionnaire
- Women's changing facility and shower
- Would be great to have a space to hire like that in the village
- It would be nice to have some activities for children/teenagers. When the grants were given for the new pavilion they were meant to encourage sport for girls, so it would be nice to see something like a girls football team, or rounders or something.
- If anyone wanted to run arts and crafts, book clubs (some of us have done this but in the comfort of our own homes) activities for seniors et al then they would already have done so given the village hall is available every evening after 4 and weekends and school holidays, plus the Primary School plus the Church. Surely there are grants available to bring the pavilion up to standard without having to offer it to clubs etc that will start and then die out due to lack of volunteers and interest as has happened in the past. The cricket club is big enough in numbers now to organise and run fund raising events without the help of someone using it as a 'vanity' project. I am quite sure the majority of us in the village would fully support any fund raising done by the cricket club.
- The Cricket club is a large part of the community and therefore better and updated facilities would be of benefit. However for extended usage for the Village, access is clearly an issue with the building being several hundred yards away from the road. Parking is also an issue and whilst we appreciate that the Cricket Club do park in the summer the ground would be easily destroyed over the winter months if parking was allowed all year round.
- We are not into cricket, and therefore have never been in the pavilion, but the setting is so nice, that we would welcome the chance to use it (given how functional the village hall is)
- Thank you, an admirable project.
- What a list of possible uses you have suggested, it's like Preston is stuck in the 1970's! Have you considered a shop / bakery / café - serving proper coffee - not instant coffee served at coffee mornings from the 1970's. How about a band practice / recording studio? A repair shop, film club, gaming studio. Having no parking is a hugely limiting factor, a solution should be found if the desire is to increase the size and usage of the pavilion otherwise you will never get enough people using it and it will always be just a cricket club pavilion.
- Provide a proper track and some car parking, otherwise none of the above will be practical especially in the winter.

- It is a shame that evening use of the pavilion is not being considered. I understand and support the dark skies policy however that does mean that residents cannot make their way using torches as they do to reach the Red Lion, Church and the Village Hall after dark.
- Hugely supportive of creating a flexible community space in the village. Even though we wouldn't likely use it on a regular basis due to other commitments, if there is a nice space there, it will get used. Also a thriving cricket club benefits the wider village - the pavilion at Lucas lane transformed Hitchin. Preston's would obviously be a smaller scale but still impactful. Is there any option to get access from the main road in the opposite corner?
- The use of the Cricket Pavilion has been discussed many times in the past. The question of access always prevents us from using the facility. Motor car use is limited and pedestrian access is difficult. It requires the individual at this time to walk across the recreation ground in all weather conditions. Unless there is an adequate path then the uptake will be very low. Suggest that an access is formed at the nearest point from the pavilion to the road and permanent car parking and pathway are constructed. It would also be necessary to provide an adequate pathway from the village to the new facility as it is dangerous to negotiate the road for a pedestrian from the green to the pavilion. Lighting is a problem and ground fittings could be installed to 'light the way' these could be switched off when not in use to preserve the light pollution requirements.
- As above. A play area would be amazing
- The site of the current pavilion severely limits accessibility and usage; no parking, external lighting etc. If a new, larger pavilion is an option, a relocated building closer to the road would create a more accessible and usable community space. In its current location the pavilion will always be just that; a cricket pavilion. It would be a mistake to extend a building for 'other' uses that is already so compromised.
- What is your budget for the extension and/or a new pavilion and where is the money coming from? Having no parking whilst increasing the size and usage of the pavilion is not sustainable. Proper provision for parking should be part of the plan. Moving the building closer to the road and entrance gate would make it far more accessible. What provision will be made for renewables? What planning advice has been sought? What timescales are you working to? Do you have a business plan? Will residents be paying for the new facility? A larger cricket club will create more traffic and more parking issues in the village. Who will pay to maintain the building? Do you have volunteers ready and willing to set up the various clubs you suggest? I thought the village hall had been refurbished for 'other' uses. How popular has this been i.e. do we need more space for yoga /

Pilates etc? Who is in your working group? What experience do they have in planning and building community facilities?

- Every day of the year, walkers, dogs and children make use of the recreation ground. They use it safe in the knowledge that the main gate is padlocked, and that unless it is a cricket day, or during maintenance to the grounds, that traffic will not be an issue to compromise the experience. As it stands, it is a wonderful community amenity. I believe the list of organised potential activities offered by the Parish Council, along with their associated vehicles, threatens this highly valued space in several ways:
 - Increasing the usage of this valuable community asset will lessen the value to those for whom it is already one of the gems of the village. Whilst I am fully supportive of improvements that might be needed to the pavilion, in order to reflect the outstanding achievements of our cricket teams, I feel that activities such as a book club, arts and crafts, children's parties etc. really don't need to take place in our sports pavilion and, furthermore, would potentially be invasive and threaten the smooth-running of its current usage. Would such activities not be more suited to the village hall?
 - Whilst I note heavy type for 'This project is looking at extending the use of the pavilion and no changes are proposed for the Recreation Ground itself' it seems likely that by allowing the pavilion to be used for non-sport-related activities, changes to the recreation ground will inevitably occur, especially if traffic was also able to cross the field to enable these new bookings. I believe the recreation ground – along with the pavilion - should be protected from any vehicular use other than vehicles associated with its use for cricket.
 - The pavilion end of the recreation ground it is already susceptible to becoming boggy in heavy weather. Daily use and vehicles would no doubt soon bring about a quagmire to this designated green space.
 - Many village homes back onto the recreation ground and whilst the sound of a cricket match, along with walkers and children, might not be problematic, parties and regular activity workshops would create quite a different level of noise and nuisance.
 - The cricket pavilion, along with the rec. has always struck me as beautifully cared for by both players and associated grounds people. I can't imagine that situation will continue if the rec. and pavilion are used by a multitude of other groups.
 - If this project is necessary to enable some further village funding, might the need for those funds be questioned first? Conservation and preservation of the village have taken a beating over the last few years and

it would be sad to see further development that could compromise such a valued aspect of the community.

- I am too frail to take advantage, but I think it is a good idea
- sounds like a great investment!