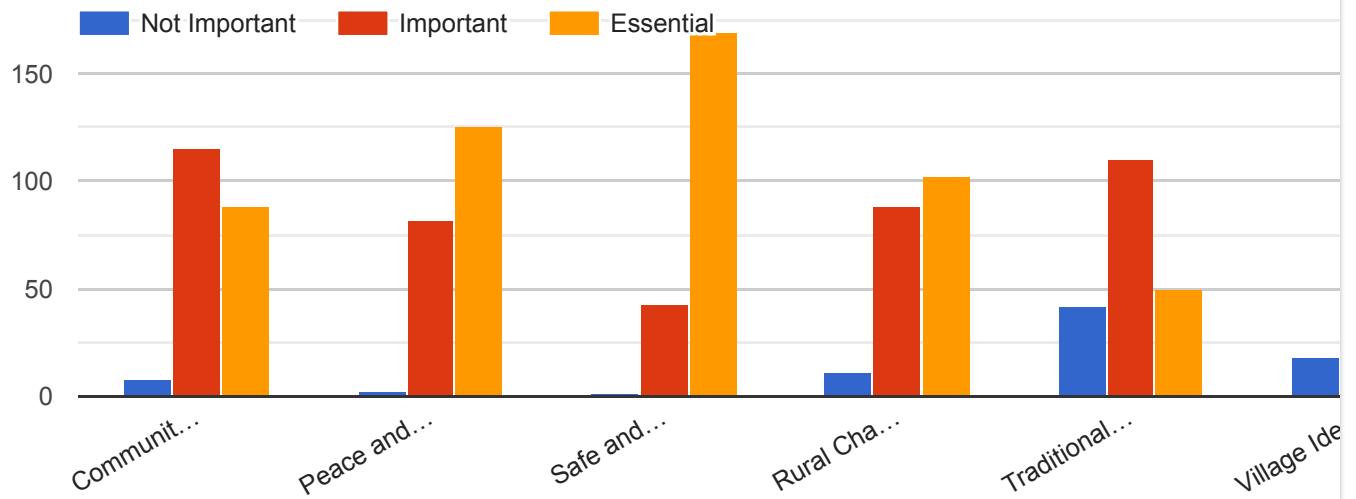


Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

221 responses

Question 1. Village Statement



What else matters to you?

66 responses

Considered development not to spoil the village

As essential to the community spirit is the ongoing success of the village shop and Cross Keys pub.

Countryside and country views.

Transport, the bus is pretty non existent. Cash point. Shop to open longer hours.

That a village hall , fit for purpose was available.

Ensuring that the village remains a village, unlike a lot of other local villages that continue to keep growing in size due to more and more houses getting built. Keeping Redgrave as a traditional English village is very important.

Keeping The Keys open and successful

The ruralness of the village.

That development is varied and steady. No large developments. A variety of housing stock.

That the housing development reflects the diverse styles existing already within our village. That the housing that is developed is affordable and attractive to families and brings new people to our village. I believe new housing should reflect a 'green' environment and should consider eco-friendly solutions.

As I get older, things like regular public transport through the village will become important to me.

That the spate of inappropriate planning applications is stopped.

being able to get doctors appointments without waiting weeks

keepimg it a village

There is a need for a "vision" of where the village will be in 20 years time and what it may look like, only then can we consider what is needed to get there. This survey focuses on the detail of what people think today without understanding the vision. I moved into the village 25 years ago and at that time there were many people my age (late 30s). There are still many people my age in the village (early-mid 60s) but far fewer in their 30s. This indicates to me that Redgrave has an ageing population which I believe will continue to be the case. If that is correct we need to plan for that. I suspect that there is little that can be done to change it as the nature of the community is the result of much wider socio-economic conditions over which the community has no control.

preventing the village becoming town in 10-20 years

Small size, green spaces and cleanliness

Conservation of local habitat for wildlife and access to green spaces

preservation of habitat, and access to green spaces.

Diversity of age

No thought appears to have been given to industrial or commercial development, this is essential to create jobs and sustain the village

What do you mean by rural nature of the parish and what development to meet the needs of the village do you propose to turn Redgrave into a small town?

that Redgrave retains its village stars without losing its identity

This village lost its community spirit 25years ago at the same time as it lost the majority of items identified in section 1. The population has aged and nothing has been done to replace facilities.there is little in the way of employment and continue to get an ageing population as youngsters leave to be

replaced by retirement age. Maintenance will have to be funded by taxes and the voluntary population will decrease.

5. Mix of styles has worked well to date and simply needs care in the future with less prescriptive listed property "control" on detail by MSDC planners

9. Development of services and community facilities essential to match new building developments

Pavements should be cut back to enable elderly, families and mobility scooters safe passage. the pavements are about 1/2 width due to failure to scrape back vegetation

Living in a village not a small town or joining to the next village by building houses. being able to get a doctors appt without having to queue at 7.45am.

Openness and neighbourly help and consideration

community spirit is so very important. the feeling that there is someone who will help if needed. A Friendly smiling face is so welcome.

Maintain the rural nature of the centre of the village and preserve the knoll

More could be made of the knoll- exercise machines, events etc. Also I think we should look at closing down the short cut from churchly to the street that goes passed the cross keys- in summer it is an accident waiting to happen!

The amount of vehicles going through the village

Too many lorries taking a short cut route through the village from A143 to A1066

Heavy traffic through the village which has got worse since the expansion of gressingham food and will continue to get worse

Redgrave has totally lost its identity there are no characters that made the village a place to live

What matters varies according to time of life. So what was important 20 years ago is not the same as now and will be different again in 10 years.

Traditional style houses are important on the street front but not important behind the street

Shop. Village Hall, Pub, Public transport

The main road through Redgrave is dangerous, due to heavy lorries/farm vehicles travelling too fast. The entrances to the village are very dangerous, and we've met vehicles on the wrong side of the road.

How many Redgrave residents are locals, barely any: so development is not important

Don't understand Village identity, it's formed by the other things listed. don't work but if they are going to live here they already have a car

Inconsiderate parking

Safe roads through village- traffic awareness and consideration for traffic restrictions(HGV) and speeding control measures

The roads, the dangerous bend on The Street near FEN street no paths.

Raising Family / Access to Work - Not Applicable

affordable housing for local families

Keeping a friendly village where people smile and say hallo. Helping each other and understanding when they need to make a noise etc. Keeping the volunteers happy in there work and thanking them for all the time they spend in the shop or pub etc. even on questionnaire like this. Thank you from me anyway.

The unacceptable volume of heavy goods vehicles through the village. Timber built houses getting shaken to death with traffic vibration. Local authority needs to address this issue seriously (i.e. weight restrictions and traffic calming methods)

To ensure the village and all its aspects remain a village in the future.

Too many trucks.

Noise from Gresswells.

A growing village keeps it alive

Care of trees

Keeping the conservation status of the village and not allowing overdevelopment to ruin a beautiful village.

Something has to be done about the HGV vehicles taking over the surrounding roads. Gressingham Foods should be accountable. They alone are the cause of taking your life in your hands if you use Redgrave Road to South Lopham!

Keeping meadowland and fields as wild and green as they should be in a rural village where the countryside is disappearing fast and is, like in the rest of the country, irretrievable (very). Conserving natural habitats of wildlife, including flora and fauna.

Environmental considerations in planning decisions - it would be great if Redgrave could commit to being carbon-neutral or get all its energy from local renewable sources.

Sadly the peace and tranquility is often disturbed by the large lorries going through the village.

Facilities & Social Activities. NB You need a 'Don't know' or 'Not applicable' option on questions.

A cheery 'hello' from fellow villagers always brightens the day - long may it continue

Safe roads and pathways.

Access to essential services - doctor, food store, dentist and health services

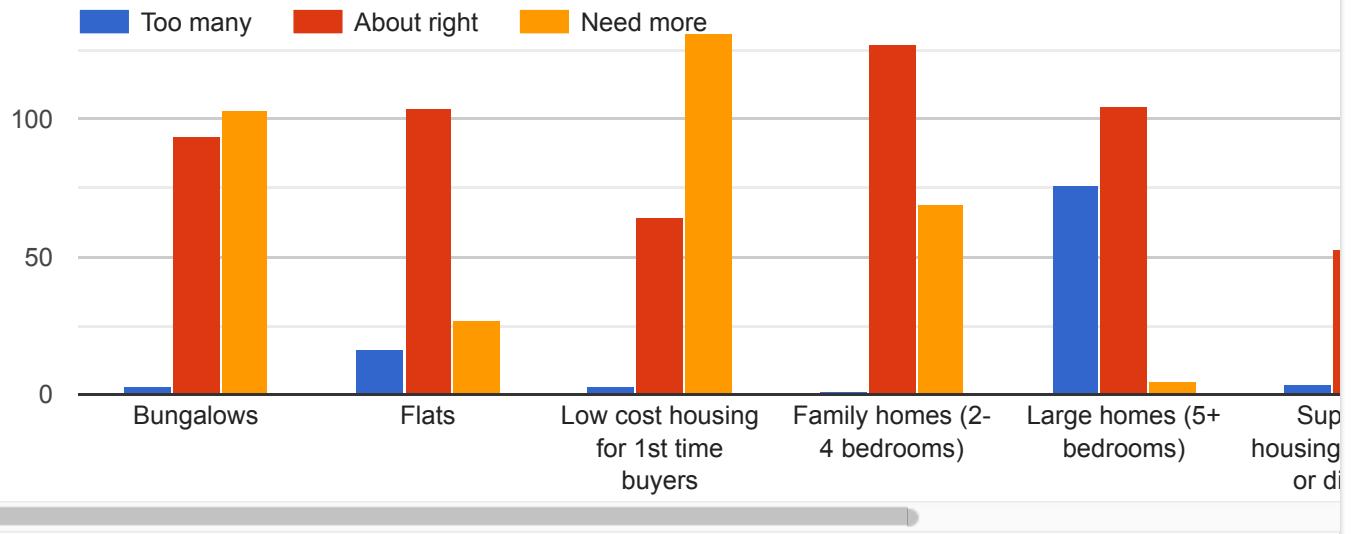
To keep Redgrave a small village, to retain its reputation of friendliness

Activities in the village

A village where the natural world is fully integrated into the village infrastructure - where biodiversity and the environmental green infrastructure is complemented by the heritage and rural landscape.

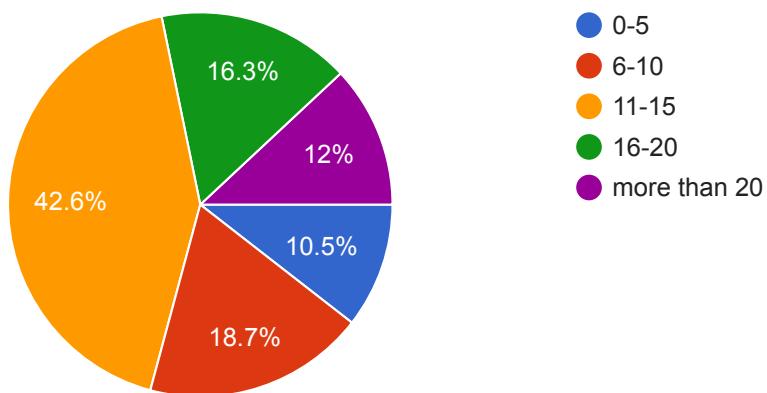
Resources for all ages of the community, where children can access parks and woodlands safely

2. Housing. What are your views on current housing levels and types?

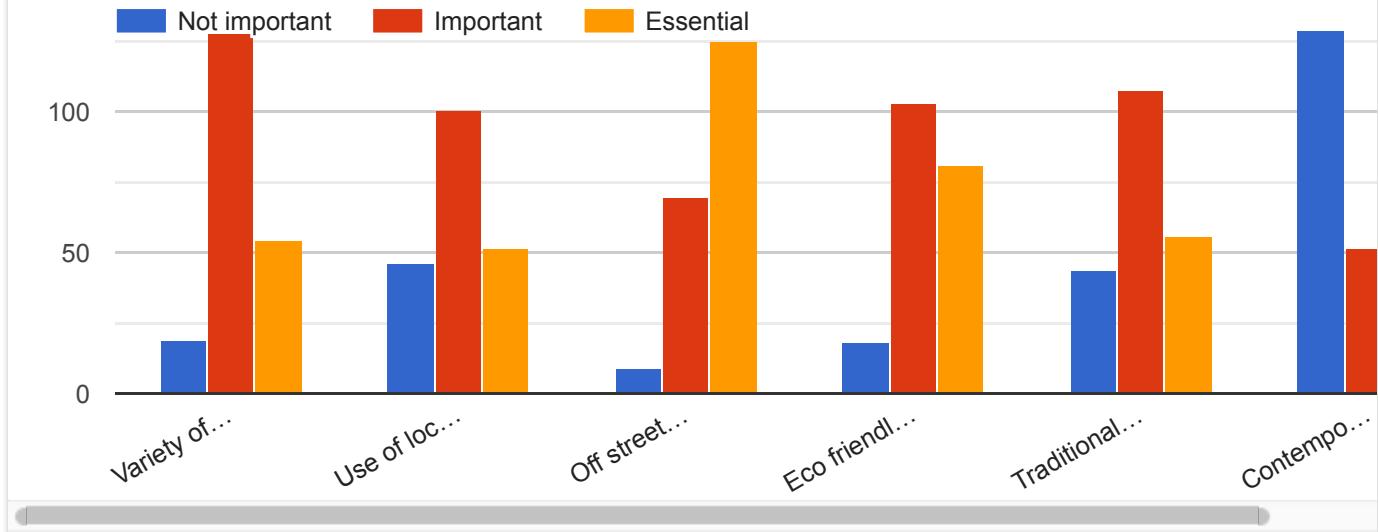


3. Building development. How many new homes will be needed in the next 20 years? The existing local plan suggests that villages like Redgrave should expect to grow by approximately 12 homes)

209 responses



4. Preferred build features



Further comments about housing

75 responses

Building in keeping with the local area

To retain the character of the village it is essential that a variety of housing types should be made available but that they should all reflect the designs of existing properties and be sympathetic to the image of a rural Suffolk village---- and not be the sort of design imposed on our countryside by architects/ developers who believe estate boxes are appropriate for a pretty rural village such as Redgrave.

House style should complement the houses in the immediate vicinity. Houses on the Main Street through the village should not detract from the traditional rural character.

Flats and congregational houses would ruin the traditional aesthetic of the village.

We need to imagine what our future needs might be, not attempt to freeze Redgrave in time. At present the needs of older and particularly wealthy residents are being met. The village needs to accomodate younger people who cannot currently afford housing and do more to accomodate those with increasing support needs.

I think you need to have a combination of refurbished properties and interesting eco architecture

Starter homes/rental homes should blend in with surrounding houses, too often they look unattractive, a bit more thought should be put into the designs.

I do not know enough about the level of supported housing for the elderly, rental homes or holiday

accommodation within the village to comment on these.

The character (and charm) of the village is largely set by the traditional housing styles and build, and their seemingly casual placement that complement one another and the physical location. The tensions between the maintenance of this apparent informality and designing the Neighbourhood Plan, that by definition aims to regulate and control, will be difficult.

Keeping Redgrave as a traditional English village is very important. New houses need to keep in with same style as others, but at the same time we are a village in the countryside. We need to ensure we keep this and not build on any available piece of greenery.

No high density, edge of village development please

I believe that Redgrave is at risk of becoming over populated if too many new housing developments are made.

Would support Landover Estates proposals off Church Way.

We should be using as diverse materials and designs as reflected in past developments in the village. But emphasis should be on sustainable materials and environmentally friendly constructions and carbon neutral running.

Eco-friendly should be considered over all other build features. We need to attract new families who will consider the environment and who will benefit from the savings that an eco build will bring. There are too many 5 bed houses with only couples living in them, unfortunately these houses, although beautiful, are not always affordable! The recent new builds on churchway are fantastic but I think we could aim to offer housing with a bit more variety and with the emphasis on low-carbon, eco-friendly aspect.

There is a disproportionate number of larger detached houses in the village. We live in one of these types of properties. We love Redgrave and would like to remain living in the village into old age. But there are not enough smaller properties or bungalows for us to downsize into. There is definitely a need in the village for more properties at both ends of the market e.g. for first time buyers/renters and single storey or assisted housing for the elderly.

infrastructure not here to accommodate more houses and traffic it would bring

Too many people want "quaint" cottage style housing whereas modern contemporary housing tracks the progress of the village and society as a whole. Conservation and progress need to march hand-in-hand.

The correct housing in the correct place. Sympathetically designed and with regard for other houses and people.

where are the homes to be built? the proposal for 5plus bedroom houses is hardly in keeping with the village

Most residents don't want too much building otherwise the character of the village will be gone, also, school and health centre will not be able to cope with extra residents. The bus service would need to be improved. what about jobs for extra people coming into the village. If they don't have cars how will they be able to get to them?

we don't know what the need is as we have been in the village only a short time

Housing styles should compliment existing properties. No large developments that the local doctors will be unable to cope with

New housing needs to reflect the character of Suffolk and fit in with the conservation village. we do not want to see bland brick boxes in a beautiful village. Examples of character references needed in new

builds: Suffolk cladding, brick and flint, porches

Groups of 3-5 houses would fit into the village structure far better than large groups

Ask the PC why they did not oppose current proposed defeats. They haven't a clue. Housing devote must consider roads, employment, transport, schools, community facilities, entertainment, hospitals, shopping facilities and costs. Costs must not be organised by PC. Too many have personal interests and no village interest. The population needs to look further than the boundary and consider development areas in Stanton, Diss etc as this affects local housing.

The village should be allowed to grow with infill housing only to allow facilities and amenities to grow with them. estates should be permitted only in towns/villages with facilities to cope. traffic through the village is already a problem.

Lived here all my life. don't need or want more houses building is eco friendly and the land we have should be kept to grow food which is what is really important, roads are not big enough to take the traffic we already have let alone more infrastructure is not good enough.

Section 2.

Two bed props. - definitely need more.

Three/four bed props. - about right

Rather than conventional flats, 1 and 2 bed maisonettes might be appealing.

Section 3.

The village has increased by around 40 properties in the past 20 years so an equal number over the Plan period would not seem excessive.

Section 4.

Contemporary design should be limited but not excluded.

more bungalows would allow older people to downsize and free up larger housing for growing families

low cost housing brings the wrong element to the area

Please keep the character of the village as the Street is so lovely- allow infilling in closes or beyond what were the council houses opposite the village hall.

American style bungalows with wide front doors, fewer but larger rooms, are far more appealing and practical for the disabled and older residents than cramped accommodation. No flats- lack of maintenance and not in keeping. Do not need offices as mentioned in the introduction.

In my view the proposed plan for land adjacent to Charters Towers is a nonsense and we must continue to oppose it at all costs. The only sensible place for major development is on the land next to the playing fields, but this would probably require road widening where churchly meets the knoll, with the knoll inevitably decreased in size (unless we could block the short cut and extend the knoll as far as the pub car park entrance).

Bungalows for the elderly. The 4/5 bed houses can then be passed on to families.

Don't know how many supported houses, rental homes or holiday accommodation

The local plan shows 12 houses over the next 20 years and the result of the survey will be most likely the same (as a similar survey 2 years ago). That means one house every 2 years. 12 increase on 220 housing stock is 5%. It will therefore be mathematically impossible to significantly change either the character of the village or mix of housing types and every proposal will still have a unique set of circumstances. From single houses there will be minimal infrastructure levies benefit the community. The neighbourhood plan will cost more than £6000 of public money. That is £500 per house. The risk is that we will have spent public money asking people preferences when we know we are unable to deliver them.

Houses owned by housing associations on the whole are not looked after by the tenants

Housing for the elderly, would enable more of us old people to stay in Redgrave

How many Redgrave residents are locals, barely any: so development is not important

12 new houses is a very moderate expectation for the next 20years. I've put 16-20 but I suspect that more will have been built by 2040 unless we are looking for 0 population growth. We can't be too picky about the style when land is so expensive. Flats sound inappropriate rental homes are inevitable but holiday accommodation is a sign of approaching death.

This is a quintessential English village and as such should be developed with that in mind respecting the historic nature of the place

New housing must consider: 1. off road parking 2. charging panels at the home for eco vehicles 3. housing fit for purpose especially for young families with growth in mind, 4. need to encourage younger couples into the village. 5. infrastructure for transport needs (bus service) with bus stop strategically placed for safe embarkation/disembarkation/bus shelter required

We do need housing for young people so that they don't have to move away. homes that they can afford and new homes should include solar panels

NO MORE HOUSING!!

Small infill only.

Continue to resist large scale development on outskirts of village. Apply pressure on owners to maintain/repair their properties in order to preserve aesthetics of village.

Building further houses demands that the infrastructure is also suitable.

We would hope that all future housing developments, should there be any, would be in keeping with the village as it is a conservation area.

Any new housing should be consistent with the existing density and scale. Speculative development such as for holiday chalets and off-grid eco-pods should only be supported by the parish council in the most exceptional circumstances.

Enforcement of planning regulations in respect of mobile homes/caravans occupied on a full time basis should be more robustly applied.

In my view housing types and styles need to match existing designs as much as possible so that they blend in. No more than 2 levels for instance. Roof tiles and brickwork to match those used so far. Definitely no more contemporary designs.

The current needs for the village are for people wanting to downsize into smaller, more manageable homes (bungalows), social housing, especially to give young people the opportunity to remain in the village. Some sheltered housing for the less able, so they could also stay in the village

It's important that growing families can stay in their village to be near parents. Keep families together.

We would like to see interesting, high quality design rather than run-of-the-mill housing estates.

Consideration must be given to sensible access for Emergency Services

I live in a listed building, yet all around me are plastic windows, in old and new properties. I am bound by strict listed conditions, yet I see around the village many breaches of these conditions. If this is allowed to continue, the integrity of the village will soon be lost. Stricter planning rules, in all aspects, need to apply.

Not qualified to answer the question about the number of new homes needed in the next 20 years.

We don't need more houses - there are plenty of empty buildings across the country. Eco houses are generally ugly and not in keeping with the beauty of the countryside / local architecture. We need to preserve the countryside! We cannot get it back - they are not making more land. We live in the country because it is a way of life. We need to work with the countryside not inflict things upon it.

Hard to comment on existing housing as I don't have a good enough feel for what we have - going forward we need to focus on a good mix to encourage families to come and stay in the village - also affordability.

No developments over 8 houses necessary in the village. Facilities cannot accomodate and enough traffic already!

Not aware that there are any flats at the moment or supported housing for the elderly or any rental homes. There could be a few contemporary homes but not in the centre of the village e.g. Manuka in Half Moon Lane is good. Reed House on the Knoll is incongruous.

Housing is a national issue. We need more affordable housing - will keep village vibrant and make sure local facilities are well-used.

Realistically the village is difficult for young families and singles - usually they want to live near to where they work or where there is a good bus service. It would be really good to attract more young people into the village but this is a major problem in every rural village.

No more large detached houses

If new houses are to be built - conservation of species must be considered in garden/borders. A recent example is a new build with an older hedgerow being removed to put up a laurel hedge is just sad; no more birds/corridor for them. Developers should have an obligation to maintain the rural nature and help wildlife where possible.

To keep 'infill' to the minimum and NO large developments

There are far too many mansions that accommodate people who are not local. We need to accommodate people with low incomes and families in affordable housing so that local people can live in their own village

All future developments need to be in keeping with the character of the village this includes building materials and the design. Energy will be a big part of our future so this must be an important view.

I feel more housing in the area will make it lose the village feel it's got at the moment. And make it busy for such a small village. Plus the doctors and schools don't expand with it, which makes it more crowded.

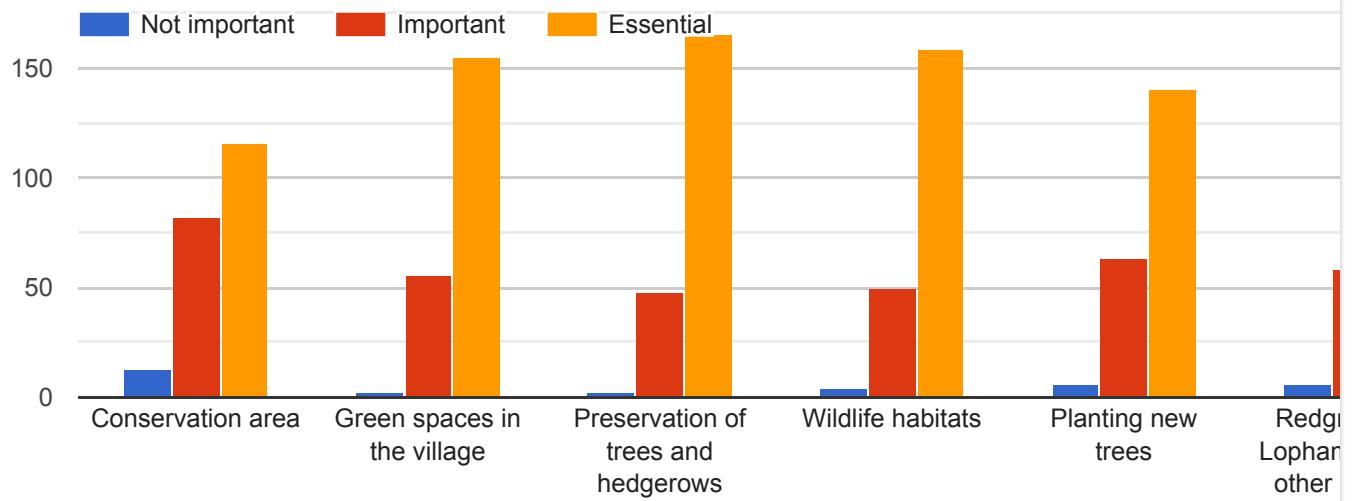
More affordable housing

Location is important- new houses within heart of village, close or within easy walking distance of amenities.

We don't mind some contemporary features, but think this needs to be in keeping with the village. We really love the array of houses in the village and the different character and features these bring. The most important for us is that they look nice and use quality materials.

All new housing development should deliver net gain for biodiversity through requiring planting of hedgerows and trees (on and off site) as well as having integrated bat boxes and bird nest boxes (for swifts, house sparrows, and house martins in particular)

5. Environment. How important are the following to you?



Do you have any other comment on the village environment?

44 responses

Important to dig out ditches.

more seating in the reserves would be helpful. a log would be brilliant

Development can be accommodated sympathetically without compromising our environment and landscape- it just needs some intelligent thinking which based on past housing development has been sadly lacking.

How does the duck factory benefit the village? Not aware of any employment taken up by local residents; it's environmental "contribution" is a matter for debate.

Love the green spaces. Would prefer some more walking routes clearly mapped out. Maybe a village route map which shows you how to get to the pubs and shops on foot

To make the village more environmentally friendly in the future all new housing should have at least solar panel energy and preferably, there should be a whole village ground sourced energy facility that can supply all dwellings as has happened recently in a village not dissimilar to Redgrave. This would have dramatic cost benefits to all homes and minimize air pollution from burning fossil fuels.

It is increasingly important that we manage and, if possible, enhance the natural and physical environment of the village and its surroundings. Positive and thoughtful intervention is likely to be required.

The growing number of vehicles that pass through Redgrave isn't great for the environment, but we currently have a nice amount of surrounding greenery and fields.

A community orchard on Fen At land would work well

Spoilt by heavy traffic using the Street as a bypass between the A1066 and A143

The "greeness" of the village is what makes Redgrave a desirable place.

Diverse developments with low environmental impact. More affordable family and new starter homes. Reduce lorry traffic and encourage cycle and walking by improving, repairing and maintaining footpaths and pavements. Open footpaths to cyclists. Less infill development and grow the village outward towards along Churchway.

*the reason for putting this is because of course, the conservation area that exists need to be preserved. But I feel the authorities needs to be open-minded of how new eco-friendly builds will protect also that and fit in with the surrounding environment. The architecture that exists is already varied and diverse but I worry that 'historical' buildings need to much maintenance and are high-risk, expensive buys. To bring younger generations to our village we need more attractive, affordable proposals.

I love our current green spaces e.g. The Knoll because they help to define Redgrave as an attractive village. The Knoll and the playing field are very well maintained so thanks to whoever looks after them.

fine as it is now

My favourite thing about Redgrave is the immediate access onto footpaths leading into fields, woods and the fens. I can always spot a number of deer.

The main concern that I have is the amount of heavy traffic which thunders through the Street at all hours and too fast especially coming into corners. I know that the duck factory is the main culprit but the Street is used as a cut through between 2 main roads for other lorries too.

do not agree with access to national cycle routes as it would not go down with this village because the roads are not safe re children playing and walking to local schools on their own.

it is noted that there is no mention of rubbish disposal or penalties for littering the countryside. what use is made of school facilities out of hours not only for sport but technical facilities

Is provision made in the plan for work spaces (business units etc)

Green spaces should be protected from building. wildlife habitat should be protected.

when I built my house in the 1980s we had to abide by the conservation laws. We built where there were houses that were demolished taking no new land. these laws were there for a reason and should not be changed or moved.

Keeping the character of the village and countryside atmosphere, whilst developing facilities, and allowing limited, planned development.

Very important that we keep our green and pleasant land and stay as an attractive village

Preserve the special nature of the village. It is NOT essential to have a blade of tarmac ribbon running the length of the village-people have not bought their properties "sight unseen" or "site unseen! Fewer lorries would mean far less damage to the road. We do NOT need more street lighting. Too much signage in the conservation Area which nobody seems to want to tackle.

The parish council should do something about the width of the footpath on The Street (next to the meadow). It is overgrown and impossible for two pedestrians to walk side by side. With all the lorries passing it is intimidating to pedestrians and you get wet / dirty from the spray from lorries and cars.

1. Safe footpaths through village. 2. safe and well repaired road surfaces 3. visible and effective speed

control measures.4. limitation of HGV vehicles through the village to reduce noise, pollution, vibration to road side properties.5. speed restrictions for HGV/farming vehicles to reduce above(comment 4)

Road surfaces on THE Street near the dangerous bend

Footpath maintenance. Verge mowing and maintenance. More benches throughout village. Village sign incorrectly sited.

We have recently moved to the village and even being here a short time, we have realised the importance of keeping all aspects of a natural environment and hope to participate in this in the near future.

Steps should be taken to ensure that visual amenity of the village is not impacted by properties where significant volumes of waste are allowed to accumulate.

In recent history it seems that we are only cutting down trees, no major planting. We need to preserve and improve our environment and trees are an efficient way of reducing CO2. We need to stop any development encroaching on our conservation area, which should be sacrosanct.

Maintenance of hedges and ditches, also ponds and drains. Culling of muntjac deer - a non-native species which are a danger to drivers and a pest to farmers and gardeners.

Green spaces are essential for wellbeing. We share the countryside with other living things. Planting new trees is all very well and good, but they cannot replace our ancient ones.

We would love to see non-car alternatives encouraged. Walking to school along the road is hazardous with the vehicles going to fast and to close to footpaths (equally footpaths being overgrown means its difficult to stay on pavements) - please consider traffic calming on 'S' bends at either end of village.

A serious lack of bridleways in and around Redgrave compared to other villages. In fact there seems to be an anti-horse riding feelings amongst farmers which is a shame as off road riding is much safer as there is less contact with traffic.

Verges and overhanging hedges, especially in the by-roads need more attention, as they are a potential danger.

Hedges need to be cut by roadside.

Let's be known as a traditional Suffolk village, where people are happy and respectful of their environment

Needs to stay natural

The village environment is the main highlight of the village for us. We love walking and being out in the countryside and would not want to compromise on this.

See previous comments

Proposed development should include additional environmental resources such as open greenspace, allotments, community orchards.

Existing public owned land (eg old school field) should be used to create a resource for the community rather than just left unmanaged.

Land owners with access to woodlands could offer access to land as part of any proposed development of other land units?

6. Village facilities now and in the future



What facilities would you like in the village over the next 20 years?

35 responses

Better roadside recycling

Use the Cross Keys!!!! Having successfully acquired the Cross Keys the residents must commit to supporting the pub otherwise it risks failing

Carbon neutral power generation/usage. "Smart" facilities.

More facilities. Cafe's that are child friendly and welcoming. More village events such as picnic meet ups in the summer.

A new village hall

A balance of facilities and activities for all ages and interests is needed for village viability. Some are needed to provide voluntary opportunities and others provide opportunity for permanent, part-time, temporary or casual paid employment.

When I was younger I always used to be on the small playing field on Half Moon Lane, however since the football goals and play equipment was removed, there is no reason for younger people to now go on there. Myself and friends used to love playing on this field and we loved having the choice of this playing field or the larger football/playing field. It would be great for this smaller field to go back to a smaller playing field with football goals, and playing facilities.

A regular bus route

I'm happy with the village how it is.

A bigger shop for essentials. Develops the play area a bit larger. Improve safer footpaths and pedestrian and cycling routes to neighbouring villages. Rebuild the village hall for more community based uses like children's facilities and groups and entertainment.

A rebuild of the village hall/amenities centre would be fantastic; it needs to be bigger and a regular timetable of events - we could hold a lot more children's groups (a mother and toddler group), care for elderly, exercise groups and charity events, film nights, christmas events. The playarea could do with being updated a bit more. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOOSE THE SHOP - it's fantastic. Perhaps a bit bigger, if it's moving?

As I mentioned previously we would like to remain in the village well into our old age, so any facilities to aid independent living would be useful.

as it is now, if i need something that isn't here i go to a town, don't expect a village to have everything a town has

same as it is now

many of the activities suggested were in the plan 20 years ago but fell by the wayside from not enough interest

we haven't needed or know about activities

Local power generation is an interesting concept. Needs exploring.

A new village hall to meet the growing demands of the village

Better village hall, village fete,

Benches/ seats around the village to enable people, especially the elderly to rest. Also to encourage people to meet, take a breathe and have a natter. Would like to see the churchyard cut regularly. it always looks overgrown. Perhaps a community council would be good.

Green initiatives such as allowing solar panels on grade II listed properties.

Pub dead, shop past it

Simple good quality meals at the pub, with perhaps more up market meals on certain days.

I'm pleased to see community organisations but have never participated myself that's why I have left so many blanks

I would like to be able to drive my scooter to the shop without worrying about the bend in the Street and uneven surface unfortunately I am housebound because of this. There is no nearby transport.

- 1) Replacement of shop/chemist at Botesdale Heath centre
- 2) Post office

Reliable super-fast broadband must be made available to ALL properties including those on the more remote outskirts of the village.

Most definitely need the pub after all the effort to save it. Other places to eat and drink not important but a nice idea. Better to have a proper village hall on land owned by the village. Childcare is available in Botesdale. A couple more benches would be nice. We don't have enough land to generate enough power for the whole village. People car share anyway - why make it a formal thing?

Why do we need more parking? There is always the village hall car park.

An outdoor gathering place e.g The Knoll where we could have an old-fashioned village fete, maypole dancing - this would attract people from surrounding villages and would be good for the pub. Decent benches on the Knoll would encourage people to sit and chat during the daytime. We definitely need a new village hall where there could be all manner of activities - exercise classes, dancing for adults and children, indoor bowling, badminton etc etc.

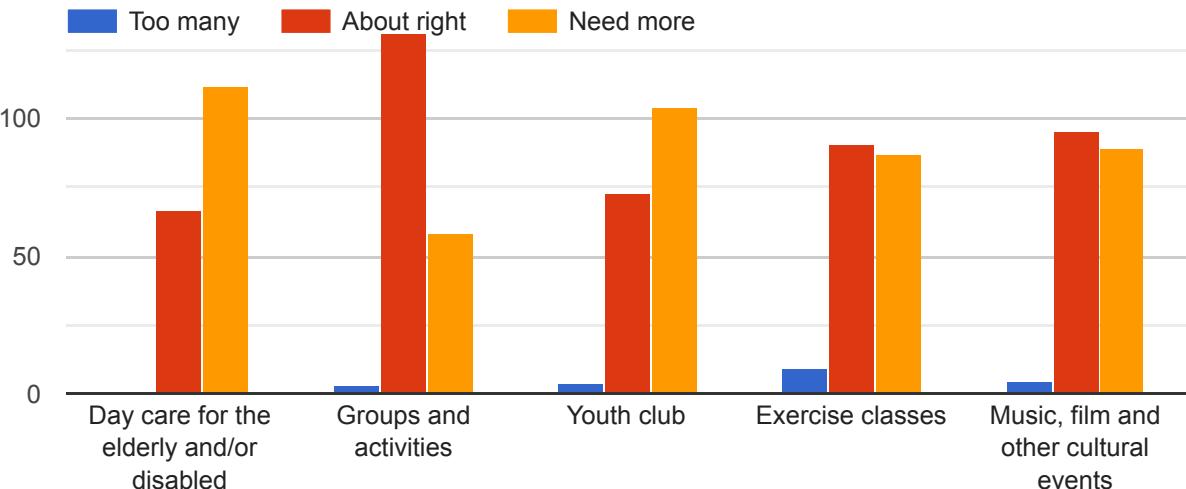
A new village hall. An orchard is a lovely idea. I think car charging points (maybe at the pub) will be essential.

We would absolutely love a tennis court and would use it frequently. We also think this would be really good way to bring the community together. We play in Rickinghall currently and have met people through this, but it would be lovely for this to have been the case in our village. We also would be really interested in there being opportunity for allotment space. We only have a small garden and would love the opportunity to grow vegetables and flowers. This would also be a selling feature if houses are built in the village with smaller gardens.

As for our responses above, all of them are good suggestions and it is hard to say what is more or less important. In terms of what is most essential; we suppose it just depends on how things evolve naturally in the community and for this to be needs driven. Supporting opportunities for younger couples and families would be important for us, as we are a young couple.

Decent pub

7. Village activities now and in the future



What are your ideas?

45 responses

Frequent showing of up to date films would be good. Exercise equipment for adults a must to keep us all healthy.

Far greater use of the pub as a cultural centre eg for music and arts; greater use as a community hub e.g. coffee mornings for the more isolated, a small meeting venue

Young family club/ support network. Meeting at the playground once a week. Pop up restaurants such as the Fox in Garboldisham (bringing culture and interesting foods to the village).

More events based at the pub.

None

Build a better village hall to suit groups where people can get together. Toddler groups, exercise groups for all ages, social groups and entertainment events. So much more could be done and would be if the existing facilities were more inviting and comfortable.

Bigger and better community hall with regular timetable of events. Existing L shape is not suitable/does not attract fitness classes, toddler groups or big events.

I do think the village is great for group activities, e.g. the gardening club, theatre club, book club etc. Not sure there are currently any exercise classes offered in the village - I travel to Diss for Pilates and Banham for Fitsteps, so some exercise groups or a walking group would be good.

none as previous answer, this is a village and needs to stay that way

A proper village hall, catering for all the village, not a set of changing rooms for the football club that has nobody from Redgrave playing for it.

Shut the pub and transfer to tap room as per USA ensure children parents are responsible for facilities

*If Llanover trust has undertaken to maintain provision of a recreation field in perpetuity perhaps they could be approached with a view to the community buying the land so the activity centre could be made permanent and expanded to provide a full village hall with improved facilities

** Ref All Saints

*** Arboretum-Would depend on funding not being drawn from otherv more important facilities and its location

see comments about pavements clearing vegetation from encroaching on pavements is essential

Happy how it is. if I want more than is here I would travel to a town or city to get it.

as we are lucky to have so many good walks around the village its important to keep footpaths well maintained and accessible

Need t consider events that encourage participation by the whole community eg. fetes,rambles, rallies, festival/tradition celebrations, village meals etc. They could also attract visitors from outside Redgrave.

Try to buy the land where the village hall is built. A brick built village Hall on a permanent site- not a tin hut!

If the village hall were to be extended you could have a badminton club or cinema rights

More activities at the activities centre, play groups, after school club, pilates, monthly films

electric charging point (own home)

Groups and activities are all in the day (we are at work)

The replies will not be actionable unless they have champions who will pursue them. The brewery tp room and cafe should probably not be on the list because it is commercial and outside of community decisions

About right

Emphasise the historic nature of Redgrave, 1. organ manufacture2. Redgrave Hall 3. Military Hospital

1. Village archery club for all ages and disabled 2. need for a vibrant activities centre catering for young and old.3. village summer fair(annual event)

Information centre in nearby area so that we know what's available for both young and old

it would be lovely to have land set aside for a wildflower meadow

Outdoor cinema would be good

Greater use of pub to be encouraged for all with greater participation for all.

Road side footpath - none between village shop and public house. Try pushing someone in a wheelchair from All Saints Church to the pub. Difficult where footpaths have been lowered to help cars get to houses

As previously stated we are new and still exploring the village facilities and activities which have been made available.

Proactivity to reach out to the lonely, shy, reserved residents

Activities involving all generations, eg Folk Dancing, Tennis Club.

If we have enough green spaces a playground is not essential - I would much rather build on the playing field than meadows and fields with important and beautiful views or places that lead or back onto conservation areas.

Skate Park. Don't know about Day care for the elderly and/or disabled.

Exercise classes should be village based. Don't understand what is meant by technological support. Lots of people in the village go to Pilates and Yoga but they go to other villages, why not do it in this village. Would like to have a film club.

I would like to see steps taken to encourage more events taking place on the Knoll. This is a pretty area (albeit small) at the very heart of the village. As the village green, it is redolent of the quintessential English village. Events there would inevitably result in more trade for the pub, as well as being a focus for further social interaction, cohesion and even local tourism.

Unsure what activities currently take place. A monthly village community lunch?

have maybe a nice coffee shop for teenagers

Traffic calming: "Park you car on the road/kerbside day" Because many houses have drives and are able to park off road, gives people a straight run. Obstacles may detract speeders and make others avoid the village!

The Brewery and Tap Room supply music, film and cultural events

A larger Village hall, and more younger generation activities. More volunteers needed overall.

I don't feel there is enough done for the younger ones.

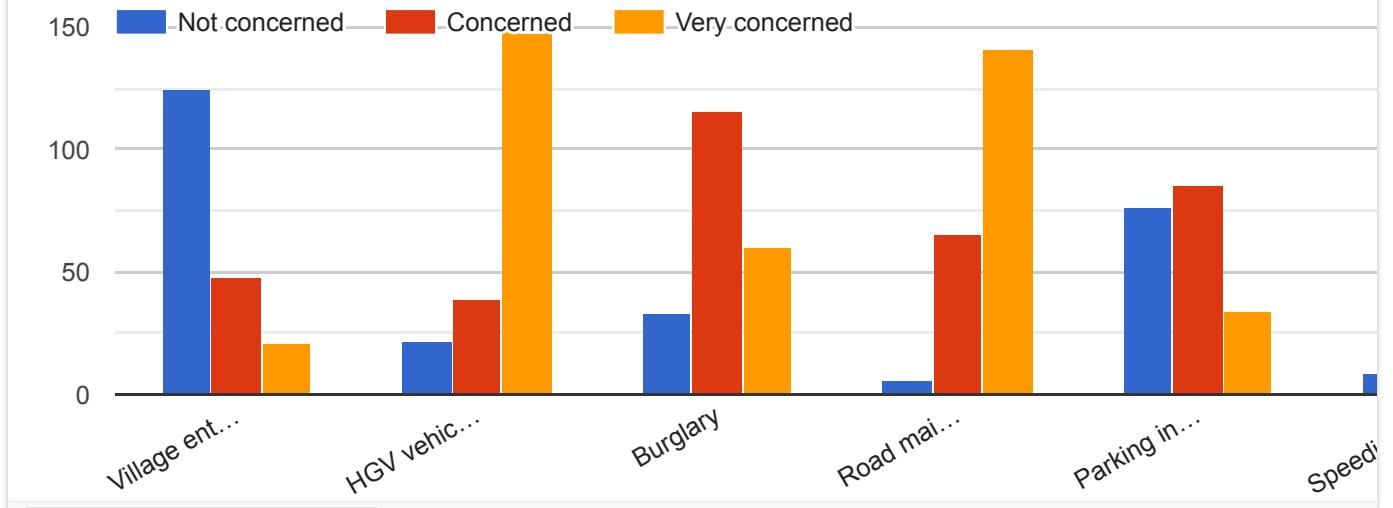
Need more facilities for younger children

It would be really good to have more activities for the younger population in Redgrave. It might also encourage an increase in the younger population within the village, who will in turn help to support the elderly generation.

A couple of examples would be: rugby tots / more events for infants and their coffee drinking parents!! (not that we have children, but in time these events would be important to us)

Environmental groups including youth-focused groups - such as litter picking and action groups

Other issues that may need addressing



Do you have any other comments on the future plans for our village?

58 responses

We need to be sensibly alert

As with many local villages through traffic caused by rat runs is a major issue. our problem without the

need to bypass Diss is that traffic using the 1066 will use Redgrave village to avoid Victoria road in diss. Heavy traffic through Redgrave is at an unacceptable level and will only get worse

Need to engage younger people in village activities and volunteering

Broadband and mobile coverage is prehistoric. Transport is incredibly concerning. You are so isolated if you don't have a car/ family to help. Not enough parking. Please can we have some fitness classes in the recreation centre. LET'S MAKE REDGRAVE A DESTINATION.

Funding explored, from Gressingham Foods and other businesses.

I like the way Redgrave is as a village. And I'd hate to see it spoilt by getting too "built up" and overpopulated

Please note to save any ambiguity that I have entered very concerned regarding village gates, this is to reflect that it is very important to have them and not a concern that they are being considered.

A great deal of the noise, traffic and HGV pollution is generated through Gressingham Foods. Bearing in mind the level of their business rate contribution to the local authorities I'm sure some of this could be diverted back to the village to help with traffic calming and road maintenance (including installing kerbs on The Street). Perhaps Gressingham can also be invited to contribute more to community projects e.g. the entrance gates.

More families, affordable housing, steady development, eco friendly. Stop developing inwardly, spread out. Don't close the village off. Let it grow organically in a safe direction with one eye firmly fixed on the environment.

I hope for an improvement that will attract young families. I have seen such a community spirit surrounding previous new builds, village days and preparing the pub - I think we would see this again, with better facilities/new build at the amenities centre.

just to remember it is a village, quiet and peaceful, if you don't like it as it is don't move here expecting it to change

Gas supply should never be considered, fossil fuels are on the way out!

I think speeding is a big problem in the village particularly on Churchway as it leads on to the play area. This needs addressing with traffic calming measures or a speed camera / patrols.

Ban large lorries from using the road as a cut through. only large lorries for access to local businesses

we do need more service of a community bus service

Litter bins=2 dog bins=6 well done PC!!!! Village entry gates-waste of money- a personal fad by the PC policing is a joke. reduce the PC to 5 and allocate responsibility to individual councillors who will report to full council each month. they will be on full council for 3 years and then replaced

Mobile and broadband services are disgraceful

Yes. Keep Redgrave small and pretty not an overcrowded building site

As much as it is essential that future development is managed sympathetically it is just as important that the village remains attractive and inviting. At present, parts of Redgrave look shabby and uncared for, unbecoming of a village which thinks of itself as a particularly desirable place to live. We need to recreate a sense of pride which to my mind is currently missing. Clearly the local authority is unlikely to contribute much to restoring its general appearance so we as a community, who after all have invested in the village, need to identify areas requiring attention/improvement and address the neglect. I refer particularly to unswept paths and channels, damaged and dirty street furniture, unnecessary and poorly located signs, overgrown verges etc. All familiar eyesores but just ignored.

Infrastructure to meet future needs and not random house building without infrastructure.

Speeding through the village is terrible. Also the use of our village roads for huge trucks- VERY difficult on acute corners. Mains gas would be wonderful.

As mentioned earlier, block off the cut through from churchly to the street that goes past the pub , as I see this as a danger area for children and pub users.

Think a community bus service would be a tremendous asset. Do we still have litter pick up days?

Duck from extension has caused noise at night.

The present plan will not achieve change. Each item would need a very specific detailed case and campaign

As I mentioned before, speeding and heavy lorries is a problem, safer footpath are also needed.

I don't want to write that I am not concerned about some of these things . I am sure I will moan like everyone else if we have a lot of something- noise pollution for instance, but I am not concerned at the moment. That doesn't mean I like them I have a private concern about parking, specifically of the cars parked outside the shop and southwards from there.

1. sufficient planning to ensure infrastructure is in place to support village housing development(road access, road safety, off road parking, footpaths to and from all main village facilities. 2. availability of sufficient power, water and water pressure ,media/communication infrastructure.3. village shop expansion (relocation or rebuild to be considered)

The CHICKEN FACTORY MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE
REDGRAVE ROADS ARE RUINED BECAUSE THEIR VEHICLES ARE SO LARGE

Its difficult. we do need a better bus service but nobody uses the buses. Most people living in villages tend to have cars. Maintenance of footpaths ie. Redgrave to Botesdale

Gates a waste of money

YES. Blow up and raise to the ground Gressingham Poultry Factory and put a weight restriction on HGV usage through the village. Litter, noise, water pressure, safety etc. etc. will be reduced dramatically and Redgrave might return to how it used to be.

Approach Gressingham Foods re. their HGV's passing through the village.

Weight and width restrictions on all vehicles.

Village entry/exit gates. Other villages have these.

Speed cameras.

Damage to houses and listed buildings on The Street due to HGV vibration. Who will pay compensation for damage caused.

Don't need village entry gates, other items more important. Too many cars outside village shop. A shame someone had to spoil radio on the football field. Told in 1975 that we would never have gas in Redgrave. Dog litter concerns me. Some people are very good but others do not pick up. They get on to my field, walk ahead of the dog and ignore what the dog is doing behind them.

Redgrave is a lovely village and I am happy living here.

Local business use HGV - not concerned. But village does get used as a rat run instead of going into Diss and this village is used instead.

With all due respect this questionnaire assumes that the responder is aware of the current housing levels, building development requirements etc. The provision of an map on which comments could be made in

terms of the location of possible future development is essential if responders preferences are to be taken into account.

The granting by the local authority of planning permission to speculative applications based on spurious justification albeit consistent with planning policy should be robustly countered by the parish council.

The speeding through the village is a major concern and something should try to be done about this. Also the amount of lorries using our road is increasing.

40 ton lorries on the B1113, even when not speeding. Access to business park and Gressingham must continue, but through traffic can and should be restricted.

Speeding is a big issue which needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Suggest a new VAR sign so we can have two in the village

More parking needed near takeaway businesses. Less thundering HGVs at night required, taking shortcuts to Thetford and A11.

There is too much noise pollution from Gressingham Duck Factory

Opposite my home in Half Moon Lane, visitors to a tenanted house, with more cars than parking space, have taken to parking on the grass verges opposite. This affects 4 households and impedes access and exit to our homes. A notice to say "do not park on grass verges" may help. It's currently dangerous as this is a busy lane.

I don't understand the first question.

I am concerned about the number of ugly houses being built. It is just a way for the rich to get richer. They are destroying our countryside to satisfy their greed.

Please can we spend some money on the play area. The slide is dangerous with missing slates and the shelter is a waste of space - always vandalised with rude language etc and so never used for intended purpose - please consider removing it and replacing it with a wide-range of newer play equipment (more like Rickinghall) - roundabout, climbing equipment, gym equipment. This would encourage people to our village (and so our shop and pub) - we often choose other play areas over this one.

The Broadband needs updating urgently. This also applies to mobile signal

Obviously the banning of the excessive amount of HGVs through the village.

Do you mean do I support entry gates in question 1 then the answer is yes very much. Bus services do not affect me but for some in the village they are essential. As far as litter is concerned more than litter it is the state of the footpath leading from the bottom corner of The Street right up to the pub. It is disgusting, nobody clears the footpaths of weeds, overhanging greenery and, in particular, gravel which has spread from the drives.

village gates a nice idea.

Get rid of HGV vehicles

Neighbourhood Watch is good, concerned that we remain a low risk area

Bus service is regular but infrequent

Good that there is a community bus service available

Noise pollution isn't bad at present as long as it doesn't increase

Plenty of dog bins but need more litter bins especially in lay-bys

Would be good to have a gas supply

In certain places the drainage needs attention. A cause for concern if there were a large increase in housing.

Not really as I am in my mid-80s but it is important not to lose the essence of a village.

Drainage of the roads does seem to be a problem, particularly recently. The number of HGVs is horrendous. Speeding is a major problem at certain times of the day and early morning particularly. Fly tipping has been bad in the past down past the Church. Someone needs to take this upon themselves but, as with every activity, it is always the same people who volunteer to do things - this is much appreciated by those who are unable to volunteer. We live in a lovely village - let's all do our best to make it even better for every villager.

No expansion of Gressingham. Awareness by Gressingham of their drivers' behaviour through the village and litter/alcohol cans/bottles that increase in number as you approach the factory

Speedbumps or rumble strips on approach to the village. I live on the corner and risk getting hit every time I pull out with my car, or want to get out with my mobility scooter. They drive too fast around the corner.

Without the HGV vehicles, a factory that is well established and has employed many local people, would be lost to the local working class community.

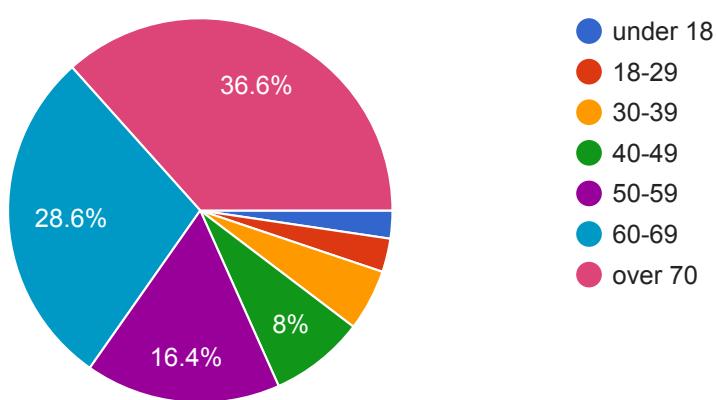
Redgrave is a beautiful village, and as long as any future development is sympathetic towards the character, I will be happy. We either need to move with the times, or be stuck in an "older" generation village, and I am worried Redgrave will die.

Fen Street ditches are a problem with water drainage

More about you

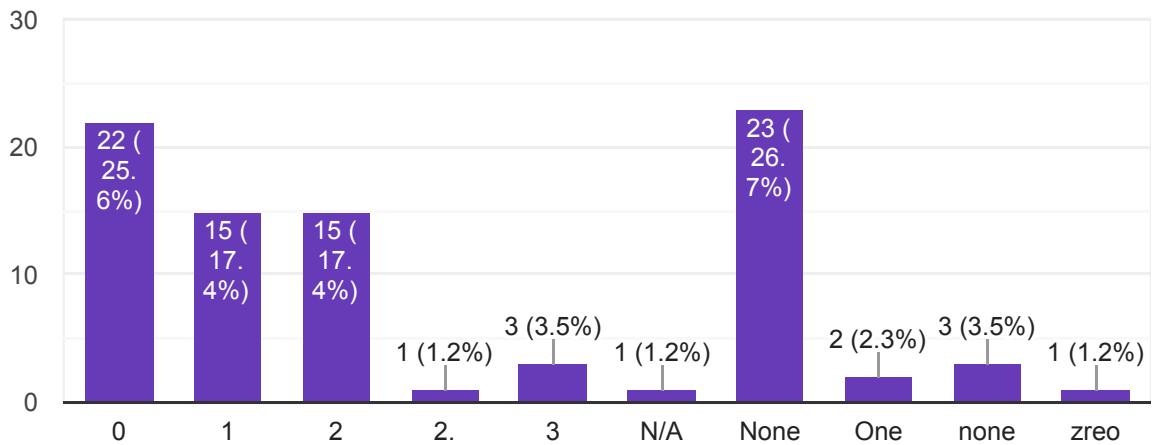
Age

213 responses



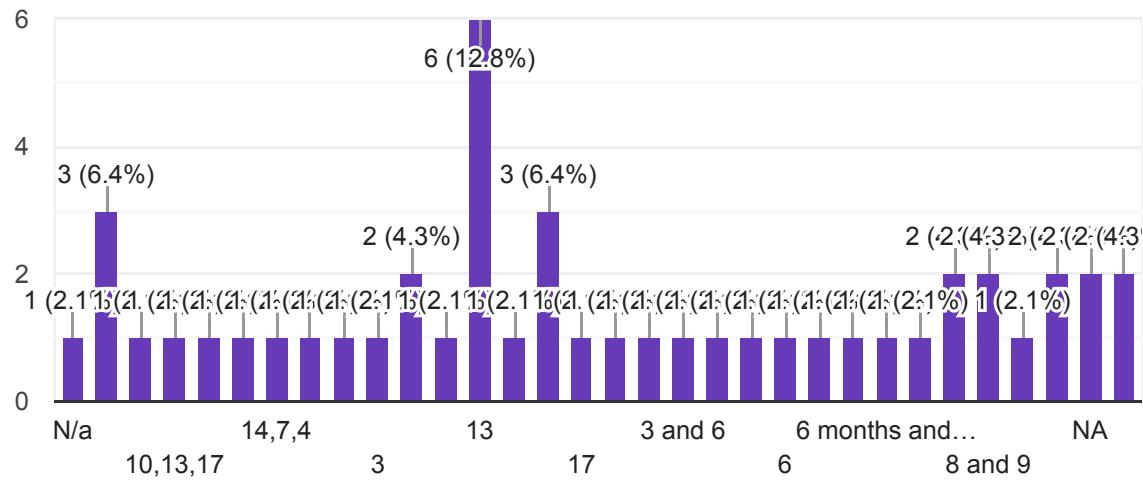
How many children under 18 live in the house?

86 responses



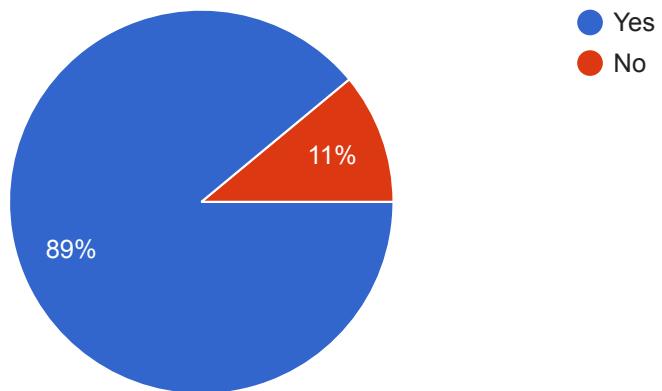
How old are they?

47 responses



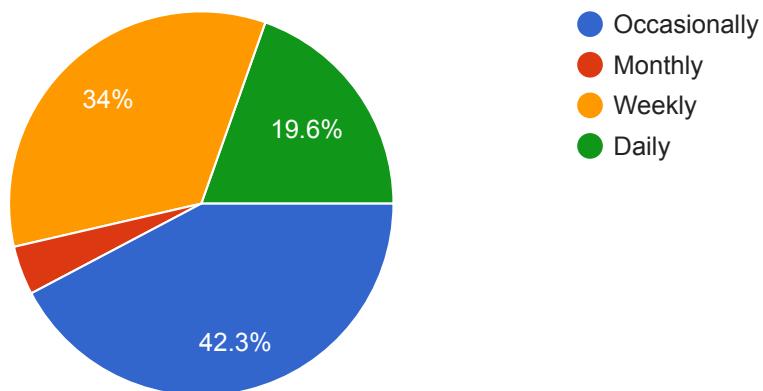
Do you use the village shop?

218 responses



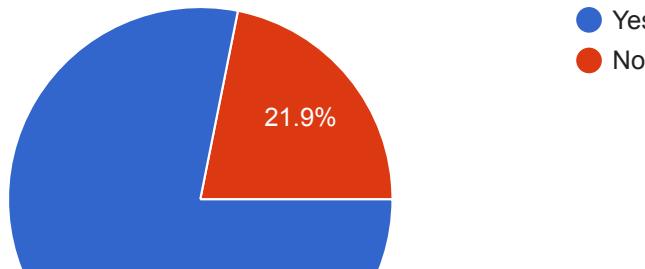
If so, how often?

194 responses



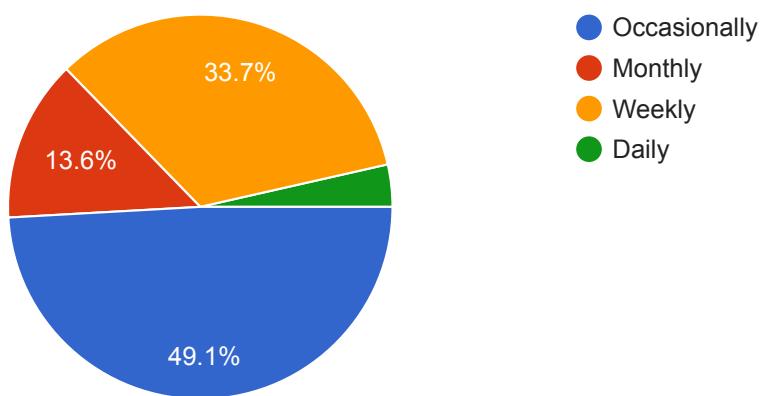
Do you use the Cross Keys Community Pub?

215 responses



If so, how often?

169 responses



Is there anything that could be done to persuade you to use either more often?

86 responses

No

Bigger shop with card facilities.

Coffee and cakes every day in pub

Pub often not particularly friendly but getting better. Been put off food as it has not been good (or we have been unfortunate in our choices), but hopefully it will improve now the new chef is in place

No pub will get me in more than once/twice a week on average, as I choose not to spend my money on beer. However, I we try to use the pub at least weekly to continue to support it in our own way.

The shop is never open when I need it i.e. the post lunch slot. I found the atmosphere in the pub quite

tense at times, but I have since had a good experience (post change of 2nd management). I would like a better class of wine choices- nothing you can buy in Tesco. More local produce for both the shop and the pub. Good quality speakers in the pub (I seem to often hear people playing music from phones??), classy chilled out music such as jazz (something like Chet Baker). All staff to be fully "on it" (including volunteers). We're always told by whomever is serving that they don't know what beers and wine are on sale and that they know nothing about them. Layout: remove the pool table. It's a conflicting message. Is it a sports bar or a country pub? Takes up too much space/ too many covers. Would be great to be replaced by back to back booths in a row across the back wall. Would make the environment more cosy. Presently you walk in and the first thing you see is the pool table. How many people really use this and is the income from the customers using this greater than if it were booths? In my opinion it's not classy enough and attracts a certain kind of person. We have lots of visiting family and would use it so much more if the atmosphere was more inviting, and the menu (drinks and food) was slightly more upmarket (it doesn't need to be nouvelle cuisine, just slightly better). My ethos is local produce, simple dishes, cooked well. Always a crowd pleaser!

Village pub to be properly managed with good pub grub available.

Improve the quality of the catering at the pub and reduce food prices.

Increase the size of the shop and locate it onto the pub premises. This would enable the shop to provide a wider range of goods and possibly include post office facilities as has been done at The Cherry Tree pub in Yaxley. Both the pub and the shop would then benefit from greater footfall.

no

Perhaps tenants at the pub so there was a regular face

As there is no street lighting,a better footpath so you could walk back home without trip hazards in the dark.

Not really. I'm happy to go to diss for any shopping needs

Good food in pub essential

Make the shop bigger and sell the pub to someone who knows how to run it. It is being badly run by an inexperienced committee who's livelihood is not dependant on its success. It is a vanity project that is failing when it needs a motivated business person to make it succeed. It is a business not an attraction.

A tenant in place. I'm sorry but I do not believe a committee run pub is going to survive, due to too many slow decisions and bad financial decisions have been made so and in quick succession. Despite the fantastic and die-hard volunteers - who work so hard. It seems the committee do not have the experience to bring the pub out of its financial problems (and the rumours are bringing a negative attitude towards the place) and this is not helped by inconsistent service of food and drink. The right tenant, may be able to save this place. Left ALONE to make experienced decisions and without having to wait for periods of time to check everything with a committee who don't sometimes seem to be able to agree or sometimes even want drinkers in their pub! I think one person or a couple making their own living from their own decisions is how a pub should be run.I still continue to use the pub, but in all honesty the atmosphere at the taproom is more relaxed and better run. I've taken a step back from volunteering as I found waiting for the committee to make decisions or hearing of petty rules where you can't bring your own homemade cake to events is just tiresome. I say this all with a heavy heart because I do believe that some members of the community have really put their heart and soul into the pub. It's just time to let one person run it, where their livelihood depends on its success.

The shop is very useful for one-off buys of things I have run out of. I don't use the pub because I am not happy with the way it is run or managed.

I am single and would feel uncomfortable going on my own. My daughter and I visited on Christmas eve and it seemed to be very cliquey.

no, shop too expensive, pub doesn't appeal, village was mad to buy it as pubs are on a big decline all over the country

not old enough to use the pub

The pub needs to be run and promoted as a traditional village local with a focus on customers not a restaurant with a bar for the few.

Regular printed opening times of the shop in parish mag

I don't think so. The shop is well stocked with friendly volunteers. Each time I go to the pub for a meal it is full, which is a good thing despite me having to go elsewhere!

More fish on the menu and maybe steak!

Shop fine! Pub: someone running it who has previous experience running a pub that was a success and not treating it like a village hall

Shop-more stock and longer opening hours. Pub-less live music or at least be able to hear converse with neighbours/friends. Menu should reflect a treat rather than meals you would cook at home.

Improve the food at the pub.

would use restaurant more often if the food was better and the chefs appearance was more appropriate to the job. its not a transport cafe or roadside burger bar. chef whites (as shown on the cross keys website)

Incorporate a post office and cafe with the shop make it a village centre. seating outside the pub is an accident waiting to happen.

Good friendly landlord and the keys

the pub should do morning coffee with scones, cakes etc to operate more visits and community spirit.

Not really. Shop is expensive and pub is to close to home for me to use. I hear a number of people the pub does not feel right atmosphere wise. which is why they don't go back. pubs are closing all round the country unless they have something special to offer.

Continuity of good food and service in the pub

Good beer--keeps changing in pub

Clubs at the pub

Tea and cake available in the pub on request- we go to the garden centre! Decorative tall planters or similar filled with sand for smokers to extinguish their cigarettes-they sit at the entrance and some just drop the remains on the frontage- more litter!

The pub needs an experience manager and chef(not sure yet about the current chef Joe- time will tell) No starlings beer for a while now-we need to support our local brewery as people will come specifically for local beers.

Good food at the pub. hopefully in the future a bigger shop with post office could run alongside the cross keys.

No.

reintroduction of monthly folk evening which used to be held. not discos or karaoke evenings at the pub

which are so dated. more imagination needed to give the pub an identity

We used to support the village by our present and financially as the village is now overrun with BIGOTS we take our support elsewhere.

Shop is always shut when we are at home.
better quality food at the pub. Shop-no

The pub and shop are not the only village amenities. It is not a shop and pub survey which should be separate and require detailed market research. If people are accustomed to doing one shop per week they are unlikely to change to regularly using the village shop. If people do not often go to pubs they're unlikely to change even if they have shares in a community pub.

as mentioned before, simple, good quality meals would enable more people to eat at the pub. the pubs at south lopham and roydron are good examples

Cross keys opening for breakfast, not being closed so often. Keeping a chef

Village pub needs to establish and maintain over a longer term- well trained bar staff and a permanent respected chef. Menus need to be seasonal and not changed throughout each particular season. Pub needs more atmosphere and character

Better food cheaper prices Better road access

Just finding the time, busy life.

The shop needs a cheaper line in the goods that they stock

Reduce prices

Put a landlord in The Cross Keys to make it a proper Local.

No, they seem to be doing a good job but there is no doubt that the newly opened Starwing Taproom will impact

More events. They are very good at the moment. What happens to the activities centre? Why is it not under amenities. The nearest thing to a village hall until it is built.

The pub could do senior citizen lunches. Food needs to be more traditional. Good pub food using local produce and needs a manager.

We need time!

Know what the menu is without going in. Have coffee and cake available.

Improve food and management of the pub.

Pub: Consistent good quality food, cooked to a higher standard, & improved value for money

Shop not open when I'm at home

No, am disabled but nothing more can be done

NO.

Pub - later extended meal times. Evening meals need to be available later and Sunday should be longer. Big screen and focus on key sporting events (not just football) - and not just England!! Have a landlord who knows the customers.

Pub quite expensive.

Getting to them!?

They are run very efficiently and serve the village well. They are both good assets to village life.

The Tap Room and Cafe is a good addition to the village. A place to meet for all ages. Great atmosphere. Successful events such as theatre and music. I value the village shop and use it usually about 3 times a week. Good selection.

The more organised events at the pub - music etc - the more we are likely to visit.

If only a good chef could be found - nobody has got it right yet and there is a ready market for good food at a reasonable price. I think the staff need to be trained in how to greet customers, how to smile and how to be friendly. They definitely need a good telephone manner which is sadly lacking. Complete contrast to the Shop where all the volunteers are super welcoming and helpful and chatty. Maybe it's the confidence that comes with age! BUT it is a skill that can be taught by the right person. It would make such a difference!

No work and income driven as to how often and what we can afford

Unable at present due to disability. Pub needs better food, though I've not visited since the change of chef!

a wider wheelchair friendly footpath

The shop is usually closed when I return from work. Not an issue for me, as usually have a main delivery twice a month. The pub, I use and will happily support. Work usually takes a lot of my time up.

Shop not open when I need it. Needs to be open more for me to be available to use it.

Pub not friendly service and expensive. Pub needs friendly staff and food at better prices. Too expensive for what you get.

Just use pub for Games afternoon. Pub needs cheaper meals and produce and reasonably priced pensioners lunches.

Pub unfriendly, food too expensive. Shop shut when I'm at home.

Simpler menu at pub. Less expensive. More like The Bell Inn

Pub- more child or family activities after school

Monthly or quarterly breakfast/brunches

We love the village shop a lot. We just sometimes forget the opening times - which is entirely our fault!!

As for the pub, we have tried to use it and support it as we really value this amenity. We were so excited when the pub reopened. If we are honest, we have been disappointed with the food quality and the drink selection and how this is looked after. We would value a larger selection of gins, craft beer and simple, well cooked meals. We also feel the atmosphere could be improved; cosier in the winter and perhaps more of an inclusive and warmer feel for those who are less regular.

Better product & prices

Would use shop more if bigger and stocked a wider range of items, pub only used occasionally because having young child he gets bored and so require baby sitter.

Larger shop with wider range of stock and open longer.

Resident or shareholder discount in the pub

More frequent Starwing beer!

Better value for money food or food based events - note offers at S Lopham White Horse and events at Tap Room

Pub: disposable income. Shop: (amazing range for tiny space currently) bigger range, more space, café area (reasonably priced)

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