



WIXAMS NEWSLETTER

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THE WIXAMS SURVEY RESULTS EDITION

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Ssssss-say hello to our newest permanent resident of Wixams...

The Wixams Rock Snake is here to stay,
cemented as part of our community's
history. Spot the snake for yourselves
near Dane Lane and find out more on page 4.



URGENT - Deadline 5th July

Do you want Wixams to become part of a 5 ward, 3 Councillor Borough Councillor Area? If you would prefer Wixams to be on its own or stay with Wilstead please express your views at <https://bit.ly/lgbcbeford>

Crime Stats

- 30/4/21 - State or public order - Hedgehog Mead
- 3/5/21 - Assault without injury - Robins Heath
- 3/5/21 - Assault without injury on a Constable - Robins Heath
- 3/5/21 - Assault without injury on a Constable - Robins Heath
- 5/5/21 - Public fear alarm or distress - Brooklands Avenue
- 11/5/21 - Assault without injury - Tawny Avenue
- 11/5/21 - Assault without injury - Brooklands Avenue
- 18/5/21 - Other theft - Bluebird Gardens
- 21/5/21 - Fraud forgery associated with vehicle - Magpie Gardens
- 22/5/21 - Assault with injury - Peregrine Way
- 23/5/21 - Assault without injury - Green Lane
- 25/5/21 - Assault without injury - Brooklands Avenue
- 25/5/21 - Assault without injury on a Constable - Brooklands Avenue
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To report online non-emergency crimes, incidents or give the police information, go to www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report

See also www.police.uk

You can webchat direct with someone in the Bedfordshire Police control room by clicking the green icon on their website. If you have something to tell us that's not urgent this leaves the phone lines for emergencies.

Last year, over 25% of all collisions involving driver using mobile phone ended in fatality or serious injury - Beds Police



Wixams Retirement Village

My name is Lara Gibbons and I am the Activities Coordinator at Wixams Retirement Village. I enjoy my job immensely, as I get to work in a lovely setting, with great residents and I spend my time organising fun and interesting activities and events for our village here. On average we have over 60 things on in the village each month which include visiting speakers, walking groups, a variety of craft clubs, art lessons, bingo, book club, french lessons, film club, ukulele lessons, exercise classes, live entertainment and quiz nights.



You may have even seen one of our special events, on Valentine's Day, when we had a special flypast! I am always on the lookout for locals who are able to offer any talks, tuition or classes for our residents, so please do email me if you feel that you have something to offer. Our Summer Fayre is planned for Saturday 7th August. We would love to welcome you into our village so that you can enjoy our stalls, refreshments and entertainment as well as coming in to see inside our lovely location. Our very own gardening club will be having a stall - they are a talented group so well worth the visit to buy some healthy plants. Craft club will also be selling beautifully hand made items. Children are welcome and we have some game stalls for them to enjoy, with prizes to be won. We have spaces for other stalls so do get in contact if you would like to be part of our Summer Fayre.

Lara Gibbons - Lara.gibbons@extracare.org.uk
Activity Coordinator at Wixams Retirement Village

Wishing you a happy and blessed 2021.

We are still meeting you are welcome to join us for our church service using ZOOM, every Sunday 10.30am to 11.30am. Join our service from the comfort of your own home.

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- Negative thought patterns and how to change them
- Looking at personal issues that may be impacting
- Advice on CV and cover letter writing
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observing tadpoles turn into frogs and
caterpillars turn into butterflies. The frogs
have now been released in the lake where
some of the children saw the cygnets.

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Councillor Graeme Coombes

Graeme is the Wilshamstead Borough Councillor.
Reporting to Wixams (July 2021)

There has been much discussion recently about the East West Rail (EWR) project and, locally, its impact on Wixams Station. You may recall, that at the initial consultation on EWR, there were five route options to consider, two of which went through Bedford Town Centre and three that took a southern route, broadly along the line of the A421.

At the time, the Mayor requested a meeting and asked me to support a route through the centre of town. He stated that a southern route might prejudice Wixams Station, either delaying it further, or turning it into a 'crossover' station, with EWR, and potentially outside of Wixams.

I took the Mayor at his word and supported the town centre option and welcomed the selection of route E when it was surprisingly chosen, despite being the most expensive option.

However, the Mayor has now run into a wall of opposition from those living near the chosen route and just before a special Council meeting to discuss the issue, he suddenly claimed that if an alternative southern route was chosen, houses in Wixams could be demolished.

Not only do I believe this is appalling scaremongering, without merit or justification, it begs the question why he never mentioned this previously? Under pressure, the Mayor's claim has been escalated from 'prejudicing' Wixams Station to 'house demolitions', and from potentially being outside Wixams to coming straight through Wixams. Which version are we meant to believe?

All of this makes me question if I should have originally taken the Mayor at his word.

We've been let down too often with our long delayed station. None of this helps Wixams residents and playing politics with the station, with false claims and unsubstantiated threats, is wholly unacceptable. We deserve better.

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USEFUL NUMBERS

999 - Emergency

Where there is a risk of:

- Personal injury
- Loss of life
- Crime in action

101 - Non emergency

- Reporting a crime that is no longer in progress
- Giving information about a crime
- Contacting local police officer
- Getting update reported crime
- Suspicious incidents

• Wixams Parish Council	07554 443800
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• Doctors - Houghton Close	01525 300898
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• Doctors - Oliver St.....	01525 631395
• Doctors - Wootton.....	01234 762500
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• Scotts Vets.....	01234 742423
• BPHA Customer Service.....	0330 100 0272
• Bedford Borough Council	01234 267422
• L&Q Estates.....	01926 339339
• Wilstead & Wixams Good Neighbours Scheme	07807 408928

Health & Wellbeing

Carers Week is an annual awareness campaign and the theme of this year's campaign (7th to 13th June) was 'make caring visible and valued.'

The definition of a carer is 'anyone who cares, unpaid, for their friend or family member who due to illness, disability, mental health problems or an addiction, cannot cope without their support' (Carers in Bedfordshire).

A carer is also a parent looking after a child with special educational needs.

Many carers do not see themselves as carers because they are simply doing what they can for a relative or friend who needs them. You may be the parent of a child with additional needs, the partner of someone with memory problems, the neighbour of someone with an illness, or a child of a parent with an addiction.

Whatever your caring situation it is important to know about local support that is available. Carers in Bedfordshire are a vital resource for carers in Bedfordshire and offer a wide range of services such as training, support and social groups.

Contact Details/More Information:

Website: <https://www.carersinbeds.org.uk/>

Email: contact@carersinbeds.org.uk

Phone: 0300 111 1919



Wixams Parish Council News

New Benches

The nine new benches across Wixams are finally in. What may seem straightforward had many hidden complications, especially with such a wide variety of locations and (changing) landowners and sodden ground for months. If you would like to know where they all are then you can find a map here: <https://wixams-pc.gov.uk/new-benches/>

If you have any suggestions where more benches are needed then please email me with a good location description. Thank you.

Rock snake

Another project finished is the Rock Snake by Dane Lane lake. The parish council was pleased to support this project financially and thanks Amber for bringing this forward and for arranging the installation. To remind you, this project was to permanently embed the stones painted by children during lockdown on a raised plinth.

Waterside Way accessibility

The borough council have agreed to install a ramp on the steps between Waterside Way and Brooklands Avenue shops. A resident with accessibility issues pointed out that the steps were the only direct route to the shops, with the only alternative being a lengthy diversion.

Salt bin on Southern Cross

The borough council have agreed to place a salt bin

on Southern Cross where there is an incline between Village 1 and Village 2.

Green Lane parking issues

The parish council is requesting resolution from the borough council to the bottleneck created at the S-bend on Green Lane caused by a line of parked cars – this is a particular issue at school times. For those finding this a problem I would encourage you to write to borough council Highways requesting action; currently this is not being prioritised. (Highways. helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk)

Dane Lane lake path

You may be aware of the path deteriorating along the side of the lake by Dane Lane. The borough council are working with L&Q Estates to fix this and have requested feedback from the parish council. The proposal was for a gravel path, which we are resisting as it's an important route for schoolchildren and other users and needs to be protected from being saturated and flooded during heavy rain.

Planning

Bedford Borough Council Planning refused permission for a 5G phone mast for Wixams; the planning application showed a proposed location for the 18 metre mast on Bedford Road, quite close to houses. The borough council agreed with the parish council that this was not a suitable location – it is required to be away from houses and in a less visible position. However, the applicant has appealed to the

government Planning Inspectorate and we await the outcome.

In the June meeting, the parish council chose not to object to the Reserved Matters planning application (the finer details of the development) for parcel 3.5 within Village 3. If you wish to see these plans then please visit the borough council planning portal and search for application 21/0440/MAR.

Crossing attendant

The borough council transport department carried out a study to determine if the criteria were met for a crossing attendant for the schools in Wixams, as supported by the parish council. The results were that Lakeview School did not meet the criteria, but the Green Lane schools do; however, their approach is to work on having a crossing installed. The parish council is not satisfied with this and has requested details of how to fund a crossing attendant.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings will be on 19th July and 16th August at 7.30pm. Due to current Covid restrictions and availability issues for the large hall in Wixams, meetings will be held at Wilshamstead Village Hall in Wilstead for the time being. Please look at our website or agendas for confirmation

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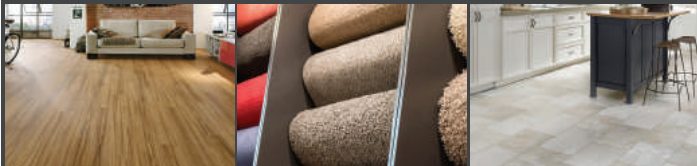
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Councillor Tim Hill's Report

Tim is currently the Borough Councillor for Elstow, Stewartby, The Wixams Retirement Village and Kempston Hardwick

Bus Shelter outside Retirement Village - I am working with a range of people to try to get some funding for a bus shelter opposite the Retirement Village.

Residents Surveys - I have recently started doing physically distanced residents surveys in the Retirement Village. It has been great to get a very good response from the friendly residents. A big thanks to all the residents who returned their filled in surveys.

School Transportation - I am working with Greenlakes Rise residents whose children qualify for Free School Transport to Wixams Academy, but Borough Officers have so far refused to provide Free School Transport. It isn't safe for the pupils to walk to Marston Vale Middle and there is currently no pedestrian access to Wixams Academy!

Academy Parking - Residents have raised their concerns with me about the appalling parking at drop-off and pick-up time outside the Wixams Academy. They have asked me to try and find out when the area around the school will be adopted by the Borough Council. When it is adopted, it will make it easier for the Borough Council to work with the police on parking enforcement measures.

Street Advice Surgeries - I have re-started my Street Advice Surgeries, at 12.00pm-12.30pm one Saturday a month. These are advertised via social media, leaflets through letter boxes and by e-mail. I held one in the "Village Hall" of the Retirement Village on 22 May 21.



Councillor Rebecca Hares

Central Bedfordshire Independent Councillor

In recent weeks after pressure from myself and Julia Archer, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) has launched the school transport for Wixams Village 4 children. Without the countless dedicated hours Julia spent researching the financial, social and environmental impact the delay this one pedestrian link was having on the residents of Wixams, and generating a Powerpoint to clearly demonstrate to CBC and Bedford Borough Council the timeline for this service would not have been this concise. Julia has been instrumental in gathering and collating information from affected residents enabling me the opportunity to successfully lobby the Council into providing this service for the benefit of Wixams children and their families.

Initially there were a few issues that were quickly addressed and, to the best of my knowledge, resolved. I am aware that there are a few applications still awaiting approval, but if you live in Village 4, are having to drive your children to school due to the footpath connection being delayed and haven't applied for school transport I would encourage you to do so; applications can also be made for children due to start school in September. Forms for Central Bedfordshire residents are available at: https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/3/schools_and_education/530/apply_for_school_transport

I understand Councillor Tim Hill has also been working closely with Julia Archer to support Bedford Borough residents who have struggled to gain support from their Council for access to this transport provision. If you have submitted an application for school transport from Village 4 for your child and have either not had an outcome or been unsuccessful; I would encourage you to contact myself, or Councillor Tim Hill to follow up with the respective Councils on your behalf.

There have been concerns raised regarding the poor visibility at the Vision Blinds junction, which have increased after a recent accident; I am pleased to see that contractors have tended this location at my request for urgent action. I have requested similar response for Stewartby Way, Millbrook and How End Junctions; if there are other areas of concern that I have overlooked, please log the concerns on Fix My Street or email me at bex.hares@gmail.com with a description of the issue or a reference number for me to follow up with the Council on your behalf. I am currently lobbying the Council for repair to various sections of roads in our Ward, with the next major resurfacing repair at the Stewartby Way junction due to take place at the end of July; there are also drainage maintenance and pothole repairs on the schedule for the Summer months, again if there are any issues you notice on the road network that require attention please report on the Fix My Street app or website.

One final issue that routinely causes upset are those few dog owners not responsibly disposing of their dog fouling. I recently managed to get two bins installed specifically for the purpose of disposing of dog waste, the Council are currently unable to install more due to the roads being in private ownership. This can be discussed with the land owners if this is something residents wish to see, but until such time please dispose of dog waste in the designated bins, or until you return home.

Wixams Residents Survey 2021 - The Results!

In May many residents participated in our survey about life in Wixams and we received responses from **287** households! Volunteers in the newsletter committee then processed all of the responses to be able to share the results with the community in this edition. We hope you find the results as interesting as we do.

As you will see in the graphs the issues that most residents pointed out in the survey are the lack of healthcare facilities, traffic, speeding and parking

problems. There seems to be a big need for activities and facilities for teenagers, and a demand for community events and activities. A large number of residents would appreciate more opportunities to socialise and are interested in quiz and bar nights, music events and there were a lot of requests for cafés, restaurants and a pub in the town.

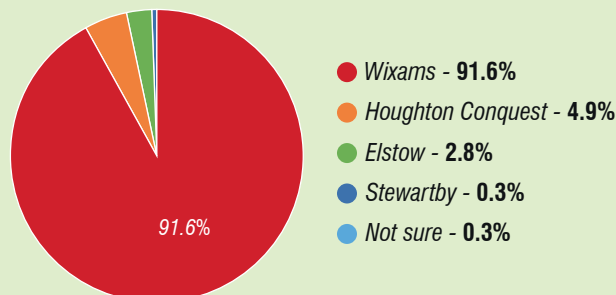
We had a lot of good comments and fantastic suggestions left in the 'Other' boxes in the survey. We couldn't publish them all so we've grouped the more

common ones into categories and put them in the boxes next to the graphs. These answers will also be kept and might be included in a future survey.

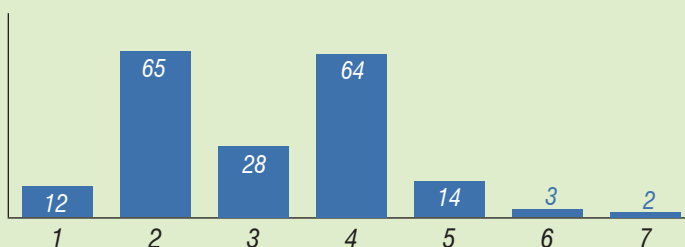
A big **thank you** to everybody who took the time to fill out our survey and share their opinions, views and ideas. It reflects the spirit of Wixams with residents that want to shape a thriving community to live in.

The results have also been published on the website where we've included more comments from question 20 about issues and priorities: www.wixams.org/survey-2021

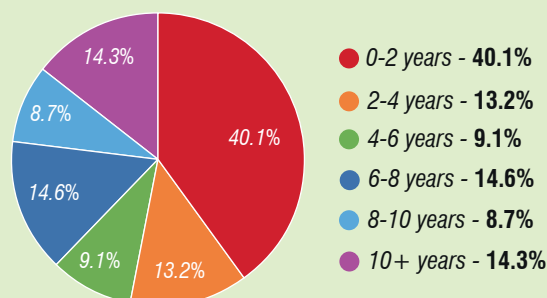
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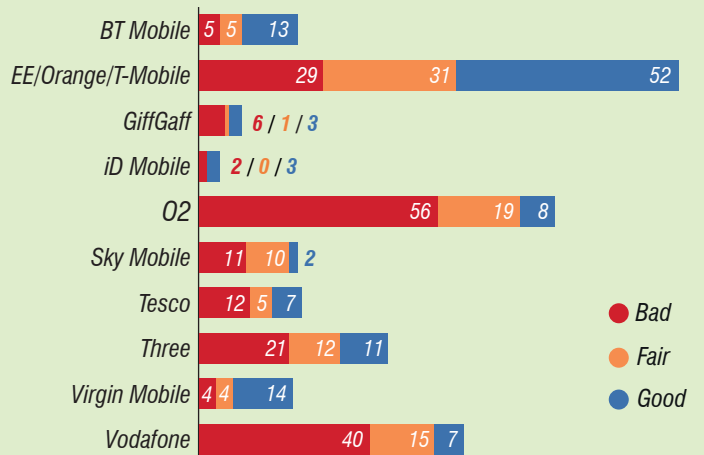
2. How many people (including children) live in your household?



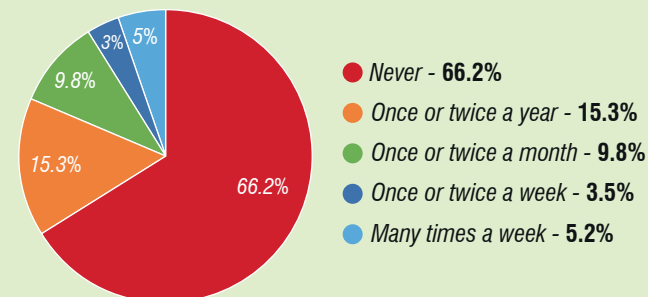
3. How long have you lived in Wixams?



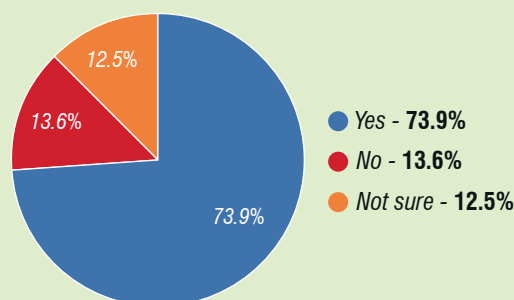
4. If you have a mobile phone from any of the providers below, how good is the mobile reception in your house?



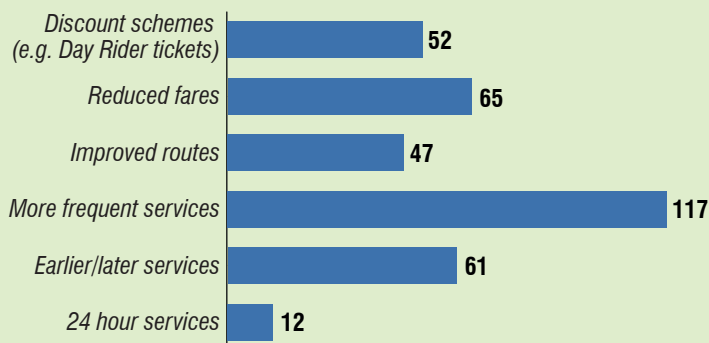
5. How often do you use the bus services in Wixams?



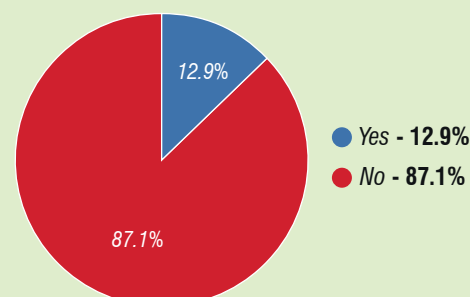
7. When built, will you use rail services from the Wixams station to commute (incl. to Bedford)?



6. How could the bus services be improved?

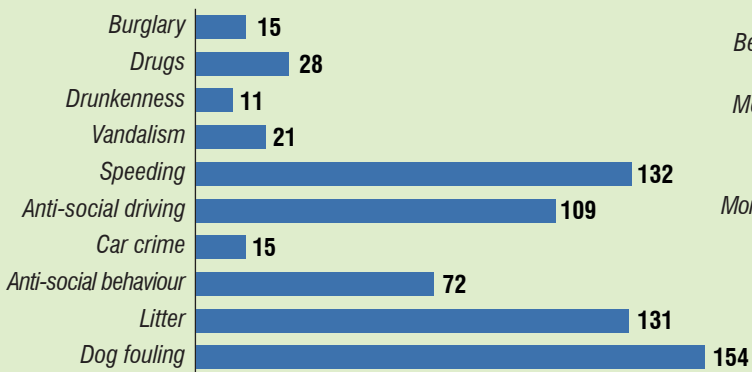


8. Do you run a business from home?



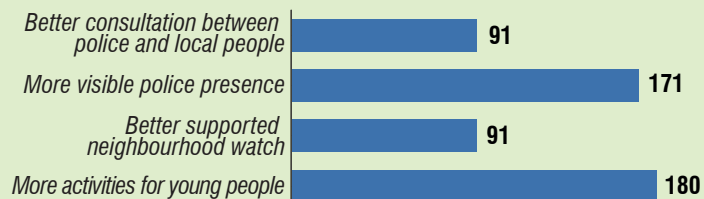
Residents commented that a Sunday/bank holiday bus service would be beneficial, as well as regular spacing between services and improved/more bus stops.

9. Which of these have affected you in the last 5 years (or since moving to Wixams)?



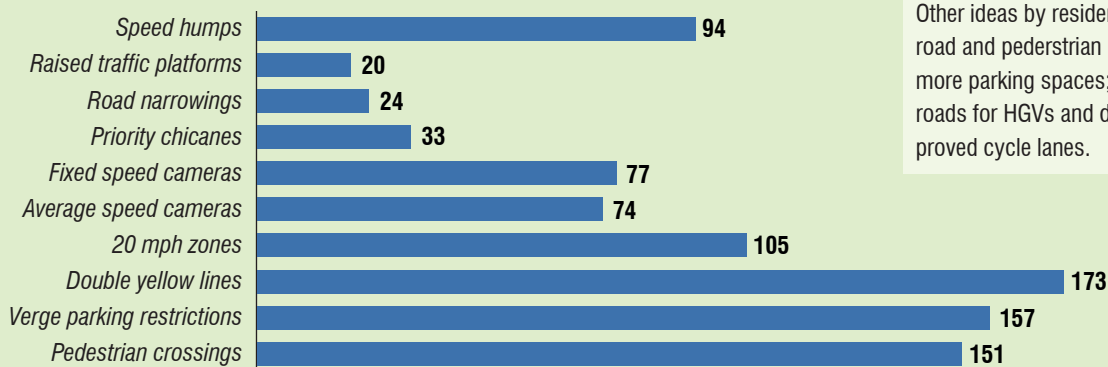
The other main issue that affected residents was illegal/inappropriate parking.

10. Do you think any of the following measures are needed to help prevent crime in Wixams?



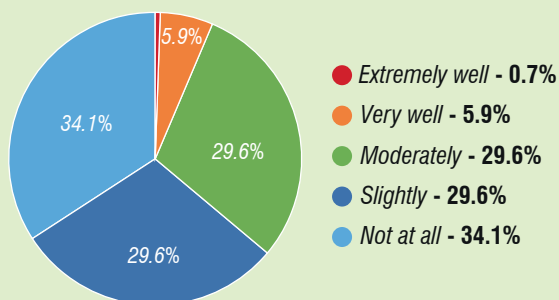
Residents commented that more CCTV and improved street lighting would be helpful.

11. What measures do you think are needed to improve road and pedestrian safety?

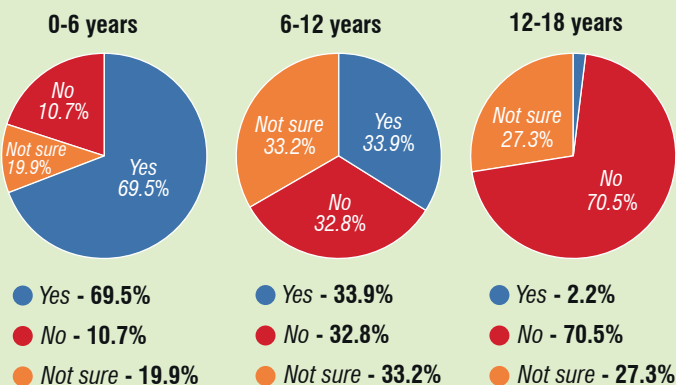


Other ideas by residents to improve road and pedestrian safety included more parking spaces; separate access roads for HGVs and dedicated/improved cycle lanes.

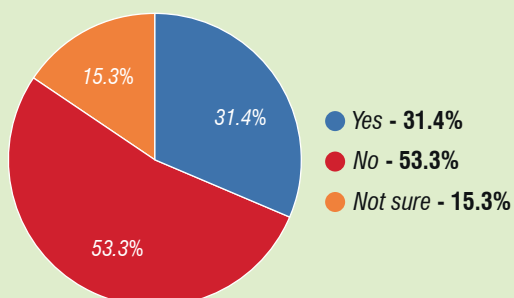
12. How well do you know what is planned for the Wixams town centre?



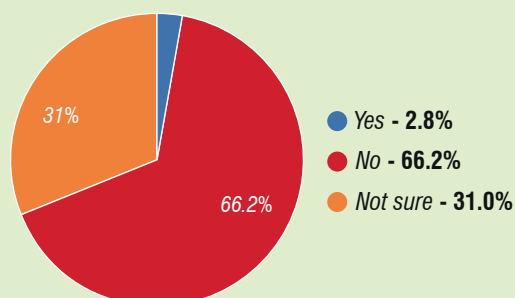
13. Do you think the facilities in Wixams meet the needs of children & teenagers?



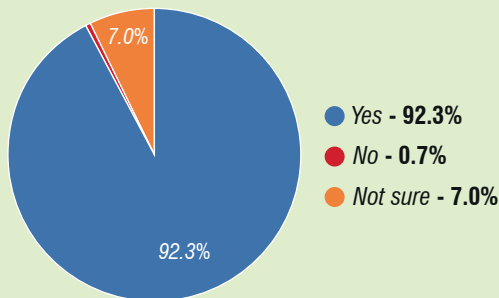
14. Do you feel like you're kept informed about the plans for the Wixams development?



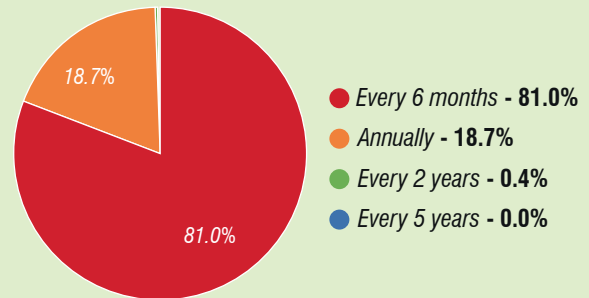
15. Do you feel your views for the Wixams development are being taken into consideration by the developers and councils?



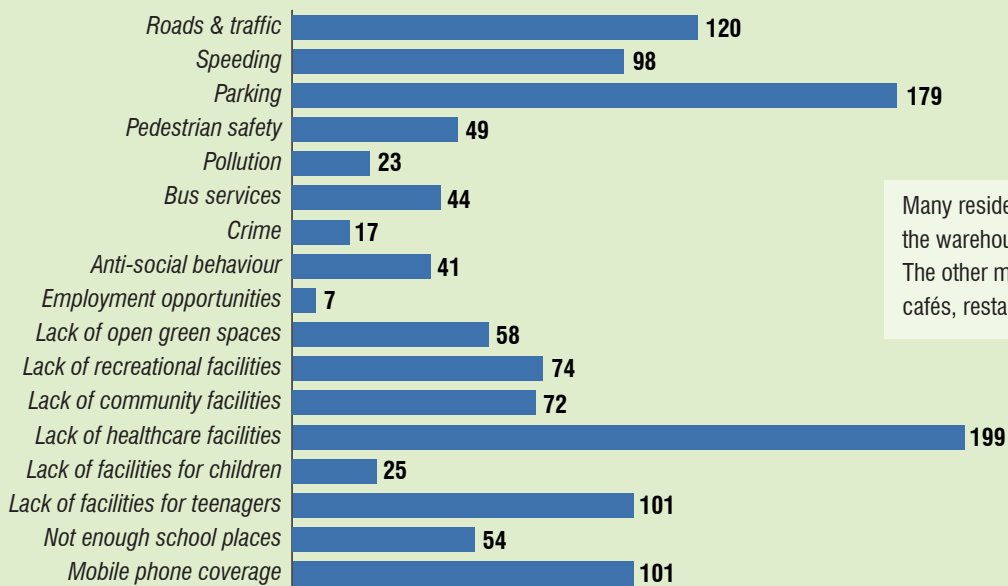
16. Should regular meetings/open sessions be held for residents to keep them informed of the plans for Wixams?



17. If yes, how often should these meetings be held?

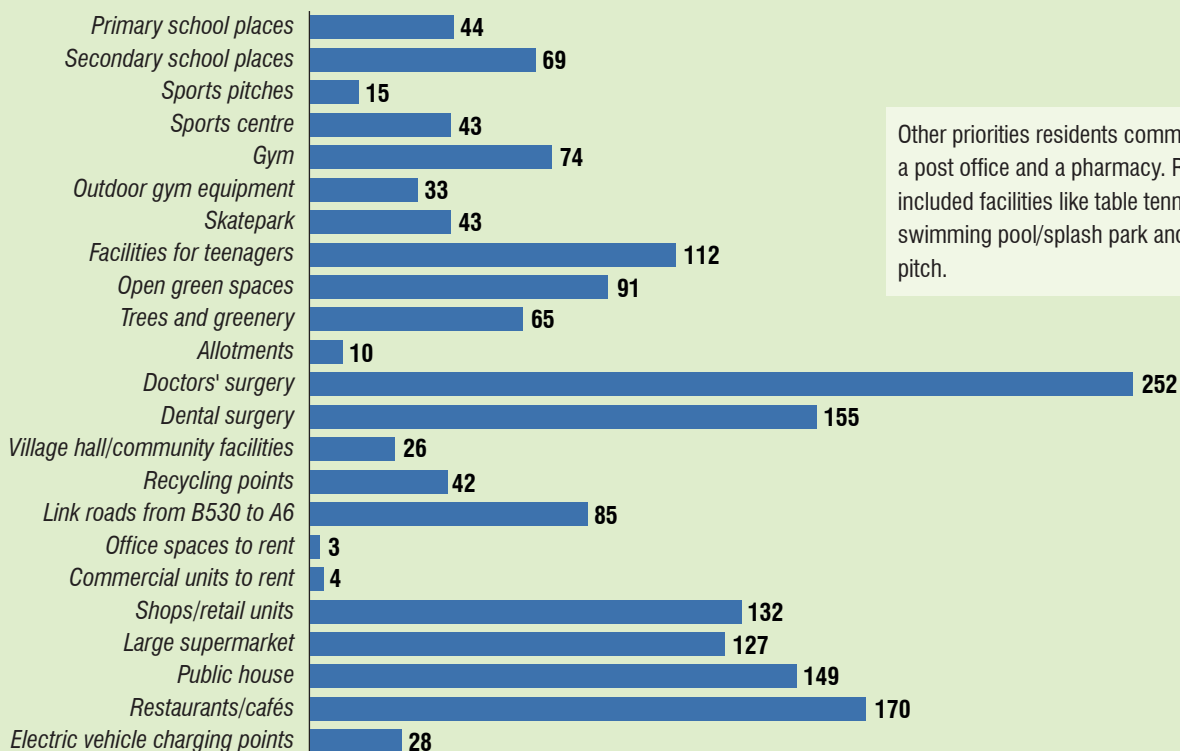


18. What are your top five issues in Wixams?



Many residents highlighted the impact of the warehouses and HGVs on Wixams. The other main issues are a lack of cafés, restaurants, shops and a pub.

19. What do you think should be prioritised for the remainder of the Wixams development?



Other priorities residents commented on are a post office and a pharmacy. Replies also included facilities like table tennis, swimming pool/splash park and a boules pitch.

20. Please use the box below to provide further comments about issues or priorities in Wixams:

There are serious problems with parking on the pavement that makes people using a wheelchair or pushchair have to go onto the road in order to pass.

Not enough facilities- school places, cafes, shops, pubs etc compared to other new build areas. Also Doctors was promised all I can see are warehouses being built

The lack of access between the villages need to be resolved ASAP.

L&Q/BBC must be made to listen to residents who have lots of good ideas

We desperately need green open spaces.

The sheer amount of lorries coming in and out of wixams is a concern. I think it's quite dangerous for children to play outside as the roads are narrow in Wixams generally

We are great at providing facilities for the young kids, but the developers forgot children grow up and their is nothing for the teens. My son goes to Wilstead to use the basketball courts. Why can't there be things like that in our own village?

A fantastic place to live except for the appalling parking and rampant speeding. 20mph everywhere

More provision for wildlife - protection for swans, i.e. not throwing litter into lake

Please do something about the cars parking on side roads in Wixams especially up Green Lane. They make driving through impossible with the accident risk being very high because they limit our vision

No doctors, dental surgery or post office? These are BASIC facilities that need to be factored in before anything else.

All new builds were mandated to provide bike racks yet there are no viable cycle routes in and around wixams without having to negotiate the A6.

It is not the lovely community village that was sold to us, it has become one large industrial unit surrounded by towering monstrous warehouses, with a constant stream of lorries taking wrong turns and having to carry out dangerous 3 point turns on roads that were not built for such things

The council also need to look at school places, we are promised brilliant schools as a selling point when moving here only to find the school places go to children from surrounding villages, priority should be given to Wixams children.

Train station was big factor in us moving here but I'm still waiting.

More benches to sit in existing green areas (for example the lakes), it would be nice to have more green areas that everyone can use (picnics, benches, walking, playing)

Police presence should be higher, considering the amount of crime reported on the newsletters. I hardly ever see any police around checking on things.

Not enough attention given to parking issues and safety of children as in school crossings etc

Lack of consultation with Wixams residents on planning issues.

Developers are more interested in building houses instead of extending the schools to accommodate the amount of families moving in. Wixams looks great on paper but the reality is there is nothing here when you move in. No large outdoor green land, no GP surgery and even worse no public house!!

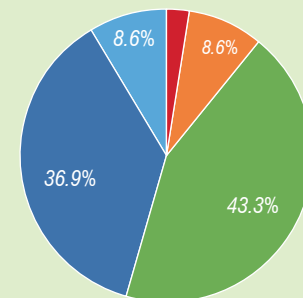
Parking on Brooklands Avenue needs more control as it is often very dangerous and emergency vehicle access would be difficult.

Leisure centre with a gym and swimming pool are sorely needed. This would also cut down on the number of young children swimming in the lakes which carries a high level of risk and, unfortunately, litter and antisocial behaviour.

Use of the 3G pitches need to be managed/policed better due to the amount of anti social behaviour and driving related incidents near by.

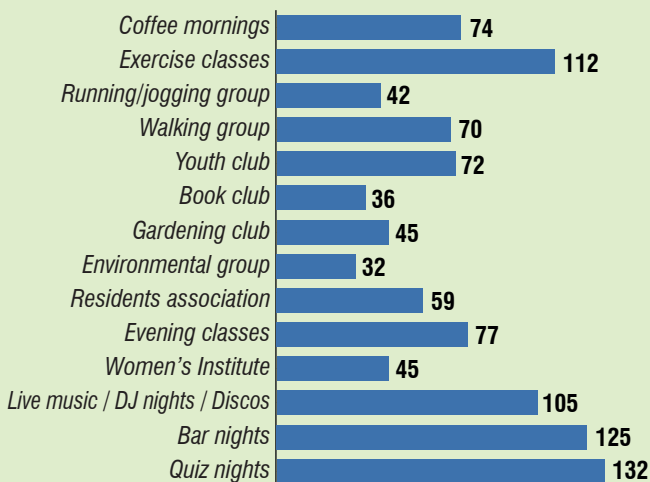
Now the industrial estate is being built by retirement centres which makes no sense, you need pedestrian crossing in place to make it safe.

21. When fully built, how well do you think Wixams will meet the expectations you held when you moved here?



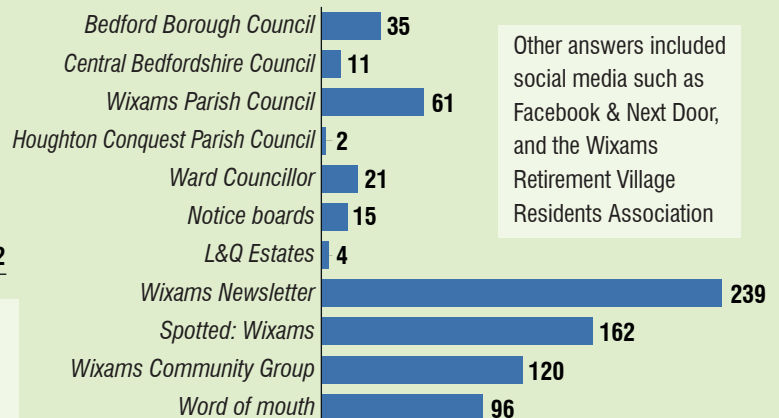
- Well above expectations - 2.5%
- Above expectations - 8.6%
- As expected - 43.4%
- Below expectations - 36.9%
- Well below expectations - 8.6%

22. What sort of activities & events in Wixams would you or family members be interested in attending?

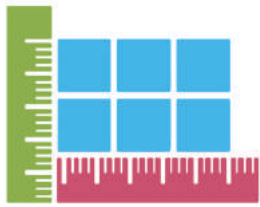


Residents have made many suggestions about social activities and social groups that include a variety of classes, a choir, a concert band, a poker league, sports clubs, fêtes and festivals, and baby/toddler groups.

23. Where do you get most of your updates and news about Wixams?




Other answers included social media such as Facebook & Next Door, and the Wixams Retirement Village Residents Association



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Lakeview Village Hall Timetable

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Day	Time	Group	Room	Contact	Website /Facebook pages
Monday	15.45 - 16.45	Shine Dance (Ballet)	Lakeview	Louisa Hodges 07749 091885	www.facebook.com/Shine-Theatre-School www.shinetheatreschool.co.uk
	18.30 - 20.00	Wixams Tang So Do	Lakeview		www.facebook.com/WixamsTSD
Tuesday	09.30 - 17.30	Seasons Art Class 2 sessions	Munson	01234 300725	www.facebook.com/theseasonsart www.theseasonsartclass.com
	17.30 & 19.30	Slimming World	Lakeview	Holly 07968 719951	www.slimmingworld.co.uk/group/558255
Wednesday	09.45 - 13.05	Baby Sensory Different groups running	Lakeview	Samantha 07538 502587	www.facebook.com/babysensorybeds www.babysensory.com/beds Email: beds@babysensory.co.uk
	17.45 - 19.00	Irish Dancing - Primary, Intermediate & Open classes	Lakeview	Katie	Email: stuartirishdance@gmail.com www.facebook.com/stuartirishdancebedford
	20.00 - 21.00	Go box fitness	Lakeview	07727 113285	www.facebook.com/goboxfit Email: goboxfit1@gmail.com
Thursday	09.45 - 14.00	Toddler Sensory Different groups running	Lakeview	Samantha 07538 502587	www.facebook.com/toddlersensebeds www.toddlersense.com/bedfordshire Email: beds@toddlersense.co.uk
	18.15 - 19.00	Go box fitness for kids	Lakeview	07727 113285	www.facebook.com/goboxfit Email: goboxfit1@gmail.com
Friday	10.00 - 11.00	Active Pack	Lakeview		www.facebook.com/activepackactivities Email: activepackactivities@gmail.com
	18.00 - 20.00	Scouts	Lakeview		www.facebook.com/1stwixamscouting www.1stwixamscouts.org.uk
Saturday	09.00 - 10.15	Shine Dance Drama, Dance & Singing	Munson	Louisa Hodges 07749 091885	www.facebook.com/Shine-Theatre-School www.shinetheatreschool.co.uk
	09.30 - 10.15	Irish Dancing Beginners classes for all ages	Lakeview	Katie	Email: stuartirishdance@gmail.com www.facebook.com/stuartirishdancebedford
Sunday	8.30 - 9.30	Go box fitness	Lakeview	07727 113285	www.facebook.com/goboxfit Email: goboxfit1@gmail.com

Lakeview Village Hall is open however due to ongoing restrictions, the hall cannot currently host parties. For further updates or enquiries, please contact the Site Manager on 07821 744848 or bookings@lakeviewvillagehall.co.uk



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Gardening Tips for June

by Marion
Colledge



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Raised beds, containers, trugs, little space

A friend has a huge camelia in a large pot and a lot of the leaves were going yellow. It had been watered daily during the dry weather, so it wasn't that. Camelias need a lot of iron, and there is an iron supplement available. But I also suggested this plant would need taking out of the pot, and repotting and more compost added underneath. The roots were probably 'pot-bound', going round and round in circles at the bottom and climbing back up the sides.

We had an amazing three inches of rain the day I am writing. I went out in my raincoat and filled linseed oil tubs and buckets as the water butts were overflowing—rain water is precious stuff. It's always better to water with rain water than tap water, as the latter is mostly quite alkaline, and may contain traces of the chemicals used to purify it for drinking. If your downpipe is shared with a neighbour, maybe a joint arrangement can be made to have a water butt?

In the larger garden/on the allotment Weeds/Grass clippings

The grass on my allotment paths was suddenly two feet high and had to be cut. I can't use it for mulching, or for courgette beds because of the seed heads. It has to be composted. The compost must be damp enough and mixed inside all the other compost with a fork, or grass seeds may ripen and be still 'viable' when the compost is used.

My metre-wide nettle (*urtica dioica*) patch is now as tall as me, and I'm going to cut it below the flowers and make a compost juice in a dustbin. I don't count nettles as a weed. Ladybird larvae feed on them when tiny, then go to fruit trees/broad beans to eat around 200 nuisance aphids a day.

Favourite Spring/Summer Plants

You can now prune shrubs that flowered in the winter or spring, like viburnum fragrans, forsythia, choisya, early clematis, providing there are no birds nesting in them. Apple trees too that are giving out too many sappy branches after the rain can have some of the crowded ends broken off. It will make them less vulnerable to insect infestations such as apple saw fly or aphids and the tree will require less moisture if the weather becomes hot and dry.

Catmint, delphiniums and other tall flowers may need staking to hold them up in summer winds: three or four canes and two circles of green string will do it.

Roses and poppies and most other flowers can be deadheaded to make them flower more—you may not need secateurs, just do it with finger and thumb as you pass by.

Enjoy your garden! And if you have time, visit some local open gardens. The nearest are probably the Kathy Brown's Garden at Manor House at Stevington (Tuesdays and Bank Holidays, small charge, bookable) and Wrest Park (Nat. Heritage, booking required due to Covid).

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