LONG SUTTON

2023 Environment Survey Results



Section 1: UNG SUTTON Who answered?



The survey is reasonably representative of our villages

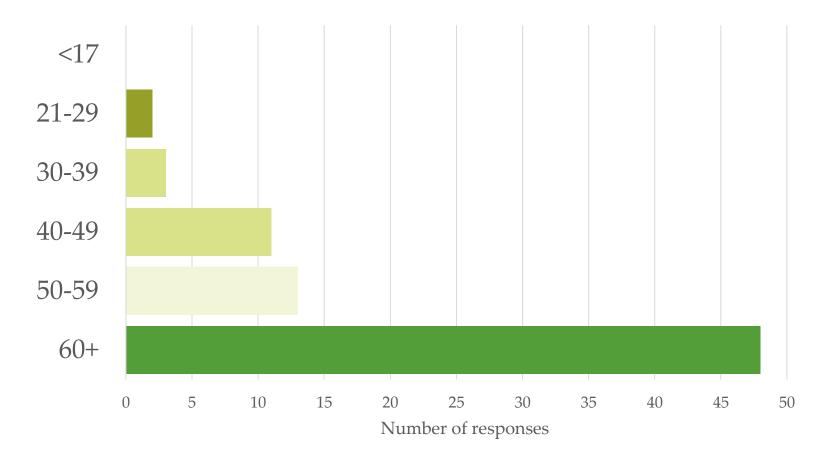
Survey response rate is above average for similar surveys that we've seen

- 80 survey responses
- Representing ~161 people
- 18% of the village
- 19% of the houses
- A good mix of newcomers and lifelong residents
- Possible small positive bias to people who feel strongly about environment

More detail on the responses

88% of responses were for households without children

4 in 5 responses were from people aged 50 and over



Section 2: What's important to our villagers?



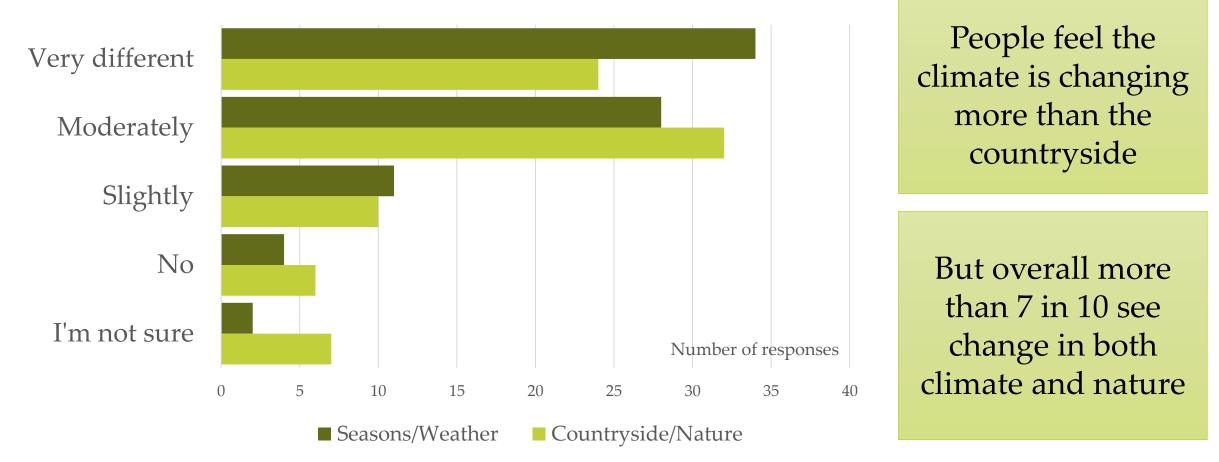
THE PARISH OF LONG SUTTON -IN THE HEART OF SOMERSET

Q1 – How concerned do you feel about our changing climate and its impact on the environment?



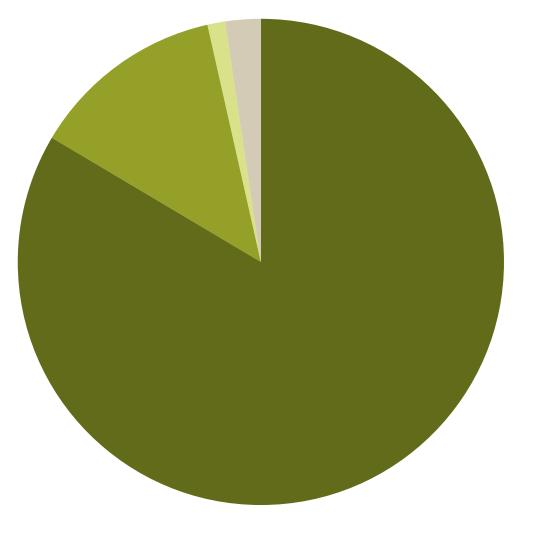
The majority of respondents (89%) were very or moderately or moderately concerned about climate change and the environment.

Q2+3 – How have things changed since you were younger?



Q4 – What is causing the most climate change, in your opinion?

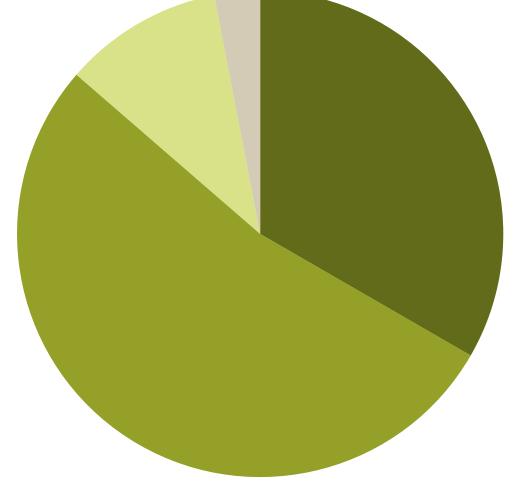
Human activity
Natural change
Not happening
I'm not sure



90% of people said that climate change is caused by human activity*

*for comparison, 99.9% of academic studies, 97% of scientists and 99% of PhDs in weather science say that climate change is caused by humans Q5 – Are you worried about the threat caused by climate change to the things that you love in the Parish?

Yes, very
Yes, moderately
Yes, slightly
No



Three quarters of people are very or moderately worried about climate change affecting the Parish

Q5 – What is it that people love about the Parish?

area areas attractive beautiful biodiversity birdlife birds church climate community
countryside drought encouraging environment fields flooding floods flowers
footpaths friendliness green habitats hedges impact insects lack landscape levels living
love managed natural open parish peace people personally public quiet rain rivers
rural scenery school seasons setting somerset spaces streams support threat threatened trees
variety views village walk water wild wildlife

The larger the word appears above, the more people mentioned it in the survey question

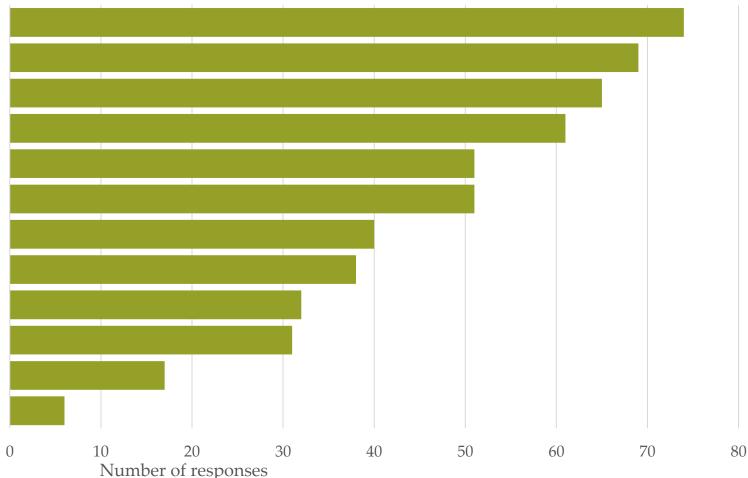
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Section 3: What environmental topics should we focus on?



Q6 – What areas are people already taking action to reduce their impact on the environment?

Increasing recycling Reducing energy usage Reducing waste Increasing re-use Conserving nature and natural habitats Reducing water usage Increasing nature and natural habitats Avoiding pollution Reducing transport emissions Protecting our soil Changing energy supply Other



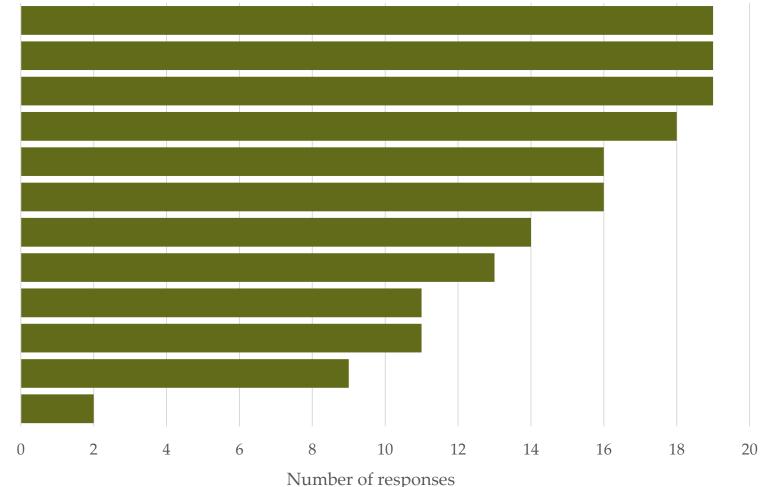
Q6 – What else are people doing already?

- Planting trees and hedges (6)
- Installing solar panels (6)
- **Buying local** (5)
- Buying less packaging (3)
- Creating wildlife habitats (3)
- Reducing car journeys (3)
- Insulating (2)
- Harvesting rainwater (2)
- Gardening organically (2)

- Installing heat pump
- Rewilding garden
- $\circ \quad \text{No-mow May}$
- Planting for pollinators
- Avoiding food waste
- More plant based diet
- Litter picking
- \circ Using green bin
- Campaigning/signing petitions
- Stopping air travel
- Taking public transport
- \circ Growing own veg
- Eating organic
- Not burning outside
- Using peat free compost
- Donating to charity
- Buying from charity shops

Q7 – In what areas would people like to take action but feel they need support to be able to do so?

Conserving nature and natural habitats Increasing nature and natural habitats Reducing transport emissions Increasing recycling Reducing energy usage Increasing re-use Protecting our soil Changing energy supply Reducing water usage Avoiding pollution Reducing waste Other



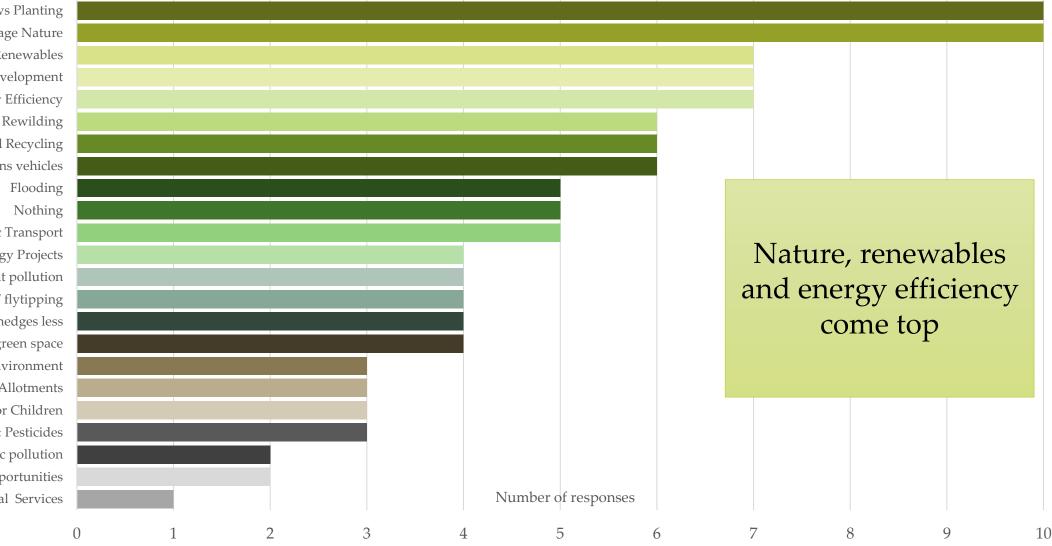
Total responses = 78

Q7 – What else do people want help with?

- Make old property energy efficient (3)
- Community energy projects (3)
- General environmental advice (2)
- Better public transport
- Switch to sustainable heating
- Protect fields and land
- Understanding facts on climate change
- Seed sharing
- Rewilding and improving habitats
- Understanding sustainable farming methods

Q8 Is there anything you'd like to see happening in the Parish?

Trees / Hedgerows Planting Protect / Encourage Nature Support Renewables Support Sustainable Development Support / Encourage Energy Efficiency Rewilding Extra Local Recycling Support low emissions vehicles Flooding Nothing Improve Public Transport **Community Energy Projects** Reduce light pollution Reduce littering / flytipping Cut verges /hedges less Protect green space Info on Local Environment Allotments Nature Spaces / Learning for Children Reduce Use of Fertilisers & Pesticides Reduce traffic pollution Improve walking opportunities Support Local Services



Total responses = 51

Q8 – What would you like to see happening in the Parish to mitigate our changing environment?

action animals areas building buildings car Community conservation continue control council electric encourage energy environment farming flooding food garden green hedges high house houses improve insects issue kids langport lights local night panels parish people plant planting plants protect public recycling reduce residents rubbish solar somerton speed support thinking transport trees understand usage vehicles verges village waste wild wildlife