Sheffield City Council

Local Area Committees

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South LAC Community Engagement

Beauchief & Greenhill • Gleadless Valley • Graves Park • Sharrow & Nether Edge

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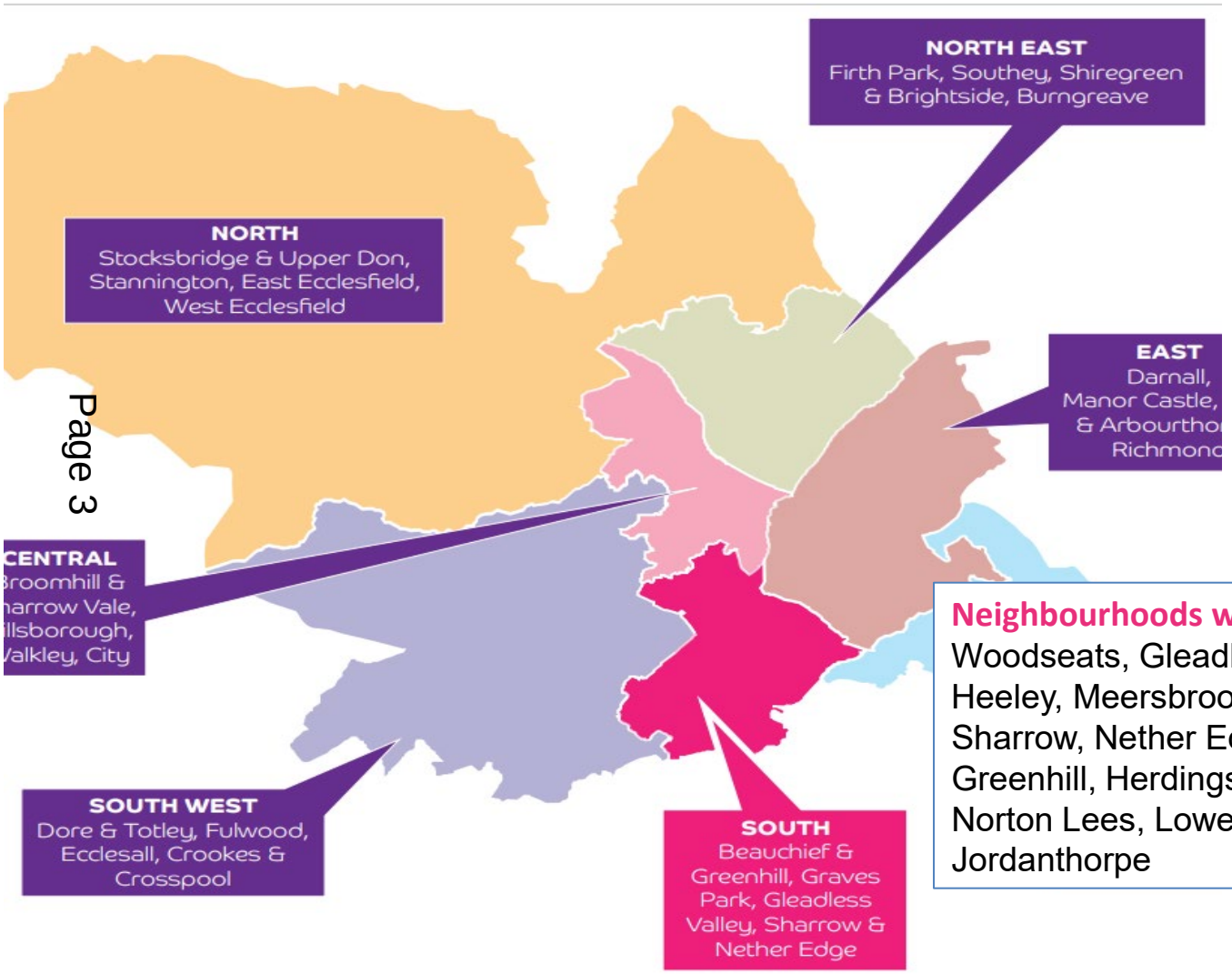
About Our Engagement Activities



Neighbourhoods we cover:
Woodseats, Gleadless Valley, Heeley, Meersbrook, Meadowhead, Sharrow, Nether Edge, Beauchief, Greenhill, Herdings, Norton, Norton Lees, Lowedges, Batemoor, Jordanthorpe

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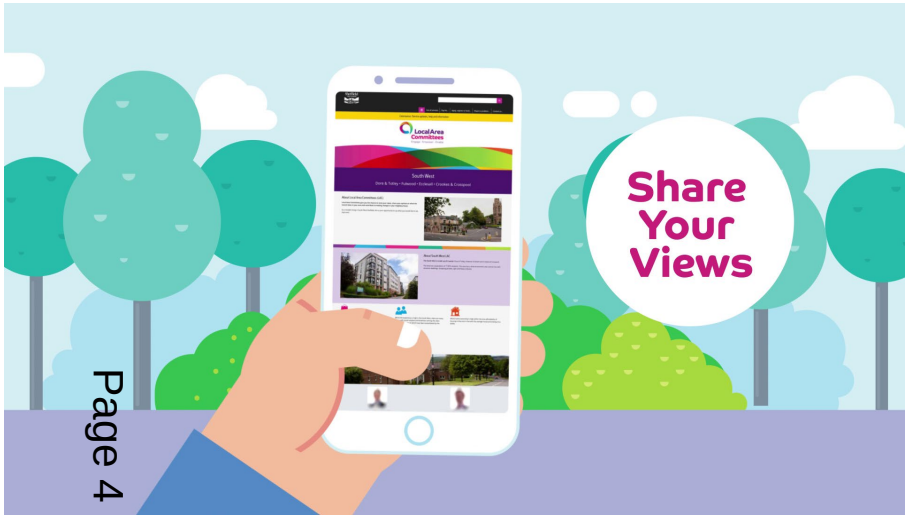


In Person Surveys / Conversations
Led by 7 local VCFS organisations
665 responses

Local Businesses
Elected Members & LAC Team spoke to local businesses in Sharrow, Woodseats and Gleadless Valley

Online Citywide Survey
31st August to 31st October 2021
Paper copies also made available
976 responses

South LAC Public Meeting
Held in Gleadless Valley Methodist Church

Drop ins at Libraries
Supported by LAC Team

Sheffield Equality Partnership
Citywide targeted work with communities less likely to have their voice heard

About Our Engagement Activities

We have spoken with over 1,800 people so far.....

Ward where respondents live (surveys only)

Beauchief & Greenhill	21%	Gleadless Valley	26%
Graves Park	15%	Sharrow & Nether Edge	37%

Who We Spoke With.....

Sexual Orientation

7% respondents identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual

Gender Identity

1% respondents identified as trans (online survey only)

Ethnicity

White British **74%**
Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority **20%**
White (Non - British) **3%**

Age

Under 20
5%

Working Age (20-50)
45%

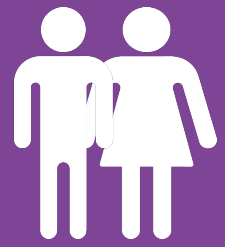
Age 50+
49%

Religion/belief

34% no religion/belief
3% Religious
(online survey only)

19% have a disability or long term condition

Sex



36% Male
60% Female
1% Non Binary

Caring status

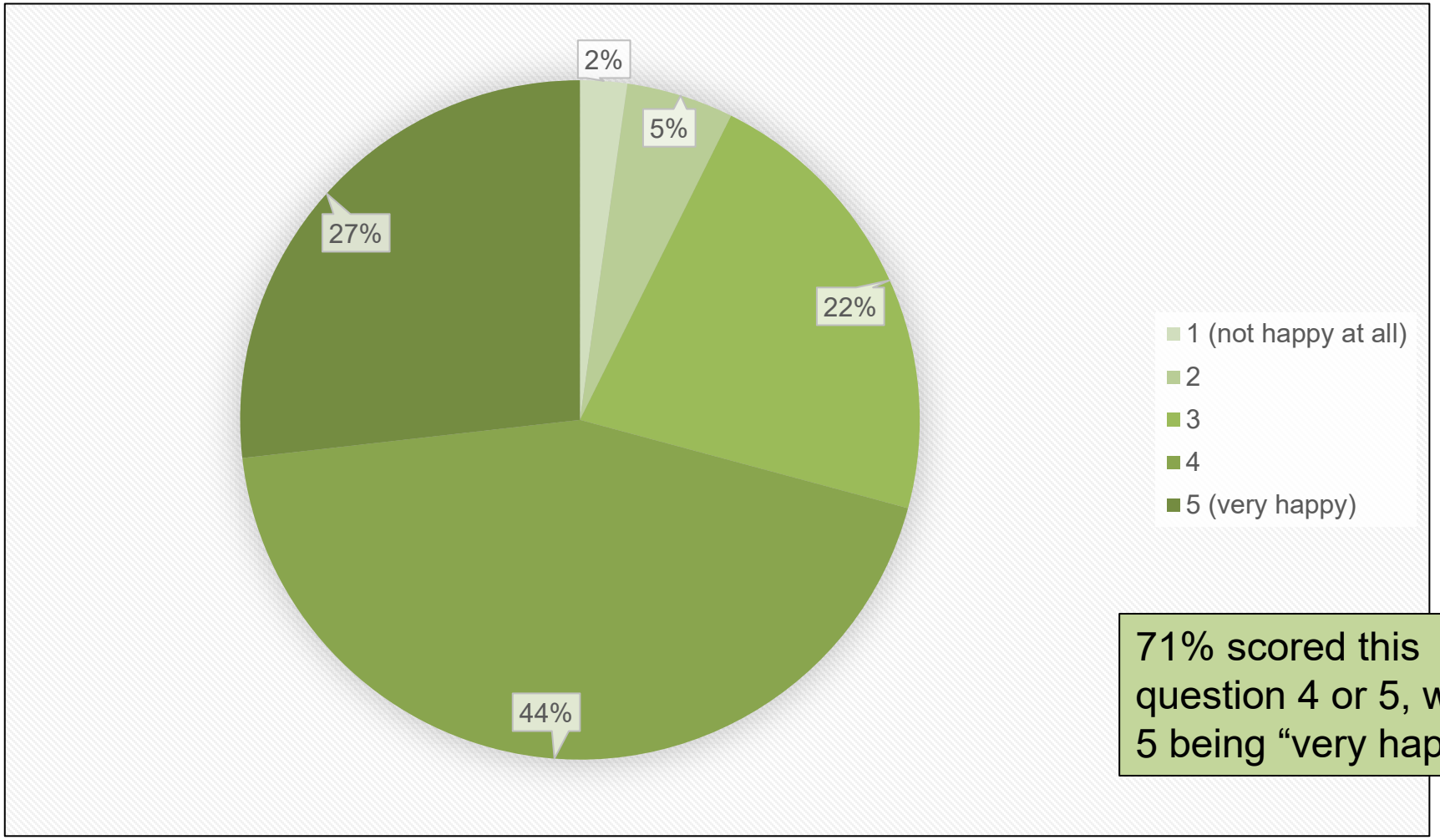
18% said they were unpaid carers

Tenure

77% are Homeowners
9% Rent from the council
1% Rent from other social landlord
8% are Private Renting
2% living with family
(Online Survey only)

Feedback

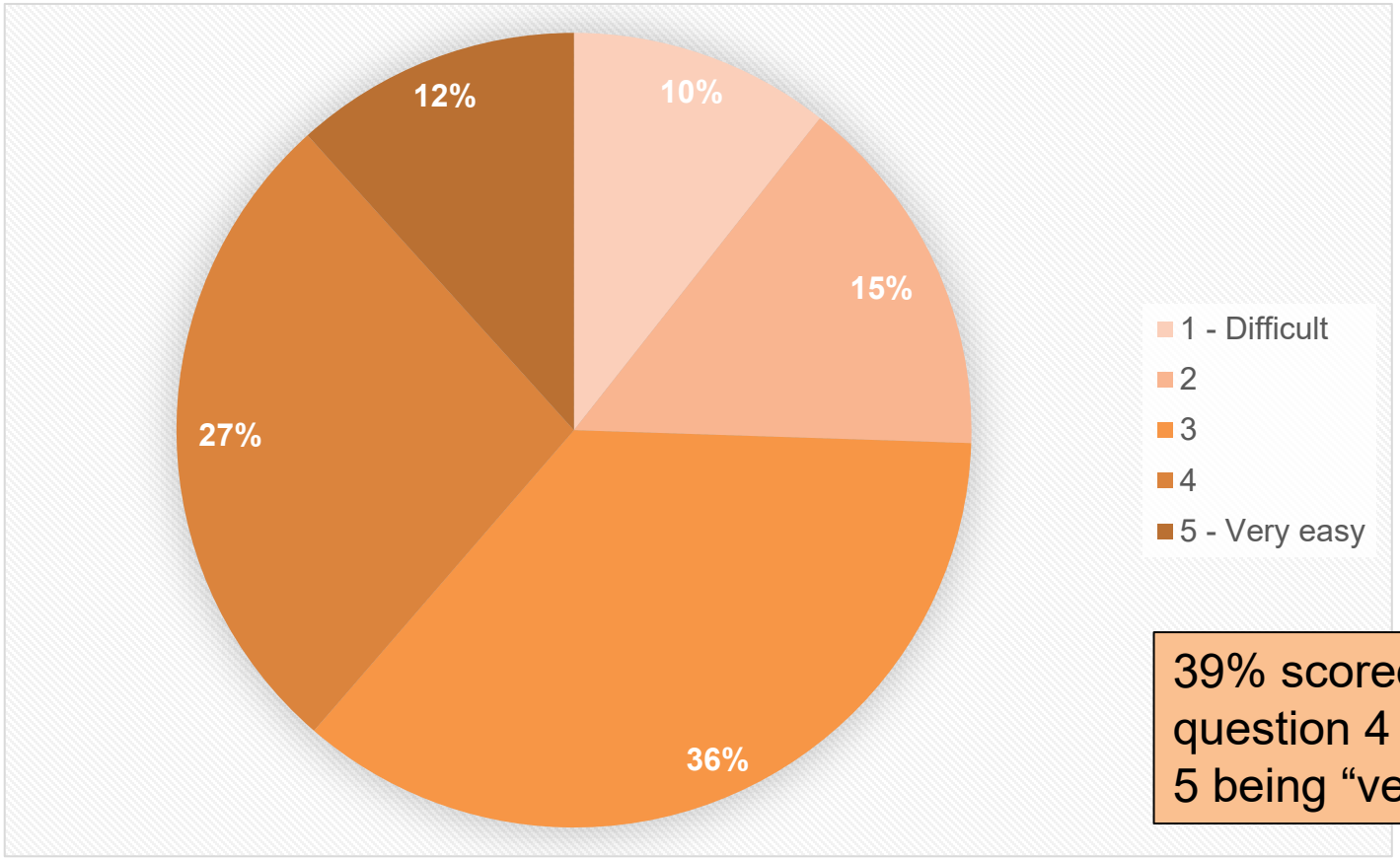
How happy do you feel with your local area where you live?



71% scored this question 4 or 5, with 5 being “very happy”

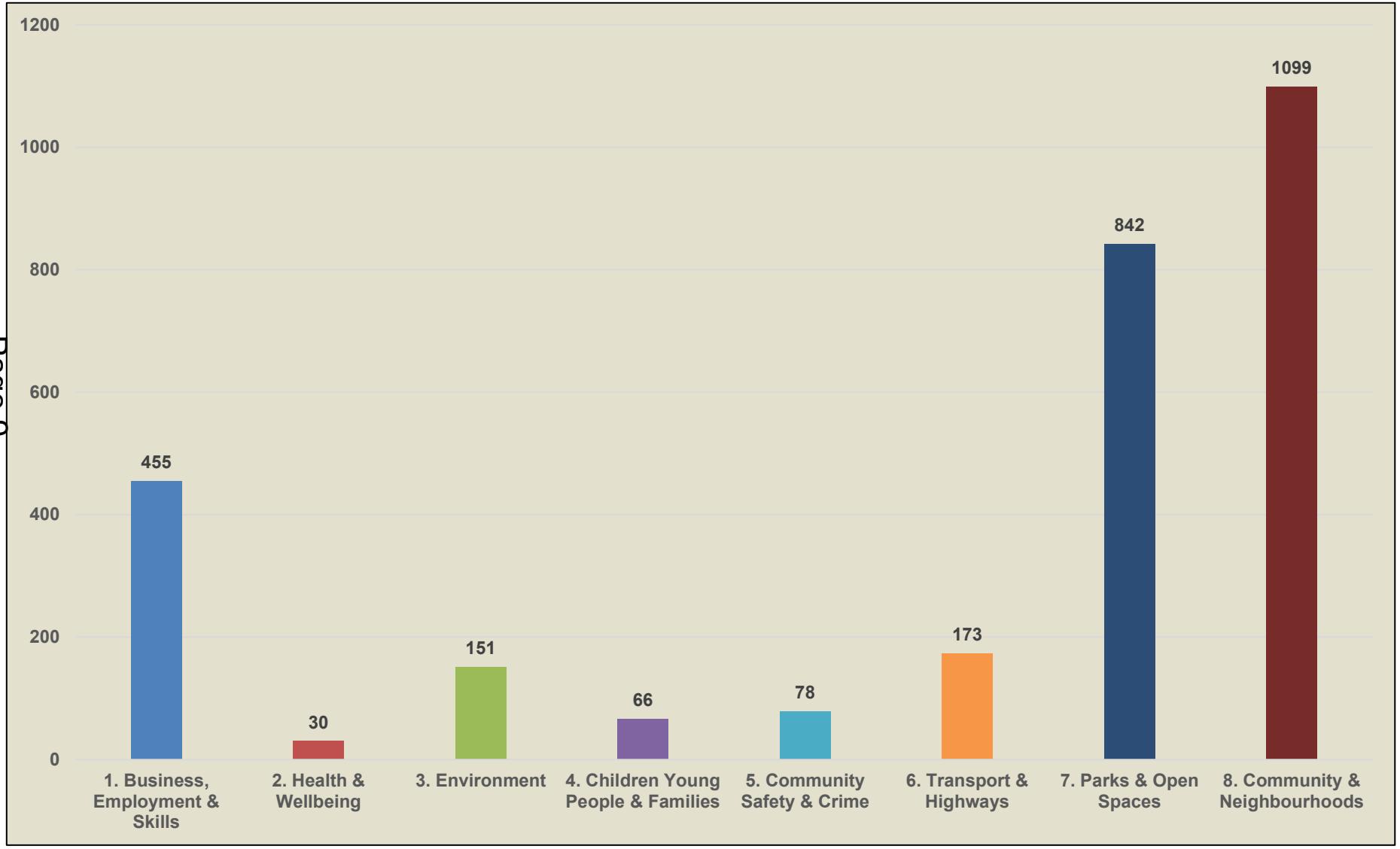
Feedback

How easy is it find out about news in your local area? e.g. events / activities



39% scored this question 4 or 5, with 5 being “very easy”

Feedback: Key Themes - Likes



Feedback: Key Themes - Likes

Sense of Community
Over 550 positive comments from people about their community, this included comments about community networks, diversity, neighbours and friends, family, community events and activities and community spirit

Crime & Community Safety
Over 70 comments about people feeling safe in their area or it having low crime levels.

Environment
Over 100 people commented that they liked the trees and street trees.

Public Transport
Over 100 comments in relation to buses and also trams and train in terms of proximity and routes.

Parks & Open Spaces
Over 280 comments about parks, including quality and location, with lots of mentions of Graves, Meersbrook and also Millhouses Parks.

Feedback: Key Themes - Likes

Local Shopping Centres & Businesses
Over 400 people commented on their local shopping area and the types of business, comments included around the number of independent businesses, diversity and proximity of shops, good pubs and restaurants and cafes.

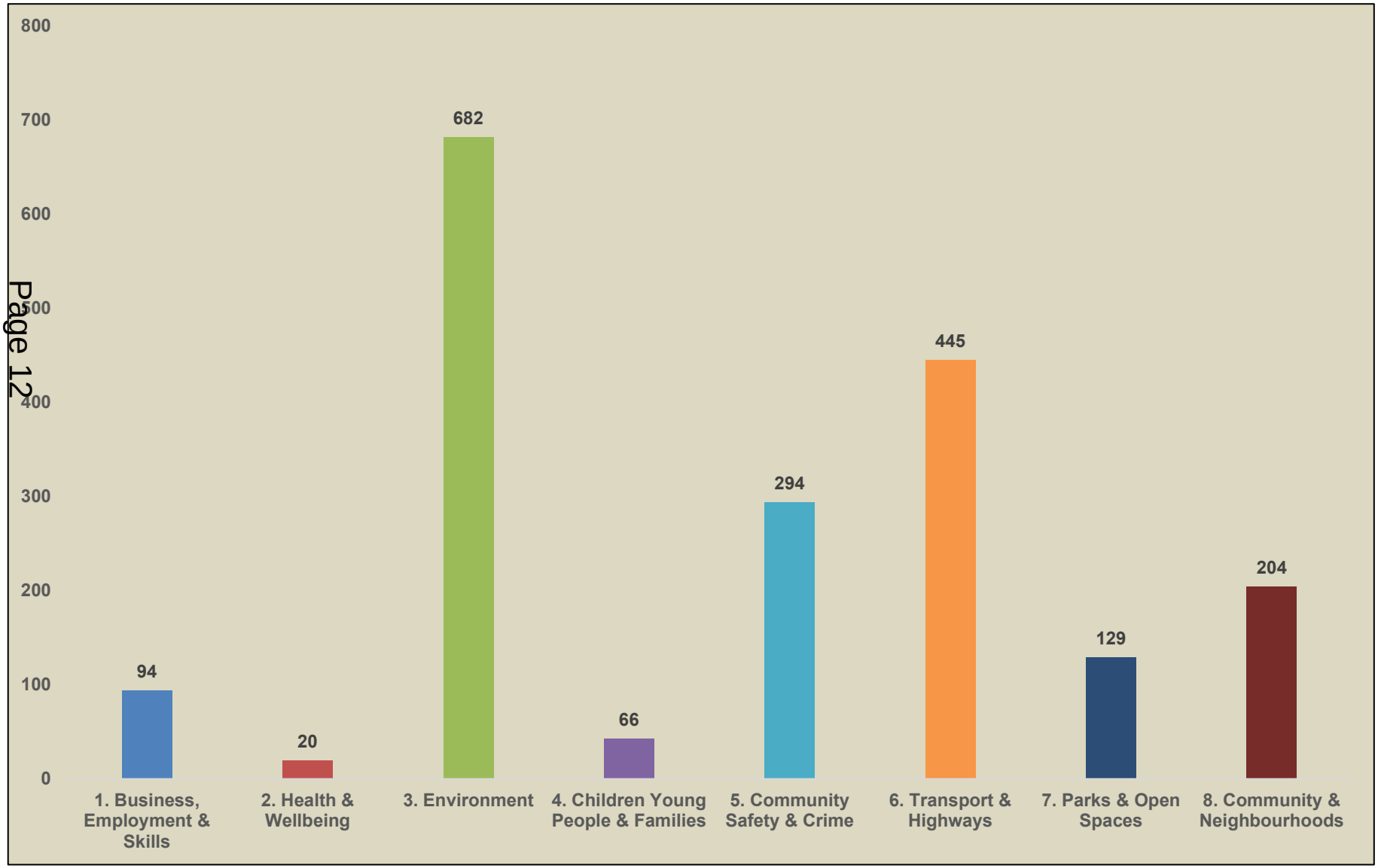
Local Community
Over 450 comments in relation to local amenities and where people live, their home and also having access to quiet spaces.

Public Transport
Over 100 comments in relation to buses and also trams and trains in terms of proximity and routes.

Good Local Schools
Over 50 comments about local schools, people commented on the quality of schools and also their proximity.

Parks & Open Spaces
Over 430 comments about green and open spaces, including local woodlands and the proximity of the countryside / Peak District.

Feedback: Key Themes - Improvements



Feedback: Key Themes - Improvements

Environment

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

- Litter
- Trees (inc. maintenance / replanting)
- Street Cleaning & Maintenance
- Climate / Clean Air / Carbon Footprint
- Street scene - Footpaths & Lighting
- Bins (residential / commercial)
- Dog Fouling

Litter was the most prominent issue with over 130 comments.

Transport & Highways

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

- Parking
- Traffic Calming
- Public Transport - Tram, Train, Bus etc.
- Speeding
- Cycle Routes
- Potholes / resurfacing
- Active Travel - Running / Walking etc

Parking and traffic calming both received over 200 comments, with public transport receiving over 170 comments and speeding over 120.

Feedback: Key Themes - Improvements

Crime & Community Safety

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

- Crime
- Police Presence & Patrol
- ASB
- Off-Road Bikes

Crime was the most prominent concern with over 70 comments followed by Police Presence & Patrol with over 50.

Community & Neighbourhoods

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

- Lack of Local Amenities
- Community & Voluntary Groups (more activities)
- Community / Neighbourhood (ASB / Housing stock)
- Lack of Community Assets / facilities
- More festivals / Celebrations & Community Days

Lack of local amenities was the most prominent concern with over 30 comments.

Feedback: Key Themes - Improvements

Parks & Open Spaces

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

- Parks
- Playgrounds & Play Areas
- Green & Open Spaces

Both parks and playgrounds and play areas received over 30 comments.

Children, Young People & Families

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

- Youth Clubs, Activities & Provision
- Family Activities & Groups

Youth clubs, activities and provision received over 50 comments

Business, Employment & Skills

Top concerns raised in order of priority:

Type of Shops & Businesses (increase independent shops / diversity)

- Business and Economy (including local shopping offer)
- Empty shops
- Training, Skills & Jobs

Type of Shops & Businesses received over 40 comments

Emerging Themes Based on our Engagement

Environment

Transport & Highways

Community Safety & Crime

Community & Neighbourhoods

Parks & Open Space

Business, Employment & Skills

Some Considerations & Caveats

- **Sample size** – it is still a small sample of the South LAC population
- **Underrepresentation** - Some neighbourhoods and groups unrepresented e.g. those who don't own their own home
- **Gaps** - some very important issues are less prevalent through this engagement e.g. health and wellbeing, children and young people, poverty
- **Variance** – there is some very significant variance across areas / neighbourhoods
- **Evidence** - what else do we know?

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