

flamstead future



Flamstead Parish Survey 2016
Summary of responses from young people

Age groups and responses

Survey was conducted between 27th May and 30th Jun 2016

123 individual responses received

44 from children aged 5-7

43 from children aged 8-10

36 from those aged 11-15

81% of the young people like living in Flamstead

74% of the 5-10s want to live in Flamstead when they grow up

53% of 11-15s would like to live in “a village like Flamstead”

What do you like/ not like about Flamstead?

72 positive comments, three strong themes across all ages:

- size and quiet character of the village (20)
- rural location - landscape, footpaths, spaces to play (12)
- friendly and caring community (16)

11 negative comments, mostly from the 11-15 age group:

- majority concerned lack of things for young people to do, or places to do them, away from older residents

What would make Flamstead better? (8-15s only)

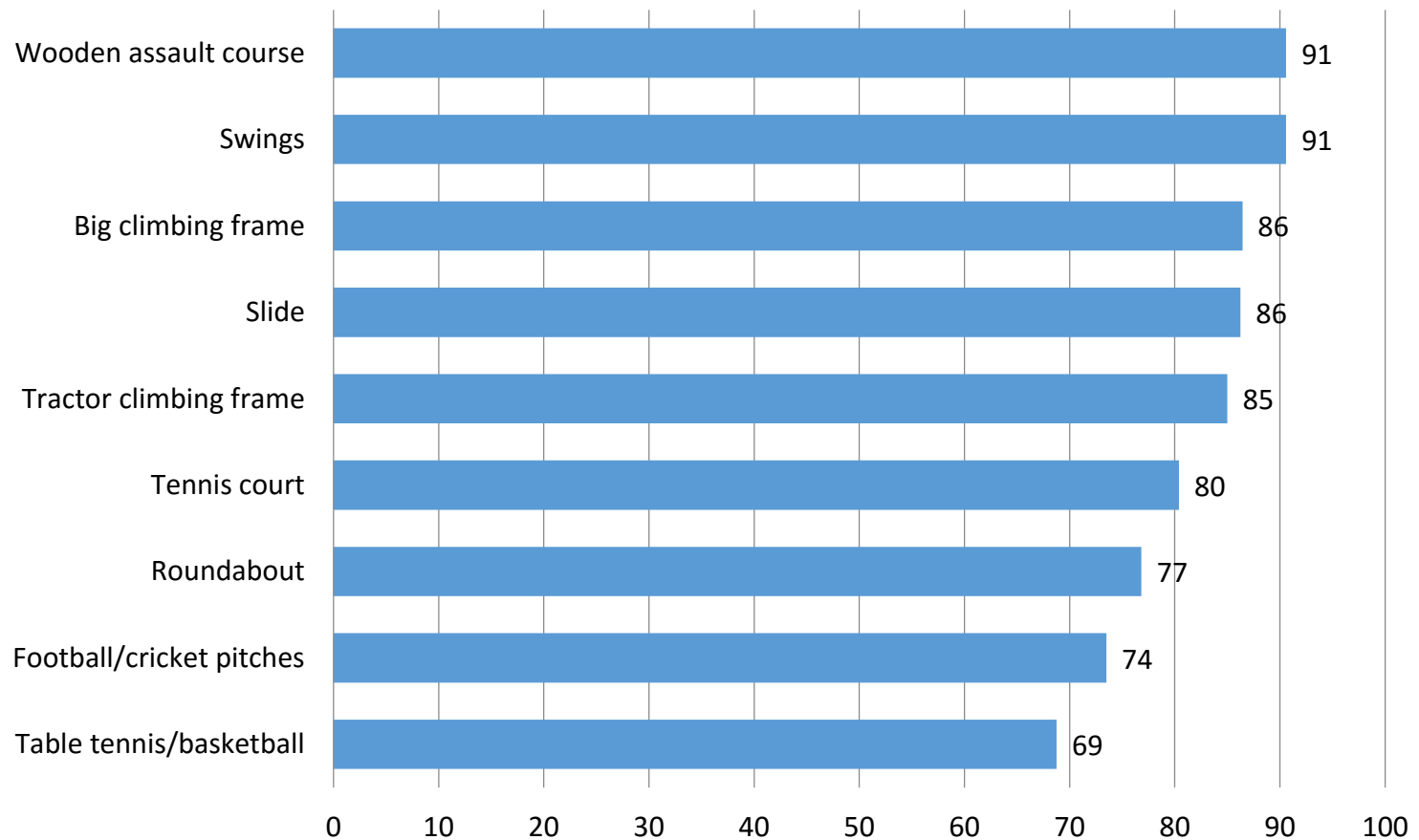
79 responses, including these suggestions:

- more for young people to do
 - more activities and clubs in general (13)
 - specific ideas for facilities or activities (16)
eg youth club, swimming pool
- better bus services to Harpenden, Hemel or St Albans including on Sundays, giving wider access to activities (11)

Use of the recreation ground

92% across all ages use the rec – 80% like it, nobody disliked it

% of likes for recreation ground pitches and apparatus



What would make the rec better?

72 responses mentioning 31 different improvements:

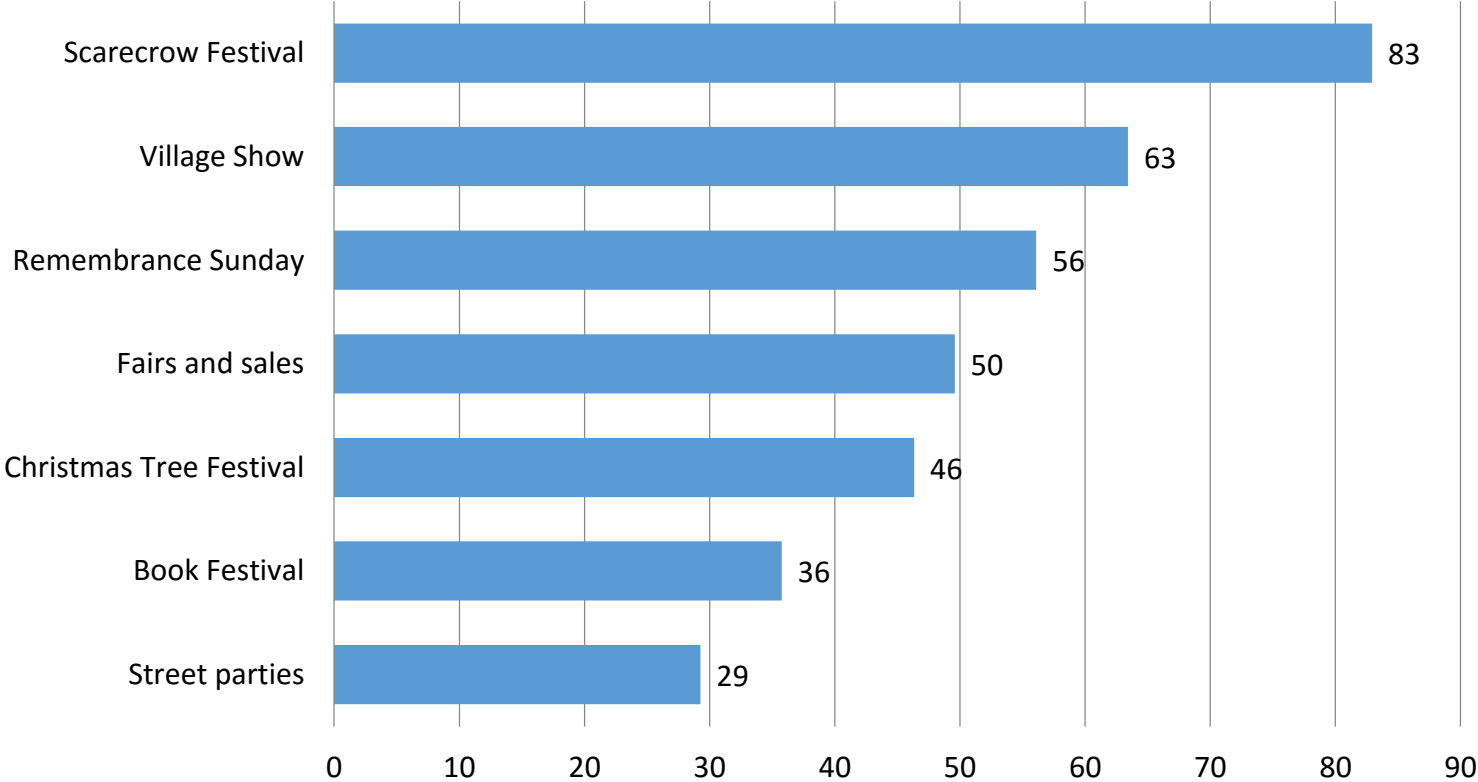
- the park should be cleaned up
 - dog poo on the field
 - the smell of the mini roundabout
- suggestions for additional apparatus / activities:

zipwires (6)	dens (3)
skateboard park/ramp (5)	better slides (3)
more swings for older children (5)	football goals (3)
monkey bars (4)	
- several comments highlighted the poor quality of the surface in the playground and the hard surface court

Which village events have you taken part in?

The young people of Flamstead, across all age groups, participate in all aspects of village life:

% youngsters who have attended different village events



Outcomes

- the quickest win for the PC would be to clean up the rec
- funds permitting, the PC could develop the space bearing in mind which are the most enjoyed pieces of equipment and what the most favoured suggestions are for new equipment
- the lack of activities for 11-15s should be addressed as a priority
- the PC is asked to note the sentiments of all young people in their appreciation of the character of the village