



# Explore, Enhance, Protect and Promote Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve

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**Smestow Valley**  
Local Nature Reserve

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL



**Black Country**  
UNESCO Global Geopark Project



Total No. Respondents

596

This report visualises the responses from the Explore, Enhance, Protect and Promote Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve consultation that was open between 24 April and 31 July 2025.



Q1 - Respondent Ward Map



Q1 - Respondent LSOA Map



Q1 - Respondent Postcode Map



Q2



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Q8 - Q9



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Equality Monitoring (1)



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Response Submission Dates



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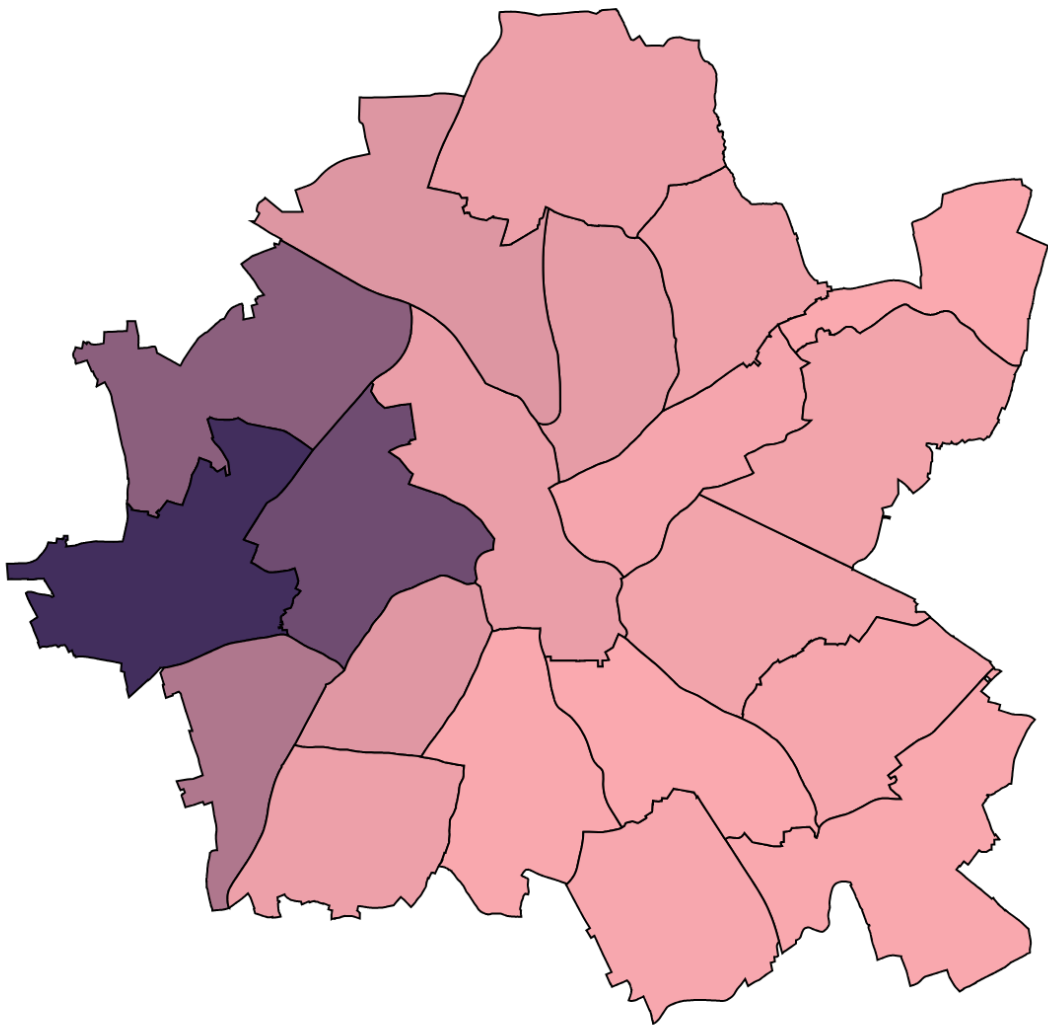
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## Responses per Ward



Lower



Higher

Ward	No. responses	%
Tettenhall Wightwick	140	23.5%
Park	106	17.8%
Tettenhall Regis	85	14.3%
Outside of Wolverhampton/Not known	71	11.9%
Merry Hill	58	9.7%
Oxley	23	3.9%
Graiseley	21	3.5%
Bushbury South & Low Hill	16	2.7%
St.Peter's	13	2.2%
Bushbury North	11	1.8%
Penn	11	1.8%
Fallings Park	9	1.5%
East Park	7	1.2%
Wednesfield South	7	1.2%
Heath Town	5	0.8%
Bilston North	4	0.7%
Ettingshall South & Spring Vale	3	0.5%
Bilston South	2	0.3%
Blakenhall	2	0.3%
Ettingshall North	1	0.2%
Wednesfield North	1	0.2%
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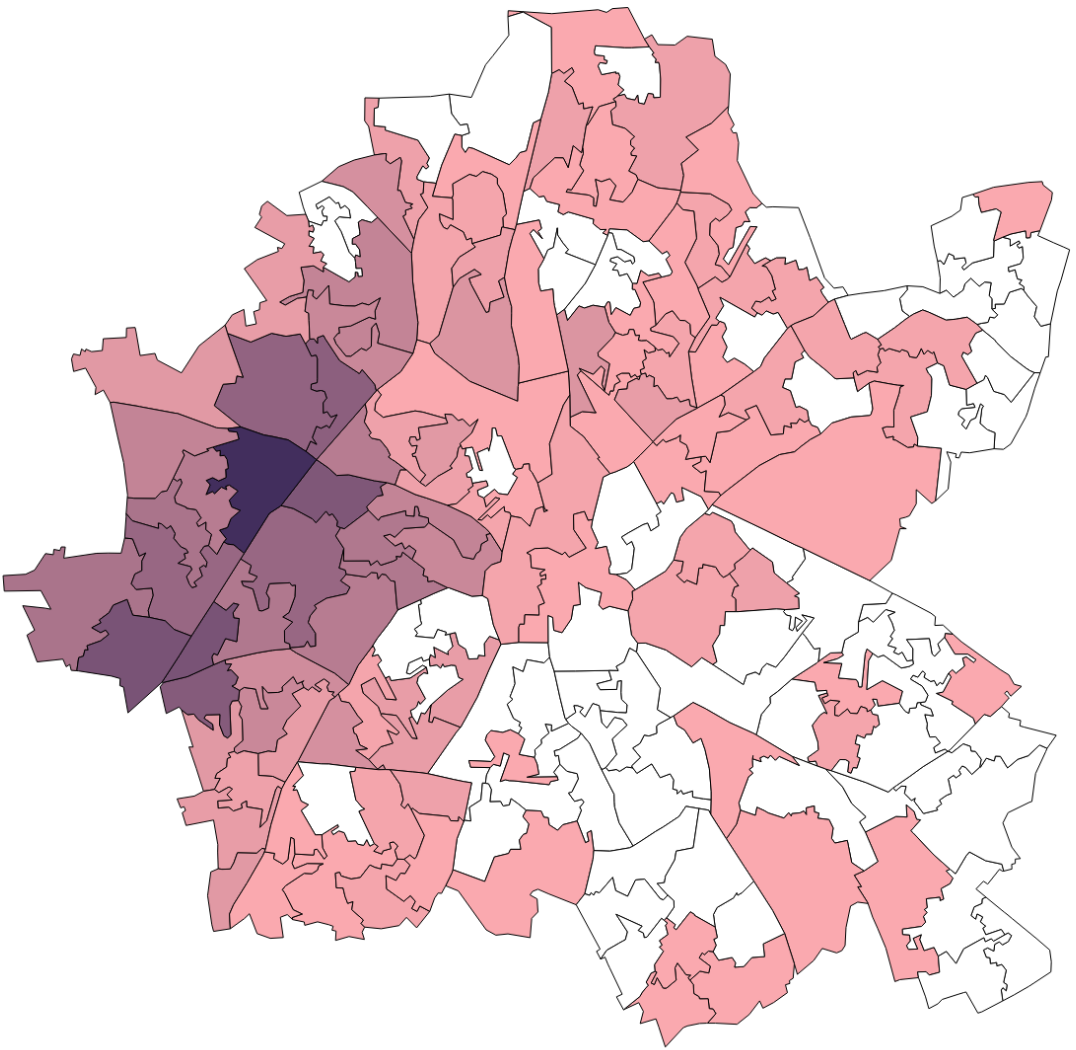
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## Responses per LSOA



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LSOA	Ward	No. responses	%
	Outside of Wolverhampton/Not known	71	11.9%
E01010547	Tettenhall Wightwick	31	5.2%
E01010509	Tettenhall Wightwick	22	3.7%
E01010552	Tettenhall Wightwick	22	3.7%
E01010510	Park	21	3.5%
E01010494	Merry Hill	20	3.4%
E01010539	Tettenhall Regis	19	3.2%
E01010540	Tettenhall Regis	18	3.0%
E01010551	Tettenhall Wightwick	17	2.9%
E01010550	Tettenhall Wightwick	14	2.3%
E01010506	Park	13	2.2%
E01010512	Park	13	2.2%
E01010507	Tettenhall Wightwick	13	2.2%
E01010504	Park	12	2.0%
E01010505	Park	12	2.0%
E01010523	Park	12	2.0%
E01010511	Park	10	1.7%
E01010542	Tettenhall Regis	10	1.7%
E01010553	Tettenhall Regis	10	1.7%
E01010548	Tettenhall Wightwick	10	1.7%
E01010487	Merry Hill	9	1.5%
E01010508	Park	9	1.5%
E01010545	Tettenhall Regis	9	1.5%
E01010493	Merry Hill	8	1.3%

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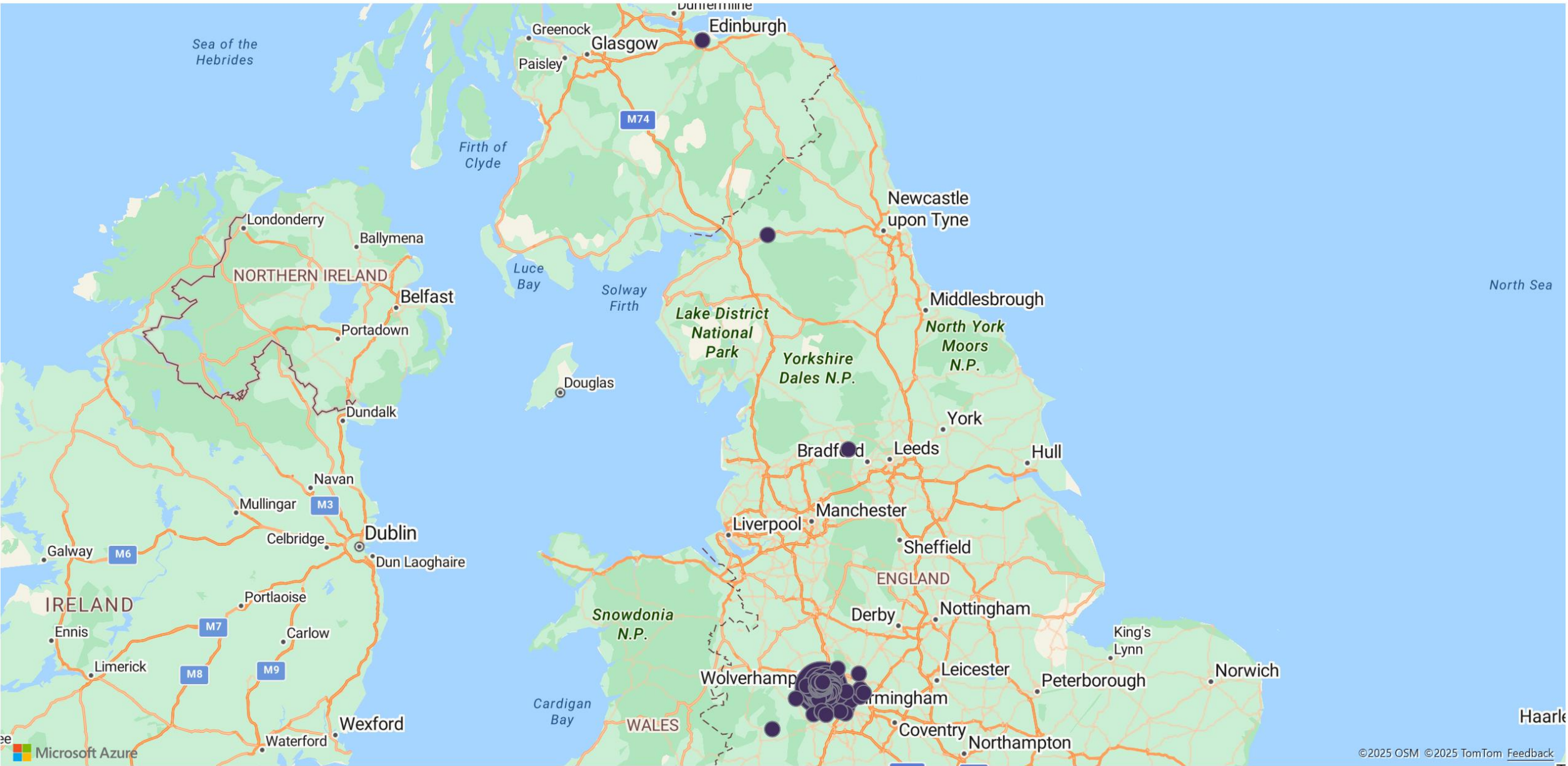
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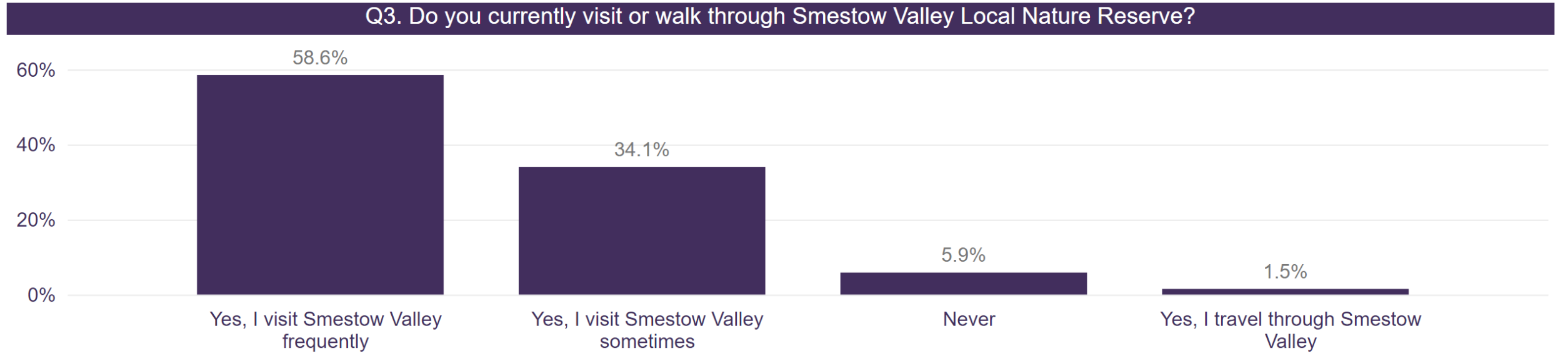
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Q2. If replying on behalf of a group or organisation please insert details here:	No. responses	%
Not answered	536	89.9%
N/A	19	3.2%
City Of Wolverhampton Council	6	1.0%
No	5	0.8%
juniper	4	0.7%
na	4	0.7%
None	2	0.3%
Access to Business	1	0.2%
ConnectSport CIC	1	0.2%
Friends of Smestow Valley	1	0.2%
Juniper training	1	0.2%
Lgbt sparkle socail group wolverhampton	1	0.2%
Midway Care Group	1	0.2%
Not applicable	1	0.2%
Not part of a group or organisation, just a person whose garden backs onto the reserve. We use it a lot.	1	0.2%
Save the lower pen greenbelt group	1	0.2%
St Mary catholic primary school	1	0.2%
St mary's academy	1	0.2%
St Mary's Catholic primary academy	1	0.2%
Street Cleansing Operative	1	0.2%
Sustrans	1	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



Are there any reasons you choose not to visit Smestow Valley?	No. responses
No	21
None	5
N/A	3
A leisurely walk or for a run	1
A relative of mine was attacked by a dog last year	1
Anit-social behaviour	1
Motorbikes	
Cyclists going too fast	
Anti social behaviour	1
at night time	1
Total	211

What might encourage you to visit or visit more?	No. responses
N/a	2
- More Information about accessibility, free activities and visitor relevance	1
- Better Signage	
- Activities relevant to ethnic minorities, young and old	
- Address safety	
- Repair, development.	
- Dog-free areas	
- Cultural relevance	
- some of the bins for dog poop were recently removed, making it a less attractive option for dog walking.	1
Total	337



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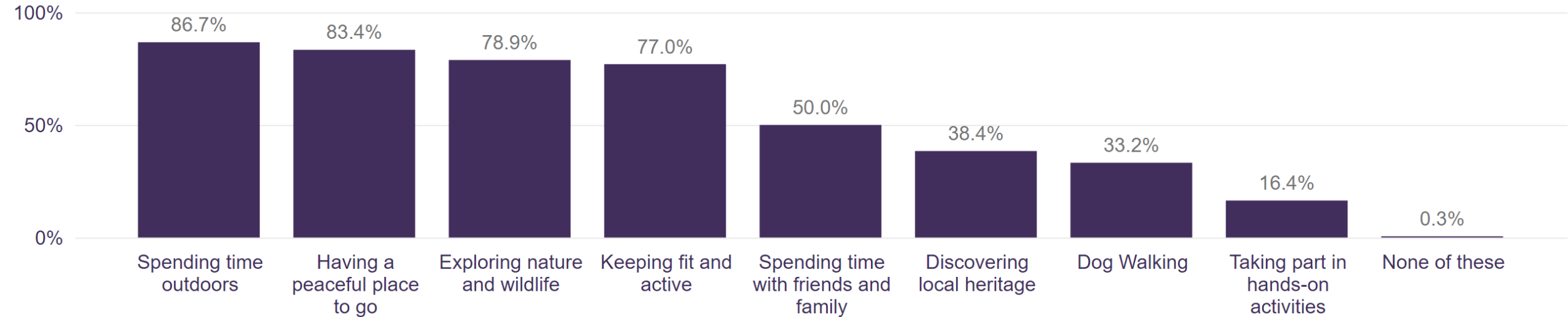
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## Q4. What interests you the most?



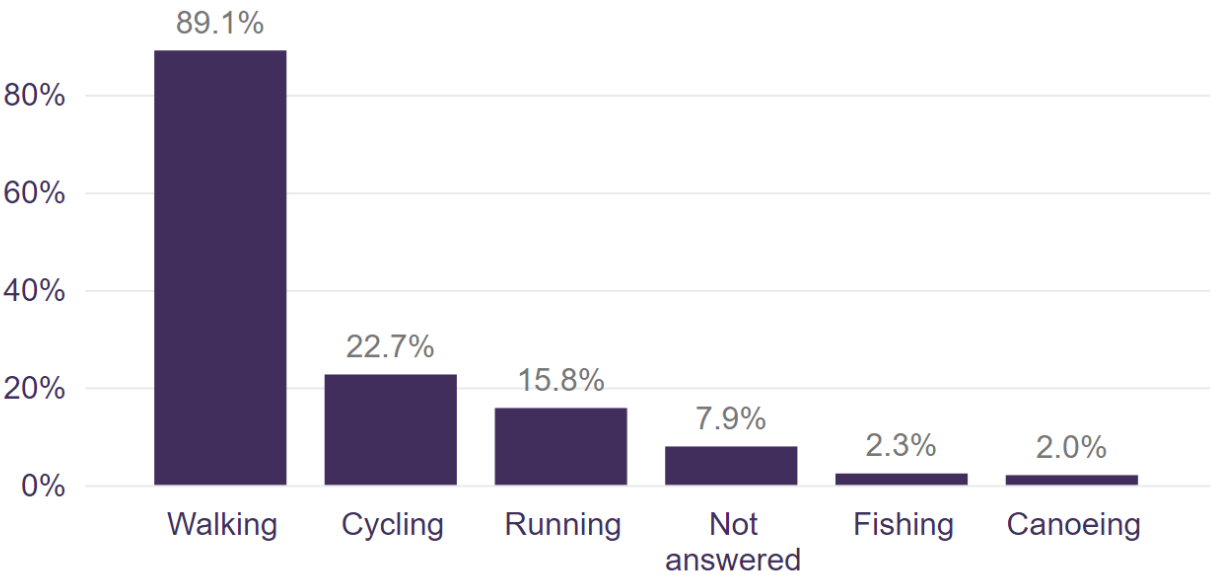
### What interests you the most? - Anything else?

No. responses

Cupcake lane	2
Foraging	2
Photography	2
A well used local through route	1
A safe place to walk with others	1
Access to green space on our doorstep	1
All the above are importnat to users of our national cycle network	1
And enjoying the great outdoors	1
Anything with food! Picking wild fruit. Taking friends for an organised walk.	1

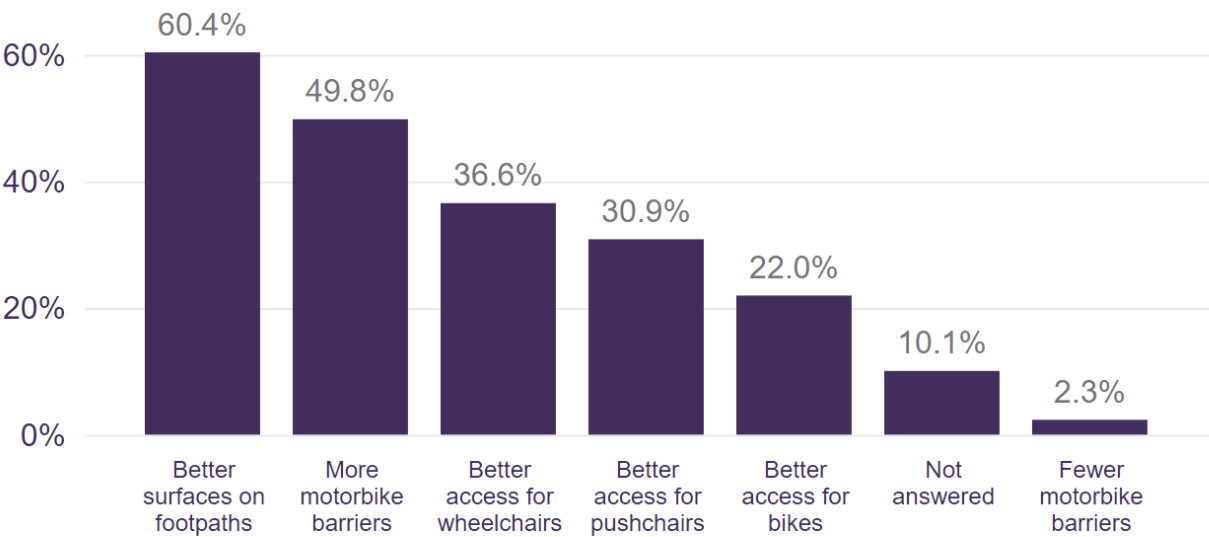
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## Q5. Do you use the canal in Smestow Valley, if so how do you use it?



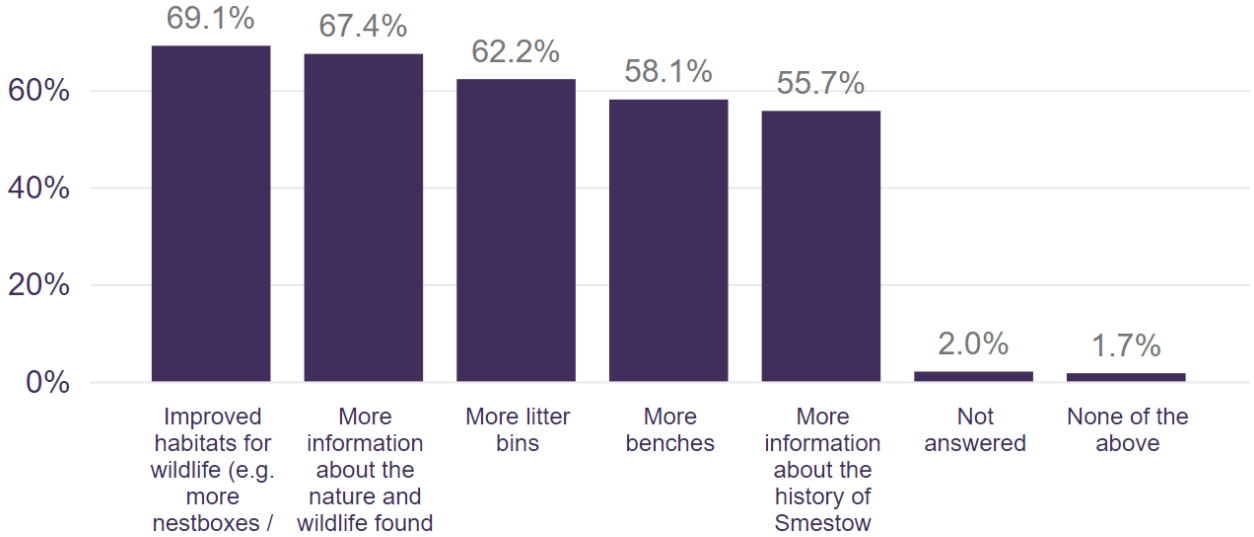


Q6. Which of the following would you support to improve access throughout Smestow Valley?



Which of the following would you support to improve access throughout Smestow Valley? - Other (please specify)	No. responses
There are no effective working motorbike barriers. If there were any, users would not encounter motorbikes including at 10 a.m. on a Sunday morning?	2
A map showing all accesses/links to canal etc - would only need to be online	1
A separate bike path, we walk and quite often bikes ride up behind with no notice and you find yourself not relaxing and being on guard for safety	1
Total	71

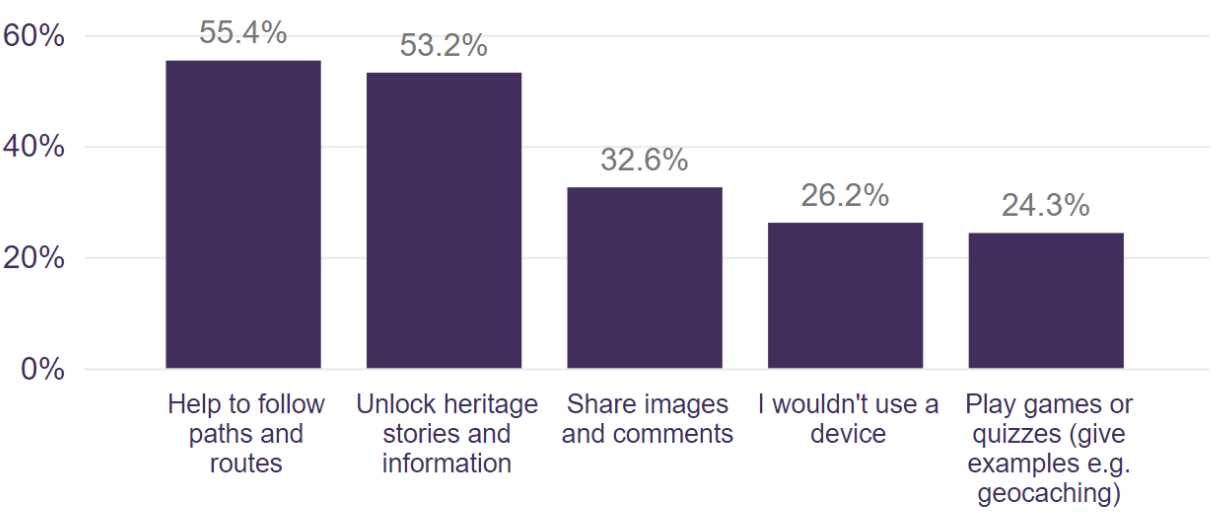
Q7. What additional measures would you support to improve Smestow Valley?



What additional measures would you support to improve Smestow Valley? - Other (please specify)	No. responses
a public toilet	1
A small play area for children	1
Banning motorbikes	1
Bat and bird houses	1
Benches benches benches	1
Benches especially on the Finchfied/ old Wolverhampton Garden	1
better lighting	1
Total	80

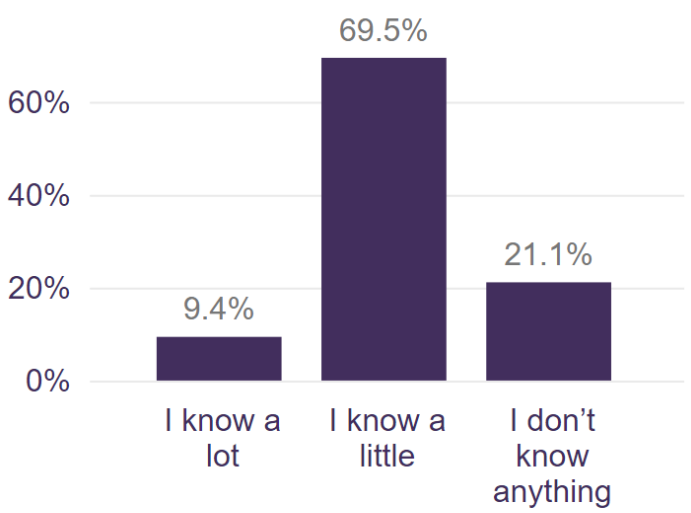


Q8. We are looking at ways of using new technology as part of exploring Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve. Would you use a smartphone or tablet for the following?

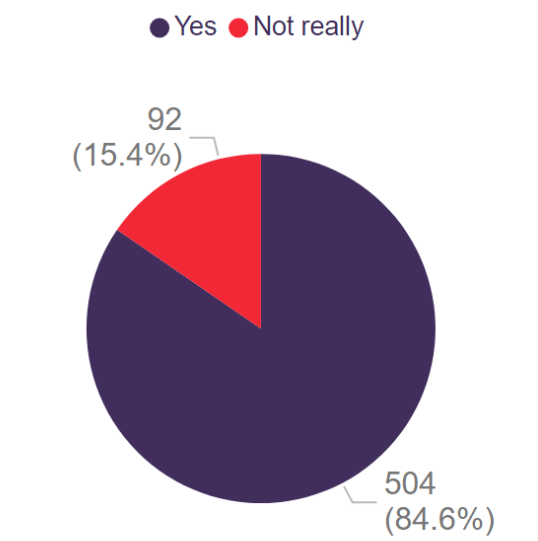


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A programme that people can access to learn about the area, nature, listening to sounds/bird song or even silence and learn the art of mindfulness and to help people cope with stress in a busy and noisy demanding world.	1
All signs should display QR codes linking to more information.	1
Total	58

Q9. How much do you know about the history of Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve?

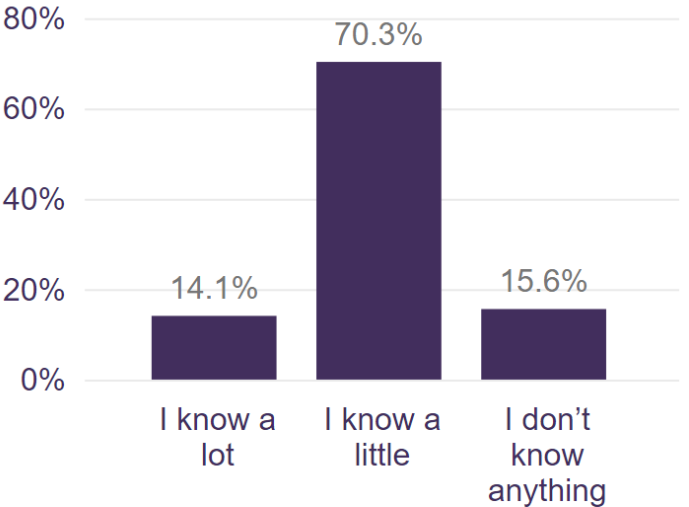


Would you like to know more?

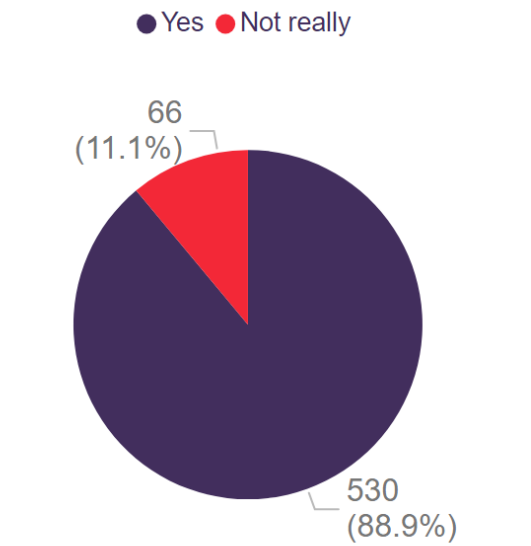


How much do you know about the history of Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve? - Any other comments?	No. responses
After going to my local meeting hosted by Chris jellyman at the newhampton arts centre the speaker was cathrine I believe, she was a strong speaker and passionate, she made me want to make the effort to go! I didn't realise how large the area was and how you want to welcome more users. Thanks to her, I will go. Thank you, Leasa	1
All that I know has generally come from the Tettenhall	1
Total	68

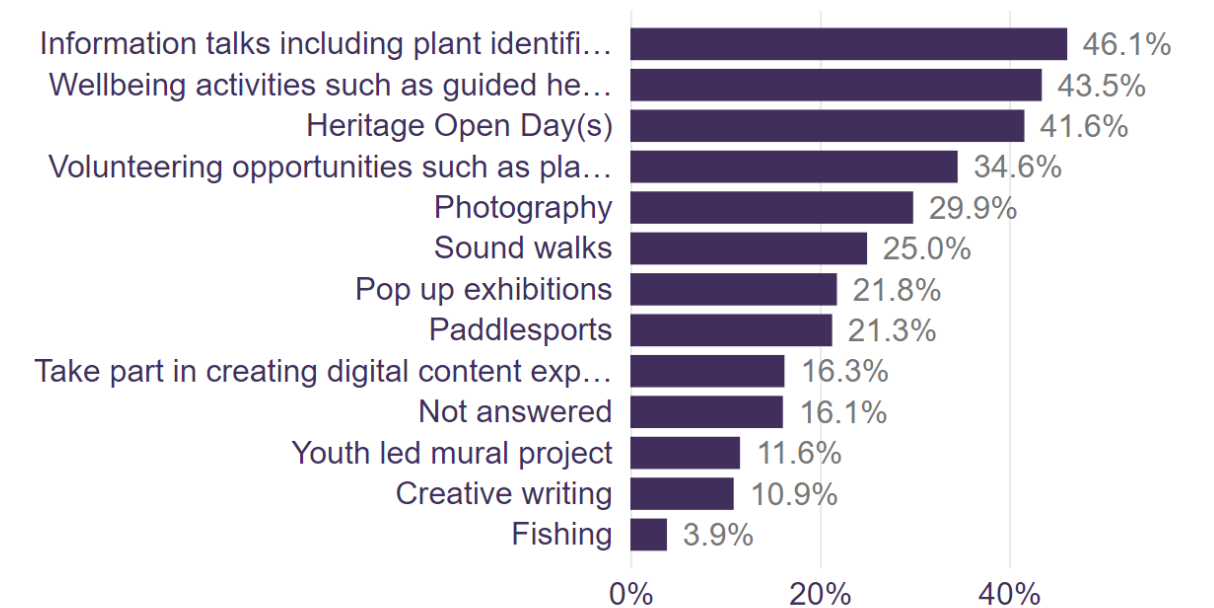
Q10. How much do you know about the nature and wildlife that can be found in Smestow Valley?



Would you like to know more?



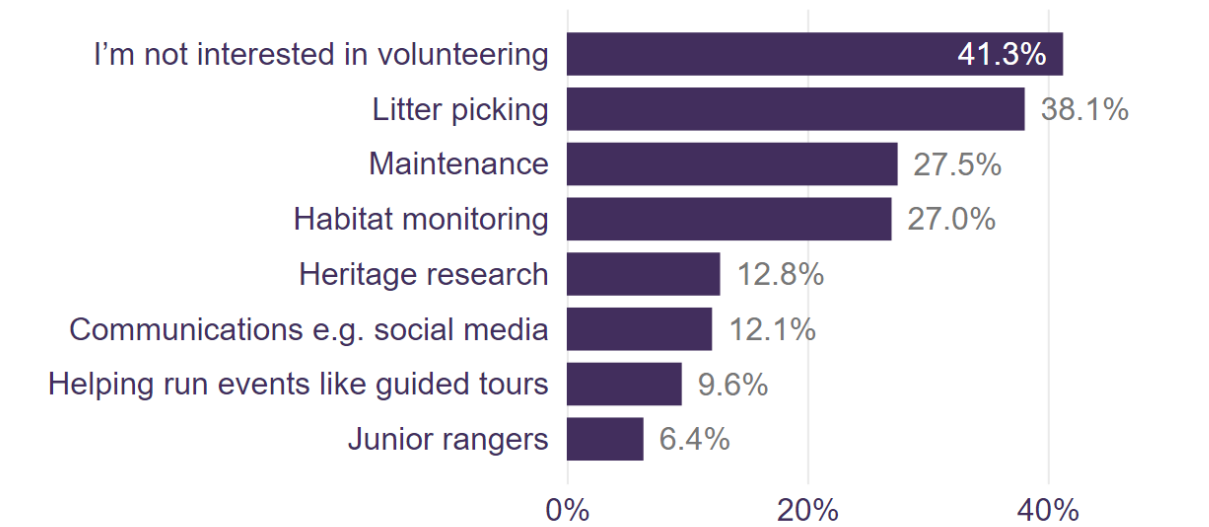
Q11. Would you be interested in taking part in any of the following?



How much do you know about the nature and wildlife that can be found in Smestow Valley? - Any other comments?	No. responses
A lot of money is wasted on putting it gates for no reason other than someone's wim. Repair what is already there to stop the mad bikes before someone gets hurt.	1
Again, use trackside information boards as points of interest that walkers can stop and digest at their leaisure.	1
All our local knowledge is generously shared on our face	1
Total	53

Would you be interested in taking part in any of the following? - Other (please specify)	No. responses
Adult art!	1
Also bird watching and dawn chorus walks	1
Any outdoor sports e.g. walking, running, cycling, yoga, watersports	1
arts activities or arts trails	1
Bat spotting	1
Better management of invasive species of flora.They are killing off the uncommon species of wild flowers.	1
Total	40

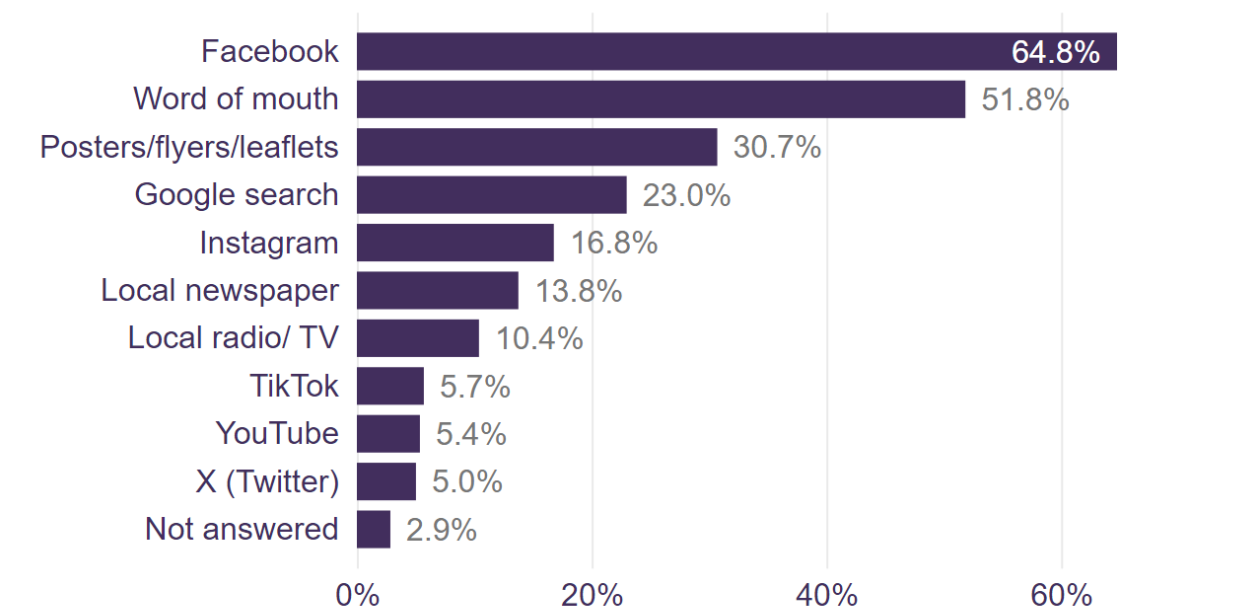
Q12. There will be lots of volunteering opportunities as part of the project. Would you be interested in any of these volunteering activities to help care for Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve and get other people in...



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Again how about asking council members	1
Age and health issues make me reluctant to commit to any of these worthwhile activities.	1
At the current time I am limited as to what I can do but if I can help with litter picking I will (timing allowing)	1
Bat box checks	1
Total	47

Q13. How do you usually hear about news and events?



How do you usually hear about news and events? - Other (please specify)

A regular newsletters direct to my email is the best way	1
BBC local news	1
BBC local news (Birmingham and Black Country)	1
BBC news	1
Bluesky	1
City People	1
Comments on behalf of TLC College youth and staff	1
Council Webiste/City People	1
Total	36



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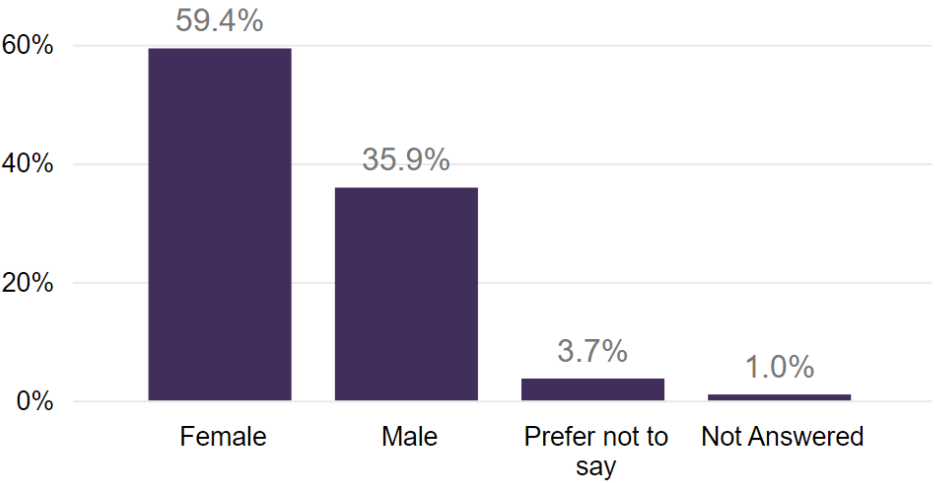
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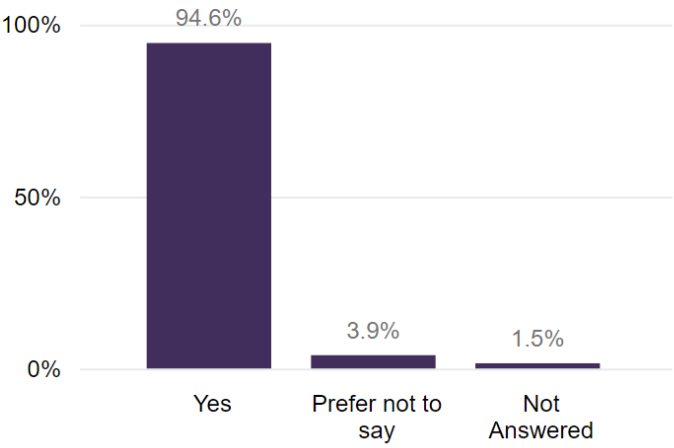
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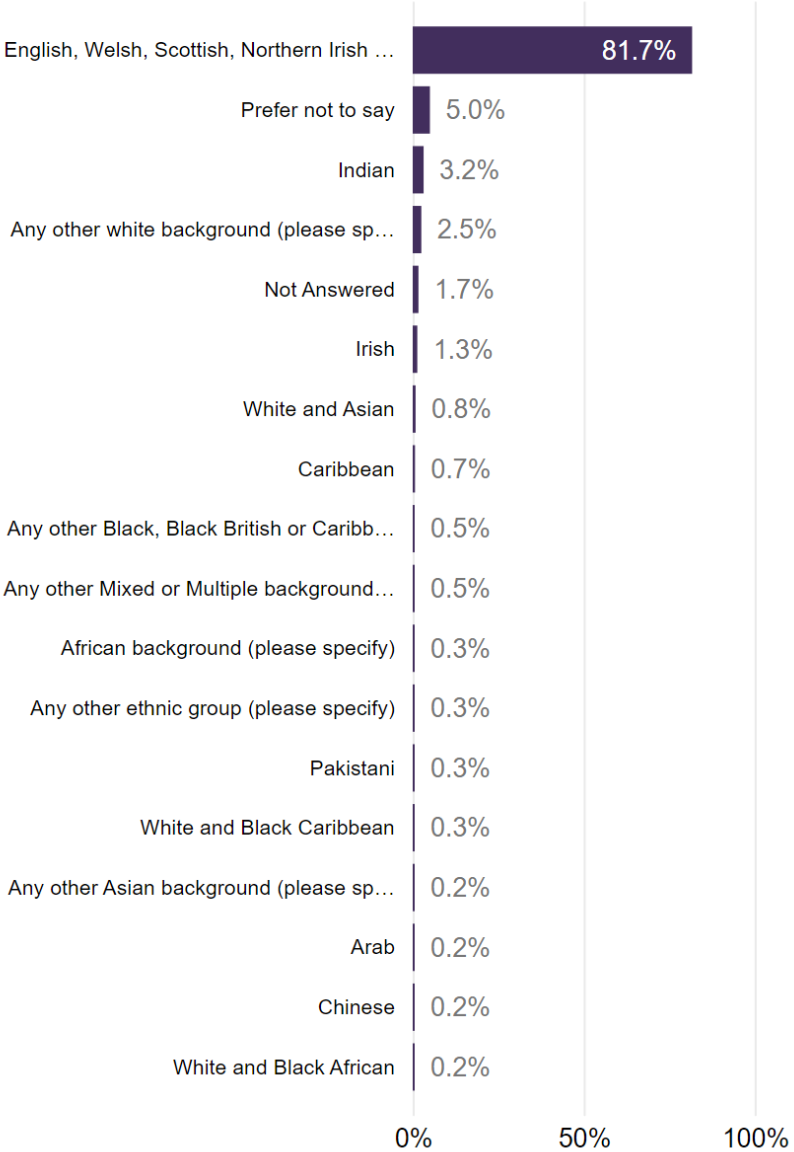
## What is your sex?



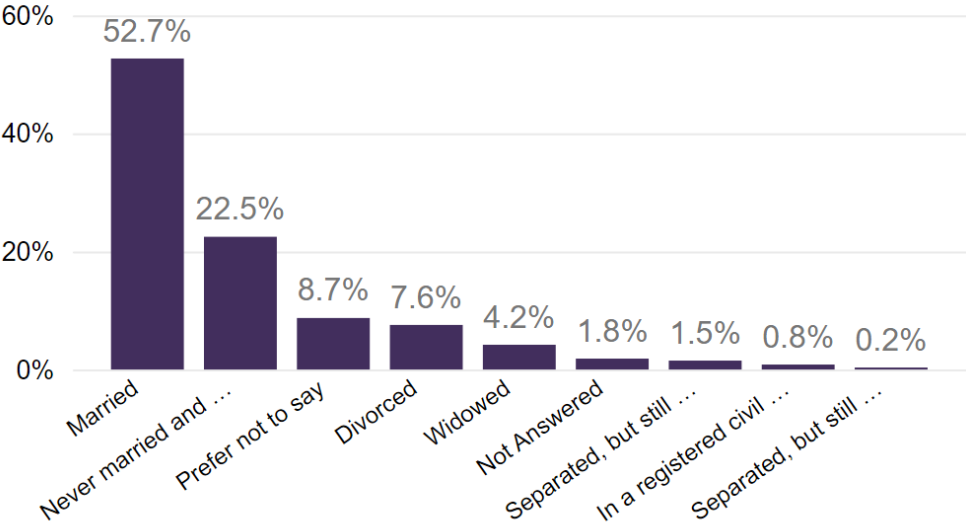
## Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?



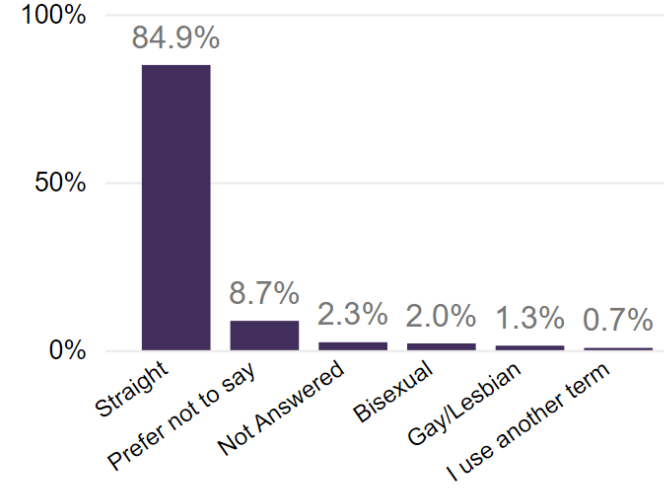
## What is your ethnic origin?



## What is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?



## What best describes your sexual orientation?







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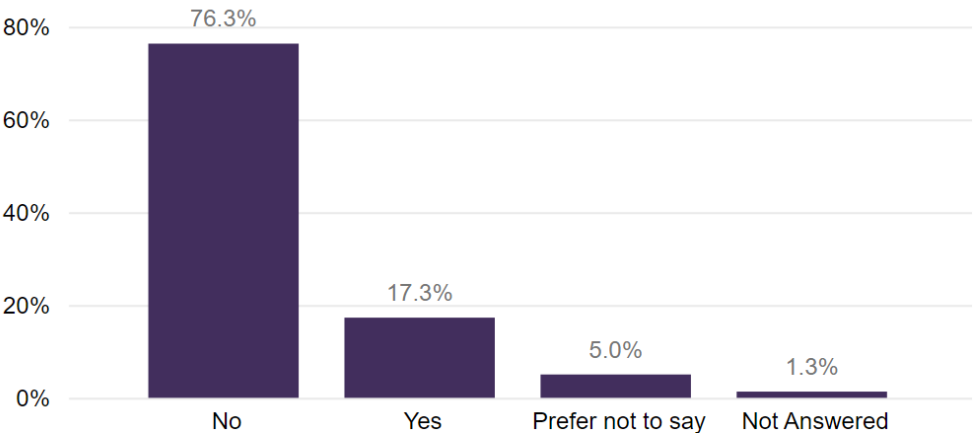
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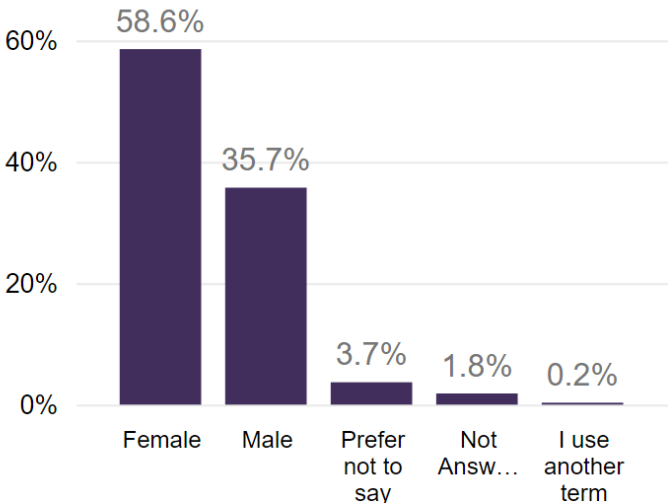
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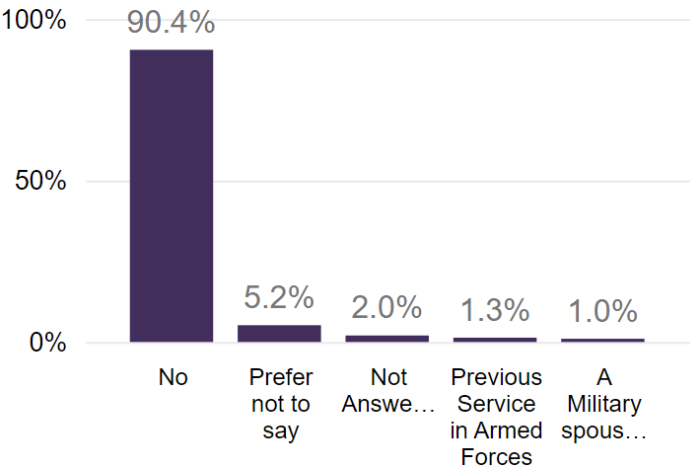
Do you have any, disabilities, physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?



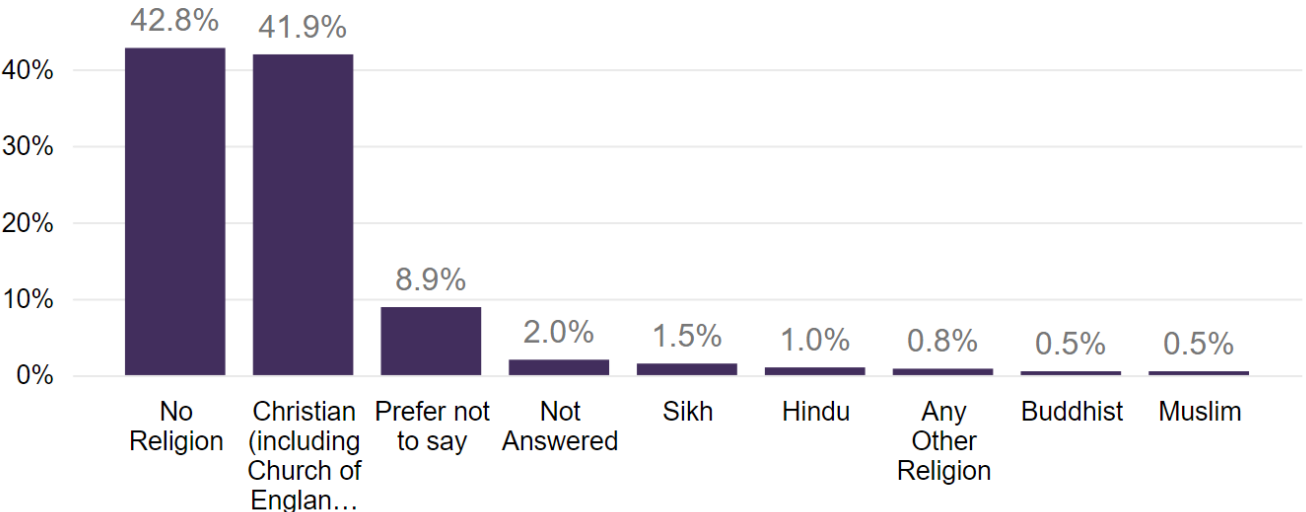
What best describes your gender?



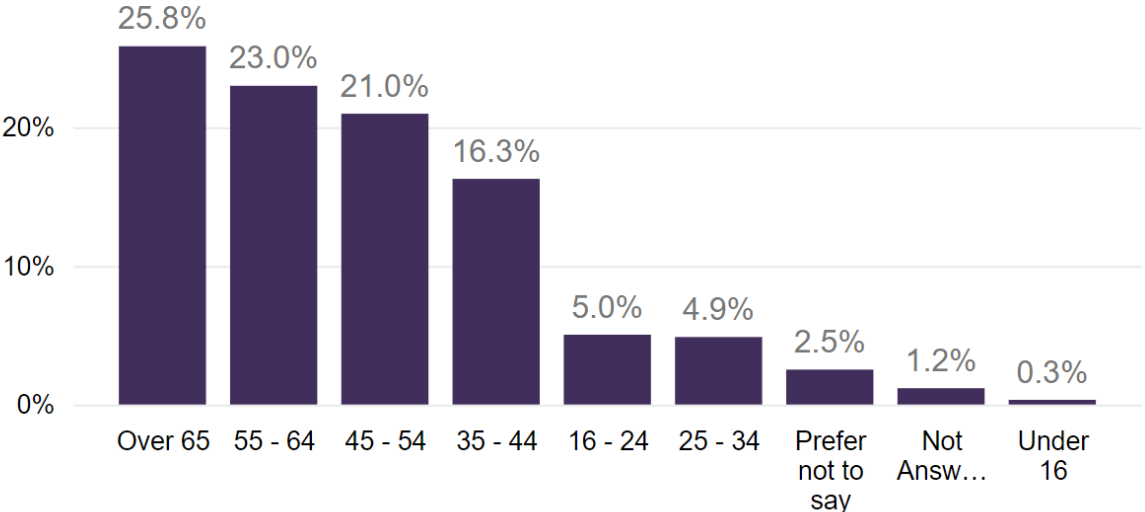
Do you have an armed forces connection in the past or present day?



What is your religion?



What is your age?





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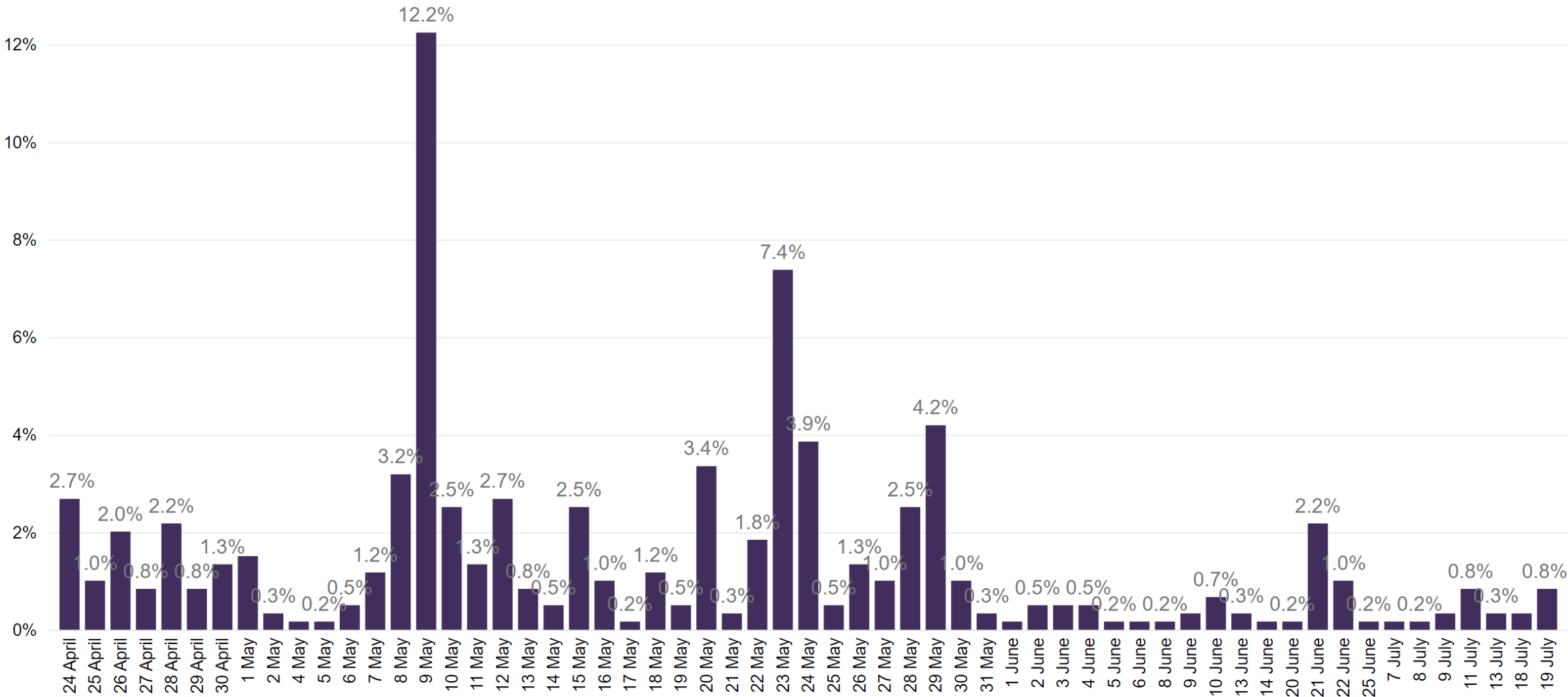
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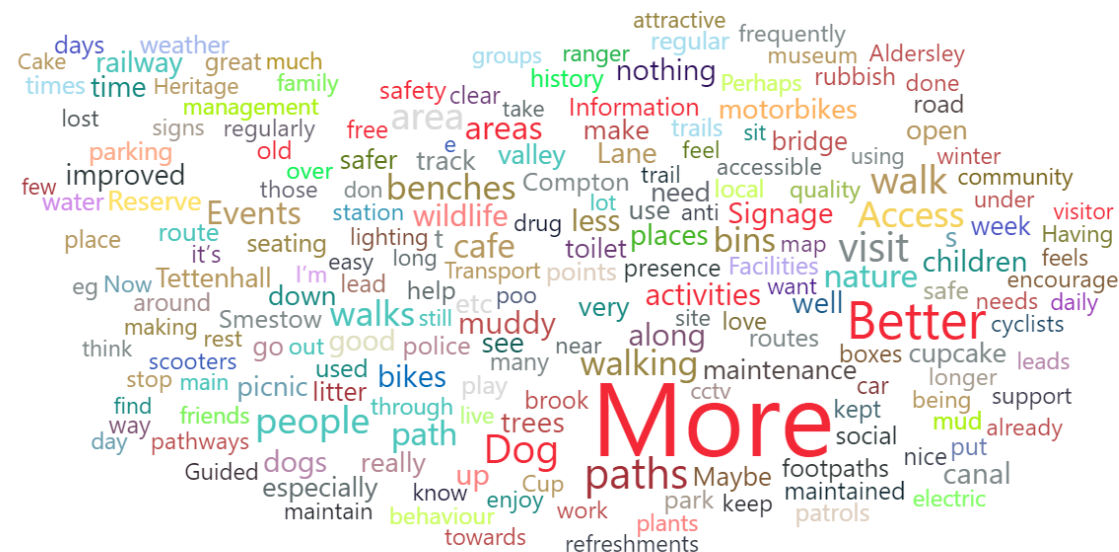
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### What might encourage you to visit or visit more?



Are there any reasons you choose not to visit Smestow Valley?	No. responses
A leisurely walk or for a run	1
A relative of mine was attacked by a dog last year	1
Anit-social behaviour	1
Motorbikes	
Cyclists going too fast	
Anti social behaviour	1
at night time	1
Because I'm lazy and don't think to do so. Also, I wouldn't feel safe going alone.	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>

What might encourage you to visit or visit more?	No. responses
N/a	2
- More Information about accessibility, free activities and visitor relevance	1
- Better Signage	
- Activities relevant to ethnic minorities, young and old	
- Address safety	
- Repair, development.	
- Dog-free areas	
- Cultural relevance	
- some of the bins for dog poop were recently removed, making it a less attractive option for dog	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>

## What interests you the most? - Anything else?



Which of the following would you support to improve access throughout Smestow Valley?  
- Other (please specify)



What interests you the most? - Anything else?	No. responses
A well used local through route	1
A safe place to walk with others	1
Access to green space on our doorstep	1
All the above are importnat to users of our national cycle network	1
And enjoying the great outdoors	1
Anything with food! Picking wild fruit. Taking friends for an organised walk.	1
Being away from traffic	1
Being near the water	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>

Which of the following would you support to improve access throughout Smestow Valley? - Other (please specify)	No. responses
There are no effective working motorbike barriers. If there were any, users would not encounter motorbikes including at 10 a.m. on a Sunday morning?	2
A map showing all accesses/links to canal etc - would only need to be online	1
A separate bike path, we walk and quite often bikes ride up behind with no notice and you find yourself not relaxing and being on guard for safety	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>



What additional measures would you support to improve Smestow Valley? - Other (please specify)



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A small play area for children	1
Banning motorbikes	1
Bat and bird houses	1
Benches benches benches	1
Benches especially on the Finchfied/ old Wolverhampton Garden	1
better lighting	1
Better mowing regimes on meadowland	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

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A programme that people can access to learn about the area, nature, listening to sounds/bird song or even silence and learn the art of mindfulness and to help people cope with stress in a busy and noisy demanding world.	1
Devices are like cruise ships. They promise to 'explore' or to 'discover' but someone else has done this for them.	1
I prefer to use Smestow valley as a place to switch off	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

How much do you know about the history of Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve? -  
Any other comments?



How much do you know about the nature and wildlife that can be found in Smestow Valley? - Any other comments?

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Thanks to her, I will go.  
Thank you, Leasa

All that I know has generally come from the Tettenhall transport museum, this place should be on every

<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>
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How much do you know about the nature and wildlife that can be found in Smestow Valley? - Any other comments?	No. responses
Very little	1
Some	1
A fair amount	1
A lot	1
Expert	1
Other	0
Comments	0

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Again, use trackside information boards as points of interest that walkers can stop and digest at their leisure.

All our local knowledge is generously shared on our [free book sites / friends of Smectow valley & friends of](#) 1

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Also bird watching and dawn chorus walks	1
Any outdoor sports e.g. walking, running, cycling, yoga, watersports	1
arts activities or arts trails	1
Bat spotting	1
Better management of invasive species of flora.They are killing off the uncommon species of wild flowers.	1
Bird walk and identify birdsong	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

Would you be interested in any of these volunteering activities to help care for Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve and get other people involved? - Other (please specify)	No. responses
Again how about asking council members	1
Age and health issues make me reluctant to commit to any of these worthwhile activities.	1
At the current time I am limited as to what I can do but if I can help with litter picking I will (timing allowing)	1
Bat box checks	1
canal river trust promotion - well being, biodiversity and	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>





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