

# Milton Abbas Survey 2006

## Report

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# 1: Report Summary

## 1.1 Executive Summary

### ➤ Priorities for Milton Abbas

- The highest rated priority for Milton Abbas was the expansion of Milton Abbas Surgery Service which was rated on average 3.65 out of a possible 5. (Where 1 = a very low priority and 5 = a very high priority).
- 39% of respondents felt that 20mph throughout the village was a very high priority for Milton Abbas and was rated on average 3.46.
- 62% of respondents considered public access to the internet as either a low or very low priority for Milton Abbas, leading it to illicit the lowest average score of 2.26. (Where 1 = a very low priority and 5 = a very high priority).

### ➤ Interest in joining clubs and societies

- 39% of respondents demonstrated an interest in joining a gardening club, which was the highest level of interest shown in any club or society.
- Other clubs or societies which demonstrated a reasonably high level of interest were:
  - Social Club (35%)
  - Keep Fit (31%)
  - Tennis Club (27%)
- A computer group and a youth club demonstrated the lowest level of interest, 16% respectively, although a higher level of interest is demonstrated within some demographic groups, suggesting that the low level of interest may be reflective of the age distribution of the sample.

### ➤ Perception of problems within Milton Abbas

- Speeding through the village was considered the biggest problem within Milton Abbas, averaging a rating of 3.03 (where 1 = not a problem at all and 4 = A very big problem). 39% of respondents cited speeding through the village as a very big problem.
- Crime in the parish was not generally considered a serious problem within Milton Abbas, with 69% of respondents citing it as 'not a very big problem' and averaging a rating of 2.19. (Where 1 = not a problem at all and 4 = A very big problem).

### ➤ Interest in Volunteering

- 14% of respondents would volunteer to help with St James Wildlife Group, a further 21% would consider volunteering.
- 77% of respondents felt that they would not volunteer to help at the Millennium Green.
- Generally more people are willing to either volunteer or consider volunteering to help with Janeswood than any other activity, demonstrating the lowest number of negative answers (56%).

## 1.2 Statistical Summary

<b>Statistical Summary</b>	
<b>Q1: Priorities for Milton Abbas</b>	
<b>Average Rating (1 = Very low, 5 = Very high)</b>	
Expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services	3.65
Maintenance of village amenities (seats etc)	3.56
Better public transport	3.52
20mph throughout the village	3.46
More local jobs	3.44
Better sports and exercise facilities	3.38
A community centre	3.29
More affordable accommodation	3.28
'After school' activities in Milton Abbas	3.12
More social activities / clubs	3.06
Public access to the internet	2.26
<b>Q2: Interest in joining clubs and societies</b>	
<b>Valid percentage who would join (sample: 127)</b>	
Gardening club	38.6%
Social club	35.4%
Keep fit	30.7%
Tennis club	26.8%
Music Society	20.5%
Computer club	15.7%
Youth club	15.7%
Other	11.0%
<b>Q3: Perception of problems within Milton Abbas</b>	
<b>Average Rating (1 = Very low, 5 = Very high)</b>	
Speeding through the village	3.03
Crime in the parish	2.19
Vandalism	2.72
Parking facilities	2.57
Public toilets	2.52
<b>Q4: Interest in volunteering</b>	
<b>Valid percentage who responded Yes to volunteering</b>	
St James's Wildlife Group	13.9%
Janeswood	11.9%
The play park	7.6%
Millennium Green	3.9%
<b>Age and Gender composition</b>	
	<b>Valid percent</b>
Families with children	24%
Family with teenagers (16-19yrs)	3%
Couples	14%
Over 45	59%

## 2: Background Methodology

### 2.1: Background Information

Milton Abbas is a parish of approximately 650 inhabitants, situated in North Dorset. Founded in the 1770's it is a very early example of estate planning, leading it to be one of the most picturesque villages in Dorset.

This report is the forth formal process of consultation since 1995. Previous consultations include the Village appraisal, Village consultation 2001 and the Parish Plan 2002-2003. The on-going aims of the consultation process are to identify priorities for action and to update data on issues and perceived needs of the community.

This report was commissioned as part of a long term strategy to exercise as much control as possible in meeting the changing requirements of the Milton Abbas community, rather than allow circumstances and outside influences to determine future developments in the village.

### 2.2: The Market Research Group

The Market Research Group provides market research and intelligence services to organisations in the service sector and local government.

The Market Research Group, based within Bournemouth University, can offer a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of leisure, tourism, heritage, best value and economic impact research at a national, regional and local level.

Using external market research professionals to complete all or part of the consultation and research process can bring together greater legitimacy and independence to the results, expertise and research experience, less disruption to other in house services, and greater resources.

### 2.3: Target Population and Sampling Methodology

The target population of this self completion questionnaire was residents of Milton Abbas.

- **Self Completion Questionnaire:** Seven hundred and fifty questionnaires with freepost envelopes were distributed to residents with a brief written explanation of the survey details. These were completed and returned to The Market Research Group, primarily to be scanned, utilising optical character recognition software to ensure accuracy, with the addition of manual data entry where required.
- As instructed 2 questionnaires were distributed per household, subsequently followed by a further copy by means of a reminder. This method of distribution possess potential problems, such as multiple responses from the same household.

### 2.4: Sample Data

#### Self-Completion Questionnaire:

- Total self completion sample size 198.
- Though statistical validity cannot be calculated for data collected via self completion for survey of this type the achieved above 50% of the community return rate is excellent and the data is considered robust.
- The sample is however reasonably small therefore cross tabulations should be interpreted in the context of the sample size and may not generalise to the residential population as a whole.

## 3: Survey Findings

### 3.1 Priorities for Milton Abbas

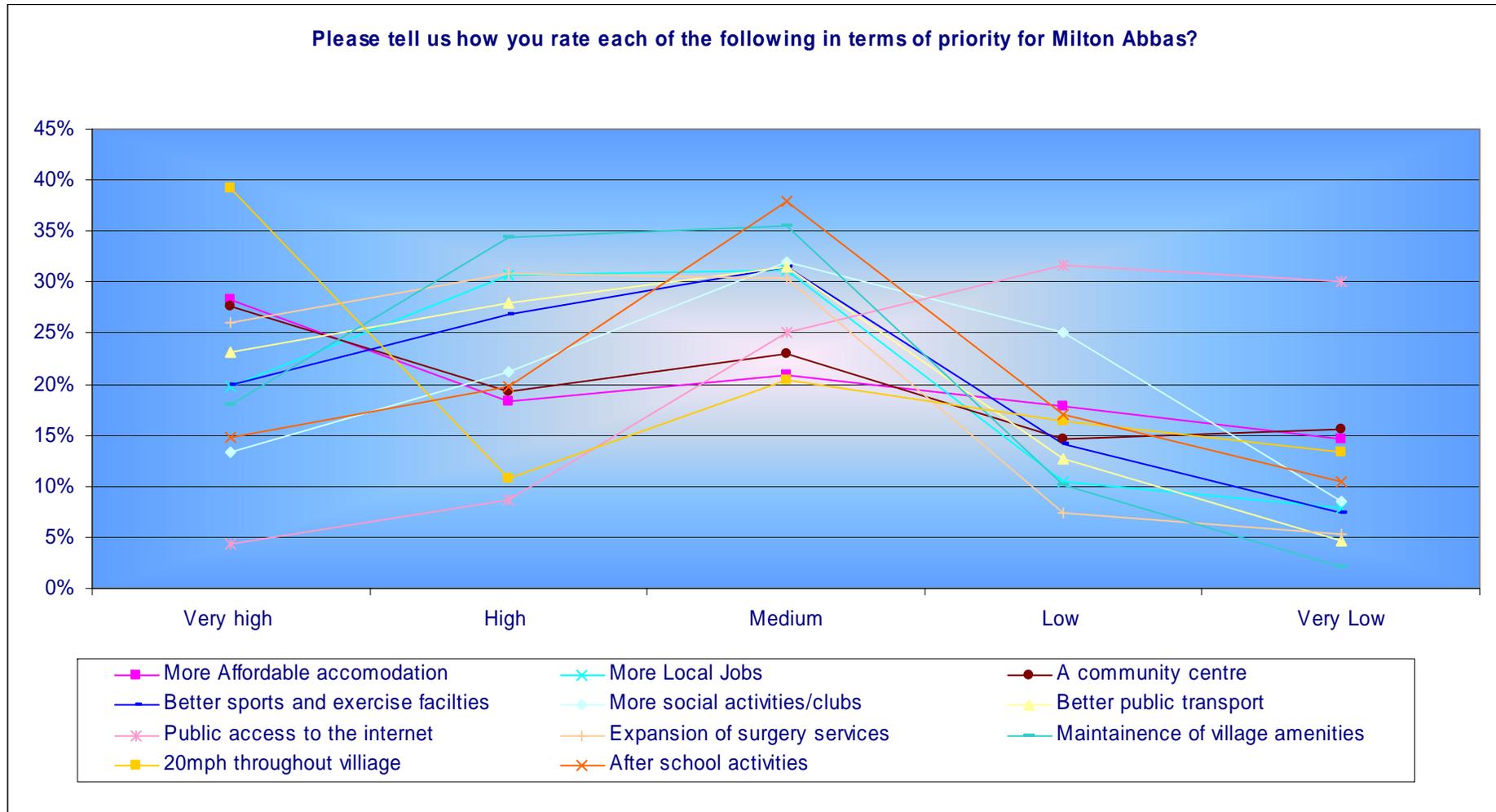
39% of respondents considered imposing a 20 mph speed limit throughout the village as a very high priority. The expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services elicited the highest average response for the sample (3.65) where 5 is equivalent to a very high priority and 1 to a very low priority. The lowest rated priority by respondents was public access to the internet, which 62% considered as either a low priority or a very low priority, receiving an average score of 2.26. (Table 1, Figure 1 & 2). Priorities do however vary depending on the age composition of the respondent household.

Respondents who have children aged between 0 – 16 years within their household tend to prioritise different issues to those without children in their household. 20% of respondents with children considered more social activities and/or clubs as a priority in comparison to just 11% of households without children, similarly 11% of respondents with children considered public access to the internet as a high priority whereas only 2% of households without children consider it a high priority.

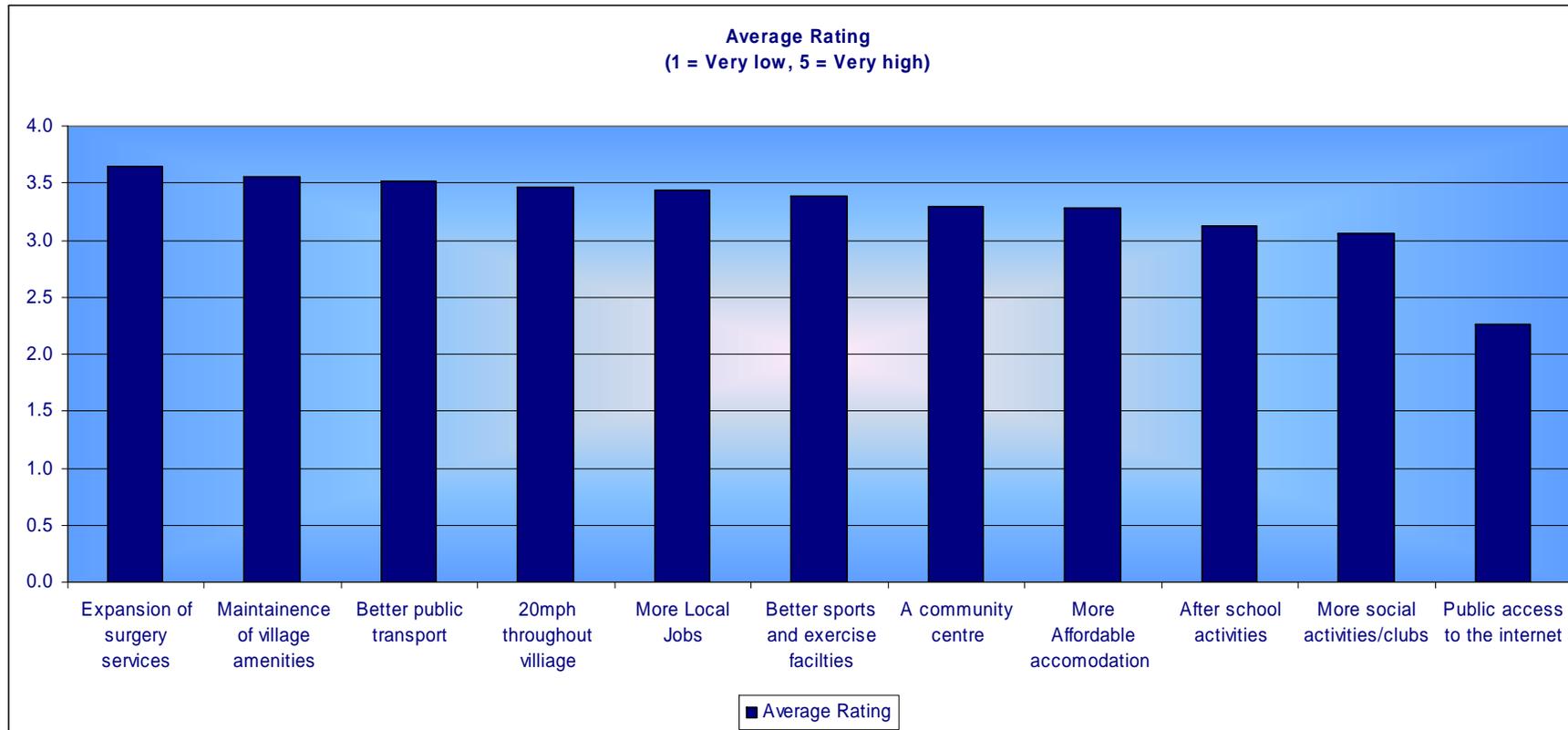
**Table 1: Please tell us how you rate each of the following in terms of priority for Milton Abbas.**

	Expansion of surgery services		Maintenance of village amenities		Better public transport		20mph throughout village		More Local Jobs		Better sports and exercise facilities		A community centre		More Affordable accommodation		After school activities		More social activities / clubs		Public access to the internet		
	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	
<b>Base: All (126)</b>																							
Very high	49	26.1	34	18.0	44	23.2	77	39.3	38	19.8	38	20.0	53	27.6	54	28.3	27	14.8	25	13.3	8	4.4	
High	58	30.9	65	34.4	53	27.9	21	10.7	59	30.7	51	26.8	37	19.3	35	18.3	36	19.8	40	21.3	16	8.7	
Medium	57	30.3	67	35.4	60	31.6	40	20.4	60	31.3	60	31.6	44	22.9	40	20.9	69	37.9	60	31.9	46	25.1	
Low	14	7.4	19	10.1	24	12.6	32	16.3	20	10.4	27	14.2	28	14.6	34	17.8	31	17.0	47	25.0	58	31.7	
Very Low	10	5.3	4	2.1	9	4.7	26	13.3	15	7.8	14	7.4	30	15.6	28	14.7	19	10.4	16	8.5	55	30.1	
<b>Total (Valid)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Missing Values	10	N/A	9	N/A	8	N/A	2	N/A	6	N/A	8	N/A	6	N/A	7	N/A	8	N/A	10	N/A	15	N/A	
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.65</b>		<b>3.56</b>		<b>3.52</b>		<b>3.46</b>		<b>3.44</b>		<b>3.38</b>		<b>3.29</b>		<b>3.28</b>		<b>3.12</b>		<b>3.06</b>		<b>2.26</b>		

**Figure 1: Priorities for Milton Abbas**



**Figure 2: Average ratings of Priorities for Milton Abbas**

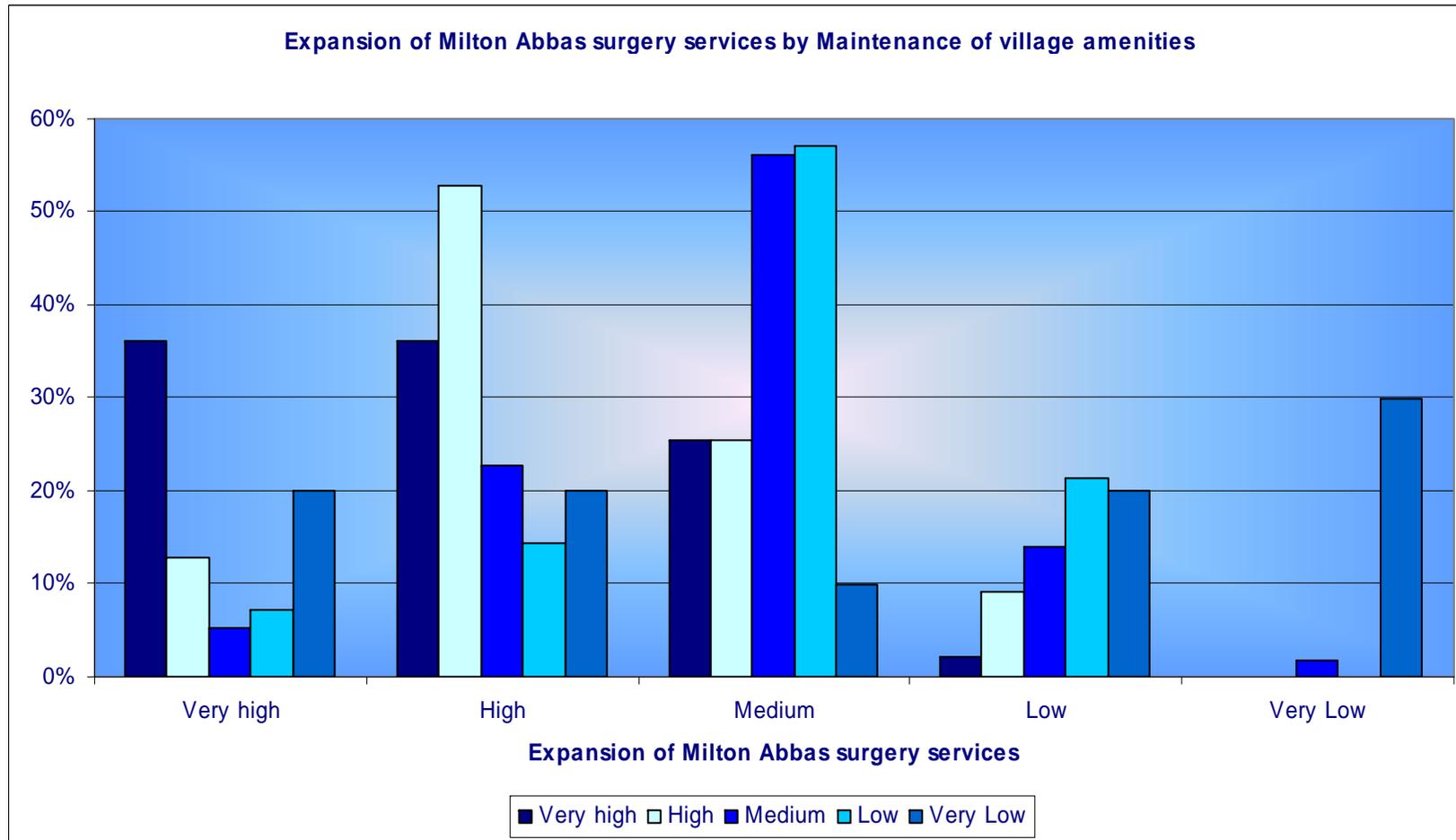


### 3.1.1 Expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services.

26% of respondents considered the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services as a very high priority, with a further 31% considering it a high priority. On average the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services was the highest priority for respondents. (Table 1, Figure 1 & 2). 72% of respondents who felt that the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services was a very high priority also felt that the maintenance of village amenities was either a very high or a high priority. Conversely 50% of respondents who felt the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services was a very low priority also felt that the maintenance of the village amenities was either a low or a very low priority. The majority of respondents (58%) who considered the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services a very high priority also considered 20mph throughout the village a very high priority.

Table 2: Expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services by Maintenance of village amenities										
Maintenance of village amenities	Expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
Base: All (#)	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %
Very high	17	36.2	7	12.7	3	5.3	1	7.1	2	20.0
High	17	36.2	29	52.7	13	22.8	2	14.3	2	20.0
Medium	12	25.5	14	25.5	32	56.1	8	57.1	1	10.0
Low	1	2.1	5	9.1	8	14.0	3	21.4	2	20.0
Very Low	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.8	0	0.0	3	30.0
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.0</b>
(0) Missing Values	136	N/A	128	N/A	126	N/A	169	N/A	173	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 3: Expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services**



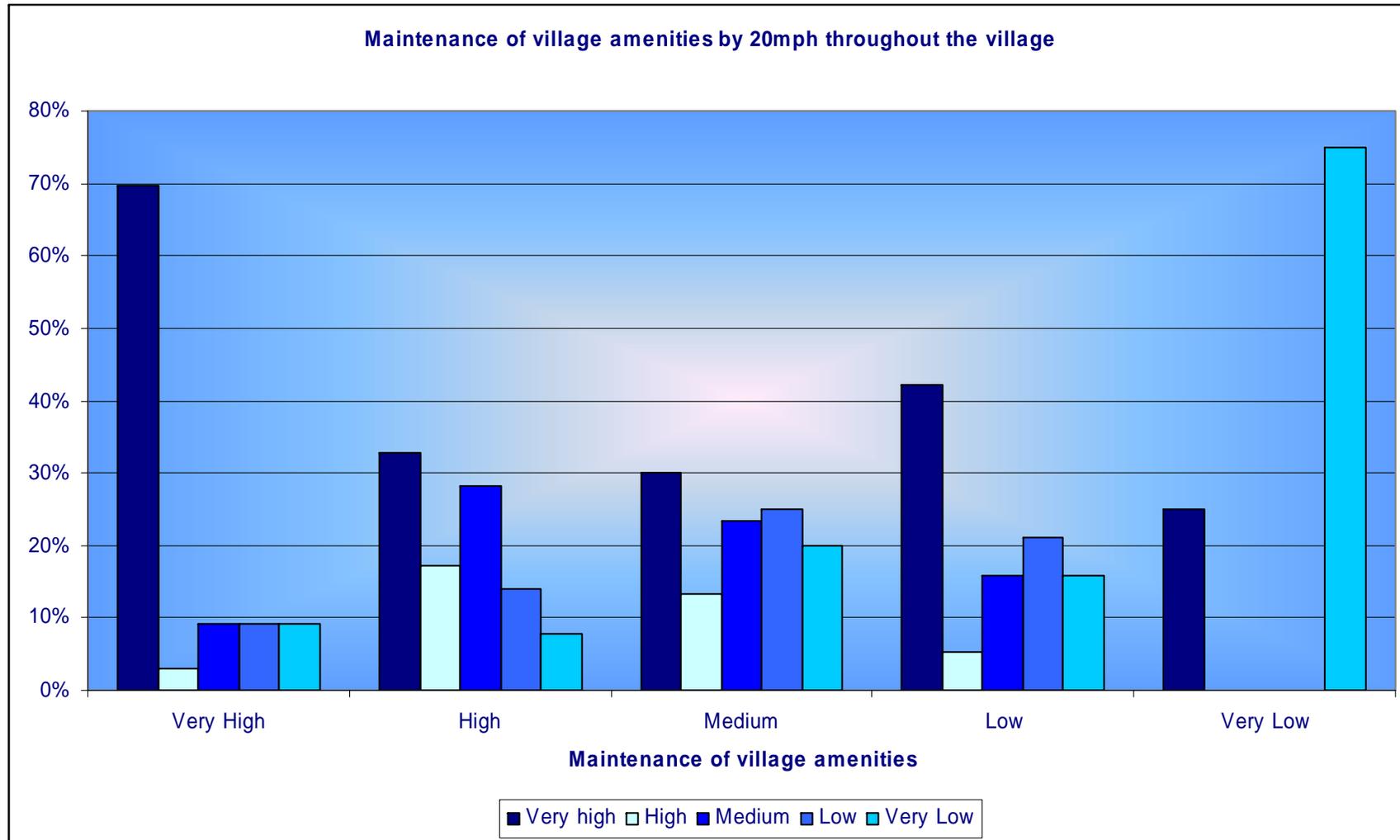
### 3.1.2. Maintenance of Village Amenities

18% of respondents considered the maintenance of village amenities a very high priority, 34% consider it a high priority and a further 35% consider it a medium priority (Table 1, Figure 1& 2). 70% of respondents who considered maintenance of village amenities a high priority for Milton Abbas also consider 20mph thought the village a high priority. (Table 3, Figure 4). The majority of respondents who considered the maintenance of village amenities a very high priority also considered the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services (57%), better public transport (56%) and a community centre (52%) a very high priority.

59% of respondents who felt that the maintenance of village amenities was a very high priority for Milton Abbas felt that speeding through the village was a very big problem. Conversely, 54% felt that crime in the parish was 'not a very big problem'. Respondents who perceived the maintenance of village amenities a high priority tended to perceive concerns about the village as bigger problems than respondents who deem the maintenance of village amenities as a medium, low or very low priority.

Table 3: Maintenance of village amenities by 20mph throughout the village										
20mph throughout the village	Maintenance of village amenities									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
Base: All (#)	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
Very high	23	69.7	21	32.8	18	26.9	8	42.1	1	25.0
High	1	3.0	11	17.2	8	11.9	1	5.3	0	0.0
Medium	3	9.1	18	28.1	14	20.9	3	15.8	0	0.0
Low	3	9.1	9	14.1	15	22.4	4	21.1	0	0.0
Very Low	3	9.1	5	7.8	12	17.9	3	15.8	3	75.0
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
(0) Missing Values	154	N/A	123	N/A	120	N/A	168	N/A	183	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 4: Maintenance of village amenities by 20mph throughout the village**

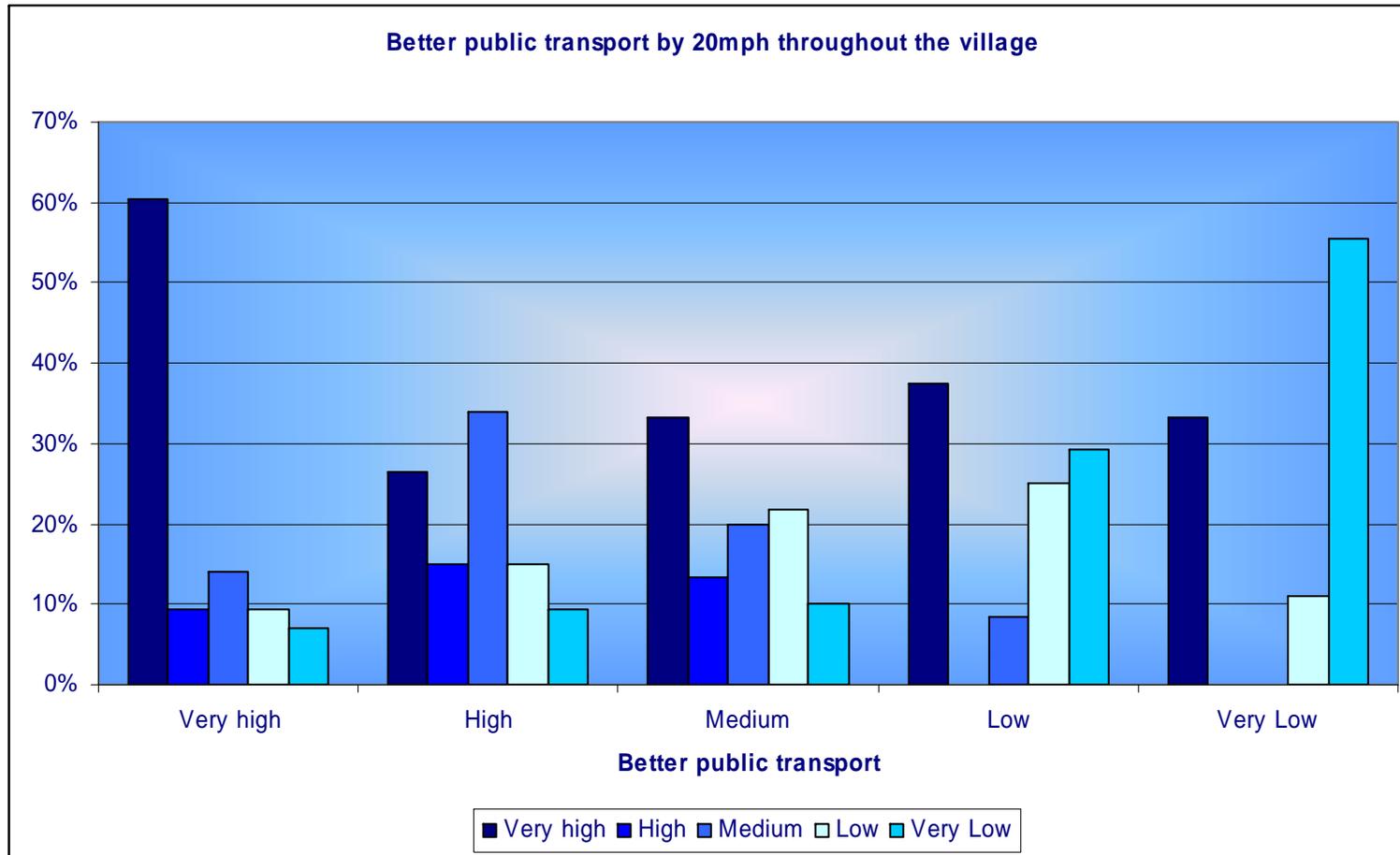


### 3.1.3. Better public transport.

23% of respondents considered better public transport as a very high priority, 28% as a high priority and 32% as a medium priority. Less than 5% of respondents considered it a very low priority, (Table 1, Figure 1& 2). The majority of respondents who considered better public transport a very high priority for Milton Abbas also considered 20mph throughout the village as a very high priority. (Table 4, Figure 5). 60% of respondents who considered better public transport a high priority for Milton Abbas also considered the maintenance of village amenities (seats etc) a high priority.

Table 4: Better public transport by 20mph throughout the village										
20mph throughout the village	Better public transport									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
Base: All (#)	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
Very high	26	60.5	14	26.4	20	33.3	9	37.5	3	33.3
High	4	9.3	8	15.1	8	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Medium	6	14.0	18	34.0	12	20.0	2	8.3	0	0.0
Low	4	9.3	8	15.1	13	21.7	6	25.0	1	11.1
Very Low	3	7.0	5	9.4	6	10.0	7	29.2	5	55.6
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>(0) Missing Values</b>	145	N/A	135	N/A	128	N/A	164	N/A	179	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 5: Maintenance of village amenities by 20mph throughout the village**

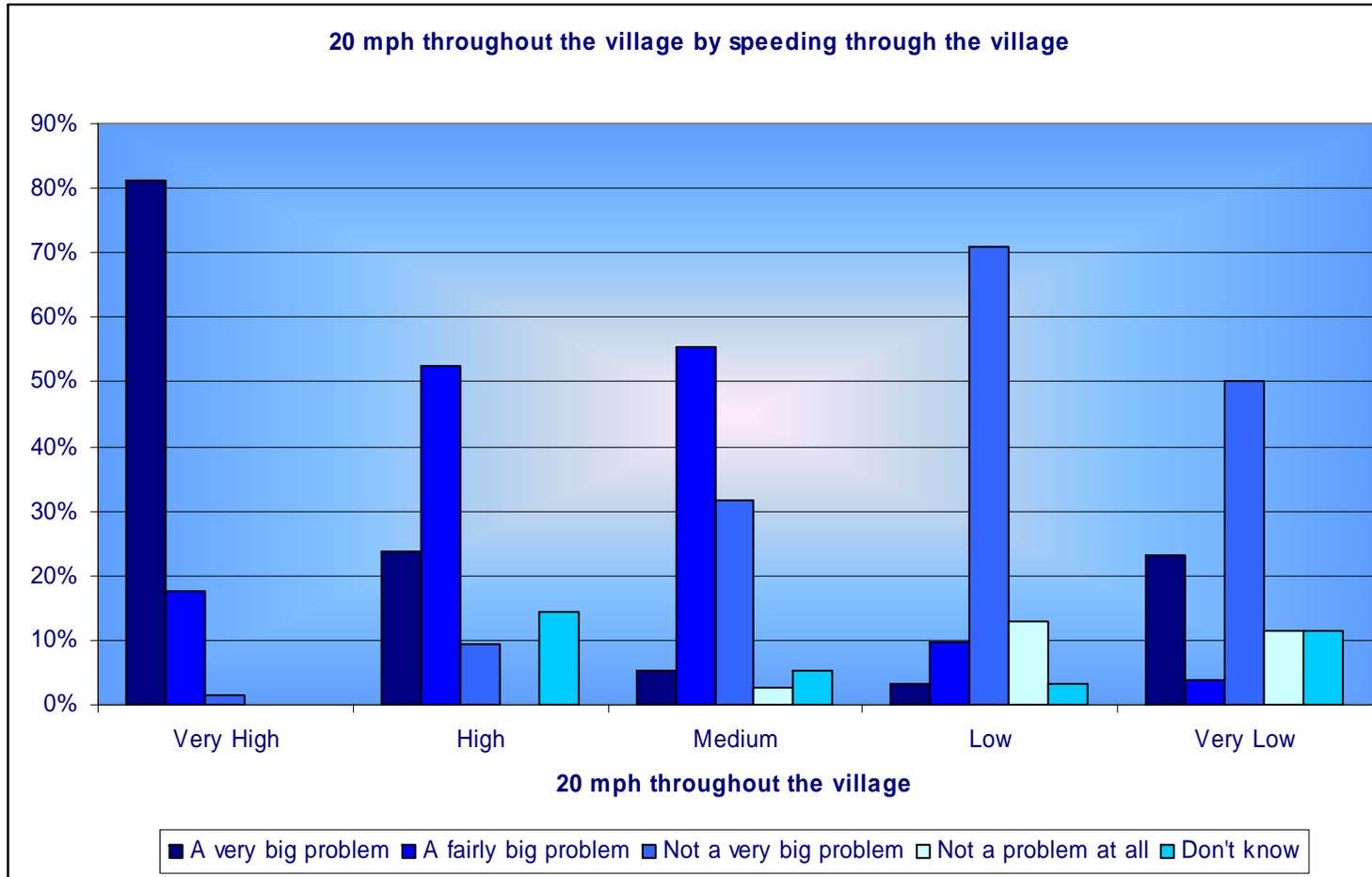


### 3.1.4. 20 mph throughout the village.

40% of respondents considered 20mph throughout the village as a very high priority for Milton Abbas, however, 30% of respondents considered it as either a low or very low priority. (Table 1, Figure 1& 2). 81% of respondents who felt that 20mph throughout the village was a very high priority also felt that speeding through the village was a very big problem, (Table 5, Figure 6).

Table 5: 20 mph throughout the village by speeding through the village										
Speeding through the village	20mph throughout the village									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
Base: All (186)	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
A very big problem	60	81.1	5.0	23.8	2.0	5.3	1.0	3.2	6.0	23.1
A fairly big problem	13	17.6	11.0	52.4	21.0	55.3	3.0	9.7	1.0	3.8
Not a very big problem	1	1.4	2.0	9.5	12.0	31.6	22.0	71.0	13.0	50.0
Not a problem at all	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.6	4.0	12.9	3.0	11.5
Don't know	0	0.0	3.0	14.3	2.0	5.3	1.0	3.2	3.0	11.5
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100.0</b>
(0) Missing Values	112	N/A	165	N/A	148	N/A	155	N/A	160	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 6: 20 mph throughout the village by speeding through the village**



### 3.1.5. More local jobs

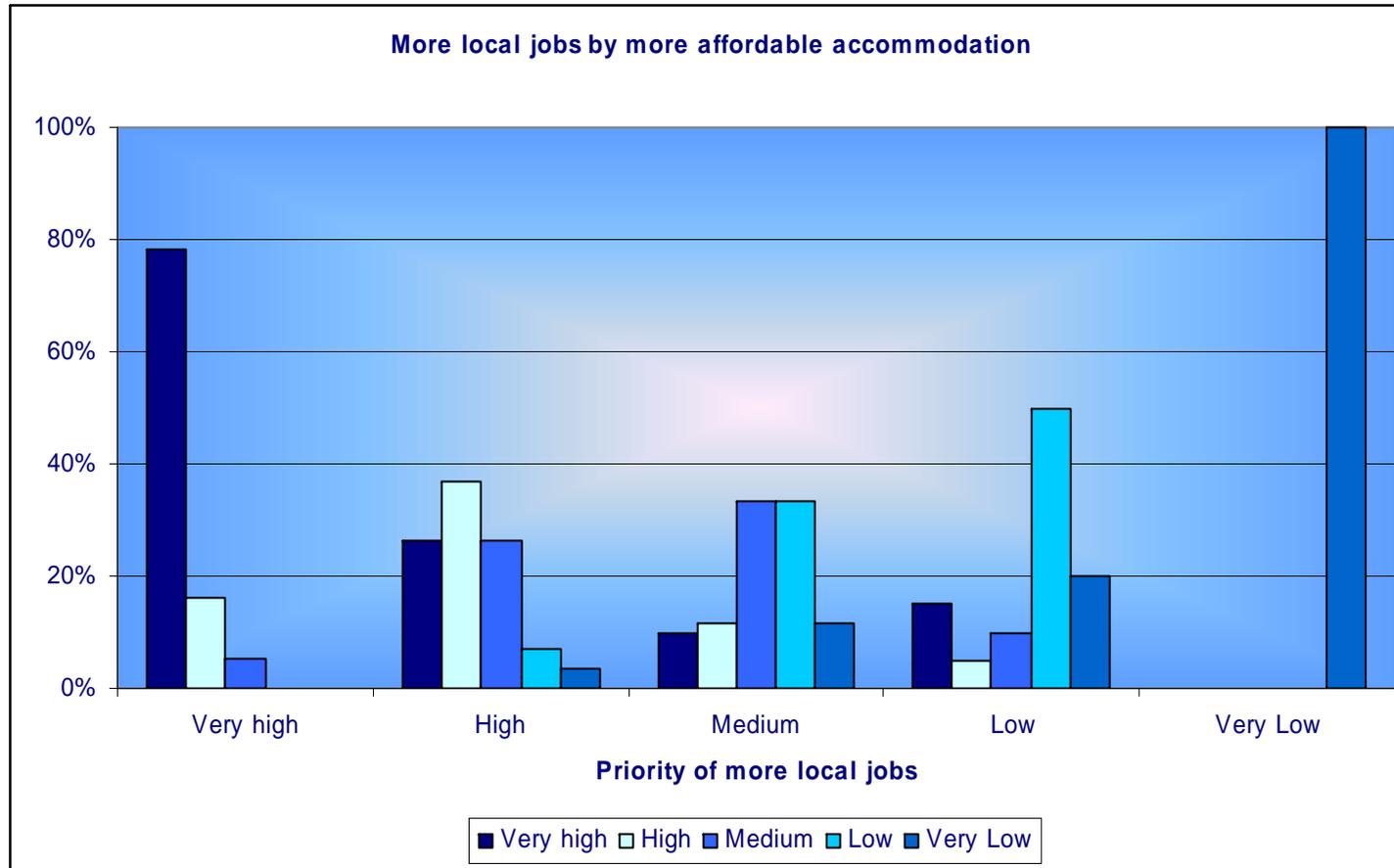
79% of respondents, who felt that more local jobs was a very high priority of Milton Abbas, also felt that more affordable accommodation was a very high priority. Similarly 50% of respondents who considered more local jobs a low priority also considered more affordable accommodation a low priority. (Table 6, Figure 7). The vast majority (80%) of respondents who considered more local jobs a very low priority also considered a community centre a very low priority.

Respondents who felt that more local jobs was a very high priority showed high levels of interest in a gardening club (48%), a social club (44%) and keep fit (40%). 53% of respondents who consider more local jobs a low priority consider speeding through the village a very big problem. 100% of respondents who consider more local jobs a low priority would not volunteer to help with the Play Park or Janeswood.

**Table 6: More local jobs by more affordable accommodation**

More affordable accommodation	More local jobs									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
<b>Base: All (#)</b>										
Very high	29	78.4	15	26.3	6	10.0	3	15.0	0	0.0
High	6	16.2	21	36.8	7	11.7	1	5.0	0	0.0
Medium	2	5.4	15	26.3	20	33.3	2	10.0	0	0.0
Low	0	0.0	4	7.0	20	33.3	10	50.0	0	0.0
Very Low	0	0.0	2	3.5	7	11.7	4	20.0	15	100.0
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>(0) Missing Values</b>	152	N/A	132	N/A	129	N/A	169	N/A	174	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 7: More local jobs by more affordable accommodation**

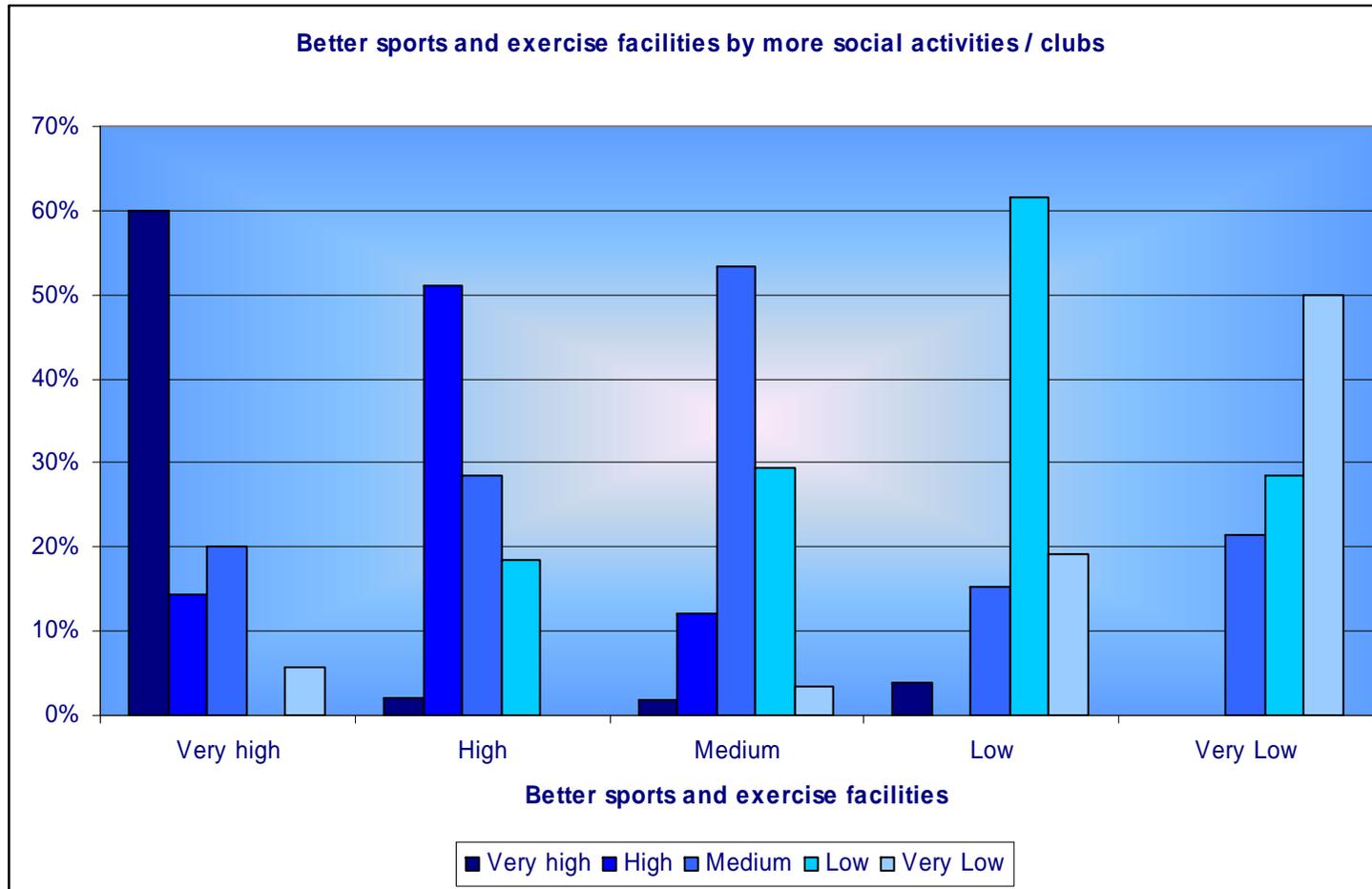


### 3.1.6. Better sports and exercise facilities.

23% of respondents considered better sports and exercise facilities a very high priority for Milton Abbas. 32% of respondents considered better sports and exercise facilities a medium priority. 60% of respondents who felt that better sports and exercise facilities were a very high priority also felt that more social activities / clubs were also a high priority; similarly 57% felt that the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services was also a very high priority. A higher proportion of respondents who considered better sports and exercise facilities a very high priority are interested in joining a social club (48%) than are interested in joining either a tennis club (32%) or a keep fit group (42%). (Table 7, Figure 8).

Table 7: Better sports and exercise facilities by More social activities/clubs										
More social activities/clubs	Better sports and exercise facilities									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
Base: All (182)	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
Very high	21	60.0	1	2.0	1	1.7	1	3.8	0	0.0
High	5	14.3	25	51.0	7	12.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Medium	7	20.0	14	28.6	31	53.4	4	15.4	3	21.4
Low	0	0.0	9	18.4	17	29.3	16	61.5	4	28.6
Very Low	2	5.7	0	0.0	2	3.4	5	19.2	7	50.0
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100.0</b>
(0) Missing Values	147	N/A	133	N/A	124	N/A	156	N/A	168	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 8: Better sports and exercise facilities by more social activities/clubs**



### 3.1.7 A community centre

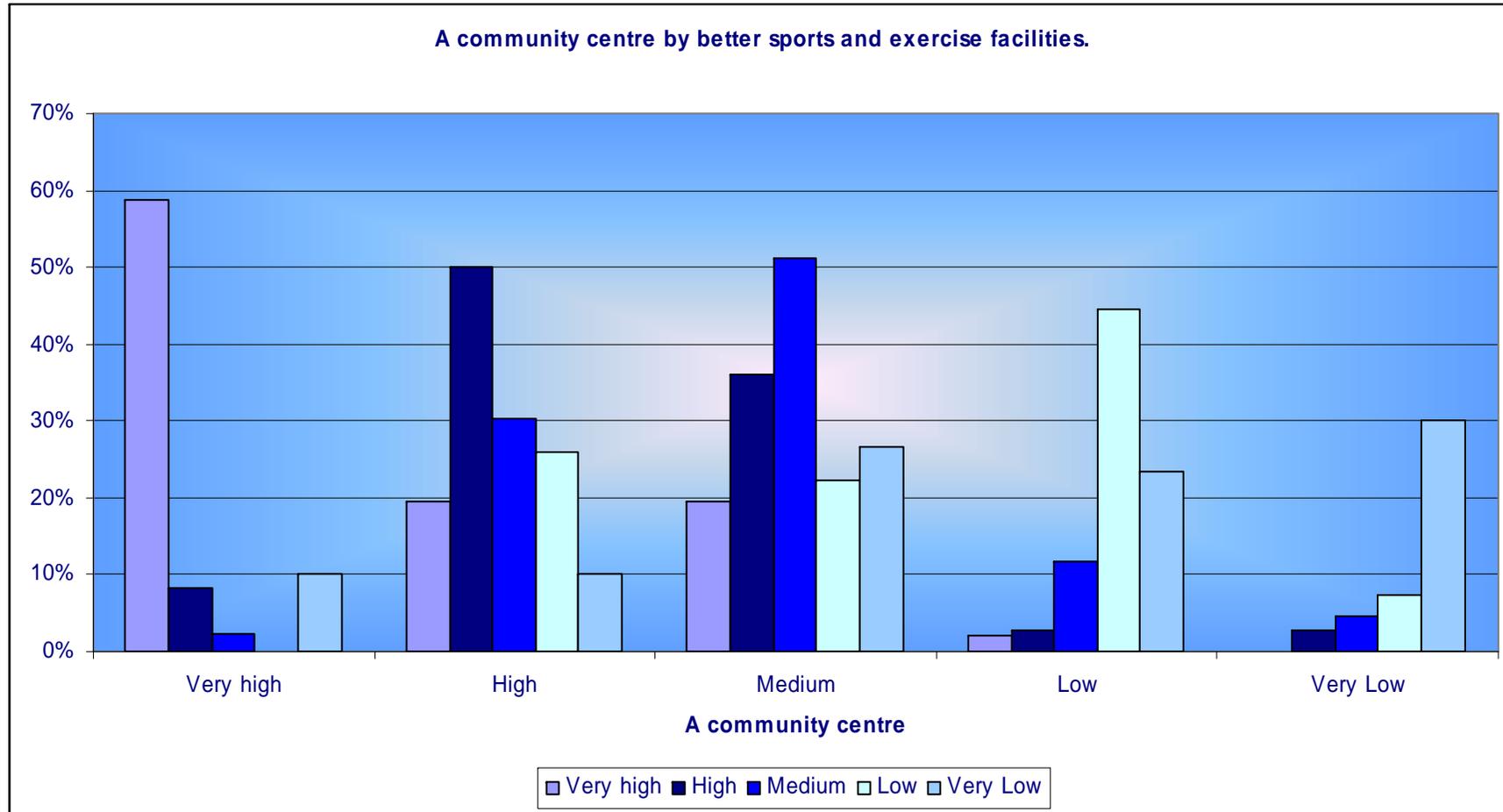
The majority of respondents (59%) who consider a community centre a very high priority also consider better sports and exercise facilities a very high priority. Similarly 50% of respondents who considered a community centre a high priority also considered better sports and exercise facilities a high priority. Generally respondents felt that a community centre was of the same priority as more social activities/clubs. (Table 8, Figure 9). 51% of respondents who feel that a community centre is a very high priority also consider the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services a very high priority.

Respondents who feel that a community centre is a very high priority for Milton Abbas show a higher level of interest in joining a social club than any other club (56%). Conversely, respondents who felt that a community centre was a very low priority showed a higher level of interest in joining a gardening club (33%) and a tennis club (33%) than any other club. 51% of respondents who regard a community centre as a very low priority consider speeding through the village a very big problem. 30% of respondents who considered a community centre a high priority for Milton Abbas would volunteer to help with St James's Wildlife Group, 27% at Janeswood and 10% at The Play Park. No respondents who considered a community centre a medium, low or a very low priority would consider volunteering to help with the Millennium Green.

**Table 8: A community centre by better sports and exercise facilities.**

Better sports and exercise facilities.	A community centre									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
<b>Base: All (#)</b>										
Very high	30	58.8	3	8.3	1	2.3	0	0.0	3	10.0
High	10	19.6	18	50.0	13	30.2	7	25.9	3	10.0
Medium	10	19.6	13	36.1	22	51.2	6	22.2	8	26.7
Low	1	2.0	1	2.8	5	11.6	12	44.4	7	23.3
Very Low	0	0.0	1	2.8	2	4.7	2	7.4	9	30.0
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>(0) Missing Values</b>	136	N/A	151	N/A	144	N/A	160	N/A	157	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 9: A community centre by better sports and exercise facilities.**



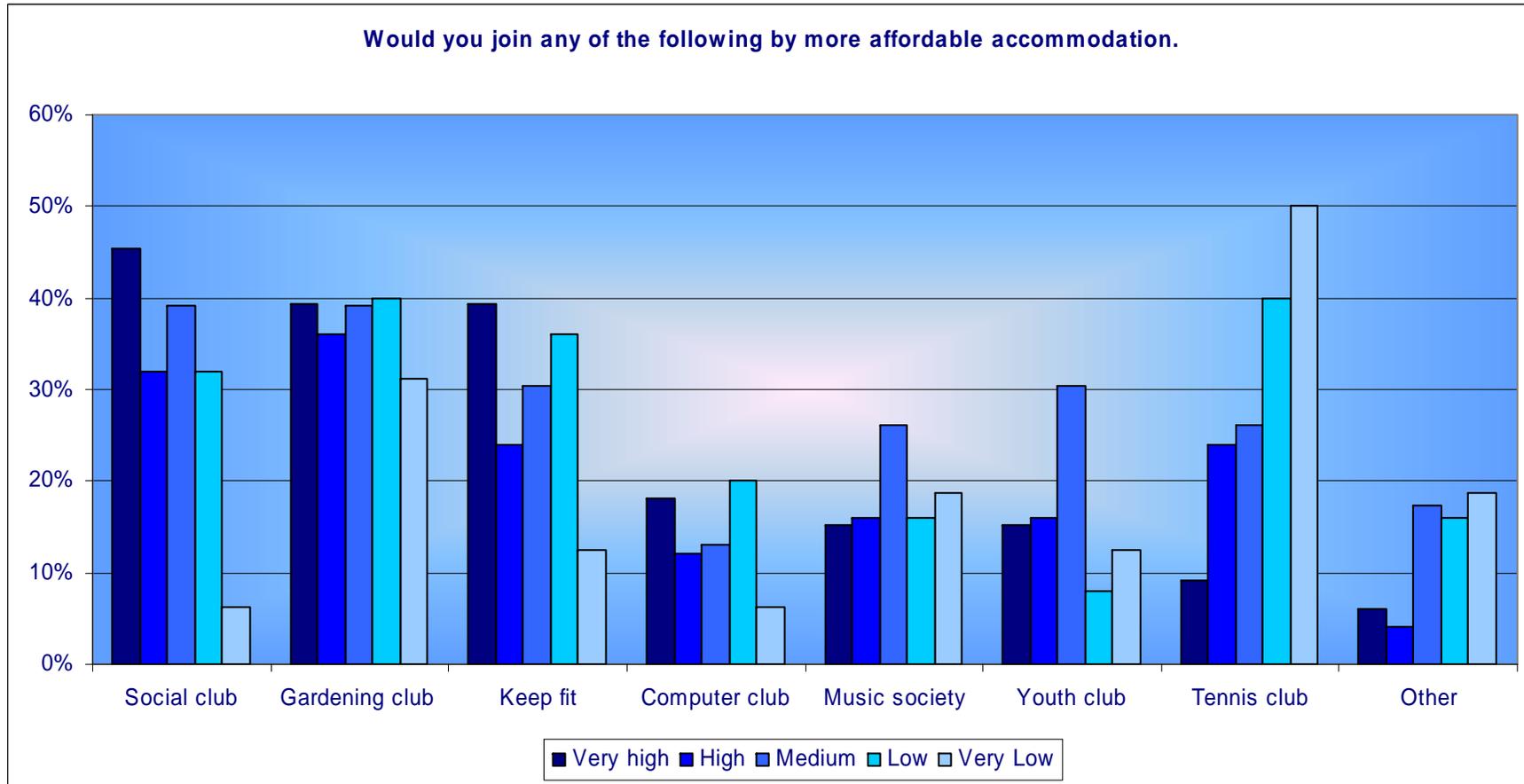
### 3.1.8 More affordable accommodation

28% of respondents felt that more affordable accommodation was a high priority for Milton Abbas, conversely 33% considered it as either a low priority or a very low priority (Table 1, Figure 1 & 2). The majority of respondents who felt that more affordable accommodation was a very high priority for Milton Abbas also considered a community centre (51%) and more local jobs as a very high priority (55%), (Table 9, Figure 10). 89% of respondents who consider more affordable accommodation a very low priority do not have children as part of their household.

**Table 9: Would you join any of the following by more affordable accommodation.**

	More affordable accommodation									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
<b>Base: All (#)</b>										
Gardening club	13	39.4	9.0	36.0	9.0	39.1	10.0	40.0	5.0	31.3
Computer club	6	18.2	3.0	12.0	3.0	13.0	5.0	20.0	1.0	6.3
Social club	15	45.5	8.0	32.0	9.0	39.1	8.0	32.0	1.0	6.3
Music society	5	15.2	4.0	16.0	6.0	26.1	4.0	16.0	3.0	18.8
Keep fit	13	39.4	6.0	24.0	7.0	30.4	9.0	36.0	2.0	12.5
Tennis club	3	9.1	6.0	24.0	6.0	26.1	10.0	40.0	8.0	50.0
Youth club	5	15.2	4.0	16.0	7.0	30.4	2.0	8.0	2.0	12.5
Other	2	6.1	1.0	4.0	4.0	17.4	4.0	16.0	3.0	18.8
<b>Total (Valid: Multi Code)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>(0) Missing Values</b>	89	N/A	97	N/A	99	N/A	97	N/A	106	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 10: Would you join any of the following by more affordable accommodation.**

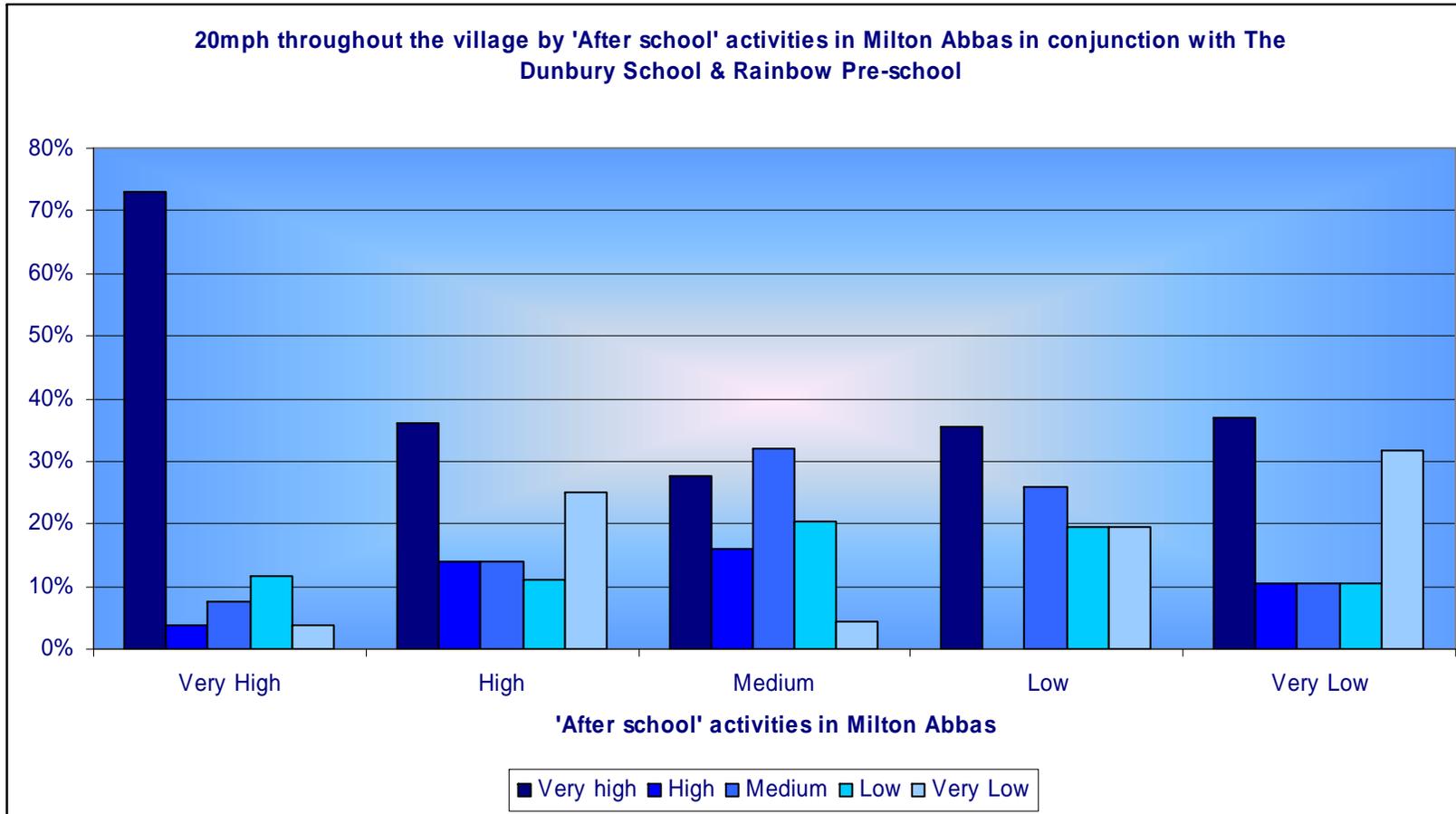


### 3.1.9 After school activities.

15% of respondents considered after school activities a very high priority for Milton Abbas, 27%, however, considered it as either a low or a very low priority. (Table 1, Figure 1 & 2). The majority of respondents who considered after school activities as a very high priority for Milton Abbas also considered 20mph throughout the village (73%), a community centre (63%), expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services (52%) and affordable accommodation (50%) a very high priority. (Table 10, Figure 11). 59% of respondents who considered after school activities a very high priority also consider speeding through the village a big problem.

<b>Table 10: 20mph throughout the village by 'After school' activities in Milton Abbas in conjunction with The Dunbury School &amp; Rainbow Pre-school</b>										
	<b>After school' activities in Milton Abbas in conjunction with The Dunbury School &amp; Rainbow Pre-school</b>									
<b>20mph throughout the village</b>	<b>Very high</b>		<b>High</b>		<b>Medium</b>		<b>Low</b>		<b>Very Low</b>	
<b>Base: All (186)</b>	<i>f</i>	<b>Valid %</b>	<i>f</i>	<b>Valid %</b>	<i>f</i>	<b>Valid %</b>	<i>f</i>	<b>Valid %</b>	<i>f</i>	<b>Valid %</b>
<b>Very high</b>	19	73.1	13.0	36.1	19.0	27.5	11.0	35.5	7.0	36.8
<b>High</b>	1	3.8	5.0	13.9	11.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	2.0	10.5
<b>Medium</b>	2	7.7	5.0	13.9	22.0	31.9	8.0	25.8	2.0	10.5
<b>Low</b>	3	11.5	4.0	11.1	14.0	20.3	6.0	19.4	2.0	10.5
<b>Very Low</b>	1	3.8	9.0	25.0	3.0	4.3	6.0	19.4	6.0	31.6
<b>Total (Valid: Single Code)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>(0) Missing Values</b>	160	N/A	150	N/A	117	N/A	155	N/A	167	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 11: 20mph throughout the village by 'After school' activities in Milton Abbas in conjunction with The Dunbury School & Rainbow Pre-school**

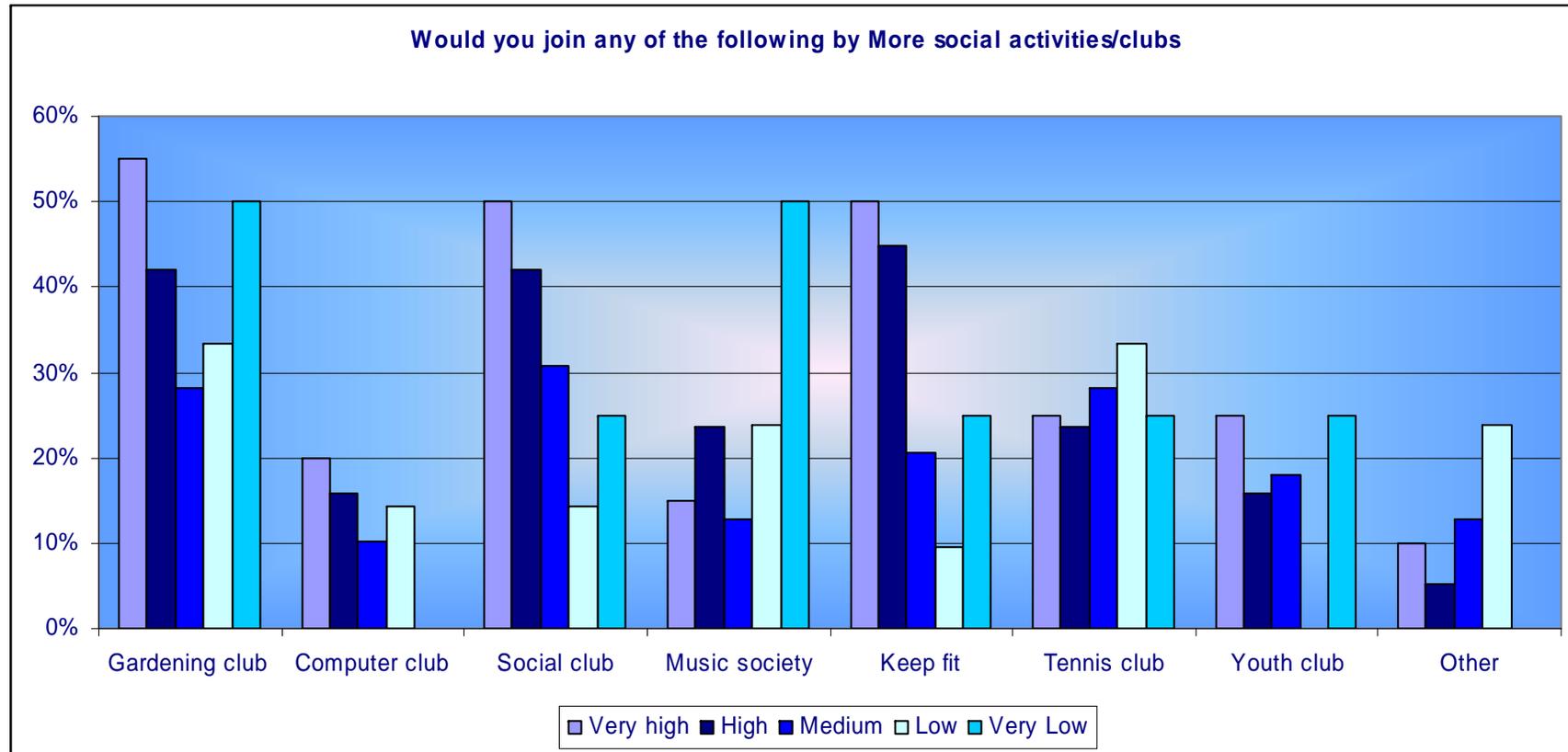


### 3.1.10. More social activities / clubs.

13% of respondents considered more social activities and clubs as a high priority; conversely a quarter of the sample considered more social activities and clubs a low priority for Milton Abbas. (Table 1, Figure 1 & 2). The majority of respondents who considered more social activities / clubs a very high priority showed interest in joining a gardening club (55%), a social club (50%) and a keep fit group (50%). (Table 11, Figure 12).

Table 11: Would you join any of the following by More social activities/clubs										
	More social activities/clubs									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
<b>Base: All (122)</b>										
Gardening club	11	55.0	16	42.1	11	28.2	7	33.3	2	50.0
Computer club	4	20.0	6	15.8	4	10.3	3	14.3	0	0.0
Social club	10	50.0	16	42.1	12	30.8	3	14.3	1	25.0
Music society	3	15.0	9	23.7	5	12.8	5	23.8	2	50.0
Keep fit	10	50.0	17	44.7	8	20.5	2	9.5	1	25.0
Tennis club	5	25.0	9	23.7	11	28.2	7	33.3	1	25.0
Youth club	5	25.0	6	15.8	7	17.9	0	0.0	1	25.0
Other	2	10.0	2	5.3	5	12.8	5	23.8	0	0.0
<b>Total (Valid: Multi Code)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>(0) Missing Values</b>	102	N/A	84	N/A	83	N/A	101	N/A	118	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 12: Would you join any of the following by More social activities/clubs.**

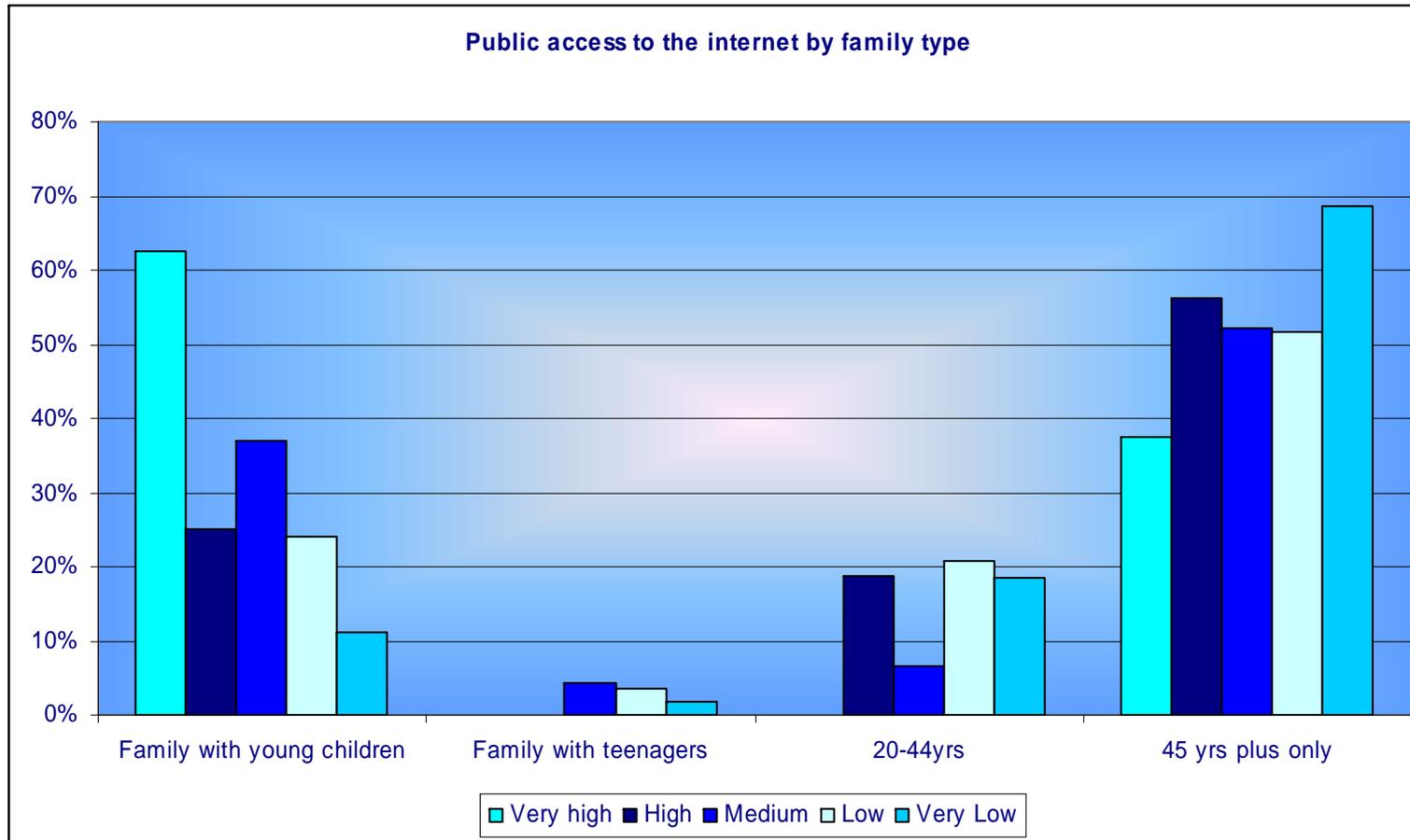


### 3.1.11. Public access to the internet.

30% of respondents considered public access to the internet as a very low priority, and a further 32% a low priority. 13% of respondents considered it as either a high or very high priority for Milton Abbas, (Table 1, Figure 1 & 2). 63% of respondents who felt that public access to the internet was a high priority had children less than 16 years of age. The remainder of respondents who considered public access to the internet a high priority for Milton Abbas are aged 45 or above without children in their household. (Table 12, Figure 13).

Table 12 : Public access to the internet by Household composition.										
Household composition	Public access to the internet									
	Very high		High		Medium		Low		Very Low	
	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
Base: All (182)										
Family with young children	5	62.5	4	25.0	17	37.0	14	24.1	6	11.1
Family with teenagers	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	4.3	2	3.4	1	1.9
20-44yrs	0	0.0	3	18.8	3	6.5	12	20.7	10	18.5
45 yrs plus only	3	37.5	9	56.3	24	52.2	30	51.7	37	68.5
Total (Valid: Single Code)	8	100.0	16	100.0	46	100.0	58	100.0	54	100.0
(0) Missing Values	174	N/A	166	N/A	136	N/A	124	N/A	128	N/A
Total (Base)	182	N/A	182	N/A	182	N/A	182	N/A	182	N/A

**Figure 13: Public access to the internet by Household composition.**



### 3.1.12 Other Comments (Question 1, Verbatim)

- A better pub
- A community centre is not needed at all
- A meeting place for young people
- Activities, services for teenagers also disabled access i.e., woods, shops, sports etc.
- Communal TV aerial
- Conservation of the streets
- Crime prevention
- Improvement of shop / post office
- Lack of (secular) social activities
- Lack of recycling in particular. I live next to three parish councillors, none of whom use the recycling collection on Thursdays.
- More activities etc for young teens
- More facilities for the elderly
- No council tax but based on income
- No Footpath signs for Abbas/ Millburn road as well as speed limit to 40 MPH
- Parking in street
- Parking in the street restricted to one side! Visitors regularly block the road.
- Parking restrictions on Main Street
- Permitting residential development of derelict farm buildings. Scandal to let them rot.
- Primary school
- Pub (Hambros arms) frontage and parking improvement of shop / post office
- Public Toilets
- Public toilets
- Sheltered accommodation or flats for the elderly
- Shop/Post Office; active church, pub/restaurant reputation
- Speed limits on Newton Road. Presently use as a race track
- Upholstery Class
- Upholstery Class
- Youth club for teenagers / younger children

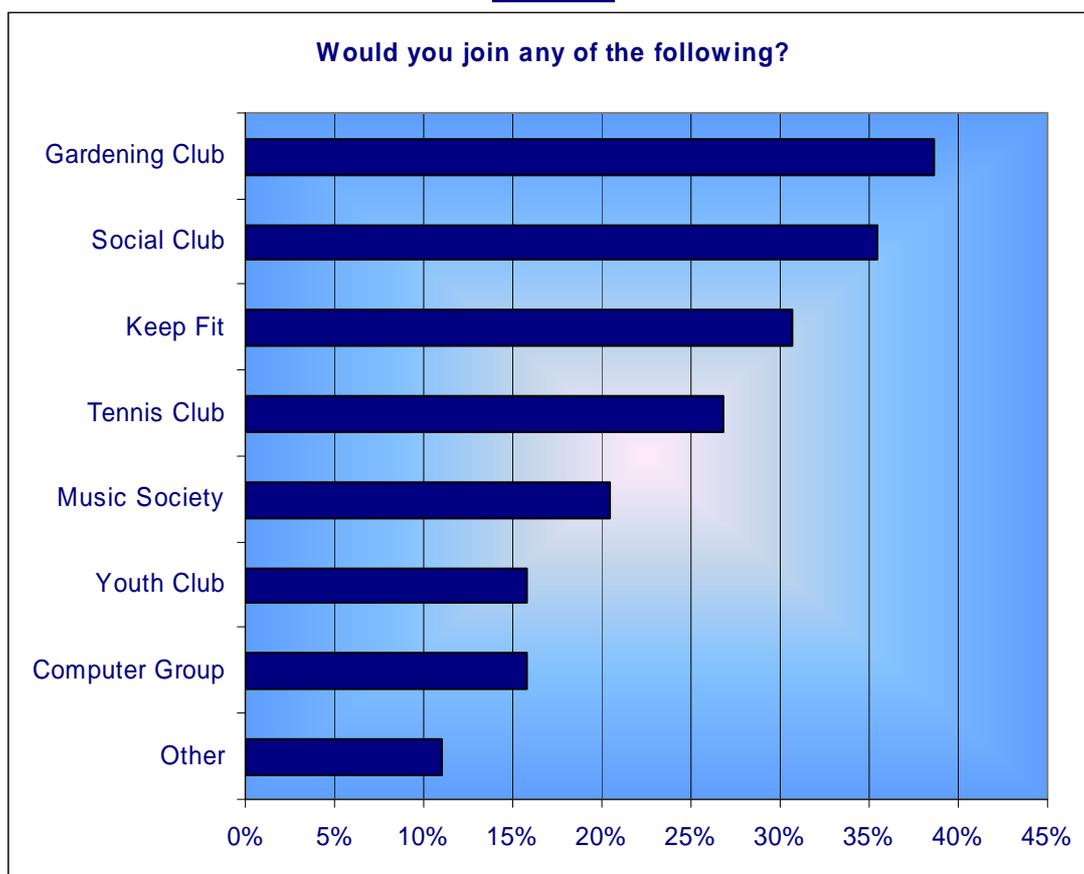
### 3.2. Interest in joining clubs / societies

39% of respondents felt that, if informed, they would join a gardening club. Other clubs which elicited high levels of interest were a social club (35%), a keep fit club (31%) and tennis club (27%). 80% of respondents who felt that they would join a youth club came from households with children under the age of 16.

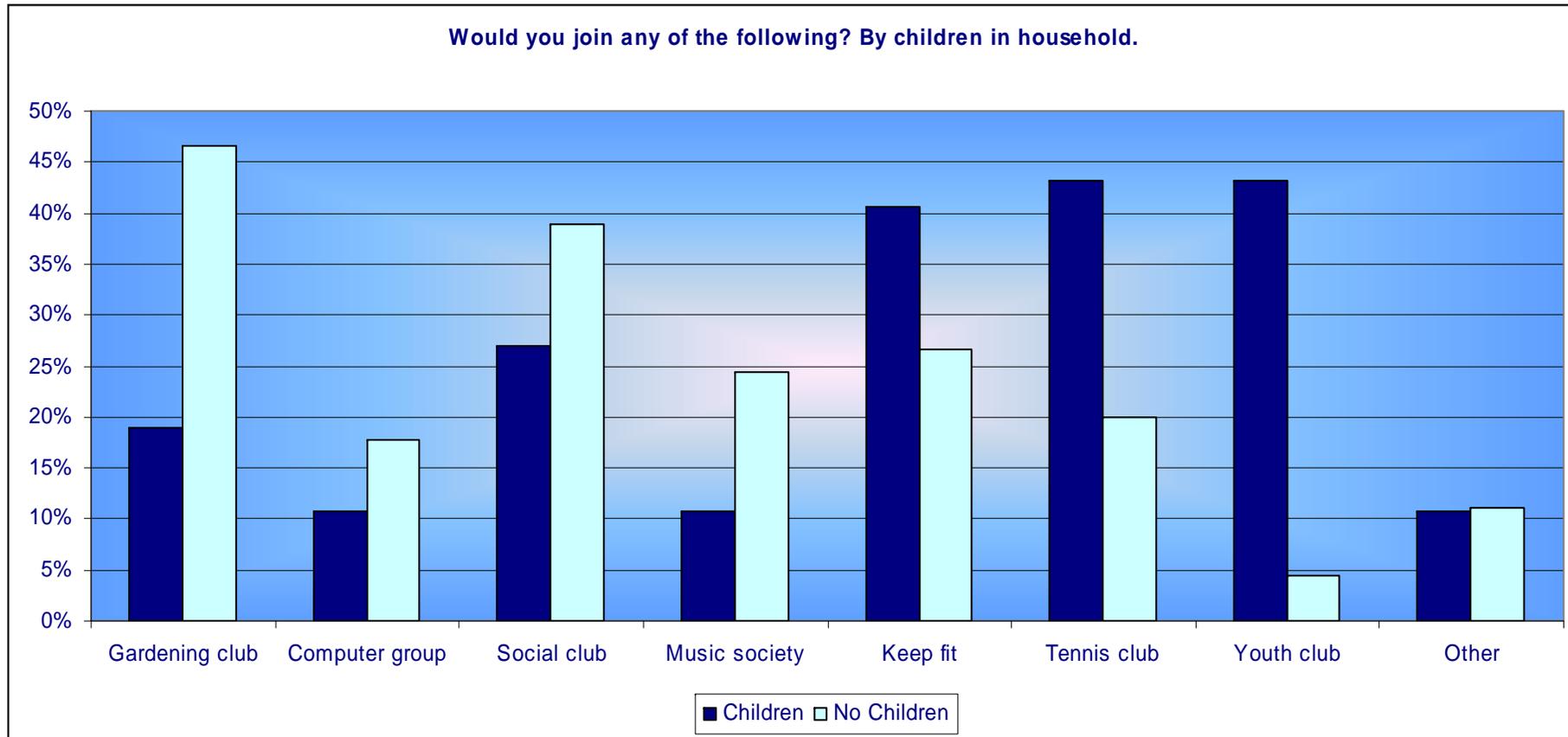
73% of respondents who expressed an interest in joining a gardening club, 72% a music society and 71% a social club were over 45 yrs of age, as were 70% of respondents who expressed an interest in joining a computer club. Respondents without children in their households show an increased interest in joining a gardening club (47%), a social club (39%) and a music society compared to households with children. Respondents with children show a greater level of interest in a Tennis Club (43%), a youth club (43%) and a keep fit group (41%). (Figure 15).

Table 13: Would you join any of the following?		
Base: All (126)	<i>f</i>	Valid %
Gardening Club	49	38.6
Social Club	45	35.4
Keep Fit	39	30.7
Tennis Club	34	26.8
Music Society	26	20.5
Computer Group	20	15.7
Youth Club	20	15.7
Other	14	11.0
Total	127	N/A
Missing Values	71	N/A
Total (Base)	198	N/A

**Figure 14: Interest in joining clubs / societies.**



**Figure 15: Interest in joining clubs / societies by children in household.**



### 3.2.Other (Question 2, Verbatim)

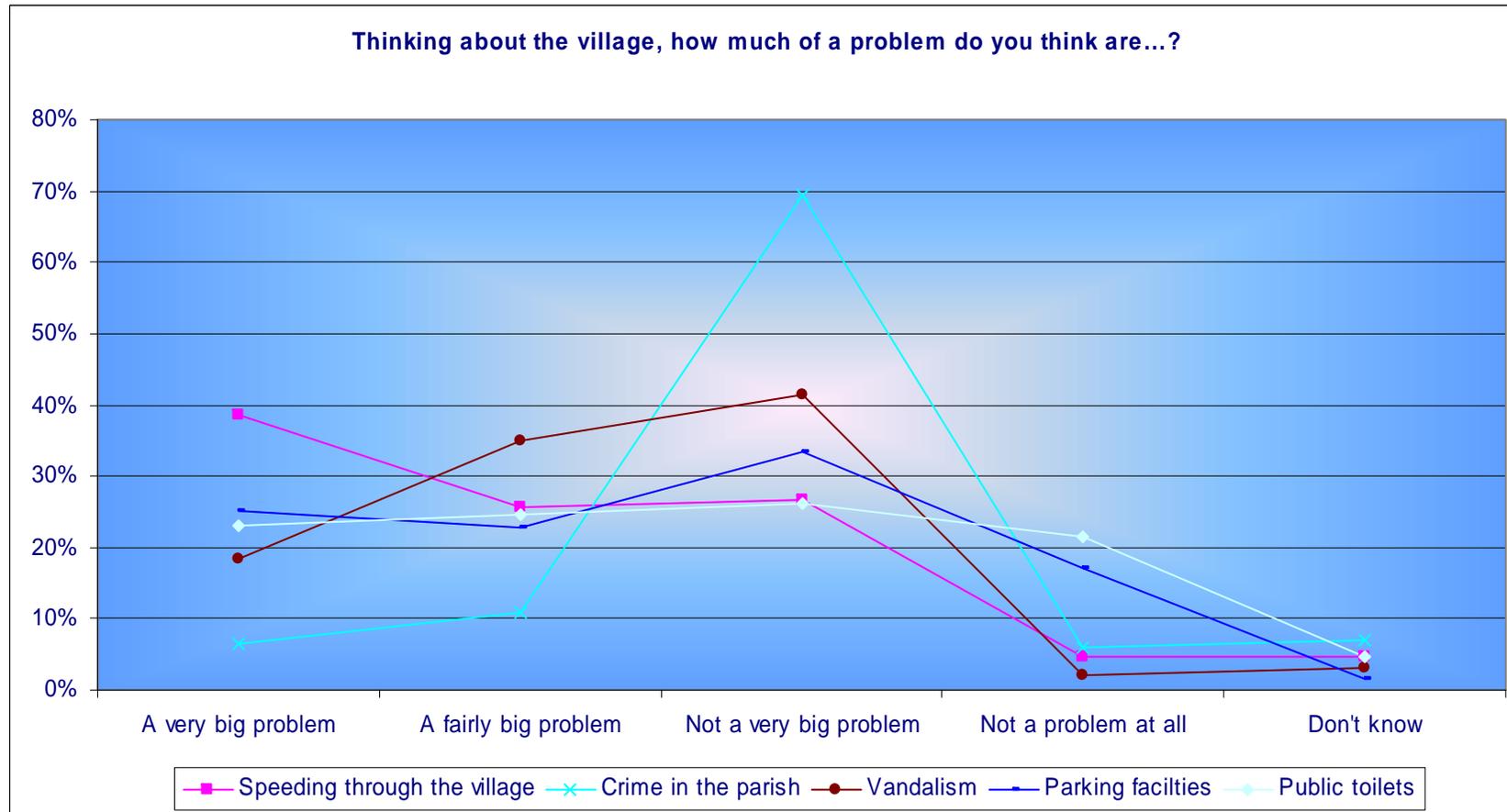
- Art society
- Art Study
- Art Study
- Badminton / Darts and skittles
- Book club/ reading group/ yoga
- Bowls
- Brownies / scouts/ girl guides for children
- Brownies/ scouts for children
- Children's activities i.e. brownies, beavers etc
- Church choir
- Dog training or agility. Book club
- Full time work precludes participation
- Men's group, book club
- My son would benefit
- Upholstery
- Walking / rambling club
- Wine tasting - Film club
- Wine tasting - Film club
- Writing poetry
- Yoga

### 3.3: Thinking about the village, how much of a problem do you think are...?

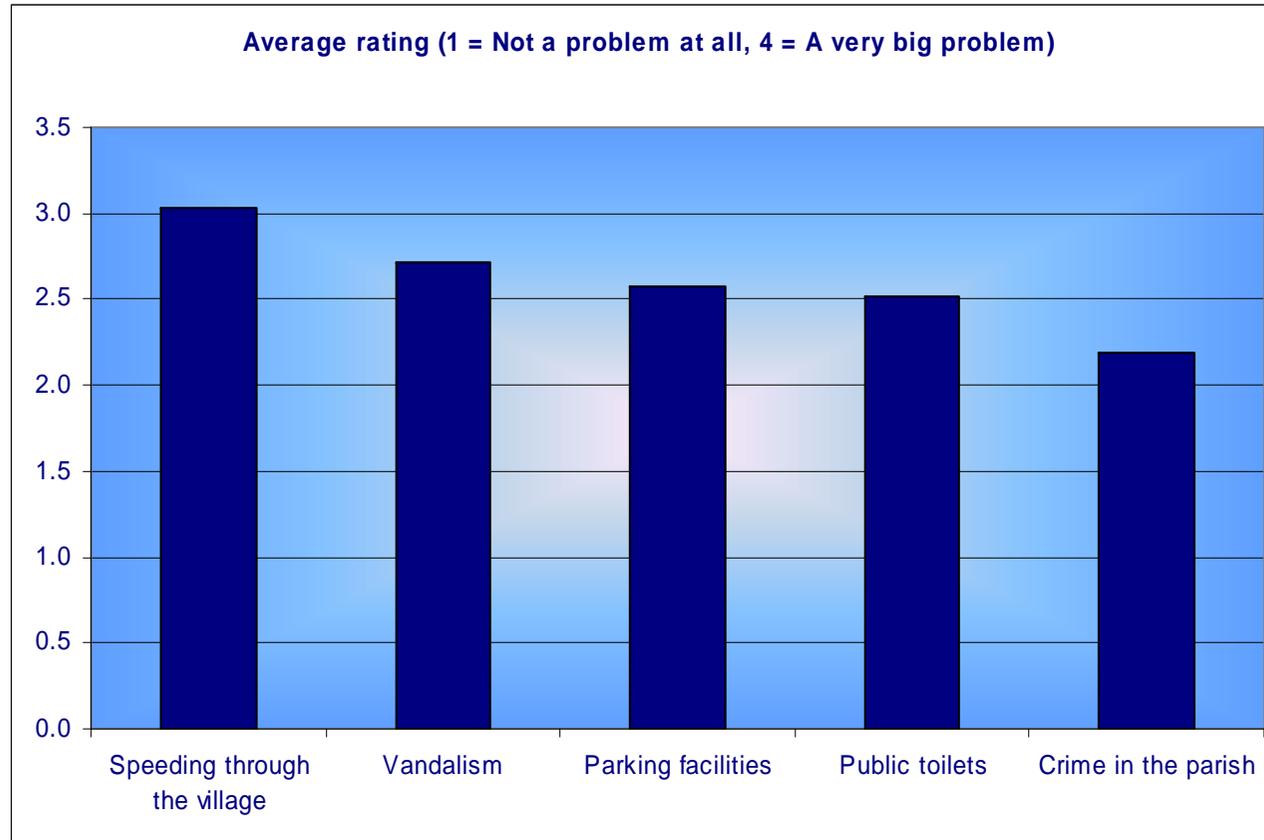
Speeding was considered the biggest problem in the village, with 39% considering it a very big problem and 26% a fairly big problem. Speeding throughout the village received an average score of 3.03 (where 1 = not a problem at all and 4 = a very big problem). Crime in the village was considered the least substantial problem within Milton Abbas with the majority of respondents (69%) considering it 'not a very big problem', and receiving an average score of 2.19. (Table 14, Figure 16 & 17).

Table 14: Thinking about the village, how much of a problem do you think are...?										
	Speeding through the village		Vandalism		Parking facilities		Public toilets		Crime in the parish	
Base: All (126)	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %	<i>f</i>	Valid %
A very big problem	74	38.5	35	18.3	47	25.0	44	23.0	12	6.6
A fairly big problem	49	25.5	67	35.1	43	22.9	47	24.6	20	10.9
Not a very big problem	51	26.6	79	41.4	63	33.5	50	26.2	127	69.4
Not a problem at all	9	4.7	4	2.1	32	17.0	41	21.5	11	6.0
Don't know	9	4.7	6	3.1	3	1.6	9	4.7	13	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Missing Values	6	N/A	7	N/A	7	N/A	10	N/A	15	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.03</b>		<b>2.72</b>		<b>2.57</b>		<b>2.52</b>		<b>2.19</b>	

**Figure 16: Thinking about the village, how much of a problem do you think are...?**



**Figure 17: Thinking about the village, how much of a problem do you think are...? Average Ratings**



### 3.4. Interest in volunteering

14% of respondents would volunteer to help with St James Wildlife Group, 12% Janeswood, 8% the Play Park and 4% the Millennium Green. (Table 15, Figure 18). Generally respondents with children are more willing to volunteer to help than respondents without children.

Table 15: Would you volunteer to help with any of the following?								
	The Play Park		Janeswood		St James Wildlife Group		Millennium Green	
Base: All (198)	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %	f	Valid %
Yes	12	7.6	19	11.9	22	13.9	6	3.9
Maybe	33	20.9	52	32.5	33	20.9	29	18.7
No	113	71.5	89	55.6	103	65.2	120	77.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Missing Values	40	N/A	38	N/A	40	N/A	43	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 18: Interest in volunteering**



### 3.5. Demographics

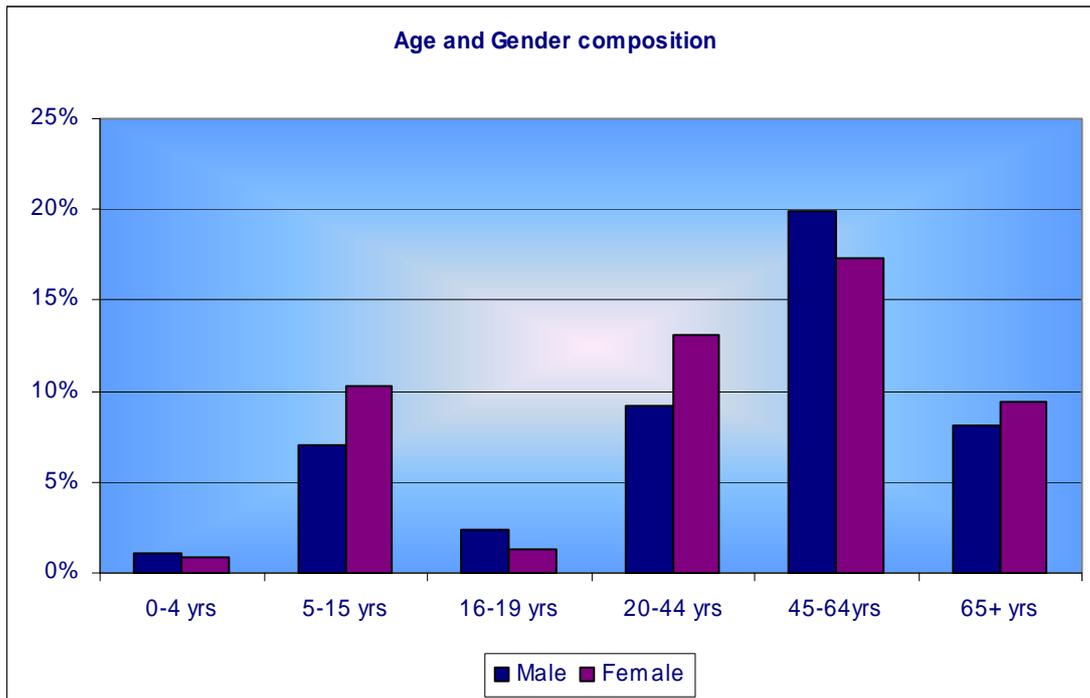
#### 3.5.1 Age and Gender Distribution

37% of the overall sample had members of their household who were aged between 45 and 64 yrs. 2% of households had members less than 4 years of age. Just over half the sample (52%) was female. (Table 16, Figure 19).

Respondents with children deem a community centre as a higher priority than respondents without children. 32% of respondents with children considered it a very high priority in comparison to 26% of respondents without children, consistent with this 19% of respondents without children considered a community centre a very low priority in comparison to just 4% of respondents with children. Respondents with children also considered a 20mph speed limit as a higher priority than respondents without children. 49% of respondents with children considered 20mph throughout the village as a very high priority in comparison to 36% of respondents without children.

Table 16: Age and gender composition				
Base: All (467)	Male		Female	
	f	Male	f	Female
0-4 yrs	5	1.1%	4	0.9%
5-15 yrs	33	7.1%	48	10.3%
16-19 yrs	11	2.4%	6	1.3%
20-44 yrs	43	9.2%	61	13.1%
45-64yrs	93	19.9%	81	17.3%
65+ yrs	38	8.1%	44	9.4%
<b>Total (Valid: Multi Code)</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>47.75%</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>52.25%</b>
(0) Missing Values	0	N/A	0	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Figure 19: Age and gender composition



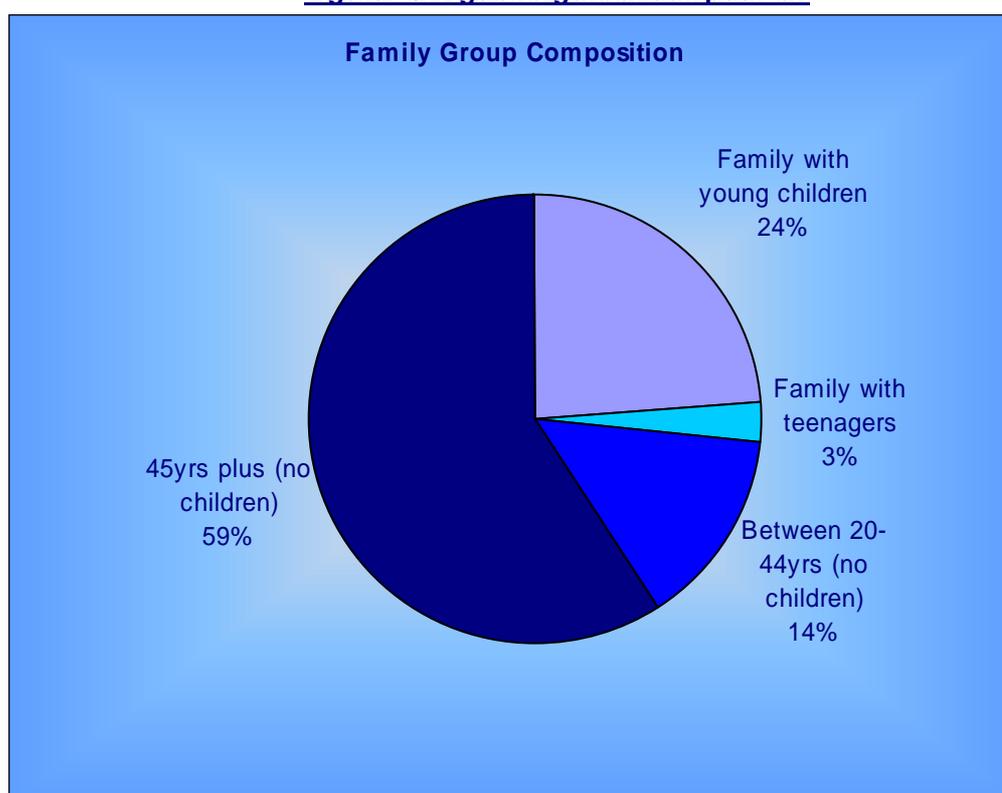
### 3.5.2 Household composition

The most common household composition consisted of households where all residents are 45 or older (59%). 24% of the sample consisted of families with children under the age of 16. Less than 3% of respondents had exclusively teenagers as part of their household composition (Table 17, Figure 20).

Respondents with children in their household show a high level of interest in joining a youth club (44%), a tennis club (42%) and a keep fit group (39%). Respondents without children demonstrate a high level of interest in join a gardening club (47%), a social club (39%) and a music society (25%). (Figure 15).

Table 17: Family Group Composition		
Base: All (198)	f	%
Family with young children	47	24.0
Family with teenagers	5	2.6
Between 20-44yrs (no children)	28	14.3
45yrs plus (no children)	116	59.2
<b>Total (Valid: Multi Code)</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0</b>
(0) Missing Values	2	N/A
<b>Total (Base)</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 20: Age and gender composition**



## 4: Conclusions

High priorities for Milton Abbas residents were; the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services (3.65), the maintenance of village amenities (3.56), better public transport (3.46) and more local jobs (3.44). Consistent with previous consultations the imposition of a 20mph speed limit was considered a very high priority for Milton Abbas (39%). The 2001 village survey highlighted this method of 'traffic management' as the preferred method (49%). The highest priority, on average, for Milton Abbas was the expansion of Milton Abbas surgery services (3.65), this is consistent with the observed growth in both patient numbers and services offered during the past 15 years. Lower priorities for Milton Abbas included; better sports and exercise facilities (3.38), a community centre (3.29), more affordable accommodation (3.28), after school activities (3.21), more social activities/clubs (3.06) and public access to the internet (2.26). Public access to the internet was considered the lowest priority, 30% of respondents considered it a very low priority and was the lowest rated priority on average (2.26).

The clubs and societies that elicited the highest level of interest were; a gardening club (39%), a social club (35%), a keep fit group (31%) and a tennis club (27%). This is consistent with both the village appraisal 1996 and the Milton Abbas village survey 2000/2001 which highlighted a high level of interest in both a gardening club and a keep fit group. The clubs and societies which elicited the lowest level of interest from Milton Abbas residents were; a music society (21%), a computer group (16%) and a youth club (16%). Conversely to the Milton Abbas village survey 2000/2001 a music society elicited a higher level of interest than a computer club. Similarly, there is a lower level of interest in a computer group (16%) than their had been previously (19%) There was a large variation between the clubs/societies respondents were interested if there were children within their household than if there was not.

On average the only problem which was considered a big problem within Milton Abbas was speeding through the village (3.03) which was considered a very big problem by 39% of respondents. The remainder of problems were rated between 'not a very big problem' and 'a fairly big problem'. Crime in the parish was not considered a particular problem within Milton Abbas, 69% of respondents cited it as 'not a very big problem'.

Janeswood elicited the highest level of interest with 45% of respondents either willing to volunteer or willing to consider volunteering. The play park elicited the lowest level of interest with 77% of respondents definitely not volunteering to help. St James Wildlife Group had the most volunteers willing to help with 14% of respondents indicating that they would.

60% of respondents were aged over 45 with no children in their household. 24% of respondents had small children as part of their household composition. This age distribution may not be reflective of the population of Milton Abbas as a whole as is often the nature of self-completion questionnaires. Unfortunately the sample size is too small for the data to be statistically adjusted to account for this and therefore the data should be interpreted in this context.