

Uplawmoor Community Census 2025

Detailed Question-by-Question Results

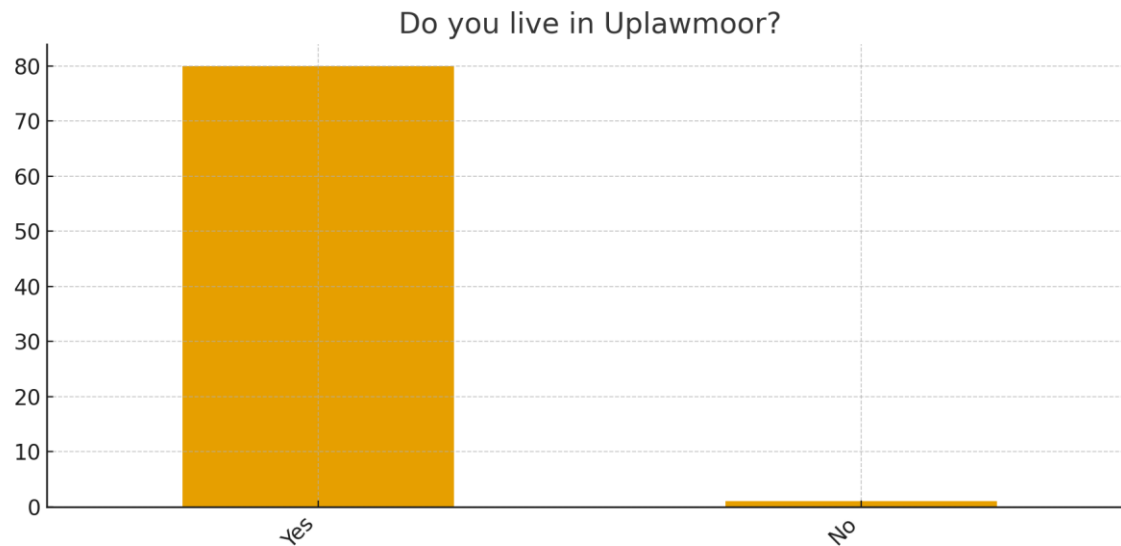
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Who Took Part in the Survey?

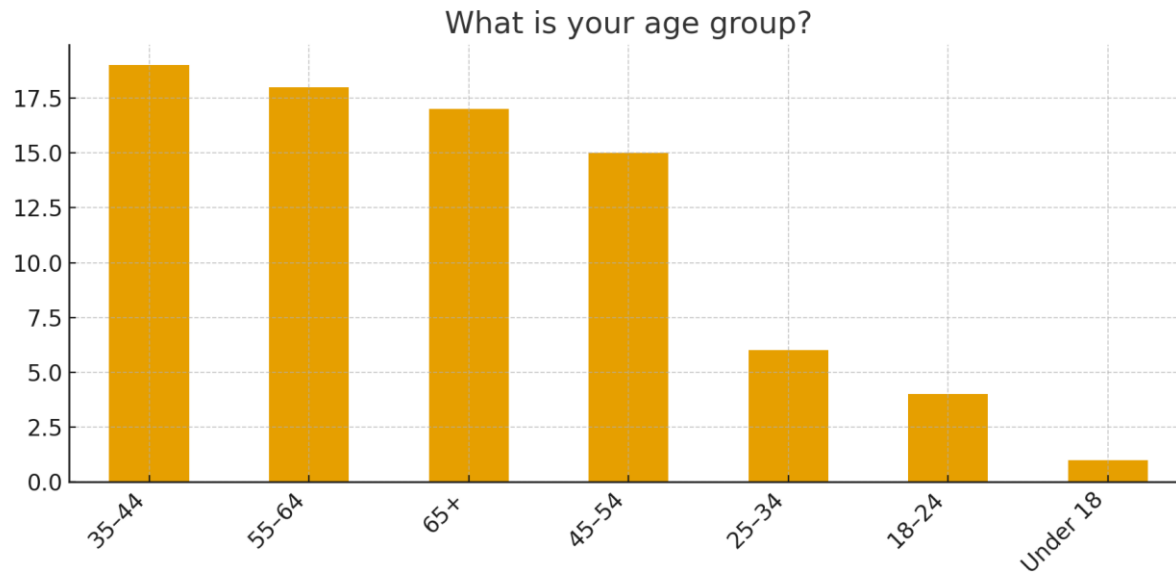
Key Findings: 81 responses were received from a broad cross-section of the village. More than four in five participants live in Uplawmoor, and most are long-term residents (over 10 years). The majority of households have 2–4 people, and around a quarter have children under 18.

Insight: The survey achieved a healthy level of community participation and reflects the views of established residents. Younger and newer residents were less represented, suggesting their views should be actively sought in future engagements.

Suggested Action: Build on this strong response rate by targeting under-represented groups (especially 18–34s and new residents) through digital channels and school/youth partnerships. Consider incentives or shorter mini-polls to encourage their participation.



Age of Respondents

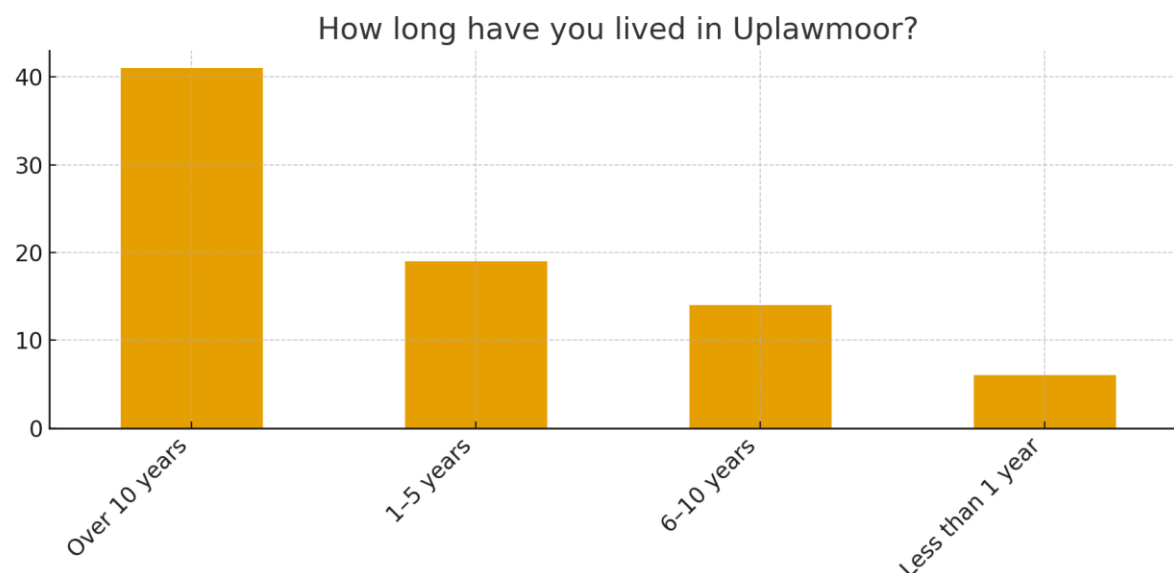


Key Findings: 63% of respondents are aged 35–64, with the largest cohorts being 35–44 (19 respondents) and 55–64 (18). Only a small number (5 total) are under 34.

Insight: The survey captures a strong middle-aged and older resident voice, the core age band most active in community groups and volunteering. However, it underrepresents younger adults and families starting out.

Suggested Action: Engage 18–34 year-olds through social media, QR-code polls, and local events co-run with schools or sports clubs. Use their input when planning facilities and future housing discussions.

How Long Have Residents Lived Here?

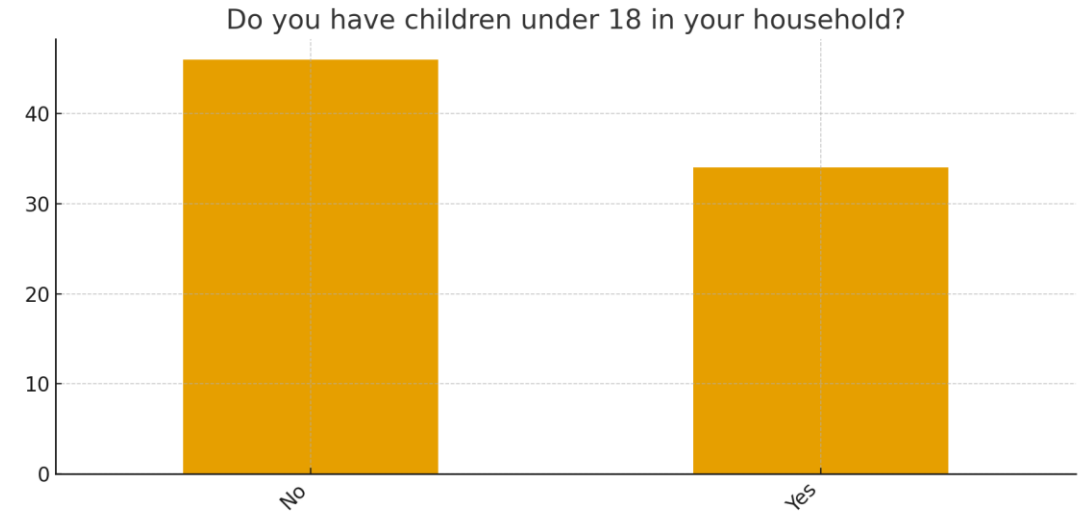
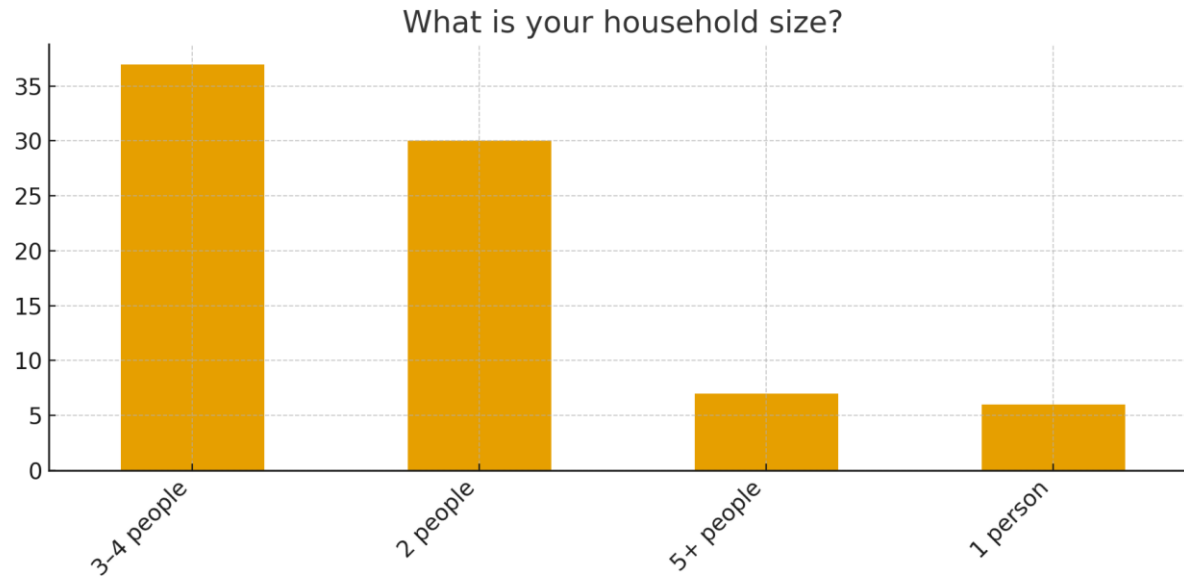


Key Findings: 51% have lived in Uplawmoor for over 10 years; a further 23% for 1–5 years and 17% for 6–10 years. Only 7% moved in within the last year.

Insight: Uplawmoor is a settled community with many long-term residents, which creates continuity and a strong sense of place. However, it also means newcomers may find it harder to get involved initially.

Suggested Action: Create a “Welcome to Uplawmoor” initiative — perhaps through the Community Council or Mure Hall — to introduce new residents to local activities and volunteer opportunities. Leverage the village calendar

What is your household size and demographic?

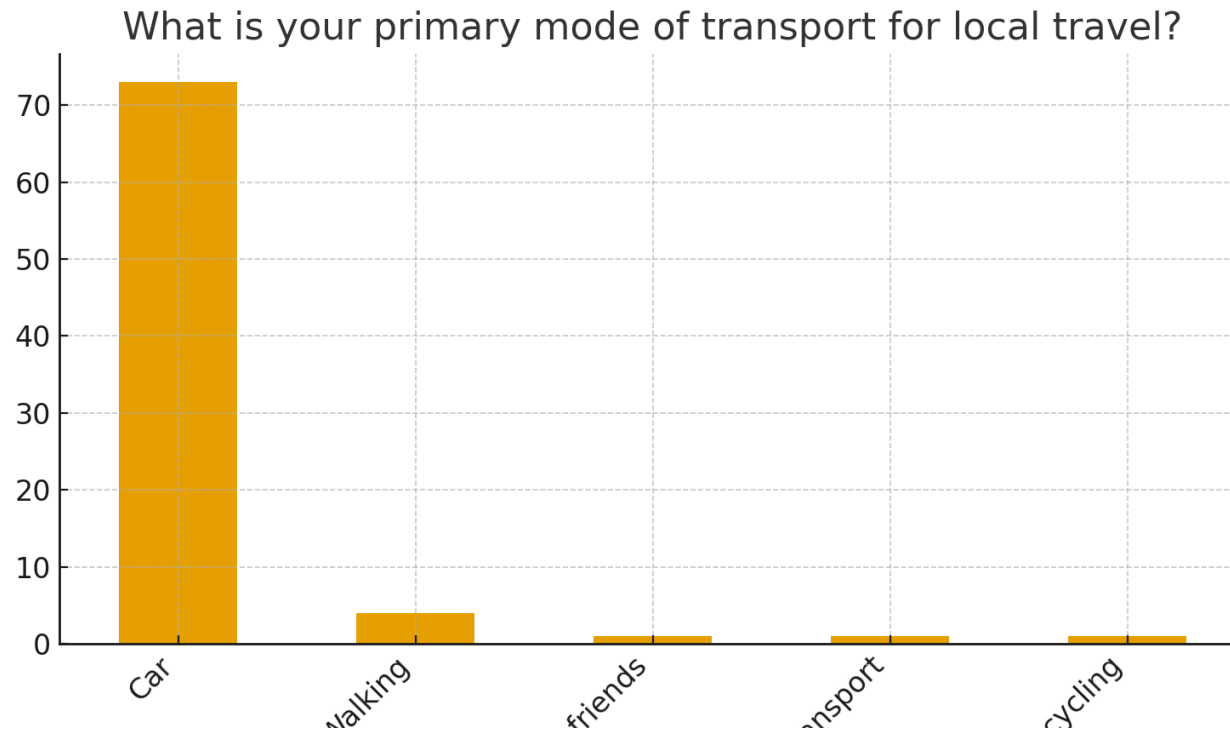


What is your primary mode of transport for local travel?

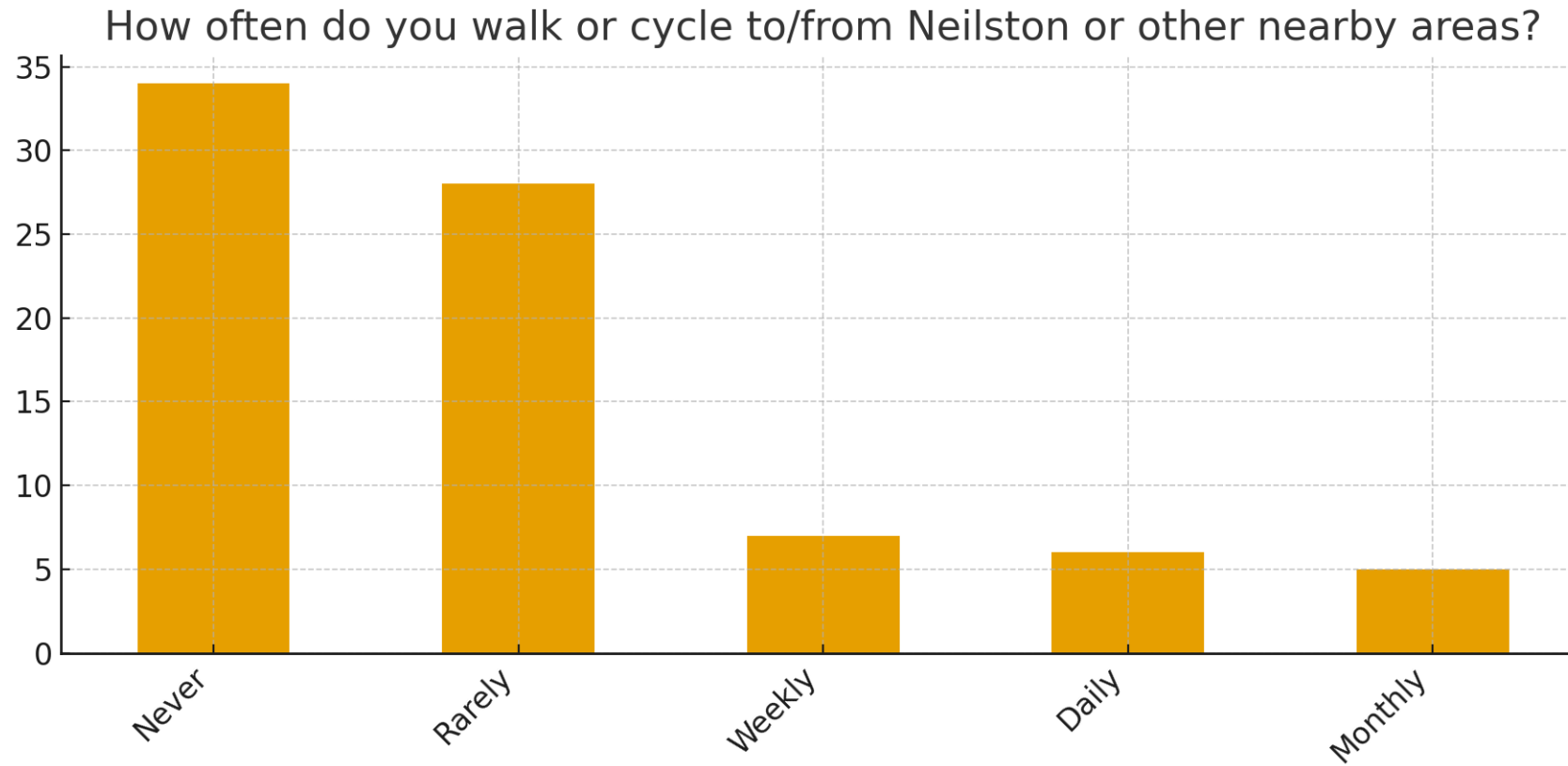
Key Findings: Most residents use cars for local journeys; only a minority walk or cycle frequently. Around one-third do so “rarely” or “never”.

Insight: Car dependence is high, reflecting limited public transport and a lack of safe active-travel routes. Reducing this requires better infrastructure and community behavioural support.

Suggested Action: Link active-travel campaigns to the Neilston path proposal. Work with schools and families on a “Walk Uplawmoor” initiative to encourage short-journey cycling and walking.

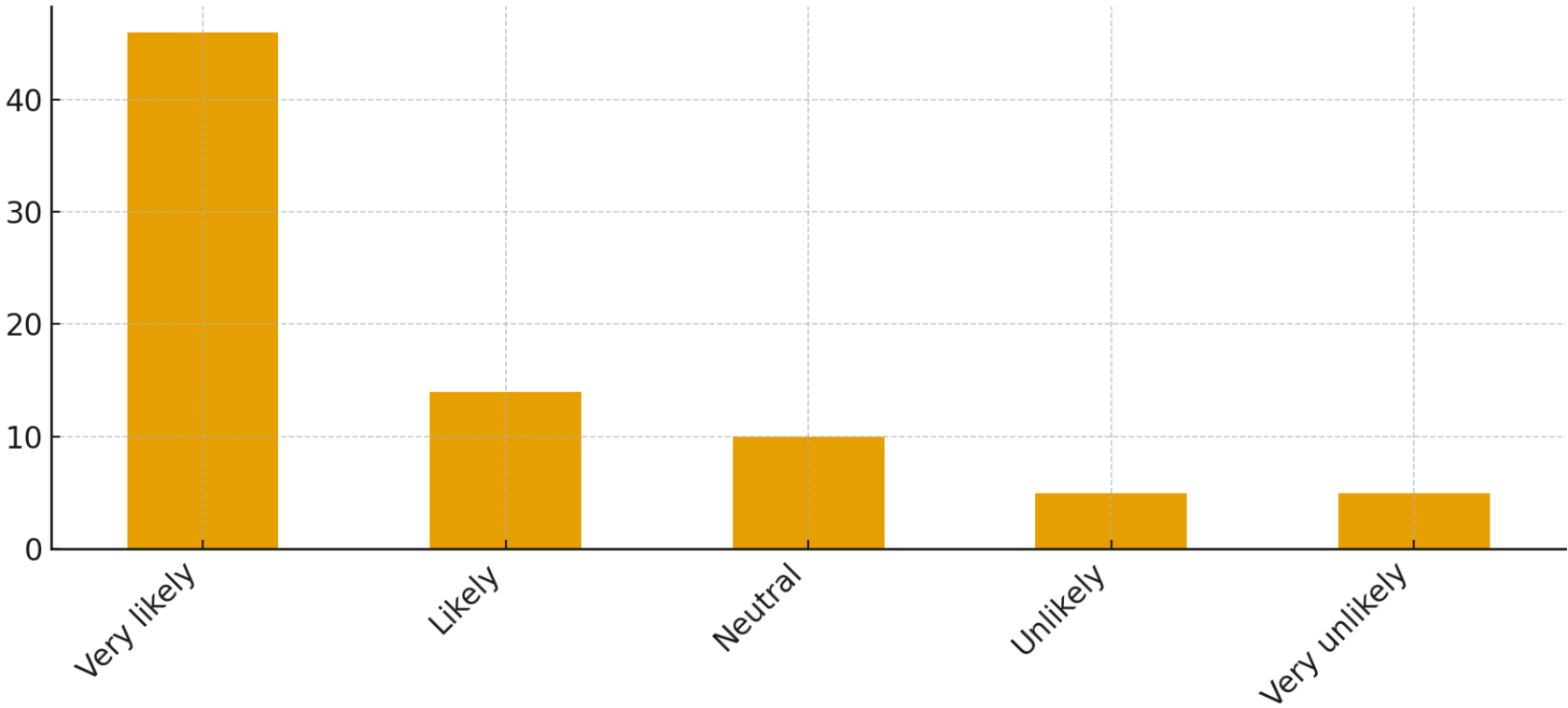


How often do you walk or cycle to/from Neilston or other nearby

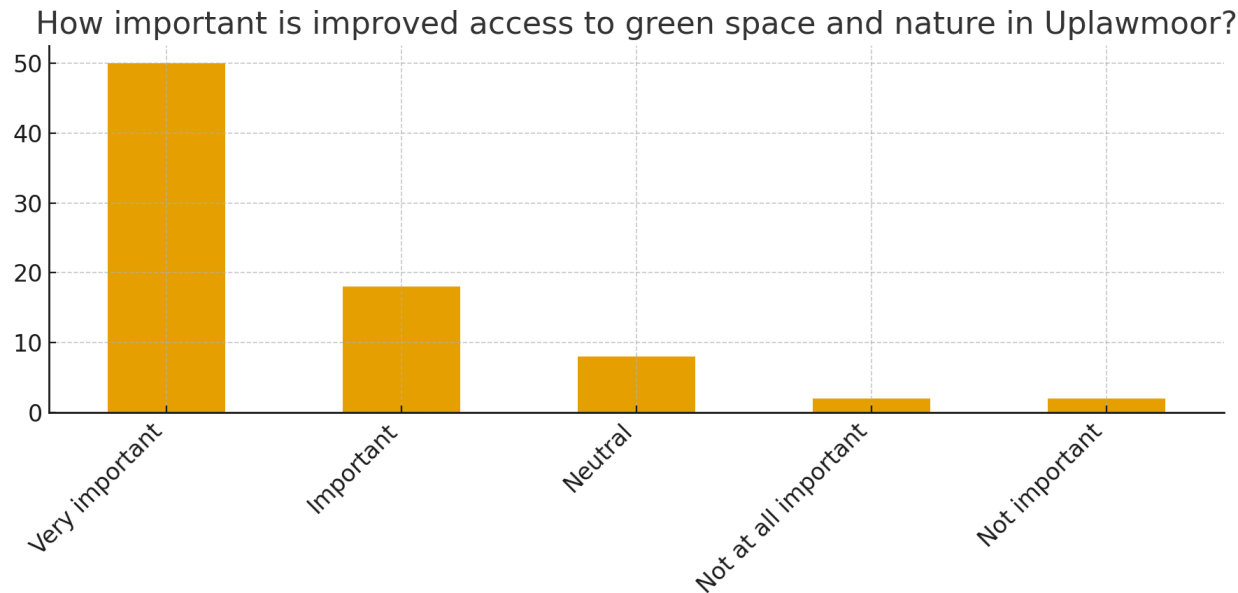


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Value of Green Space and Nature



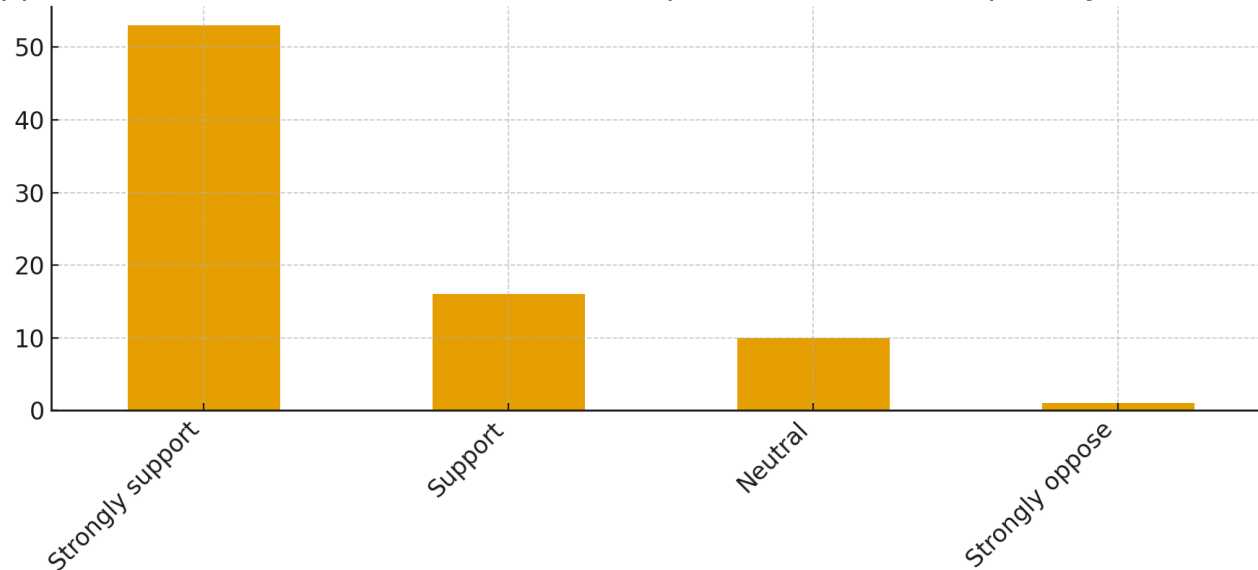
Key Findings: 60.3% rate access to green space as “very important” and another 21.7% as “important”. Only 5% view it as unimportant. Comments focus on parks, walking routes, and biodiversity.

Insight: The community strongly values nature and outdoor space — it’s central to wellbeing and identity. This consensus provides clear justification for investment in landscape and path improvements.

Suggested Action: Use this strong support to drive uptake on paths work whatsapp group and the proposed Neilston path, ensuring safe, accessible routes for all ages.

Do you support the reinstatement of the Neilston Uplawmoor Link as a priority for local development?

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Key Findings: 85% of respondents support or strongly support reinstating the Neilston–Uplawmoor Link as a development priority. A similar share (84.9%) said they would be “likely” or “very likely” to use a safe off-road walking and cycling path if it existed. 90% want to reduce car dependency.

Insight: There is an overwhelming desire for better sustainable transport connections. The Neilston Link is a flagship project with broad grass-roots mandate and environmental benefit.

Suggested Action: Continue UCC/UDT task group to progress the Link.

What Residents Want Most

Key Findings: In the “Top Community Needs” question, the most frequent choices included:

Better transport links

Enhanced local economy and shops

Climate and sustainability actions

Improved housing options

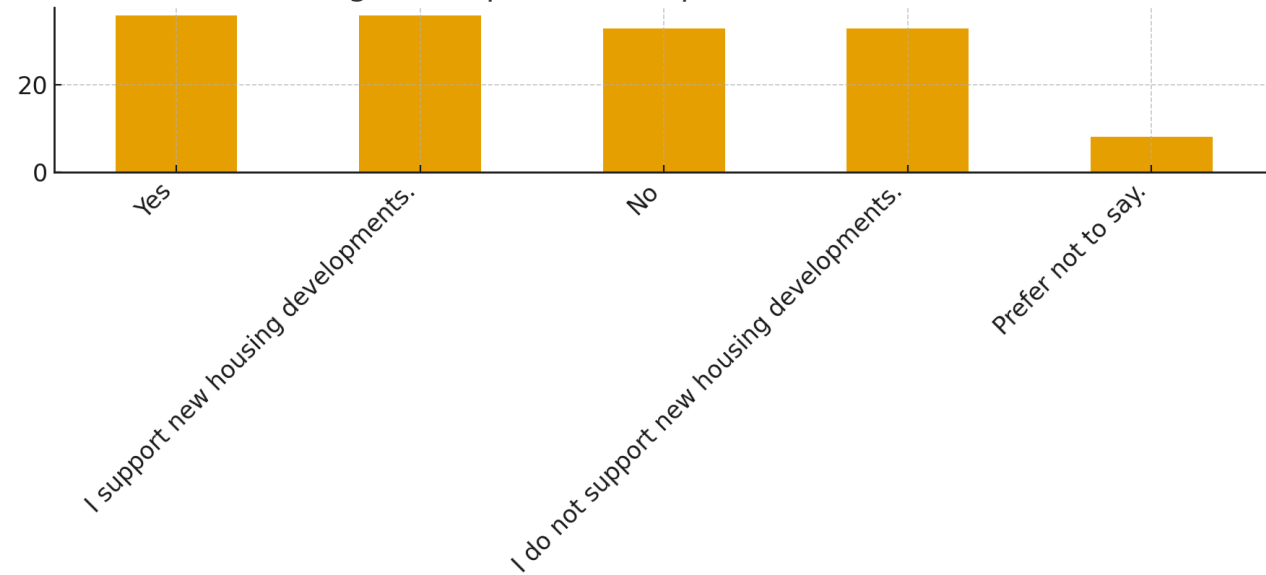
Community activities and facilities

Insight: Transport is the clear top priority, but respondents also want more local opportunity — from small shops and social spaces to green and climate projects.

Suggested Action: Prioritise three headline themes for 2026: (1) Transport and Connectivity, (2) Community Hub & Local Economy, and (3) Green & Climate Action. UDT could lead a short-term “100 Days of Action” campaign to mobilise volunteers around quick wins in these areas.

Views on New Housing in Uplawmoor

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Key Findings: Opinions are almost evenly divided — 45.7% support new housing, 42.9% oppose, and 10% are neutral or unsure. Support tends to focus on affordable or senior housing; opposition centres on preserving the village’s rural feel.

Insight: The split shows a classic rural planning tension: the need for modest growth versus preserving character. There is scope for middle-ground options that meet local needs without overdevelopment.

Suggested Action: Commission a short “Housing Options Study” to assess feasibility for small, locally-appropriate housing (e.g., senior downsizing or affordable starter homes). Engage East Renfrewshire Council early to discuss infrastructure contributions tied to any development.

What Residents Want from New Housing

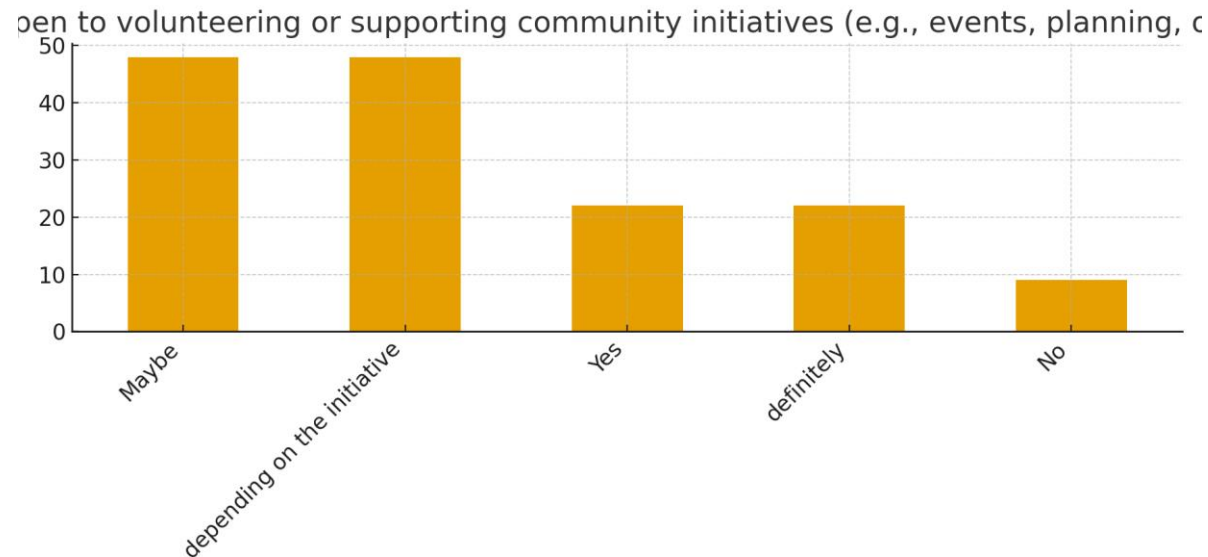
Key Findings: Commonly selected benefits include affordable housing, improved infrastructure (roads, public spaces), and potential for local jobs. Residents want development only if it brings tangible community improvements.

Insight: Support for housing is conditional — residents are not anti-growth, but expect development to enhance rather than erode community value.

Suggested Action: Establish a “Community Benefit Framework” for any future planning proposals. Negotiate for tangible gains such as road safety measures, village greenspace, or investment in Mure Hall upgrades.

Willingness to Volunteer

Key Findings: 91.7% of respondents are open to volunteering — 27.8% said “Yes, definitely” and 60% said “Maybe, depending on the initiative.” Only a small minority (11%) said “No.”



Insight: Uplawmoor has exceptional volunteer potential. The challenge is not interest, but coordination and communication — residents need a clear understanding of how to help and when.

Suggested Action: Establish a “Community Action Register” — a simple volunteer database managed by the Council or UDT. Create clear role categories (events, environment, facilities, fundraising). Use it to match residents to small, specific tasks, rather than broad open calls.

What People Said in Their Own Words

Key Findings (Theme Summary):

Traffic & Roads: Strong calls for 20 mph limits and better traffic calming.

Shops & Local Economy: Desire for a village shop or small retail offering.

Youth & Family Activities: Interest in youth clubs, sports, and creative workshops.

Environment & Climate: Support for tree planting and community gardens.

Insight: Residents want tangible, everyday improvements — safer streets, local convenience, and shared spaces that build connection.

Suggested Action:

Use this feedback to form **three quick-win project groups:**

Road Safety & Traffic Calming (liaise with East Renfrewshire Council)

Village Shop Feasibility & Local Enterprise (led by UDT)

Youth & Green Activities Programme (run through Mure Hall).

Turning Census Insights into Action

Key Findings: Across all topics, the community expressed clear priorities: better transport links, enhanced community facilities, accessible green spaces, and well-managed future development. The strong volunteering spirit provides a foundation for delivery.

Insight: The census results give Uplawmoor a clear mandate for focused, collaborative action between the Community Council, the Development Trust, and residents. The data shows readiness to move from consultation to implementation.

Suggested Action:

Create Working Groups: Transport, Mure Hall & Facilities, Green Space, and Engagement.

Publish an Action Summary: Share key outcomes publicly and invite participation.

Plan an Annual “Community Check-In” Survey: To track progress and maintain transparency.