

Highworth Neighbourhood Development Plan Review 2022 – 2027

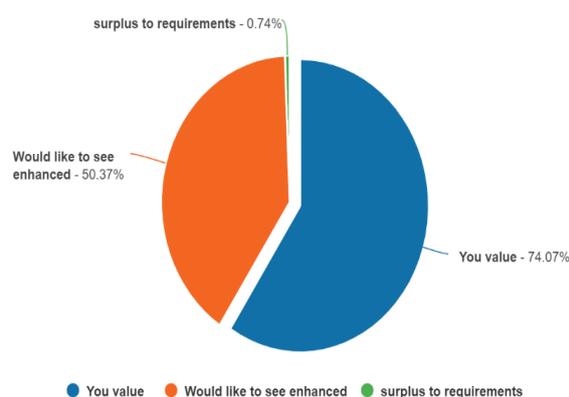
Highworth Workshop3 – Leisure, Arts & Culture: summary of findings

Highworth Town Council held a drop-in Workshop in the Council Offices on Saturday 6 November 2021 the workshop was uploaded as an online survey that was available to the community from 8 November 2021 to 29 June 2022. The survey was also promoted and available at the Saturday Market and paper copies were available from various outlets in the town. The survey findings are set out in a separate report. This section summarises the main findings of the survey. Residents either attended the drop-in workshop or completed the survey.

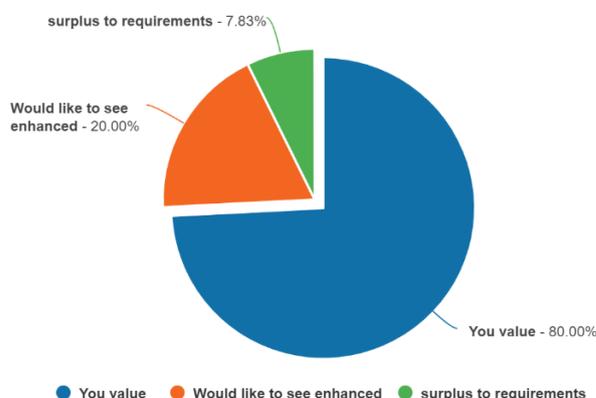
Residents were asked which facilities within the town they valued, would like enhanced or were surplus to requirements.

It is clear from the responses received that the sporting facilities in the town are valued and enhancing the existing facilities is desired.¹

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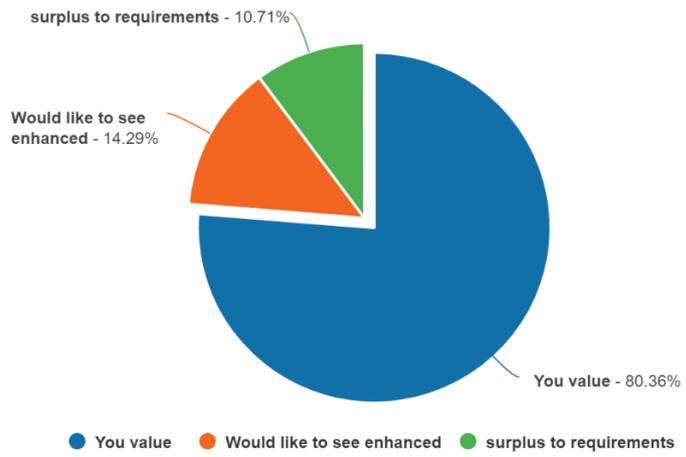


Highworth Tennis Club

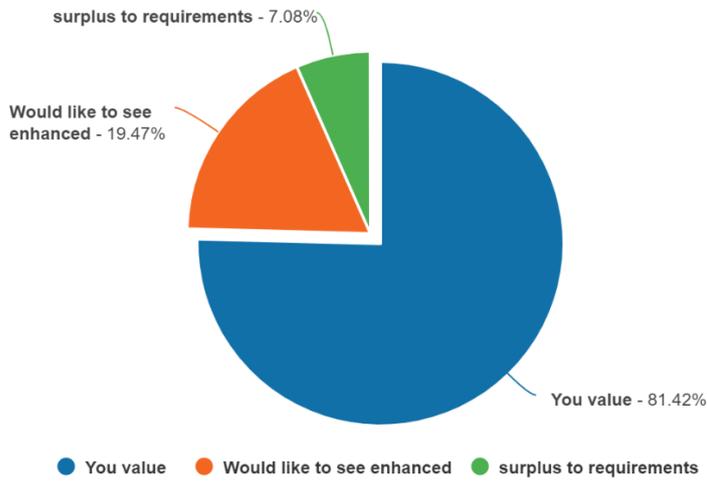


¹ Response to Q1-5

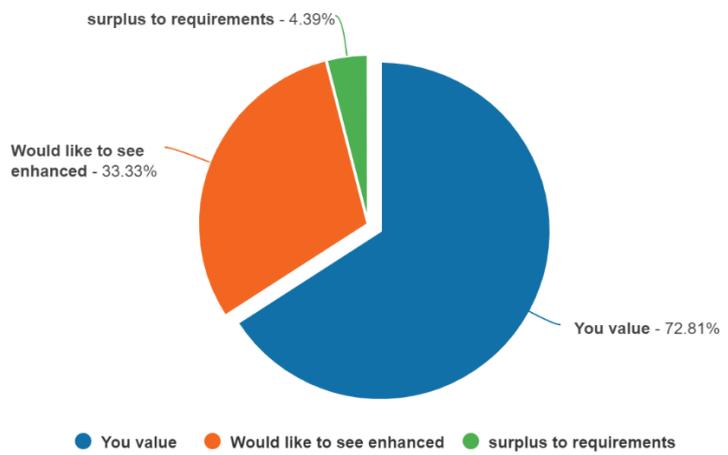
Highworth Bowls Club



Highworth Senior Football Club

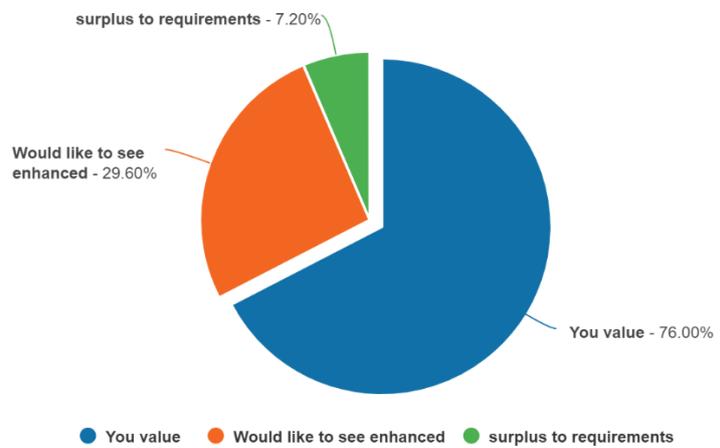


Highworth Junior Football Club

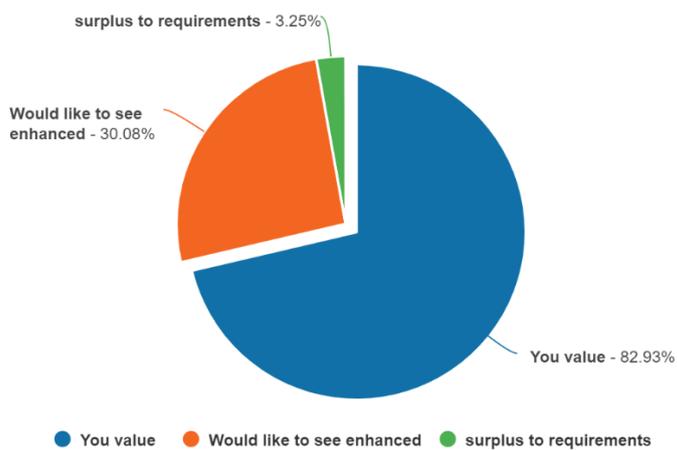


Community spaces in the Town were ranked high in value by the community with all being high 76% or higher.²

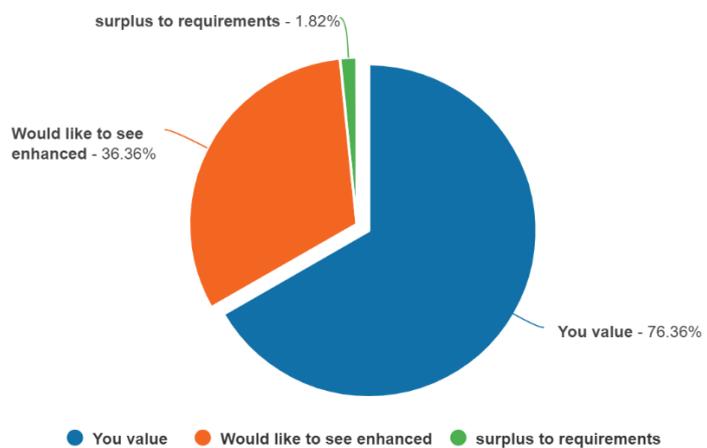
Highworth Town Council Offices



Community Room, Gilberts Lane



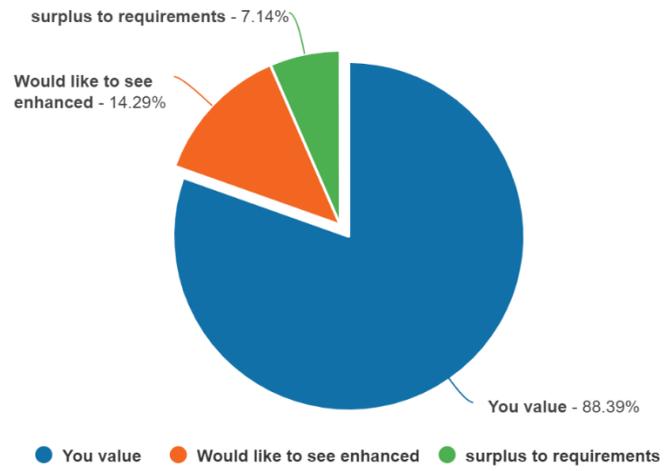
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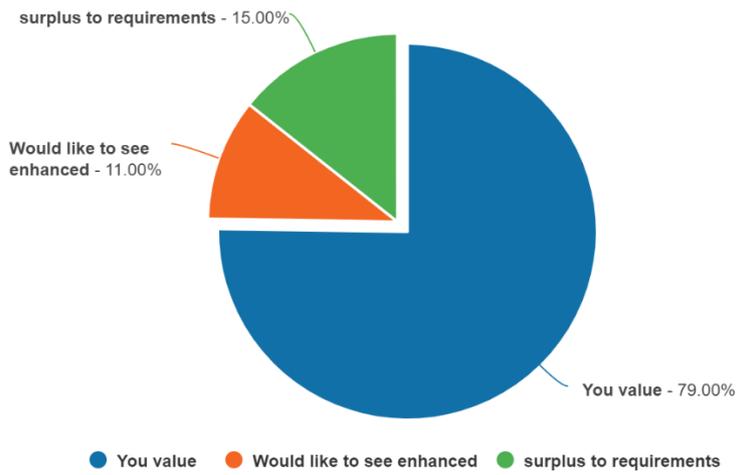
² Response to Q6-8

All church facilities were valued around the same margins with some additional enhancement required.³

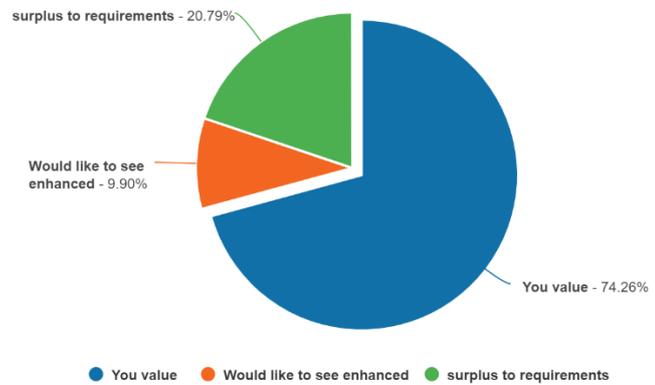
St Michaels Church



Highworth Methodist Church



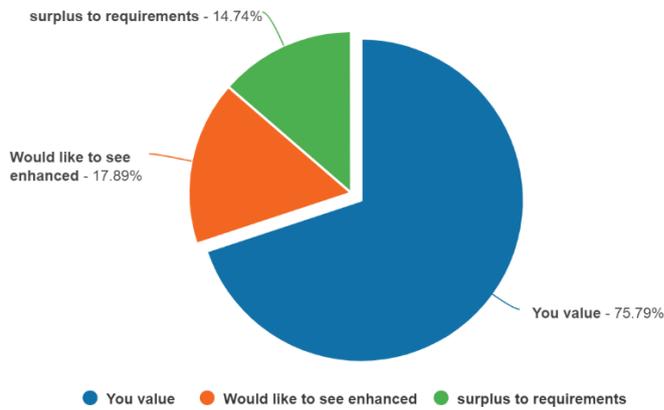
United Reformed Church



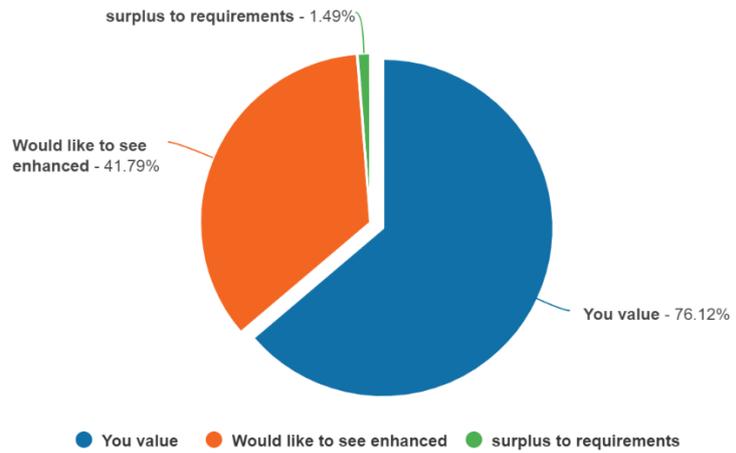
³ Response to Q11-13

The library and community centre both scored high in their level of value to the community, again with enhancement desired.⁴

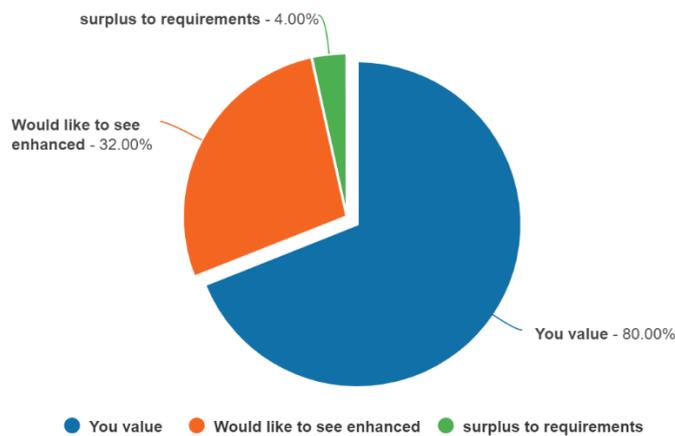
Silver Band Hall



The Library



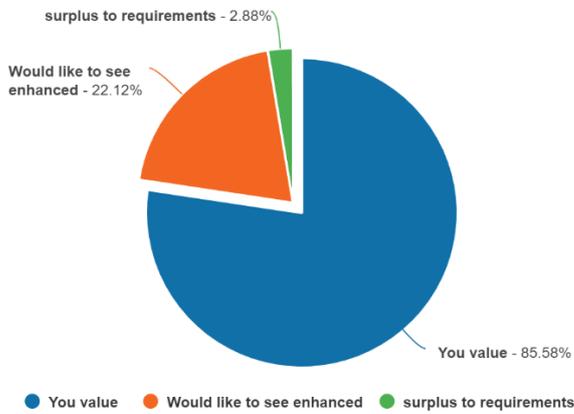
Highworth Community Centre



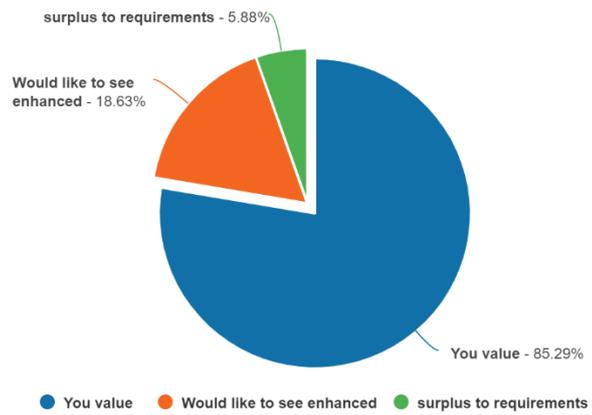
⁴ Response to Q14-15

School provision was also valued with all schools rating the same high level.⁵

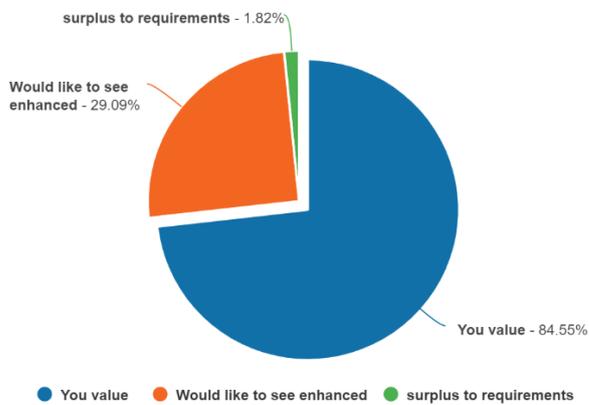
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Southfields Nursery School

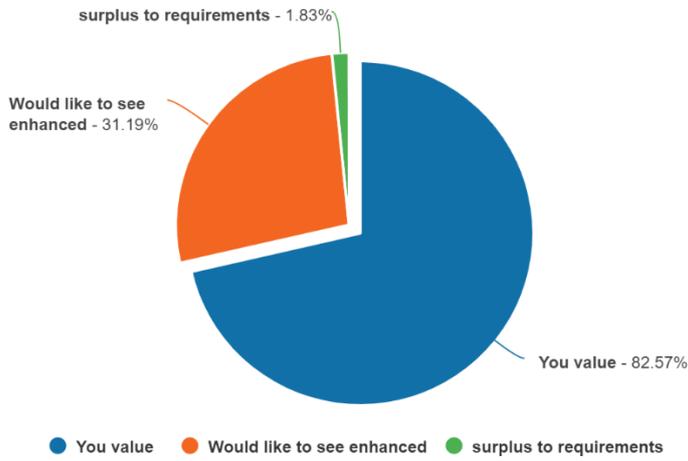


Southfields School

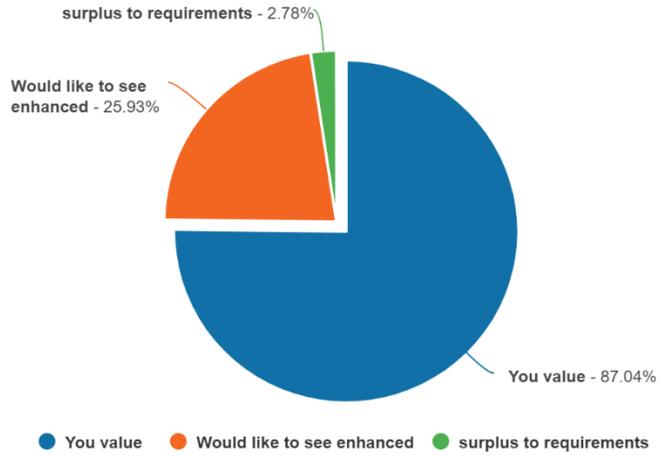


⁵ Response to Q 16-21

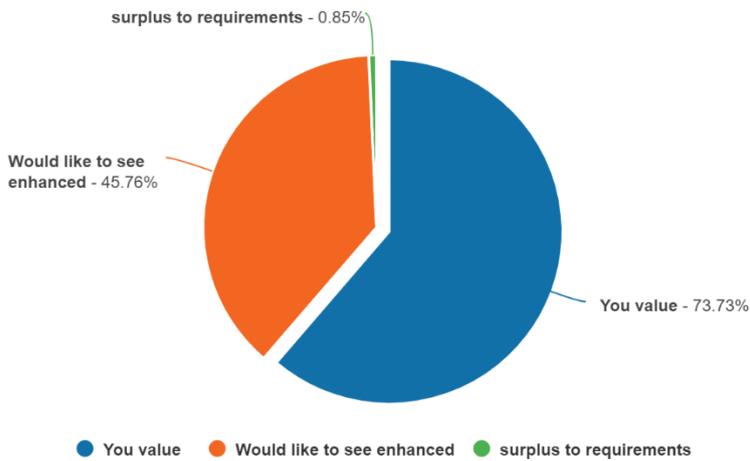
Westrop School



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Highworth Warneford School



Residents were asked for any additional facilities not listed:

- Pentylands Country Park
- The Old Golf Course
- Northview Park
- Wrag Barn Golf Course
- The Bridge Centre
- Visit Highworth Limited
- Allotments
- Air Cadet Centre

Residents were asked what facilities they feel are missing or lacking within the town:

- Clubs for young children and teenagers
- Astroturf football pitch
- Cricket pitch
- Café on Golf Course

The following facilities have been identified as being lost:

- Silver Threads Hall
- Youth and Community Centre
- Children's Centre
- Vorda Playgroup
- Ladybird centre
- Highworth Pre School

Of those surveyed the loss of the children's support facilities in the town has had a significant impact on residents. Families now must travel to access this support and those unable to travel are not able to access these services. Social activities are now limited within the town⁶

65% of respondents thought the CCTV should be extended beyond what is already in the following locations, High Street, Market Square, Podium and Gilberts Lane⁷.

The following locations were suggested:

- Car parks
- Opposite King and Queen
- Lechlade Road
- Recreation Centre
- Skate Park
- Newburgh Shopping Centre
- Swindon Street
- Highworth Junior Football Club
- Highworth Football Club
- Play Areas
- St Michaels Churchyard

⁶ Response to Q24

⁷ Response to Q25

There is a strong feel that there should be enhanced facilities for children and teenagers, investment in play areas and additional things to keep teenagers off the streets. Protection of the open spaces and enhancement of the Golf Course for everyone to access.⁸

⁸ Response to Q29