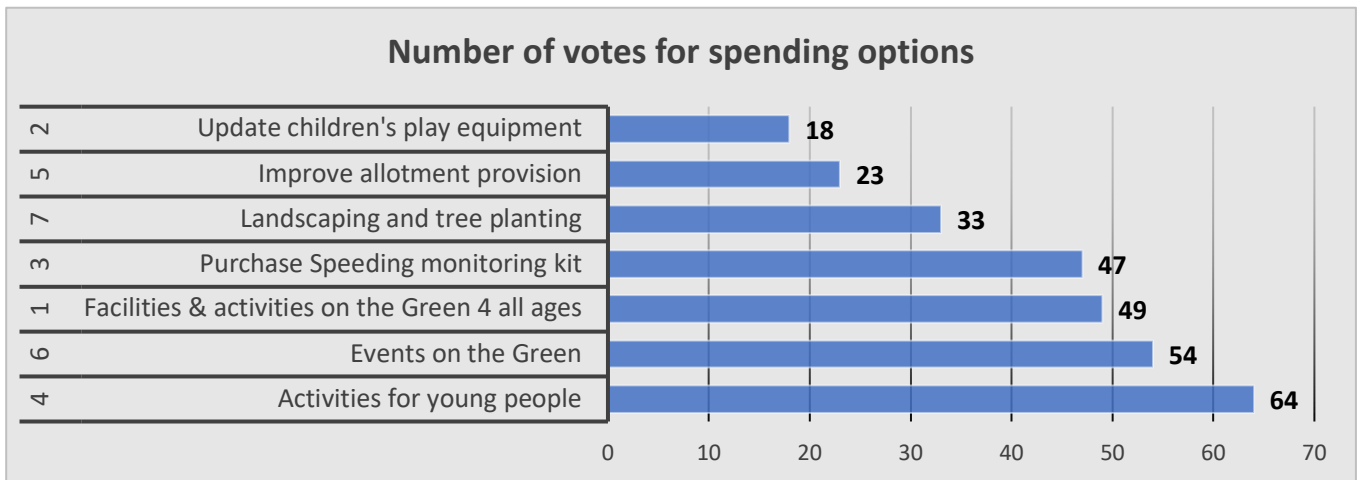


Report on Kelsall Parish Council Survey re Spending Priorities

The recent spending priorities survey received 105 responses.



The top options were:

1. Providing facilities and /or activities for young people,
2. Working with volunteers to organise more events on Kelsall Green
3. Improving facilities and activities on the Green for all ages (such as fitness equipment or organised sports facilities)

Progressing the first two of these options will need a joint effort between KPC and residents. We will now contact people who indicated in the survey that they would be happy to get involved, and discuss how to progress those tasks, and how KPC can help. An encouraging number of residents did come forward, however if you can offer time or expertise please contact us.

The third item is more within KPC's control. We will include a sum for this in the budget for next year, and start looking into types and costs of fitness equipment available.

Many comments were made about aspects which KPC does not control and cannot act on directly, mostly Highways matters – speeding and bad parking – but also the need for more maintenance of hedges and footpaths, and landscaping.

Many of these are matters that we as a community can do a great deal to control – by parking properly, driving carefully, cutting our hedges back so they don't encroach on pavements, not dropping litter, etc. Pulling together to improve these issues would allow resources to be used for other priorities – for example, KPC spent £3780 last year on litter picking.

Speed monitoring was ranked 4th among options. However, since the survey was drafted, work has started on handling this, following separate discussion with residents and news of a possible grant from the Police Commissioner.

KPC will also need to allocate significant budget to the upkeep and replacement of playground equipment as some of the older wooden items are nearing the end of their useful life.

We will report on progress regularly.