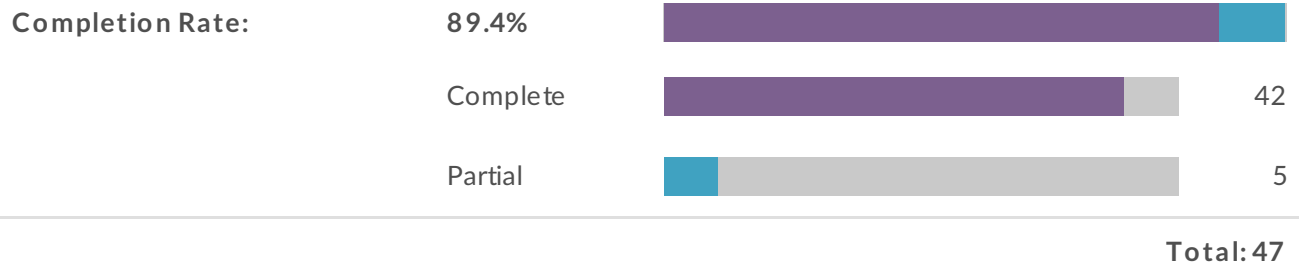


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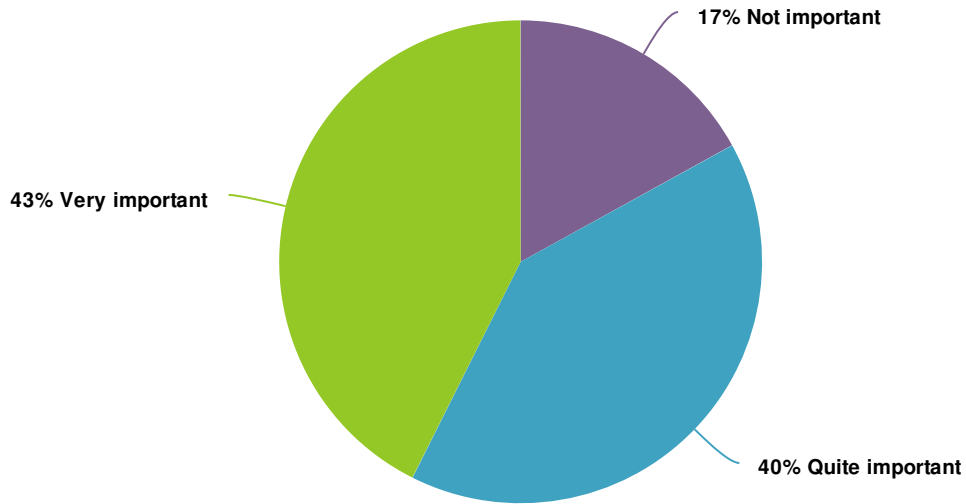
Part A: The Social Dimension:

Here is what you said about how well your local community meets your SOCIAL needs. This section is about the many different ways we relate to each other. It is divided into 9 sections (A1-A9), starting with FRIENDSHIP, LEISURE & PLAY.

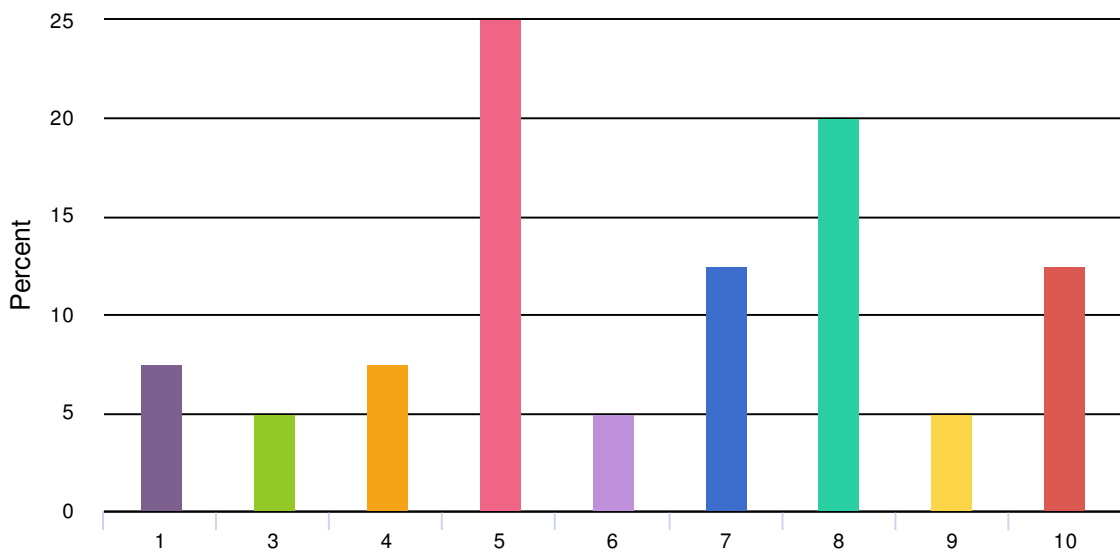
A1: FRIENDSHIP, LEISURE AND PLAY

Enjoying caring and supportive friendships

1. 1. How important is it for you to meet people and form friendships in your local community?



2. 2. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to meet people and form friendships in your local community? (Don't answer if you chose "Not Important" above)



Statistics

Average

6.3

Total Responses

40

2. Comments on Question 2

ResponseID Response

Making new friends is always difficult. I don't know if it's any more difficult in Coupar Angus than anywhere else. I would have liked to volunteer for meals on wheels because it would have been a chance to meet people. It's a pity the Council abolished them.

In my immediate area I barely know my neighbours other than to pick up mail and say hi across the street.

Work full time out of Coupar Angus

I am a single man and for me Coupar Angus started to die as a town when the bypass went in many years ago, the shops in Coupar etc the Co-op's are too expensive and lack variety, loads of shops are boarded up. The place is like a ghost town, no youth clubs for young folk and the pubs are really poor aswell. There is also no decent restaurants apart from Red House which is basically pub grub. I stayed in Coupar most of my life but it is worse now than ever, it saddens me to say. I am looking to move away as a result.

Having only arrived 3 months ago people looked at us as if we were...probably the Glasgow accent. Now no matter where we go whether shops buses or locals we get a cheery hello. Plenty of friends now. We could not be happier.

In general, the older generation seem friendlier to newcomers than the younger generation.

There are several local groups already that make it pretty easy to meet people.

Coupar Angus is a friendly social place. Most folk will say hello to you in the street- especially the older generation.

For person with an outgoing nature it would be reasonably easy but if you were shy and/or housebound it could be harder In general I think people in Coupar Angus are quite friendly and welcome people into the community. It is fairly easy to find out what groups and clubs run in the town if you wanted to use that as a means of meeting people.

Night classes in winter

If you work part-time or full-time and therefore cannot attend the many day time activities provided it can be difficult to build a social network.

I believe if you want to meet people then there are many groups in the town which offer that opportunity - many people who claim the town has nothing to offer choose not to go to any of these. It has to be a two way thing

there are many adult groups in Coupar Angus so could join up and make friends

Not enough real community groups/social activities

Working all week and having kids at the weekend it is difficult to meet local people. Perhaps events arranged in evenings through school etc

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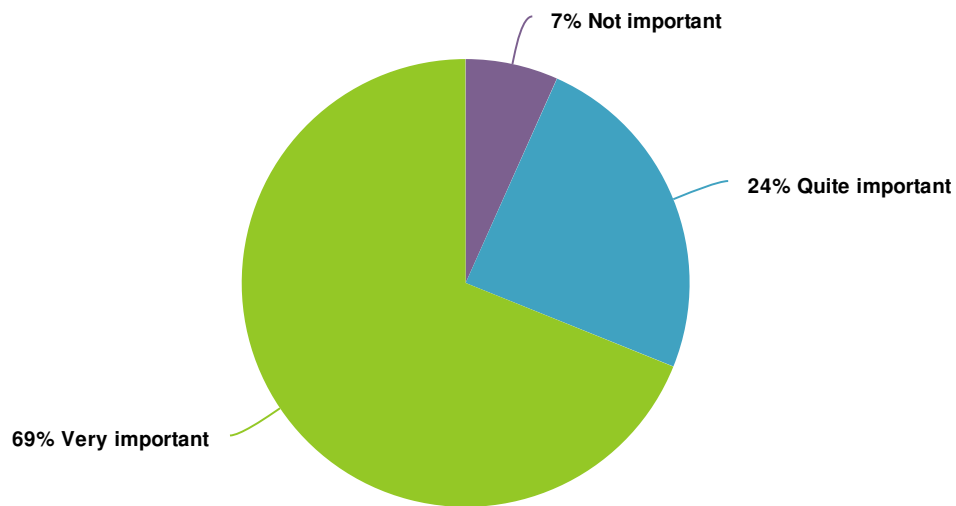
More groups for middle aged men to be involved

need a cannabis cafe

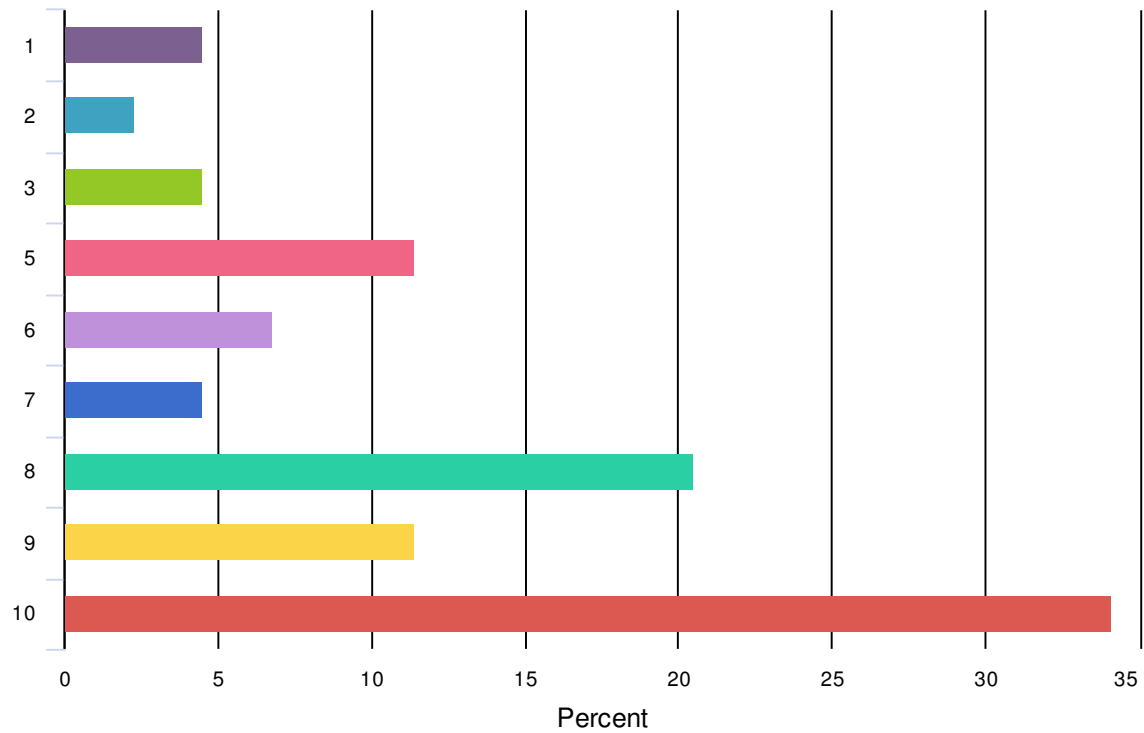
As a single person it is very important to meet people, as otherwise loneliness can take over.

We have plenty groups and most would make everyone welcome.

3. 3. How important is it for you to be able to visit friends and family away from your local community?



4. 4. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to visit friends and family away from your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

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Total Responses

44

4. Comments on Question 4

ResponseID Response

I have a car, so it's pretty easy.

I have a car. If I had to use the bus service I would score this at 2.

I drive, so its quite easy.

No railway station locally, have to travel to either Perth or Dundee and local bus service isn't frequent enough.

It is easy if you have a car but the buses are good and so is the taxi service

Not a bad bus service, apart from Sat & Sun

ResponseID Response

Public transport links to and from Coupar Angus are poor. I appreciate the community efforts to provide social activities within Coupar Angus, but social mobility must be extremely difficult for those who cannot drive.

Transport links aren't great. It's very costly to travel by public transport. Cycle links to other areas are not great- roads are narrow and traffic moves fast.

Travelling by public transport is rarely easy or convenient. The 57 bus to Perth runs an excellent daytime service but the service to Dundee is poor. Sometimes you might have to wait quite a while in Perth or Dundee if your forward journey is by train. It depends on where your destination is – by public transport it can either be quite easy eg to Glasgow; or an absolute nightmare. Try getting to Kirrie and back comfortably!! It is vital for me to visit my family who have moved out of the town. There is nothing to keep them here so I will go to them.

Public transport everywhere starts in Perth. No transport available for Pitlochry and Dunkeld is limited.

Buses aren't very regular as only 1/2 hr in week at certain times, could do with a wee bus No7 like to and from Perth.

Bus times can be restrictive or unsuitable to fit in with other things.

Plenty buses to Perth and Dundee. The free bus pass is a god send.

There are buses, not as frequent as would be liked, so the only option is private transport, i.e. car.

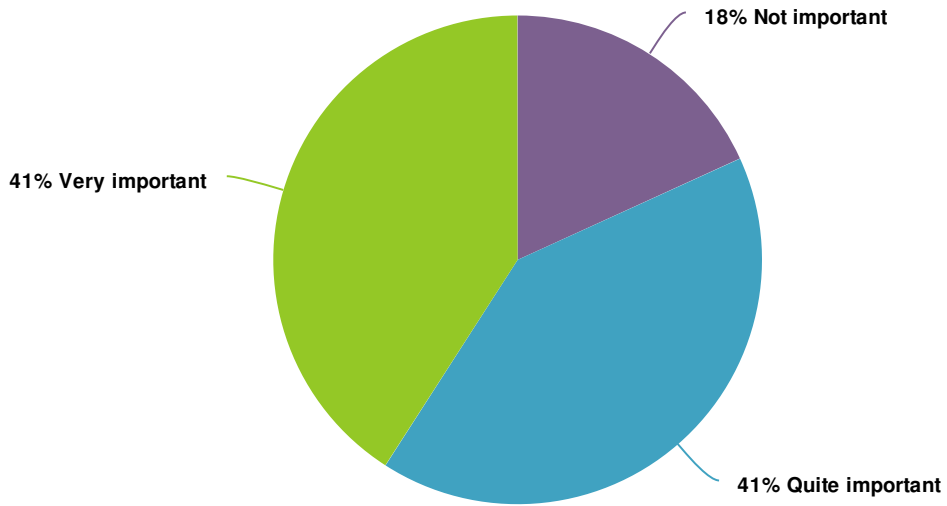
I own a car but for those who rely on public transport then it will be more difficult. Bus service to Perth is frequent, but to Dundee only every 2hrs. If this were improved, and public transport costs reduced I would even consider getting rid of my car and using the bus.

the bus service in Coupar Angus is excellent - bus to Blairgowrie every 1/2 hour, Perth every 1/2 hour and Dundee every hour

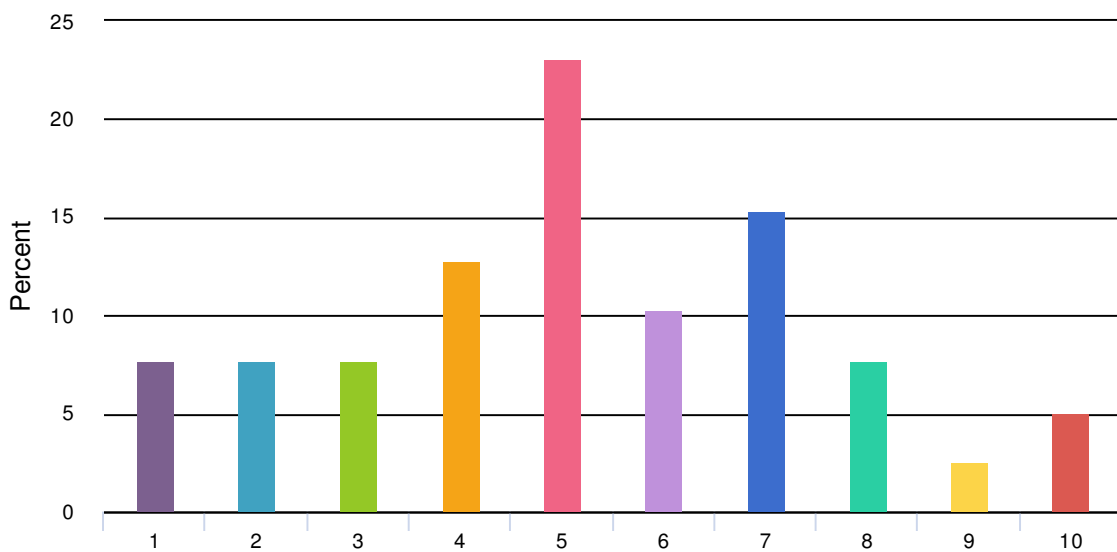
As I don't have a car, only a bike, I find it difficult sometimes to visit friends or family mainly coming back from it as the latest public transports are scarce, or early morning.

A good bus service is provided and hope we don't lose it.

5. 5. How important to you is having suitable facilities and amenities for leisure and play with friends in your local community?



6.6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do local facilities and amenities meet your needs for leisure and play with friends? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above).



Statistics

Average 5.2

Total Responses 39

6. Comments on Question 6

ResponseID Response

ResponseID Response

Local facilities are quite poor. It's a pity there isn't a community centre where you could just roll in without having to buy food and drink.

None of my friends live in the local community, but if they did it would be good to have local leisure needs.

Larghan Park

Couldn't the junior football ground be developed as a community sports centre

Good facilities for football up at Larghan but that's about it I'm afraid.

We have one grandson who visits every second weekend along with his mother. This area has opened their eyes. Peace and quiet. He is only four full of life runs everywhere and loves it. Daughter is more relaxed. Grandson made the suggestion Mum & Gran move to Glasgow and he stayed here with me.

There are very few activities available for young children besides the park.

I'd include Blairgowrie within 'local', and when that is included there are good local leisure facilities. If you only included Coupar Angus and Bendochy within 'local' then there are significantly less leisure facilities.

Coupar Angus has great access to greenspace and lovely walks near by to go on with friends and family. There is a community garden which is open all the time for people to wander around in or sit and relax. I would love to see more indoor leisure options for people who can't access our outside facilities. A place for people to keep fit such as a council run gym, more fitness classes and options for all ages and abilities. I answered quite well as I am lucky enough to feel that the outdoor leisure opportunities meet my needs but would welcome more amenities for others.

Does "facilities & amenities for leisure & play with friends" mean are there places to go for walks, run about and generally spend time outdoors – then yes. Lots of interesting walks and places to poke around at. If amenities means sports facilities, then I'm not interested. What about a playground for adults? I would love that. Adults should play a lot more than they do. I think that is why they often feel stressed. Playing definitely relieves tension.

Drop in centre

Lack of leisure facilities and poorly lit back roads mean walking/cycling are restrictive in winter evenings.

If you are seeking family leisure options (excluding pubs/hotels for meals) with the exception of the park there is very little to encourage family group leisure (the cycling club provides an option but not for the very young or aged/infirm).

ResponseID Response

Adequate for a small town. 2 gyms, large park, cycle hub, tennis courts, community gardens, community woodland

many places to go for a nice walk or a coffee or drink in the area and the bus service is excellent if I want to go further afield

Cost for all weather surface, any other all weather surface in the area is free for locals

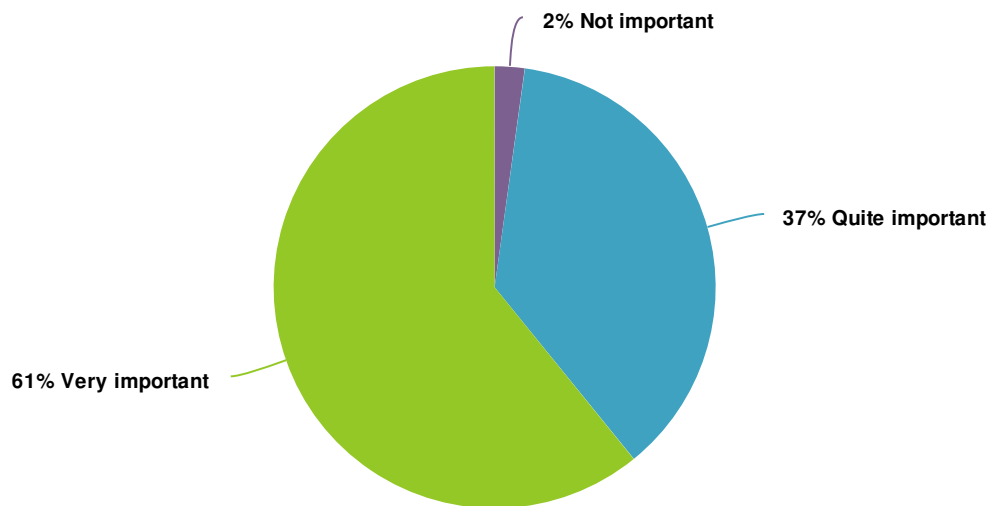
nothing in coupar only for the clique

Not too bad as my leisure needs are walking, cycling and local events, although again I can't go to late events as difficulties to be back home.

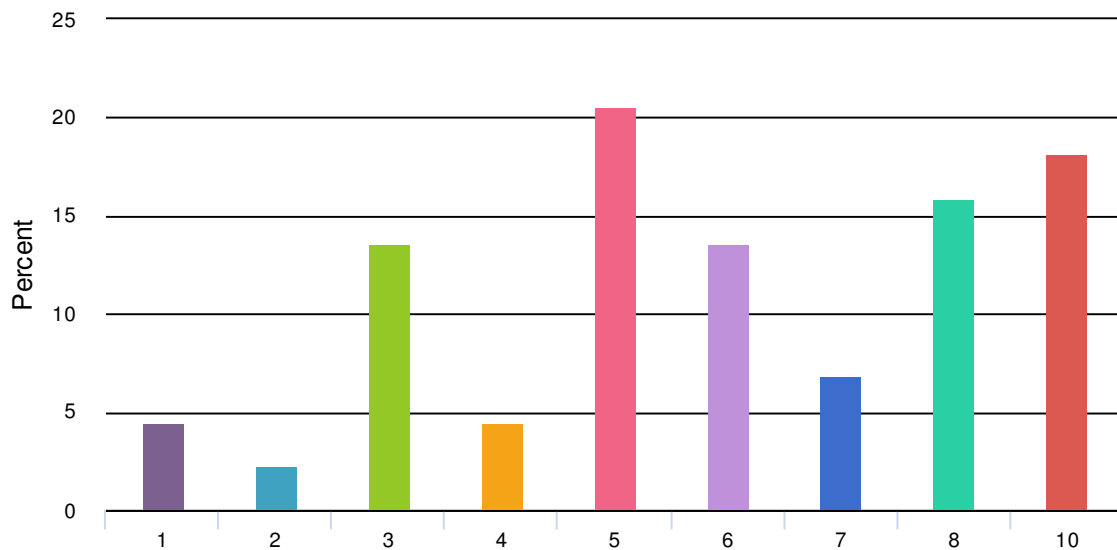
As I said in Q1 we have every opportunity to meet new people.

A2: CARE AND SUPPORT

7.7. How important is it that people in your local community help and care for each other?



8.8. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you agree with the following statement? "There are plenty of opportunities for me and other members of my local community to help and care for each other." (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average 6.1

Total Responses 44

8. Comments on Question 8

ResponseID Response

I mentioned meals on wheels already, but it is relevant to this question too. It was a good example of a community caring for its more vulnerable citizens. It was a big mistake to end it.

Different clubs like Thursday Friends and St Annes Lunches

There is plenty of opportunities if one can be willing to go and find out not sitting in their house waiting to be asked.

Lots of local groups if have time to volunteer

Everybody we meet is a new friend.

The reuse shop seems to be an informal community hub, I often witness members of the community looking out for each other in here and enquiring about peoples well being. There are also a variety of volunteering opportunities in the town which again members of the local community tend to look out for each other whilst helping out. The High Street Store serves as another outlet where it seems those that those volunteering also help and care for each other and check in with people coming into the shop for a chat. Admittedly these spaces seem dominated by the older generation.

ResponseID Response

There are ALWAYS opportunities to care for others. If two human beings are at a communicable distance from one another, the opportunity exists. Many people in CA do this all the time and without recognition. Nobody in Coupar Angus can say they are unable to help someone. Anybody could visit the residents of Balhousie, able bodied people could clear the paths of snow, take in a parcel for a neighbour, bring in their washing if the rain comes on. The opportunities are always there, it is getting people to react to them that isn't always easy. If people are asked, they rarely refuse to help, but they don't always see when help could be needed.

Volunteers to help with people that need it: shopping, handing in soup or sandwich, a little tidy up.

On the whole most people help each other in this area.

There are existing programmes, but as mentioned earlier, unless you are retired or town-based (i.e. if you work outside community and/or have family commitments) it can be hard to be involved with these.

As individuals we can all look out for someone whether it be a friends, neighbour or even a new resident

not sure what is meant by opportunities being a good friend and neighbour helps the community

Older generation are not very approachable

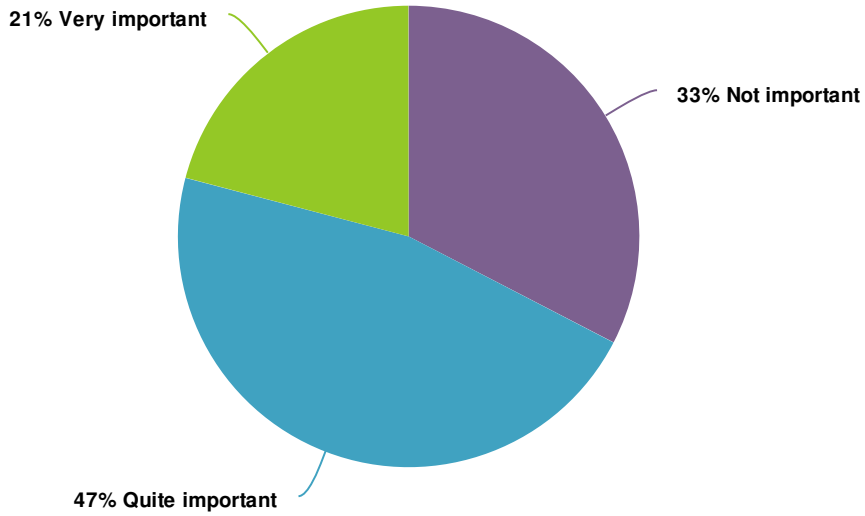
no opportunity in coupar dead loss

There are opportunities to help each other, but we live in a society where everyone is much by itself, and very busy to give some time to others.

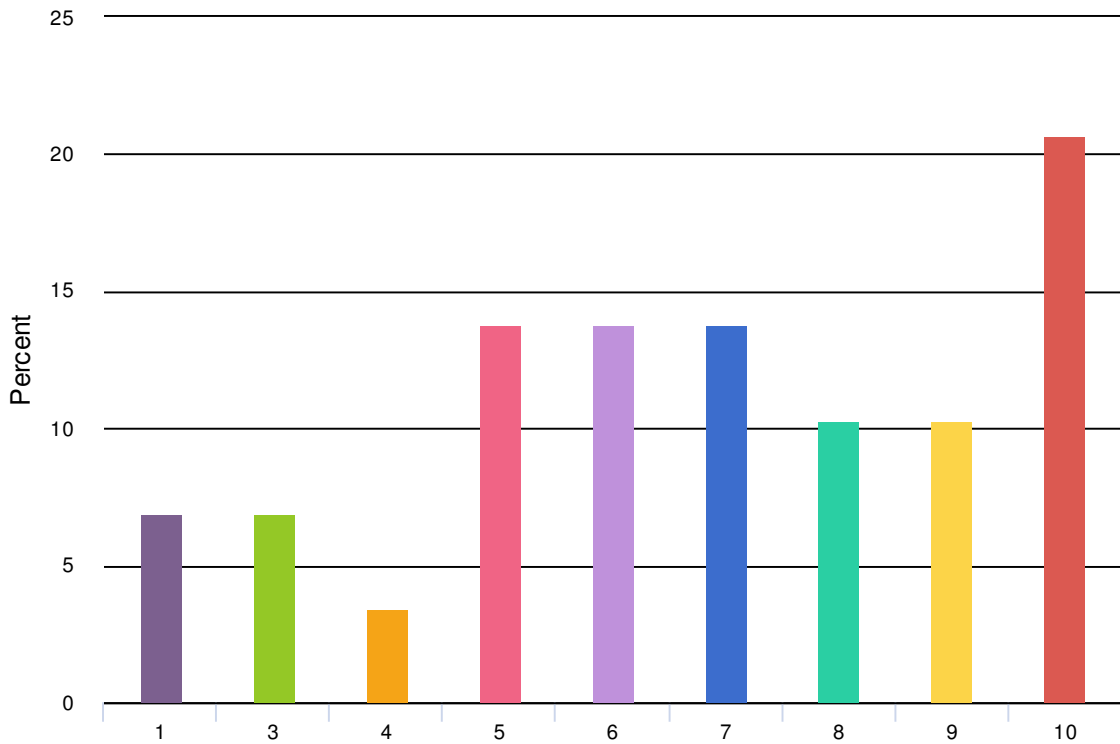
I would love to think when I need to be nearer the town Coupar Angus could provide sheltered housing or similar.

A3: CULTURE & ART

9. 9. How important is it for you to take part in local cultural activities such as the annual Gala Day or the local book group?



10. 10. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to take part in local cultural activities? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

6.7

Total Responses

29

10. Comments on Question 10

ResponseID Response

Is there still an annual Gala? Other than that, I don't think there are any cultural activities going on in the town. There hasn't been a cinema for a long time.

as a spectator

The gala is a good day out, however it was cancelled last year due to lack of funding! Where's the youth clubs?

Big book reader

Time is a factor and I do not attend as many of these events as I should.

There are lots of cultural activities in the town that attend, the last great event which I attended was the Tattie Day which was full of local people of all ages and a big part of my cultural background. We have the heritage center too though I haven't ever seen it open.

Because of my working hours, I personally find it hard to attend such things. I do like to keep up to date with events in the town, but honestly most of them are not particularly attractive.

So many good reports about Gala Day, was best one about. Needed to be better advertised.

No Gala Day for the last few years.

These events are mostly free and open to anyone and everyone. Again however some people choose not to support

it is very easy, groups are always looking for volunteers and the book group welcomes all new members

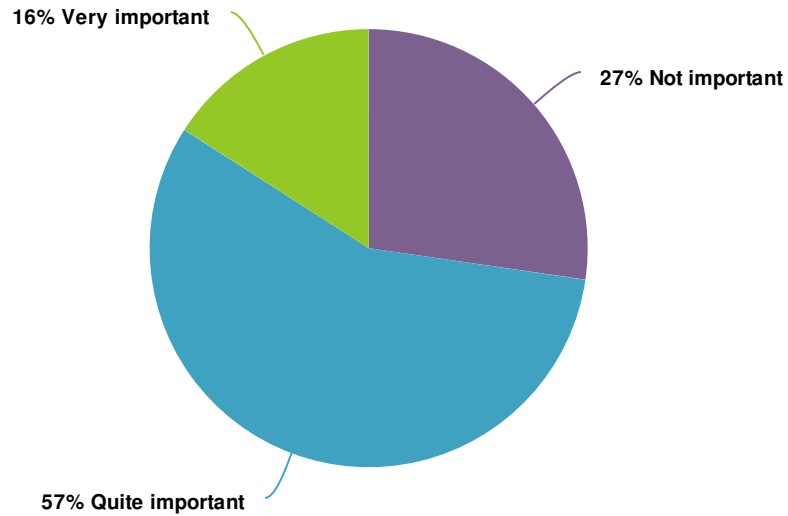
We need more family community events, the gala day has been lost, we had the horse fair for a while then that disappeared.

The ones that run these are not approachable

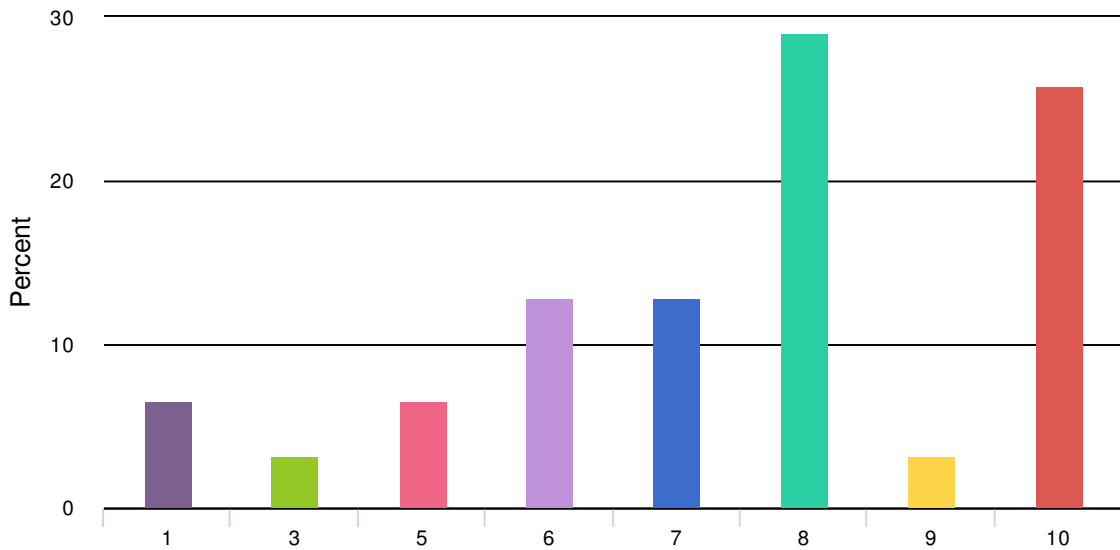
unless your in the clique your looked down at

Unfortunately Gala Day has ended but I support most groups, coffee mornings etc etc

11. 11. How important is it for you to attend cultural activities outside of your local community?



12. 12. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to attend cultural activities outside your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average 7.4

Total Responses 31

12. Comments on Question 12

ResponseID Response

Again, I have a car, so getting about is easy for me. I used to go the theatre in Dundee, but for some reason I've got out of the way of going. I still go the pictures three or four times a year with a friend. I also go to talks at the Byre Theatre in St Andrews. There have been some interesting ones lately.

I have a car. I would answer 2 if I had to use the bus service.

Again, public transport poor.

The buses

Again, public transport restrictions may limit some.

We have a car and are therefore mobile. Theatre at Dundee, Perth, St Andrews and Pitlochry are all therefore within range.

I am very lucky to be able to access cultural activities which interested me out with Coupar Angus as I have access to a car and have family and friends who are interested in the same thing as me.

Going to meetings or lectures outside the town involves a bus for me and the evening service is poor. I used to go to monthly meetings in Dundee, but as the bus home didn't suit I had to pay someone to collect me, making the trip rather expensive. Last year my daughter and I went to a concert in Dundee. This involved two different buses to get to the venue (Gardyne Theatre) and two buses and a taxi home. The round trip took nearly six hours. Not easy!

bus times can be restrictive

See earlier comments on transport etc.

Coupar Angus is a gateway to Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen in as little as 30mins and at most 1.5hrs

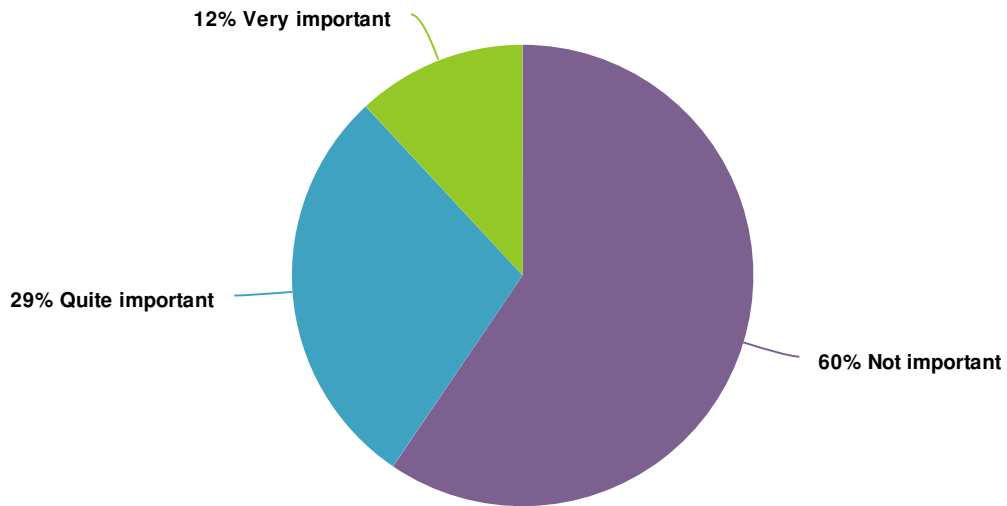
lots of cultural events in Perth and the buses run regularly

Easy to go to Dundee or Perth for family events at the museums or events/gala days etc

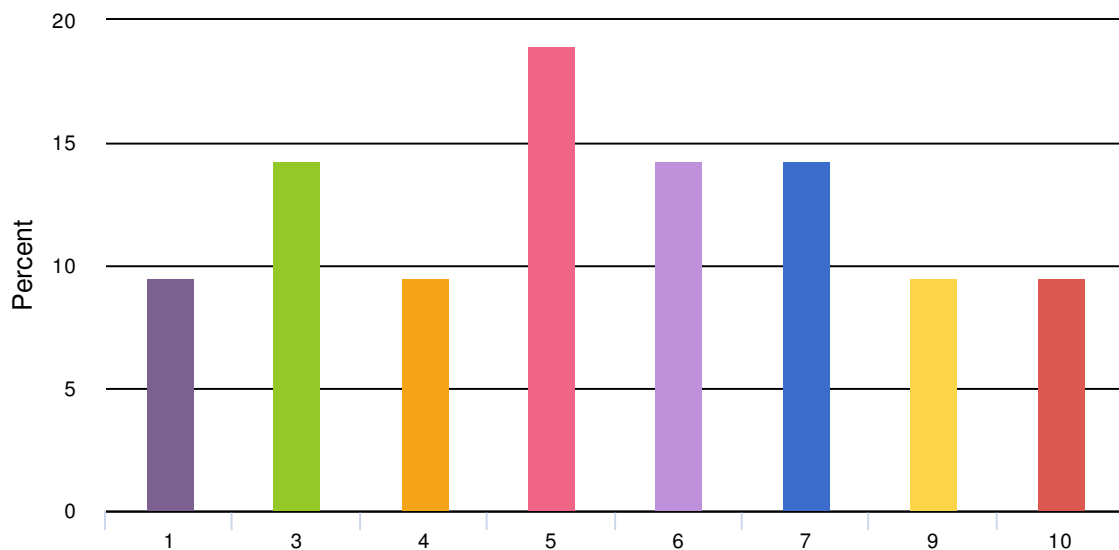
Transport problem at times.

I find enough to do in Coupar Angus

13. 13. How important is it for you to have the opportunity to express yourself artistically and creatively in your local community?



14. 14. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to express yourself artistically and creatively in your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

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Total Responses

21

14. Comments on Question 14

ResponseID Response

The Relax craft group has a good reputation among older folk, but it doesn't really appeal to me. Pride of Place is a good, well-supported group, but I'm not much interested in gardening.

Did a bit painting drawing sketching metalwork throw a pot.

Coupar Angus is full of lots of different kinds of people and I feel comfortable expressing who I am in the town. There are lots of people who's opinions I disagree with but the good thing about the town is that it is very diverse and people state their opinions freely. I wish there was more artistic opportunities in the town but I know that it is my responsibility to help create these opportunities in my community and that I shouldn't expect others to do all the work.

I confine myself to artistic expression in my own home for example sewing or knitting, gardening, making things with my grandchildren. Acquiring materials is impossible locally – I depend on the Internet for buying most things or else occasional trips to Glasgow or Edinburgh.

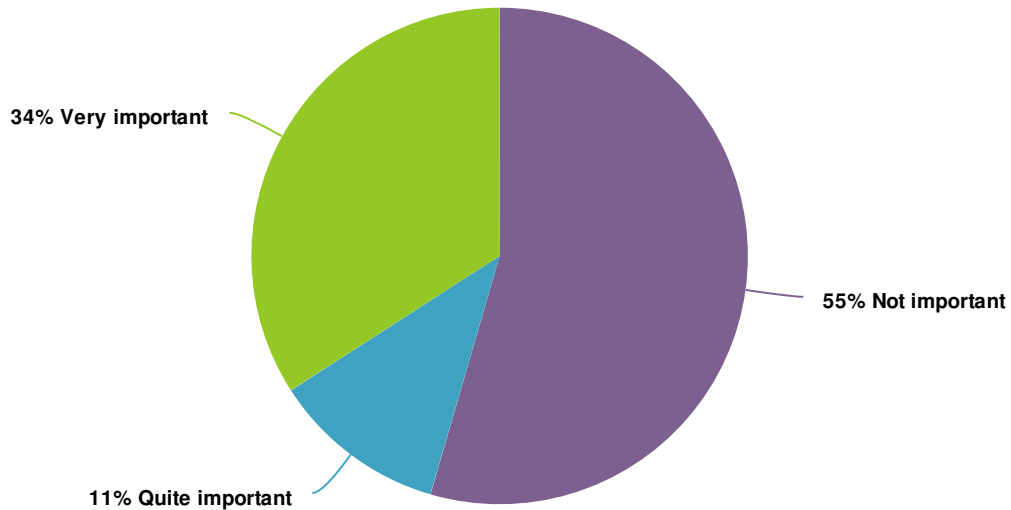
lots of groups in the area, or evening classes to express yourself if you are creative or artistic

Such as garden competitions or pride of place, offer out areas of the town that are council owned or community maintained to younger generation to design and maintain instead of the older ones taking control of everything

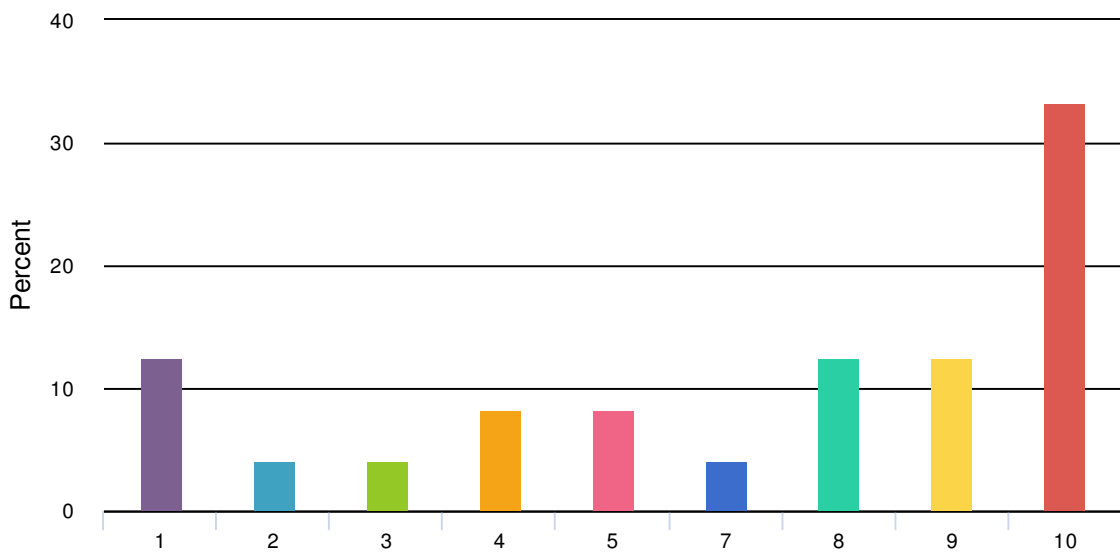
There are a few festivals such as snow drops, open studio, but no "play/theatre" activities.

A4: RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

15. 15. How important is it for you to be able to follow your choice of religious or spiritual practice in your local community?



16. 16. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to follow your choice of religious or spiritual practice in your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

6.8

Total Responses

24

16. Comments on Question 16

ResponseID Response

attend church

I'm not a church-goer but there are plenty to choose from locally. Don't see much for other faiths but I don't see much evidence of many people of other faiths locally so probably no need at present for those.

Completely straightforward. I have no religious beliefs therefore no needs. I don't feel any pressure to alter my spiritual feelings so I don't feel I have ever experienced a problem in this aspect of my life. My thoughts are mine alone and I don't need anything to allow me to think. Is there any reason why you have devoted a whole page to this – long comments anticipated?

No Baptist church

If Christian based, there are choices, if not it becomes a solely home practice.

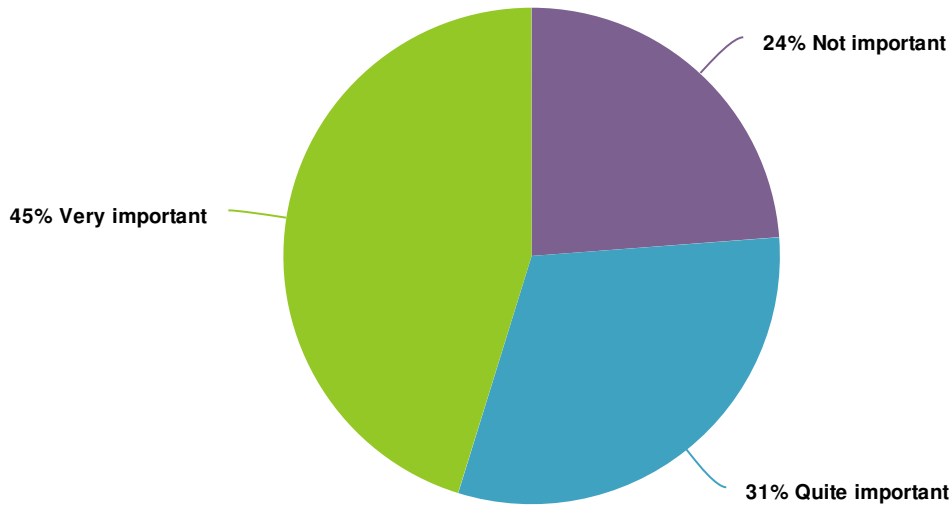
not religious but could go to church if and when I wanted to

Why does religion factor in anything? Most things in this town are linked to the church! Not everyone is religious! Same at the school, every piece of nonsense from the Bible but nothing about EVOLUTION!

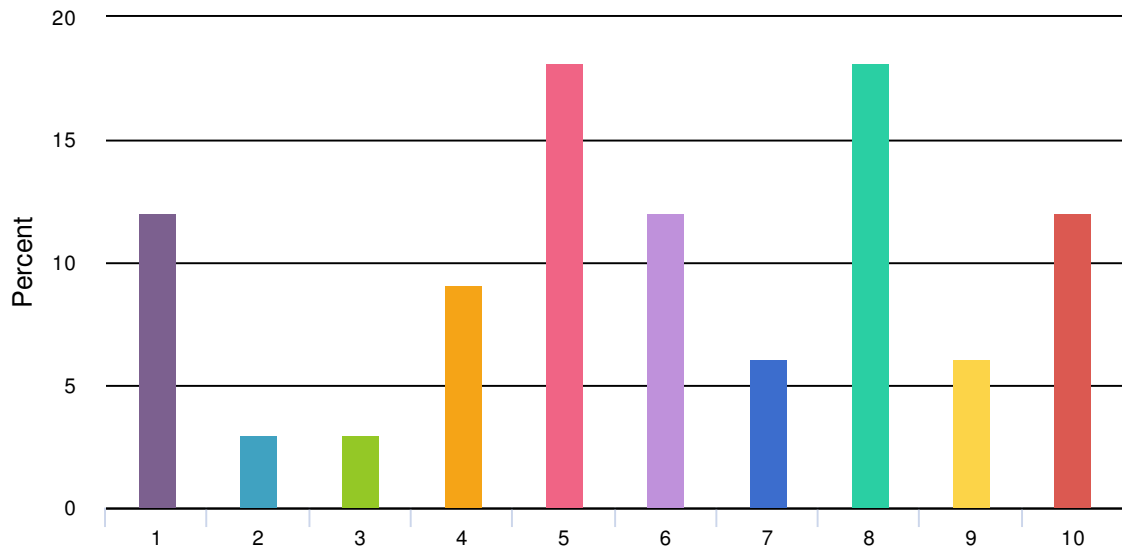
My Sundays are my day for going to church, and I always support and help in any way. Church has always been important to me.

A5: EDUCATION

17. 17. How important is it for you to be able to acquire new skills and knowledge, whether for career advancement or personal interest?



18. 18. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you, as a local resident, to acquire new skills and knowledge? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average 5.9

Total Responses 33

18. Comments on Question 18

ResponseID Response

If I wanted to learn something new I'm sure I could find a course reasonably easily.

My skills, CPD and training requirements are too specific. I rely mostly on online training from large companies and training agencies.

Never learned anything locally.

The local community doesn't make it easy, but my work environment does

Not too many opportunities locally.

Have to go elsewhere for classes

There's nothing in Coupar. I learned my ECOL but that was at the Reccy in Blairgowrie.

Concern at Perth College closing learning centre at Blairgowrie. Lifelong learning is important.

Limited opportunities/funding for acquiring relevant skills/knowledge.

There's usually some talk or event on

There are lots of people willing to share their skills and knowledge in the town, lots of groups to join and new things to learn about. Almost all of these opportunities are not provided by the council. Of course I would love to see more opportunities and for those opportunities that do exist to be less closed off and segregated.

I would like to be able to acquire new skills such as successful gardening, more understanding of managing my money, intelligent discussion of interesting topics but there is no opportunity for this in Coupar Angus. The Library in CA is totally inadequate both in selection of books and opening hours. I have to go to AK Bell which is fine but is time consuming and a £6 bus fare round trip. There is practically nothing in Coupar Angus of an EDUCATIONAL mind-stretching nature. You just have to fall back on your own resources.

Always important to learn new skills and have more knowledge of various things.

Educational classes likely to be in Blairgowrie rather than Coupar Angus.

There are plenty of outside interests for people plus clubs in Coupar Angus

Colleges in both Perth and Dundee and lots of local community groups for learning a new hobby - such as the Community Gardens

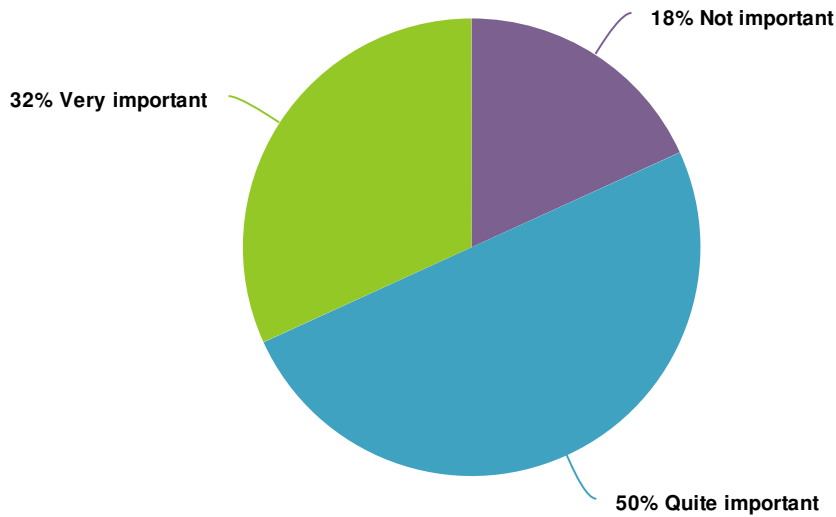
not studying now but there are colleges and universities locally in Perth and Dundee which are attended by local people. there is a Library with Internet access if needed, people in the town pass knowledge to one another ie Mens Shed and Yarnstormers

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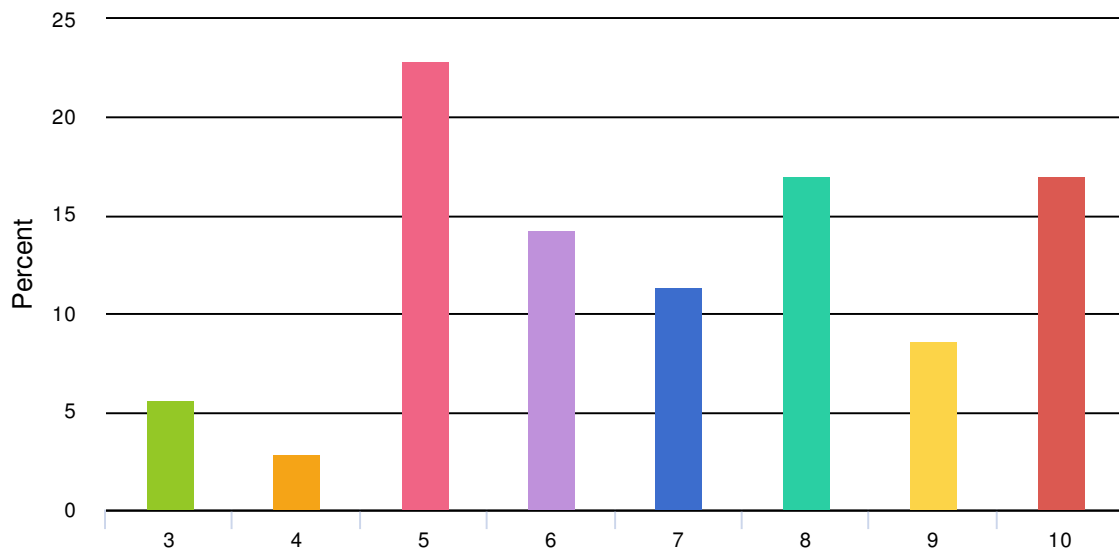
The older generation would rather cross the road than offer help

My age is against me for learning new skills

19. How important is it for you to learn about the history and heritage of your local community?



20. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is very difficult and 10 is very easy, what number would you use to rate how easy it is for you to learn about the history and heritage of your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

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Total Responses

35

20. Comments on Question 20

ResponseID Response

The local Heritage Association organises interesting talks and visits.

I know very little of the local history. I have lived here for almost 3 years.

Unsure who to contact to join Historic Soc. Office closed?

Once I am fully fit again I will be looking into the history mostly old vehicles and tractors.

This is easy to access and well documented via various events/places in CA.

History and heritage help to inform a sense of identity. They are also, in themselves, interesting and can be used to make the area of more interest to others.

Ask any old person in the town and they will be happy to chat to you about the history and heritage. Join a group and will find the same- people like talking. There are also lots of interpretation boards located across the town too.

I would be happy to share my knowledge with anyone who would be interested. As for learning more – research at county/country level would probably be required. I think it is essential that local knowledge is passed on and not lost as generations pass on, but with a fluid population this is not easy. Local knowledge is precious but fragile.

Would love to know history of Coupar Angus. I have just started finding out as incomer.

Local Heritage Group excellent.

The local Heritage Centre is a fantastic way to learn about the history of Coupar Angus, along with the churches

the Heritage Society have resources and knowledge of the local area

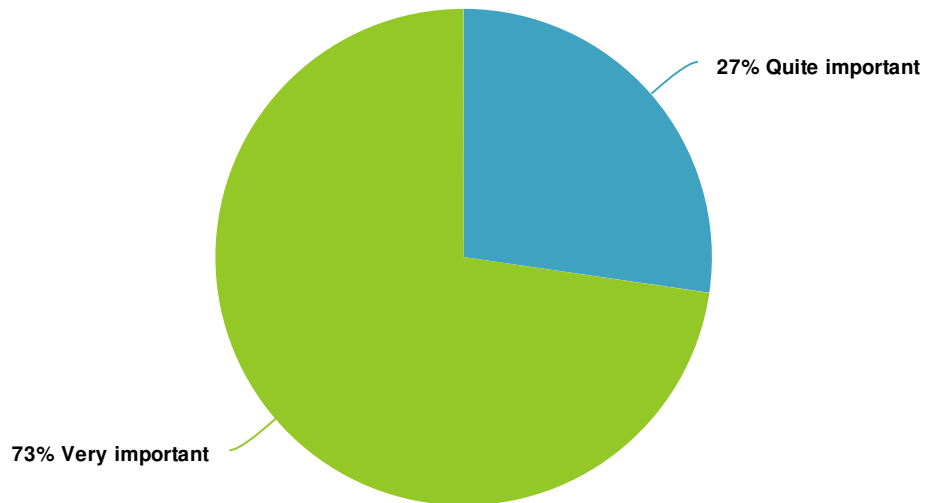
Heritage centre in town if you wanted to find out more, also research at the library albeit limited opening hours

The Heritage Centre organises events/talks. And archives are available at the Centre. But guided walks could be interesting.

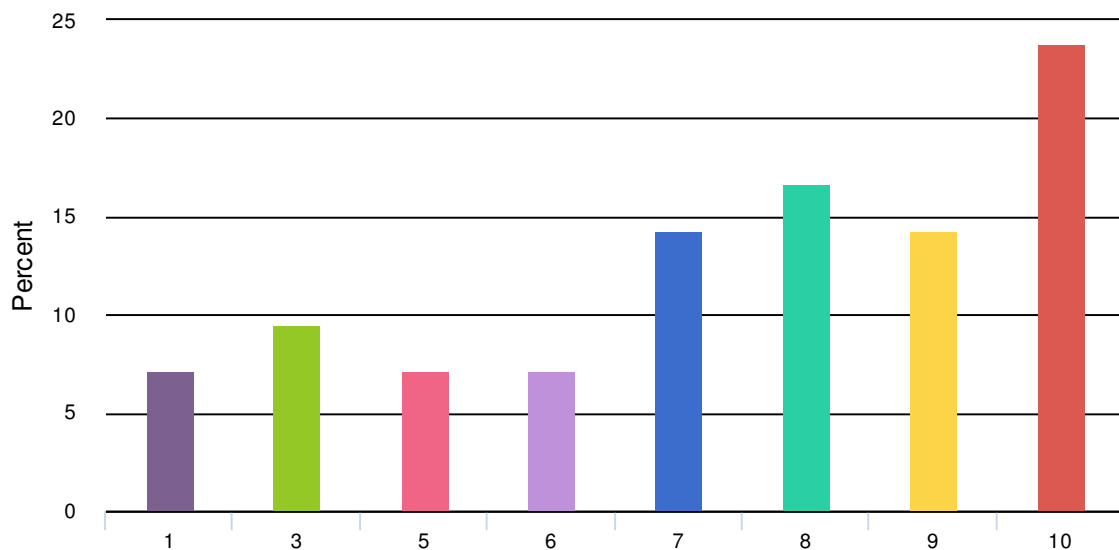
I have always been involved with the Heritage group and I think I know most of the history of our area.

A6: CIVIL RIGHTS

21. 21. How important is it to you that everyone has the same rights and responsibilities, without discrimination?



22. 22. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 means you disagree completely and 10 means you agree completely, to what extent do you agree with the following statement?: "I am treated as an equal member of my local community, without discrimination" (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

7.1

Total Responses

42

22. Comments on Question 22

ResponseID Response

The people in Coupar take you as they find you. It's a very accepting sort of a place.

Other than a few comments such as 'oh you live in the posh bit' because I live in the newer development on the East side of town, nothing else to mention.

Everybody in this area have welcomed us like old friends.

Unfortunately, equality doesn't exist.

Some local groups - like this one - do ask for views, which is appreciated. I feel that I have no influence over large developments e.g. plant to expand 2 Sisters or the electricity station. I'm not convinced that people should be, "negotiating their rights and responsibilities as Community members."

I feel that I am an accepted and respected member of the community. Everyone ought to be able to feel this way. In my experience CA is a most accepting community. I can't honestly bring to mind any examples of prejudice I have seen or heard although they no doubt do exist.

I do not get as an incoming resident a feeling of locals wanting to be friends!

I personally have no issue, but I do think that there is a distinct lack of understanding of other cultures and lifestyles within such a small town

never had cause to think that I have been treated unfairly in local matters

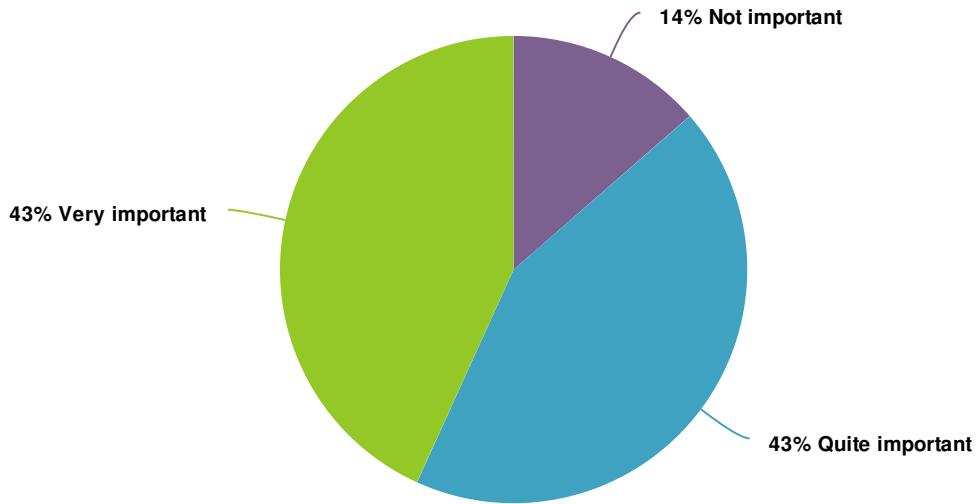
We have a large polish community, I wonder if they feel treated equally

Looked down on from very high horses

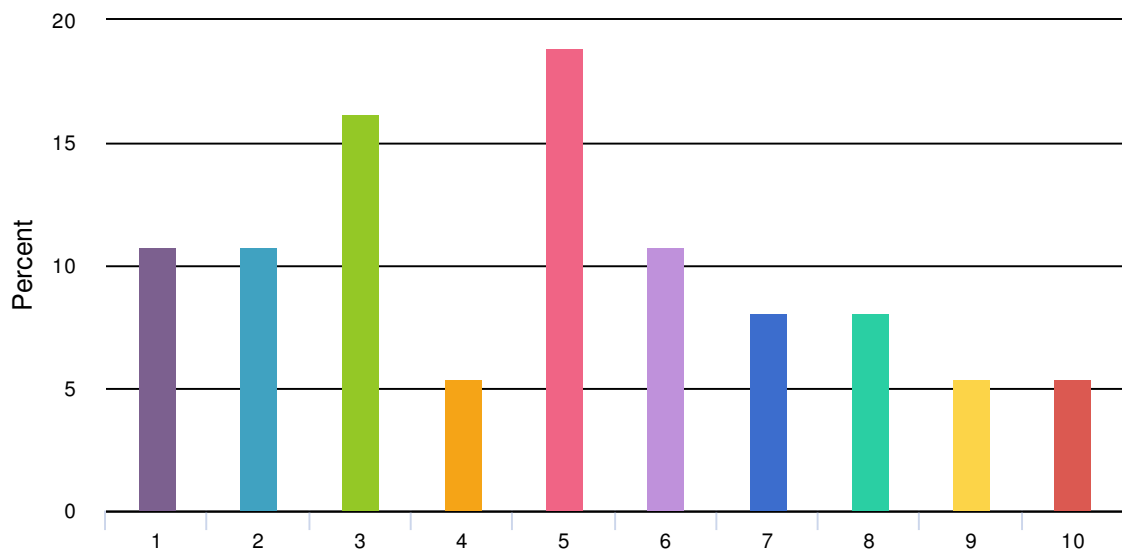
I think we in our community treat most people with respect.

A7: DEMOCRACY

23. 23. How important is it for you to take part in making decisions that affect you and your community, and to negotiate your rights and responsibilities in the community?



24. 24. Use a number from 1 to 10 to indicate how much influence you feel you have over decisions that affect you and your community, including negotiating your rights and responsibilities as a community member? The higher the number, the more influence you feel you have. (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average 4.9

Total Responses 37

24. Comments on Question 24

ResponseID Response

No, I don't think my opinions count for much at all when it comes to local services. I've written to councillors and MPs over the years asking for various things, but it rarely leads to action.

Looking from the outside it appears that the same group of people are involved in all that happens in Coupar Angus.

Community Council & Forward Co. Angus seem "closed shops"

It is our community, our future, let's get it right.

Decent opportunities for residents to have their day, but implementation isn't always easy because of funding etc.

There are too many people in Coupar Angus with loud voices. I feel there are lots of opportunities to offer my opinion but with most things the agenda is often already set in these discussions. I feel that it is my responsibility as a community member to take part in decision making but strongly believe that it is also my responsibility to create opportunities within my community in matters that I am interested in. People in the town are too quick to moan about others who have created opportunities if it is not something that they themselves are interested in.

I don't necessarily feel that I personally have to make decisions about my community as long as I have faith in those who do this for me. However at present I cannot say that this is so. I would avoid the Community Council with a bargepole and PK Council doesn't have the town's best interests at heart. Of course I want my voice to be heard and my opinions acknowledged as surely everybody does, but mine is one voice among thousands and how can they all be treated equally? Not possible. I prefer to leave politics to others on the whole, but will always exercise my franchise – for what it is worth.

Do not think locals would be too happy! Unfortunately

Groups influence generally stops at the next level when permission and/or money are required.

When the Council ask the public for feedback on decisions, they have already made the decision, so our feedback ignored. e.g. the wasted space at The Cross, what is it used for??

Coupar Angus has many groups which work for the good of the community, all of which are open to any member of the public. Through these groups anyone can raise concerns, voice opinions and get support.

your wee clique makes the decisions to suit yourselves

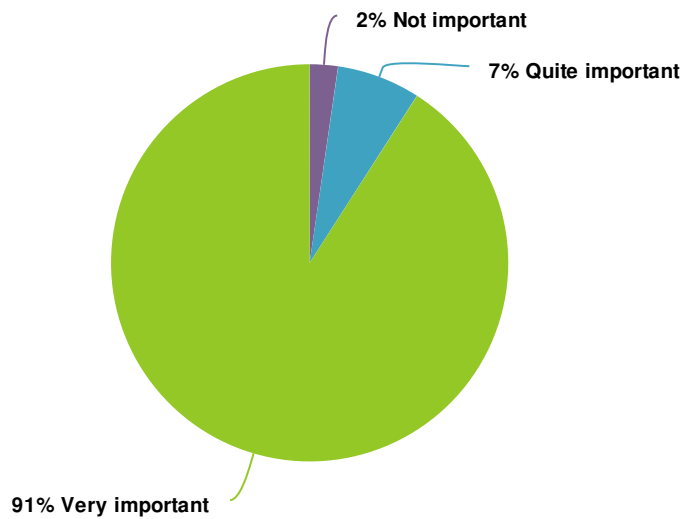
Mainly in environmental issues

ResponseID Response

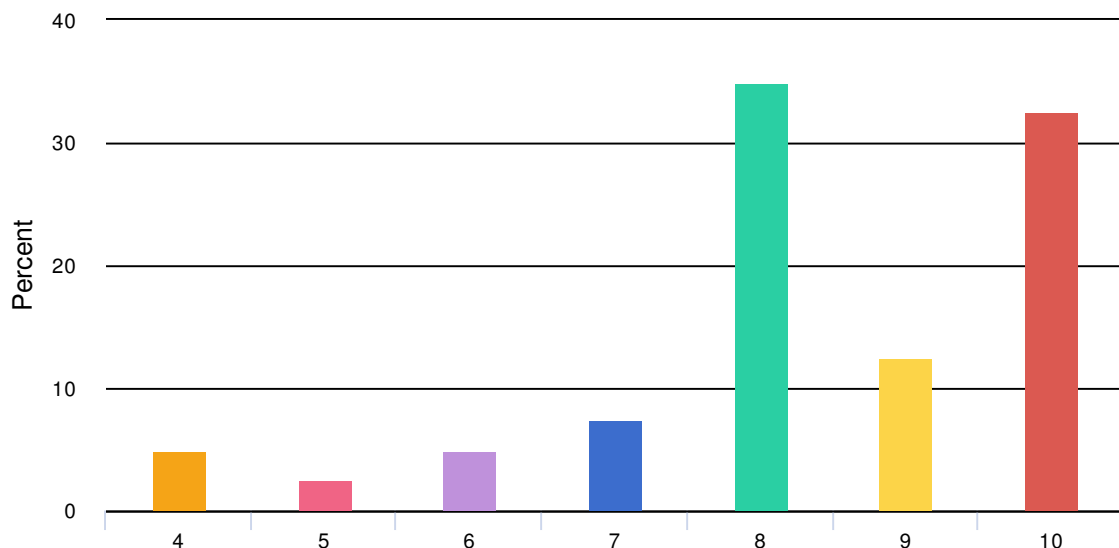
I feel age is a barrier in my case to get involved on any new committees.

A8: HEALTH & FITNESS

25. How important is it for you to have good medical and support services in your local community?



26. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is 'very poorly' and 10 is 'very well', what number would you use to rate how well local medical and support services meet your needs? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

8.3

Total Responses

40

26. Comments on Question 26

ResponseID Response

The local doctors seem pretty good to me.

Never had any issues with Coupar Angus Medical Centre, happy with this.

GP surgery hours don't match my availability, so getting appointments is extremely difficult due to work committments

The medical centre in Coupar Angus has a lot of mixed reviews. The way I see it a doctor is there to sign you off work if you need it and to give you prescriptions or refer you, that's it.

I am recovering from major surgery. I could not ask for better support.

Good access to local medical amenities. Sometimes long waiting times at medical centre.

Surely this is a pointless question- who would NOT want good medical services? I have always found that my needs have been met more than satisfactorily. Bear in mind we are talking about the NATIONAL health service – surely this is outwith the scope of Coupar Angus? I suppose it's important for me to have peace of mind that my needs would be met should the need arise, but that's not a Coupar thing – everybody will think that way. I currently enjoy excellent health thank goodness.

Appointments system is the problem

Doctors practise is excellent.

The residents at Balhousie are "prisoners" as the road & pavement in and out is a disgrace: potholes, drains etc. Our old people fought for us all. They worked all their lives without "benefits", paid taxes and NI. It's a beautiful care home with lovely garden and outlook, but the approach to it is simply ugly. Never found any problem with doctors' surgery.

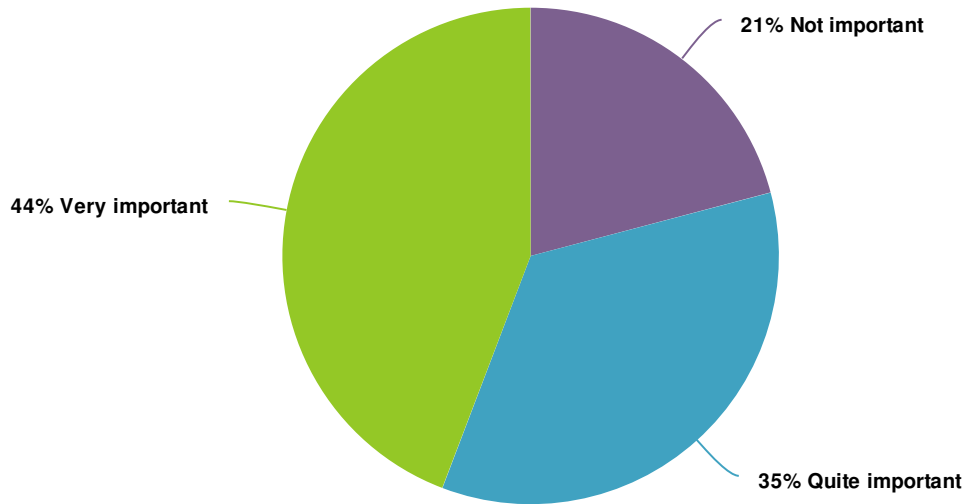
It is becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain GP appointments "on the day" which is not applicable solely to Coupar Angus

not at the health centre very often but can be difficult getting an appointment on day and time required - maybe because I work and limited to available times. Dentist is very handy and open late nights which is great.

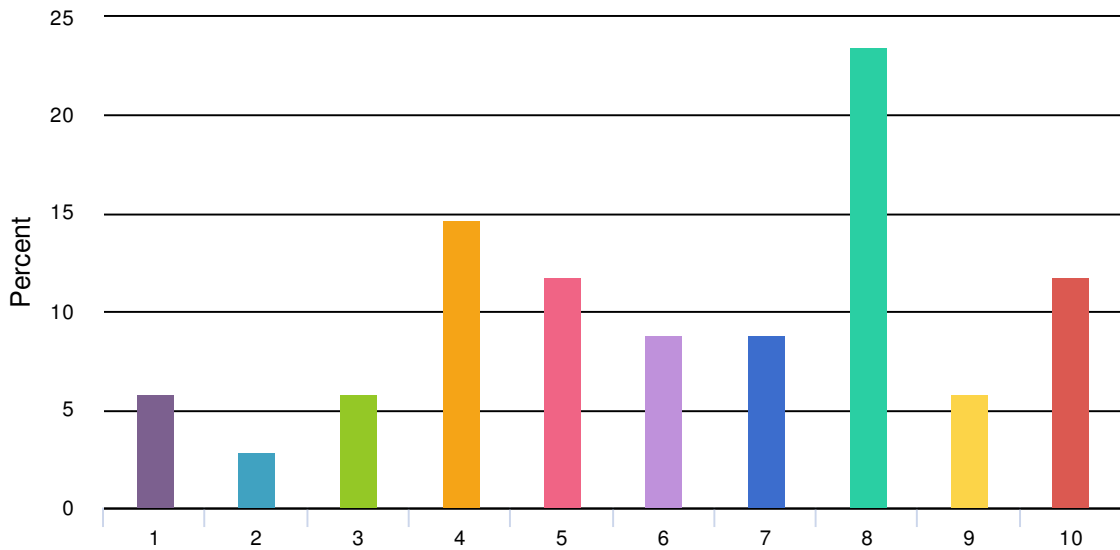
medical centre is a joke

We are very lucky and can get an appointment same day if required.

27. 27. How important is it for you to have suitable facilities and amenities in your local community to help you maintain your fitness?



28. 28. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is 'very poorly' and 10 is 'very well', what number would you use to rate how well local facilities and amenities meet your needs for keeping fit? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average 6.2

Total Responses 34

28. Comments on Question 28

ResponseID Response

I really ought to make more of an effort to keep fit, but basically I'm too lazy to do much about it.

Other than Enverdale gym which isn't good, there is the park which is great. Not really aware of anything else unless you go to Blairgowrie. I do most of my fitness elsewhere.

No opportunities locally unless you enjoy cycling

Keep fit classes in Town Hall on Mondays

No Gymnasium in Coupar apart from the Nortel which is outdated as a gym.

At the moment it is either walk or bus

Have to travel to Blair or beyond to use sports hall, children's sport activities or pool.

Having facilities to keep fit is helpful, but can also be considered to be a luxury. Keeping fit can be done by walking/jogging/running and doing exercise at home. All people need is motivation. Fancy facilities are not, of themselves, the substitute for or means of generating that motivation.

I would love a swimming pool, a council gym, a sauna and steam room. I have scored this high as I feel we have many amenities in the town for keeping active outdoors such as great parks, walks and community spaces such as the community garden.

How I keep fit is up to me. I will not be joining walking clubs/ keep fit groups/ cycling hubs. This is a personal responsibility, not the town's. If I want exercise I will go for a walk as and when I see fit. You can't expect the town as a community to take on responsibility for this. Nowadays I think everyone knows what measures they ought to take to maintain optimum fitness but no one can actually force you to do so. Equally, you don't need facilities and amenities laid on. The opportunities for healthy living are available to all without resorting to gyms, slimming world, zumba etc. People make their own choices regardless of facilities provided.

Two gumns in village so really up to individuals

Have mentioned already that there are 2 gyms, a Cycle Hub, a Tennis Court. Not to mention the fact that every road out of Coupar Angus takes you into the country where long walks are easily undertaken

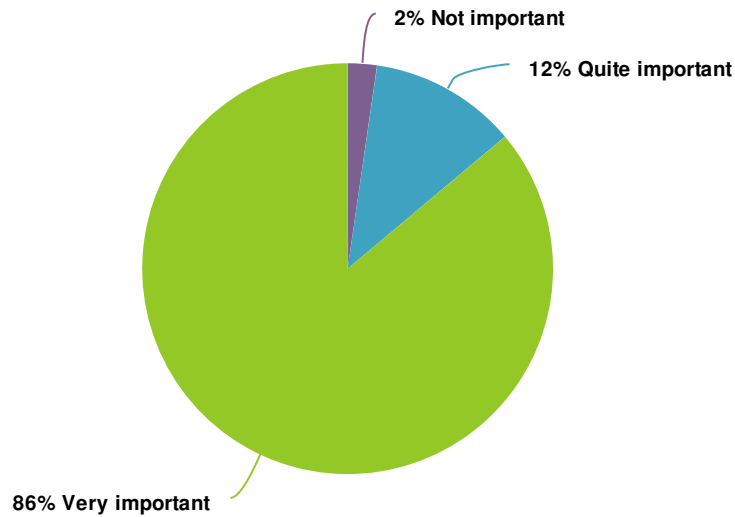
there is plenty of exercise classes in the town from low impact to high impact. there is a squash court and 2 gyms, but I don't need these as there are plenty of walks or cycle roads to enjoy, also the recreation centre in Blairgowrie has late opening hours.

We have lots of great walks around here, and parks for the kids. There is also the gym

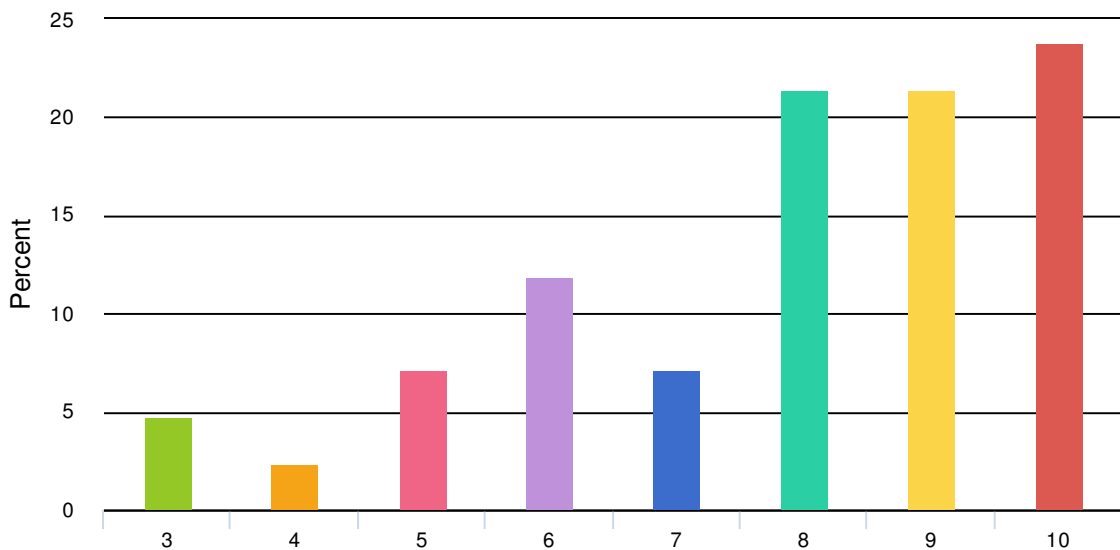
Again my age would stop me taking part in fitness programmes but for the younger ones very important.

A9: COMMUNITY SAFETY

29. 29. How important for you is the prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour in your local community?



30. 30. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is 'very unsafe' and 10 is 'very safe', what number would you use to rate how safe you feel from crime and anti-social behaviour in your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

7.8

Total Responses

42

30. Comments on Question 30

ResponseID Response

Most of the people in Coupar are really friendly and helpful. I never feel fearful when out and about.

Have forgotten to lock doors at home many times, and leave things in the garden and even left car unlocked overnight and never had an issue. Have never had to worry about safety.

I don't feel unsafe, but I'm sure there are great improvements still to be made

Hey everyone knows the police are slow to react when you need them, right?

Bobby on the beat would be a good thing

Never seen anything to worry me about

Mostly a safe town.

I would very much appreciate the return of a local police officer, or at least a regular presence of a Community police officer. As well as helping to keep down crime, it would also help older people to feel generally safer and increase a sense of community. It would also help the police to have better up-to-date intelligence.

I never feel unsafe in Coupar Angus. I am happy to walk home whatever the hour. I think CA is safer now than it has ever been. I have never been the victim of crime or anti-social behaviour. A lot of people exaggerate the danger and say things are worse than they were in the past but I don't think this is the case. I know some old people say they would never go out at night but I have never heard of an old person being attacked or threatened locally. I think it is a shame people think this way and are frightened to go out in their own town when the risk is infinitesimally tiny.

Never had an unsafe feeling here. Now we have speed racers late at night it's unsettling.

Sometimes groups of Romanians can be quite threatening - not verbally.

Although I feel relatively safe walking in the town, there has been a recent increase in anti-social behaviour such as litter dropping and dog fouling

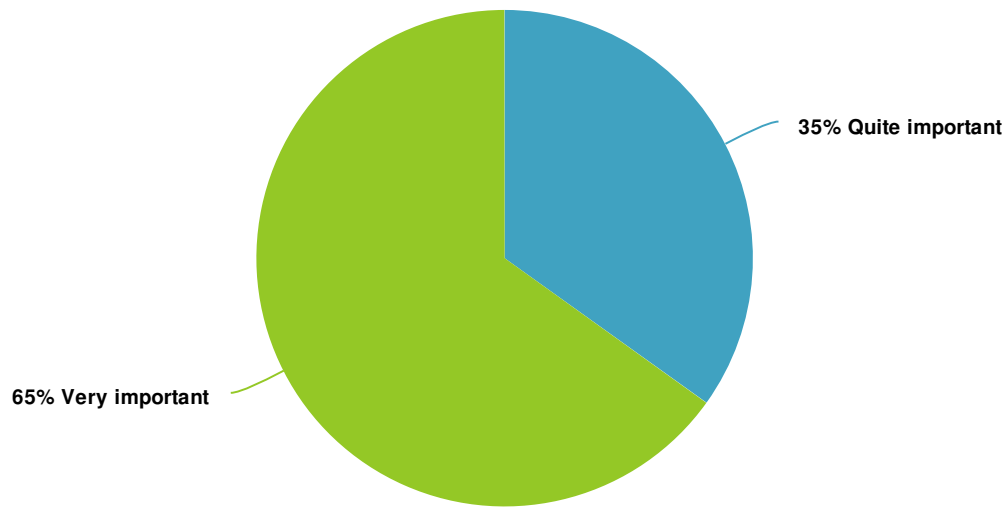
never had an incident where I have felt unsafe

In general coupar Angus feels very safe and as far as I know has low crime. A frustration can be waking in the centre passing some flats very obviously smelling of cannabis which could be seen as anti-social particularly daytime when children are passing by.

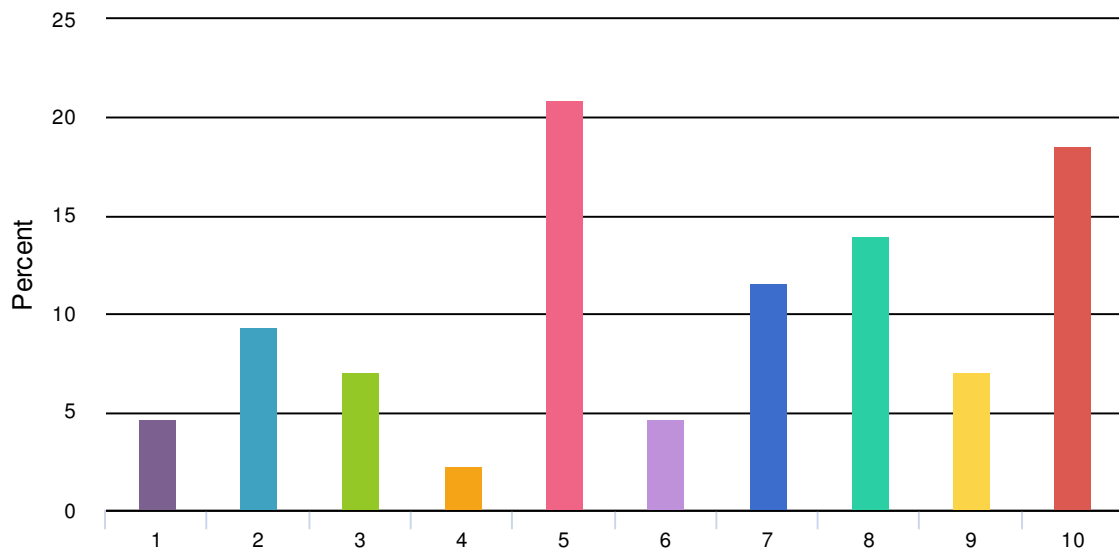
Works van been robbed

It would be lovely to have the "Bobbies" police here back walking about, and handling things themselves and would be able to punish kids on the spot instead of getting summoned to court. Parents should support the Police and community better.

31. 31. How important to you is having a low risk of accidental injury in your local community, for example being hit by a car or slipping on ice in winter?



32. 32. Using any number from 1 to 10, where 1 is 'very unsafe' and 10 is 'very safe', what number would you use to rate how safe you feel from accidental injury in your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important", above)



Statistics

Average

6.3

Total Responses

43

32. Comments on Question 32

ResponseID Response

There should be a town-wide 20mph limit. Also, there should be more local equipment for people to deal with ice and snow in winter.

The new traffic lights at Larghan on Forfar road are a real concern. I know there was a very good reason to have them up there, but its also led to multiple car accidents (one very bad) and more than a few close calls.

Factory workers in George Street fail to obey parking and speed restrictions. Winter maintenance of pavements also less than ideal

Not all areas treated in the same way

Side streets are never swept. Pavement snowplough never does side streets when they are covered in ice.

Keep pavements salted in winter and lower speed limit in built up areas

I live in Sidlaw Crescent and the paths are lethal in the winter especially if Tayside Contracts who do the salting in Coupar haven't bothered treating the paths. God knows how old folk feel.

I have no worries about it.

I believe many people could and should help themselves such as clearing snow from pavements.

You can't always mitigate for accidents. Pavements are very narrow in places.

We live in a country location and should expect to be more resilient and self-sufficient than people who live in cities.

We are lucky to have volunteers in the town who grit the pavements when there is ice. The council needs to take more responsibility for preventing accidental injury in the town. People drive FAR too fast in Coupar Angus and there seems to be a huge number of people who use their car in and around the town itself when they are able to walk.

Another silly question. Who would actually want to have an accident? Of course I don't WANT to be hit by a car or fall flat on my nose on the ice, but accidents happen and you can't wrap yourself or your loved ones in cotton wool. I don't think CA is any better or worse statistically for accidents than anywhere else. I can understand that the elderly or less fleet on their pins will be wary about launching forth on icy days, but is gritting/ snow clearing a PKC responsibility, not a CA matter. You can try to reduce the likelihood of people coming to grief, but you can never prevent it and I think CA is probably about average so I have scored 5 for this.

ResponseID Response

Forfar Road at night and Larchan Park with cars racing!

Causewayend is a nightmare, double parking, speeding cars. Still don't feel safe walking parts of Queen Street due to narrow pavement and busy traffic.

There is potential in any town/city to be hit by a car but I think Coupar Angus is as safe, if not safer than most places. Slipping on ice is also something that can happen anywhere and again I don't feel Coupar Angus is any different to anywhere else

never had an incident but I am aware that the pavements and roads can be icy in the winter. there is a crossing in the town and on the bypass.

During icy periods a lot of pavements are extremely unsafe all over town

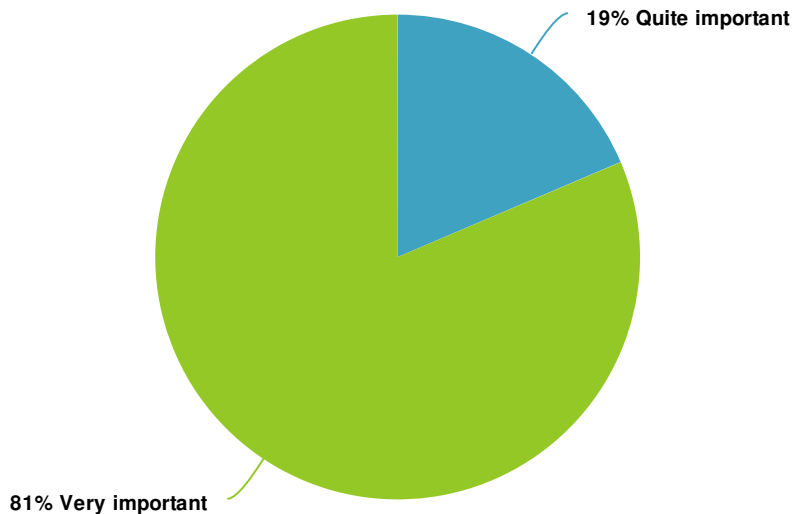
Don't get me started on the Dundee road/Queen Street, joke of a situation

Winter can be a nightmare when icy, as there is no service to grit the pavement as needed, or it is very poor.

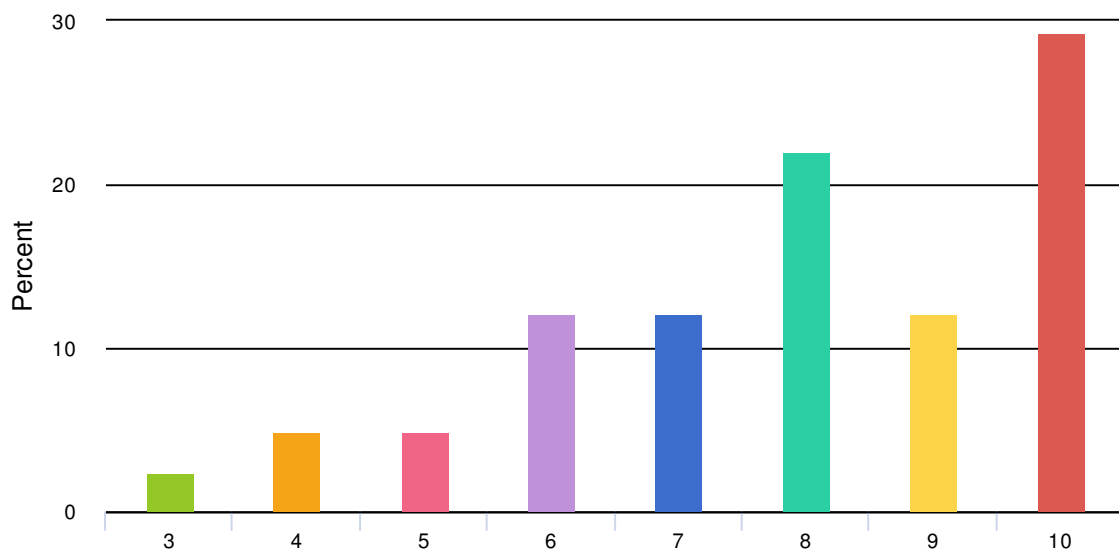
I think we are not bad here. Sometimes big lorries can be a nuisance, but I feel safe.

Part B: The Environmental Dimension - this is what you said about your environment.

33. 33. YOUR HOME ENVIRONMENT: How important for you is having a comfortable, easy-to-heat home?



34. 34. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable and easy-to-heat is your home? (No score if you ticked "Not Important", above)



Statistics

Average 7.9

Total Responses 41

34. Comments on Question 34

ResponseID Response

I can afford to heat my living room and bedroom, but the rest of the house is freezing most of the time. There should be more help available for people to get their homes insulated properly. Old houses look nice, but they're expensive to heat.

It gets very cold in winter and is quite expensive to keep the house warm.

Older house, so lacking in some of the newer techniques available with regards insulation

Too many houses and flats abandoned in Coupar Angus and neighbouring properties suffer as a consequence.

Nice little house, warm & cosy

We live in an old building that is hard to heat. We knew this when we moved in!

Coupar Angus needs more suitable housing options for people of all ages. Energy efficient homes, co-housing projects, cooperatives etc. We should be moving away from coal and gas and providing insulated homes for people.

Your house is always easy to heat if you have plenty of money! I don't have plenty of money so I do my best. I think only old folk should have a constantly warm house. You can get used to cooler temps and in healthy people it increases your resistance to germs. People think it is their right to be able to wear T-shirts around the house all year round but they'll be all the softer for it. If you are ill or old you deserve a warm house with no worries, but otherwise live within your means. I love my house and find it very comfortable. I realise I am lucky in that.

No problems

I live in a listed building and don't have double glazing so my house is perhaps not as easy to heat as it would otherwise be.

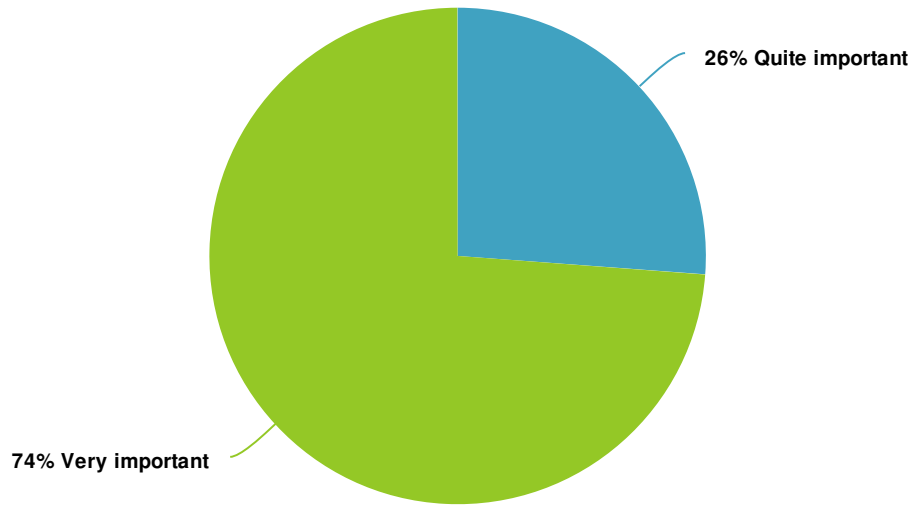
I live in an old house so can be draughty I am able to keep it warm!

It's an old private let house as the council and housing associations houses in Coupar Angus are shockingly bad, unfit for humans most of them

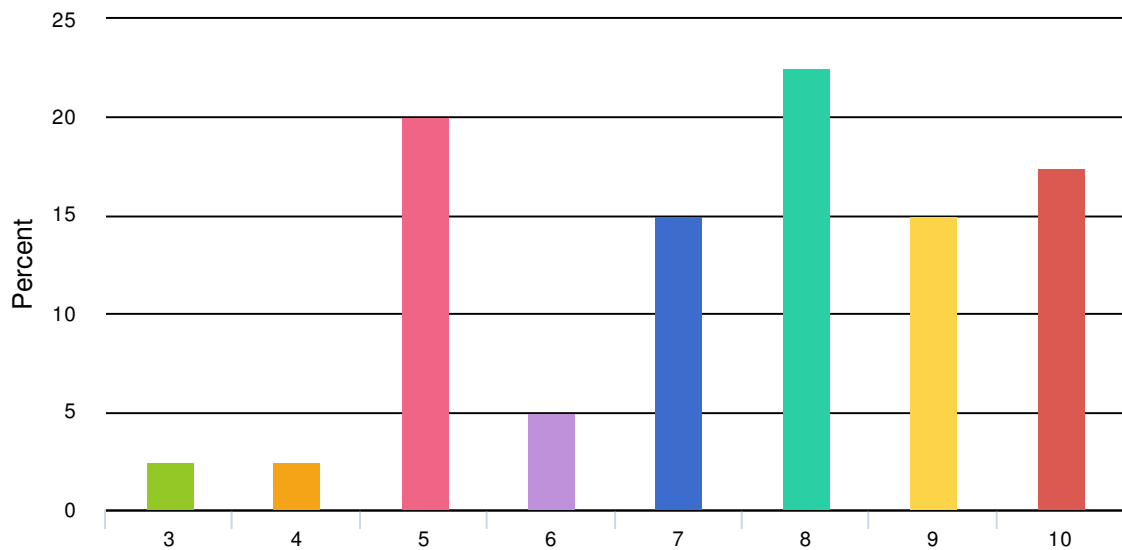
Not good roof insulation, expensive to do, government should help as a scheme to fight climate change.

fairly easy

35. 35. YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT : How important is it that your local community is beautiful and unpolluted?



36. 36. On a scale of 1-10, how beautiful and unpolluted is your local community? (Don't answer if you said "Not important", above)



Statistics

Average 7.4

Total Responses 40

36. Comments on Question 36

ResponseID Response

ResponseID Response

We've got horrible smells coming at us from three sources - the chicken factory, the sewage works and now the digester at Keithick. Also, the high volume of traffic down Queen Street makes it difficult to breath sometimes. However the local Pride of Place group has done a lot to make the town look nicer.

If you go to the coop beside the chicken factory the smell can be quite bad. Where I am, never notice anything so no issues.

Too many empty and dilapidated properties. Knock the White House down and tidy the place up

It is good to have a nice town. However I feel that there is too much money and grants going to this. Instead of getting a decent youth club for the young ones. The place is so boring and doesn't attract much visitors. Why don't the pubs have live music?

I look out my window it is an eyesore, been onto housing - I cleaned it up a bit but can't do it now.

Volunteers have helped make CA look cleaner, but some maintenance is needed in parts.

I'd give it a '10' - but the chicken factory takes off 3 points. It is an eyesore and smells at the west end of the town.

Too many cars, pollution from industry and the roads that circle the town. A dependency on cars for people to get out of town for work etc means its easy for these people to fall into the habit of using their car for short journeys around town instead of walking or cycling. Voluntary organisations in the town and individuals do a great job of trying to keep the town clean though I often thing this is more for vanity reasons than keeping it unpolluted.

"Beautiful" and "unpolluted" are not synonyms. I would give the town 10 for beauty because any way you look at the town you can see beauty. It's location is second to none and within the town there are fine examples of architectural beauty and little pockets of pleasure dotted throughout. The Coupar Burn is relatively pollution free but the huge black pall that hangs over the town emanates from the Chicken Factory. As long as there is a factory there will be a stink. Perhaps we are lucky that this is our main pollutant. Hence the 7 score relates to this. At least it isn't constant. As it has been with us as long as the factory has, realistically we'll never be free of it.

Coupar Angus is lovely and everyone takes pride of the appearance of our town.

Smell from Chicken Factory a problem. And fumes at night from car racing.

Chicken factory odour stopped this being marked as a 10.

ResponseID Response

We lived in a very beautiful valley. The nasty smells come from either biomass, sewage or chicken factory. Think maybe something could be done about all the seagulls here. It's up to everybody to make Coupar Angus beautiful and unpolluted.

Coupar Angus is lucky to have community groups such as Pride of Place who endeavour to make the town beautiful with flower displays throughout the year. The only "pollution" would a smell from the local chicken factory but pollution is far too strong a word in my opinion. I have lived in the town for my whole life (55yrs) and the smell from the factory is nothing like as pungent as it was when I was a child growing up.

Coupar Angus is a nice town and the countryside is on our doorstep. sometimes there are smells from the Chicken Factory, sewage and the biomass out the Perth Road but mainly not noticable

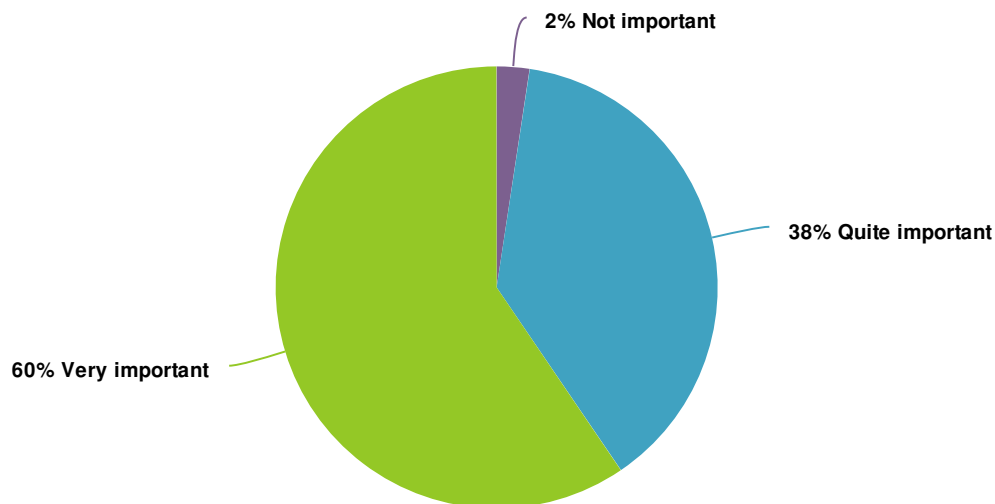
Pride of place do a great job of making coupar Angus look good. Community woodland is a great

Some of the town is aesthetically pleasing but some of it gets left to go unkempt, burn, bypass to list a couple

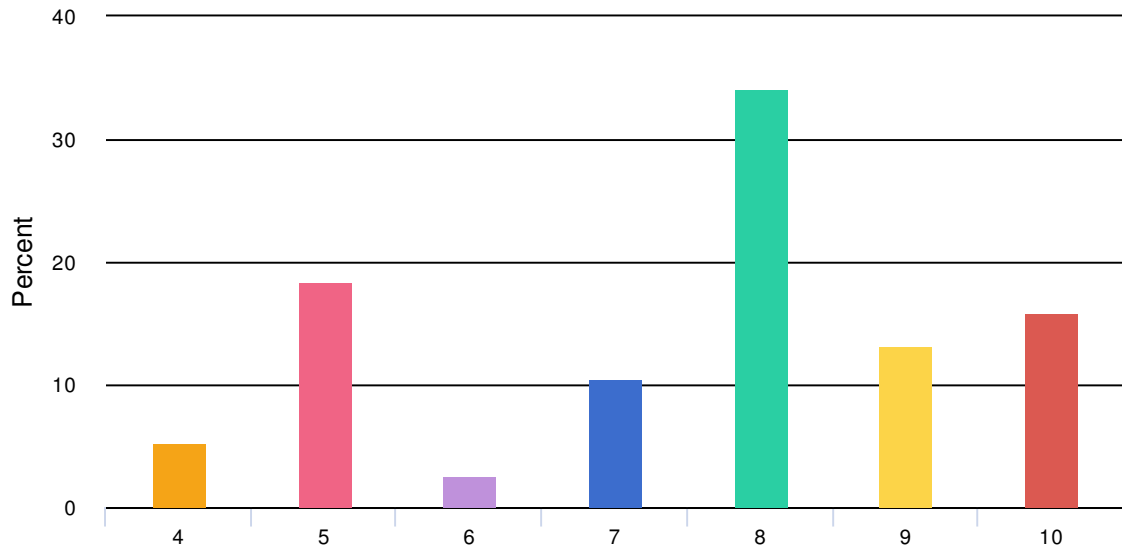
Too much rubbish lying in streets and around Town. Fines should be applied, and education.

We are lucky we have a group of dedicated workers - PoP, who keep our town lovely.

37. 37. THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT : How important for you is helping to protect the global environment?



38. 38. As a local resident, how easy is it for you to help protect the global environment, for example by recycling and reducing your energy consumption? (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average

7.5

Total Responses

38

38. Comments on Question 38

ResponseID Response

I feel really bad about using my car so much. If there was a better bus service, say, to Forfar and up the east coast to Aberdeen (without it taking forever) I'd give up the car.

Good facilities for recycling in multiple locations and the tip at BG also very handy.

More kerbside recycling options needed

Everything in the right bin - fed up cleaning the bottles and cans.

Travel is often unavoidable.

We are very lucky to have access to local and affordable fruit and vegetables from the gardens as well as from people in the town who donate produce to the store. Energy consumption is high because our homes are poorly insulated and old. There is not enough recycling that goes on in the town, many people can't recycle because there is no where for them to store a recycle bin so the council gives them a sticker that means they don't need to recycle their rubbish. The reuse shop is a great place to reduce our need to buy new goods. A tool library would mean we could share our tools with each other instead of buying new ones all the time when we have a project.

I feel my contribution to the world's woes is relatively small. Nonetheless I will do what I can. I don't have easy access to the recycling centre in Blairgowrie so all my waste has to go in my bins – apart from glass, but I think it is illogical when I see people drive into the Candlehouse Lane civic amenity site (!) to drop off half a dozen glass bottles, and I'm damned if I'm paying the Council £20 or whatever it is now to pick up a large item. I'm happy to (mostly) put the right thing in the right bin and if PKC want to extend this scheme I'm right with them. I try to throw out as little as possible – I put stuff to charity shops when I can. I buy clothes from charity shops and wear the same stuff for years, so that must be good too.

Recycle as much as possible. Plastic is problem

Recycling is essential. Use feet or bike instead of cars when possible. Cut back on single use plastic.

already recycle and try to be sensible and energy consumption

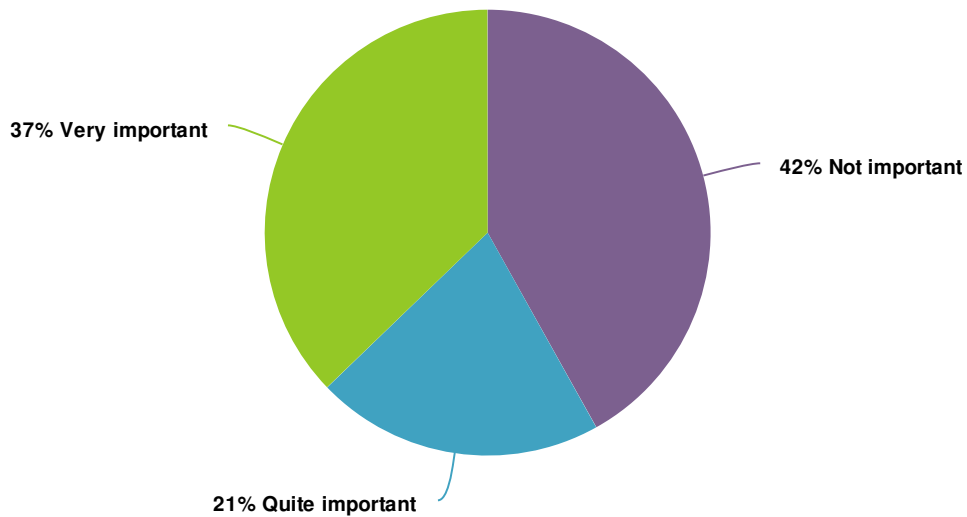
Bins for refuse are too small for all recycling, some towns have three small bins, blue, green and purple

Large items have to be taken to Blairgowrie, with no care....a problem. Reducing energy, mentioned above.

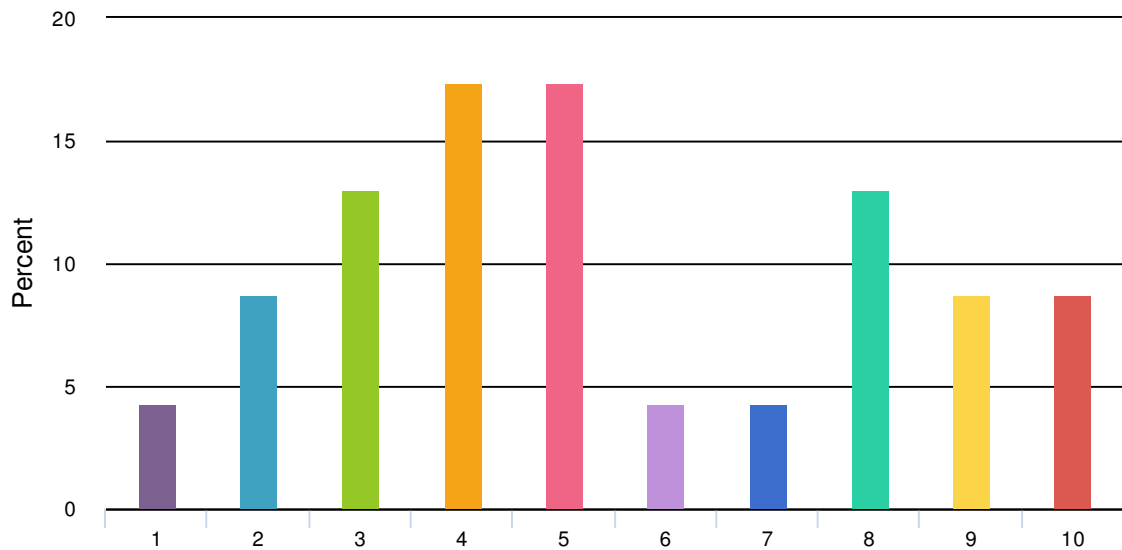
We recycle in our house but I wonder where it all goes afterward

Part C: The Economic Dimension - How well does the local community meet your economic needs, either as a consumer or a worker?

39. 39. How important is it for you to be able to find suitable employment or run a business in your local community?



40. 40. On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to find suitable employment or run a business in your local community? 1 = Very difficult, 10 = Very easy Don't answer if you said "Not important" above



Statistics

Average

5.4

Total Responses

23

40. Comments on Question 40

ResponseID Response

There's very little affordable commercial property in Coupar, especially if you want modern, adaptable premises. A few firms have had to leave to find suitable premises, e.g. the tablet factory.

I commute to work, but there isn't really any other suitable work in the area for me, including in Dundee, Perth or Forfar.

Hey if you can't get work there is always the chicken factory. You can work 12 hour days for £8-odd an hour. Smashing!

Poor employment opportunities.

I put 3 for this because it is not easy to find a reliable well-paid job in Coupar Angus. If you had to work locally you could probably get employment at Balhousie Care Home or at the Chicken Factory but minimum wage prevails. I don't want to travel to work if I can avoid it but realistically the better jobs are outside Coupar Angus. I would not recommend anyone to start a business in Coupar Angus unless you are prepared to lose money in the venture. Personally I would love to have a more fulfilling job, but in my case job security is everything as I have nothing else to fall back on. I have many skills but they are not marketable and I could not risk taking on a job with a temporary contract as I can't afford to gamble.

Retired

I personally don't work in Coupar Angus but for anyone who wants/needs to then there is limited employment available.

there are jobs in this area

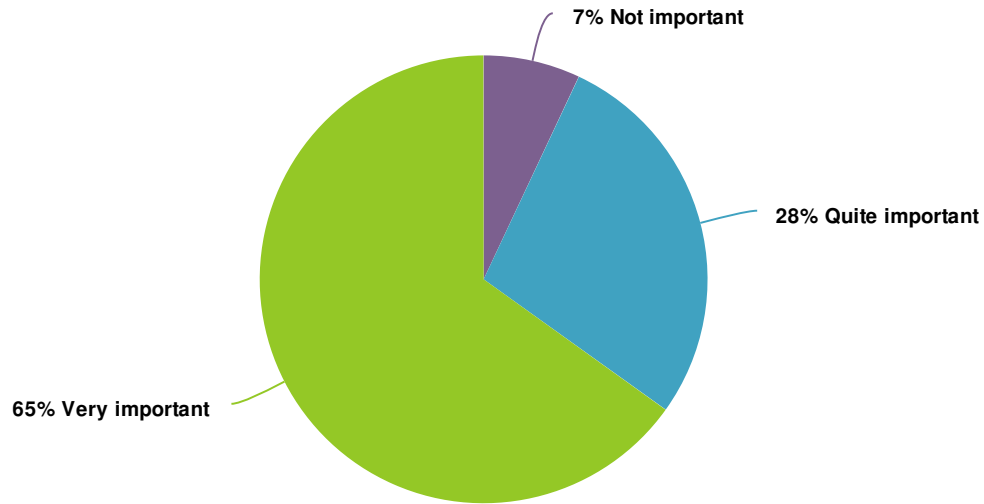
Not many opportunities here, would need to travel to Perth or Dundee or at least Blairgowrie

No new business advice available

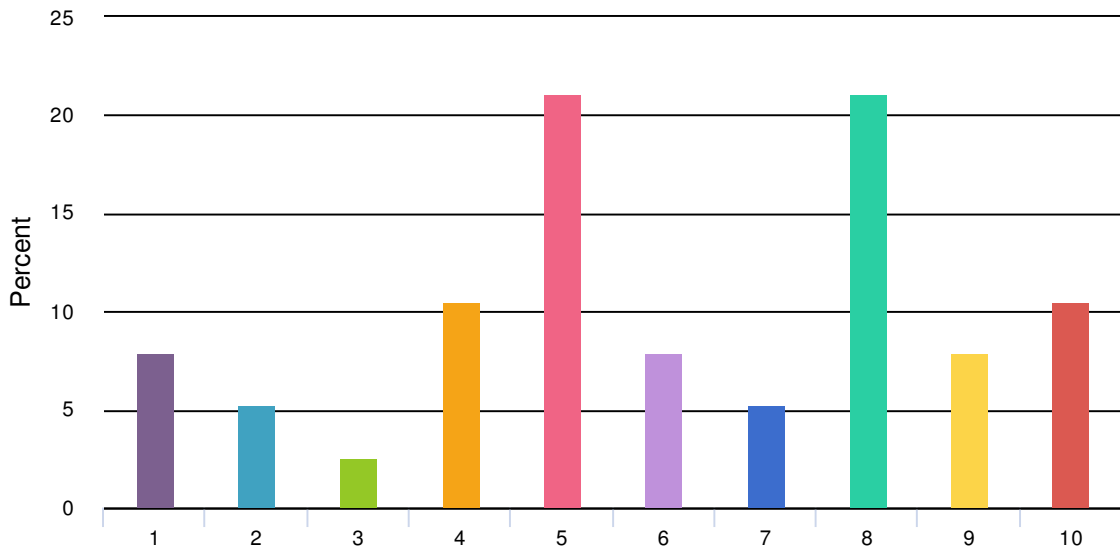
coupar angus is a joke, has been took over from grant funded leeches there i no place to run a business from now.

Does not apply to our household age

41. 41. How important is it for you to have LOCAL shops, tradesmen and professional services (e.g. solicitors, accountants and banks)?



42. 42. On a scale of 1-10, how well does your local community meet your needs for these services? 1 = Poorly, 10 = Very well (Don't answer if you said "Not important" above)



Statistics

Average 6.0

Total Responses 38

42. Comments on Question 42

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Local firms are good. However it's been years since there was a plumber in Coupar. Why are there no apprenticeships for plumbers any more?

Banks are the most troublesome. If you work full time they are never open outwith working hours so impossible to get to.

Bank to be open only one day a week

Local banks closing - only 1 open 1 day per week. Had problems if bank machines not working and need money, have to go to Blairgowrie.

No bank in Coupar, you know what I think about the shops (a joke). How about getting the Pitch & PUtt and Putting back at Larghan and open the shop that used to be there. Then people might start visiting the place again!

Probably no bank left in a few years. More local shops and businesses would add to the sense of community, but local independents are often more expensive than chains e.g. local grocer v Tesco. More people want to support the local independents but often can't afford to do this.

Local Bank: The TSB. My saviour. They help me immensely. They always keep a look out for my account and could not be more helpful. It is VITAL for me to have such a service locally and I appreciate it immensely. Tradesmen: It is always good to know the tradesmen personally. Nearly all the local tradesmen have a good reputation and word of mouth counts for such a lot in a small community - nowhere to hide. Local shops: sadly nowadays this is not so much of a big deal. I am employed in a local shop, but I know that most townspeople go elsewhere for their shopping. However for those without transport it is a vital resource. Few shops in CA can really make a living nowadays because of altered shopping patterns from past. We can't return to the old ways and it is unrealistic to call on "passing trade" because in reality it doesn't exist. I think modern day traders have to be realistic about this. Izzy's shop does well because it is unpretentious. And don't forget the local charity shop. It

There is no competition. 1 butcher, Scotmid. Not everybody can travel to Blair

No RBS bank, no B of S. Probably by next year no TSB bank. It's the elderly who suffer most from this.

Having only 1 bank is limiting, particularly since it is only open 1 day per week

there are plenty of local tradesmen in this area also solicitors locally and an accountant. the banks are either closed or have reduced hours which is not so handy and the mobile buses come to town at times when a lot of people are unable to get to due to work commitments

Majority of trades locally, bakers, garage, pubs etc but we are lacking shops

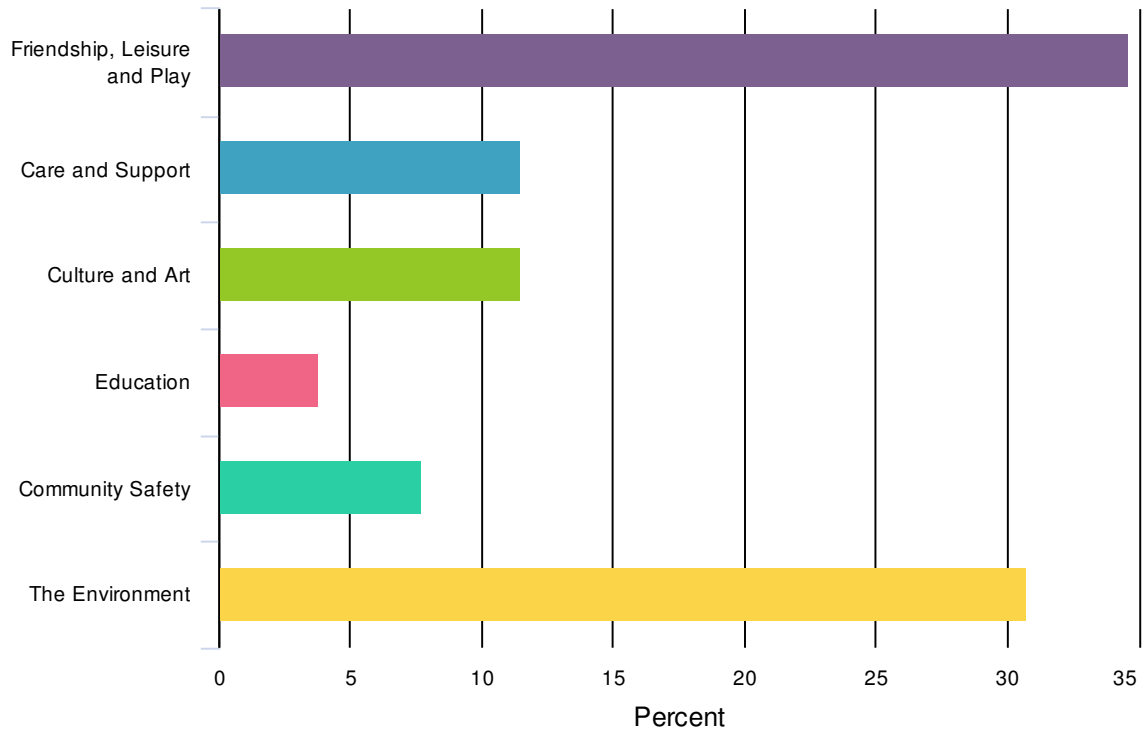
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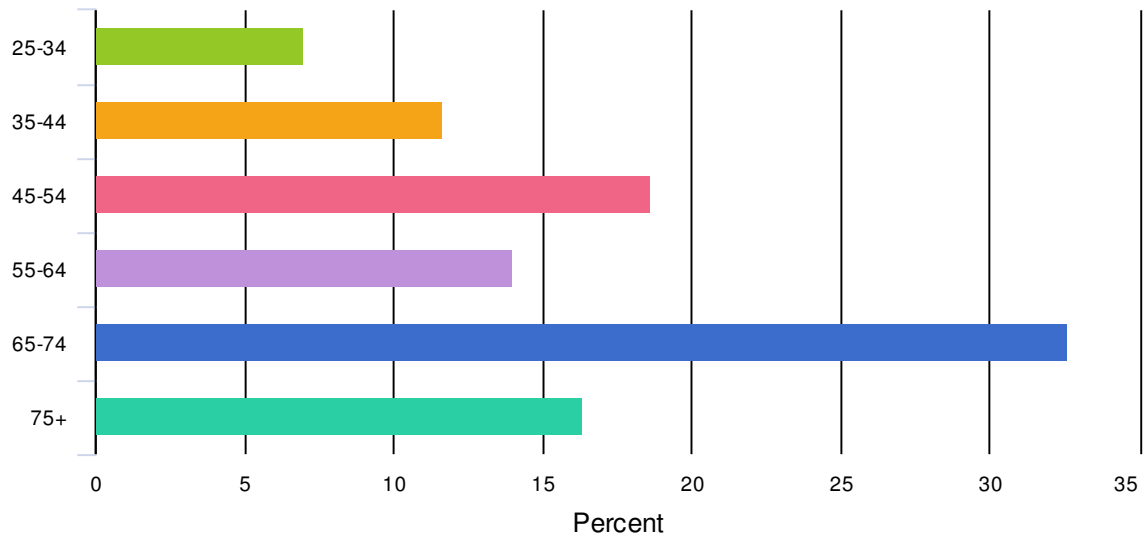
More tradesmen, would be good to have plumber, white goods repair.

It is important that we have local shops etc. Shame we only now have ONE BANK ONE DAY A WEEK. We have a good solicitor in the town.

43. Which of these research groups would you like to join? You can join only one.



44. What is your age?

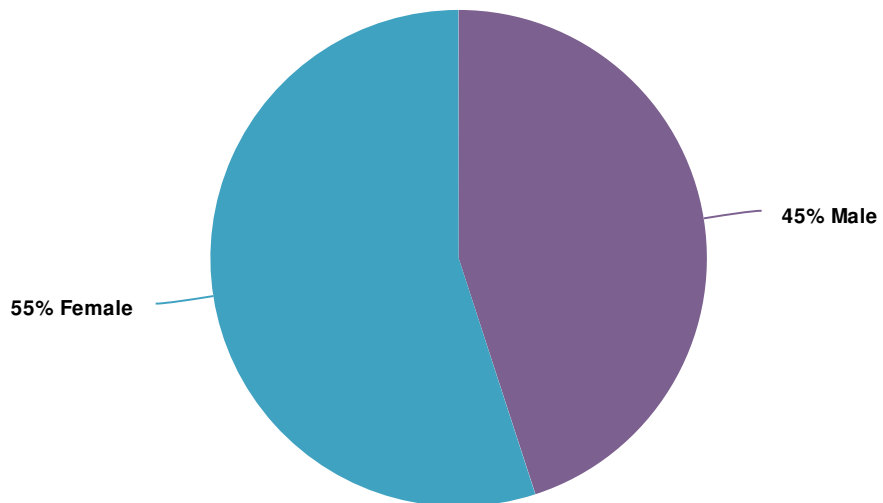


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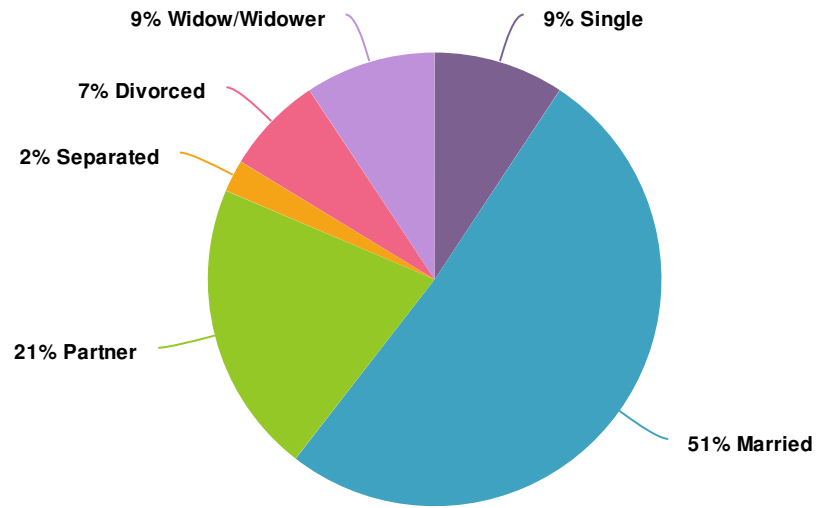
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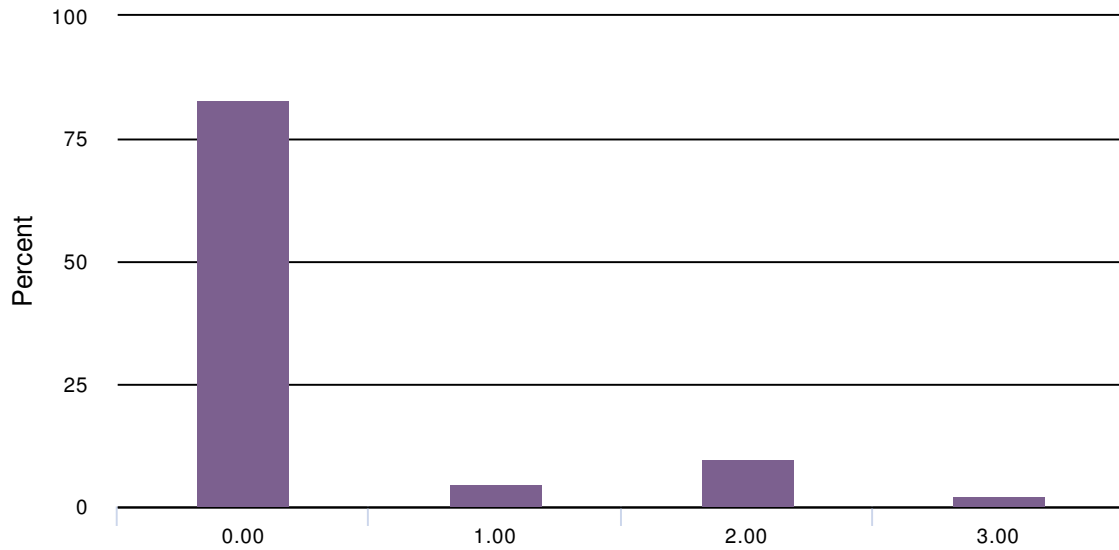
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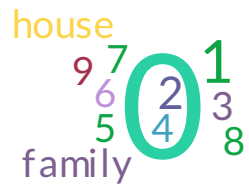
46. Relationship status



47. How many children do you have who are under 18 and living with you?





48. How many of your relatives live in your local community?



Count	Response
17	0
7	3
5	2
3	1
3	5
1	0, except immediate family in house
1	16
1	25
1	30 plus
1	8
1	9

49. Do you have health or mobility problems that limit your ability to take part in social, economic or environmental activity?

Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		21.4%	9
No		78.6%	33
			Total: 42

50. If you have health or mobility problems that limit your ability to take part in social, economic and environmental activity, what sort of additional facilities, amenities or support services would be helpful to you?

Count	Response
1	An EV for personal use.
1	Chiropodist for community.
1	n/a

51. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Count	Response
1	? Relationship between CASCADE + COMMUNITY COUNCIL ?
1	Also interested in joining research groups for Care & Support, Education, Civil Rights & Democracy, Community Safety and The Local Economy.
1	Getting the school and local teenagers more involved with the local environment is the way to keep this town vibrant and appealing to visitors, adults between the age of 35-45 have young kids that would love to get involved with the community in a family orientated way that parents and kids both learn new skills, nothing like this is ever offered here!
1	Interested in joining any of these research groups: Culture and Art Education Civil Rights & Democracy The Local Economy
1	No.
1	i have lived in Coupar Angus for many years and there have been a lot of changes, but it is a nice place to live as it is central to Perth and Dundee which Edinburgh and Glasgow being very accessible
1	you lot are the scum o coupar angus you should be ashamed

Part A: Social capital/well-being - an average of answers given in sections A1-9 (see below)

Statistics

Average 6.6

A1: Friendship, Leisure & Play

Statistics

Average 6.4

A2: Care and Support

Statistics

Average 5.8

A3: Culture & Art

Statistics

Average 5.4

A4: Religion and Spirituality

Statistics

Average 3.8

A5: Educational well-being

Statistics

Average 5.6

A6: Civil Rights

Statistics

Average 6.8

A7: Democracy

Statistics

Average 4.0

A8: Health & Fitness

Statistics

Average 6.9

A9: Community Safety

Statistics

Average

6.8

Part B: The Environmental Dimension

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Average

7.0

Part C: The Economic dimension

Statistics

Average

5.4