

**Dorset  
Community House**

# **Dorset Community House Community Consultation 2019 - 2020**

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## Community Consultation

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Board agreed to undertake consultation to inform the strategic priorities of the Dorset Community House via a survey.

A survey was created on Google Forms on the 8th of September and a print version was also made. The surveys were promoted via our Facebook page, through our newsletter and membership data bases (207 individuals) and people visiting the House were asked to complete.

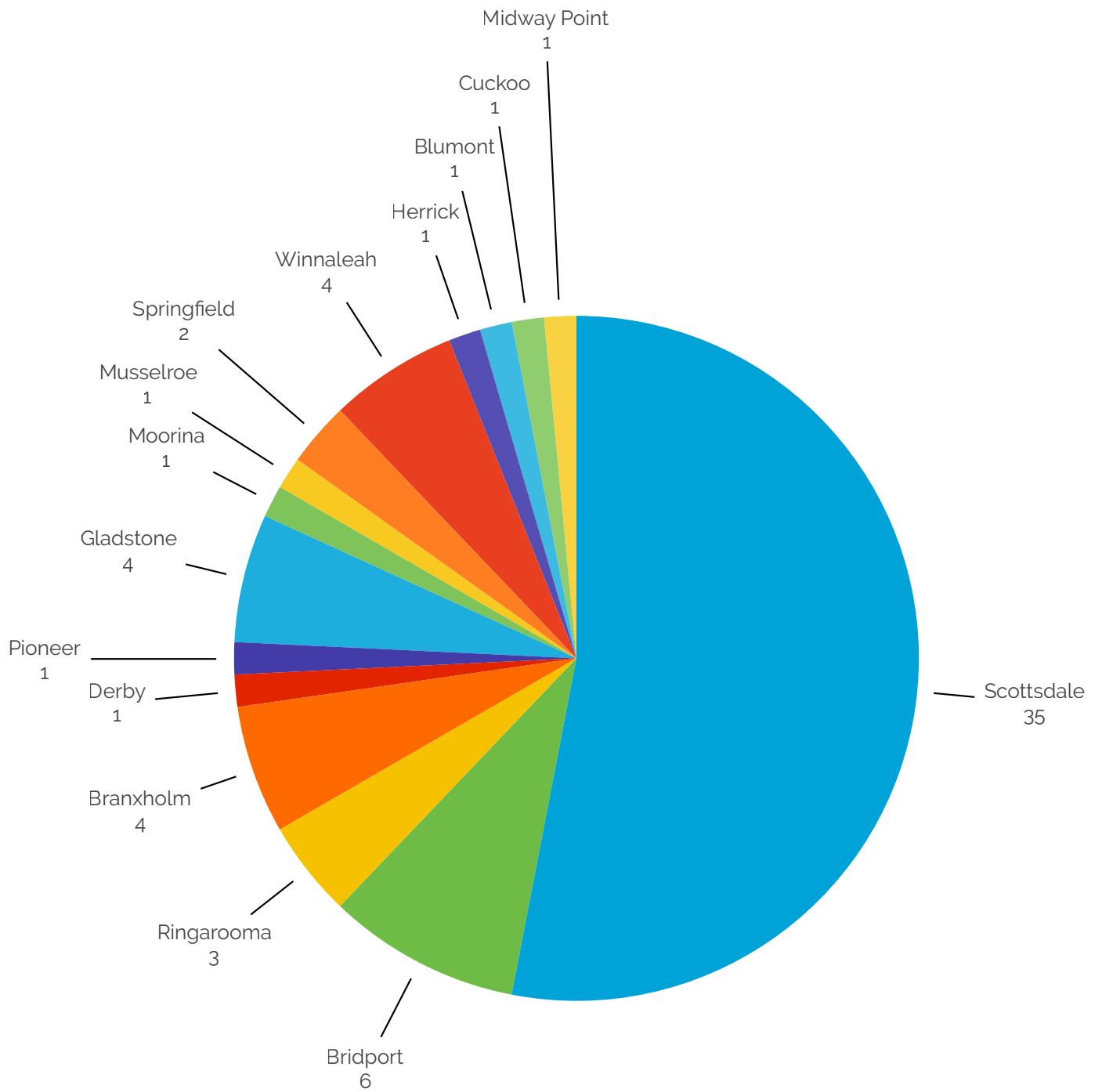
We closed the survey on Thursday the 17th of September with a prize draw of a \$50 master card that was offered to someone who filled out the survey. This was drawn live on our Facebook page. The prize has been shared with a very grateful winner.

A total of 66 surveys were completed – 51 online and 15 paper.

The Board of the Community House discussed the results of the survey at their meeting on the 29th of September 2020. The Board has decided that the two priority areas for our work this year will be 'Outreach to towns outside Scottsdale and Bridport' and 'Activities and Services for Young People.' This will not impact on any of the great services that the House already offers to the Community. We will just be putting some fresh energy and enthusiasm into these initiatives.

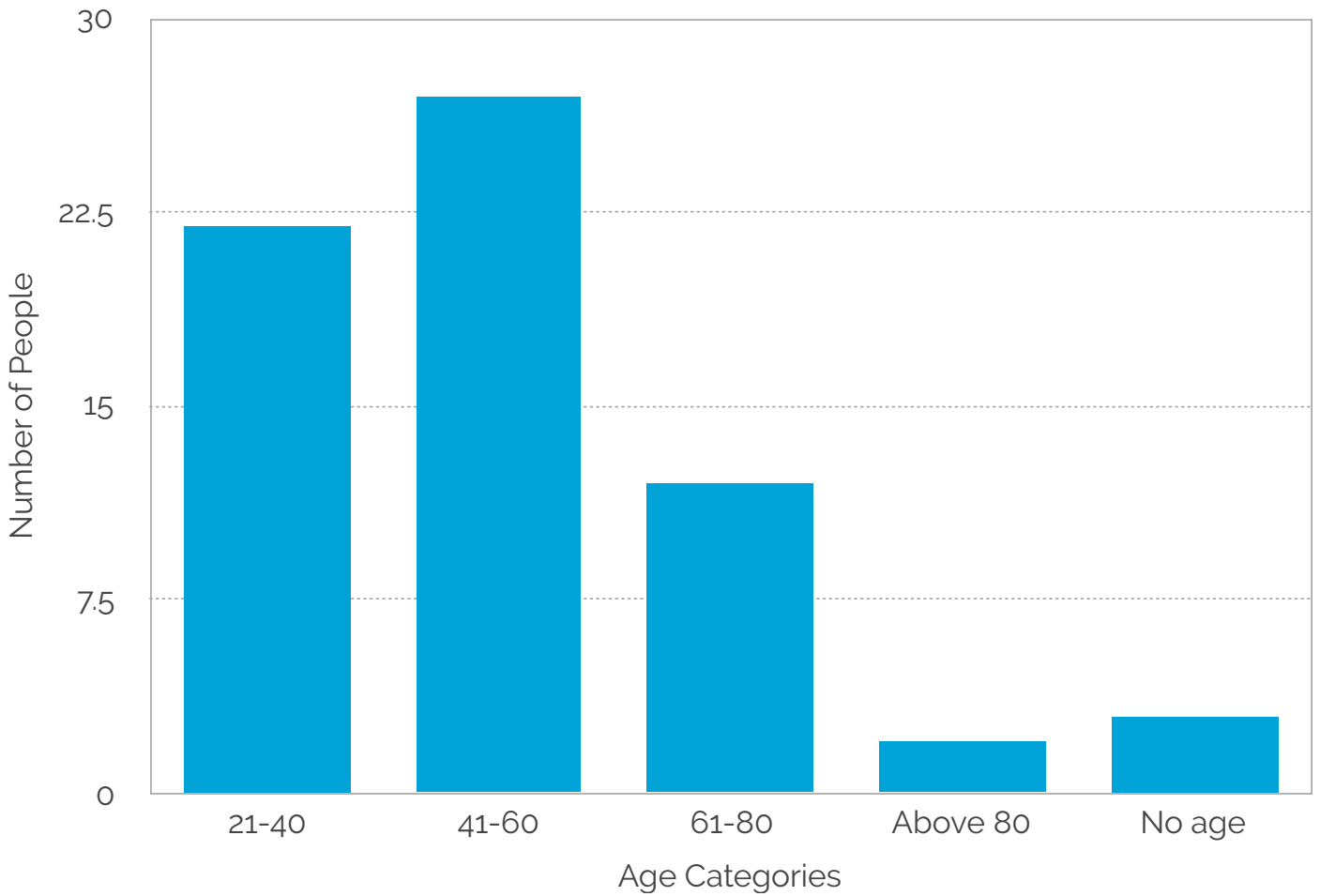


# Town Breakdown

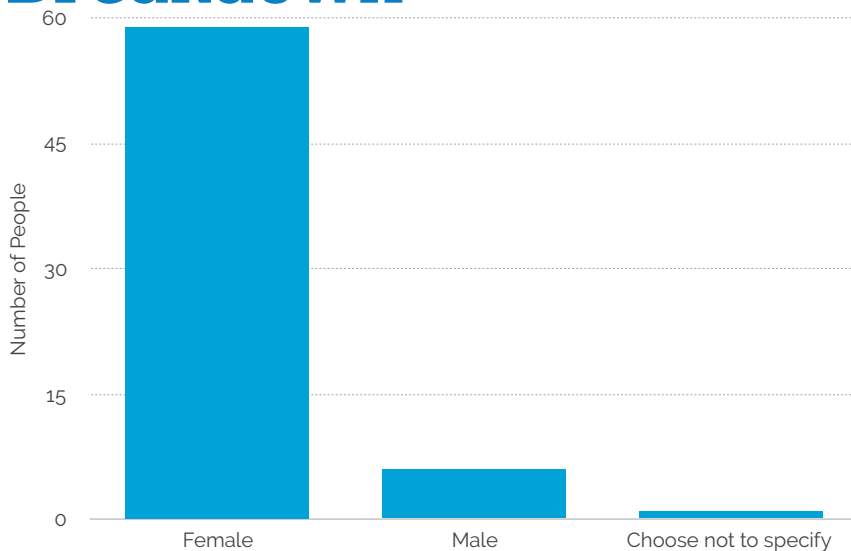




## Age Groups



## Gender Breakdown





## What things do you value (like) about the Dorset Community?

Great community spirit

Help & support when needed

Everything

Relaxed lifestyle

Fresh fruit & vegetables

Beach & bush

Natural environment

Small population

Support for children

The atmosphere

Peaceful

Generous community

Dorset's beauty

Friendliness & kindness

Sports culture

Hard working people

Services available

Safety

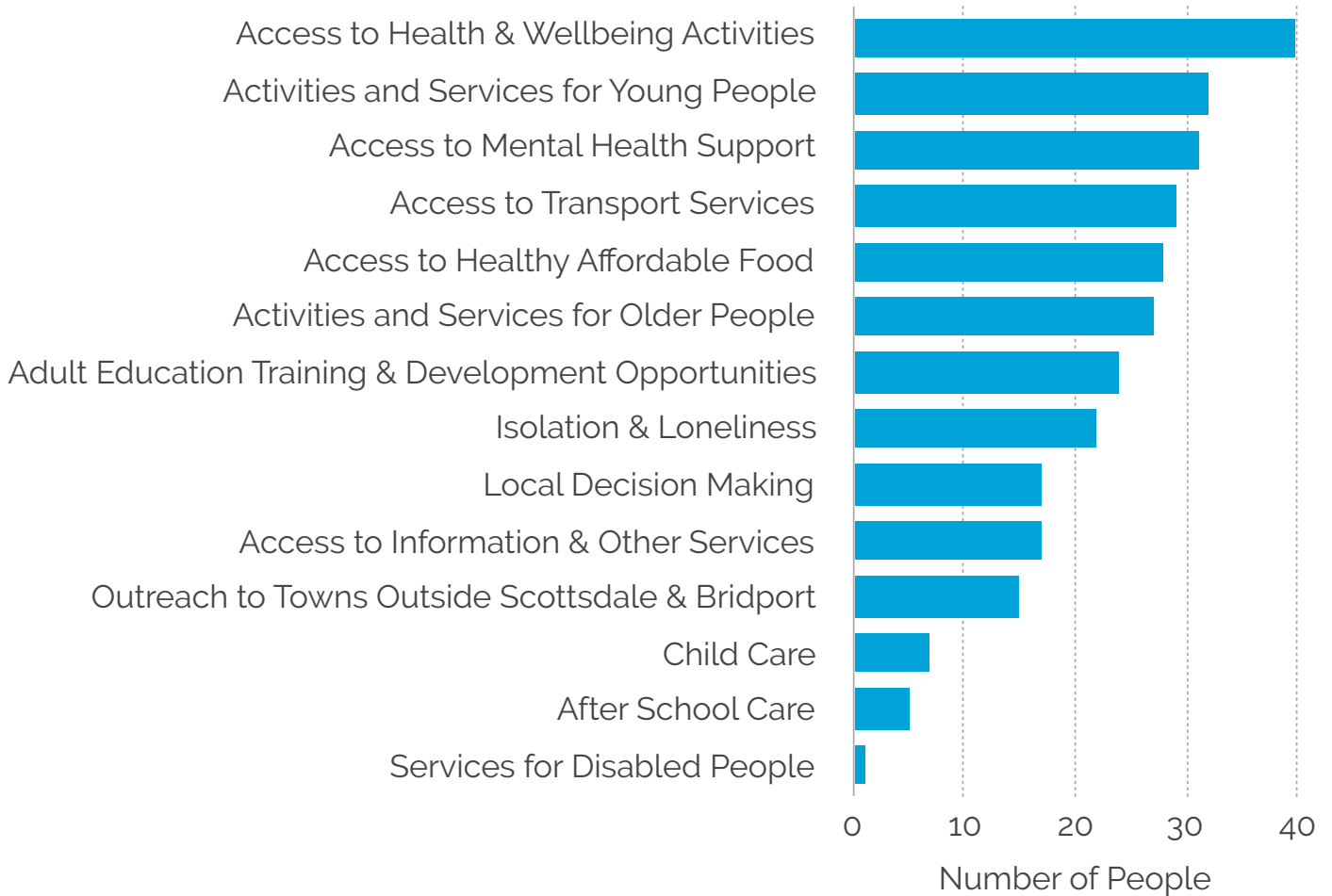


## What are the most significant challenges in the Dorset Community?

- Employment/unemployment
- Travel for medical appointments
- Isolation
- Re-building the economy
- Local Government (X3)
- Nepotism/boy's club
- Services to outlying communities
- Crime
- Rubbish collection should be weekly
- Healthcare and medical services including Psychologist
- Support & activities for children & youth
- Inclusion
- Funding
- Inward looking
- Housing availability and affordability
- Cost of food & utilities
- Child friendly activities
- Team sport opportunities
- Population
- Lack of outreach facilities for disabled
- Weekend activities
- Tourist attractions
- Regular Doctors
- Toxic mindsets
- Progression
- Safety
- Aging population
- COVID-19
- Shady trees in parks and streets, landscaping
- Walkways through the town and railway
- Poverty



# Select the FIVE most important issues to you.





## What are the Community's unmet needs or opportunities?

- Nothing for young kids
- More support and facilities for disabled
- Scottsdale monthly market
- Second Doctor's surgery /bulk billing/regular Doctors
- Info on what's happening in community
- Trains/Railway into Scottsdale
- Outreach staff
- Tourist attractions
- Compassionate pharmacist
- Mental health services
- Inclusive groups for support/friendship for all ages
- Travel
- Employment/unemployment/training
- Bingo
- Caring Council
- Book sharing facility
- Seed exchange
- Intergenerational connections
- Parkways/walkways
- Isolation
- Income help for elderly
- Activities
- Public transport
- Emergency medicine
- Needs not being listened to
- Cooking classes/sewing lessons
- Down-stream processing
- Day care centre
- Transport for sick and elderly





## What are the Community's unmet needs or opportunities?

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- Education on agriculture and arial spraying
- Activities for Seniors Week
- Affordable Housing
- Skill building group for community members in a relaxing style and affordable
- Group trips
- Happy hour
- Old time dances
- Youth group





## What does Dorset Community House do well that it should continue?

- Giving to the community/supporting the community
- Playgroup
- Helping people in need
- Access to food – Loaves & Fishes
- Local vegetables
- Everything
- Free services to the community
- Friendly staff who don't judge
- A central place where people can work cooperatively to support each other
- All current activities
- It's an awesome House
- Always willing to help
- Not sure it is needed
- Community Garden
- Safe meeting place
- Transport
- Eating With Friends
- Visiting services



## What does Dorset Community House do that it could change or do better?

- Volunteers to do working bees to finish projects at the House
- Intergenerational activities – mix of all ages
- Do something for people outside of Scottsdale
- More volunteer drivers
- Work more closely with other social support agencies
- More activity days
- More information to the community, not everyone is on Facebook
- Advertise its services
- Outreach to other towns
- Weekly segment in the North Eastern Advertiser
- Designated area for youth
- Meetings for socialising
- Sausage sizzle, walking days and outings
- School holiday workshops



# Are you interested in learning more about the Dorset Community House?

