

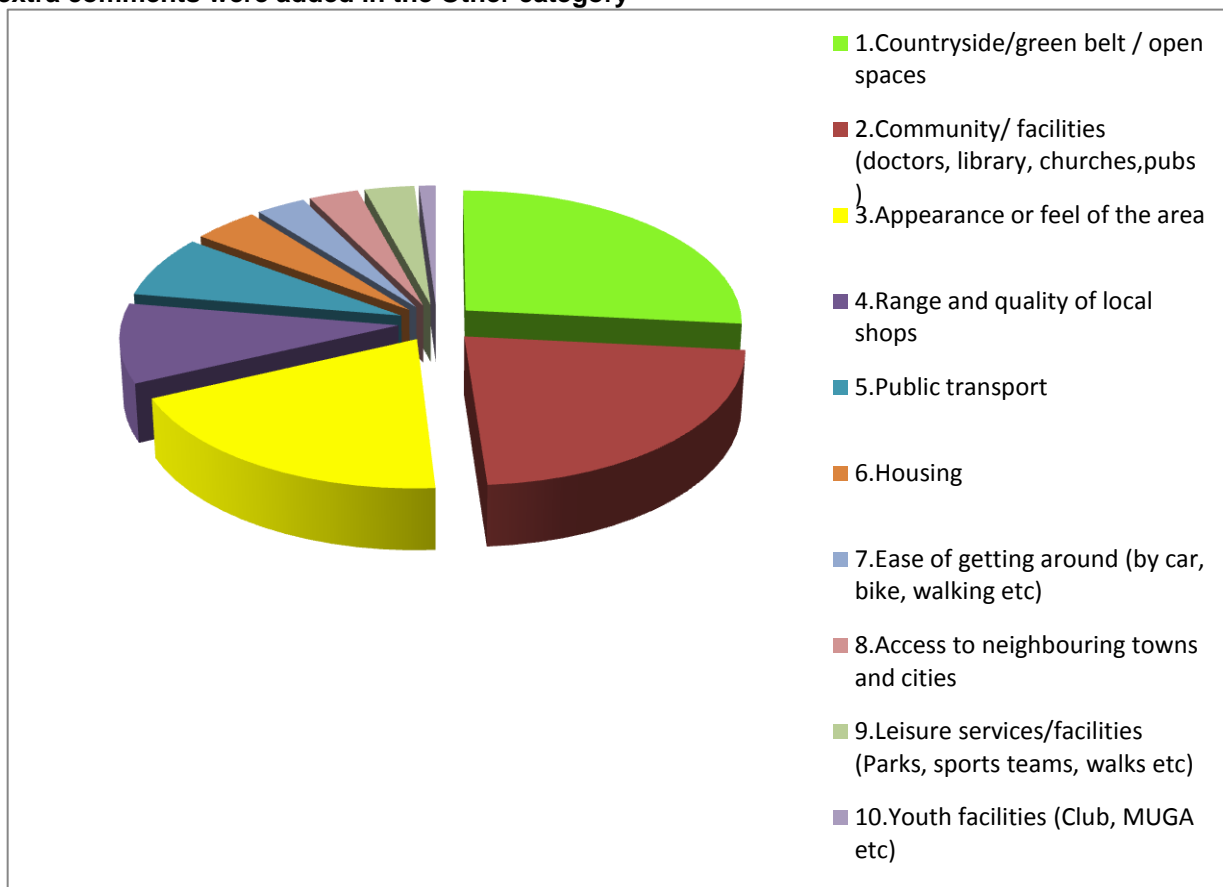
On 23rd November 2011, a presentation on the Government's aims for Localism and Neighbourhood Planning was made to the community, jointly by the Parish Council and the Village Society.

A short survey was carried out during the evening...attendees were asked to judge good features and areas for improvement in the Parish. A summary of results follows.

What do you value most about Alvechurch Parish ?

	VOTES	% OF 94
1.Countryside/green belt / open spaces	25	26.60%
2.Community/ facilities (doctors, library, churches,pubs)	21	22.34%
3.Appearance or feel of the area	18	19.15%
4.Range and quality of local shops	9	9.57%
5.Public transport	7	7.45%
6.Housing	4	4.26%
7.Ease of getting around (by car, bike, walking etc)	3	3.19%
8.Access to neighbouring towns and cities	3	3.19%
9.Leisure services/facilities (Parks, sports teams, walks etc)	3	3.19%
10.Youth facilities (Club, MUGA etc)	1	1.06%
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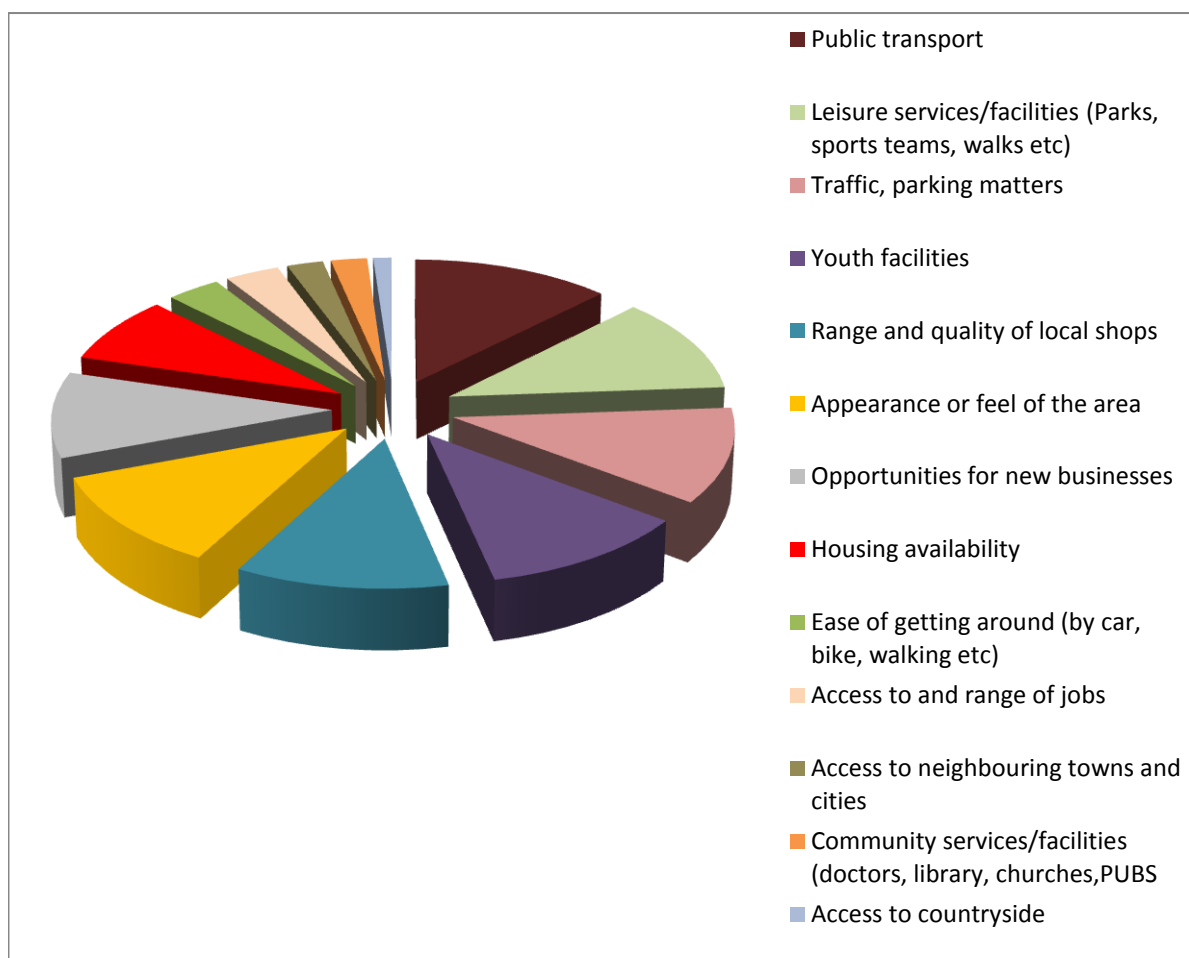
No extra comments were added in the Other category



It is evident that the main thoughts of the community lie with the countryside and green belt protection and maintaining essential services relating to health and leisure. Appearance and retail are the next important considerations, followed by transport and then housing, ending with access to other areas and other leisure and sports pursuits, with youth club and other youth facilities also worthy of a mention from this small survey.

What would you most want to improve ?

	Votes	% OF 88
Public transport	11	12.50%
Leisure services/facilities (Parks, sports teams, walks etc)	10	11.36%
Traffic, parking matters	10	11.36%
Youth facilities	10	11.36%
Range and quality of local shops	10	11.36%
Appearance or feel of the area	10	11.36%
Opportunities for new businesses	9	10.23%
Housing availability	7	7.95%
Ease of getting around (by car, bike, walking etc)	3	3.41%
Access to and range of jobs	3	3.41%
Access to neighbouring towns and cities	2	2.27%
Community services/facilities (doctors, library, churches,PUBS)	2	2.27%
Access to countryside	1	1.14%
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Improvement seems to be based on transport issues, and alternative solutions. Youth facilities score highly in this section, as do parking issues. Retail outlets figure well as does the desire for opportunities for business. The remainder of comments being less specific suggesting that these are adequately catered for.