

Report of the Survey of Parents' Views on Travelling to Schools in Haddenham



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Executive Summary

- 30% of families whose children attend Haddenham schools, more than 100 families, live outside Haddenham and are driven into the village; there are no school buses
- 36% of all children (and 18% of those living in Haddenham) are driven all or partway to school
- There was 79% support for a 20 mph limit throughout the village and a further 17% support for a 20 mph speed limit on some roads in Haddenham
- Parents report that vehicles are travelling too fast for conditions on the road
- Parents find it difficult to get their children to school safely, because of the narrowness and condition of the pavements or because there is no pavement at all e.g. Aston Road
- Since lockdown, with many parents working from home, more children have walked or cycled to school
- 59 families in Haddenham have tried cycling and found it too dangerous to continue
- Some Haddenham roads, e.g. Thame Road, Churchway roundabouts and Stanbridge Road, are difficult to cross, either because of the speed of the traffic on straight roads, or because of poor sight lines
- Potholes on roads and pavements make travel difficult for children on bikes and scooters and for their parents with buggies

Overall, parents are concerned that it is difficult and sometimes dangerous to travel on foot, bike and scooter to our schools; therefore some locals drive cars instead.



Introduction

The increase in traffic on village roads, as well as the climate crisis, make it urgent for us to reduce car use in the village, so ultimately we need to know from all members of the village community, what the obstacles are to achieving this. Haddenham Safe Walking & Cycling Group decided to start with parents whose children travel to our village schools.

Angela Matthews and I worked with all three village primary schools. We would like to thank Rebecca Richardson at Haddenham St Mary's, Emma Lister at Haddenham Community Infant School and Andy Leach and his team at Haddenham Community Junior School, together with all the parents who took the time to complete the survey.

In the past, six similar surveys¹ have been carried out by Angela between 2004 and 2017 using only HCJS parents. This was the first ever travel survey for parents at all three Haddenham schools. It took place from Oct 20th to Nov 20th 2020 before the current lockdown but while many parents were working from home. Survey Legend *www.surveylegend.com* was used so that it was easy for parents to reply on their phones; it also made analysis of the replies speedier.

There were exactly 200 responses to the survey. This gives a response rate of over 40%, which is a high response². We included this time topical issues such as a possible village-wide 20mph speed limit and the pop-up cycle lane along Thame Road. We also asked parents for their ideas for improvement in general, unconstrained by the specific questions.

There were ten questions and an analysis of the replies follows. The first nine questions were multiple choice. For the first three and for question 9 parents were asked to tick one option only but for the others they were asked to tick as many options as applied to them. Questions 3 to 9 also allowed space for a text reply to cover other options. Analysis of these text replies is in Appendix 2.

The final question asked parents for comments about reducing car use in travelling to school and/or improvements which the schools or councils could make to help walkers and cyclists. 95 parents took the trouble to add comments (47.5% of respondents). Although some of these were short, there were also some long comments where people felt very strongly about traffic issues in Haddenham. For a full analysis see Appendix 1. Significant comments made by more than one person are included in the main report.

I thank Angela unreservedly for her hard work in the thorough analysis of the results.

¹Results of earlier surveys available on request. Some very limited comparison is possible with the answers to the new survey

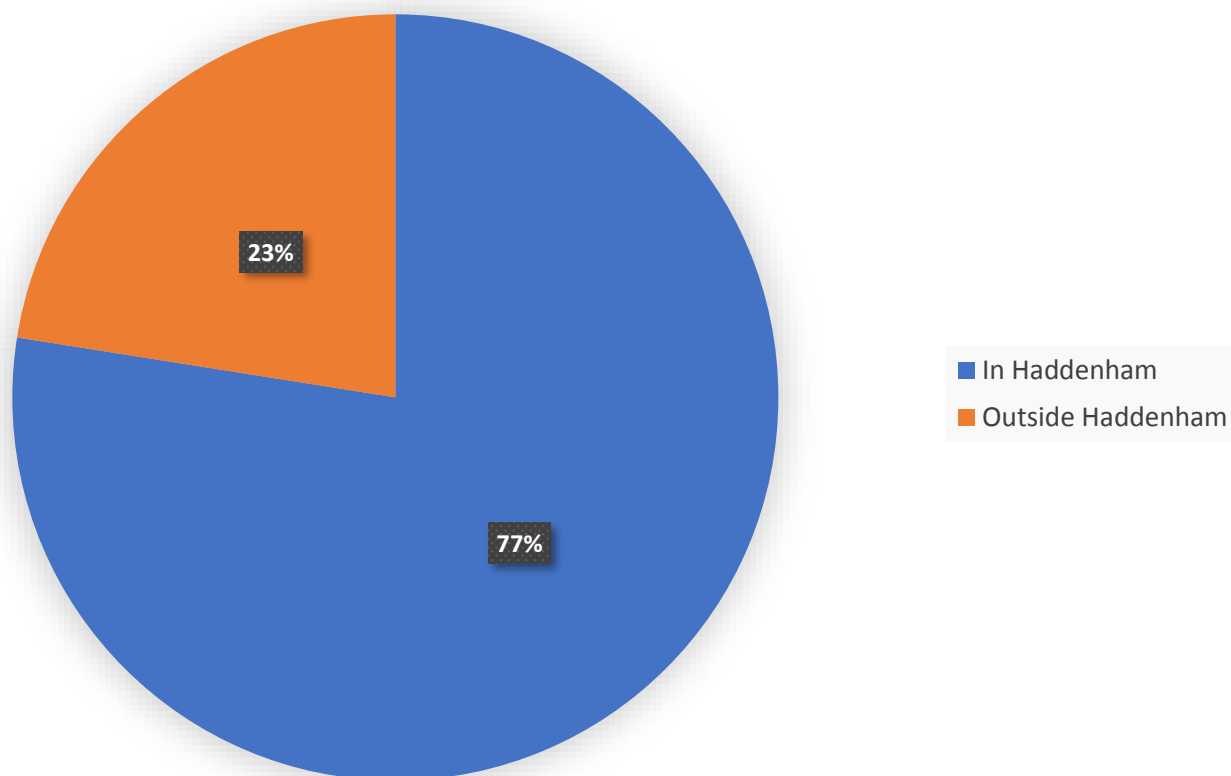
²This is assuming one response per family (nothing indicated that there were any families where more than one family member had responded).

Survey results

Q1 Where do you live?

		Answer	Responses	% of responses
	a	In Haddenham	155	77.5
	b	Outside Haddenham	45	22.5
		TOTAL	200	
		Answered 200/skipped 0		

Where do you live?



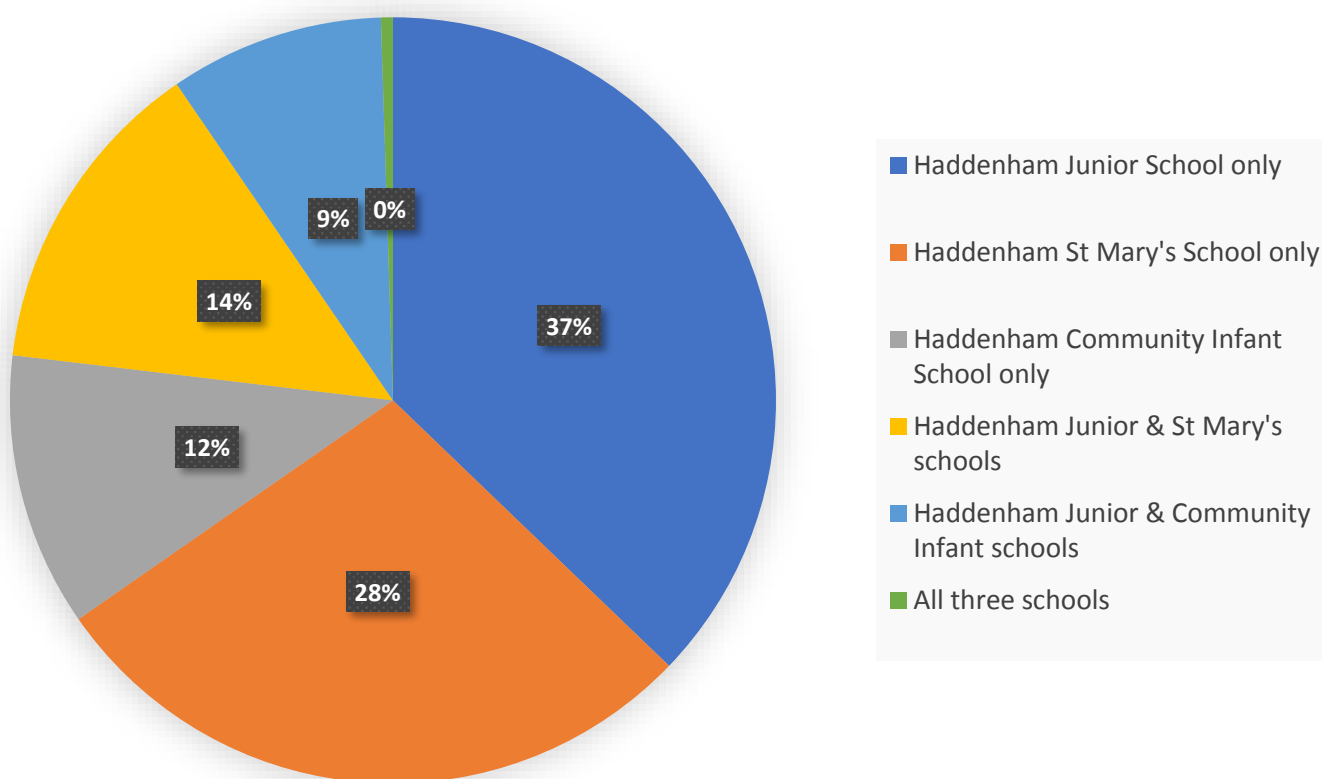
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1. 200 families represent more than 40% of the total at the three village schools.
2. Actual percentages living in and outside the village are approx. 70% and 30%, so the sample includes a higher proportion living in the village.
3. With the exception of one child who travels by bus and one child brought by transport provided by the LA, all children living outside the village are driven to Haddenham, though not necessarily all the way to school – see Q3 for further breakdown.

Q2 Which school(s) do your children attend?

	Answer	Responses	% of responses
a	Haddenham Junior School only	74	37.2
b	Haddenham St Mary's School only	56	28.1
c	Haddenham Community Infant School only	23	11.6
d	Haddenham Junior and St Mary's schools	27	13.6
e	Haddenham Junior and Community Infant schools	18	9.0
f	All three schools	1	0.5
	TOTAL	199	
	Answered 199/Skipped 1		

Which school(s) do you children attend?



NOTES

1. We can deduce that the sample represents at least 239 children but cannot be sure of the exact number. All we can say is that those ticking options a, b and c have at least one child at school, while those ticking e and f have at least two children at school in Haddenham.
2. One family stated that they had a child at all three village schools.

Q3 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your situation?

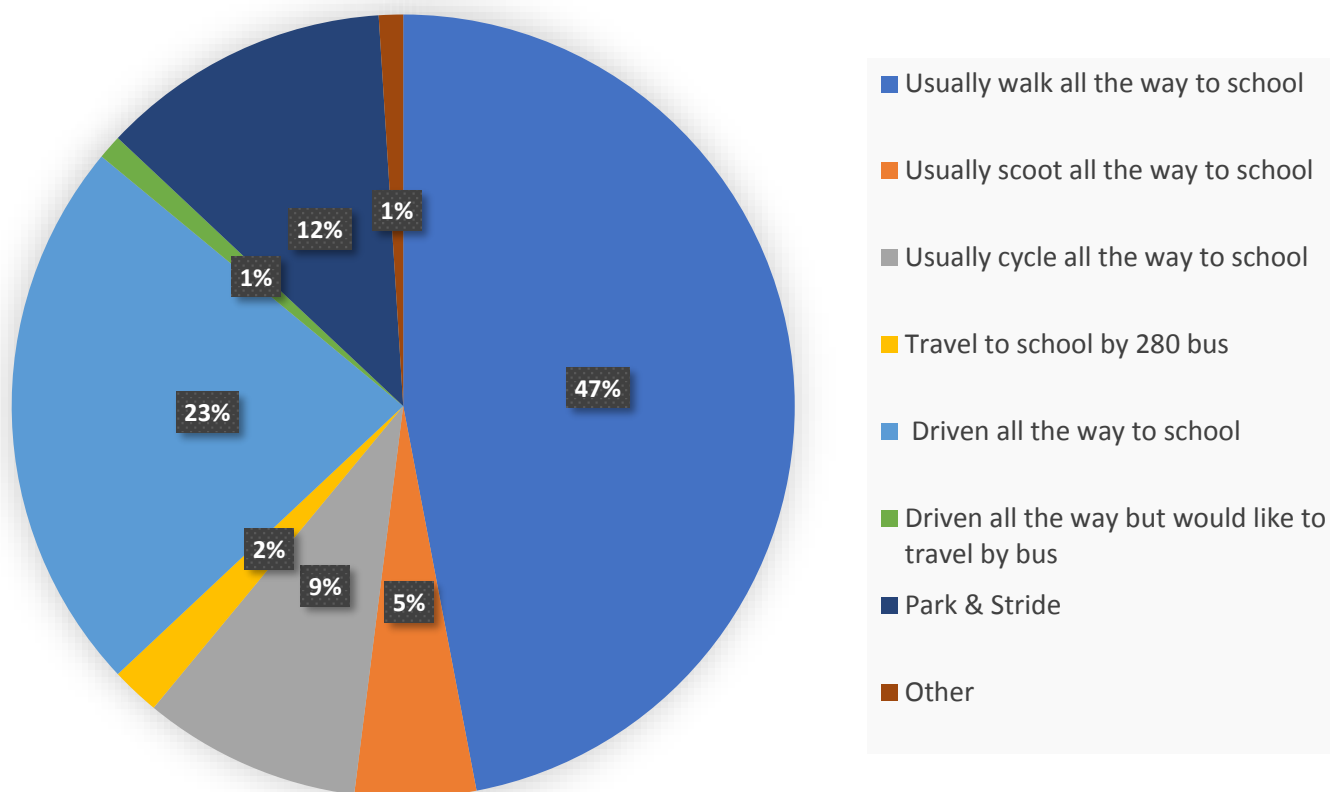
Please choose one option only.

		Answer	Total		Live IN Haddenham		Live OUTSIDE	
			Responses		Responses		Responses	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	a	My children usually walk all the way to school	93	47	93	61	0	0
	b	My children usually scoot all the way to school	11	5	11	7	0	0
	c	My children usually cycle all the way to school	18	9	18	12	0	0
	d	My children travel by public service bus (280) to school	3	2	2	1	1	2
	e	My children are driven all the way to school	45	23	16	10	29	65
	f	My children are driven all the way to school but I would like them to travel to school by bus	2	1	0	0	2	4
	g	My children are driven to a place away from school so they can walk or scoot the rest of the way (park & stride)	24	12	12	8	12	27
	h	My children travel to school by another form of transport	2	1	1	0	1	2
		TOTAL	198		153		45	
		Answered 198/Skipped 2						



One of the schools' popular Walk to School events

Which of the following statements most nearly represents your situation?



NOTES

1. The answers to Q3 show how children regularly travel to school. This does not mean that they travel this way every day and travel patterns can vary considerably over the week.
2. For children living outside Haddenham, 69% are driven all the way to school, 27% park & stride, 1 (2%) travels by bus and 1 (2%) in transport provided by the LA.
3. Corresponding figures for children living in Haddenham are -10% are regularly driven all the way to school, 8% park & stride and 2 children (1%) travel by bus. The rest walk, scoot or cycle and one is brought in a bike trailer.
4. Of the 16 people (10%) who live in Haddenham but drive their children all the way to school 10 go on to work and 3 are put off by other issues (2 say walking along Thame Rd feels unsafe and 1 mentions narrow pavements).
5. 12% of children living in Haddenham cycle to school. Compared with previous HCJS parent and child surveys this figure is high possibly reflecting lockdown and home-working - see analysis in Table 2, Appendix 1.
6. Cycling is usually popular between Easter and October half-term but few children cycle every day for the reasons set out in Q6.

Q4 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on walking and scooting in Haddenham?

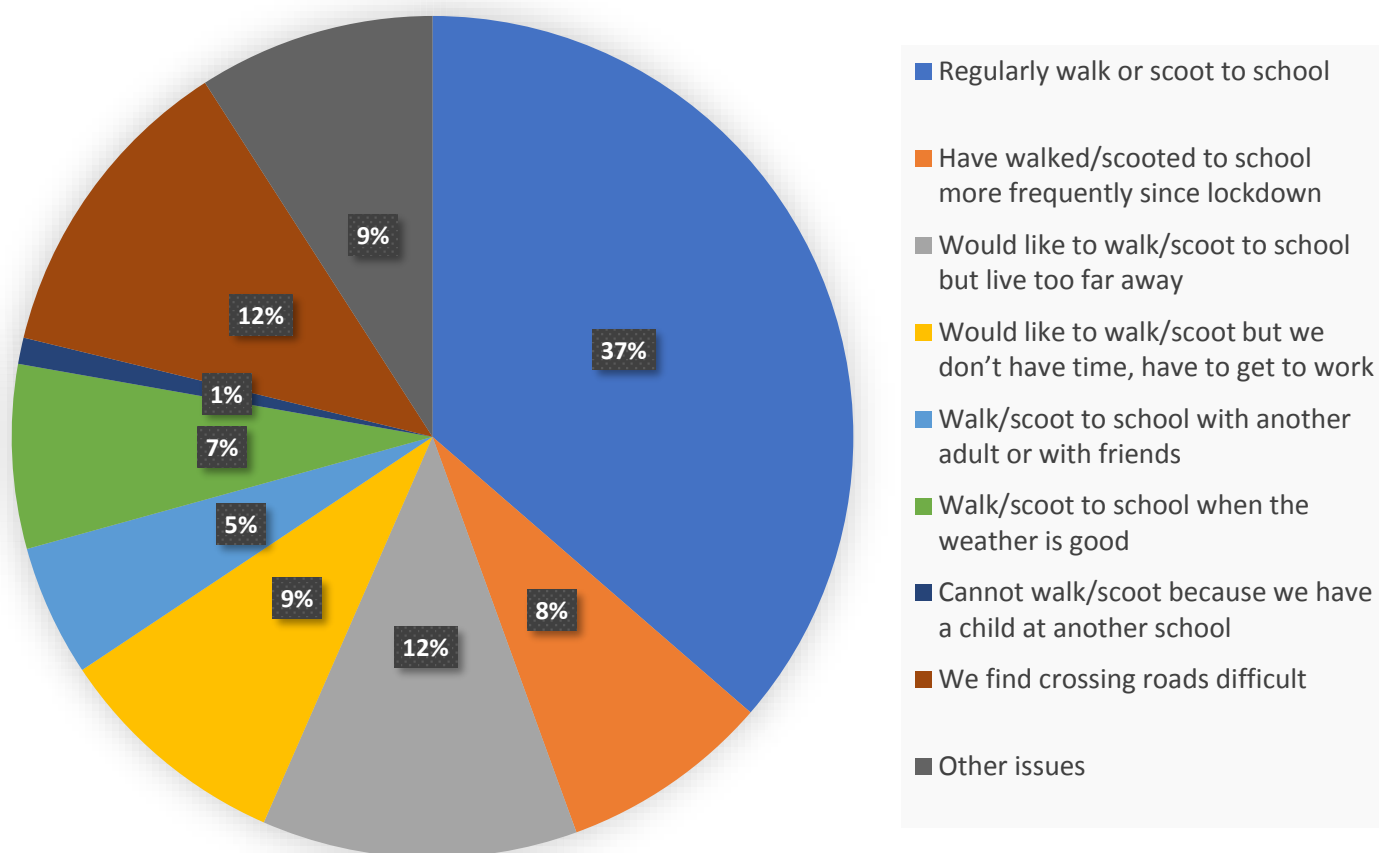
Please choose all options which apply to your family.

		Answer	Responses	
			No.	%
	a	My children regularly walk or scoot at least part of the way to school	109	37
	b	My children have walked/scooted to school more frequently since lockdown	24	8
	c	I would like my children to walk/scoot to school but we live too far away	35	12
	d	We would like to walk/scoot to school but we don't have time as I have to get to work	27	9
	e	My children walk/scoot to school with another adult or with friends	16	5
	f	We walk/scoot to school when the weather is good	22	7
	g	We would like to walk/scoot to school but cannot because we have a child at another school	4	1
	h	We find crossing roads difficult	37	12
	i	We would like to walk/scoot to school but are put off by other issues	28	9
		TOTAL	302	
		Answered 186/Skipped 14		



Campaigning for a zebra crossing on Woodways in October 2014

Views on walking and scooting in Haddenham



NOTES

1. Breakdown by whether living **IN** or **OUTSIDE** Haddenham is shown below.
2. Option a includes park & stride.
3. See comparison of questions 3 & 4 below.

Q4 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on walking and scooting in Haddenham?

Breakdown by whether living IN or OUTSIDE Haddenham

		Answer	Total		Live IN Haddenham		Live OUTSIDE	
			Responses		Responses		Responses	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	a	My children regularly walk or scoot at least part of the way to school	109	37	100	42	9	14
	b	My children have walked/scooted to school more frequently since lockdown	24	8	23	10	1	1
	c	I would like my children to walk/scoot to school but we live too far away	35	12	4	2	31	48
	d	We would like to walk/scoot to school but we don't have time as I have to get to work	27	9	17	7	10	15
	e	My children walk/scoot to school with another adult or with friends	16	5	16	7	0	0
	f	We walk/scoot to school when the weather is good	22	7	20	8	2	3
	g	We would like to walk/scoot to school but cannot because we have a child at another school	4	1	2	1	2	3
	h	We find crossing roads difficult	37	12	30	13	7	11
	i	We would like to walk/scoot to school but are put off by other issues	28	9	25	10	3	5
		TOTAL	302		237		65	
		Answered 186/Skipped 14						

Q4 continued

NOTES

1. Questions 3 and 4 ask slightly different questions. Q3 asked people to choose one option only so percentages relate to the number of people replying. Q4 asked people to choose all options applying to their family so the percentages relate to the number of responses.
2. Q4 option a includes walk, scoot and park & stride.
3. There are inconsistencies in the way people have answered both questions.
4. For the 4 people who live in Haddenham but say they live too far from school to walk 2 drive all the way (and parent goes on to work), 1 travels by bus and 1 ticked park & stride. The other person living in Haddenham and travelling by bus skipped Q4.
5. The breakdown of text responses for 4i 'other', is shown in Appendix 2. The two main reasons are - feel unsafe/Thame Rd feels unsafe/traffic too fast and poor pavements (too narrow, uneven, poor quality).



St Mary's Walk to School event

Q5 The most difficult roads to cross on foot are

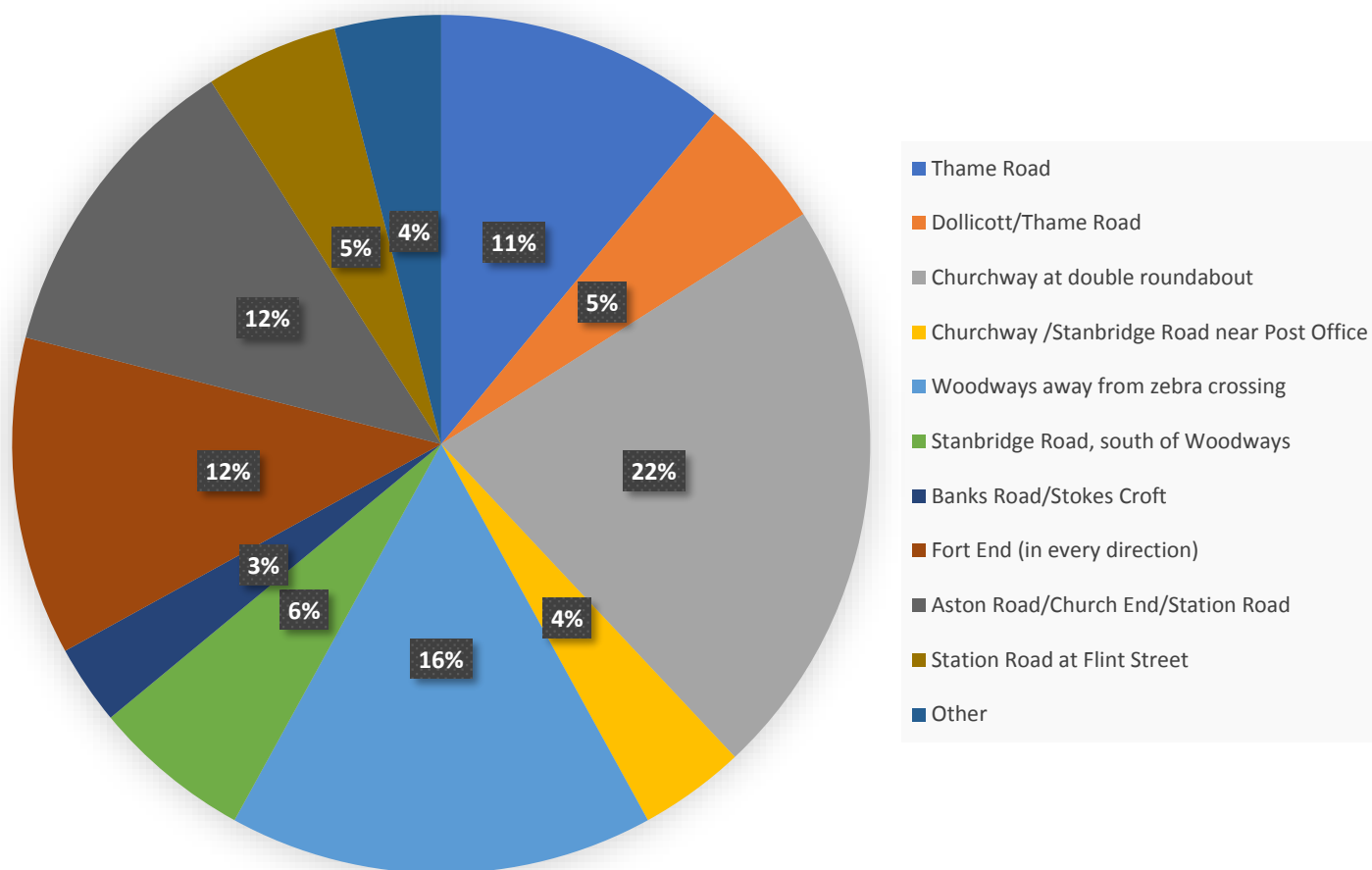
Please choose all options which apply to your family.

		Answer	Total		Live IN Haddenham	Live OUTSIDE
			Responses		Responses	Responses
			No.	%	Number	Number
	a	Thame Road	41	11	37	4
	b	Dollicott/Thame Road	20	5	18	2
	c	Churchway at double roundabout	82	22	72	10
	d	Churchway /Stanbridge Road near Post Office	13	4	12	1
	e	Woodways away from zebra crossing	57	16	47	10
	f	Stanbridge Road, south of Woodways	23	6	19	4
	g	Banks Road/Stokes Croft	11	3	10	1
	h	Fort End (in every direction)	45	12	40	5
	i	Aston Road/Church End/Station Road	45	12	31	14
	j	Station Road at Flint Street	18	5	15	3
	k	Others	13	4	10	3
		TOTAL	368		311	57
		Answered 169/Skipped 31				



Crossing Woodways away from the zebra crossing

The most difficult roads to cross on foot



NOTES

1. 85% of responses are from people living in Haddenham.
2. Churchway at the double roundabout stands out followed by Woodways, away from the zebra, Fort End and Thame Road.

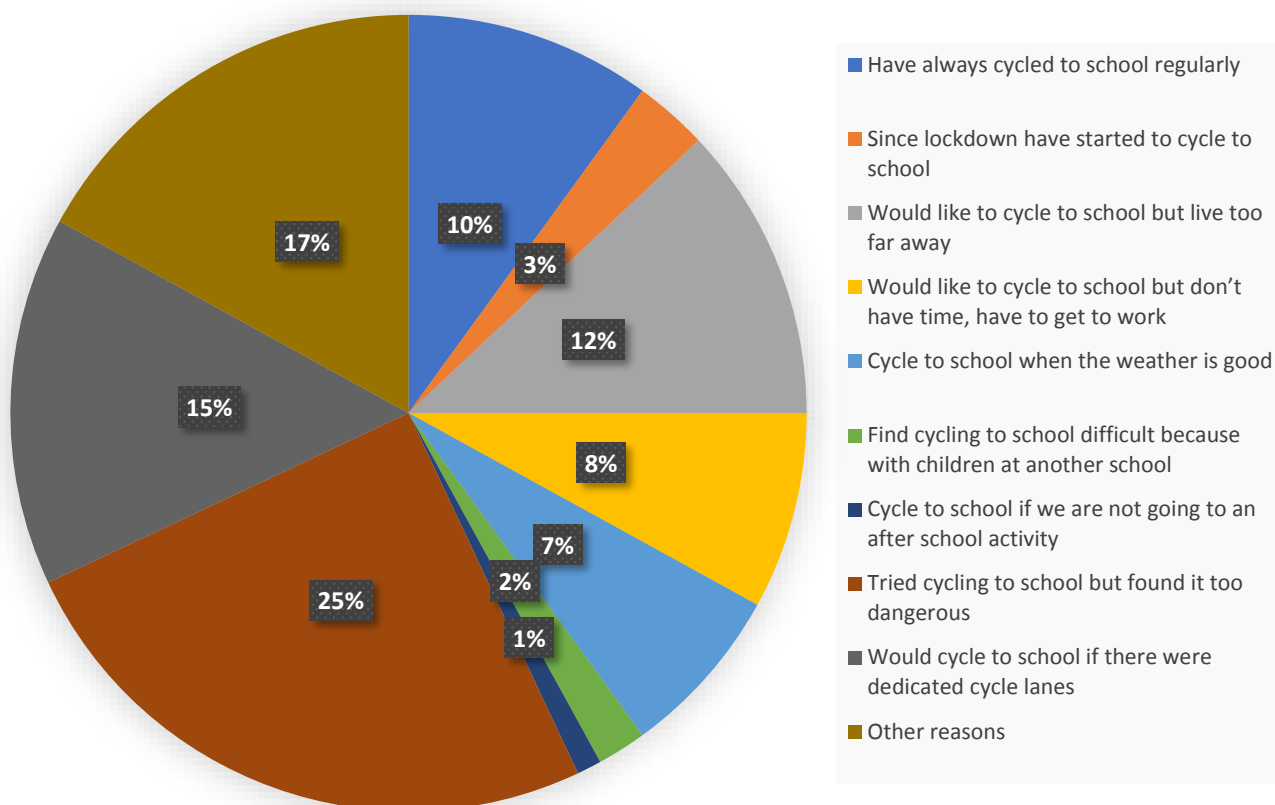
Q6 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on cycling in Haddenham?

Please choose all options which apply to your family.

	Answer	Responses	
		No.	%
a	My children have always cycled to school regularly	25	10
b	Since lockdown my children have started to cycle to school	8	3
c	I would like my children to cycle to school but we live too far away	29	12
d	I would like to cycle with my children to school but we don't have time as I have to get to work	19	8
e	We cycle to school when the weather is good	17	7
f	We find cycling to school difficult because we also have children at another school	5	2
g	We cycle to school if we are not going to an after school activity	3	1
h	We have tried cycling to school but have found it too dangerous	59	25
i	We would cycle to school if there were dedicated cycle lanes	37	15
j	We do not cycle to school for other reasons	41	17
	TOTAL	243	
	Answered 176/Skipped 24		



Views on cycling in Haddenham



Cycle snake to the Junior School with former Head Sue Lewin in March 2014

Q6 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on cycling in Haddenham?

Breakdown by whether living IN or OUTSIDE Haddenham

	Answer	Total		Live IN Haddenham		Live OUTSIDE	
		Responses		Responses		Responses	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
a	My children have always cycled to school regularly	25	10	25	14	0	0
b	Since lockdown my children have started to cycle to school	8	3	7	4	1	2
c	I would like my children to cycle to school but we live too far away	29	12	1	0	28	48
d	I would like to cycle with my children to school but we don't have time as I have to get to work	19	8	13	7	6	10
e	We cycle to school when the weather is good	17	7	14	8	3	5
f	We find cycling to school difficult because we also have children at another school	5	2	4	2	1	2
g	We cycle to school if we are not going to an after school activity	3	1	3	2	0	0
h	We have tried cycling to school but have found it too dangerous	59	25	56	30	3	5
i	We would cycle to school if there were dedicated cycle lanes	37	15	28	15	9	16
j	We do not cycle to school for other reasons	41	17	34	18	7	12
	TOTAL	243		185		58	
	Answered 176/Skipped 24						

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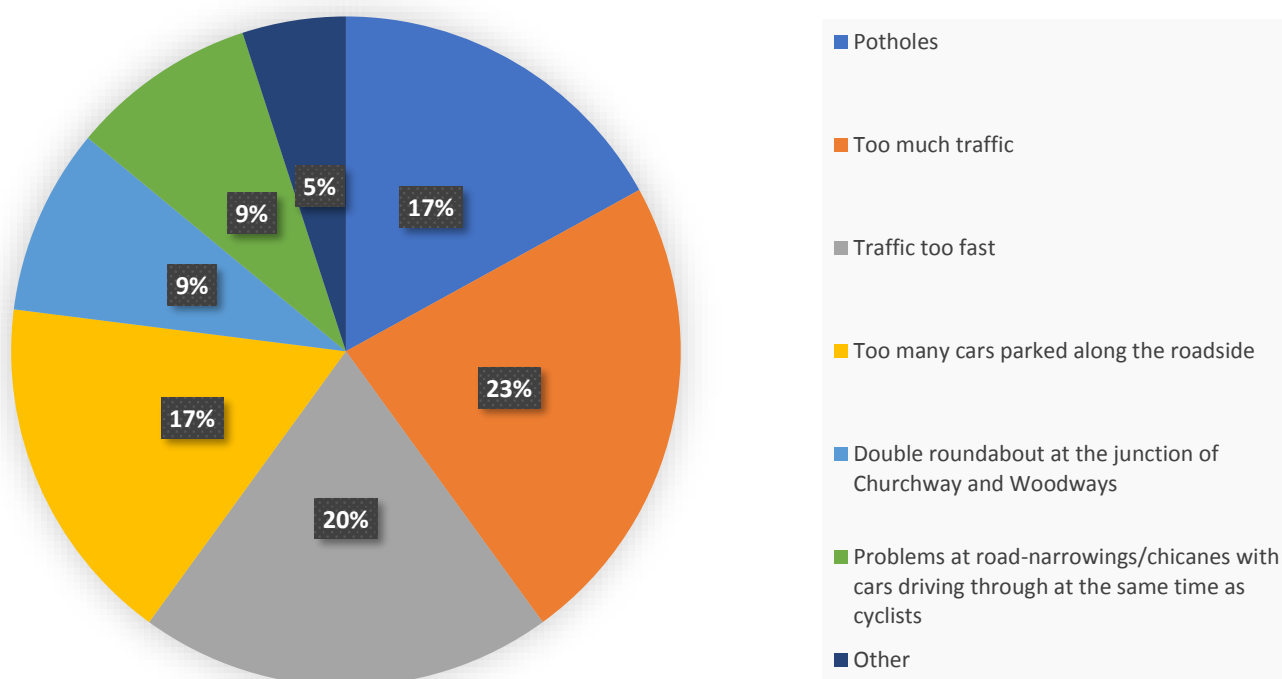
- Options a, b, e and g show people who cycle to school at least some of the time and represents 23% of responses from people living in Haddenham (excluding double-counting). As explained in the notes to Q3, this is a high percentage.
- 4 people living outside Haddenham do cycle in occasionally and another 3 have tried it.
- The main reason given for not cycling is that it is too dangerous (25% responses) and a further 15% of responses indicated people would start cycling if there were dedicated cycle lanes see also Q7.
- The breakdown of text responses for 6j 'other', is shown in Appendix 2. The two main reasons are - families live close to the school/children prefer to walk and safety fears (unsafe, dangerous roads/too much traffic or traffic too fast).

Q7 Which dangers most discourage you and your family from cycling to school?

Please choose all options which apply to your family.

		Answer	Responses	
			No.	%
	a	Potholes	83	17
	b	Too much traffic	110	23
	c	Traffic too fast	96	20
	d	Too many cars parked along the roadside	82	17
	e	Double roundabout at the junction of Churchway and Woodways	44	9
	f	Problems at road-narrowings/chicanes with cars driving through at the same time as cyclists	42	9
	g	Others	22	5
		TOTAL	479	
		Answered 163/Skipped 37		

Which dangers most discourage you and your family from cycling to school?



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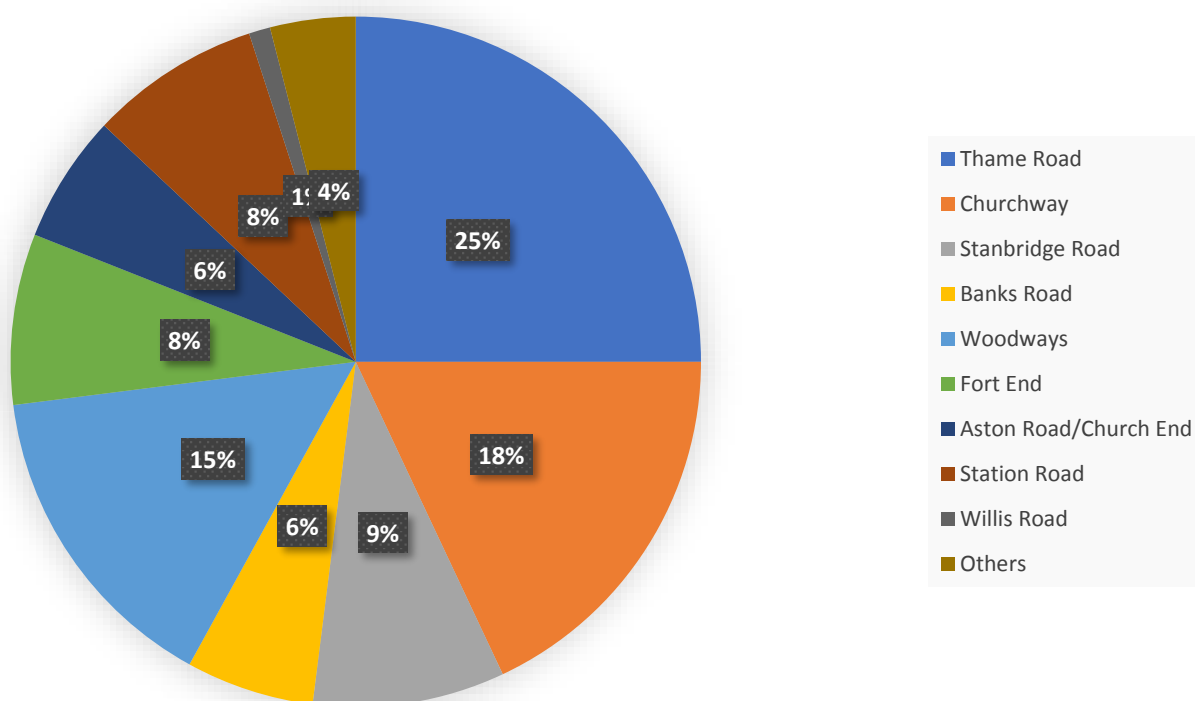
1. There is quite a lot of overlap between questions 6 and 7. Question 7 highlights safety issues which we know from previous surveys are a concern.
2. The breakdown of text responses for 7g 'other', is shown in Appendix 2. The main category was from people outside Haddenham who have no safe cycling route into Haddenham.

Q8 The most difficult roads to cycle on are

Please choose all options which apply to your family.

		Answer	Responses	
			No.	%
	a	Thame Road	87	25
	b	Churchway	61	18
	c	Stanbridge Road	29	9
	d	Banks Road	22	6
	e	Woodways	53	15
	f	Fort End	28	8
	g	Aston Road/Church End	22	6
	h	Station Road	28	8
	i	Willis Road	3	1
	j	Others	12	4
		TOTAL	345	
		Answered 146/Skipped 54		

The most difficult roads to cycle on



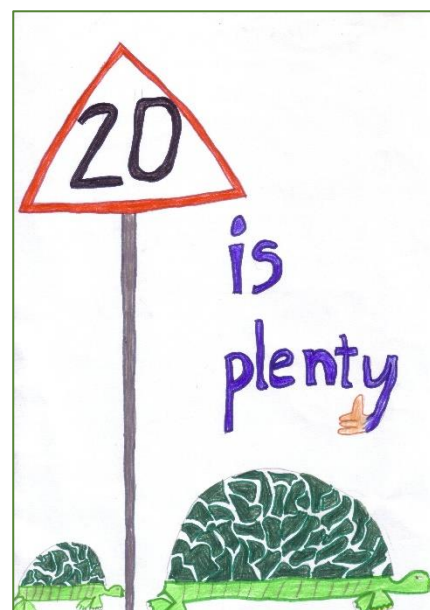
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Thame Road, Churchway and Woodways are most mentioned

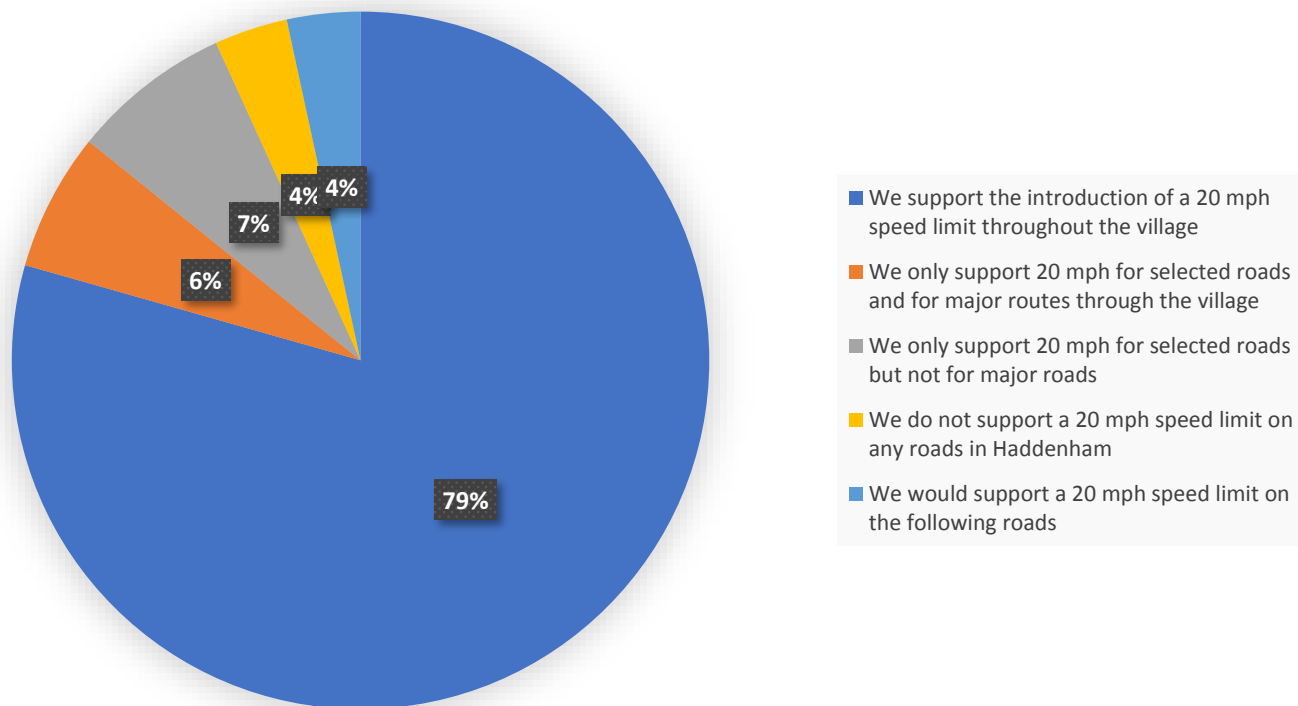
Q9 Do you support the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Haddenham?

Please choose one option only.

			Total		Live IN Haddenham	Live OUTSIDE
			Responses		Responses	Responses
		Answer	No.	%	No.	No.
	a	We support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit throughout the village	139	79.4	114	25
	b	We only support the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit for selected roads and for major routes through the village	11	6.4	9	2
	c	We only support the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit for selected roads but not for major roads	13	7.4	7	6
	d	We do not support a 20 mph speed limit on any roads in Haddenham	6	3.4	2	4
	e	We would support a 20 mph speed limit on the following roads	6	3.4	6	0
		TOTAL	175		138	37
		Answered 175/Skipped 25				



Q9 continued



NOTES

1. 79% of replies are from Haddenham residents. This is not exactly the same group of people in favour of 20 mph throughout the village and it is purely co-incidental that the percentages are the same.
2. A surprisingly large percentage of parents living outside Haddenham support 20 mph throughout the village



20 mph speed limit is very popular with parents

Q10 Please comment about reducing car use for travelling to school and/or improvements which the schools or councils could make to help walkers and cyclists

95 people wrote comments each reflecting their own particular issues with travel to school and each comment was quite different from the others. All comments were read (several times) very carefully to get a feel for the main issues that concern parents. In some cases the comments amplified answers given in earlier sections, particularly in support of 20 mph throughout the village (12 repetitions). Other comments were quite individual.

Comments also varied considerably in length from 5 words to 179 words. It was not possible to word count all of them, so the comment length in centimetres was used as a proxy – see Table 3 in Appendix 1. 63% were quite short, 5% very long and 32% intermediate. The length of the comments did not necessarily reflect the number of issues raised. For example, one of the shortest comments (8 words) mentioned three different issues, whereas the longest (179 words) covered a range of issues on one subject, problems getting from the new development next to the Garden Centre to St Mary's School.

Most comments covered more than one topic and altogether 235 different issues were identified with broad themes emerging. This enabled an analysis to be carried out – see Table 1 in Appendix 1. This approach was used in the six previous Junior School surveys, although this time the range of issues was expanded to cover the whole village.

The overall impression is that a lot of people would like to walk or cycle but consider the situation in Haddenham does not encourage it and, particularly for cyclists, is quite dangerous, as can be seen from Table 1 in Appendix 1. The issues that stood out were –

- The traffic is too fast and the driving aggressive
- A 20 mph speed limit is needed throughout the village
- There is too much traffic in the village and new developments are causing more e.g. by being too far from schools
- Safer cycle routes and more dedicated cycle lanes are needed
- Cycling on village roads is dangerous and some children cycle on the pavement
- Potholes deter people from cycling
- People will not cycle from outside the village unless safe cycle routes are provided
- Pavements are too narrow or poor quality
- Pavements are needed for Aston Road and Stanbridge Road south of the Garden Centre
- There are many parking issues and some suggestions - Church End is particularly bad
- More safe crossing points are needed in the village and 6 parents asked for a School Crossing Patrol at the Woodways/Churchway junction or Church End
- In addition to strong support for 20 mph speed limits in the village, 6 parents said they would like streets around the school (Woodways and Church End) to be closed at school drop-off and pick-up times
- Lockdown and working from home have led to more people walking and cycling to school

- Only 2 people mentioned pollution problems from traffic (one in connection with people sitting in cars with the engines idling) and only one person referred to the climate crisis.

The Parents' Survey was sent out just as the new pop-up cycle lane was installed, with the new advisory 20 mph speed limit from the station to the Junior school. It is worth remembering that both emerged one day with no warning or explanation. In fact one of the comments about the 20 mph speed limit (which the writer supported) was that the signs '... are small and look temporary/like a trial..'!

Parents had very little time to get used to the new arrangements before completing the survey so it is perhaps not surprising that a lot of parents commented about the trial but it should be remembered that these were 'first impressions'. It might be interesting for the Council to ask their opinions when the trial ends.

Two people commented about the trial 20 mph speed limit, both in favour.

Eighteen parents commented about the trial cycle lane. The trial has given people the idea that cycle lanes might be possible, so some people, while not in favour of the current arrangement, actually wanted it improved. One of the main complaints was that cars still pass each other while driving too close to cyclists (close passing).

Seven people made negative comments only, while three people were in favour of the current arrangement and one wanted the cycle lane improved. Three people wanted cycle lanes in both directions, two people suggested other routes and two were ambivalent. It was quite a complex picture.



Conclusions

30% of families whose children attend Haddenham schools, more than 100 families, live outside Haddenham and are driven into the village (Appendix 3). We thus have a problem about how to reduce this influx of vehicles on our roads - school buses?- and about where the cars should park considerately - dedicated car park?- because at the moment the influx and the parking cause problems for other parents in crossing roads and in cycling safely.

Parents are concerned about the speed of traffic and there is wide support among them for a 20 mph speed limit.

Some Haddenham roads e.g. Thame Road, Fort End, Stanbridge Road and the Churchway roundabouts are difficult to cross, either because of the speed of the traffic on straight roads, or because of poor sight lines or parked cars.

Parents find it difficult to get their children to school safely for many reasons but the width and condition of the pavements are currently of particular concern. At school times the pavements are crowded and users are travelling at different speeds; anyone who has pushed a buggy with a 3 year old hanging on the handle or dawdling behind and a schoolchild on a scooter ahead is aware of the enormity of the task on a wide pavement. On our narrow pavements it becomes dangerous, as people are forced to step onto the road.

Potholes on roads and pavements are an additional hazard, particularly when they are full of water and pedestrians get soaked.

A great majority of parents think that cycling on the road for any of their children is too dangerous and the narrowness of the pavements makes cycling on them, even for small children, very difficult. 59 families have tried cycling to school and stopped because of the dangers. They want improvements to the environment to enable safe cycling to school.

Thus it is no surprise that 36% of all children (and 18% of those living in Haddenham) are driven all or partway to school. Furthermore much of the new housing is distant from village schools (especially Aspen Park) and this makes it difficult for families with young children to complete the long journey on foot. The absence of dedicated paths for walking and cycling from these estates to our schools intensifies the problems facing parents.

This survey shows that Haddenham needs urgent help in making the village a safe place for our younger generation, in particular, and for all of us who wish to travel on our feet, in our wheelchairs, on our scooters, our mobility scooters, and on our bikes round our beautiful village.

Cynthia Floud and Angela Matthews

February 2021

APPENDIX 1: Analysis of Q10 comments

Table 1: Common themes

Theme	Comments	Number	Total	% of 235
1) Traffic issues	a) Amount of traffic - too high	7		
	b) Speed of traffic - too fast/aggressive	17		
	c) Better enforcement needed	2		
	d) Other	3		
	Total		29	12
2) Walking issues	a) Pavements too narrow	7		
	b) Pavements poor quality	4		
	c) Need pavement on Aston Road	8		
	d) Need pavements in Church End area	5		
	e) Need pavement on Stanbridge Road, south of Garden Centre	1		
	f) Need safer walking routes to school	3		
	g) Introduce walking bus	2		
	h) Too much dog poo	1		
	i) Other	5		
	Total		36	15
3) Cycling issues	a) Need safer cycle routes to school/cycle lanes	14		
	b) Roads too dangerous for children to cycle on	6		
	c) Roads too dangerous, child cycles on pavement	3		
	d) Potholes in road deter people from cycling	8		
	e) Cycling from outside village too dangerous, safe routes needed (4 mention that a cycle route to Thame is needed)	6		
	f) Speed bumps difficult for children	1		
	g) More cycle training needed	2		
	h) Other	3		
	Total		43	18
4) Parking issues	a) Parking at Church End is particularly bad and causing danger to pedestrians and cyclists	4		
	b) Parking in Churchway opposite Village Hall a danger/problem	2		
	c) Congestion on Woodways	2		
	d) Current parking dangerous/inconsiderate/ need more restrictions	3		
	e) Need drop-off zones for people who have to drive	6		
	Total		17	7

Theme	Comments	Number	Total	% of 235
5) Safer crossing points needed in village - see also 6	a) Crossing roads is difficult	1		
	b) More safer crossing points needed- in general, Stanbridge road S (2), Churchway at roundabout (2)	5		
	c) Woodways specified	4		
	d) Church End specified	2		
	Total		12	5
6) SCP	a) Needed near double roundabout (Woodways/Churchway)	4		
	b) Needed at Church End	2		
	Total		6	3
7) Bus issues	a) 280 should go to Church End	2		
	b) Need buses from other villages	2		
	c) Other	2		
	Total		6	3
8) Car share	a) Support car share	2		
	Total		2	1
9) Traffic calming and 20 mph	a) Support 20 mph speed limit - Q9 of survey	12		
	b) Qualified support for 20 mph	4		
	c) Close streets around schools at drop-off/pick-up times or at certain times	6		
	d) Other	4		
	Total		26	11
10) Trial cycle lane and 20 mph	a) Pop-up cycle lane	36		
	b) 20 mph	2		
	Total		38	16
11) Reasons for not walking	a) Time constraints	0		
	b) Bad weather	1		
	c) Take siblings to another school	3		
	d) Go on to work	5		
	Total		9	4
12) Other comments	a) Too many families from outside catchment area	2		
	b) Live close to school (so walk)	1		
	c) Stagger school start and finish times	2		
	d) New developments too far away from schools	2		
	e) Promote active travel to parents	1		
	f) Climate crisis	1		
	g) Pollution	2		
	Total		11	5
	GRAND TOTAL of comments		235	100

22 comments specified Thame Road in connection with – speed of traffic, narrow pavements, poor quality pavements, safer walking & cycling routes needed, too dangerous for children to cycle on, traffic calming

Table 2: The number of families who have walked, scooted or cycled to school more often since lockdown

Five people commented in Q10 that they walked or cycled to school more often because they were working at home (3) or because of the reduced traffic during lockdown (2). This prompted the following analysis showing the combined number of people walking and cycling more since the first lockdown. Questions 4 and 6 (options b) asked if people walked or cycled to school more *since lockdown*. This could cover both working from home and reduced traffic.

Question	Number
10 only	2
4b only	17
6b only	3
4b & 6b	4
4b & 10	2
6b & 10	0
4b, 6b and 10	1
Total	29

29 represents 14.5% of parents

Although there are no measures of traffic volumes to enable a comparison to be made between the time of the survey and normal, pre-Covid times, anecdotally the feeling is that reduced traffic has continued since the first lockdown. Despite this many people still complained of high traffic volumes and traffic issues, reflecting more normal times.

Table 3: Length of comments

Comments ranged in length from 5 words to 179 words. It was not possible to count the number of words in each comment so comment length in cms was used as a proxy.

Length of comment (cms)	% of comments
Less than 25	31
25 - 50	32
50 - 75	17
75 - 100	11
100 - 125	4
125 - 150	1
150 - 175	4
Total	100

APPENDIX 2 - Analysis of text responses to questions 4 to 9

The first three questions in the Parents' Survey were standard questions that have been asked in previous surveys conducted at HCJS to give some basis of comparison. They all required one answer only.

Questions 4 to 8 asked parents to choose all the options which applied to their family and sought to find parents' views on walking and cycling in Haddenham. All of these questions included an option where parents could enter by text a choice that was not included in the list given to them.

Question 9 asked parents if they support the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Haddenham. They were asked to choose one option only. In addition to the four options listed (which included no support for a 20 mph speed limit on any roads in Haddenham) an option was included for parents to enter other suggestions for roads which might benefit from the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit.

A full analysis of the replies received for questions 4 to 9 is as follows -

Q4 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on walking and scooting in Haddenham?

Option: We would like to walk/scoot to school but are put off by other issues -

28 people gave often quite detailed answers, covering more than one point. The main themes were

	Theme	Number of comments
1	Poor pavements - too narrow, uneven, poor quality	14
2	Traffic is too fast - drivers do not stick to speed limits	7
3	Thame Road - poor pavements and fast cars make it feel unsafe	7
4	Feel unsafe - cycling and walking, not just on Thame Road	6
5	Poor parking - on pavements, and at Church End	5
6	Difficulties crossing roads -	3
7	Too much dog muck on pavements	2
8	Other - double roundabout, potholes, zebra issues (2), work, poor street lighting	6

Q5 The most difficult roads to cross on foot are

Option: Others There were 13 responses –

	Answer	Number
1	Station Road End of Churchway/Green Dragon	4
2	Roberts Road	2
3	Woodways and tennis courts car park entrance	2
4	Stanbridge Rd, south of Woodways, between the 2 new estates	1
5	Banks Road, shops to library	1
6	End of Churchway, Aston and Station Road	1
7	No roads difficult to cross/no idea	2



Q6 Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on cycling in Haddenham?

Q7 Which dangers most discourage you and your family from cycling to school?

Q6 Option: We do not cycle to school for other reasons

Q7 Option: Other dangers

41 people gave detailed replies for Q6, often covering a number of points. The 22 replies to Q7 often repeated these points.

	Theme	Number of comments	
		Q6	Q7
1	Live close to school, easier to walk	12	1
2	Unsafe/dangerous roads (see also 3 below)	10	0
3	Too much traffic and traffic too fast	6	2
4	Child not proficient at cycling/not confident enough to cycle	6	2
5	Live outside Haddenham/no safe cycling route into Haddenham	5	5
6	Child prefers to walk or scoot	5	0
7	Younger child in pram/pushchair	3	1
8	Young child needs to cycle on (narrow, congested) pavements	2	3
9	Concerns about safety of new cycle lane/lack of cycle lane for home journey	2	2
10	Too many parked cars opposite Village Hall & at Church End	0	2
12	No problems	0	3
13	Q6 Others (road layouts, no bikes allowed on buses, no bike for child, security of bikes at school a concern, children with hearing problems)	1 each	
14	Q7 Others (Work so no time, dog muck on pavements, difficulties for adult cyclist with trailer/bike seat, tennis courts car park entrance)		1 each

Q8 The most difficult roads to cycle on are

Option: Others

There were 12 replies, only five listed roads, one was facetious and three were not sure! One commented that the new cycle lane is unsafe (didn't mention it in questions 6 or 7), one said that it was not safe to cycle from Waddesdon to Haddenham and one said they would cycle through the industrial estate if it were safer.

Of the remaining 5 answers which listed roads, 2 people gave Townside, 1 gave Aston Road/Churchway, 1 gave Roberts Road (too many parked cars) and 1 gave Dollicott/Townsend.

Q9 Do you support the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Haddenham?

Option: We would support a 20 mph speed limit on the following roads

There were 6 responses to this question. One was jokey/facetious (same person as for Q8), one felt 20 mph would not be needed if pavements were safer and wider and one suggested having 20 mph just at school pick up/drop off times. This person has seen signs in other villages which light up to indicate 20 mph at these times.

The other three replies suggested 20 mph in Woodways and at Church End around the schools.

Summary Q 4 to 9

Several themes were repeated in the answers to all these questions and several roads were particularly mentioned as problems. There is quite a feeling that it is unsafe to walk or cycle in the village and the reasons mainly given are the volume and speed of traffic. There is also a strong feeling that pavements are poor – narrow, uneven and in poor condition – which adds to the feelings of lack of safety. Interestingly, parking on pavements did not feature much.



APPENDIX 3: Schools' data – November 2020

School	Children			Families		
	Max No.	No. at Nov 2020	%	No.	Live IN Haddenham	Live OUTSIDE
Haddenham Community Junior	360	355	57%	280*	67 - 70%	33 - 30%
Haddenham St Mary's	180	178	29%	168	61%	39%
Haddenham Community Infant	90	89	14%	78	97%	3%
Total/average	630	622	100	See note 3		Approx 30%
01/12/2020						

* estimate

Notes

1. Information was supplied at the time of the survey
2. All three schools are almost full since the number at HCJS from 01/12/2020 was 358
3. The total number of families is difficult to determine exactly because some families have children at more than one school and so have been double counted. Based on answers to Q2 the total number of families is probably between 425 and 450.
4. Similarly, the total number of families from outside Haddenham is difficult to determine but is most likely more than 100.

APPENDIX 4: Questions asked in online survey and response options given

Parents, please complete this short survey to help us discover what needs to be done in Haddenham to make it easier for your children to walk and cycle to school within the village.

1	Where do you live?	
	a. In Haddenham	
	b. Outside Haddenham	
2	Which school(s) do your children attend?	
	a. Haddenham Junior School only	
	b. Haddenham St Mary's School only	
	c. Haddenham Infant School only	
	d. Haddenham Junior and St Mary's schools	
	e. Haddenham Junior and Community Infant schools	
3	Which of the following statements most nearly represents your situation? <i>Please choose ONE option only which applies to your family.</i>	
	a. My children usually walk all the way to school	
	b. My children usually scoot all the way to school	
	c. My children usually cycle all the way to school	
	d. My children travel by public service bus (280) to school	
	e. My children are driven all the way to school	
	f. My children are driven all the way to school but I would like them to travel to school by bus	

	g. My children are driven to a place away from school so they can walk or scoot the rest of the way (park & stride)	
	h. My children travel to school by another form of transport (e.g. taxi) <i>Please specify</i>	
4	Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on walking or scooting in Haddenham? <i>Please choose all options which apply to your family.</i>	
	a. My children regularly walk or scoot, at least part of the way to school	
	b. My children have walked/scooted to school more frequently since lockdown	
	c. I would like my children to walk/scoot to school but we live too far away from school	
	d. I would like to walk/scoot with my children to school but we don't have time as I have to get to work	
	e. My children walk/scoot to school with another adult or with friends	
	f. We walk/scoot to school when the weather is good	
	g. We would like to walk/scoot to school but cannot because we have a child at another school	
	h. We find crossing roads difficult – see also next question	
	i. We would walk/scoot to school but are put off by issues such as narrow pavements, uneven pavements <i>Please specify</i>	
5	The most difficult roads to cross on foot are:	
	<i>Please choose all options which apply to your family.</i>	
	a. Thame Road	
	b. Dollicott/Thame Road	
	c. Churchway at double roundabout	

	d. Churchway/Stanbridge Road near Post Office	
	e. Woodways, away from the zebra crossing	
	f. Stanbridge Road (S of Woodways)	
	g. Banks Road/Stokes Croft	
	h. Fort End (in every direction)	
	i. Aston Road/Church End/Station Road	
	j. Station Road at Flint St	
	k. Others – please specify	
6	Which of the following statements most nearly represents your views on cycling in Haddenham? <i>Please choose all options which apply to your family</i>	
	a. My children have always cycled to school regularly	
	b. Since lockdown my children have started to cycle to school	
	c. I would like my children to cycle to school but we live too far away	
	d. I would like to cycle with my children to school but we don't have time as I have to get to work	
	e. We cycle to school when the weather is good	
	f. We find cycling to school difficult because we also have children at another school	
	g. We cycle to school, if we are not going to an after school activity	
	h. We have tried cycling to school but found it too dangerous (e.g. too many cars, potholes, parked cars) – see also next question	

	i. We would cycle to school if there were dedicated cycle lanes	
	j. We do not cycle to school for other reasons – please specify	
7	Which dangers most discourage you and your family from cycling to school?	
	<i>Please choose all options which apply to your family.</i>	
	a. Potholes	
	b. Too much traffic	
	c. Traffic too fast	
	d. Too many cars parked along the roadside	
	e. Double roundabout at junction of Churchway and Woodways	
	f. Problems at road-narrowings/chicanes with cars driving through at the same time as cyclists	
	g. Others – please specify	
8	The most difficult roads to cycle on are – Please choose all options which apply to your family	
	a. Thame Road	
	b. Churchway	
	c. Stanbridge Road	
	d. Banks Road	
	e. Woodways	
	f. Fort End	
	g. Aston Road at Churchend	

	h. Station Road	
	i. Willis Road	
	j. Others <i>(please specify)</i>	
9	Do you support the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Haddenham? Please choose one option only	
	a. We support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit throughout the village	
	b. We only support the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit for selected roads such as Dollicott/Rudds Lane and for major routes through the village	
	c. We only support the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit for selected roads such as Dollicott/Rudds Lane, but not major roads	
	d. We do not support a 20 mph speed limit on any roads in Haddenham	
	e. We would support a 20 mph speed limit on the following roads – please specify	
10	<p>Please comment about reducing car use in travelling to school, &/or improvements which the schools or councils could make to help walkers and cyclists?</p> <p>Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.</p>	

Thank you very much for taking the time to do this survey.

We will show it to the Parish Council to assist with their forthcoming Traffic Review

Letter to parents with link to survey

Haddenham Parents' Travel Survey Oct 2020

Dear Parents,

During lockdown many families enjoyed walking and cycling on quiet Haddenham streets. Now that there is traffic back on the roads has this affected your choice of travel to school?

Haddenham Safe Walking & Cycling Group wants to know what you think needs to be done to make it easier for your children to walk and cycle to school in the village. Please complete a short survey on Survey Monkey by following this link

[Link supplied](#)

Please also tell us what you think about a 20 mph speed limit in the village. The 20's Plenty Campaign would like a single speed limit of 20 mph throughout the village to make streets safer and more friendly. We already have a permanent 20 mph zone along Rudds Lane and Dollicott. A temporary 20 mph limit from the station to the Junior School has just been introduced as part of the government's Active Travel Scheme.

This Scheme is also making a temporary cycle lane along Thame Road to Banks Road, W to E only. It would have made sense if it had come to the Junior School, but we wonder if it will encourage more cycling to school.

We have a climate crisis & we know that there is a risk to children's health from traffic pollution. This survey is a first step to tackling it. Thank you very much for taking the time to do it. Results will be shared with the schools and passed to the Parish Council to be considered in their Traffic Review.