



**NEWTONGRANGE
RESILIENCE
VOLUNTEERS**

Community Survey Results
December 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Newtongrange Resilience Volunteers (NRV) is a community group established early in 2020 to provide a community response and promote resilience within the area of Newtongrange, Midlothian. To facilitate the management of resilience services, the village was divided into four areas, with coordinators identified within each. Working in collaboration with many pre-existing volunteer groups the NRV has sought to offer help to the community ranging from food & medical deliveries to dog walking.

Testament to the hard work of the group and demonstrating the need for such a facility, the NRV have now established The Pool. Situated on the former Newbattle Swimming Pool site, at the heart of village, this storage container has served as a focal point for recent community events.

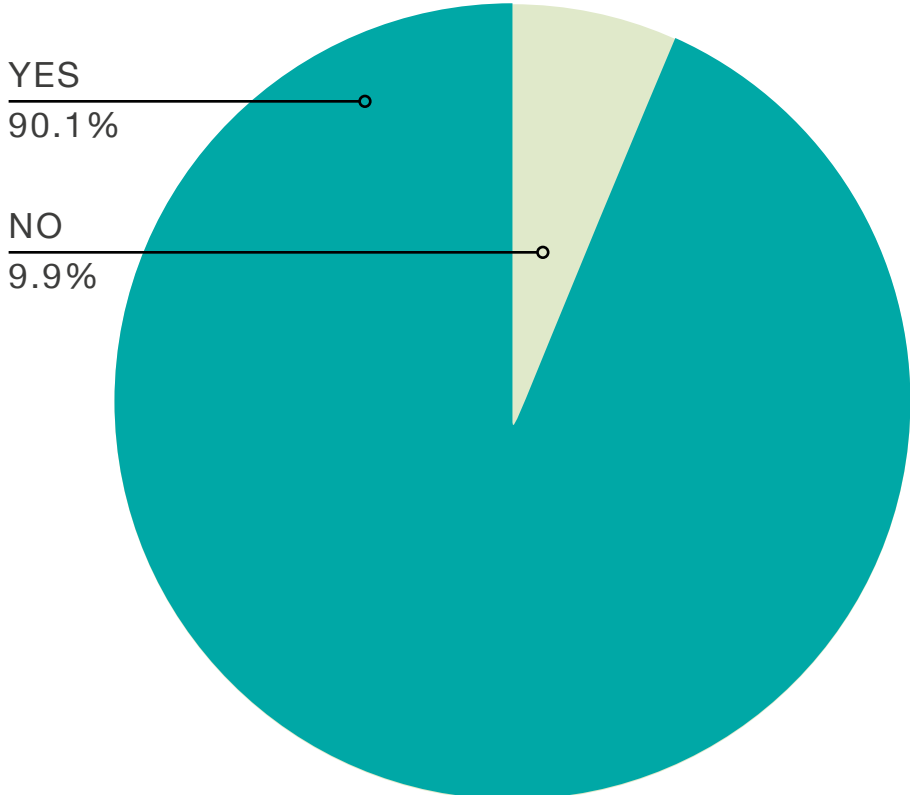
In recent months, the NRV has come together as a group, to explore the feasibility and desire to formalise the organisation. At present, the proposed vehicle for such an organisation is the formation of a Newtongrange Development Trust (NDT). The NRV recognise that to properly constitute a Community Development Trust, there must be a clear mandate from the community. To this end, a community wide survey was conducted, both online and through a leaflet drop across the village.

This document serves to present the findings of the community wide survey, presenting the results of 283 respondents, which is representative of around 5% of the total Newtongrange population (typical community engagement with questionnaires is usually circa 3%).

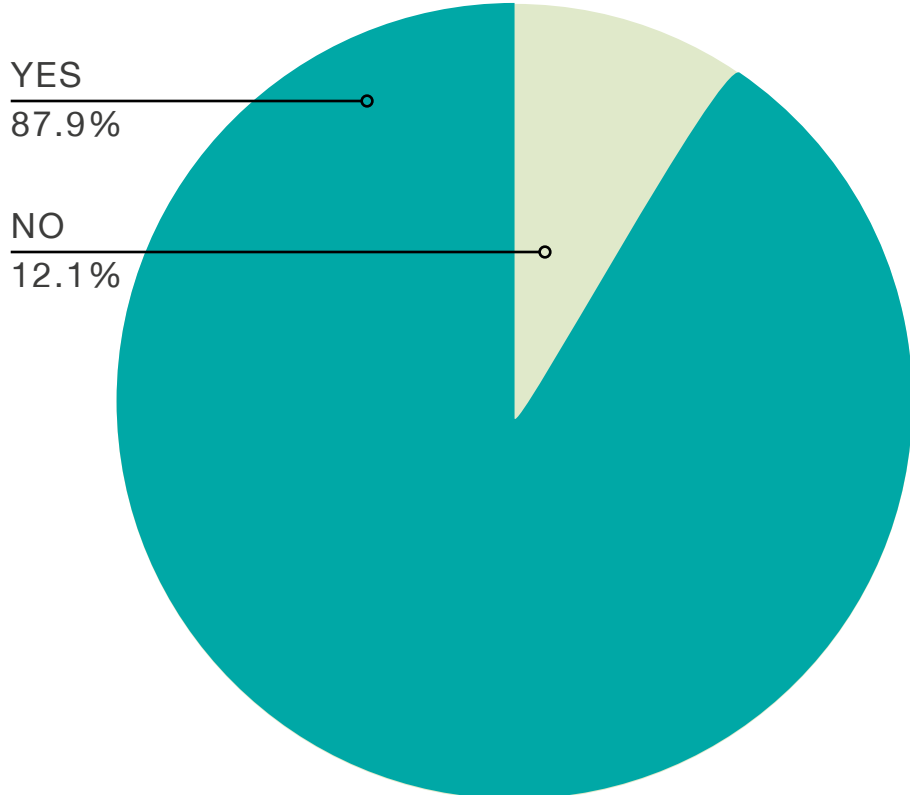


SURVEY RESULTS

NEWTONGRANGE HAS ALWAYS HAD A GOOD COMMUNITY SPIRIT. HAVE YOU NOTICED AN INCREASE IN THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT DURING COVID?

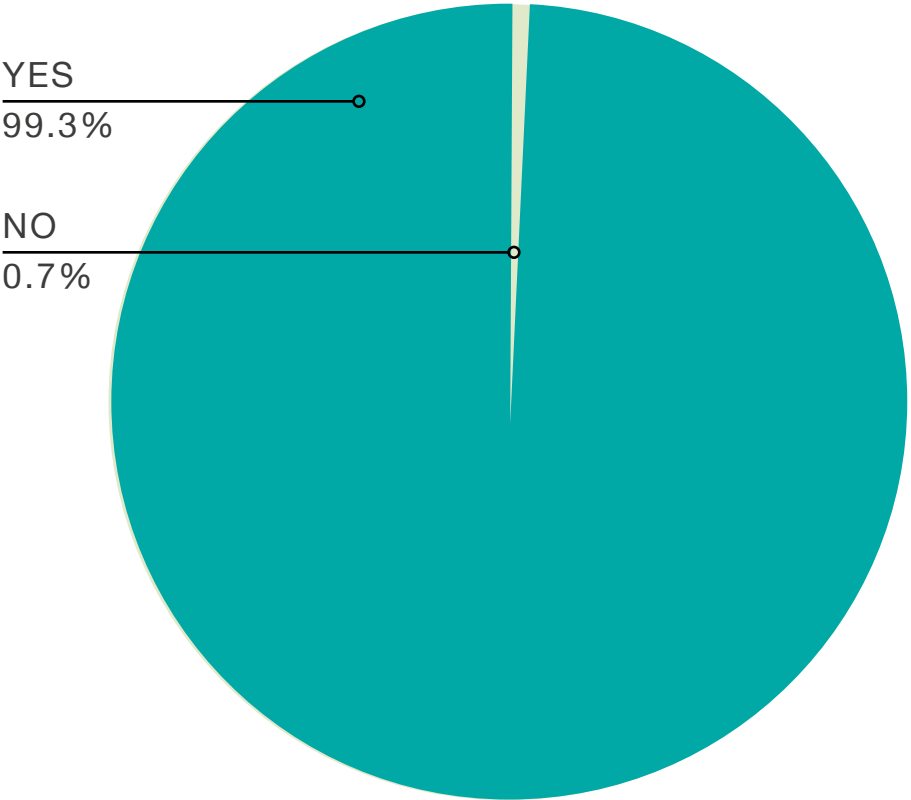


ARE YOU AWARE OF NEWTONGRANGE RESILIENCE VOLUNTEERS (NRV / THE POOL)?

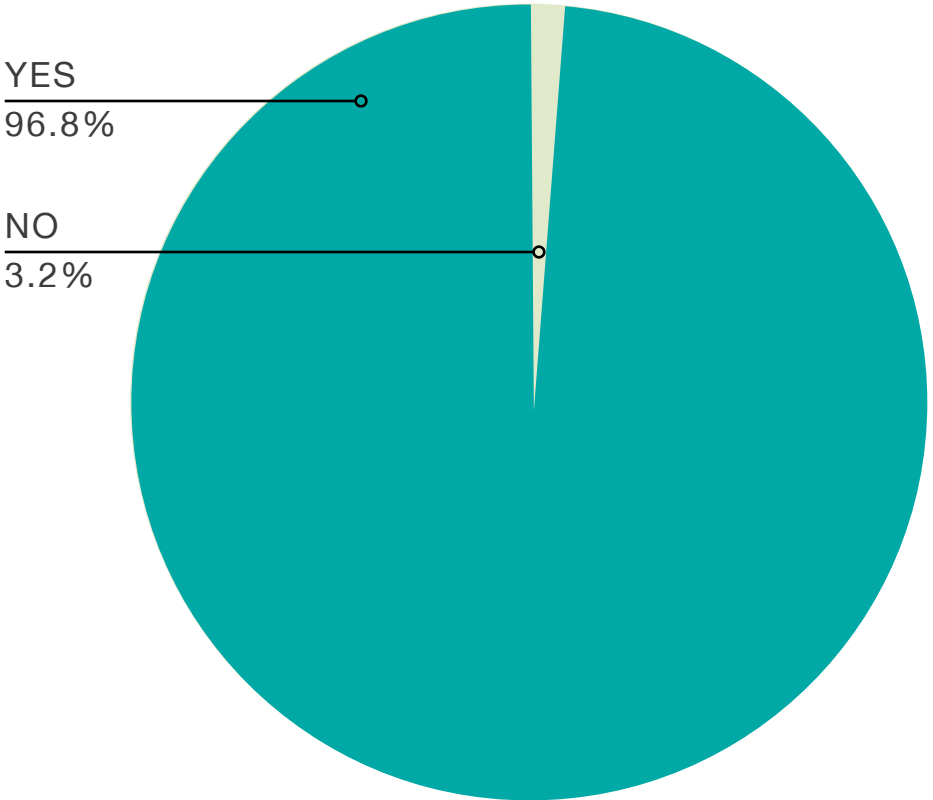


SURVEY RESULTS

DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GROW THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT?

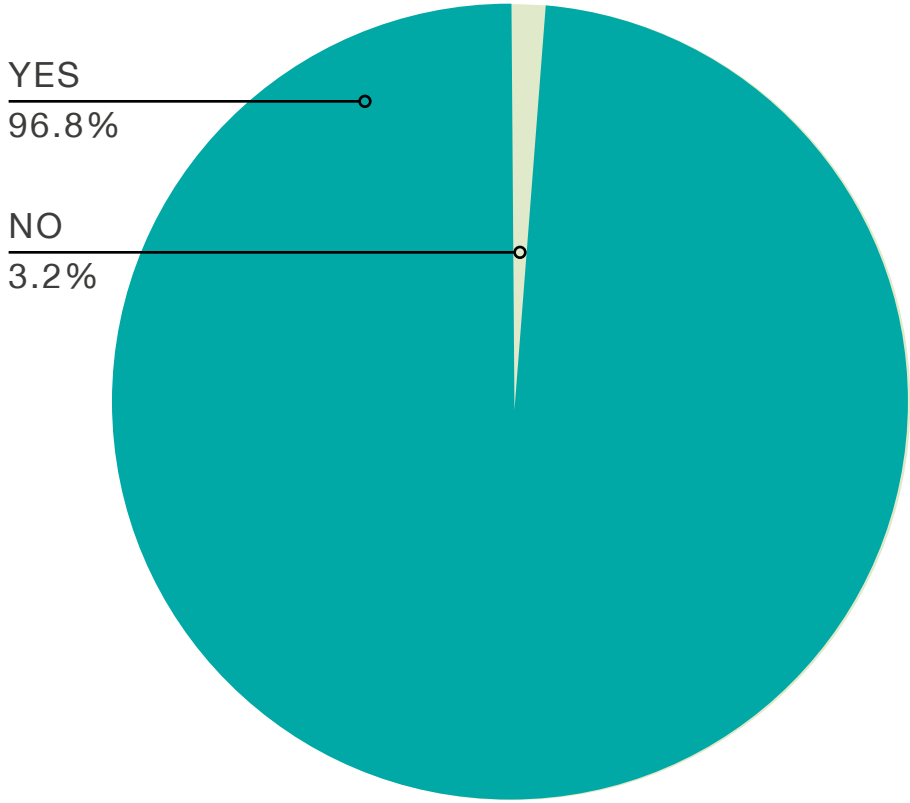


DO YOU THINK A CENTRAL COMMUNITY HUB WOULD BE AN ASSET FOR THE VILLAGE?

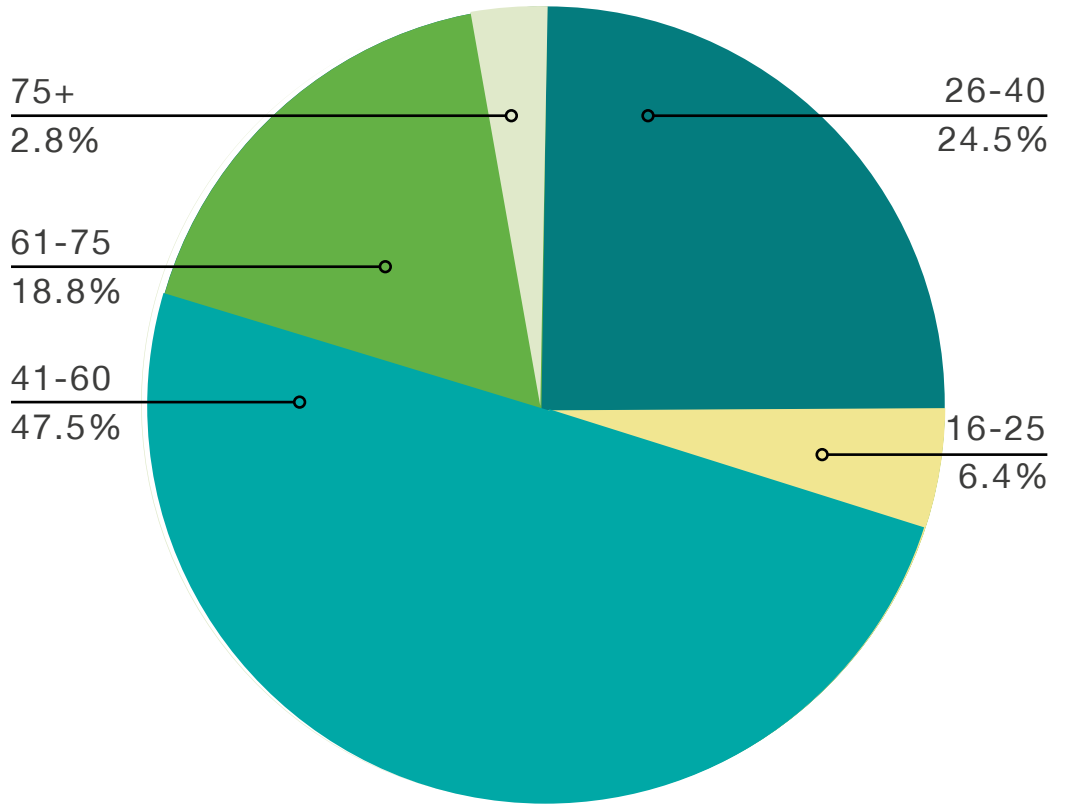


SURVEY RESULTS

DO YOU THINK SETTING UP A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST WOULD HELP GROW EXISTING COMMUNITY SPIRIT FURTHER?



YOUR AGE RANGE



SURVEY RESULTS

OF 283 RESPONDENTS, OVER 180 MADE SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROVIDE FOR THE VILLAGE. THE CATEGORISED SUGGESTIONS:

GROUPS / ACTIVITIES

- Youth Groups
- Art / Craft / Knitting Groups
- Under 5s groups
- Elderly groups
- Lunch Clubs
- Friendship Groups
- Intergenerational Groups
- Environmental awareness groups
- Craft Groups / Workshops
- Children's Groups
- Disabilities groups
- Family activities / groups
- Carpet Bowls
- Fundraising
- Baking Groups
- Book Groups
- Organised games in the parks
- Walking Groups
- Men's Shed / make and repair service
- Gardening Group (with disability access)
- Plant / seed swap
- Community Garden
- Community Woodland
- Tidying gardens for those that can't manage
- Maintain overgrown hedges
- Planting and growing projects, sharing produce with those in need
- Diet and Nutrition Advice/Healthy Living
- Befriending
- Community choir
- Tennis in Park
- Dances
- Literacy / Numeracy groups
- Football Groups

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Coordination of events and developments
- Support for elderly year round
- Pool delivery service for housebound villagers
- Skill share linking
- Family Support
- Connecting people to help each other e.g. DIY
- Coaching for interviews
- Help with form filling
- Toy Library

HERITAGE

- Keep mining heritage alive
- Maintain feel of small village

SURVEY RESULTS

PLACE

- CAB
- Community Fridge
- Improve look of streets, lanes and park
- More lights in the park
- Rebuild Pool
- Church as a community
- More Retail and Social opportunities on main street (for small businesses too)
- Community meeting space / hub / arts space / theatre
- Hub with desks and WIFI for people who work from home to share space / network together
- Place for groups meetings
- Swap shop (pool type idea)
- Library of things e.g. printers, gardening tools
- Brighten up Main Street e.g. painting shop shutters
- Tidy up Village e.g. paint wheels, railings etc.
- Bring more people from out with into Newtongrange
- Support school to improve playground

EVENTS

- Christmas card delivery service
- Brass in the Park
- Getting to know each other events
- Litter picks
- Arts Festival
- Market (Craft / Farmers / Car Boot / Local Businesses)
- Annual village show
- Village BBQ/Picnic in park
- Village Outings (OAPS?)
- Carolling
- Doorstep gifting for housebound and alone e.g. biscuits or tablet (volunteer willing to bake for it)
- Christmas Lights
- Santa
- Pride Parade
- Children's Sports Day
- Blethers
- Door Chap for elderly/vulnerable/alone
- Focused campaign against dog poo
- Treasure Hunts in Park

SURVEY RESULTS

RESPONSE LOCATIONS

