

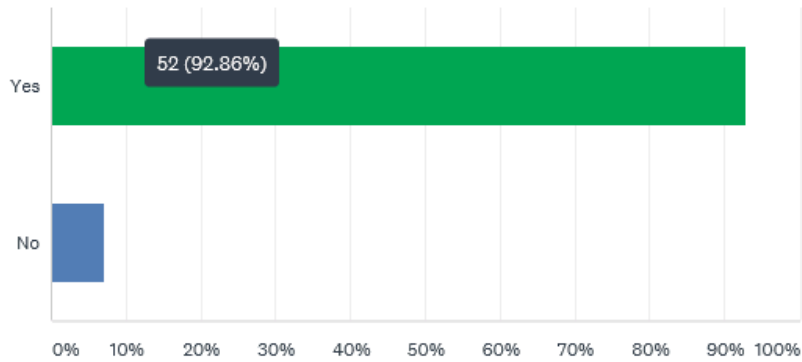
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Do you or your family use the sports field or 'washdyke' field?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes	92.86% 52
▼ No	7.14% 4
TOTAL	56

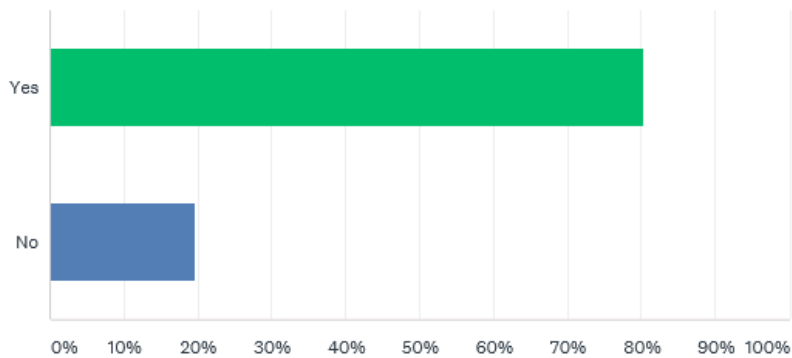
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Do you have a dog/ s?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
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▼ No	19.64% 11
TOTAL	56

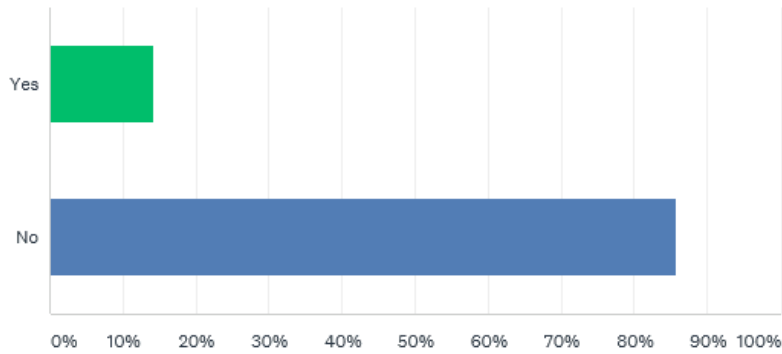
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Do you agree with a total dog ban on the sports field?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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▼ No	85.71%	48
TOTAL		56

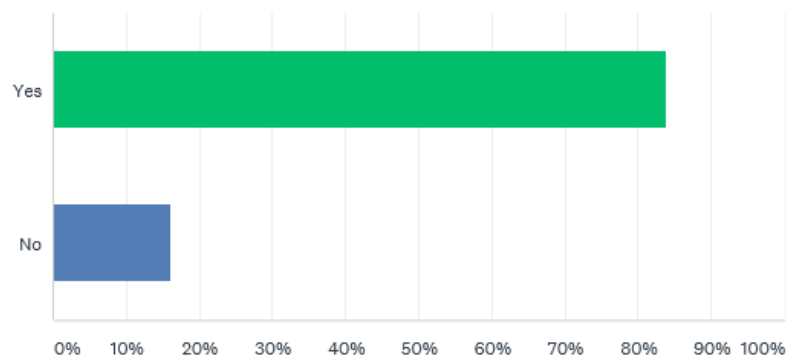
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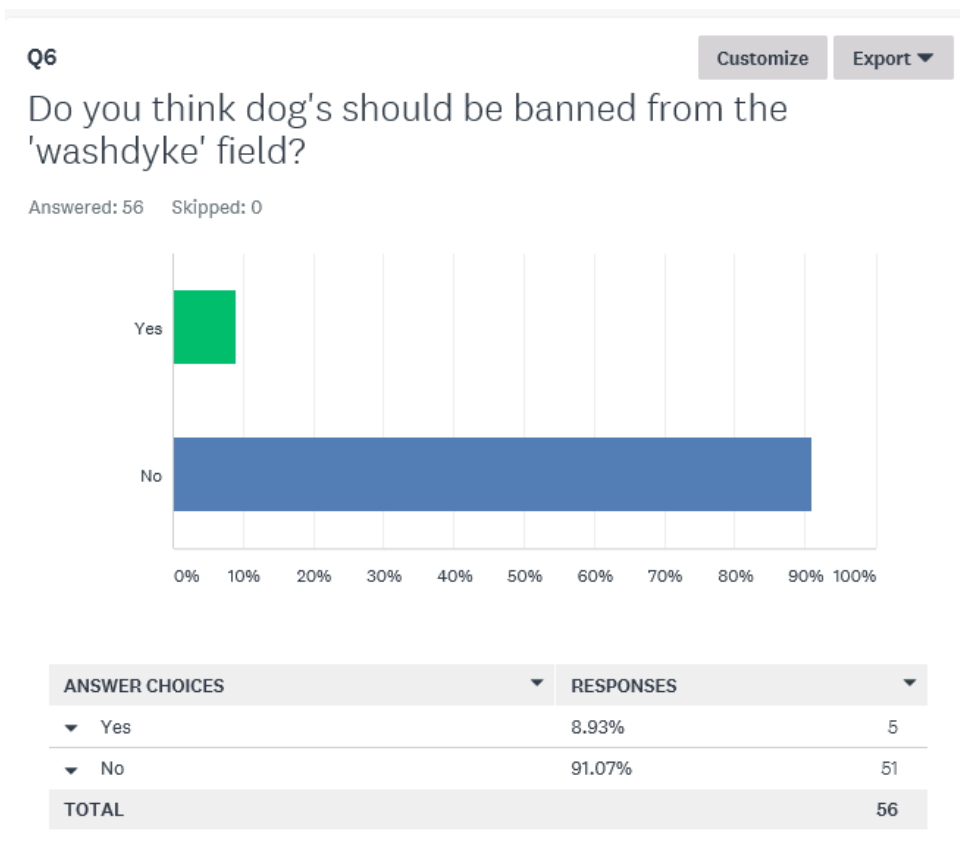
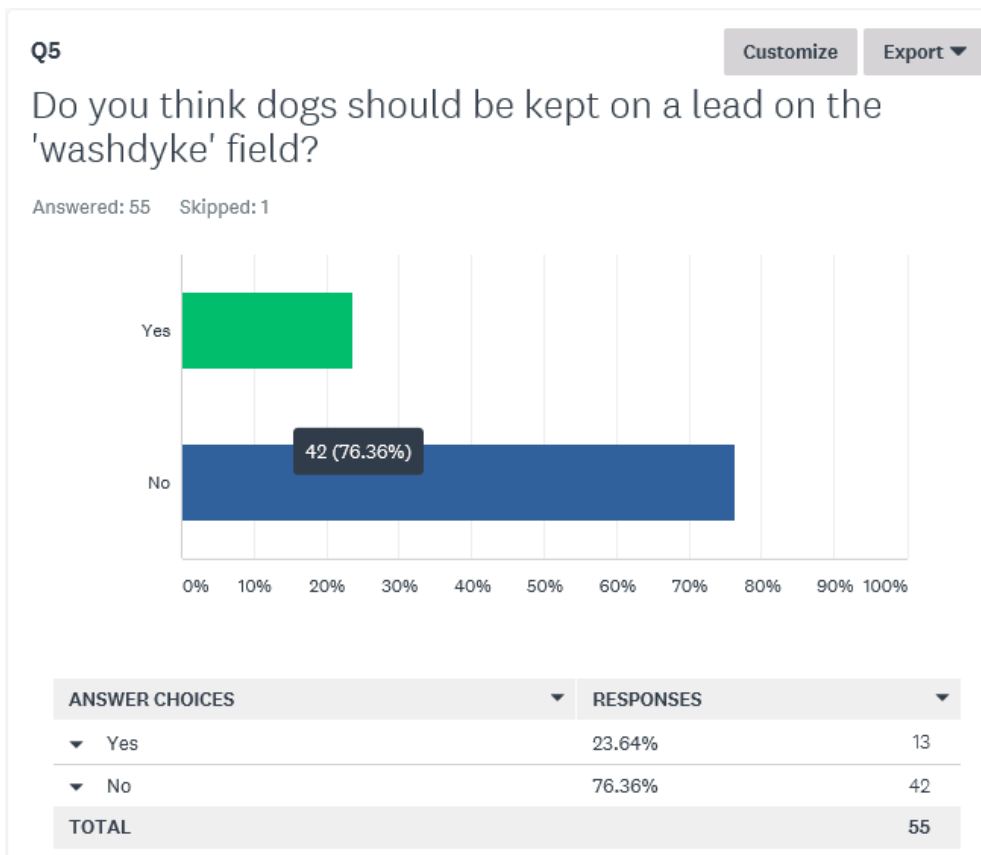
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Do you think dog owners should be able to exercise their dog on a lead on the sports field?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	83.93%	47
▼ No	16.07%	9
TOTAL		56



Q7

1. We find the tone of the notice very inflammatory. It is most unfortunate that the Parish Council is bowing to the opinion of a few in this matter. There are many dog owners in the village, the vast majority of whom are very responsible in controlling their dogs and clearing up after them. We have also cleaned up after other dog owners where considered necessary. To penalize dog owners from using a village amenity is WRONG and totally unacceptable. There should be no further restrictions for dogs- too many already. Dogs are part of the family and a wonderful asset to families and single dwellers alike, bringing villagers together to socialise and chat. Some would never speak to others if not for their dog walking. Is it the Parish Council's intention to make this order against fox excrement? It would be helpful if we could all display more tolerance, responsibility and the spirit which makes a rural village community work well.
2. Once in consultation that 'you may consider further conditions' at the review in 2019. With the restrictions already in place, it would seem the only ones you could bring in would be a total ban of dogs on the sports field and for them to be kept on the leads on the washdyke- or even a total ban there too. As what is supposed to be a village amenity, a good proportion of us- the dog walkers- would be excluded. I agree totally that the minority spoil it for the rest, and there is nothing worse than stepping in dog poo, but surely if the CCTV is working on the sports field, then offending people could be spoken to and fined appropriate- or what's the point of having installed the cameras? A few months ago, there were posters displayed on the entry gates about the dangers of Toxicara Canis, especially with regard to children. Would it not be better to try and resolve the Memorial Hall Playground, where dogs are quite rightly banned, then children could play there quite safely without risk of Toxicara? One last plea, although there are several footpaths around the village to walk dogs, many are through adjacent fields with grazing animals. For many of us, we cannot risk walking our dogs off leads as, despite training, some will just follow a scent, venture into the next field and then may chase the sheep/ cows. The farmer has the right to shoot these offenders and sadly this has happened to at least two dogs in the village. As the sports people have a playing field and the children, potentially a playground, would it be possible for the washdyke field to be suitably fenced so that we could safely let our dogs off in an enclosed space to enjoy the village amenity too?
3. Is the Parish Council aware that people from out of the village bring their dogs to these amenities, in particular Hoton, one man in a 4 x 4 opens his tailgate, lets the dog jump out and follows behind not looking where it goes.
4. Don't punish the majority for the few.
5. We are very much against a ban of dogs on the playing field and washdyke. As a cricketing family we fully understand the misery of clearing dog mess off cricket whites and picking up before a game. Utilise the CCTV installed on site to name and shame offenders.
6. Don't stop the majority because of the minority. Dogs are family members!!
7. Dogs should only be exercised around the perimeter of the sports field.
8. Dogs should only be kept on a lead on the washdyke if they are aggressive.
9. I have children and a dog- once the playground is re- opened that is dog free which is fine to have this one dedicated space. However, it would be impossible for me to take out dog & kids out if the 'washdyke' does not allow dogs. Ultimately this is about different groups getting together and discussing each others needs respectfully- then agreeing on behaviours. Banning things creates divide in a small community with limited resources. Let's have a conversation before decisions. It is important to remember that owning a dog is beneficial for health and mental well being. Re. sports field, possibly could have access off season and just walk dogs around the outside?

10. Why should dog owners be penalized?
11. Dogs should be kept on a lead on the cricket field
12. Wymeswold needs a place to exercise your Dogs I would say the majority of people that use the washdyke are dog owners. If anyone fails to pickup poo they should be reported for not doing so. Also we should have a bin on all gates.
13. It appears by the way that this survey is worded that the decision has already been made to keep dogs off the washdykes, if this is the case you are going to take away the only safe place for dog owners to exercise there their pets. How are people that own dogs that have no way of traveling to other sites outside the village supposed to exercise their dogs off lead? What is the plan to stop wild animals from fouling on the washdikes? What is the plan for the people that allow their dogs to foul on the pavements in the village? The local council could provide poo bags at the entrance to the playing fields. It appears you will punish the majority who pick up after their pets for the minority who will never pick up after their pets, it will make no difference to the the minority they will continue to not pick up after their pets
14. People with and without dogs use The Washdyke and Sports Filed as a social area to meet people from the village and have a walk and a chat - please don't deprive us of this. Everyone that I meet carries poo bags for their dog and clears up after them
15. Responsible owners and well behaved dogs should be allowed on both fields without leads. This survey has obviously been written with the intention of banning dogs from a community facility.
16. By your own admission you acknowledge that it is a "few" spoiling the space and the access to the space for the majority. I am therefore extremely disappointed that the style of this survey suggests that a decision has already been taken and the process has been far from democratic. I would suggest the briefness of the survey and nature of where the survey is to be found – hidden in the village link – makes it feel the council is not seeking genuine feedback or suggestions. Many local councils provide free poo bags to encourage the "foulers" to obey the rules. As a responsible owner of 2 dogs who need to be exercised off lead, I am absolutely stunned that the final safe space is being taken away and there will no longer be a secure area for families with their dogs to enjoy. We walk our dogs everyday – rain or shine, and can invariably particularly in the winter months be the only people using the space. May I ask what the council propose to do about the fox poo? Is there a plan to eradicate any other animals from leaving their faeces in the field? I would also ask whether you will be putting out a similar survey regarding the general rubbish – particularly plastic bottles that are left in the field that we regularly pick up and dispose of? What provision are you putting in place for the older dog owners in the village who can't drive or walk miles to exercise their dogs? It would seem that the council would like to see Wymeswold dog free, so maybe we should take our money and all move out? Sadly, those individuals in the minority who fail to pick up their dog mess, will also flout the rules, so this will have absolutely zero impact!! If they cant be bothered to pick up the mess off lead – why would they on lead, if they don't pick up the poo, why would they obey an onlead rule? This is short-sighted and not thought out in the slightest. This is simply punishing the majority who clean up after their dogs, and help keep the Washdyke a safe, fun, and pleasant space for all the community to enjoy. I do hope my assumptions are incorrected and unfounded, and in fact this is a genuine democratic process and you will not just punish the village dog owners, the vast majority of which absolutely clear up their dogs' mess. If this is not the case, then I will absolutely fail to support any funding requests, requirements or initiatives moving forward sadly.
17. The Washdyke is a community area and should welcome all of the community. Those few irresponsible dog owners who don't clear up after their animal shouldn't be allowed to ruin a social area for the vast majority of dog owners in the village. There are several elderly dog owners who use it for it's easy access and as a meeting place where both they and their dogs can exercise and socialise with others. Allowing the dogs to run off lead and interact with other dogs and owners is

giving them much better social skills than keeping them on a lead all the time. It improves their behaviour for when they are on lead as they are well exercised and used to interacting in a fun environment with other dogs and humans making them less likely to be aggressive. There are a very limited number of areas in the village already where dogs can safely be exercised off lead, particularly in the winter. Introducing a ban or restrictions is not portraying the village as being inclusive, rather exclusive, to their own community. As a dog owner I find it incredibly annoying when others don't pick up after their animal, or when full bags are left in hedgerows or hanging from trees, but surely a more inclusive response is to educate and to provide more facilities for owners to deposit their dogs waste safely rather than introducing blanket bans and restrictions?

18. As usual it is the minority spoiling it for the majority - most dog owners do pick up after their dogs. The Washdyke is the only place in Wymeswold where you can play ball with your dog - please don't take this away
19. Without being able to exercise dogs off lead on the Washdyke, villagers would lose a valuable resource. In the winter, it's the only real opportunity for off lead exercise, particularly for older dog owning residents, without driving out of village. It also provides a fantastic chance to socialise with other dog owners.
20. Photos or names should be taken of people who do not pick up after their dogs so they can be prosecuted.
21. It would be interesting to add to your survey how often and for what purpose people use the Washdyke. The majority of users seem to be dog walkers anyway, so if you ban dogs - you will probably have a community space that isn't being used by the community! Your questions about the dogs on a lead are difficult to answer as I actually think that dogs should be kept under control, but off the lead in both areas, and there is not an option to answer that!
22. My understanding, is that the field is for all residents of the Parish of Wymeswold, I am a dog owner, one of many that walk their dog at the Washdyke. Over the years, I have walked my dog on the Washdyke and for the majority of the time, seen mainly other dog walkers. Please keep in mind that the dog owners are utilising the Washdyke more often and for longer than other users. Proportional representation should be a consideration when making any decision regarding public areas.
23. I think that the survey you are giving is very leading - with initial information regarding the amount of dog faeces generally produced, plus the questions are also leading. This should be a neutral survey and it seems very clear where the Council stands!
24. I am appalled that yet again dog owners are facing totally unfair discrimination in Wymeswold. The Washdyke Community Orchard is, as the name clearly states, a COMMUNITY facility - to be enjoyed by ALL residents, including dog owners and their pets. This area is now the only place in the village where dog owners can meet and enjoy exercising their pets off lead. It is a vital part of our community and meets an obvious need. There is no easy alternative for free running dogs in Wymeswold. Footpaths can be remote, unsafe underfoot and often cross fields containing livestock. None of which are viable for dog owners. The only remaining option is to drive 8 or 10 miles to Bunny Woods or Rushcliffe Park - not a realistic solution. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible citizens who clear up after their pets, being fully aware of the potential health hazards posed by dog excrement. We should not be discriminated against because of the actions of a tiny majority. Wymeswold was once a lovely inclusive village with a great community spirit - a delightful place to live. I am sad to say this concept is being eroded. Please Parish Council, face the facts. The Washdyke should be available to ALL residents to enjoy. Do not impose mindless discrimination against dog owners, which is totally unfair and unjust.
25. Answer to 5 is Yes if dogs are allowed on the field, but I would prefer a dog ban as shown on 6. Dog faeces and urine where children and adults play is not nice.

26. The washdyke is very popular with older dog owners who are unable to walk on the fields safely or after wet weather. It is invaluable as a local exercise area and social meeting point for those with dogs. The other dog owners I have seen there are all very responsible and collect up any dog mess. I can fully understand considering banning dogs on the sports field but this would be difficult to enforce.
27. A starting point would be to target the offenders and fine them. I have been walking on this field for the last 20+ years and have always picked up mess and deposited in the dog bins. Where else would Wymeswold residents walk their dogs?! It is unfair to keep a dog restrained on its lead and not allow it to free run. I have lived in the village all of my life and would be very disappointed if I couldn't walk my dog where I want.
28. As a responsible Dog owner I carry poop bags with me at all times when I am out with my dog and I resent being restricted where I can or can not go with my mine. It is all well and good saying people can be fined if they fail to clear up their dogs poop but I have never once seen any kind of Warden enforcing these laws. People increasingly do not respect laws or rules and have a lack of respect in general. The only way to cure this problem is to actually have a Warden on duty with the power to fine and if needed prosecute those who break the rules. But... I want to add a very important caveat to this. I would NOT support a private company being employed to carry out this duty because, as with private parking enforcement officers, they tend to be very over officious and there have been some horror stories in the printed media. It should be a local person employed on behalf of the village, the funds raised by the fines could go towards good causes within the village as well as paying the wages of the Warden.
29. This land was given to the people of Wymeswold and as usual the few are ruining it for the majority. But why should we all suffer for them. We need to be more vigilant and catch and fine (heavily) these people. As a responsible dog owner I'm sick of being tarred with the same brush.
30. The washdyke is the only fenced area in the village for dogs to run & exercise together. Responsible owners do clear up after them and are mindful of the mixed use of the area. A ban is not the answer. The Parish council need to work with dog owners not against them. Ruddington is a good example of how a positive approach works well for all users
31. Many people in Wymeswold have dogs and it seems very mean to restrict them to field paths which are often very muddy as a result of all the horse activity! Maybe we should consider restricting these as well.