

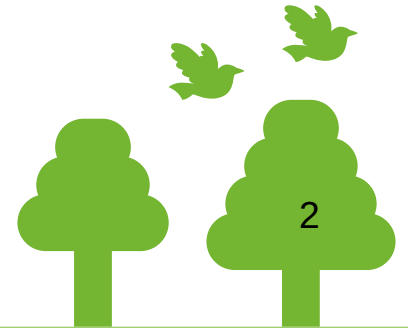
Introduction

- Welcome and thank you
- The steering group
 - Elwyn Jones
 - Arfon Hughes
 - Nona Davies
 - David Flatley
 - Keith Halcrow
- The purpose of the meeting is to share and discuss the results of the Community Consultation.
- An opportunity to talk to the steering group if you are interested in helping the project in any way.



Summary

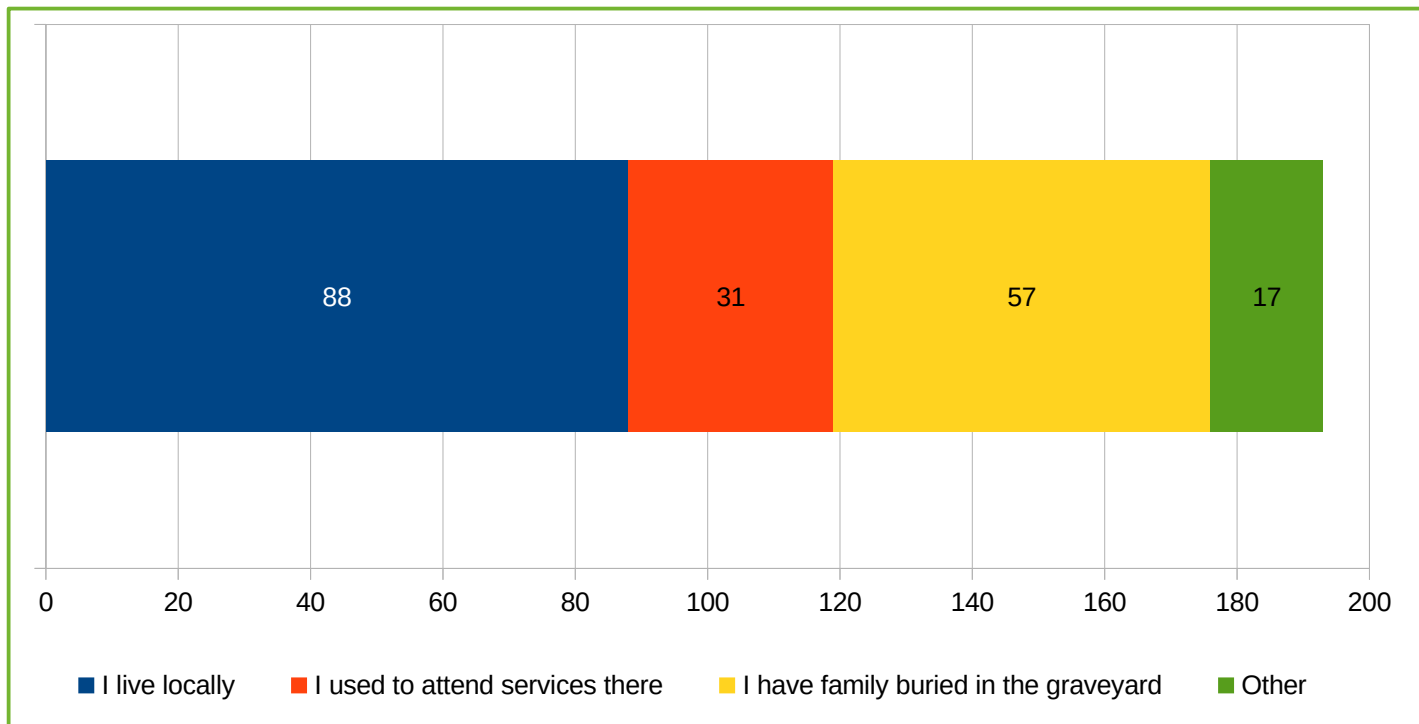
- ~420 questionnaires distributed to Mawddwy Community
- QR code links to online questionnaire
- Open May 4th – June 13th
- 137 responses overall
 - 40 hard copy
 - 97 online
- Broad age range of respondents although none under 20
- Majority of respondents have Welsh as first language (54%)



St Tydecho Community Consultation

Q1. What is your connection to St Tydecho church in Llanymawddwy?

133 responses



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'Other' responses:

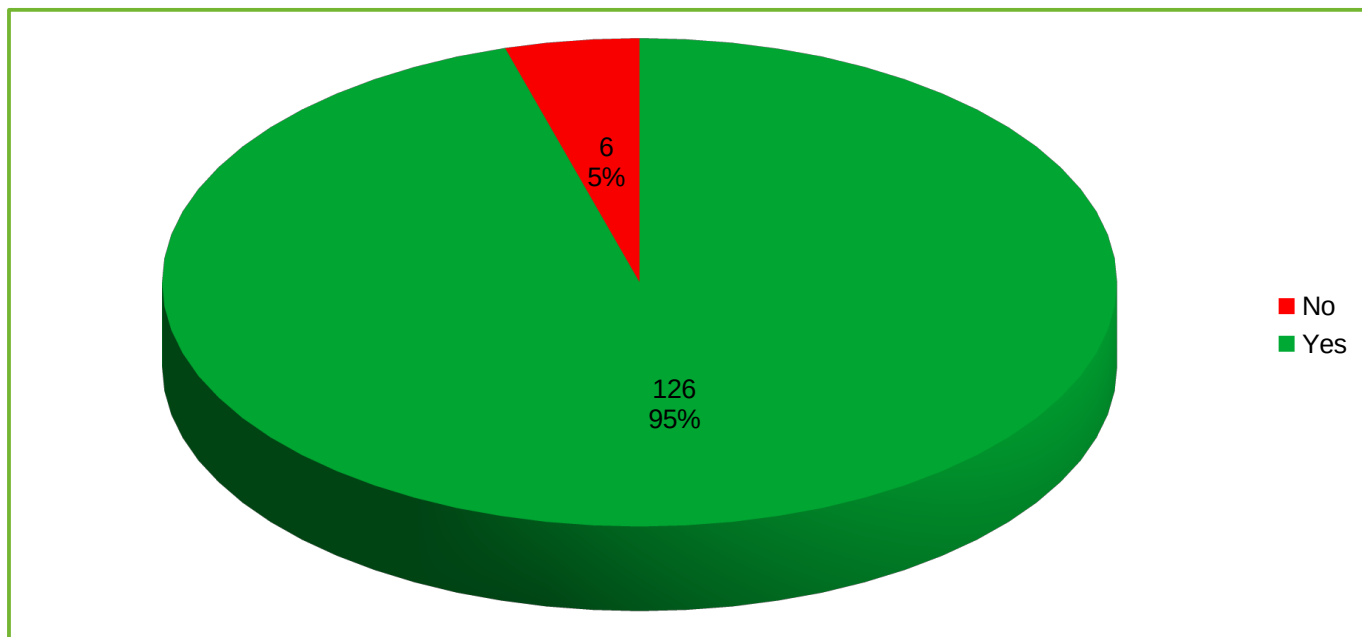
- ♦ Local connection;
 - The family have attended for over a century and many of the family are buried there, my parents and my brother and sister at the church gate etc.
 - I am related to the late Canon Geraint Vaughan Jones who was the highly respected rector of St Tydecho's Church.
 - Parents were married there and later buried there and I was Christened there.
 - Grandfather (Mother's side) from Cwm Cywarch had family from Llanymawddwy. I have family (Dad's side!) living in Llanymawddwy now and I visit them in the area.
 - Baptised in the Church.
 - Family house nearby; Family born in Llan y Mawddwy; Family owned cottage in Llanymawddwy.
 - I live next door to the church.
- ♦ Academic;
 - A scholarly interest in the work of Dr John Davies (c.1567-1644) bishop of Mallwyd and Llanymawddwy and a vital influence on learning in Wales and the development of Mawddwy.
 - I am writing about St Tydecho; both poetry and creative non-fiction of the area.



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Q2. In general, do you support our proposal to restore and redevelop the redundant St Tydecho church building and in doing so, save it for community use?

132 responses



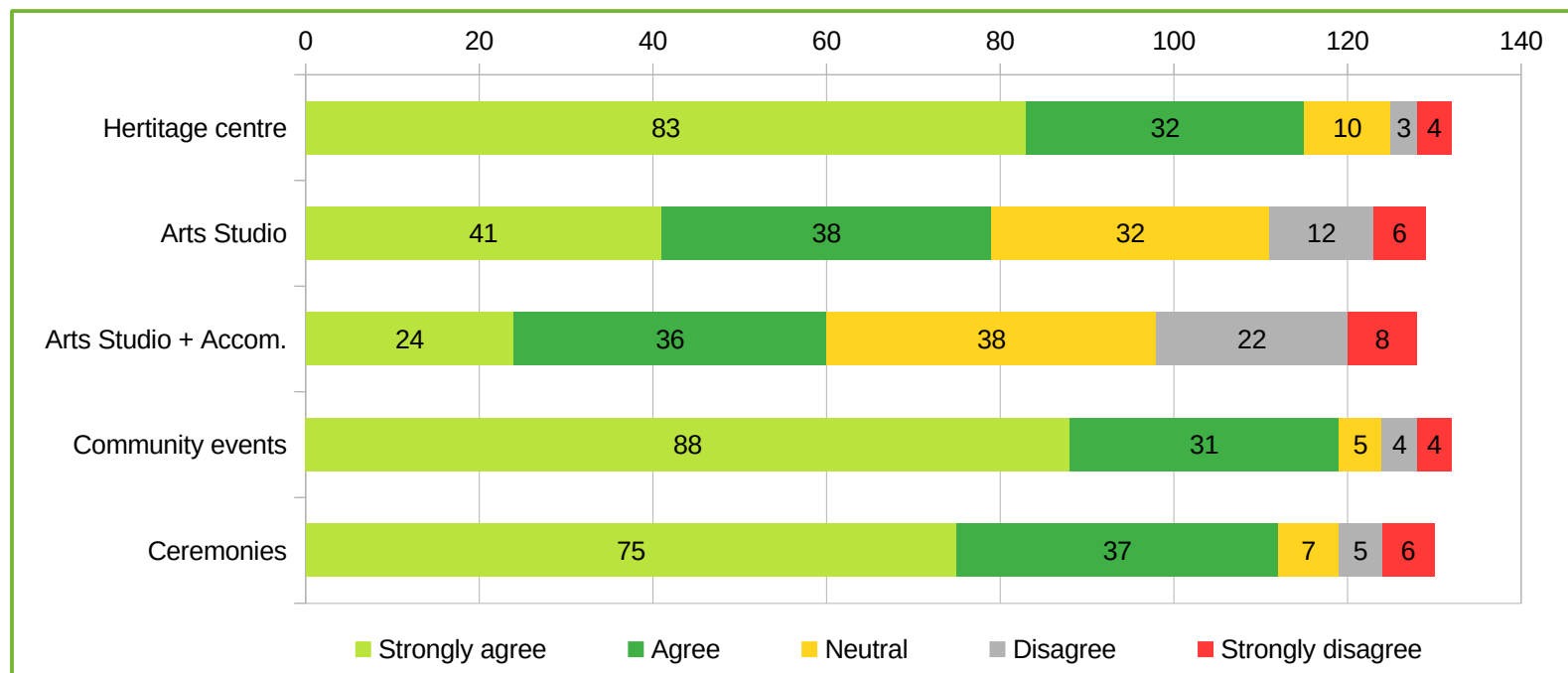
Q2a. You have answered 'no' what is your main reason please?

- It's one thing to develop the building - a support area and chain is a different matter. What community use? What kind of community is there in Llan-ym-mawddwy?
- Whilst I appreciate you have researched the issue I am not sure the project is viable in the long term. In my opinion the site would be better left as a ruin, made safe, and perhaps info boards. I would like to see a detailed plan for ongoing finance to change my opinion.
- If restoration is possible I heartily wish to facilitate this, but the building is secondary. The primary aim is to save the sacred place, respecting St Tydecho's bones (under the alter) and access to the ancient (3,000 years old) yew tree in the cemetery. Better a ruin than a private home. The sacred nature and public access are the important elements.
- Should be a place of meditation, silence, which would also be quiet for the residents of Llanydawddwy who live nearby.
- The roof should be demolished, the walls made safe... and a place for meditation only, not open up a place for groups to have a party.
- No need for another burial ground in the Mawddwy area. Last burial in Dinas Mawddwy was 14 years ago.
- It might benefit someone, but at Aberangell our building dedicated to the community, has little use to people in the parish. When this building is brought back I can see it gradually fail. Is it worth the expense to bring it back into use? Let the church decommission it and keep it as a ruin.
- The aims and goals of the project are extremely unclear. Vague community use doesn't justify use of public money. There are also no figures included.



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Q3. We have the following in mind for new activities and services to be delivered within the restored church building, please tell us to what extent you agree or disagree with each use?



132 responses



Q3a Are there any other uses for the church building that you would like to see?

The written responses can be summarised as follows:

45 responses

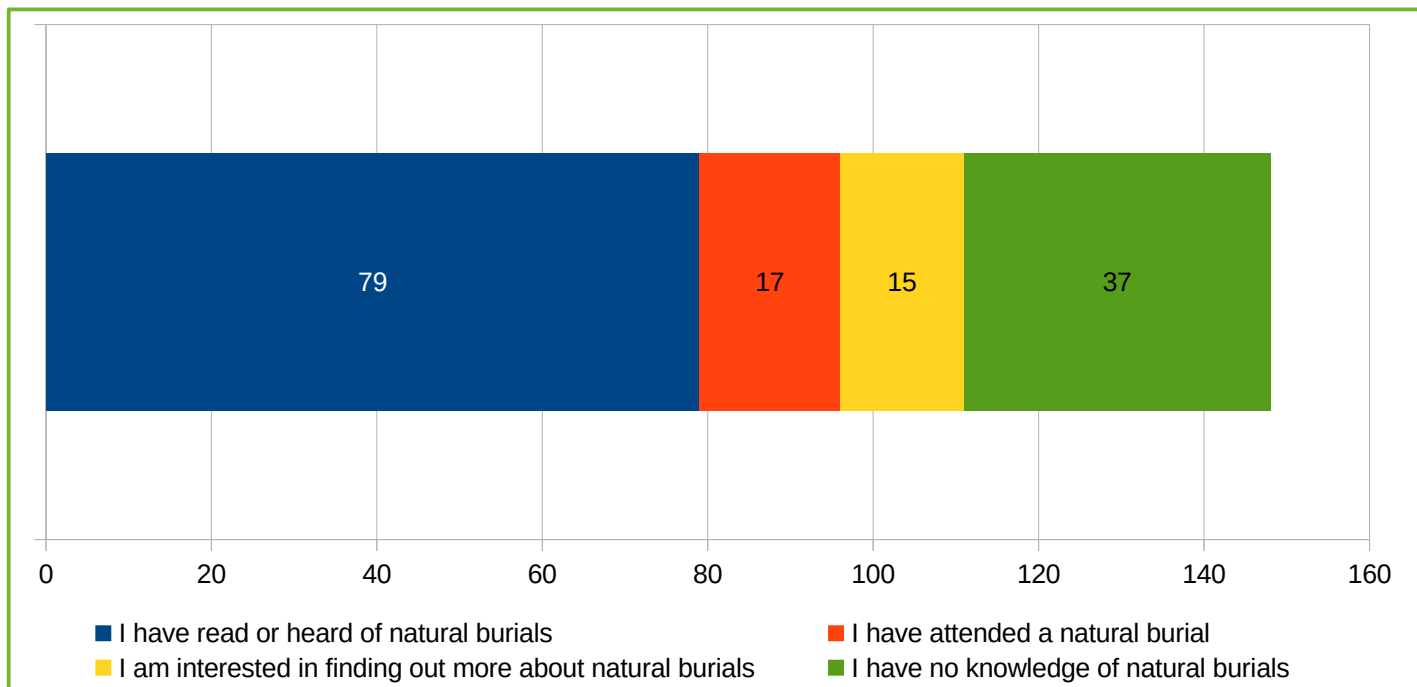
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| • Heritage | 10 responses |
| > Museum/Language/Local history | |
| • Meditation | 8 responses |
| > Pilgrims/Yoga | |
| • Art | 7 responses |
| > Exhibition/Crafts/Workshops | |
| • Play Area | 6 responses |
| > Youth activity/Play area | |
| • Ceremonial/worship | 6 responses |
| > Mourners/contemplation | |
| • Performance | 4 responses |
| > Drama/Folk/Harp centre | |

Remaining items were:

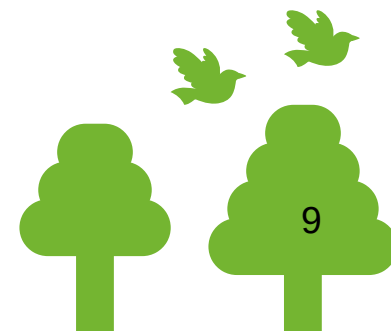
Cafe, meeting space, keep as ruin & do nothing



Q4. What knowledge or experience do you have of a natural burial ground?



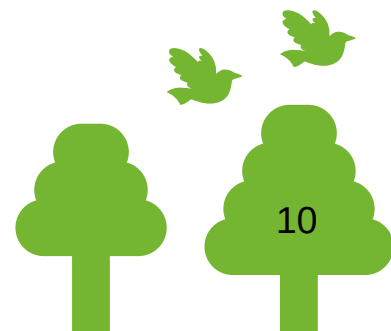
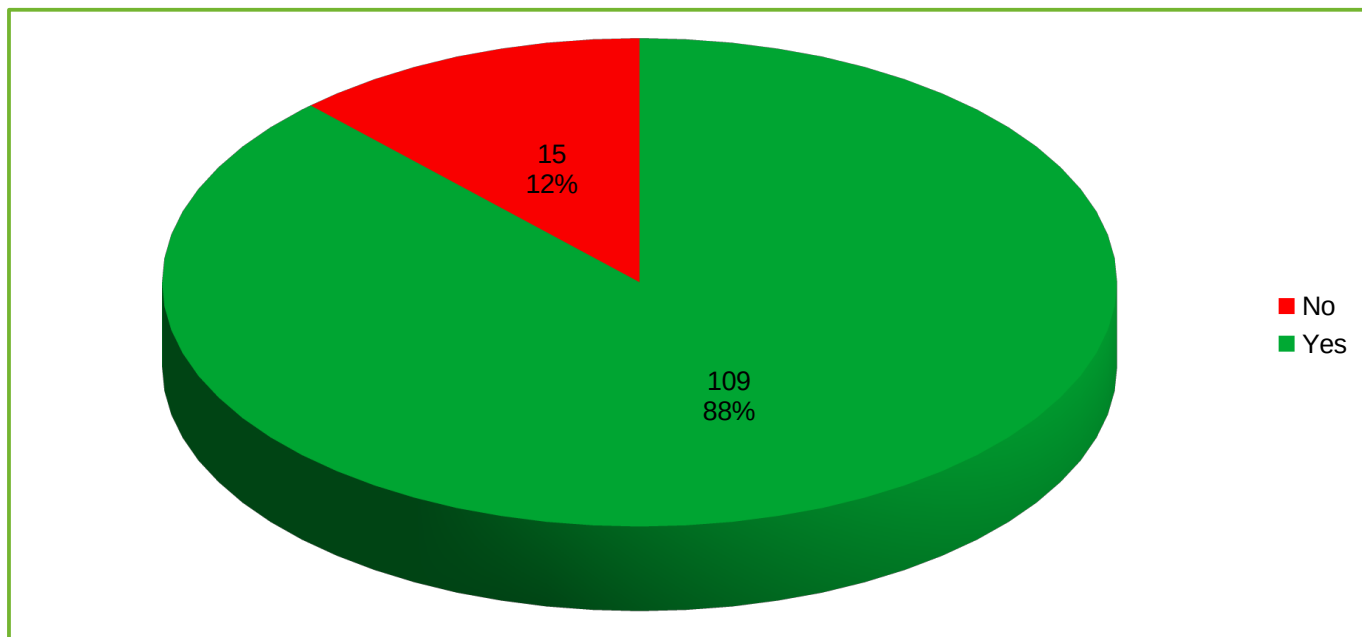
126 responses



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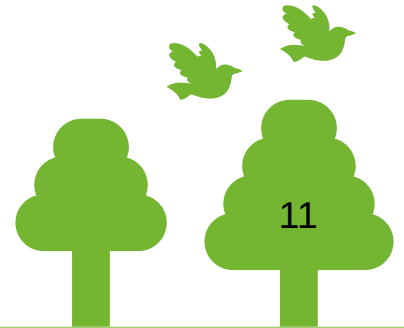
Q5. In general would you support our proposal to establish a natural burial ground in Llanymawddwy to secure the future of the St Tydecho church building?

124 responses

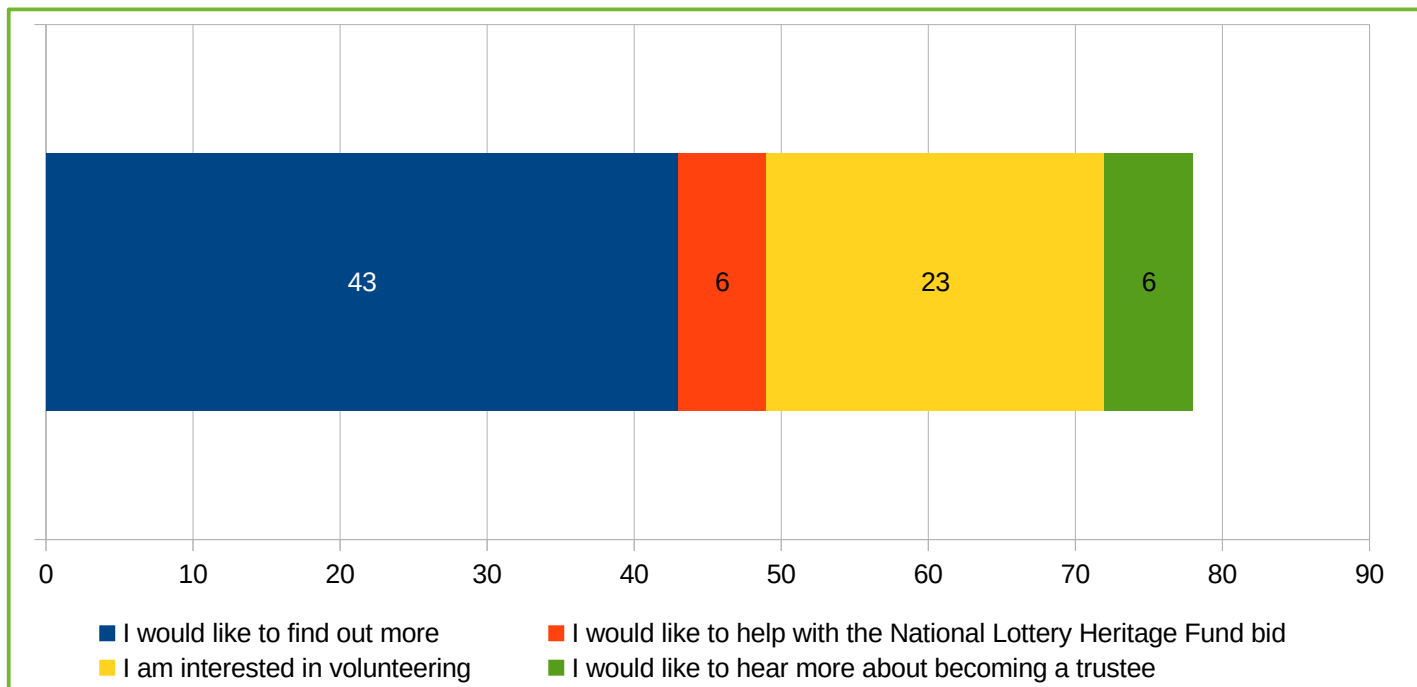


Q5a. You have answered 'no' what is your main reason please?

- There is enough space in the Llan-ym-mawddwy cemetery for the burial of residents of the parish. There will be immigrants with no connection to this place. No thanks.
- Not convinced it would generate the necessary income to support St Tydecho going forwards.
- Burial Ground proposal is fine but maybe not to finance church building.
- I have answered NO as I will not be using the facility when the time comes.
- I wouldn't want to be buried there with sheep grazing over my grave.
- A non-local business manages and benefits. There is nothing communal about that. 3 burials a month sounds high, which suggests that people who have no connection to the local area would be gathered here, which will lead to more families visiting the cemetery, traffic, parking problems.
- There is room for 25 burials in Llanymawddwy which is run by Mawddwy CC. There is room for 42 graves in Dinas Mawddwy. Both are suitable for natural burials.
- Church burial ground is enough.
- It's an absurd proposal, the infrastructure cannot support this. There is, almost literally, no parking available, this hasn't been thought through.



Q6. Would you like to help us develop and manage the church building and/or Natural Burial Ground?



61 responses



Q6a. Do you have any particular skills/knowledge that you think may be useful?

- Only enthusiasm.
- Local information.
- I work in the creative sector - visual arts as an artist but not as an administrator.
- Worked as Head of Marketing for the National Library of Wales.
- Promote and present information and plan relevant work in the school.
- Photography / filming / marketing.
- I am a trustee for Newtown Textile museum. I work in Living history delivering a wide range of workshops to all ages, specialising in textiles. I also promote the use of British wool, the history of Dinas Mawddwy is linked to the wooltrade.
- We can assist with English>Welsh translation work if needed, or editing/proofreading work.
- I have some knowledge of having bid for and managed government-funded community development and regeneration in mixed urban and regional areas in England. Long retired my skills are now out of date but I might be useful as a sounding board on style and focus as the Bid evolves.
- Willing to learn.
- Knowledge of architecture and artist residencies.
- Ex teacher!
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.

27 responses



Q6b. If you have ticked any of the boxes above and/or would like to be entered into the prize draw please enter your contact details

71 responses

- Mixed postal/email/contact number
- Some with no contact details
- Duplications have been filtered out
- One specific request not to be entered into draw



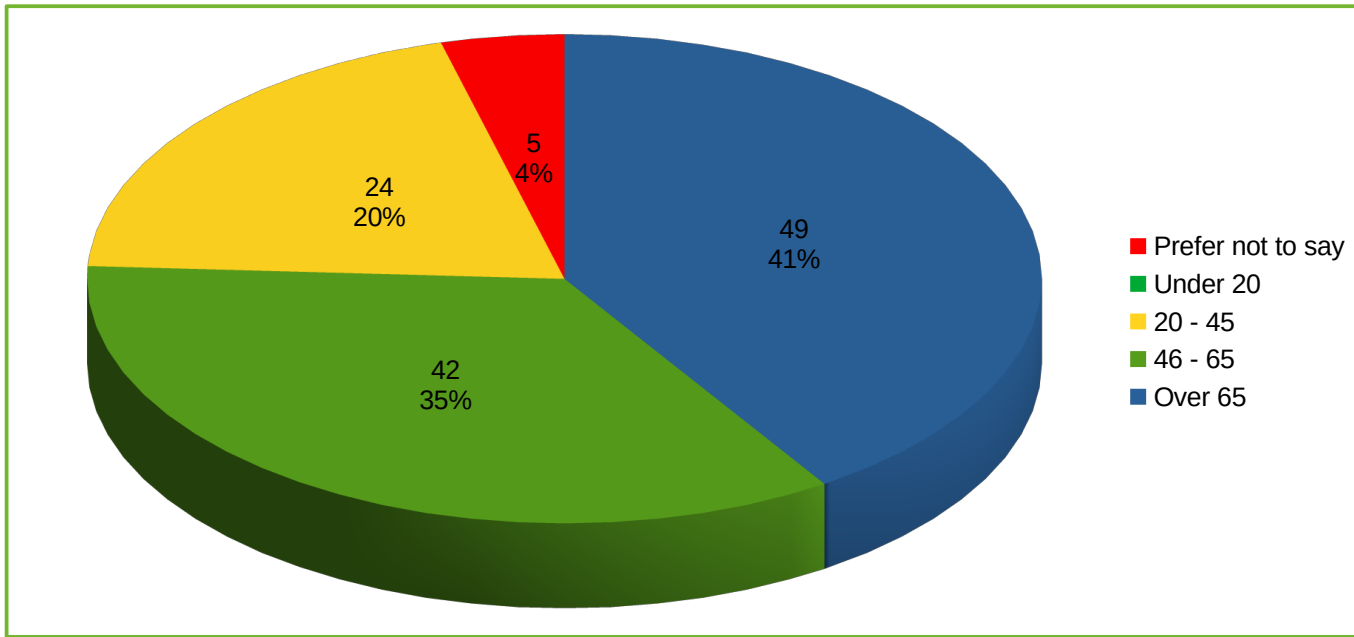
Q6b. Do you have any further comments?

30 responses

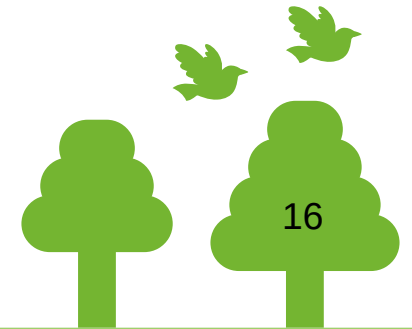
- 19 positive responses
- 5 neutral responses
- 2 negative responses
- 4 non-responses, i.e. Yes/No etc.



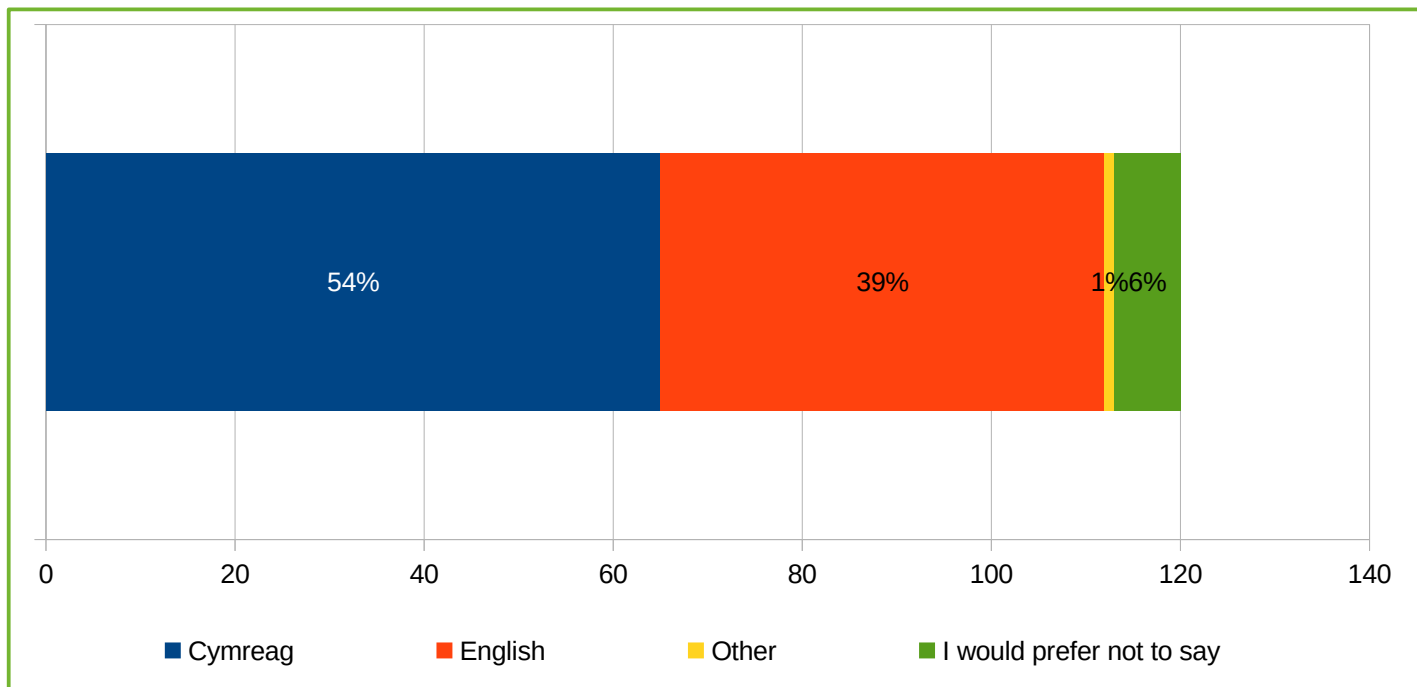
Q8. What age range do you fit in?



120 responses



Q6. What is your first language?



120 responses



Conclusions

- Overwhelming support for pursuing renovation of the Church building – 95% in favour.
- Strong support for using the building for a Heritage centre (87%*), Community activity (92%*) and/or Ceremonies (86%*)
- Good support for an Art Studio (61%*) but more mixed support for an Art Studio with accommodation (48%*).
- Strong support for financing the upkeep of the Church building by establishing a Natural Burial Ground – 88% in favour, based on a good level of general knowledge/experience.

*percentage who answered Strongly Agree or Agree



And finally...

- Lots of ideas for further examination – thank you.
- Much needed offers of support – thank you.
- Next steps:
 - Design organisation to meet project needs,
 - Co-ordinate volunteers,
 - Publicise the firmed up plans.
- The Prize Draw.

For more information about St Tydecho Church
visit our website
<https://tydecho.org.uk>

