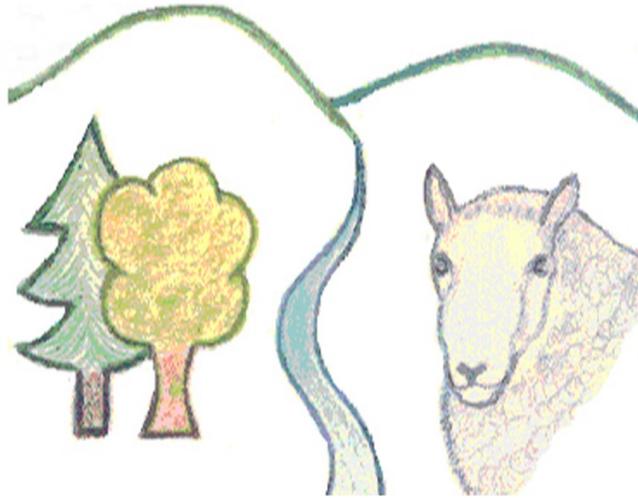
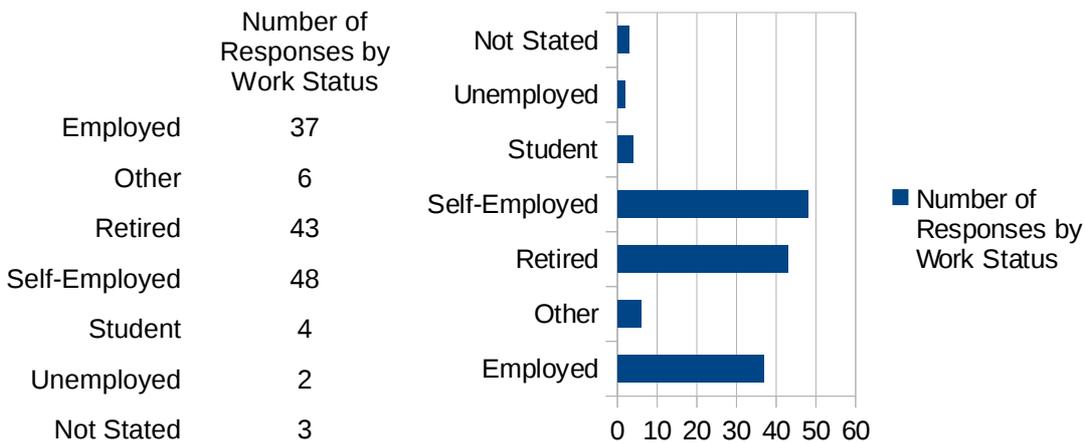
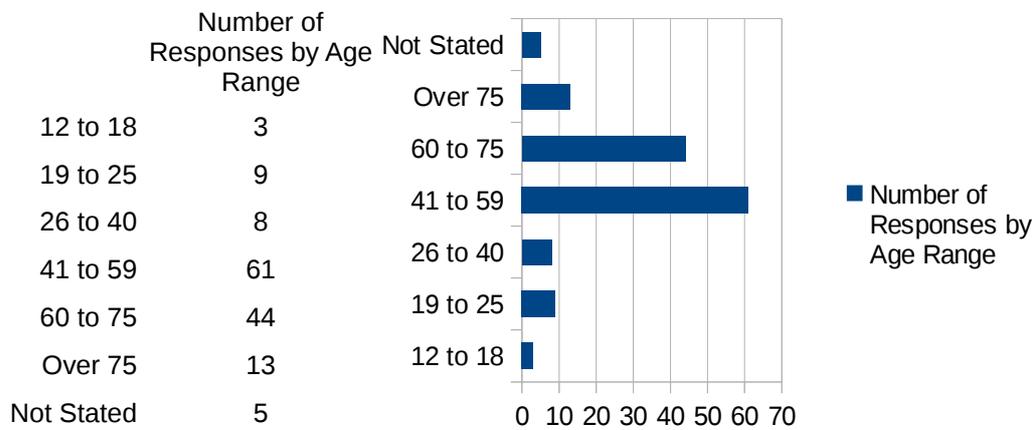
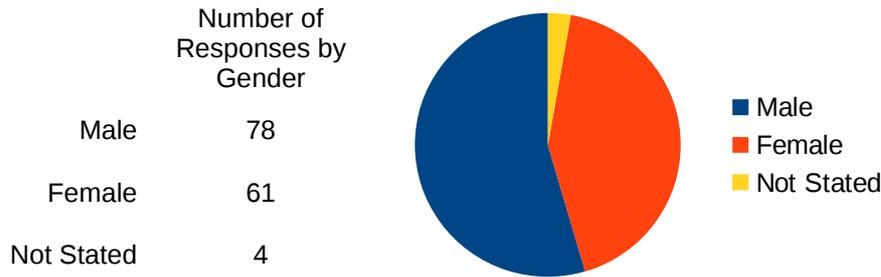


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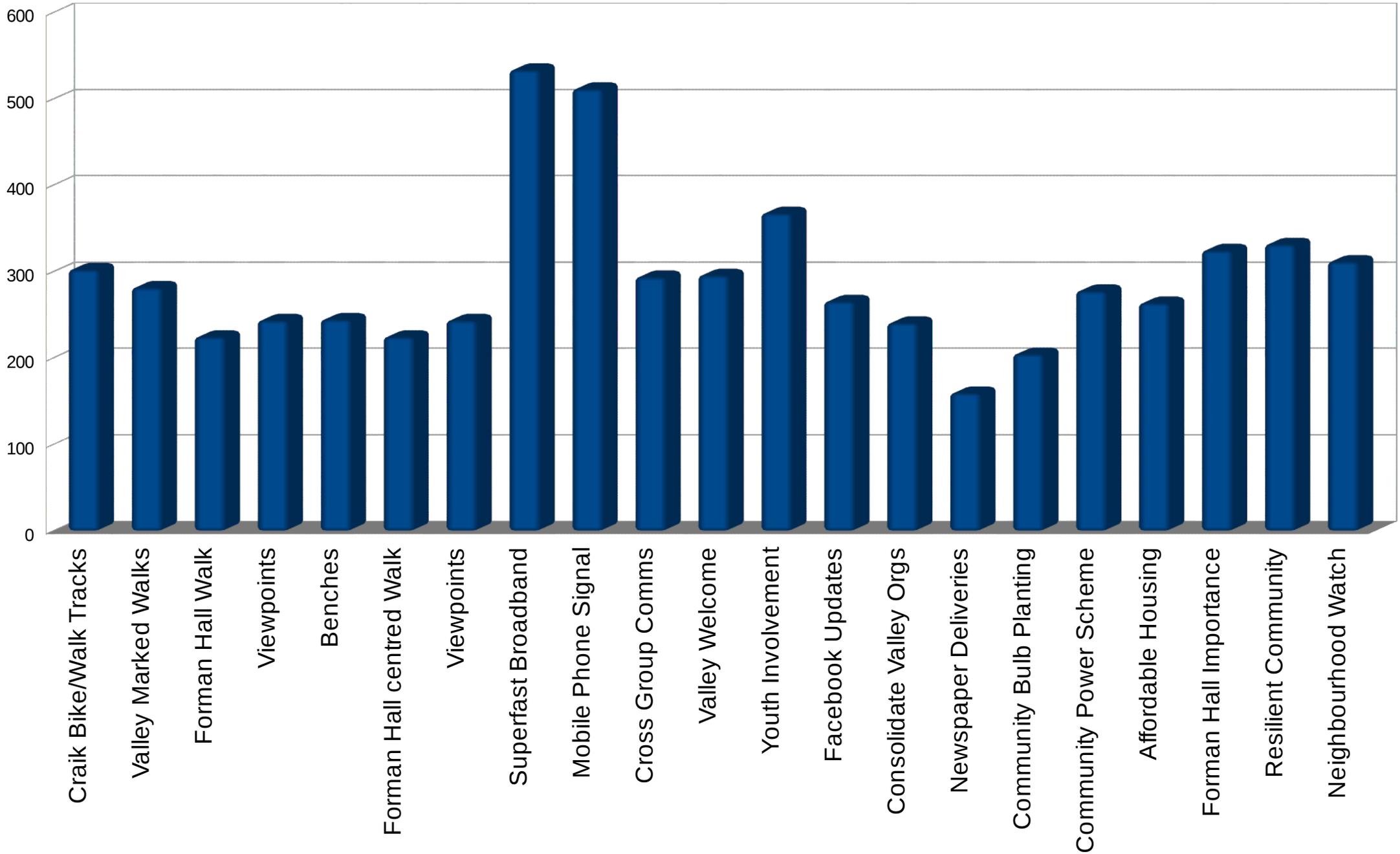
Borthwick Water Valley Survey Results 2017

Summary of Overall Valley Respondents



Community Importance by Subject

Borthwick Water Valley Survey 2017



Issues ordered by Overall Importance

1	Superfast Broadband	534
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Number of Residents willing to help

Provide Cycle Tracks / Footpaths in Craik	11
Provide Marked Walks through the Valley	9
Organised Valley-Wide Bulb Planting	8
Resilient Communities	8
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	8
Superfast Broadband	7
Forman Hall centred walk	6
Dedicated/Informative Viewpoints	5
Mobile Phone Signal	5
Benches for the Community	3
Improve Cross-Group Communication	2
Welcome to the Valley Pack / Action	2
Encourage Young People's Involvement	2
Importance of Forman Hall	2
Consolidate Valley Organisations	1
Investigate Community Power Schemes	1

Borthwick Water Valley Survey 2017

Summary of Results

7th May 2017

Survey Details

10 years ago, the Borthwick Water Community Development Trust carried out a survey of all valley residents to get their views and to help focus their efforts for the future. It was felt it would be beneficial to redo this exercise to help focus the CDT moving forward.

In 2016, the Borthwick Water Community Development Trust, with the help of Heather Batsch (Manager of The Bridge (Community and Voluntary Sector Support Organisation)), got together with other valley organisations to brainstorm questions to include in the 2017 survey.

It was felt that the best response to a survey would be received if personal visits were made with the surveys, so in the second quarter of 2017, the Directors of the Borthwick Water Community Development Trust (the CDT) visited every home that falls under the remit of the CDT, handing out surveys for each member (aged 12 years or over) to complete.

Within a couple of weeks, the Directors returned to collect the completed surveys.

Response

195 surveys were distributed and 143 were returned, a response rate of 73.33%. 55% of the returns were from men, 42.6% from women, the rest choosing not to declare their gender.

73% of surveys were returned by residents aged 41 to 75, with the rest spread roughly equally across other age ranges.

90% were returned by people who were either Employed, Self-Employed or Retired (30%).

Note

The Survey Findings have been drawn impartially from the survey results in Appendix A. Please note, although there was a good survey return rate, the numbers involved are low (143 surveys returned). To ensure the survey findings are fair, the figures have been weighted to take into account, for example, that more men returned surveys than women, less 12 to 18 year olds completed surveys than other age groups etc etc...

The weighting mechanism when applied to the low number groups (such as 12 to 18 year olds) can skew their represented figures out of proportion, so some of the columns in the appendix may appear unusually high or low. Unfortunately, this is how it is, and should be viewed accordingly.

Survey Findings

Question 1 - Provision of Cycle Tracks / Footpaths in Craik Forest

Ranked 7th most important overall

69% felt that this was at the very least “Quite Important” with 17% considering it of utmost importance.

Generally speaking, the voting went according to age, with the younger survey returners marking this topic as important. The importance, perhaps understandably, generally slackened as ages of returners increased. No difference according to gender.

Question 2 - Provide Marked Walks through the Valley

Ranked 10th most important overall

Slightly favoured by women more than men, but pretty much equally across all age ranges.

Question 3 - Develop a Forman Hall centred walk

Ranked 18th most important overall

46% felt it was not really important or of zero importance, but at least “very important” by 17%,

Question 4 - Create Dedicated and Informative Viewpoints

Ranked 15th most important overall

Particularly favoured by those aged 26 to 40 and by women more than men.

Question 5 - Benches for the Community

Ranked 14th most important overall

Significantly favoured more by women than men.

Question 6 - General Comments about the Borthwick Water Valley Environment

There was a general feeling that cycle tracks / footpaths are both good for Valley residents and tourists alike, with some concern for who would maintain them.

Generally positive comments about a Forman Hall centred walk.

Question 7 - Superfast Broadband

Ranked the most important overall.

If there was one issue valley residents felt was the most urgent for addressing it was bringing Superfast Broadband into the valley.

82.5% of surveys were filled in indicating that Superfast Broadband was of the Utmost Importance.

The support for Superfast Broadband seems to be across all age ranges and equally supported no matter whether the responder was employed, self-employed, retired or a student etc...

Question 8 - Establish Mobile Phone Signal throughout the Valley

Ranked 2nd most important overall

Similar to the Superfast Broadband issue, this was supported across all ranges and job statuses with 74% feeling it was of the Utmost Importance.

Question 9 - Telephone / Broadband Comments

Overriding comments that Superfast Broadband is a must in this day and age and for the future, with some resigned to accepting any broadband as long as it works. Others couldn't see it happening.

Mobile Phone signals are seen as important too, but a lot of valley folk have become accustomed to not having a signal. A few felt it was important for emergency situations.

Question 10 - Improve Cross Group Communication between Valley Organisations

Ranked 9th most important overall

Favoured more by women than men, with support equally spread across all age ranges and job statuses, 75% felt it was at least "Quite Important"

Question 11 - Pro-active "Welcome to the Valley" incl Welcome Pack

Ranked 8th most important overall

73% felt that this was at least "Quite Important", women favouring a pro-active welcome slightly more than men. Support was pretty much equal across all age ranges apart from those aged 19 to 25.

Question 12 - Encourage Young People's Involvement in Valley Affairs

Ranked 3rd most important overall

Particularly favoured by students, but pretty much equally across all ranges, 92% felt that it was at the very least "Quite Important" with 38% feeling it was Very Important.

Question 13 - More Valley Information distributed by Facebook etc...

Ranked 12th most important overall

62% felt that this was at the most "Quite Important" with 38% feeling it was either not really important or of zero importance.

Question 14 - Improved efficiencies by consolidating valley organisations

Ranked 17th most important overall

80% felt that this was at the most "Quite Important" with 40% feeling it was not really important or of zero importance.

Question 15 - Investigate Organised Newspaper Deliveries

Ranked least important overall

Noone felt that was of the utmost importance. 70% felt that this was either not really important or of zero importance.

Question 16 - Valley-wide Community Bulb-Planting

Ranked 2nd least important overall

Favoured more by women than men, 50% felt this was either not really important or of zero importance.

Question 17 - "Getting Involved" Comments

Generally, people were in support of a friendly welcome into the valley, one feeling it could be done by neighbours.

Most of the comments were complimentary of the look of the valley when in bloom, with one comment warning that when out of bloom, flowers can be an eyesore. The comments were generally in favour of community bulb-planting.

Most of the people who commented on combining valley organisations felt that organisations were best kept separate "[to] flourish or die according to the interests of its organisers"

Question 18 - Investigate Community Power Schemes

Ranked 11th most important overall

Significantly more favoured by women than men, by those aged 19 to 25 and those who were “Employed”

66% felt that this was at the least “Quite Important”

Question 19 - Explore opportunities for affordable housing

Ranked 13th most important overall

Most important to the Unemployed, the importance factor declined as the age of respondents rose. Least important to the “Over 75’s”, most important to those aged “12 to 18” and “26 to 40”

Question 20 - Comments under “Community Business”

The majority of comments regarding Affordable Housing agreed that it is useful only if there are jobs to support the people living in “Affordable Housing” and that perhaps if it is something that should be tackled, then perhaps at the Hawick end of the valley.

As for Community Power schemes, there was a general feeling of “no more wind turbines”, but favour for Hydro-power schemes with doubt whether there was enough of a head of water to make it viable.

Question 21 - Importance of Forman Hall

Ranked 5th most important overall

A strong show of support for the Forman Hall, with 78% feeling it was at the least “Quite Important”, women showing slightly more support than men. The support was generally equal across all age ranges and all job statuses apart from those who were unemployed.

Question 22 - Suggested Improvements to the Forman Hall

General approval of how valuable the Forman Hall is and lots of suggestions for additional things that could be done to encourage further use.

General consensus that it would be nice to see more people coming to valley events.

Question 23 - Suggested Events for the Forman Hall

Lots of wide-ranging suggestions received for new events at the Hall (see list in Appendix Q23) and requests for past activities (eg Bowling) to return.

Question 25 - Comments under Valley Amenities

Lots of praise for the Forman Hall Committee with approval for what they're doing.

A keenness to see more people attend valley events appears in this section too.

See Appendix Q25 for full list of comments

Question 26 - Formalise support for Resilient Communities

Ranked 4th most important overall

76% felt that this was at the least "Quite Important", favoured more by women than men. Support was across all age ranges and job statuses.

Question 27 - Develop Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Ranked 6th most important overall

73% felt that this was at the least "Quite Important" with support across all ranges and job statuses.

Question 28 - Comments under Community Safety

General feeling that neighbours already notice unusual happenings in the valley and look after their neighbours with one feeling the valley was "too strung out" for a neighbourhood watch scheme"

Some support for First Aid training given distance from hospital, with an offer of training by 1 valley resident.

Question 29 - General Comments

Roads of particular concern to quite a few valley residents, both the state of them and the speed of logging lorries.

Broadband also received a number of comments on the lines of how important it is and the urgency with which it needs to be sorted.

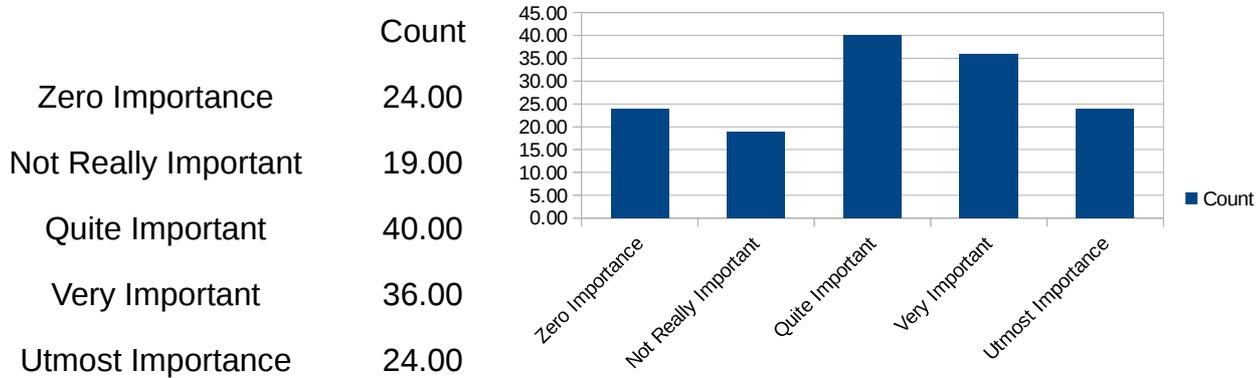
Full list of comments in Appendix Q29

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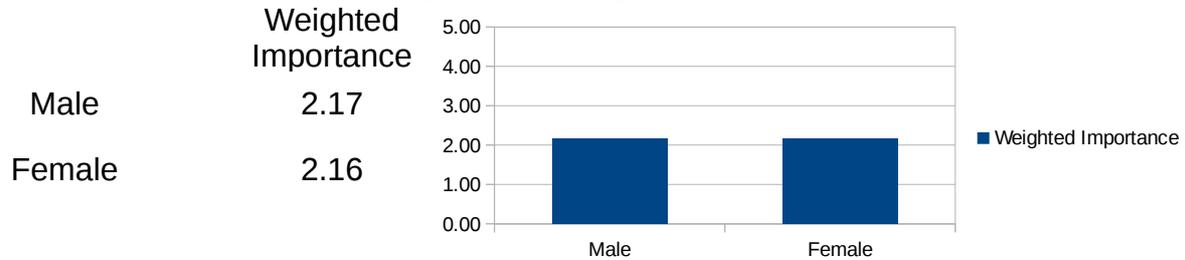
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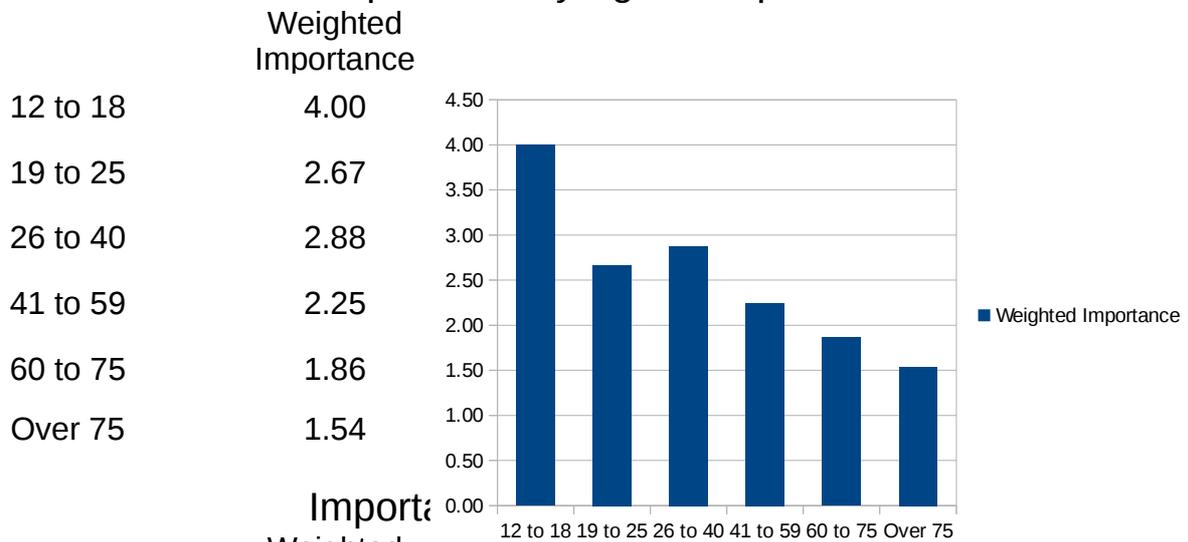
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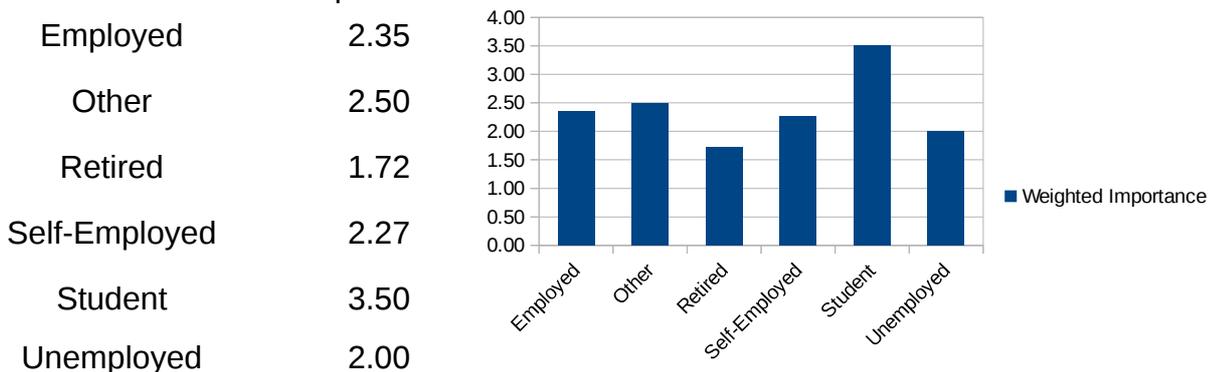
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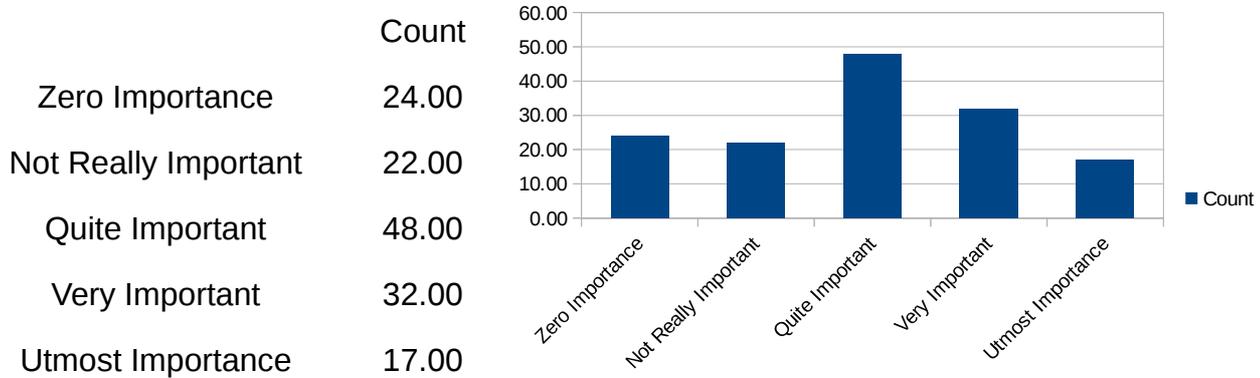
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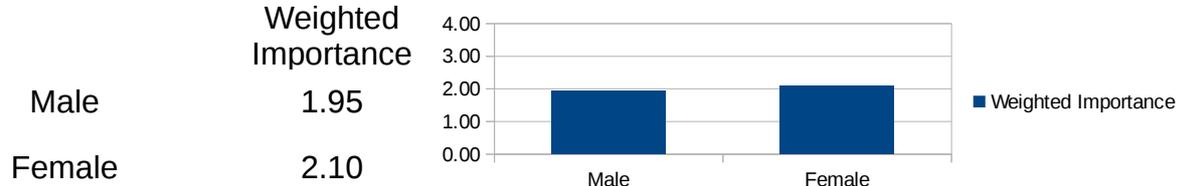
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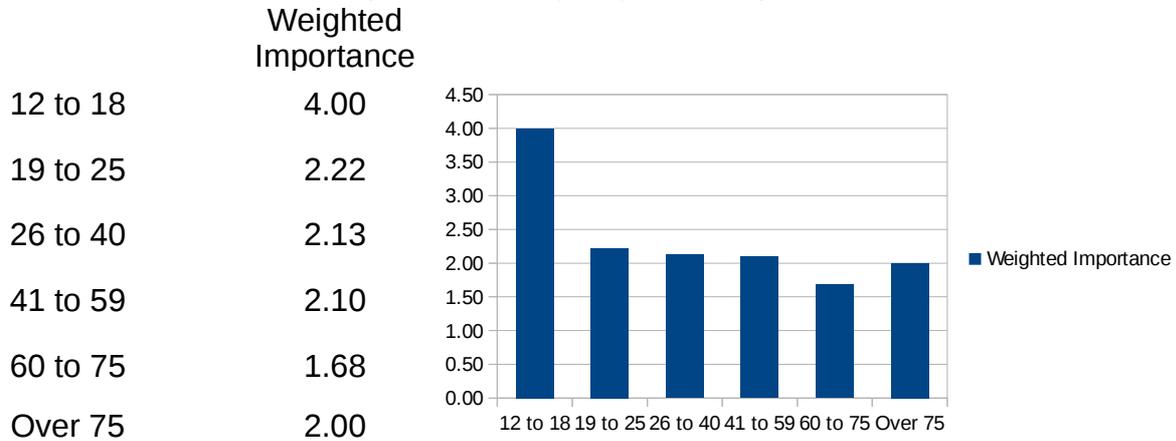
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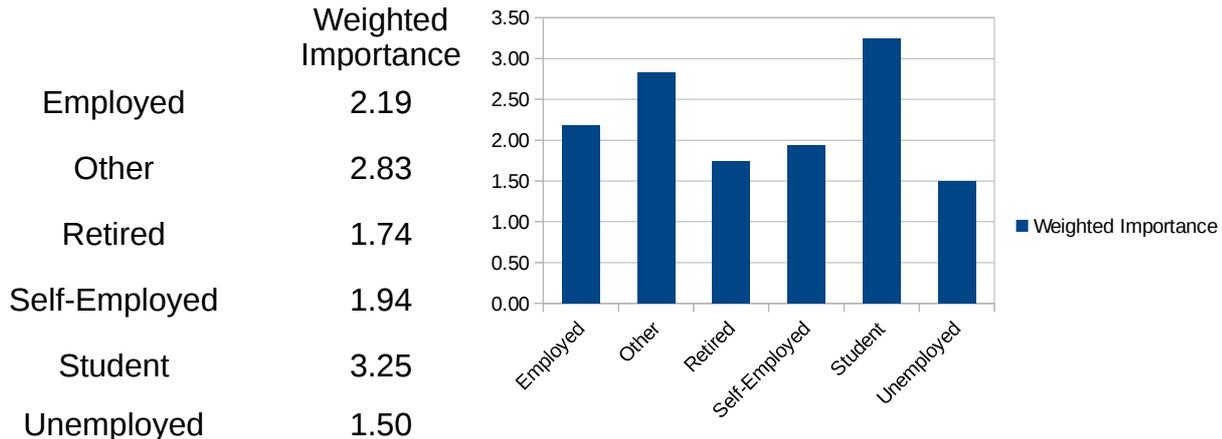
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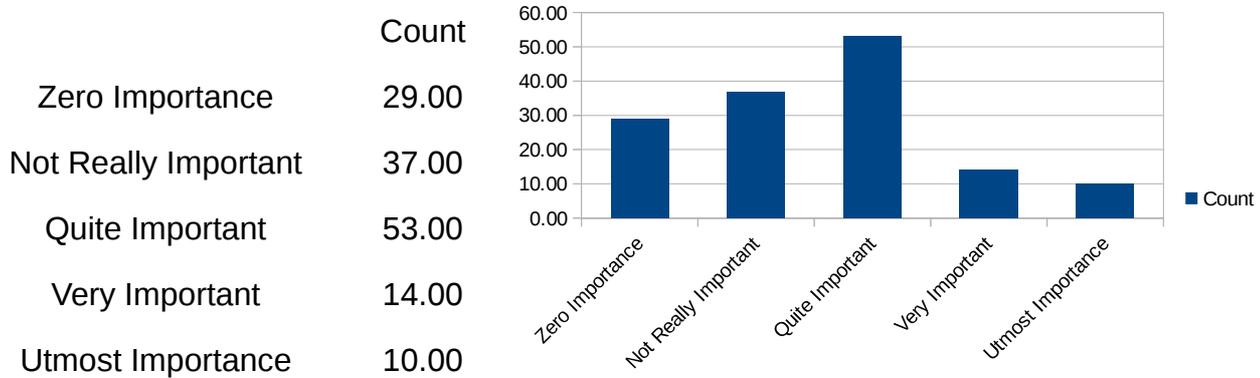


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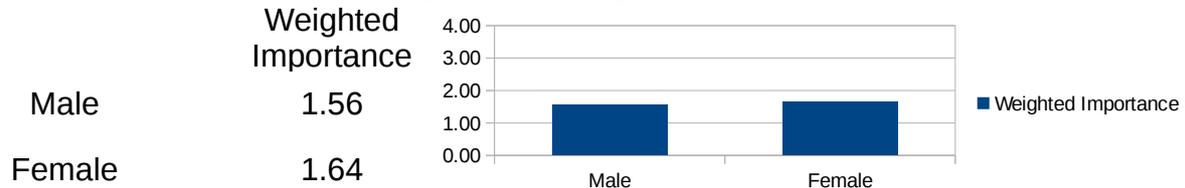
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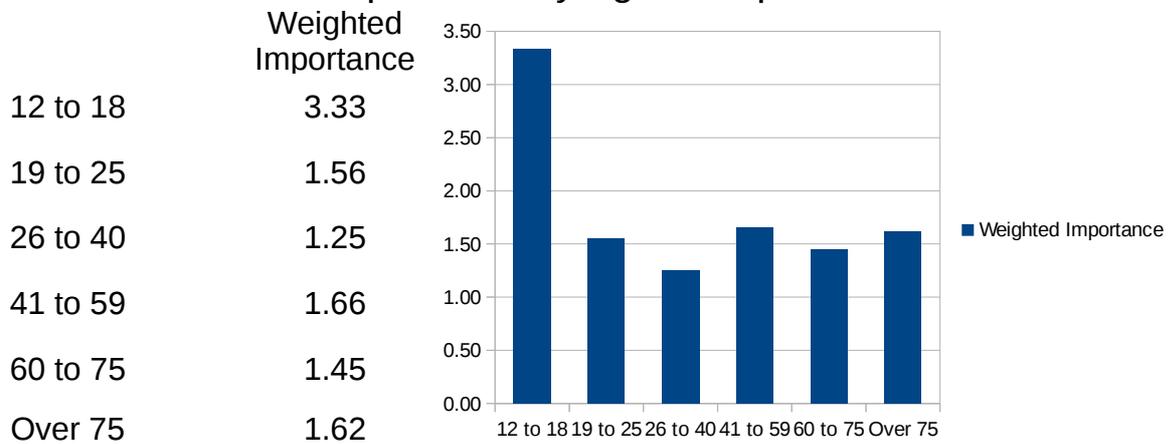
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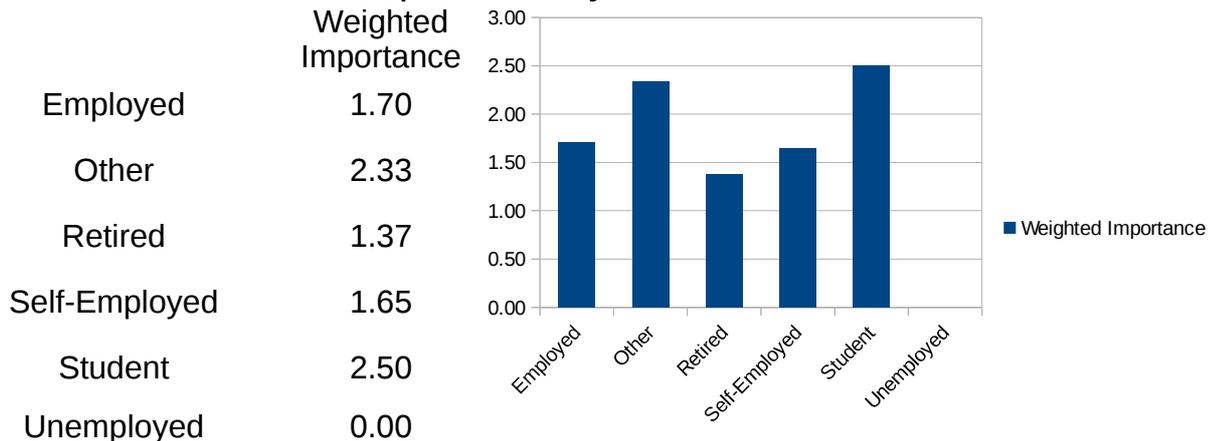


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* The weighted importance for ages 12 to 18 appears high due to low numbers of this age range in the valley

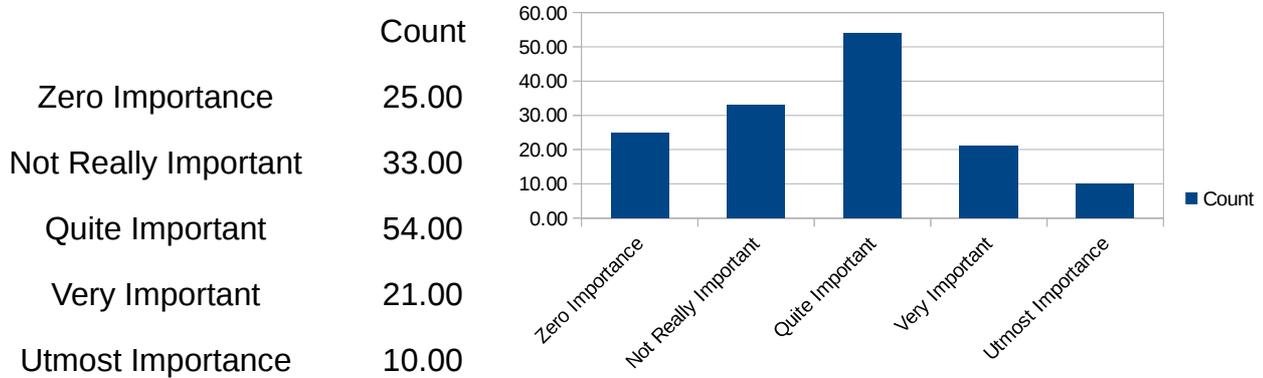
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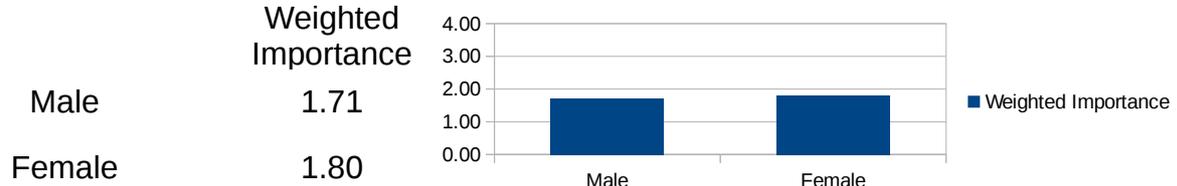
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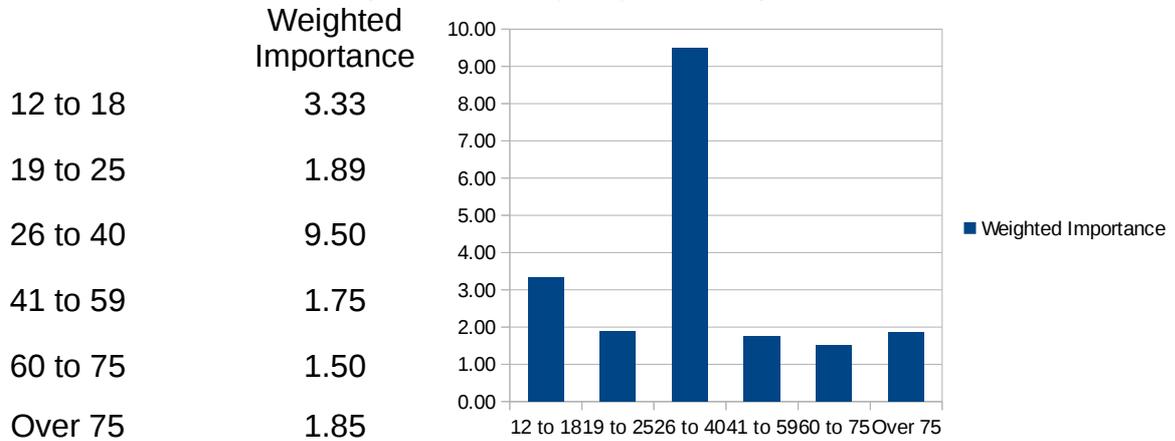
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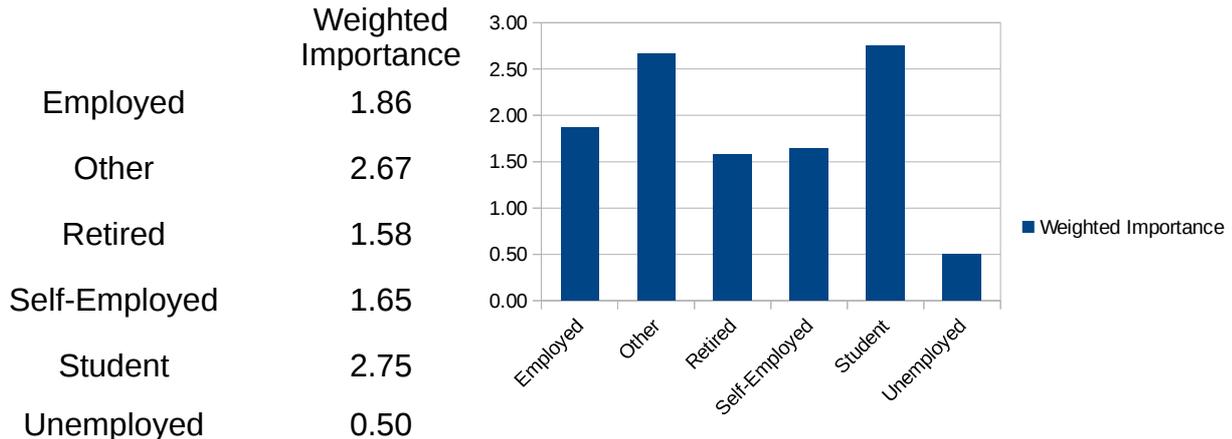
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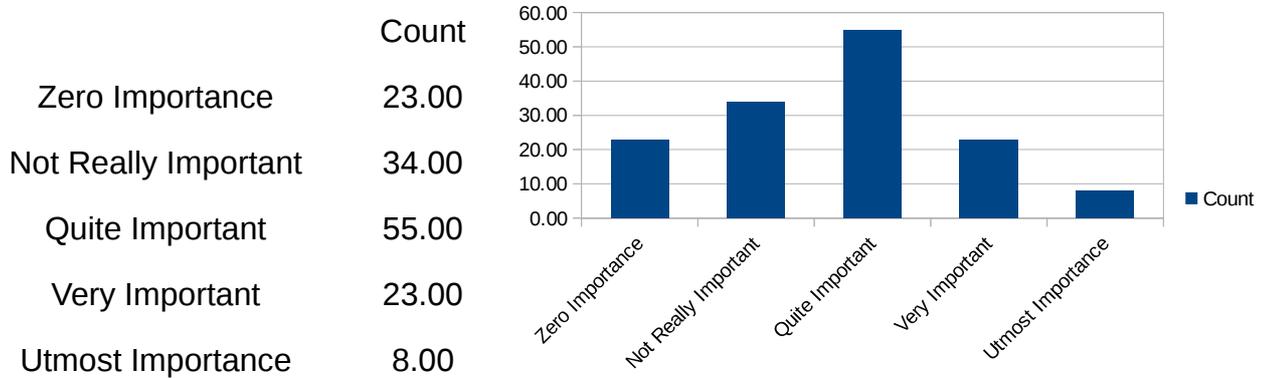


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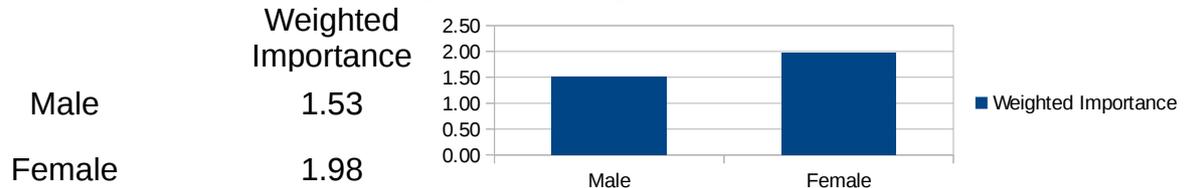
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Provide benches for the community

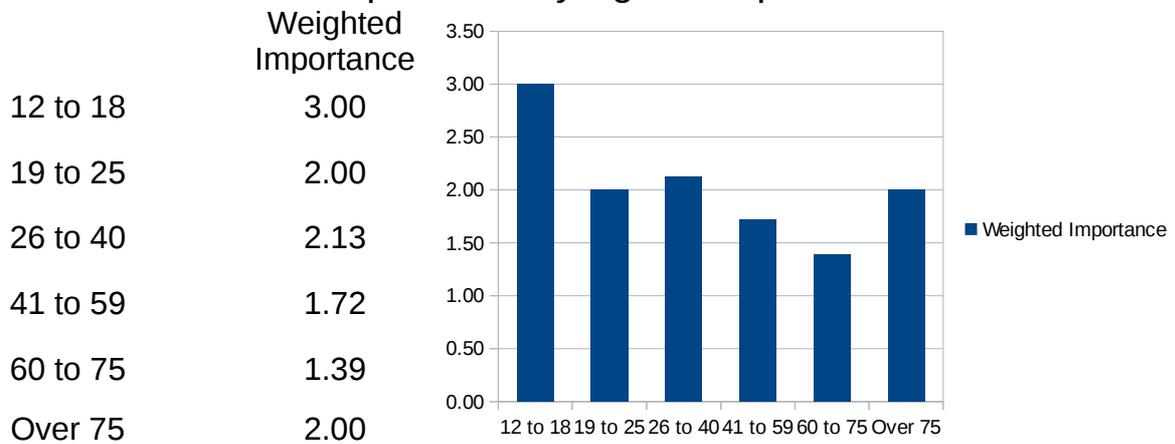
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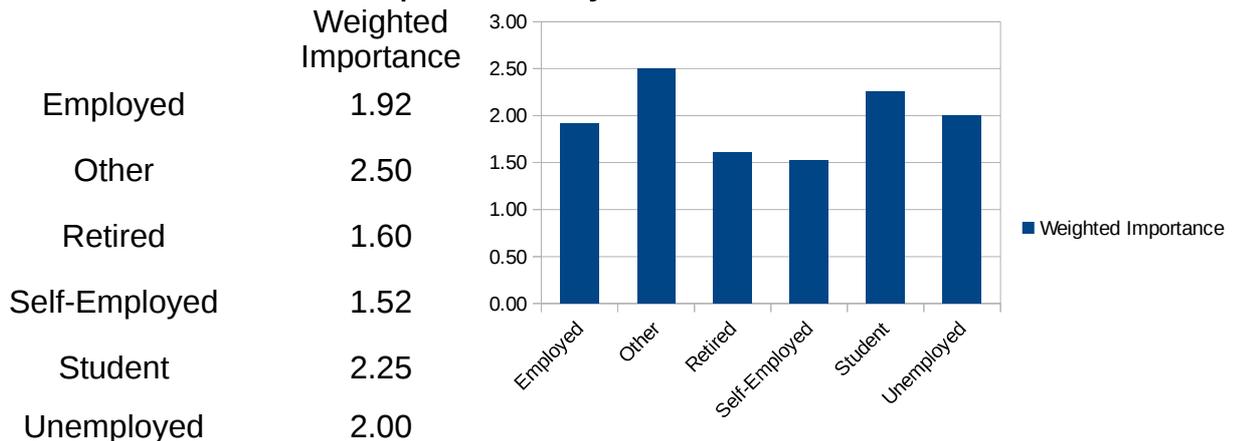
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Comments under Question 6 - The Borthwick Water Environment

We need to develop cycle tracks / footpaths as a priority - this will encourage people to use these facilities rather than travel outwith the area

I think we need to improve Craik Forest footpaths and cycle tracks so that they attract more people to the area

I think the footpaths/cycle tracks and the most important. Brings in people which benefits the community and promotes the area - cycling is a growing family pursuit

Think having some good walks / cycle routes in the valley would be good, not just for residents but tourists also

All of the above should help B&B in valley and make it attractive to come here Not just walks, cycle-ways, by road or cross-country

Have circled these to help bring people into the valley

Who would maintain these benches ? And the one at the Hall !!!

Benches at the Hall would be good

Not a lot of people use the track/footpaths in the forest. 3. Why? 5. Benches on the hill and in the forest. YES why not.

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Viewpoint from Ale Moor Road Heights would be good

Re-instate some toilet facilities for Craik Forest. Stop people dumping house waste in Aithouse Burn.

1: footpaths only. These are all good things, especially for visitors/tourism, but as requested, rating is given from personal involvement only. For the valley residents but also for the growing number of holidaymakers using the valley

I think a walk centred on the hall would be good

Sadly I am unable to help these activities due to work pressure

Benches are important. Maybe have 1 or 2 on road from Robertson to Craik. Also Car sharing groups for walking. Also guided walks

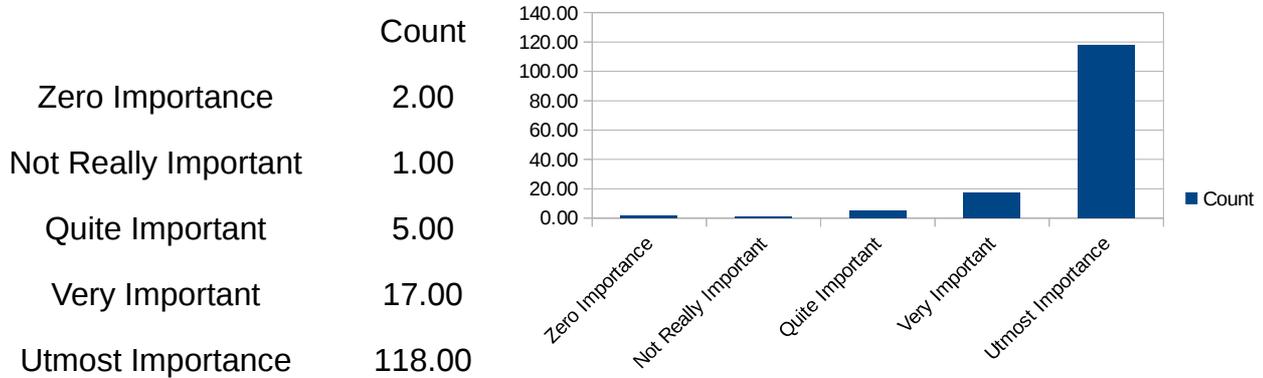
Forestry Commission have removed maintenance and signage on existing paths / biking trails. These existing paths can be cost effectively reinstated
Tourism is a good source of income for some in the valley - walks are the main thing we can offer and views

If there is a walking route through the valley, then it would be good to have the Hall as a start point for people. Marked Walks / Cycle Routes are helpful, but should be separate

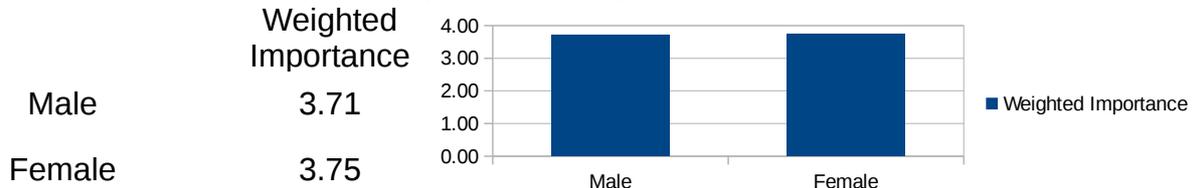
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Delivery of Superfast Broadband (>30Mbps) (not satellite)

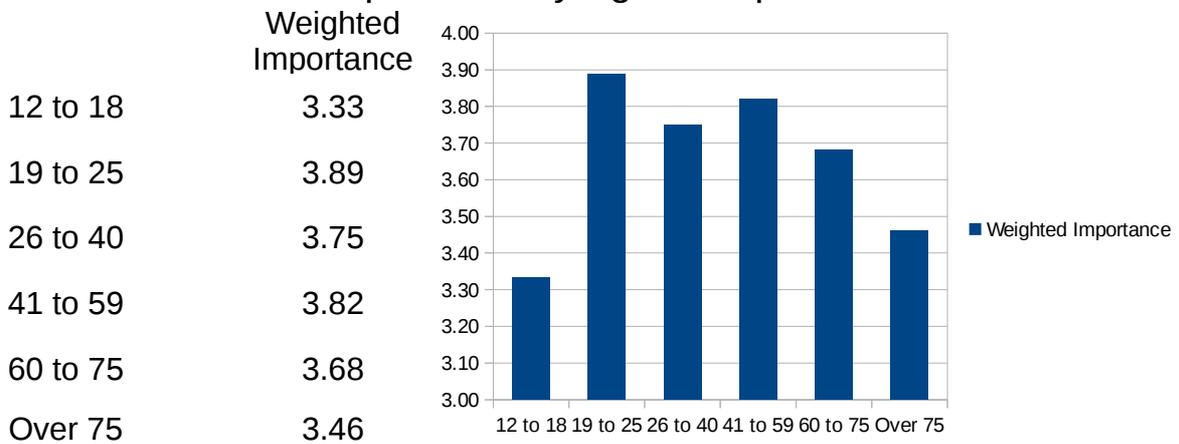
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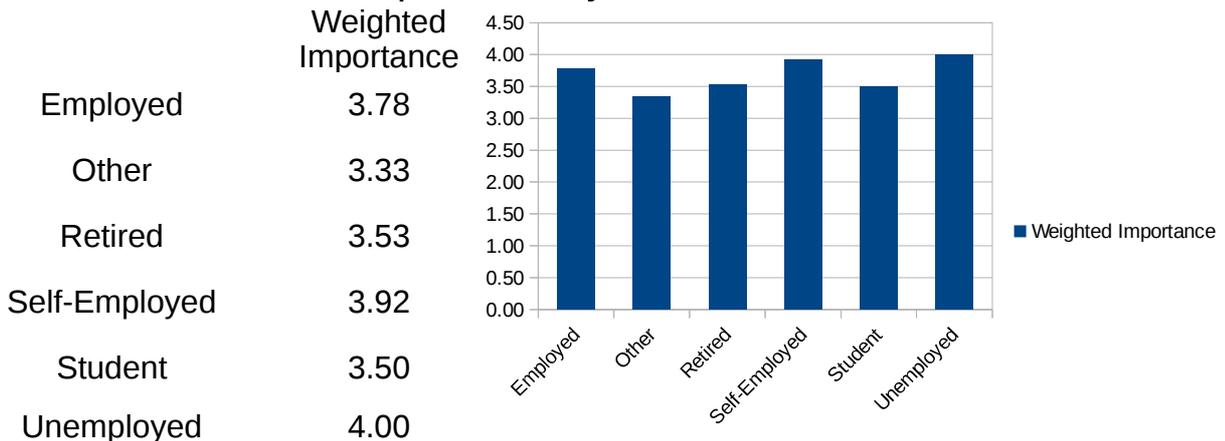
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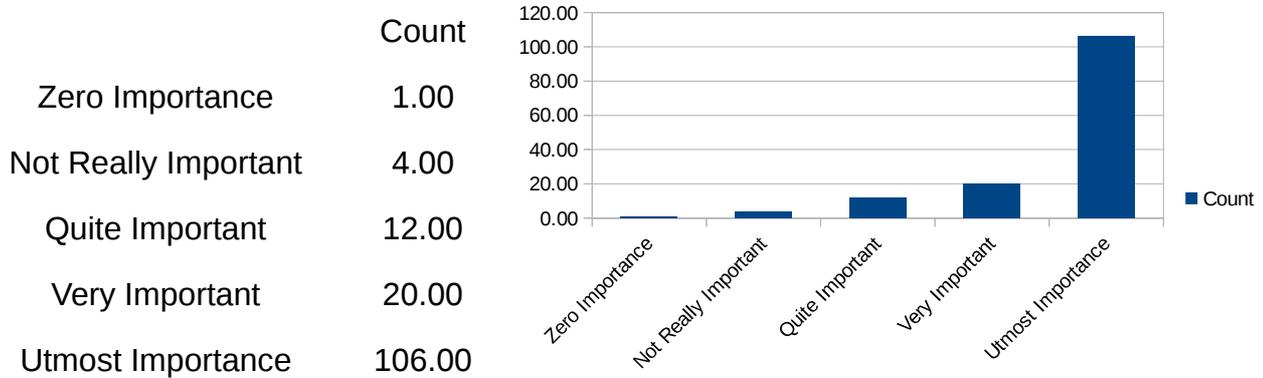
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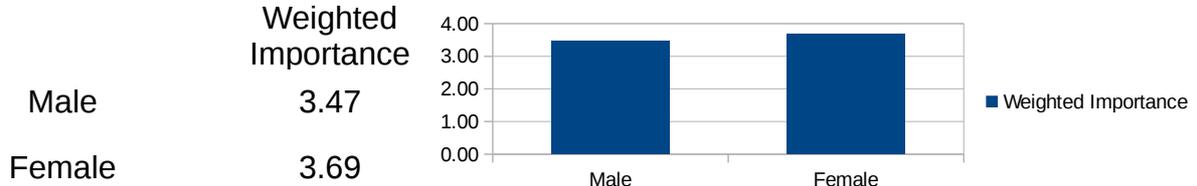
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Establish Mobile Phone Signal throughout the Valley

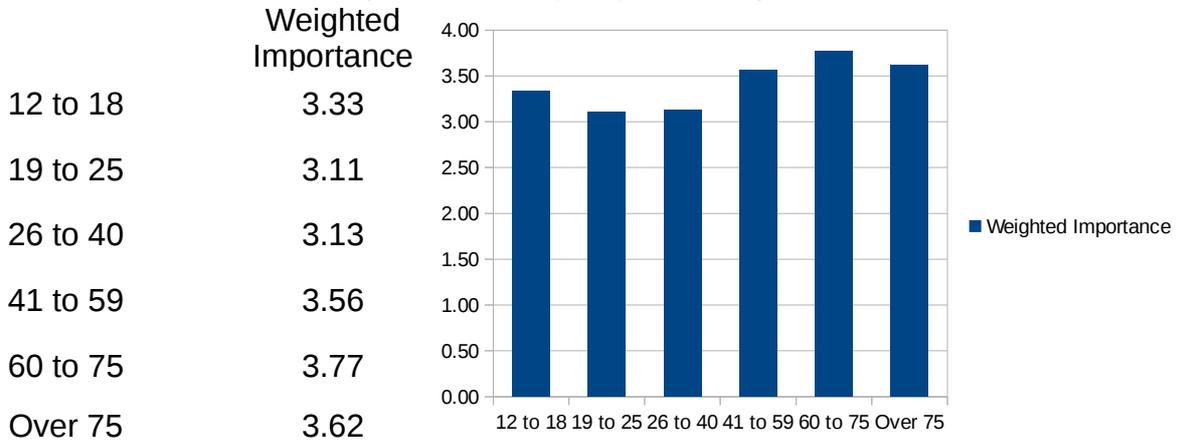
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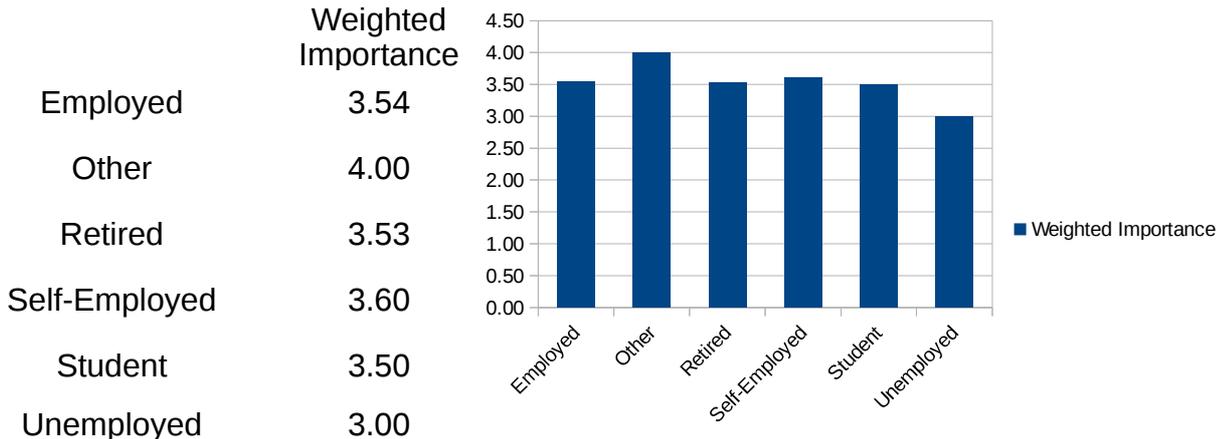
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Importance by Work Status



Comments under Telephone / Broadband

This is of extreme importance in the modern world. All people within the valley need to have fast access to the internet. A mobile signal is critical for good communication and emergencies

A must for the valley

This is critical in this world because a lot of people have to communicate to others and also work

Priority to improve broadband and mobile phone signal

Think fast broadband is a must for the future. Whilst I enjoy not having mobile phone signal in some respects it would probably be best in the long run

Hopefully this will be resolved before too long

Now that BT and OpenReach are separated, hopefully other companies will be allowed to provide services

Also good idea for mobile phone providers to use single masts available to all users

Love working in the local area, but at the moment don't have a job in the area so travelling a lot. Would like to become more involved in these issues when home more

About broadband: everyone needs to be on BT, so then it will be more pressure on them to do their job which they haven't done. Put pressure on local government to get masts for mobile phones which is very important for people in rural area.

Still waiting? I can't see it getting done.

Still waiting? I can't see it getting done.

Speed is not the issue; the provision of cheap reliable broadband particularly for the Craik end of the valley is needed. If we run out of our limited allowance we are on a throttled service which hardly works.

Not bothered about 'superfast broadband'. I just want something that works.

Mast at Broadlea would cover most of valley

Although mobile signal would be nice I think the majority of residents are used to not having it.

Much improved communication

7: if this is for all then it is important, however, for the 'few' needs to be kept in perspective with regards to how much time, effort & cost is deployed in its research. Mobile signal is more important than the broadband-not electrically dependent, internet can be accessed via mobile-emergency communication.

7. Location necessitates OTA BB delivery of some form. 8. Already made some approaches on this. Assuming 'the valley' extends right into Craik Forest to include Ropelawshiel. Likewise with Broadband delivery.

A mobile signal is a must not only for the valley residents but people in general coming into the valley

If broadband means that only BT provide then I'm not interested as will not deal with BT as matter of principle. Satellite is good now and a better/faster service is available at a price howvere mobile signal will provide fast internet signal & 4G through providers like EE & Three, kill 2 birds with one stone with a decent mobile service in the area

Q7 more important is good connectivity and greater speed but not necessarily as much as superfast(which would cost a lot more)

If the landline down a mobile signal is essential otherwise how does one get help

This is the most important to me. We have a disgraceful service at the moment

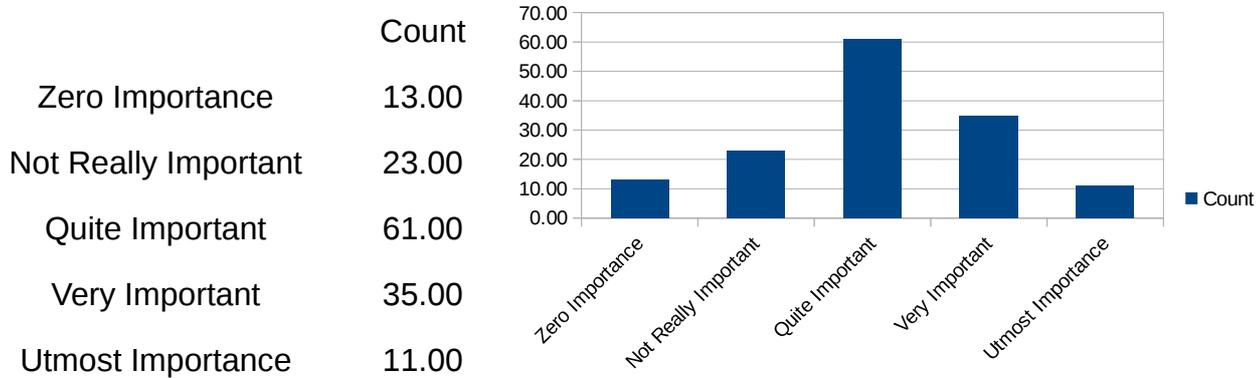
Can we get phone signal 4G which may be easier than following broadband (fibreoptic) route which seems to have lots of problems

Communication is of great importance to the valley in respect of keeping in touch and some of us need broadband for work and research purposes

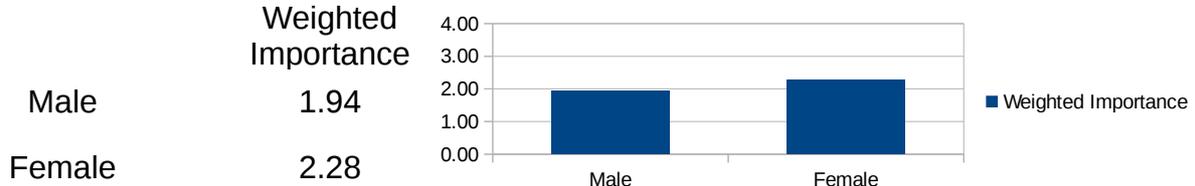
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Improve Cross Group Communication between different valley organisations

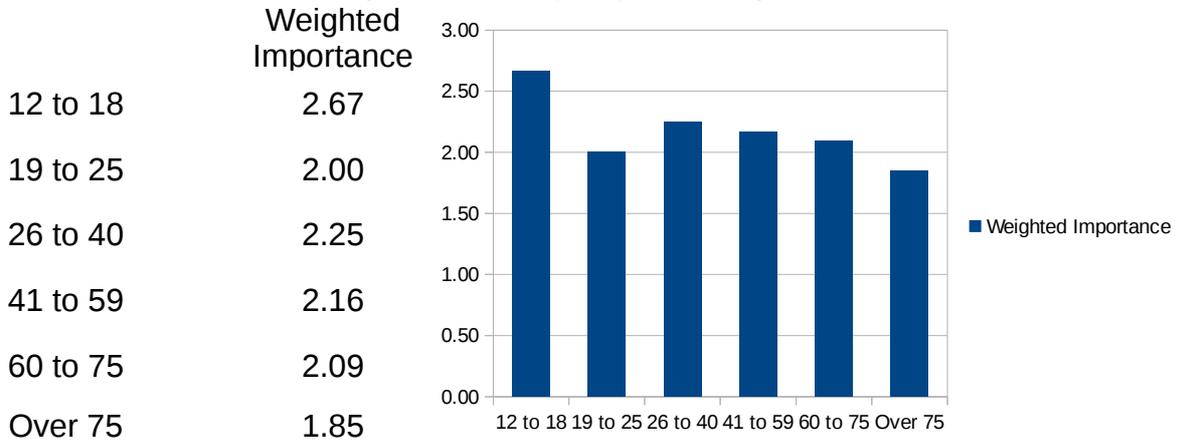
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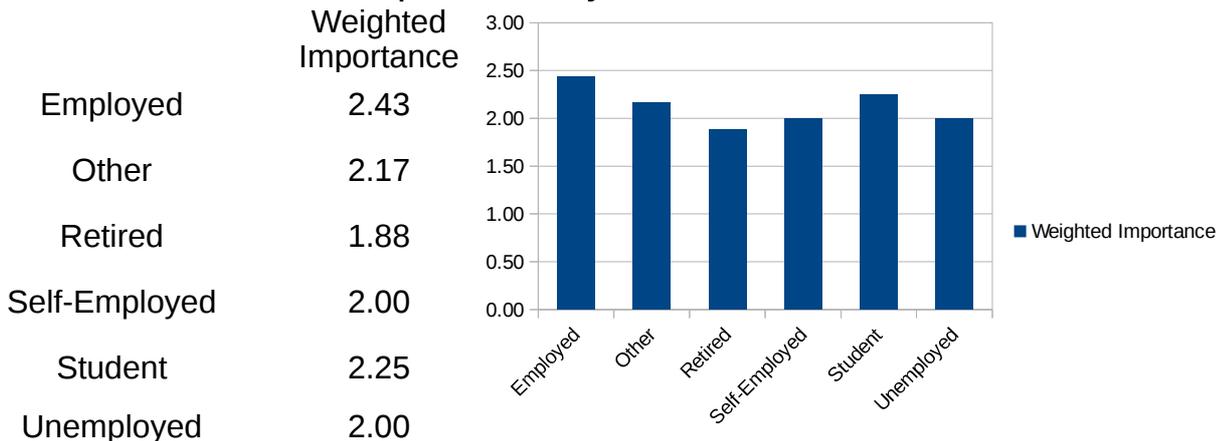
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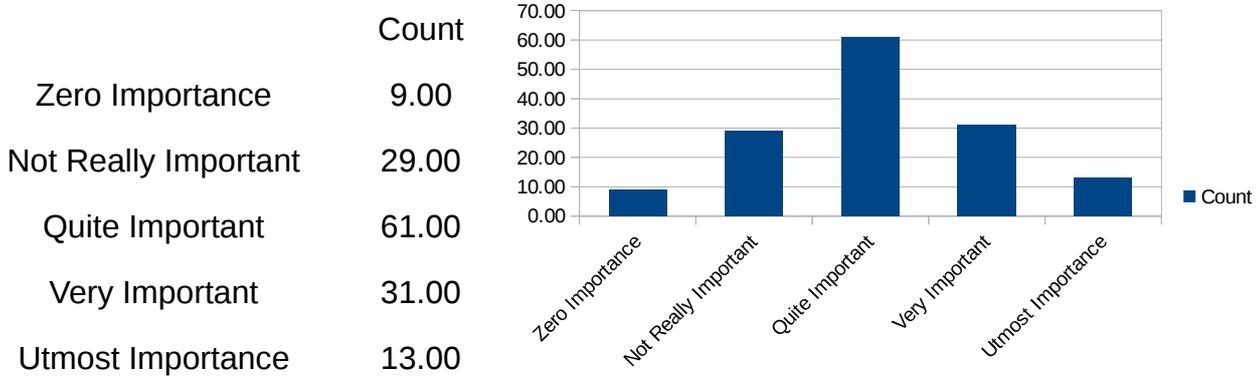
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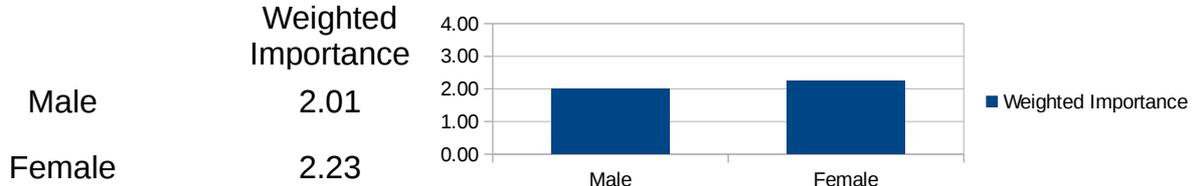
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Pro-active "Welcome to the Valley" for new residents including "Welcome Pack"

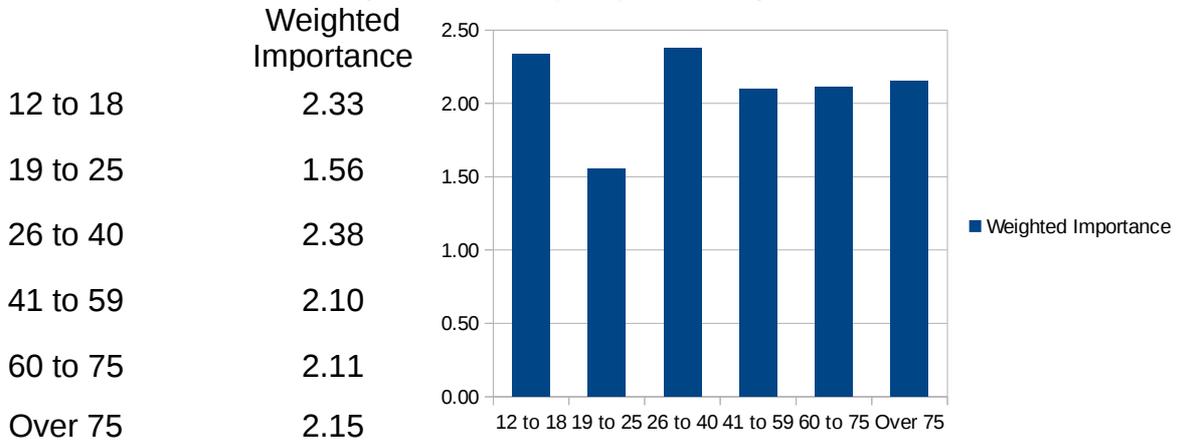
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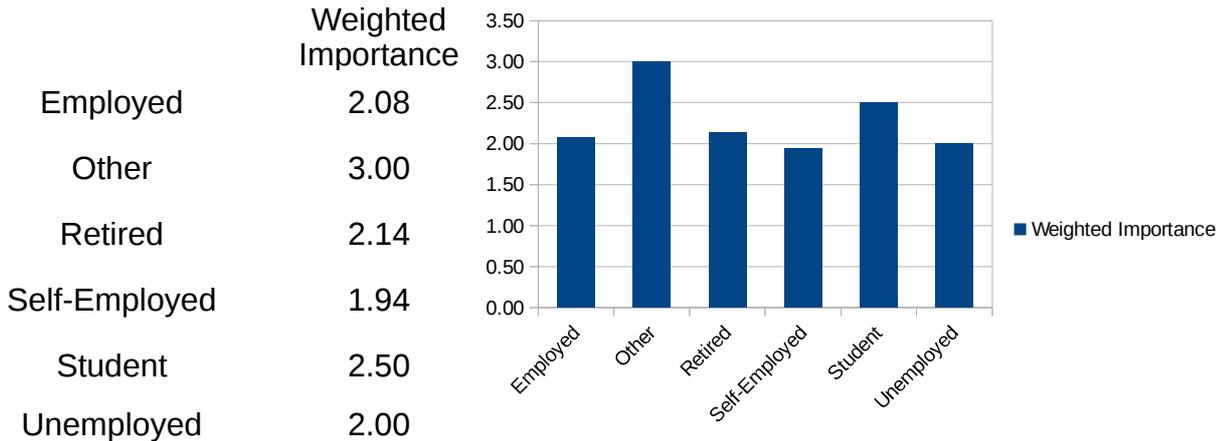
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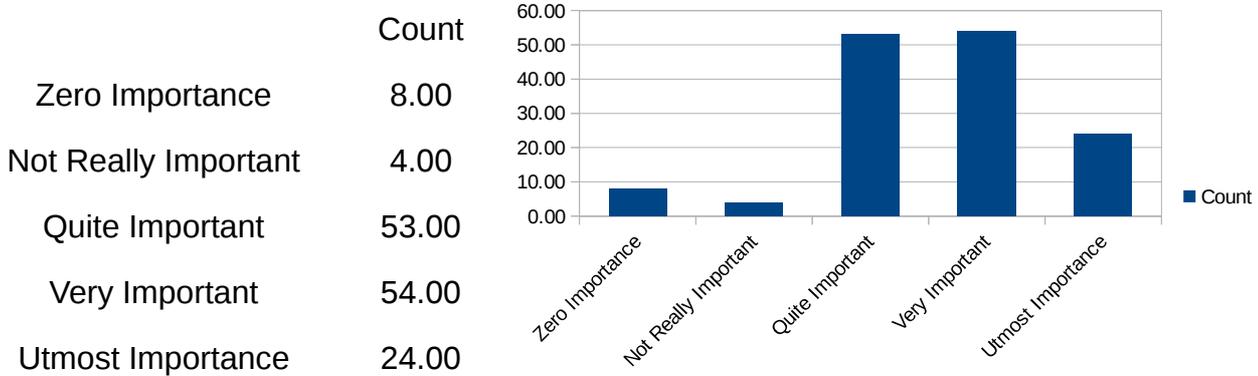
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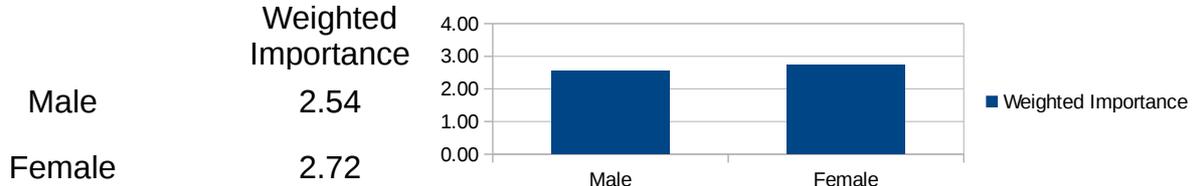
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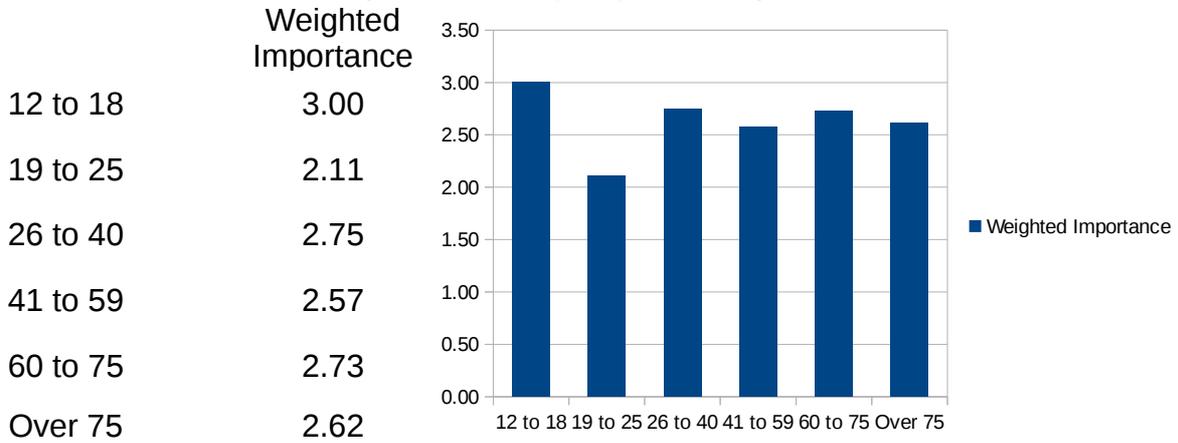
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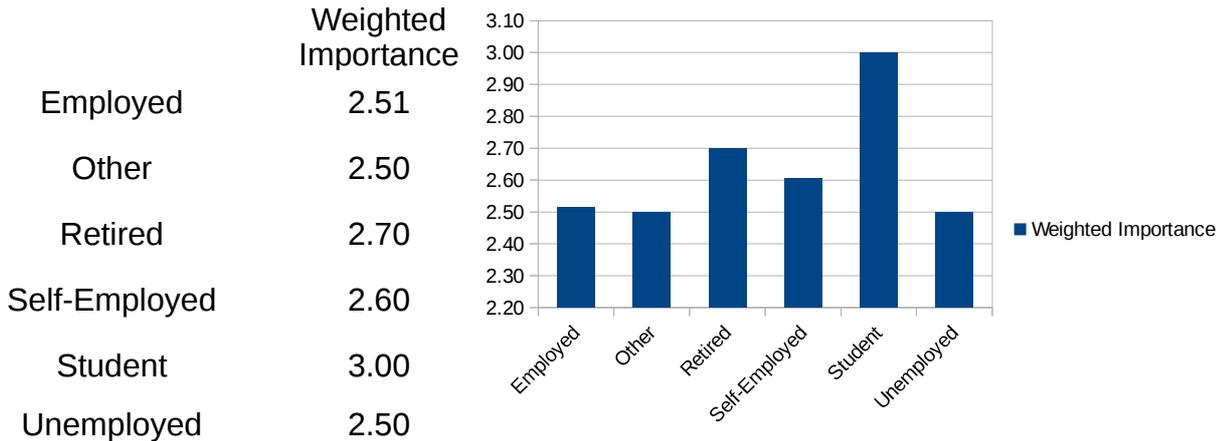
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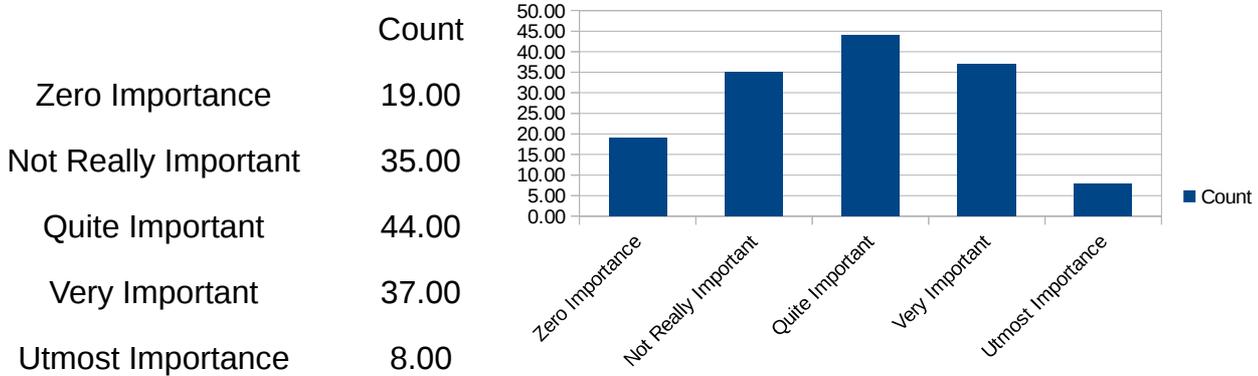
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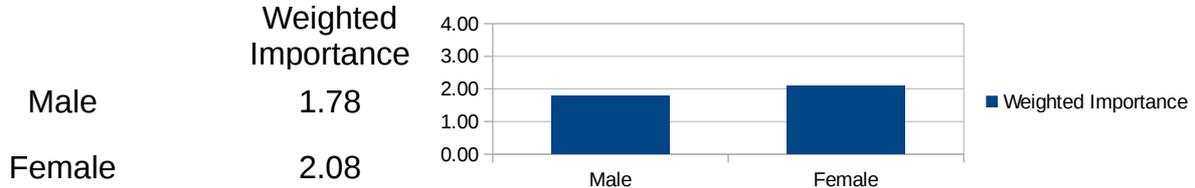
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More Valley Information distributed by Facebook etc...

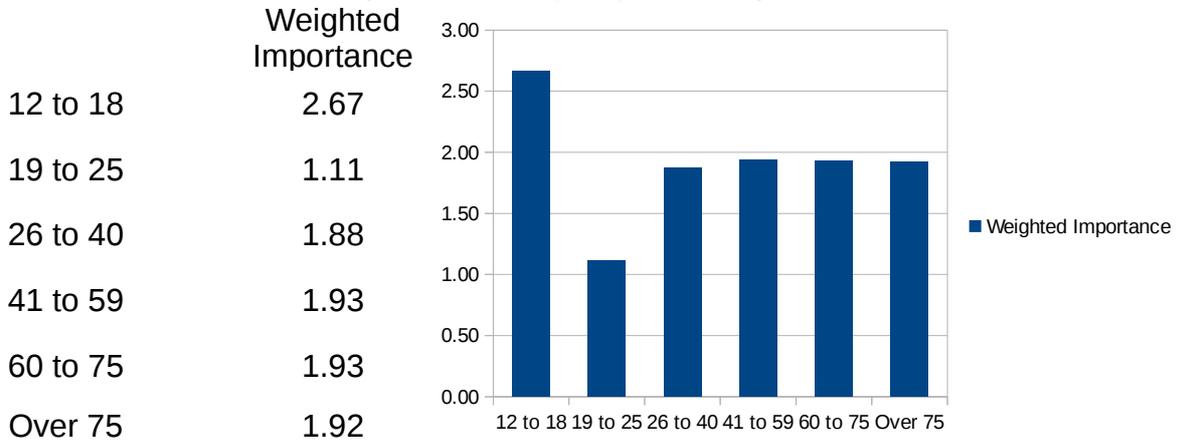
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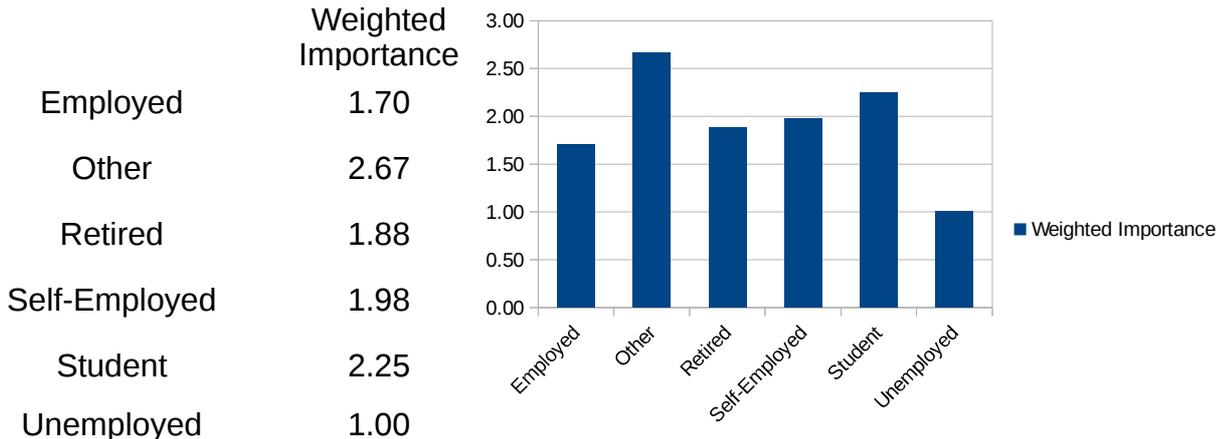
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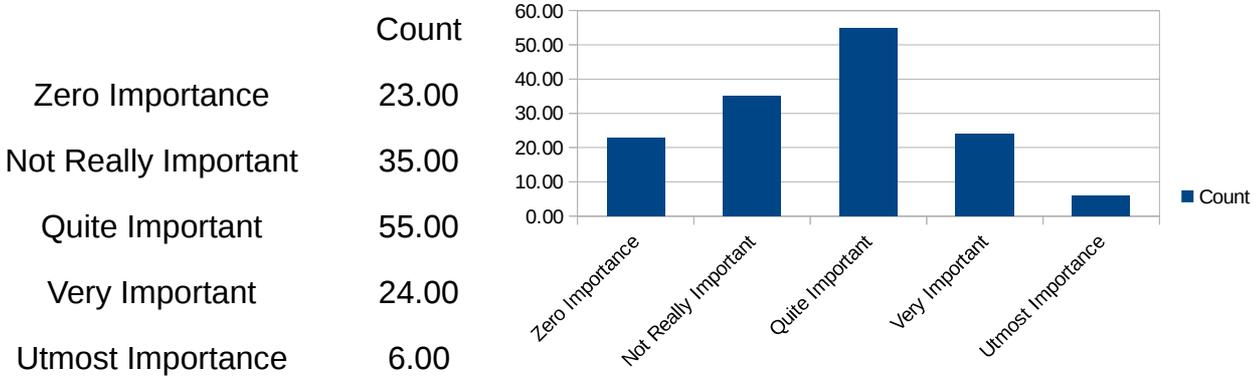
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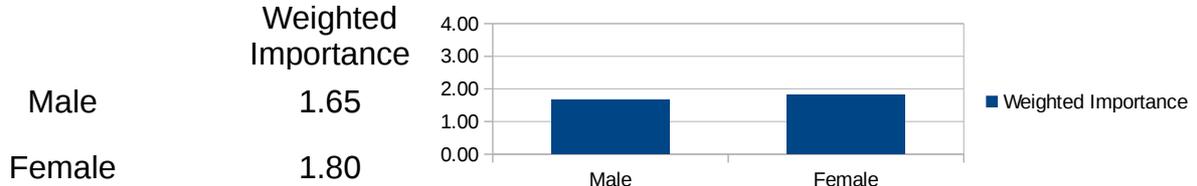
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Improved Efficiency by consolidating different valley organisations

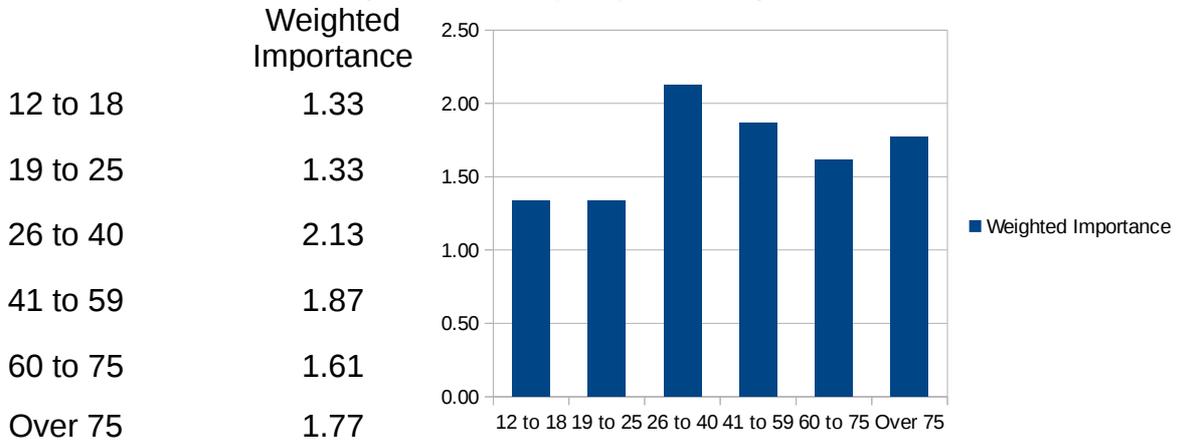
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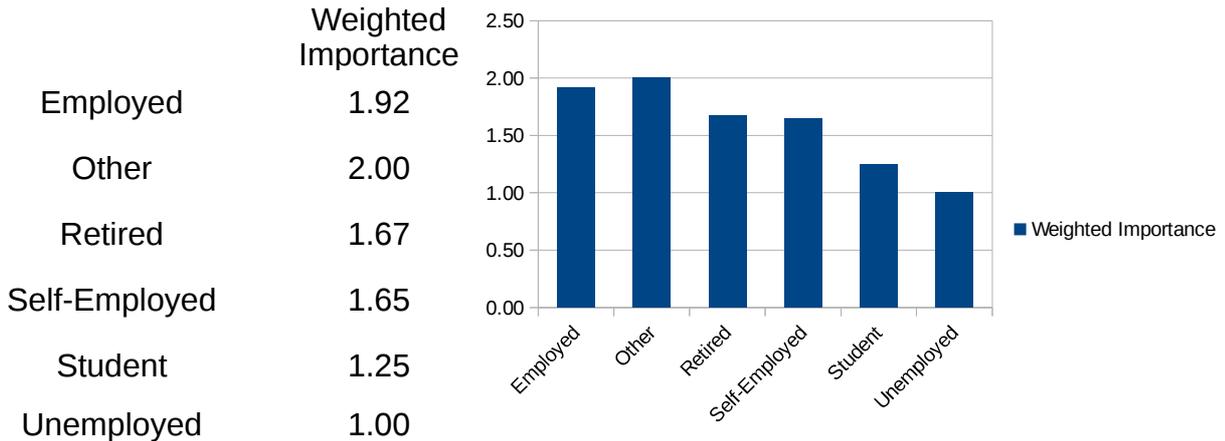
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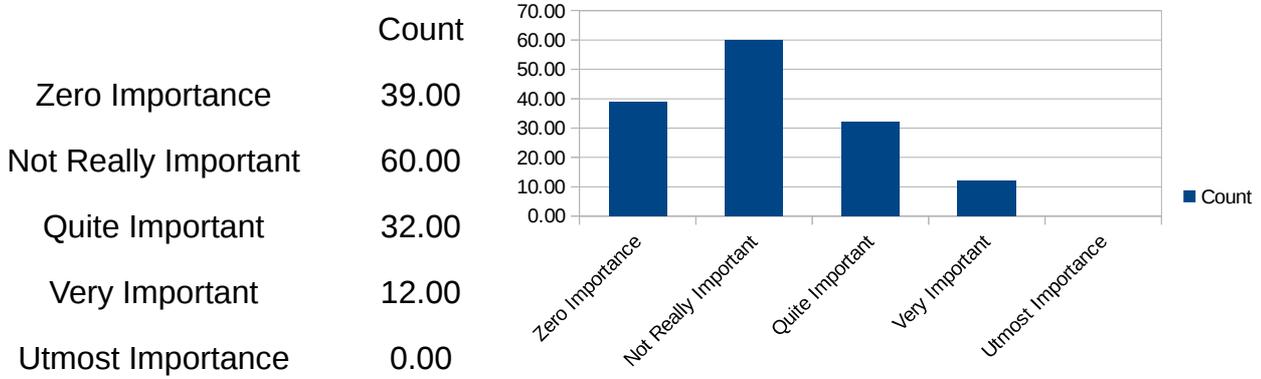
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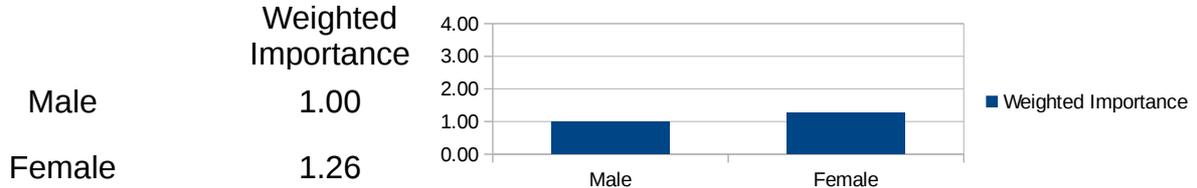
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- Investigate Organised Newspaper Deliveries

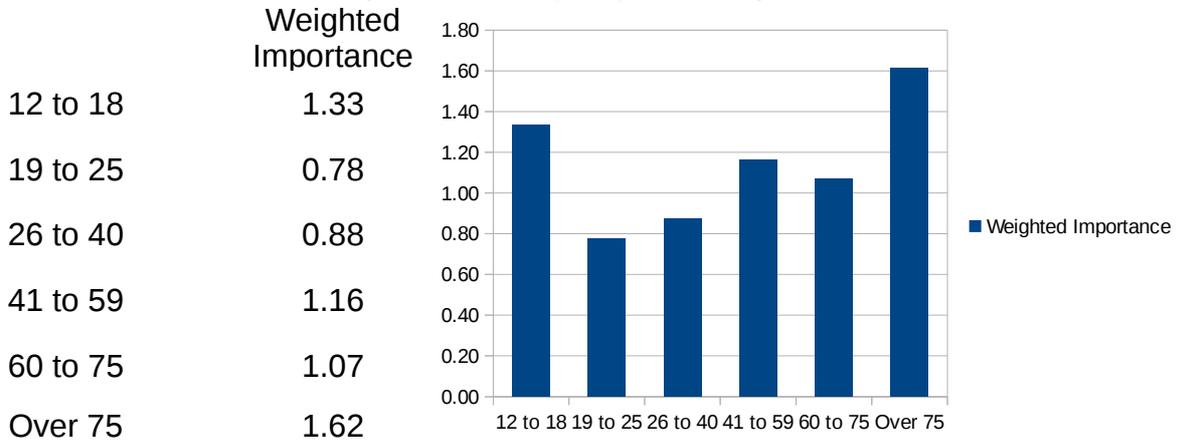
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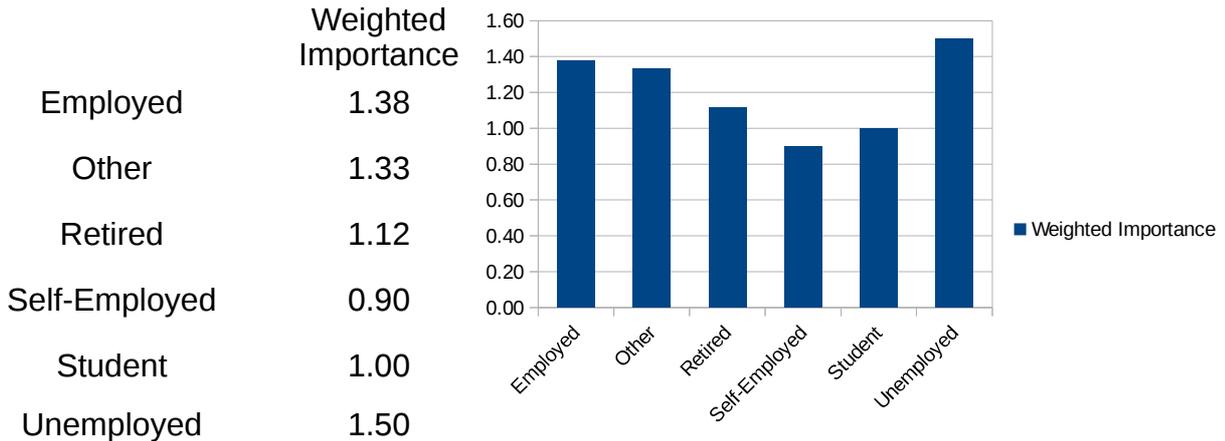
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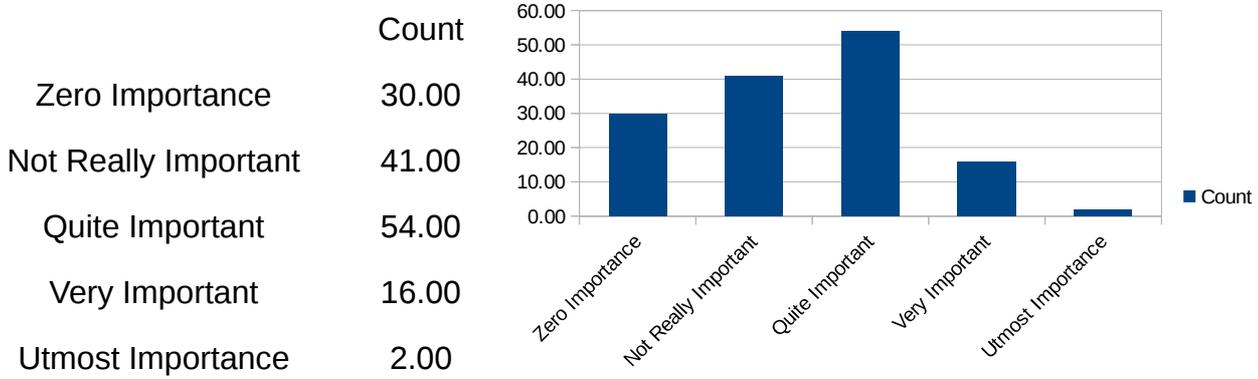
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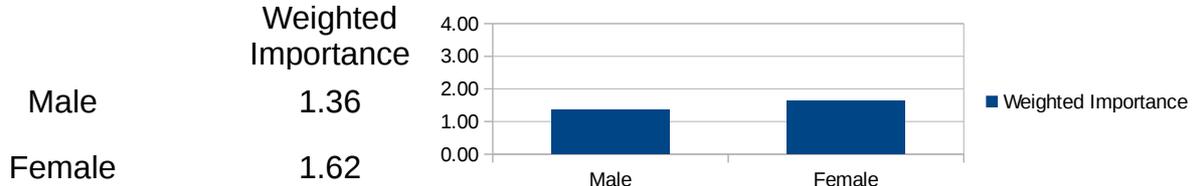
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Organise Valley-wide Community Bulb-Planting

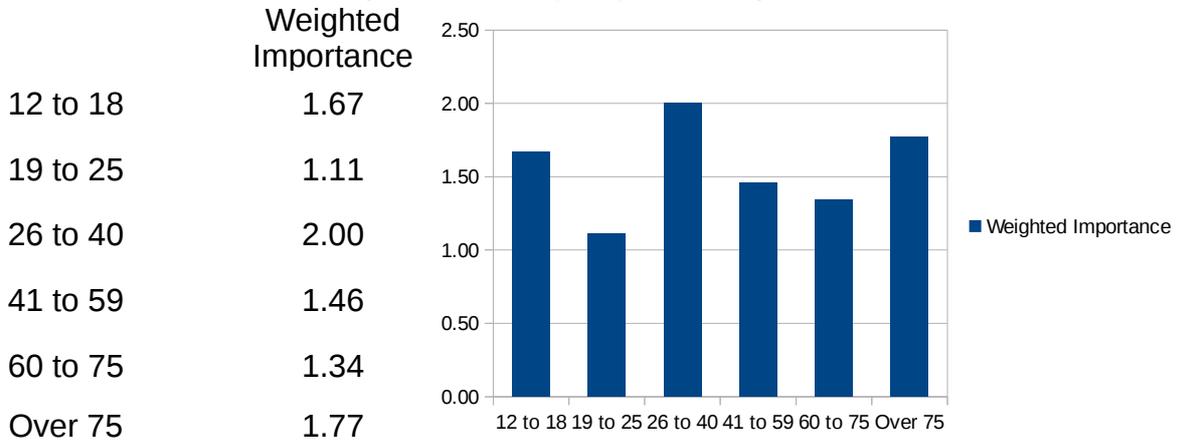
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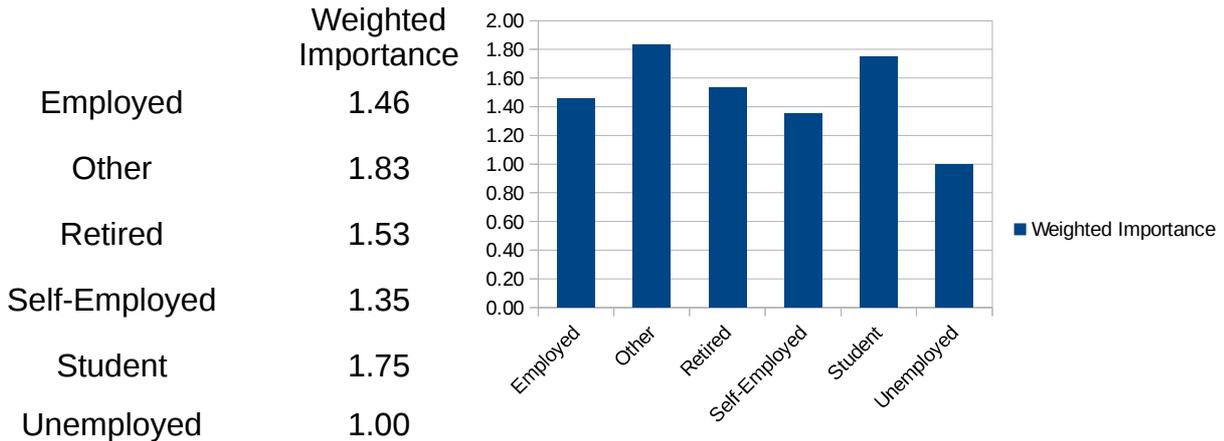
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Comments under Question 17 - Getting Involved

We need to welcome new residents to the valley and try and get them involved in community events from the outset

Welcome Pack for new residents would be lovely. Like the idea of bulb planting also

Let each organisation flourish or die according to the interests of its organisers. Efficiency = uniformity = boring = extinction. Newspapers are on the way out and are expensive, in this digital age

Much the best is for neighbours to go/visit/welcome the new arrivals

Heavy Vehicles would destroy verges

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Bulb planting-needs to be well thought out, indigenous species of bulbs and wild flowers.

Strips of daffodils along verges only look nice for 2 weeks then are an eyesore.

Valley information packs useful for local holiday cottages and tourist information centres/Borders websites

The daffodils around roberton are lovely!

4: several returning young people in their 20's -post university

I very much like the idea of bulb planting also getting young people involved in valley affairs

Point 14 would Hollyrood or Westminster represent concerns of Borthwick Valley residents I don't think so either keep it tight and as local as possible but work with other local organisations when extra clout is required.

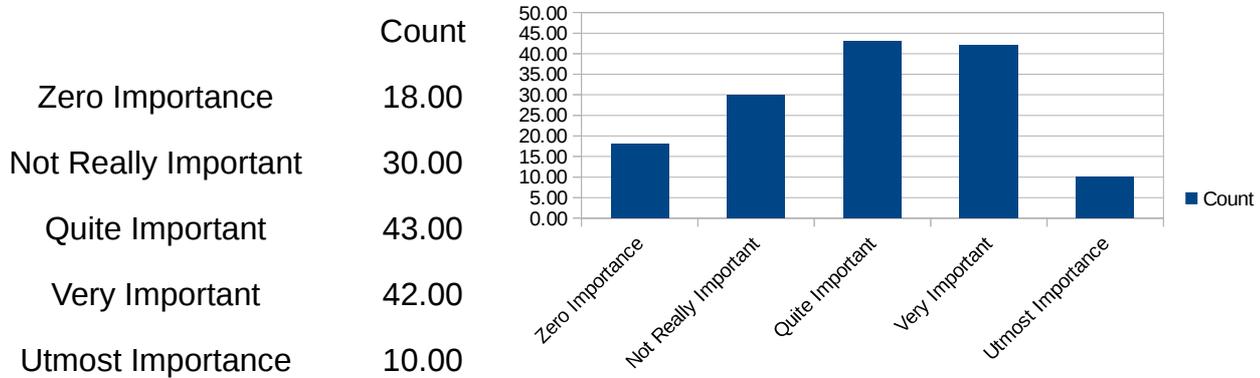
Again unable to help due to work pressure

Facebook etc info. A number of us have accommodation for tourists and get custom via AirBNB etc. A valley website with info for tourists would be good. What do we have to offer. We link into biking website "cycling at Borthwick" although to date, we haven't had bikers. Bulbs planted earlier at various locations are welcome / lovely in spring. This planting could be readily extended at not much cost. Many valley roadside areas are spoiled by litter thrown from vehicles. An organised litter pick by valley residents

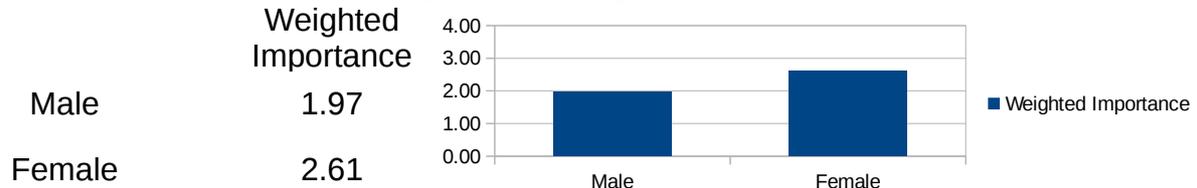
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- Investigate Community Power Schemes

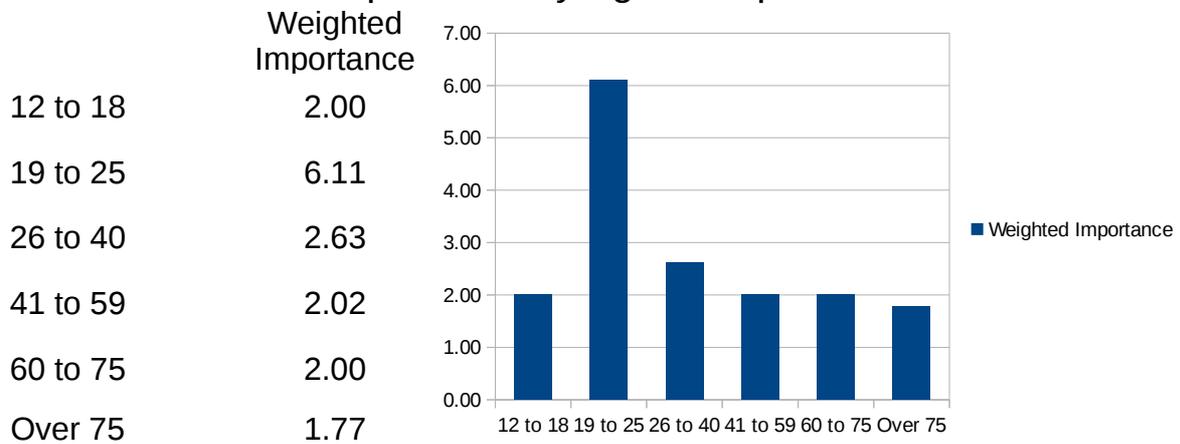
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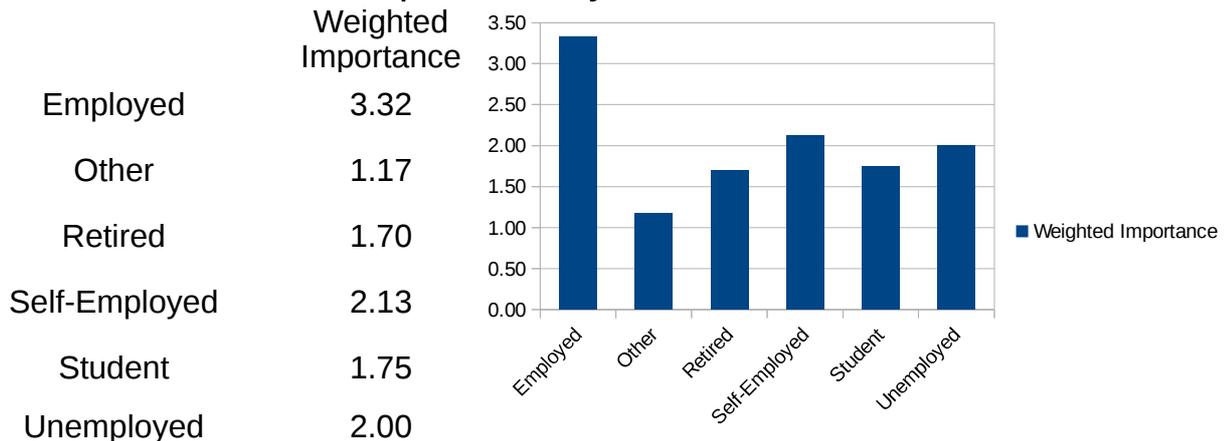
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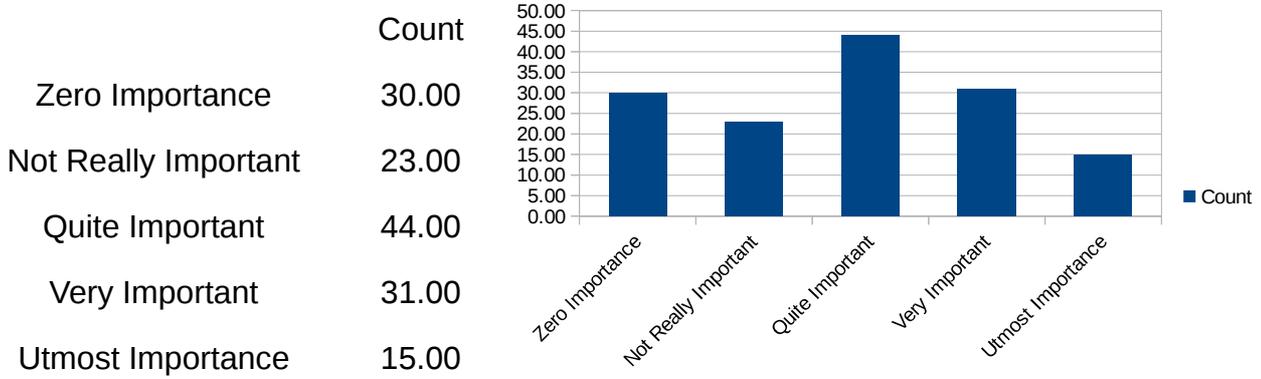
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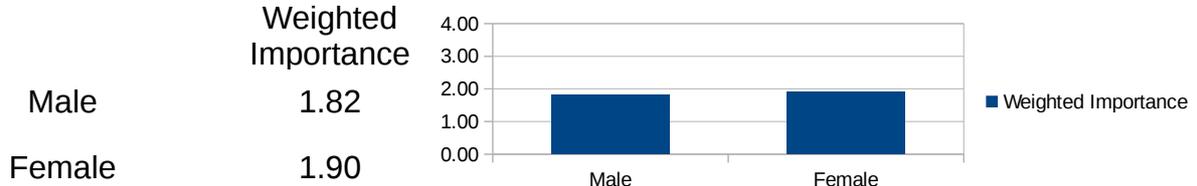
Question 19

- Explore opportunities for affordable housing

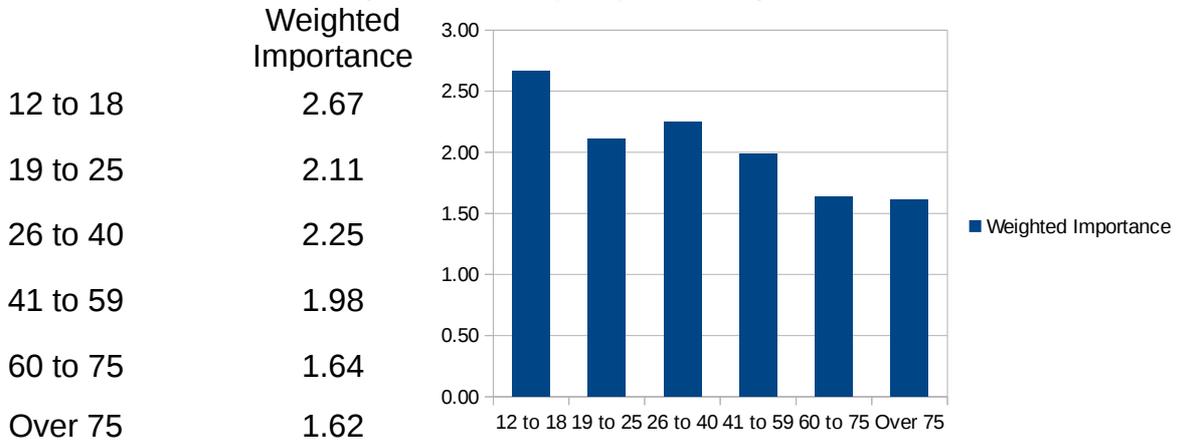
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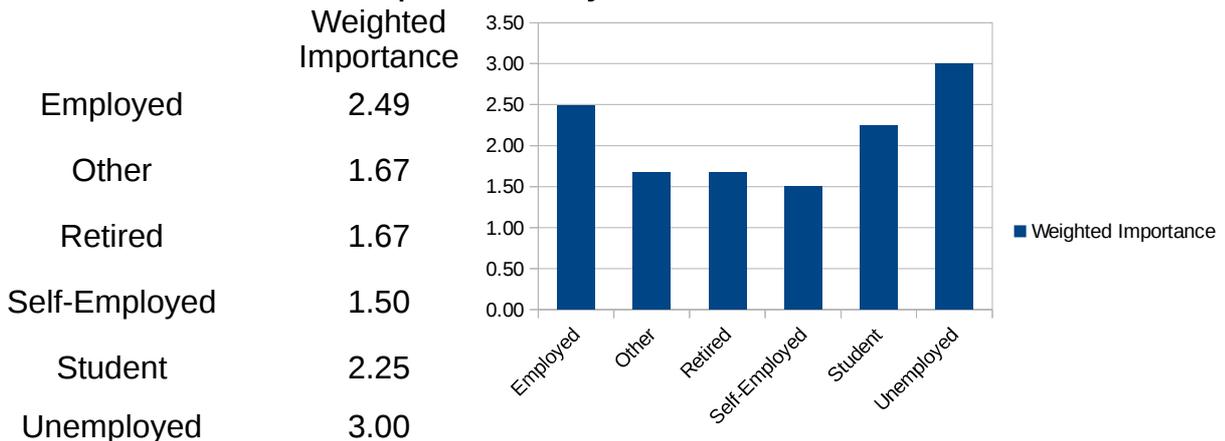
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Comments under Question 20 - Community Business

I remember reading about a possible hydro-power scheme on the Borthwick Water but don't know the outcome ? Would NOT like to see more large wind turbines

Affordable housing has been raised before but as there is no bus service up the valley it seems to be a non-starter

Affordable housing only of use if jobs available

Would be a benefit for some of the young ones to be able to stay in the valley when they reach that time

Affordable housing (not social) would only work at Hawick end of the valley.

Make use of all the rainwater. Hydro electric power in the valley would be great

There needs to be consensus over where and at what scale housing development and small business premises should be encouraged in the valley.

Probably cost far too much just to investigate-work with what we have- acquire a bit of forest & manage & wood/coppice that-a lot of valley residents have wood fired heating of some form.

Not sure

Point 19 please no more houses if I wanted to be urbanised I'd move to Hawick

Affordable housing, where there is work -wages need to pay mortgage who subsidises house prices

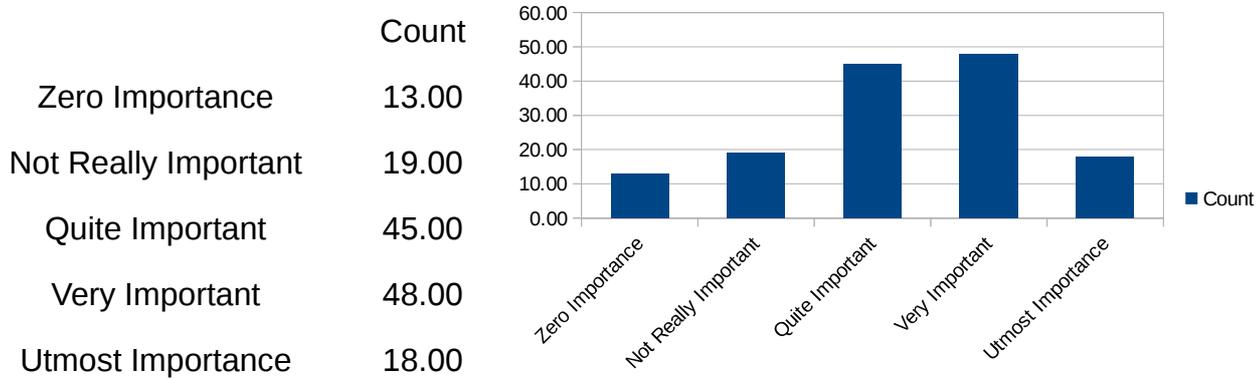
Not really enough Water / Head for meaningful hydro. We don't want wind turbines in our views.

If Community Power means wind farms then I would strongly oppose, however energy captured via water has less impact on the environment and does not blight the landscape. Affordable housing comes with its own problems by increasing populations in an area, however some do work but I feel that the valley would not benefit, which is taken from my previous experiences in London, Kent, Essex & Suffolk

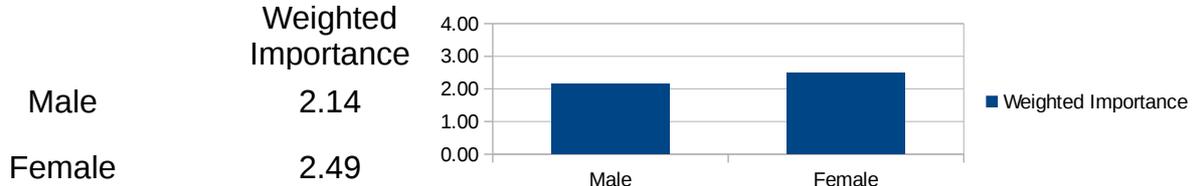
Question 21

How important is the Forman Memorial Hall to you ?

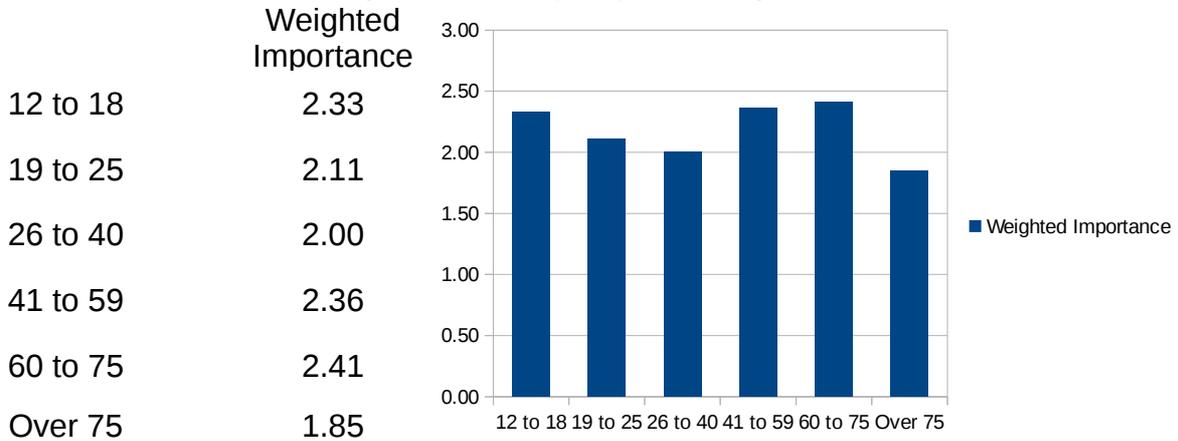
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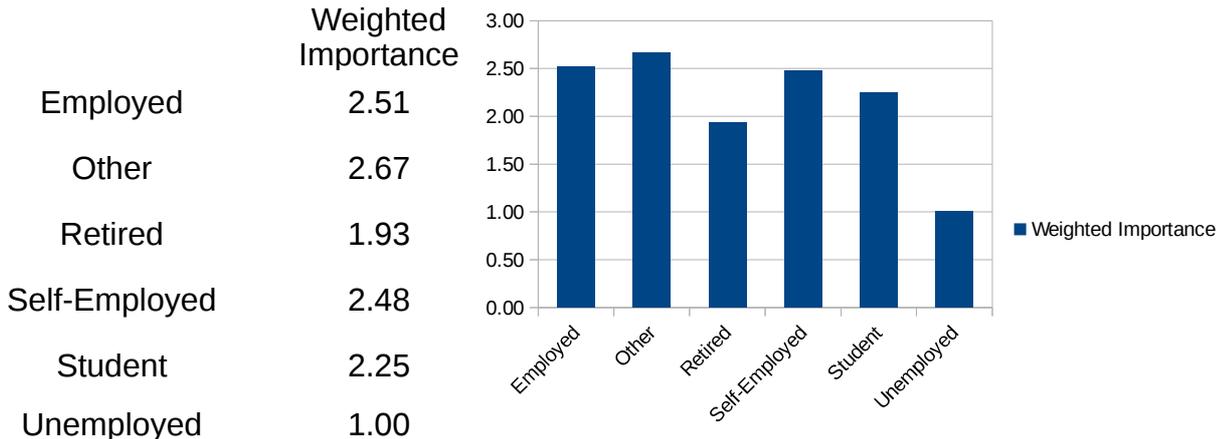
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Comments under Question 22 - What would make the Forman Hall better ?

A good Coffee Machine and Efficient Heating

Permanently Mounted Projector and Integrated sound system would be good

More Controllable Heating

The Hall should be seen as the Focal Point of the community. We need to encourage more people to come along to events and make them feel it is their hall.

More use maybe

It would make it important to me if there was more for youths if it had rugby or football goals

It is already important to us and we attend most events held there

Great Event Facility in General

This it is doing well as it is. A good base to hold various activities

Whatever makes it important to you

Events which enhance feeling of well-being

Any event that brings our community together

The Hall is already important

Higher profiled - more social functions

No changes to make the Forman Hall more important than it already is

Already involved on Committee

Already on the Committee

Interesting Events in Summer

More varied activities

Nothing

nothing

Family history

More events of interest

?

Good focal point for 'pulling' the valley together socially

Badminton? Life drawing Woodworking workshops? Pottery?

Expansion of leisure/educational opportunities aimed at all ages/sections of the community

Enhancing supporting and promoting the Borthwick Valley Community just to see the hall used on a regular basis

A small local shop for basic supplies and newspapers

Regular entertainment

Activity base (but no fee)

I'm sorry to be one of those folk who likes the idea, but attends little. But music

Foreman Hall be welcoming and needs more residents help

It is, use it or lose it

More people going to events organised

Weekly Keep Fit Sessions

More community members making use of the Hall

Tai Chi Music Events

There is currently a good section of regular events / activities offered. It would be great if there was a greater diversity of people attending these. Very important as it is our only community asset other than the Church.

Once enjoyed going. No feel it is 'owned' by caretaker and less accessible

More Controllable Heating

It is worth having a centre point in the village for meets and events (community-led)

Comments under Q23 - What events would you like to see at the Forman Hall ?

Small Local Musical Groups and Local artists and crafts exhibition

The Hall already provides a wide variety of events open to all ages

Most things have been tried already

Youth Club, more films for younger people

Already a number of events held at the hall, but would like craft events eg willow making, pottery etc. Plus something for the youth of the valley, bowling, youth nights, pool, darts etc...

Carpet Bowls

A book pound. Antiques / Bric-a-brac sale. Antiques Road Show

Craft, Painting, Exercise, Dancing, Cinema/Dressmaking/carpentry/anything . It depends on who is willing / able to run them

I am mostly satisfied with the current events provided at the hall - no thoughts as to any other events

Quiz Nights, Coffee Mornings, Exhibitions

An Open Bar once in a while

I enjoy all events that are in the Hall. Would like to see more people support all events

Whist Drives

Already on the Committee

Art and Craft Classes

Exercise classes. Gardening. Cooking courses.

None

none

Community gatherings and return of the flower show. The show should remain separate from any groups.

More music performances, arts courses etc.

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Simple meeting /community coffee mornings (longer than library)

Activities for older youths returning to the valley post university. Social nights in general-games nights-bar(pub) nights

As above

Not applicable

More social events quizzes, race nights, music nights

Music nights film nights cultural events

More daytime events

Quiz nights Bingo nights Pub night

Blues/Jaz events

Carpet bowling

Jaz/Blues

Music

More workshops, quizzes

Quiz nights more popular music nights

Quizzes-Craft workshops

Bowling

Ceilidh with live music and caller

Most events are covered here already

More music events. Craft / Gardening / Produce Exchange events

Restore Pub / Games nights

Knit and stitch group. Men's shed or equivalent, games evening (pool table etc), supper evenings

Perhaps more craft workshops / lectures

Bowling. Possibly once per month trial period. Is the board still there ?

Small Local Musical Groups and Local Artists and Crafts Exhibitions]

Couldn't comment at the moment as I am new to the Valley Community

Comments under Question 25 - Valley Amenities

Have enjoyed the brunches and films. Well done the committee for their hard work

Increased promotion of events, make these accessible to all including people from Hawick and Selkirk Areas

Roberton Hall Committee doing a good job with limited support

Better advertisement of events held at the hall/valley to encourage people from Hawick and surrounding areas to attend

Seems to be well used at the moment

I am not familiar with the Forman Memorial Hall so I don't think I should comment on it.

Would there be interest if we ran day course on nutrition or possibly just 2 hours (4-6pm on Saturday) so available for all ? (I would be willing to do this)

Care should be taken not to overload the calendar

Hall needs a good facelift. Perhaps get rid of the brown paint

Have very good hall keeper as was previous ones. Important to work with them

Don't use Hall at the moment as away a lot, but hope to in the future

I do already help as I'm on the Committee

Not always easy to attract valley members to events/regular activities/workshops. Good to have a central venue to use but cost of hall is high for small groups.

Sorry- I haven't been around long enough to become a hall user but know that such a centre is vital to community activities.

Several community pockets: Deanburnhaugh, Craik, not just Forman Hall.

Use the hall as a regular outlet for the sale/exhibition of local/Borders crafts etc. Make it an attraction for tourists etc.

It is so good to see the hall still being used long may it continue

Potential community interest to reduce electricity prices bulk purchase for the valley from one provider

Unable to assist due to work commitments

Pity more Valley residents don't attend events

There seem to be lots of events already

Perhaps a welcome pack by maybe telephone list (of those who want to be included) and list of events / activities on throughout the year

Enjoyed the carpet bowling in the past, but someone needed to organise

Unfortunately, I am relatively new to the Valley therefore, I feel unqualified to comment too much. In time, I hope to be better acquainted with the factors to help improve the valley

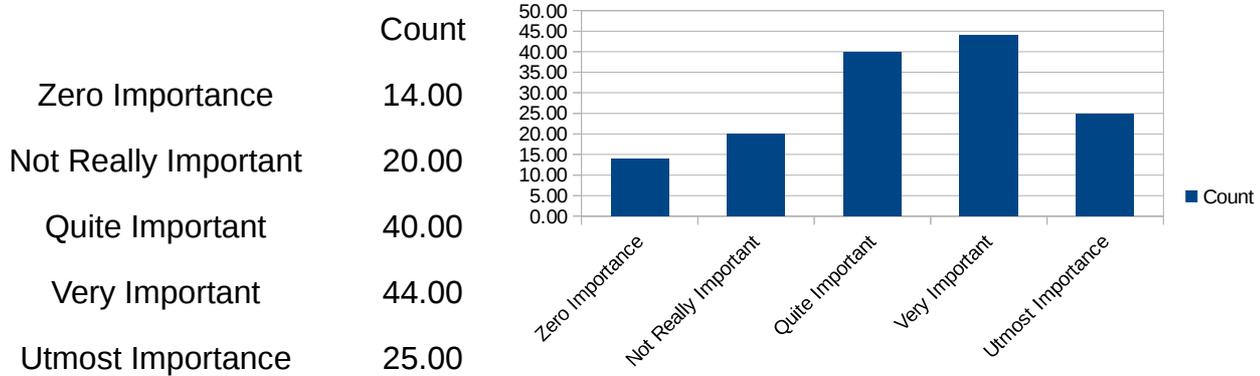
Being relatively new to the valley, I feel I have not experienced the Hall to make a valid comment. But the Hall should be a focal point for the valley

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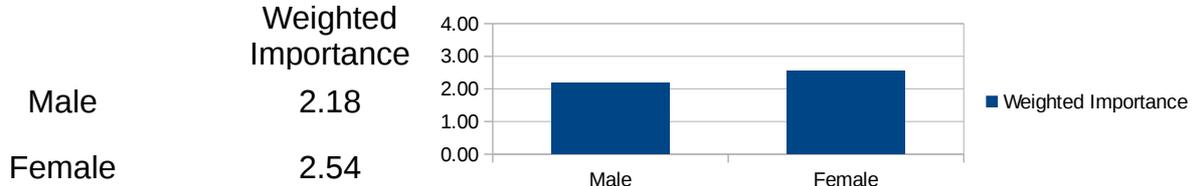
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Formalise support for resilient communities to enable access to First Aid Training, Early Weather Warnings etc...

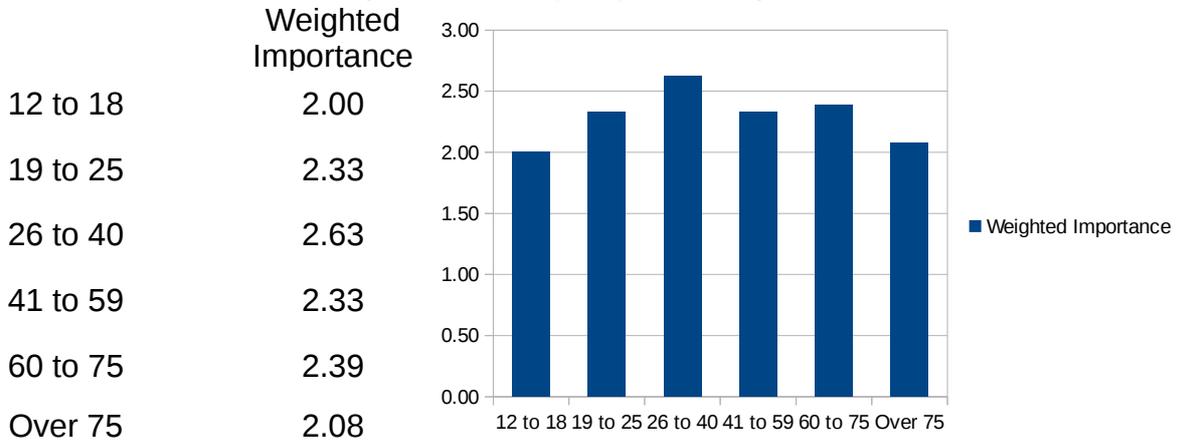
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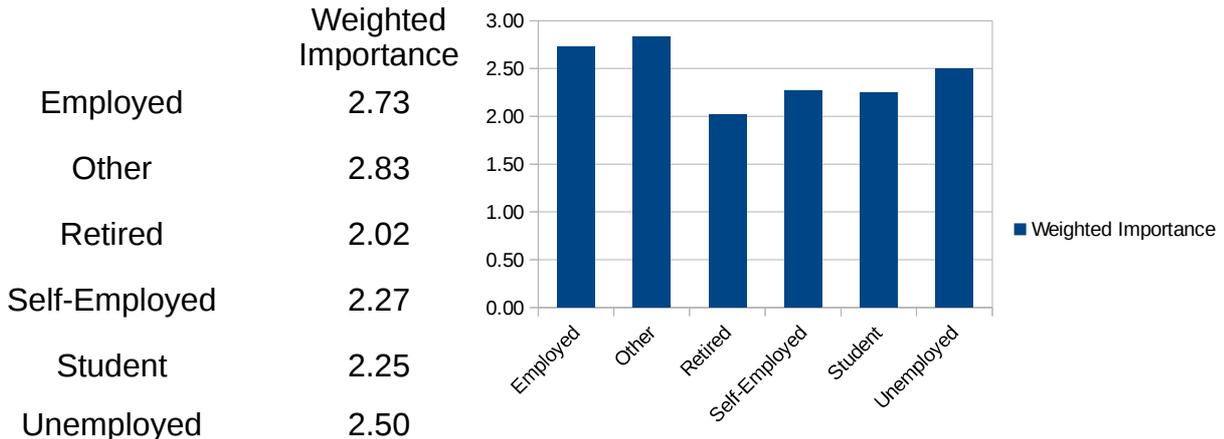
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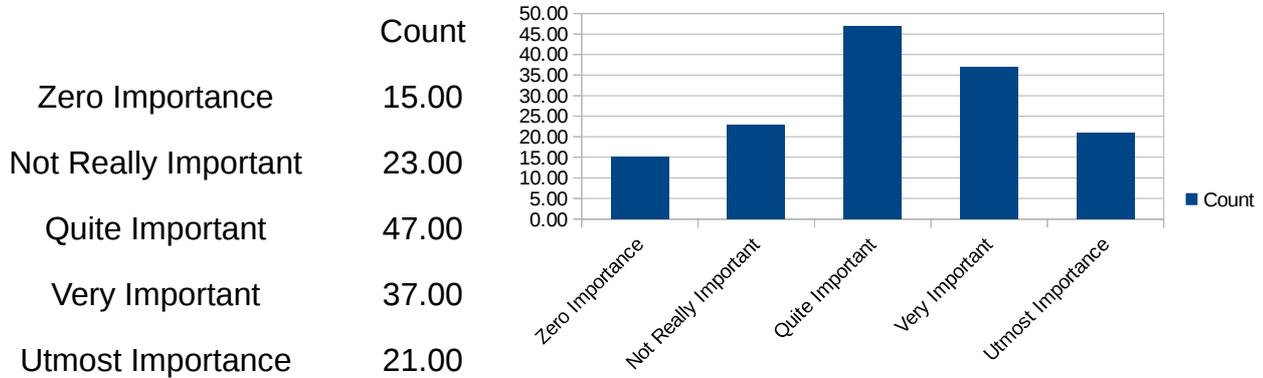
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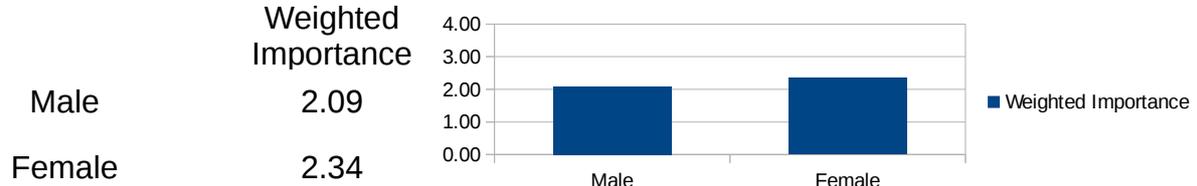
Question 27

- Develop Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

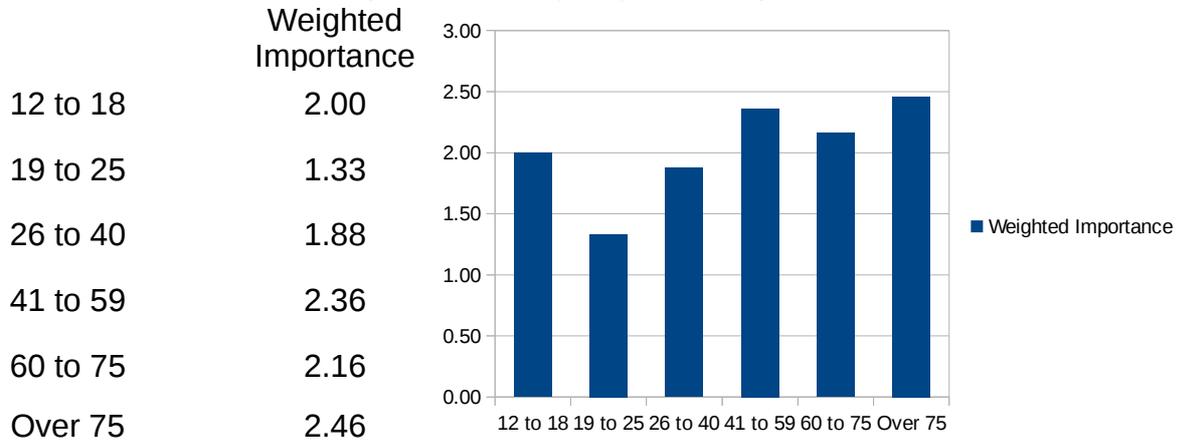
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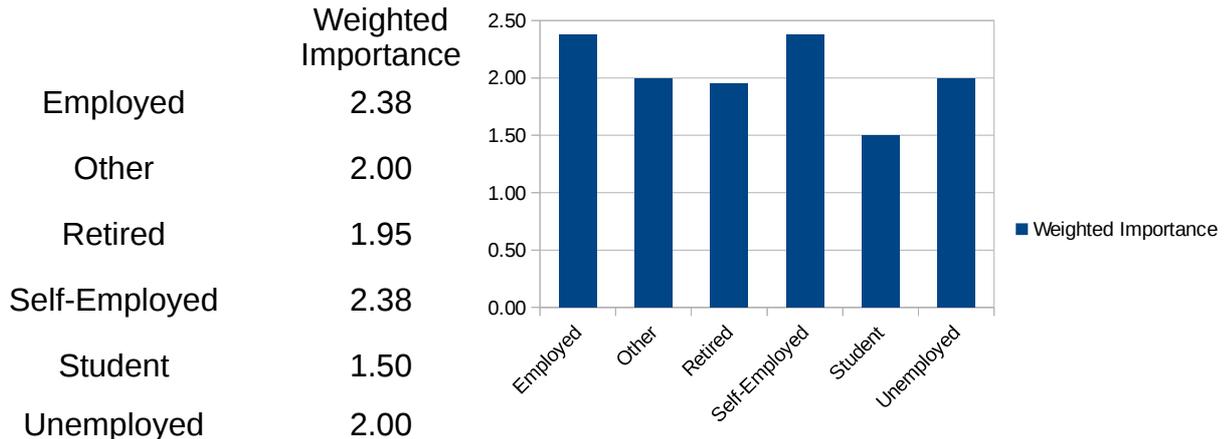
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Comments under Question 28 - Community Safety

Not only Neighbourhood watch but farm watch

There was a farm watch scheme

Maybe something that would be looked into later, although I think everyone would take notice of anything or anyone suspicious at the moment

I think we already pay attention to strange vehicles etc and a neighbourhood watch scheme would formalise this

First Aid Training Courses are of great benefit to all. Border Radio covers weather warning. Contact details for snow clearance might benefit residents

No comments

No comments

We get enough warning of bad weather from the Met Office.

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Already happens informally.

Most neighbours already look out for each other anyway but something more official could be good.

Transport links-connecting up with people looking for a lift to town or pick up shopping? Possibly on facebook or the like.

Valley too strung out for Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Central points for sandbags/ salt etc would be very useful.

First Aid training of particular importance given distance from hospitals etc. salt and sandbags would be a huge help

Work commitments make it so I am unable to help

Q27-linked to Q26?

Not only Neighbourhood Watch but Farm Watch

I would be willing to do training as a first responder for the area as I have previous training / experience in Emergency Rescue in Demanding Environments

Comments under Question 29 - General Comments

This is a very nice valley to live in and there is a good community spirit. We need to encourage everyone to support community events and find out why those that choose not to support, do so. I would like to see more focus on improving the roads and keeping the verges clean and tidy. The amount of the traffic, especially HGVs, is an issue and I believe is a major factor why the roadsides are collapsing. Increased focus on improving and upgrading should be a priority.

No more industrial wind farms. Bit concerned about the state of the road verges due to logging lorries. Maybe roads could be improved

Try to make roads better/safer at least as quickly as logging lorries destroy them ! Could money from wind farms be used towards items mentioned in this survey ?

Valley Roadside tidy up once or twice a year

Scottish Borders Council have shown indifference to the following (Speed of Vehicles and therefore road safety, attitude of timber lorry drivers, it is only a matter of time before there is an accident, road condition resulting from over-use by HGVs), Provision of sufficient investment to enable fit for purpose improvement of both road surface and verges

Internet is a must and needs to be upgraded ASAP

Internet is a must for the Community and needs to be addressed asap

Broadband is the most important issue. It would open the Community to setting up business

You have not mentioned the church. If the Kirk is not going to use it, or is going to sell it, does the Community want to acquire it

Sorry not to answer more but we're newcomers

Make Roads better for Wood Extraction

I like it just the way it is. I feel the CDT is continually trying to justify its existence

Certain wood lorries need to be pulled up for speeding through Roberton village and Police Scotland should be prosecuting

Hope to see people supporting new minister

Borthwick Water Road improved to cope with type of traffic which is on it

Sort the roadsides so we can safely get off the road when we meet those huge wood lorries etc...

Advance warning of all social activities taking place within the valley that's likely to cause issues ie rally, rideouts, hunt. Cleanup of roads in wet weather due to wood wagons, farm traffic when off road, including proper clean up after any roadworks and regular of 'passing place 'road signs. Traffic slowing measures especially during lambing.

A decent car park at the cemetery for the old and disabled. It is a long walk from the church!

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Log wagons and timber extraction wrecking roads-should halt extraction until a sustainable solution is found. Mud etc- it's an offence to leave roads in this condition but they get away with it. Any other industry would have to have wheel washing as they leave the site to go on to public road.

Regular good repairs to the road.

Roads are dangerous especially for motorbikes. Gravel and mud in centre of road and passing places. Large no. of deep potholes. Log wagons causing majority of destruction to the road. This needs to be stopped until an alternative is found.

Roads are in serious disrepair. Some local farms are untidy. Fencing throughout valley is now poor.

Reducing speed of log lorries on the roads-60mph is not acceptable. Improve roads- fill in more potholes as they appear/are reported. Better signage between cattle grids to take care of sheep/lambs.

A different exit through the forest for the log lorries to get them OFF the valley roads. Flood the field at Woodburn Road end and turn it into a reservoir/lake for the wildlife. It floods anyway so why not make it more official-will also slow water flow into Hawick.

As newcomers to the valley the thing I would like is more opportunity to meet people to simply chat and get to know/history/etc. I fully support local power/broadband etc. on a community basis.

The Hawick and environs economy could benefit from more tourism related development. The valley could then benefit. Suggest linking with Scottish History (Historic Scotland?)& similar organisations to create wider interest in the area. Look to influence the Borders National Park initiative towards including the valley in the boundary, up to St Marys Loch. Liaise with D&G etc.

Provide outlets for local crafts or Borders crafts/skills etc. Venues for arts & cultural activities as part of Hawick's plans etc. F

Roads

Organise a litter picking service to collect all those plastic bottles and crisp packets along the B711 I counted over 50 items by the kerbside between Craik Farm and Robertson School and that didn't include what was in the trees and hedges

Improvement to the roads ie width in passing

Happy for CDT to decide on matters

Valley community coming together more. Encouragement of newcomers also to attend events and join in with community

Some of our best ideas have come from looking at what other similar communities do (ie cinema nights). And I've seen some great ideas in other communities. We should arrange trips to see what others do and pick anything appropriate to the valley. Particularly with relation to some of the larger projects done by other CDTs

<name redacted>, is willing to help with outside work, paths, signs, bulb planting, litterpick etc. We (a group) already do work on the biking trails in Craik Forest and are trying to formalise this via community empowerment to stop forestry commission Scotland from destroying an existing valley amenity. Positive engagements of the CDT in this process are welcome

As this valley is my new home, I do hope to become more aware of relevant issues, meet and be-friend other valley residents. In time be able to comment more accurately on these types of questions

I do feel that the valley should make as much as an effort to keep tidyness a priority. Valley occupants, farms etc should consider its beauty for visitors and residents