



Green Spaces Survey

Barton Parish Council

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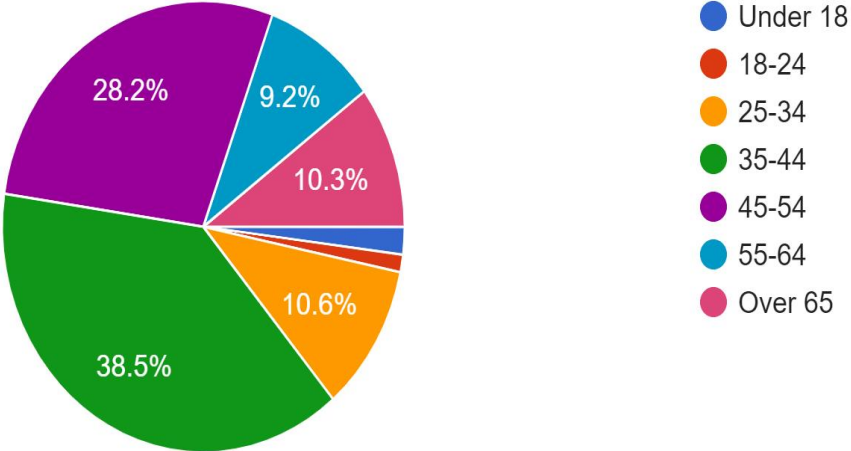
A huge thank you!

The Parish Council would like to thank the 559 people who took the time to respond. The feedback and suggestions are extremely positive and we are now assessing all the information received.

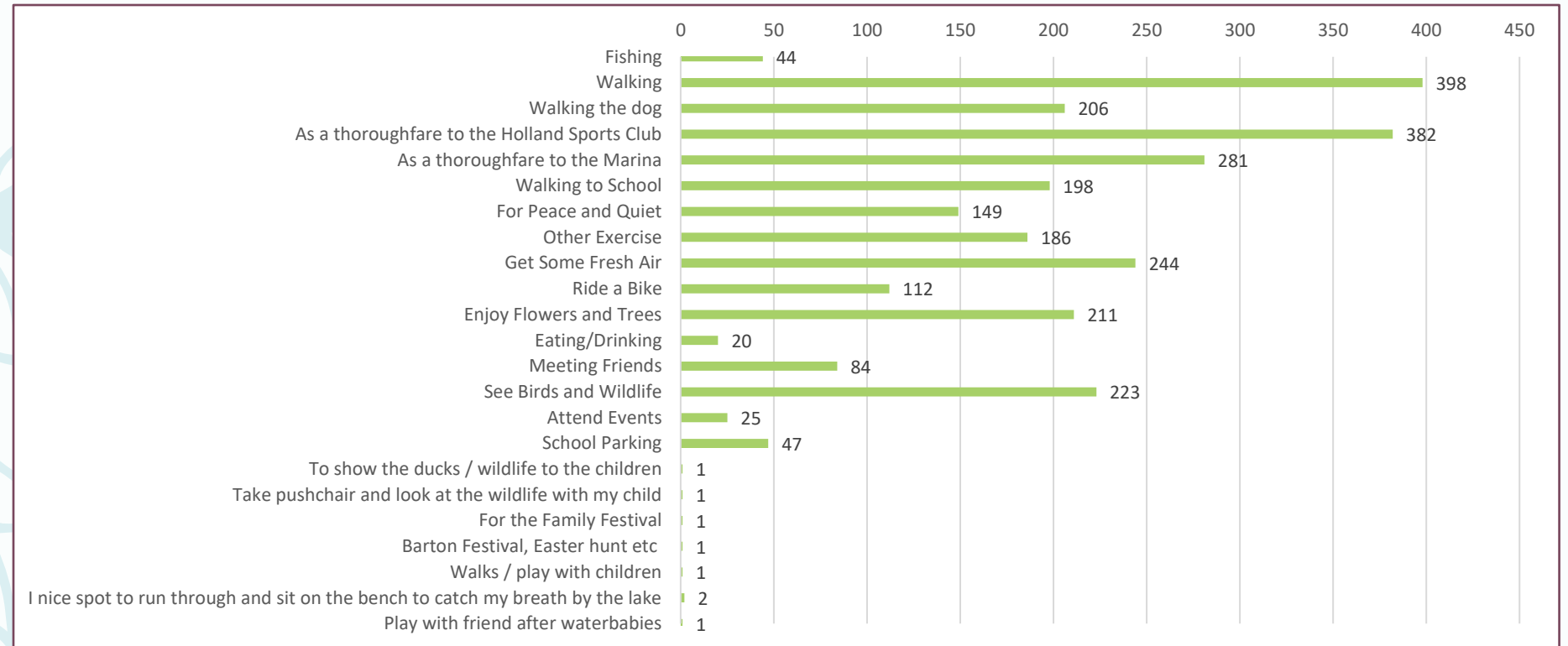
The following is a summary of the online responses.

A good variety of ages completed the survey.

How old are you?
556 responses



482 People who Responded Use the Fish Pond



Examples of Comments on the Fish Pond

Wonderful village attraction with a lot of history and memories

Well looked after area the Pond is extremely well maintained and is a real Jewel in the centre of the village. Limited parking for Pond users though, events at HSC and the infant school can be off putting if you are intending to visit the pond area specifically. Very serious concerns regarding speed of traffic on Potters way to HSC though particularly during football events, many too many vehicle users have no regard for the safety of others and certainly do not adhere to the speed limit and it is getting worse I do feel it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured.

I love it, Barton is extremely lucky to have this kind of amenity

Has been improved over the years. Because it is so well used it is not particularly quiet, wildlife seems to be limited.

I love this area we are very lucky to have this green space for our children to enjoy on the way to and from school

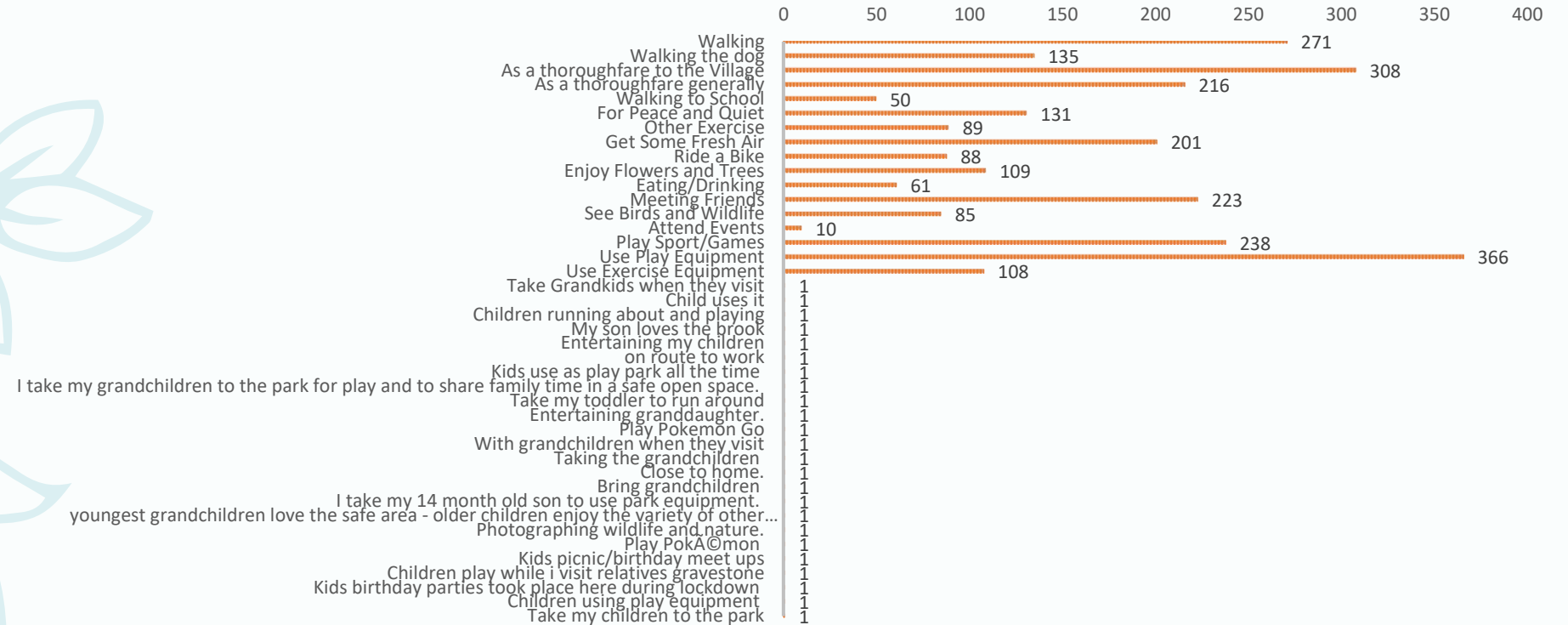
What a beautiful space - we are so lucky to have this as a central location to the village. My whole family have taken great pleasure in using this area over our time living in the village for lots of different activities!

Could be more accessible for disabled children

Lovely area, very lucky to be able to walk this way on the school run. Sometimes it can be a bit hazardous with cars going down to park at the Sports Club car park. Most people are sensible but sometimes you get people going far to fast.

Best early in the morning. The cars drive down Potters Way too fast and do not consider pedestrians

485 People who Responded Use Collinson Park



Examples of Comments on Collinson Park

I think it is generally well maintained. There is sometimes an issue with litter but this is the responsibility of those who use it.

We love this park and spend lots of time with the family. It's so great to see so many children use it throughout the week.

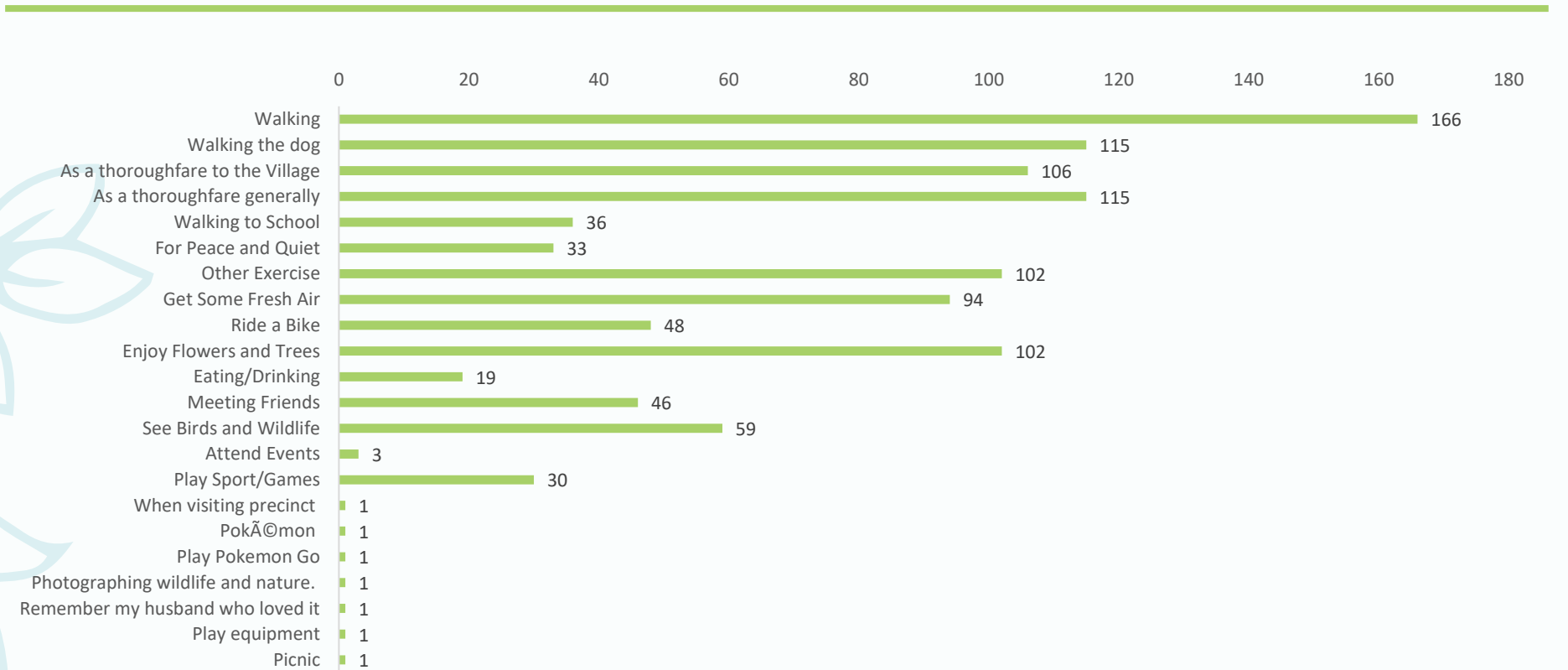
Lovely space, toddler play area is a little dated and could do with upgrading!

Fine as long as not full of teenagers leaving litter and swearing etc. Generally tidy and safe for children.

A fantastic park for the village children.

More seating for adults to chat and an alternative wheelchair path round the far side or better existing path may encourage older people to use the park too and could be made more scenic with the right planting. The park is safer because of cameras but the presence of mixed generations would help bond people together, help address social isolation as well as anti social behaviour and village facilities could be used for for all ages. The park is close to extracare apartments yet the facilities are focussed predominantly on the young and the mixing of generations is not encompassed. The signage is old, tatty, needs a clean and perhaps better messaging to make all feel welcome. Far too many temporary signs which need to be reviewed and then disposed of.

269 People who Responded Use Ash Tree Pocket Park



Examples of Comments on Ash Tree Pocket Park

The pocket park is a few doors down the road from where I live and gives myself and my family a lot of pleasure especially my grandchildren all of whom love playing down the circle woods! My husband and myself walk down with a cup of coffee and sit on a bench with the dog on his extending lead for peace and quiet.

I live very near here and it's a cute lovely part of the village and a lovely little small space of fresh air and tranquility right on my doorstep.

In lockdown this area was so valuable to me as I was classed as vulnerable. Without the park I think I would have really suffered with my mental health. There have been lots of people using this especially once we could meet a friend. My daughter used it to have a and several people caught on to this idea. Now we are coming out of the restrictions I have seen more and more people use it. It is peaceful and quiet and gives you time to think.

Ash Tree Pocket Park is my favourite of all the parks in Barton. An oasis of calm and a place to appreciate the beauty of the trees. I often come and sit here in the mornings and gather my thoughts. When I was recovering from a recent cancer operation I came and sat here every day. I feel sound of the wind through the branches and the calming design of the park really helped me to recover.

A beautiful area that is so great to see in a village. It is nice to see people having picnics and just talking and having fun.



112 People who Responded Use St James Garden

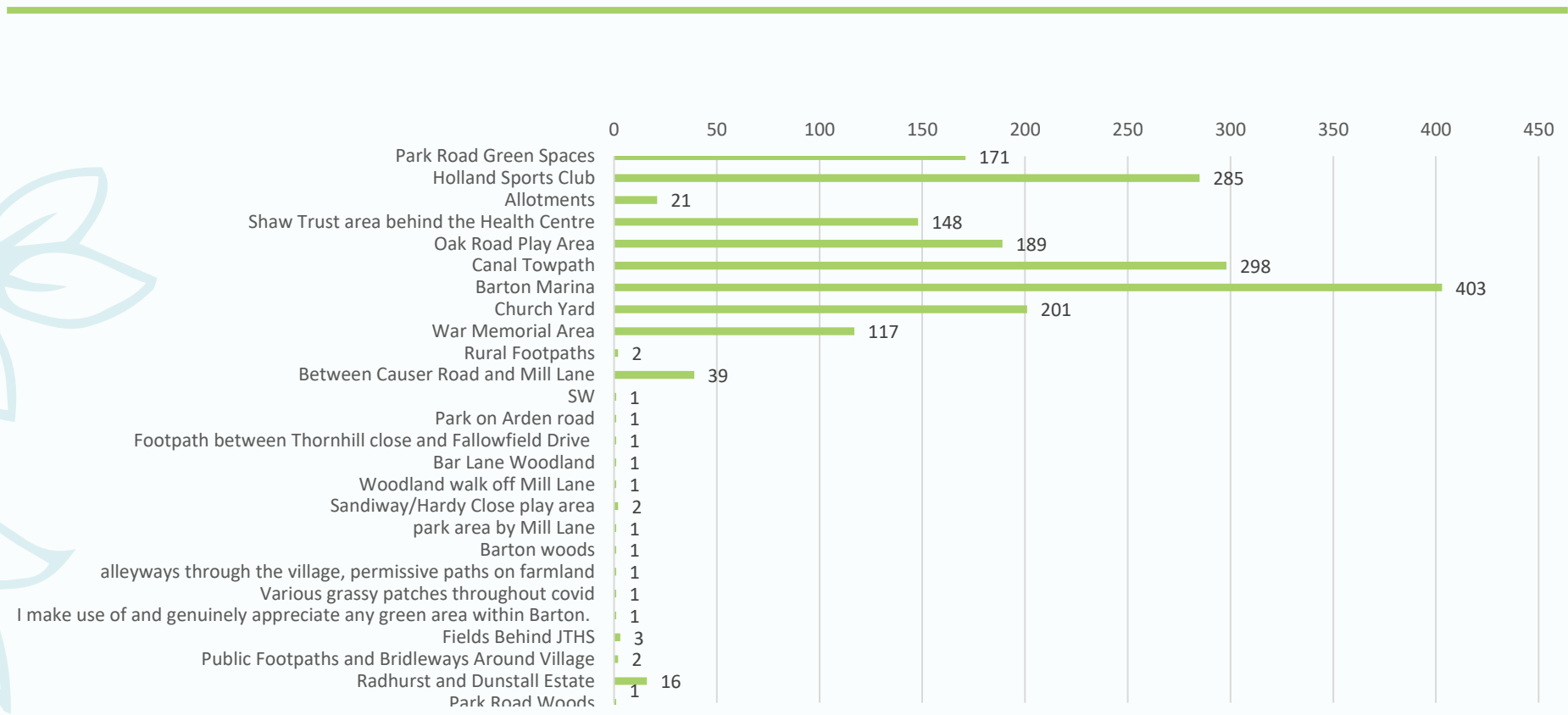
Greatly improved. Very pleasant use of the space.

As it is close to our house the boys like to potter in and out of the flowers looking for bugs.

Somewhere to pause on the way to the village.

This area looks really nice now. I live in st James and enjoy walking past every day.

427 People who Responded Use Other Green spaces in the Village



Examples of Comments on Other Village Green spaces

Great to have all these places around - good to keep the variety. Unfortunately some of these areas seem to be favoured by dog owners who don't pick up after their pets!

I think they are all well kept. I think the Oak Road space has been much improved and it is frequently used. Although my main use is as a walker I appreciate having attractive areas with wildlife and with space for children to enjoy playing. I think the green spaces are extremely important to the village. .

Disgraceful that parts of the Marina are still blocked off from walkers. Excuse of teens making a mess is flimsy - they haven't made a mess anywhere else. I think the problems in the woods were staged by the land owner so he can put in his planning permission to build the holiday shacks on there.

Holland sports club is a great village asset - seeing all the facilities being used on the weekend makes you realise how lucky we are to have this. Wish there was another green space for football goals to be up all year around.

Think we're lucky to have so many green spaces. I'm beginning to avoid the marina as it's far too busy now. It's a victim of its own success really and less pleasant for it. I really like the happy to chat bench. More of these would be good as we have so many elderly living alone in the village.

The green spaces always look well cared for and we have used them A LOT this last year - I never realised how lucky I was to live in Barton before the pandemic hit - and then I realised just how amazing it is to have so much greenery in walking distance from our house. We are all so lucky in Barton with the green spaces and should appreciate more the people who do their bit to keep it all safe and maintained - so thank you!