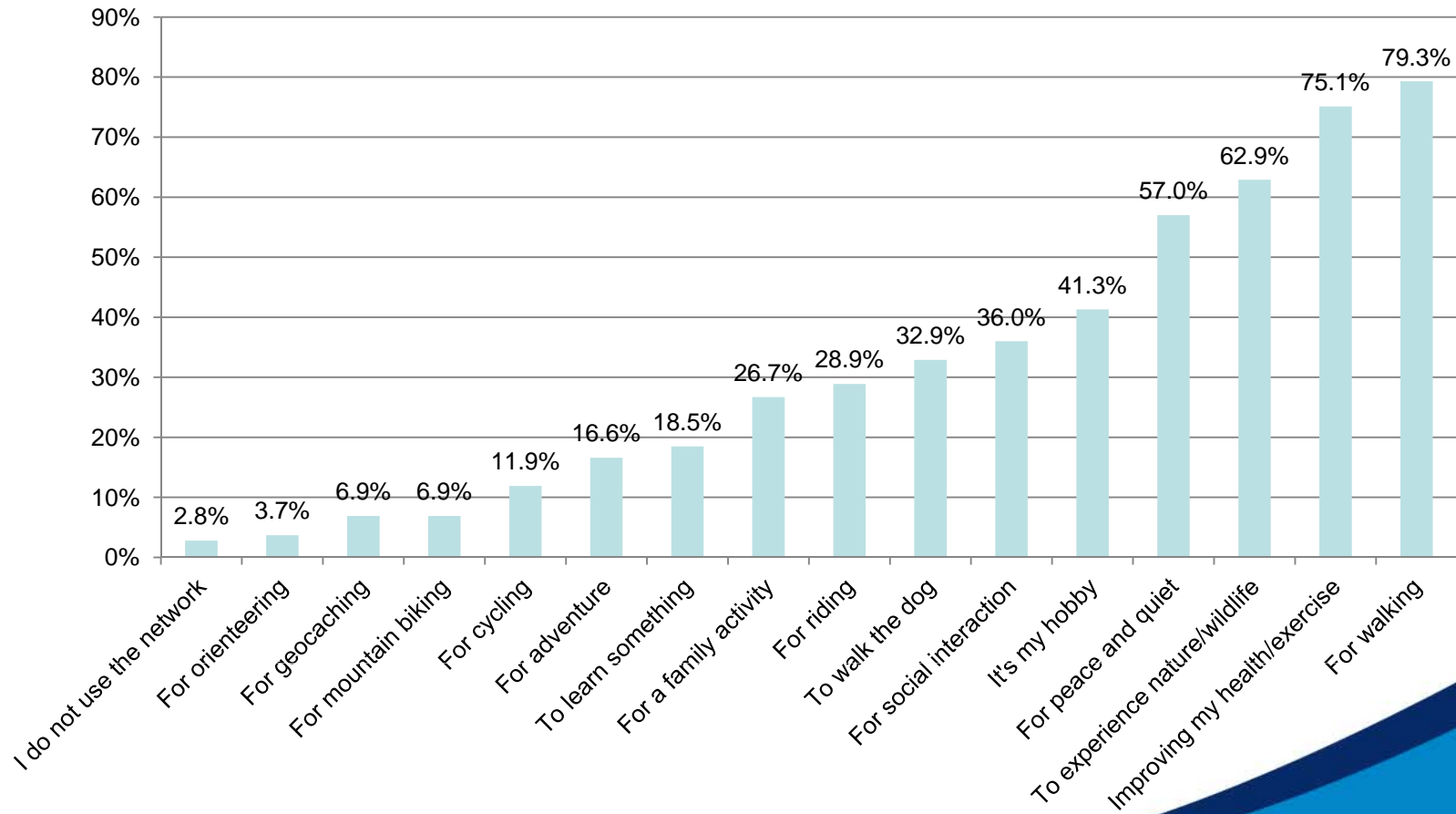


# Outdoor Recreation User Survey

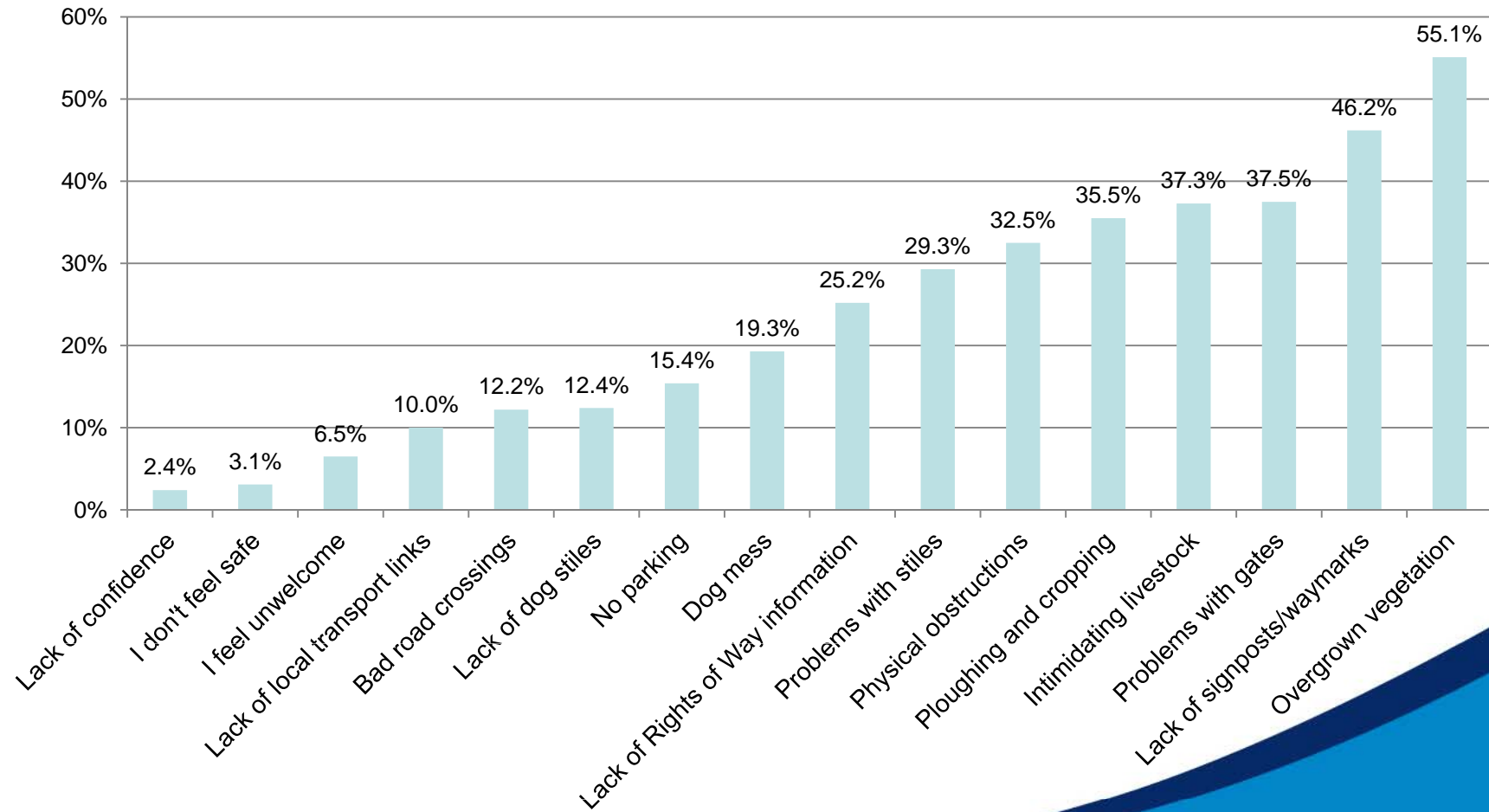
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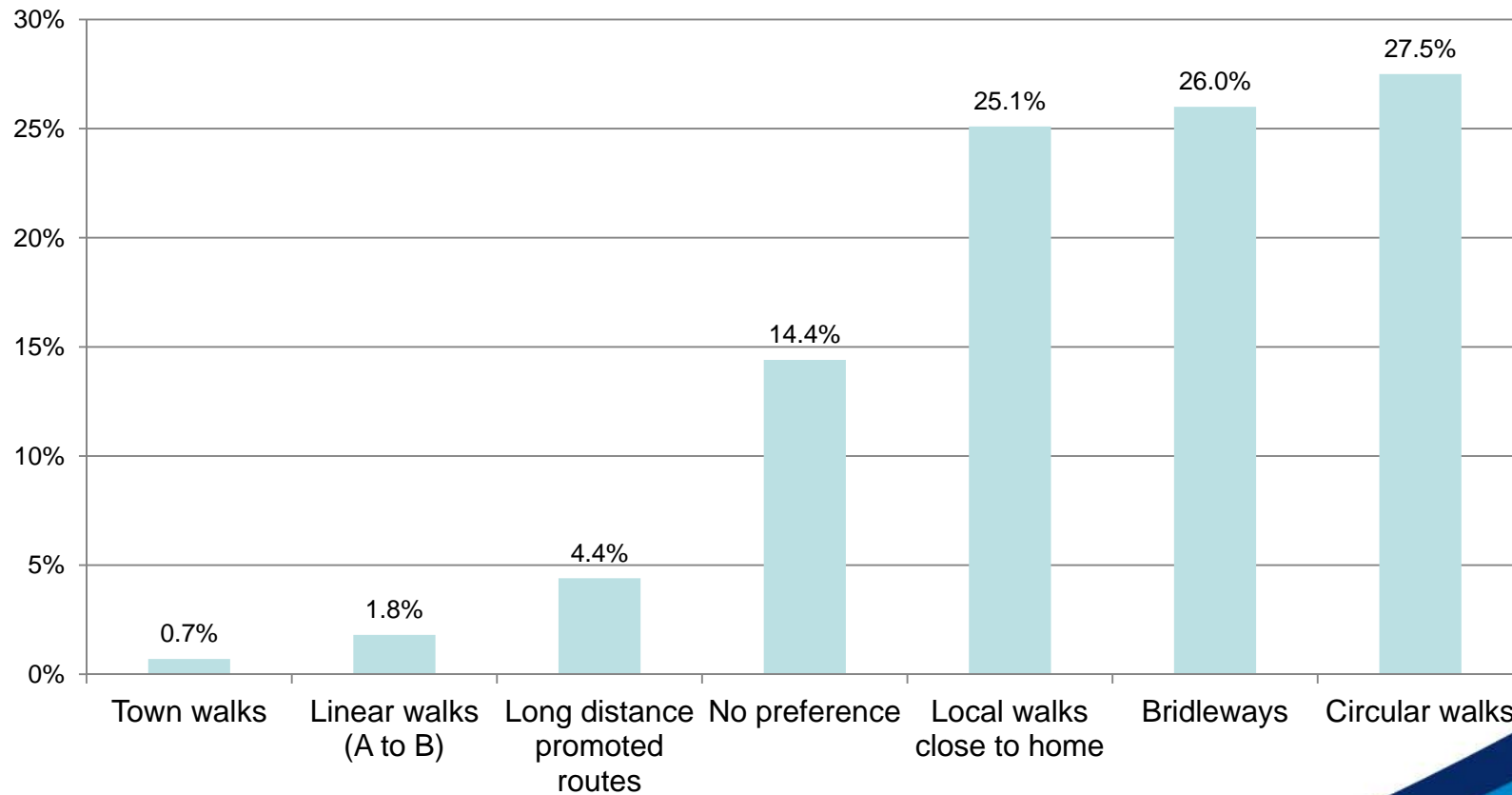
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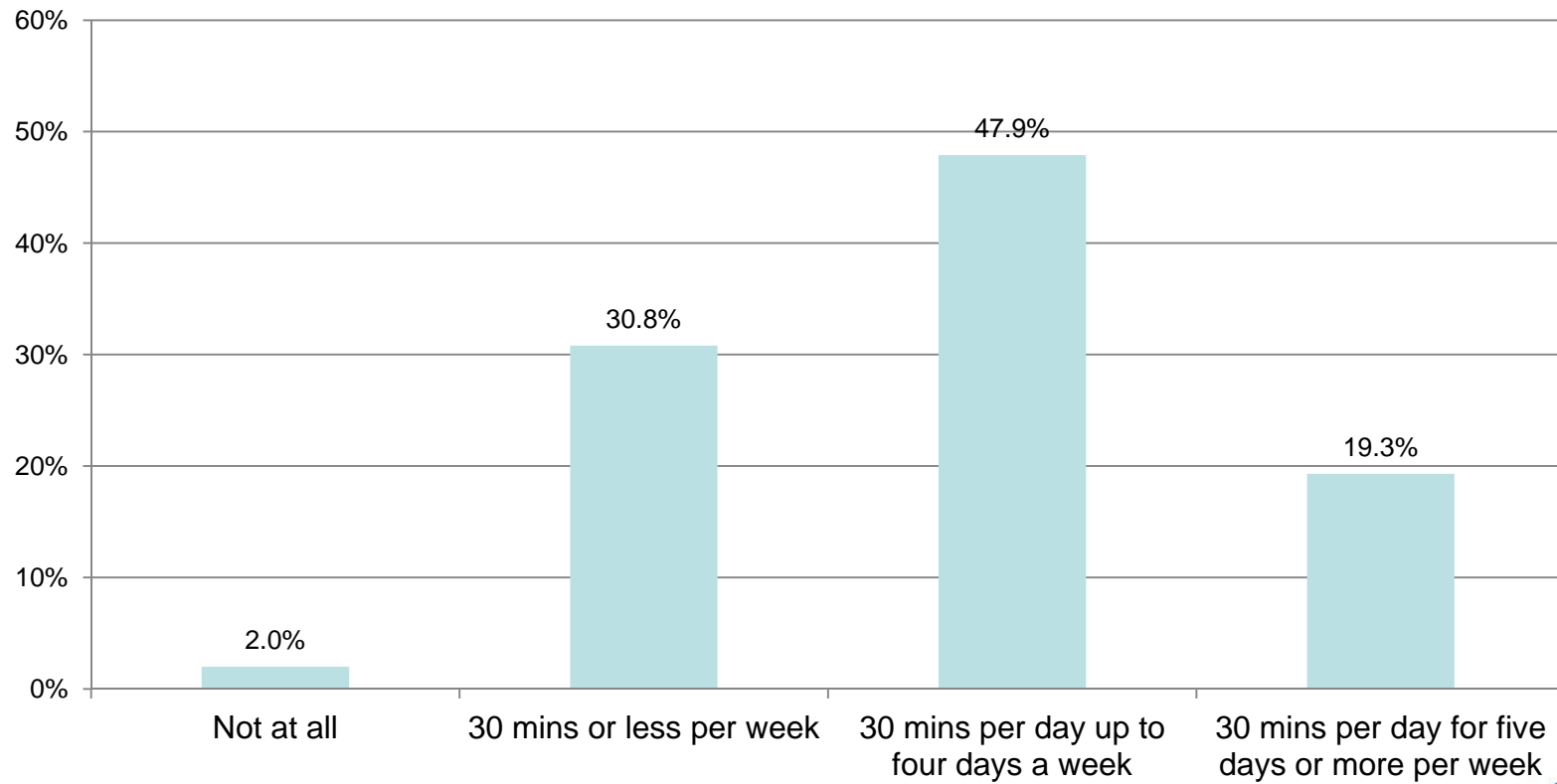
## 2. What, if anything, puts you off using or detracts from your enjoyment of Shropshire's Rights of Way?



### 3. Which one of these do you mostly use?

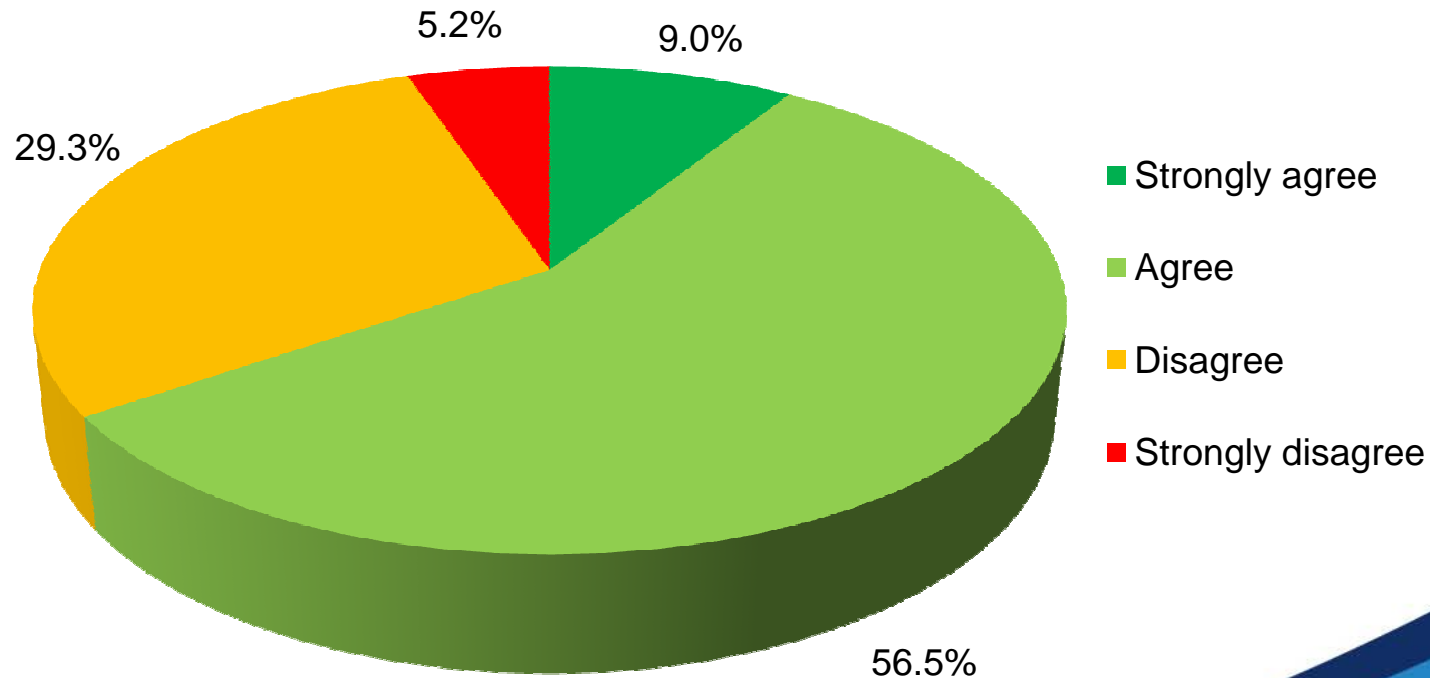


#### 4. How often do you use Shropshire's Rights of Way?



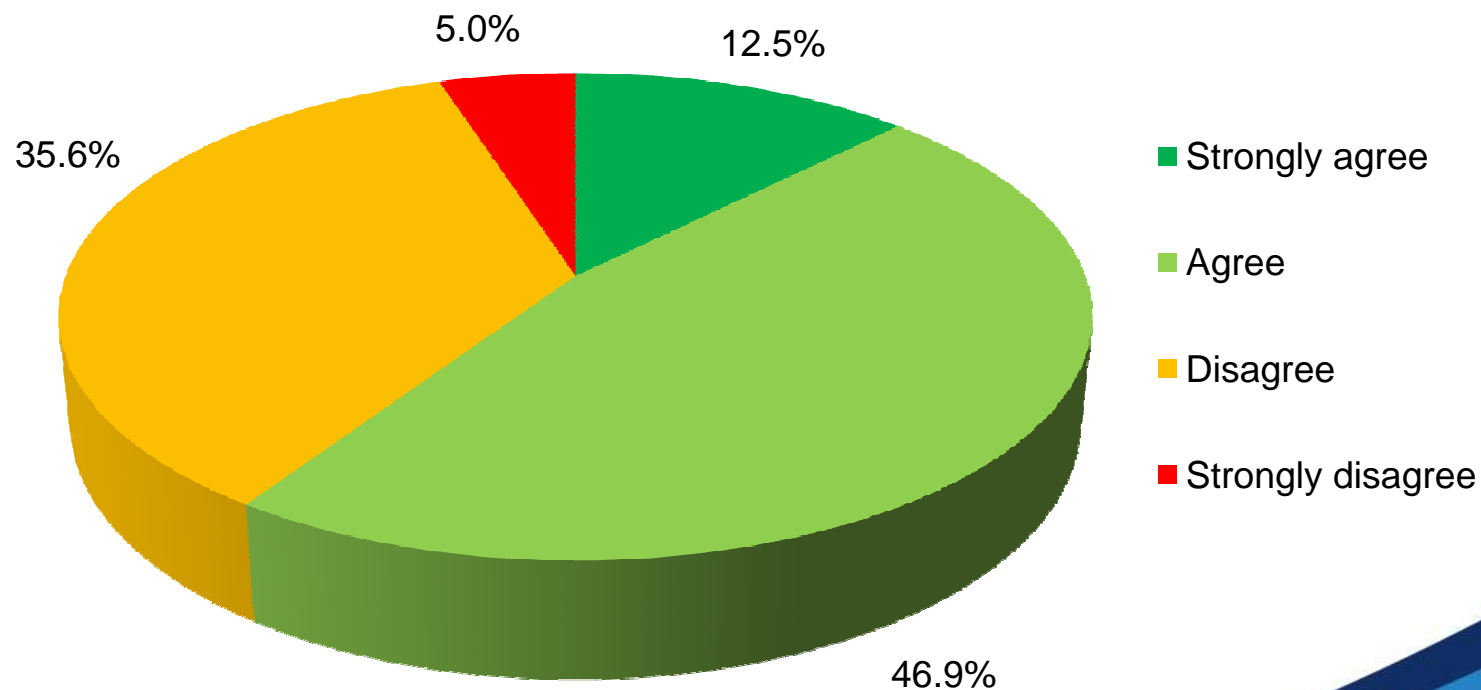
5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

I am satisfied with the rights of way network in my area



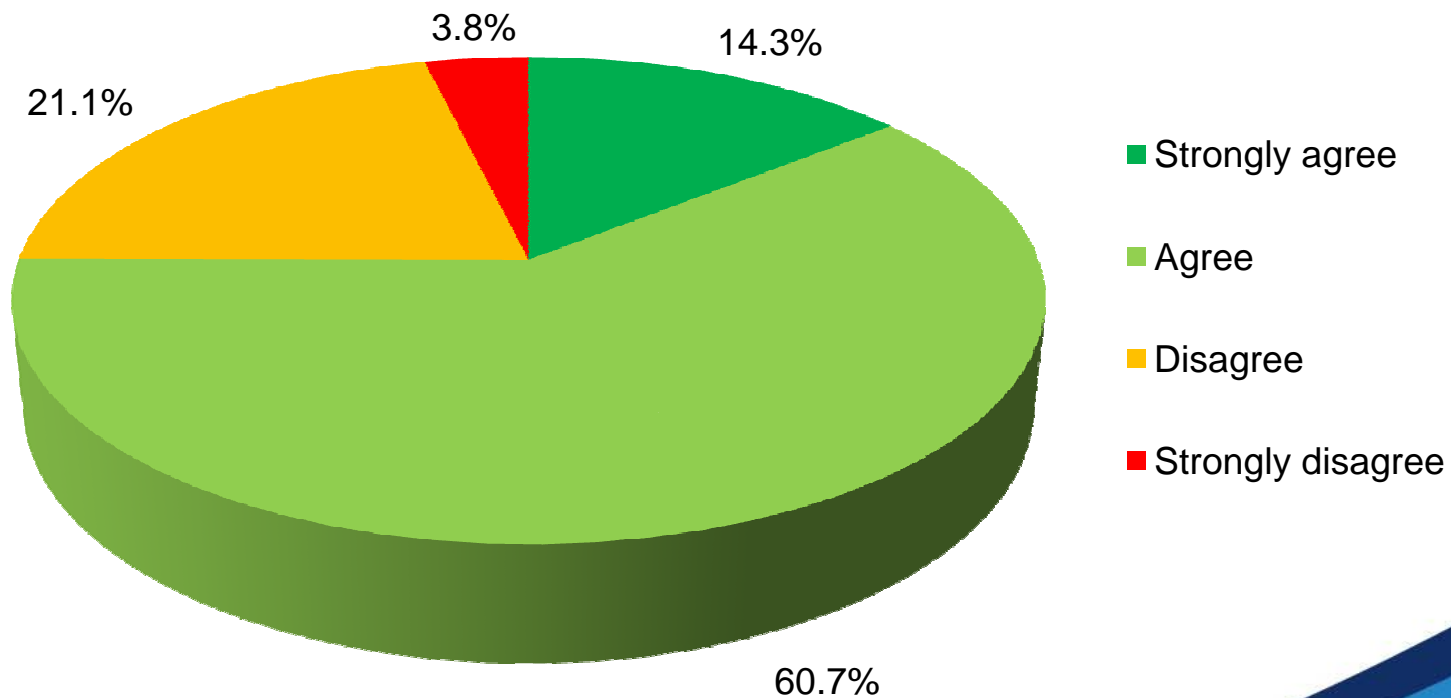
5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

I have noticed improvements to the Rights of Way network  
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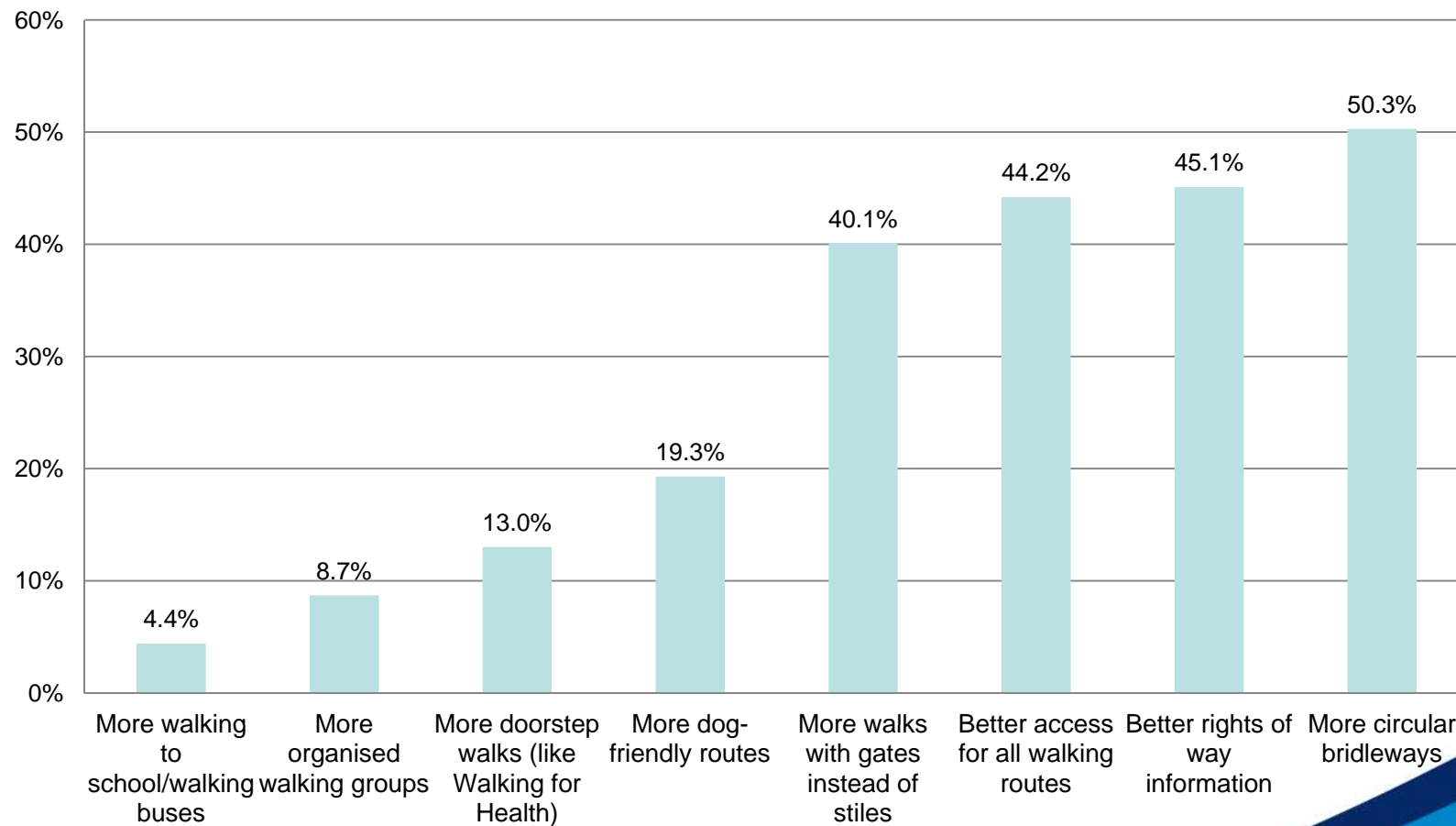




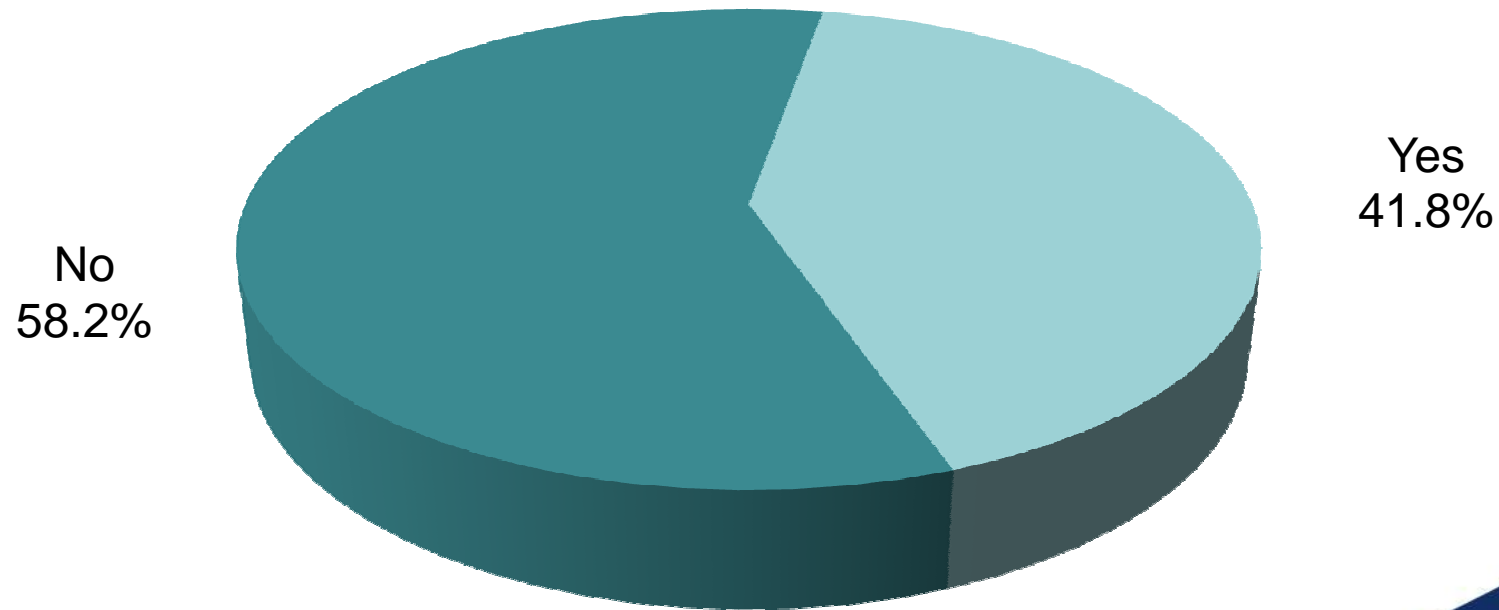
## 6. Thinking about when you last used Shropshire's Rights of Way...



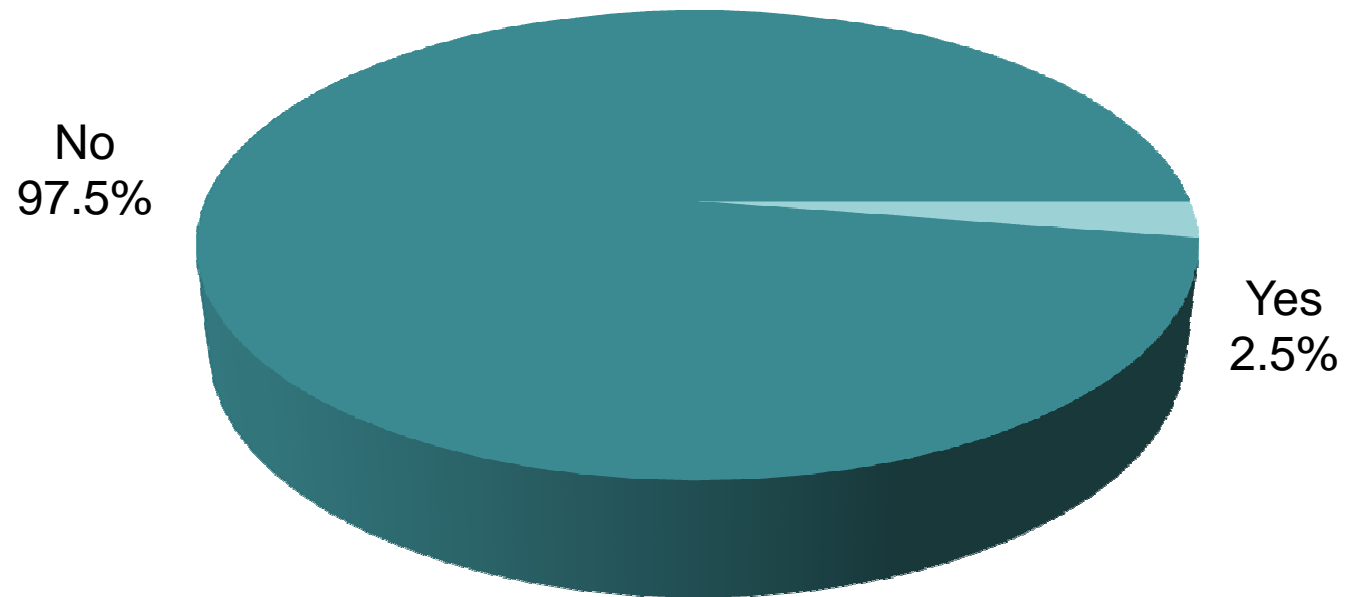
## 7. What could we do to help you get out more?



8. Have you ever used the Shropshire Walking website  
([www.shropshirewalking.co.uk](http://www.shropshirewalking.co.uk))?



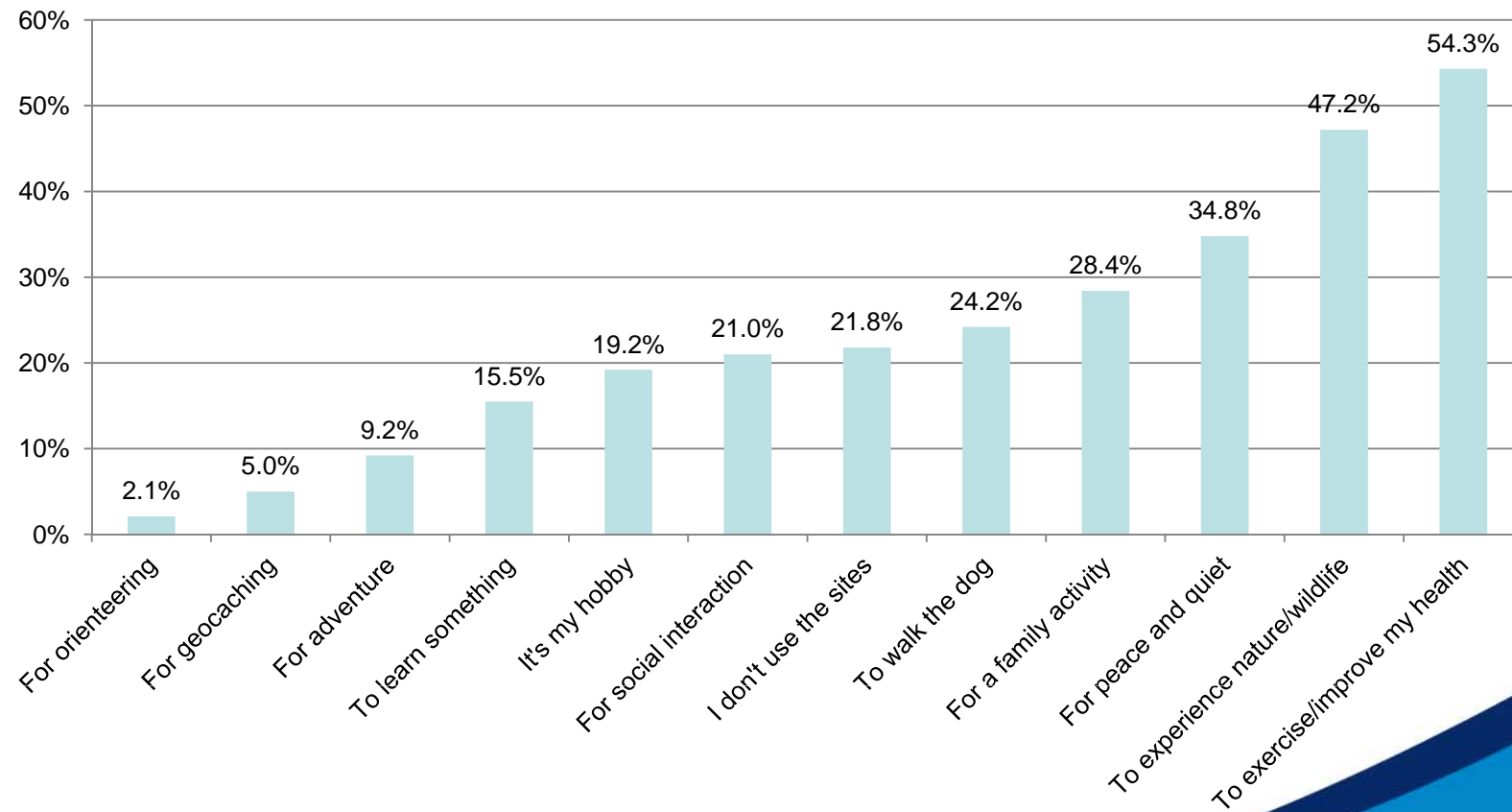
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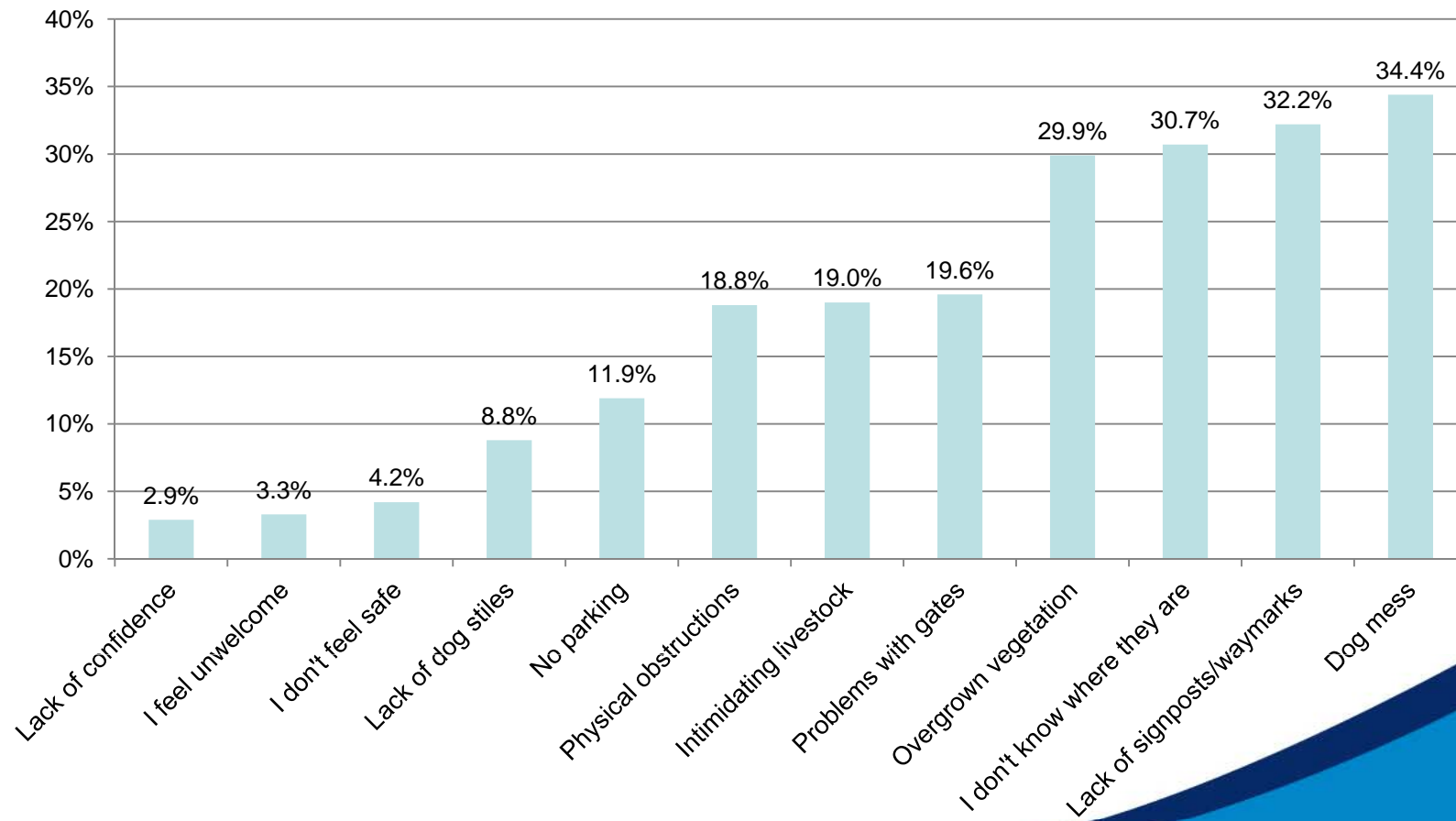
## 10. If you have any other suggestions about Shropshire's Rights of Way, please tell us

- As the owner of holiday accommodation I find there is very little information regarding walking routes in the area. Signage has improved recently but there is little information I can give tourists before they arrive, save for what I have written for them.
- Please provide more bridleways to avoid using the busy main roads as the only form of exercising horses. Please make the paths clear and safe to use. More would be great but start with insisting farmers make the existing ones usable.
- The main problem that I encounter is that they are often overgrown.
- In each village in the parish it would be good to have a map of the immediate areas rights of way on the notice board.
- As a walk leader for 'Walking for Health', one of the most important things is to find routes without stiles. Many members of our group are in their seventies and although reasonably fit for their age, getting over stiles is a real problem. The kissing gates you started to install are excellent and have proved very beneficial.
- Have a proper, sustainable budget for footpath maintenance that is ring-fenced. Make use of local walking groups for maintenance activities without the excess bureaucracy that now exists.
- Make walks leaflets available at local Post Offices, shops, pubs, etc.
- More bridleways are needed on the North Shropshire area!

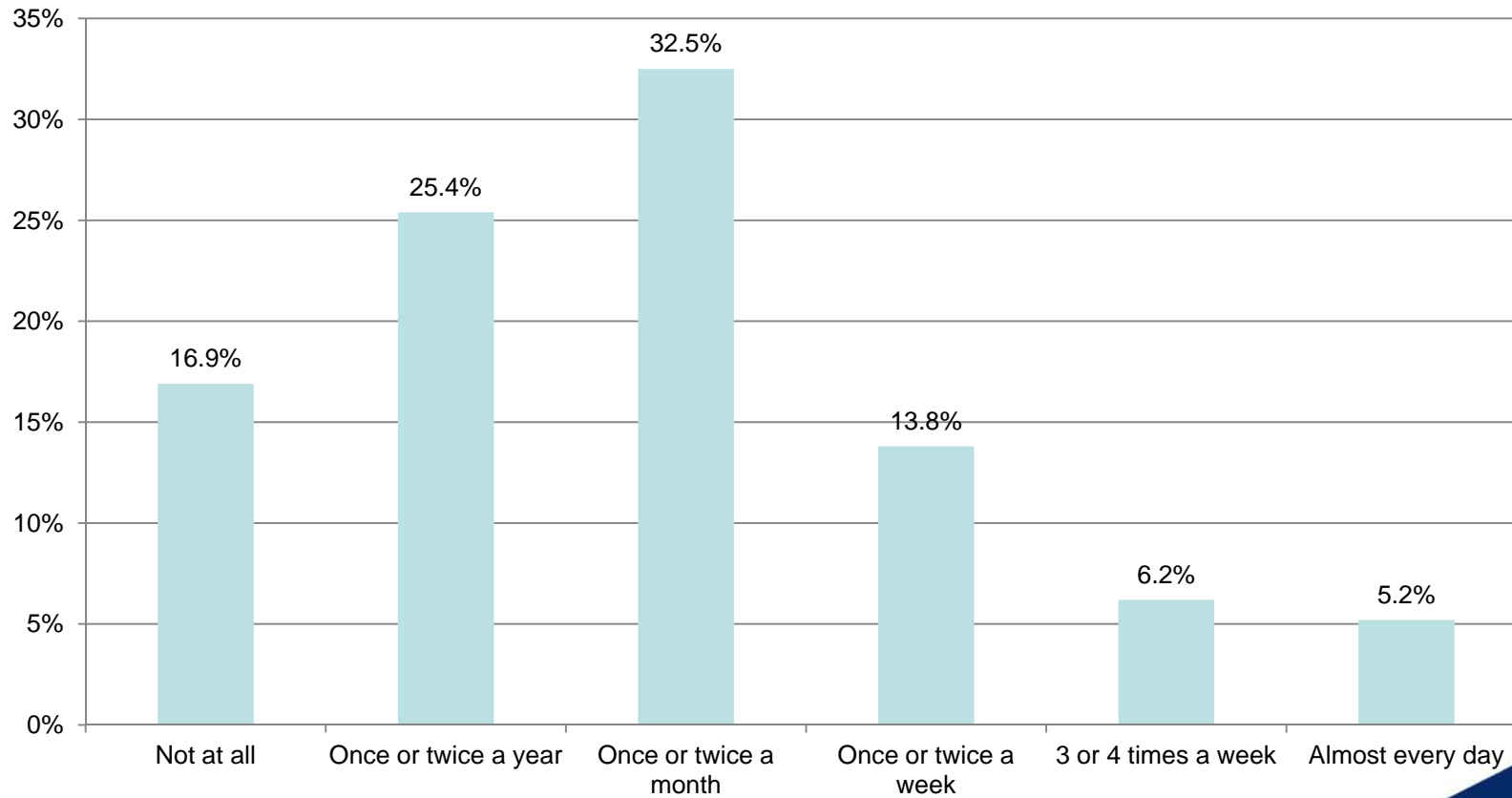
## 11. What are your main reasons for using the Council's Parks and Countryside sites?



## 12. What, if anything, puts you off using or detracts from your enjoyment of the Council's Parks and Countryside sites?



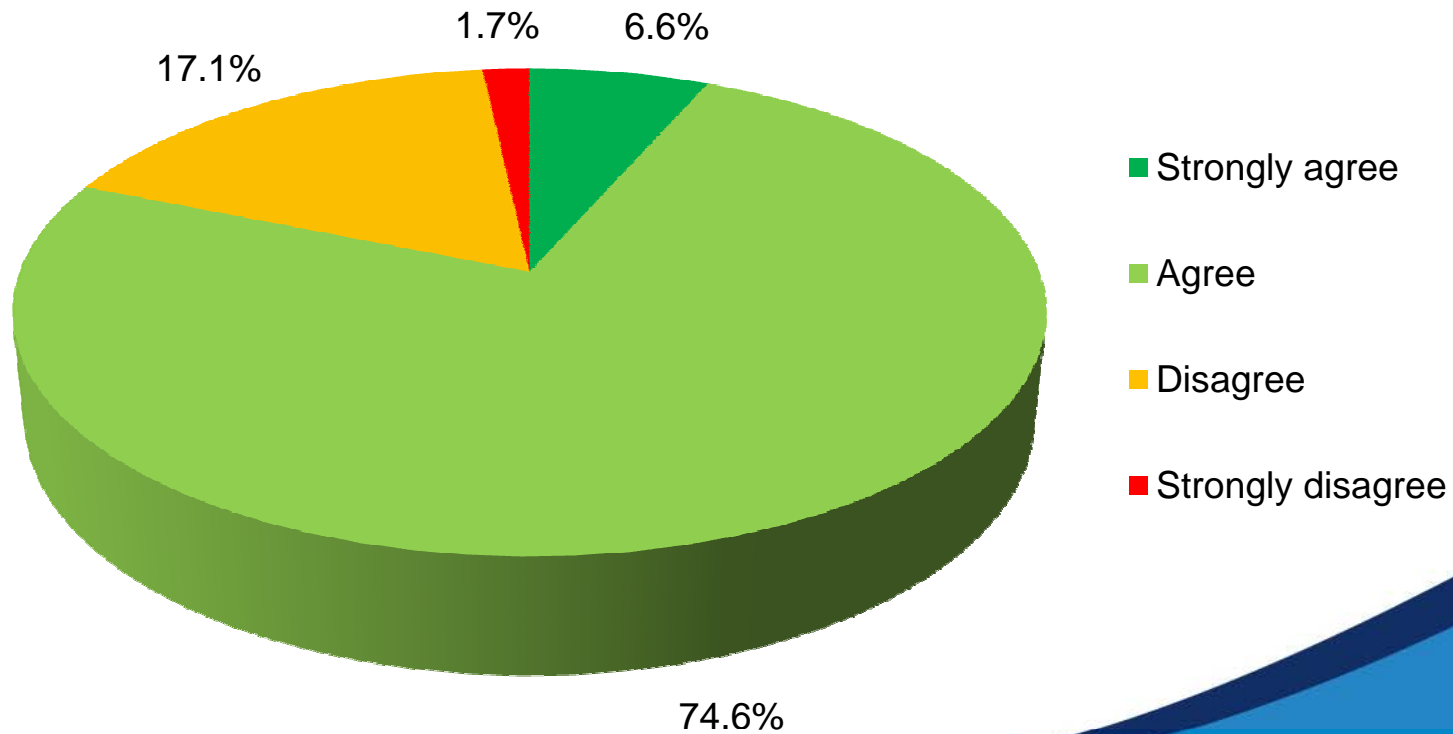
### 13. How often do you use the Council's Parks and Countryside sites?





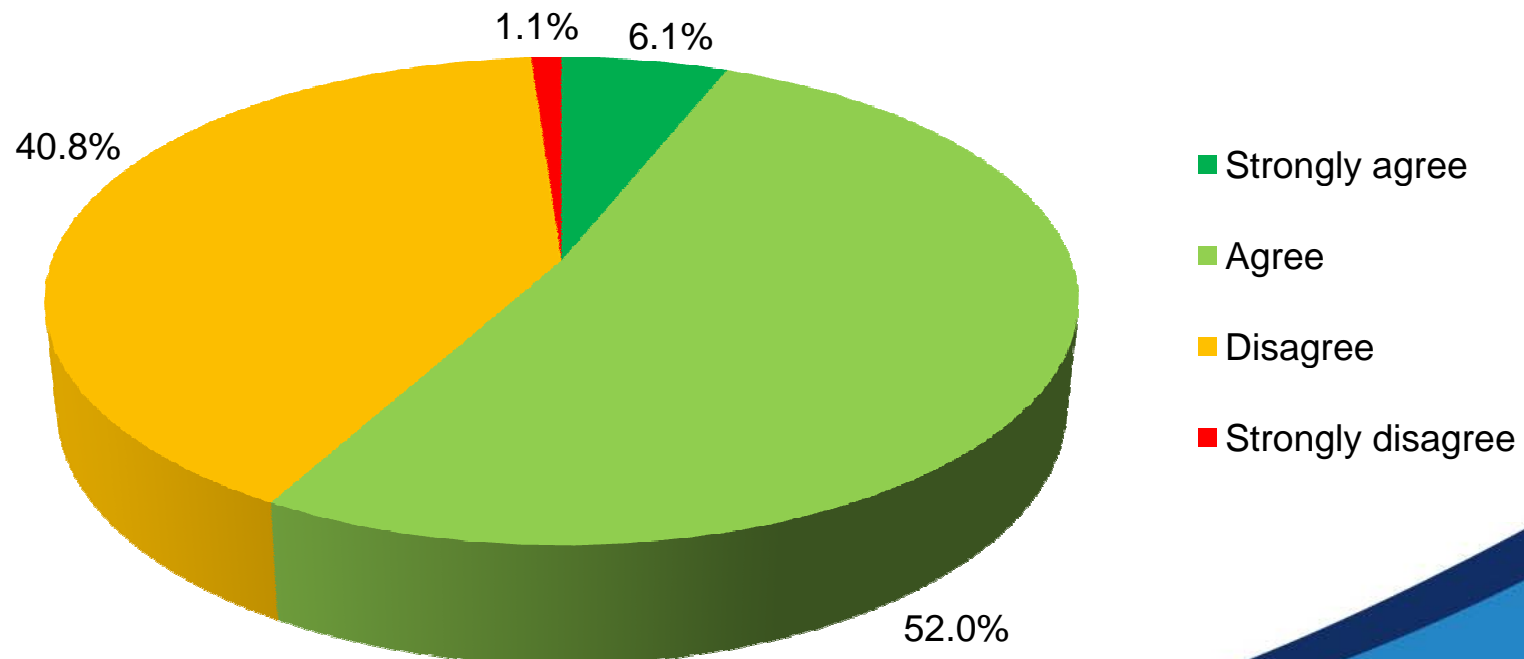
14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement about the Council's Parks and Countryside sites?

I am satisfied with the Council's parks and countryside sites



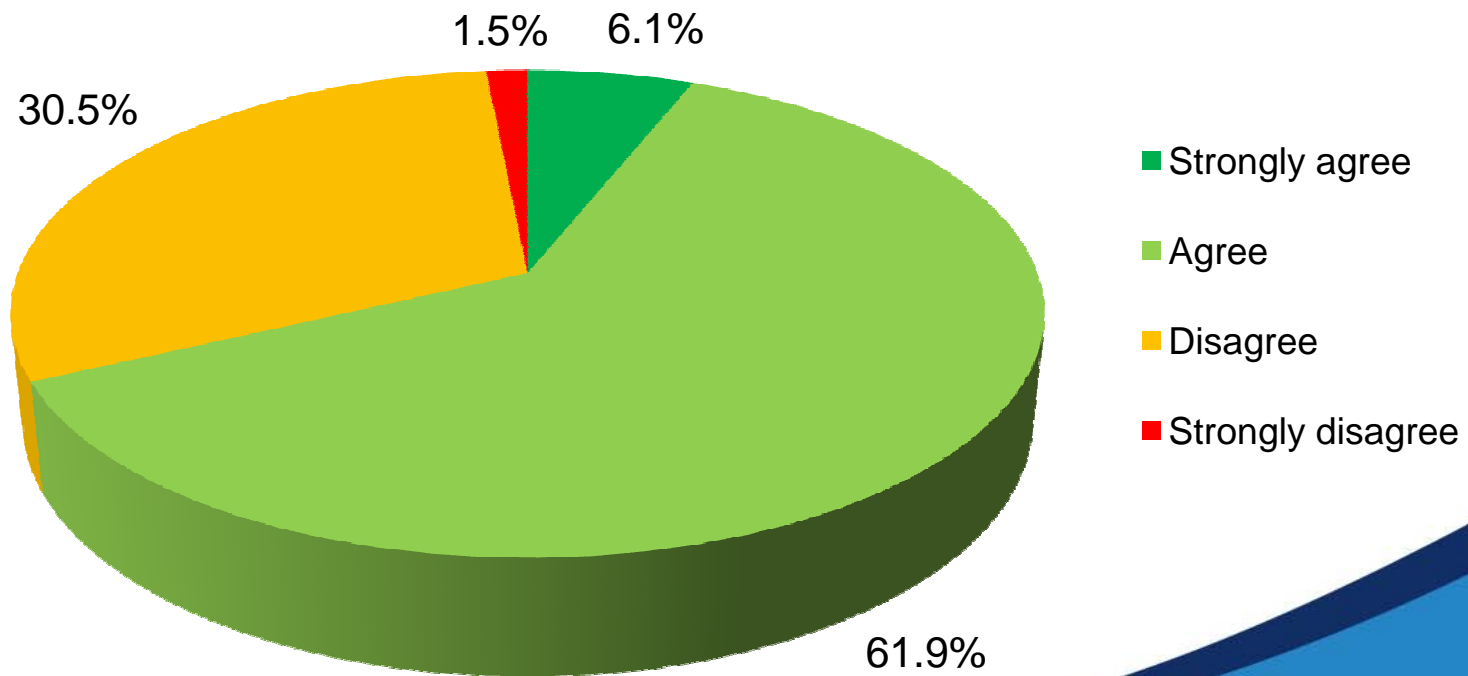
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I have noticed improvements in the Council's parks and countryside sites in my area in the last 12 months

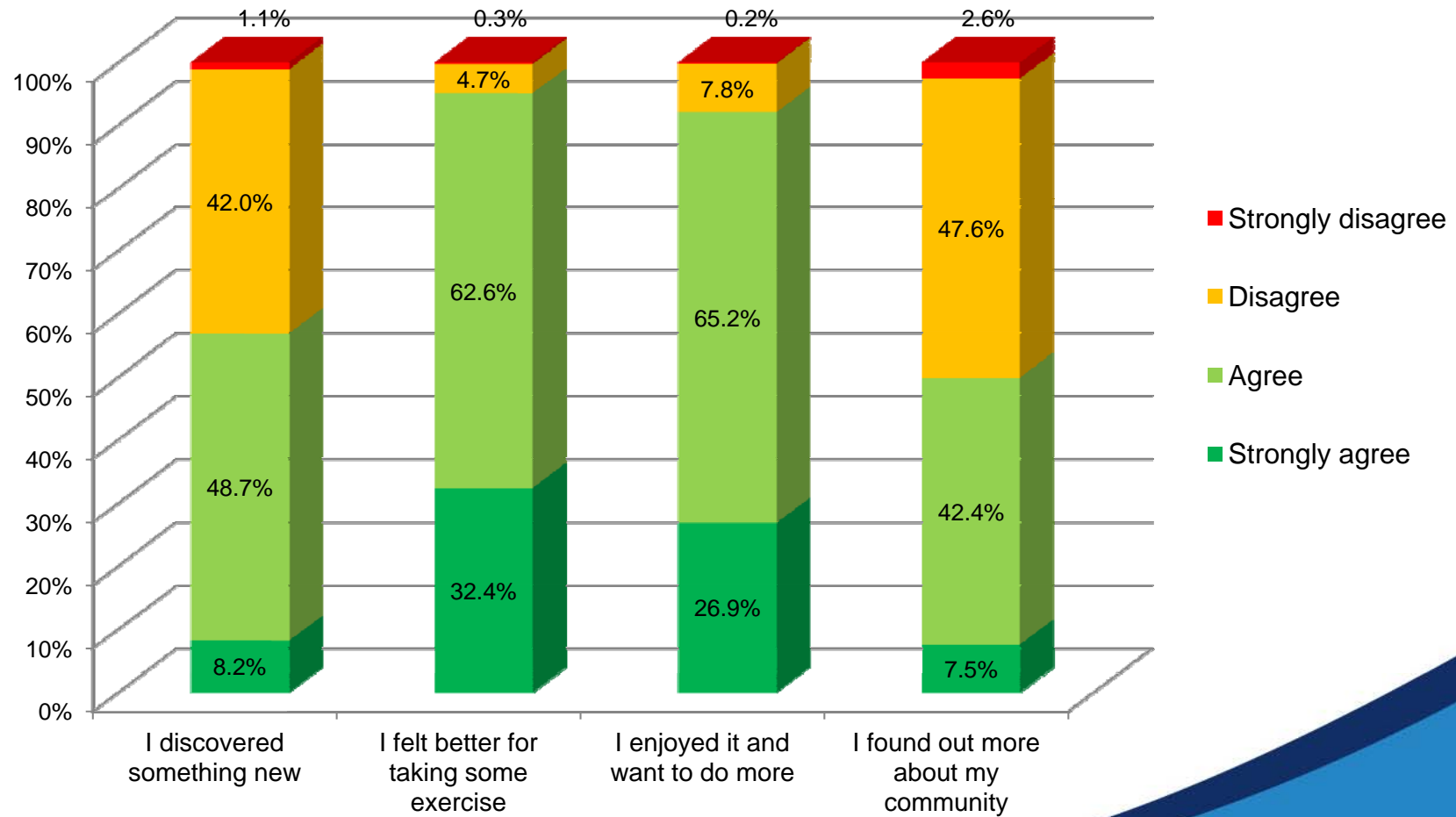


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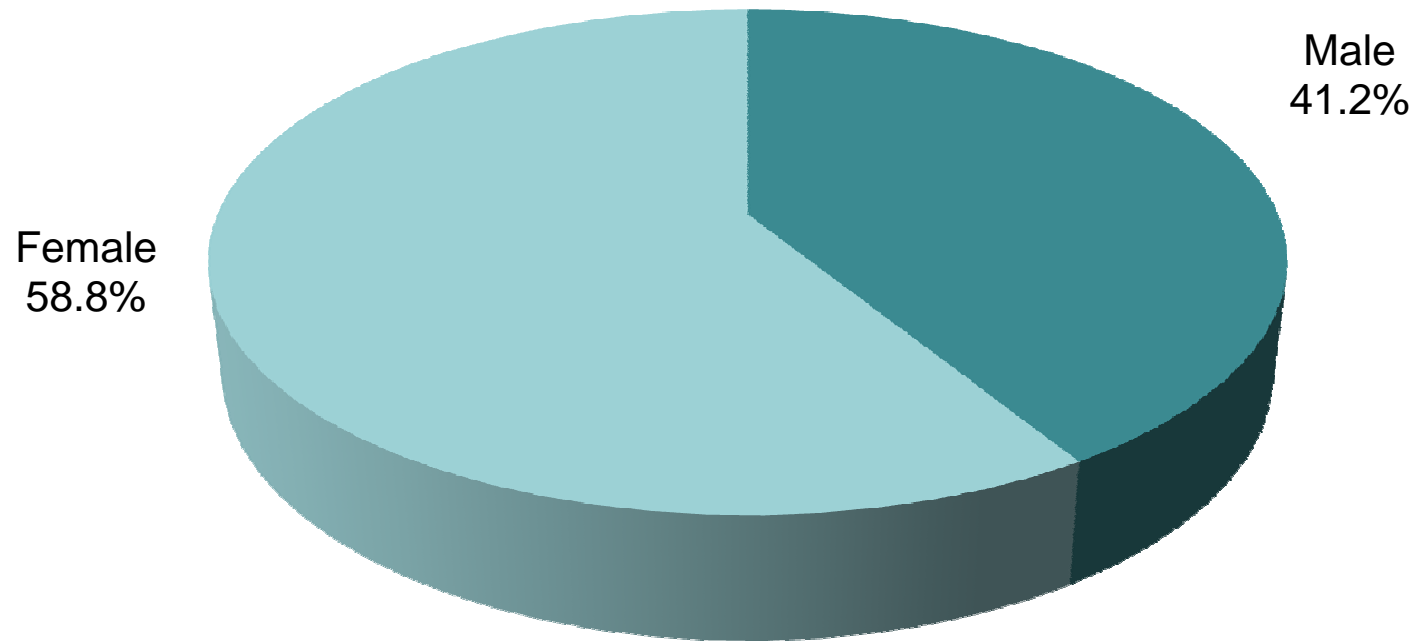
### 15. Thinking about when you last used the Council's Parks and Countryside sites...



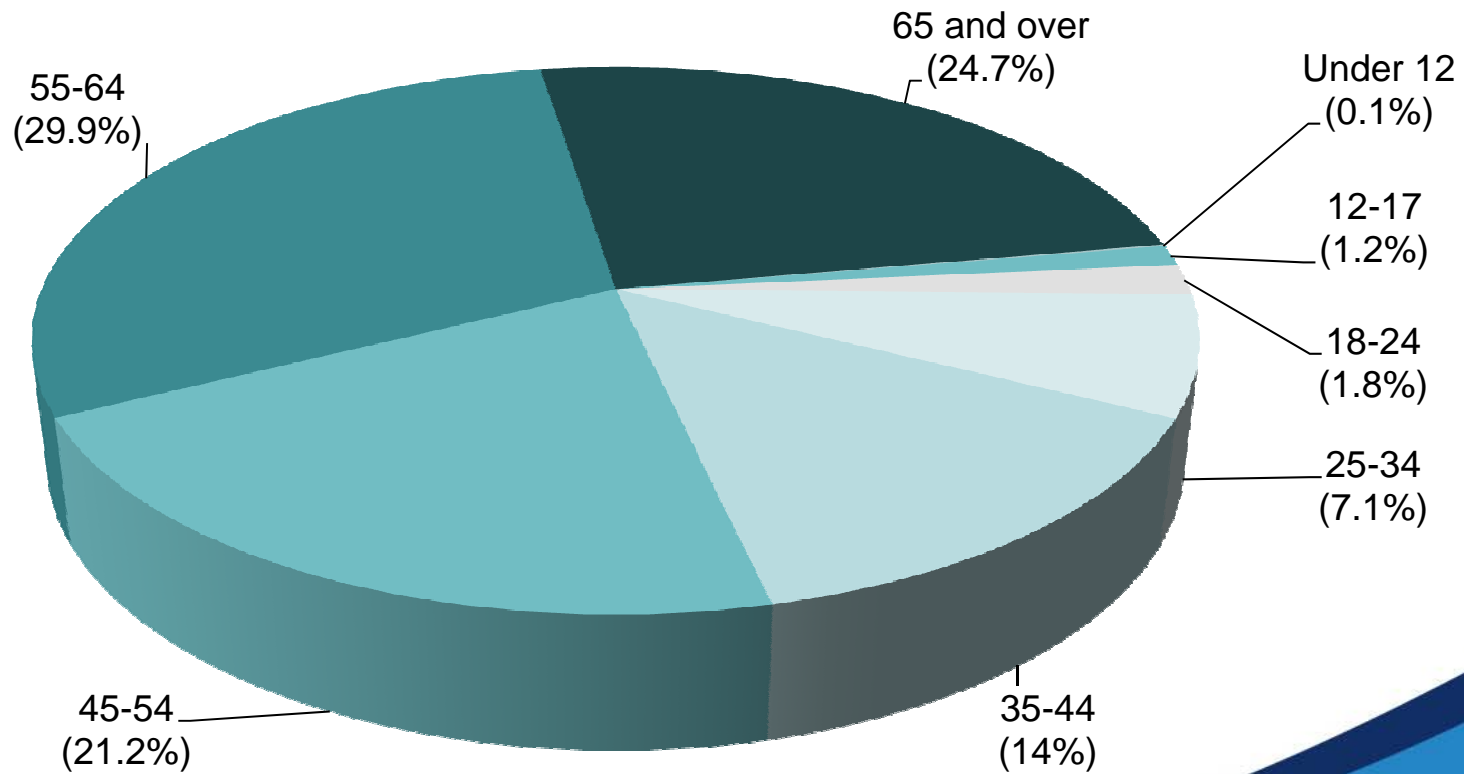
## 16. If you have any other suggestions about Shropshire's Council's Parks and Countryside sites, please tell us

- Sometimes there is a lack of information at sites and it would be interesting to have more boards of interest. Also at some sites it would be better to have more dog bins or the policy at Haughmond to flick dog mess away as some ignorant people leave the dog bags there.
- I feel sometimes that accessibility overrides the needs/habitat of wildlife in some areas.
- It's very simple, the thing that puts me off using Countryside Sites is dog mess. I have two young children and would visit my local sites MUCH more frequently if dog mess was better controlled.
- Multi user tracks, furniture that is suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and the less able.
- Countryside sites and parks are important to me, as is the wildlife they contain, more funding should be allocated to manage these sites.
- More staff presence at busy times, such as school/public holidays.
- Information on them can be hard to find even if you go to a Visitor Information Centre. Maybe there could be a pull-out section in the Star or Chronicle occasionally?
- More public transport.
- My local park is somewhat bleak, and while children use the playground, people do not linger. The large open space would benefit from more trees – communities could be encouraged to plant them? Diamond Jubilee opportunity?

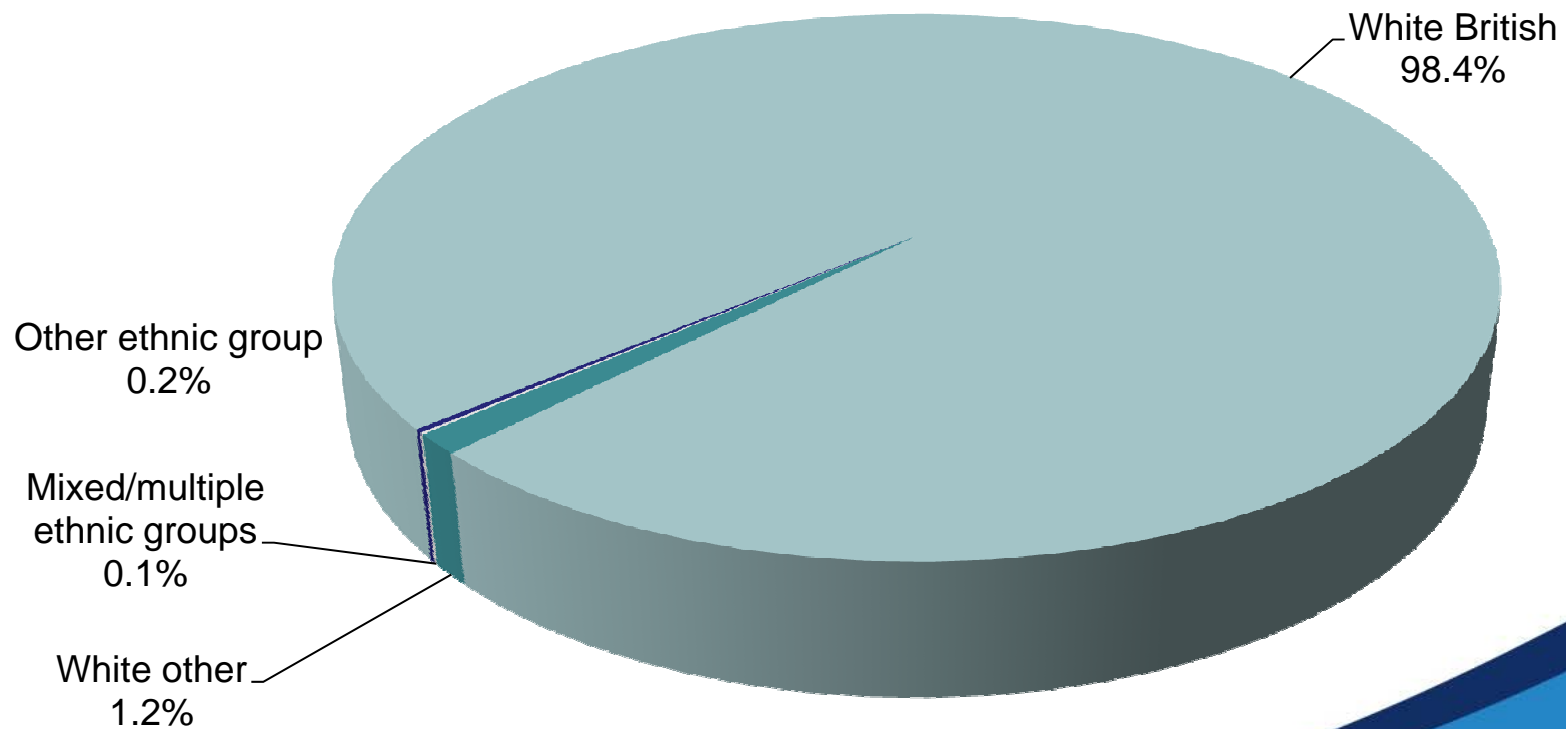
## 18. Gender



## 19. Age



20. Which of these best describes your ethnic group?





21. Do you consider yourself to have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity that limits your daily activities?

