



2023 Environment Survey Results



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Section 1: Who answered?



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The survey is reasonably representative of our villages

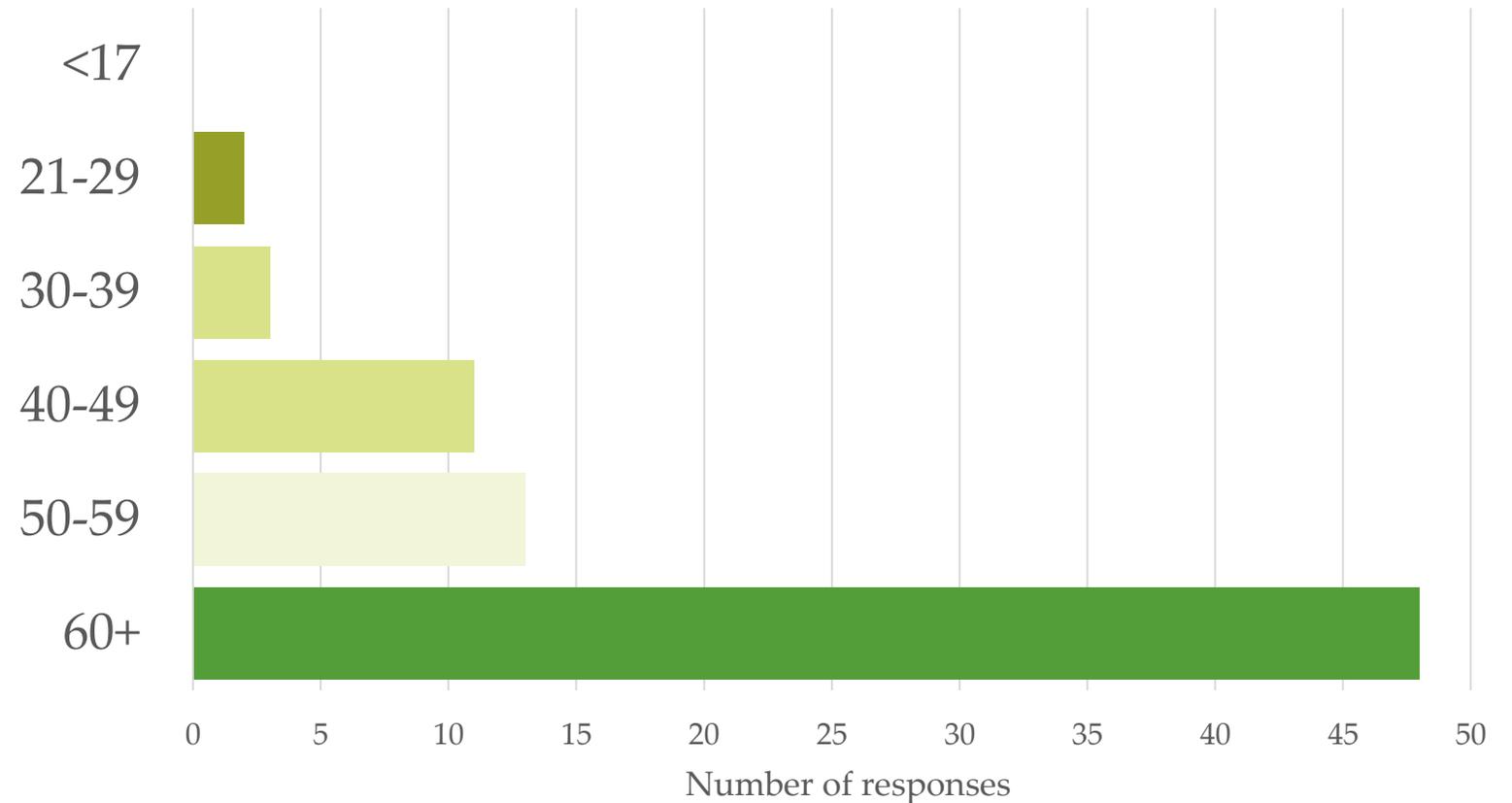
Survey response rate is above average for similar surveys that we've seen

- 80 survey responses
- Representing ~161 people
- 18% of the village
- 19% of the houses
- A good mix of newcomers and lifelong residents
- Possible small positive bias to people who feel strongly about environment

More detail on the responses

88% of responses were for households without children

4 in 5 responses were from people aged 50 and over





Section 2: What's important to our villagers?

A wide-angle photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a vibrant green field. The middle ground shows a line of bare trees and a rolling green field. In the background, there are more fields and a distant horizon under a clear sky.

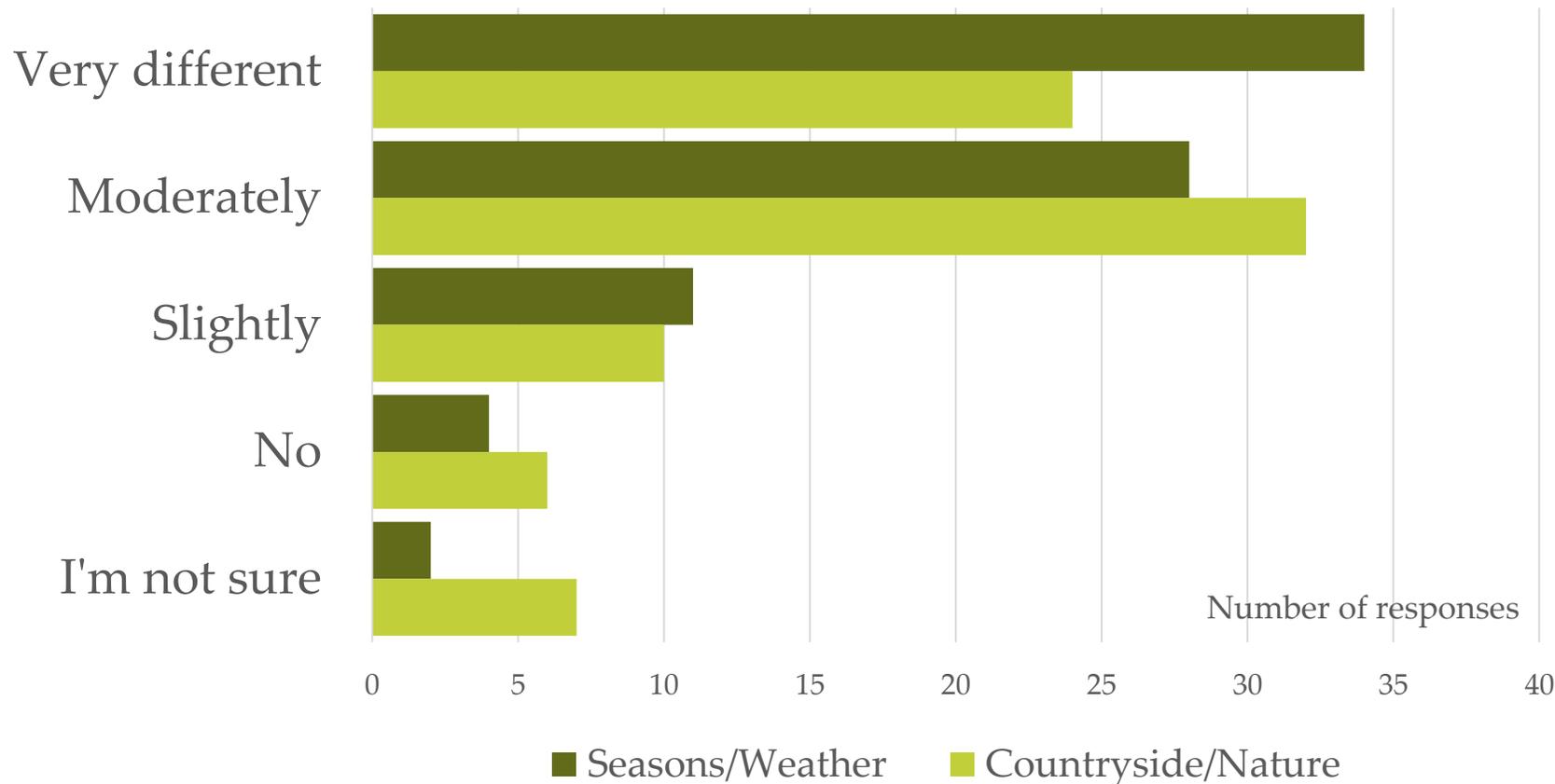
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Q1 – How concerned do you feel about our changing climate and its impact on the environment?



The majority of respondents (89%) were very or moderately concerned about climate change and the environment.

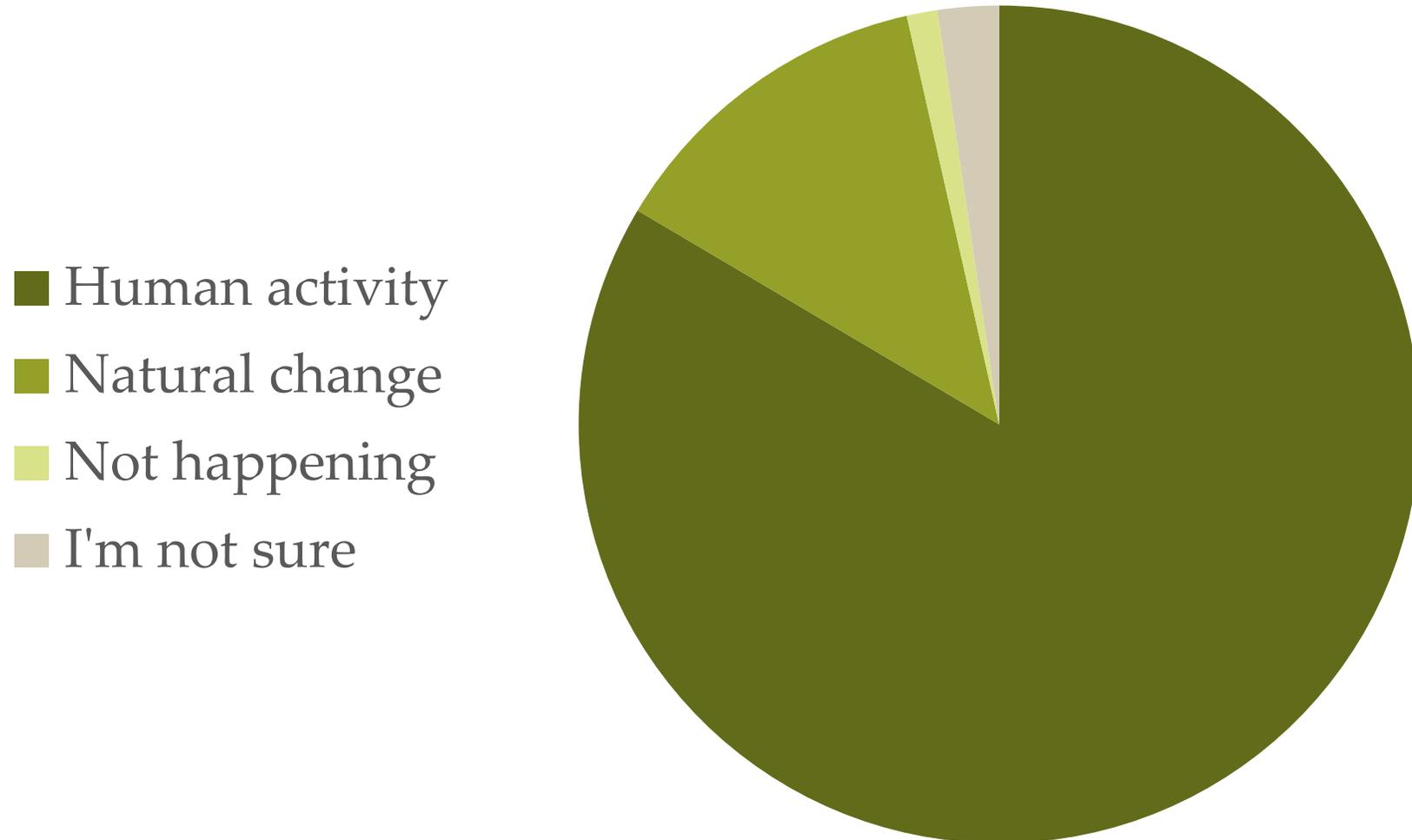
Q2+3 – How have things changed since you were younger?



People feel the climate is changing more than the countryside

But overall more than 7 in 10 see change in both climate and nature

Q4 – What is causing the most climate change, in your opinion?

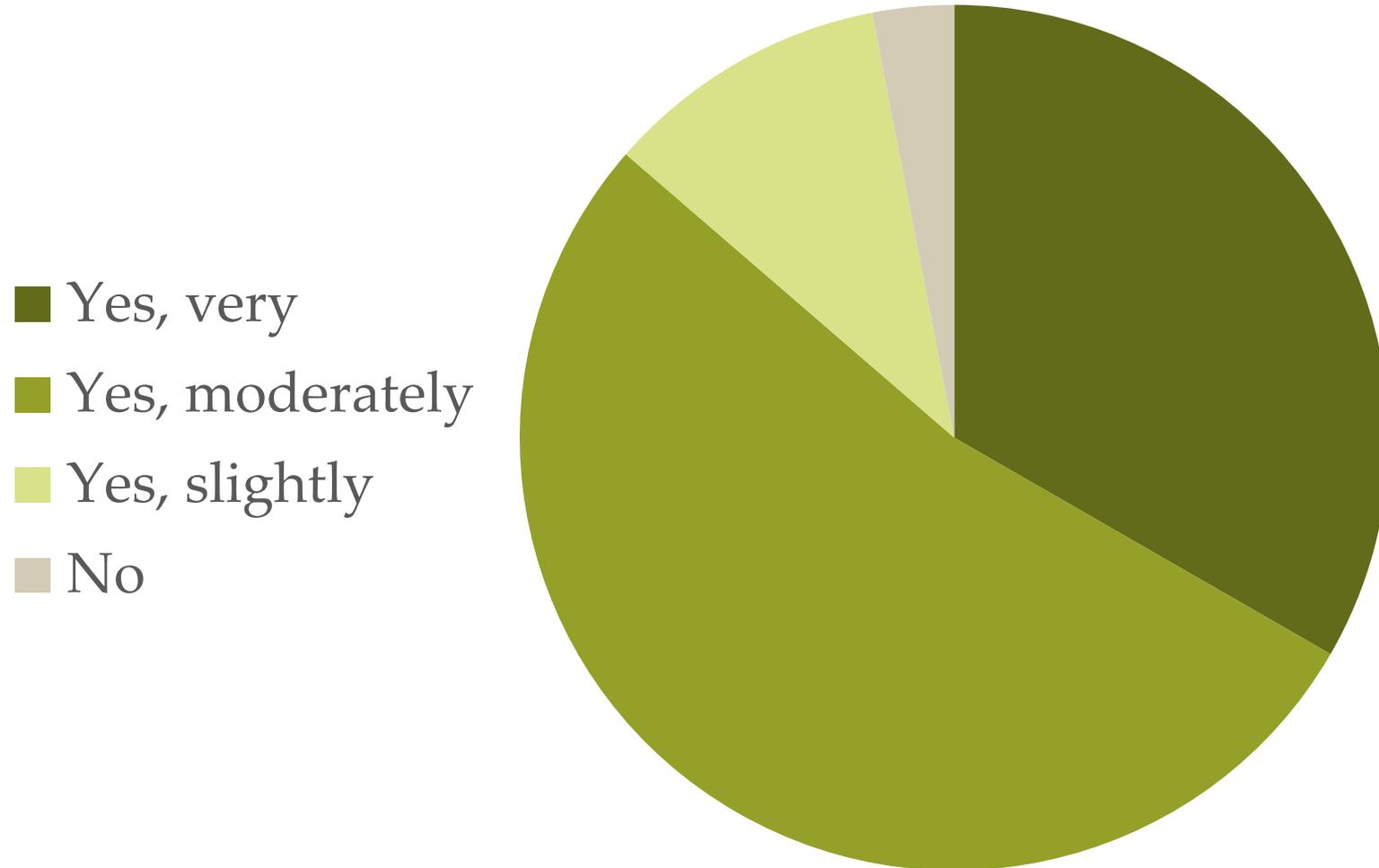


- Human activity
- Natural change
- Not happening
- I'm not sure

90% of people said that climate change is caused by human activity*

*for comparison, 99.9% of academic studies, 97% of scientists and 99% of PhDs in weather science say that climate change is caused by humans

Q5 – Are you worried about the threat caused by climate change to the things that you love in the Parish?



Three quarters of people are very or moderately worried about climate change affecting the Parish

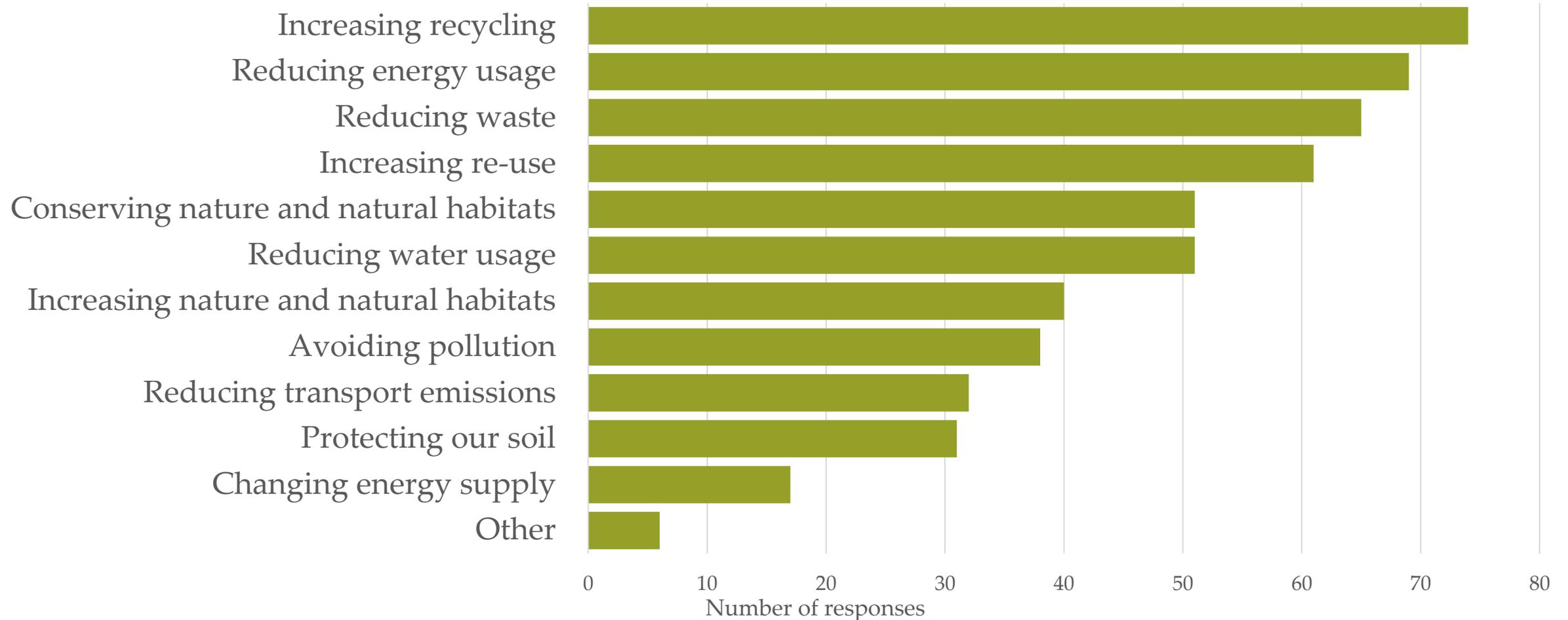


Section 3: What environmental topics should we focus on?



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Q6 – What areas are people already taking action to reduce their impact on the environment?

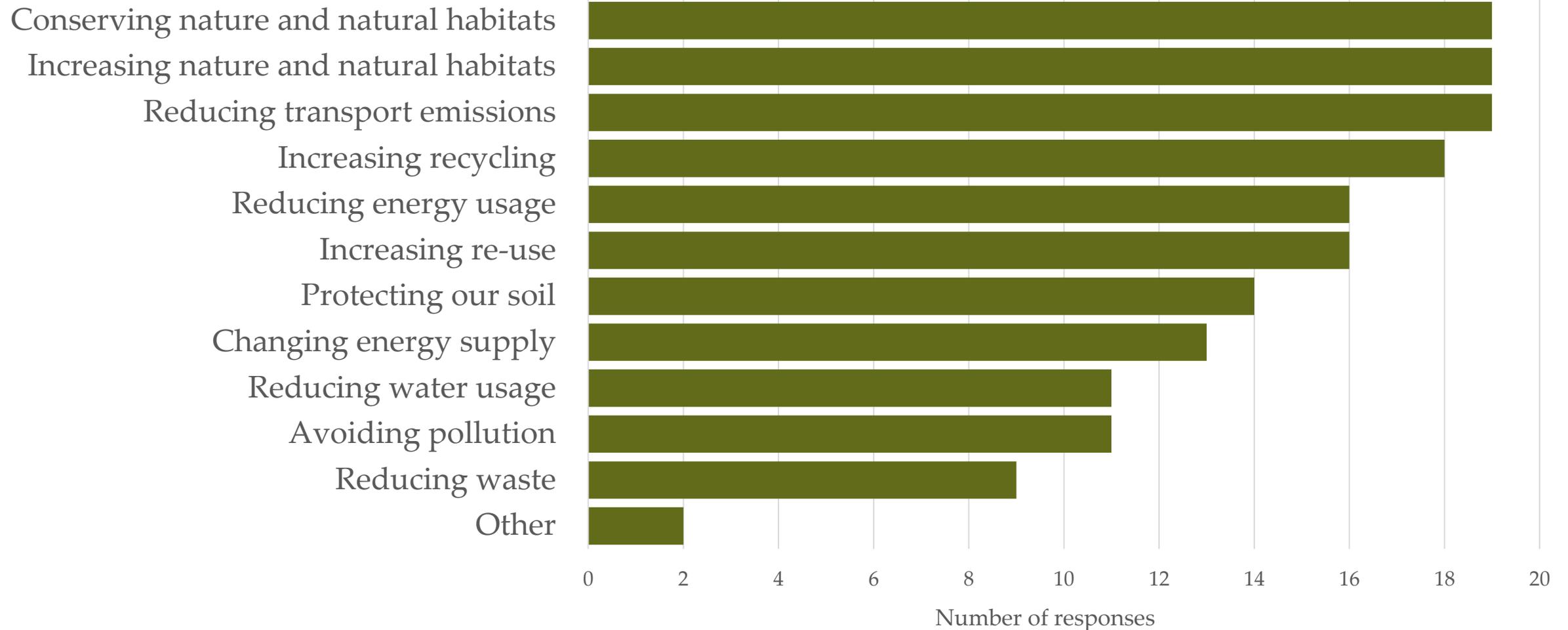


Total responses = 79

Q6 – What else are people doing already?

- Planting trees and hedges (6)
 - Installing solar panels (6)
 - Buying local (5)
 - Buying less packaging (3)
 - Creating wildlife habitats (3)
 - Reducing car journeys (3)
 - Insulating (2)
 - Harvesting rainwater (2)
 - Gardening organically (2)
- Installing heat pump
 - Rewilding garden
 - No-mow May
 - Planting for pollinators
 - Avoiding food waste
 - More plant based diet
 - Litter picking
 - Using green bin
 - Campaigning/signing petitions
 - Stopping air travel
 - Taking public transport
 - Growing own veg
 - Eating organic
 - Not burning outside
 - Using peat free compost
 - Donating to charity
 - Buying from charity shops

Q7 – In what areas would people like to take action but feel they need support to be able to do so?



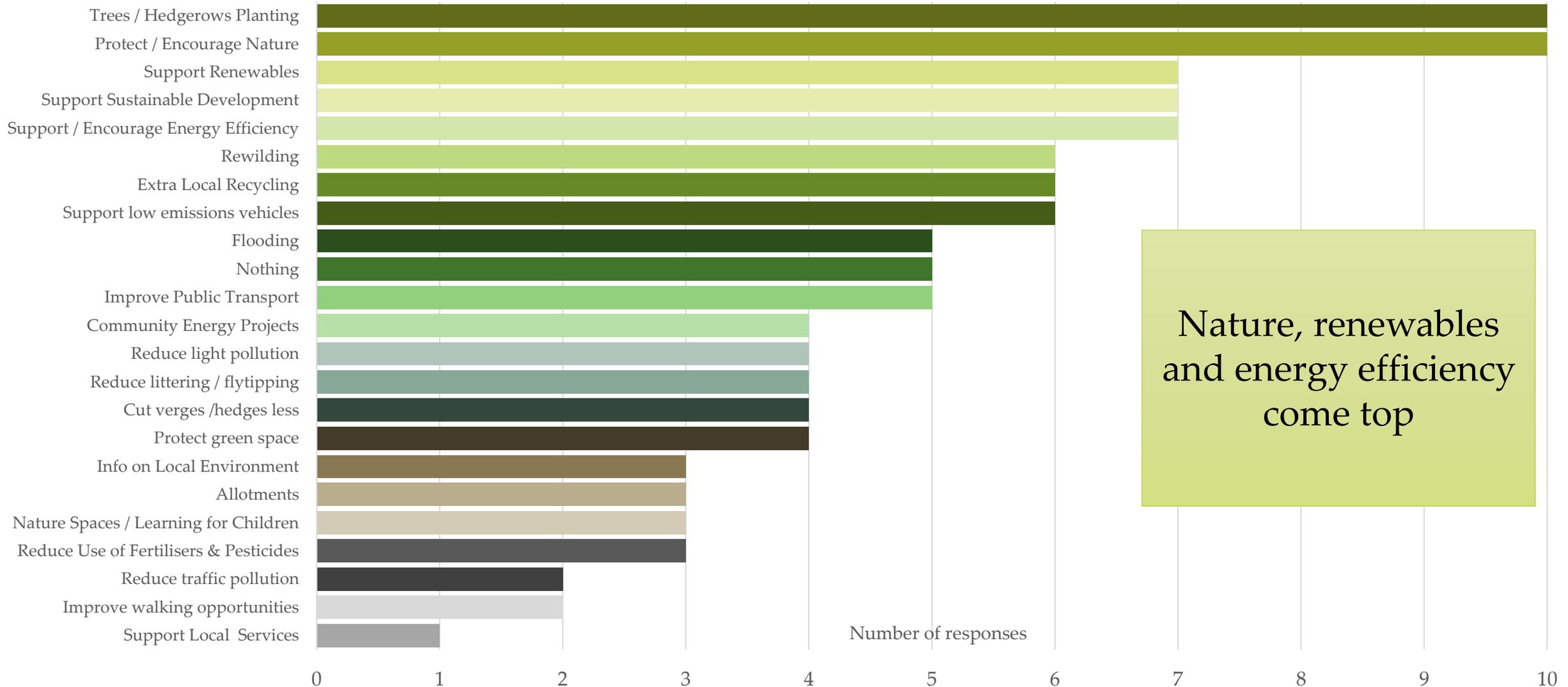
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Q7 – What else do people want help with?

- Make old property energy efficient (3)
- Community energy projects (3)
- General environmental advice (2)

- Better public transport
- Switch to sustainable heating
- Protect fields and land
- Understanding facts on climate change
- Seed sharing
- Rewilding and improving habitats
- Understanding sustainable farming methods

Q8 Is there anything you'd like to see happening in the Parish?



Nature, renewables and energy efficiency come top

Number of responses

Total responses = 51

