

Appendix XX: Community Leisure Survey Analysis

Question Response Rate

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Responses	840	817	817	777	693	686	687	686	684	682	608	614	600	617	593	616	598	619	241	349
Skipped	5	28	28	68	152	159	158	159	161	163	237	231	245	228	252	229	247	226	604	496
Total	845																			

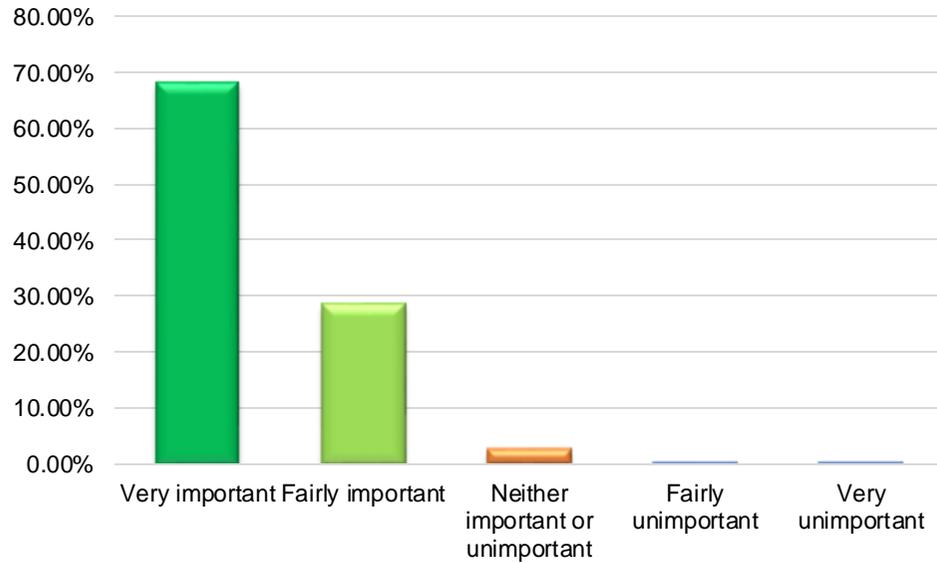
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Skipped	491	492	491	722	734	493	494	251	372	502	531	489	484	536	323	303	306	305	305	583
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Do you live in the geographical area covered by East Devon District Council? For example, is the Council Tax for where you live paid to East Devon District Council?

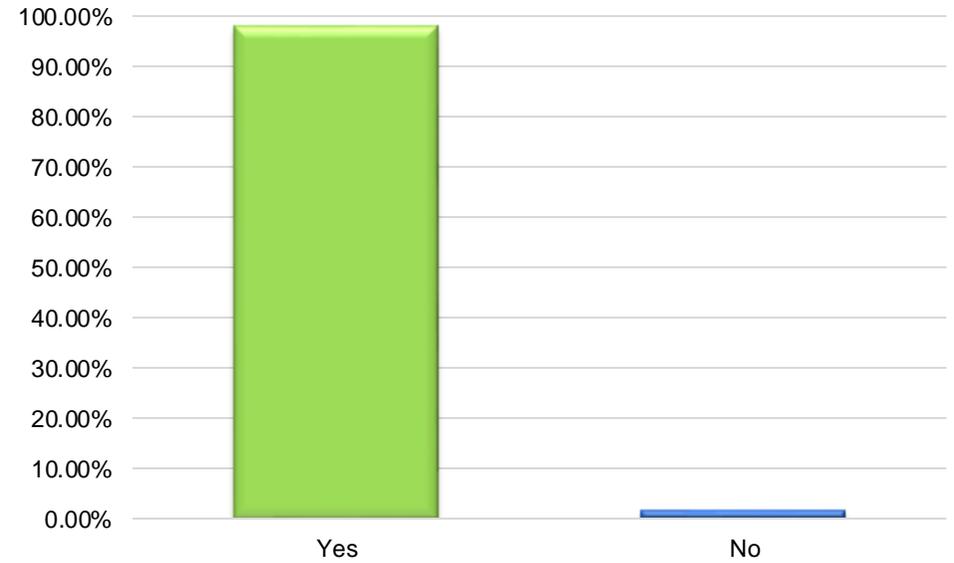


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How important is physical activity to you?

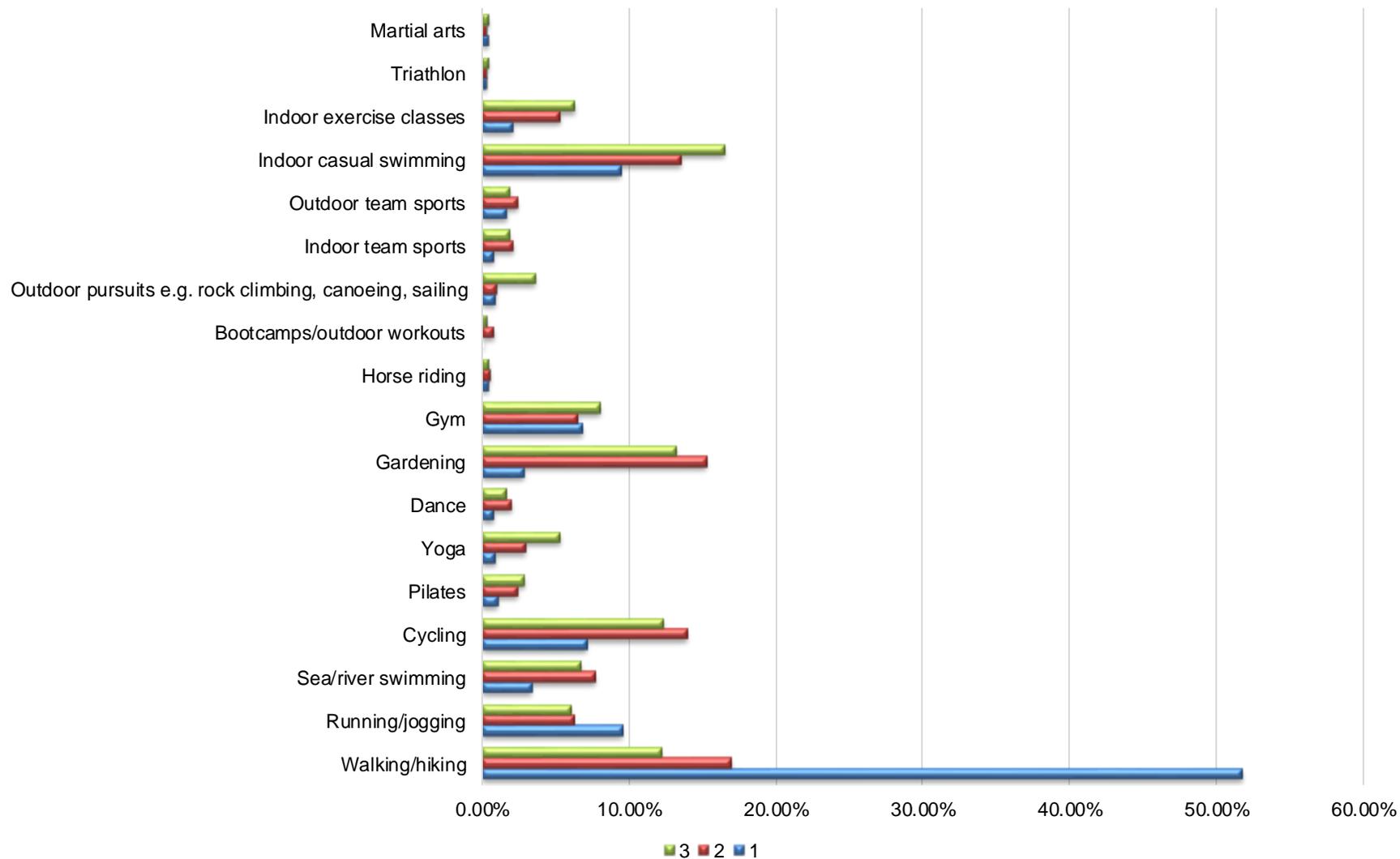


Do you do any physical activity? This could include walking, cycling, gardening, sport etc



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Which three activities do you do most often? Please choose from each list.



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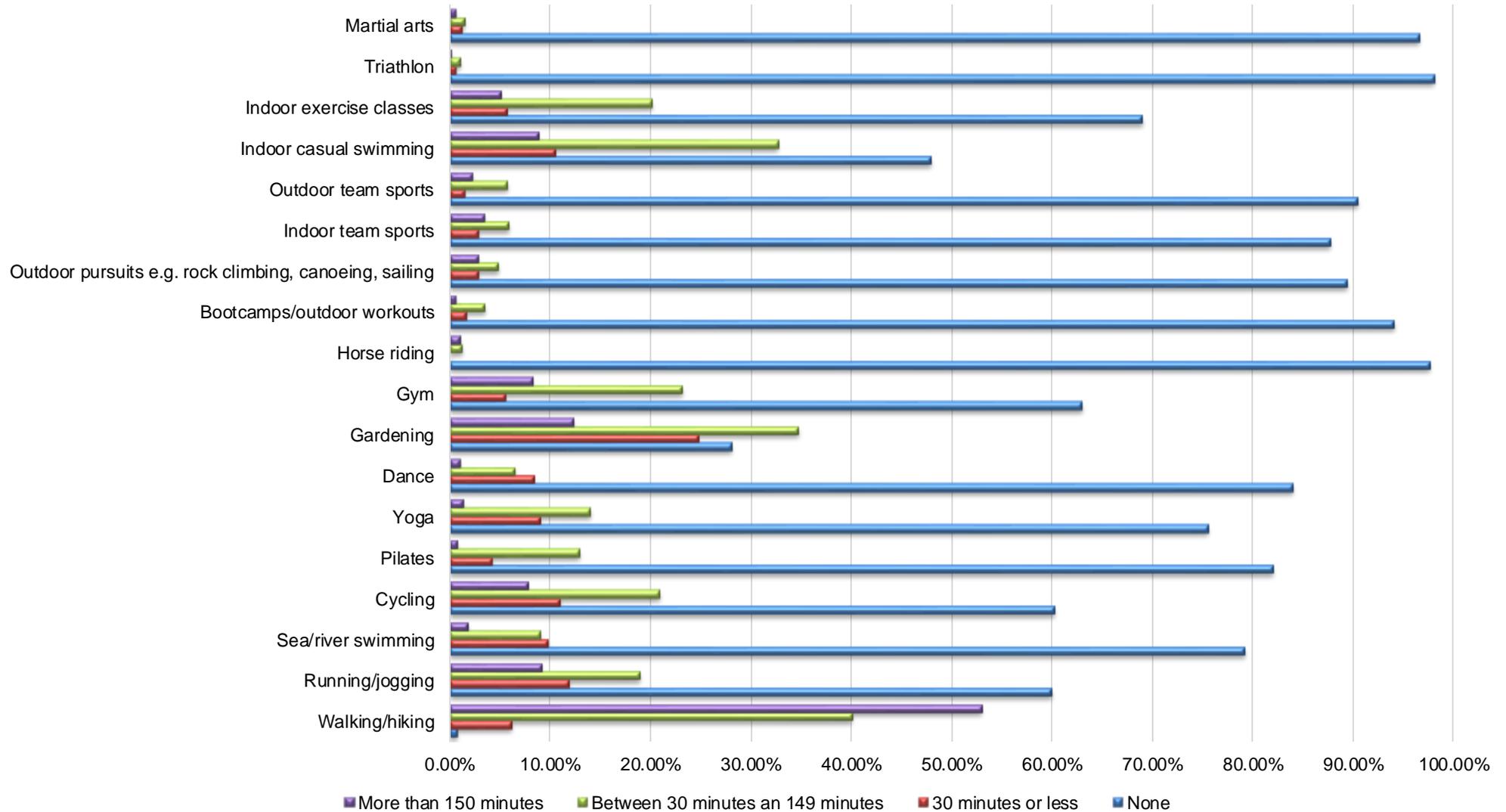
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Of the respondents that specified 'other' the activities listed were:

- Golf
- Yoga online
- Surfing
- Bowls
- Individual PT sessions
- Swimming - Indoor
- Paddle boarding
- Cycling
- Gym
- Outdoor gym / Calisthenics
- Sea swimming
- Tennis
- Aquafit
- Archery
- Mountain biking

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In the past 7 days, how many minutes of physical activity have you undertaken?

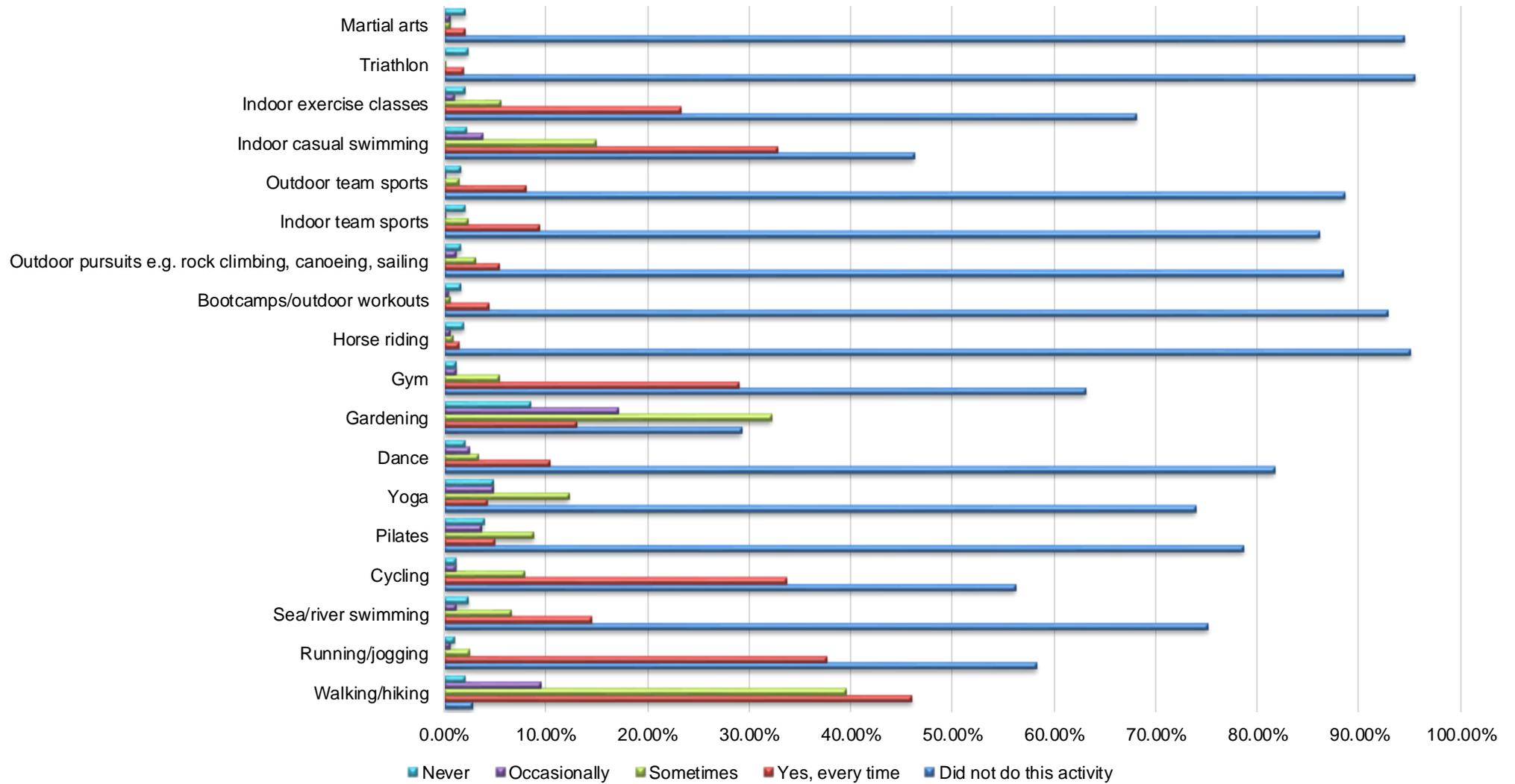


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- Paddle boarding
- Cycling
- Tennis
- Aquafit
- Gym

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Thinking about each physical activity you have undertaken in the past 7 days, was it enough to raise your heart rate?



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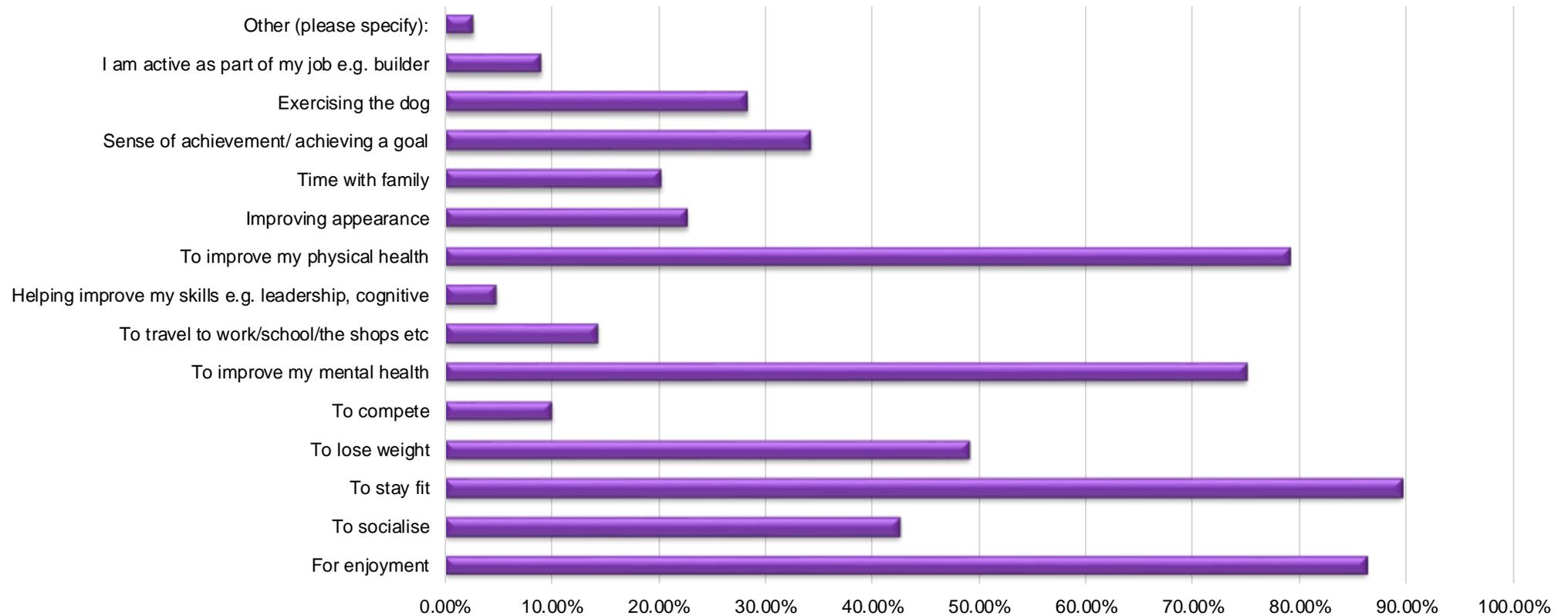
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- Golf
- Individual PT sessions
- Swimming - Indoor
- Gym
- Tennis
- Aquafit

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Why do you choose to take part in physical activity? (tick all that apply)

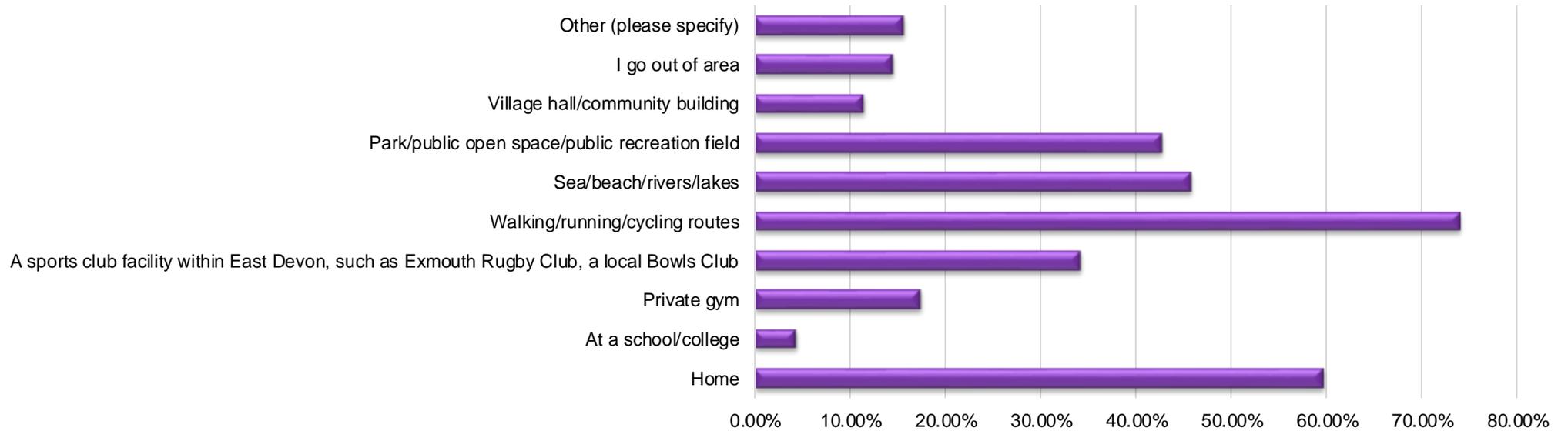


Of the respondents that specified 'other' the reasons listed were:

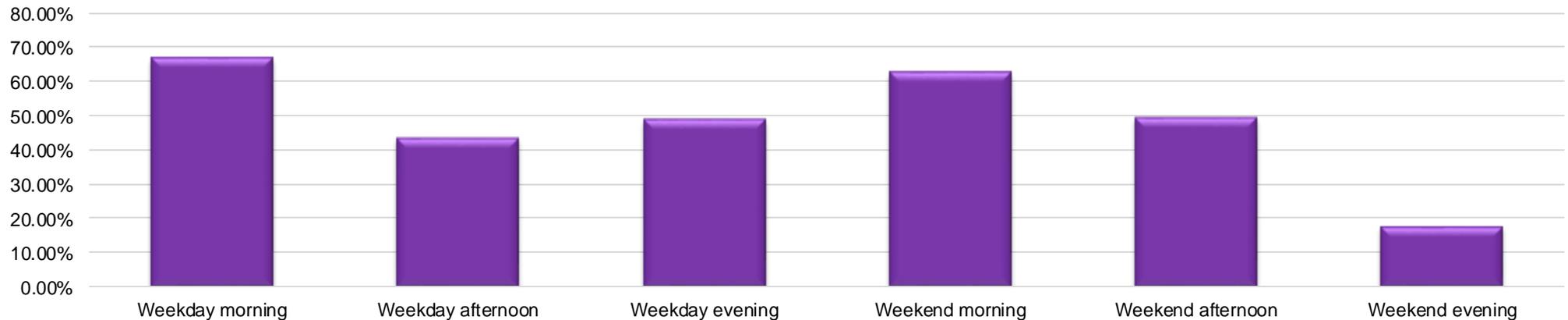
- To aid recovery from illness
- Rehabilitation after heart attack
- General feeling of wellbeing
- To get out of the house
- Not a lot else to do in the area as the council have neglected it for 10+ years

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Where do you participate in physical activity in East Devon? Please tick all that apply.

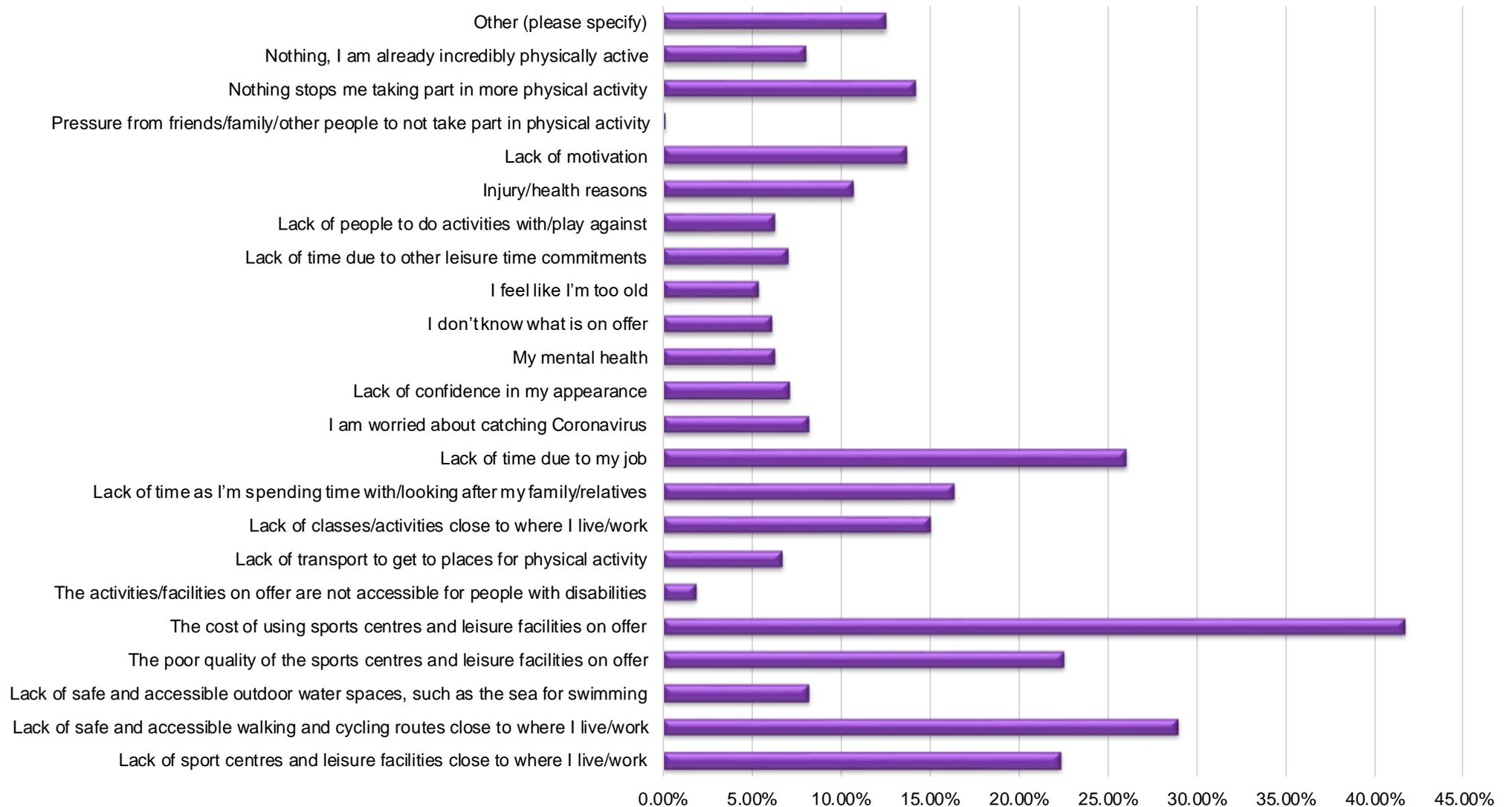


When are you most likely to take part? (tick all that apply)



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What stops to you being more physically active, particularly now that we are moving out of Covid-19 Lockdown? please tick all that apply



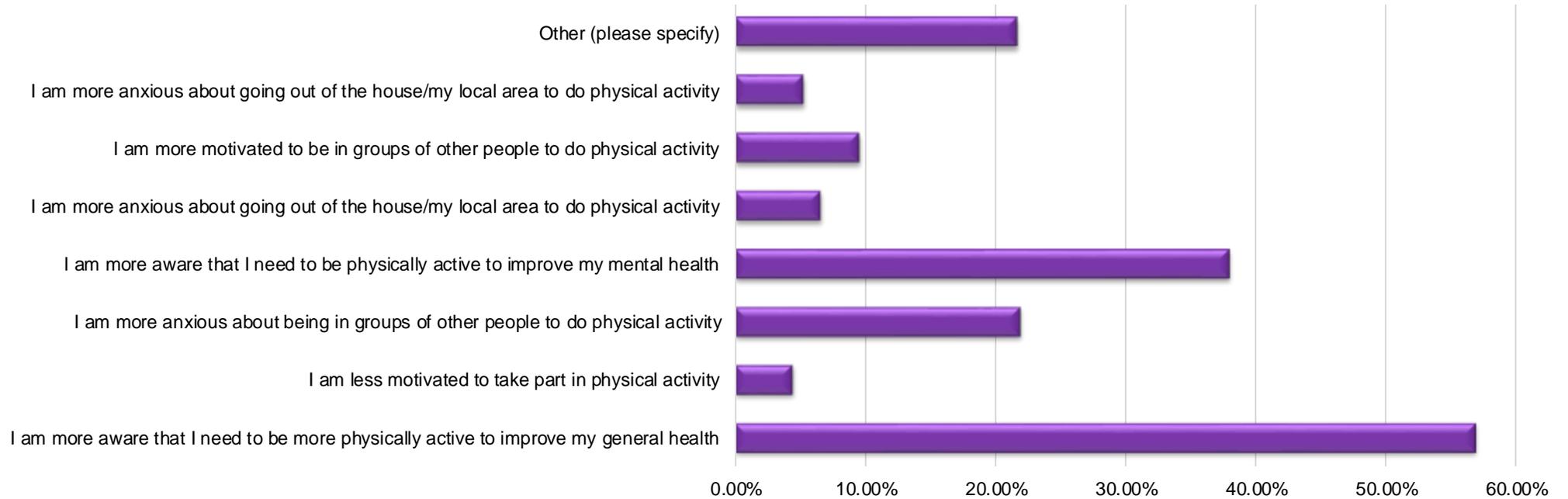
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Of the respondents that specified 'other' the barriers listed were:

- Swimming times in the afternoon are for one hour only!!
- Bad weather
- No CCTV at Exmouth LED bikes are frequently stolen outside premises and police do nothing
- Timings of classes
- Parking costs
- Lack of safe lit cycle paths
- Excluded because I'm over 80
- Lack of pool availability after 5pm
- Cleanliness
- Too expensive
- Opening times

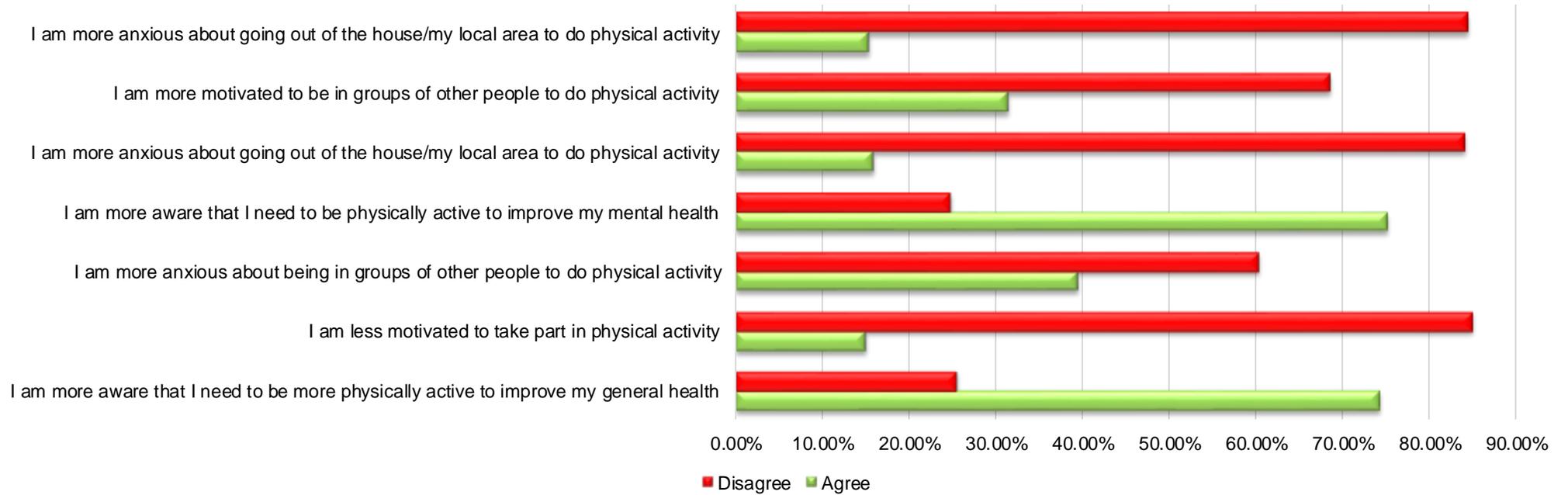
How has Coronavirus changed your feelings about physical activity?



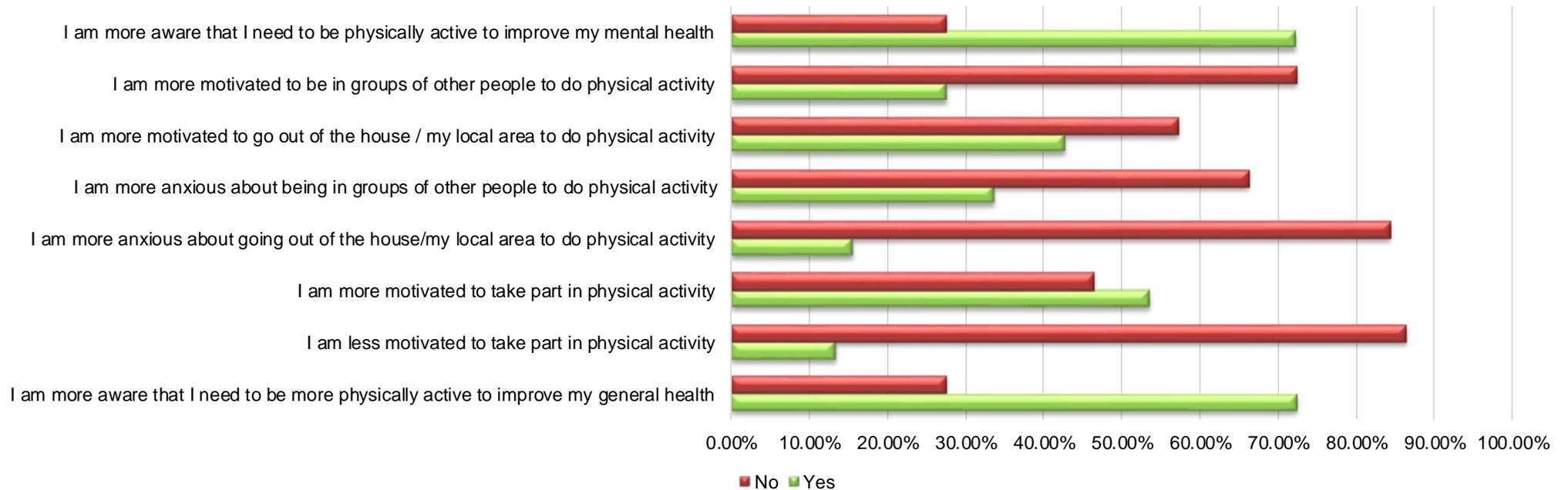
Of the respondents that specified 'other' the reasons listed were:

- I do not feel COVID safe exercising with others indoors
- Other health changes started to lockdown/not being able to swim
- Made me appreciate the natural world I live in more- like many others!
- Access to more online resources
- I am aware my physical strength declined in lockdown and I am struggling to get back to my pre pandemic fitness

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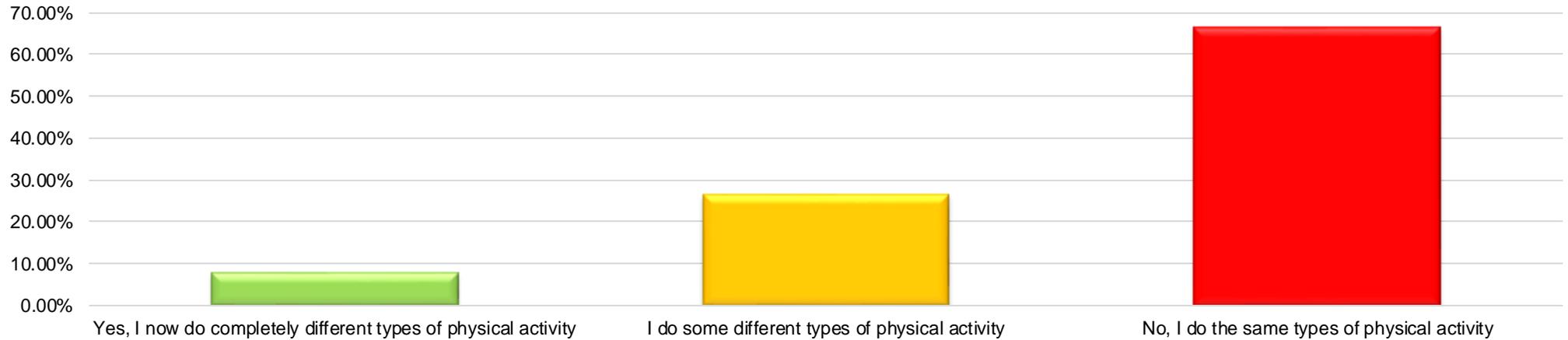
How else has coronavirus changed feelings about physical activity?



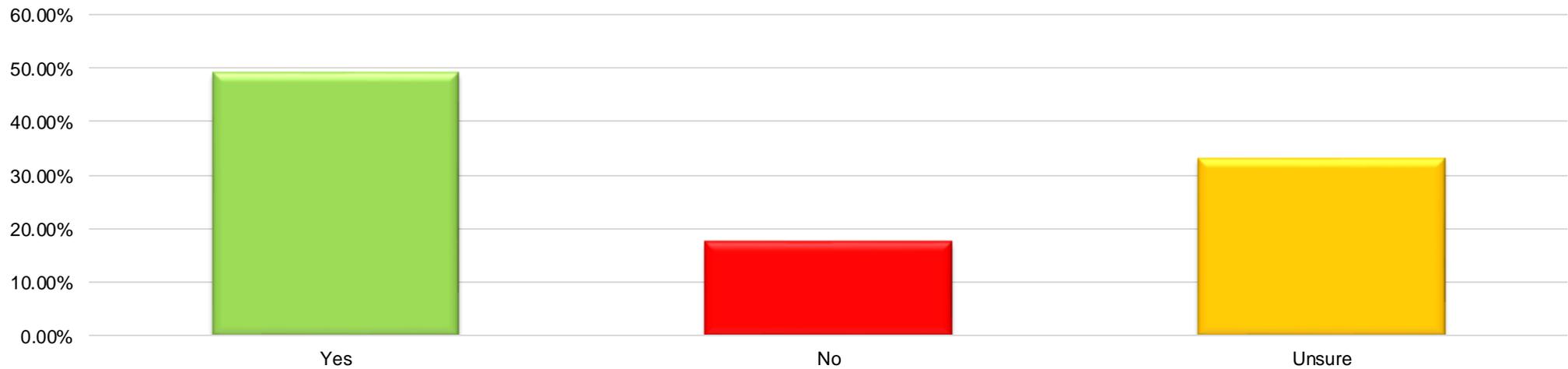
Of the respondents that specified 'other' the reasons listed were:

- I'm more motivated to bother with your badly thought out limited survey to prove we need more indoor sport facilities
- The virus doesn't worry me
- The same as pre-covid
- I was already well aware of the benefits of physical activity and the questions are a bit too guided. I am neither more or less motivated as I have always had a very positive attitude to exercise and how it makes me feel better
- Access to physical activity is always harder in the winter.
- Again people with disabilities are not really considered

Do you do different types of physical activity now than before the Coronavirus pandemic?



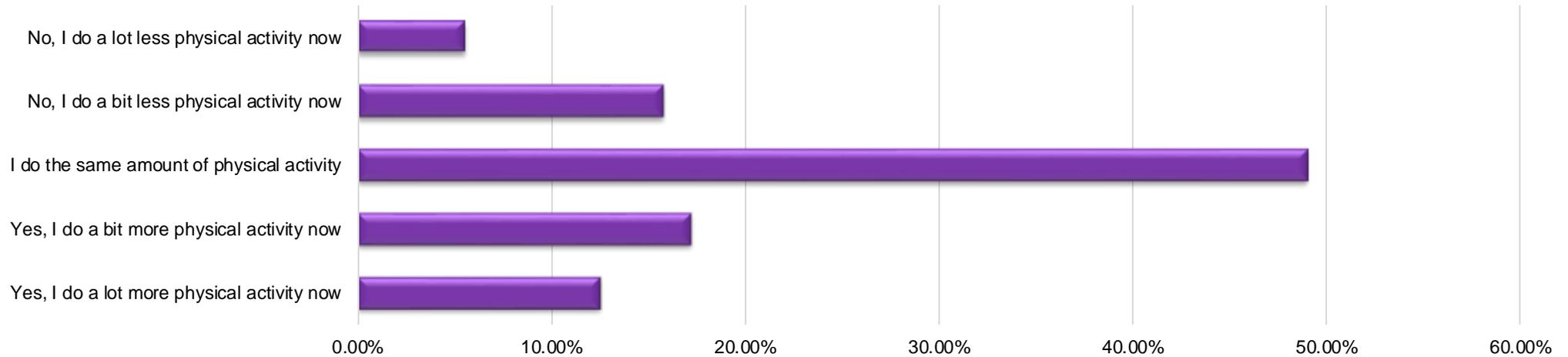
Do you think this will be a permanent change?



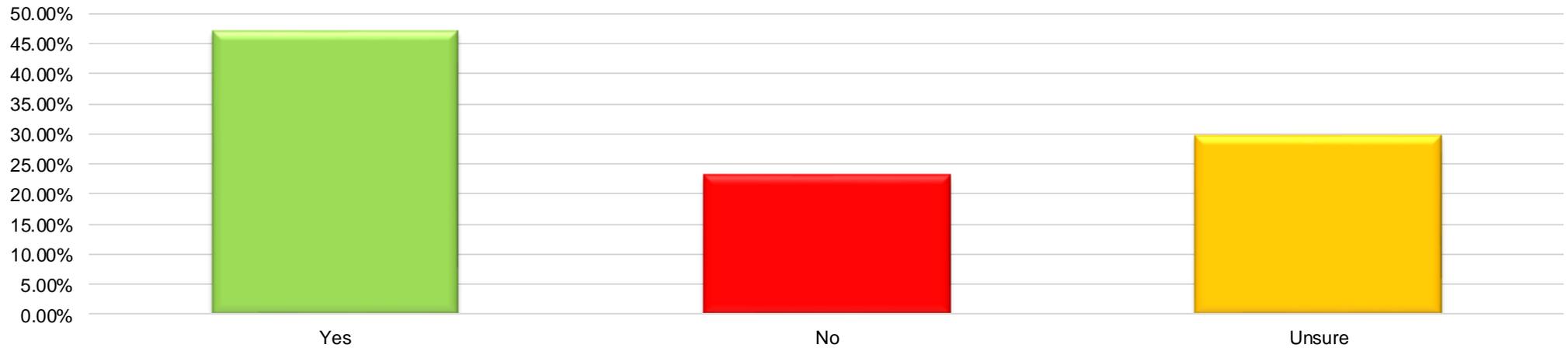
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Do you do more physical activity now than before Coronavirus pandemic started in March 2020?



Do you think this will be a permanent change?

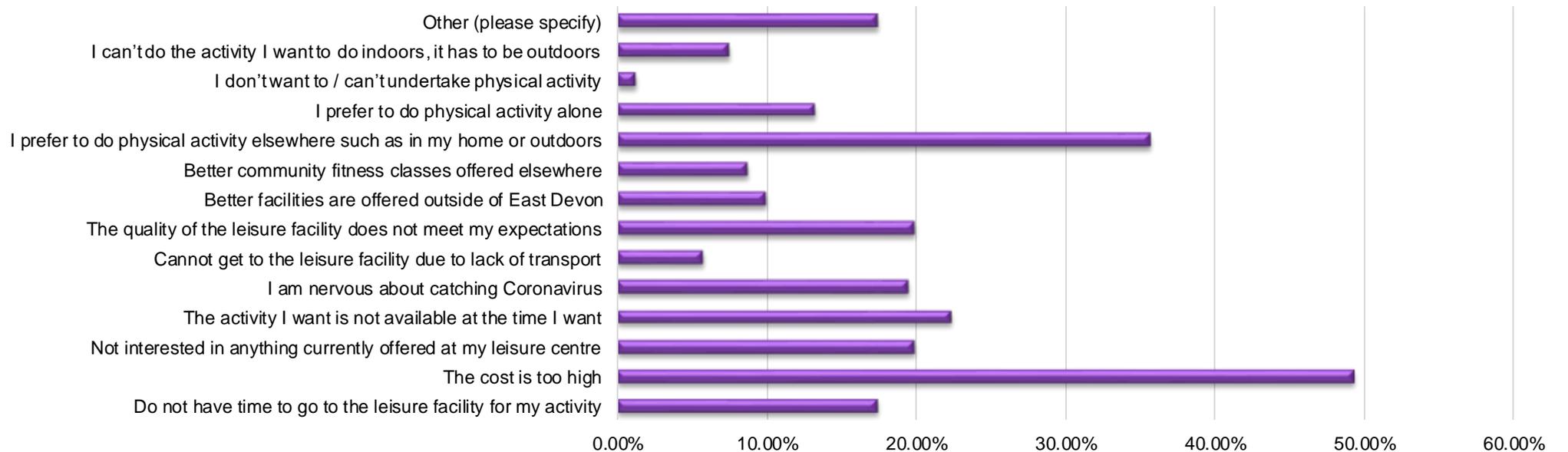


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Do you currently use any indoor leisure facilities in East Devon to take part in physical activity e.g. private gym, sports club, local leisure centre, school indoor sports facilities?



What are your reasons for not using local indoor leisure facilities within East Devon? Please select all that apply



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Of the respondents that specified 'other' the reasons listed were:

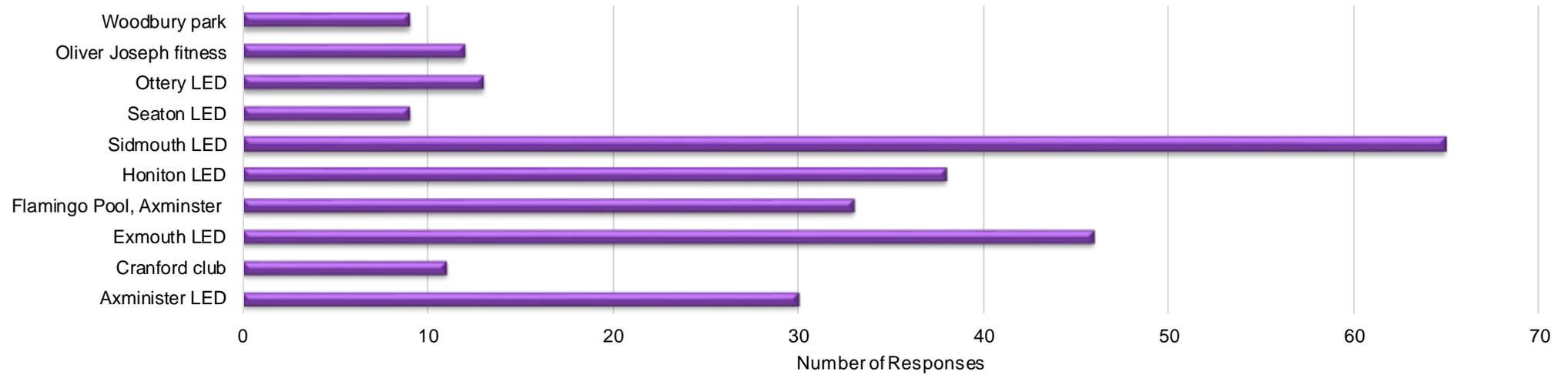
- Too crowded not suitable for people with anxiety unless I go accompanied and that's hard to organise
- Very little on offer for elderly who live alone
- Only do swimming
- No crèche
- New to this area
- Swimming pool too cold. Needs to be better heated.
- Do in Exeter as that's where I work, facilities are there, living in Budleigh there are no facilities.
- Swimming was too busy when I tried a few times
- Honiton pool was grubby
- I am severely restricted by disability so cannot do most organised sports, or insurance at the venue won't cover me
- More safe cycling please
- The classes often filled up too quickly, need a bigger space with more evening classes
- Need a choice near me that I like on sat morning
- Lack of facilities in area
- Unaware of what is on offer in local area.
- LED stopped doing ladies swimming session which was my main exercise
- Nervous to get started on my own
- Down to cost. Sport is exclusive not inclusive
- The nearest facility is Honiton which is a 30 mile round trip
- Too far
- I am too old
- State of health varies from day to day
- No facilities within a reasonable distance

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What is the name of the indoor leisure facility you use most often?

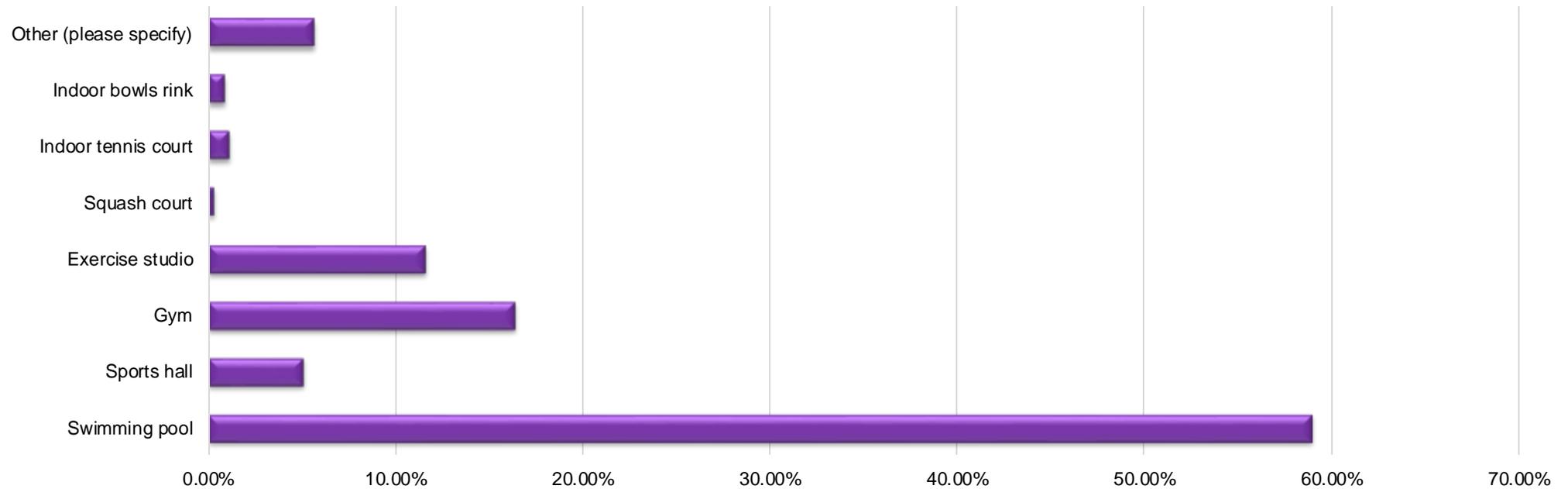
The top 10 were as follows:



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Which of the following do you use at the leisure facility you use most often? please select all that apply



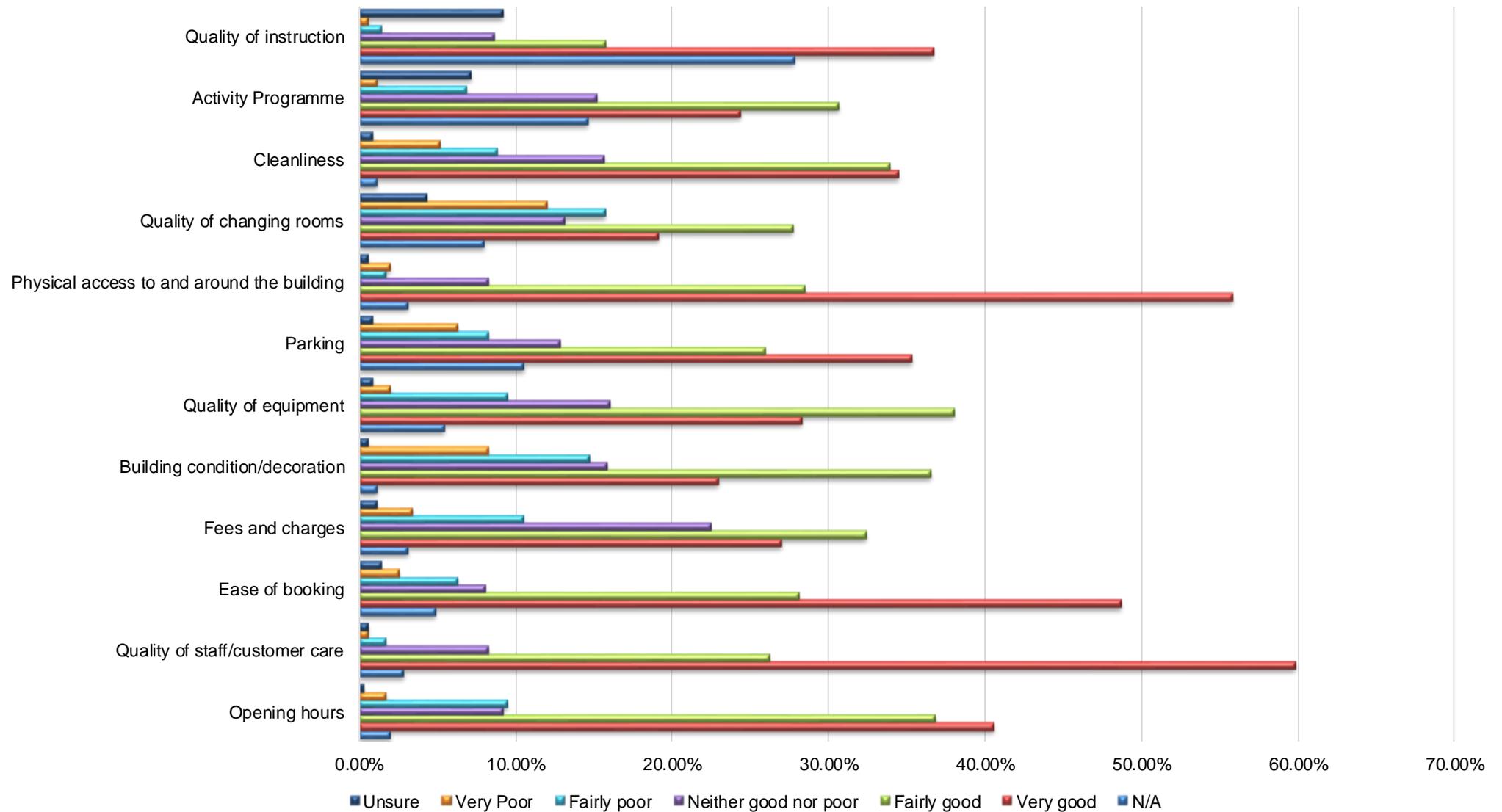
Of the respondents that specified 'other' the facilities listed were:

- Badminton
- Dance area at ocean
- Outdoor tennis
- Yoga
- Sauna

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How would you rate the following aspects of service?



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If you rated anything fairly poor or very poor, please tell us how you would improve it:

- More classes
- Refurbishment or pool
- Cheaper
- Better poolside arrangements
- Longer opening hours – including weekends
- More equipment needed
- Lack of availability in the winter evenings
- Modern changing areas
- Other LED facilities have their own parking where you don't have to pay and display
- More cleaning
- Make booking click and pay rather than membership driven.
- Improve /better booking options
- More deep cleaning
- Lower café prices
- Better programming of pool, classes and lessons

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Have you ever participated in a physical activity course/programme at the indoor leisure facility that you use e.g. GP Referral, Weight Management, Active Mums, Ways to Wellbeing etc?



Please give the details of the course / programme:

Course / Programme	Location
Aquafit/aquaflex	Sidmouth swimming pool
Aquasise	Flamingo Swimming
Cardiac rehabilitation	Honiton leisure centre
Escape the pain	Seaton fitness centre
Go physio for back injury	Flamingo Hydro Pool Axminster
GP referral	LED Seaton Gym
Hydrotherapy	Flamingo Pool Axminster
Hydrotherapy pool, physiotherapy by GP	Axminster Flamingo Pool
I clicked no	I clicked no
Mindful movement	Colyton
Move it or lose it	Sidmouth
Osteoporosis Exercise Class with Pilates (Sue Hayman, physiotherapist)	Exmouth LED Sports Centre

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Course / Programme	Location
Physio rehab following knee injury	Honiton Leisure Centre
Pulse	Ottery
Pulse	Sidmouth gym
Pulse	Seaton Gym
Pulse	Axminster led
Remedial Knee (can't remember correct name)	Honiton
Swim fit	Exmouth
Swimming instruction	Sidmouth pool
Unable to get on to courses as waiting list too long.	Flamingo pool Axminster
Using hydrotherapy pool after knee surgery	Flamingo swimming pool
Was a fair few years ago but it was a weight referral	Seaton LED
Ways to well-being	Sidmouth
Weight 4 lt	Tunbridge Wells
Yoga	Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre

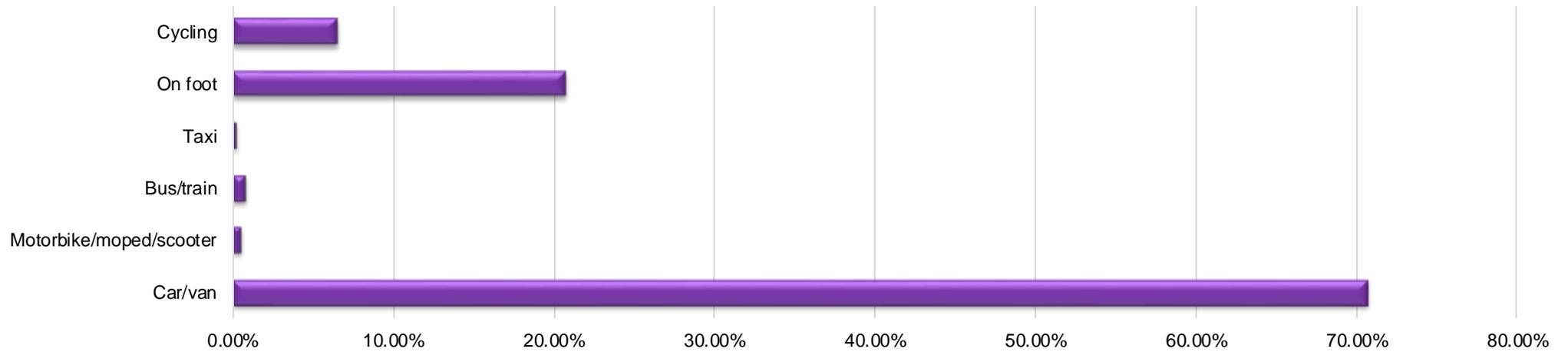
Has the course resulted in a positive long term change in your physical health and wellbeing?



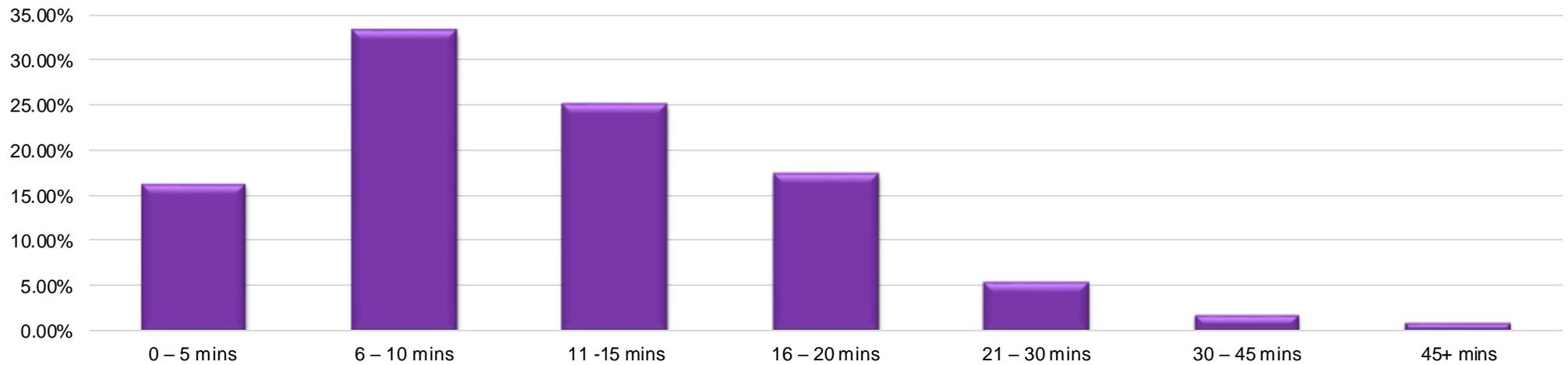
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When you travel to and from the East Devon indoor leisure facility you use most often, what is your main mode of transport?

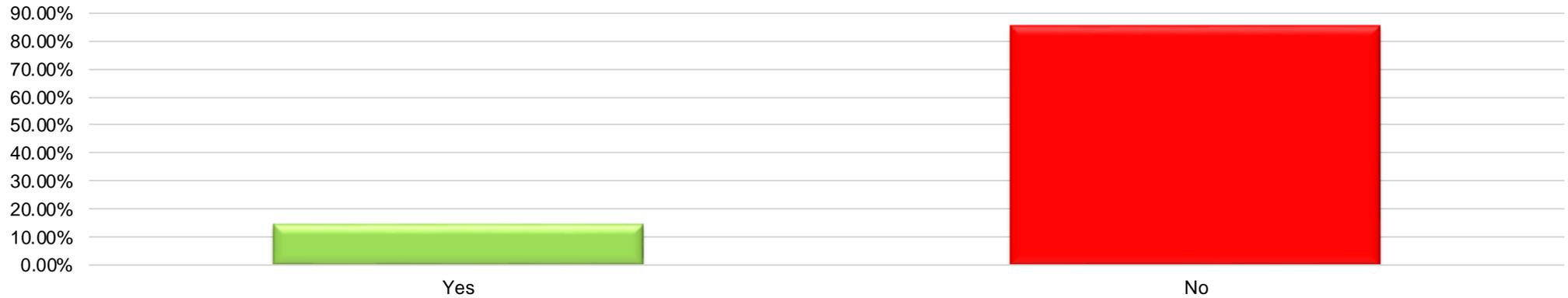


How long is your typical journey time to your indoor leisure centre?

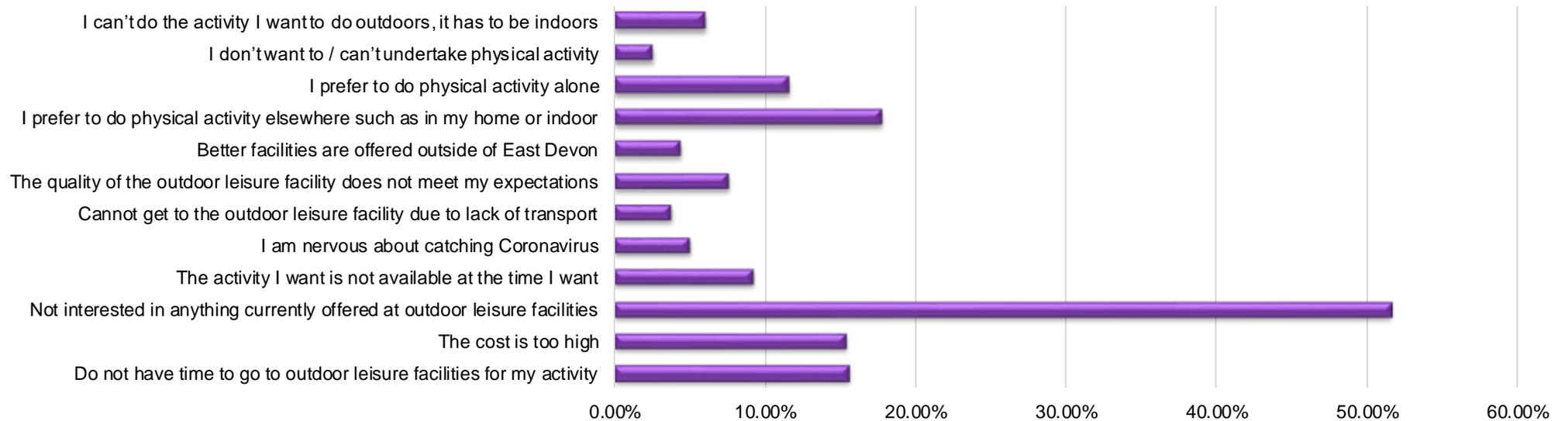


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Do you currently use any outdoor leisure facilities in East Devon to take part in physical activity e.g. outdoor tennis courts, Multi Use Games Area, outdoor gym, artificial turf pitch, bowls rink, putting green, grass pitch?



What are your reasons for not using local outdoor leisure facilities within East Devon? Please select all that apply



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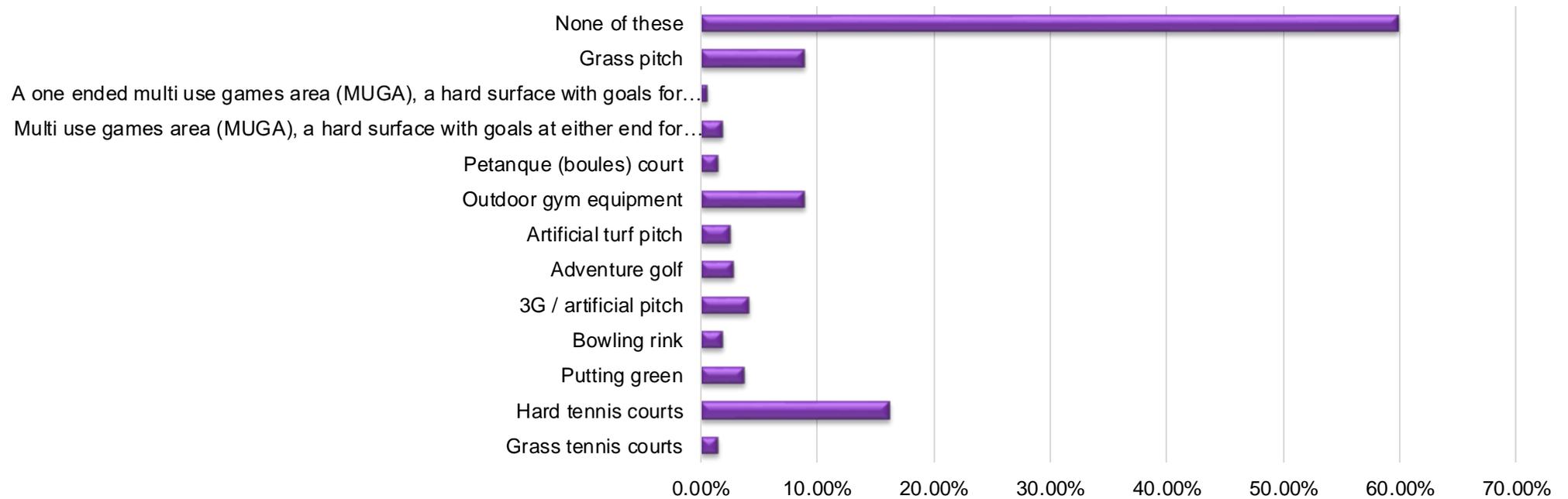
What is the name of the outdoor leisure facility you use most often? If you don't know, please describe its location.

1. Axe Vale Golf Club
2. Axe valley Astro
3. Axe Yacht Club
4. Axeclyff golf
5. Beach
6. Cloakham Lawn Axminster
7. Clyst St Mary park
8. Coastal Path
9. Cranbrook county park
10. Cycle paths
11. Exmouth beach
12. Exmouth tennis centre
13. Honiton swimming pool
14. Phear Park
15. Sidmouth Golf Club
16. Sidmouth pool
17. Sidmouth putting green
18. Tipton St John tennis club
19. Walks and runs on footpaths
20. Woodbury Common

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Which of the following do you currently use at the outdoor leisure facility you use most often (see question 30)? Please select all that apply



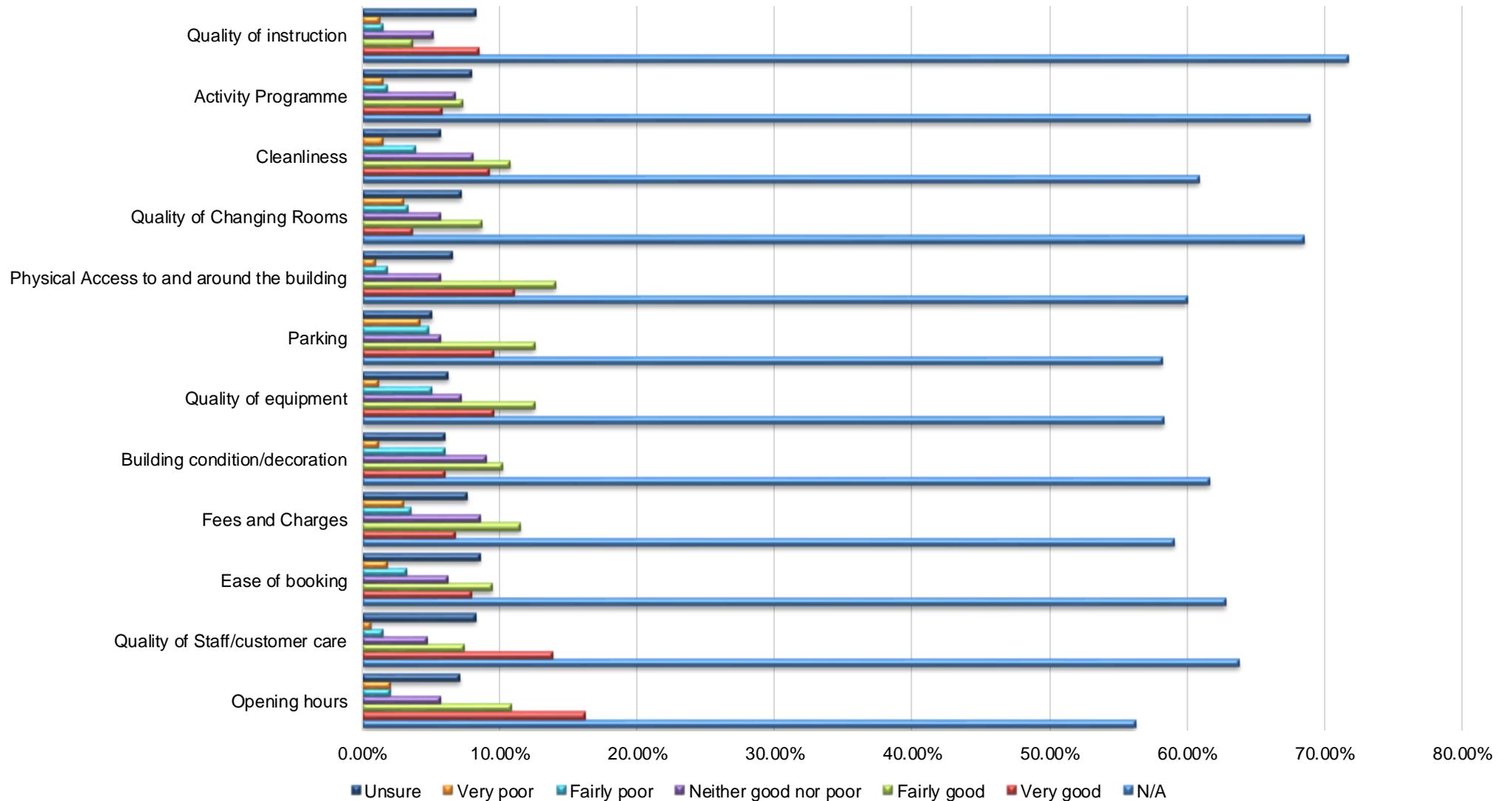
Of the respondents that specified 'other' the facilities listed were:

- Walking
- Cyclin paths
- Golf
- Beach
- Sea front

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How would you rate the following aspects of service provided at these outdoor leisure facilities?



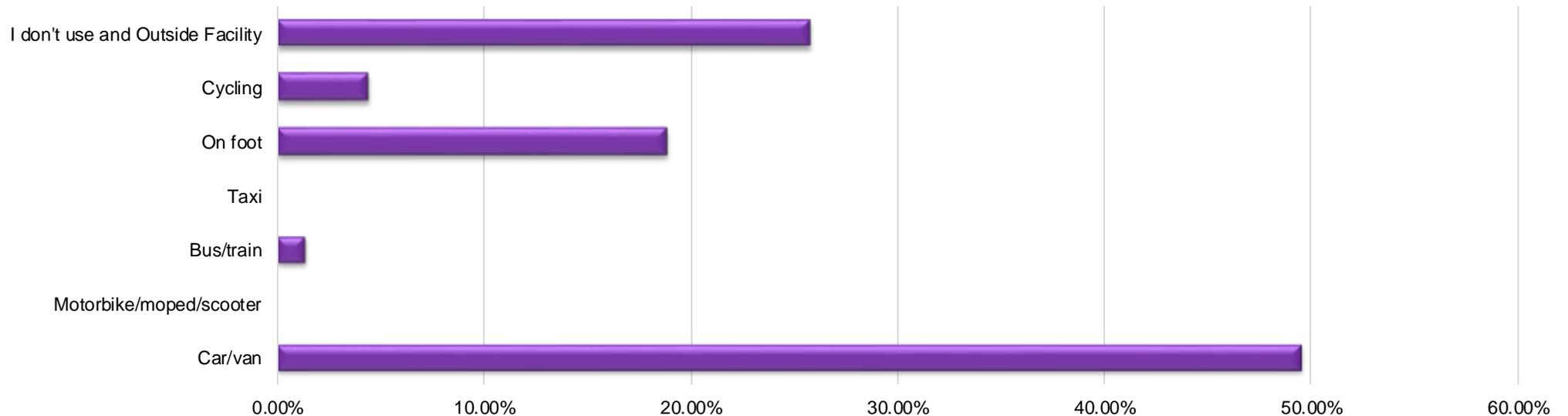
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If rated 'Poor' or 'Very Poor' please explain why

- Cost , reflect EDC charges
- Facility not run by LED or EDDC
- CSO discharges causing pollution
- On-line booking a pain for elderly(me)
- Netball courts need resurfacing and lights
- It's an old building. Uninspiring.
- Bad location.
- Restrictions of use due to schools using it. Have to walk through school and sometimes comments from kids.
- Cramped. Mainly used by blokes. Off putting. Poor layout. Poor instructors.
- Expensive for what it is. Compared to facilities in Exmouth for the same price we get a very bad deal in Axminster. Need a proper pool we can use for all in membership price.
- Access for very elderly is poor

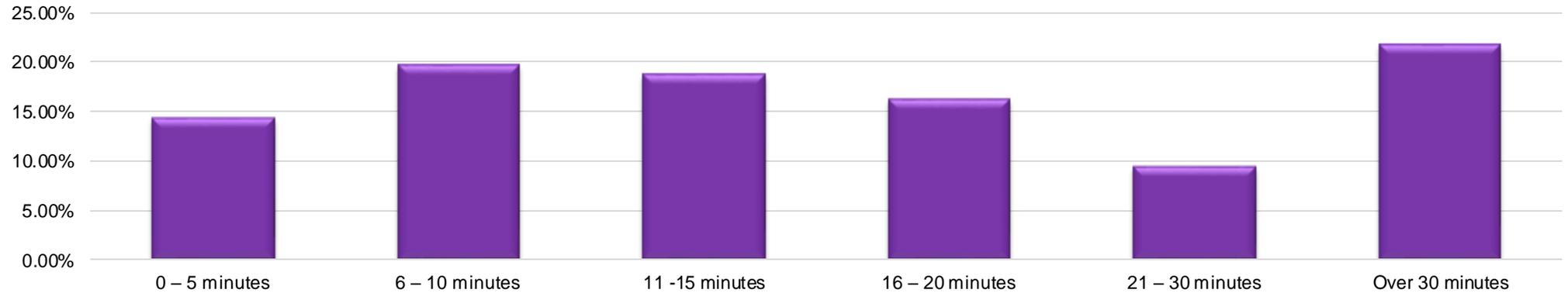
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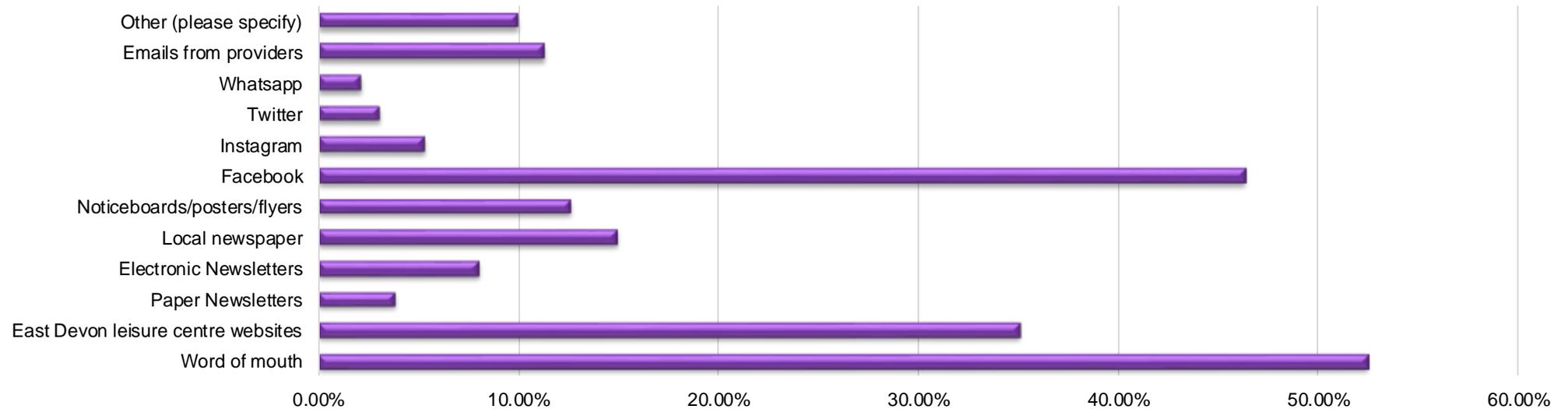
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How long is your typical journey time to Coburg Fields/Seafield Gardens?



How do you normally find out about sport and physical activities available in the community? (please tick all that apply)



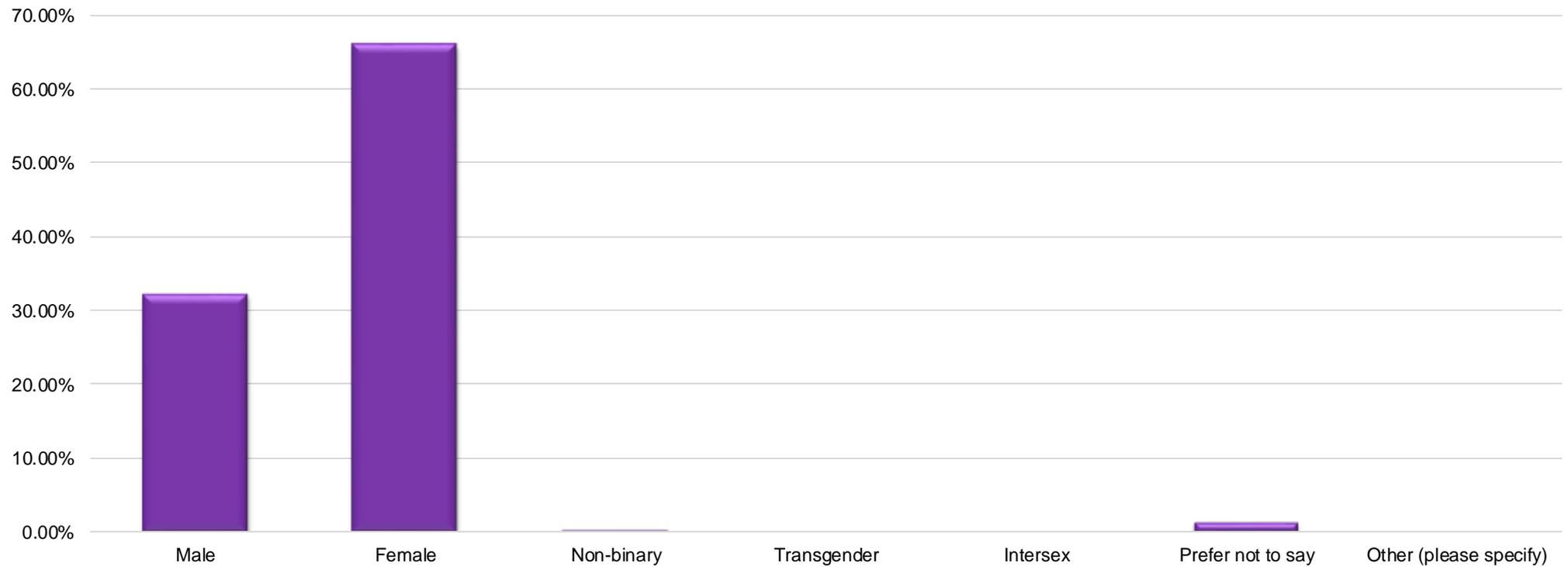
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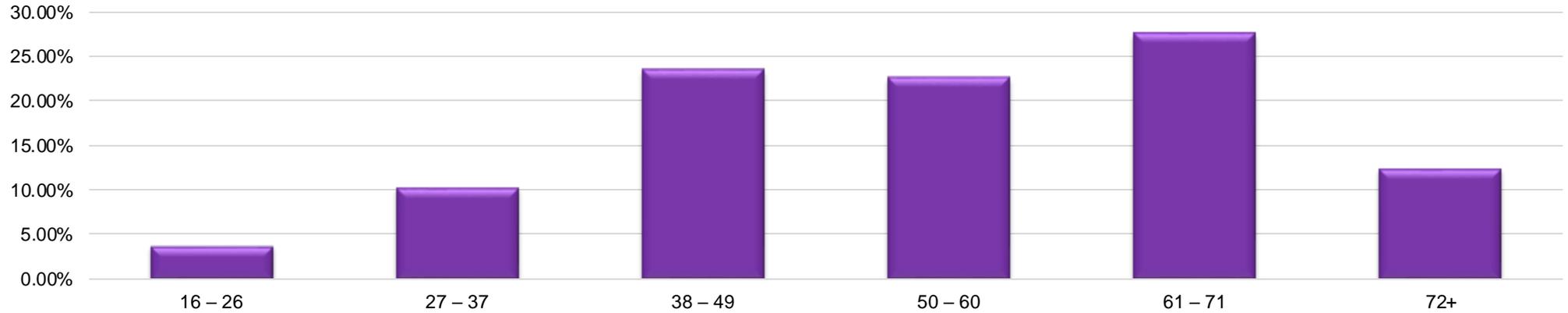
- Village magazine
- LED app
- Internet
- Easy Devon residents update

Which of the following most accurately describes you?

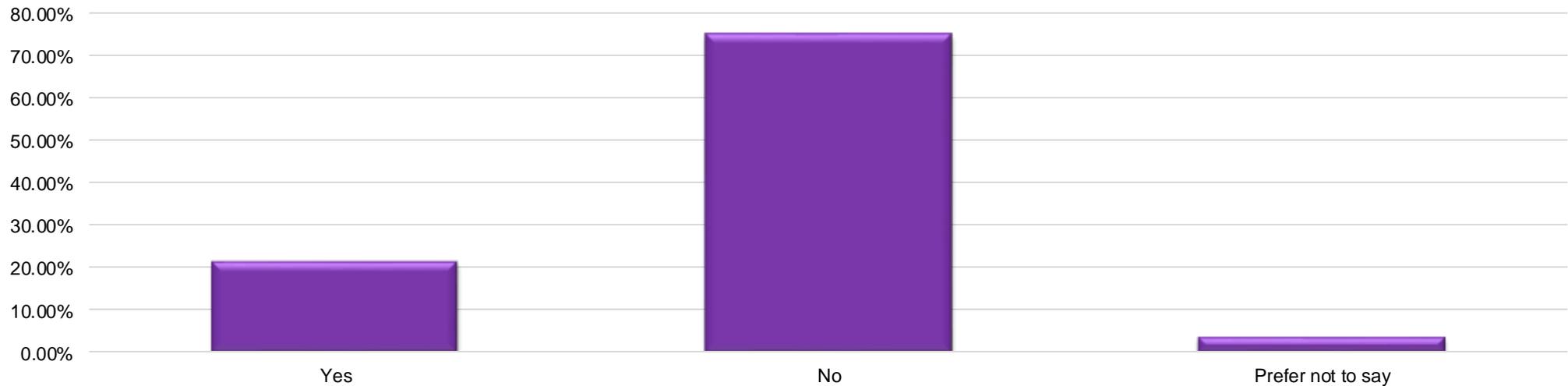


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Age range:



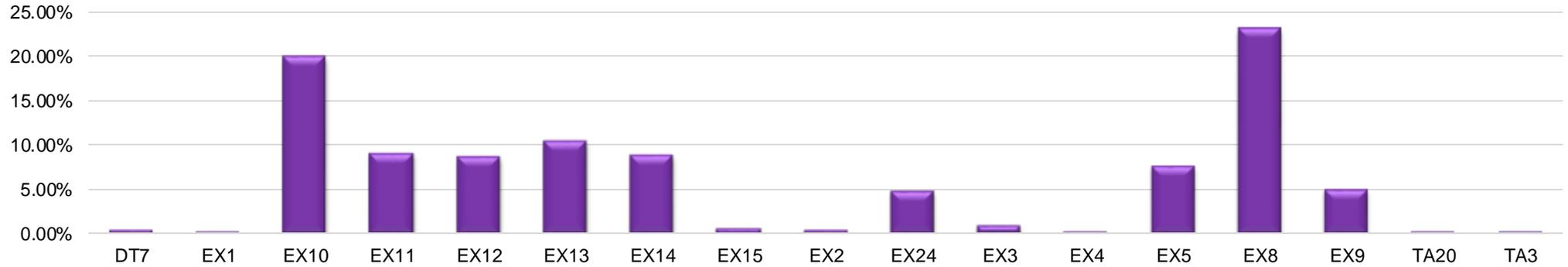
Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity that limits your day to day activities in any way? (long standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time).



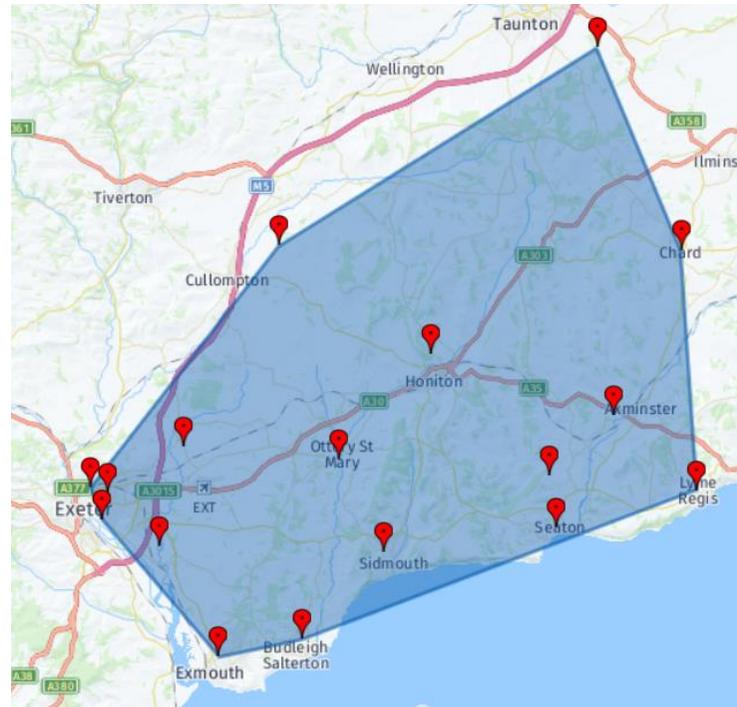
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Postcode (for catchment area purposes only):



Postcode Distribution:



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Is there any other information you would like to give in relation to physical activity in East Devon?

General Comments

A footpath from Sidbury to Sidmouth to ensure a safe walking route

A lack of well-maintained cycle paths. Aggressive car drivers. Some Land Owners discourage access to public rights of way. Particularly around the Combe estate which has a very unwelcoming feel

A lido would be a great addition

A separate cheaper membership for the swimming side of the sports centre

A swimming pool for Seaton is needed

Activities for elderly, isolated, living at home is non-existent, or if it is available, it's not communicated to elderly who have no Internet!

An AstroTurf for playing hockey on in Honiton would be amazing

As previously stated I'm all for people riding bikes and even encourage it, but not to the detriment of pedestrians and also toilet facilities in Exmouth are appalling.

Be great for sea swimming signs and area for changing near mli. Also an Exmouth sea swim event as other locations have. Invest in Exmouth rugby club centre of town and open it up for others use. More cycle lanes around town and connecting areas.

Be nice if there were classes you could do with your children to encourage them to want to exercise also

Before Lockdown I was swimming 2 1/2 hours a week straight after work (17:30). Immediately after the first lockdown I overdid it in the gym and suffered a very minor heart attack. (Didn't know that for a week) since recovering from that the only time I've been able to spend in the pool is Saturday mornings. The changing issue has not posed a problem, getting hours that suit me has.

Better off road cycle route provision is needed, especially as the public transport here is so limited, and ends too early in the day to be of any use to those who work weekdays.

Better/more information available regarding Public Footpaths.

Build a new swimming pool in Sidmouth next to the Leisure Centre to improve parking and staff costs. Then sell of the land in Sidmouth to pay for it. It make the swimming pool in Sidmouth easier to use.

CCTV required to look at locked bikes at Exmouth sports centre...

Charging children extra on top of membership for fun swim is restricting their benefits.

Community golf facility

Cost of leisure centres too high, no flexible use available have to commit to expensive long term contract of 6 months minimum

Could do with a good cycle/walking route through the Seaton Wetlands

Could do with more exercise classes at Sidmouth swimming pool. You have to be on the ball at 10pm to book

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General Comments

Cranbrook really needs a leisure centre!!

Currently the main focus is towards the young and not so young with money and healthy slim bodies who may include people of my age. More should be provided in the form of separate classes that allow people to get involved with such as Move it or Lose it classes with a gentler pace and dancing free form, to encourage the unfit; body anguish, chronically afflicted, people to have classes aimed at us specifically and all the age ranges that have these problems. The government should contribute more to this, often low income or poor sector especially with the pension age increasing whilst most people have a chronic condition by the time they are 60. These classes should help the participants to achieve what they are capable of; lower BP; increase mobility; help stop falls and other matters that weigh on the NHS! Tai Chi could be taught as well as chair and standing exercises but no floor work because of lack of ability to do it.

Cycle routes around Clyst st Mary to Exeter, Topsham, Darts Farm (linking to river exe path) are desperately needed. Roads are too busy/ narrow to be safe to cycle.

Cycling is my favourite activities but it's too dangerous to cycle outside Sidmouth. Tarmac cycle routes to and along the river otter would encourage more people to cycle.

Dedicated Fitness area/yoga/tai chi area at western end of Sidmouth promenade would be great. Park run up the byes. 100m Distances marked on prom/byes pavements for walkers/runners/cyclists. Small Extension/annexe area to be intermittently opened at Sidmouth gym for extra cycle/treadmills during busier sessions. The gym numbers are governed by the number of those important machines. Overnight hiring of lanes at Sidmouth pool to individuals/families. £10 per hour per lane? "Lane timeshare"

Definitely need for more daytime activities that don't require expensive club membershipcroquet, indoor bowls, table tennis, badminton, tennis.

East Devon Council could promote physical environmental, social activities such as plastic warriors and litter picking

East Devon Council should provide funding from their recreation budget for the care and maintenance of public footpaths throughout the District. Paths have become over used and deteriorated since the start of the pandemic particularly those on the coast used by visitors. EDDC needs to invest in stiles, steps, path repair etc.

Exmouth LED no longer provide Group activities specifically for Seniors. This has increased the group size making it more difficult to keep a safe distance. As someone with a chronic illness I no longer feel able to attend spinning & aquafit classes due to infection risk. I also don't want to compete with younger users as although members are advised to work at your own pace it's difficult to do in a room of super athletes! Exercise is important to keep me healthy, I will now have to review my membership. This is very disappointing 😞☐

Facilities are all in built up areas, I live in a rural community where nothing is provided by EDDC

Fuel prices and time means we cannot afford to drive 30 mins plus to services. There are zero facilities in the Blackdown Hills for adults and children. I am trying to get my kids into clubs but the waiting lists are long so they are doing nothing physical after school. As for myself I do not have people to look after them so it makes it impossible to go to gyms or even out for a run

Generally good facilities.

Gymnastics lessons for children - I am aware Exmouth LED are starting this but I fear the demand will outweigh the supply and only a few will benefit from this and there will be very long waiting lists. It will need to be run like the swimming lessons so that everyone can participate.

Help is needed after injury to get back into physical activity especially for the elderly

I am very happy with the staff and facilities provided by LED . I am normally a lot more active but have fractured a bone in my foot.

I belong to a running club

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General Comments

I did use the gym, but found I could no longer afford it.

I do not find that there is enough variety of sports and activities on offer in East Devon, especially for families. There are predominantly the same types of sports on offer at most of the leisure centres, and there are so many football or gym options in the area - but not everyone likes football or going to the gym. I would love to see the following sports introduced in East Devon (especially in the Axminster area):

* A family-friendly rounders club - on the weekend, with various time slots available, with a flexible approach to booking. Year round availability - outside in a field in the summer months but indoors over the winter.

* A family friendly cricket club - not too serious - just so that anyone can come along and have a go.

* Trampolining

* A family roller disco - this would be really popular, would be great for the whole family and can be year-round. All you need is a big sports hall and a DJ.

* More tennis courts

* A mini golf/crazy golf option - just like the one in Lyme Regis (very popular! - the sea view is a bonus).

* Better family friendly cycle routes - not ones where the cycle path just abruptly ends and you either have to go on the road or turn back (such as the one in Axminster).

* Bowles - again make them more family friendly - so can just go along, have a go, and don't have to wear all white.

* An archery target field - (in Axminster).

* More sports on the rivers - there are lots of rivers in East Devon but hardly any are utilised for sports - these would be good to set up on safe/shallower river areas (maybe with a platform to get into the water) so that families can have a go in a safe environment: Rowing boats, Paddle boarding, Wild river swimming *Information about any new sports and their details should be included in the East Devon residents' email newsletter so people know what is available.

I don't use any of the outdoor facilities provided as I live alone, and I don't have anyone I could go with. That doesn't mean I don't want to be more active outdoors, but just that it is difficult to access this type of activity as an older single person.

I feel it is very important that village halls are able to accommodate Pilates and Yoga etc

I find cyclists rude and aggressive

I greatly value Sidmouth Pool and will continue to support it. I also greatly value the network of cycle paths in ED and hope it will be expanded. I also hope that our wonderful network of walking paths and bridleways will be maintained and improved

I have a son (7 yrs) who uses the Exmouth pool for lessons. He would do another activity on the week if there was something to do. Also the climbing wall is never open, such a shame, he'd love to use it.

I have given up horse riding because the roads are too busy, and access to Woodbury Common is across the B3180, and is too dangerous at Coombe Brake. Choosing an alternative crossing point would mean riding along fast, busy roads to get to that point.

I joined Oliver Joseph Fitness December 2020 and have found that my physical and mental health have improved tremendously. I previously went to LED and have found that at Oliver Joseph the equipment, facilities, staff and classes are all so much better. I feel happy and confident to go there and not out of place like I did at LED.

I live in Ottery St Mary and feel it would benefit from cycle routes away from traffic and a swimming pool. The number of dwellings have increased since 2004 but the leisure facilities have not kept pace with the additional population

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I particularly like the cycles paths and that cycling UK are working on a bike packing route around the area. Most public footpaths etc are fairly well signposted also

I really appreciate that you are trying to increase your knowledge about leisure use in East Devon, however, I feel this survey is very leading and supports your confirmation bias. I absolutely love the LED facility in Exmouth and long hope it continues to offer its wonderful facilities to the community.

I think that gyms and leisure centres should be self-funding. If there were more cycle tracks in East Devon a lot of the gyms would not be needed.

I think we need an outdoor pool. A sea pool would be nice. There is a huge outdoor swimming presence around Seaton (see JAWS Facebook group) Aka Jurassic Area Wild Swimmers but often the weather doesn't allow us at Seaton because it gets rough. People then go over to Lyme in Dorset as it's a bit calmer. I'm terms of water polo, I just wish I had a closer club. Not much can do about that though. It's a very minority sport.

I used to be a member but I like dance classes e.g. Zumba. There is no classes like this anymore and none of the other classes seem fun enough so it's not for me joining again which is a shame. My family are members but they like the gym and spinning although travel to Ottery for boxercise sometimes.

I want Pilates for arthritis, a Zumba class tai chi dancing for fun things aimed at middle age I don't drive so have to be taken. please put some stuff on at the Education campus so I can walk to it thank you and I love swimming but Ottery doesn't have a pool or Cranbrook and the ones you have look dirty and are old and too busy

I was generally very fit and able. I was member of a gym which I attended 3 times a week. I used to cycle but find that roads are too dangerous nowadays. In March 2020 I caught Covid and have been left with long term Covid symptoms. I would like to try to improve my fitness by swimming but the current charges are LED centres are too high I can only rely on driving to and from the LED centre but then I have to pay for parking as well. As I am a pensioner I cannot afford to pay the current charges for swimming and parking. I will not get better any time soon with energy costs going through the roof. The predicted increase in Council Tax will wipe out any increase in my old age pension. I am not skint but I feel there is no recognition of the fact that most pensioners are very much worse off in retirement that they were at work.

I will not leave my cycle at the Exmouth leisure centre due to the fact that bikes are always getting stolen from there.

I would be using LED facilities under a cardiac rehabilitation programme but a recent health setback has stopped my participation

I would cycle more if safer linked routes. I don't know much about the outdoor facilities available, such as outdoor gyms but I would be interested to learn more about options

I would like an ad hoc membership for indoor swimming only.

I would like an outdoor swimming pool or Lido for fresh water swimming

I would like more cycle paths in East Devon. I would like cheaper prices in the sports halls for under 18s.

I would like more walking football available for the 55+ during the working day, ideally outside on 3G. The new developments around Cranbrook need to have more sports facilities available, The newest development near the airport has a planned space for outdoor multi use pitches BUT no guarantee they will be built, I believe the developers should provide these as part of the development. If not it will be like the disgrace of the unbuilt town centre in Cranbrook: a weedy windblown hole in the heart of the "community".

I would like the long awaited cycle route completed between the sewage plant and the cemetery.

I would like to find out more about the options of physical activities in the area - Colyton, Devon - mostly activities for elderly people are advertised on local FB groups

I would like to go swimming at Honiton or Sidmouth but I work long hours and don't always know when I will have the energy to go. If I try and book a day in advance or so the times I can do are often always booked up. Same with exercise classes, I don't want to book too far in advance but often when I then try the ones I would like to go to at the convenient times are booked

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I would like to see more walking/cycle routes - in particular extension of the Stop Line Way.

I would like to see safe cycle routes in my area so that I don't need to drive to undertake physical activity

I would love to cycle but to get to a cycle path it means going on the roads which do not feel safe and are not safe. The cycle path needs completing down from Axminster to Seaton

I would love to see an increase in traffic free cycle tracks that could be used for leisure that provide a decent distance to cycle safely. Also Axminster relies on private volunteer run communitiques like Axminster Town AFC, Axe Vale Netball Club and then Axminster Gymnastics Club as well as private gyms to provide physical activity for children and adults. It would be good to see the council provide funding to these clubs to improve facilities. E.g. funding towards pitch improvements, help with utility costs, building repair, new courts for the netball club, etc.

I would love to see somewhere that provides gymnastics for all ages in Exmouth as its crying out for an area for all ages to come and learn to handstand or vault or flip etc. I currently have to drive to Exeter with my daughter for her lessons and it's such a shame with the sports halls on offer in Exmouth that there isn't any classes available

I would love to swim more without having to rely on driving out of area

I'm joking HTC next year hopefully if voted in. Our town is crying out for facilities, one thing I'd love is to create a safe cycling route off of the roads to link east Devon towns and villages as a whole

I'd like to go swimming but the times are not always suitable for me.

If exercise is branded without the association with "sport" and "competition", but with more emphasis on health benefits, enjoyment and community it would appeal to more people who currently find "gym" and "sports centres" as alien places. E.g. walking groups that include local history walks, or cookery classes that include exercise and health eating advice, garden clubs that educate about general fitness and the benefits of varied movement and warming up safely.

Important to retain and protect the facilities we have, hold Tory LED creation to account for current LED funding issues post pandemic. An LED presence in Budleigh would be a game changer! Wish LED had control of the gym at Sea change rather than Westbank. Continue to protect sea swimmers with marker buoys and signage, consider extending marker buoys to year round now so many swim all year.

In the last couple of years with the addition of Oliver Joseph Fitness I feel like the health and fitness industry in our area has greatly improved I think it's about time we got behind the facilities that are working with the community and doing well rather than the ones that need constantly propping up with taxpayers money

It is really, really important to provide affordable, good quality access to physical activity in our local area. Not everyone wants or can afford private facilities. It is the council's responsibility to provide facilities for all at times that suit. Not run down facilities that then make in unattractive for people. Physical and mental well-being has to be a priority. Increase funding.

It would be great to have a swimming pool in Ottery!

It would be great to see a new style outdoor gym park with bars, benches, gym rings.

It would be so great to see additional space allocated on Devon's roads for cyclists, the road from Axminster to Seaton is frequently used by cyclists but the volume and speed of cars makes it uninviting for cycling and also too dangerous to even consider, particularly as a parent wanting to take children put on bikes. How are we to encourage our children to be active or even use cars less of the infrastructure isn't safely in place to facilitate it. Perhaps east Devon could be low emission pioneers and create many safe cycle links around this part of the county? (Please :))

It's unfortunate that the aqua fit classes are always heavily booked and often the ladies who attend don't actually take part but do their own thing in the deep end.

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It's way too expensive, especially given that energy bills, and other overheads are increasing. My electricity is going up more than the cost of a gym membership, and I couldn't afford a gym membership, so how is anyone going to do it?

Just moved to the area, what's available

Lack of council support for local clubs that they charge excessive fees rather encourage or support them in any way! May cause club closure within 12 months.

Lack of swimming facilities. Cranbrook being built but no pool.

Last time I went, Honiton swimming pool changing room was smelly and dirty. I haven't been since.

LED monthly pass is too expensive. We need a swimming pool in Seaton.

LED offers so many options, it is a sporting and cultural need that provides far better value for the community

Lots of people like water sports - paddle boarding, kayaking, gig boat rowing, sailing. EDDC need to invest or subsidise the infrastructure needed to deliver these.

Love more free swimming availability for children during the week term time. My son has a lesson but can't swim at any other time apart from weekends. Do we need the number restrictions and activity restricted now? It would seem time to open up again to me!

Maer toilets must open

More accessible off road cycle routes in and around Seaton. The existing routes need 'joining up,' and extending further, so that they could become a journey rather than an extremely short trip. Bikes have to put in the car if cycling with younger members, as it isn't safe to cycle on the road to reach them, therefore we have cycled about 90% less than we could have. It isn't worth cycling off road at the moment as the stretches provided are too short, and don't go anywhere.

More affordable access to local gyms with a variety of group classes

More classes for children! Especially teenagers

More classes for older people who are less supple and have less energy levels for some classes on offer. Also need lower membership costs and more pay as you go

more facilities/opportunities for the over 80s

More grass sports pitches for grassroots sports they don't get waterlogged. A full size 3g pitch that is approved for use by England RFU with flood lights

More indoor pools would be good

More off-road cycling paths needed.

More online classes so if we can't get to class or the class is full we can do them at home, especially if we have the equipment (like weights or spinning bike) we could use this with a choice of instructors at our usual class. More variety of classes inside and out.

More opening times for swimming at the weekend and evening

More outdoor all weather football facilities

More please - more sports and more times and more opportunities - thanks

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more safe access to walk from home to parks etc also a swimming pool

More safe cycle routes please

More safe cycle/ walking routes. The east Budleigh road has a wide verge that could easily be used as a cycle/ walk route. This would enable people to take a circular route between Budleigh and Otterton using cycle route 2 and the access the lower otter valley (which is being restored) without taking the car.

More safe cycling please

More SAFE outdoor spaces (cycle routes, car free green spaces, play grounds) and more free play / green space for children

More swimming available later slots once children are in bed! Cycle path linking Sidbury and Sidford please!!

More swimming pools, especially Seaton

More tennis courts needed and Pickle Ball courts should be considered too - they are a big new trend in the USA - half the size of a tennis court so double the amount of people could play in the same space and it's much easier on joints etc for older people / those with injuries and very easy to play.

My family love cycling but we need more traffic free and safe cycle paths to be able to cycle instead of using the car. More affordable swimming and exercise classes would be beneficial. Clean rivers and seas needed for swimming.

My partner has been trying to book hall / arrange 5 a side football for a Sunday night (ideally but could be any night) for some time but is unable due to staffing problems in Sidmouth and no one able to work. This has been ongoing for months

My priority would be improved safe cycle routes. Currently the lack of safe cycle paths stops me cycling altogether. With improved cycle paths I would use my bike for travel to work, shopping and leisure activities

Need a gym more accessible in weekends evenings. I work week ends then gym closes at 2pm on sat and sun....

Need a swimming pool in Seaton, more activities for older people.

Need cheaper family membership

Need decent cycle paths that go somewhere the one in Axminster is short

Need more circular walking routes from villages. Need more cycling routes

Need more off road cycle routes

Need more options.

Need to know about outdoor facilities as I only know about indoor facilities which I avoid because of covid

no membership fee subsidy for pension credit

One of the main issues I have noticed since moving here is a lack of safe cycle paths to get around East Devon. Walking paths are great but there is almost nothing for casual cyclists other than some fairly dangerous roads. It would be great to have a safe path linking Exmouth / Budleigh / Sidmouth / Seaton.

only recently moved to Sidmouth so still learning the area and facilities.

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Only that the young Lifeguards at Exmouth Leisure Centre could take control more when there are people swimming in the wrong lanes for their ability. I.e. Medium Lane and they are slow. Think they could find a polite way of informing people !!

Opening hours for LED are restrictive

Ottery st Mary really needs a swimming pool

Outdoor activity for older person e.g. tennis

Outdoor pool would be very beneficial!

Park run didn't feature in the questions. Cycle paths really important and lacking. More classes for dance please.

Parking costs near beaches are an issue

People need cycling/running route from Sidbury to Sidford

People, particularly older people, might feel more comfortable and safer exercising if they could do so in a small group. You don't need a Sports Center to organise a Walk/Run round Honiton, it just needs Publicity and a Leader.

Please build a sea water lido

Please can you upgrade Axminster's facilities Please can there be an outdoor gym Please can the whole of East Devon have better cycle routes Please can Axminster have a pool (linked to membership) Please can There be a tidal sea water pool in Seaton. Thanks

please don't reduce the facilities. More would be nice

please extend existing cycle tracks - e.g. extend the Exmouth to Budleigh trail to Sidmouth on the old railway. also - the route from Exmouth to Topsham is excellent but from Topsham to Exeter is very unsafe (which is why cyclists use the busy road)

Please give us safe cycling routes and bicycle parking. Thanks

Please improve LED facilities. The residents of East Devon need to have better access to facilities with better opening hours, affordable prices and better facilities. How about a sauna/spa. There is nothing local to me except expensive private facilities. The same if you want to do diving boards. I feel an overhaul of LED is required to push them to offer the service that customers need.

Please invest in more facilities, it has been a lifesaver for me and the kids

Please keep LED going Great choice of activities

Please keep supporting LED Sidmouth swimming pool

Please put in a cycle route from Woodbury to the Exeter / Exmouth cycle track

Please reduce the cost of a family swim it's too expensive for a family of four

Please reinstate Zumba at Colyton grammar school on a sat morning. It was a very popular class and the children could go to badminton at same time

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Please, please open a cycle route between Sidmouth and Ottery !

Poor in Sidmouth. Only use private organisations and clubs as led badly ran and too many disappointments

Poor sea water quality after heavy rain. Why are you not doing more to address this?

Poorly designed questionnaire, the designer needs to go on a course

Questions have not really explored why I don't use other facilities and why use car as main journeys. The changing facilities at the swimming pool are not brilliant, quite dated and dirty. There are limited safe cycle routes from Woolbrook and this prevents me cycling more, especially as a family

Really think there should be better provision for athletics for children. I have a 16 year old who I have to take to Exeter Arena to access a decent running track and well run athletics club. Junior parkrun should also be established in East Devon. Also think it should be much easier to pay as you go for physical activities rather than having to be a member of LED. I love Pilates but can't commit to a 6 week block and can't afford to join LED to do classes. Also think there is a desperate need for well-run netball club for u16's in Exmouth.

Reduce village speed limits to allow safer walking through residential areas, vehicles travel too fast on narrow roads without pavements.

Road and town planning is too car-centric. No consideration is given to active travel at planning stages or retrospectively. Huge wide roads with no crossings discourage active travel and encourage increased car use. As evidenced by Exeter being the second most congested city in the UK. this is a huge failure and real work needs to be done to create segregated walking and cycling routes to encourage active travel instead of huge wide roads for more and more cars.

Safe cycle routes accessible to children and those less confident are extremely limited. If normally nears we travel by car to safer routes.

Safe walking route from Exmouth to Woodbury Common

Sea bath facilities

Seaton desperately requires better facilities which in my opinion should include a heated indoor swimming pool

Severe lack of facilities for disabled

Shame that Sidmouth leisure centre is not as well equipped as other East Devon centres facilities are sadly lacking, very tired and pokey....studio very poor. gym small.

Staff are nice but....

Sidmouth does not have a floodlit 3G football pitch which is sorely needed. Hundreds of young people and adults therefore have to travel out of the area to take part in football training/matches during the week

Stop wasting money on leisure centre's

Swimming pool issue a time-table as before covid

The beach is our natural outside facility, and Phear park is a great asset to the town

The EDDC facilities are brilliant. I really hope that you continue to provide them at the current level. Well done.

The LED in Seaton I found to have unhelpful staff when I joined. I had to pay for a year but used under 3 months. I was put off by the staff and although requesting help on numerous occasions I wasn't given any real programme, encouragement or help. I didn't even know there were shower facilities until a few days before my membership

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was up. I also couldn't book into classes at a time I needed. All full and no extra ones. So unless someone dropped out I couldn't get in. The cost too was too much for me for classes I couldn't access and I strained more muscles than I toned due to not having the correct programme with equipment. Basically I was left to use whatever I wanted, however I wanted, for as long as I wanted. Seaton could do with its own pool, not the School pool which is only open during holidays and not over the winter. Sidmouth pool is dirty, the changing rooms are grim and there is too much chlorine in the water.

The pool in Exmouth is freezing and I know many families that would love to use it if it were warmer

The Seaton school swimming pool has terrible opening hours and is expensive. Given that the resource exists, it would be relatively easy to improve the hours and price here to make it a real asset to the community. An indoor climbing wall and/or trampoline centre would be great asset for Seaton, not just for locals but as indoor/wet-weather entertainment for holiday makers.

The shared cycle paths are not enjoyable or safe for pedestrians, dog walkers and families with children. You feel as if you have to walk in single file to be safe. Cyclists ride too fast, do not use their bells and believe they have priority. The estuary walk in Exmouth is not relaxing due to the speed of cyclists. The shared path along the seafront is an accident waiting to happen, adult cyclists should not be allowed on this path, especially if you are parked along the seafront and have to cross their path to access your car.

The Sidmouth gym is prevented from opening the gym door, by the adjacent school for 'safeguarding'. This is unacceptable with the Coronavirus.

The survey asked me the distance to a sports facility I never use - Coburg gardens?

The Swim to the Sea course for over 55s was outstanding. Joel was an excellent teacher and his support team were brilliant too. A group of us have carried on meeting to swim at the same place, same time ever since, through the winter too. Every week.

There are great community providers that often have their attempts at delivery thwarted by bureaucracy etc. Lots of support to LED which is a private company would be nice to see other facilities supported. Cycle networks - free exercise would be great for community, business and tourism. Am Budleigh based and Town Council seem to have NO strategy for investment. The skate park (which is too small) is awesome for youth and promotes walking etc. Play parks are key drivers and destinations for physical activities providing the right equipment is in place.

There is a desperate need for 3G floodlight area in Sidmouth

There is a lack of activities tailored towards those of us with physical disabilities (to my knowledge) which makes it difficult for us to find safe exercise we can do with suitably knowledgeable and trained staff.

There is a real need for a good sized swimming pool indoor or outdoor. In the colder months the sea temperature prevents one swimming for any length of time.

There is no mention of golf in this survey and yet a large amount of people participate in this sport in East Devon. It also doesn't mention clubs and societies where people practice sports and activities. If one runs or cycles this requires very few outdoor facilities but good footpaths / cycle paths and cycle ways make a huge difference.

There needs to be a review of cycling routes throughout East Devon, not simply finding a relatively quiet road and letting Sustrans give it a number. Circular, family friendly maintained routes throughout the county. Also free tennis courts so that not just wealthy kids whose parents can afford David Lloyd can get tennis tuition. We will have another generation of poor families with poor health if nothing is done soon

There needs to be more available for families to do together. It would be important that these activities were low in cost and interesting for children and adults.

There should be some reductions in cost for those in receipt of benefits

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This badly designed questionnaire typifies all my previous contacts with LED. Whenever I have used their facilities/classes the quality has been poor. I would rather the council concentrated on funding outdoor facilities such as cycle ways and parks/playgrounds / playing fields / lifeguards for beaches - that are freely available and encourage people to enjoy exercising outdoors.

This survey leaves tennis out of most activity lists and because it asks about activity in the past seven days it doesn't take into account summer sports that I (and other respondents) do

Too much space for crochet - need a boules piece in central Sidmouth

Traffic free cycle routes / multi use paths are a fantastic way to all ages out enjoying physical activity and imprint their mental health.

Very limited in particular for teenage girls. A lot of the facilities now being used locally are privately owned which is a real shame. I very much hope that by the time my 8 month old boy is a bit older there will be more available locally for him to participate in without having to drive to Dorset. I do realise there are budget constraints, not moaning just hopeful that more activities will be available locally.

Very poor in local area. Transport unbelievably bad to get anywhere. Prices sky high. Seaton needs attention asap

Walking / running in many areas is a nightmare due to speeding cyclists, this is highly dangerous and puts many off using these routes (such as the Exe estuary trail)

Water sports in East Devon - a major growth area. Sidmouth Gig rowing club currently located in leaking damp small store. Major investment in the Sailing Club to offer multi use water sports involvement would be a massive step forward for the whole of East Devon.

We are all waiting for the Stop Line Way multi user path to be completed. Cycling, walking, running is dangerous in EX24. There is a lot of traffic and hardly any paths. I am in Colyford and know that people here are annoyed that they can't even take their dogs for a walk through the Seaton Wetlands! It is not safe to get to the footpath to Colyton as the bridge over the Coly is dangerous as there is no path. There is a lot of big heavy traffic along the A3052. Especially as there is a lot of accidents on the A35.

We desperately need a 25m pool in Seaton.

We have three young children (1,4,6) and would like to use the swimming pool more as a family. We currently rarely use the pool as we find the condition and cleanliness to be poor, plus changing facilities aren't brilliant. As a seaside town with a large number of young families, water safety is really important and I feel a children's pool would make the teaching of very young children easier to get them used to being in the water. Also, open swimming sessions for families in the weekday after school would also be great as we have as yet been unable to get onto a lesson programme at LED.

We just don't seem to have many facilities compared to other places. Not council run ones anyway.

We moved here just prior to lockdown and so haven't been able to engage in 'group' activities. We walk independently and love the area but it would be beneficial to know what other activities are available. It would be good if there was more advertising showing the wide range of activities available. Finding ways to encourage people to join as well would be helpful to older people and those new to the area.

we moved to Exmouth 1 year ago. It is not easy to find out where classes etc are run. I appreciate that we were in lockdown when we first moved which did not make life easy for anyone.

We need a running track in Honiton area

We need a swimming pool in Ottery preferably open air!

We need an outdoor pool

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We need to keep on supporting all our sports centres.

Why did LED pull out of an arrangement with Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre ?

Why has the old railway track up the otter valley not been utilised as a safe cycle track!

Why is the council spending my council tax on consultants AGAIN. You could have done a survey yourselves without consultant fees.

With the amount of housing being developed in East Devon it would be good to have a pool somewhere like Ottery or Cranbrook. Maybe even an outdoor pool or, even better, lake for wild swimming.

Would appreciate water aerobics class in Honiton

Would be excellent if you turned that white elephant of an interpretation centre in Seaton into a heated indoor pool. Older and younger age groups would benefit enormously, but no doubt it will become some sort of community centre that nobody uses.

Would be great to have a proper LED facility in Cranbrook. We have limited access to facilities and can only reach current LED facilities by driving. As the town is constantly expanding, more and more people will be in a similar situation, looking for local facilities to use that don't need a car to reach.

Would like a park run track in Axminster

Would like beginner sessions for people who have not exercised much before.

Would like more swimming facilities, preferably lane swimming especially during school holidays where it seems we must disappear so the facilities can be centred towards children, same applies at weekends.

Would like to be able to ride at speed on smooth traffic free road surface, practice triathlon transitions, duathlon, Aquathlon, Quadrathlon - preferably in safe group environment

Would like to see swimming times for late evening as a nurse I don't finish to gone 7, so would like to see some more times to be able to swim late in the evenings

Would love a swimming pool in Seaton

Would love an accessible tennis court in Axminster.

Would love better swimming facilities for use by myself and children. Improved cycle routes would encourage us to start cycling as a family

Would love to see more cycle trails similar to the Budleigh to Exmouth one

would really like the walkway/cycle path from the Wetlands joined up with the path down to the Underfleet

Would use a local gym if one in Budleigh

Yes, Cycle routes off-road such as Stopline Way is poorly maintained, insufficient in length, and roads are dangerous. We desperately need more cycle routes in east Devon,

Yoga - would really like a local yoga class please!

you don't have a clue- this survey is biased to your desired outcomes!

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You need to vastly improve walking and cycling facilities and provision, so that the general public need not use cars for any journeys under 3 miles. That provides hidden exercise and activity benefits, as well as reducing pollution, congestion and helps hitting zero carbon. There's now no excuse not to do this. If people go to the gym they should be cycling or walking there, not using a car

You should be supporting the flamingo pool in Axminster as an easy Devon facility. It's a disgrace that you don't.

Your swimming teachers need training in disabilities (physical and learning) and customer service. LED Exmouth have lost several customers over this issue.