

**South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership
Community Research Project.**

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South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership Community Research Project.

Introduction.

The South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership was formed in May 1996. Its principal aim was to develop a joint vision for the rural communities of South Lanarkshire, identify issues and opportunities, and to negotiate and seek resources for a range of effective and well targeted response strategies.

The membership organisations represented on the Partnership are:-

- South Lanarkshire Council
- Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire (formerly Lanarkshire Development Agency)
- ALVO
- Scottish Homes

The Rural Partnership has concentrated on examining access to services in the rural area. It undertook a survey in February 1998 to find out how people felt about living in the rural area and the barriers they experienced in accessing services. A questionnaire was designed which was sent out to 8,000 people living in rural South Lanarkshire.

The responses were analysed and 14 ward profiles (see below)¹ plus one South Lanarkshire wide summary document were prepared. These ward profiles will help identify local problems and help the Partnership and local people to identify possible areas for future action.

This document is the Profile document for Lesmahagow and covers the area outlined on the map on the front cover.

2. Methodology.

2.1 Background

In February 1998 a survey was designed by the Rural Partnership which concentrated on questions relating to people's perceptions of rural life in South Lanarkshire, and the barriers experienced in accessing services, shops, jobs, housing and public transport.

8,000 questionnaires were sent out to a sample of households chosen at random from the Valuation Role, covering all the 19 Council Wards that make up the rural area. One member of each household was invited to reply on behalf of the household. 1800 replied which was a 22.5% response. This sample accounted for almost 8% of all the rural households in South Lanarkshire. The responses were then sorted by Ward¹ and in some cases aggregated (dependent upon the size of the community i.e. Strathaven, Carluke and Lanark) to form the statistical basis for each profile.

The survey was supplemented by a series of Focus Groups, carried out by the Partnership research team. Although Focus groups were not carried out for all Ward¹ areas, they did, for the most part, reinforce the quantitative data, making the whole study more secure.

2.2 Issues Surrounding Survey Results

¹ Prior to the ward boundary changes implemented for the local elections in May '99

The Partnership was encouraged by the response to the survey. However, when the questionnaires were returned there were some biases showing in the data collected, mainly because of the survey design. Questionnaires were, for the most part, filled in by female members of households. This has given a slight female bias to the results. There has also been a bias in favour of retired households, as in some instances a higher percentage of older people replied to the questionnaire, than is reflected in the rural population as a whole. In addition, the survey was not targeted at the under sixteen age group.

Some questions were answered in a multiple form when only one answer was expected and in some other subjective questions e.g. "Are you happy with" some respondents answered both yes and no. This made the task of analysis more difficult than expected, although it did give valuable insight into the various perceptions and opinions held.

Another problem in interpreting the data is that when dealing with Ward data the sample sizes can be very small and what seems significant as a percentage, may only be responses from one or two people. Care must therefore be taken when interpreting the significance of the statistics contained in this document.

This made the analysis of returns and the generation of common themes more difficult to secure.

However, to overcome these difficulties, the statistics have shown, where possible, the "no reply" category to illustrate the level of response for particular subjects.

3. Acknowledgements

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Summary of Views from Statistical Data **Lesmahagow**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- The majority of respondents thought that the overall bus and train services were acceptable, though train information was not easy to get.
- The majority of respondents have been restricted from going to places because of poor timing and daily services.

ENVIRONMENT

- The majority of respondents liked the rural aspects of the area.
- The vast majority of respondents said they do not want to move to another area within south Lanarkshire.

HOUSING

- The vast majority of non-homeowners were happy with their homes.

EMPLOYMENT

- A significant proportion of respondents have experienced barriers to employment because of living in the rural area, the vast majority citing transport costs.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR

- The vast majority of respondents said they had no need of voluntary or community services.

AMENITIES and FACILITIES

- The majority of respondents rated the local shops either good or average.
- The majority of respondents wanted a sports centre with swimming pool in their area.

LESMAHAGOW NARRATIVE

The Area referred to in this document consists of the South Lanarkshire Ward of Lesmahagow. This ward has a population of 3,899, which represents 5.5% of the rural population. 108 people responded to the questionnaire in Lesmahagow, of which 47.3% were male and 52.7% were female. The largest group to respond was aged between 25-45 (40.7%). Very few responses came from the 16-18, and 19-24 age bands (.09% and 4.6% respectively). *The survey results, compared with the ward demographics, are therefore biased towards the 25-45 age group.*

Of those responding, the largest group (50.9%) had lived in the area for more than twenty years. Of those, (54.5%) were male, and almost 49.1% were aged over 61. Those who had lived in the area for 1-5 years were the next largest group (23.1%).

Almost half of respondents (48.1%) thought that Lesmahagow's "safe, peaceful, rural and low polluted" character was one of the advantages of living there - 53.8% of those respondents were female. A further 23.1% liked the "country surroundings". 13.9% said "good access to towns" was an advantage.

On disadvantages, the biggest group of responses mentioned "poor and expensive transport" (46.3%). The next highest number of responses related to "poor amenities" (15.7), with "poor roads and lighting " next at 11.1%.

Facilities

The highest number of respondents 'rated prices in shops' and 'range of goods' as average (59.3% and 50.0% respectively) whereas, the 'opening hours' and 'service' were all rated good at 40.7% and 33.3% respectively. In each category the majority of respondents were female. A much higher proportion of respondents rated all aspects "average" to "very good", than "poor" or "very poor".

The Library was the facility used most by respondents at 32.4% - 57.1% of those users being female. The next most popular facility was the leisure centre (11.1%). The high level of "no reply" (30.6%) may be a reflection on the level of facilities available.

The Library was rated highest overall in terms of "value for money", "location" and "opening hours" at 42.3%, 51.4% and 42.9% respectively. Again, to the area's credit, a much higher proportion of respondents rated most aspects "good" to "very good" than "average" to "very poor".

What facilities would people like to see? - The most popular item was a sports centre with a swimming pool, with almost 47.2% of respondents, of which 55.0% of which were female and 47.1% in the 25-45 age group. The next highest response (15.7%) related to a 'improved transport and roads.

Spare time activities

In Lesmahagow, 41.7% of respondents participated in sport (55.5% of these being male). The next most popular activity was swimming (22.2%), and of these 62.5% were female.

Voluntary participation

Nearly one quarter (23.1%) of respondents took part in community or voluntary activities 68.0% of these were female - the majority of respondents being in the 25-45 age group.

Of these participants, 40.0% took part in "community activities" and 28.0% in "children's work".

The most common reason for not participating was "no time" (34.6%), though 20.5% said "don't know of anything interesting".

Over one in ten respondents had received a service from community / voluntary groups (13.0%), and of those who did, the most used was the information service from Citizen's Advice (35.7%). Most recipients (57.1%) were happy with the service received. Of those respondents who said they had not received a service, 78.0% said they "have never needed such a service"

Employment

Over one third of respondents were retired (34.3%), of whom 54.1% were female. One third of respondents were permanently employed (full time), with 50.0% of these being male.

Two thirds of respondents said they had never experienced a barrier to employment or training due to living in a rural area. Of these, 55.6% were female.

22.2% of respondents said they had experienced a barrier with 54.2% being female.

The greatest barrier to employment was undoubtedly "transport costs" at (75.0%).

On the basis of the much lower response rate to training barriers this did not seem to be as much of an issue, although 12.5 % did cite "transport costs" as a barrier.

Home owning / renting

57.4% of respondents owned their home. 23.1% rent from the Council and 10.2% live with parents. Of those who rented, 78.3% said they were happy with their home of whom 61.1% were female.

17.4% of respondents were not happy with their home.

Of the non-owners, 78.3% did not want to move from the area, - their main reason being that "they liked it here, lived here a long time". Those respondents who did want to move (17.4%) specified "better amenities" as their main reason.

Transport

Two thirds of respondents used the car as their main method of transport.

A significant 30.6% of respondents used the bus as their main method.

Bus services

54.4% of respondents thought the bus service was "acceptable"(47.6%), though 40.3% thought it "bad". Only 5.3% thought it was good. A majority (43.5%) of respondents said it was easy to obtain information on bus services.

Train service

Despite there being no direct local train service, 45.0% of respondents thought the service was "acceptable". However, 30.0% thought it was "bad", and 25% said it was "good". 34.3% of respondents said that train information was not easily obtained.

Most respondents (63.3%) said they had been restricted by public transport, and of these, 50.9% were female. Nearly three quarters (73.7%) cited "poor timing and daily services" as a restriction.

General Comments

The additional general comments highlighted transport issues (poor roads and not enough parking) and a need for improved general services.

Focus Group

In general the focus group discussions coincided with the survey results – particularly on transport issues.

There were, however, some issues raised by the focus group which did not arise from the survey.

- The group saw a need for a bus terminal in Larkhall.
- Lesmahagow High School would be used if it were opened up in the evening for education classes.
- Lesmahagow High School has the potential to be used as a Community Centre.

- Opencast mining was criticised for pollution and dust although this concern was not highlighted as a concern in the statistics.
- Police should respond quicker to vandalism.
- There is a need to assist the youth in finding work.

LESMAHAGOW

STATISTICAL

DATA

POPULATION PROFILE

Age groups	Lesmahagow						Survey Respondents					
	Males	%	Females	%	Total	%	Males	%	Females	%	Total	%
0-15	359	19.5	390	19.0	749	19.2	N/A					
16-19	98	5.3	92	4.5	190	4.9	1	2.2	0	0	1	0.9
20-24	100	5.4	115	5.6	215	5.5	2	4.3	3	4.8	5	4.6
25-45	942	51.1	971	47.2	1913	49.1	17	37.0	27	43.5	44	40.7
46-59							12	26.0	9	14.5	21	19.4
60+	344	18.7	488	23.7	832	21.3	14	30.4	23	37.1	37	34.3
Totals	1843	47.3	2056	52.7	3899	100	46	42.6	62	57.4	108	100

Total Population of South Lanarkshire 307,350
 Total Population of Rural South Lanarkshire..... 71,337 (23%)
 Population of Lesmahagow Ward..3,899 (5.5% of rural population)

It is considered important to highlight the fact that this Data Set relates to the 108 survey responses, and that these represent 2.8% of Lesmahagow's population, which in turn makes up 5.5% of the total rural population.
 Any comments on the data pages refer specifically to the survey results for this Ward.

1. Introduction.

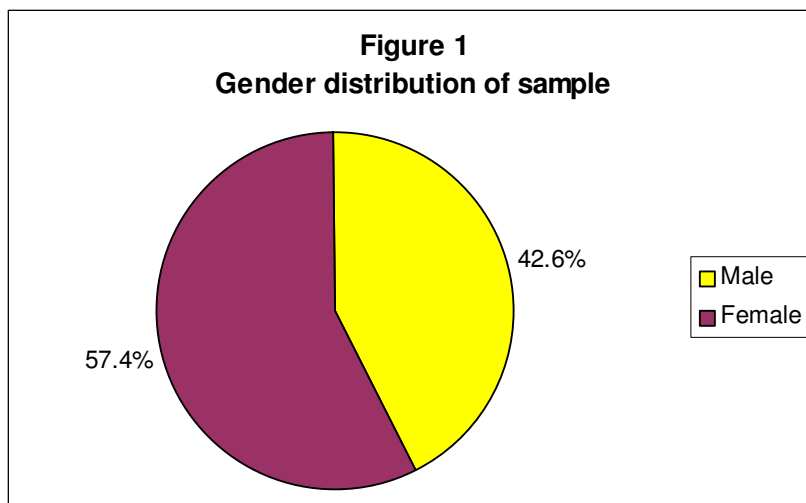
Total number of people interviewed was 108

Of these:

42.6% were male and 57.4% were female

Figure 1. The sample. Gender.

Sex	figures	percentage
Male	46	42.6
Female	62	57.4



Comment: *The gender split of respondents in the sample is slightly biased toward females.*

2. Age Groups.

Of the 108 respondents,

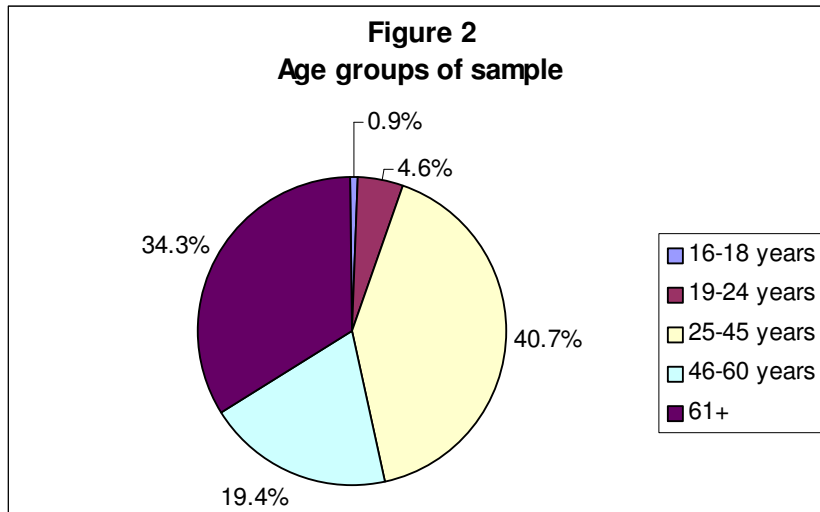
40.7% were aged 25-45

34.3% were aged 61+

19.4% were aged 46-60

Figure 2. Sample. Age groups

	figures	percentage
16-18	1	0.9
19-24	5	4.6
25-45	44	40.7
46-60	21	19.4
61+	37	34.3



Comment: *The largest group of respondents is in the 24-45 age group.*

3. Time Living In Lesmahagow.

Of the 108 respondents,

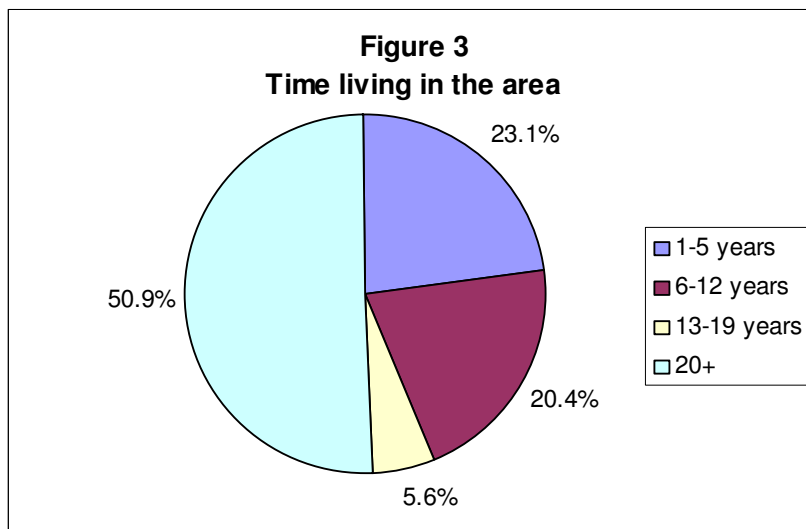
50.9% have lived there for 20+ years
Of these, 54.5% were male,
23.6% were 25-45 years old,
23.6% were 46-60 years old,
and 49.1% were 61+.

23.1% have lived there for 1-5 years.

20.4% have lived there for 6-12 years.

Figure 3. How long have you lived in your area (years)?

	figures	percentage
1-5 years	25	23.1
6-12 years	22	20.4
13-19 years	6	5.6
20+	55	50.9



Comment: *The largest group responding to this question have lived in the area for over 20 years*

4. Advantages.

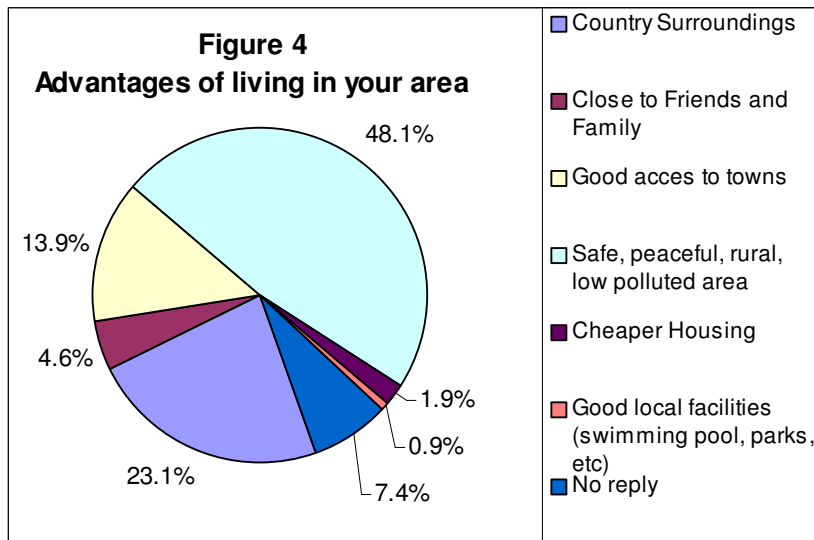
Of the 108 respondents,

48.1% said it was "safe, peaceful, rural, low polluted area".
 Of these, 53.8% were female,
 42.3% were 25-45,
 and 38.5% were 61+.

23.1% answered "Country Surroundings".
 Of these, 64% were female,
 36% were aged 25-45,
 32% were aged 61+.

Figure 4. Advantages of living in your area

	figures	percentage
Country Surroundings	25	23.1
Close to friends and family	5	4.6
Good access to towns	15	13.9
Safe, peaceful, rural, low polluted area	52	48.1
Cheaper Housing	2	1.9
Good local facilities (swimming pool, parks, etc)	1	0.9
No reply	8	7.4



Comment: *The largest group of respondents liked the rural aspects of the area.*

5. Disadvantages.

Of the 108 respondents:

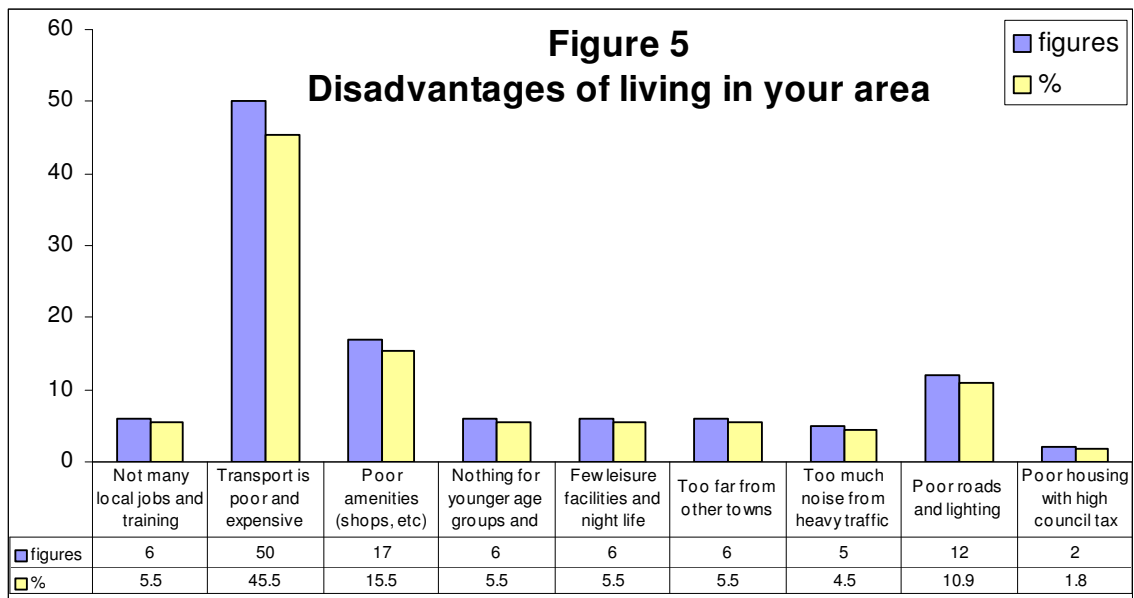
46.3% thought that "transport is poor and expensive".
Of these, 52% were female,
40% were aged 25-45,
and 30% aged 61+ concentrating the majority of responses.

15.7% thought that the area had "poor amenities".
Of these, 52.9% were male,
41.2% aged 25-45,
and 35.3% aged 46-60.

Figure 5. Disadvantages of living in your area

	figures	percentage
Not many local jobs and training	6	5.6
Transport is poor and expensive	50	46.3
Poor amenities (shops, etc)	17	15.7
Nothing for younger age groups and disabled	6	5.5
Few leisure facilities and night life	6	5.5
Too far from other towns	6	5.5
Too much noise from heavy traffic	5	4.5
Poor roads and lighting	12	11.1
Poor housing with high council tax	2	1.8

Note: The percentages add up to more than 100% due to multiple answers from respondents.



Comment: Half of the respondents considered transport quality as the greatest disadvantage

6. THE FACILITIES AND SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES IN LESMAHAGOW

6.1 The Local shops: respondent's opinions.

Chart 1. How do you rate local shops?

Total responses = 108	Very good		Good		Average		Poor		Very poor		No Reply	
	Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%
Prices	1	0.9	15	13.9	64	59.3	16	14.8	5	4.6	7	6.5
Range of goods	3	2.8	20	18.5	54	50.0	21	19.4	3	2.8	7	6.5
Opening hours	14	13.0	44	40.7	36	33.3	4	3.7	2	1.9	8	7.4
Service	15	13.9	51	47.2	28	25.9	5	4.6	1	0.9	8	7.4

Prices

59.3% of respondents considered them "average"

Of these, 59.4% were female

and 42.2% were aged 25-45

Range of goods

50% of respondents considered it "average"

Of these, 59.3% were female

and 44.4% were aged 25-45

Opening hours

40.7% of respondents considered them "good"

Of these, 54.5% were female

and 38.6% were aged 25-45

33.3% of respondents considered them "average"

Of these, 61.1% were female

and 52.8% were aged 25-45

Services

47.2% of respondents considered them "good"

Of these, 51.0% were female

49.0% male

and 41.2% were aged 25-45

25.9% of respondents considered them "average"

Of these, 67.9% were female

and 39.3% were aged 25-45

Comment: *The majority of respondents rated the shops either "good" or "average"*

6.2 Facilities used most in spare time.

32.4% of respondents used the library.

Of these, 57.1% were female,
40.0% aged 25-45,
and 40.0% aged 61+.

11.1% of respondents used the leisure centre.

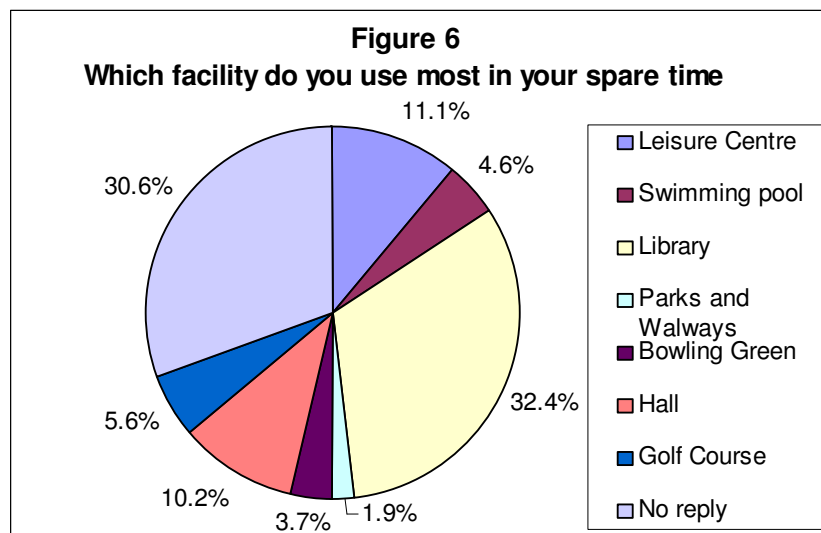
Of these, 50.0% were female,
and 83.3% aged 25-45.

10.2% of respondents used the hall.

Of these, 91.0% female,
and 54.5% aged 61+.

Figure 6. Which facilities do you use most in your spare time?

	figures	percentage
Leisure Centre	12	11.1
Swimming pool	5	4.6
Library	35	32.4
Parks and Walkways	2	1.9
Bowling Green	4	3.7
Hall	11	10.2
Golf Course	6	5.6
No reply	33	30.6



Comment : *The high level of "no reply" may be a reflection on the level of facilities available*

The opinions of users of these facilities

Leisure centre

Value for money

33.3% average

25% very good

25% good

Location

33.3% very good

25% good

25% average

Opening hours

66.7% good

16.7% very good

Library

Value for money

42.3% very good

37.1% good

Location

51.4% very good

31.4% good

Opening hours

42.9% very good

28.6% good

Hall

Value for money

36.4% very good

36.4% good

Location

45.5% good

18.2% very good

18.2% average

Opening hours

27.3% very good

27.3% good

Comment : *The respondents considered the library to be the best facility in Lesmahagow*

7. The activities they do in their spare time.

41.7% of respondents "participate in sports".

Of these, 55.5% were male,
49.0% were aged 25-45,
and 24.4% were aged 61+.

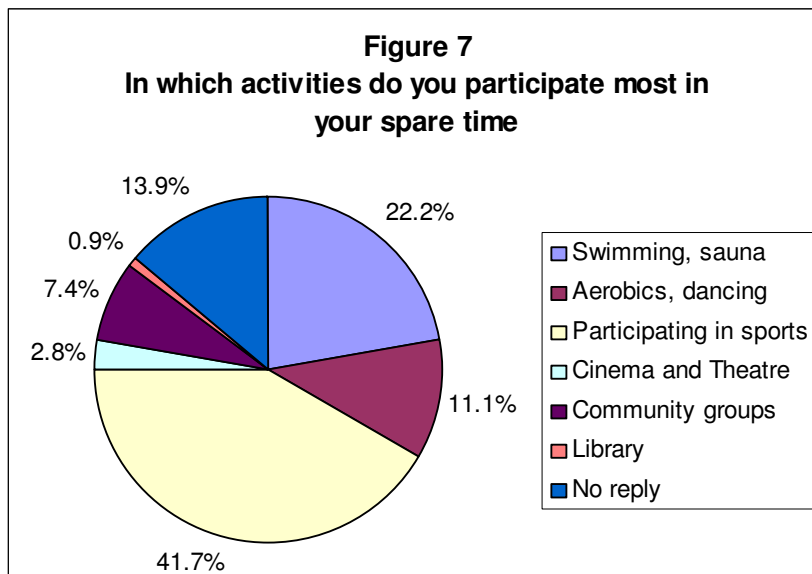
22.2% of respondents participate in "swimming or sauna".

Of these, 62.5% female,
and 66.7% aged 25-45.

11.1% "go aerobics or dancing".

Of these, 75.0% female,
and 66.7% aged 25-45.

	figures	percentage
Swimming, sauna	24	22.2
Aerobics, dancing	12	11.1
Participating in sports	45	41.7
Cinema and Theatre	3	2.8
Community groups	8	7.4
Library	1	0.9
No reply	15	13.9



Comment : *Sports was the most popular activity.*

8. What facilities would you like to see in Lesmahagow?

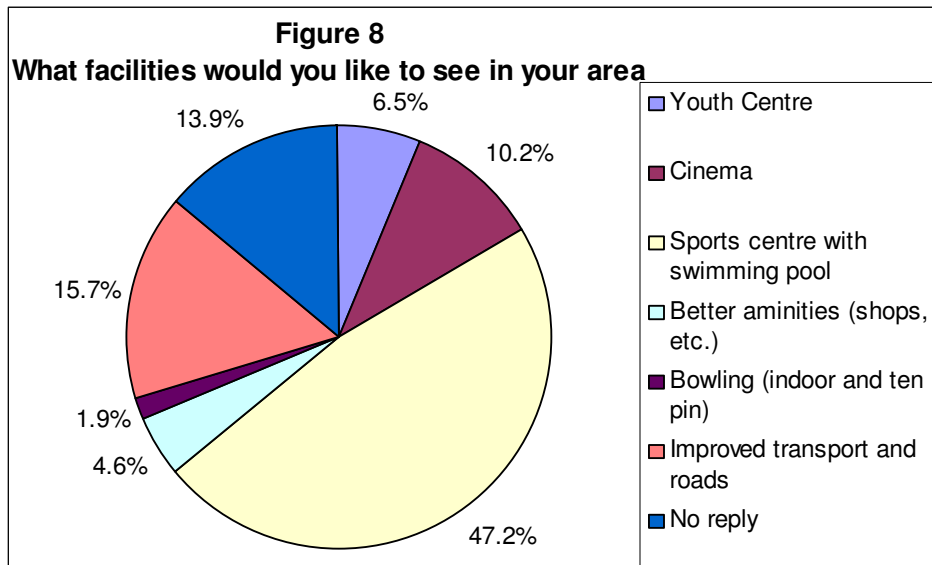
47.2% of respondents would like a "sports centre with swimming pool".
 Of these, 55.0% were female,
 47.1% were aged 25-45,
 and 27.5% aged 61+.

15.7% of respondents wanted "improved transports and roads".
 Of these, 65.0% were female,
 41.2% were aged 25-45,
 and 35.3% aged 61+.

10.2% of respondents said a "Cinema".
 Of these, 73.0% were male,
 36.4% were aged 25-45,
 and 45.4% aged 61+.

Figure 8. What facilities would you like to see in your area?

	figures	percentage
Youth Centre	7	6.5
Cinema	11	10.2
Sports centre with swimming pool	51	47.2
Better amenities (shops, etc.)	5	4.6
Bowling (indoor and ten pin)	2	1.9
Improved transport and roads	17	15.7
No reply	15	13.9

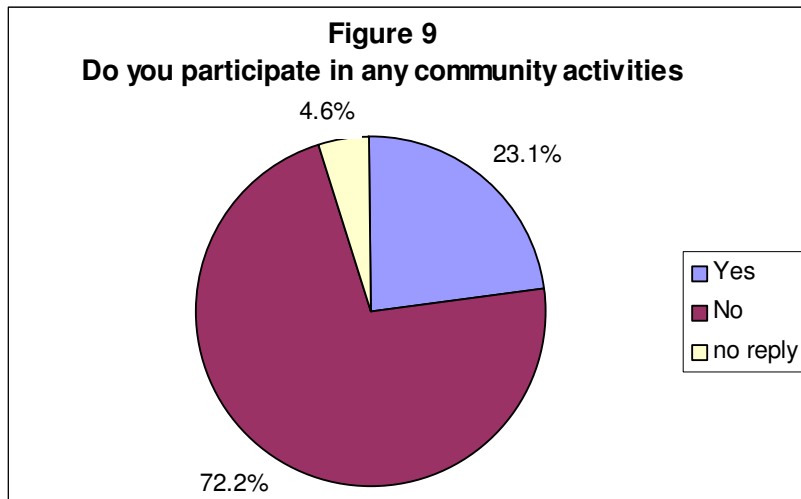


9. Voluntary participation and community participation.

23.1% of respondents participated in community or voluntary activities.
Of these, 68.0% female,
48.0% were aged 25-45,
and 48.0% aged 61+.

Figure 9. Do you participate in any community or voluntary activities?

	figures	percentage
Yes	25	23.1
No	78	72.2
No reply	5	4.6



Comment : *Nearly one quarter of respondents took part in community or voluntary activities.*

10. Kind of activity.

Of the 25 respondents who said they participated,

40% took part in "Community activities".

Of these, 50.0% were male,
40.0% were aged 25-45,
and 50.0% were 61+.

28% participated as a "Children's worker".

Of these, 100% were aged 25-45,
and 57.0% were female.

24% participated in "Church" activities.

Of these, 100% female,
and 67.0% aged 61+.

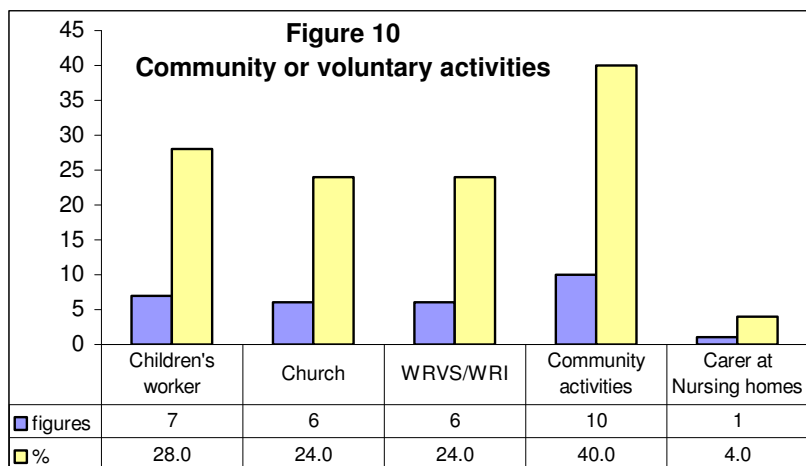
24% participated in "WRVS/WRI" activities.

Of these 100% were women,
and 100% were 61+.

Figure 10. The kind of activities. Community or voluntary activities

	figures	percentage
Children's worker	7	28.0
Church	6	24.0
WRVS/WRI	6	24.0
Community activities	10	40.0
Carer at Nursing homes	1	4.0

Note: The percentages add up to more than 100% due to multiple answers from respondents.



11. Non-participants.

Of the 103 respondents, 72.2% were non-participants.
 Of these, 55.1% were female,
 37.2% were aged 25-45,
 and 29.5% aged 61+.

Reasons given for not participating

34.6% said "no time".
 Of these, 59.2% were female,
 and 55.5% were aged 25-45.

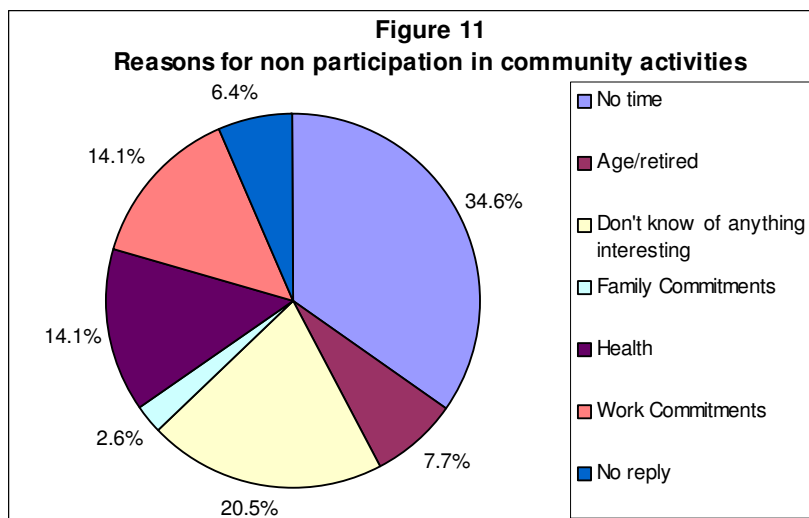
20.5% said "don't know of anything interesting".
 Of these, 56.3% were male,
 and 50.0% aged 25-45.

14.1% said "work commitments".
 Of these, 63.6% were female,
 and 54.5% aged 25-45.

14.1% said "health".
 Of these, 63.6% were male,
 and 72.7% aged 61+.

Figure 11. Reasons of Non-participants in community or voluntary activities

	figures	percentage
No time	27	34.6
Age/retired	6	7.7
Don't know of anything interesting	16	20.5
Family Commitments	2	2.6
Health	11	14.1
Work Commitments	11	14.1
No reply	5	6.4



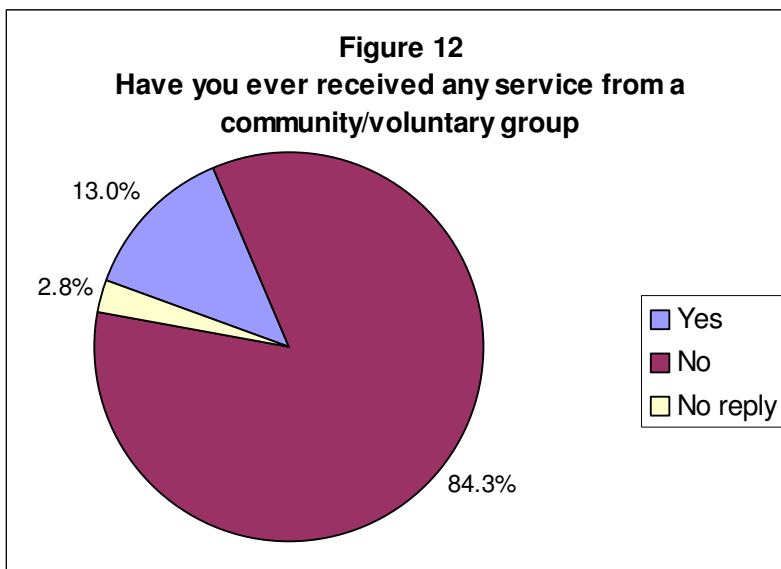
12. Receipt of services from voluntary/community groups.

84.3% of respondents have never received any service from a community / voluntary group.

Of these, 58.2% were female.
40.7% were aged 25-45,
and 31.9% were aged 61+.

Figure 12. Have you ever received any service from a community/voluntary group?

	figures	percentage
Yes	14	13.0
No	91	84.3
No reply	3	2.7



13. Reasons for not having received this kind of service.

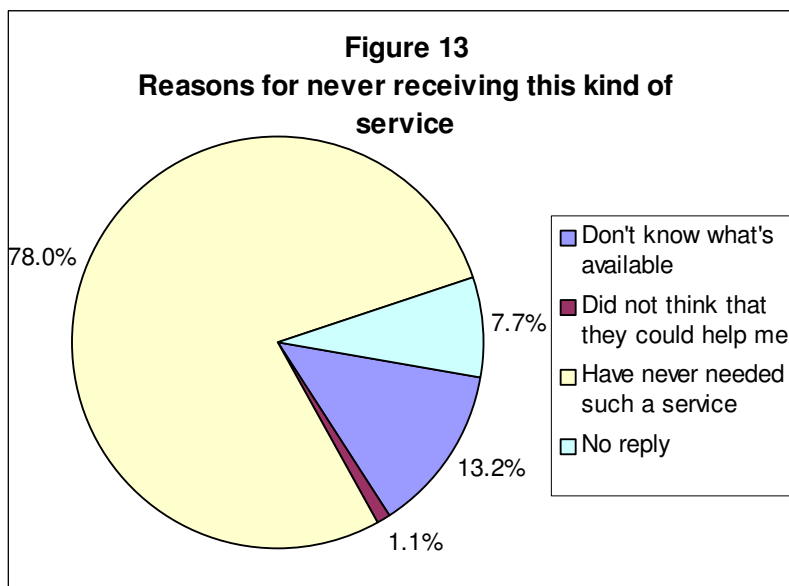
Reasons given

Of the 91 people who said they had never received any service, 78% of respondents said "have never needed such a service".

Of these, 57.7% were female,
40.8% were aged 25-45,
29.6% were aged 61+.

Figure 13. Reasons never received this service

	figures	percentage
Don't know what's available	12	13.2
Did not think that they could help me	1	1.1
Have never needed such a service	71	78.0
No reply	7	7.7



13% have received a community/voluntary service

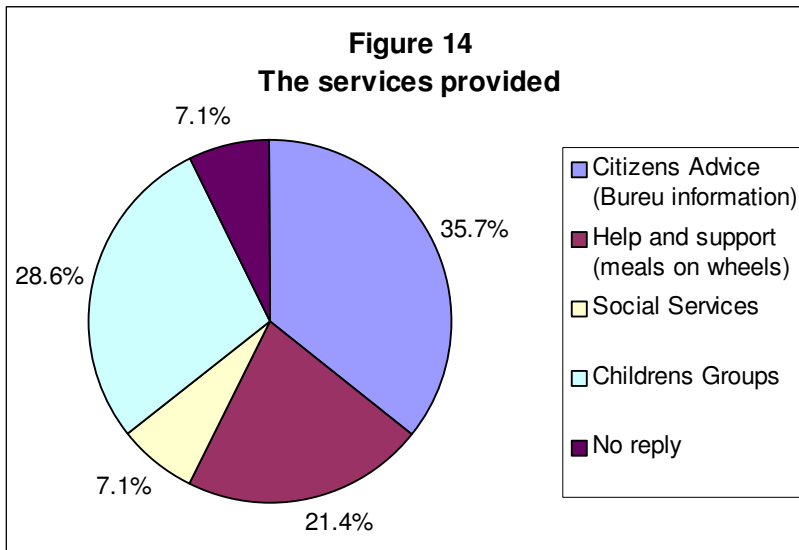
14. The Services provided / received.

Of the 14 people who said they had received a service,

35.7% received "Citizen Advice Bureau information",
28.6% received service from a "Children's group",
21.4% received "Help and support".

Figure 14. The services provided. What was the service provided to you?

	figures	percentage
Citizen Advice Bureau information	5	35.7
Help and support (meals on wheels)	3	21.4
Social Services	1	7.1
Children's Groups	4	28.6
No reply	1	7.1



15. Opinions of recipients as to the quality of service.

Of those who received a service,

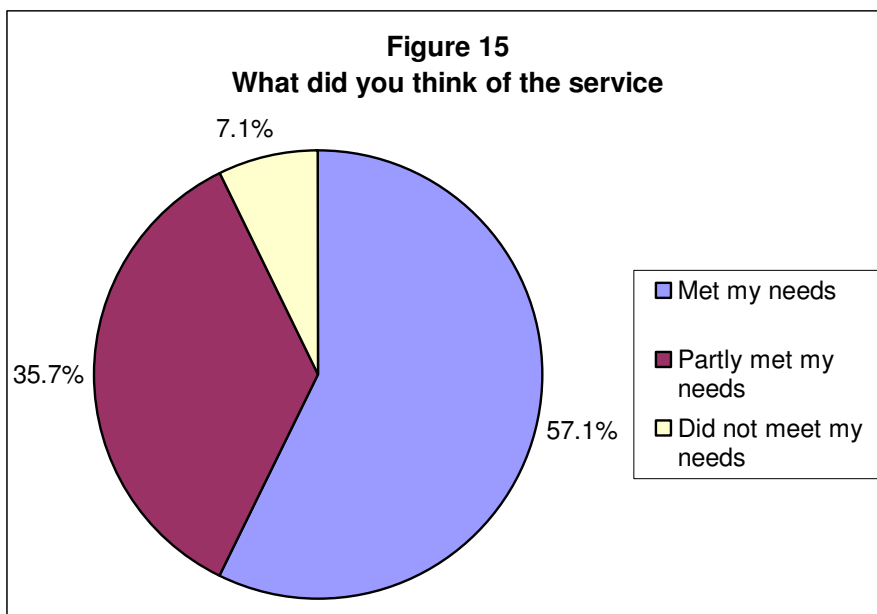
57.1% said it "met my needs",

35.7% said it "partly met my needs",

7.1% said it "did not meet my needs".

Figure 15 What did you think of the service?

	figures	percentage
Met my needs	8	57.1
Partly met my needs	5	35.7
Did not meet my needs	1	7.1



16. EMPLOYMENT IN LESMAHAGOW

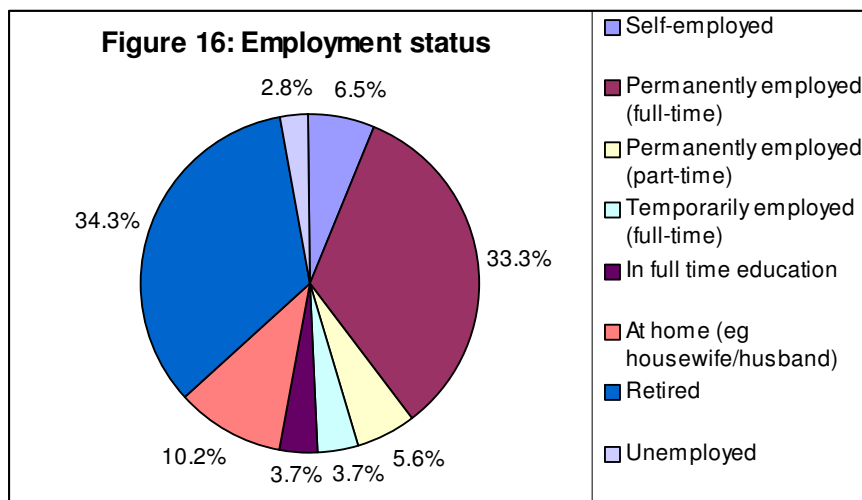
16.1 Who is employed and how?

34.3% of respondents were retired.
Of these, 54.1% female,
and 91.9% aged 61+.

33.3% of respondents were permanently employed (full time).
Of these, 50.0% were female,
72.2% aged 25-45.

Figure 16. Are you employed?

	figures	percentage
Self-employed	7	6.5
Permanently employed (full-time)	36	33.3
Permanently employed (part-time)	6	5.6
Temporarily employed (full-time)	4	3.7
In full time education	4	3.7
At home (e.g. housewife/husband)	11	10.2
Retired	37	34.3
Unemployed	3	2.8



17. Barriers to employment and training.

66.7% have never experienced any barriers to employment or training because of living in a rural area.

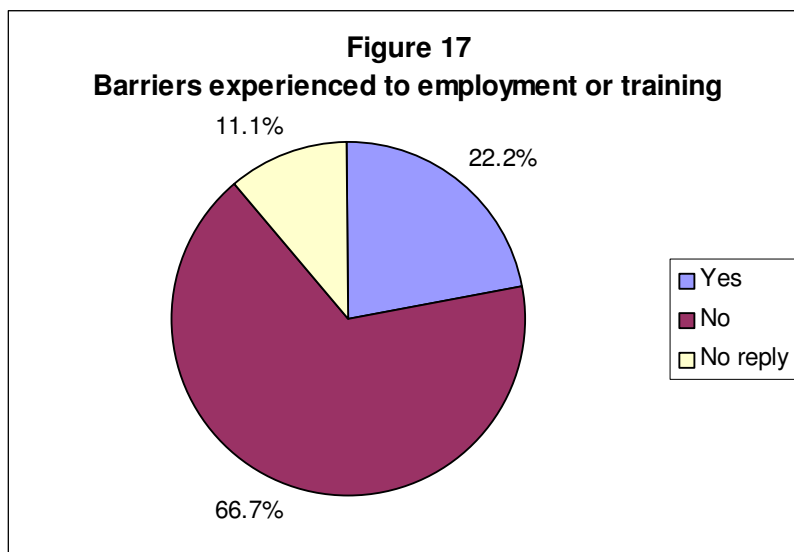
Of these, 55.6% were female,
44.4% were aged 25-45,
and 31.9% were aged 61+.

22.2% of respondents have experienced barriers to employment or training because they live in a rural area.

Of these, 54.2% were female,
and 50.0% were aged 24-45,

Figure 17. Have you ever experienced any barriers to employment or training because you live in a rural area?

	figures	percentage
Yes	24	22.2
No	72	66.7
No reply	12	11.1



18. Barriers to employment.

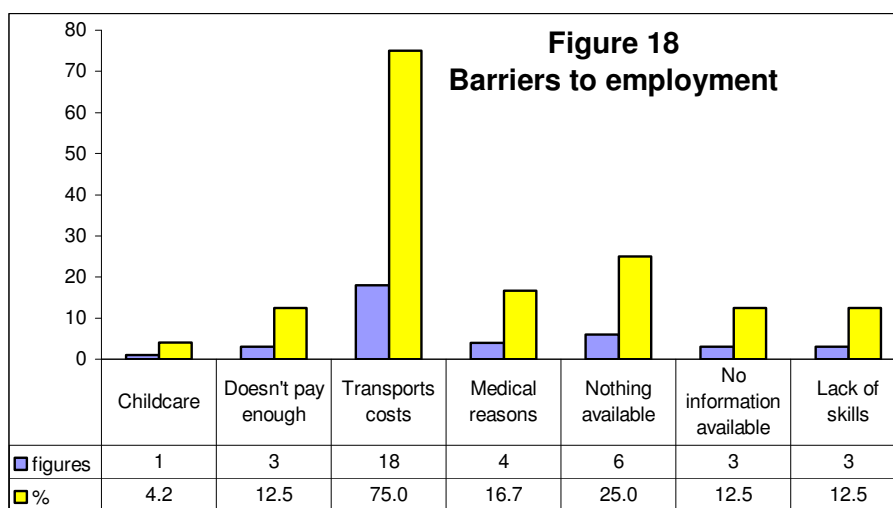
Of those 24 respondents who said they had experienced barriers,

75% specified "Transports costs",
25% said "Nothing available",
and 16.7% said "Medical reasons".

Figure 18.

	Employment barriers		Training barriers	
	figures	percentage	figures	percentage
Childcare	1	4.2	0	0
Doesn't pay enough	3	12.5	1	4.2
Lack of confidence	0	0	1	4.2
Transports costs	18	75.0	3	12.5
Medical reasons	4	16.7	1	4.2
Nothing available	6	25.0	1	4.2
No information available	3	12.5	0	0
Lack of skills	3	12.5	1	4.2

Note: The percentages add up to more than 100% due to multiple answers from respondents.



Barriers to Training

The number of responses on this subject was much lower as can be seen from the figures above. Although transport costs had the highest figure, the proportion is too small to be significant.

Comment: "Transport costs" was cited as the largest barrier to both employment and training.

HOUSING IN LESMAHAGOW

19. Home owning options.

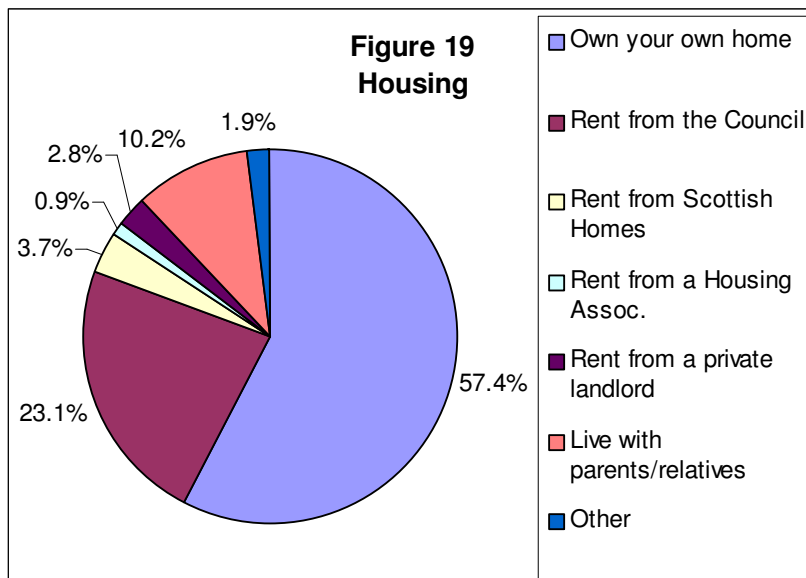
57.4% of respondents own their own home.
Of these, 59.7% were female,
and 51.6% were aged 25-45.

23.1% of respondents rent from the council.
Of these, 52.0% were male,
32.0% were aged 46-60,
and 48.0% aged 61+.

10.2% of respondents live with parents.
Of these, 63.6% were female,
and 54.5% were aged 25-45.

Figure 19. Housing Tenure.

	figures	percentage
Own your own home	62	57.4
Rent from the Council	25	23.1
Rent from Scottish Homes	4	3.7
Rent from a Housing Assoc.	1	0.9
Rent from a private landlord	3	2.8
Live with parents/relatives	11	10.2
Other	2	1.9



20. The opinions of those who are not owners.

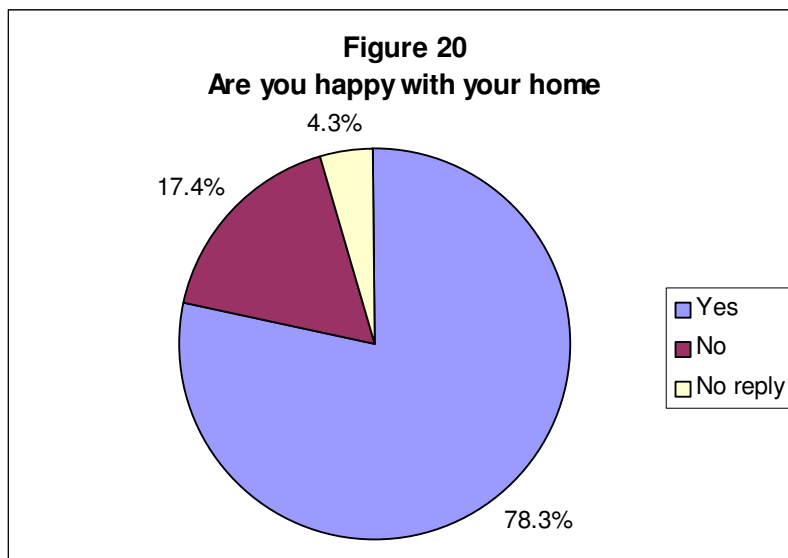
Home

78.3% of respondents were happy with their home.
Of these, 61.1% were female,
and 50.0% were aged 61+.

17.4% of respondents were not happy with their home.

Figure 20. Non-owners. Are you happy with your home?

	figures	percentage
Yes	36	78.3
No	8	17.4
No reply	2	4.3



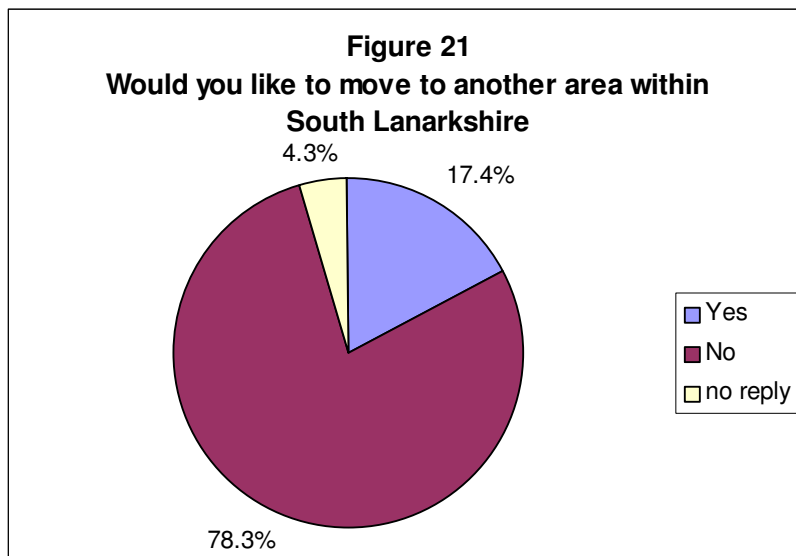
Comment: *The vast majority of non-owners are happy with their home.*

21. Moving to or from the area. (non-owners)

78.3% of respondents do not want to move to another area.
Of these, 55.6% were female,
and 52.8% were aged 61+.

Figure 21. Would you like to move to another area within South Lanarkshire?

	figures	percentage
Yes	8	17.4
No	36	78.3
No reply	2	4.3



22. Areas to move to

Of the 8 non-owners who said they wanted to move,
4 non-owners said they wanted to move to Hamilton for work

23. Reasons for moving

3 people said "career enhancement", all of whom were female.
4 people said "better amenities", all of whom were female.

24. Reasons for staying

	figures	percentage
Like it here and have lived here a long time....	15	41.7
Family and friends.....	10	27.8
No reply	11	30.6

CHOICES FOR MOVEMENT : THE TRANSPORT

25. Methods of transport used

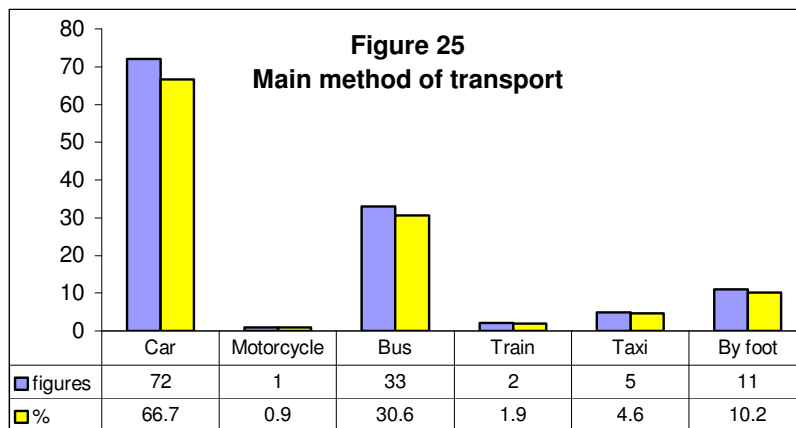
66.7% of respondents use a car.
Of these, 56.9% were female,
and 52.8% were aged 25-45.

30.6% of respondents use the bus.
Of these, 54.5% were female,
and 48.5% were aged 61+.

Figure 25. What is your main method of transport?

	figures	percentage
Car	72	58.1
Motorcycle	1	0.8
Bus	33	26.6
Train	2	1.6
Taxi	5	4.0
By foot	11	8.9

Note: The percentages add up to more than 100% due to multiple answers from respondents.



Bus and train services : opinions

26. Bus Service

57 people responded to this question.

54.4% of these respondents said the bus service was "acceptable".

Of these, 64.5% were female,

45.2% were aged 61+,
and 35.5% were aged 25-45.

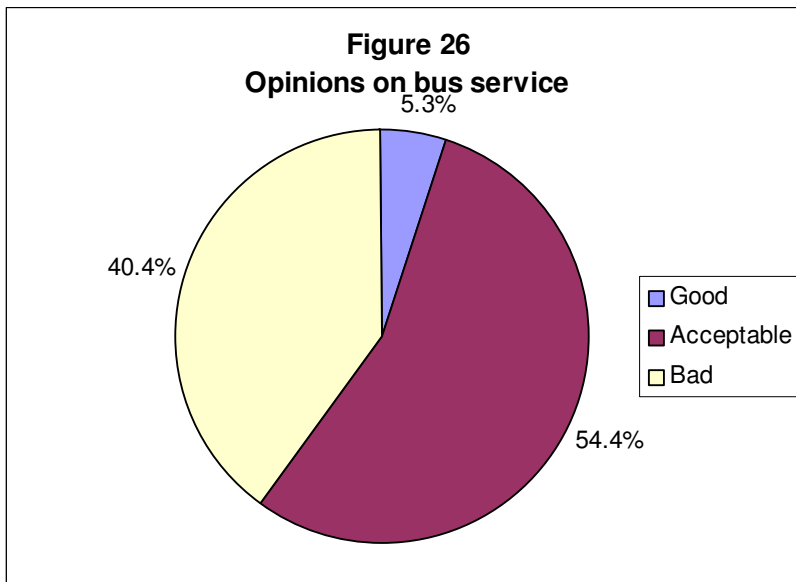
40.3% of these respondents said the bus service was "bad".

Of these, 52.2% were female,

and 56.5% were aged 25-45.

Figure 26. Opinions about the bus service.

	figures	percentage
Good	3	5.3
Acceptable	31	54.4
Bad	23	40.4



27. Train Services

20 people responded to this question

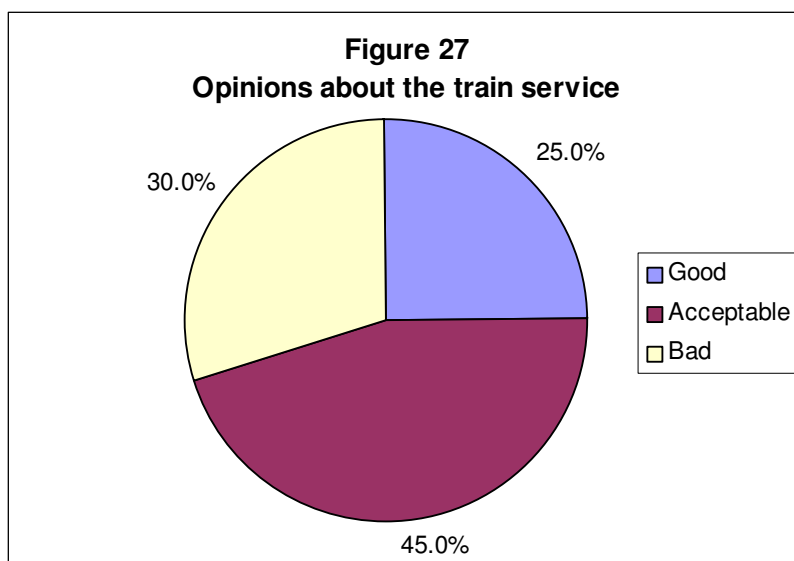
45% of these respondents said the train service was "acceptable"

30% of these respondents said the train service was "bad"

25% of these respondents said the train service was "good"

Figure 27. Opinions about train service.

	figures	percentage
Good	5	25.0
Acceptable	9	45.0
Bad	6	30.0



Comment: *The nearest train service is in Lanark - which may explain the low response.*

28. Information about bus & train transport

Bus information

43.5% of respondents said it **is easy** to find out information about bus services.

Of these, 51.1% were female,

31.9% aged 25-45,

and 31.9% aged 61+.

38% of respondents said it is **not easy** to find out information about bus services.

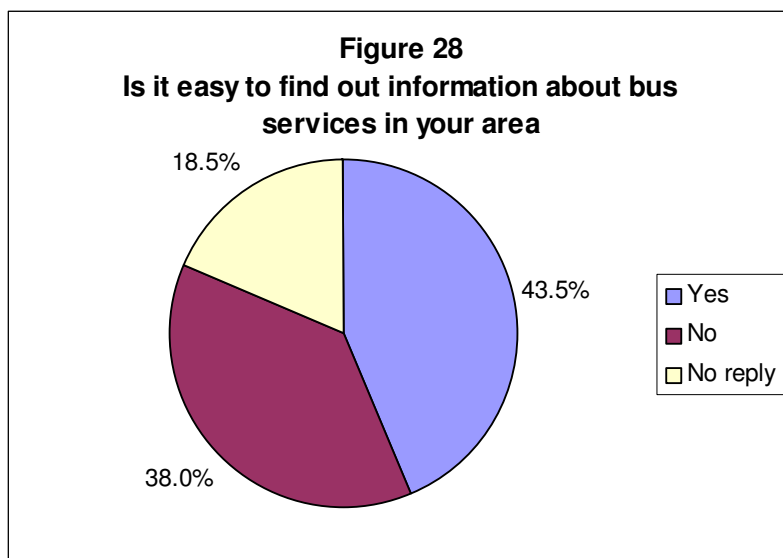
Of these, 63.4% were female,

46.3% aged 25-45,

and 34.1% aged 61+.

Figure 28. Is it easy to find out information about bus services in your area?

	figures	percentage
Yes	47	43.5
No	41	38.0
No reply	20	18.5



Comment: *A small majority of respondents said that it was easy to get information on bus services.*

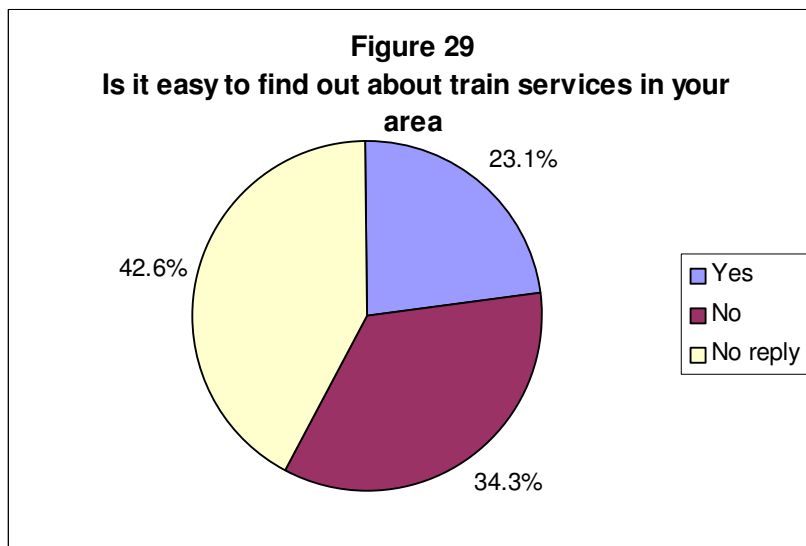
29. Train information

34.3% of respondents said it is **not easy** to find out information about train services.
 Of these, 54.1% were female,
 40.5% were aged 25-45,
 and 40.5% were aged 61+.

23.1% of respondents said it **is easy** to find out information about train services.
 Of these, 52.0% were male,
 and 52.0% were aged 25-45.

Figure 29. Is it easy to find out information about train services in your area?

	figures	percentage
Yes	25	23.1
No	37	34.3
No reply	46	42.6



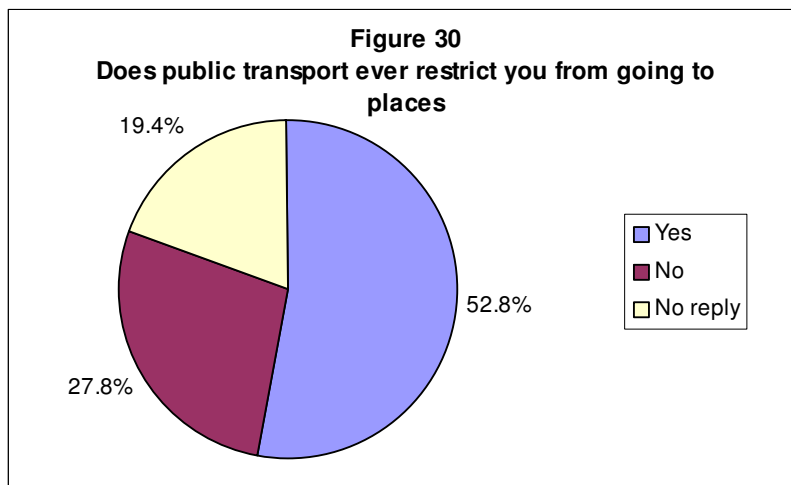
Comment: A majority of respondents said that it was not easy to get information on train services.

30. Restrictions caused by public transport

63.3% of respondents said they had been restricted by public transport.
Of these, 50.9% were female,
49.1% male,
43.9% aged 25-45,
and 29.8% were aged 61+.

Figure. 30 Does public transport ever restrict you from going to places?

	figures	percentage
Yes	57	52.8
No	30	27.8
No reply	21	19.4



19.4% did not reply to this question

31. Reasons.

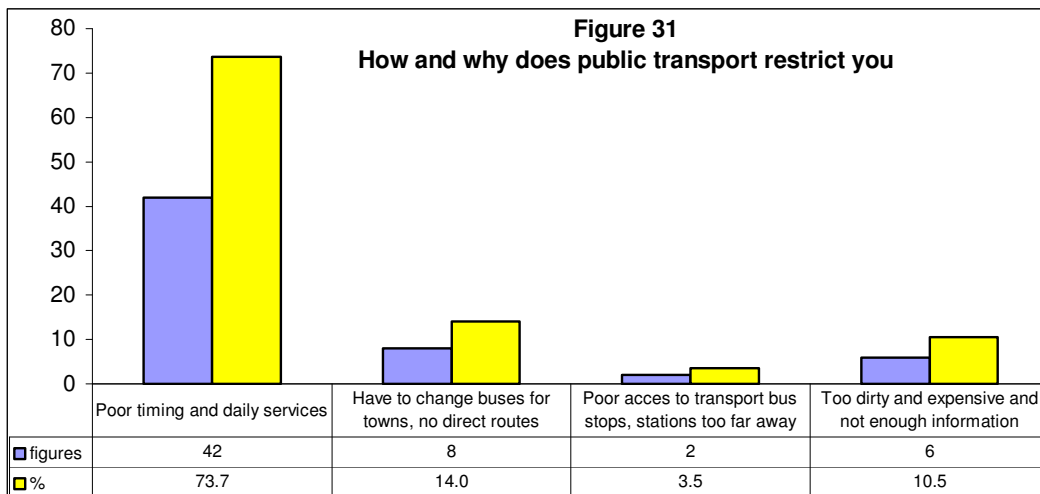
73.7% of respondents said "poor timing and daily services".
 Of these, 54.8% were female,
 40.5% were aged 25-45,
 and 31.0% were aged 61+.

14.0% "they have to change buses for towns, no direct routes".
 10.5% "too dirty and expensive and not enough information".

Figure 31. How and why does it restrict you?

	figures	percentage
Poor timing and daily services	42	73.7
Have to change buses for towns, no direct routes	8	14.0
Poor access to transport bus stops, stations too far away	2	3.5
Too dirty and expensive and not enough information	6	10.5

Note: The percentages add up to more than 100% due to multiple answers from respondents.



27.8% of respondents were not restricted by public transport
 Of these, 63.3% were female
 and 43.3% were aged 61+

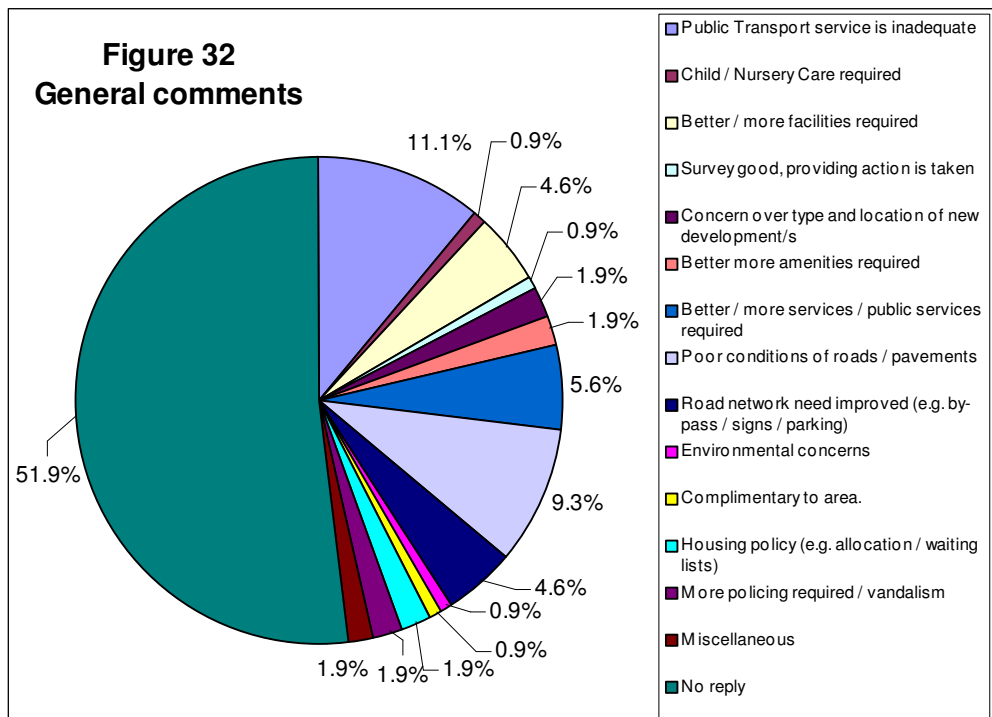
19.4% did not reply

Comment: *Nearly three quarters of respondents said they were restricted by poor timing and daily services of public transport.*

32. GENERAL COMMENTS

There were 60 responses to this question, all of which have been categorised as shown below. The actual comments can be seen in Appendix 1.

Do you have any other comments you wish to make?	figures	percentage
Public Transport service is inadequate	12	11.1
Child / Nursery Care required	1	0.9
Better more / facilities required	5	4.6
Survey good, providing action is taken	1	0.9
Concern over type and location of new development/s	2	1.9
Better / more amenities required	2	1.9
Better / more services / public services required	6	5.6
Poor conditions of roads / pavements	10	9.3
Road network needs improved (e.g. by-pass / signs / parking)	5	4.6
Environmental concerns	1	0.9
Complementary to area	1	0.9
Housing / housing policy (e.g. allocation / waiting lists)	2	1.9
More policing required / safety issues / vandalism	2	1.9
Miscellaneous	2	1.9
No reply	56	51.9



Directory

Background / Historical notes
Facilities List
Voluntary Organisations
Business Directory.

Background Notes - Lesmahagow

The name 'Lesmahagow' is derived from the Church of St Machutus. Machutus was a contemporary of St Brendan, there being a religious foundation connected with the saint in the village since the Culdees (Celtic monks) came sometime before David I founded a Tironensian Priory in 1144. Remains of the priory, which was a daughter house of Kelso, lie next to the Abbeygreen Church. The Tironensians were farmers and craftsmen and their order was somewhat similar to the Cistercians. The visible remains consist of part of the cloisters, the refectory and the lay brothers' quarters. The priory had various functions including the provision of sanctuary and accommodation for pensioners, but all this came to a rapid end at the end of the reformation.

The Abbeygreen Church lies on the site of the priory church and was built in its present form in 1803. Its graveyard is interesting for its Covenanting connections as it contains the grave of Alexander Stuart of Underbank who was executed in 1684. David Steel (ancestor of the Liberal MP) was murdered in 1688 also lies here. There is a monument to David Steel at his home Nether Skelly Hill farm about two and a half miles from the village. Close to the farm is the site of Skellyhill school where John Muir's father taught. It was John Muir who wrote the lyrics of Canada's national Anthem 'The Maple Leaf For Ever'.

Returning to the square by the Abbeygreen Church one can see the Commercial Hotel, which dates back to 1633 and which served as a coaching inn during the 18th and 19th centuries. At the other end of the village there is a footbridge access to Lesmahagow football club's ground across the Nethan. This footbridge is over three hundred years old and used to carry the main road south to Carlisle before Telford built a new road in the 1820's.

The main road south, the M74, obscures a view of Craighead Mill thought to have been founded by the monks of Lesmahagow Priory. In its present form, it goes back only three hundred years. Up to a few years ago the mill machinery was fairly intact, but a great deal was destroyed as a result of fire.

Coal was mined from about one hundred and thirty years ago to exploit the rich seams of gas and candle coal. Commanding good prices in Victorian times, little can now be seen of the mines which produced the coal. Much of the present Lesmahagow was built to house miners, causing the population to treble between 1800 and 1860.

Lesmahagow

Information and Existing facilities

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Lady Home Hospital
Douglas

CAR AVAILABILITY (extract from the 1991 Census)

Household	Ward 3	South Lanark's Rural Areas	Scotland
0 Car	40.5%	31.7%	42.6%
1 Car	40.3%	45.3%	41.3%
2 Cars	15.7%	19.5%	13.8%
3+ Cars	3.2%	3.5%	2.4%
Total Households	1373	21775	2020050
Total Cars	1122	20644	1533439
Ave. no. of cars per household	0.82	0.95	0.76

CEMETERIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Lesmahagow Cemetery	Strathaven Road	Lesmahagow
Lesmahagow Old Parish Churchyard	-----	Lesmahagow

CENSUS FIGURES

<u>SETTLEMENT</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>(Ward) 3</u>
Lesmahagow	3,558	3,906	3,396	3,452	3,266	(Lesmahagow) 3

Lanarkshire ML11 0JP
(01555) 892382

LIBRARY

Lesmahagow Library
Abbeygreen,
Lesmahagow ML11 0EF
(01555) 892606

MEDICAL SERVICES

Doctors (01555) 892328

Dr A Christie
Dr Z Islam
Dr A Kerr

Glebe Medical Centre (01555) 892328
Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF

Dentist

Iain Coventry
New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EW
(01555) 893992

POST OFFICE COUNTERS

LESMAHAGOW	101 Abbeygreen	ML11 9SP
BANKHEAD (Lesmahagow)	12 Priory Road	ML11 0AA

PHONE BOXES (Payphone and Card)

Box No.	Street	Region	Post Code
P690 0AD	Priory Avenue	Lesmahagow	ML11
CT34	Abbeygreen Road	Lesmahagow	ML11 0AL
CT34	Brocketsbrae Road	Lesmahagow	ML11 9PT
CT34	Abbeygreen Road	Lesmahagow	ML11 0AL
CT34	The Crescent	Lesmahagow	ML11 0DP
CT34	Dillarburn Road	Lesmahagow	ML11 9PQ
Adjacent No. 329 CT34	Lanark Road	Lesmahagow	ML11 9PJ

Boghead

CT34	Lesmahagow Road	Lesmahagow	ML11 0JA
CT34	New Trows Road	Lesmahagow	ML11
OEW			

POLICE

Strathclyde Police
 8 Priory Road, Lesmahagow,
 Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AA
 (01555) 892400 and
 (01555) 662455

POST OFFICE POST BOXES

BOX NO.	LOCATION	REGION	POST CODE
12	Boghead	Lesmahagow	ML11 0
15	Driverholm Terrace	'	'
17	Inches Station	'	'
24	Bankhouse Road	'	'
28	Milton	'	'
35	Douglas SO	'	'
41	Strathaven Road	'	'
54	New Trows	'	'
55	Dunn Crescent	'	'
61	Lesmahagow	'	'
76	Abbeygreen	'	'

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Bankhead Recreation Ground

Briarbank Street
 Lesmahagow
 (01555) 893093

Facilities:

Grass soccer pitch, four lane running track, long jump pit, baseball diamond, sports pavilion changing rooms, showers.

Craighead Football Stadium

Craighead Park
 Lesmahagow
 (01555) 893093

Facilities:

Grass pitch, main stand, dug-outs, sports pavilion, changing and shower facilities.

Glebe Park

Langdykeside
 Lesmahagow
 (01555) 893093

Facilities:

2 grass pitches, pavilion, changing and shower facilities.

Hollandbush Golf Course

Acretophead
 Lesmahagow

Facilities:

18 hole course.

(01555) 893646

McKirdy Park

McKirdy Park
Bereholm
Lesmahagow
(01555) 893093

Facilities:

Grass football pitch (floodlit), outdoor tennis court, putting green, sports pavilion.

SCHOOLS

Bent Primary School
Strathaven Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DW
(01555) 892281

Community Education
Career Guidance Services
School Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AE
(01555) 894145

Lesmahagow Community Education Centre
Community Activities and Workshops
2 School Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DJ
(01555) 894145
Lesmahagow High School
School Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DL
(01555) 893456

Milton Primary School
Strathaven Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DN
(01555) 894282

Woodpark Primary School
Priory Avenue, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AD
(01555) 892251

TRANSPORT

There is a bus service from Lanark to Lesmahagow every half hour, Monday to Friday.

The return journey is every hour to two hours. The route takes in Kirkfieldbank, Auchenheth and Kirkmuirhill.

The Saturday service is every two hours, both outward and return journeys. There are no train services.

Dial-a-Bus

Booking day before, Lanark to Lesmahagow via Kirkmuirhill, every Wednesday.

Royal Mail PostBus

There is no Royal Mail PostBus service in Lesmahagow.

Trains

There is no train service in Lesmahagow.

VOLUNTARY

Auchlochan Trust
New Trows Road, Lesmahagow ML11 7LU
Tel: N/A

Coalburn Lodge Newlands
Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow ML11
(01555) 893039

Glebe Gardens Residents' Association
8 Glebe gardens, Lesmahagow ML11 0AE
(01555) 893817

Lesmahagow & District Resource Centre
Counselling and Advice Centre
40-42 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 892545

Lesmahagow Highland games
28 Priory Road, Lesmahagow ML11 0AA
(01555) 892413

Lesmahagow OAP Association
28 Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow ML11 0DT
(01555) 894364

Lesmahagow Old Parish Church Shipmates
92 Newtrows road, Lesmahagow ML11 0EW
(01555) 892463

Lesmahagow Playgroup
9 Greenshield Court, Lesmahagow ML11 0PP
(01555) 894918

Lesmahagow Resource Centre
40-42 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 894436

Lesmahagow Toddlers Group
The Bungalow,
Neitherskelly Hill, Lesmahagow ML11

(01555) 893426

BUSINESS DIRECTORY Lesmahagow

Ace Parcels Ltd
Quarry Garage/Strathaven Road,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0DN
(01555) 895068 and
(01555) 895084

Delivery Services

Arason
19 Broompark Drive, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DH
(01555) 893234

Draught-proofing Services

Atwal Supermarket
20-22 Priory Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AA
(01555) 893329

Supermarkets

Auchlochan Trust
Auchlochan House Nursing Home,
New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JS
(01555) 893592

Nursing Homes

Bank House
62 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 894875

Residential Care Homes

Bank of Scotland
64 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 893354

Banks and other Financial Institutions

Richard Bell & Son
15 Strathaven Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JB
(01555) 893221

Agricultural Contractors

Big Bite
Block 2 Gateside Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JR
(01555) 895053

Sandwich Delivery Service

The Black Bull Inn
Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 894757

Public Houses, Bars and Inns

Blackwood Investments
27 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 893050

Bride Print
Unit 1 Gareside Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JR
(01555) 895559
B & M Brown
18 Bankhead Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0BQ
(01555) 892143

The Cafe
47-49 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 893744

Caledonia Fine Arts
Unit 3 Gareside Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JR
(01555) 893552

J Bryson Contracts
Killilees Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark, Lanarkshire ML11 0JH
(01555) 894835

Canine Creations
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0DU
(01555) 894800

Clyde Video Centre
25 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 893776

Comscape Ltd
116 Lanark Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PJ
(01555) 894532

Cosy Glen Kennels & Cattery
Blackwood Estate, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JG
(01555) 893723

Craignethan Castle

Mortgage Brokers

Wedding Supplies and Services

Taxis and Private Hire

Fish and Chip Shops

Picture and Photo Framing Services

Agricultural Contractors

Dog Clipping and Grooming

Video Libraries

Tree Work and Forestry Services

Boarding Kennels and Catteries

Hotels

69 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 892333

W B Davidson
6 Milton, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DU
(01555) 892287

Davie's Taxis
39 Eastwood Drive, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AG
(01555) 894848 and
(01555) 894994

DE Datadesk Computer Services Ltd
3 Rogerhill Gait, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PH
(01555) 892589

Delmesales Ltd
Whitehouse/Broompark Drive,
Lesmahagow, Lanark
Lanarkshire ML11 0DH
(01555) 894999

Delta Textiles (London) Ltd
Block 1 & 2 Gateside Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JR
(01555) 893741

Discount Pet Foods
Muir House Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JQ
(01555) 894076

Dorricott & Bent Ltd
1 Bakers Brae, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 7DH
(01555) 894933

Douglas Victoria Bowling Club
Brabhad, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DD
(01555) 851575

George Downie
61 Brocketsbrae Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PT
(01555) 895465
Dyers Hardware & Fancy Goods

Plumbers

Taxies and Private Hire

Computer Systems and Software
(Development)

Hydraulic Equipment and Accessories
- Sales and Servicing

Clothing and Fabrics - Manufacturing

Pet Shops and Pet Supplies

Funeral Services

Clubs, Associations - Social, Leisure
and Cultural

Sowing Machines and Accessories

Hardware Merchants and Ironmongers

Lanark Road/Burnfoot, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PJ
(01555) 885723

GT Electrical Services
114 New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0ER
(01555) 893402
Ian W Hamilton
Kerse Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HX
(01555) 894545

Hollandbush Catering
Acretophead, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JS
(01555) 893546

Hollandbush Golf Club
New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JS
(01555) 893646

Hollandbush Golf Course
Acretophead, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JS
(01555) 893484

Ian Rae Sport & Leisure
New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JS
(01555) 893646

G Ingram & Co
Ardochhouse, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HJ
(01555) 892568

Interspeak Ltd
The Coach House/Blackwood Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JG
(01555) 894219

James Sked Construction
22 Beechwood Crescent, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0ET
(01555) 892668

Jennifer's

Electricians and Electrical
Contractors

Landscape Contractors

Caterers

Golf Courses and Clubs

Golf Courses and Clubs

Golf Equipment & Supplies

Accountants

Translators and Interpreters

Builders

Beauty Salons

19-21 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 894510

Johnshill Respite Centre
Coalburn Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JR
(01555) 895286

Key Housing Association Ltd
41 Dovecot Lane, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PX
(01555) 664661

E J Lafferty
Glendevon House/Carlisle Road,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0HU
(01555) 894500

Arthur M Lang
Glengyle/Beechwood Crescent,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0ET
(01555) 892446

J Leggate
Leelaw Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9QA
(01555) 892405

Lesmahagow & District Miners Social Club. Clubs, Associations - Social, Leisure
and Cultural
Kelso Avenue, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0BA
(01555) 893328

Lesmahagow Sheltered Housing
2 Priors Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AA
(01555) 894010

LHS Chemical Manufacturing
Unit 3 Milton Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JN
(01555) 893808

A MacFarlane
181 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AL
(01555) 894392
Mackie Opticians
93 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,

Nursing Homes

Residential Care Homes

Property Maintenance and Repairs

Painters and Decorators

Blacksmiths and Forgemasters

Sheltered Housing

Chemical Manufacturers

Minibuses - Hire and Leasing

Opticians - Ophthalmic

Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 893929

Masons Arms Hotel
30 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 893944

Hotel

David Mathieson
87 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AL
(01555) 893201

Butchers

McEwan & Fraser
Ellenbank Lodge/Garnsour Road,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0EU
(01555) 895199

Electricians and Electrical
Contractors

D McGowan & Son
Milton Industrial Estate, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JN
(01555) 893550

Garage Services

W I Meikle (Construction Services) Ltd
Milton Industrial Estate, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JN
(01555) 893243
Grant Miller Vehicles
22 Lesmahagow Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JA
(01555) 895555

Asphalt and Coated Macadam Laying
Contractors

Commercial Vehicle Dealers

W Montgomery
13 Eastwood Drive, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AG
(01555) 894115

Testing, Inspection and Calibration
Services

William Morris & Son
79 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 892331

Grocers

Muirhead Bros (Lesmahagow) Ltd
Auldton, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JT
(01555) 892310

Road Haulage Services

J M Murray Landscapes
14 Beechwood Crescent, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0ET

Landscape Contractors

(01555) 892900

Murray Turf Accountants
66 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 892362

Bookmakers

Nathan Softwear
352 New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JS
(01555) 893548

Computer Systems and Software
Development

Nethan Valley Homes Ltd
Turfholm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0ED
(01555) 892852 and
(01555) 893988

Builders

Newsfare
214 Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JU
(01555) 892696

Newsagents

Palmer Derek Engineering
Craighead Garage/Carlisle Road,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0HU
(01555) 893315

Garage Services

Patersons Quarries
Dundaff Quarry, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JQ
(01555) 893000 and
(01555) 894134

Quarries

Path Head Nursery
Lesmahagow, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JF
(01555) 792264

Market Gardeners

R Perrie
51 Abbeygreen/Main Street, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 893208

Butchers

Owen Pilling Graphics
Marchbank House
68 Lesmahagow Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JA
(01555) 895233

Designers - Graphics

Plantcraft Nurseries Ltd

Nurseries - Wholesale

170 New Trows Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0ER
(01555) 895520

Restoration Window Co Ltd
Arason House, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11
Tel: N/A

W G Rew
41 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 892304

A Ritchie
60a Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 892317
Riverside Garage
Milton, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DU
(01555) 892444

Riverside Service Station
Milton, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DU
(01555) 892875 and
(01555) 895157

D Robertson
The Lodge/Kerse, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HX
(01555) 892342

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
8 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DB
(01555) 892316

Scotfuel Tree Surgeons
Bogside Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PG
(01555) 894544

George Scott & Son
Haulage Contractor Ltd
Teiglen Road/Milton Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0HY
(01555) 892511

Scottish Co-op

Restoration Window Services

Builders

Butchers

Garage Services

Petrol Filling Station

Road Haulage Services

Banks and other Financial Institutions

Tree Work and Forestry Services

Road Haulage Services

Supermarkets

45 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 894008

SGL Systems Ltd
Milton Industrial Estate, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JN
(01555) 894449

D Shearer
Low Boreland Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PY
(01555) 894143

Skink
South Priorhill Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JL
(01357) 522286

Smarter Systems Ltd
Milton Industrial Estate, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JN
(01555) 894141

Matthew F Sneddon
59 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 892460

South Lanarkshire Council
Roads Department
Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AS
(01555) 892314

The Star Inn
Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JU
(01555) 892293

Star Parts
Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JU
(01555) 895422

Star Truck Stop Ltd
Wellburn Exchange, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HY
(01555) 894889

James BC Stewart
17 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0DN

Ventilators and Ventilating Systems

Caterers

Nightclubs

Garage Doors - Suppliers and
Installers

Bakers Shops

Local Government

Public Houses, Bars and Inns

Car Accessories and Parts

Garage Services

Greengrocers and Fruit Sellers

(01555) 893246

W Stewart
Hoodshill Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9EE
(01555) 893131

Horse Breeders and Dealers

Taylor Associates
The design Centre, Abbeygreen,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0EF
(01555) 895551

Landscape Contractors

Valve Control & Monitoring Ltd
Block 5 Gateside Industrial Estate,
Lesmahagow, Lanark,
Lanarkshire ML11 0JR
(01555) 895222

Control System Equipment

J Veitch
43 Abbeygreen, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0EQ
(01555) 893393

Chemists - Dispensing

Vu-Ray Ndt Services
13 Eastwood Drive, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0AG
(01555) 894115

Ultrasonic Steel Testers

Waterside Retirement Home
Yonderton, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HL
(01555) 892489

Rest and Retirement Homes

Westgate Software Consultants Ltd
53 Brocketsbrae Road, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PT
(01555) 893189

Computer Systems and Software
Development

Farms/Farming

D A & D Adkin & Sons
Auchrobert Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HP
(01555) 892479

Farming/Livestock and other Animals

R Aitchison
Starbirns Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JQ

Farming/Livestock and other Animals

(01555) 892422

J & W Armstrong
South Brackenride Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HP
(01555) 893453

Farming - Mixed

A Bell
Cleughead Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HP
(01555) 892268

Farming/Livestock and other Animals

W Blackwood
Ladehead Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HZ
(01555) 892231

Farming/Livestock and other Animals

A H Clark
Woodlands Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark, Lanarkshire ML11 0HQ
(01555) 892379

Farming/Livestock and other Animals

R D Fleming
High Boreland Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PY
(01555) 892412

Farming - Mixed

R M Fulton
Townhead Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HZ
(01555) 893488

Dairy Farmers

A Gardiner & Son
Kilnhills Farm/Hawksland, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PZ
(01555) 892235

Farming - Mixed

D T Gardner & Sons
Lupus Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HJ
(01555) 893248

Farming/Livestock and other Animals

Allan C Gibb
Birkhill Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PZ
(01555) 892472

Farming - Mixed

J K Haddow
Stockhill Farm, Lesmahagow,
Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HN
(01555) 820238

Farming - Mixed

A M Hope Nether Skellyhill, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HL (01555) 893341	Farming/Livestock and other Animals
William King & Son Hawksland Road, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PY (01555) 892352	Dairy Farmers
T Lorimer Birkwoodmains Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HJ (01555) 893268	Farming/Livestock and other Animals
R Mcinally Dykehead Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JQ (01555) 892226	Farming/Livestock and other Animals
H H W Meikle North Brackenridge Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HP (01555) 893254	Dairy Farmers
W D Meikle & Son Nether Kypeside Farm, Sandford, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JL (01357) 520112	Farming - Mixed
James Muir Neuck Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JR (01555) 892474	Farming - Mixed
James Peat Greenhill Farm/Hawksland, Lesmahagow, Lanark, Lanarkshire ML11 9QB (01555) 663766	Farming - Mixed
T H Russell Scorrieholm Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HP (01555) 892346	Farming/Livestock and other Animals
N C Smith Logan Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0HW (01555) 892214	Farming - Mixed

William Steele Over Kypeside Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 0JL (01357) 521364	Dairy Farmers
Hugh Stewart Marshall Farm/Blackwood, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PW (01555) 860257	Farming/Livestock and other Animals
G & M Struthers Moatmains Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PY (01555) 893272	Dairy Farmers
I & J Struthers Auchren Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PU (01555) 893473	Farming - Mixed
J Struthers Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9PY (01555) 894753	Dairy Farmers
W H Wilson Darnfillan Farm/Hawksland, Lesmahagow, Lanark Lanarkshire ML11 9QB (01555) 892306	Farming - Mixed

Each of the responses from question 32 is detailed in the following page/s. The responses have been allocated a generic category from the list below.

Category Number	General Description
1	Public Transport service inadequate
2	Child / Nursery Care required
3	Better / more facilities required
4	Survey good providing action is taken
5	Concern over type and location of new developments
6	Better / more amenities required
7	Better / more services / public services required
8	Poor condition of roads / pavements
9	Road network needs improved (e.g. by-pass / signs / parking)
10	Environmental concerns
11	Complimentary to area
12	Housing / Housing Policy (e.g. allocation / waiting lists)
13	More policing required / safety issues / vandalism
14	Miscellaneous

The following list shows all the responses to question 32 (General Comments). Each response has been given a generic category number from the list shown in the preceding page. The overall results, sorted by category, can be seen in question 32.

Lesmahagow: General Comments	Category
Side roads in very bad condition.	8
Get lost due to the lack of signposts. West side of the M74 is the worst. Only been here 3 months but very well catered for!! Roads not nearly as good as North Yorkshire	9,8,1
More buses going round Woodpark, Lesmahagow. Only Stokes go round 3 times a day.	1
The road from Woodpark to the village is dangerous. It is so uneven, one could trip and fall. Please look into it	8
Repair to surface of roads at difficult crossings where vehicles never slow down enough to allow people to cross (Bakers Brae – New Trows Rd)	8
Being settled in a nursing home many of these questions are not relevant to me	14
The quality of roads in area are appalling especially the road leading to Coalburn	8
We came from Larkhall (for myself it was a return to my home town) I found life back here very hard compared to everything provided in Larkhall. Trying to get things like roads and flooding seen to was a struggle. Now I've given up. We pay £1,200 per year in Community Tax. We are supposed to have soak pits here. Why can we not be connected to main drains, with building increasing	8,7
I would not like to live here without my own transport	1
Community charge ridiculous considering I pay for no amenities	7
Would like Council to do repairs a lot quicker. Have waited 2 years for 1 door	7
A car is a necessity not a luxury	1
We need speed restrictions on our road and a school bus that stops in our road (Eastwood Rd)	9,1
No further development – i.e. to new houses being built as Lesmahagow does not have the facilities and it will ruin the remaining countryside	5
For full time working people 'facilities' – Banks, Post Office, shops, Libraries should "ensure" they open in the evening, or even one evening (Exclude Libraries, although they should stay open longer)	3,6
There should be more structured training i.e. tennis coaches, football training for the youngsters	3
Scottish Homes repairs are deplorable.	12
Abusive people here should be advised they and their families do not have the right to drive other people from their homes because they have moved into their so called kids future houses etc.	13,12
Need community centre for kids & adults. Police station to be manned all the time	3,13
My biggest complaint in this area is the condition of the roads (very poor) and the length of time it takes to grit minor roads needed to get to places of employment	8
Going back to Q10 I'm sure there are a lot of parents who would be interested. Plenty of nurseries available for younger children	2
Fortunately I have a company vehicle for transport but I would rather use public transport if the service was improved. Previously used the Dumfries bus but this service has been withdrawn	1
Like to see more in the way of leisure facilities e.g. pool & gym. More jobs in the area better shopping facilities	3,6
I would like to think that a bus service covering Strathaven/Hamilton via Boghead would not be impossible to organise or justify. Particularly in light of Labour transport plans	1
I would like to see footpaths to make it safer to walk to the shops	9
The Council do not do enough repairs to the houses in the area and surrounding houses. The paths and roads in the area are also very poor	7
Ten out of ten to New South Lanarkshire for cutting road verges in summer but more road maintenance is needed to keep water off the roads to prevent potholes	11,8 64

A rail link through Larkhall, Blackwood, Lesmahagow would be very beneficial	1
Why have a dual carriageway when a 2 lane road would suffice. Use other lanes for cycles on A74 Lesmahagow to Douglas Road end	9
As we live in pensioners flats and all share one TV ariel, why should we pay the full TV licence and not be treated as the tenants in sheltered housing.	14
Some people are really trying so the Council etc. should waken up	7
No more housing developments please	5
Roads are very poor (road surfaces)	8
As I stay in private housing estate, I find it disgusting that the entrance (Grass embankment) is not maintained and traffic speed control is non-existent	7,9
Roads are an utter disgrace, as we need cars. Also lack of landscaping around in the village. Spoils what could be a lovely area. Could we not have bankings etc of low maintenance, shrubs, bulbs along Strathaven Road. We live opposite quarry and have already asked for our area to be tidied up. My neighbour also	1,8,10
Bus service is not non- smoking which stops me using it. Would use daily service to Glasgow if bus was non smoking. This is a big issue and I know many people who agree – all public transport should be non- smoking and policy should be enforced. Including drivers!!!!	1
This survey is a complete waste of time because, as usual, nothing will be done about anything in this area	4
A bus – even one a fortnight into Lanark giving perhaps 2 hours in town would be a step forward	1
As I have my own car, getting around isn't a problem but if I didn't I would have a round trip of 4 miles walk to the nearest shops/bus stop. If I had a baby in arms/toddler or was an older/ill person it could be very isolated in the village	1
Recent price increases in sport/leisure facilities cannot be justified. Membership fees & season tickets have increased well above inflation	3