

ABOUT CRAIL SURVEYS

Survey #1: 20mph limit and Green Gym

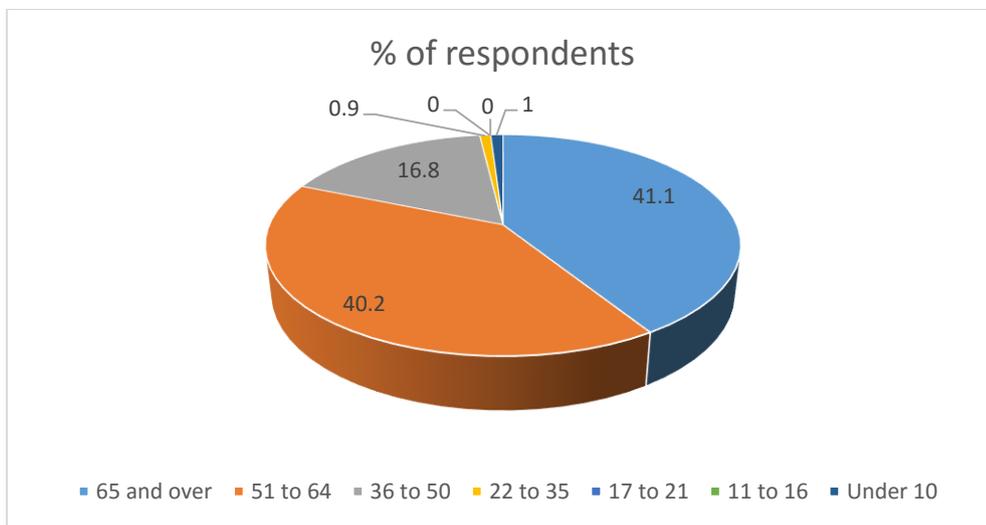
Highlights:

The survey was sent to all **113** members of the Survey Panel.

108 responses were received (95.6%)

87.9% of responses were from full time residents of Crail or who own a 2nd home in Crail

The spread of respondent ages is as follows:



20mph limit:

73.1% of respondents would like to see a blanket 20mph limit throughout Crail

47 comments were made about this subject by respondents

Green Gym:

90.7% of respondents felt that there was **not** a need for a green gym in Crail

82.4% of respondents said that they would **never** or **hardly ever** use the facility

50 comments were made about this subject by respondents

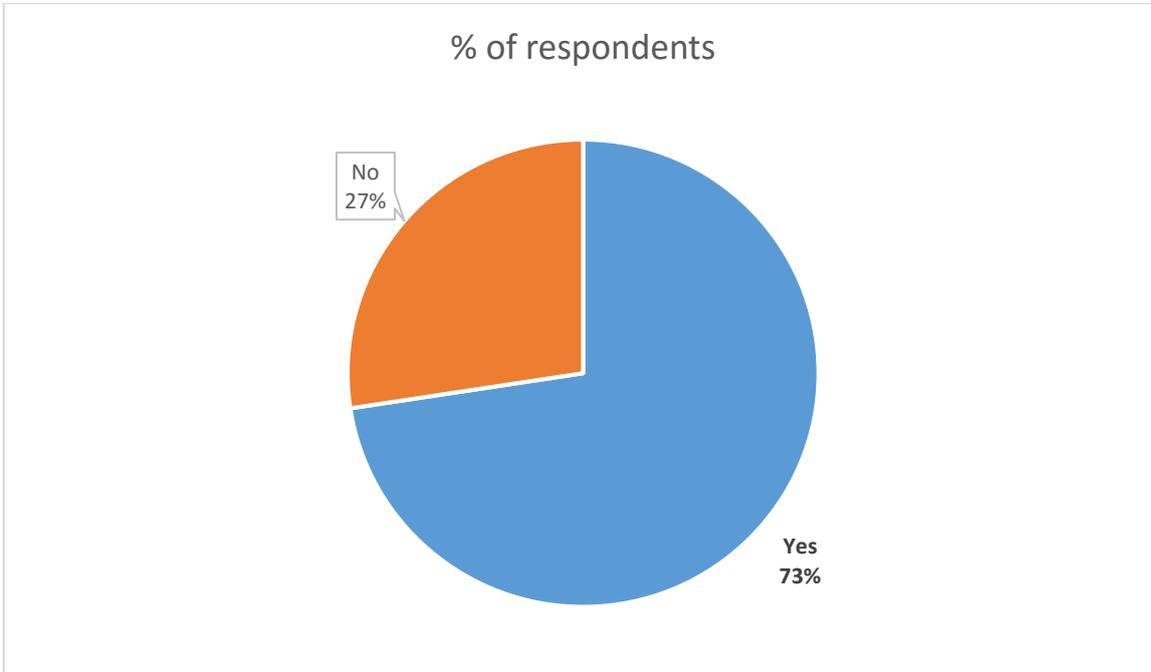
Thoughts on Future Surveys:

33 respondents made suggestions for future surveys

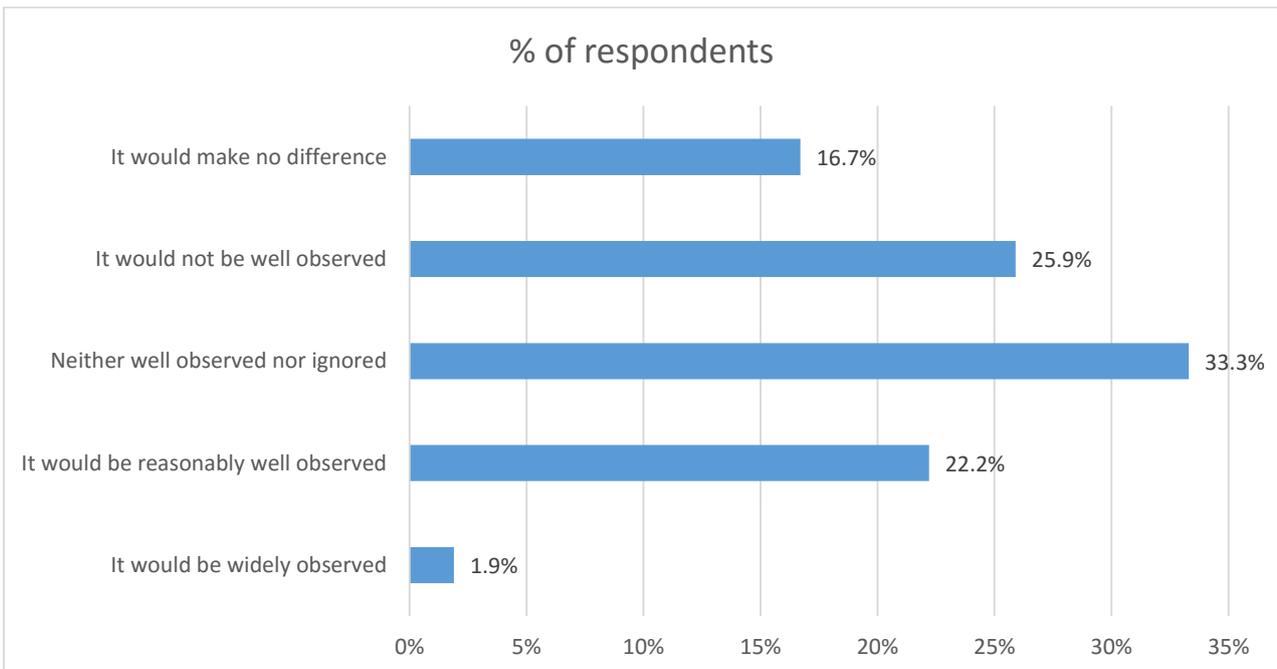
A full analysis of the Survey Results follows

A blanket 20mph speed limit in Crail

Would you like to see a blanket speed limit of 20mph throughout Crail?

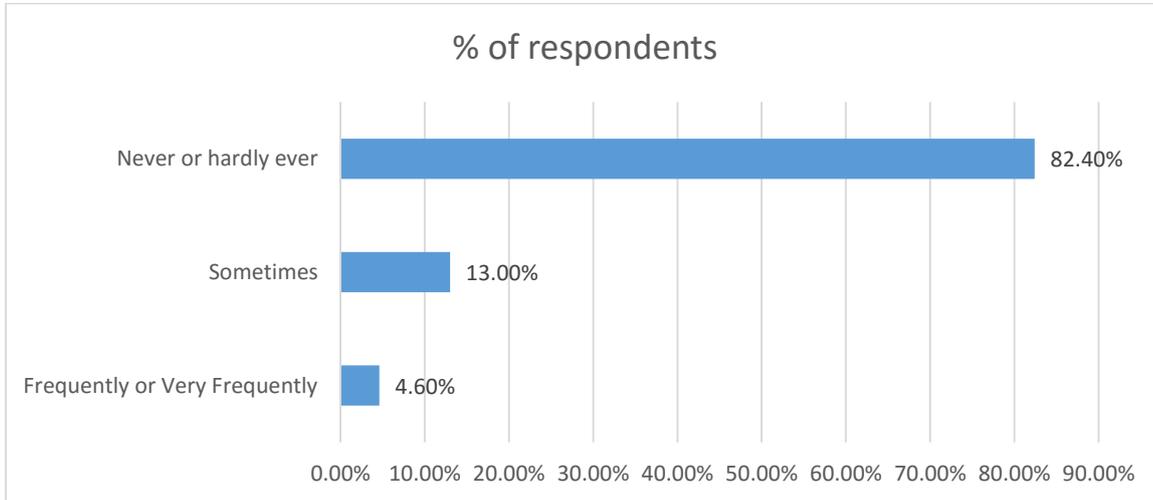


If there was a 20mph blanket speed limit applied throughout Crail (including St Andrews Road and the High St) do you think it would be observed?

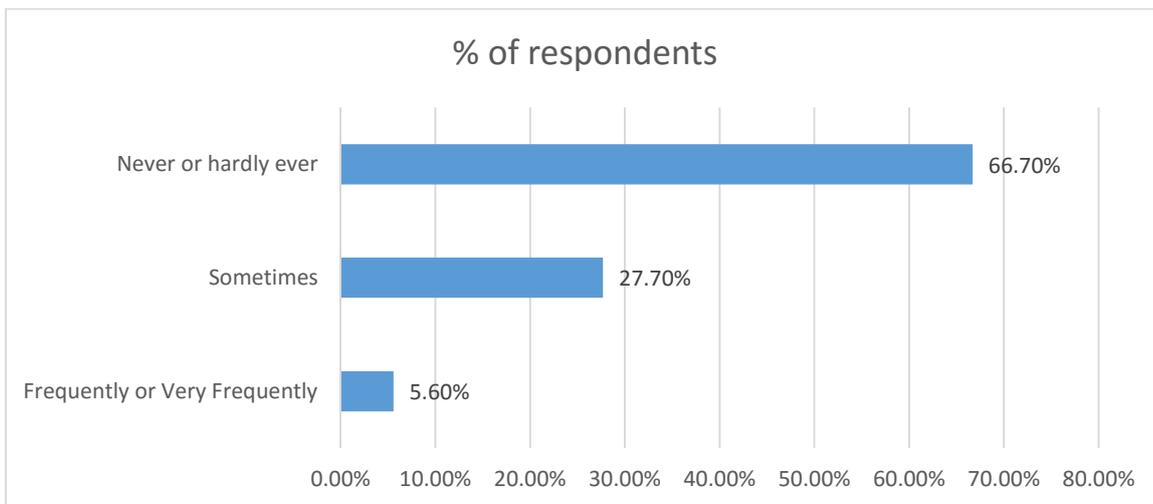


The Green Gym in Beechwalk Park

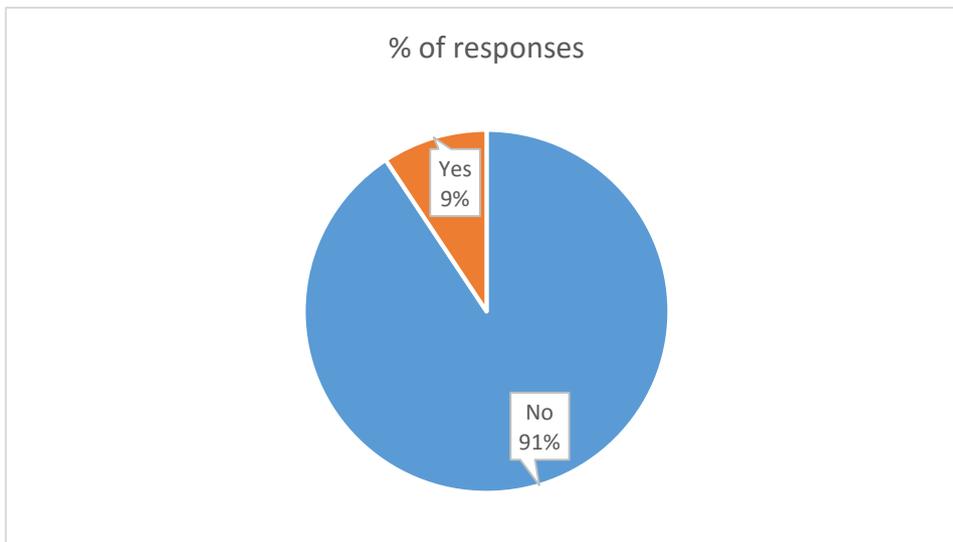
How likely would you be to use this yourself?



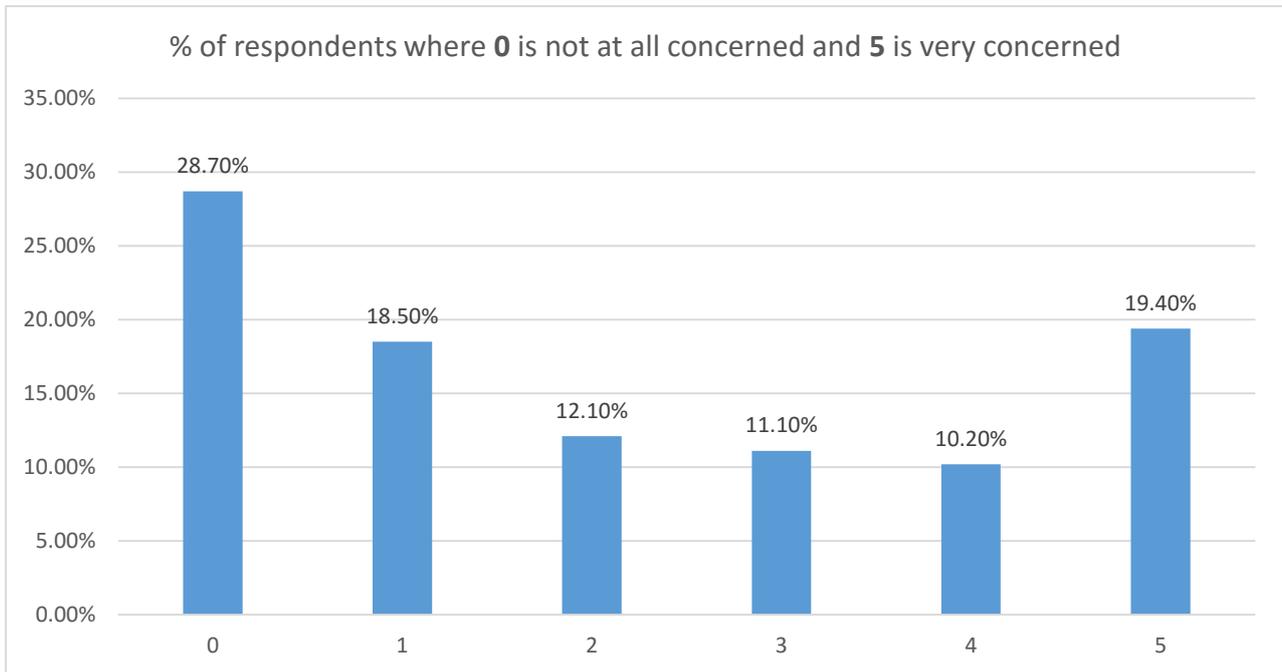
Do you think it will be used frequently by others?



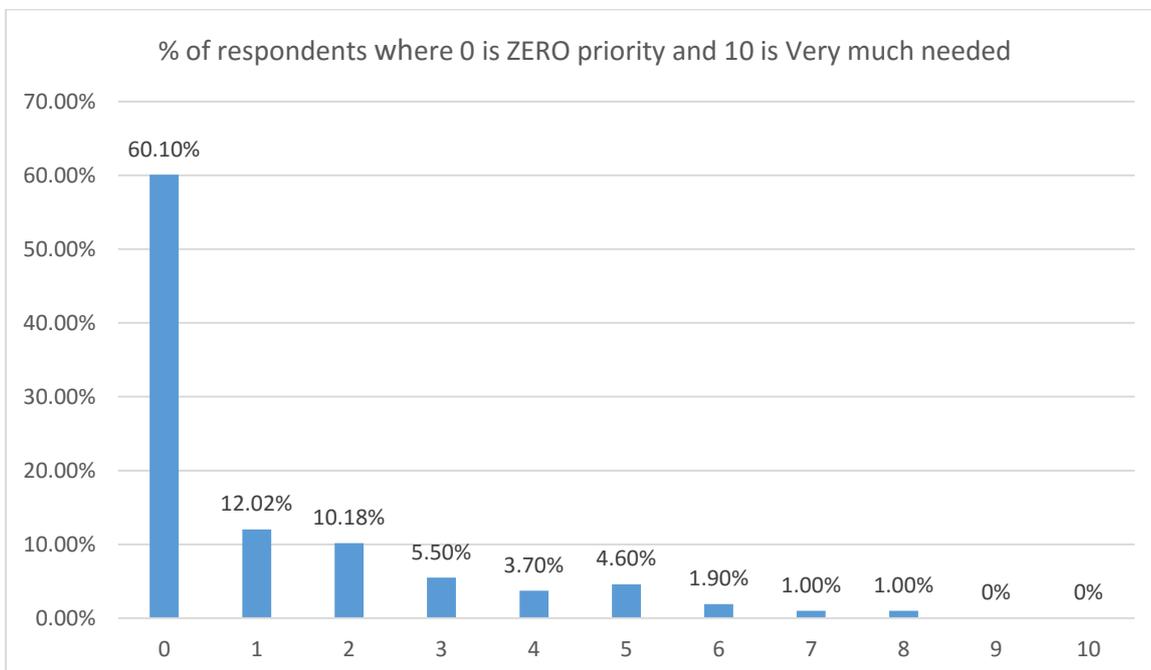
Is there a need for a Green Gym in Crail?



Are you concerned about the safety of individuals using this unsupervised facility?



How would you prioritise this particular project?



A complete set of comments received on this issue can be found on page 8

Comments regarding 20mph issue:

1. Yes it's a good idea but how would it be enforced, particularly on "thrash" days?
2. I think that it should end at Balcolmie Links Hotel. 40mph would be fine there going out to the golf course. Most of the streets in Crail are quite small and some are narrow and wyndy and I would say most people already go pretty slow anyway for the most part so it shouldn't be a lot to ask.
3. There is no need for a 20mph speed limit on St Andrews Road, and careful drivers will drive according to the road and traffic conditions in the High Street anyway. The speed limit is unlikely to be observed by drivers who are not careful.
4. Sleeping policeman or graduated yellow slowing lines at either end of the village would raise awareness of need to slow down on approach to the 20mph limit too.
5. 30 on the main route through Crail is fine. 20 on all other routes. Best way to get speed reduced is to remove all parking restrictions. Parked vehicles automatically slow down traffic.
6. Would greatly improve safety especially in St.Andrew's Rd and enable the removal of a load of signs
7. I've seen a cardboard policeman at Colinsbrough, that works might be something to consider
8. No speed limit will work unless there is regular policing of it. We know there is already a limit on Marketgate, but it is not regularly observed by one and all. We are at the West End of Crail and see - and hear - the traffic coming and going on Anstruther Road Very few sticking to the speed limit. The worst offenders by far are the tractors/ heavy machinery and white vans. I have never seen anyone with a speed camera in our vicinity. Is it possible to find out from Lundin Links what difference their 20mph signs have made? And in Leven, the signs that flash your speed at you .. Do they make any difference to drivers' behaviour?
9. Failure to observe present limit on Marketgate onwards particularly bad on race days. Extension of limit would need wide policing on such days to be effective.
10. Present system us fine. 20mph in the vicinity of the school is adequate
11. 20 mph throughout but reverting to 30 mph on St Andrews Road from just before the Community Hall on way out of Crail. Also 30 mph at west end just after East Neuk Hotel on way out .
12. In a 30mph area, drivers travel at 30 - 40. Perhaps in a 20mph area they will go at less than 30?
13. Even if it isn't observed by some it could slow many more down to an acceptable level of speed. Too many cars drive into Crail from Anstruther too fast and with pared cars on the left everyone has to go on other side of road to pass them and it is on a bend where you cannot see the oncoming cars. There have been accidents and will be more. The residents at this end if Crail have already shown great concern about the speed of traffic passing their property.
14. Some early enforcement of the new limit might get the message home! Not necessarily charging folk but a police warning perhaps?

15. It would probably be observed best in the High Street where there is a lot of congestion. If well signed on the outskirts there will be less excuse for not knowing the limit. But a stinger is needed in Balcomie Road there is little effort to reduce speed when entering Crail at that end. It isn't just boy racer -golfers are just as guilty.
16. People would be more likely to observe the necessary 20 limits, whereas if blanket of 20, it would probably be exceeded much of the time. There should definitely be one around the shops, particularly the Co op area.
17. As annoying as the 20 mile speed limit is, it makes a lot of sense in a busy village with racing cars and trucks speeding through, and most part of the traffic to St Andrews.
18. 20 mph is a good idea, however, it needs to be policed for those not keeping to the limit
19. In the summer months, the streets are fairly congested and traffic has to be slow anyway, during the winter months, you still have to slow down as the streets narrow variously in each direction, and especially towards the bridge past the kirk. It should be easy, therefore, for most people to observe a 20mph limit, and a reminder to those who are likely to be more careless.
20. Speed bumps coming in to the village would make people commence their slow-down, and hopefully will then be more alert to maintaining it
21. Perhaps if the whole of Crail were 20mph, it would better observed than in pieces as it is now. If the police could be present the first few days, especially at the Denburn end of Marketgait, the message would be driven home.
22. There needs to be a determined enforcement effort
23. I think more measures to enforce the 30 mph speed limit would be more productive
24. 20 mph throughout Crail would be less confusing for visitors as this could reduce the number of signs required.
25. The road coming in from the west is particularly dangerous due to parked cars. And oncoming traffic can't see traffic leaving Crail and travel very fast from both directions!!!
26. My answers might seem to contradict themselves but I don't feel there is a big problem with speeding in Crail but anything that improves road safety can be good. I don't see it as a priority though.
27. Flashing lights telling you your speed seem to work- they slow me down!
28. I would favour speed bumps which are very effective
29. Police presence and a few fines could set a tone for compliance
30. The ability to attain 20mph in Crail is restricted as it is without further regulation. The speed bump and new restrictions at Denburn should suffice there. There is already a 20 restriction past the school at appropriate times. Parked vehicles along High St and Anstruther Rd are effective deterrents already. Trying to introduce a regulation which is likely to be ignored is unlikely to increase safety
31. Some form of traffic calming measure would encourage compliance
32. We find that the most effective way of controlling the speed of vehicles is to have the digital signs showing the actual speed one is travelling in green below the limit and red above the limit.

33. In order to ensure that the speed limit is adhered to the community will need to have teams working together with speed guns and taking car registrations to show the police/council the speeds being reached and by whom. From experience nothing will be done without community participation and evidence of speeding.
34. Some areas like Denburn Narrows need it but a blanket speed limit is extreme.
35. Driver education is key for road safety, bad driving kills more than speed.
36. I don't think we need a 20mph blanket speed but we do need the speed limits that are in place enforced. Can we not get use of the community speed camera? Or the fake policeman that I have seen in other villages?
37. I believe it would not be policed adequately - and would therefore probably be ignored by inhabitants
38. The flashing lights for the 20mph zone by the school are often difficult to see, to have a blanket limit through Crail would help. Too many drivers speed through with no concern for others.
39. Why have a 20mph limit? There are not enough cars to warrant this. Good evidence should be provided that speeding over 30mph is a real problem in the village. I have never seen evidence of this.
40. The high street is so congested most of the time that you would rarely get above 20mph anyway. I think the parking on the Anstruther (bottleneck near Orchard Park)road and top of Shoregate /High Street junction across from the East Neuk hotel is a bigger problem. It is sometimes very difficult to get a car out of there safely....cars are nose to tail all the way up on the left side right to the junction, cars parked on high street to the right of the junction often obscure vision of oncoming traffic from the right. Lower speed limits on St Andrews road near the school and children's crossings definitely a good idea.
41. Enforce it for a while.
42. I think that 20mph throughout Crail apart from St Andrews Road before the School would be a good idea and more likely to be observed than if the whole of the current 30mph zone was changed to 20mph
43. Greater police presence on race days, particularly from Denburn narrows towards the racetrack.
44. It needs the low speed limit with children around also the elderly and the many visitors to the village who want to take in the atmosphere in safety
45. A blanket reduction of the speed limit should only be done if a full traffic survey determines that it will significantly reduce road casualties. It should not be based on a kneejerk reaction or loud voices campaigning about the "feeling" that cars are going too fast, without concrete evidence. In the centre of Crail the traffic moves relatively slowly and I don't see cars speeding when I drive in and out of Crail so what is trying to be achieved here. I am also not aware of significant pedestrian casualties that require this measure.
46. I don't think many people would observe the speed limit as they don't care about the 30mph
47. A speed limit on the high street where it is most congested is most likely to be observed as most people take extra care there anyway. Perhaps if 20mph bin stickers were made available this might re enforce the message

Comments regarding the Green Gym:

1. Who on earth is it thought is going to use this facility? Absolutely ridiculous misuse of funds.
2. I don't think this is necessarily a bad idea, free exercise facilities are good thing and I personally would probably use them. However, I doubt very much if they would be used by the wider population (but I'd like to be proved wrong) so would question if it's a wise use of budget.
3. A complete waste of money! If I remember correctly, the Library costs around £9,000 per year to run, and this Green Gym will cost around £36,000? That's approximately 4 years of Library, which genuinely benefits and is used by many more Crail residents than unsupervised gym equipment stuck in the middle of the park.
4. Yet another 'pet' project of the minority. How about sorting out better access to - everywhere - by levelling some pavements or providing ramps so that the target audience don't have an accident on their way to this latest folly.
5. I know of a green gym in Buxton. I do not have data on its use but have seen only very limited activity. There is a real danger that small children are attracted to it, I have seen this. They play on it and are at some risk.
6. The lack of consultation and the way that Crail Community Trust have gone about this project is entirely typical of that organisation
7. Money could have been spent on a lot of other projects. Person responsible suffering from hubris I feel
8. The money would have been far better used for something else. It is a scandal that the cogent views - so clearly expressed in About Crail - have been ignored. Mind you, that is par for the course with so many so-called consultations these days.
9. Meaningful debate can only take place if both parties take part, the Trust carry on regardless of public opinion, as will happen with the pavilion which is not needed and will not justify the expense.
10. Wherever these have been installed, I have NEVER seen anyone using them!
11. I originally supported the idea but the projected cost and well reasoned arguments against, including alienation of existing space by poor choice of specific location, persuaded me it should not have gone ahead. The Trust appears not to have heeded or even listened to the overwhelming weight of valid objections.
12. In my experience other green gyms are hardly ever used and quickly fall into disrepair. I have passed by one in particular on a few occasions and have never seen any users at all
13. I feel the money could be better utilised in improving Crail's natural 'green gym' for example the walking paths and cycle paths. More people would benefit from this, old and young alike.
14. There are many more pressing issues for these funds
15. I was in favour of a green gym and pavilion at first but given the other priorities like the library closure and state of our children's play areas it has become clear there are more pressing priorities. I also think there should have been a public meeting to find out what the community wanted not just what one set of individuals deciding what the community would be getting. The pavilion was something many people in Crail wanted when they had the football teams to use it. Now there is none of this again priority changes. Public have to be consulted on whether the pavilion goes ahead.
16. I think the building beside the gym would be an even bigger waste of money.

17. This is one of the most undemocratic decision taken in Crail for a long time. This money should have been spent on upgrading children's play facilities.
18. A complete and gross waste of scarce funds.
19. I find it very disturbing that an unelected organisation can do such a project in OUR park. I have lived in Crail for fifty years since childhood and am completely confused about the roles and existence of the various organisations which claim to speak for me as a resident.
20. My only worry is that free space in the park is being eroded. It's important to have an area where people can knock a ball about, picnic, dog walk etc without interference from other users. Safety is up to users. People need to take responsibility for themselves
21. Personally, relocating it to Roome Bay would have made more sense, as one breathes the fresh sea air, enjoying the vistas while exercising. Also, complementing the children's playground. Unless, the objective was to encourage the school children to use the gym?
22. With the levels of general obesity in the country, anything to help people keep fit is a good thing. I use the one at St Andrews when up there
23. With the strong possibility of library closure and a lack of really good children's play park facilities, this project sounds like a real waste of money and resources. We depend on tourism in Crail, and as an holiday accommodation provider, a more imaginative area for children would be much more helpful. Any adults living in or visiting Crail are there to enjoy the countryside, beech and coastal walks. A new and/or upgraded children's play area could have some adult strength pieces incorporated - children enjoy their parents joining in, not just pushing them on a swing. The money available for the 'gym' should be used for this purpose. No-one has answered the question of maintenance of the gym - any funds set aside for that, could be used for maintenance of the children/adult play area. I wonder if the rough area between Sauchope caravan park and the coastal path, directly to the south of Pinkerton Road would be a potential site for a children/adult play area?
24. This is an utter waste of money and disregard for all reasoned discussion within the village. It also takes away part of a public park... has planning permission been achieved for this? I suspect not as the Community council would surely have to approve it.
25. I have today pointed out that the green gym going ahead is ridiculous, when the football posts on the grass pitch are so unstable that they were able to topple and hit my son on the head over the Easter weekend. Priorities??!
26. The children of Crail are in more need of new play ground equipment, than a few elderly people who MAY use a green gym.
27. I have not seen it used in other places I have visited. If it is very popular, you maybe won't get on it anyway. You can never rely on machines to help you be active unless you have made up your mind to use it regularly. There are so many other ways to be active.
28. It would appear that there is very little need for this project and my concern is that it will become a rusting ugly eyesore that will eventually become vandalized.
29. The Green Gym by the East Sands in St Andrews has been removed through lack of use. The money spent on the one in Beechwalk Park could have been better spent on other facilities there.
30. This money could be used to benefit the children of Crail
31. Any projects should receive proper public consultation with the presentation of a properly costed business case for financial approval by Crail homeowners.

32. I agree with long letter in this week's newsletter. There is a need for updating/modernising children's play areas, especially at Roome Bay. I would think this should be a priority.
33. I'm not sure what a green gym is. Is it just gym apparatus outside?
34. I cannot understand how this ridiculous project has been allowed to proceed to this stage. The Crail Trust is clearly badly administered and inadequately supervised.
35. Like Oban and Edinburgh we now have our own folly
36. That money could be spent on bettering facilities for children in the village. What or whom is Crail Community Trust anyway.
37. Better to make use of existing facilities....lighting for sports area.
38. Given the debate on this and the total lack of support I cannot see why this was allowed. The Trust is no longer fit to speak on behalf of Crail.
39. Would much prefer the children's playgrounds to be updated rather than the gym, I think there is more need for this than a gym.
40. Over the next 5 years the need for something like this will increase with the projected expansion of Crail. The new homes will (hopefully) be affordable and therefore attract younger people - who are more likely to use the facility.
41. More playground equipment for children would be better especially considering the town has a lot of visitors in the summer
42. Why are our thoughts being asked when the work has already been started and where was the democratic process in the decision making? There was a paper survey last year which included questions about the Green Gym and one of my suggestions was that evidence from other Green Gyms about usage should be gained first e.g. the one in Duffus Park, Cupar. It is also in completely the wrong location - it's taking up some of the football pitch - the better position is to the east of the tennis courts and basketball court. I'm not aware of my comments on this or by anyone else being addressed in a public debate which the survey said would happen. Other questions: Where is the money coming from to pay for it? It's on council land so on whose authority did the council agree to start work on it? Should residents not have been circulated with news in advance of the work?
43. Dangerous for children
44. When you join a gym you usually have to be instructed on the safe use of the equipment....who is going to do that? Also in a gym the hygiene and general cleanliness and equipment safety and condition is controlled.....there is a danger that it will become "manky" and something unpleasant to use.....like a city cash machine.
45. Not needed. Money would be better spent on much needed children's play equipment.
46. As this money was obviously available to spend on something on Crail, it would have been better to spend it on something that the community thought useful or appropriate.
47. Waste of money- upgrade play areas for children instead.
48. This money could be used to benefit the children of Crail
49. I have been interested to see the comments printed in About Crail. I have no objection to a gym if enough people in Crail want it, but it seems they do not! In which case – what a lot of money that could have been given to Crail to spend on things the people of Crail want – the library!

50. Having seen the green gyms at Leven and St Andrews and I have not seen them being put to very much use

Thoughts on Future Surveys:

1. Should we reinstate a doctor's surgery as our population grows and ages? Looking at the amount of dog fouling in Crail, should we have our own dog warden?
2. Preservation, development.
3. We need a bottle bank in Crail - it is hardly energy saving to drive to the Co-op in Anstruther to recycle them.
4. How to run the library building.
5. Response to the muted changing facilities at Beech walk park. Future use of the town hall
6. The film club I thought initially it was a great idea something set up with teenagers in mind Turns out not the case suggest survey on why nothing in Crail is targeted with teenagers in mind
7. No ideas right now, but will keep thinking!
8. The need to upgrade and update the children's play facilities
9. Will they have any effect or be ignored like everything else
10. I would like to know what people would like to see by way of improvements to Crail Festival and general level of approval and support.
11. Not at the moment
12. The deteriorating state of the road between Crail and St Andrews
13. I am concerned about the gradual loss of Roome Bay beach. Thirty years ago, both the large and small beaches had good sand and were well used. Today, the small beach has vanished under stones and the large beach is fast going the same way from West to East. Is there any way we can start reclaiming these resources?
14. Children's play areas. Can't think of anything else just now.
15. It might be useful to canvas opinion on the Food Festival - already a great success, how could it be made better?
16. A new unneeded super pavilion at Beechwalk Park?
17. I think we should have a survey regarding the upkeep of the Crail coastal path in particular from the Mill steps to Roome Bay. This path is enjoyed by residents and visitors and is used by hundreds every day in winter and thousands in the summer. I recall that sometime between 1967 and 1971 we raised £3000 to repair Castle Walk (I think that was where it was). There was a board outside Mr Gifford's shop (now Julia's) showing progress with the fund. £3000 was the sum paid by my parents for their house in 1966 so it was a lot of money then. Surely the preservation of this asset to Crail is worthy of our efforts.
18. A general survey for a furniture restoration/ second hand shop whereby skills could be taught possibly in the library?
19. Allotments?

20. Proposed new housing developments around Crail
21. I would wish to echo the various appeals already made for adequate play equipment, to avoid visitors and locals leaving the village to spend the day playing elsewhere. Every child being taken to Anstruther to play is one less ice cream, cold drink, sandwich etc sold in the village shops
22. Cycling safety for riders and traffic
23. I would be interested to hear people's opinions on the noise pollution that the Sunday drag racing cars are making. Not only are they noisy but they drive way over the speed limit once they clear the hurdle of the speed bump at Denburn. Do we have to wait for an innocent pedestrian to be injured by these cars before anything is done to slow them down?
24. Saving Our Coastal Path
25. Keep them short. Never more than 5/10 minutes completion time.
26. I would like to know how we can get rid of plastic etc on the coastal path from Crail to Caiplie at least. How many people would attend to help? How much of a concern is it in the community?
27. We need a modern playpark. I take my grandchildren to Kilrenny, Anstruther or Craigtoun as Crail is dated and "boring"
28. Dog fouling.
29. De-Fib at Harbour, Toilets kept open longer at harbour.
30. New yellow lines not fair to the grocery shop at top of Tolbooth Wynd - all cars park outside coop now
31. Condition of coastal path. Children's play areas. Future use of Beech Walk park.
32. How can we stop people storing recycling bins on pavements? This will be more of a problem when Fife Council implements its plans to have monthly collections of landfill.
33. My great concern is the 'Gateway to Crail' the council appear to still be planning on building.