

Planning For Real Events

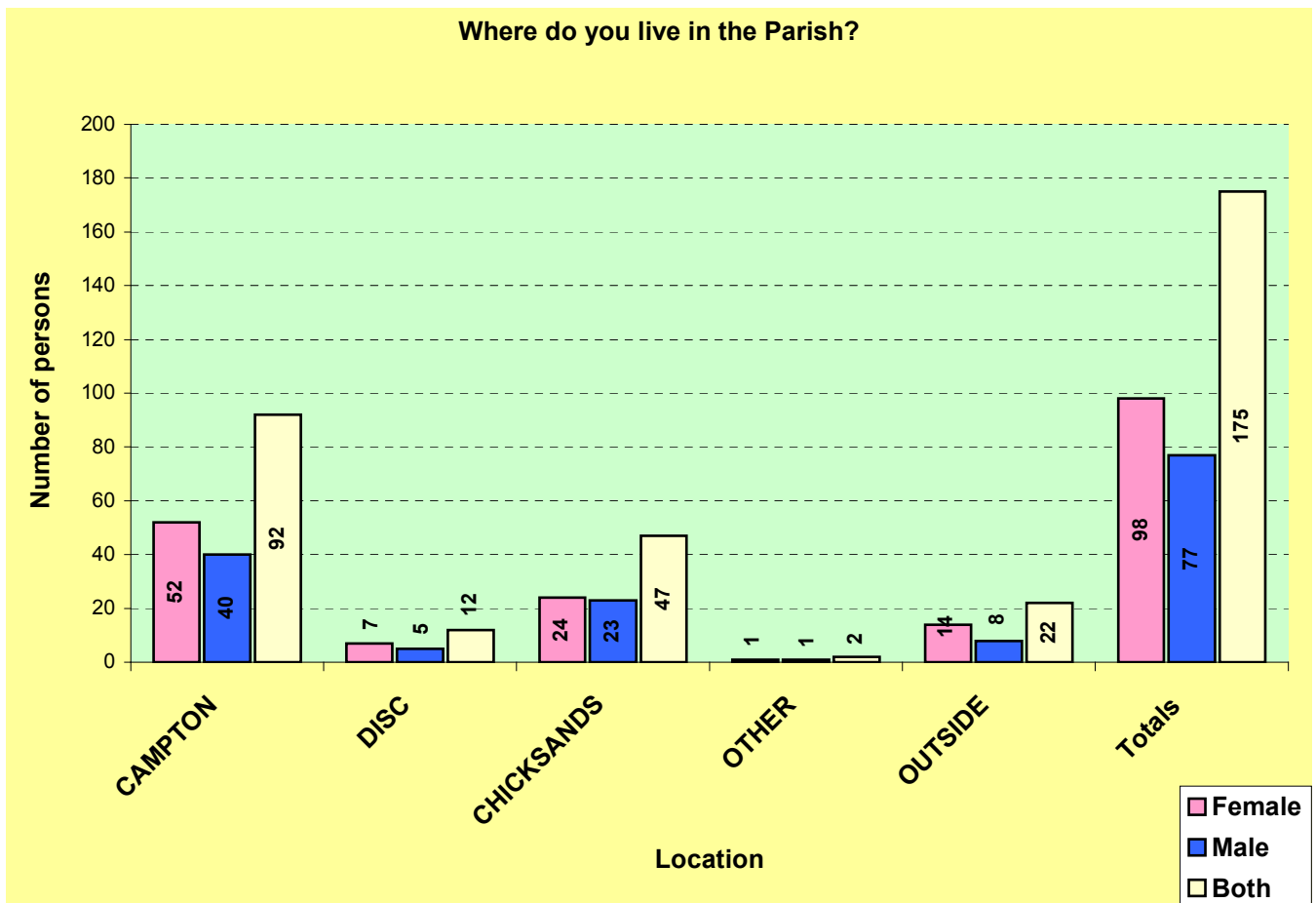
There were three Planning For Real events held in February 2009.

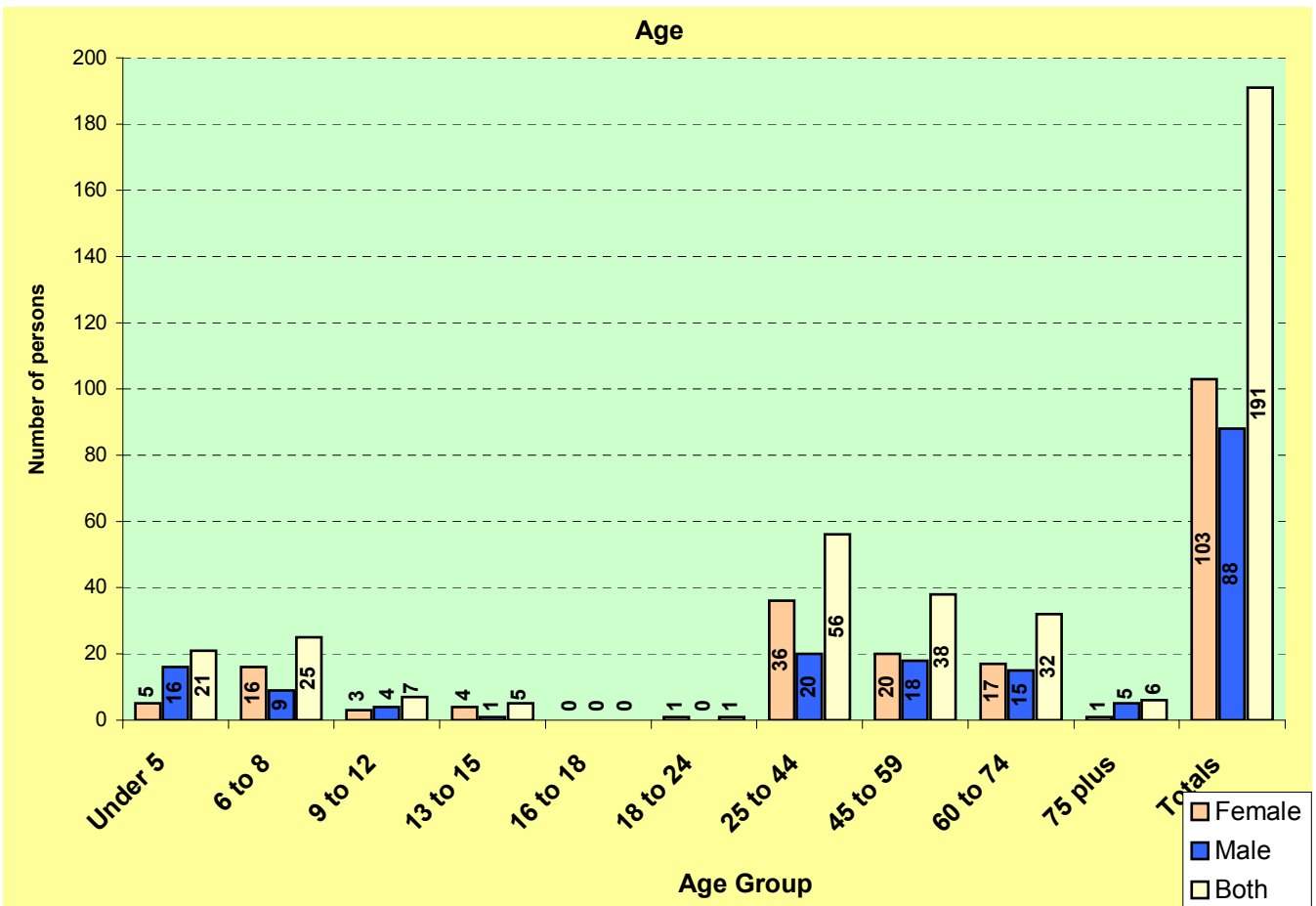
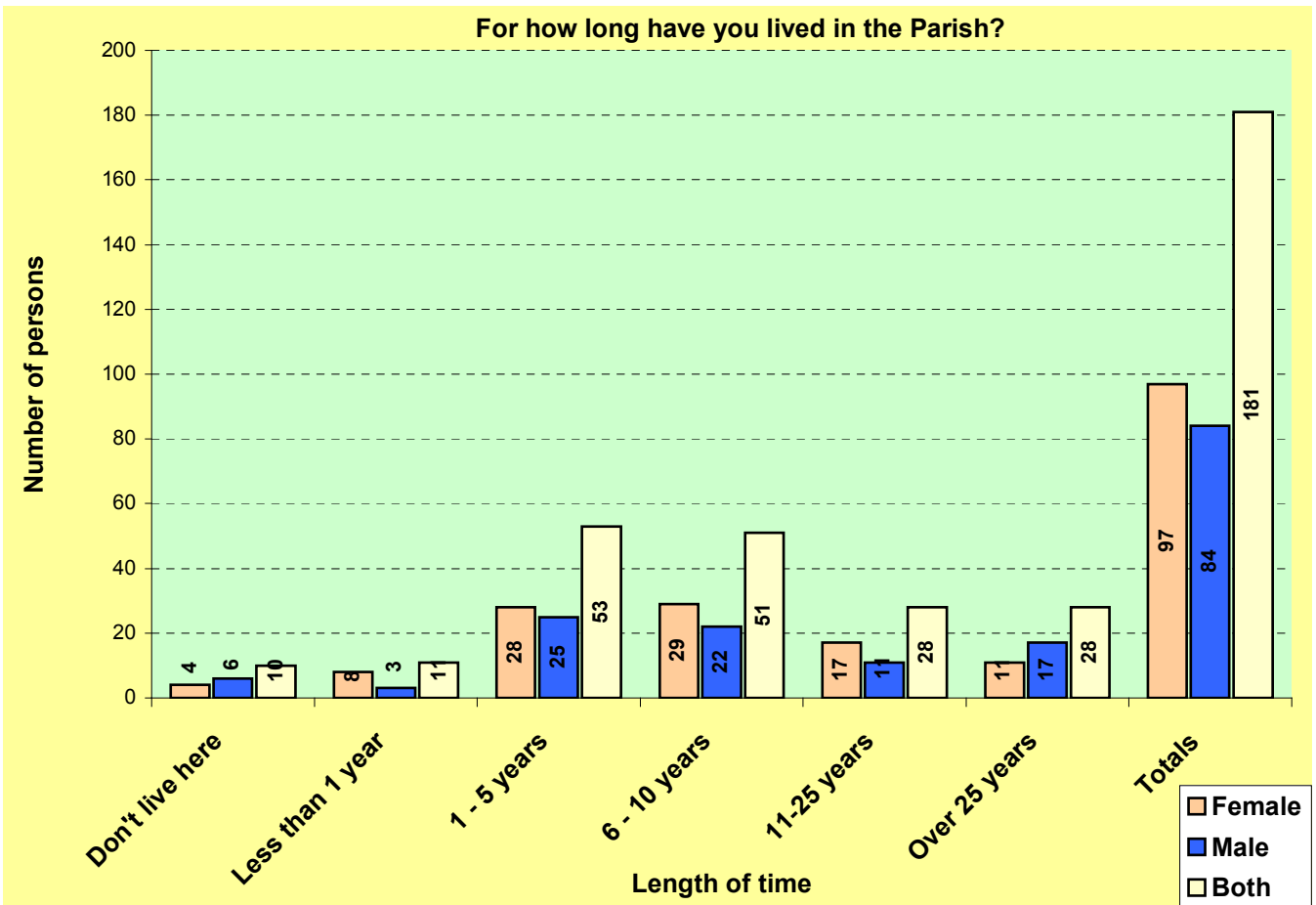
The first was on Saturday 9th February at the Village Hall where over seventy people turned up and nearly five hundred issues were raised. Many of these covered the same or similar concerns and so the Parish Plan committee were able to begin to identify the major matters of interest.

The second meeting was held on Friday 13th February at the Mid Beds Council offices. Fewer people attended but they were not short of ideas. They identified another hundred matters for consideration. Many of these added weight to those already identified with some new ideas being added to the list.

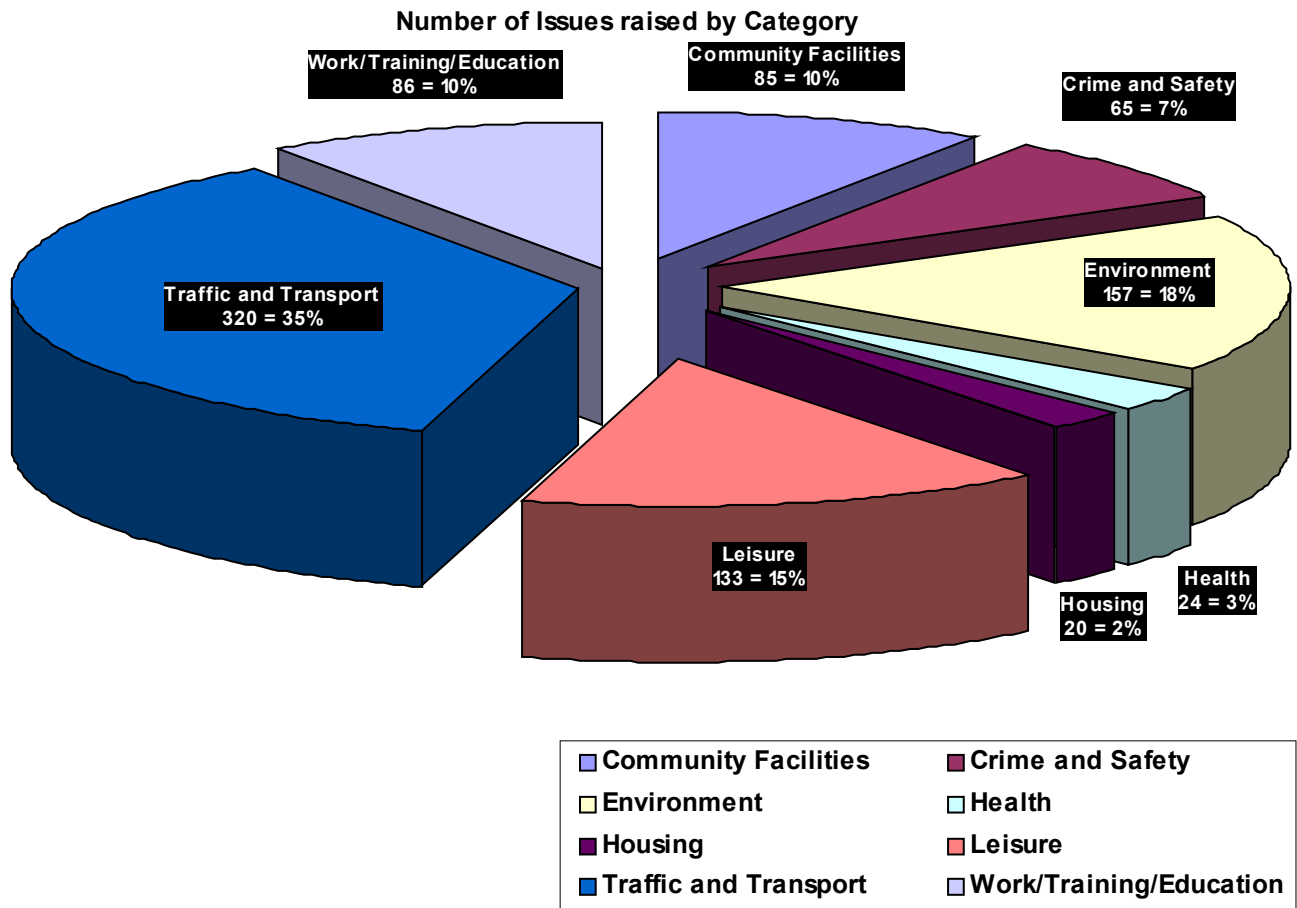
Our third and final event was on Tuesday 24th February at Campton Lower School. This turned out to have the highest attendance with over a hundred people of all ages. Another three hundred issues were identified with the children from the school providing many of the ideas. Their contributions included a model of the village, written work, art and craftwork together with an excellent audio-visual detailing very useful suggestions.

Analysis of those present who identified the following information about themselves:





The following pie chart shows the number of comments, placed into eight categories, raised by the people attending the Planning For Real events



Several people volunteered to join working parties that will now analyse all the issues raised and develop a questionnaire to be circulated in June to every household in the parish.

If you would like to help it's not too late to volunteer to help, please contact Malcolm Newman for more information

The following is a very brief summary of some of the issues that they will be looking at:

<p>Community Facilities</p> <p>Village Hall – Keep or replace/adequacy of facilities/usage</p> <p>Retailing – Local shops/farm shops/mobile shops</p> <p>Young Children – Childcare facilities</p> <p>Youth Provision – Youth club/centre</p> <p>Provision for the Elderly – Elderly people’s club/day centre</p>	<p>Crime and Safety</p> <p>Break-ins</p> <p>Police foot patrols</p> <p>CCTV cameras</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Problems of graffiti and vandalism</p>	<p>Environment</p> <p>More ‘Poop Scoop’ bins</p> <p>A Community Garden</p> <p>Plant more trees/bulbs/flowers</p> <p>More/better footpaths</p> <p>Allotments needed</p>	<p>Health</p> <p>Hospital car service</p> <p>Prescription collection and delivery</p> <p>Local organic food</p> <p>Exercise classes</p>
<p>Housing</p> <p>No further development</p> <p>Starter homes</p> <p>Provision for young and elderly</p>	<p>Leisure</p> <p>More playground facilities</p> <p>More sports clubs</p> <p>Art and craft groups</p> <p>Keep fit classes</p> <p>Outdoor fitness trail</p>	<p>Transport</p> <p>Parking problems</p> <p>Improved pavements</p> <p>Speeding/dangerous driving</p> <p>Drainage problems in underpass</p> <p>Better street lighting</p> <p>Better public transport</p>	<p>Work/Training/Education</p> <p>Campton Lower School – keep or build a new school</p> <p>After school club</p> <p>Summer club</p> <p>Youth provision</p> <p>Local food project</p>