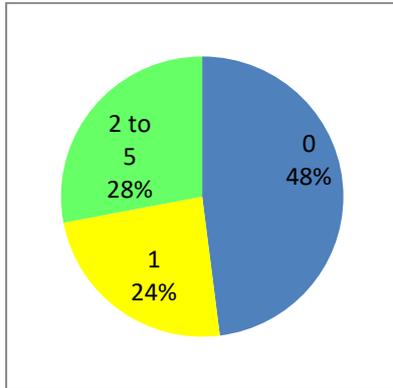


Section 6 – Leisure and Sport

6.1 How many clubs/associations in Clare are you a member of?

582 (89%) of respondents answered this question.



6.2 Please name 3 additional clubs or activities that you would like to see in Clare.

The top 10 requests were:

Cricket	26
Exercise/Pilates etc.	26
Tennis	23
Sport (general)	22
Dancing	19
Youth Clubs	13
Park Run/running	12
Art	9
Cycling	8
Rambling/walking	8

Other requests included boules, swimming, cookery, badminton, book club, wine club, snooker, sewing, models and crafts, film, University of the Third Age. (U3A)

There were many more suggestions, each with one or two votes.



There are a huge number of clubs and associations in Clare, which some people may not be aware of. These are listed on www.clare-suffolk.co.uk.

The Trustees of Clare Castle Country Park are currently developing plans for a range of activities, including activities for young people and establishing a Park Run. They have already published details of a range of attractive walks on www.clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk.

Action Point 6A

To use the website to signpost the activities which are currently running Clare.

Action Point 6B

To encourage further development of activities through discussion with groups and organisations.

Action Point 6C

To support the Trustees of Clare Country Park in their many projects to create activities for the community of Clare, particularly through their Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

6.3 Are there any footpaths which aren't signposted clearly ?

Fewer than 10% of people answered this question. 15 were of the opinion that there was a general problem with signs, but no individual footpath was mentioned more than three times.

6.4 How do you think the network of public footpaths should be improved ?

Better maintenance	252
Better signage	214
More circular routes	163
All-weather surfacing	153
Accessible to all	146
More footpaths	135



Walking along the New Cut

Signage at the junction of roads and footpaths remains the responsibility of Suffolk County Council; elsewhere, signage is no longer funded - the Town Council will endeavour to maintain what signs it can.

Following the creation of the Magna Carta Way two years ago, the Walks Group was formed last year and aimed to place Clare at the centre of a local walking network. With funding from Suffolk Community Action through the Clare Castle Country Park Trust, six circular walks with leaflets and large-scale maps are being published. Organised walks now take place at least monthly. A Town Council website – www.clarewalks.co.uk – has full details.

The generous help of the Stour Valley Volunteers is warmly acknowledged, most recently in the Nuttery and along the path north of Harp Lane.

Action Point 6D – Footpaths

In April 2017 the Town Council took over the cutting of footpaths formerly cut by Suffolk Council. They will be cut three times a year rather than twice. Other work will be undertaken: levelling, widening, improved surfacing.