



# Faith in England's Northwest

The contribution made by faith communities to civil society in the region

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# 1. Foreword

The findings of this report will hold few surprises for those who already have an appreciation of the range of activities undertaken by faith communities in our region. As a self-funded and often voluntary group, faith communities contribute to our region in many ways, from increased levels of social inclusion to the conservation of our built heritage.

This groundbreaking survey of the faith communities in England's Northwest will, however, surprise a good many both within the 'faith sector' and more widely across the public and voluntary sectors. It reveals the sheer scale of faith communities' contribution to regional development and makes it clear that while media headlines may suggest that faith is in decline and minority faith communities are to be viewed with distrust, the truth is very different indeed.

Our region's faith communities are important stakeholders right across our region, from rural to urban, from the deprived to the affluent. They have a part to play in delivering our regional strategy for economic development and, as this survey powerfully shows, they have to be engaged with as vital partners in our region's future prosperity and quality of life.

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## 2. Executive Summary

This survey of more than 2,300 faith communities across eight faith groups powerfully demonstrates that they make an important contribution to our region's social and economic life. Supported by the Northwest Development Agency and the Northwest Regional Assembly, this survey is notable both for the light it casts on faith's role in areas that range from neighbourhood renewal to tourism, and for the high level of response it stimulated from those who were surveyed: more than half of those who received surveys took the time to complete and return them.

The Churches Officer for the Northwest and the Regional Intelligence Unit conducted this survey of the region's faith communities, which shows that they are actively engaged in local partnerships and the delivery of services to the community. Many, for example, occupy listed buildings that they maintain, conserve and make available for the wider use of the local community. Some larger buildings – and in particular cathedrals – are important tourism destinations and increasingly offer refreshment facilities.

Faith communities also provide organised support services. This survey shows that almost half of our rural churches were involved in schemes to counter the Foot and Mouth crisis, for example, and a number of respondents stated that they were directly involved in local regeneration schemes including the Single Regeneration Budget (SRB), Sure Start, Learn Direct and their Local Strategic Partnerships.

More than 5,000 important projects were identified in the survey, with faith communities running or managing schemes to address homelessness, racism, crime, drug and alcohol abuse, health, skills development, art, music and environmental improvements. Across the survey results it was particularly evident that faith communities are extensively involved in providing services for older people, children and the more deprived neighbourhoods of the region.

How are these services, projects and local schemes delivered? The survey shows that almost all of the important work carried out by faith communities is voluntary, with a more than 45,000 volunteers working through faith communities on non-worship related projects.

Importantly, this contribution to our region's quality of life and economy is not confined to Christian denominations. This survey of faith communities covers all the key world faiths including Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism and Sikhism. Amongst the Christian faith community our survey was sub-divided into nine groupings: Church of England (Anglican), Roman Catholic (R.C.), Methodist, Baptist, United Reformed Church (URC), Quakers (Society of Friends), Salvation Army, Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal, and 'Other Christian' communities such as Orthodox, Unitarians, Independent Methodists, Congregationalists, Church of Scotland and Christian Scientists.

As the scope of this survey shows, the 'faith sector' is undoubtedly diverse and for many working with it or within it, this diversity has made it difficult in the past to interface or engage effectively with such a substantial sector of society. This survey, and plans for a future regional inter-faith forum, will help to plug a key gap in our regional intelligence and help those in the public, private and voluntary sectors to engage effectively with faith communities. And that engagement is essential. Faith communities are a vital resource. Their diversity, and the fact that they are composed largely of lay people, are important strengths upon which we can build new, productive partnerships.

Faith communities can help those working for regeneration, social inclusion or sustainable development to reach out to many of those who could be defined as 'hard to reach', or as the Home Secretary, David Blunkett recently put it: "Every faith has a 'development worker', full or part-time, paid or voluntary. In other words, the priest or pastor, the vicar or minister, the teacher, Imam or Rabbi. This is a resource available to all areas of our country, even the most deprived, the least active and the most likely to be disengaged from the political process."

### 3. Key Findings

**Faith communities are keen to be listened to.** There was a high level of response with 54 per cent of the survey's 4,400 questionnaires being returned. The response was particularly good for minority faith communities, including a response rate of 68.9 per cent for the Sikhs, 53 per cent for Jews, 50 per cent of Baha'is, 43 per cent for Moslems, and 39 per cent for Hindus. Christian responses account for 93 per cent of the total with a response rate ranging from 63 per cent for Anglicans to 22.4 per cent for the Evangelical, Pentecostal, and Charismatic churches.

**Faith communities are strongest where social need is highest.** The distribution of faith communities who responded to this survey matches population density, with 45 per cent of those who responded describing themselves as urban, 27 per cent as rural, and 28 per cent as suburban. Mapped against the Index of Multiple Deprivation responses returned demonstrate that faith communities, whilst represented in the most affluent areas, are concentrated in areas of highest social need. Faith communities also assist some of the most vulnerable social groups, including older people and children.

**Faith communities are important custodians of built heritage.** From the total of 2325 faith communities who responded, 34 per cent stated that their building was listed, with the majority of these coming from Church of England (63.7 per cent). These buildings are a significant community resource, too. Almost all of those surveyed (2282 respondents) indicated they have rooms used by other local community groups.

**Faith communities bring visitors and tourists to the region.** A high percentage of faith communities who responded indicated that they welcome visitors, and Cathedrals and other more prominent places of worship stated that they respond to the needs of visitors, sometimes with toilets and refreshment facilities provided. The findings demonstrate untapped potential in many more communities, both urban and rural for an increased level of 'faith tourism'.

**Faith communities offer social support services.** Faith communities often play a support role, particularly during periods of crisis. One example of how the faith network can mobilise in time of need was the response to the Foot and Mouth crisis, where 45 per cent of rural Christian Churches who responded indicated an involvement in support initiatives.

**Faith communities are active delivery agents of care in their local communities.** The survey revealed that many faith communities were engaged in community projects unrelated to worship or religious activity. One in ten stated that they were managing or organising projects addressing a wide range of social issues including housing, homelessness, anti-racism, crime prevention, drug and alcohol abuse, employment and training, social enterprise and personal finance. From returns received, health and fitness, Art, music and education also score highly across all faith communities. 14 per cent of all faith communities also indicate that they organise, run or manage environmental projects. In total 5140 non-worship projects were identified by the survey.

**Faith communities are significant patrons of arts and sports.** The survey sought evidence to justify the claim that faith communities continue to exercise a significant role in supporting sports and cultural activities. Responses indicate substantial engagement in choral and instrumental music, dance, drama and the visual arts. 51 per cent of faith communities indicate regular and organised involvement in football and 33 per cent in fitness training.

**Faith communities stimulate unprecedented levels of volunteering.** Virtually all activity undertaken by faith communities is dependent on volunteers and based on the estimates of those who responded, the survey demonstrates that there are 45,667 volunteers in England's Northwest involved in activities in the community other than worship.

**Faith communities have an important part to play in regeneration programmes.** Faith communities are increasingly recognised for the important role they can play in regeneration partnerships. The survey sought to discover the level of involvement in government sponsored regeneration initiatives throughout the region and of those who responded 248 are involved in Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) schemes, 224 in Sure Start, 62 in Learn Direct, and 95 in other regeneration initiatives.

**More could be done to involve faith communities.** Government has indicated the value that faith communities can bring to Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs). The survey findings suggest that the message does not appear to have penetrated all faith communities and all local authorities. 40 per cent of all Christians who responded are aware of LSPs, of whom 53 per cent have been approached by Local Authorities to participate. Significantly faith communities who responded from within non-Neighbourhood Renewal Fund areas identify themselves as having made the least progress.

**Faith communities are largely self-financing.** Of the faith communities responding to the survey 27 per cent indicate they have received public funding while a majority, 73 per cent, have not. Responses indicate an almost equal measure of success across all faith communities in the percentage of each who have been successful with funding applications. Local Authorities, English Heritage and the Lottery top the list of sources of funding for those who responded.

**Faith communities reach the parts of society that others can't.** Faith communities contribute towards community cohesion in its widest sense. The survey findings underline the social and economic role played by faith communities and appear to reinforce the claim that the faith communities are closer to groups that other agencies find 'hard to reach'.

## 4. Methodology

### 4.1 Survey participants

The survey of faith communities in England's Northwest took in the faith classifications followed by the Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby and the Inter-Faith Network for the United Kingdom. These faith communities are:

- Baha'i
- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Jainism
- Judaism
- Sikhism
- Zoroastrianism

In addition, for the purpose of analysis, the Christian faith community has been sub-divided into the following nine groupings:

- Church of England (Anglican)
- Roman Catholic (R.C.)
- Methodist
- Baptist
- United Reformed Church (URC)
- Quakers (Society of Friends)
- Salvation Army
- Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal
- Other Christian.

'Other Christian' includes such communities as Orthodox, Unitarians, Independent Methodists, Congregationalists, Church of Scotland, Christian Scientists, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and 7th Day Adventists etc.

This was not a sample survey but one that attempted to canvass every place of worship in the region. This meant identifying the appropriate person to whom each questionnaire should be addressed and avoiding duplication within any single place of worship. Follow up phone calls were used to remind participants to complete and return their questionnaires and before final analysis could proceed, all duplicates had to be rigorously eliminated and checked.

Not all religions are organised according to the model of the Church of England with bishops, parishes and parish priests. Methodists and other 'free' churches function differently. In the case of the Islamic community, the imam, whose function is to lead the prayers at the mosque, is similarly not necessarily the appropriate contact person for a local Islamic community. The appropriate person in this regard should be the chairman or secretary of the mosque. Our dealings with the Islamic, Hindu, Sikh and Jewish communities were greatly eased by the direct involvement of these communities themselves in distributing and collecting the questionnaires.

A further complication is that the administrative boundaries of faith communities rarely coincide with civic boundaries. Nor do they correspond with each other.

The decision to focus on places of worship means that justice is not done to Christian social welfare organisations that operate nationally and regionally such as the Children's Society (Anglican), NCH Action for Children (Methodist) and the Nugent Care Society (Roman Catholic). Similarly much good work is undertaken by priests, brothers and sisters who are members of religious orders and congregations. These too, are beyond the scope of this study.



DfEE figures for the year 2001 indicate that 46 per cent of all primary schools in the Northwest are Church-led along with 28 per cent of secondary schools, but the emphasis of this survey was purposely directed towards the previously unexplored territory of faith group involvement in the wider community. The legitimate issue of Faith schools for minority Faith Communities is not considered in the survey.

#### **4.2 Levels of response**

The survey achieved an overall response rate of 54 per cent. Of the total number of 4412 questionnaires despatched 2383 were returned. It was appreciated from the outset that the credibility of the survey would be judged primarily by the response rate achieved from the minority faith communities. The range for response rates from minority faith communities was 68.9 per cent for the Sikhs, 53 per cent for Jews, 50 per cent for Baha'is, 43 per cent for Muslims, and 39 per cent for Hindus. Christian responses account for 93 per cent of the total with a response rate of 63 per cent for Anglicans to 22.4 per cent for the Evangelical, Pentecostal, Charismatic churches.

A considerable amount of data has been collected. There were responses from 2,383 individual faith communities. Readers of the report need to be aware that though many of the findings are given in percentages within the main report, to allow comparison, it is important to remember that the numbers concerned for different groups of respondents vary considerably. In addition, these responses are those of faith communities: they do not indicate the number of people belonging to each group.

#### **4.3 Data protection**

Throughout this work the anonymity has been assured for all respondents, and all data has been held in a secure electronic format within the NWDA and registered data controller, conforming to the 1998 Data Protection Act. At no time have details been shared for purposes other than analysis and obtaining responses. As stated within the questionnaire, contact details have been gathered and will be used to invite people to join the regional inter-faith forum in the future.

#### **4.4 Database creation**

A total of 22 contact databases were supplied from religious communities via the Churches Officer for the Northwest. During this phase numerous different sources were handled with the quality of collected information varying in terms of content, accuracy, the complexity of the source and the purpose of collection. In some cases Faith Communities were reluctant to share contact details at this stage of the project, as a result significant negotiation took place at a national level before agreement was reached to allow their data to be released. In the case of the Muslim Community there was a potential difficulty regarding language. An individual nominated by the Islamic Society of Britain for the region carried out the survey with them (predominantly via the telephone).

#### **4.5 Survey design and despatch**

The questionnaire used was based on one used by the London Churches Group in a similar survey undertaken by them in 2002. The Northwest version however asked for more detail and focused on the themes of: buildings, use and facilities; worshipping community involvement in partnerships; projects and activities, with additional questions on heritage, access, tourism, culture, sport and funding.

The Churches' Officer for the Northwest undertook an exercise to publicise and promote the project through personal meetings and events with Faith Communities and their leaders. This task was carried out in advance of the dispatch of the questionnaire as a priming tool to prepare them for the survey.

The questionnaire was professionally printed and bore the branding of the two supporting Agencies (Northwest Development Agency and the Northwest Regional Assembly) and the brand of the Churches' Officer for the Northwest. This was to emphasise the support the project was receiving regionally.

To maximise the response, records for which there was no response at a maximum of four weeks after dispatch were contacted using the services of a research company. This was a simple phone call to prompt the return of the completed questionnaire or enable us to verify details and dispatch a new survey if necessary.

#### **4.6 Survey analysis**

The analysis involved an examination of the collected data, statistical and qualitative analysis of the questionnaires. Quantitative analysis was performed with SPSS for Windows. Descriptive statistics such as means, standards deviations and frequencies were supplied along with cross-tabulations with Chi-significance as specified by the Churches Officer for the Northwest, in order that the main body of the report could be written.

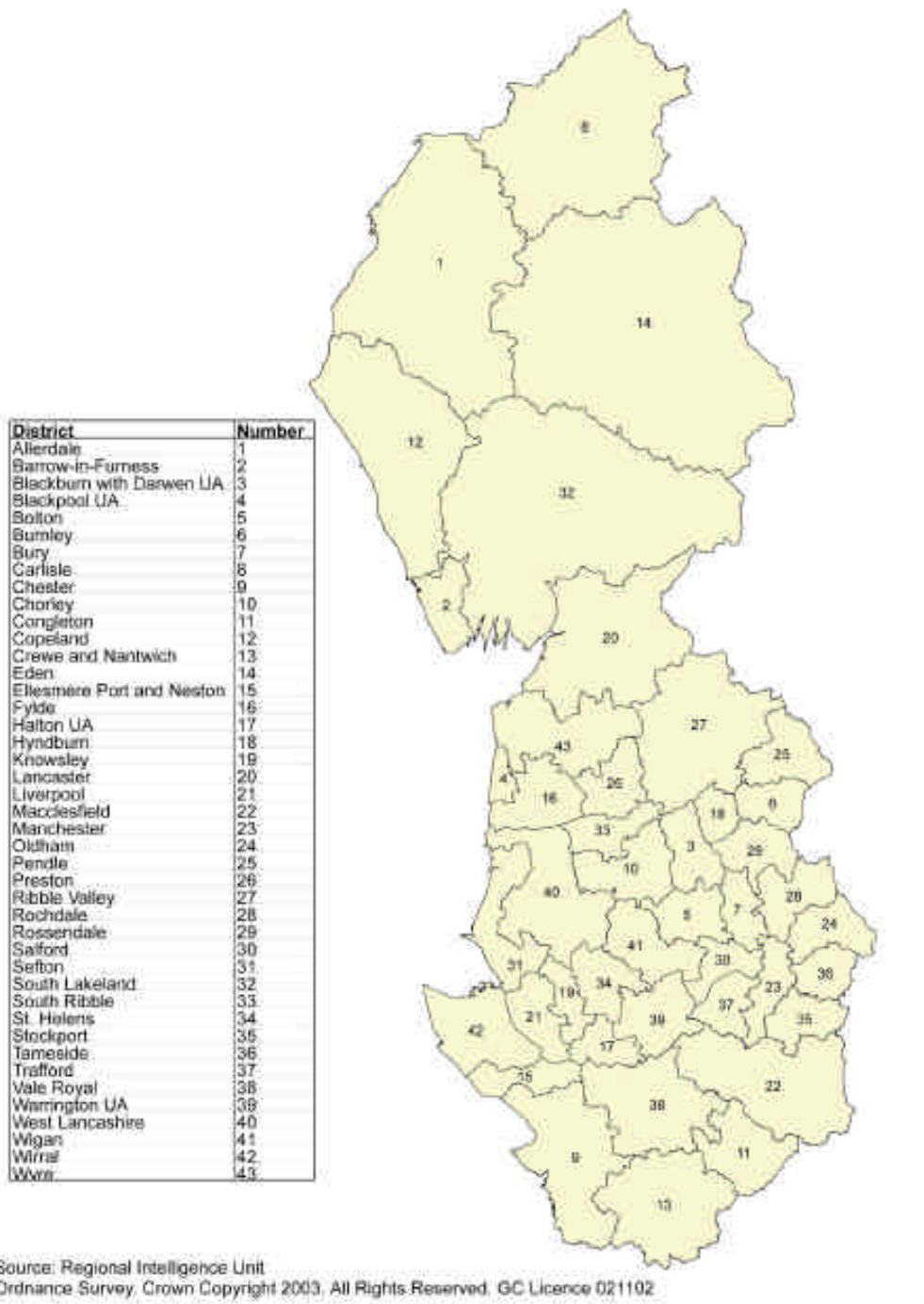
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## Reference Maps



# Northwest Local Authorities

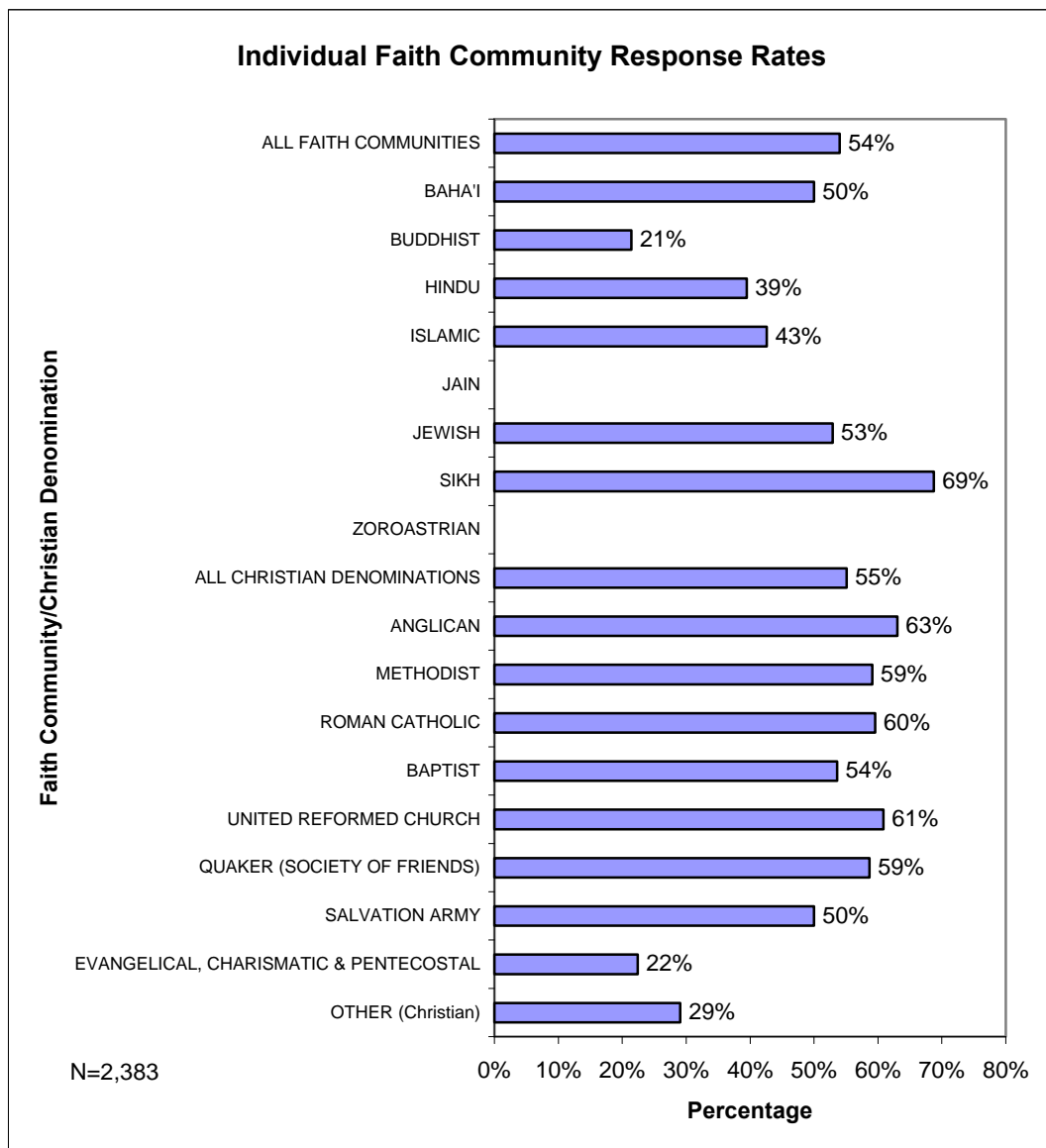


## 6. Survey Results

### 6.1 Who are the faith communities?

The report adopts the world faiths classifications used by the Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby and the Inter Network for the United Kingdom; that is Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism and Zoroastrianism. In addition, for the purpose of analysis, the Christian faith group has been sub-divided into the following nine groupings: Church of England (Anglican), Roman Catholic (R.C.), Methodist, Baptist, United Reformed Church (URC), Quakers (Society of Friends), Salvation Army, Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal, and Other Christian. 'Other Christian' includes such communities as Orthodox, Unitarians, Independent Methodists, Congregationalists, Church of Scotland, Christian Scientists, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), Seventh Day Adventists, etc. 'Shared' describes the small number of Christian denominations who share the same building.

**Chart 6.1.1**



**Table 6.1.2**

FAITH/ DENOMINATION	TOTAL NUMBER DISPATCHED	PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TOTAL DISPATCHED	TOTAL NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TOTAL RETURNED	INDIVIDUAL FAITH RESPONSE RATES
BAHA'I	12	0.27%	6	0.25%	50%
BUDDHISM	42	0.95%	9	0.38%	21%
HINDUISM	38	0.86%	15	0.63%	39%
ISLAM	216	4.90%	92	3.86%	43%
JAINISM	2	0.05%	0	0.00%	0%
JUDAISM	68	1.54%	36	1.51%	53%
SIKHISM	16	0.36%	11	0.46%	69%
ZOROASTRIANISM	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0%
ALL CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS	4,018	91.07%	2,214	92.91%	55.10%
ANGLICAN	1,377	31.21%	868	36.42%	63%
METHODIST	790	17.91%	467	19.60%	59%
ROMAN CATHOLIC	628	14.23%	374	15.69%	60%
BAPTIST	181	4.10%	97	4.07%	54%
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH	263	5.96%	160	6.71%	61%
QUAKERS (SOCIETY OF FRIENDS)	46	1.04%	27	1.13%	59%
SALVATION ARMY	96	2.18%	48	2.01%	50%
EVANGELICAL, CHARISMATIC & PENTECOSTAL	183	4.15%	41	1.72%	22%
OTHER (Christian)	454	10.29%	132	5.54%	29%
<b>TOTAL: ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>54%</b>

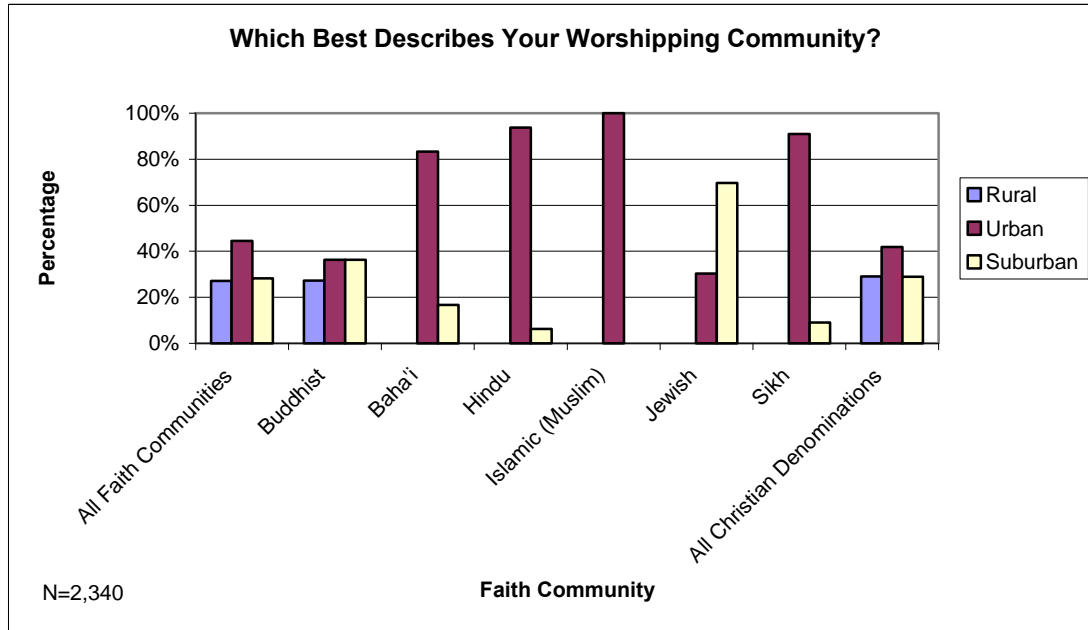
Of the total number of 4,412 questionnaires despatched, 2,383 were returned, giving **an overall response rate of 54 per cent**. For the Christian denominations, the response rates varied from over 63 per cent for Anglicans to 22.4 per cent for the Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal churches. The range for minority faith communities was 68.75 per cent for the Sikhs to a nil return for the Jains (there were only two of these despatched). Although percentage response rates for each faith community are high, it must be understood that, because of their greater numbers, Christian responses account for 93 per cent of the total.

**Where are the faith communities and what does their distribution tell us?**

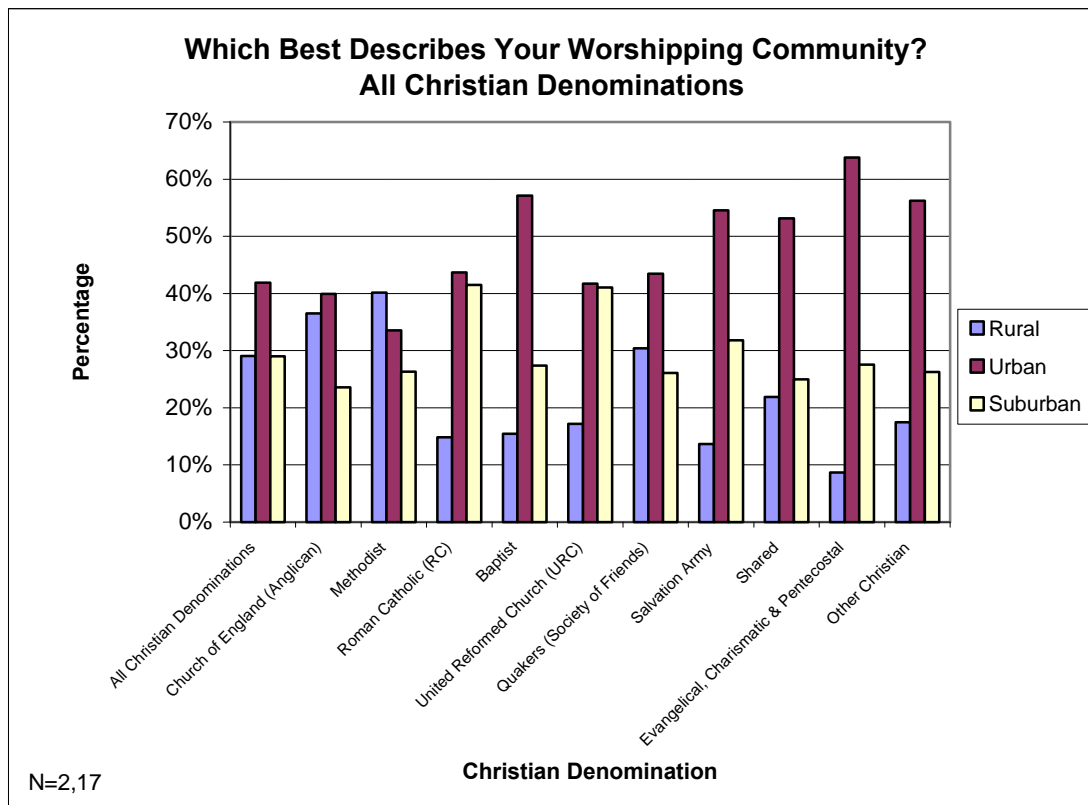
The Northwest, with nearly 7 million inhabitants, has the largest population of any English region outside London and the Southeast. It is also a region of contrasts. The Mersey belt brings together the major conurbations of Liverpool and Manchester. Once the home of the industrial revolution, pockets of urban decay and social exclusion now exist alongside areas of affluence. Cheshire has one of the highest GDPs in the UK. On the Lancashire coast, Blackpool attempts to compete with the trend towards foreign travel. Preston is still celebrating its recently conferred city status. The county of Cumbria, which extends to the Scottish border, covers 50 per cent of the landmass in the region and includes a stunning national asset, the Lake District National Park. The same county bore the brunt of the Foot and Mouth epidemic and its coastal towns of Barrow-in-Furness, Workington, Maryport and Whitehaven struggle to find a new purpose. Worshipping communities are well represented throughout.

Response rates for each faith community and their geographical location can be put in the context of the 2001 Census when for the first time respondents were asked to state their religion (see Appendix 8.9). There cannot be a direct comparison of data, however, because this survey focused on faith *communities* rather than individuals.

**Chart 6.1.3**



**Chart 6.1.4**



The survey asked respondents to describe their faith community under one of three headings: urban, rural or suburban. Overall, 44.57 per cent of those who responded described themselves as urban, 27.18 per cent as rural, and 28.25 per cent as suburban. Minority faith community distribution among rural, urban and suburban parts of the region (of those who responded) followed predictable lines with Islamic, Hindu, Sikh and Baha'i communities having most respondents in urban areas. Every Islamic community responding described itself as exclusively urban, with Buddhism being the only minority faith community with a rural presence. Only the Jewish community among minority faith groups recorded a significant suburban presence.

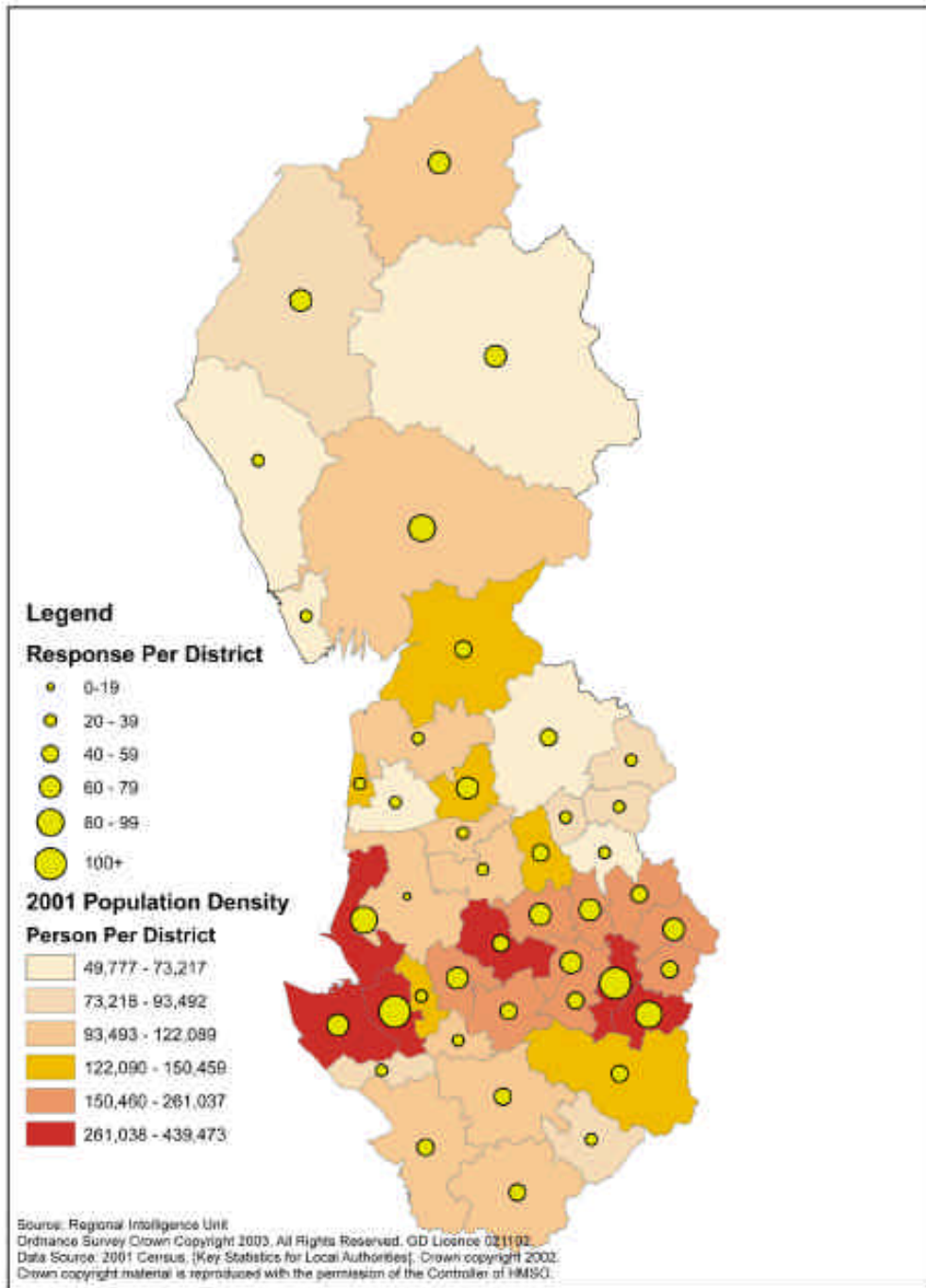


The highest proportion of Christian communities who responded described themselves as urban, with the rest equally subdivided between rural and suburban. Strongest in relative terms in urban areas are the Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal, followed by the Salvation Army and Baptists. The denomination with most responses in rural areas was Methodist, followed by the Church of England, then the Quakers. The strongest suburban presence among those who responded was Roman Catholic, followed closely by the United Reformed Churches. Returns indicate that the Church of England is weakest in the suburbs but almost equally divided between urban and rural areas.

How do the returns correlate to population density?

Chart 6.1.5

### Responses Received Within Each Local Authority Area Against Population Density



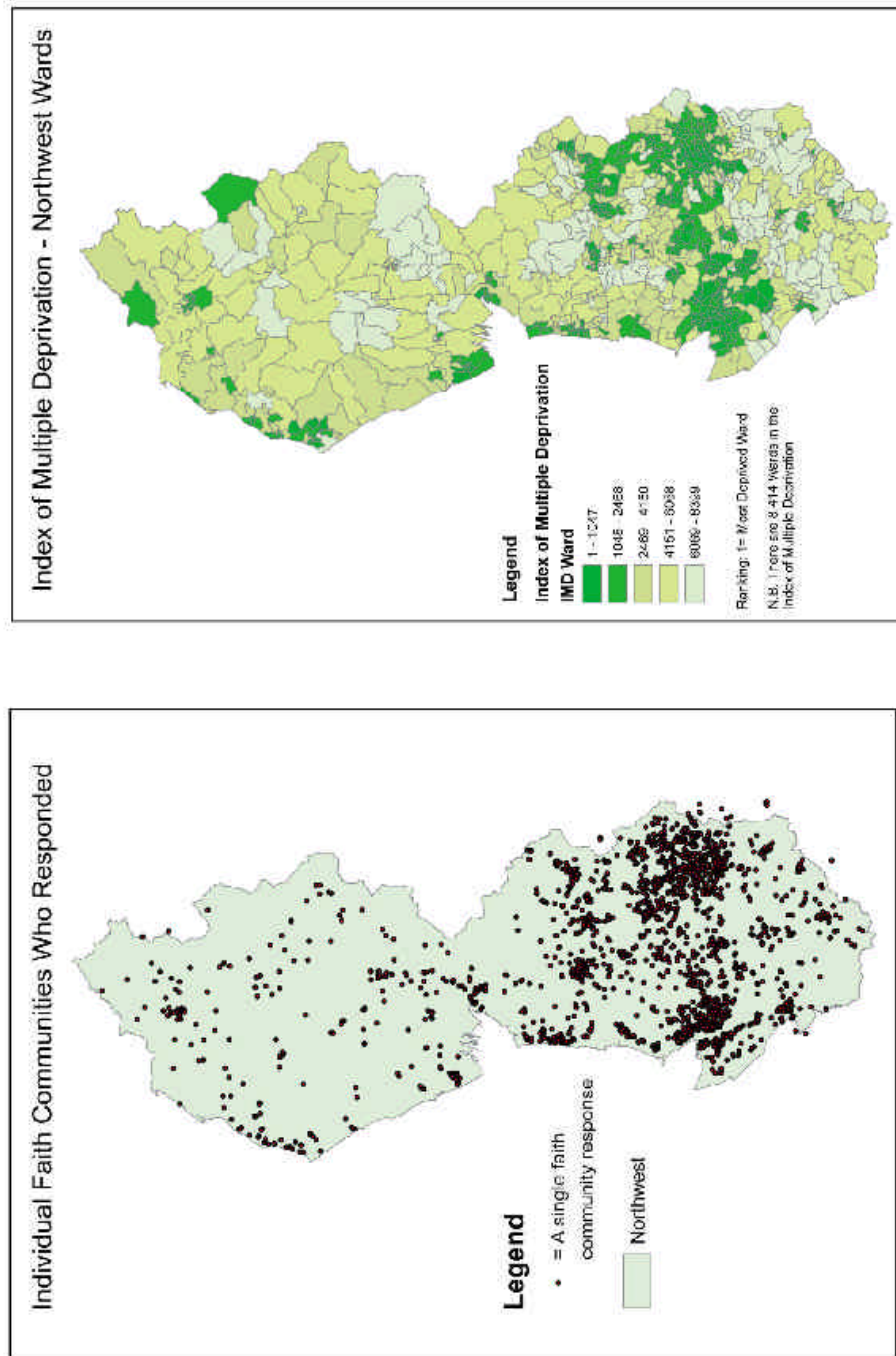
Predictably, the overall distribution of faith communities who responded seems to match population density. We have already seen, however, that minority faith communities who responded are concentrated in areas of highest density, with Christian denominations, in the main, distributed throughout. The findings would appear to substantiate the claim that the faith community network penetrates every corner of the region.

## **Correlation of returns against Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

The Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000 (IMD 2000) shows overall levels of deprivation both at local authority and ward levels. It uses information from 333 indicators to describe ward level deprivation in terms of six 'domains' or dimensions: income, employment, health and disability, education, skills and training, and housing and geographical access to services. The IMD comprises the six domain indices at ward level, an overall ward level IMD, a supplementary Child Poverty ward level index, and six summaries at the local authority district level of the overall IMD 2000. In other words, the IMD shows the spread and intensity of deprivation across the country. Twenty-one out of the 88 'top' scorers (worst wards) nationally are located in the Northwest. How are faith communities represented in these areas?

Chart 6.1.6

**All Faith Communities: Responses Returned Against IMD Wards**

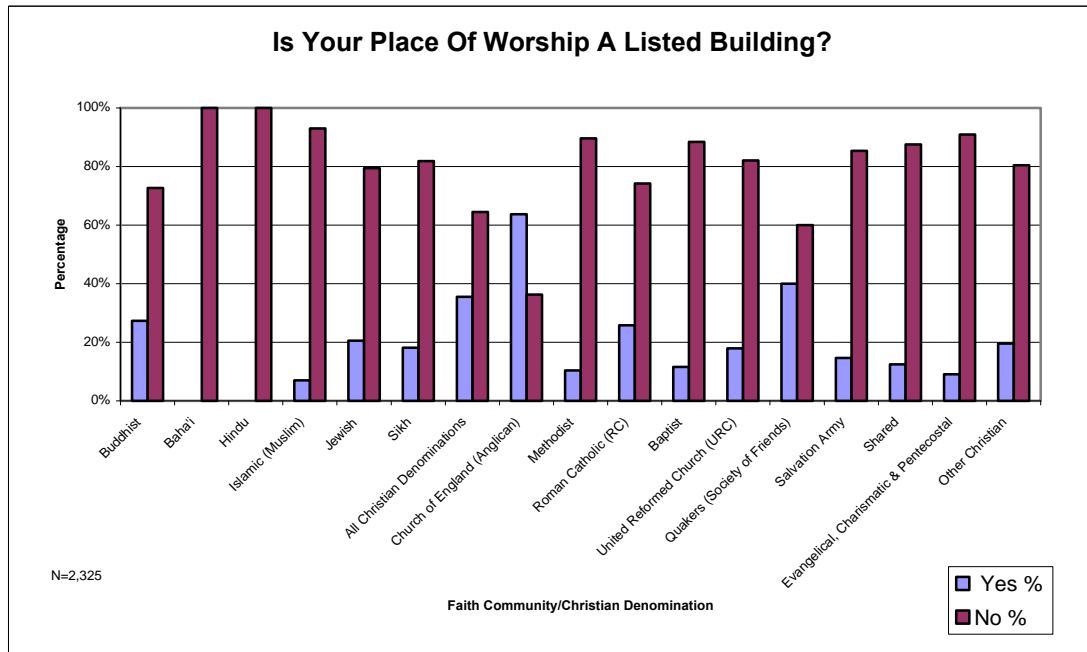


Questionnaires returned demonstrate that faith communities, whilst also represented in the most affluent areas, are concentrated in areas of highest social need. This would appear to reinforce the claim that faith communities are a useful route to the 'hard to reach'.

## 6.2 Faithful heritage

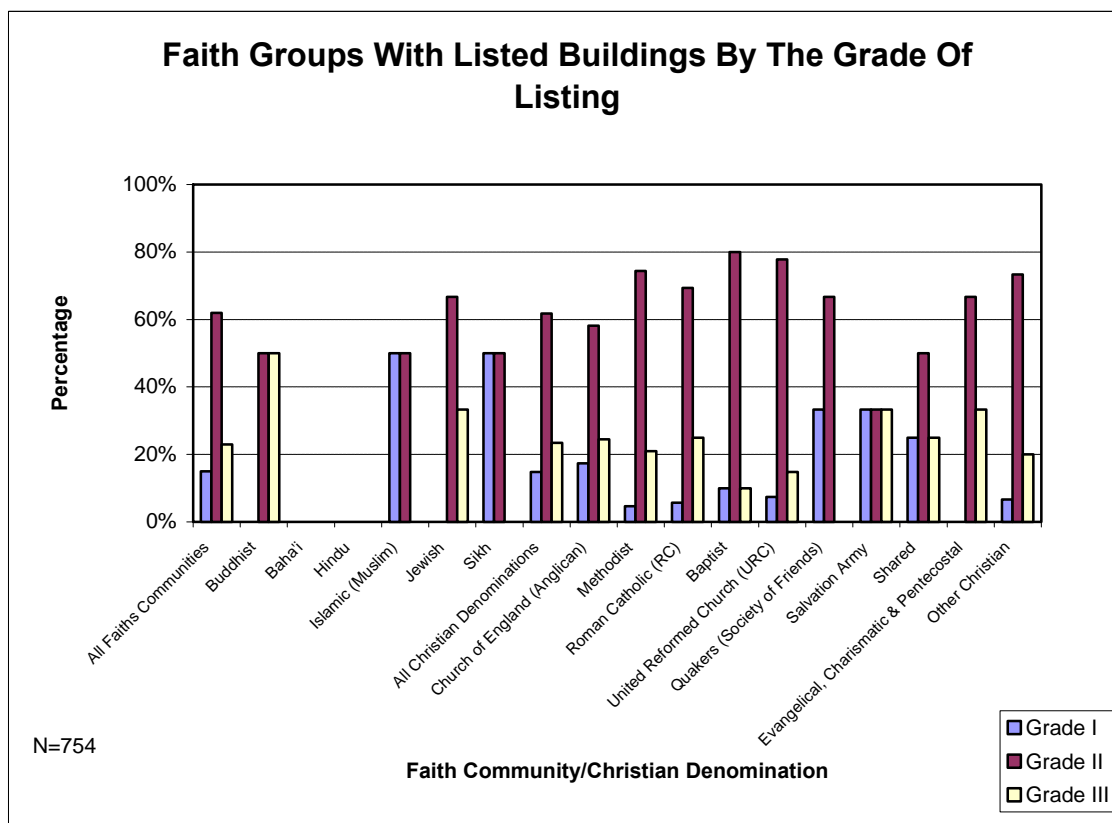
Many faith communities are custodians of the most significant historical building in their locality. Their places of worship have a cultural and social significance extending far beyond their immediate communities and followers. The survey asked each faith community if its place of worship had listed building status<sup>1</sup> and, if so, which grade. Secondly, it asked about registers of births, marriages and deaths. Thirdly, it asked whether individual faith communities had their own cemetery and an estimate of the date of the earliest recorded burial.

**Chart 6.2.1**



<sup>1</sup> Buildings are graded to show their relative architectural or historic interest: • Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest; • Grade II\* are particularly important buildings of more than special interest; • Grade III are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them. Most listed buildings are Grade II.

**Chart 6.2.2**



The survey demonstrates that from the total of 2,325 faith communities who responded, 792 stated that their building is listed (34 per cent). As expected the majority of these are Church of England (63.7 per cent), and over one third (35.6 per cent) of all Christian places of worship were reported to be listed with 14.8 per cent Grade I and 23.5 per cent Grade II\*. (See Appendix 8.3.)

**Registers of births, marriages and deaths**

Many places of worship hold records that go back centuries. These provide a significant resource for historical research. Of those who responded, 88.4 per cent of all Christian places of worship hold registers.

- Only six of these began before 1500 and a further 48 began in the next hundred years. All of these are in Anglican parish churches.
- Between 1600 and 1649, a further 22 C of E churches and one Quaker meeting house started registers. Between 1650 and 1699, a further 11 Anglican churches and four Quaker meeting houses started registers.
- After 1700, there begin to be records in other churches, but it is not until the 1800s that the numbers build up significantly.
- Overall, of those who responded, nearly 36.27 per cent of registers held by Anglican churches.

Amongst other faiths who responded the following keep registers:

- 1 out of 5 Baha'i
- 4 out of 11 Hindu
- 2/3 of Muslim (61 out of 91)
- Nearly 1/2 of Jewish (15 out of 32)
- 10 out of 11 Sikh
- Buddhists do not appear to keep registers

Almost all of these are post-1900.

## Cemeteries and graveyards

Chart 6.2.3

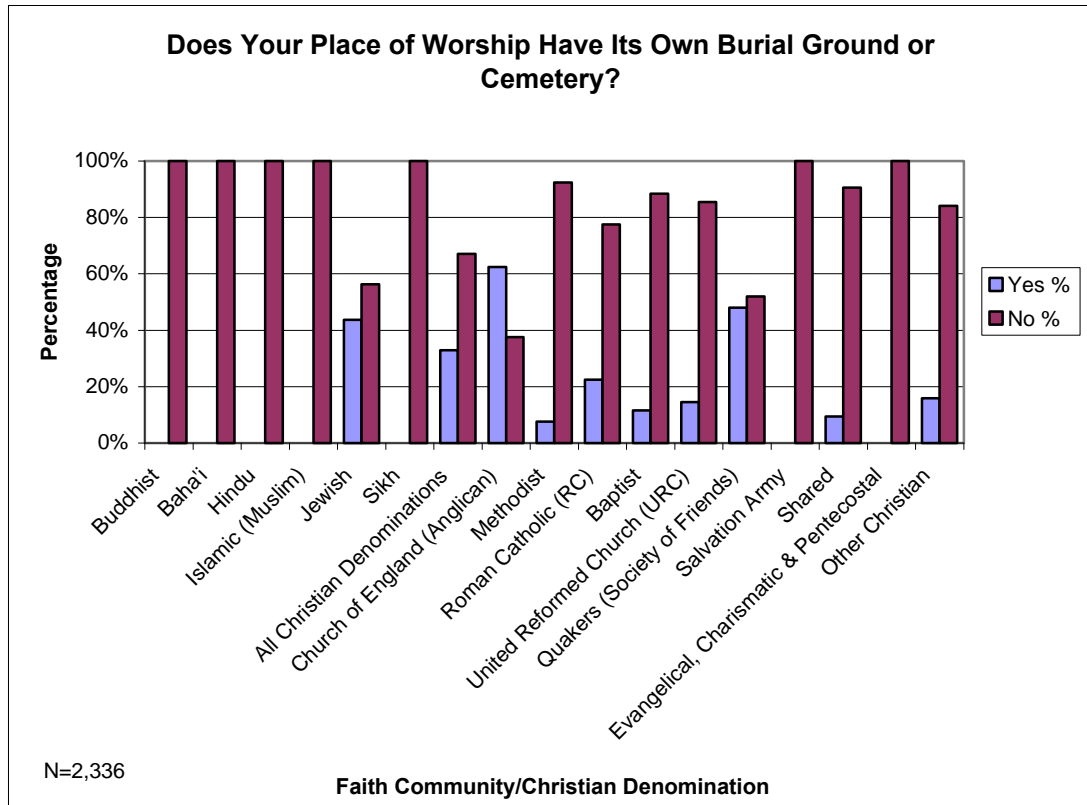
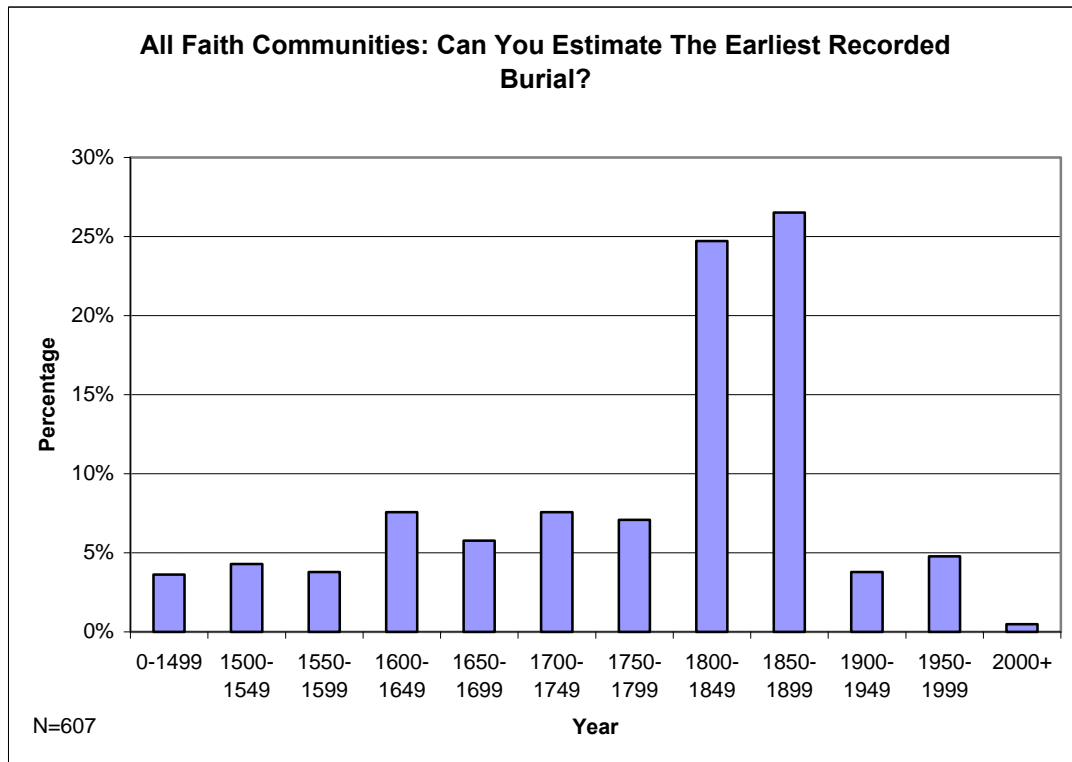


Chart 6.2.4



Faith community graveyards provide a further historical resource. Of the total who responded, 731 had their own cemeteries. As expected, Anglican churches who responded register the highest number of ancient graveyards but minority faith communities record a higher percentage of more modern dedicated burial sites.

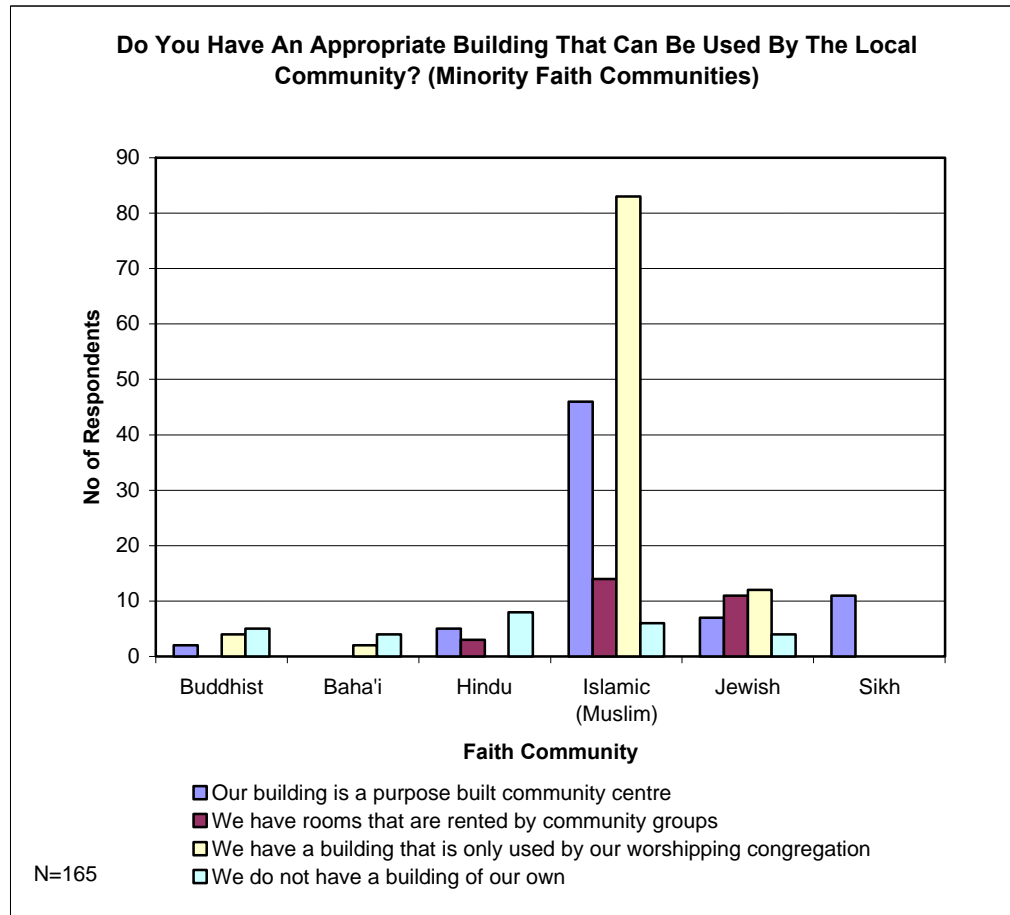
For a breakdown according to faith community and Christian denomination, see Appendix 8.3.



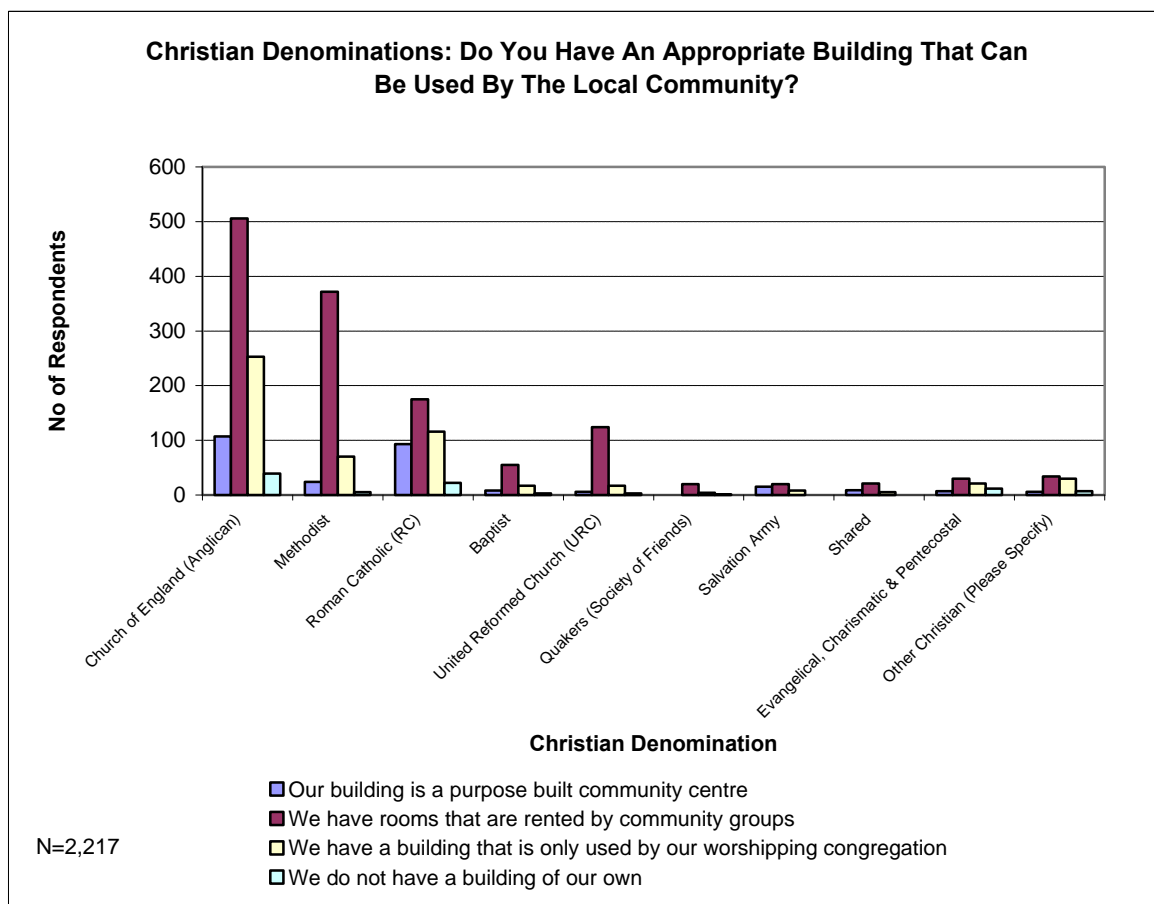
## 6.3 Open to all

One way in which faith communities contribute to the life of the wider community is in the use of their buildings. The survey asked questions about the openness and accessibility of premises, whether they have purpose-built community centres and the rooms they let to the wider community.

**Chart 6.3.1**



**Chart 6.3.2**



Overall 2,282 of all those who responded indicated they had rooms used by other local community groups. Of all those who responded, minority faith communities are more likely to have purpose-built community centres than Christian churches. Among Christian Churches with purpose-built community centres who responded, Salvation Army, Shared, and Roman Catholic top the list by percentage. Responses from Christian denominations indicate that a higher percentage of their respondents have rooms that they let to the wider community.

**Disabled access and induction loop systems**

Questions on access for people with disabilities and the provision of induction loop systems for the hard of hearing provide a crucial indicator of faith communities’ seriousness in being open to use by the wider community. 1,915 of those who responded from all faith communities said they provided disabled access and 1,615 had induction loop systems.

**Table 6.3.3**

	<b>Does your building have access for people with disabilities?</b>	<b>Does your building have a loop system?</b>
<b>Faith Community</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Buddhist</b>	22%	13%
<b>Baha'i</b>	0%	0%
<b>Hindu</b>	46%	9%
<b>Islamic (Muslim)</b>	36%	1%
<b>Jewish</b>	79%	17%
<b>Sikh</b>	27%	17%
<b>All Christian Faiths</b>	85%	74%
<b>Church of England (Anglican)</b>	85%	75%
<b>Methodist</b>	86%	69%
<b>Roman Catholic (RC)</b>	91%	84%
<b>Baptist</b>	76%	76%
<b>United Reformed Church (URC)</b>	83%	78%
<b>Quakers (Society of Friends)</b>	88%	79%
<b>Salvation Army</b>	86%	70%
<b>Shared</b>	97%	91%
<b>Evangelical, Charismatic &amp; Pentecostal</b>	84%	43%
<b>Other Christian</b>	62%	52%

These responses indicate that there is more work to be done with some faith groups than with others in the provision of facilities for people with disabilities.

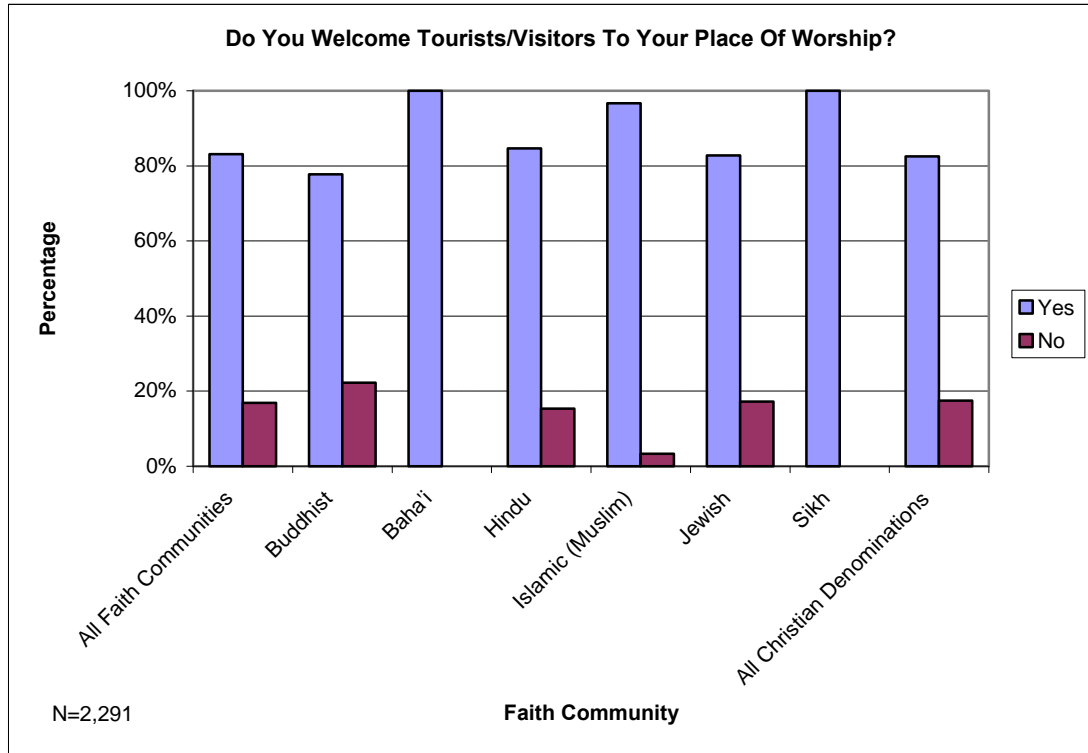
### **Visitors and tourists**

The Northwest has a total of 18 million visitors per year. Tourism contributes nearly £3bn to the regional economy. With so many high quality buildings in their care, tourism is an area in which faith communities already make a contribution. A recent scoping study undertaken by the Northwest Development Agency in conjunction with the Northwest Multi Faith Tourism Association<sup>2</sup> stated that there are 55 million annual visits to major sacred places in the UK. It reported with seven cathedrals in the Northwest, 1 million people visit Chester cathedral, 300,000 visit Liverpool Anglican cathedral, 200,000 each visit both Liverpool Metropolitan cathedral and Carlisle cathedral with 20,000 visiting Manchester cathedral. This would seem to indicate that 10 per cent of all visitors to the region visit cathedrals.

There is a need to distinguish between local visitors who wish to take advantage of a peaceful place for reflection and visitors in the sense of tourists. Policies on openness are important in every location, however, not just in the expected visitor destinations. In some areas there has been a trend towards places of worship remaining locked for security reasons. Attempts to ensure that some of the most noteworthy buildings remain accessible to tourists rely almost exclusively on volunteer activity by members.

<sup>2</sup> See *Northwest Faith Tourism Scoping Study: Faith & Tourism*, Connor & Co for the NWDA June, 2003.

**Chart 6.3.4**



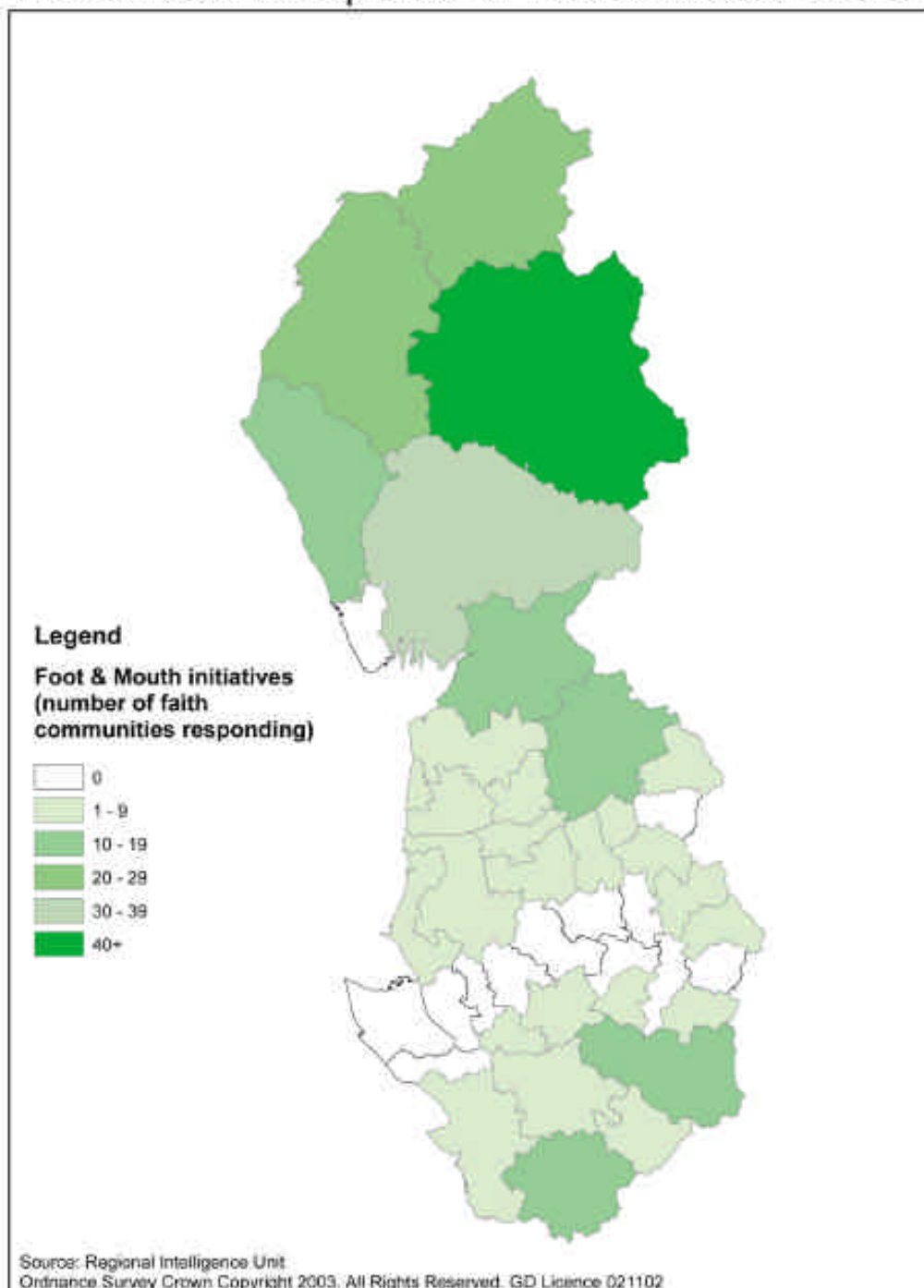
A high percentage of all faith communities who responded indicate that they welcome visitors. Obviously, cathedrals and other more prominent places of worship respond rather better to the needs of visitors than others, with toilets and refreshment facilities provided. The findings demonstrate untapped potential in many more communities, both urban and rural. While some places of worship still consider visitors to be a distraction from the worship they provide for their own committed membership, there is an increasing recognition of the value of 'faith tourism'.

## 6.4 Responding to crises

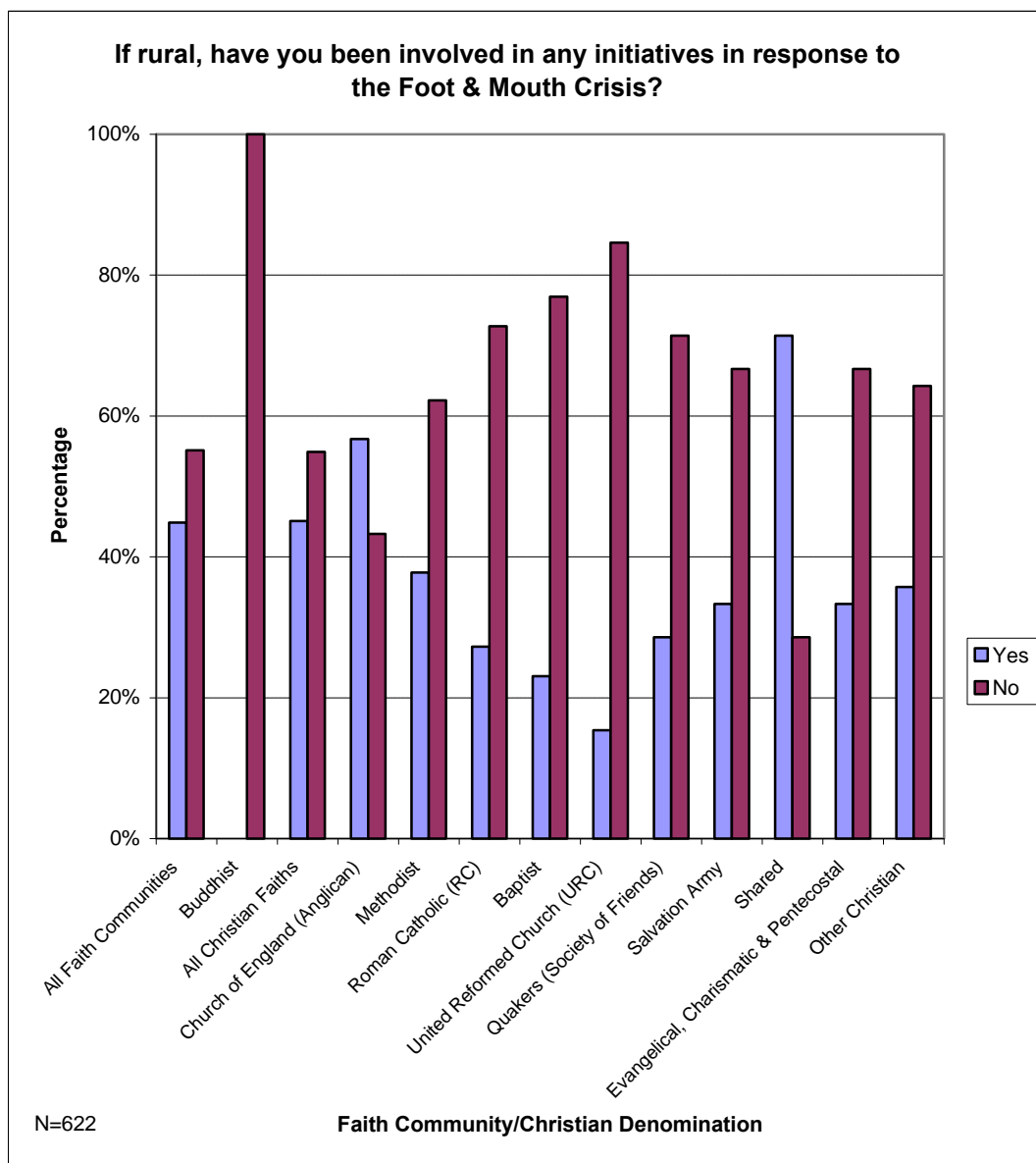
As an example of how the faith network can mobilise in time of need, the survey sought to identify responses to the Foot and Mouth Disease crisis in 2001.

**Chart 6.4.1**

### Number of Faith Communities Involved in Initiatives in Response to Foot & Mouth Crisis



**Chart 6.4.2**



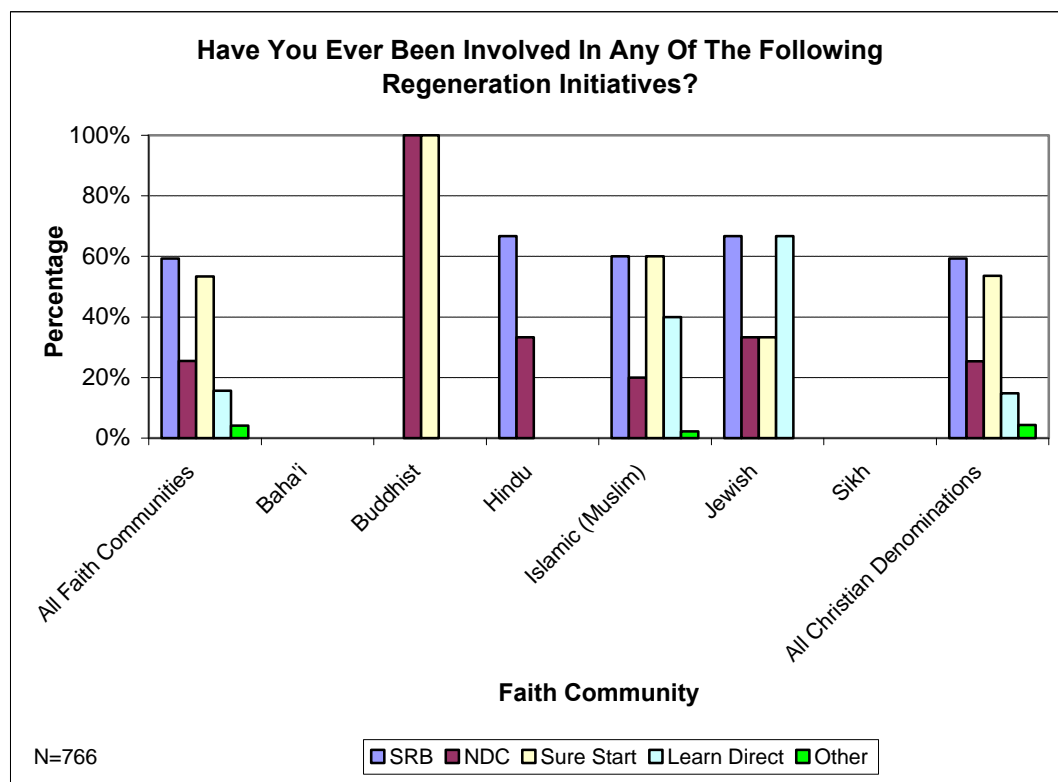
The survey found that 45.1 per cent of rural Christian churches that responded indicated involvement in support initiatives. 56.7 per cent of rural Anglican churches responded – that is 62 per cent of the overall number responding, although Anglican rural churches only represent 49.7 per cent of total rural churches. Percentage responses from the other Christian denominations that were directly involved in Foot and Mouth disease initiatives were as follows: 37.8 per cent of rural Methodists, 27.3 per cent of Roman Catholics, 23.1 per cent of Baptists, 15.4 per cent of URCs, 28.6 per cent of Quaker, 71.4 per cent of Shared, 33.3 per cent of Evangelical, and 35.7 per cent of Other Christian. The fact that minority faith communities are largely absent from rural areas made it unsurprising that there was no record of them responding. A sample of the more than 200 support projects specified include collections and fundraising, counselling, development of an animal burial site as a nature reserve, discussion lunches and support, joint meetings of farmers and hoteliers, pastoral support, referrals to funding agencies, phone calls and visits to farms, prayer (both private and public), use of church buildings for groups unable to meet in their own communities, stress/suicide helpline, support for those affected in cafes and pubs with weekly lunches, and shopping for marooned farming families. White areas on chart 6.4.1 correspond largely to the Merseybelt. This should not be interpreted negatively. Rather, it illustrates that faith communities demonstrate a sensitivity and flexibility to respond creatively to need as it arises in their own locality, a feature well illustrated in the following section of the report devoted to regeneration.

## 6.5 Partners in regeneration

During the 1990s, government area-based initiatives began to give greater emphasis to comprehensive and partnership-led regeneration, attempting to balance economic and social renewal and paying greater attention to community involvement. This trend has continued to be reflected in the raft of initiatives introduced since the late 1990s. All faith communities have traditionally been involved in what is now described as 'regeneration' but their role has not always been recognised by other policy-makers and practitioners, partly because these activities have often, though not exclusively, been directed towards members of their own communities. However, over recent years, the door has opened more widely to faith groups to become partners in regeneration. This reflects increasing recognition of the contribution faith communities can make through bringing an understanding of local needs. It is also a means of entry into involving local communities and especially linking with excluded groups. "In terms of their active membership, churches, mosques, temples, synagogues and gurdwaras are often amongst the most substantial community-based organisations within an area." (DETR (1997), *Involving communities in urban and rural regeneration: a guide for practitioners*, p.149). This recognition has been followed by the publication of guidance for local authorities and others about working with faith communities (LGA 2002) which extends even further the rationale for their involvement, not just their contribution to people's well-being but also their concern for social justice and their social, economic and ethnic diversity.

The survey sought to discover the level of involvement in government-sponsored regeneration initiatives throughout the region.

**Chart 6.5.1**



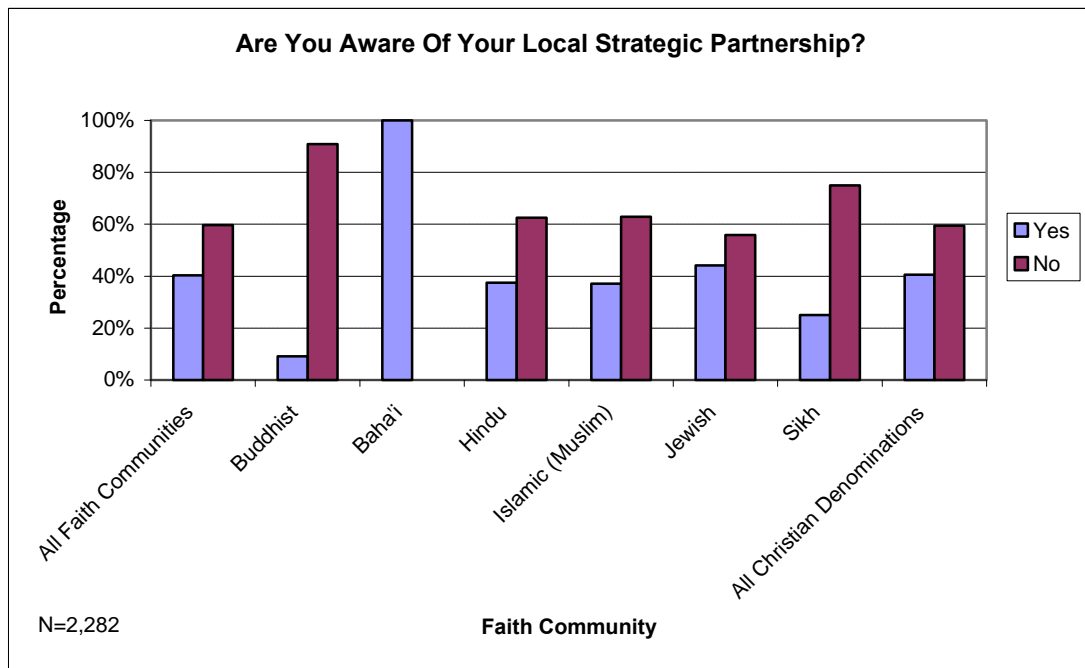
Of those who responded, 248 are involved in SRB, 224 in Sure Start, 62 in Learn Direct, and 95 in other regeneration initiatives. Of those responding, a significant number of faith communities participate in government-sponsored regeneration projects.

## Local Strategic Partnerships

Even though there is often still some way to go to put the principles of community involvement into practice, the idea of inclusive partnerships in relation to area-based regeneration initiatives has been well accepted. In 2001, these same principles were embodied in the concept of local strategic partnerships. Local strategic partnerships (LSPs) are single bodies bringing together different parts of the public sector as well as the private, voluntary and community sectors. They are to function at a level, aligned with local authority boundaries, that allows strategic decisions to be made whilst still being close enough to local communities for them to play a full part. LSPs are non-statutory and non-executive. They are intended to provide opportunities for effective partnership working, for joining up partners' activities so that they can better address the issues that really matter to local people, and to "promote equity and inclusion, particularly of faith, black and minority ethnic communities". (DETR *Local Strategic Partnerships – Government Guidance*, March 2001, p.16)

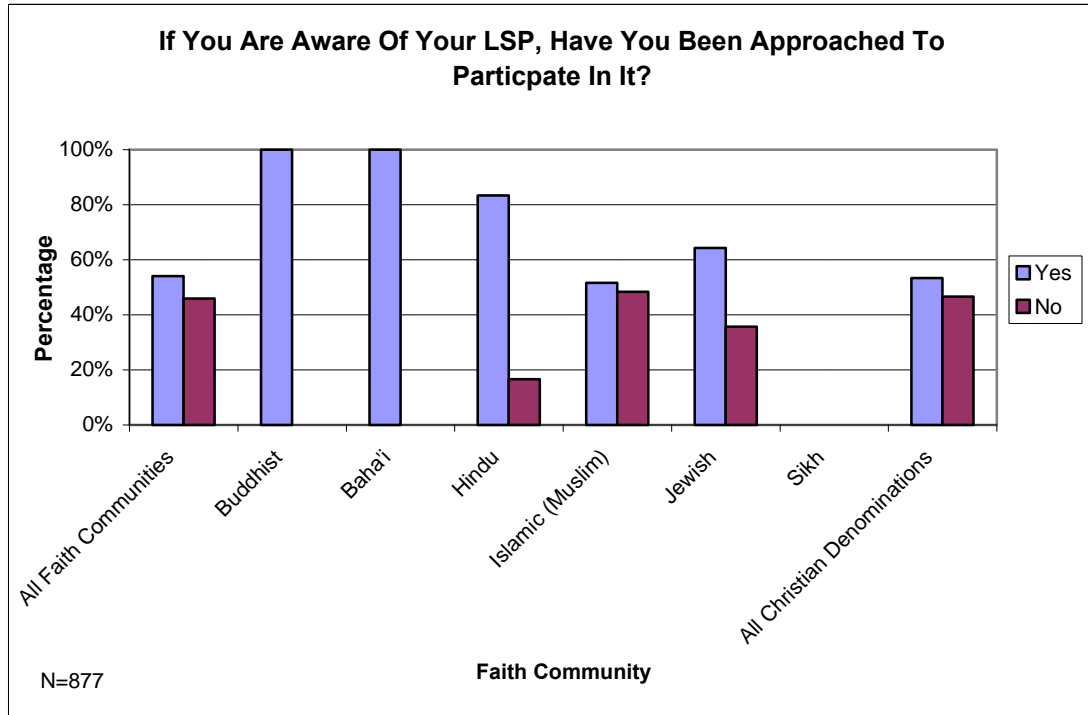
The intention is for all areas to have an LSP irrespective of their socio-economic position. However, LSPs are also seen as an important means of achieving neighbourhood renewal. In 2001, the Government set up the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and used the IMD 2000 to determine which areas should be eligible to receive funding. As has already been noted, out of the 88 eligible local authority areas in England, 21 are in the Northwest.

**Chart 6.5.2**

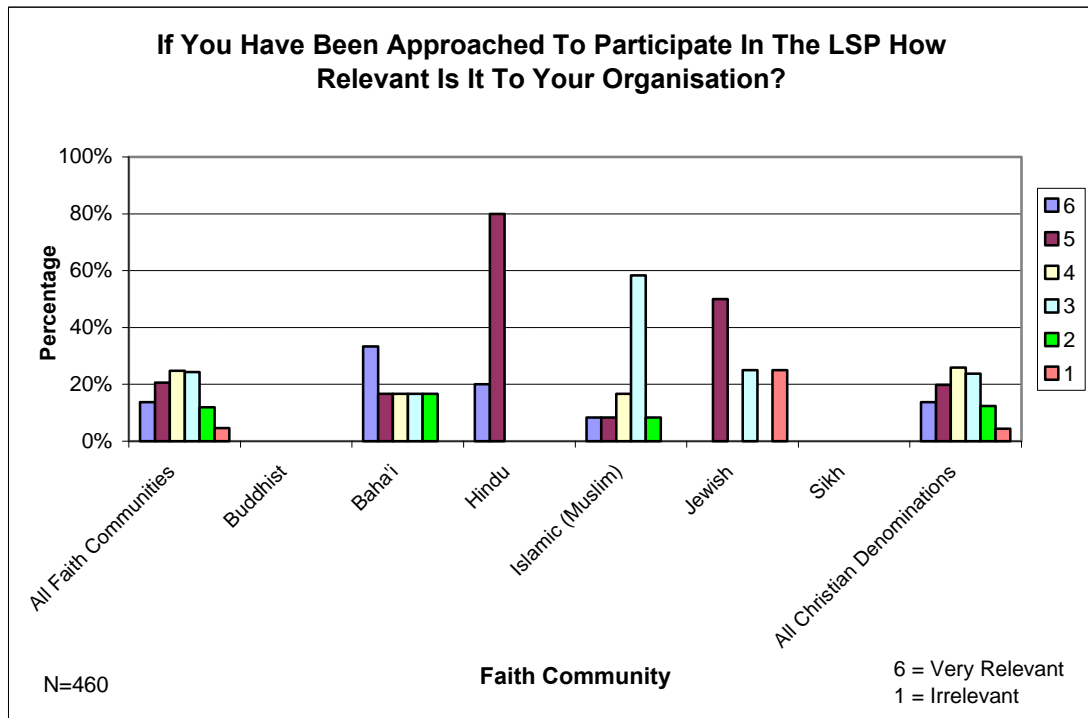




**Chart 6.5.3**

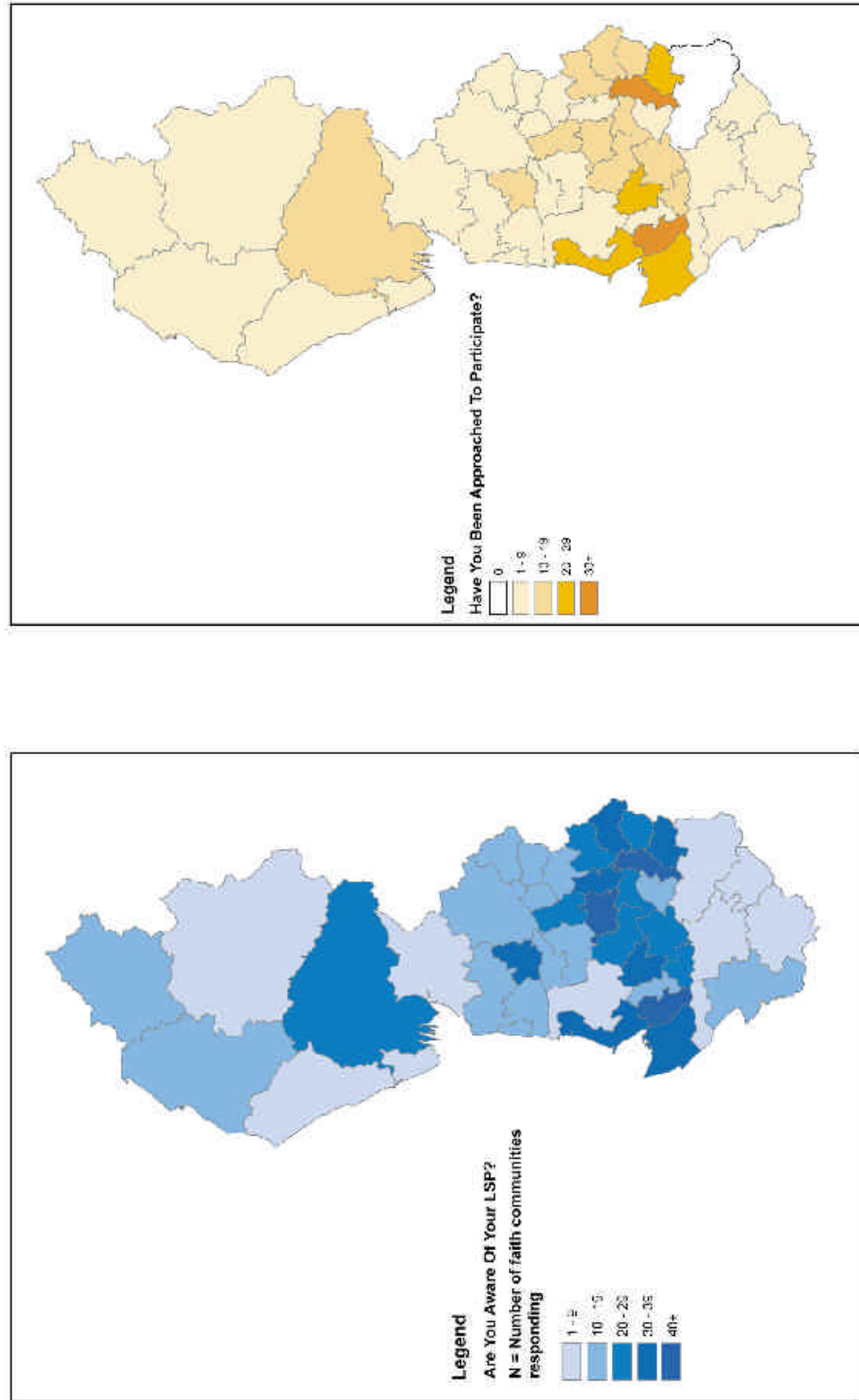


**Chart 6.5.4**



Map 6.5.5

Awareness of & Involvement in Local Strategic Partnerships



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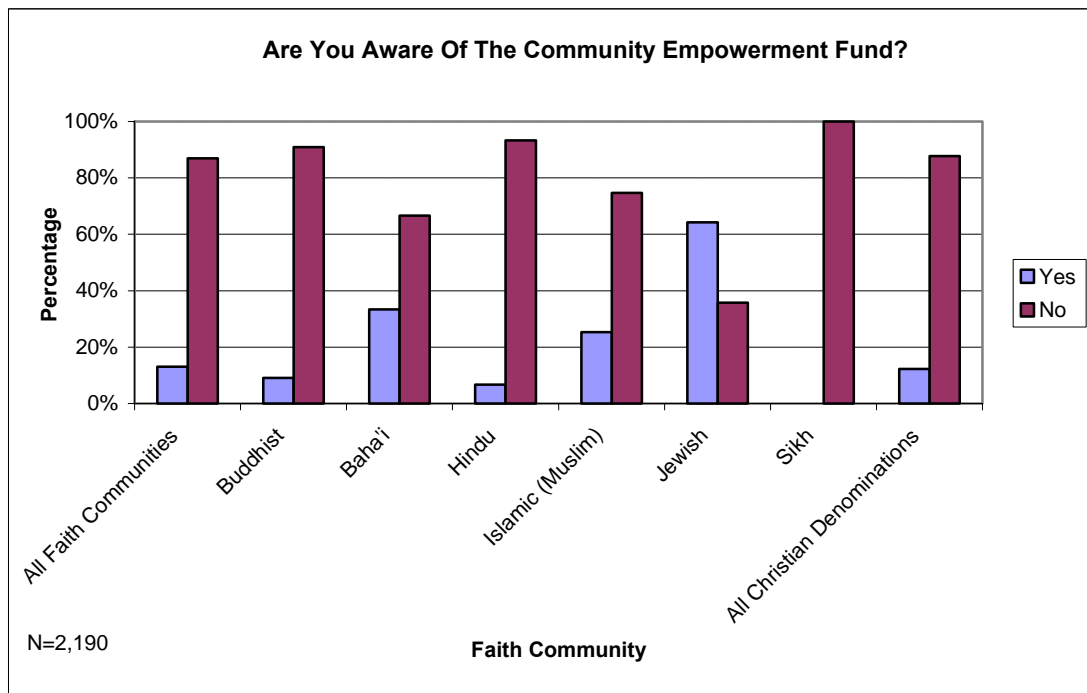
The findings of the survey reflect a varying pattern of engagement. 40.5 per cent of all Christians who responded are aware of LSPs, of whom 53.4 per cent have been approached by local authorities to participate. Responses suggest that the message does not appear to have penetrated all faith communities and all local authorities. Significantly faith communities who responded from within non-Neighbourhood Renewal Fund areas identify themselves as having made the least progress.

Reasons for this may depend on the failure of faith communities to perceive the relevance of LSPs and on whether local authorities still adopt a 'no religion' policy. There may also be a residual perception among some local authorities that the faith community agenda is synonymous with race, equality and diversity. This might explain their failure to approach faith communities at all in areas where there is no significant ethnic minority population, effectively excluding Christian churches from the process altogether.

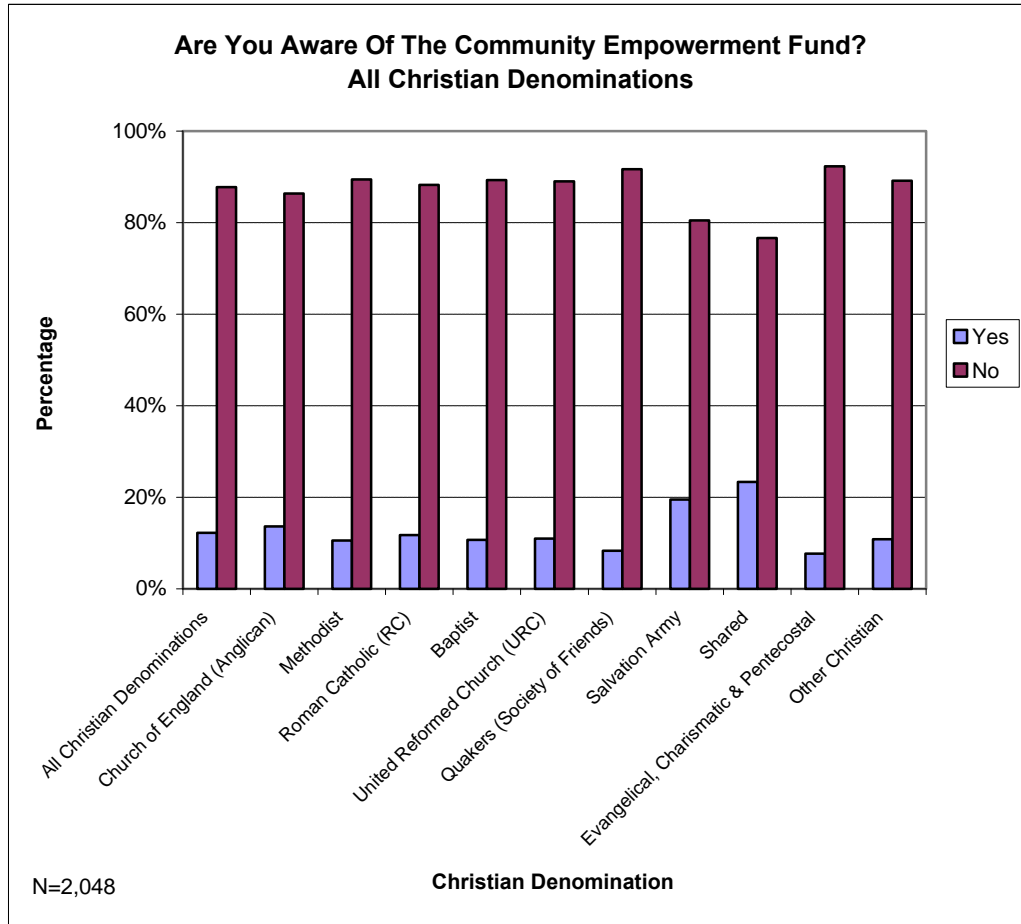
### Awareness of the Community Empowerment Fund

The Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) was set up by Government as a means of supporting the development of a robust community and voluntary sector network in Neighbourhood Renewal Fund areas and facilitating the inclusion of voluntary, community and faith sectors in LSPs. The survey asked whether faith communities were aware of the fund's existence.

**Chart 6.5.6**



**Chart 6.5.7**

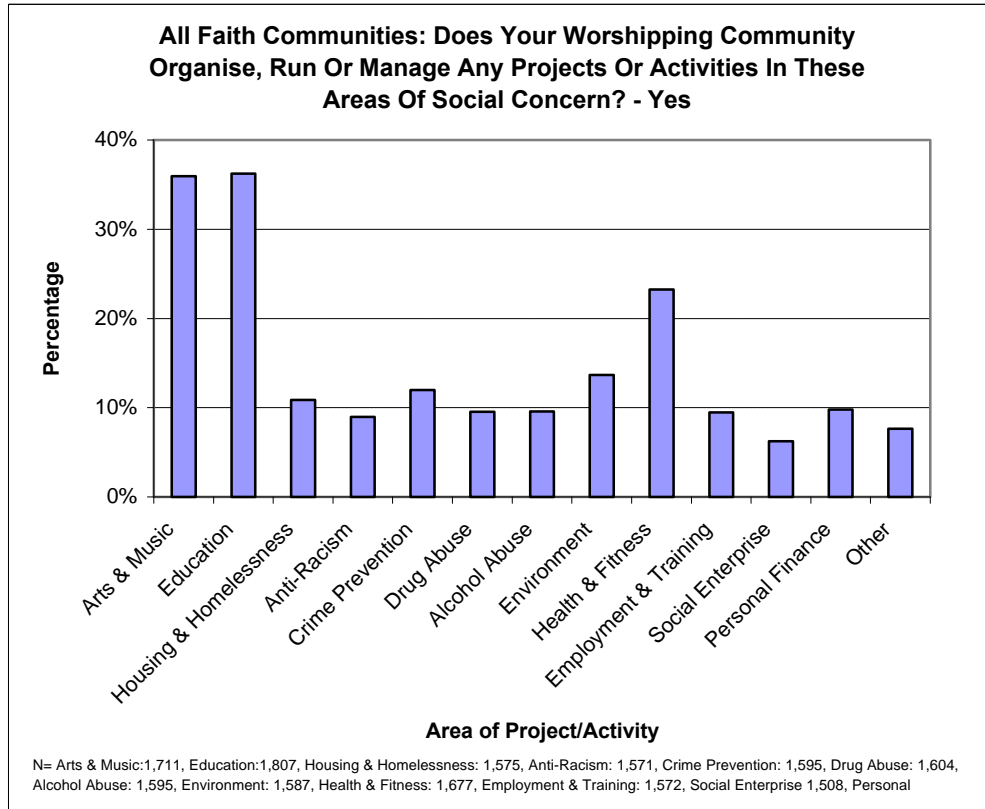


Many of those who responded are unaware of the CEF. Apart from a high percentage of the very small number of different Christian denominations who 'share' a building, 19 per cent of the Salvation Army and 13.6 per cent of Anglicans are the highest percentages of any Christian group aware of this source of funding for which they may be eligible. From the minority faith communities who responded, the Jewish community register over 60 per cent and the Muslim community 25 per cent while there was no awareness of the fund in the Sikh community. The fund is intended to support the development of voluntary, community and faith sector infrastructure in NRF areas in preference to non-NRF ones. This may explain why faith communities in NRF areas have made more progress in linking with their LSPs. Another reason may be that faith communities in some areas have been more successful in demonstrating to local partners that they are genuinely proactive in the face of deprivation than in others.

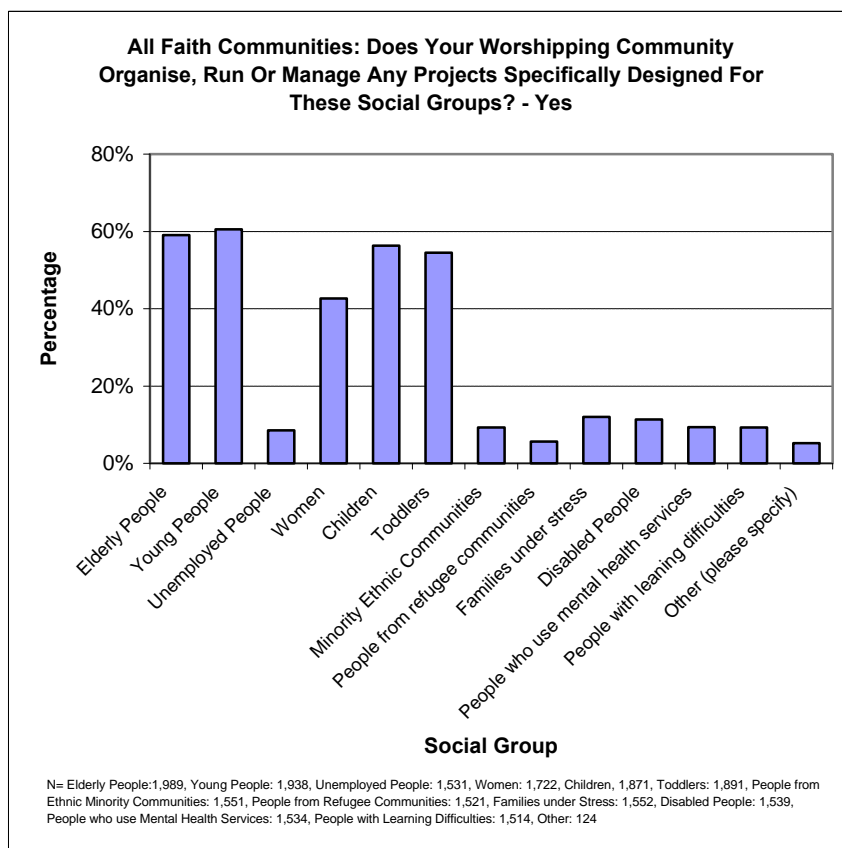
## 6.6 Service to the community

Information on the areas of social concern targeted by faith communities and the social groups with whom they engage could be said to constitute the core of this report. Questions were framed to identify activities organised, run or managed by them for the wider community over and above purely religious activity.

**Chart 6.6.1**



**Chart 6.6.2**

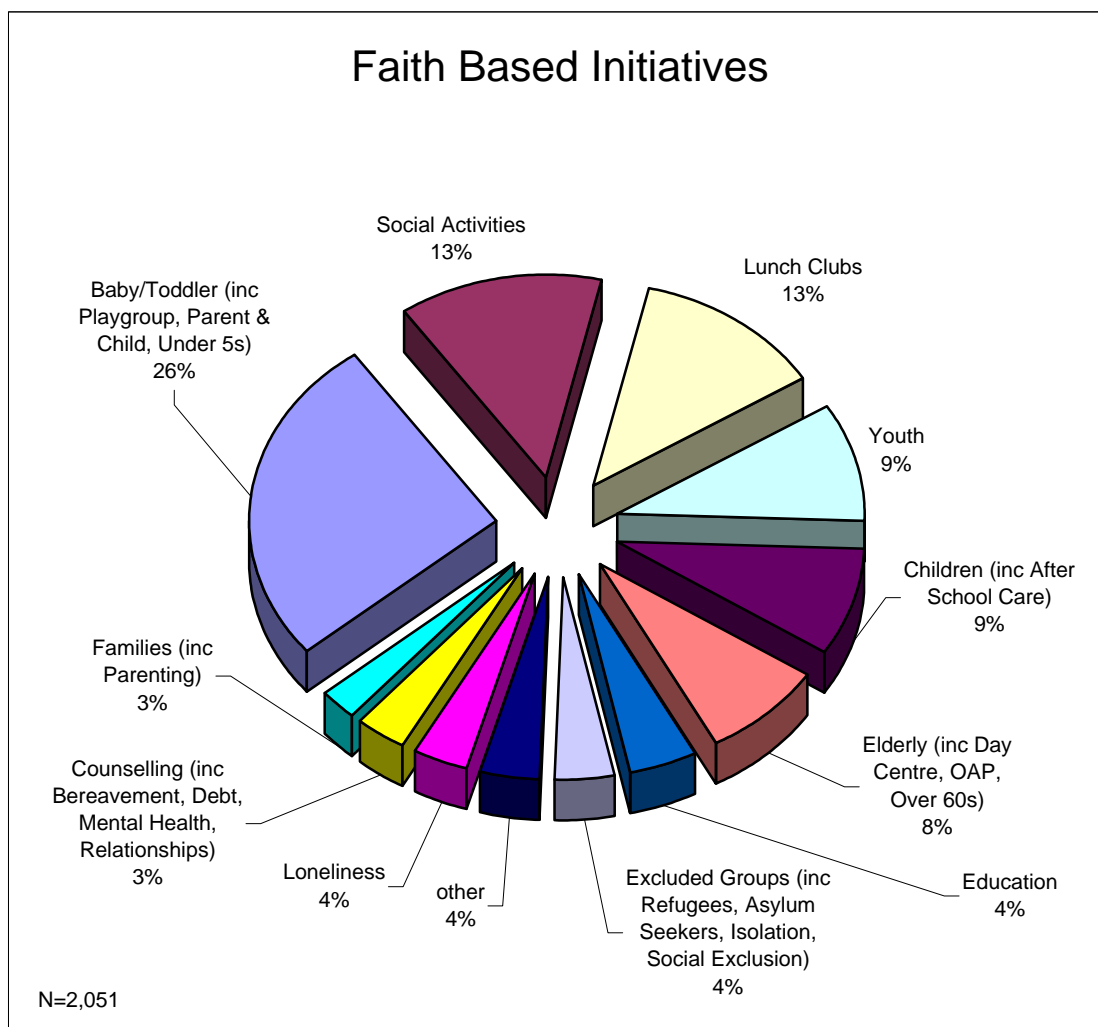


The range of **faith-based projects** and **activities** is impressive. Overall, 10 per cent of all faith communities responding, organise, run or manage a total of 5,140 projects in housing and homelessness, anti-racism, crime prevention, drug and alcohol abuse, employment and training, social enterprise, personal finance, etc. From returns received, health and fitness, art, music and education score highly across all faith communities. This may be explained by the fact that activities such as these are likely to be offered by faith communities throughout the region - urban, suburban and rural. That 24 per cent of Hindu communities responding score highest on health and fitness may seem surprising until we recognise the pre-eminence of the Hindu community in the field of alternative medicine.

These figures can be analysed in more detail. For example, figures from those responding indicate that 33 per cent of Buddhist, 20 per cent of Baha'i, 27 per cent of Hindu, 6 per cent of Islamic, 25 per cent of Jewish, 18 per cent of C of E, 9 per cent of Methodist, 15 per cent of Roman Catholic, 9 per cent of Baptist, 8 per cent of URC, 4 per cent of Salvation Army, 10 per cent of Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal, and 13 per cent of 'other' Christian denominations organise, run or manage projects or activities concerned with the **Environment**, representing 217 projects in total. 52.53 per cent of those who responded positively to this question were from the Church of England, the largest single group who responded to the survey. A higher percentage of those from all faith communities who responded negatively to questions concerning individual projects and activities gave a positive answer when asked if they would like to run or manage such a project in the future. For example, of the 1,370 faith communities who responded and said that they did not currently run projects on the environment, 291 said that they would like to in the future.

In addition to areas of social concern, those who responded from all the faith groups registered involvement in activities and services they organise, run or manage for the benefit of **vulnerable social groups**. 25 per cent of Buddhist, 81 per cent of Hindus, 70 per cent of Jewish, 12 per cent of Muslim, 100 per cent of Sikh, 61 per cent of C of E, 53 per cent of Methodist, 78 per cent of RC, 59 per cent of Baptist, 56 per cent of URC, 88 per cent of Salvation Army and 51 per cent of Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal communities who responded stated that they worked with **older people** in projects or activities other than worship. Again, 14 per cent of Buddhist, 73 per cent of Hindu, 24 per cent of Muslim, 68 per cent of Jewish, 100 per cent of Sikh, 64 per cent of C of E, 57 per cent of Methodist, 63 per cent of RC, 81 per cent of Baptist, 56 per cent of URC and 79 per cent of Evangelical, Charismatic Pentecostal communities who responded stated that they worked with **young people** in activities other than worship.

**Chart 6.6.3**



A separate question in the survey asked for a list of significant projects (up to three) which individual faith communities organise or run within the community. This resulted in a massive return. The chart above groups the responses into broad headings. As can be seen faith groups have a significant impact on childcare in the community. The small percentage of returns in the chart for education must be seen in the light of comments made concerning faith schools in the introduction to this report.

Additional statistics on projects are available in Appendix 8.4. Extended analysis of these results is beyond the scope of this report.

## 6.7 Cultural and sporting activities

Faith communities have been major patrons of culture and the arts for thousands of years. The survey sought evidence to justify the claim that they continue to play a significant role in this regard. There were also questions on involvement in sport.

**Chart 6.7.1**

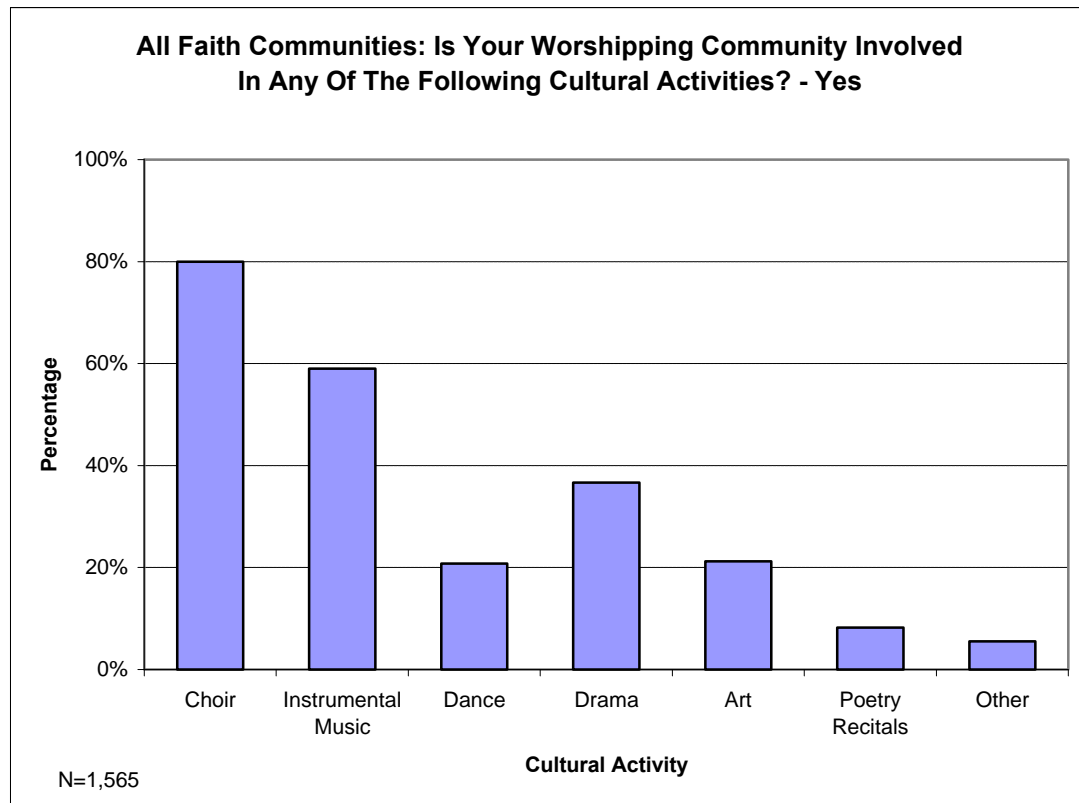




Chart 6.7.2



Overall responses to these questions indicate a significant commitment by faith communities to both culture and sport. Not surprisingly, choral and instrumental music score highest among those who responded but drama, dance and arts also score well. Among responses from faith communities concerning organised sporting activities, football and fitness feature most frequently, along with bowling and martial arts. Appendix 8.5 gives more detail on cultural and sporting activities.

## 6.8 Volunteers

“Many faith organisations are highly responsive to the needs of local communities and have over time expanded their role to include community action programmes.”

Home Office,  
Report of the Policy Action Team  
on Community Self-Help, 1999

Virtually all activity undertaken by faith communities is dependent on a strong cohort of volunteers. As already stated above a distinction should be made between the voluntary action taking place within/on behalf of faith communities and all the (uncounted) voluntary activity their members give to other organisations motivated by their faith values. The survey could only seek to identify the former.

**Chart 6.8.1**

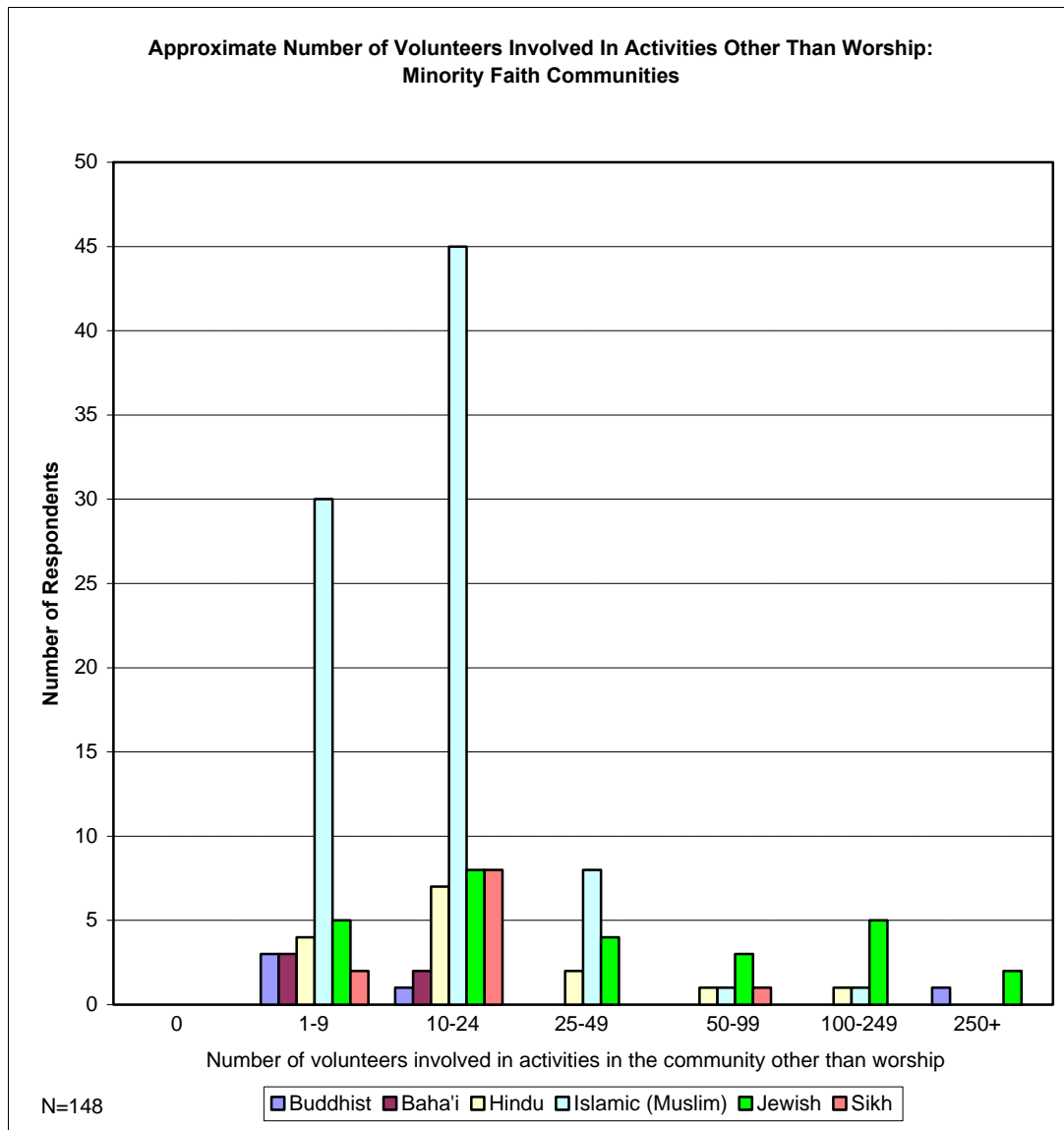
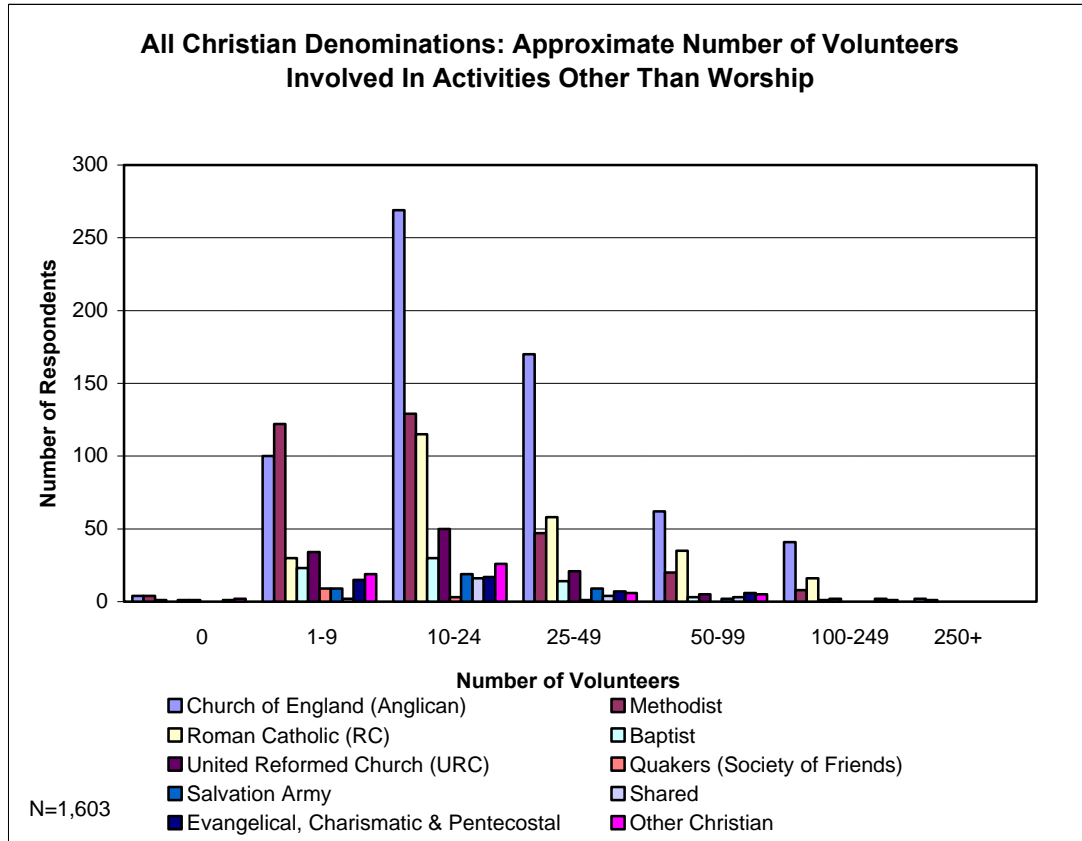


Chart 6.8.2



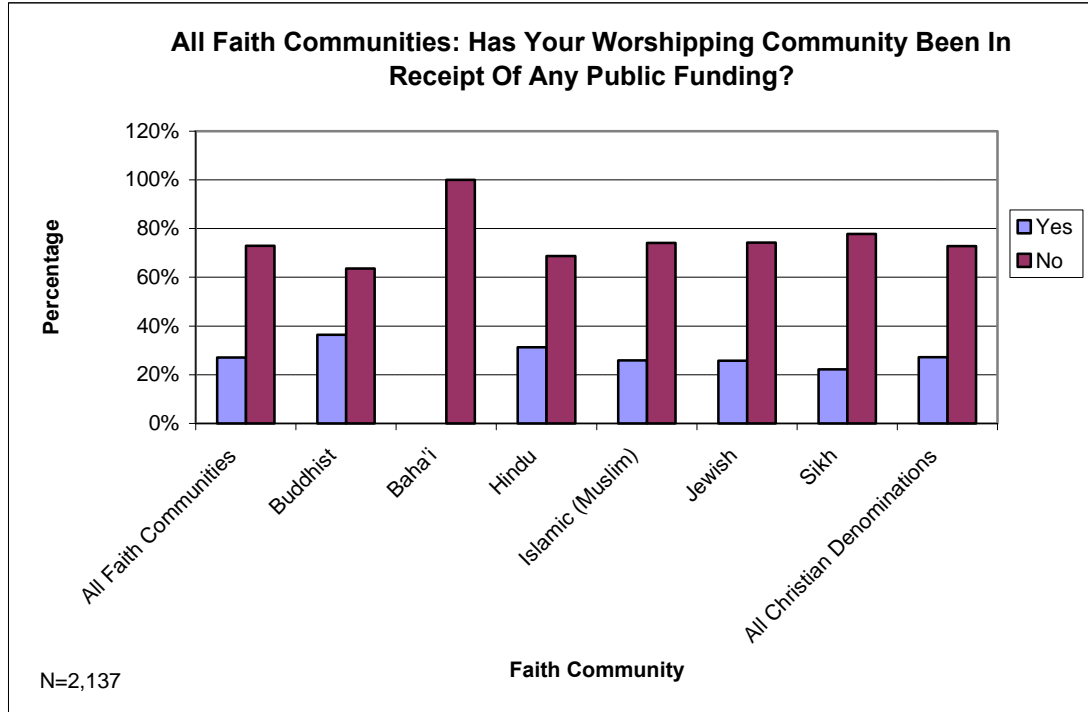
The findings appear to justify the claim that faith communities motivate and organise a large number of volunteers in the service of the wider community. Of those who responded, Islamic, Jewish and Hindu communities registered the greatest number of volunteers from among the minority faith communities, whilst the Church of England, the Roman Catholic and United Reformed Churches registered the highest among the Christian denominations. **Based on the estimates of those who responded, the survey demonstrates that there are 45,667 volunteers in the Northwest region involved in activities in the community other than worship.** Furthermore, those who responded estimate that these volunteers give a total of **6,810 hours per week.**

See Appendix 8.6 for a further breakdown of figures on volunteering.

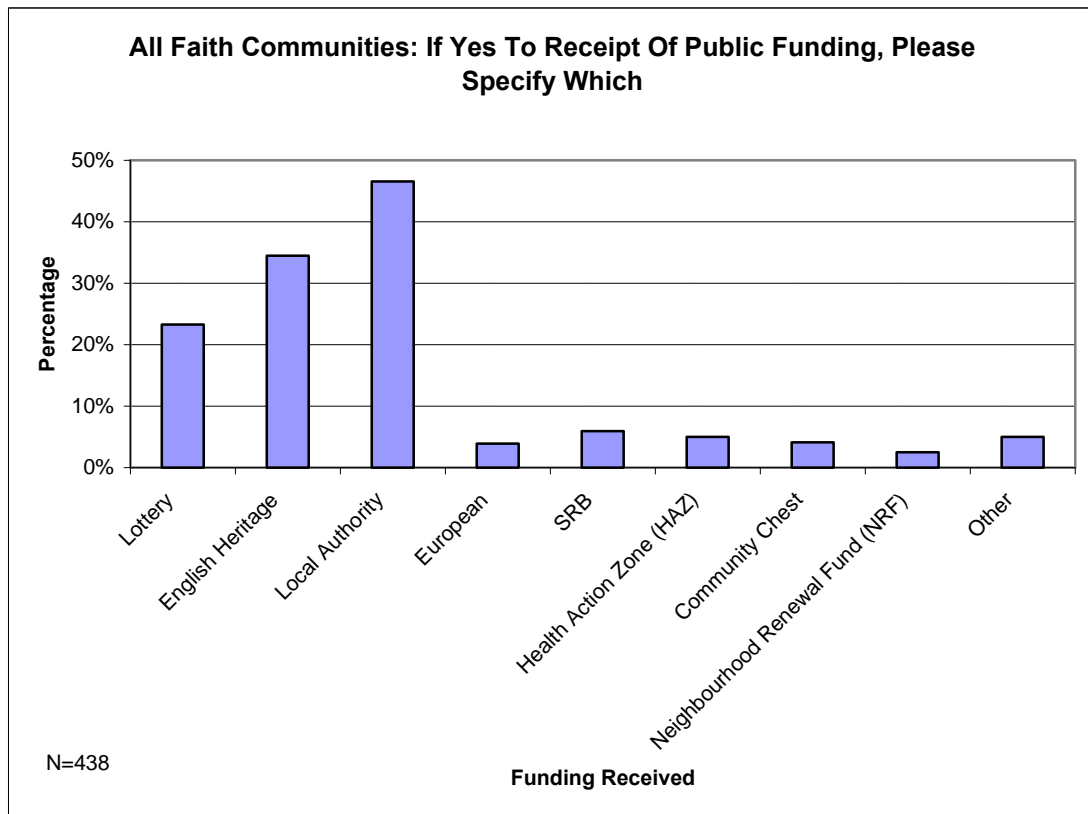
## 6.9 Funding

Questions in the survey were framed to identify the success of faith communities in obtaining public funding.

**Chart 6.9.1**



**Chart 6.9.2**



According to the responses received there is an almost equal rate of success across all faith communities in the percentage of each of them that have been successful in accessing public funding. It is interesting that the number that have been successful in gaining funding seems not to have been affected by the refusal of some faith communities, both Christian and minority faith, to pursue lottery funding. Overall, local authority, English Heritage and lottery funding top the list of sources for those who responded. A further breakdown of the figures on Funding can be found in Appendix 8.7.

## 7. Conclusion

“Strong community-based organisations are a key starting point for any disadvantaged community. In many cases faith groups... will be the strongest around and yet their potential may be overlooked by funders and others engaged in programmes of community development. There can be a tendency not to see beyond the ‘faith’ label to the community role of these groups.”

Home Office, 1999,  
as above

This survey, based upon an excellent response rate from across the faith communities in the Northwest, has provided a rich source of information which we can continue to mine in the future. However, this report, based upon a first trawl of the survey findings, points to the important place that faith communities have in the region.

All too often the prevailing view that it is only ‘what gets counted that counts’. This survey has provided some of that vital statistical evidence whilst at the same time indicating the many contributions of the faith communities that cannot be measured in these terms.

The picture that has emerged is one of faith communities often playing a multi-dimensional role in their neighbourhoods that touches people far beyond their own members. To use the current jargon, they are part of the important stock of social capital. They contribute towards community cohesion in its widest sense. The survey findings underline the social and economic role played by faith communities. They appear to reinforce the claim that the faith communities are close to groups that other agencies find ‘hard to reach’. But the survey has also indicated that there are new opportunities for faith communities to work alongside others at both neighbourhood and local authority levels. Many faith communities have already successfully demonstrated that this is part of their mission. Others still have some way to go.

Partnership working presents a new set of challenges for faith communities. It requires a revolution in the way in which faith communities view their activities and the degree of transparency and accountability that they must be prepared to accept as a consequence of receiving public funds. At the same time it also requires a change in approach from statutory bodies, some of whom still see faith communities as a ‘no go’ area when it comes to funding. Indeed a welcome consequence of the publication of this report would be a reappraisal of their thinking by both faith communities themselves and statutory providers.

Finally, the report demonstrates that the major contribution, is by far, the impressive range of community projects undertaken by faith communities and wholly funded and staffed by them. An economic impact assessment of the contribution made by faith communities in the Northwest is a project that should be considered in the future.

## 8. Appendices

### 8.1 Questionnaire



For office use only \_\_\_\_\_

# SURVEY OF LOCAL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

This questionnaire is designed mainly for worshipping congregations such as local churches, mosques, synagogues, gurdwaras and temples. We would be grateful if your religious leader or organisation secretary could complete it and return it to us as soon as possible.

**Faith Tradition and/or Denomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe the nature (e.g. Church, Mosque, Gurdwara, etc) and geographical coverage of your worshipping community (e.g. Parish, Neighbourhood, Local Authority Ward, Village):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q1 Is your place of worship a listed building?** Yes  No

**Q1a If yes what is its classification?**  
Grade I .....   
Grade II .....   
Grade II\* .....

**Q2 Does your place of worship hold registers of births, deaths & marriages?** Yes  No

**Q2a If yes please estimate in what year did these commence?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q3 Does your place of worship have its own burial ground or cemetery?** Yes  No

**Q3a If yes can you estimate the earliest recorded burial?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q4 Do you have a building that can be used by the local community? (Please tick the most appropriate)**  
Our building is a purpose built community centre .....   
We have rooms that are rented by community groups .....   
We have a building that is only used by our worshipping congregation .....   
We do not have a building of our own .....

**Q4a Does your building have access for people with disabilities?** Yes  No

**Q4b Does your building have a loop system?** Yes  No

**Q5 Do you welcome tourists/visitors to your place of worship?** Yes  No

**Q5a If yes how many tourists do you welcome each year?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q6 Which best describes your worshipping community?**  
Rural .....   
Urban .....   
Suburban .....

**Q7 If rural, have you been involved in any initiatives in response to the Foot & Mouth crisis?** Yes  No

**Q7a If yes please specify:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Q8 Have you been involved in any of the following regeneration initiatives?**

SRB .....

NDC .....

Sure Start .....

Learn Direct .....

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q9 Are you aware of your Local Strategic Partnership?** Yes  No

*(Local Strategic Partnerships are a new initiative to get local authorities working with local businesses, community and voluntary organisations in preparing their community plans. Government has indicated its wish for faith communities to be involved.)*

**Q9a If yes have you been approached to participate in the LSP or in any faith community or voluntary sector network in relation to the LSP?** Yes  No

**Q9b And if so how relevant is it to your organisation?**

6 = Very Relevant 1= Irrelevant      6  5  4  3  2  1

**Q9c Are you aware of the Community Empowerment Fund?** Yes  No

**Q10 Please indicate if your worshipping community organises, runs or manages any projects or activities in these areas of social concern. (Please do not include mainly religious activities such as prayer groups or religious education, or any totally independent organisations operating from your premises):**

	Yes	No	If No would you like to in the future?
Arts & Music .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing & Homelessness .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-Racism .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Prevention .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Abuse .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol Abuse .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Fitness .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment & Training .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Enterprise or Community Business .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Finance (Debt Counselling, Credit Unions, etc) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____			

**Q11 Please indicate if your worshipping community organises, runs or manages any projects specifically designed for these social groups. (Please do not include mainly religious activities such as prayer groups or religious education, or any totally independent organisations operating from your premises):**

	Yes	No
Elderly People.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young People .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployed People .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toddlers .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People from a particular Minority Ethnic Community .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People from refugee communities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Families under stress .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled People .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People who use mental health services .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with leaning difficulties .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____		

- Q12 Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**
- Choir .....
- Instrumental Music .....
- Dance .....
- Drama .....
- Art .....
- Poetry Recitals .....
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- Q13 Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**
- Football .....
- Rugby .....
- Tennis .....
- Bowling .....
- Basket Ball .....
- Martial Arts .....
- Fitness Training .....
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q14 Can you estimate the number of volunteers involved in activities in the community other than worship?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q14a If yes can you estimate the average number of hours per week for each volunteer?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q15 Has your worshipping community been in receipt of public funding? E.g. Lottery, English Heritage, Local Authority, Health Action Zone or European funds** Yes  No

**Q15a If yes please specify which:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q16 As part of our project we are keen to build up a database of significant faith based initiatives throughout the region. Please could you answer the questions below to provide a list of projects, which you organise (e.g. lunch clubs, playgroups, etc) for, in or with the community? Please send a separate list if it is more convenient.**

	Project 1	Project2	Project 3
Name of Project			
Project Area (Issue Tackled)			
Project User Group			
Contact Details (i.e. Address, Postcode & Telephone Number of Leader)			
No of Staff (Full Time Equivalent)			
Received Public Funding?			
No of Volunteers			
No of Users			

**Q17 Do you know of any other faith communities or faith based organisations that should be included in our survey? Please list the name of the organisation and contact details below.**

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**DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT**

- The results of the survey will be used to quantify and analyse the considerable contribution to the quality of life made by faith communities in the wider community, individual returns will remain anonymous and confidential at all times, and not shared with any third parties.
- A single database of faith contacts will enable us to develop an inclusive regional inter-faith forum, managed by the Churches' Officer for the North West.
- Any future use of the contacts database will only be with the express permission of the custodian of the database, the Churches Officer for the NW and the proposed regional inter-faith forum.

**Your Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **E Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Place of Worship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (if different from above):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.**

**Could you please return your questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope provided to:  
Rev John Devine, Churches' Officer for the North West, c/o NWDA, Renaissance House,  
PO Box 37, Centre Park, Warrington, WA1 1XB**



## 8.2 Listed buildings

### Breakdown of Faith Community by listing building status (Counts and Percentages)

Faith Community/Christian Denomination	Is your place of worship a listed building?				
	Yes	Yes %	No	No %	Total
Buddhist	3	27%	8	73%	11
Baha'i	0	0%	4	100%	4
Hindu	0	0%	16	100%	16
Islamic (Muslim)	5	7%	65	93%	70
Jewish	7	21%	27	79%	34
Sikh	2	18%	9	82%	11
All Christian Faiths	775	36%	1404	64%	2179
Church of England (Anglican)	553	64%	315	36%	868
Methodist	48	10%	412	90%	460
Roman Catholic (RC)	95	26%	273	74%	368
Baptist	10	12%	76	88%	86
United Reformed Church (URC)	27	18%	124	82%	151
Quakers (Society of Friends)	10	40%	15	60%	25
Salvation Army	6	15%	35	85%	41
Shared	4	13%	28	88%	32
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	6	9%	60	91%	66
Other Christian	16	20%	66	80%	82
Total All Faiths	792	34%	1533	66%	2325

### Breakdown of Faith Community by grade of listing (were appropriate)

Faith Community/Christian Denomination	If yes what grade?						Total
	Grade I	%	Grade II	%	Grade II*	%	
Buddhist	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	2
Islamic (Muslim)	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	2
Jewish	0	0	4	67%	2	33%	6
Sikh	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	2
All Christian Faiths	110	15%	458	62%	174	23%	742
Church of England (Anglican)	94	17%	314	58%	132	24%	540
Methodist	2	5%	32	74%	9	21%	43
Roman Catholic (RC)	5	6%	61	69%	22	25%	88
Baptist	1	10%	8	80%	1	10%	10
United Reformed Church (URC)	2	7%	21	78%	4	15%	27
Quakers (Society of Friends)	3	33%	6	67%	0	0%	9
Salvation Army	1	33%	1	33%	1	33%	3
Shared	1	25%	2	50%	1	25%	4
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	0	0%	2	67%	1	33%	3
Other Christian (Please Specify)	1	7%	11	73%	3	20%	15
Total All Faiths	112	15%	465	62%	177	23%	754

38 did not know/missing

### 8.3 Burial sites

Faith Group/Denomination	Does your place of worship have its own burial ground or cemetery?				Total
	Yes	%	No	%	
Buddhist	0	0%	11	100%	11
Baha'i	0	0%	5	100%	5
Hindu	0	0%	13	100%	13
Islamic (Muslim)	0	0%	88	100%	88
Jewish	14	44%	18	56%	32
Sikh	0	0%	7	100%	7
All Christian Faiths	717	33%	1464	67%	2181
Church of England (Anglican)	539	62%	325	38%	864
Methodist	35	8%	426	92%	461
Roman Catholic (RC)	83	22%	287	78%	370
Baptist	10	12%	76	88%	86
United Reformed Church (URC)	22	15%	129	85%	151
Quakers (Society of Friends)	12	48%	13	52%	25
Salvation Army	0	0%	44	100%	44
Shared	3	9%	29	91%	32
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	0	0%	66	100%	66
Other Christian (Please Specify)	13	16%	69	84%	82

**If yes to own burial ground or cemetery, can you estimate the earliest recorded burial?**

	0-1499	%	1500-1549	%	1550-1599	%	1600-1649	%	1650-1699	%	1700-1749	%	1750-1799	%
Buddhist	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Baha'i	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hindu	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Islamic (Muslim)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Jewish	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sikh	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
All Christian Faiths	22	1%	26	1%	23	1%	46	2%	35	2%	46	2%	43	2%
Church of England (Anglican)	20	2%	26	3%	22	3%	46	5%	28	3%	36	4%	35	4%
Methodist	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Roman Catholic (RC)	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Baptist	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
United Reformed Church (URC)	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	3	2%	3	2%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	24%	3	12%	0	0%
Salvation Army	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Shared	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

If yes to own burial ground or cemetery, can you estimate the earliest recorded burial?

	1800-1849	%	1850-1899	%	1900-1949	%	1950-1999	%	2000+	%	Missing	%	Total
Buddhist	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	11	100%	11
Baha'i	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	100%	6
Hindu	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	16	100%	16
Islamic (Muslim)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	92	100%	92
Jewish	2	5%	0	0%	2	5%	2	5%	0	0%	32	84%	38
Sikh	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	11	100%	11
All Christian Faiths	148	7%	161	7%	21	1%	27	1%	3	0%	1608	73%	2209
Church of England (Anglican)	113	13%	99	11%	11	1%	22	3%	2	0%	415	47%	875
Methodist	5	1%	18	4%	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	440	94%	467
Roman Catholic (RC)	19	5%	38	10%	5	1%	2	1%	1	0%	305	82%	372
Baptist	1	1%	3	3%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	78	91%	86
United Reformed Church (URC)	4	3%	1	1%	2	1%	1	1%	0	0%	139	91%	153
Quakers (Society of Friends)	1	4%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	14	56%	25
Salvation Army	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	44	100%	44
Shared	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	30	94%	32
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	70	100%	70

## 8.4 Faith Community-based Projects

### All Faiths Arts & Music

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Arts & Music		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
					Yes
All Faith Communities	Count	615	1096	1711	222
	%	35.94%	64.06%	100.00%	100.00%
Buddhist	Count	2	7	9	1
	% within Buddhist	22.22%	77.78%	100.00%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	2	3	5	0
	% within Baha'i	40.00%	60.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Hindu	Count	13	1	14	1
	% within Hindu	92.86%	7.14%	100.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	2	80	82	4
	% within Islamic (Muslim)	2.44%	97.56%	100.00%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	16	12	28	1
	% within Jewish	57.14%	42.86%	100.00%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	11	0	11	0
	% within Sikh	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count	569	993	1562	215
	% within All Christian Faiths	36.43%	63.57%	100.00%	100.00%

### All Faiths Education

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Education		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
					Yes
All Faith Communities	Count	655	1152	1807	266
	%	36.25%	63.75%	100.00%	
Buddhist	Count	3	6	9	0
	% within Buddhist	33.33%	66.67%	100.00%	0.00%
Baha'i	Count	2	3	5	2
	% within Baha'i	40.00%	60.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	10	5	15	4
	% within Hindu	66.67%	33.33%	100.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	27	63	90	61
	% within Islamic (Muslim)	30.00%	70.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	16	13	29	1
	% within Jewish	55.17%	44.83%	100.00%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	9	0	9	0
	% within Sikh	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count	588	1062	1650	198
	% within All Christian Faiths	35.64%	64.36%	100.00%	100.00%



### All Faiths Housing & Homelessness

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Housing & Homelessness		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
		Yes	No		Yes
All Faith Communities	Count %	171 10.86%	1404 89.14%	1575 100.00%	228
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	0 0.00%	7 100.00%	7 100.00%	0 0.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	0 0.00%	5 100.00%	5 100.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	0 0.00%	12 100.00%	12 100.00%	7
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	0 0.00%	83 100.00%	83 100.00%	30 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	2 9.52%	19 90.48%	21 100.00%	1 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	169 11.68%	1278 88.32%	1447 100.00%	190 100.00%

### All Faiths Anti-Racism

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects of activities in these areas of social concern? – Anti-Racism		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
		Yes	No		Yes
All Faith Communities	Count %	141 8.98%	1430 91.02%	1571 100.00%	253
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	0 0.00%	7 100.00%	7 100.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	1 20.00%	4 80.00%	5 100.00%	2 100.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	6 50.00%	6 50.00%	12 100.00%	3 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	4 4.49%	85 95.51%	89 100.00%	72 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	12 46.15%	14 53.85%	26 100.00%	1 100.00%
Sikh	Count % within Sikh	2 100.00%	0 0.00%	2 100.00%	0 0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	116 8.11%	1314 91.89%	1430 100.00%	174 100.00%

### All Faiths Crime Prevention

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Crime Prevention		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
All Faith Communities	Count %	191 11.97%	1404 88.03%	1595 100.00%	295 100.00%
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	0 0.00%	7 100.00%	7 100.00%	0 0.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	0 0.00%	5 100.00%	5 100.00%	1 100.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	4 30.77%	9 69.23%	13 100.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	3 3.37%	86 96.63%	89 100.00%	78 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	9 36.00%	16 64.00%	25 100.00%	1 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	175 12.02%	1281 87.98%	1456 100.00%	208 100.00%

### All Faiths Drug Abuse

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Drug Abuse		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
All Faith Communities	Count %	153 9.54%	1451 90.46%	1604 100.00%	317 100.00%
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	1 11.11%	8 88.89%	9 100.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	0 0.00%	5 100.00%	5 100.00%	1 100.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	3 25.00%	9 75.00%	12 100.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	3 3.33%	87 96.67%	90 100.00%	78 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	6 24.00%	19 76.00%	25 100.00%	1 100.00%
Sikh	Count % within Sikh	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	0 0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	139 9.51%	1323 90.49%	1462 100.00%	229 100.00%

### All Faiths Alcohol Abuse

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Alcohol Abuse		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
					Yes
All Faith Communities	Count	153	1442	1595	296
	%	9.59%	90.41%	100.00%	
Buddhist	Count	1	8	9	1
	% within Buddhist	11.11%	88.89%	100.00%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	0	5	5	1
	% within Baha'i	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	3	9	12	7
	% within Hindu	25.00%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	2	87	89	72
	% within Islamic (Muslim)	2.25%	97.75%	100.00%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	4	19	23	0
	% within Jewish	17.39%	82.61%	100.00%	0.00%
Sikh	Count	1	0	1	0
	% within Sikh	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count	142	1314	1456	215
	% within All Christian Faiths	9.75%	90.25%	100.00%	100.00%

### All Faiths Environment

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Environment		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
					Yes
All Faith Communities	Count	217	1370	1587	291
	%	13.67%	86.33%	100.00%	
Buddhist	Count	3	6	9	1
	% within Buddhist	33.33%	66.67%	100.00%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	1	4	5	2
	% within Baha'i	20.00%	80.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	3	8	11	6
	% within Hindu	27.27%	72.73%	100.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	5	85	90	76
	% within Islamic (Muslim)	5.56%	94.44%	100.00%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	6	18	24	1
	% within Jewish	25.00%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	0	0	0	0
	%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count	199	1249	1448	205
	% within All Christian Faiths	13.74%	86.26%	100.00%	100.00%

**All Faiths Health & Fitness**

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Health & Fitness		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
All Faith Communities	Count %	390 23.26%	1287 76.74%	1677 100.00%	230
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	3 30.00%	7 70.00%	10 100.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	0 0.00%	5 100.00%	5 100.00%	1 100.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	9 60.00%	6 40.00%	15 100.00%	5 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	9 9.78%	83 90.22%	92 100.00%	69 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	7 26.92%	19 73.08%	26 100.00%	1 100.00%
Sikh	Count % within Sikh	3 100.00%	0 0.00%	3 100.00%	0 0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	359 23.53%	1167 76.47%	1526 100.00%	153 100.00%

**All Faiths Employment & Training**

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Employment & Training		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
All Faith Communities	Count %	149 9.48%	1423 90.52%	1572 100.00%	241
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	1 12.50%	7 87.50%	8 100.00%	0 0.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	0 0.00%	5 100.00%	5 100.00%	1 100.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	3 21.43%	11 78.57%	14 100.00%	10 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	11 12.22%	79 87.78%	90 100.00%	51 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	4 16.67%	20 83.33%	24 100.00%	1 100.00%
Sikh	Count % within Sikh	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	0 0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	129 9.02%	1301 90.98%	1430 100.00%	178 100.00%

### All Faiths Social Enterprise

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects or activities in these areas of social concern? - Social Enterprise		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
		94	1414	1508	159
		6.23%	93.77%	100.00%	
All Faith Communities	Count	94	1414	1508	159
	%	6.23%	93.77%	100.00%	
Buddhist	Count	1	7	8	0
	% within Buddhist	12.50%	87.50%	100.00%	0.00%
Baha'i	Count	0	5	5	1
	% within Baha'i	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	3	8	11	6
	% within Hindu	27.27%	72.73%	100.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	2	70	72	3
	% within Islamic (Muslim)	2.78%	97.22%	100.00%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	0	22	22	1
	% within Jewish	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	0	0	0	0
	%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count	88	1302	1390	148
	% within All Christian Faiths	6.33%	93.67%	100.00%	100.00%

### All Faiths Personal Finance, Debt Counselling Credit Unions

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects in these areas of social concern? - Personal Finance (Debt Counselling, Credit Unions, etc)		Total	If No, would you like to in the future?
		Yes	No		
		151	1390	1541	216
		9.80%	90.20%	100.00%	
All Faith Communities	Count	151	1390	1541	216
	%	9.80%	90.20%	100.00%	
Buddhist	Count	0	6	6	0
	% within Buddhist	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Baha'i	Count	0	5	5	0
	% within Baha'i	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Hindu	Count	3	9	12	6
	% within Hindu	25.00%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	2	65	67	1
	% within Islamic (Muslim)	2.99%	97.01%	100.00%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	2	20	22	1
	% within Jewish	9.09%	90.91%	100.00%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	0	0	0	0
	%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count	144	1285	1429	208
	% within All Christian Faiths	10.08%	89.92%	100.00%	100.00%

**Other Areas of Social Concern**

		Does your worshipping community organise, run or manage any projects in these areas of social concern? - Other (please specify)		Total
		No response	Responded	
All Faith Communities	Count %	2201 92.36%	182 7.64%	2383 100.00%
Buddhist	Count % within Buddhist	10 90.91%	1 9.09%	11 100.00%
Baha'i	Count % within Baha'i	4 66.67%	2 33.33%	6 100.00%
Hindu	Count % within Hindu	16 100.00%	0 0.00%	16 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count % within Islamic (Muslim)	91 98.91%	1 1.09%	92 100.00%
Jewish	Count % within Jewish	37 97.37%	1 2.63%	38 100.00%
Sikh	Count % within Sikh	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
All Christian Faiths	Count % within All Christian Faiths	2032 91.99%	177 8.01%	2209 100.00%

## 8.5 Cultural and sporting activities

### Culture

Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?

#### Choir

		Not ticked	Choir	Total
All Faith Communities	Count %	313 20.00%	1,252 80.00%	1,565 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	3 100.00%	0 0.00%	3 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	2 50.00%	2 50.00%	4 100.00%
Hindu	Count %	9 56.25%	7 43.75%	16 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	6 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	7 41.18%	10 58.82%	17 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	0 0.00%	11 100.00%	11 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	286 18.97%	1222 81.03%	1508 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	90 13.20%	592 86.80%	682 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	61 21.63%	221 78.37%	282 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	32 12.65%	221 87.35%	253 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	29 56.86%	22 43.14%	51 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	17 17.35%	81 82.65%	98 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	6 75.00%	2 25.00%	8 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	7 23.33%	23 76.67%	30 100.00%
Shared	Count %	4 19.05%	17 80.95%	21 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	24 70.59%	10 29.41%	34 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	16 32.65%	33 67.35%	49 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	286 18.97%	1222 81.03%	1508 100.00%

**Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**

**Instrumental Music**

		Not ticked	Instrumental Music	Total
All Faith Communities	Count	642	923	1,565
	%	41.02%	58.98%	100.00%
Buddhist	Count	1	2	3
	%	33.33%	66.67%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	2	2	4
	%	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	3	13	16
	%	18.75%	81.25%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	5	1	6
	%	83.33%	16.67%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	16	1	17
	%	94.12%	5.88%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	1	10	11
	%	9.09%	90.91%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	614	894	1508
	%	40.72%	59.28%	100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count	253	429	682
	%	37.10%	62.90%	100.00%
Methodist	Count	135	147	282
	%	47.87%	52.13%	100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count	113	140	253
	%	44.66%	55.34%	100.00%
Baptist	Count	18	33	51
	%	35.29%	64.71%	100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count	51	47	98
	%	52.04%	47.96%	100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count	3	5	8
	%	37.50%	62.50%	100.00%
Salvation Army	Count	6	24	30
	%	20.00%	80.00%	100.00%
Shared	Count	9	12	21
	%	42.86%	57.14%	100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count	5	29	34
	%	14.71%	85.29%	100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count	21	28	49
	%	42.86%	57.14%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	614	894	1508
	%	40.72%	59.28%	100.00%



**Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**

**Dance**

		Not ticked	Dance	Total
All Faith Communities	Count %	1,240 79.23%	325 20.77%	1,565 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	3 100.00%	0 0.00%	3 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	3 75.00%	1 25.00%	4 100.00%
Hindu	Count %	1 6.25%	15 93.75%	16 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	6 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	11 64.71%	6 35.29%	17 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	1205 79.91%	303 20.09%	1508 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	575 84.31%	107 15.69%	682 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	214 75.89%	68 24.11%	282 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	199 78.66%	54 21.34%	253 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	38 74.51%	13 25.49%	51 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	89 90.82%	9 9.18%	98 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	5 62.50%	3 37.50%	8 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	17 56.67%	13 43.33%	30 100.00%
Shared	Count %	15 71.43%	6 28.57%	21 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	19 55.88%	15 44.12%	34 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	34 69.39%	15 30.61%	49 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	1205 79.91%	303 20.09%	1508 100.00%

**Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**

**Drama**

		Not ticked	Drama	Total
All Faith Communities	Count	991	574	1,565
	%	63.32%	36.68%	100.00%
Buddhist	Count	2	1	3
	%	66.67%	33.33%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	3	1	4
	%	75.00%	25.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	6	10	16
	%	37.50%	62.50%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	5	1	6
	%	83.33%	16.67%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	11	6	17
	%	64.71%	35.29%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	0	11	11
	%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	964	544	1508
	%	63.93%	36.07%	100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count	456	226	682
	%	66.86%	33.14%	100.00%
Methodist	Count	141	141	282
	%	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count	193	60	253
	%	76.28%	23.72%	100.00%
Baptist	Count	27	24	51
	%	52.94%	47.06%	100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count	68	30	98
	%	69.39%	30.61%	100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count	5	3	8
	%	62.50%	37.50%	100.00%
Salvation Army	Count	12	18	30
	%	40.00%	60.00%	100.00%
Shared	Count	13	8	21
	%	61.90%	38.10%	100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count	17	17	34
	%	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count	32	17	49
	%	65.31%	34.69%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	964	544	1508
	%	63.93%	36.07%	100.00%

**Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**

**Art**

		Not ticked	Art	Total
All Faith Communities	Count %	1,233 78.79%	332 21.21%	1,565 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 33.33%	2 66.67%	3 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	2 50.00%	2 50.00%	4 100.00%
Hindu	Count %	6 37.50%	10 62.50%	16 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	4 66.67%	2 33.33%	6 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	11 64.71%	6 35.29%	17 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	9 81.82%	2 18.18%	11 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	1200 79.58%	308 20.42%	1508 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	529 77.57%	153 22.43%	682 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	216 76.60%	66 23.40%	282 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	217 85.77%	36 14.23%	253 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	43 84.31%	8 15.69%	51 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	83 84.69%	15 15.31%	98 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	3 37.50%	5 62.50%	8 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	25 83.33%	5 16.67%	30 100.00%
Shared	Count %	17 80.95%	4 19.05%	21 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	29 85.29%	5 14.71%	34 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	38 77.55%	11 22.45%	49 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	1200 79.58%	308 20.42%	1508 100.00%

**Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**

**Poetry Recitals**

		Not ticked	Poetry Recitals	Total
All Faith Communities	Count	1,436	129	1,565
	%	91.76%	8.24%	100.00%
Buddhist	Count	1	2	3
	%	33.33%	66.67%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	2	2	4
	%	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%
Hindu	Count	9	7	16
	%	56.25%	43.75%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	2	4	6
	%	33.33%	66.67%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	14	3	17
	%	82.35%	17.65%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	1	10	11
	%	9.09%	90.91%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	1407	101	1508
	%	93.30%	6.70%	100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count	639	43	682
	%	93.70%	6.30%	100.00%
Methodist	Count	261	21	282
	%	92.55%	7.45%	100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count	240	13	253
	%	94.86%	5.14%	100.00%
Baptist	Count	49	2	51
	%	96.08%	3.92%	100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count	92	6	98
	%	93.88%	6.12%	100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count	3	5	8
	%	37.50%	62.50%	100.00%
Salvation Army	Count	29	1	30
	%	96.67%	3.33%	100.00%
Shared	Count	18	3	21
	%	85.71%	14.29%	100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count	33	1	34
	%	97.06%	2.94%	100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count	43	6	49
	%	87.76%	12.24%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	1407	101	1508
	%	93.30%	6.70%	100.00%

**Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following cultural activities?**

**Other (please specify)**

		No Response	Responded	Total
All Faith Communities	Count %	2,252 94.50%	131 5.50%	2,383 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	5 83.33%	1 16.67%	6 100.00%
Hindu	Count %	15 93.75%	1 6.25%	16 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	92 100.00%	0 0.00%	92 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	36 94.74%	2 5.26%	38 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	2082 94.25%	127 5.75%	2209 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	811 92.69%	64 7.31%	875 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	446 95.50%	21 4.50%	467 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	355 95.43%	17 4.57%	372 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	80 93.02%	6 6.98%	86 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	142 92.81%	11 7.19%	153 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	25 100.00%	0 0.00%	25 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	43 97.73%	1 2.27%	44 100.00%
Shared	Count %	31 96.88%	1 3.13%	32 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	68 97.14%	2 2.86%	70 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	81 95.29%	4 4.71%	85 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	2082 94.25%	127 5.75%	2209 100.00%

**Sport**

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Football**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Football		Total
		Not ticked	Football	
All Faith Communities	Count %	301 49.26%	316 51.72%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	5 71.43%	2 28.57%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	2 18.18%	9 81.82%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	0 0.00%	7 100.00%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	3 42.86%	4 57.14%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	284 49.13%	294 50.87%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	120 54.79%	99 45.21%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	61 59.22%	42 40.78%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	49 37.40%	82 62.60%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	5 21.74%	18 78.26%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	22 64.71%	12 35.29%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	5 33.33%	10 66.67%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	8 80.00%	2 20.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	7 28.00%	18 72.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	7 41.18%	10 58.82%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	284 49.13%	294 50.87%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Rugby**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Rugby		Total
		Not ticked	Rugby	
All Faith Communities	Count %	554 90.67%	63 10.31%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	5 71.43%	2 28.57%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	517 89.45%	61 10.55%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	196 89.50%	23 10.50%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	95 92.23%	8 7.77%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	109 83.21%	22 16.79%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	23 100.00%	0 0.00%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	31 91.18%	3 8.82%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	14 93.33%	1 6.67%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	9 90.00%	1 10.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	25 100.00%	0 0.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	15 88.24%	2 11.76%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	517 89.45%	61 10.55%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Tennis**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Tennis		Total
		Not ticked	Tennis	
All Faith Communities	Count	547	70	611
	%	89.53%	11.46%	100.00%
Buddhist	Count	1	0	1
	%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Baha'i	Count	6	0	0
	%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hindu	Count	7	0	7
	%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count	10	1	11
	%	90.91%	9.09%	100.00%
Jewish	Count	2	5	7
	%	28.57%	71.43%	100.00%
Sikh	Count	7	0	7
	%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	514	64	578
	%	88.93%	11.07%	100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count	194	25	219
	%	88.58%	11.42%	100.00%
Methodist	Count	90	13	103
	%	87.38%	12.62%	100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count	119	12	131
	%	90.84%	9.16%	100.00%
Baptist	Count	21	2	23
	%	91.30%	8.70%	100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count	28	6	34
	%	82.35%	17.65%	100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count	0	1	1
	%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Salvation Army	Count	14	1	15
	%	93.33%	6.67%	100.00%
Shared	Count	9	1	10
	%	90.00%	10.00%	100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count	25	0	25
	%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count	14	3	17
	%	82.35%	17.65%	100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count	514	64	578
	%	88.93%	11.07%	100.00%



**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Bowling**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Bowling		Total
		Not ticked	Bowling	
All Faith Communities	Count %	385 63.01%	232 37.97%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	346 59.86%	232 40.14%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	124 56.62%	95 43.38%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	53 51.46%	50 48.54%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	79 60.31%	52 39.69%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	20 86.96%	3 13.04%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	21 61.76%	13 38.24%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	11 73.33%	4 26.67%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	4 40.00%	6 60.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	22 88.00%	3 12.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	12 70.59%	5 29.41%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	346 59.86%	232 40.14%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Basketball**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Basketball		Total
		Not ticked	Basketball	
All Faith Communities	Count %	566 92.64%	51 8.35%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	10 90.91%	1 9.09%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	528 91.35%	50 8.65%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	202 92.24%	17 7.76%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	96 93.20%	7 6.80%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	115 87.79%	16 12.21%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	21 91.30%	2 8.70%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	33 97.06%	1 2.94%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	13 86.67%	2 13.33%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	9 90.00%	1 10.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	25 100.00%	0 0.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	14 82.35%	3 17.65%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	528 91.35%	50 8.65%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Martial Arts**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Martial Arts		Total
		Not ticked	Martial Arts	
All Faith Communities	Count %	518 84.78%	99 16.20%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	5 71.43%	2 28.57%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	8 72.73%	3 27.27%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	4 57.14%	3 42.86%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	5 71.43%	2 28.57%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	490 84.78%	88 15.22%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	182 83.11%	37 16.89%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	90 87.38%	13 12.62%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	106 80.92%	25 19.08%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	22 95.65%	1 4.35%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	29 85.29%	5 14.71%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	14 93.33%	1 6.67%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	9 90.00%	1 10.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	24 96.00%	1 4.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	14 82.35%	3 17.65%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	490 84.78%	88 15.22%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Fitness Training**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Fitness Training		Total
		Not ticked	Fitness Training	
All Faith Communities	Count %	417 68.25%	200 32.73%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	2 28.57%	5 71.43%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	5 45.45%	6 54.55%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	4 57.14%	3 42.86%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	5 71.43%	2 28.57%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	395 68.34%	183 31.66%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	151 68.95%	68 31.05%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	74 71.84%	29 28.16%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	83 63.36%	48 36.64%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	20 86.96%	3 13.04%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	24 70.59%	10 29.41%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	0 0.00%	1 100.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	7 46.67%	8 53.33%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	6 60.00%	4 40.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	19 76.00%	6 24.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	11 64.71%	6 35.29%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	395 68.34%	183 31.66%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Other – Badminton**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Badminton		Total
		Not ticked	Badminton	
All Faith Communities	Count %	565 92.47%	52 8.51%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	526 91.00%	52 9.00%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	209 95.43%	10 4.57%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	81 78.64%	22 21.36%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	130 99.24%	1 0.76%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	20 86.96%	3 13.04%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	26 76.47%	8 23.53%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	15 100.00%	0 0.00%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	6 60.00%	4 40.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	23 92.00%	2 8.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	15 88.24%	2 11.76%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	526 91.00%	52 9.00%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Other - Walking/Hiking**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Walking/Hiking		Total
		Not ticked	Walking/Hiking	
All Faith Communities	Count %	606 99.18%	11 1.80%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	567 98.10%	11 1.90%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	217 99.09%	2 0.91%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	102 99.03%	1 0.97%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	129 98.47%	2 1.53%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	20 86.96%	3 13.04%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	33 97.06%	1 2.94%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	15 100.00%	0 0.00%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	9 90.00%	1 10.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	25 100.00%	0 0.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	16 94.12%	1 5.88%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	567 98.10%	11 1.90%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Other – Cricket**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Cricket		Total
		Not ticked	Cricket	
All Faith Communities	Count %	598 97.87%	19 3.11%	611 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Hindu	Count %	6 85.71%	1 14.29%	7 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	9 81.82%	2 18.18%	11 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	7 100.00%	0 0.00%	7 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	562 97.23%	16 2.77%	578 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	211 96.35%	8 3.65%	219 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	102 99.03%	1 0.97%	103 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	127 96.95%	4 3.05%	131 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	22 95.65%	1 4.35%	23 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	33 97.06%	1 2.94%	34 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	1 100.00%	0 0.00%	1 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	15 100.00%	0 0.00%	15 100.00%
Shared	Count %	10 100.00%	0 0.00%	10 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	25 100.00%	0 0.00%	25 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	16 94.12%	1 5.88%	17 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	562 97.23%	16 2.77%	578 100.00%

**Is your community involved in any of the following regular, organised sporting activities?**

**Other Sports (please specify)**

		Is your worshipping community involved in any of the following sporting activities? - Other (please specify)		Total
		No Response	Responded	
All Faith Communities	Count %	2,264 95.01%	119 4.99%	2,383 100.00%
Buddhist	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
Baha'i	Count %	6 100.00%	0 0.00%	6 100.00%
Hindu	Count %	10 62.50%	6 37.50%	16 100.00%
Islamic (Muslim)	Count %	92 100.00%	0 0.00%	92 100.00%
Jewish	Count %	37 97.37%	1 2.63%	38 100.00%
Sikh	Count %	11 100.00%	0 0.00%	11 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	2097 94.93%	112 5.07%	2209 100.00%
Church of England (Anglican)	Count %	833 95.20%	42 4.80%	875 100.00%
Methodist	Count %	444 95.07%	23 4.93%	467 100.00%
Roman Catholic (RC)	Count %	352 94.62%	20 5.38%	372 100.00%
Baptist	Count %	79 91.86%	7 8.14%	86 100.00%
United Reformed Church (URC)	Count %	145 94.77%	8 5.23%	153 100.00%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	Count %	25 100.00%	0 0.00%	25 100.00%
Salvation Army	Count %	41 93.18%	3 6.82%	44 100.00%
Shared	Count %	30 93.75%	2 6.25%	32 100.00%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	Count %	68 97.14%	2 2.86%	70 100.00%
Other Christian (Please Specify)	Count %	80 94.12%	5 5.88%	85 100.00%
All Christian Denominations	Count %	2097 94.93%	112 5.07%	2209 100.00%



## 8.6 Volunteers

	Can you estimate the number of volunteers involved in activities in the community other than worship?								Total
	0	1-9	10-24	25-49	50-99	100-249	250+	Missing	
Buddhist	0 0%	3 27%	1 9%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 9%	6 55%	11 100%
Baha'i	0 0%	3 50%	2 33%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 17%	6 100%
Hindu	0 0%	4 25%	7 44%	2 13%	1 6%	1 6%	0 0%	1 6%	16 100%
Islamic (Muslim)	0 0%	30 33%	45 49%	8 9%	1 1%	1 1%	0 0%	7 8%	92 100%
Jewish	0 0%	5 13%	8 21%	4 11%	3 8%	5 13%	2 5%	11 29%	38 100%
Sikh	0 0%	2 18%	8 73%	0 0%	1 9%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	11 100%
All Christian Faiths	14 1%	363 16%	674 31%	337 15%	141 6%	71 3%	3 0%	606 27%	2209 100%
Church of England (Anglican)	4 0%	100 11%	269 31%	170 19%	62 7%	41 5%	2 0%	227 26%	875 100%
Methodist	4 1%	122 26%	129 28%	47 10%	20 4%	8 2%	1 0%	136 29%	467 100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	1 0%	30 8%	115 31%	58 16%	35 9%	16 4%	0 0%	117 31%	372 100%
Baptist	0 0%	23 27%	30 35%	14 16%	3 3%	1 1%	0 0%	15 17%	86 100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	1 1%	34 22%	50 33%	21 14%	5 3%	2 1%	0 0%	40 26%	153 100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	1 4%	9 36%	3 12%	1 4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	11 44%	25 100%
Salvation Army	0 0%	9 20%	19 43%	9 20%	2 5%	0 0%	0 0%	5 11%	44 100%
Shared	0 0%	2 6%	16 50%	4 13%	3 9%	0 0%	0 0%	7 22%	32 100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	1 1%	15 21%	17 24%	7 10%	6 9%	2 3%	0 0%	22 31%	70 100%
Other Christian	2 2%	19 22%	26 31%	6 7%	5 6%	1 1%	0 0%	26 31%	85 100%

## 8.7 Funding

### Has your worshipping community been in receipt of public funding?

	Yes	No	Total
All Faith Communities	27%	73%	100%
Buddhist	36%	64%	100%
Baha'i	0%	100%	100%
Hindu	31%	69%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	26%	74%	100%
Jewish	26%	74%	100%
Sikh	22%	78%	100%
All Christian Denominations	27%	73%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	38%	62%	100%
Methodist	22%	78%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	17%	83%	100%
Baptist	19%	81%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	24%	76%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	4%	96%	100%
Salvation Army	24%	76%	100%
Shared	23%	77%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	21%	79%	100%
Other Christian	15%	85%	100%
All Christian Denominations	27%	73%	100%

### If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: - Lottery

	Not ticked	Lottery	Total
All Faith Communities	77%	23%	100%
Buddhist	50%	50%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	60%	40%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	100%	0%	100%
Jewish	83%	17%	100%
Sikh	50%	50%	100%
All Christian Denominations	76%	24%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	73%	27%	100%
Methodist	85%	15%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	58%	42%	100%
Baptist	100%	0%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	91%	9%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	100%	0%	100%
Shared	50%	50%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	90%	10%	100%
Other Christian	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	76%	24%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: English Heritage**

	Not ticked	English Heritage	Total
All Faith Communities	66%	34%	100%
Buddhist	50%	50%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	100%	0%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	100%	0%	100%
Jewish	67%	33%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	63%	37%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	48%	52%	100%
Methodist	98%	2%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	82%	18%	100%
Baptist	100%	0%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	68%	32%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	0%	100%	100%
Salvation Army	100%	0%	100%
Shared	83%	17%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	90%	10%	100%
Other Christian	57%	43%	100%
All Christian Denominations	63%	37%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: - Local Authority**

	Not ticked	Local Authority	Total
All Faith Communities	53%	47%	100%
Buddhist	0%	100%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	0%	100%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	10%	90%	100%
Jewish	50%	50%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	56%	44%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	67%	33%	100%
Methodist	26%	74%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	55%	45%	100%
Baptist	13%	88%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	41%	59%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	38%	63%	100%
Shared	50%	50%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	50%	50%	100%
Other Christian	71%	29%	100%
All Christian Denominations	56%	44%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: - European**

	Not ticked	European	Total
All Faith Communities	96%	4%	100%
Buddhist	100%	0%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	100%	0%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	75%	25%	100%
Jewish	100%	0%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	97%	3%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	98%	2%	100%
Methodist	98%	2%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	97%	3%	100%
Baptist	100%	0%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	95%	5%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	88%	13%	100%
Shared	100%	0%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	80%	20%	100%
Other Christian	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	97%	3%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: -  
Single Regeneration Budget (SRB)**

	Not ticked	Single Regeneration Budget (SRB)	Total
All Faith Communities	94%	6%	100%
Buddhist	100%	0%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	100%	0%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	100%	0%	100%
Jewish	100%	0%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	94%	6%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	95%	5%	100%
Methodist	98%	2%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	89%	11%	100%
Baptist	88%	13%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	95%	5%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	50%	50%	100%
Shared	83%	17%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	90%	10%	100%
Other Christian	86%	14%	100%
All Christian Denominations	94%	6%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: -  
Health Action Zone (HAZ)**

	Not ticked	Health Action Zone (HAZ)	Total
All Faith Communities	95%	5%	100%
Buddhist	100%	0%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	100%	0%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	100%	0%	100%
Jewish	83%	17%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	95%	5%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	95%	5%	100%
Methodist	100%	0%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	92%	8%	100%
Baptist	88%	13%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	100%	0%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	75%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	100%	25%	100%
Shared	90%	0%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	86%	10%	100%
Other Christian	95%	14%	100%
All Christian Denominations		5%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which: -  
Community Chest**

	Not ticked	Community Chest	Total
All Faith Communities	96%	4%	100%
Buddhist	100%	0%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	100%	0%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	100%	0%	100%
Jewish	83%	17%	100%
Sikh	50%	50%	100%
All Christian Denominations	96%	4%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	96%	4%	100%
Methodist	95%	5%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	100%	0%	100%
Baptist	100%	0%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	100%	0%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	100%	0%	100%
Shared	83%	17%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	90%	10%	100%
Other Christian	86%	14%	100%
All Christian Denominations	96%	4%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding please specify which -  
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF)**

	Not ticked	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF)	Total
All Faith Communities	97%	3%	100%
Buddhist	100%	0%	100%
Baha'i	0%	0%	0%
Hindu	100%	0%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	100%	0%	100%
Jewish	100%	0%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	97%	3%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	98%	2%	100%
Methodist	92%	8%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	97%	3%	100%
Baptist	100%	0%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	100%	0%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	100%	0%	100%
Shared	100%	0%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	100%	0%	100%
Other Christian	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	97%	3%	100%

**If yes to receipt of public funding - Other**

	No Response	Responded	Total
All Faith Communities	95%	5%	100%
Buddhist	91%	9%	100%
Baha'i	100%	0%	100%
Hindu	94%	6%	100%
Islamic (Muslim)	99%	1%	100%
Jewish	95%	5%	100%
Sikh	100%	0%	100%
All Christian Denominations	94%	6%	100%
Church of England (Anglican)	94%	6%	100%
Methodist	93%	7%	100%
Roman Catholic (RC)	96%	4%	100%
Baptist	94%	6%	100%
United Reformed Church (URC)	94%	6%	100%
Quakers (Society of Friends)	100%	0%	100%
Salvation Army	100%	0%	100%
Shared	94%	6%	100%
Evangelical, Charismatic & Pentecostal	94%	6%	100%
Other Christian	96%	4%	100%
All Christian Denominations	94%	6%	100%

## 8.8 Participation in the Partnership Agenda - A Greater Manchester Case Study

### Current Opportunities to Participate

All ten of the local authorities areas within the Greater Manchester conurbation have established Local Strategic Partnerships. The pattern of development and the final structure chosen for each LSP have varied within each local authority area for a variety of reasons.

### In spite of this variation there are some features which are common to many LSPs:

- multi-tiered structures have been favoured
- normally an overarching forum with very broad membership, meeting infrequently (annually in some cases)
- a central board of representatives from each sector. This is a smaller decision making body meeting more regularly (different LSPs have different titles for this body: board, steering group etc. but for ease Board is used here too refer to all of these bodies).
- various task groups and working parties

Faith community involvement in LSPs has also varied across the Conurbation. In the majority of cases (seven out of the ten) faith communities have participation at board level (see Table 1.). The faith allocation ranges from 0 to 3 places across the Greater Manchester LSPs. The picture of how these seats are assigned to the faith sector is again varied. In some cases (e.g. Manchester) seats have been given a general faith designation, in others (e.g. Bolton) they have been designated for specific faith traditions.

In addition new Faith Networks are being formed associated with LSP participation (please see below).

**However there are LSPs where it is difficult to discern any formal involvement at all.**

Local Authority	Board Representation	Pursuing Faith Network	No Information
Bolton	✓	✓	
Bury	✓	✓	
Oldham	✓	✓	
Manchester	✓	✓	
Rochdale	✓	✓	
Salford	✓	✓	
Stockport	✗	✓	
Tameside			✓
Trafford*	✗	✓	
Wigan	✓	✓	

\* Whilst there is no formal representation on the Board, Trafford has established a 'Partners Group' which is an additional body which feeds into the Board. This has faith representation.

## Interfaith Networks

As the Government has encouraged faith communities to become involved in partnership with other agencies there has been a growth in the number of bodies seeking to bring together people of different faith traditions. There is now a whole range of different groups involved in the inter-faith agenda: with different names and a different emphasis on activities. This has led to confusion about what the groups are for, how they are organised and whether or not there is a duplication of activity.

Typical kinds of faith groupings are:

**1) Faith Leaders Groups** – these bring together key figures from each tradition. They can develop common agendas and speak with a common voice on certain issues (for example a group in Manchester spoke out about BNP involvement in recent local elections).

**2) Spiritual Journey Groups** – these tend to be quite open and informal. Their main purpose is to develop an understanding of other faith traditions (Manchester Interfaith Forum for example).

**3) Project Groups** – set up to bring a faith perspective (and use faith as a motivator) individual projects such as community development initiatives – e.g. Rochdale Interfaith Action

**4) Partnership Groups** – in many areas specific interfaith groups are being established to promote involvement in the new partnership agenda.

Of course these are not hard and fast groupings – it may be that a single interfaith group is able to carry out many or all of the different activities. However there are considerations which make a group more able to carry out one or other of these activities. For example, when involved in partnerships with the statutory sector it is important that there are representative structures in place within the Network (such as ensuring that faith representatives carry some sort of mandate from their own faith group). This is not so important for groups which are just seeking to learn about each other's faith tradition.

From the point of view of LSP participation it is the Partnership Groups that are important. These are fledgling groups and in most places have yet to firmly establish themselves or their procedures. Their precise relationship to the LSP again varies from case to case.

In some cases it is anticipated that these groups will select the faith representatives who will take up the Board seats. In other cases, even though a faith Network exists, the task of selecting faith representatives have been left to individual faith traditions. This is true where specific faith seat allocations have been made. In Oldham for example, three seats were specifically designated for the Christian, Muslim and Hindu communities and each faith tradition was asked to determine its representative. A ballot of the members of Churches Together in Oldham therefore was used to select the Christian representative.



## Barriers to Participation

In spite of the Government's promotion of faith community involvement in the partnership agenda there are still barriers which must be overcome if the faith communities are to participate fully.

These barriers break down into three general categories:

### 1) Practical barriers

The different faith traditions, and different denominations within them, are organised very differently to each other (if they are organised at all). In addition they rarely fit neatly into the same areas as local authorities.

This creates a range of problems:

- each faith has many schools of thought - how do you ensure that faith networks are inclusive of them all?
- how do you draw up accountable mechanisms for voting and representative selection etc?
- how do you involve those who live in one local authority area but whose faith community is based outside the relevant local authority area e.g. Salford where there are no Sikh Gurdwaras or Hindu Temples?
- how do you target communication within large organised faiths which cross local authority boundaries?
- how do you link with atomised faiths?
- what is the definition of faith (e.g. is paganism a faith community)?
- How do you involve very small faith groups? (there are for example only about 75 members of the North West Zoroastrian Association)

### 2) Other Agency barriers

In spite of recent progress, the Local Government Association document **FAITH AND COMMUNITY, A good Practice Guide for Local Authorities for example**, there are still barriers that emerge from the statutory and voluntary & community sectors. Whilst many workers in these sectors are open and supportive of faith community involvement others can be indifferent, suspicious or even antagonistic. Faith communities have to recognise their part in addressing the issues behind this which include

- suspicion that faith groups have a proselytising agenda which is at odds with partnership
- negative feelings about the effects of tensions within and between different faith traditions.
- belief that faith has nothing to offer
- resentment that the Government promoted faith communities and not other groups?
- confusion over the issues of faith and race (see inset box).

### **Faith/Ethnicity**

There is a dearth of understanding, in the public at large, of the distinctiveness of religion and race. They are obviously related; there is a tendency for a people from a particular ethnic origin to have a particular faith background but they are not the same thing. This lack of understanding is true even of statutory agencies. For example, one Greater Manchester local authority agreed to have faith seats on the Board of its LSP and so initially proposed Hindu and Muslim seats. The Christian community was not even considered. It is suggested that they saw faith as an issue for black and minority ethnic communities.

### 3) Capacity barriers

Internal to the faith communities themselves there are barriers to participation. These could be due to the organisational capacity of the faith institutions or due to their particular theology. It may be uncomfortable but faith communities may have to face up to the fact that some of the suspicions mentioned under 2) above are not entirely baseless. Major faiths do have a tension between dialogue with other faiths, or the secular agencies, and their sense of mission to promote their own faith.

- how much awareness of the partnership agenda is there within the faith communities?
- what importance is attached to the partnership agenda by those who are aware of it?
- who takes the lead for each tradition: faith leaders? clergy? laity?
- who brings them together initially?
- what is the capacity of each faith to communicate to its own members?
- faith communities have a very low ratio of professional staff to membership with much of their activity carried out by volunteers
- tension between partnership working and faith promotion
- suspicions between different faith traditions and between different schools of thought within those traditions.

The key to overcoming the barriers is to find a core group of people where there is a relationship built on trust. A group composed of people from all traditions, working inclusively, can provide a nucleus promoting greater understanding in their own respective faith communities. In addition they will be able to relate positively to other statutory and voluntary agencies. As they interact with each other (holding inter-faith social gatherings, working on projects together etc.) they are providing opportunities for others to become involved.

## **The Role of Faith Communities in the Partnership Agenda**

In spite of the barriers mentioned above there is a clear and important role for the faith communities in working together and with non-faith agencies for the good of their communities:

- there is a tradition of community involvement; church halls used to provide toddler groups for example, as understanding of regeneration has developed beyond simple physical change to an area this provision of community facilities has been recognised as a key component and faith groups have realised that they have something to contribute
- in some cases attempts to access funding streams to pay for building improvements or projects have drawn faith groups into regeneration partnerships.
- many have developed a theological understanding that compels them to engage with their local communities.

Just as faith groups have recognised their potential to contribute so there is also a growing recognition of that role by other agencies (including national government).

Faith communities are seen as:

- having a value base that provides extra motivation
- having a long-term presence in all areas
- a channel to hard to reach groups
- a source of volunteers
- a source of community facilities (buildings for example)
- able to promote Community Cohesion

A key aspect of faith involvement in the partnership agenda is the role that faith communities can play in the promotion of greater social cohesion.

*“Faith leaders play a leading role within their own communities, never more important than now when hard things need to be said about the importance of contact across the communal divide and of bringing down barriers, the disavowal of racist attitudes and the rejection of violence as a means to solve society’s ills.”*

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Panel Report, 11 December 2001

This was recognised by the investigations into the 2001 disturbances in northern towns in England. All three reports into the disturbances in Oldham, Burnley and Bradford, as well as the more general reports (Cantle etc.) had something to say about the significant role that faith can play.

The potential for faith to be abused in order to create the very social fractures which cause unrest is mentioned (religious stereotypes for example), however, the reports are even more clear about the potential of faith communities to foster greater community cohesion. (See the inset box for an example of faith based community cohesion work).

Oldham Partnership Development Officer

**The Diocese of Manchester had 3-year grant funding (from Church Urban Fund - CUF) to employ a worker to secure Anglican Church involvement in the partnership agenda in Oldham (its LSP etc.)**

**Following the disturbances of 2001 it was decided that such a worker should be accountable to all of the faith traditions present in the Borough. A partnership was set up between the Diocese and the Oldham Interfaith Forum. The CUF grant has been matched with money from Oldham's Neighbourhood Renewal allocation (under its community cohesion priority), smaller contributions from the Methodist Church and Oldham's Community Empowerment Fund, and in kind from the local Muslim community. A worker is now in place, promoting inter-faith relations and facilitating the involvement of all the faith communities in Oldham's partnerships**

### 8.9 2001 Census data on Religion (Coverage: England and Wales - Region and LA)

Variables	All people (number)	Percentage of people stating religion as: Christian	Percentage of people stating religion as: Buddhist	Percentage of people stating religion as: Hindu	Percentage of people stating religion as: Jewish	Percentage of people stating religion as: Muslim	Percentage of people stating religion as: Sikh	Percentage of people stating religion as: Other religions	Percentage of people stating religion as: No religion	Percentage of people stating religion as: Religion not stated
Area										
Allerdale	93491	85.24	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.11	..	0.12	8.17	6.2
Barrow-in-Furness	71980	81.03	0.1	0.06	0.03	0.25	0.01	0.13	10.79	7.59
Blackburn with Darwen	137470	63.29	0.12	0.31	0.04	19.4	0.1	0.14	7.99	8.62
Blackpool	142283	78.63	0.17	0.12	0.21	0.44	0.03	0.23	11.39	8.78
Bolton	261037	74.56	0.1	2	0.06	7.07	0.03	0.15	8.75	7.28
Burnley	89542	74.46	0.11	0.28	0.03	6.58	0.03	0.18	11.04	7.27
Bury	180608	73.68	0.14	0.37	4.94	3.74	0.11	0.17	10.16	6.7
Carlisle	100739	80.68	0.14	0.05	0.03	0.23	0.02	0.13	10.95	7.76
Chester	118210	78.15	0.2	0.17	0.11	0.53	0.05	0.17	12.98	7.63
Chorley	100449	84.04	0.2	0.18	0.05	0.64	0.05	0.14	9.08	5.63
Congleton	90655	81.46	0.12	0.11	0.06	0.17	0.04	0.16	11.46	6.43
Copeland	69318	86.31	0.1	0.06	0.02	0.18	0.01	0.12	7	6.21
Crewe and Nantwich	111007	80.25	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.41	0.04	0.15	11.91	6.94
Eden	49777	81.35	0.16	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.01	0.18	11.44	6.75
Ellesmere Port and Neston	81672	82.52	0.13	0.08	0.06	0.27	0.04	0.08	10.21	6.62
Fylde	73217	82.42	0.12	0.16	0.54	0.25	0.04	0.19	9.63	6.65
Halton	118208	83.83	0.1	0.08	0.03	0.13	0.03	0.1	8.69	7
Hyndburn	81496	76.3	0.08	0.05	0.03	7.19	0.05	0.13	9.2	6.98
Knowsley	150459	85.63	0.07	0.11	0.03	0.17	0.01	0.04	5.84	8.09
Lancaster	133914	76.31	0.25	0.13	0.09	0.59	0.05	0.27	13.63	8.68

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Liverpool	439473	79.48	0.27	0.26	0.61	1.35	0.09	0.13	9.67	8.13
Macclesfield	150155	79.59	0.19	0.26	0.31	0.51	0.06	0.19	12.75	6.14
Manchester	392819	62.42	0.55	0.73	0.78	9.12	0.43	0.28	15.97	9.72
Oldham	217273	72.62	0.11	0.61	0.04	11.06	0.03	0.12	8.92	6.47
Pendle	89248	65.4	0.14	0.08	0.03	13.43	0.02	0.2	13.08	7.61
Preston	129633	71.46	0.17	2.59	0.05	8.24	0.56	0.17	9.8	6.98
Ribble Valley	53960	85.31	0.12	0.14	0.05	0.61	0.01	0.14	8.22	5.41
Rochdale	205357	72.1	0.12	0.24	0.09	9.37	0.04	0.14	10.79	7.11
Rossendale	65652	75.68	0.13	0.1	0.06	2.87	0.02	0.21	13.91	7.02
Salford	216103	76.46	0.22	0.32	2.4	1.2	0.11	0.15	11.01	8.12
Sefton	282958	84.38	0.13	0.17	0.25	0.32	0.03	0.12	8.1	6.49
South Lakeland	102301	79.14	0.36	0.04	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.24	13.27	6.81
South Ribble	103867	84.71	0.14	0.43	0.03	0.32	0.04	0.11	8.65	5.58
St. Helens	176843	86.88	0.09	0.17	0.03	0.2	0.02	0.11	6.28	6.22
Stockport	284528	75.43	0.21	0.47	0.58	1.75	0.07	0.23	14.18	7.09
Tameside	213043	75.54	0.13	1.36	0.04	2.52	0.03	0.17	12.1	8.11
Trafford	210145	75.8	0.17	0.59	1.1	3.32	0.49	0.16	11.98	6.39
Vale Royal	122089	82.08	0.16	0.1	0.05	0.17	0.06	0.14	10.91	6.33
Warrington	191080	82.03	0.12	0.19	0.06	0.58	0.14	0.14	10.26	6.48
West Lancashire	108378	83.77	0.12	0.2	0.04	0.18	0.06	0.16	8.89	6.59
Wigan	301415	86.85	0.09	0.17	0.03	0.33	0.02	0.09	6.88	5.55
Wirral	312293	80.64	0.15	0.13	0.1	0.28	0.07	0.14	10.49	8
Wyre	105618	83.06	0.15	0.14	0.1	0.18	0.05	0.22	9.4	6.73
NW Total & Average	6729763	78.86%	0.18%	0.40%	0.42%	3.03%	0.10%	0.16%	10.48%	7.23%

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