

March 2023



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Monk Fryston Parish Council

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Introduction

During March 2023, Monk Fryston Parish Council conducted a village survey to assess local opinion on road safety and the needs/vulnerabilities of the community.

The survey was available to complete either online (via a Google form) or in hard copy (via a paper survey distributed to all households with the Parish Council's March 2023 newsletter).

A total of 151 responses were received (115 online and 36 paper copies). This report collates the answers from all 151 respondents and presents the results.

Note: not all respondents completed every survey question.

Headline results

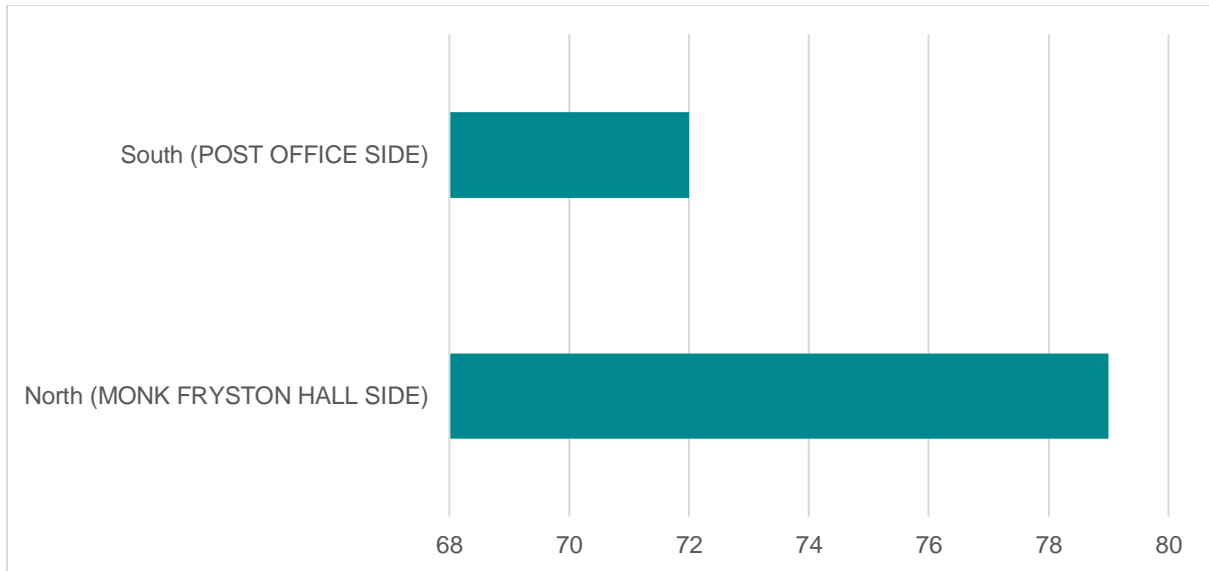
Notable results include:

- 20% of respondents have an impairment to their mobility
- Crossing the A63 is essential to the daily routine of more than 60% of respondents
- Over 40% of respondents have had to change their lifestyle to avoid attempting to cross the A63
- 97% of respondents feel unsafe when crossing the A63
- 99% of incidents/near misses have not been reported

Survey results

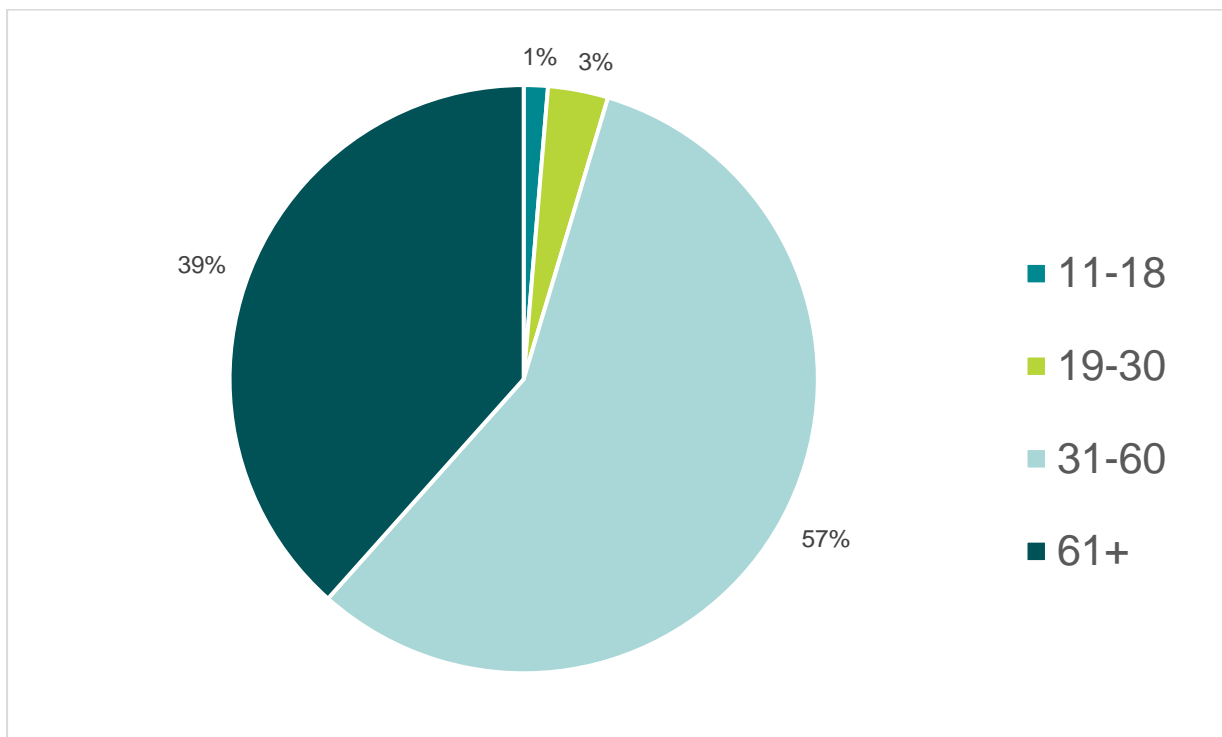
Question 1

Which side of the A63 do you live on?



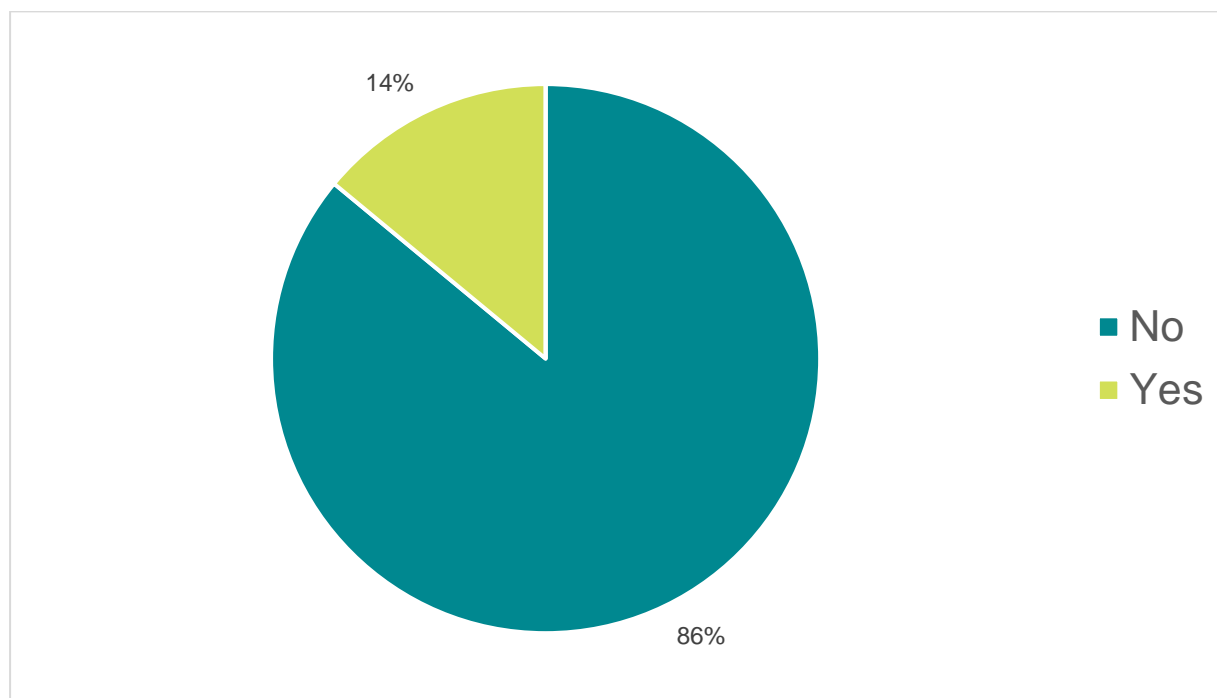
Question 2

What is your age group?



Question 3

Would you consider yourself to have any condition which impairs your ability to assess oncoming traffic such as impaired hearing or vision? Please provide further information if you wish.

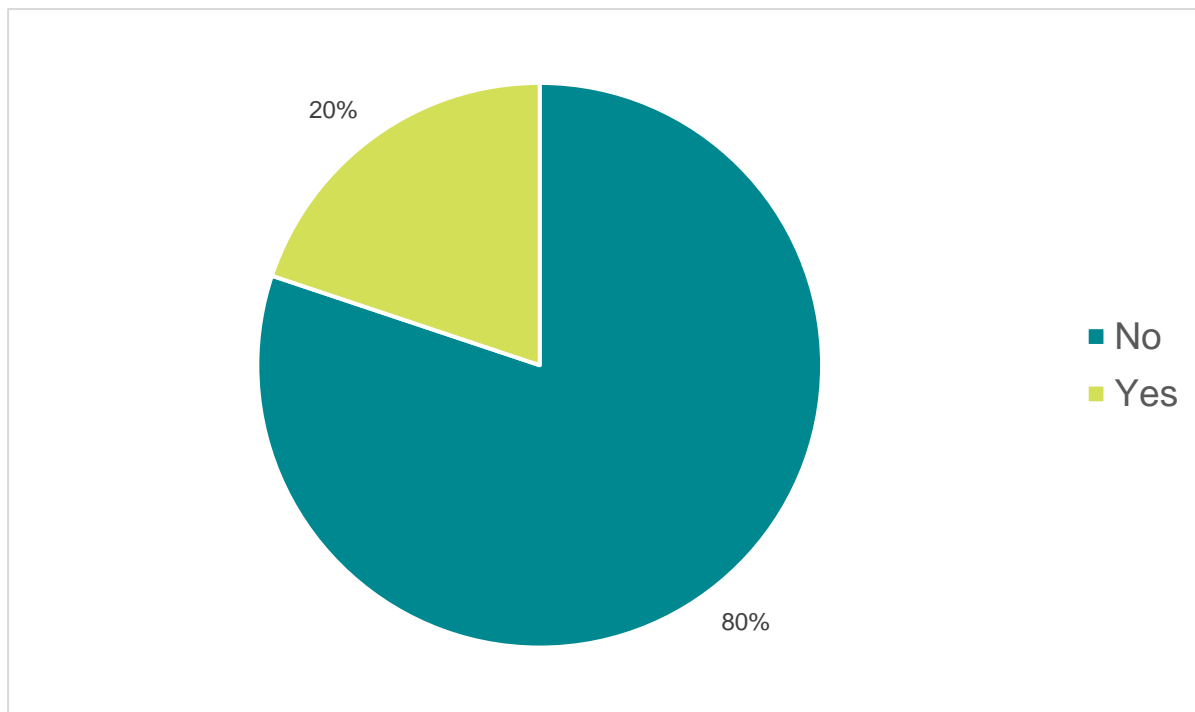


Free text responses (further information provided by respondent):

bad eyesight and hearing
Physically slow walking and anxious about falling due to hip replacements
It would had Safety to people crossing the road to go to the shop .
Hard of hearing. Both myself and my husband.
Impaired vision
Impaired hearing
I have impaired vision and awaiting 2nd knee surgery
I cannot see around bends! With the advent of electric cars/hybrids it is not always possible to hear cars coming. if you cannot see around bends it is difficult to assess if anything is coming. Also nothing travels at 30mph or below unless a police car is present with a speed camera!
Eyes affected due to ADEM diagnosis
Wear glasses and use hearing aid
Disabled - use a walker
Can't walk fast
Old age
Down's syndrome - learning disability
Difficult to see around bends
Impaired hearing
Impaired vision and walking with a stick

Question 4

Would you consider yourself to have any impairment to your mobility such as a past injury, medical condition, disability? Please provide further information if you wish.



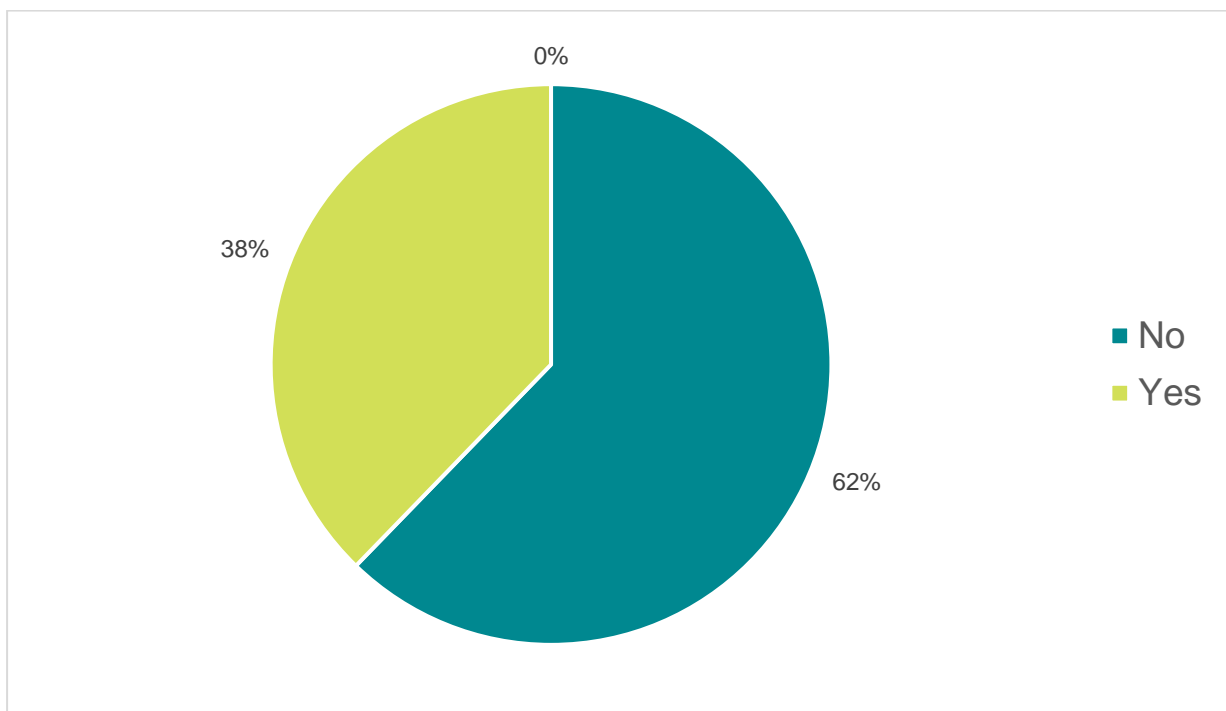
Free text responses (further information provided by respondent):

Heart Condition
Walking impaired by a stroke
I have a fake leg (internal) and so cannot move fast. It has caused a few close calls when crossing in Monk Fryston
Mobility issues
Two hips and one knee replacements. Rheumatoid arthritis. Use a stick when crossing roads.
Reduced mobility due to osteoarthritis and knee replacement
Lower back problem, preventing me from running fast
Fractured vertabrae that reduces mobility
Patella femural syndrome
Arthritis in one knee
Age, therefore not as fast as I used to be!
Knee repairs
hip replacements
Heart condition
back problem so cannot run across the road
Broken leg some years ago means I don't walk as fast as needed to cross the road esp at busy times.
Arthritis in knees and hips
Walk very slowly
Mobility impaired by old age

Arthritis
I do not, but my 5 year old daughter is registered as a disabled child with impairment to her mobility
slower due to age
Age related mobility. Now 74. Cars move more quickly than me
I walk with the aid of a stick

Question 5

Do you need to cross the road with children and/or pushchairs/wheelchair? Please provide further information if you wish.



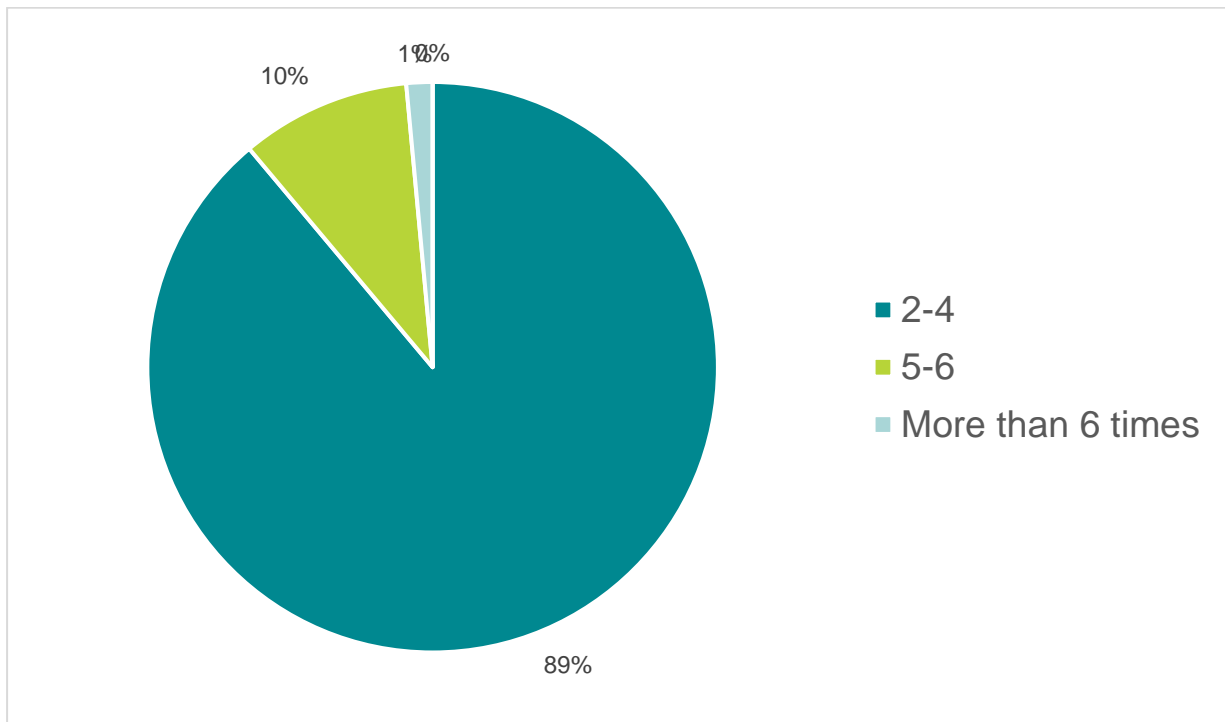
Free text responses (further information provided by respondent):

Two year old. Have been trying to cross with her since she was a baby 😊
2 small children & a pushchair
Walking the dogs and with 5yr old when out walking. Wife also crosses with horses.
Child aged 10 as darent let her cross by herself
To catch the bus to school
Grandchildren and a bicycle.
My daughters have to cross everyday for school
to visit post office
2 children and 2 dogs
Children need to cross for busses and Monk Fryston primary
Children
Not listed within the question, but I regularly cross the road from Water Lane onto Fryston Common Lane and back on horse back, and feel very vulnerable.

We regularly cross the road at a weekend to go for family bike rides and/or walks around the back of monk fryston hall. We have 3 children so this can be difficult when they have their bikes or even just walking.
With Grandchildren to take them to school
I need to cross to take my child to school and clubs at the busiest times of day. Can sometimes take 5 minutes before it's safe to cross.
Walking my Grandson home
It is so dangerous having to cross the road with a pram, also the lack on drop curbs to push the pram onto the curb out of the way of speeding traffic.
I have a four year old and the lack of visibility combined with speed of vehicles makes crossing terrifying. I drive to her nursery to avoid walking across the road
Our child has to cross the road on her own after school as she is dropped off on the North side of the road and we live on the South side of the road. There are very little safe crossing points with good visibility.
I have two small children and we find it increasingly dangerous to cross the road to walk to see friends and to go for a walk.
Regularly cross with a child and dogs
Family with young children, difficult to cross the road visiting friends and going for walks.
I cross regularly with my youngest and my 14 year old crosses from north to south every school night.
Pushchair as I have a young child
Children
Cross with grandchildren who live On opposite side of A63. This involves a push chair and dog or upto 3 children one with a physical disability.
Have young grandchildren
child aged 7
Grandchildren and large dog
To take Grandchildren to school
2 young children (1 preschool, 1 primary school), plus two other primary school children 1 day per week
My Grand children are regular visitors and park on the square so they need to cross, I excort them because it is so dangerous
Talking my Grandchildren for walks in the village
When my granddaughter comes to stay we need to cross the road to get to her parents car. It can take some time
Grandchildren when they visit weekly
Walker
Shopping trolley
Walk with walking stick
Currently pregnant - children/pushchair
Take my daughter to primary school
I have three children, ages 7, 4 and 1. Two of my children attend Monk Fryston Primary School. My oldest child has a physical disability, and my youngest is quite often in a push chair. We cross the road multiple times daily.
wheelchair, children and pushchair used to cross on a daily basis
Not recently but when kids younger
I am a mum and childminder and often cross the road

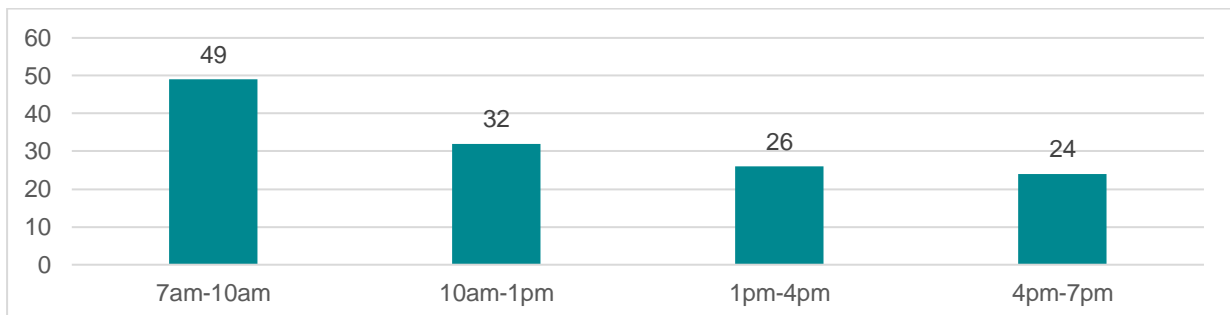
Question 6

How many times a day on average do you cross, on foot, the A63?



Question 7

What time of day are you most likely to need to cross the A63?



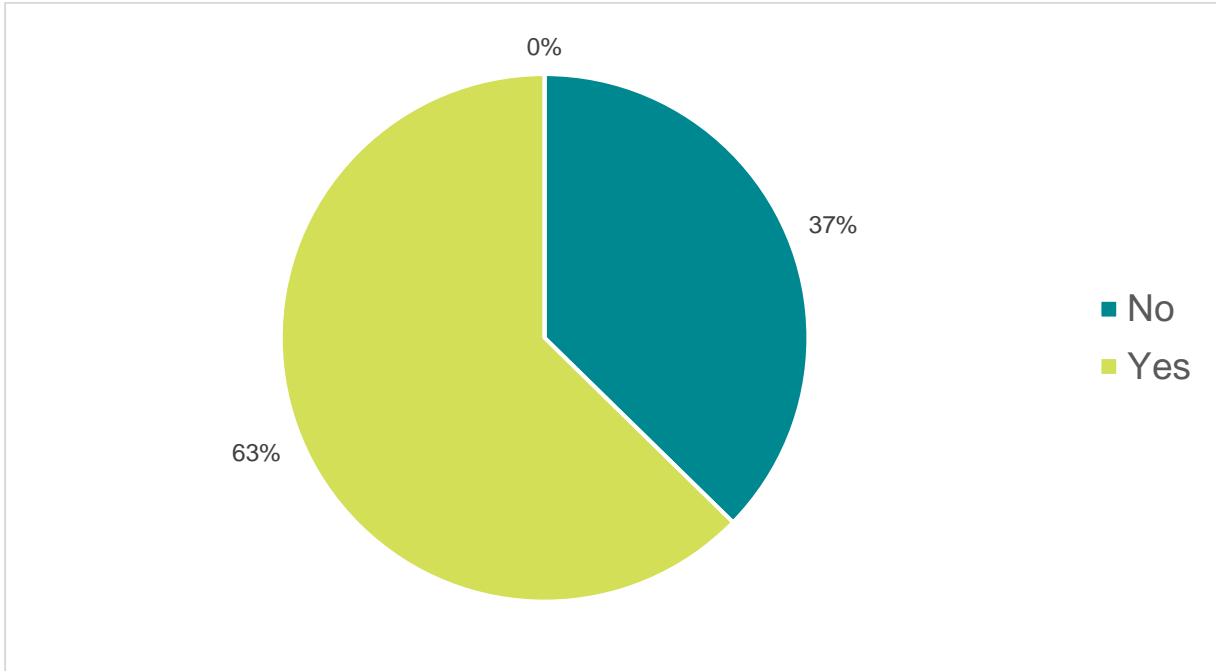
Other responses:

Varies
8:30am 3:30pm and 3:45
8:40, 9:00, 15:20, 15:40, 18:20 and 20:00
Varies, throughout the day
After 20.0 when the road is quite, to post letter.
Varies; shop/church times
Both 7-10 and 4-7
Varies throughout the day to access bus stop, post office and areas south of road for walking
all times of the day during the school holidays

all times

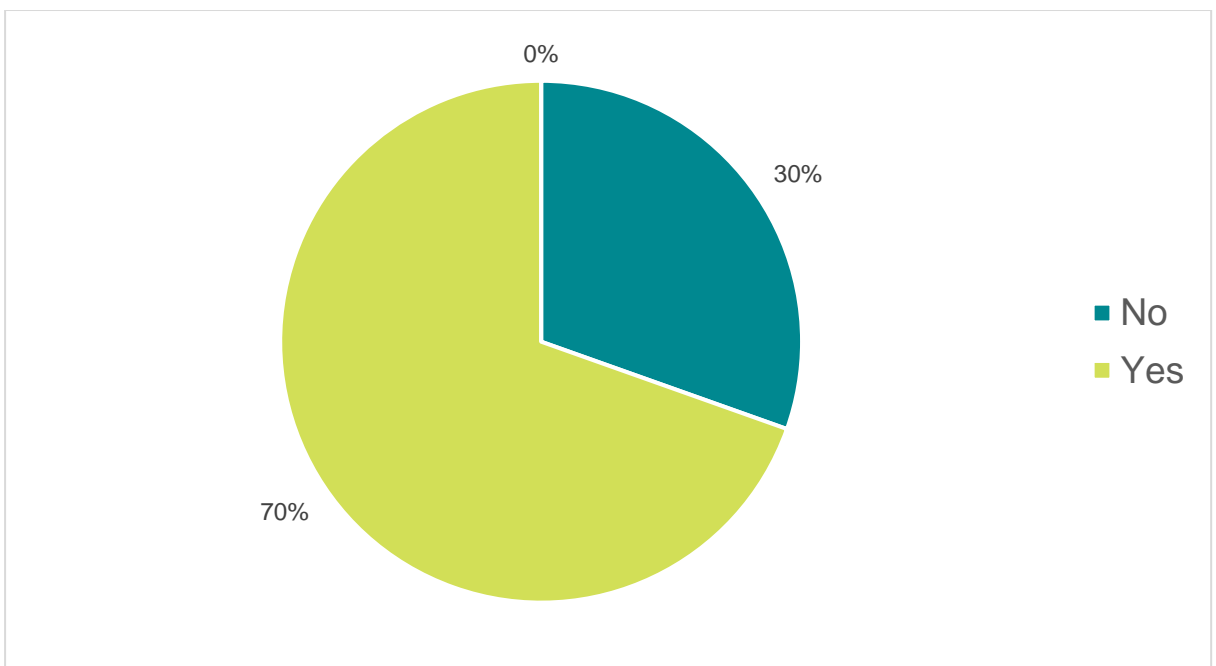
Question 8

Is crossing the road essential to your daily routine?



Question 9

Do you cross the road to access facilities such as bus stops, church, shops, school?
If so, provide further information if you wish to.



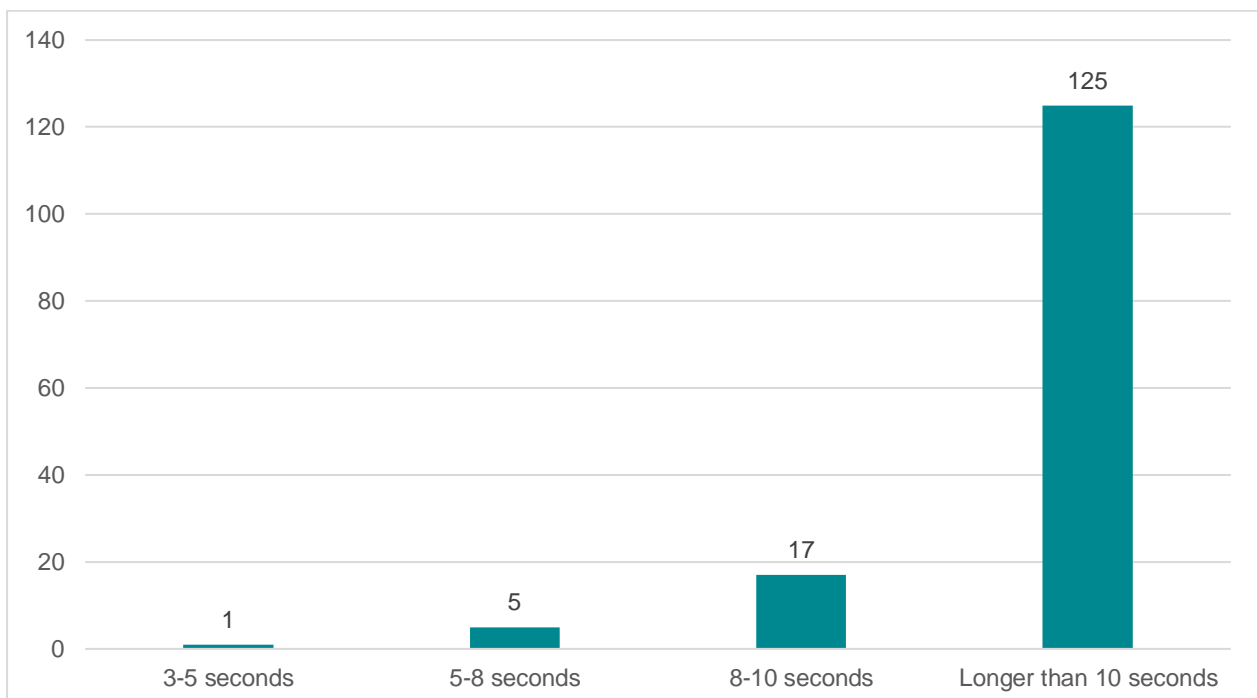
Free text responses (further information provided by respondent):

Bus Stop and Neighbours
Crossing road to go to Post Office & walk up to Hillam
Access to the shop and Water Lane into the village and Hillam.
To visit the post office and also cross the road when walking my dogs
Bus, post office and dog walks
At least twice a week I visit the Community Centre as well as the post office, church and School
Going for a countryside walk
shop, getting home, bus stop
All the above
Community centre
School bus to Sherburn
We shop at the post office to support our local businesses and I get the bus to Leeds in the morning by the cross keys
Shop and the school and community centre
School, dog walk, local shop/post office
Post box
To get home from where the school bus drops her off.
Post office
Unfortunately I live near the bus stop on the north west side of the A63 where the school crossing patrol was when we had one, and often cross the road there to get to the church during the week, carrying flowers/foilage etc.for flower arranging. If we get a crossing I think it will be more likely to be near the shop and so I think a 20 mph speed limit through the village is needed.
Using the bus service we have to cross the road and walking the dog
Bus stop
Bus stop ,shops,chuch ,community centre
Bus stop
Going to the shop and pub
Post Office and Monk Fryston Stoves. I also have family on the South Side, up Water Lane
Svhool
Bus stop for work
school
post office and bus stop
To access bus to Selby and visit friends
Church
Local shop
I cross to the shop / post office, dog walking and to the Crown public house.
Post office and school
Accessing bus to Selby
Bus stop, post office, Hillam and other areas south of A63 for walks
have to leave home a good 10 minutes earlier than is necessary to cross for a bus to enable there in time. Also cross regularly for provisions from the post office
Post box at top of deer park court. Public footpaths for dog walking
All of the village facilities are on the opposite side of the road to where I live.
Post office

Part of my rehab and to access the doctors and post office
Shop & Post Office
We need to access shop, bus stop and community centre and from time-to-time the Crown pub and Cross Keys hillam
The Crown pub, bus stop towards Leeds, shop, community centre, going for general walk
Church, shops, walking the dog
Post office, pub, church, Hillam
Bus stop
Bus stop
school
School, community centre, playground, post office, church
bus stop, post office and shop
school, post office, community centre, pub in Hillam, visiting friends and exercise
shop for newspaper
Bus stop and walking
shop
Doctor surgery, post office
post office and doctors
bus stops
to use public transport
shop, bus stop
the road is our link to the community

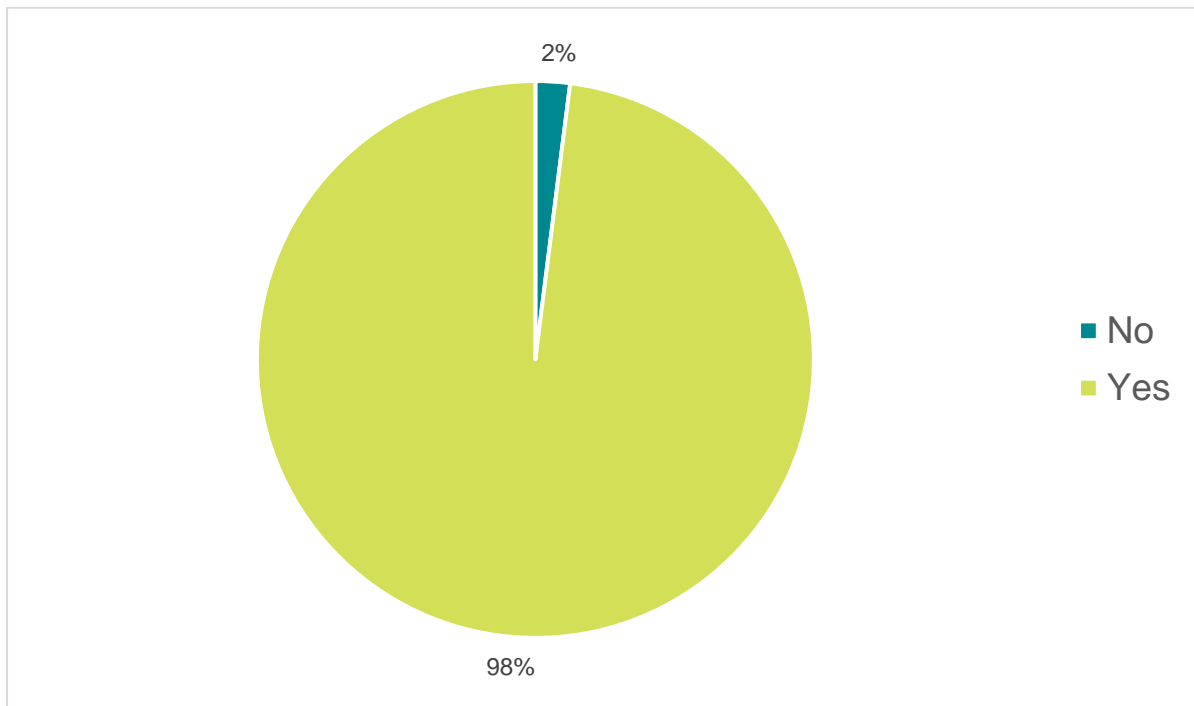
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How long on average, in seconds, do you need to wait for a gap in traffic before crossing the road?



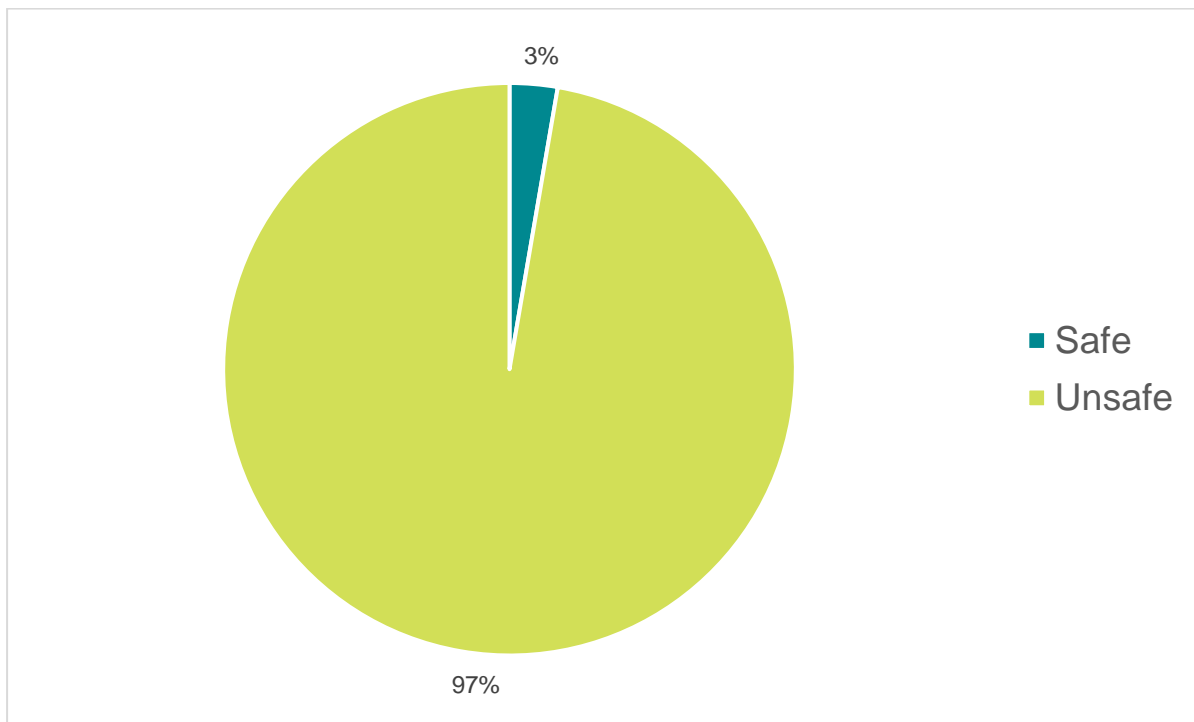
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Do you feel the need to increase your walking speed to cross the road?



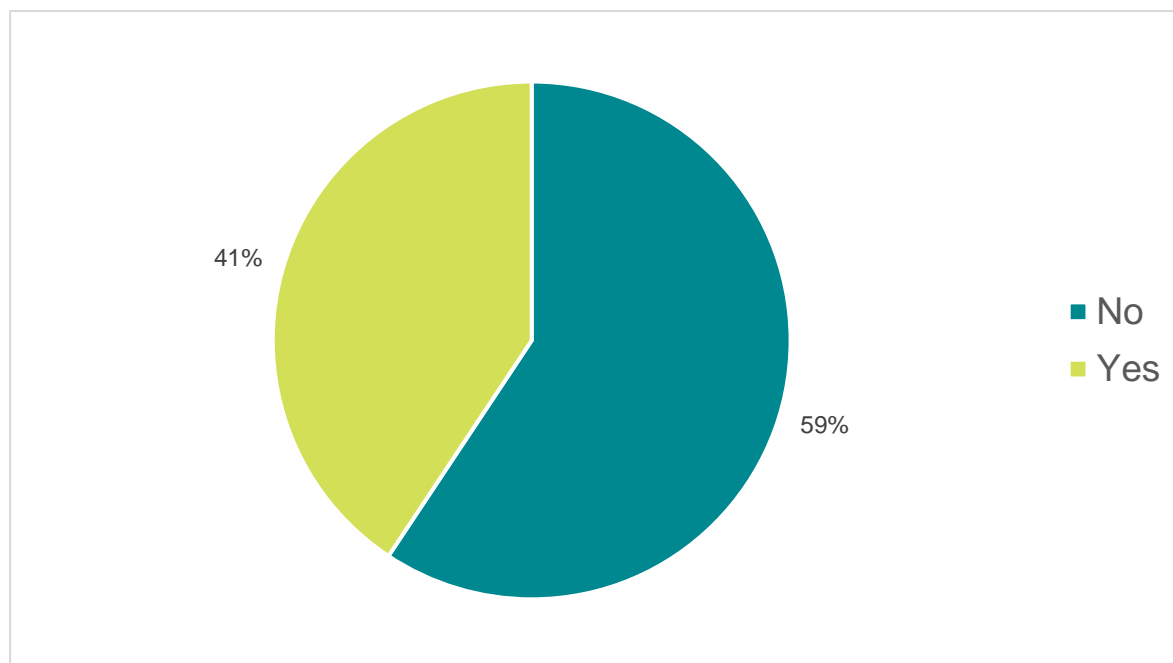
Question 12

How safe do you feel crossing the road?



Question 13

Have you in the last three years had to change your lifestyle to avoid crossing the A63? Please provide further information if you wish.



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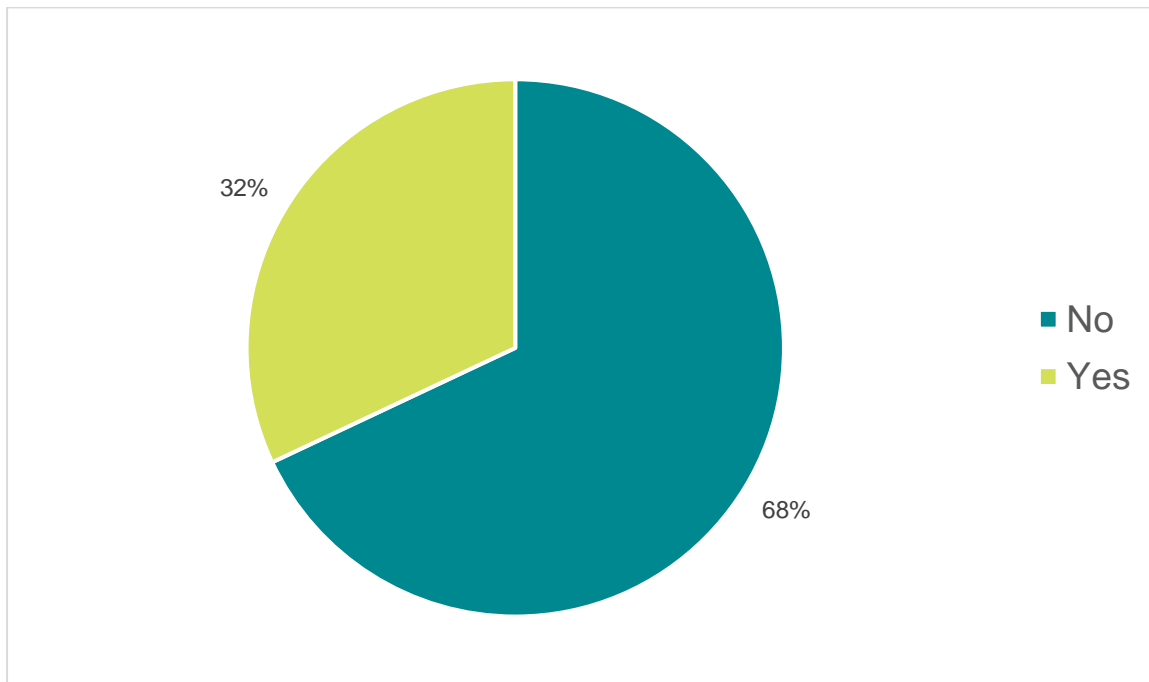
Set off earlier to pick my daughter up from childcare as sometimes it takes 5/10 minutes to safely cross
To access the shop and Hillam I now cross further along the A63 towards the cemetery after the recent accident when someone was hit by a car. Most days I attempt to cross on my bicycle. I frequently get stuck in the middle of the road with lorries under taking me on my left side and oncoming traffic failing to stop to allow me to cross. Often up to six vehicles will pass me on my right side. Oncoming traffic are often so close to my right arm which is indicating that I have to pull in towards my body.
Choosing a different route to walk my dog when it is rush hour to avoid having to cross the road.
Tend to not walk my dogs at the other side of the road so limited to MF Hall side
Not to avoid but to walk further for a safer place - no where is safe
Try not to cross the road during peak traffic hours
Try to avoid peak traffic hours and school hours
Drive child to school
avoid rush hour as it can be impossible to cross unless traffic stops to let you cross
We have had to reduce shopping at the post office and divert our dog walks so that they no longer cross the road. We now drive to places that we used to walk to as it's safer.
Sometimes take the car as its easier to get across the road
Avoid family walks and cycling in that area

I drive when I have my 4 year old as it is unsafe to cross with her as she can't walk fast enough to get across safely
Change running, cycling and dog walking routes
I don't use the village shop and try to post letters elsewhere
Changed dog walking route
Try to avoid times around peak traffic/rush hours AM/PM. As you are taking your life in your own hands trying to cross at those times
I like to exercise and run there are times when I avoid the A63 because it's so busy this impacts on a safe circular route for my running.
Avoid crossing during commuter times when traffic entering and exiting Water Lane takes no notice of pedestrians.
Had to ensure children had to cross road so could not let them walk alone
Avoid the junction and road by driving out of the village in a different direction.
Drive instead of walking
Take different walking routes around the village that avoid ones on the Monk Fyston hall side
So very difficult to find a gap big enough at any time of day to cross without the need to jog, so if you can't jog pretty tricky.
I plan to cross and on occasion it's just too busy
Would rather get a lift to work than have to cross a very dangerous road driving as feels safer
Visiting other parts of the village, is sometimes avoided!
Walk the dog this side of the road now
Often taking the car as it's easier
I avoid crossing the A63 as much as I can. I visit Selby less as a result.
used to walk regularly in that direction..now i feel safer staying on my side. i find it easier to cross the bypass from the garden centre to south milford as it is straight and you can see.
For dog walking in the morning (8am) I don't bother trying to cross the A63 as it's too dangerous
Time to cross the road can easily be over a minute at rush hour - a very long time for young children to stand still and pay attention. Some drivers are aware of the difficulty and stop to let you cross, but cars coming in the other direction do not always notice and/or do the same. This can make it more dangerous, as people (especially children) are likely to step out if they see the car in one direction stopping to allow them to cross.
I have had to not park on the square if I feel the traffic is very busy
I will not try to cross between 16:00hrs and 18:30hrs because it is so dangerous
i'm not able to visit my friends who live at the other side of the road. or easily get to the other villages such as south milford
I set off earlier for work as it's difficult getting out of the Junction from Monk Fyston Common Lane to go West onto A63 due to the volume of traffic.
Sometimes I drive to the post office to save me having to cross the road. It's only a very short walk from my house and seems ridiculous but it takes so long waiting for a gap in the traffic it's just safer to drive.
Sometimes use the car
Use my car if I need to cross the road
Try and avoid crossing the A63 during peak times - mornings and evenings
In busy times adjust desired dog walk or use car

Much busier and dangerous so try to go at quieter times
Use the car to visit the doctors and post office
to catch bus have to leave home earlier
I use Sherburn scheme for some journeys. Extra expense
I often choose to drive the short distance to school to avoid crossing the road

Question 14

Have you at any time in the last five years had an accident or unsafe incident that was a danger to your health while crossing the road? Please provide further information if you wish.



Free text responses (further information provided by respondent):

Not quite but numerous times I have had to run because visibility is awful even if I move to a better vantage point.
As previous answer.
Always Need to hurry to get across safely, which at 78 is dangerous in itself.
Often have to run across the road because of traffic (usually doing above 30mph too)
Cars/lorries travel too fast. In several occasions I have had to run while crossing.
A car overtaking a lorry didn't see pedestrians
Cars sometimes need to stop because I am so slow
Motorists regularly beep their horn as they do not wish to slow down
Always feel extremely unsafe
Numerous times have got the centre and had to retreat when a car comes around the blind corner near the post office at speed. Also dangerous incidents when driving during right turns from the A63 towards Hillam.
strangers dog ran off and had to stop traffic feared for my life
Car driving into us nearly, due to high speed.

As listed above I regularly cross the A63 on horse back and have had a number of near misses, especially trying to cross from the north to side of the road to the south (water lane blind corner), I feel it's only a matter of time before something worse happens.
Speeding vehicle around the bend made me run across the road
As a tall person I do not have much space when crossing near the bus stop (thin pavement) and when pausing to look for a space I was clipped by a truck wing mirror. Nothing bad, but it spooked me for a while
Cars have had to stop to allow me to cross , as i have been too slow to get fully across the road.
Speeding car slammed on
several times had to run or stop crossing to avoid speeding vehicle. Trying to exit Fryston Common Lane turning right in car sometimes impossible and have to turn left then turn around and reverse direction further down road. Also vehicle parked outside cottage opposite the Crown creates danger for cars and especially pedestrians whose vision and visibility to vehicle drivers is impaired
I had to run across the road, as a car came round the corner too fast and I tore my calf muscle
A car swerved on top the opposite side of the road as they came down the road and hadn't seen myself & others were crossing.
Quite a number of near misses where misjudged the speed and visability of the on coming vehicle has been poor
Falling whilst try to hurry across the road.
I had to run to avoid a fast moving car
Speeding vehicles
On several occasions I have had incidents in my car when turning right out of Fryston Common Lane onto the A63. The road has been clear and as I pull out I have had to brake sharply as cars travelling over the speed limit come round the corner passed the post office into my path. I have also witnessed several incidents when school children have clearly become frustrated when waiting for a break in the traffic and taken matters into their own hands and run across the road when there hasn't been a safe gap in the traffic.
Cars have had to stop for us to cross
Difficult to anticipate vehicles whose speed often exceeds 30 mph meaning have to run to get away from oncoming traffic. Vehicles turning right into Water Lane and also Lumby Lane create tailbacks making crossing difficult.
A lady sped around the bend when i was part way across. I had to run unsafely across. She actually stopped and assured me she was only doing 30mph but asked if i was ok and apologised for not seeing me. Unsurprisingly she too couldnt see around bends
Near miss with pushchair
I live only a few hundred metres from where speed goes from derestricted to 30. A car had to brake hard to avoid hitting me as he was coming over the railway bridge way in excess of 60mph, in the 30 limit
On a number of occasions, trucks, cars and motorbikes have come from Water Lane or the Post office far too fast and blasted the horn because I was in the road crossing.
Many times cars come from Water lane too fast or down the hill, especially trucks.
I have suffered verbal abuse and car horns for being in the road when motorists come around the corner of water lane too fast and are surprised to see someone crossing

the road. I am not older or impaired so I cant imagine how hard it is for the elderly or the young
Several times I've had to run because of speeding cars. One incident involved my dog as I was hurrying to cross with her with someone speeding through the village and she froze
On a number of occasions, I have crossed the road to get to the Shop only to be stopped in my tracks in the middle of the road or had to run to avoid the Car/Lorry.
Tried to cross and hd to return to pavement. Car then stopped and waved me across
Have seen near misses
The A63 poses a danger to my family on a daily basis. I fear for the lives of my children every time we cross the road. It is difficult to find a spot with sufficient visibility and time to cross safely. This is often exacerbated by vehicles travelling at high speeds and by commercial vehicles/HGVs/lorries stopping/parking along the pavement. Our family has not been involved in any accidents, but there have been many close calls with vehicular traffic. We strongly support a lower speed limit and installation of a pedestrian crossing.
Speeding drivers over 40mph
vehicles driving too quickly whilst crossing with children. I have also had to deliver first aid when a neighbour has been hit by a car - I did not report this but I assume someone else did? Police speed cameras are great, but cars flash others to slow down. Traffic speed reduces considerably when the camera van is out.
Once tripped running across due to speed of lorry
Traffic had to slow down to stop to enable me to cross
Crossing the A63 at the junction with Water Lane is very risky. The volume and speed of traffic around the blind bends makes crossing for pedestrians very dangerous. I've had several near misses!
Cars speeding up as you cross the road

Question 15

Did you report the incident?

