

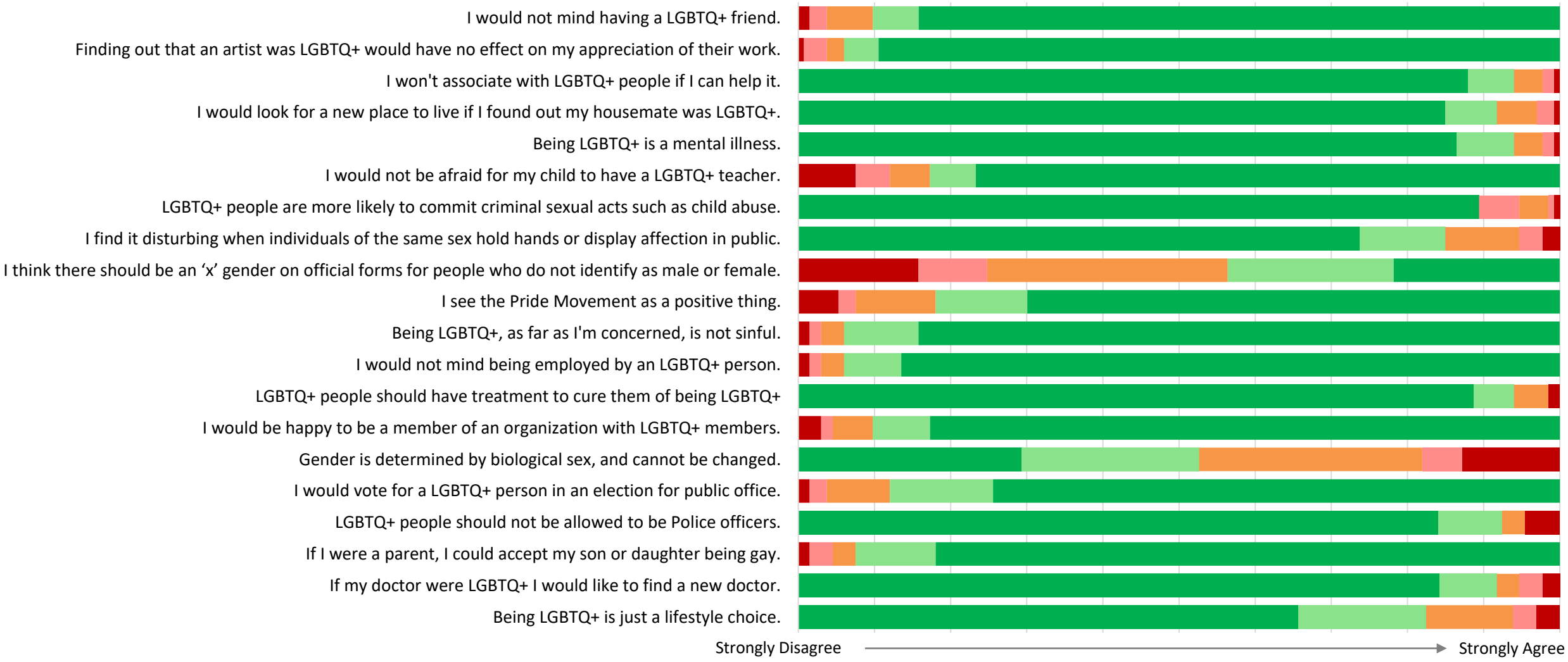


Congleton Pride

LGBTQ+ Attitudes Survey
October-December 2020

The majority of respondents were tolerant and liberal-minded overall, but there is evidence of the need for some education

Please tell us if you agree with the following statements with regard to LGBTQ+ people.



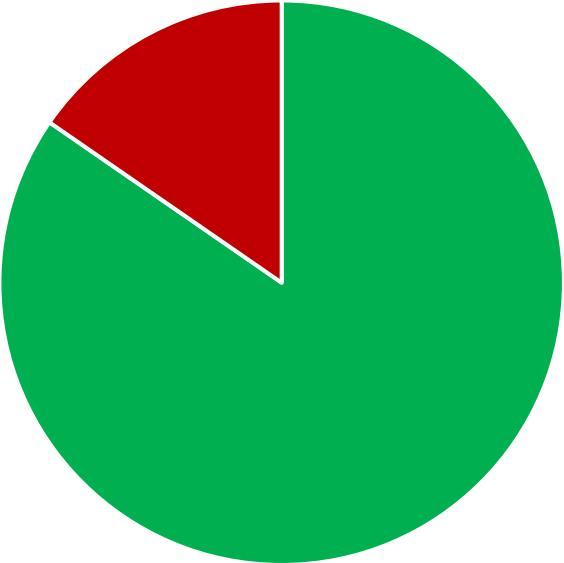
The 'LGBTQ+ Friendliness Index'

Statement	Score/5
I would not mind having a LGBTQ+ friend.	4.7
Finding out that an artist was LGBTQ+ would have no effect on my appreciation of their work.	4.8
I won't associate with LGBTQ+ people if I can help it.	4.8
I would look for a new place to live if I found out my housemate was LGBTQ+.	4.7
Being LGBTQ+ is a mental illness.	4.8
I would not be afraid for my child to have a LGBTQ+ teacher.	4.4
LGBTQ+ people are more likely to commit criminal sexual acts such as child abuse.	4.8
I find it disturbing when individuals of the same sex hold hands or display affection in public.	4.5
I think there should be an 'x' gender on official forms for people who do not identify as male or female.	3.2
I see the Pride Movement as a positive thing.	4.4
Being LGBTQ+, as far as I'm concerned, is not sinful.	4.7
I would not mind being employed by an LGBTQ+ person.	4.8
LGBTQ+ people should have treatment to cure them of being LGBTQ+	4.8
I would be happy to be a member of an organization with LGBTQ+ members.	4.7
Gender is determined by biological sex, and cannot be changed.	3.5
I would vote for a LGBTQ+ person in an election for public office.	4.6
LGBTQ+ people should not be allowed to be Police officers.	4.7
If I were a parent, I could accept my son or daughter being gay.	4.7
If my doctor were LGBTQ+ I would like to find a new doctor.	4.7
Being LGBTQ+ is just a lifestyle choice.	4.4
LGBTQ+ 'friendliness' of Congleton	91%

Areas to work on?

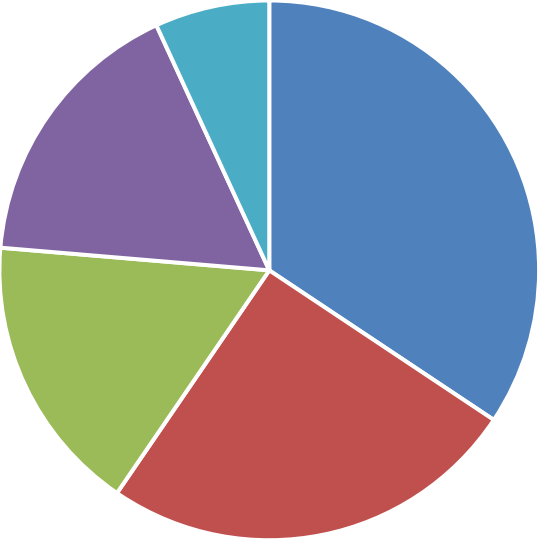
About Congleton and Pride

Do you think having an annual Pride Event is a positive thing for Congleton?



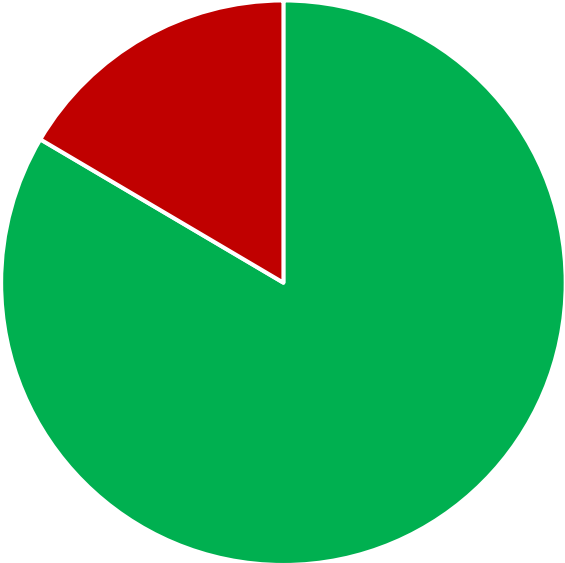
■ Yes ■ No

With respect to Congleton Pride 2019, what did you do?



- I attended
- I wanted to go but couldn't
- I didn't want to go
- I didn't know it was happening
- I didn't live in Congleton then

Do you think Congleton is a good place for LGBTQ+ people to live?



■ Yes ■ No

Do you think Congleton is a good place for LGBTQ+ people to live? Comments:

That's a hard question to answer. I am not LGBTQ+. There doesn't seem to be any news reports of people being attacked. I don't know what discrimination people face. I know one thing, our MP doesn't like you. So, I suppose her followers don't like you too. You need to get your act together for the next election to point out that she doesn't represent all the people in Congleton.

Yes I hope so most people I know are open and accepting but maybe that's because I have great family and friends

A lot better than some other places but still has a way to go I think!

But unfortunately, I think there are a lot of small minded people in Congleton who do not welcome people from any minority group.

I have found many people discriminative and hold old fashioned views in their comments with regards to people's sexual orientation, and culture in Congleton. I have come from a much more diverse city. I found a couple of questions difficult to answer in the boxes as I felt the need to further expand on my reasoning... 'X' for gender...I personally see gender in relation to form filling as biology however needs to be an additional question about 'identification'. A lifestyle choice, I cannot answer as it depends on what you determine as lifestyle, I would encompass my sexuality, beliefs, choices as part of my lifestyle.

It is a good place for anyone who values the things on offer in Congleton. Whether a person is LGBTQ+ or otherwise is irrelevant.

I would love it to be; but unfortunately a lot of people do make it an unsafe town at the moment! I wish this would change

What is the criterion for good? My gay friends want affordable housing, low crime rates and good schools for their children. Just like everyone else.

I think Congleton is perhaps a bit small and parochial to fully accept anyone who is different

I would like to think so, though in the past I have overheard derogatory remarks in conversation

It's a friendly place

As I said earlier, it is a warm, friendly and welcoming Town. In all my years I have never seen or heard ANY anti LGBTQ+ comments or behaviour. At least not until the event last year which has provoked some to question it all. Not the desired outcome..

I think that Congleton welcomes all people and it doesn't need any one group to be prioritised over another. We are all equal.

The existence of Congleton Pride would hopefully reassure me if I were LGBTQ+ that Congleton was accepting to the LGBTQ+ community.

I could equally have answered no here. Congleton is a great place for anyone to live bit compared to more metropolitan areas many people hold narrow view points.

As in most of the UK there is still a tremendous amount of prejudice and latent homophobia xenophobia and racism!!

It is impossible to answer this for all those groups they are not the same.

Overall yes but i imagine things could be better

I wish I could say yes to this. I hear homophobia of varying degrees around Congleton and although I don't think it is a dangerous place for the LGBTQ+ community I don't know if it would be the most welcoming place.

Lots of bigots in local churches spreading unhappiness and making people unwelcome

I feel there is a lot more progress needed. It is by no means a bad place to live, but I feel the tolerance levels are still fairly low and there is still a lot of internalised homophobia

I've only been here a couple of months but I really hope so and I'm excited that the town has a pride event. Thank you!

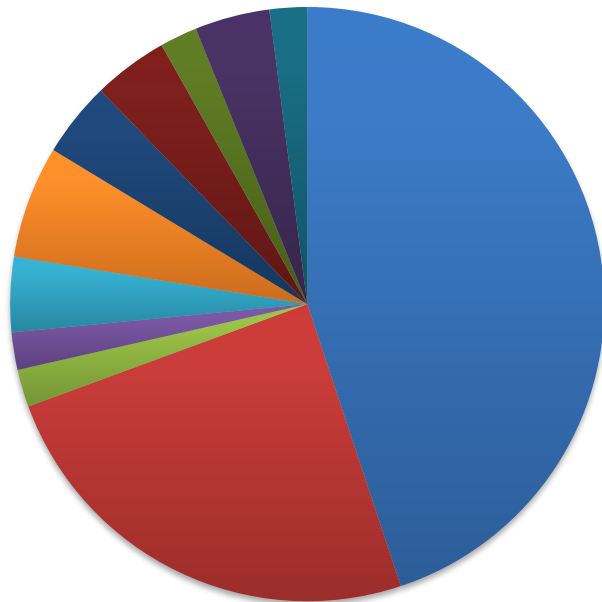


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Demographics

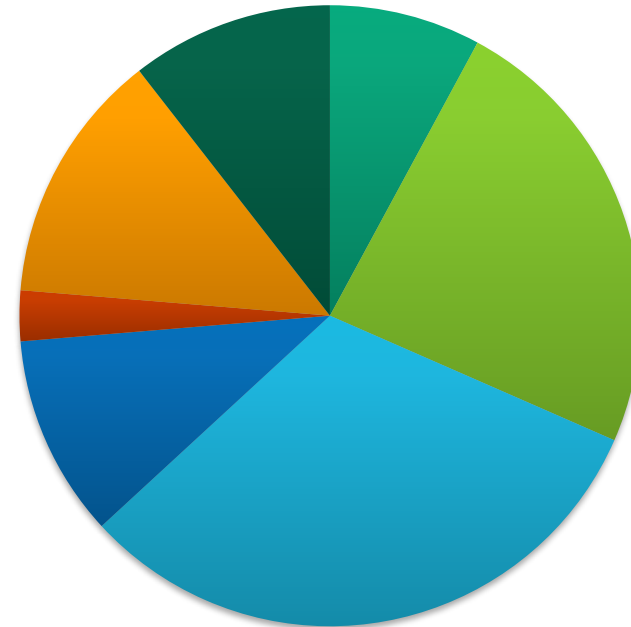
Do you consider yourself to be
(choose all that apply):



N=38

- Lesbian/Gay
- Bisexual
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Asexual
- Pansexual
- Transgender
- Non-binary
- Gender fluid
- Intersex
- Questioning
- Other (please specify)

What age range are you in?

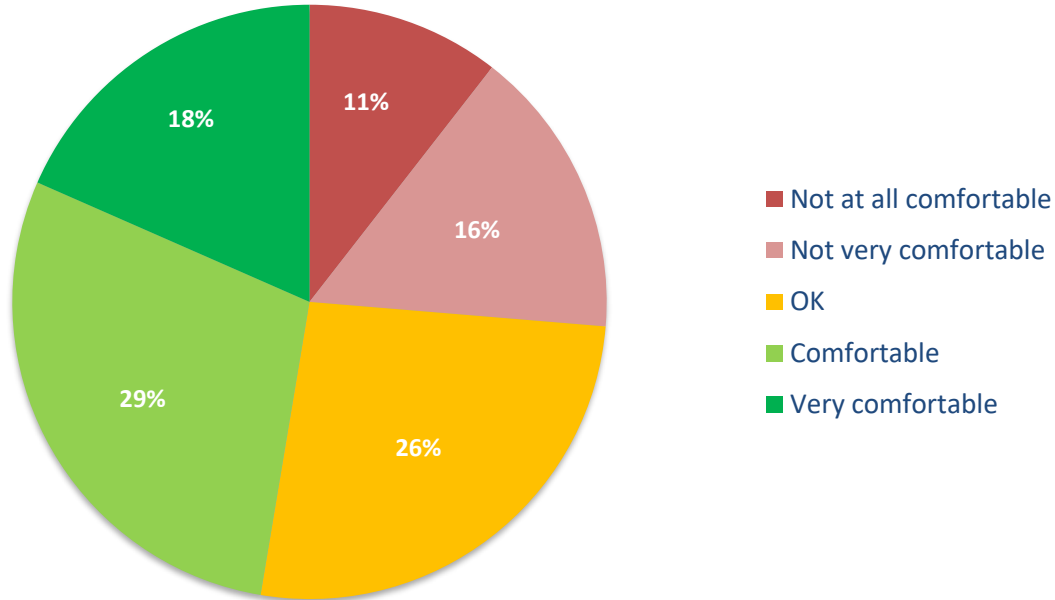


N=38

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

Living in Congleton

How comfortable do you feel being LGBTQ+ in Congleton?



N=38

I never have experienced discrimination or abuse per se, people in Congleton seem liberal of mind and decent. However, they massively vote for Mrs Bruce...so go figure.

I don't know any support groups I can go to to talk to people like me.

harassment from people on nights out with friends

Because gender is a spectrum not binary, respect the whole spectrum

Congleton is mainly Conservative. Churches are heavily involved in the local community, especially New Life Church.

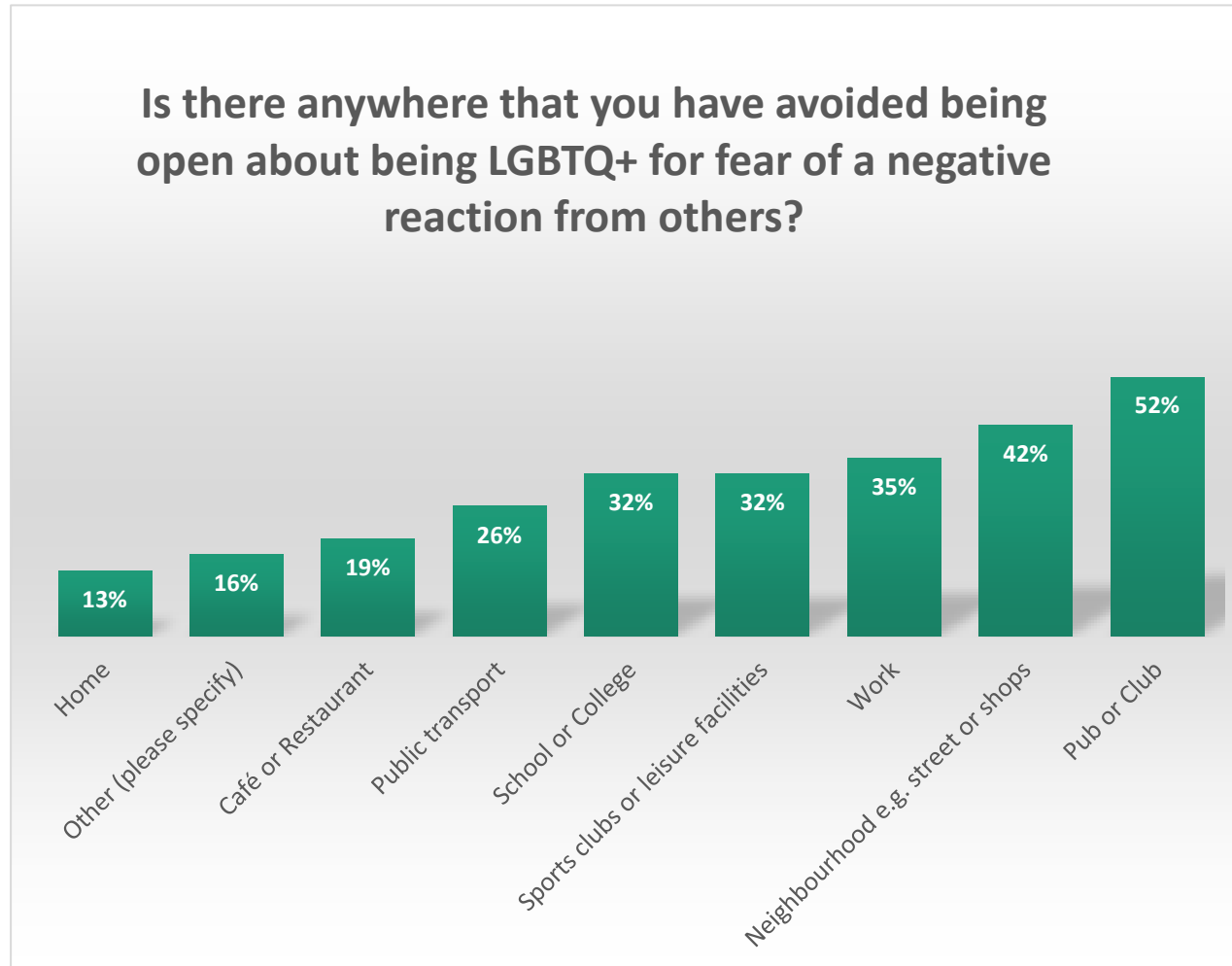
People are quick to judge

I've not experienced any deliberately transphobic behaviour and usually manage to provoke a welcoming smile from strangers

Feels like a very conservative town

As a gay couple we don't publicly show our affections but most people would identify us as a couple. We have never had any negativity in Congleton. Couldn't choose 'very comfortable' as I personally don't feel that anywhere unless at a LGBTQ+ venue.

There is concern about openness, especially in pubs



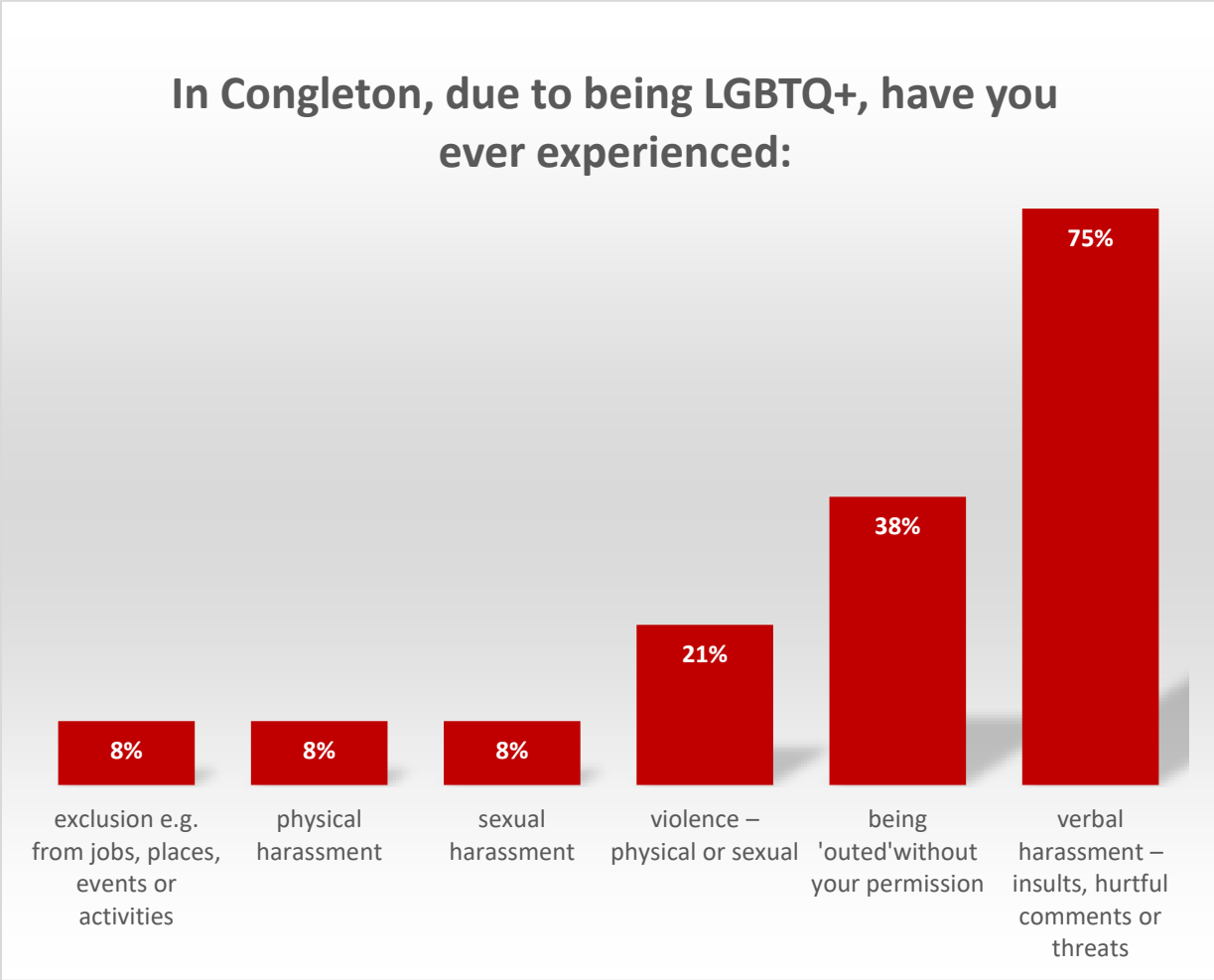
N=31

Sometimes you come across narrow minded people.
Not often but does happen

Maybe once or twice in a pub when there's drunk louts in them. I have to say it's been men that have caused issues before not women!

I left school in the early 00's so attitudes were very different.

63% of respondents have experienced harassment or abuse



N=24 (/38)

General day to day transphobic comments and micro aggressions. Only one larger issue this year.

On our driveway . Near the high street

On the street where I used to live, a good few yrs ago now, maybe about 6 yrs ago. Plus I had a landlord when I lived on Antrobus Street that clearly didn't like myself and my partner being gay women!

Being heterosexual is easy, life is shitty enough without being challenged by one's gender/sexuality

Pubs

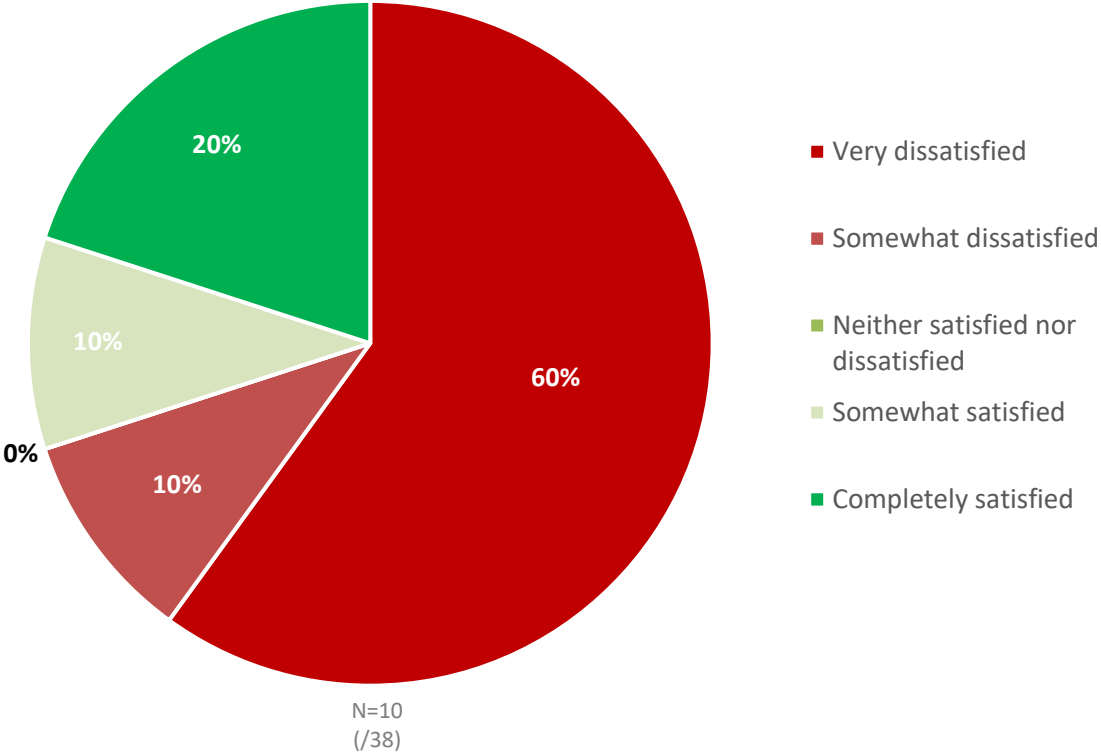
Just walking minding my own business.

More than a quarter of respondents had reported abuse and 70% of these were not satisfied with the outcome

If you have reported harassment, abuse or violence to an authority in Congleton, how satisfied have you been with the action taken and outcome(s)? :

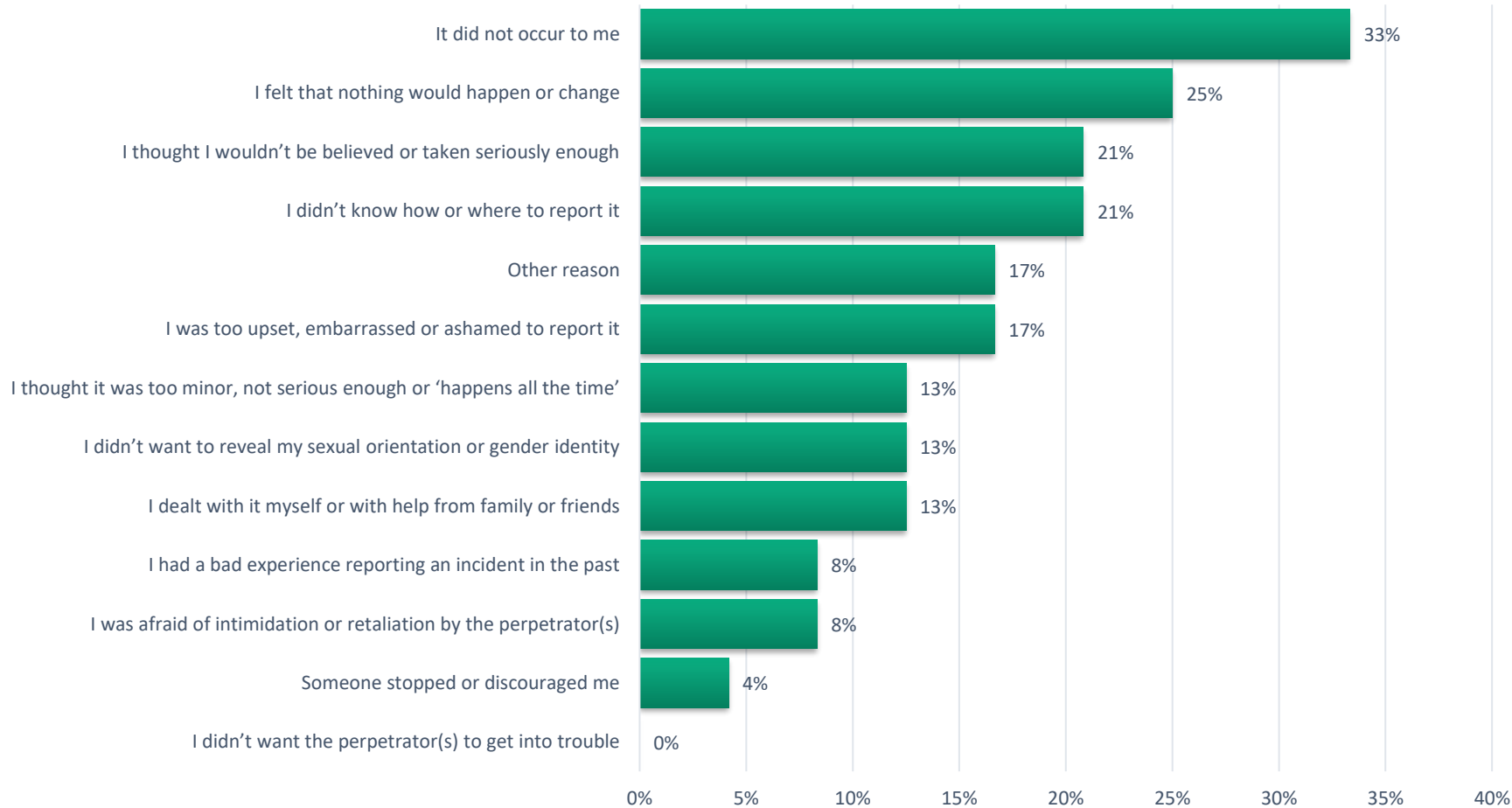
Police weren't willing to take case further due to apparent lack of proof.

not acted on by police



Many of those who have experienced abuse do not believe that reporting it will have any effect, or do not know how to report it

Have you experienced harassment, abuse or violence and NOT reported it in Congleton? If so, why didn't you report it?



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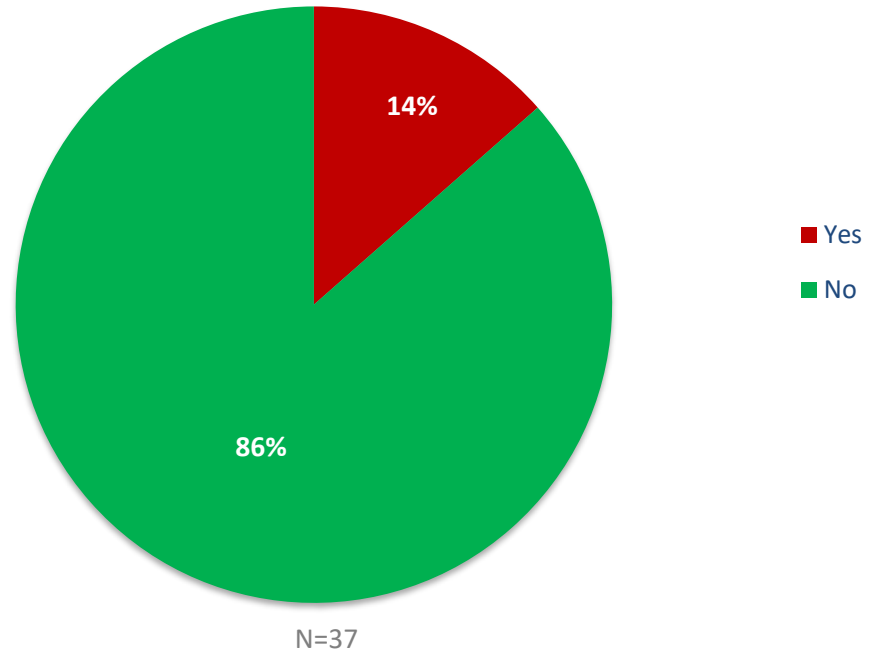
No point really, I don't care if they think I'm a "fag"

It was my partner

Police did nothing previously

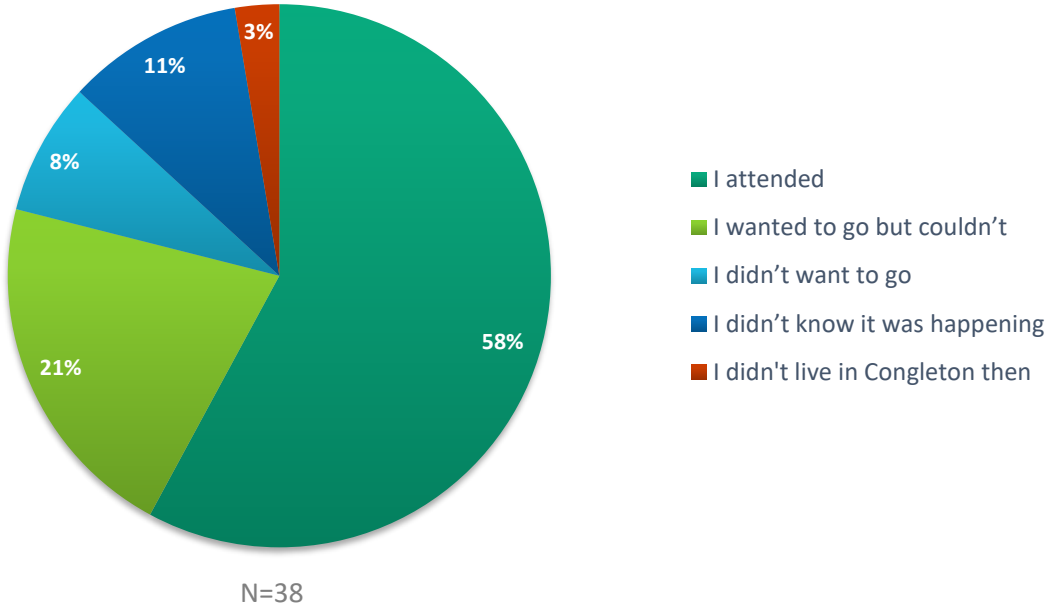
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Has the fact you are LGBTQ+ been a barrier to your
accessing public services
(health, education, social services, police/justice system etc)?

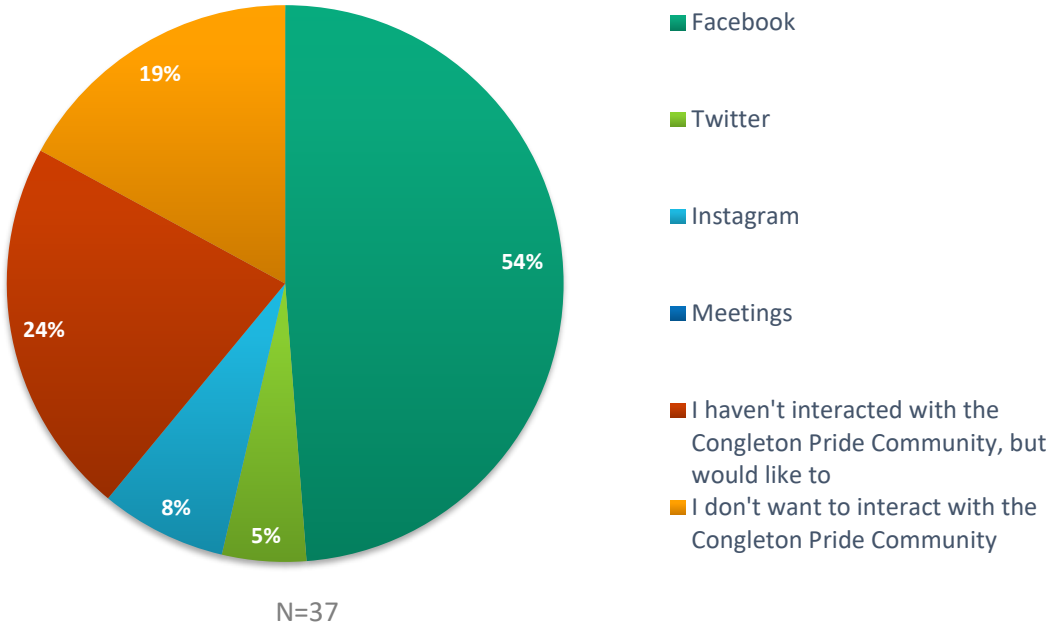


More than half attended Pride and joined on Facebook

With respect to the Congleton Pride 2019 event, what did you do?



Do you interact with the Congleton Pride Community in other ways (choose all that apply)?



Don't know where meetings are held

Scared of the repercussions of joining

Congleton Pride Event Comments

It would be good to see a broader sponsorship of the event from local businesses

Advertise how we can get involved.

Make more 'noise' about it so more people are involved

Lots of stalls, more lights & more glitz 🌈

Moving it from near b&m as it distracted some drivers. Maybe ask for road closure permission like the food festival does?

Get support from local churches. We know Christianity in general is against, but they play a huge part in the local community. I feel like an outcast because I was once part of a local church.

Parade of local services, businesses and groups would be fun.

Get an event organiser to organise it

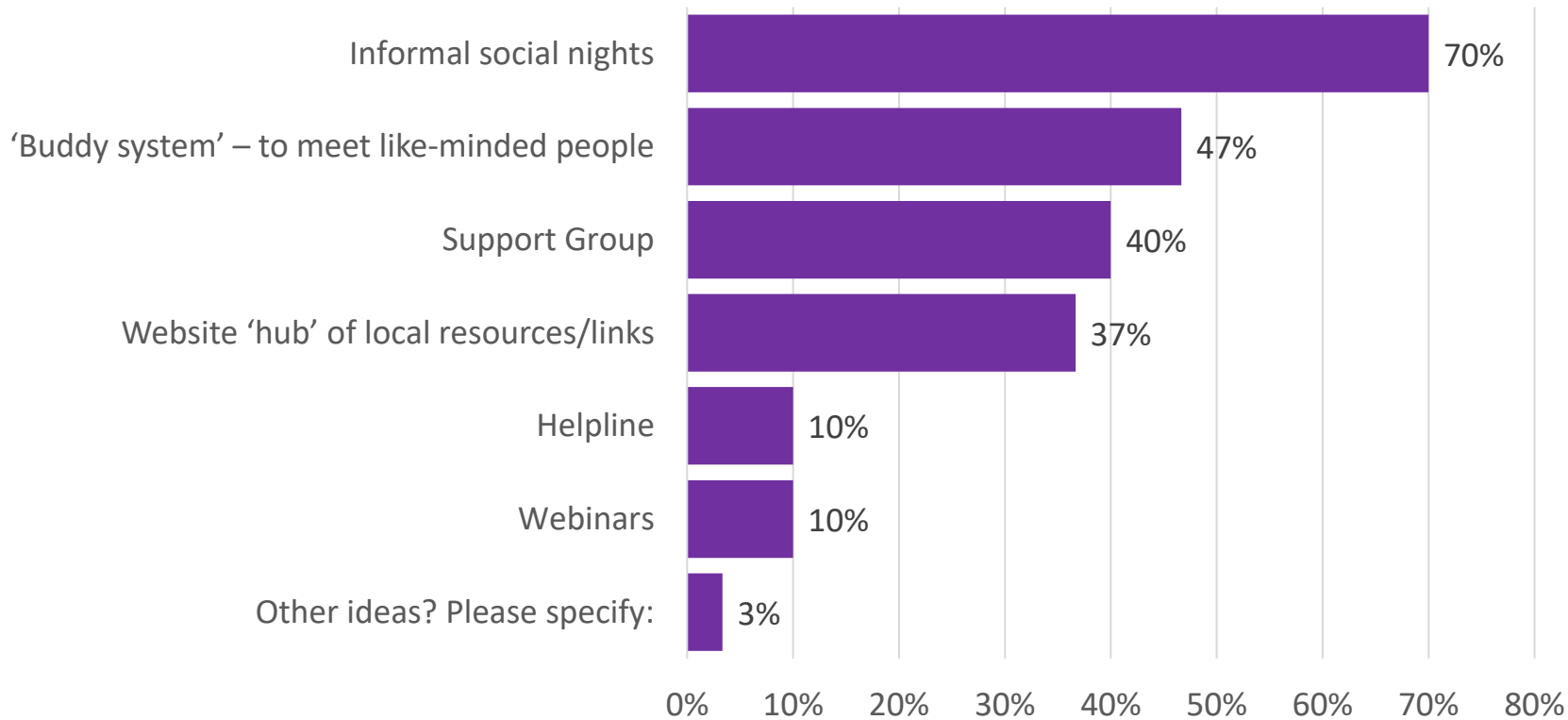
Perhaps something to include even more people

Security guards, when I was there I heard a few homophobic remarks I feel security guards would make people feel safer.

more openness and education on lgbt rights

Other Congleton Pride Activities respondents would like

What other activities or services could Congleton Pride offer that you might be interested in (choose all that apply)?



n=30

I have a friend that started his own helpline in Wales and it's been a huge success

I'm part of a community hub and would welcome the Congleton Pride Community feeling we could help them