

Leander (Kingston) Sea Scouts

Background

Leander's Executive Committee decided to launch a short online survey to gather the opinions of parents and other stakeholders.

Process

22 responses were collected using the SurveyMonkey tool. Responses to 7 short questions were collected on an anonymous basis between March and April 2020.

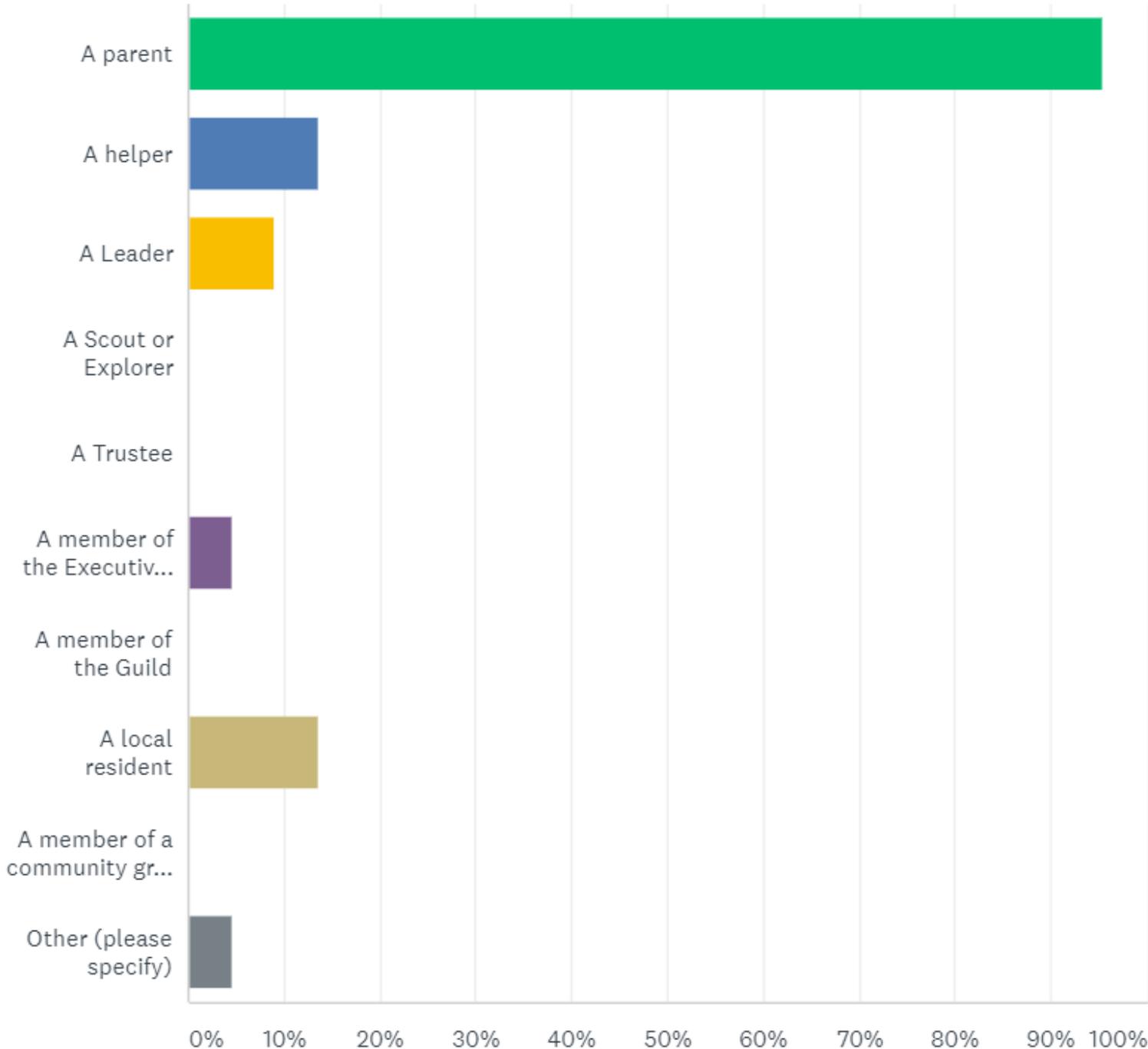
The full results are included in this pack. These results have been shared and discussed with the Executive Committee and Leaders on 18th May. A follow up communication meeting with parents will be arranged once the current COVID-19 disruption has eased.

Summary of findings

All respondents expressed their satisfaction and provided examples of their positive experiences with Leander. 40% of respondents had no suggestions for improvements.

There are many ideas for the group to consider, ranging from ideas about future activities, greater community involvement, improving facilities and addressing the diversity mix of the Leader/Helper group. Respondents also gave their views on short and long-term priorities for the group. Some respondents have also volunteered their time to help with group activities.

Q1 : Are you...
(22 responses)



Q2 : What do you like most about Leander?

- My daughter self signed up for the explorer scouts and loves being right on the river
- I think the activity provision is wonderful and thanks to the great leaders who are also instructors and those who just instruct.
- Also great appreciation to those on committees and contributing to HQ development and maintenance
- I love the opportunities the children have to use the river
- The range of activities each week, other Beavers, location
- Safe, fun, learning environment run by enthusiastic people
- Opportunity for the children to go on the river in the summer
- Not commercial led
- brilliant opportunities on the river and outdoor activities
- The fact that it makes us feel like a part of the local community and can mix with local children from different schools, as well as the huge variety of activities they do. Enthusiastic leaders
- Great crowd leading the various sections with fabulous activities and opportunities. Extended community
- The variety of activities for the children especially the water activities in the warmer months
- Lots of interesting activities for explorers
- The community feeling and the varied activities you provide
- The Leaders - incredible dedication and commitment
- access to river and the ability to provide opportunities for local children to experience scouting and water activities
- The History and being able to bring my kids Up in the community I did as child
- Self sufficiency
- My son loves going to cubs - he also really enjoyed beavers - it's one of his favourite things to do during the week.
- Variety of activities, what skills and disciplines it teaches my son, being on the water.
- Good memories of our two boys enjoying their time thirty years ago!
- Excellent facilities and venue
- Wholesome spirit of the activities which encourages a wider perspective on life for the children, builds resilience
- the leaders are inclusive and supportive

Q3 : Is there anything you would like us to do more of, or to improve?

40% of responses to this question identified no improvement points

Not particularly, there isn't anything I can think of at the moment....

No am pleased to be on the circulation for the water rat

No

No

No, I'm happy

No

No, I think Leander offers great variety of activities for our children

If it ain't broke...don't fix it.

Q3 : Is there anything you would like us to do more of, or to improve?

Other comments were in 4 main categories :

Activities (6)

More of the practical skills - map reading, use of compass, prep for being on the water

more outdoor activities / outings?

More peace of mind with health and safety issues...

Sometimes games can be a bit rough, which not all scouts enjoy. Maybe more short camps as my son finds a week away too long.

Fresh ideas that embrace the young people of today

Beavers - I have not offered swimming sessions as I do not have the support or personal skills to do this. Also I know other leaders have difficulty booking swimming pool sessions

Leaders and communications (3)

I would like more information of off site activities as my daughter tends to miss the initial information and then misses out on the chance of signing up.

The chance to sign up to weeks to be a parent helper rather than be given them could be a good idea so you don't have to switch with others if you already have plans on that day

The leaders are all male and while they are all brilliant it might be an idea to have a female leader/assistant too especially as cubs is open to both genders

Community involvement (3)

Perhaps more social activities to help grow the community

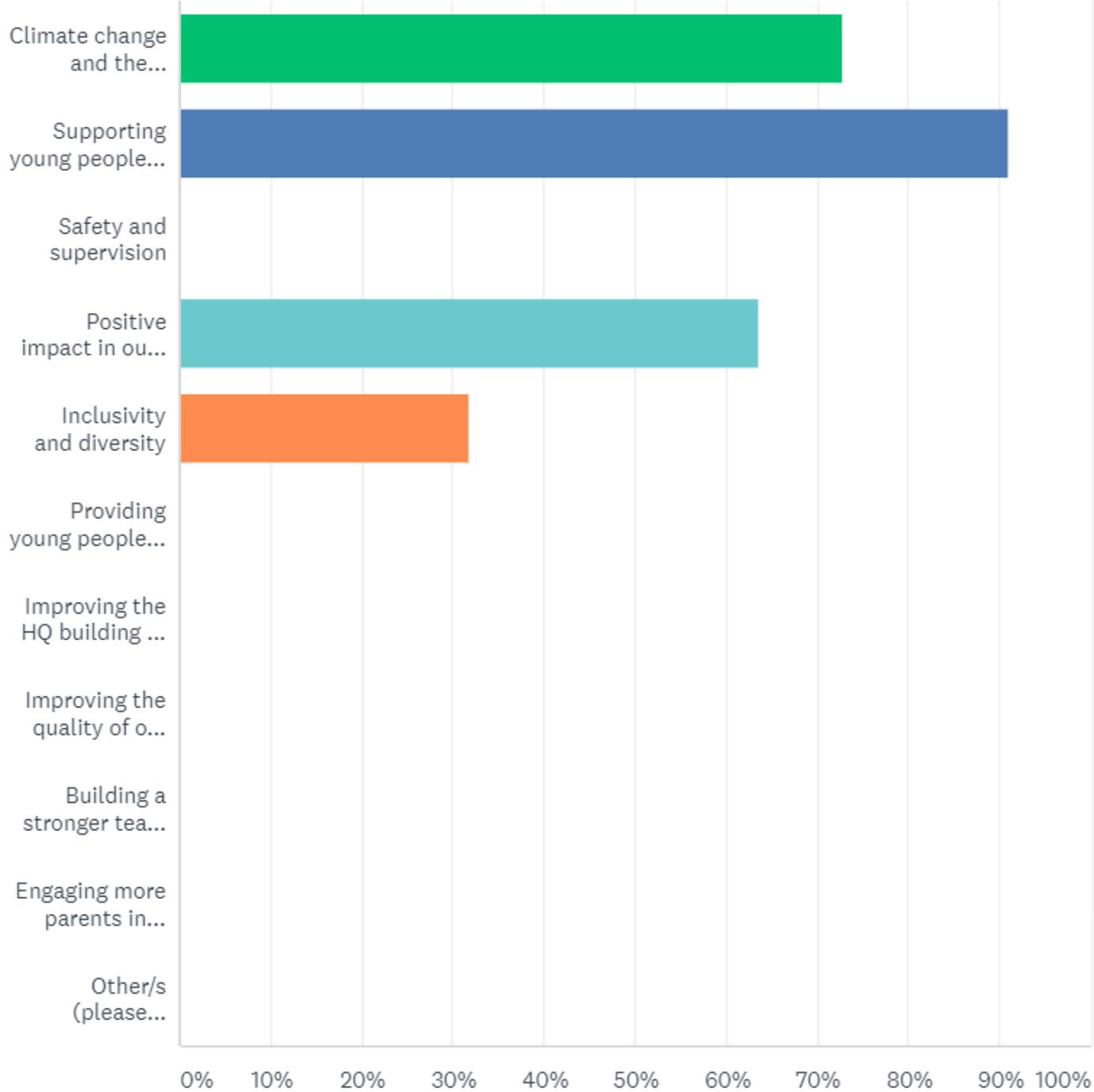
maybe more community initiatives, environmental/with the homeless??

At this time would be good for those scouts and explorers that can to aid older people or people in isolation by doing shopping maybe or other essential chores.

Facilities (2)

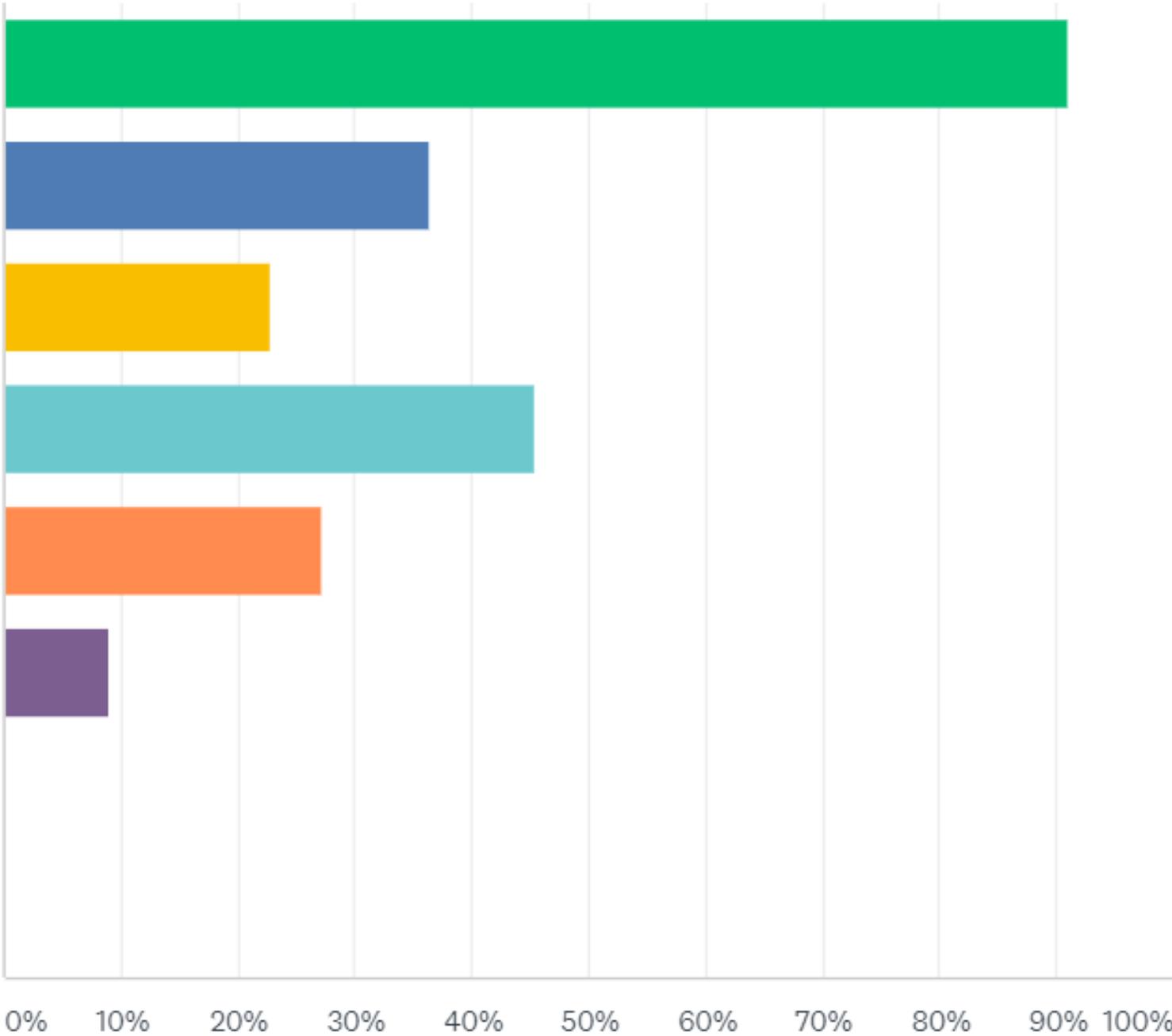
Improve the girls' changing facilities the buildings facilities, the kitchen

Q4 : As we look ahead, which of these long term these are important?



**Q5 : As we look ahead, which of these long term these are important?
(3 max)**

- Providing young people with new skills and capabilities
- Improving the HQ building and facilities
- Improving the quality of our boats and equipment
- Building a stronger team of Leaders and Helpers
- Engaging more parents in activities
- Safeguarding, safety and supervision
- Growing the size of our group
- Other



Q6 : Is there anything else you would like to add?

- It would be good to do fundraising in the community like when the kids helped out in Sainsbury's bagging the shopping. If there are any other similar opportunities.
- no
- No
- Just to say thank you!
- Just thank you to all volunteers, you make a big difference!
- I think all the leaders do a brilliant job, THANK YOU!!
- You're doing a great job!
- In times of Covid, trying to work out a way the children can do some activities/badges at homes and learn about supporting the local community
- renting the building is restricting access fro Leander
- No
- Thank you for all that you do
- Thanks for being there!
- No
- A hats off to what a great job Leander already do!
- Q 5. I would also tick boats but am not an expert on what is required!

**Q7 : As a volunteer organisation, we need parents and helpers with a range of skills.
Would you like to get more involved with Leander activities?**

