

Herbicide-Free Liskeard Survey Apr 2022 Analysis

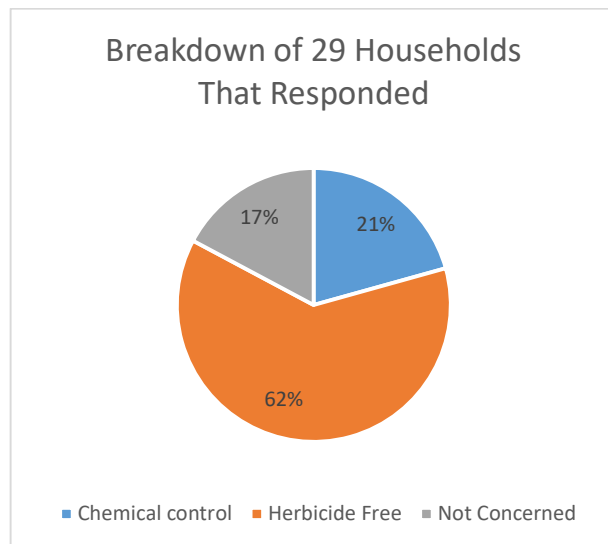
46 households were surveyed of which 29 (63%) residents responded.

One question was asked to keep the process brief and give an indication of how residents would like to proceed with respect to using chemicals to control weeds on their street.

“Hello, I am representing Liskeard Town Council. After living on a herbicide-free street for the past 12 months, would you like to remain herbicide-free or revert back to chemical control of weeds? Comments/ Reasons?”

Of the 29 households that responded 6 (21%) wanted to revert back to using herbicides, 5 (17%) were not concerned and 18 (62%) preferred living on a herbicide-free street.

Of the respondents who showed a preference, 25% wanted to revert back to using herbicides and 75% preferred living on a herbicide-free street.



Comments provided by some residents

- Something needs to be done but not chemicals so that the streets are not untidy
- Ivy coming over narrows the road and needs cutting back
- Prefer weeds gone
- Seeing more bees since going herbicide-free
- Looks a mess. Volunteers have weeded but it still looks a mess
- Weeds get quite high
- Want the weeds controlled but not by chemicals
- Street looks unkempt and worth using chemicals to remove the weeds

Conclusion

Due to the low number of respondents and the small sample size, it is not possible to make statistically compelling conclusions however the figures show a preference for living on herbicide-free streets.

Possible Next Steps

- Run a similar trial on a larger area to obtain more conclusive results and gather information on possible consequences of not using herbicides.
- Trial alternative methods of controlling weeds.