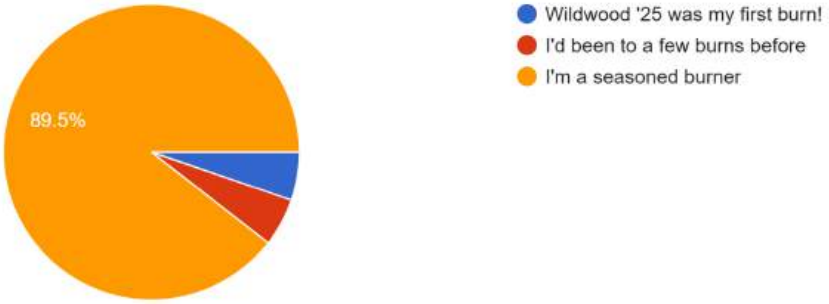
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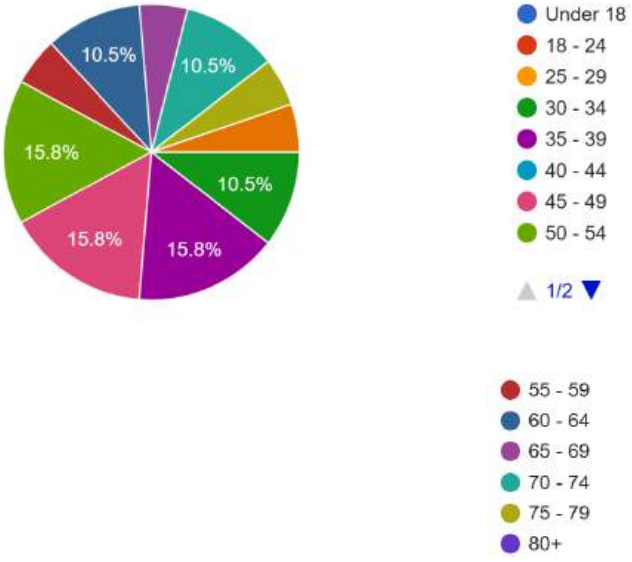
Which describes you best?

19 responses



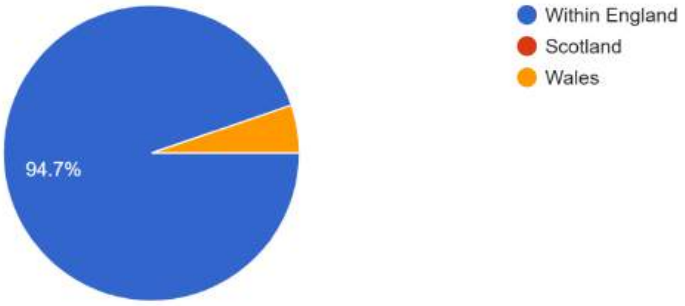
What age range to you fall into?

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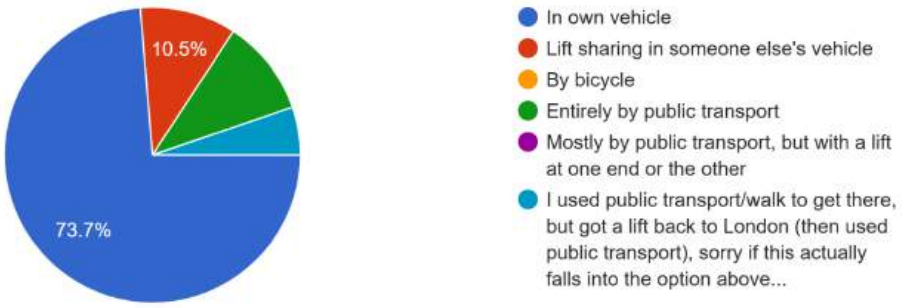


Where did you travel from to get to Wildwood?

19 responses



How did you travel to Wildwood?
19 responses



Do you have any comments on the ticket buying/swapping process? 7 responses

- I would like the address or location made more easily accessible, or even a post code as the ticket is where I would check where I need to go
- Very easy
- Worked fine!
- No
- Great

Do you have any comments on the pre-event comms? Did you know what was planned? Would have liked more info? Did you know where to find info? This question covers WhatsApp, email newsletters, the planning spreadsheet, online meetings, and anything else relevant. 14 responses

- The spreadsheet was really helpful to get an idea about the whole event. I wonder how/if people who weren't in the whatsapp group got their information?
- Email newsletters I found were a good summary of what was discussed in the meetings.
- Because I didn't know everyone in the whatsapp group and there was a lot of casual chat, jokes and banter, I found it hard to keep track of key information. But now I have met people I enjoy the chats. I think having such a big general chat puts the onus on each person to check every single message (good thing is everyone could have the chance to know what is going on, whereas at Nest it often feels like talking in circles) which at some points I would have liked to have muted the conversation for a bit. I wonder if the group description could include something like "please set your own boundaries for notifications, mute if needed and let the group know" or something like that?
- I enjoyed the online meetings a lot, to get to meet people's faces and also understand what's happening. However I think it would be good to set a rough end time so I can plan around the meetings a bit better.
- Would've liked enough key info (for example survival guide) further in advance

- It was lovely.
- WhatsApp group really helpful for me for pre-event, I prefer it to FB
- n/a
- All good
- Everything was very clear. I liked the what's app opportunity.
- Felt very informed
- Was great!
- Excellent comms. Earlier survival guide would have been useful. Website didn't have as much info on it as I'd have liked.
- I think that it's OK 👍
- Amazing! Loved the hype and build up in the news letters and WhatsApp group
- WhatsApp Chat where everyone could contribute was a bit overwhelming at times.
- Would probably not join in future, and just stick to channels where only admins can post.

Do you have any comments on the planning and organisation of Wildwood? Consider both pre-event and the event itself. Did you feel able to get involved? Is there anything we could do differently or better next time? 12 responses

- I liked that I could ask anybody for help on a lead role and when on site everyone was happy to give input and help. I liked that there was shared infrastructure of shelters. I felt able to get involved pre event. I liked the build meeting in the evening and the getting to know each other event on Friday. I have been to some build meetings before and they didn't feel well facilitated (I think Hilda, Tara and Michelle are really great at giving everyone voice without it being too arduous)
- I would've happily got involved earlier but was told I needed to confirm that I was definitely coming and sort a ticket before getting involved. I don't mind if that's the rule, but it did prevent me getting involved earlier
- Very well done!
- n/a
- All good
- Best organised burn in the UK (Europe? The world? The entire universe?)
- Many meetings. Much zoom
- One of my favourite burns because of how relaxed everything is. Everyone just seems to slot into place where needed.
- How to get more people to the meetings? Seemed to be the same old names signing up for lead roles.
- Hand wash or sanitiser in the loo's

- Amazing organisation. Attending the site visit helped. As I think we are all aware getting the survival guide out a bit earlier will help those who can't make the site visit or haven't been before.

Do you have any thoughts you'd like to share about the venue? Consider its location, layout, facilities, including loos and showers, parking, cost, etc. 17 responses

- Really great!!! Getting there by public transport is a huge win. Agree wanting to build a good relationship with the commune and hopefully wider local area.
- The site is fantastic - its accessibility by public transport is a major advantage. For me, this is one of the key factors in deciding which events to attend.
- Excellent, loved the showers, close enough to public transport to make that a viable option, however it would be good to be able to have music and dancing in the evening
- Love it. Be nice if it were closer to Somerset of course.
- Great facilities. I liked the location, a bit easier for me than going to the south west
- It would've been great if we could have used the whole site without the threat of half of it turning into a car park first thing Monday. Also, very hard to get tent pegs in!
- Fantastic venue. I would love for us to go back there.
- Best wildwood location yet. Showers were brilliant and a nice added luxury. Can we go back there next year please
- Lovely location!
- Prrfect
- Excellent venue. Would go again
- Great venue!
- Gorgeous site. Best showers evah! Would have liked to have been clearer about sound policy.
- I think that the venue was excellent
- Great location. Could the bar be closer to the toilets? Sarah forgot the soap...will do better next year!
- Venue was lovely!

Please share any thoughts you have regarding the workshops and other events, including the effigy and temple burns, at Wildwood. Was there something you particularly enjoyed? Is there anything you'd like to see happen next time? Any concerns or suggestions for improvement? Was the WhatWhereWhen (the event schedule) well communicated? 14 responses

- I enjoyed all the burns. I liked the mix of workshops, both serious and fun. Next time I will bring my own copy of the WWW as I think there wouldn't have been enough workshops to print the WWW for everyone.
- Loved Roger's impromptu workshop on Sunday - 10/10 for immediacy :-)

- Best temple burn since the Nest door temple in 2019 !
- I liked the communal energy that created the temple (but being large logs took a bit long to burn down)
- Loved the workshops, there was plenty going on every day. The effigy was super cute. I'm glad we managed to knock together a temple, it would be good to have a plan for next year's as I do feel it's an important part of a burn. But given the size of the event I also can understand skipping it.
- All were great!
- The Temple Burn was a wonderful and lovely surprise.
- I love the focus on daytime chill activities such as spanish wordle and crafting. I wish I had been in the mood to dance, but I wasn't. It was nice to have a temple this year. Great initiative.
- One of my highlights was the humming circle.
- Cool
- Plenty of workshops. Kinda liked the 9pm sound curfew
- Everything was goooood.
- Christmas tree song was my favourite bit. Loved trying new workshops. What Where When written version would have been useful (maybe a few at gate) as I missed the morning workshops. Maybe write up the white board for the day the night before?
- I really enjoyed the burn and cooking the porridge it gave me a chance to meet the other burners
- Paula's fabric decorating workshop was great.

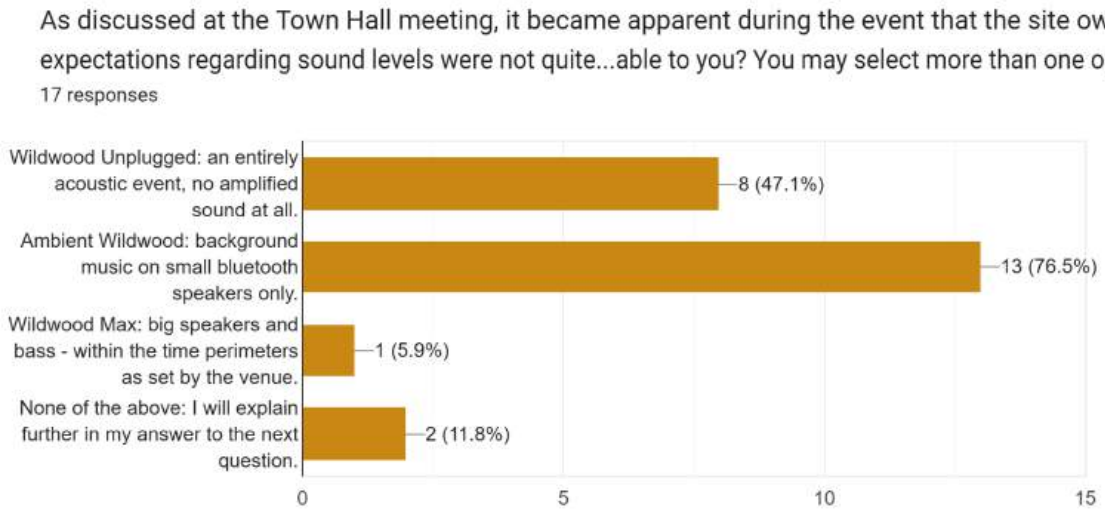
Please share any thoughts you have regarding the Art at Wildwood. Too much/not enough? Was there something you particularly enjoyed? Any comments on the Art Grants process? 13 responses

- Loved the art that was brought. I think for the scale and duration of the event I was pleasantly surprised to see the high quality art that was brought! No comment on art grants.
- Loved it! There's space for more pieces :-)
- I liked the interactive nature of it
- it was amazing for a tiny event
- It was lovely and for such a small event, more than one might expect.
- More art is always good.
- For a small burn,I thought it was enough art with clementine and the Christmas tree (sorry, illuminata) and the decs and effigy. I liked that we created our own stuff in the workshops; chainlink, bags, hats, lanterns etc.
- Nice
- O tannenbaum
- The christmas tree was my favourite!
- Curious to know how much we ended up spending on art.
- More art

- Very easy, if only I hadn't lost my receipts!

Do you have any comments on communal spaces at Wildwood? Consider the various structures, Vortex, Kitchen, firepits, Gate, Bar, The Canopy, Toastie Lounge, etc. 16 responses

- Vortex was underused surprisingly, I think because it had all 4 walls and a roof it seemed unapproachable to sit in, whilst looking out in the world and inviting others to come sit with you. Firepits were great. Toastie lounge was amazing but definitely a hidden hippie trap! Would have been nice if there was more heating at Bar to spread the sitting around capacity. Canopy was awesome for workshops, and very open and inviting.
- Loved the canopy, toastie lounge and fire pit. Vortex was a bit underused and under-decorated.
- Fire pits were great for outdoor chilling, and toastie lounge was great when it got cold. Excellent balance of sheltered and open spaces
- The showers were excellent. Fun even.
- Vortex was a great space and would have been more used if it had been poor weather. Perhaps if there is bad weather forecast it'd be good to get some more 'comfy' stuff in there around the edges.
- They were great
- All good
- We had a lot of structures for a small burn, but they all had a different feel, so that was nice. The toasties lounge was a great place to get warm to the core and chill out before bed.
- Bar was particularly well organised. The turnip juice merely added to its excellence
- Good
- It was a nice mixture
- Kitchen needed a better shelter with sides to stop the gas blowing out! Bar and toastie lounge worked well. Enjoyed the firepit. Vortex was underused (but beautifully decorated). Might have come into its own in the rain though!
- All just right
- I like that we were quite fluid with the use of the spaces. The canopy was beautiful and a lovely unexpected workshop space. If the weather had been wet I'm sure the vortex would have been better utilised. But not needed on this occasion.
- Kitchen could have been better located. It felt a bit disconnected from rest of communal space and was moved



Do you have any further comments on sound levels at Wildwood, or suggestions for the way forward..? 11 responses

- A combination of 2 and 3: Max in the afternoon (like in the Vortex on Saturday) and Ambient in the morning/evening.
- I would like a renegotiation with the venue, with amplified sound allowed until midnight
- The judgement of too loud is impossible to measure. 'Too loud' is what the site owners say or Responsible adult decides. No DeeBEEs please
- I like there being music at the bar, not sure there is/was really much need for the Vortex to be a dancefloor space.
- There seemed to be a lot of distortion from the music in the Vortex and not a lot of people in there enjoying it.
- - We have to start monitoring the perimeter for sound, wherever we end up.
  - The screaming on Saturday night at 3am was annoying but I realise not everyone is as sober as myself. Not wanting to harsh anyone's mellow but we could enforce a curfew on noise.
  - People who want Big Sound should contribute to the energy required through bicycle generators. You want them grooves, you gotta pedal.
  - Having no petrol generators was lovely
- I would like it if we had a silent disco in the vortex (or even outside). This would not disturb the owners or anyone else. It would make me more likely to put on one of my own playlists, and maybe other non-DJ skilled people would feel the same, thus allowing for a more varied selection of music.
- There are plenty of burns with loud amplified music. We really don't need that.
- Silent disco woop woop
- For the event size I don’t think we need a big sound system

Do you have any comments on any aspect of Leave No Trace? 7 responses

- Go Martin and the policy! And handing out bags. Woo!
- It would be good to have clarity on whether we have to empty the bins in the toilets and showers when we leave.
- Far be it for me .....
- I get the impression we did quite well? Want to see a moop map!
- It's as it should be
- Nope

Do you have any comments on any aspect of Health and Safety? 8 responses

- There should be someone sober in charge of fire safety
- People were rather too close to the fire pit on Saturday night - it was only a small effigy but still produced a lot of heat.
- Far be it for me .....
- Needs to be made clearer that only Shower Heads can put wood on the shower fire to avoid risk of overheating. Fire safety leads should be sober and there should be more than one for the effigy burn.
- No
- Great job thanks!!
- Nope

Do you have any comments on any aspect of the Responsible Adults system? 11 responses

- Loved it
- Seemed to work perfectly
- I enjoyed being an RA but you could consider having shorter shifts and getting more people involved
- works well
- All went well on my shift, however some aspects of the process weren't clear. Some of it was sent via WhatsApp but during the event I try to stay away from my phone so didn't see it until afterwards. Things like the consent / conflict procedure and how to get in touch with the site would be helpful to know before the event.
- A standard hand over location is needed for those who don't manage to find the person on duty before them in order to arrange it.
- The shift's timings are a reasonable length. Sensible.

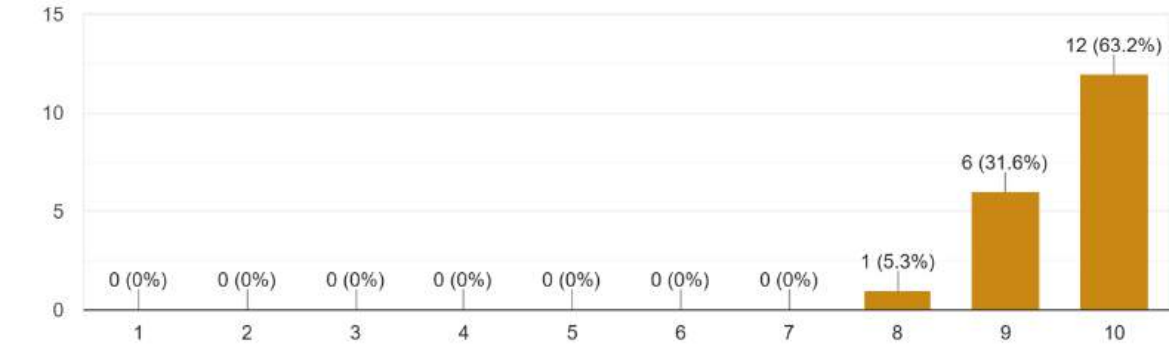
- Maybe have a radio in a well identified central spot that can be used to call the adult(s) if needed.
- Worked well. Great volunteers.
- No

Do you have any comments on any aspect of Welfare, Inclusion, or Consent? 6 responses

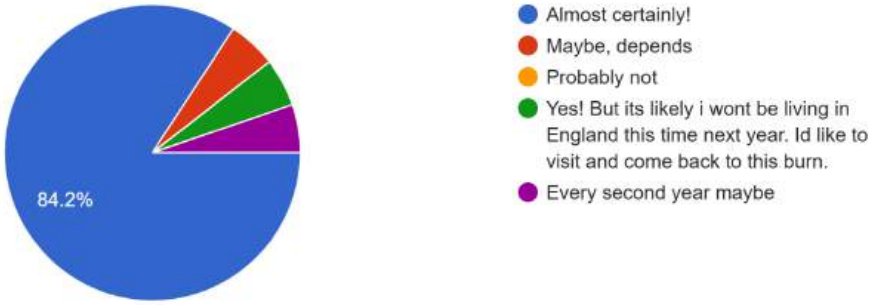
- Attitude to inclusion was absolutely awesome. Consent could do with some more active education - I had men who were older than me offer me a hug then try to kiss me more than once, this made me feel like I had to stay on high alert for boundary crossing
- n/a
- We're lacking welfare and/or first aid. If the event becomes bigger we should think about recruiting to cover them both.
- Would be good if we could recruit dedicated people for these roles (plus Accessibility). Frustrating that nobody seemed to want to take them on.
- No

Please rate your overall experience of Wildwood 2025:

19 responses



If Wildwood were to happen again in the future, would you be likely to attend?
19 responses



If you were to describe Wildwood to someone in five words or fewer, what would those words be? 18 responses

- THE burn for the burn curious
- It's the burn you need!
- Chill communal burn
- a lovely, tiny event, a burn taster, a glorious weekend camping with friends old and new
- Cosy, friendly outdoors hippy party
- small, friendly, lovely
- Friendly and not-frightening
- One of my happy places
- A small intimate burn
- Hippies having fun in field
- You must try it
- Lovely gentle burn
- Burning for beginners
- Bloody brilliant
- Chilled burn for older burners
- Best experience ever
- The perfect burn!
- Small but perfectly formed

Do you have any final comments? Especially on anything not covered by these survey questions, or on the survey itself. 8 responses

- Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

- Thank you to the organisers, builders, artists. Really appreciate your efforts.
- It's so nice to have a burn that isn't focused on sex, drugs and loud music.
- It was a perfectly-formed and loveable Burn. Thank you.
- Great survey, great burn.
- Looking good see you next year or sooner
- Can we do a week next time??? Please???