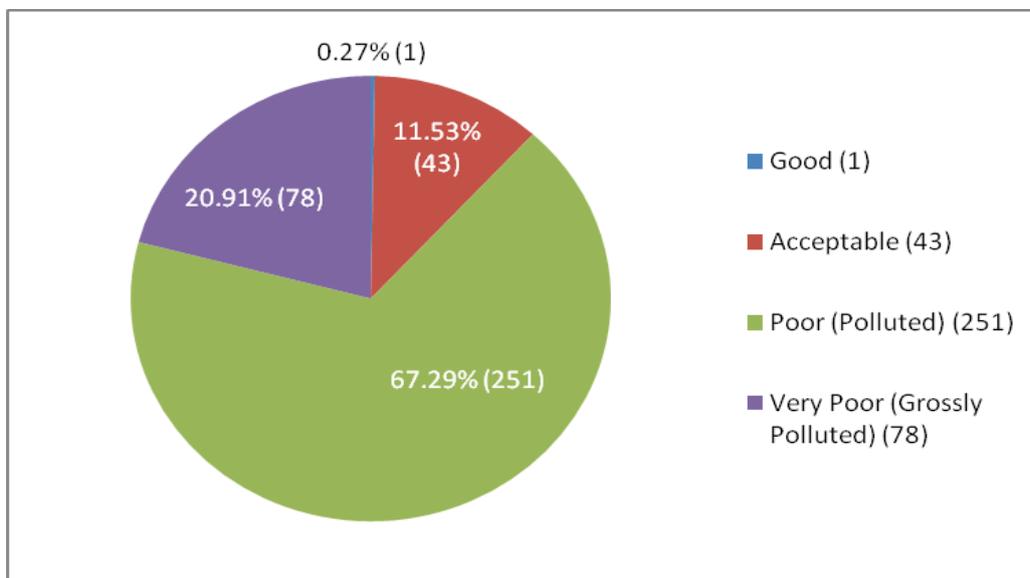


## Results of Consultation on Bonny Water Improvements

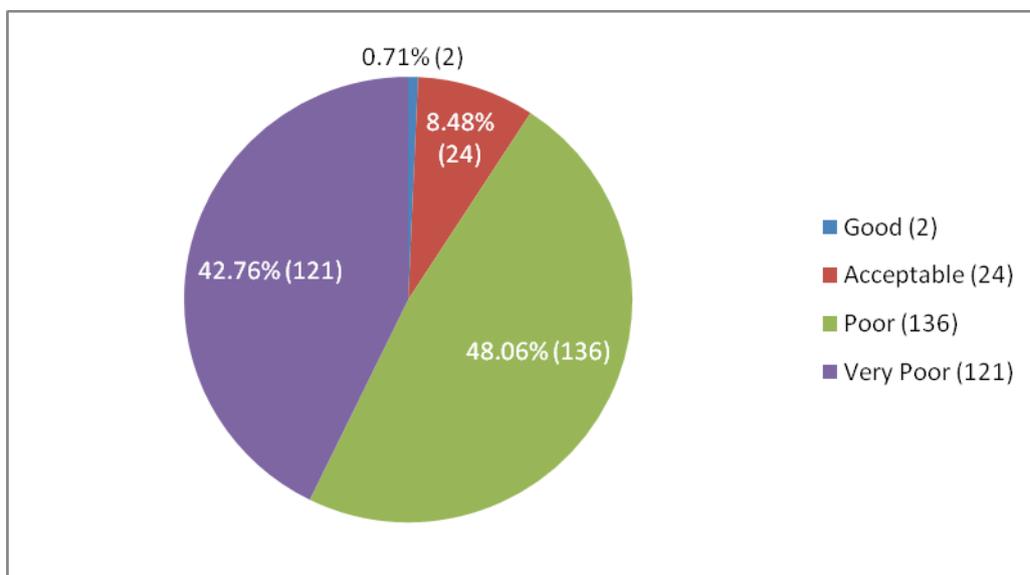
### **Introduction:**

Following representation from local organisations, communities along the Carron, and the River Carron Fisheries Management Group, I have been carrying out a consultation on environmental improvements on the Bonny Water. I have written to over 2,000 residents in the Bonnybridge area asking them for their opinion on the Bonny Water and what improvements they would like to see take place. The following results from the completed surveys will help me in understanding the community's views on improvements to the Bonny Water.

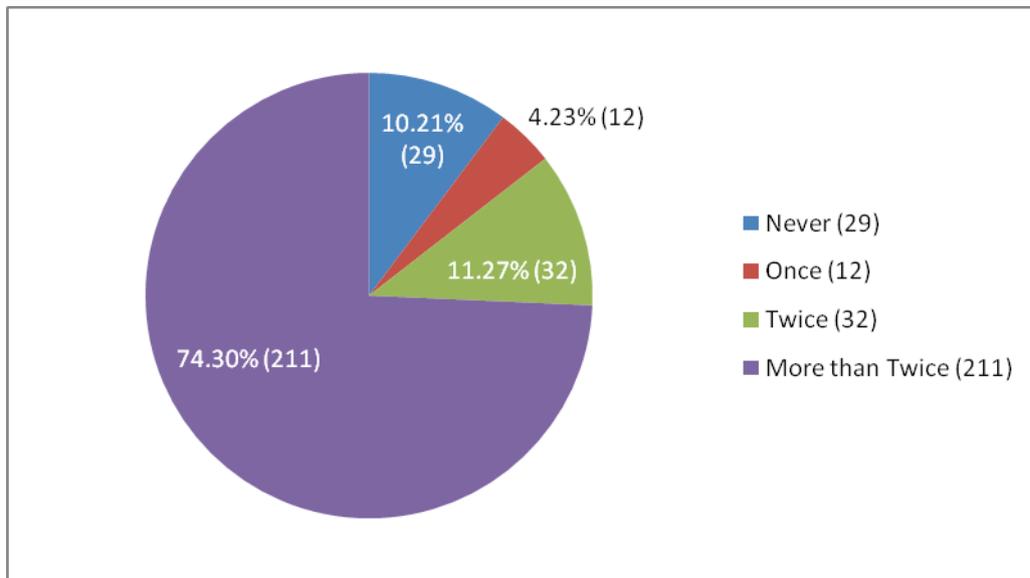
**Question 1:** *In your opinion, in terms of water quality, how clean is the Bonny Water at present?*



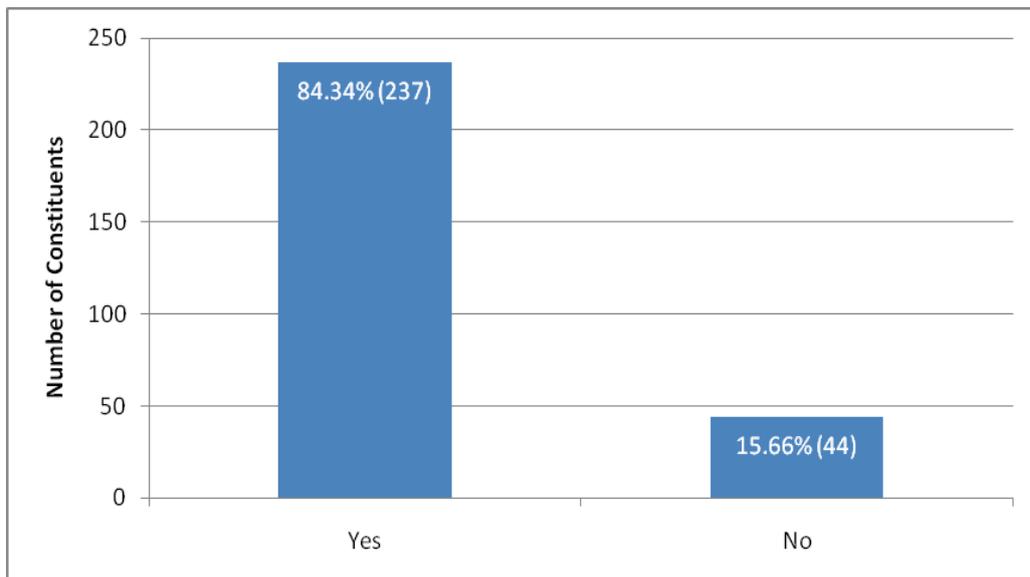
**Question 2:** *What is your opinion on the general visual appearance of the Bonny Water with regard to litter and fly tipping in the river and along its banks?*



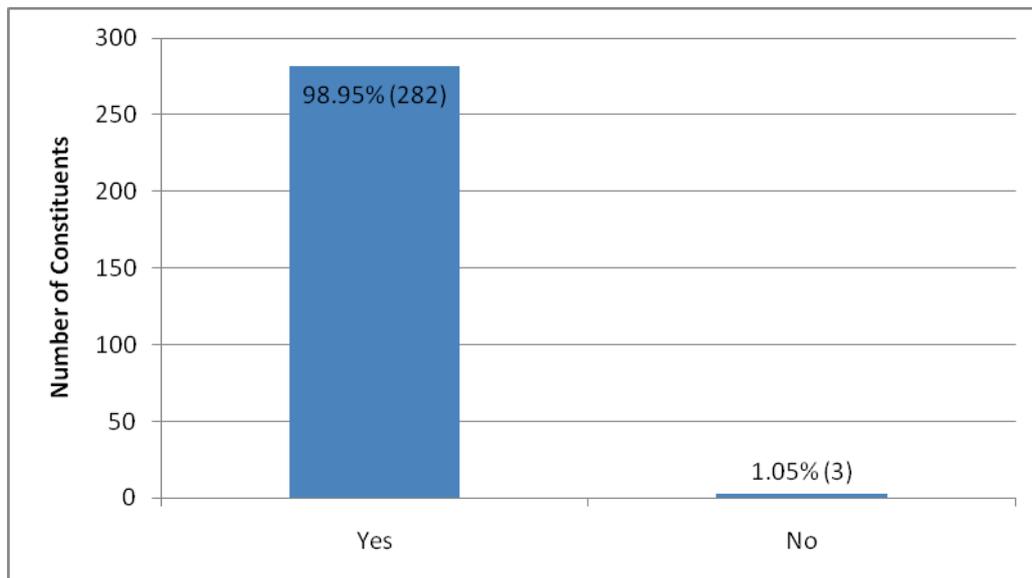
**Question 3:** *How many times in the past year have you used the adjoining parkland and footpath area of the Bonny Water for recreation?*



**Question 4:** *Please indicate if the area was cleaner if you would make use of it for recreation.*



**Question 5:** *Do you support the ideas of the environmental improvements (water quality, litter, and dog fouling) along the Bonny Water?*



**Question 6:** *Would you be prepared to assist CATCA voluntarily with any improvements?*

- 38 households are interested in assisting CATCA voluntarily with any improvements for the Bonny Water.

**Question 7:** *Would you like to be kept informed of the results of this consultation?*

- 139 households would like to stay informed of the results of this consultation.

#### **Comments:**

- According to the constituents, the roads, walking paths, and water are all filled with litter.
- The rubbish in the water accumulates mostly at the bends in the river and where trees have fallen.
- Vandalism in areas such as the football pitch, dog waste throughout the park, industrial pollution in the river, and inadequate river bank landscaping make this area unsightly.
- Some of the constituents suggest that we:
  - Add more waste and dog waste bins to this area.
  - Enforce laws that prohibit the failure to clean up dog fouling.
  - Create more footpaths along the river.
  - Install more streetlights in pedestrian areas for safety.
  - Clear invasive plants, such as the Japanese Knotweed.
  - Focus on particularly bad areas, including Jennies Park and the Coop Complex.

**Conclusions:**

The Bonny Water and surrounding area clearly needs work. Of the survey respondents, 88.20 percent of citizens believe that the quality of the water is either poor or very poor, 90.82 percent of citizens believe that general appearance of the water is unsightly. This is unacceptable considering that 74.30 percent of survey respondents have used this area for recreation. If this area were cleaner, 84.34 percent of citizens would use this area more often. Finally, 98.95 percent of survey respondents support the clearing up of the Bonny Water and surrounding area. If we consider some of the aforementioned comments for improving this area, then the Bonny Water and surrounding area will be a better place for public use.