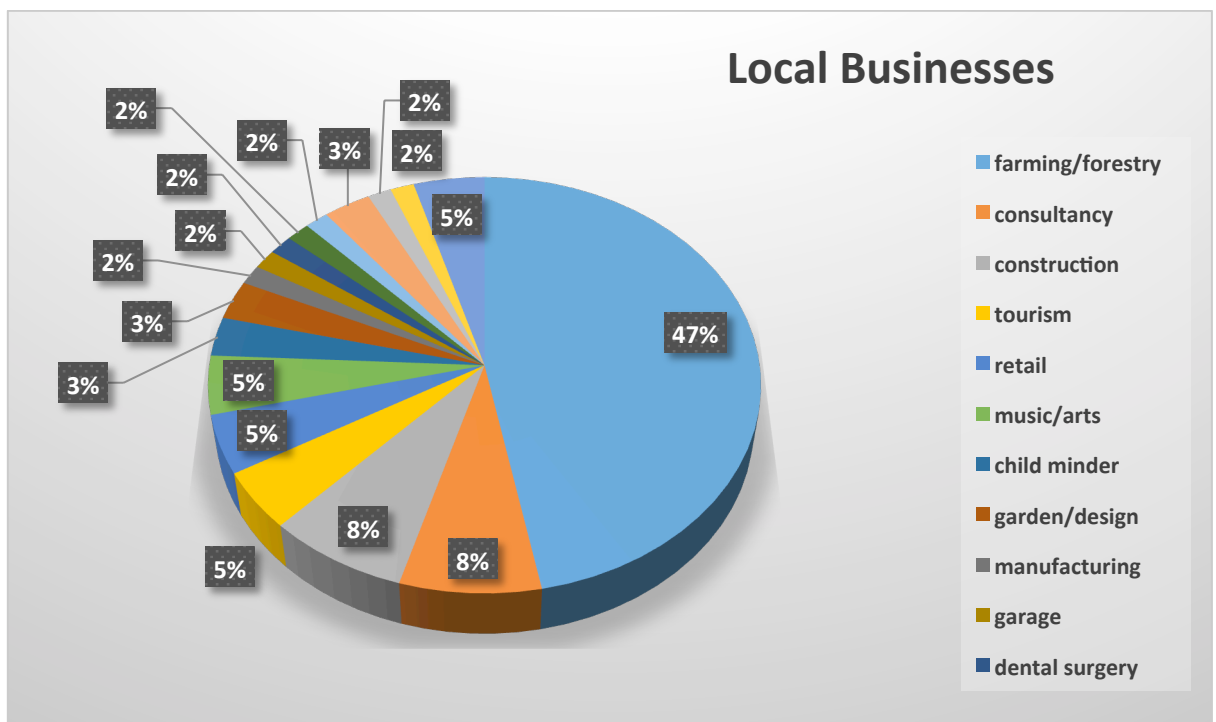


11 LOCAL BUSINESSES / SELF-EMPLOYED

- 60 households run a business; unsurprisingly in 50% the main business is farming/contracting/forestry.
- The arts, consultancy, retailing, tourism, gardening/design, child minding, construction, renewable energy are all represented.



- Broadband speed an issue for 48% of businesses.

- Complaints about planning and nimbyism
- Too many people see negative, not positive, side of business.
- Rural location has a finite capacity
- Poor road access/effect of AONB a complaint. *(But you are where you are.)*
- 93% would encourage other businesses
- Mixed experience of ease of getting workers. Over 100 people on total are employed in these businesses.
- Mixed experience of police over thefts and break-ins. 26% have been affected by crime. 25% have installed security systems.

The Parish Council feel it very important to encourage local businesses.

They bring employment opportunities and a younger demographic which BSM sorely needs.