## QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 15 (10-14.4.2024)

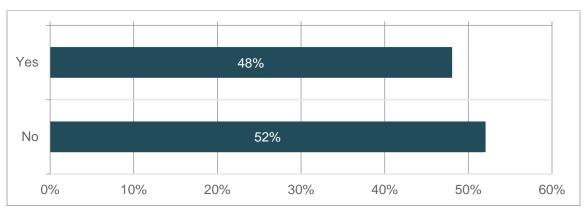
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 435

The margin of error is 5 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

## BICYCLE PARKING

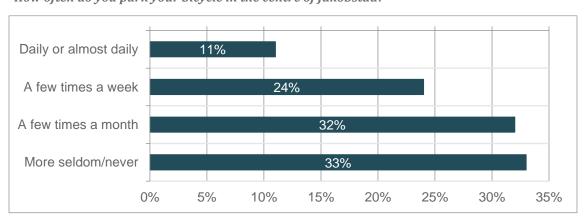
In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: "The town of Jakobstad has begun a project of improving bicycle parking. In the work we are surveying the current needs for development and making a plan to improve the bicycle parking in the coming years. We are reviewing bicycle parking in public places, especially in the town centre. The work is done in connection with the plan for urban development, where the focus lies on creating a pleasant town centre with emphasis on pedestrians. Through better bicycle parking the interest of biking can be increased.

Are you happy with the arrangements for bicycle parking in the centre of Jakobstad? (You can comment your answer if you wish)"



Those who are happy with the arrangements rarely cycle themselves. Many of the current bicycle racks are narrow and are only suited for traditional adult bikes. There is especially need for racks with frame locking. People also wished for roofs and supervised parking.

"How often do you park your bicycle in the centre of Jakobstad?"

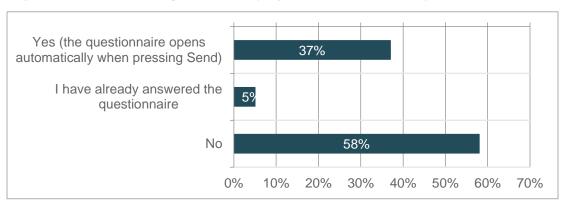


"Please tell us about the development needs and suggestions you have for bicycle parking in the town centre."

There is a need of racks, to which the bike safely can be locked. There should be more racks and preferably in more places. The racks should also be suited for bikes with bigger tyres. Spaces for electric scooters are also needed.

"The best way of impacting the arrangements for bicycle parking in Jakobstad is by answering a more detailed questionnaire.

Do you want to answer the questionnaire (only in Swedish and Finnish)?"



## **NEXT STEP**

The plan for bicycle parking will be completed by the end of October. The town will also apply for government grants for improving the conditions of cycling in order to acquire new bicycle racks. These are needed in the town centre, by the schools, and in the vicinity of the sports hall.

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