

**HOLYBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES PROJECT
QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS**

2011

ARE YOU WORKING OR RUNNING A BUSINESS FROM HOME?



- NO 87%
- YES 13%
- 11 RESIDENTS WERE INTERESTED IN NETWORKING WITH OTHER HOME WORKERS AND BUSINESSES IN THE AREA

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EXISTING ACTIVITIES?

- YES 54%
- NO 46%

- If not, is this because you have not been made aware of them?
- YES 79%
- NO 21%
- Would any of the existing activities be of interest to you?
- YES 56%
- NO 44%

COMMUNICATIONS

Do you read the parish newsletter?

YES 92%

NO 8%

Do you visit the parish website?

YES 11%

NO 89%

Do you look at the parish notice boards?

YES 31%

NO 69%

Do you think the parish council can improve its communications?

YES 18%

NO 82%

Suggestions for improved communications included:

Leaflet drop for activities

Newsletter to have a list of activities/clubs

More prominent notice boards with larger print

More frequent parish newsletters

Notices in newspapers

Publicise the website.

More advertising

List activities on community centre door

NEW ACTIVITIES

Would you be interested in attending other activities if arranged?

YES 71%

NO 29%

Activities included the following:

Computer/Internet Training, Photography, Horticultural Society, Wine Circle, 50+ Morning, Craft Club, Cake Decorating, Jumble Sales, Children's Holiday Club, Dress Making, Drama, Luncheon Club and Bingo.

Suggestions for activities for **Children** included:

Activities in school holidays in the park, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts, Fitness Circuit, Tennis, Cricket, Judo, Art club for older children, Craft for younger children, Tap Dance, Table Tennis/Outside Table Tennis, Music, Language classes, Health Talks, Knitting/Crochet and First Aid.

Youths – Sports coaching/training/cricket/tennis/fitness circuit/outside table tennis, longer opening hours at the Garage/Holybrook Youth Club/talks, Art, Evening classes, Life skills/CV/Cookery, First Aid and Drama Club.

20-40 year olds – Sports/tennis/fitness circuit/outside table tennis, badminton, aerobics, evening social/dance classes/barn dance, walking/hiking, History society, quiz nights, English classes for people with English as a second language, life skills, book club, music and subjects for mums and dads/coffee time/social chat sessions, First Aid and Art.

41-60 year olds – Sports, Fitness, Aerobics, Circuit Training, Running, Self Defence, Badminton, Tennis, Tai Chi, Table Tennis, Local History Talks, Book Club, Adult Dance, Music, Art Class, Quiz Night, Floristry, Backgammon, Weekend Walking for Health, First Aid and Car Boot Sale.

Over 60s – Bridge, Whist Drive, book club, singing classes, Get Together Groups, Coffee Morning, Tai Chi, local history, life skills for single people, patchwork/quilt making and fitness, Single Get Togethers, Boot Sale, First Aid and Quiz Nights.

Are you willing to get involved in any of the new activities you have given?

YES 12%

NO 88%

Do you participate in any of the following sports and where?

Football

YES 15% Rivermead, Linear Park, School, Burghfield, Moorlands, Prospect Park, Cotswold Sports Centre, Turnhams Farm and Bradfield College.

NO 85%

Swimming

YES 46% Rivermead, Central, David Lloyd, Holiday Inn, Willink Leisure Centre, Meadway, Abbey School, Arthur Hill, Nuffield Gym, Maidenhead, Loddon Valley, Wokingham, Bracknell, Winnersh, Tadley, Brookfields, Nirvana Spa and Kennet Centre Thatcham.

NO 54%

Cricket

YES 3% School, Theale, Tilehurst Club AND Newbury.

NO 97%

Tennis

YES 11% Sindlesham, Prospect Park, Theale

NO 89%

Bowls

YES 2% Reading Bowl

NO 98%

Facilities in Linear Park include soccer pitches. If opportunity to extend sports activities available what would you like to see?

Tennis Courts, swimming, leisure Centre/Gym, badminton court, Bowls, facilities for teenagers, indoor or outdoor table tennis, 5-a-side leagues, outdoor gym equipment, goal posts and baby swings at Burbidge Close, netball, basketball, rounder's pitch, astro pitch for hockey, crazy golf or pitch and putt, squash court, cricket pitch, running track, keep fit for over 50s, woodland flower area, climbing wall on Garage, rugby, American football and angling on the Holy brook.

Would you be interested in having an **allotment**?

YES 26%

NO 74%

Would you like to use a refreshment **kiosk** in Linear Park?

YES 57%

NO 43%

Are there any amenities you would like to see within the park?

Toilets, benches, picnic tables, litter bins, ice cream van, extend play area, Bop-It type game for older children, notice board advertising events/clubs, café type kiosk, more flowers, tap water outside, boating lake, slide, Zip-Wire, wildflower gardens, BBQ area, speedway/BMX track, more police presence, park map and amblers club for over 50s, lit cycle tracks, a further bridge across the Holy brook adjacent to railway crossing, a bird hide, something at the Fords Farm end, regular maintenance of paths and grass areas, footpath extended into figure of eight and motorcycle club.

Would you like to help with next year's **festival**?

Comments were that everybody enjoyed it but most didn't have the time to help.

FUTURE INVOLVEMENT

Would you like the council to arrange meetings/workshops

YES 50%

NO 50%

Would you be willing to get involved with these meetings?

YES 26%

NO 74%

Additional comments included the need for a shop, Post Office, pub/cafe, bigger community centres/parking, sign language/interpreter regarding deaf people in community centres, IOU Club – credit for services, a Farmers' Market, flower displays,

and concern regarding speeding in Charrington Road and misuse of bus ramps, overgrown weeds and clearing of waterways required, problems with motorbikes in the park, some people considered the skate park dangerous/lack of helmets, issue of parking and dog fouling.