

Actions

- Look at the possibility of producing a regular 'Parish Information' booklet to promote existing activities and events in the parish, including the Community Centre, Churches and the Schools.
- Consider other means of publicising information, including the newly provided Parish Notice Board and the Wesham Web Site www.wesham.org.uk.
- Encourage the people of the parish to identify new activities which are currently not being catered for.
- Former NHS Land on Mowbreck Lane (Public Open Space) to be developed for community use. (see map on page 13).
- Create new dog walking areas.



Provision for our Children and Young People

Most people felt that there was not enough youth provision in the community, especially in the evenings, and that the creation of a Youth Club, Drop in Centre/Youth Cafe and improved facilities including a skate park, for example, may benefit the community in other ways, improving community cohesion and reducing anti social behaviour. Offers of help to create such facilities were forthcoming in the responses.

Without the knowledge of the available facilities for all ages, respondents had some difficulty in answering the question about youth facilities, however, 49% of people agreed that there were poor facilities for the 16-17 year olds and 42% for the 12-15 year olds. Some were aware of the successful uniformed organisations (Scouts, Guides etc) and the Christ Church youth club. Of the respondents 50% rarely use the recreation and play areas. (This may be because the percentage of respondents with young families was low).

“A fenced off piece of land could be used for 5 aside football, tennis or basketball this is a facility which could bring in a healthy revenue for the parish.”

“Whilst it is generally a pleasant place to live it lacks vibrancy and things to do. This is especially true for children and young people.”

“It concerns me regarding groups of teenagers hanging around - my daughter is one of them.”

“They get a bad press, they get bored, people feel intimidated by them.”

“I would willingly volunteer to provide facilities for our teenagers 11-15 eg. open up the old fire station!”

Actions

- A skateboard park is due to be erected on the Fleetwood Road Playing Fields site. - completed September 2008
- Provide new play equipment on this site using funds from the Section 106 agreement associated with the Weeton Road housing development.



- Set up and run a Youth Club or Youth Café

Through the questionnaire responses it was determined that many people were willing to assist with the setting up of youth facilities. Discussions must be held with the Lancashire Youth and Community Service to develop and capitalise on this source of enthusiasm. In order for this to be taken forward it will be necessary for a separate specific meeting to be held with the public and our young people to share ideas and consider possible venues.



Provision for our Senior Citizens

Only 21% were aware of 'Wesham Interact' which offers services and activities for older people, but several mentioned that meetings and activities for the elderly were required. Suggestions for activities included, tea dances, coffee mornings and increased use of the bowling green.

“If I had the funds I would open up an old fashioned tea shop for the pensioners”

“Adult education for the retired.”

“More variety in education classes for those not working/retired.”



Actions

- Promote and publicise the activities of 'Wesham Interact' provided at Wesham Community Centre for older people, through the Parish Information booklet and other publicity.
- Encourage additional use of the bowling green through signage and publicity for the wider community.

