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# **CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL: PITCH AND OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES ASSESSMENT**

## **PART I. INTRODUCTION**

This is the Assessment Report considering supply and demand issues for playing pitches, their ancillary facilities and recreational parks sport provision in Craven, North Yorkshire. It covers the predominant issues for sports pitch provision that services football, rugby, cricket, rounders and hockey, as well as sport based recreational facilities in parks. This includes tennis, netball, crown green bowls, athletics tracks, golf and an analysis of the provision of multi-activity community areas (MACAs) in parks.

Craven District Council (CDC's) Planning Department commissioned the study in November 2003. The principal research was carried out between December 2003 and March 2004.

**This report does not include strategic recommendations and policy objectives. This is included within the Strategy document.**

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## **1.1 Context**

### *National context*

The Government views playing field strategies as an essential element underpinning its strategy for the protection and provision of outdoor playing space. In its strategy for sport, 'A Sporting Future for All' (1999), it highlights the need for, and importance of, local authorities carrying out playing pitch assessments. They are also seen as pivotal in the Government's approach to protect and provide playing pitches for schools and the wider community.

### *Planning Policy Guidance 17 (PPG17)*

PPG 17 'Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation' was published in July 2002 followed in September that year by 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide to PPG 17'. The PPG re-affirms the importance of undertaking 'robust assessments of the existing and future needs of their communities' not just playing pitches but open space, sports and recreational facilities. Paragraph 5 states that 'Good quality assessments and audits, leading to clear strategies supported by effective planning policies, will provide vital tools for resolving potential conflicts that arise between different uses and users of open space, sports and recreational facilities.'

Paragraph 10 goes on to state that 'existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land should not be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space or the buildings and land to be surplus to requirements.' For open space, 'surplus to requirements' should include consideration of all the functions that open space can perform. Not all open space, sport and recreational land and buildings are of equal merit and some may be available for alternative uses. The guidance suggests that 'in the absence of a robust and up-to-date assessment by a local authority, an applicant for planning permission may seek to demonstrate through an independent assessment that the land or buildings are surplus to requirements. Developers will need to consult the local community and demonstrate that their proposals are widely supported by them.'

### *Towards a Level Playing Field*

The aims and requirements outlined in PPG 17 and the companion guide are reiterated in the revised Sport England playing pitch strategy methodology, 'Towards a Level Playing Field' (February 2003). It is this methodology (and that of its predecessor), which has been implemented in the production of this assessment. (See Part 2 for research methodology.)

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## *Game Plan*

In 2002, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the Government's Strategy Unit published Game Plan. This identifies the two overarching objectives for government as:

- A major increase in participation in sport and physical activity, primarily because of the significant health benefits and to reduce the growing costs of inactivity.
- A sustainable improvement in success in international competition, particularly in the sports, which matter most to the public, primarily because of the 'feel-good factor', associated with winning.

Three distinct aims arise from these objectives:

- To encourage a mass participation culture, with a target for 70% of the population to be reasonably active (for example 30 minutes of moderate exercise five times a week) by 2020.
- To enhance international success, with a target for British and English teams and individuals to sustain rankings within the top five, particularly in more popular sports.
- To adopt a different approach to hosting major events. They should be seen as an occasional celebration of success rather than as a means to achieving other government objectives.

## *The Framework for Sport in England*

The Framework is the result of extensive consultation with all the key players in sport in England. It is underpinned by a wide-ranging analysis of the evidence base. The outcome is a commitment from sport to work together, and with other sectors, to, "make England the most active and successful sporting nation in the world" by 2020.

The Framework provides the focus for Regional Sports Boards to deliver regional plans for Sport, and for the national governing bodies of sport to finalise Whole Sport Plans for each of the priority sports.

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## **PART 2: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

### **2.1 Introduction**

This report uses established, recognised quantitative and qualitative methodologies, in keeping with the recommendations of PPG17, for assessing the supply of and demand for pitch sports.

#### ***Quantitative analysis***

The principal quantitative method used in this case is based on the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) minimum standards for outdoor playing space of 2.43 hectares (6 acres) per 1,000 population. Within this, the NPFA standard states that between 1.6 and 1.8 hectares should be provided for youth and adults, of which 1.21 hectares should be formal playing pitches and approximately 0.5 hectares for non-pitch sports. PPG17 points out that the NPFA six-acre standard lacks qualitative local analysis and therefore is not sufficient to form a local standard in isolation.

#### ***Qualitative analysis***

The 'Playing Pitch Strategy' document published by the Sports Council, NPFA and Central Council for Physical Recreation in 1991, outlines a complimentary assessment process based on a local qualitative evaluation. This method was devised to enable policy makers to review playing pitch requirements and provision at a local level. It should be seen as complementary to the quantitative approach recommended in the Six-Acre Standard. Although recently revised, the principles of the playing pitch strategy remain the same. It is a local, team based, qualitative demand assessment. The methodology recognises the guidance set out in PPG 17 and the companion guide on the assessment of open space and outdoor sports facilities.

Both the quantitative and qualitative methodologies are explained in detail in the appendices to this report. An important point to raise at this stage is that site comments need to be taken into consideration in parallel with the consultation comments.



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## **PART 3: SPORT SPECIFIC SUMMARY**

### **3.1 Introduction**

The following sections summarise the local administration of the main pitch and non-pitch sports within Craven. Details of the main leagues servicing each sport are included along with issues relating to the number and quality of facilities needed to accommodate competitive requirements. This was carried out via independent site assessments and consultation with league and club officials as well as CDC and national governing body of sport officers. The sections on each sport also include summary tables of the respective clubs, leagues, pitch and non-pitches within Craven.

*Section 3.2* covers football in Craven, providing a summary of the main leagues that provide structured competitive opportunity for all age groups in the area.

*Section 3.3* deals with cricket in Craven, detailing principal leagues providing opportunities for competitive cricket in the area and providing a summary of cricket clubs and cricket pitch provision.

*Section 3.4* deals with rugby union in Craven, providing club profiles and detailing facility provision.

*Section 3.5* covers bowls in Craven covers crown green bowls in Craven's parks and private clubs, detailing principal leagues that service competitive bowls, providing club profiles and detailing facility provision.

*Section 3.6* deals with tennis in Craven, providing club profiles and detailing facility provision

*Section 3.7* covers netball in Craven, providing details about facilities and club profiles.

*Section 3.8* covers golf in Craven, providing club profile and detailing facility provision.

*Section 3.9* deals with rounders in Craven, providing club details and facility provision.

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*Section 3.11* deals with athletics in Craven, providing club profile and detailing facility provision.

*Section 3.12* covers multi activity community areas in Craven detailing provision, location and a summary of key issues.

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## 3.2 Football

*Table 1: Summary of football pitches and teams by analysis area*

Analysis Area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini-soccer
North Craven Sub Area	3	4	-	7	-	6	-	5
Settle Sub Area	6	2	1	3	-	12	-	5
South Craven Sub Area	7	4	3	7	-	5	-	2
Skipton Sub Area	12	4	1	16	-	8	-	1
Yorkshire Dales National Park	6	1	1	5	-	3	-	2
<b>CRAVEN</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>

*(N.B. this table includes 'team equivalents' which represent school teams.)*

Football in Craven is administered by West Riding County Football Association (WRCFA) which is inclusive of the following local authorities - Bradford, Calderdale, Craven, Harrogate, Kirklees, Leeds, Selby and Wakefield.

The West Riding Local Football Partnership (LFP) is a wider group bringing together all the local authorities within the area. It includes representatives from Sport England, schools, clubs, local authorities, and community groups. The LFP has been responsible for outlining a Facility Development Plan. This sets out the vision for football facility development in the County.

Each local authority has identified schemes designated as priorities within their areas. It was important when identifying priorities that schemes highlighted should not only be based on their strategic significance but also on their ability to deliver sustained and high quality football development. Craven DC utilised its own leisure strategy and the work of the Craven football development group to identify the following priority sites:

- Grassington FC,
- Skipton Town FC,
- Bentham Playing Fields Association,
- Hellified Playing Fields
- Burton in Lonsdale Playing Fields.

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## *Craven Football Association*

Twenty-six clubs are affiliated to Craven FA, which is, in turn, affiliated to the WRCFA. The organisation administers all football within the area including organising competitions for the member clubs. Members of the FA also sit on the football development group and have an impact on developments in the area such as the new Artificial Turf Pitch at Sandylands.

### **3.2.1 Consultation**

Consultation has highlighted key supply and demand for football in each area of Craven. They have drawn issues from consultation with league and club secretaries, information gathered from pitch owners/managers, booking records and club questionnaire responses.

### **3.2.2 League consultation**

*Table 2: Summary of leagues representatives consulted*

League	Total number of clubs	No. of divisions	Comments
<b>Saturday senior football</b>			
Craven and District Football League	32	4	The League has a large catchment area incorporating Grassington, Clitheroe and Keighley at the fringes of the Craven District. Due to the large demand for football in the area, expansion is being considered to include another division.
Craven, Aire and Wharfe Junior Football League	55	22	The League plays on Sundays and has a wide catchment area:: Craven, Keighley, Wharfedale and Bradford. Consultation highlighted that junior football in the area is declining and as a result the League is targeting football for under 6s and 7s in the most rural areas of Craven.  It was highlighted that development work is restricted due to the lack of facilities at particular sites, namely Skipton Town, Gargrave and Hellifield. The changing accommodation and toilets at these sites need attention.

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## **3.2.3 Club consultation**

The following development/facility issues, were identified during consultation:

### *Skipton Town FC*

The Club has been in existence since 1948 and is well established within Skipton. It currently fields two senior teams and three junior teams. It has approximately 100 playing members, which has increased over the last few years due to more juniors joining the Club.

The home ground, (both the pitch and the clubhouse) is in good condition as the facilities are well maintained. The Club recently received a grant to lay new drains at one end of the pitch which has significantly improved the quality although top soil is required to level some areas.

Club representatives highlighted that more teams could be fielded if it had an additional football pitch. In particular there is a demand for a junior girls team. It could also develop mini football within the area as there are very few mini football teams. The new Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) at Sandylands Sports Centre is hoping to attract more mini and junior football players. It is anticipated that if players are wanting to develop further in the sport they would ideally join a club and Skipton Town FC would be a model club in terms of its location and standards.

Skipton Town FC has aspirations to achieve Charter Standard but finds it difficult to access coaching courses although it has recently formulated a three year development plan. Additional coaches and volunteers would help to improve the structure and number of players within the Club. It is, however, difficult to attract and retain such individuals.

### *Skipton Bulldogs FC*

The Club currently has two senior teams playing in the Craven and District Football League. Consultation highlighted that the number of players has steadily declined over the last two years which is attributed to the quality of the pitch. The Club has also not been able to progress to a higher standard of football due to the restrictions imposed on erection of fencing by North Yorkshire County Council.

The pitch is on the ground of a designated flood plain which results in flooding during wet weather. Games played on the pitch are very much weather dependent and numerous matches have to be cancelled. At the time of consultation (February 2004) a match had not been played on the pitch since December 2003.

Ideally the Club would like to develop land, in partnership with NYCC and CDC, that is adjacent to the pitch to provide additional football pitches. This would then

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improve the quality of its home ground as well as providing additional pitches for clubs within Craven.

### *Skipton LMS FC*

Skipton LMS FC fields two senior teams playing in the Craven and District Football League. However, consultation suggested that if better pitch ancillary facilities were available the Club could field a further veterans team and one U14 boys team.

The overall quality of the home ground at Sandylands is rated as good although the clubhouse is over 20 years old and does require refurbishment. The major priority is the roof of the building, which, over the last few years, has been repaired in several places but now shows signs of overall deterioration. The toilets, kitchen and shower areas would also benefit from an upgrade as would the general appearance of the ground. The perimeter fencing has suffered from vandalism and requires repair or replacement in the near future.

### *Craven Wanderers FC*

Craven Wanderers FC fields one mini soccer team, four junior teams and one Saturday morning under sevens training team. Membership has increased over the years particularly with the introduction of the mini soccer league. It is anticipated that the current training team, of approximately 40 children, will be playing in this league next season.

The Club does not have a home ground but uses several sites including Ingleton Middle School and Burton in Lonsdale Playing Fields. Condition of the facilities is relatively good, although there are occasional difficulties in getting the pitch marked out correctly as both mini and junior teams play at the site. It is hoped that once the refurbishment of Bentham Playing Fields is complete, this site will be used by one or two of the teams.

Craven Wanderers is, at present, working towards Charter Standard. This process is going relatively well although the Club is finding it difficult to attract and retain volunteers. It is often the case that once young people grow older and move out of the Club parents no longer continue working with it. If the number of teams were to increase next season it is paramount that the Club receives support to retain volunteers.

### *Hellifield FC*

Hellifield FC is split into a senior and junior section, operating as separate entities, playing at the Hellifield Recreation Field. This is owned by the Auction Mart but is on a 25 year lease to Hellifield Parish Council. The senior and junior football club has negotiated with the Parish Council to use the site for football with the Parish

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Council managing the lease. The site has one senior football pitch and a smaller area, which is used as a mini soccer pitch.

The senior section includes two teams playing in the Craven and District League. Membership has decreased somewhat over the years due to the poor quality of ancillary facilities available at the Club. The pavilion is essentially a timber hut with a small changing area and three showers. There are no toilets except a makeshift one which has to be emptied by volunteers. The pitch itself is in adequate condition considering the amount of usage of it each week. The Secretary stated that it is probably overplayed and ideally the Club need an additional junior pitch hence taking some pressure off the senior football pitch.

The junior section fields two mini teams and two junior teams with club membership comprising approximately 50 children. There are no current plans to increase the number of teams although it could cater for a further junior and a girls' team if better quality facilities were made available.

The Club did apply for Football Foundation funding for pitch and clubhouse improvements last season. It is as yet unclear as to the progress of that application and exact details are vague in terms of what and how much was originally applied for. Hellfield FC has recently organised a working committee to investigate the exact nature of the bid.

### *Grassington FC*

Grassington FC fields two senior teams and junior teams for age groups under 7s to under 12s. The senior teams play in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> division of the Craven and District League and the juniors play in the Dales Friendly League. The Club is keen to develop the junior section further but requires another junior pitch to do this. In total, four senior matches have had to be cancelled this season due to overuse of the one pitch which currently caters for both junior and senior use.

The overall quality of the pitch and home ground is good. Grassington Parish Council owns the pitch and the football club owns the clubhouse and the surrounding land. The pitch is floodlit on one side only. The junior section currently trains at Upper Wharfedale School on a Saturday morning due to shortage of pitches at the Club ground. There are issues with this pitch - the School is currently undertaking some development work and consequently the pitch available for the club to use is only two thirds of the full size. The pitch at Grassington FC is overused as the mini and junior football matches are marked onto the senior pitch as and when required for Saturday matches.

Representatives of Grassington FC further expressed a demand for additional coaches for the junior section of the club. It currently has seven coaches qualified to FA level 1 and three to FA level 2.

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## *Gargrave FC*

Gargrave FC is a well established club with two senior teams and one junior team. The senior teams play in division 1 and 3 of the Craven and District League and the juniors play in the Dales Friendly League. The Club has a solid history and membership has remained static for the past decade.

It rents one senior pitch and pavilion on a long term lease from Coulthurst Trust. The club have a long history of attempts to buy this pitch, so far unsuccessfully. The junior training is fulfilled on the football pitch on the middle green in Gargrave, but where possible, the junior matches are played on the home ground pitch.

Representatives from Gargrave FC identified two areas of need in relation to football in the Craven area. First, there is a shortage of referees for matches - the Club often struggles to find officials to referee its matches. Gargrave FC also used to have an older juniors section but currently has no-one to run this section. It has identified a vast amount of demand for this age group of junior football but have been unsuccessful recruiting for the position. The Club further identified that the quality of the pitch is good enough to field more matches for this potential junior section.

## *Crosshills FC*

Crosshills FC has recently expanded its membership through the merge with Sutton FC in 2002. It has, in total, three senior teams and one junior team for under 12s. . The junior team plays in the Craven and Aire-Wharfe Junior League. The membership of the club as a whole is increasing.

Crosshills FC own one senior pitch, a floodlit training area and a clubhouse. There is a history of drainage problems with the pitch and preventative measures are taken to ensure that the pitch is of a suitable standard for the matches. Teams train at South Craven School in the sports hall when the site is too wet. The Club recently spent £3000 on drainage and sand for the surface of the pitch and will need to repeat this work in one year (February 2005). It has no means of accessing funds for this work and will have to fundraise the money. In addition to the sports hall that it hires at South Craven School, it also hires the football pitch for junior games when the home ground pitch is unsuitable.

The Club recently received funding from both Glusburn Parish Council and the Sport England Lottery Funding. The lottery grant of £40,000 was implemented to improve changing facilities and £2,000 from Glusburn Parish Council aided the drainage work on the senior pitch.

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## **3.2.4 Key issues for football in Craven**

- It is quite difficult to access coach education courses due to the geographic spread of Craven. Attempts are being made, however, to rectify this in partnership with WRCFA and CDC's Sports Development Unit.
- There is very little specific mini soccer pitch provision in Craven of which the majority is at primary schools – these may not necessarily have community use. In some instances the provision identified at clubs or recreation grounds is not officially mini soccer pitches but are used as such. In the majority of cases, where clubs have mini soccer teams, pitches have to be marked out by the clubs.
- There are no formalised girls' or women's football teams.
- The development of junior football is restricted in the area due to poor ancillary facilities at some of the sites. Hellifield was noted as a particular issue for the Craven and Aire Wharfe Junior League.



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## 3.2.5 Football development

The WRCFA has several development programmes that are committed to increasing opportunities, quality and enjoyment of football. The following development initiatives are having an impact on football participation to a greater or lesser extent across Craven:

*Table 3: Summary of football development initiatives*

<b>Development initiative</b>	<b>Scope of work</b>
Women's and girls' opportunities.	Working in partnership with the local authorities, North Yorkshire Sport and other agencies, the WRCFA has established a Women and Girls' Programme aimed at improving the quality of playing opportunities and increasing participation for young girls.  Ideally in the future the County FA would like to set up 'Girls' mini soccer centres suited for young girls wanting to participate in single sex soccer. It is intended that these will be linked with sports colleges in each of the LAs. In Craven this could be linked with Aireville School or even at the new ATP at Sandylands.
Mini soccer	Working closely with the local junior leagues to develop mini soccer further, encouraging football to be played in a fun and safe environment with UIIs actively involved in developing their skills. Particular emphasis is placed on positive work to encourage minority groups such as black and ethnic minorities, girls and disabled players to increase participation.
Coach education	An extensive localised coach education programme is organised annually including coaching, medical and child protection courses. Support is also offered to coaches through the new West Riding Coaches Association.  The WRCFA is supporting Craven in organising more locally based courses that are more accessible to the clubs in the area.
Volunteer development	To provide a quality programme of education, support and assistance to volunteers in football. Ensuring volunteers are recognised and rewarded for their committed work.
Disability	To continue to work with key agencies across the County to develop a strategic approach to disability football provision. Increasing playing provision, improving coaching opportunities and raising the profile of football for disabled people.  Currently funding has been received to operate a disability coaching centre at WRCFA and the County is in the process of appointing a disability director to undertake this project.
TOPS/Education/Schools Programme	Complete the TOPS programme and Community TOPS programmes working in conjunction with LEA's and appropriate junior clubs to develop football in the curriculum for children at Key Stage 2, and providing resources and training to teachers and coaches throughout the County.  Linking in to the emerging school sports structure with each partnership delivering a co-ordinated football programme.
Charter Standard	Continue to work with clubs, schools and holiday course providers to raise standards, recognise and reward good practice at grass root

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	level. Ensuring clubs and schools achieve this award when Football Foundation applications are made.
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## *Bradford City FC Football in the Community programme*

Although no premierships clubs are based in Craven, one professional club, Bradford City FC, delivers Football in the Community programmes within the District, mainly in Skipton. The Club has built a relatively strong base in the area with good links with Sandylands Sport Centre. Evening coaching sessions are undertaken at the Centre once a week which are popular with approximately 70 young people attending on a regular basis.

Links have been established with a number of the local primary schools where coaching sessions are run weekly.

It is anticipated that, as the new ATP has been built at Sandylands, the scope of programmes will expand to cater for the increasing popularity of the courses. The intention of the Football in the Community programme is to encourage schools to use the facility to its maximum potential.

## *Burnley Football in the Community Programme*

The Burnley Football in the Community Programme also has an impact on the young people within Craven as the Club delivers coaching in a number of primary schools and, to a lesser extent, at the secondary schools. This is undertaken both during school curriculum time as well as at after school clubs.

A speedball event is organised, taking place at South Craven School at which approximately 190 pupils take part.

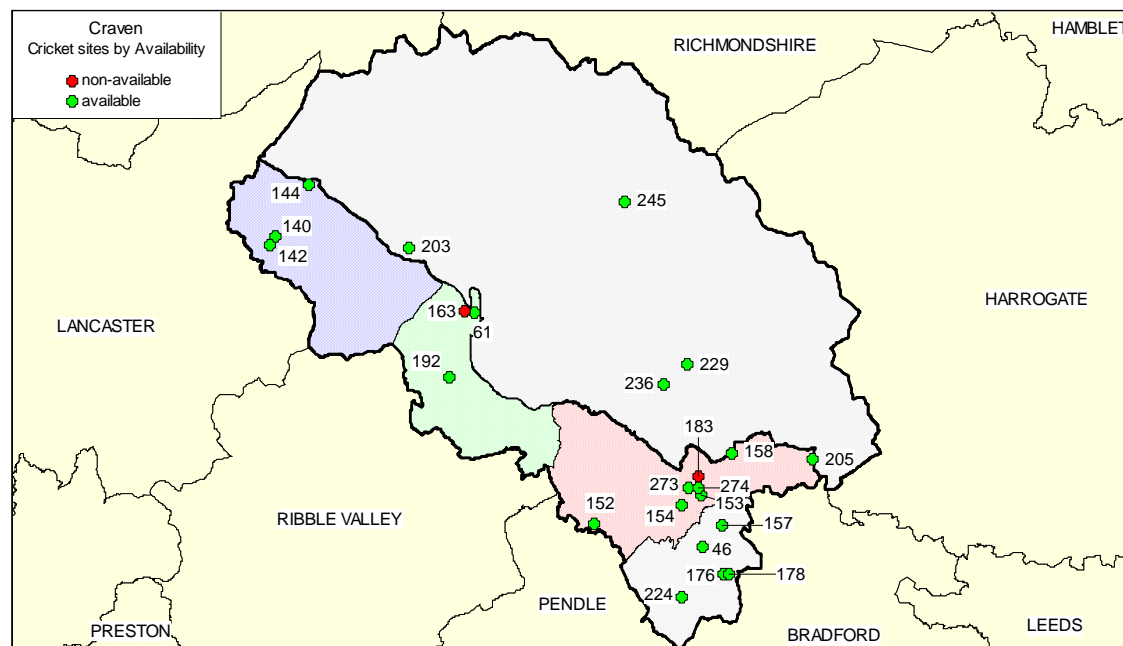
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## 3.3 Cricket

Table 4: Summary of cricket pitches and teams by analysis area:

Analysis Area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams			
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls
North Craven Sub Area	2	2	-	1	-	-	-
Settle Sub Area	2	-	-	3	-	4	-
South Craven Sub Area	5	-	-	8	-	9	-
Skipton Sub Area	6	-	-	13	-	10	-
Yorkshire Dales National Park	5	-	-	11	-	8	-
<b>CRAVEN</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-</b>

Map 1: Cricket pitch sites in Craven



Cricket in Craven is administered through the Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB). It is responsible for the governing of recreational, amateur and professional cricket in over 13 local authorities in Yorkshire. It is one of the largest development areas in the Country.

The Yorkshire Cricket Association has been split into nine area cricket councils which serve as local forums and local organisers. These nine bodies cover the whole of Yorkshire and all league and non-league clubs. Craven is part of the Bradford Area Cricket Council. The aim of these councils is to support and share relevant information with/between club and league representatives. It is hoped that the

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development groups will establish a solid base for sharing good practice and information within Craven.

### 3.3.1 League consultation

A number of leagues service the clubs/teams playing competitive cricket in Craven, as demonstrated in the table below. This section contains a summary of these leagues.

*Table 5: Cricket league summary*

League	Start times	No. of div	Comments
Dales Evening League	Mid-week evening	1	This is a very social cricket league established in 1967 with seven teams taking part. Approximately 100 men constitute the make up of the League all residing in the Craven area. Three teams in the League do not have their own grounds and therefore utilise Upper Wharfedale CC. Two teams play on unmarked cricket pitches although this is not an issue for the teams or the League. There are no plans for expansion or development.
Craven and District Cricket League	Sat pm	5	This is a well established league that incorporates a grounds inspection before any club can join the league. The club has recently expanded to include 6 new clubs from the Bradford Central League.

### 3.3.2 Club consultation

*Table 6: Cricket club summary*

Club	League	Site	Teams
Upper Wharfedale CC	Airedale & Wharfedale Senior League Airedale & Wharfedale Junior League	Upper Wharfedale CC	2 senior teams 5 junior teams
Settle CC	Ribblesdale League Upper Airedale Junior League	Settle CC	3 senior teams 4 junior teams
Skipton CC	Airedale & Wharfedale Senior League Upper Airedale Junior	Skipton CC	2 senior teams 4 junior teams
Sutton Cricket Club	Upper Airedale Junior League Craven and District League	Sutton CC	2 senior teams 2 junior teams

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Bolton Abbey Cricket Club	Nidderdale League Craven and Airewharfe Junior League	Bolton Abbey CC	2 senior teams 1 junior team
Glusburn Cricket Club	Craven and District League Upper Airedale Junior League	Parks Field, Glusburn	2 Senior teams 3 Junior teams

### *Upper Wharfedale CC*

The Club is well established with a good quality cricket square. The two senior teams and five junior teams entail approximately 180 playing members. Membership has remained relatively stable over the last few years and is not expected to increase.

In addition to the above teams playing at the Club, there are three teams from the Dales Village Evening League which also use Upper Wharfedale as their home ground. These are Linton CC, Grassington CC and Threshfield CC who each pay a fee of £100 a year to use the ground, playing on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. As a result of these additional teams it is felt that the square is overplayed. There is little spare capacity to partake in friendly matches or for the Club itself to develop.

The overall quality of the ground is good although the pavilion is not up to modern standards. Ideally the Club would like to attach the showers to the changing rooms, extend the tea room and develop an officials room in the loft area. Funding for the extension to the tea room has been received from a charity but the remaining plans are on hold until further funding is sought.

### *Settle CC*

Settle CC was established 150 years ago and currently has approximately 90 playing members constituting three senior teams and four junior teams. There are a small number of ladies that play one day competitions.

The overall quality of the square is good although a recent inspection by the Pitch Advisory Scheme suggested improvements. These include the need to scarify and spike the pitch to remove the dead topsoil. The general kitchen and bar area and changing facilities are two separate buildings and the Club has intentions to merge these into one formal clubhouse. It has applied for funding from Sport England Lottery Fund for these plans.

Settle CC is the only cricket club in Craven to be close to achieving Clubmark. There are 15 qualified coaches of which five are actively coaching within 11 of the local primary schools. A professional is joining the Club this season and will be its cricket development officer. He will be providing coaching for seniors as well as juniors.

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Settle CC is relatively active in encouraging young people to join the Club. Adverts are placed in the local newspaper which is effective, although general word of mouth seems to attract players. In the last six months the sponsorship of Club has improved particularly as the professional is joining it.

### *Skipton CC*

The Club currently fields two senior teams and three junior teams with approximately 70 playing members. This, however, is a slight decrease from a number of years ago when the Club was thriving in Skipton and was a 'well respected club' in the area. Current management would like to restore the Club to its former reputation by encouraging as many juniors as possible to take part and work towards Clubmark in the future.

As well as the above teams playing at the ground there are two Sunday teams that hire the pitch for eight matches a year. Even though the square is well used it is not felt to be over-played and is in relatively good condition. The clubhouse, including a bar and lounge area, is well maintained but the showers require some refurbishment. The Club also need to make the necessary adjustments to the building to meet the requirements of the reformed disability discrimination act in October 2004.

### *Bolton Abbey CC*

This is a well established club with a stable membership. There are two senior teams and one junior team that play in the Nidderdale and Craven and Airewharfe leagues respectively. Bolton Abbey CC owns the Clubhouse and the changing facilities, Chatsworth Estate owns the cricket pitch and the car park. The Club has a long term lease of 21 years in place which has recently been renewed.

The good quality of the pitch is a reflection of strict monitoring and control of usage by club officials.

### *Sutton CC*

This Club has a stable membership with two senior and two junior teams. The senior teams play in the Craven and District League, the under 11s and under 15s junior teams play in the Upper Airedale Junior League.

It has a long term lease for the land accommodating the pitch and changing rooms. The cricket pitch has ten wickets, a considerable outfield and is in excellent condition.

Sutton CC is currently encouraging the use of the pitch by an Asian team from Keighley which plays three informal matches per season. The Club is very keen to develop similar initiatives for other such third party usage.

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Although the Club is keen to develop its girls section, the changing facilities are unsuitable. The facilities are further restrictive in that they do not have umpire changing facilities.

## *Glusburn CC*

Glusburn Institute Cricket Club was formed circa 1904, providing facilities for cricket to junior and senior players. The current pavilion and score box was demolished and rebuilt with funding from Sport England, CDC, Glusburn Parish and North Yorkshire County Council. The overall quality of the ground has been identified as good.

The number of juniors has gradually increased over the years as a result of more local interest and via working through the Club's development plan. The Club has aspirations to increase the number of junior boys teams in the area.

### **3.3.3 Cricket development**

#### *Pitch Advisory Scheme*

This initiative has been developed by the England Cricket Board (ECB) through the Facilities Executive. The scheme is funded by the ECB in partnership with Sport England. It aims to appoint pitch advisors across England and Wales who possess the Institute of Groundsmanship Level 2 certificate and/or at least ten years' practical experience.

Assessments are undertaken at the request of a club. The role of the pitch advisor is to make prioritised, detailed assessments of pitches (clubs), producing a report with recommendations and making follow-up visits to the ground. The scheme also offers assessments to schools.

The ECB has recommended that, alongside a pitch advisor, assistants are appointed who, along with representatives of the County Board and development officers, form a Pitch Advisory Assessment Steering Group. In addition to the formation of the Steering Group the ECB is encouraging the establishment of groundsmanship associations. The objective of these groups is to raise the profile of groundsmanship and the raising of standards within the profession.

Consultation with the clubs highlighted that Settle CC is the only club so far to have taken part in the scheme.

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## *Cricket development*

Cricket is one of the Active Sports in Craven. It is currently in its second year of delivery and is relatively successful although a lot of the development work carried out by North Yorkshire Sport is centred around Harrogate and Scarborough.

A North Yorkshire cricket development officer was working in Craven but the position is currently vacant. The majority of development initiatives from YCB are centred around focus clubs with Settle CC designated as one of the best focus clubs in the area. It is expected that Settle CC will be one of the first clubs achieving Clubmark as it links very well with the local schools. Settle is also one of 24 clubs that are working with YCB for the Community Club Development Fund (CCDF) through the ECB. Skipton CC has aspirations to become a focus club and it is anticipated that with continuing support this will be possible. There are also a significant proportion of people from BME communities living in Skipton and the YCB would like, in partnership with Skipton CC, to rejuvenate their interest in cricket.

## *Yorkshire Cricket Board Facilities Strategy*

The YCB Facilities Strategy is in the process of being developed. The Secretary of the Board highlighted that initiatives such as Clubmark, Child Welfare policies and Community club Development Programme are taking significant amounts of time to complete and in some cases are a priority in terms of the Government such as child welfare.

### **3.3.4 Key issues for cricket**

- Due to the rurality and geographic spread of Craven it is quite difficult to access coaching courses, and transport young people to events that are held in Leeds or Bradford. This has been highlighted as an issue for well developed clubs who are wanting to progress.
- There is a number of cricket clubs in Craven that currently play on unmarked cricket pitches. This may be a farmers' field, for example, or pasture land that has a cricket square laid on it. Although consultation has highlighted that this is not a significant issue as the majority of such clubs are small village clubs with no development plans, it is important to state that they rely on the goodwill of local land owners, predominantly farmers. If a farmer decided to stop players using the field it would result in some teams either disbanding or having to be a 'nomadic' club and play on other clubs' grounds.



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## 3.4 Rugby Union

Table 7: Summary of rugby pitches and teams by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior mens	Senior womens	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini rugby
North Craven Sub Area	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settle Sub Area	5	1	-	3	-	2	-	2
South Craven Sub Area	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Skipton Sub Area	3	1	-	3	-	9	-	-
Yorkshire Dales National Park	3	1	-	11	-	4	-	-
<b>CRAVEN</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>

(N.B. this table includes 'team equivalents' which represent school teams.)

There are three rugby union clubs providing opportunities for senior and junior participation within Craven.

- North Ribblesdale RFC
- Upper Wharfedale RFC
- Skipton RFC

Competitive rugby is administered through the Yorkshire Rugby Football Union (RFU).

Table 8: Rugby union clubs summary

Club	Teams	League	Pitches	Home venue
North Ribblesdale RFC	3 senior 1 junior 3 mini	Yorkshire Div 11 Merit Rugby	2 senior	North Ribblesdale RFC
Upper Wharfedale RFC	6 senior 11 junior	National League 2 North of England National League Yorkshire League	3 senior 1 junior	Wharfedale RUFC
Skipton RFC	3 senior 10 junior	Yorkshire League Yorkshire Junior League	3 senior 10 junior	Skipton RFC

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## **3.4.1 Club consultation**

### *North Ribblesdale RFC*

The Club currently has 90 senior playing members (with a nucleus of 50 playing every Saturday) and approximately 70 junior members. Membership has been relatively stable over the last three years.

The overall quality of the home ground is rated as good. The first team pitch is in very good condition, due to significant club investment and a high level of maintenance. The second team pitch has a tendency to become muddy as the drainage system is quite dated and does not filter water appropriately. On occasion, the teams play on either Giggleswick School pitch or Settle High School pitch, although there is no formal agreement for this usage. The Clubhouse was built 15 years ago and is well maintained.

The club has recently been used as a successful tournament venue.

### *Skipton RUFC*

The Club is well established and is experiencing dramatic increase in membership of its junior section. It currently has three senior teams and ten junior teams which includes a team for every age groups from under 6s to under 16s. Skipton RUFC is keen to develop its junior section in partnership with the RFU youth development workers currently active in Craven. It would like to develop an official junior pitch at the home ground site instead of the pitch that is currently being used for the juniors at Ermystead's Grammar School.

The ground has three senior pitches, one of which is used for training and is floodlit. Due to the number of teams that the Club caters for, the pitches are all considered to be overplayed. Cancelling matches due to lack of grass coverage is a common occurrence - 20% of adult matches are cancelled due to this problem.

The Club has professional coaches who are in paid part time positions. There is a qualified senior coach to RFU level 3. The juniors are coached by 20 members of the Club who are qualified to level 1. The club has a proactive approach to training and sponsors such qualifications of its members.

One of the most prominent problems for the Club in terms of its national playing position involves its awkward location. It experiences recurring problems with visiting clubs unable to find where the home ground is actually located. Representatives requested a road sign to advertise the Club's location on the main road.

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### *Wharfedale RUFC*

This is a well established club with a solid history in development of both its senior and junior sections. It has six senior teams and eleven junior teams, the junior teams split by every age group from under 7s to under 19s. This incorporates 170 senior playing members and 270 junior members.

The Club owns two senior pitches and one junior pitch and they lease one senior pitch at a site one mile from their home ground. The two senior pitches at the home ground are floodlit. The main concern of this club is the overuse of pitches even though the analysis of such usage has suggested that they are currently underplayed (see section 4). Matches are frequently cancelled due to the pitches being overplayed and the development of the junior section is greatly restricted by the number and quality of pitches at the club.

As the quality of the pitches is greatly affected by the drainage, Wharfedale RUFC is keen to develop its junior pitch into an ATP which it is considered would solve the problems with drainage. The Club is unclear how to fund this development and is considering applying to the RFU once it has achieved Clubmark standard (estimated to be at the end of April 2004).

Although the drainage problems are improving, this issue continues to cause problems and, as a result, matches often have to be cancelled due to the unsuitable surfaces. Consequently, the Club has identified that two more senior pitches are needed to cater for the current demand of team matches and training. The availability of pitches significantly affects the development of the junior section of the club; two additional junior teams could be created if these pitches were available. In addition to matches being cancelled due to the level of the pitches, training also causes problems for the club. The second pitch is used for training three days a week, and where necessary, the car park is used for training exercises to maintain an acceptable playing standard on these pitches. The Club identified that 20% of all junior matches and training are cancelled due to the problems of overplayed pitches.

The Club anticipates that it will have achieved ClubMark by the end of April 2004 as it has only one more course requirement to fulfil.

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## **3.4.2 Rugby development**

### *Active Sports*

Rugby is currently in year two of the Active Sports Programme. There is a full-time rugby development officer (DO) (based at Wharfedale RFC and funded through private sponsorship) who is the main deliverer of the Active Sports programme in Craven. Stage one of the process (local schemes) has built participation levels both within boys and girls rugby. The mini and youth festivals have been staged successfully at Wharfedale RFC. Stages three (assessment) and four (development squads) are hoping to follow on from this.

Stage two (club development) has been relatively successful with Skipton RFC and Wharfedale RFC both working towards the Clubmark accreditation. Both clubs have been very supportive in terms of allowing usage of their facilities for development initiatives such as TAG festivals. Gaining commitment from club members and volunteers has been quite straightforward in comparison to other areas of Yorkshire. The RFU DO is also keen to develop North Ribblesdale RFC.

### *Women and girl's rugby*

There was some delivery of Active Sports stage one last year which was organised by the Active Sports Girls development officer. This post is now vacant and attempts are being made to draw some funding from Sport England to fund this. The RFU development officer stated that there is some demand for girls rugby which is not being met. Settle Middle School, in particular, are extremely keen to develop their already well-established girls rugby section. Ideally the RFU development officer would like to develop district squads which travel around the Craven clubs attracting female players.

### *Rugby union issues*

Wharfedale RFC has been highlighted as one of the clubs for the Pitch Improvement Scheme through the RFU. Sport England has designated certain sports with funding to improve club facilities through the Community Club Development Programme. If successful the RFU will make a financial commitment of up to £30k to improve the facilities at Wharfedale RFC. The Club will, however, have to meet certain requirements in order to receive this funding. There is also a possibility of Skipton RFC receiving some funding to improve floodlighting in the next two to three years.

A development group has been set up in January 2004 in order to unite the clubs within the area to work together and provide the best possible provision for rugby. It is expected that this group will deal with such issues as coach education, child welfare and general club development. The RFU DO is keen to extend the role played by Wharfedale RFC's DO to all the clubs in the Craven area.

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The DO also stated that the it is important to strengthen the 14-15 age band as this is a natural drop-off age for young people.

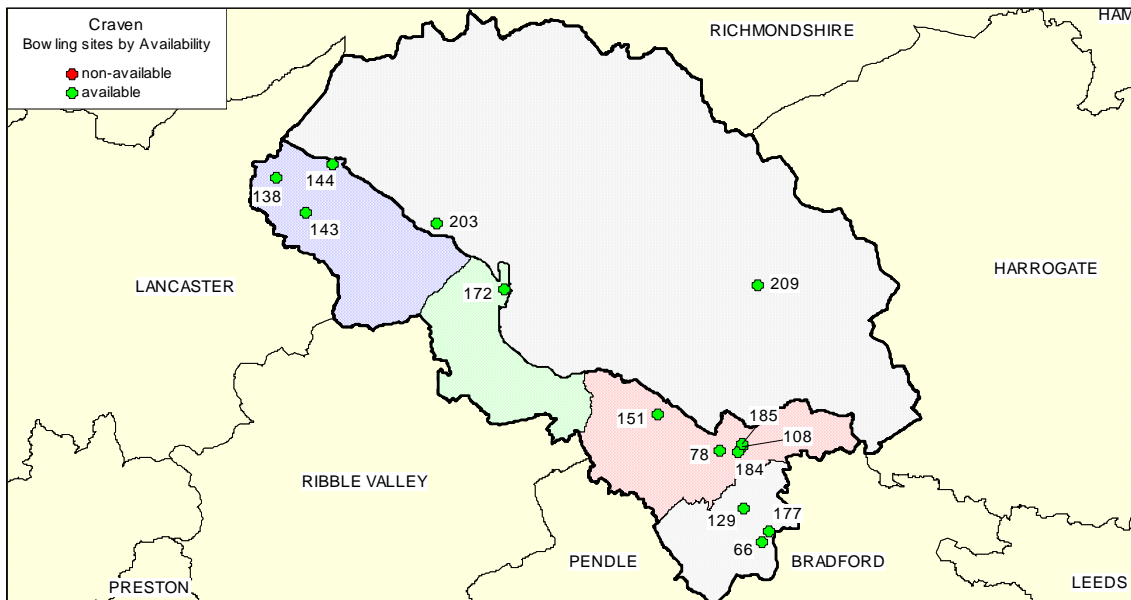
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## 3.5 Crown green bowls

Table 9: Summary of crown green bowls by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available non-pitches		No. of teams			
	Crown bowling	Lawn bowling	Senior bowling	Ladies bowling	Vets bowling	Junior bowling
North Craven Sub Area	3	-	2	-	-	-
Settle Sub Area	1	-	2	-	-	-
South Craven Sub Area	3	-	13	-	-	-
Skipton Sub Area	5	-	16	-	-	-
Yorkshire Dales National Park	2	-	3	-	-	-
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Map 2: Bowling sites in Craven



Site name	KKP ref	Analysis Area	Comm Use	Bowling green
Burton in Lonsdale Playing Fields	138	North Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Springfield Bowling Green	143	North Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Ingleton Playing Fields	144	North Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Settle Bowling Club	172	Settle Sub Area	Yes	1
Broughton Road Bowling Green	78	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	1
Waller Hill Amenity Area	108	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	1
Gargrave Bowling Green	151	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	1
Winfield Bowling Green	184	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	1
Craven Bowling Club	185	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	1
Sutton Park Bowling Green	66	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Cononley Playing Fields	129	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Crosshills Bowling Club	177	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Austwick Playing Fields	203	Yorkshire Dales National Park	Yes	1
Grassington Playing Fields	209	Yorkshire Dales National Park	Yes	1

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The majority of bowling greens in Craven are either privately owned or leased from the parish councils.

The main league operating in Craven is the Skipton and District League. Some teams also play in the Floodlit League, Veterans League and the Worth Valley League.

There are also other regional leagues that have one or two clubs playing in them.

## **3.5.1 League consultation**

### *Skipton and District Bowling League*

The League was established 40 years ago and currently has 22 member clubs with approximately 600 playing members. Twelve of these clubs are based in Craven playing mid-week and weekends. Its catchment area extends from Settle down to Colne, over to Grassington and Haworth.

The League holds qualifying rounds for teams to enter the Yorkshire league but the Skipton and District League itself does not feed into it. There are no plans to expand or develop the League.

### *Worth Valley League*

This is a Keighley based league. KKP was unable to consult with a league representative.

### *The Floodlit League*

Games in the Floodlit League are played towards the end of the season during the week. Clubs with floodlights at their home grounds take part in approximately seven home games.

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### 3.5.2 Club consultation

Table 10: Summary of bowling club consultation

Club	No. of teams	Home ground	When play	Green rating	Facility rating	Comments
Cononley BC	2	Cononley Bowling Green	Tues, Thurs	Good	Poor	Ancillary facilities at the Club are very poor with toilets being inadequate. The pavilion is used as a storage space as it is very small and cannot accommodate many people. The Club did have plans to refurbish the building and extend it but lack of continued funding halted these plans.
Settle BC	2	Settle Bowling Club	Tues, Thurs	Good	Good	Club membership is generally static although at one stage, it did have 100 playing members compared to the current 80. It is keen to work with the Sports Development Officer to encourage young people to play bowls. The local primary school does currently use the green once a week and the Club would like to develop this link further.
Winfield BC	3	Keighley Rd Bowling Green	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Good	Adequate	The green and pavilion are leased from Skipton General hospital. The pavilion is quite old although it is well maintained. If the Club had ownership of the pavilion it would like to rebuild it.  The hospital authorities want to demolish the hospital. If the land is sold for housing, the Club may lose the green and the pavilion. A decision should be known by



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Club	No. of teams	Home ground	When play	Green rating	Facility rating	Comments
						April, although, if the land is sold for housing the Club would strongly object.
Gargrave BC	2	Gargrave Bowling Club, Marton Rd	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Good	Good	Membership is relatively stable although the Club does hold open day events in an attempt to get new players interested. This has in the past been quite successful.
Cross Hills BC	5	Cross Hills Bowling Club, Keighley Road	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat	Good	Good	The Club has one of the best facilities in the area as the clubhouse has recently been rebuilt. This was carried out through funding from the Bowling Federation, a grant from CDC and member contributions.
Craven BC	4	Rope Walf, Skipton	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat	Adequate	Adequate	The Club experiences problems with vandalism to the green. Young people often play football on it damaging the grass.  The lease for the ground ran out in 1999 and the club feels it is important that this is renewed by CDC. Development plans are restricted due to this issue.
Grassington BC	2	Grassington Playing Fields	Tues, Thurs	Good	Good	KKP was unable to contact a representative.
Springfield BC	1	Springfield Bowling Green, bentham	Sat	Adequate	Adequate	Members only take part in friendly matches.
Sutton Park BC	7	Sutton Park, Park Lane	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,	Poor	Adequate	The green is not being cut correctly and as regularly as required prior to match days. Members have moved to

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Club	No. of teams	Home ground	When play	Green rating	Facility rating	Comments
			Sat			other clubs due to the poor condition of the green.
Broughton Rd BC	3	Broughton Rd Bowling Green	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Good	Good	KKP was unable to contact a club representative.
Austwick BC	-	Austwick Playing Fields	-	-	-	KKP was unable to contact a club representative.

### 3.5.3 Key issues for bowls

- No significant issues were identified by bowls clubs in Craven. A number of clubs would like to encourage more young people to participate in the sport. This, however, is difficult for clubs due to the general view that bowls is not deemed as a 'young person's' sport.

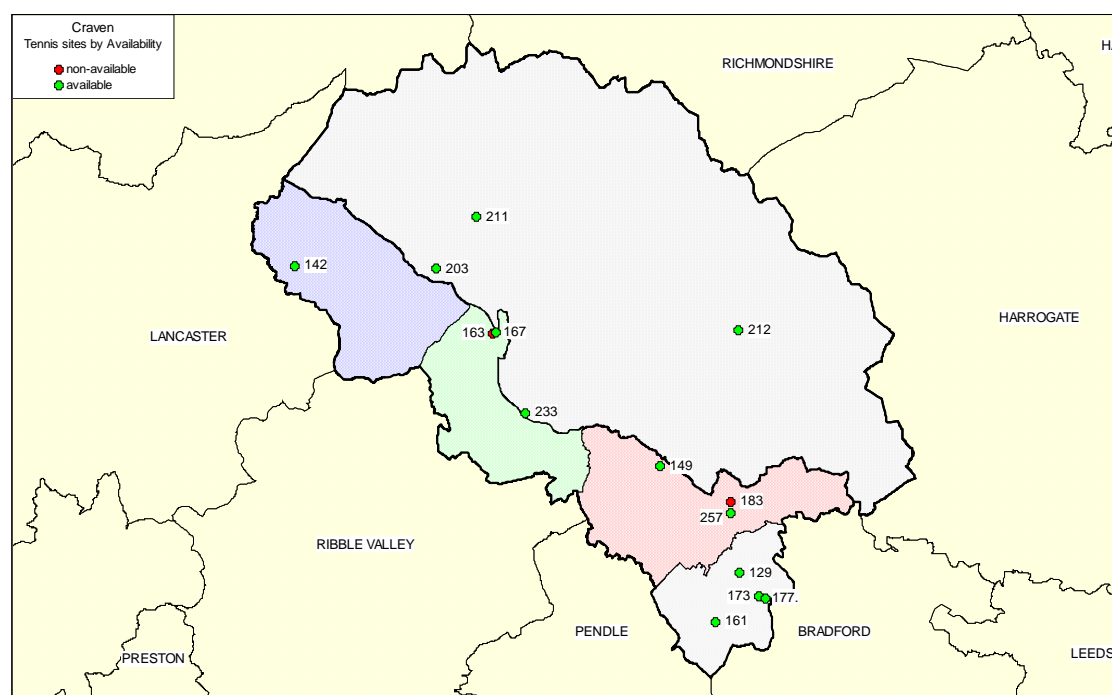
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## 3.6 Tennis

Table 11: Summary of tennis courts and teams by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available non-pitches		No. of teams	
	Tennis	Netball	Tennis	Netball
North Craven Sub Area	2	1	2	-
Settle Sub Area	5	-	2	-
South Craven Sub Area	7	-	6	-
Skipton Sub Area	13	3	6	1
Yorkshire Dales National Park	8	-	3	-
<b>CRAVEN</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>

Map 3: Tennis sites in Craven



Site name	KKP ref	Analysis Area	Comm Use	No. of courts
Bentham Sports Fields	142	North Craven Sub Area	Yes	2
Giggleswick School	163	Settle Sub Area	No	4
Settle High and Middle School	167	Settle Sub Area	Yes	5
Craven Tennis Courts	149	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	7
Ermysteads Grammar School	183	Skipton Sub Area	No	2
Skipton Lawn Tennis Club	257	Skipton Sub Area	Yes	6

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Cononley Playing Fields	129	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	2
Keighley Road Recreation Ground	161	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Glusburn Park	173	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Crosshills Tennis Club	177.1	South Craven Sub Area	Yes	3
Austwick Playing Fields	203	Yorkshire Dales National Park	Yes	2
Horton Playing Fields	211	Yorkshire Dales National Park	Yes	2
Long Preston Playing Fields	233	Yorkshire Dales National Park	Yes	2

*Table 12: Summary of tennis sites*

KKP ref	Name of site	No. of courts	Site comments
142	Bentham Sports Field	2	Inadequate – very poor condition as both the fencing and the court surface are dilapidated.
163	Giggleswick School	4	Good grass courts.
149	Craven Tennis Courts	7	Two all weather and five grass courts. Good condition.
183	Ermysteads Grammar School	2	Tarmac surface. Good condition.
257	Skipton Lawn Tennis Club	6	Two tarmac and four grass courts. Overall quality good although nets need replacing on tarmac courts.
129	Cononley Playing Fields	2	Tarmac surface. Inadequate as the courts are old and in need of re-surfacing. Line markings are barely visible.
161	Keighley Road Recreation ground	1	Tarmac surface. Inadequate condition as most of the surface is breaking up. There are no nets and line markings are barely visible. Courts not up to playing standard.
167	Settle High and Middle School	5	Tennis courts are overmarked with three netball courts. They are of very good quality. Site is also dedicated OBU site and so includes outdoor basketball goals.
173	Glusburn Park	1	Good condition. Has new fencing. Is also a dedicated OBI site and so includes outdoor basketball goals.
177.1	Crosshills Tennis Club	3	All-weather surface. Good condition. Small amount of moss on far side of court but not a major issue.
203	Austwick Playing Fields	2	Adequate condition although

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			ideally the playing surface needs replacing.
211	Horton playing Fields	2	Tarmac courts in adequate condition. Fencing is poor and surface is slightly uneven.
212	Upper Wharfedale School	2	The two tennis are of good quality and are overmarked with two netball courts and two basketball courts (dedicated OBI site).
233	Long Preston Playing Fields	2	Good tarmac surface with good fencing and line markings.

### 3.6.1 Lawn Tennis Association

There are 128 clubs that are affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association in the Yorkshire region of which there is only one in Craven: Craven Lawn Tennis Club. This Club has completed the Club Vision process (a national assessment of club facilities and development issues). This will be revisited this year to determine whether clubs have achieved their aims and targets.

The Craven district is not the strongest area in terms of development tennis. Club infrastructure may be good for social tennis but a lack of qualified coaches is hindering junior development. Ilkley Tennis Club (approximately 10 miles away) is a well established club with a good junior infrastructure and performance centre accreditation from the LTA. This Club does service the area in terms of attracting juniors from Craven to undertake coaching sessions. It is also involved in coaching juniors within primary schools although there has been no such demand from within Craven district.

The LTA is currently working towards key performance indicators such as encouraging women and girls, attracting more junior to clubs and sustaining them, and producing more and better quality players.

### 3.6.2 Club consultation

#### *Settle Tennis School*

This School was started in September 2001 by Ian Nash, a LTA licensed coach. The aim of the School is to produce good quality players to compete in national and international competitions. In the winter months there are ten regular pupils and in summer this will increase to 20. Young players are beginning to compete in tournaments in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria and a current pupil is also training to become a coach. Committed players train throughout the winter months.

Settle Tennis School is currently using facilities at Settle High School and a Multi Activity Community Area at Burton in Lonsdale. The facilities at both venues are

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adequate. A need was expressed, however, for an indoor four court facility. This would increase the numbers involved and provide better quality facilities for those keen to develop the sport. It would also mean that pupils could train throughout the winter months in all weather conditions. The closest similar one-court facility is at Giggleswick School although reportedly expensive to hire.

### *Skipton Lawn Tennis Club*

The Club has 20 members who play 'social' tennis. There are no teams playing in leagues or any juniors. This was not the case a number of years ago when it was a thriving club with a good level of junior participation. The Club has found it difficult to attract and retain players hence lack of income has resulted in less than adequate facilities. A groundsman was employed on a regular basis to maintain the facilities but the Club can no longer afford him. Therefore, all maintenance is carried out by volunteers.

Attempts have been made to attract players but, as the Club does not play in any league structure, those wishing to play competitive tennis prefer to join other clubs. Advertisements in the local newspaper highlighting reduce club fees have been unsuccessful.

The general condition of the facilities is poor as there is little funding to keep them to a high standard. The clubhouse does include showers with changing rooms although these are not utilised to the maximum capacity. The Club does have potential but requires a significant amount of assistance if it is to survive.

### *Cross Hills Tennis Club*

The Club was established in the 1920s and currently has a membership of 70 players, ranging from age 18 to 75. Refurbishment of the courts to all weather courts has seen membership increase from 20 members to the current 70.

Three teams play in the Bradford Parks League and the Wharfedale League as well as social tennis that is played on most evenings throughout the summer. The facilities are very good and are adequate for the number of members.

Cross Hills TC is keen to attract juniors to the Club and would welcome support from sports development officers to assist in achieving this.

### *Craven Lawn Tennis Club*

The Club was established in 1870 and currently fields three teams playing in the Bradford Parks League and the Wharfedale League. Membership of the Club has increased considerably with approximately 150 playing and non-playing members. This is a result of good promotion in the last year.

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The condition of the tennis courts (two all-weather and five grass courts) and clubhouse is very good. The pavilion has recently been refurbished.

Promotion of the Club is carried out in conjunction with the LTA and has been quite successful. The Club has formulated a development plan of which the main objective is to encourage juniors to develop in the sport.

### *Austwick Tennis Club*

The Club has 100 playing members ranging from young children to veterans. Three teams are playing in the Wharfedale League. Membership has increased significantly due to active promotion.

The home ground of the Club is at Austwick Playing Fields where there are two tennis courts and a clubhouse that is shared with other sports clubs. The tennis courts are in relatively good condition although the surface is beginning to disintegrate. The Club is currently seeking funding from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts to re-surface the courts.

The Club has one qualified coach who is undertaking sessions at the local primary school. Austwick TC has recently acquired mini tennis equipment so coaching is available for all ages.

### **3.6.3 Key issues for tennis**

- The quality of private tennis courts in Craven are generally good. Skipton Lawn TC does require some support in order to continue functioning as a formal sports club.
- There are five courts in Craven that are inadequate and need re-surfacing or decommissioning. Incidentally there are no teams utilising these facilities to play in formal leagues. Local residents play recreational tennis throughout the summer months and although the facilities are not high quality, residents nevertheless still use them. A possibility for CDC may be to encourage the use of facilities elsewhere in the District, that are of good quality, and decommission the use of the poor quality facilities.

*Table 13: Summary of inadequate tennis courts:*

<b>KKP ref</b>	<b>Name of Site</b>	<b>No of inadequate courts</b>
142	Bentham Sports Field	2
129	Cononley Playing Fields	2
161	Keighley Road Recreation Ground	1
211	Horton Playing Fields	2

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## 3.7 Netball

Map 4: Netball sites in Craven



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Netball
Ingleton Middle School	145	North Craven Sub Area	Yes	1
Giggleswick School	163	Settle Sub Area	No	4
Skipton Girls High School	214	Skipton Sub Area	No	3
South Craven School	178.1	South Craven Sub Area	No	6
Aireville County Secondary School	180	Yorkshire Dales National Park	Yes	3



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Table 14: Summary of netball sites

KKP ref	Site	No. of courts	Site comments
145	Ingelton Middle School	1	Good condition
163	Giggleswick School	4	Overmarked with six tennis courts. Relatively new and in good condition.
214	Skipton Girls High School	3	Generally regarded as adequate for the schools usage. Also used for tennis in the summer as well as including portable basketball hoops.
178.1	South Craven School	6	Overmarked with tennis courts. Tarmac surface and enclosed. Courts are inadequate due to poor drainage. Holding water on the surface damages the courts.
180	Aireville County Secondary School	3	Also marked out with five tennis courts and 2 basketball (dedicated OBI site). Adequate quality as the majority of them have been recently resurfaced.

### 3.7.1 League consultation

There is one netball league servicing the Craven area with only one club partaking in the league.

#### *Harrogate and District Netball League*

The League is mainly centred around Harrogate with 21 teams from 16 clubs participating. It is split into three division with approximately 275 female players. League requirements include affiliation to the All England Netball Association, registration with the League and equipment.

The catchment area of the League extends as far north as Wetherby and as far south as Lancashire. There are no plans to expand it although officials are always eager to attract new clubs. They are hoping to offer a returners course in the near future to advertise for players who wish to return to playing netball.

League representatives expressed the view that netball nationally has a problem with accessing adequate indoor facilities. Sports hall do not have appropriate run-off areas for umpires. They are catering more for football and cricket users as netball is not seen as a priority. This is a minor issue in Craven as there is only one netball club participating in the sport.

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## **3.7.2 Club consultation**

### *Jetts Netball Club*

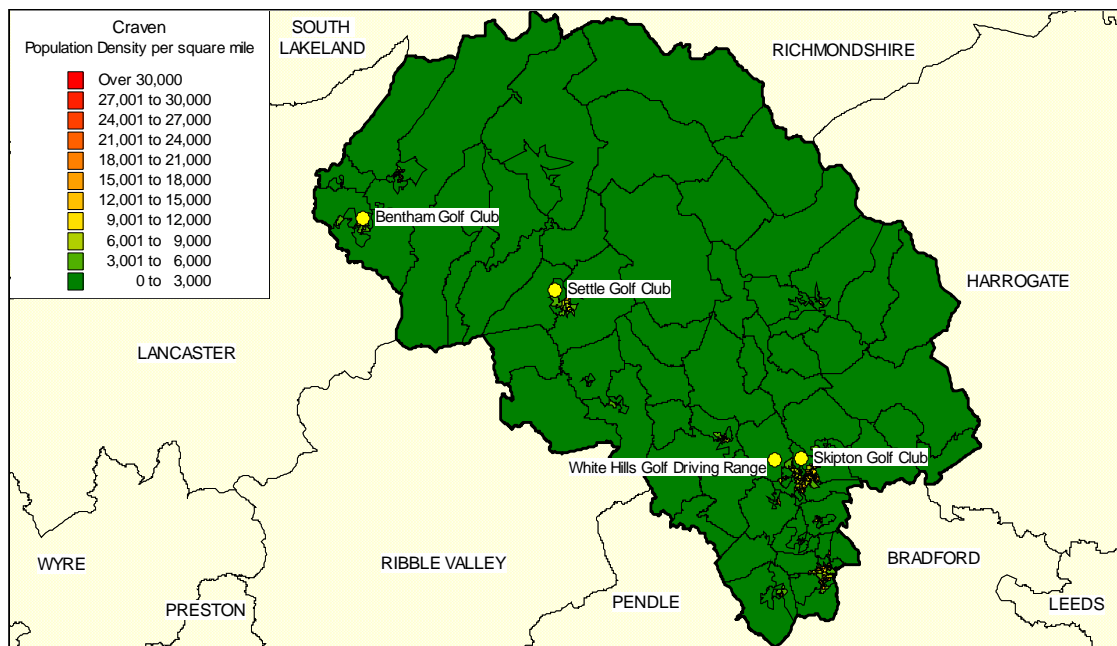
The Club fields one team consisting of seven female players. This membership has decreased as there used to be two teams. Facilities are not an issue for the Club as they train at Ermystead's Grammar School and play matches at a central venue in Harrogate. The decline in numbers playing netball is a significant concern for the Club. Some support is required to encourage schools to feed good players through to the Club in order for it to continue. This issue can be considered to be linked to provision of indoor netball facilities as well as outdoor.

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## 3.8 Golf

There are three golf clubs in Craven and one driving range – none of the facilities are private. Each provides club membership, ‘pay and play’ golf and coaching opportunities and have wide catchment areas. The strategic location of the three clubs means that Craven, as a District, is well served in terms of golf provision.

*Map 5: Golf clubs on a population density background*



Club	18 hole course	9 hole course	Driving range/area	Practice areas		
				Bunker	Putting	Net
Bentham Golf Club	✓		✓		✓	
Settle Golf Club		✓			✓	
Skipton Golf Club	✓				✓	✓

### 3.8.1 Context

Many young people (often influenced by their parents’ perceptions) may never consider taking up golf due to the general views of the sport being expensive to participate in (club membership and equipment) and having to be nominated/sponsored by an existing member(s) in order to join a club.

Over the last 10 years however, the nature of golf facilities has changed significantly. New commercially run centres have sprung up which offer ‘pay and play’ facilities as well as club membership. Individuals can pay a green fee for the day or even just pay

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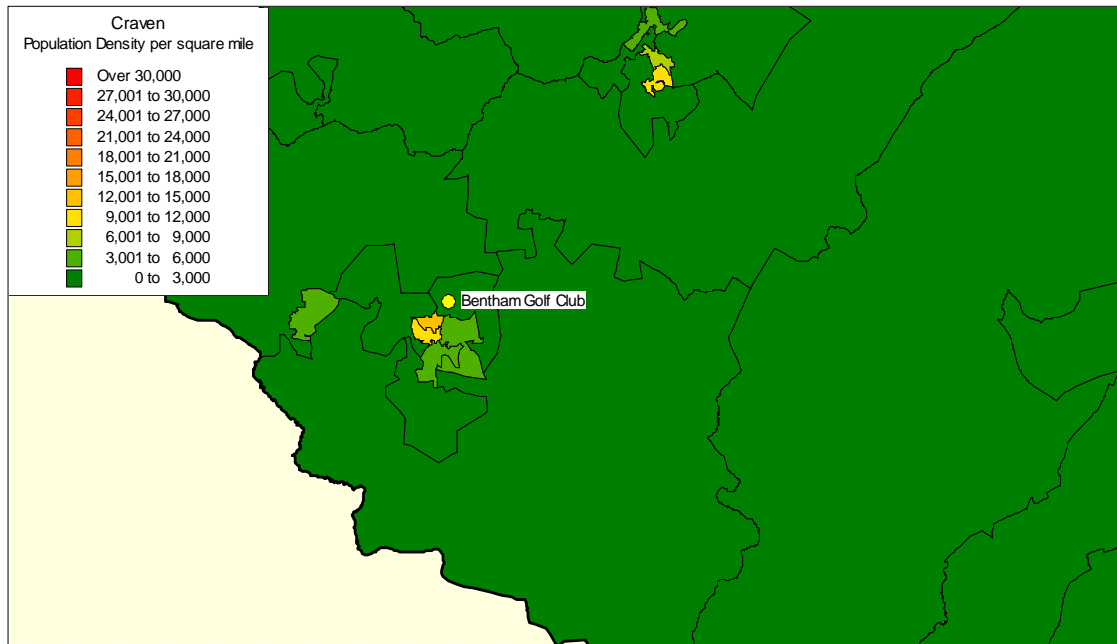
for a round of golf, allowing access to the facilities in the same way as those at municipal golf courses but with the quality and range of facilities one would expect to find at a private club.

Due to the arrival and development of these 'commercial' facilities, golf is now more accessible than ever to a wider spectrum of the population. In many cases it is not cost but accessibility to these facilities, which is an inhibiting factor.

The development of this kind of facility in Craven is not as extensive as in other parts of the region/country to date.

### 3.8.2 Club consultation

*Map 6: Bentham Golf Club*



*Table 15: Membership of Bentham Golf Club*

<b>MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Male	252
Female	70
Junior boys	81
Junior girls	8
Social	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>550</b>

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The facility is open on a 'pay and play' basis and is well used during the summer months for this service. For example last season the Club received approximately 3000 visitors. Charges includes:

- ❑ Full annual membership - £350
- ❑ Country annual membership – £255
- ❑ Student annual membership- £175
- ❑ Junior annual membership - £75
- ❑ Social annual membership - £10
- ❑ Visitors annual membership– £25 per day
- ❑ Member guests annual membership- £12.50 per day

The Club has only recently converted to an 18-hole golf course. This was opened in April 2003. The Club did apply for funding from the Sport England Lottery Fund Lottery and Royal and Ancient (RA) but was rejected.

The general condition of the course is very good. Drainage can occasionally be a problem during the winter months as the green is built on clay and it does take some time to dry out. The clubhouse is however quite small for the number of users that the Club attracts throughout the summer. There is an inadequate kitchen and the only entertainments area is the lounge. The two changing rooms are not big enough to cater for the number of golfers. Car parking is also a major problem as there is little designated car parking space at the Club. During peak times the adjacent field has to be used as a substitute car park.

Ideally the Club would like to extend the clubhouse to include new changing rooms and showers but lack of funding is a significant obstacle to such plans.

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Map 7: Settle Golf Club

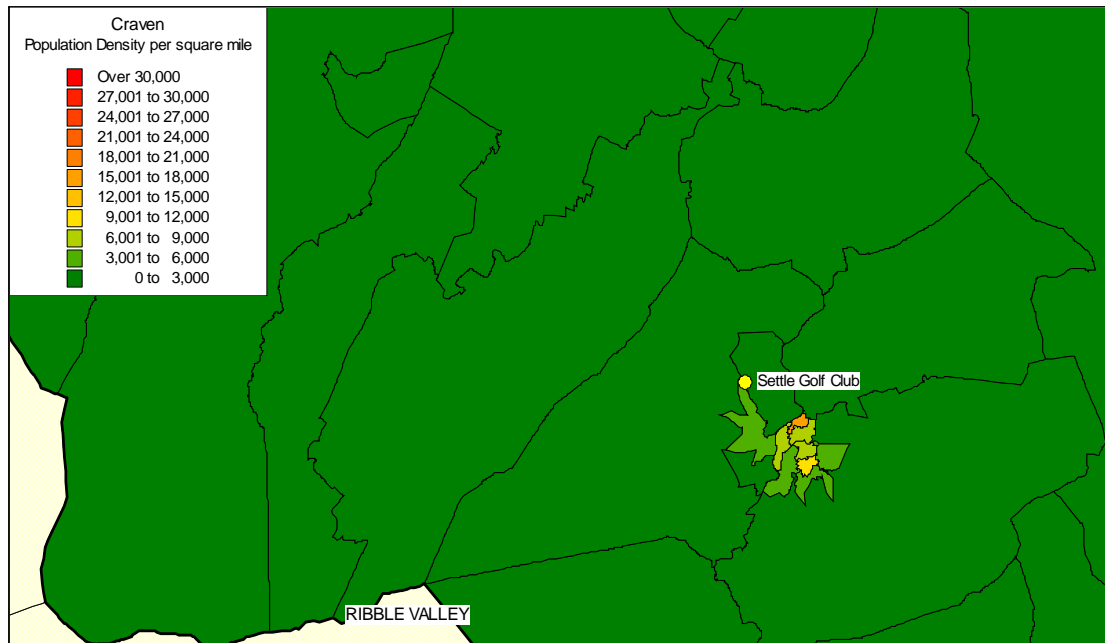


Table 16: Membership of Settle Golf Club

<b>MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Male	200
Female	40
Juniors	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>

Visitors are welcome at the Club on a 'pay and play' basis. This is well used during the summer season. Charges include:

- Adult annual membership - £240
- Junior annual membership- £35
- Visitor annual membership - £15

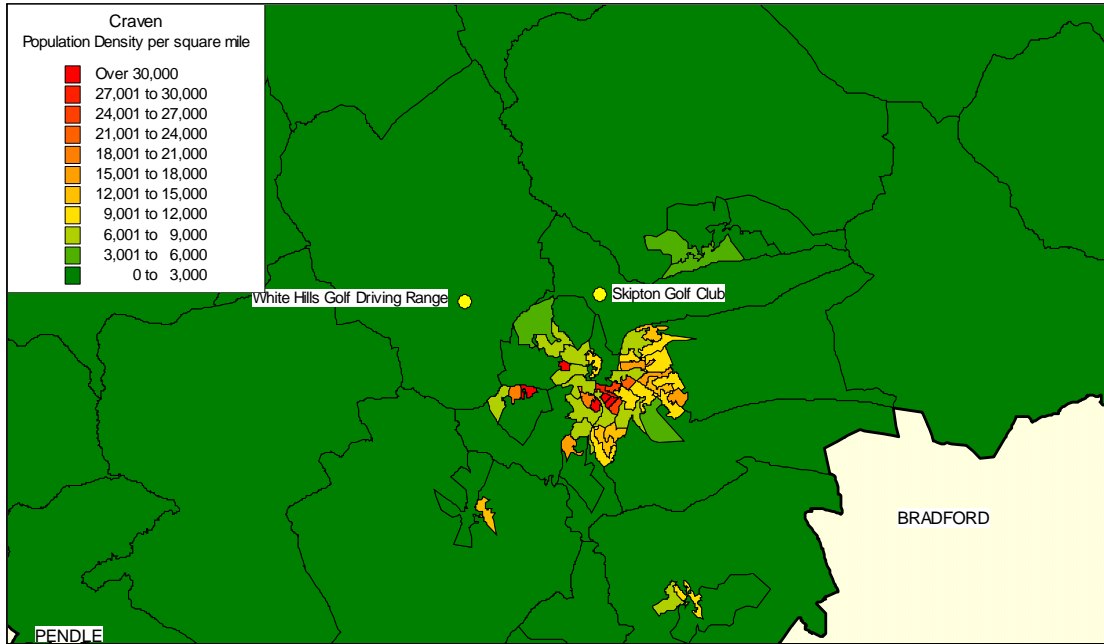
Membership has remained relatively static over the last three years although members have been lost to Bentham Golf Club as it is an 18-hole course. The Club does, however, attract players from Skipton as the fees are slightly cheaper.

The green is in generally good condition. The clubhouse on the other hand is considered to be 'primitive'. It is also not located on the site of the green and a road has to be crossed to reach the changing rooms. This can occasionally create problems in attracting and retaining golfers. Another major issue is the lack of adequate car parking spaces.

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The Club secretary felt that the Club has achieved an ideal balance between the number of members it can cater for and the facilities that are available.

*Map 8: Skipton Golf Club*



*Table 17: Membership of Skipton Golf Club*

<b>MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Male	420
Female	80
Juniors	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>

Visitors are welcome at the Club on a 'pay and play' basis. This is well used during the summer season. Charges include:

- ❑ Full annual membership - £498
- ❑ Ladies annual membership - £450
- ❑ Juniors annual membership U13 - £45
- ❑ Juniors annual membership 13-18 - £75
- ❑ Social annual membership- £35
- ❑ Visitors annual membership - £25 per round or £30 per day

Skipton Golf Club has been established since 1910 and is a very well used facility. In recent years the membership has decreased slightly although the Club has been working hard to promote and attract juniors to the Club. An assistant professional is

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providing free coaching to local primary schools. Giggleswick School and Ermystead's Grammar School also use the facility on a regular basis.

The course and the clubhouse is in very good condition. The clubhouse includes a bar, restaurant and seating area for up to 100 people. This is available to hire for functions and parties and is well used by the local people.

The Club advertises in the local and national press and holds open days which are successful in attracting new members.

### *Whitehills Golf Driving Range*

The driving range is privately owned and includes 12 bays, a bunker and two putting greens. The facilities are floodlit and open throughout the winter. Consultation suggests that the facility is well used and has strong links with Skipton Golf Club. Members can book lessons with the professional. There are plans to undertake coaching for young people beginning in Spring, 2004.



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## **3.9 Rounders**

### **3.9.1 National Rounders Association**

The National Rounders Association (NRA) is a growing governing body. The sport has recently been awarded status as a development sport via Sport England. The NRA is to submit an interim plan by the end of April with requests for increased funding to develop the sport regionally and nationally.

Some work is being carried out with schools although the NRA would like to increase this. The closest school to Craven where coaching work is taking place is Keighley. The governing body is also keen to organise more leagues and introduce formal structures to the clubs playing rounders.

Consultation with the NRA representative highlighted the fact that there were no known formal clubs playing in Craven. There are a number of teams playing rounders but on an informal/friendly basis with other village teams. There is no league structure in Craven.

### **3.9.2 Club consultation**

As stated above teams playing rounders within Craven District do so on a on a friendly basis. This informal structure makes identification of club contacts and therefore consultation difficult. Those that did respond stated that they were satisfied with the facilities they were using and had no desire to expand or develop as clubs.

#### *Bentham Rounders Club*

The Club was established two years ago. There are currently 20 members playing other village teams throughout May and September.

Bentham RC is currently using Sedbergh Primary School as their home ground. This facility is used on an informal basis and is very good quality. Under normal circumstances the Club would use Bentham Playing Fields but this is currently under refurbishment. Once this is completed it is likely that the Club will move back there.

#### *Ingleton Rounders Team*

The team was established seven years ago with 20 members playing on a regular basis with other village teams. They currently play on Ingleton Primary School where the pitch is booked on an informal basis.

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## *Austwick Rounders Team*

The team was established five years ago with 12 members playing other village teams on a friendly basis. It currently use Austwick Playing Fields as its home ground and the pitch is considered to be of good quality.

### **Key issues for rounders**

- The clubs within Craven play on a very informal basis and essentially use the sport as a social/leisure gathering and as a form of physical activity that the participants enjoy.
- It is highly unlikely that the majority of clubs/teams have aspirations to develop the sport or affiliate to the NRA.

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## **3.10 Archery**

### **3.10.1 The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS)**

Of the 65 clubs in the North region, only one is based in Craven. The main aim of the GNAS on a county level counties is the development of coaching, junior squads and tournaments. The development of school and junior clubs is important if the sport is to expand. Lack of adequate facilities for both indoor and outdoor participation is considered to act as a substantial barrier to the development of archery. It is common for clubs to access school facilities but indoor halls are sometimes not large enough and outdoor space has to be greater than 200 yards particularly for competition purposes.

### **3.10.2 Club consultation**

#### *Airevally Archers*

Airevally Archers is the only archery club in Craven. It is affiliated to the GNAS. There are 80 members with approximately 19 junior members starting from the age of 10. The club also has a disability section. Membership has increased over the years and the sport is proving to be popular in the area. An open day is held every year in April and the Club has to place a limit on the numbers allowed to attend this as demand could not be catered for.

Accessing adequate facilities can be an issue in Craven. Currently the Club hires a pitch at Skipton RFC. This is a good facility but if the rugby players want to play or train they take priority. Club members wanted to hold an open competition at Skipton RFC but there was no certainty of pitch availability for a specific date, hence it was not held.

The Club has had great difficulty in locating suitably priced indoor facilities in Craven and as a result it has utilised a sports hall at Oak Bank School in Keighley. Ideally the Club would prefer to use a facility in Craven.

Airevally Archers has a strong club infrastructure with good core membership and a regular income. The Club has four members who have undertaken the Assistants Coaching Course. It has received funding from Awards from All to buy equipment and a grant from CDC to repair a store hut. The Club has aspirations to purchase a piece of land and build an indoor facility as well as landscape/outdoor area for club members to use. This could then be developed as a designated archery area within Craven.

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## **3.11 Athletics and fell running**

### **3.11.1 England Athletics – North Yorkshire**

Currently athletics is delivered primarily through the voluntary sector and to some extent through local authority sports development. The north region is involved in the Active Sports programme however North Yorkshire is currently not involved due to Sport England restructure.

### **3.11.2 Fell Runners Association**

The Fell Runners Association (FRA) was formed in 1970 to cater for the needs of fell runners throughout the country. It now has approximately 4500 individual members with almost 300 athletic clubs involved with fell running.

Fell running is perhaps a unique sport in that it does not seek to attract increasing numbers of participants. The reason for this policy is that it has to balance sporting interests with the impact on the environment. Protecting the environment is one of the FRA's primary aims and it continually liaises with agencies and land owners to protect clubs' interests in such matters.

### **3.11.3 Club consultation**

#### *Keighley and Craven Athletics Club*

Two clubs merged three years ago to form the present Keighley and Craven Athletics Club. It has 120 senior members and 30 juniors. There are some members from the Craven District although this is not a significant number. It takes part in track and field and cross country team events. Membership is increasing and the Club has a relatively high profile.

The Club utilises facilities at Greenhead School in Keighley. The athletics track at the School is of poor quality and there are no changing facilities that can be accessed.

Funding has recently been received from Awards for All to undertake coaching at schools. The Club has received no expression of interest from schools in Craven.

#### *Skipton Athletics Club*

The Club was formed in 1998 when a senior and junior club merged together and is an affiliated track and field club. There are 100 members including 40 juniors that actively take part in competitions. Membership is relatively stable.

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Practice sessions take place at Aireville School gymnasium through the winter and the school grounds in the summer. This is adequate although there are issues with the small size of this facility. Club members investigated the possibility of hiring out other venues such as Sandylands Sports Centre but this was too expensive.

### *Wharfedale Harriers*

Club members, of which 40 are senior and 20 are junior, primarily take part in fell running within the Craven area. They have very few issues with the routes they use. The main concern for the Club is to continually find sources of funding to keep operating. Ideally throughout the winter months members would like an indoor facility that is large enough and affordable.

### *Settle Harriers*

The Club was established in 1989 and is primarily a fell running organisation. Membership has recently increased due to increasing number of families participating. Membership currently stands at 23 senior and 12 junior members.

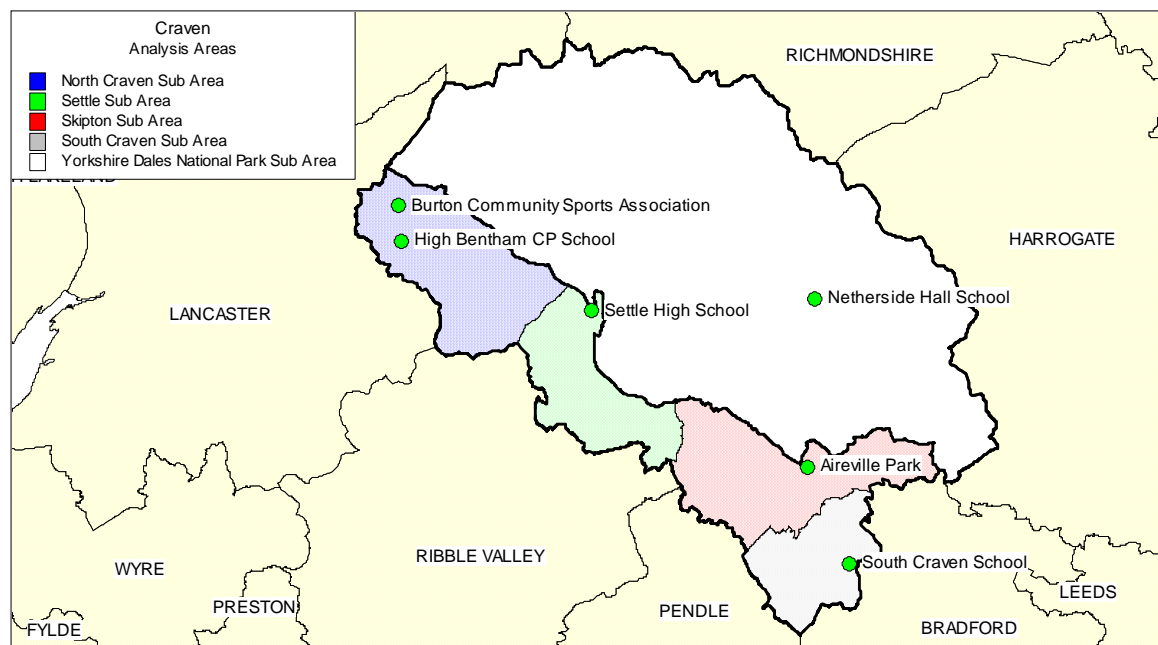
As it is a fell running club it has no fixed base. Members prefer to run at interesting and scenic places hence no schools or pitches are used for training. The Club has a schedule of meeting venues which is rotated around various villages within a 10-mile radius of Settle.

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## 3.12 Multi Activity Community Areas and ATPs

There are six multi activity community centres (MACAs) in the District. The Sport England guidance notes on the construction and design of MACAs state that ‘as a general rule any facility surfaced with macadam or polymeric surfacing is considered to be a MACA, as are synthetic turf areas of less than 3000 sq m’ (Sport England and the Sport and Play Construction Association, ‘A Guide to the Design, Specification and Construction of MACAs’).

Map 9: MACAs in the analysis areas



They are situated within parks, recreation grounds or schools. Although they do not support competitive sport, or participation sport within any league structure, their use in the provision of informal recreation and training is considerable.

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*Table 18: Multi Activity Community Areas in Craven*

<b>MACA</b>	<b>Markings</b>	<b>Sports equipment/ provision</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Quality</b>
Aireville Park	Football Netball Tennis Basketball	2 x basketball hoops  2 x tennis courts	Chemical granule surface. Can become frosty and slippery in the winter and in such cases usage is restricted.	Good
Burton Community Sports Association	Football Basketball Tennis	2 x basketball hoops  2 x tennis courts	Is located within Burton in Lonsdale Recreation Ground and is fenced and floodlit. Is well used by the local community both for formal sports and informal recreation.	Good
South Craven School	Football	Hockey	Old all-weather surface which is down to the final layer of surface. Is available for community use but not booked by anyone. School only use it when the weather is fine.	Poor
Netherside Hall School	Football		Synthetic surface. Is used informally by the local community.	Good
Settle High and Middle School	Football	Hockey	Porus macadam surface. School only usage as of very poor quality.	Poor
High Bentham CP School	Football Netball		None	Good
Sutton in Craven Park	Tennis	2 x tennis courts	Two floodlit tennis courts that are in good condition.	Good

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## *Advantages of MACAs*

The potential advantages of MACAs are as follows:

- ❑ They are contained areas for children of varying ages to enjoy sport specific recreational opportunities, away from dangerous areas such as roads.
- ❑ They can be used as a sports development tool, if the surface and equipment is conducive to this.
- ❑ In some areas they can be the only all weather surface available.
- ❑ Where situated in parks, hard court area can provide informal recreation in weather conditions that would make grass unusable.
- ❑ Floodlighting can extend the amount of recreation time, especially in winter months and provide places for young people to congregate away from the streets and in a more visible and safe environment.
- ❑ Cost effectiveness. If properly constructed MACAs can be hard wearing, with the only real capital cost being the periodical resurfacing of the hard court area.
- ❑ Provide usable facilities and recreational opportunity for groups that might find it hard to book time elsewhere due to hours of work, cost or location.
- ❑ Take wear and tear of pitches by accommodating training sessions.

In order to achieve this, MACAs need to be:

- ❑ Dispersed strategically and according to need.
- ❑ Have appropriate management structures surrounding them, i.e., potential use by sports clubs, schools or sports development needs to be planned referencing consideration of local community use and the maintenance programme.
- ❑ Sustainable in terms of cost effectiveness over its lifespan and its ability to be moved if the use of the green space changes.



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## **3.12.1 Key issues**

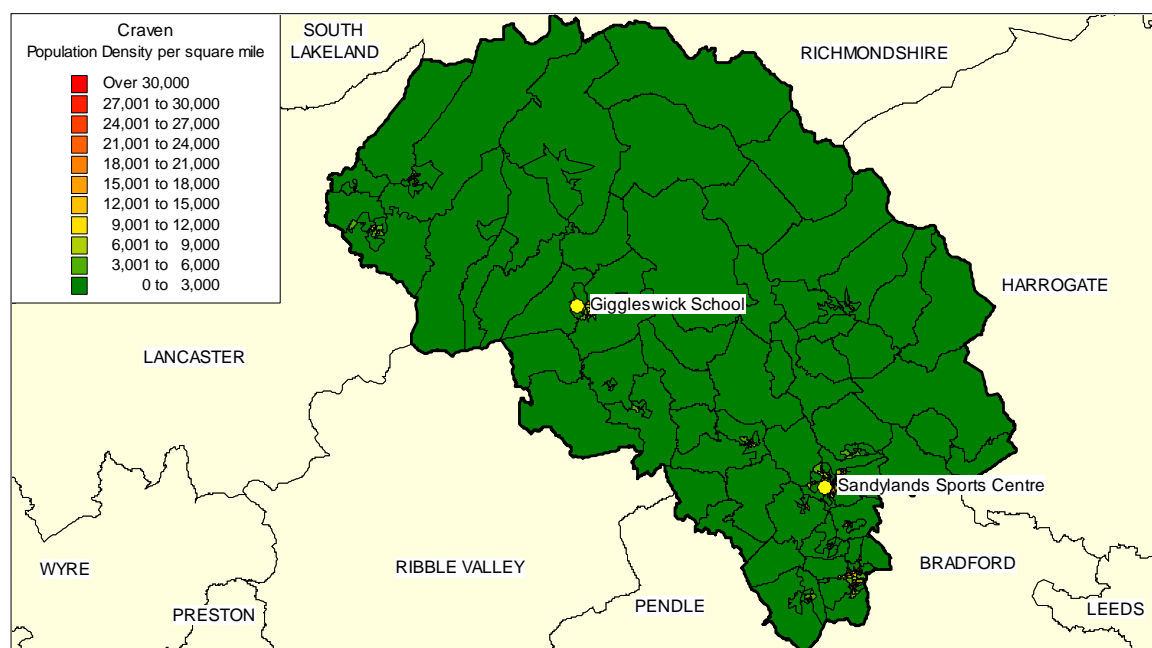
- The MACAs are dispersed quite strategically in that there is provision in each of the analysis areas.
- There are two MACAs in Craven that require re-surfacing as they are in poor condition. Consultation with the relevant schools suggested that the usage could be increased if the condition of the facilities improved.
- Burton Community Sports Association was established seven years ago and currently owns a MACA in Burton. It is a very good quality facility and is well used both for formal sports and informal recreation. In summer, with the exception of weekday mornings, it is fully utilised and in winter it is used primarily for football training. Two football teams and the tennis school regularly book the facility with the remaining usage being on an ad hoc basis. Casual usage is charged at £1.50 per person to play football, basketball or tennis. The majority of people do tend to play but there are some who use the facility without being charged for it. As the MACA is located outside of the village centre it is not possible to monitor every person that is using it. As a result of this the Association came in at a loss last year. This 'free' usage needs to be controlled.
- There is a proposed MACA at Ingleton , adjacent to the Community Centre. This will be a floodlit facility, including two tennis courts. It will be available to book for formal use as well as for informal recreation purposes.

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## 3.12.1 Artificial turf pitches

There are two artificial turf pitches (ATPs) in Craven District, one situated at Giggleswick School and the other at Sandylands Sports Centre. Both ATPs are available for community use and Giggleswick School is used by sports clubs in and around the Settle area.

Map 10: ATPs in Craven based on population density



The pitch at Sandylands was completed in January 2004 and is due to be opened in May 2004. A football development officer has been employed to make full use of the facility for all ages and levels. It is hoped that the facility will primarily be utilised by local football clubs. There are strong links with Bradford City FC and it is hoped that some aspects of their Football in the Community Scheme will be brought to the ATP at Sandylands.

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## **PART 5: EDUCATION PROVISION – AREA-BY-AREA ANALYSIS**

### **5.1 Introduction**

As stated earlier in this document, legislation within the Schools Standards and Framework Act (SSFA) 1998 was introduced by the Government requiring all state schools to seek approval from the Secretary of State for Education and Employment (Education and Skills since July 2001) for the sale of their playing fields. Section 77 of the SSFA seeks to protect school playing fields against disposal or change of use by requiring the prior consent of the Secretary of State before disposal or change of use may take place. The Department for Education and Employment produced guidance on section 77 of the SSFA within Circular 3/99 'The Protection of School Playing Fields' in June 1999.

Circular 3/99 has recently been replaced by guidance from the Department for Education and Skills entitled 'The Protection of School Playing Fields and Land for City Academies'. The guidance aims to strengthen the existing measures for protecting school playing fields. In particular, the guidance intends to support the development and improvement of sporting and play provision for the benefit of schools and their local communities, and to provide wider access to these facilities. Applications for disposal or change of use of playing fields will not only have to take account of existing community use but the potential use of the facilities for the local community.

The provision of pitches at schools and colleges can make an important contribution to the overall stock of playing pitches within a particular catchment area. It is therefore important to have accurate information about the number, type, quality and availability of pitches within the education sector in Craven.

The following section details playing pitch and associated facility provision on school sites. The structure is as follows:

- Details of the provision and quality of pitches and facilities at high schools, primary schools and colleges that allow community use. This section also details those clubs that either use, or have shown an interest in using, these pitches. Information regarding number and type of pitches and non-pitches is shown in Part four.
- Details of the provision and quality of pitches and facilities at high schools, primary schools and colleges that do not allow community use. Information regarding number and type of pitches and non-pitches is contained within the text.
- Key sites where current/future development or lack of it could have an impact on demand for sports based pitch and non-pitch provision within the area.

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## 5.2 Education provision

### 5.2.1 School summary – North Craven sub area

Table 48: North Craven sub area schools with community use

KKP ref	Site	Site Comments
140	Sedburgh Primary School	The overall quality of the pitches is good. They are available for community use and are utilised by local teams. The School also has two tarmaced areas which are marked out for netball and tennis. These are adequate although the club has aspirations to refurbish these.
145	Ingleton Middle School	Ingleton Primary School share the facilities with the middle school. The grass hockey pitch is also marked out for 200m athletics track with 100m straight in the centre. As well as the football pitch the School also has a netball court and three basketball hoops in the gymnasium. The overall quality of the facilities is good.
266	High Bentham County Primary School	The all-weather area is marked out for 5-a-side football, one netball court and 1 badminton court. It is of good quality and is well used by the local community.

### 5.2.2 School summary – Settle sub area

Table 49: Settle sub area schools with community use

KKP ref	Site	Site Comments
167	Settle High and Middle School	The High School and the Middle School share the same facilities in terms of pitch and courts. One pitch can become quite boggy. The netball courts are overmarked with five tennis courts. They are of very good quality. Site is also dedicated OBI site and so includes outdoor basketball goals. The Schools also share an all-weather hockey pitch. This is a porous surface and is of quite poor quality. It is not floodlit.
191	Rathmell Primary School	Land is owned by a local landowner. There is a formal community use agreement as well as some informal use by local young people. The football pitch is overmarked with an athletics track and a rounders pitch in the summer.

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213	Giggleswick School	The ATP (sand-based, five years old) is available for community use and is utilised most evenings by various community groups and sports clubs. It is of good quality.
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### 5.2.3 School summary – Skipton sub area

*Table 50: Skipton sub area school with community use*

KKP ref	Site	Site Comments
253	Greatwood Primary School	The School has quite a large generic field in addition to the pitches. This is used for athletics during the summer and can be marked out for two junior football pitches although at the time of the site visit this was not the case. The field is available for community use and is used during the summer. A section of the field drains well although the higher end of it tends to waterlog.
180	Aireville County Secondary School	Use of the facilities is at a reduced rate for local sports clubs. The facilities are also used by Craven College which has a formal agreement with Aireville School for use of the pitches. There are two artificial cricket wickets, situated between the football and hockey pitches. The mini football pitch become boggy at one end. This then affects the athletics track during the summer term. The rugby pitch is also marked out for football but at the time of the site visit it was being used for rugby. The three netball courts are also marked out with five tennis courts and 2 basketball courts (dedicated OBI site). They are of adequate quality as the majority of them have been recently re-surfaced.

**Note:** Ermysteads Grammar School has not been included in the above table as it does not have community use, however, the School does own, in conjunction with NYCC, an area of land which does have the potential to be developed into six pitches. It is not marked out due to its poor drainage but if this was rectified, this could be substantial community provision within Skipton.

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### 5.2.4 School summary – South Craven sub area

*Table 51: South Craven sub area schools with community use*

KKP ref	Site	Site comments
178	South Craven School	Drainage across the whole site is very poor. The pitches are well-used by local sports clubs. The MACA is an old all-weather redgra surface. It is a full-sized grass hockey pitch and is available for community use but no-one books due to its poor condition. The School only use it in good weather conditions. It is also a dedicated OBI site and so includes outdoor basketball goals.
219	Sutton in Craven Primary School	The playing fields are off-site at Sutton in Craven Park. This is adjacent to the school. The fields are in a trust to the villagers of Sutton to be used for recreational purposes.
221	Cononley Primary School	The site is of acceptable quality and is utilised by sports clubs.

### 5.2.5 School summary – Yorkshire Dales National Park

*Table 52: Yorkshire Dales National Park schools with community use*

KKP ref	Site	Site comments
212	Upperwharfedale School	The Site is used on an informal basis to play rounders. There is no current community use of the pitches although the School is in negotiations with a local landowner to buy some additional land to develop more sports pitches. It is hoped that these will be available for community use particularly by Wharfedale Rugby Club. In summer the pitches are marked out for athletics and two rounders pitches. The two netball courts are of good quality. They are overmarked with three tennis courts and two basketball courts (dedicated OBI site)
239	Kettlewell Primary School	The pitch is of acceptable quality although rabbit holes tend to be a regular problem.

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## **5.3 Education development**

### **5.3.1 School Sport Co-ordinator Programme**

The School Sport Co-ordinator Programme is part of the national physical education (PE), School Sport and Club Links Strategy (PESSCL) led by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to widen participation, raise standards and improve the quality of PE and school sport.

The objective of the strategy- a joint DfES/DCMS public service agreement target- is to ensure that by 2006, 75% of 15-16 year olds in England are spending a minimum of two hours each week in high-quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum.

#### *Progress in Craven*

The SSCO programme in Craven is currently in the stages of development. A Partnership Development Manager will be in post by Easter 2004 and is to be based at Aireville Secondary School. The Partnership will be developed through regular communication and meetings that will focus on the sports needs in each of the cluster areas, as well as the overall needs for development of sport in Craven.

Aireville and Upper Wharfedale Schools, aspirant sports colleges, will be the hub schools providing support to as many primary schools as possible

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Table 53: Family of schools in Craven:

SSCO Host School	Primary Link Schools
Aireville School (PDM host school)	<input type="checkbox"/> Greatwood Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Ings Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Christchurch Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Water Street Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Church C of E Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> St. Stephens RC Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Brooklands Special School
Upper Wharfedale School	<input type="checkbox"/> Grassington Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Kettlewell Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Threshfield Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> The Boyle and Petyt School <input type="checkbox"/> Arncliffe C of E Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Cracoe & Rylstone C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Burnsall Primary School
Settle High School linked with Settle Middle School	<input type="checkbox"/> Settle C of E Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Giggleswick Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Horton in Ribblesdale C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Langcliffe Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Rathmell C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Austwick C of E Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Hellifield Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Long Preston Endowed Primary School
South Craven School	<input type="checkbox"/> Cononley Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Sutton in Craven C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Sutton in Craven Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Kildwick c of E Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Cowling Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Glusburn Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Lothersdale Community Primary School
Ingleton Middle School	<input type="checkbox"/> Ingleton Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Low Bentham Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> High Bentham Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Thornton's C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Clapham C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Baliol Special School
Ermystead's Grammar School	<input type="checkbox"/> Bradleys Noth Community Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Embsay C of E School <input type="checkbox"/> Thornton in Craven Community Primary School
Skipton Girls High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Kirkby in Malhamdale Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Carleton Endowed Primary School <input type="checkbox"/> Gargrave C of E School



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## **5.3.2 SPACE for Sport and Arts**

The SPACE for Sport and Arts project is a partnership between the DfES, the DCMS, the New Opportunities Fund (NOF), Sport England and the Arts Council of England. The scheme was developed to help primary schools deliver two hours of quality PE and school sport a week to meet the Government's agenda to raise sporting standards within England. The new facilities will be used to encourage schools to establish links with their local communities.

There is only one school in Craven that has been allocated funding specifically from the SPACE project. This is due to be completed by April 2004:

*Sutton in Craven Community Primary School*

- Upgrade of existing tarmac area to incorporate a MACA.
- This will be marked out with a variety of sports suitable for primary school aged children

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## **PART 6: 'SHORTFALL, ADEQUACY AND REQUIREMENT '**

### **6.1 Introduction**

This section carries out various analyses on the information outlined in the previous sections. The analysis follows the guidelines in Sport England's 'Towards A Level Playing Field' and includes:

- Temporal supply and demand analysis (SE Playing Pitch Model)
- Team generation rates (TGRs)
- Qualitative local standards.

#### ***Temporal supply and demand analysis***

The temporal demand for games is the proportion of matches that are played each day at particular times. E.g. by looking at the temporal demand it can be identified that Saturday afternoon is the peak time for senior football matches in Craven. The supply and demand analysis compares the demand at various peak times with the number of pitches available for use. It has only been used to analyse the issues for football in Craven as the issues surrounding provision for the other sports are relatively straightforward. The Playing Pitch Model (PPM) is used for this numerical analysis. There are three ways in which the model is used:

- To reflect the existing situation, using information on existing teams and pitches.
- To test the adequacy of current provision by manipulating the variable in the model e.g. to remove all the pitches rated as 'inadequate/poor' from the supply side.
- To predict future requirements for pitches, by incorporating planned pitches and projected changes in population and participation.

#### ***Team generation rates (TGRs)***

TGRs indicate how many people in a specified age group are currently required to generate one team. They are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band in a given area by the number of teams in that area in that age band. The TGR for each sport and age group has been calculated and used in modelling current adequacy and future demand. TGRs have been calculated for each analysis area in Craven.

The TGRs for Craven show relatively good levels of participation amongst men and junior age group boys. However, TGRs are not calculated for women and girls for all the sports (with the exception of junior girls hockey due to curricular participation) as there are no teams from the District. Whilst it may be conceded that females from Craven travel out of the District to participate in pitch sports, at a junior level

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this is less likely and consideration needs to be given to the stimulation of demand and continued development of opportunities to participate for activities such as girls football, cricket and rugby.

Although TGRs are not calculated for the non-pitch sports, consultation shows reasonably high levels of participation by women in activities such as rounders and netball, although in many cases this is on a casual/friendly basis.

### *Qualitative local standard*

Within local plans/unitary development plans, many local authorities use the NPFA guidelines in setting local standards for outdoor sports provision. This is usually based on a number of hectares per 1,000 population which should be protected and maintained as formal outdoor sports provision and designated as such in the local plan/UDP. The NPFA outline 1.21 hectares of formal outdoor sports pitches as an aspiration for provision. Local authorities can then use this figure as a benchmark. E.g. in the Skipton sub-area there is currently two hectares of playing pitch provision per 1,000 population. Compared to the NPFA standard this shows a good level of provision.

However, taking this analysis a step further to identify within the pitch stock, adequate and inadequate provision and levels of latent demand in the area, makes the standard significantly more representative of the local situation. By factoring in this information a 'qualitative local standard' can be derived. That is to say a local standard, which takes into account local qualitative information.

The qualitative local standard is calculated by adding the hectarage of pitch stock available for community use to the identified shortfall of pitches (latent demand). It is also useful to identify the amount of inadequate pitches within the existing stock.

It is advised that the qualitative local standards are adopted as part of the UDP and used as supplementary planning guidance in the context of planning applications such as the following:

- Where applicants propose the removal/relocation of playing pitches which will effect the amount of provision in a given area.
- Where developer contributions can be gained to improve the quality of existing facilities.

### *Summary*

It is important that all three levels of analysis are kept up to date. In line with recommendations in PPG 17: Planning for Open Space Sport & Recreation, it is important that CDC has a current audit and assessment of provision in order to respond appropriately to the needs of the local community.

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## **6.2 Identified adequacy and latent demand**

Through consultation with representatives from sports governing bodies, local leagues and clubs the research has found evidence of a need for additional pitches based on current levels of demand (see 6.3 for details). A number of clubs have expressed this need either because they do not currently have access to pitches or the quality of an existing facility is limiting/preventing use. This latent demand shows that a lack of facility/pitch development is, to some extent, inhibiting development of clubs (especially junior football clubs and mini soccer) and opportunities to participate.

A more significant issue arising out of the research is that of the impact of the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities, particularly for football, which could be considered to be suppressing the demand for further growth.

A formula for the provision of enhancements to existing facilities should assist Craven District Council in reducing the number of inadequate pitches identified in this study. This could be done by either providing investment in existing facilities or providing new facilities of the appropriate standard. In the longer term, the improvements to facility provision should increase use and demand for pitch provision within the District. CDC should review the adequacy of provision as part of a rolling programme every three to five years to identify inadequacies in provision and revise priorities as applicable.

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### 6.3 Analysis summary: North Craven Sub Area

Table 54: North Craven sub area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	3	4	-	7	-	6	-	5
Cricket	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hockey	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rugby Union	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

The capacity and qualitative analysis tables in part four highlight the fact that there is no shortfall in the provision of adequate rugby and football pitches to meet current demand. There are sites which, through the analysis, have been identified as being overplayed but these are at schools where curriculum use has been taken into account.

Table 55: North Craven sub area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Ingleton Middle School High Bentham CP School	1 junior football 1 junior football
<b>Total</b>		<b>2 junior football pitches</b>

Table 56: Latent demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch Requirement
Craven Wanderers FC		3 mini football teams	3 mini football pitches
<b>Total</b>			<b>3 mini football pitches</b>

### Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 57: North Craven Sub Area – temporal supply and demand summary

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand at peak time	Shortfall of pitches
Senior	3	2 (Sat. pm)	+1

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Junior	4	2 (Sun. pm)	+2
Mini	0	0.5 (Sat am)	- 0.5

### Can demand be catered for?

*Table 58: North Craven sub area - impact of overplay & latent demand*

	Shortfall of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+1	None	As none of the pitches in the area are rated as poor quality and there is no expression of latent demand locally, one senior pitch could be considered for conversion to two mini football pitches. This would alleviate the issues highlighted below.
Junior	+2	2 junior football pitches	The junior pitch at Ingleton Middle School is significantly overplayed. Pitches which have spare capacity in the area should be considered for use to alleviate this.  The qualitative rating and subsequent rating as 'overplayed' at High Bentham School is due to the lack of changing facilities.
Mini	-0.5	3 mini football pitches	The existing team plays on a pitch which is over-marked on a senior football pitch. The latent demand expressed adds to this shortfall of pitches. Provision of mini soccer pitches in the area may stimulate further demand.

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### TGRs

The following TGRs have been calculated for the North Craven sub area. Full calculations can be found in the appendices. Where no TGR is shown this indicates that no teams operate at that age group, for that sport, in that area.

*Table 59: North Craven sub area football TGRs*

North Craven Sub Area - football					
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
<b>North Craven sub area TGR</b>	<b>1:154</b>	-	<b>1:51</b>	-	<b>1:53</b>
<b> CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:245</b>	-	<b>1:99</b>	-	<b>1:167</b>

The TGRs for the North Craven sub area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are high compared to the rest of the District. It should be recognised however that latent demand has been expressed in the area and that the TGRs have potential to be increased. The lack of participation amongst women and girls is a sharp contrast to the levels of participation amongst men and boys.

*Table 60: North Craven sub area cricket TGRs*

North Craven Sub Area – cricket				
	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
<b>North Craven sub area TGR</b>	<b>1:1,487</b>	-	-	-
<b> CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:351</b>	-	<b>1:80</b>	-

The TGRs for cricket in the North Craven sub area demonstrate low levels of participation compared to the rest of the District. This is reflective of the small number of clubs in the area.

*Table 61: North Craven sub area rugby TGRs*

North Craven Sub Area – rugby					
	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
<b>North Craven sub area TGR</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b> CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:866</b>		<b>1:79</b>		<b>1:1,141</b>

There are no rugby clubs in the North Craven sub-area.

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Table 62: North Craven sub area hockey TGRs

North Craven Sub Area hockey				
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
<b>North Craven sub area TGR</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:114</b>
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:425</b>

There are no hockey clubs in the North Craven sub-area. The TGR for junior girls is generated by participation at Ingleton Middle School.

### Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the North Craven sub-area

Table 63: North Craven sub area pitch provision summary

North Craven Sub Area					
Population 6,279	Total no. of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches/courts required to meet latent demand
Senior football	3	3	3	0	0
Junior football	4	4	4	0	0
Mini football	2	0	0	0	3
Senior rugby union	0	0	0	0	0
Junior rugby union	1	1	1	0	0
Mini rugby union	0	0	0	0	0
Senior cricket	2	2	2	0	0
Junior cricket	2	2	2	0	0
Senior grass hockey	3	3	3	0	0
Junior grass hockey	0	0	0	0	0
ATP	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis	2	2	0	2	0
Netball	1	1	1	0	0
Athletics track	0	0	0	0	0
Crown bowling green	3	3	3	0	0
MACA	2	2	2	0	0
<b>Total estimated playing pitch space (ha)</b>	<b>16.10</b>	<b>15.50</b>	<b>15.50</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Total estimated pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.14</b>



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*Table 64: North Craven Sub area - local standard calculation*

Existing pitch stock	Adequate pitches available for community use (ha per 1,000)	2.61
	Required improvements to existing playing pitch space (ha per 1,000)	0.00
Additional pitches required to meet latent demand	Required additional pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)	0.14
<b>Total pitches and non-pitches required</b>	<b>Pitch and non-pitch local standard (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.82</b>

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### 6.4 Analysis summary: Settle sub area

Table 65: Settle sub area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	6	2	1	3	-	3	-	5
Cricket	2	-	-	3	-	4	-	-
Hockey	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Union	5	1	-	3	-	2	-	2

#### Summary of interpretation of current demand in the central area

The capacity and qualitative analysis tables in part four highlight the fact that there is a shortfall in the provision of adequate rugby and football pitches to meet current demand. The sites and pitches listed are those which are considered to be 'overplayed'.

Table 66: Settle sub area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Settle high and Middle School	1 senior football pitch
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 senior football pitch</b>

Table 67: Settle sub area - summary of latent/future demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch requirement
Hellifield Junior FC	Hellifield recreation field	1 junior boys team 1 junior girls team	1 junior football pitch
<b>Total</b>			<b>1 junior football pitch</b>

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Temporal supply and demand analysis for football

*Table 68: Settle sub area – temporal supply and demand*

	<b>Total pitches</b>	<b>Pitches required to meet demand on peak days</b>	<b>Shortfall of pitches</b>
Senior	6	1.5 (Sat. pm)	+4.5
Junior	2	1.5 (Sun. pm)	+0.5
Mini	1	1 (Sat. am)	0

### Can demand be catered for?

*Table 69: Settle sub area – impact of overplay and latent demand*

	<b>Shortfall of pitches at peak time</b>	<b>Overplay/latent demand for pitches</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Senior	+4.5	1 senior football	Although it would appear that demand for senior football can be catered for with a surplus of 4.5 pitches, two of the senior pitches in the area are considered to be of inadequate quality and one is considered to be overplayed. This leaves little provision to cater for additional demand should it arise.
Junior	+0.5	1 junior football	Although there appears to be a small surplus of pitch provision, both the existing junior pitches are rated as inadequate quality, indicating that demand is not being met. This is reflected in the expression of latent demand.
Mini	0	1 mini football	Although it would appear that demand is currently being catered for, the consultation shows expressed latent demand for 1 mini football pitch in the area. This should be considered as a minimum requirement.

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### TGRs

Table 70: Settle sub area football TGRs

Settle sub area – football					
	Senior (16-45) Mens	Senior (16-45) Womens	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
<b>TGRs</b>	<b>1:270</b>	-	<b>1:21</b>	-	<b>1:39</b>
<b>CRAVEN</b>	<b>1:245</b>	-	<b>1:73</b>	-	<b>1:167</b>

The TGRs for the Settle sub area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are high compared to the rest of the District. In the case of senior football, it is higher than the District as a whole. It should be recognised however that latent demand has been expressed in the area and that the TGRs have potential to be increased. The lack of participation amongst women and girls is a sharp contrast to the levels of participation amongst men and boys.

Table 71: Settle sub area cricket TGRs

Settle Sub Area				
	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
<b>Settle sub-area TGR</b>	<b>1:366</b>	-	<b>1:65</b>	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:351</b>	-	<b>1:80</b>	-

The TGRs for Settle sub area show comparative levels of participation with that of the District as a whole. Both senior men's and junior boys participation could be considered as good. However as with the other areas, this is a sharp contrast to the lack of participation amongst women and girls.

Table 72: Settle sub area rugby TGRs

Settle Sub Area – rugby					
	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
<b>Settle sub-area TGR</b>	<b>1:245</b>	-	<b>1:93</b>	-	<b>1:150</b>
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:866</b>	-	<b>1:79</b>	-	<b>1:1,141</b>

The strong TGRs for men's, junior boys and mini rugby in the Settle area are reflective of the strong club set up in this part of the District. Participation levels are obviously low in senior women's and girls sections indicating areas for sports development work.

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Table 73: Settle sub area hockey TGRs

Settle Sub Area				
<b>HOCKEY TEAMS</b>	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
<b>Settle sub-area TGR</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:425</b>

Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Settle sub area.

Table 74: Settle sub area – pitch provision summary

Settle Sub Area					
Population 4,895	Total no. of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches/courts required to meet latent demand
Senior football	9	6	4	2	0
Junior football	4	2	0	2	1
Mini football	3	1	1	0	0
Senior rugby union	5	5	5	0	0
Junior rugby union	1	1	1	0	0
Mini rugby union	0	0	0	0	0
Senior cricket	4	2	1	1	0
Junior cricket	0	0	0	0	0
Senior grass hockey	1	0	0	0	0
Junior grass hockey	0	0	0	0	0
ATP	1	1	1	0	0
Tennis	9	5	5	0	0
Netball	4	0	0	0	0
Athletics track	1	0	0	0	0
Crown bowling green	1	1	1	0	0
MACA	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Total estimated playing pitch space (ha)</b>	<b>32.07</b>	<b>21.83</b>	<b>15.79</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>Total estimated pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>6.55</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>0.17</b>

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*Table 75: Settle sub area - local standard calculation*

Existing pitch stock	Adequate pitches available for community use (ha per 1,000)	3.23
	Required improvements to existing playing pitch space (ha per 1,000)	1.23
Additional pitches required to meet latent demand	Required additional pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)	0.17
<b>Total pitches and non-pitches required</b>	<b>Pitch and non-pitch local standard (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>4.63</b>

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### 6.5 Analysis summary: Skipton Sub Area

Table 76: Skipton sub area pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	12	3	-	16	-	7	-	1
Cricket	6	-	-	13	-	10	-	-
Hockey	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Union	2	1	-	2	-	9	-	-

Table 77: Skipton sub-area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Rugby	Skipton Rugby Club	2 senior rugby pitches
Football	Skipton Town FC	1 senior football pitch
<b>Total</b>		

Table 78: Skipton sub area - summary of latent/future demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch Requirement
Skipton LMS FC	Skipton LMS FC	1 junior boys (U14) team 1 veterans team	1 senior football pitch
Skipton Town FC	Skipton Town FC	1 junior girls team 1 junior boys team	1 junior football pitch
Skipton RUFC	Skipton RUFC	2 junior boys teams	1 junior rugby pitch
<b>Total</b>			<b>1 senior football</b> <b>1 junior football</b> <b>1 junior rugby</b>

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### Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 79: Skipton sub area – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall of pitches
Senior	12	5 (Sat. pm)	+7
Junior	3	1.5 (Sun. am)	+1.5
Mini	0	0	0

### Can demand be catered for?

Table 80: Skipton sub area – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+7	1 senior football (latent demand) 1 senior football (overplay)	Although some latent demand and overplay has been identified in the area, there are a number of sites which have significant spare capacity to accommodate this.
Junior	+0.5	1 junior football (latent)	The surplus of pitches should accommodate the level of latent demand expressed. In addition to this there are a number of pitches in the area which have spare capacity.
Mini	0		The identification of no shortfall or surplus of mini football pitches is reflective of the fact that the lack of provision may be suppressing demand.



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### TGRs

Table 81: Skipton sub area football TGRs

Skipton Sub Area football					
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
<b>Skipton sub-area TGR</b>	<b>1:212</b>	-	<b>1:118</b>	-	<b>1:921</b>
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:245</b>	-	<b>1:73</b>	-	<b>1:167</b>

Table 82: Skipton sub area cricket TGRs

Skipton Sub Area - cricket				
	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
<b>Skipton sub area TGR</b>	<b>1:351</b>	-	<b>1:82</b>	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:351</b>	-	<b>1:80</b>	-

Table 83: Skipton sub area rugby TGRs

Skipton Sub Area					
	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
<b>Skipton sub-area TGR</b>	<b>1:1,590</b>		<b>1:63</b>		
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:866</b>		<b>1:79</b>		<b>1:1,141</b>

Table 84: Skipton sub area hockey TGRs

Skipton Sub Area				
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
<b>Skipton sub-area TGR</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:425</b>

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### Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Skipton sub area

*Table 85: Skipton sub area – pitch provision summary*

<b>Skipton Sub Area</b>					
Population 18, 921	Total no. of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches/courts required to meet latent demand
Senior football	12	12	9	3	1
Junior football	7	4	3	1	1
Mini football	2	1	1	0	0
Senior rugby union	3	3	3	0	0
Junior rugby union	1	1	0	1	1
Mini rugby union	0	0	0	0	0
Senior cricket	7	6	6	0	0
Junior cricket	0	0	0	0	0
Senior grass hockey	1	1	1	0	0
Junior grass hockey	1	1	1	0	0
ATP	1	1	1	0	0
Tennis	15	13	13	0	0
Netball	6	3	3	0	0
Athletics track	1	1	1	0	0
Crown bowling green	5	5	5	0	0
MACA	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Total estimated playing pitch space (ha)</b>	<b>43.33</b>	<b>38.97</b>	<b>33.13</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>3.04</b>
<b>Total estimated pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.16</b>

*Table 86: Skipton sub area local standard calculation*

Existing pitch stock	Adequate pitches available for community use (ha per 1,000)	1.75
	Required improvements to existing playing pitch space (ha per 1,000)	0.31
Additional pitches required to meet latent demand	Required additional pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)	0.16
<b>Total pitches and non-pitches required</b>	<b>Pitch and non-pitch local standard (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.52</b>

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## 6.6 Analysis summary: South Craven Sub Area

Table 87: South Craven sub area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	7	4	3	7	-	5	-	2
Cricket	5	-	-	8	-	9	-	-
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Union	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	1

### Latent demand

There is no identified latent demand in the South Craven sub area.

### Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 88: South Craven sub area – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall of pitches
Senior	7	3.5 (Sat. pm)	+3.5
Junior	4	2 (Sun. am)	+2
Mini	3	0	+3

### Can demand be catered for?

Table 89: South Craven sub area – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+3.5	0	
Junior	+2	2 overplayed	There are two pitches that are overplayed according to the analysis. These are pitches that are located at primary schools and consultation with school representatives suggested that the sites were not actually overplayed.
Mini	+3	0	

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### TGRs

Table 90: South Craven sub area football TGRs

South Craven Sub Area – football					
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
<b>South Craven sub area TGR</b>	<b>1:341</b>	-	<b>1:127</b>	-	<b>1:331</b>
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:245</b>	-	<b>1:73</b>	-	<b>1:167</b>

Table 91: South Craven sub area cricket TGRs

South Craven Sub Area - cricket				
	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
<b>South Craven sub area TGR</b>	<b>1:400</b>	-	<b>1:69</b>	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:351</b>	-	<b>1:80</b>	-

Table 92: South Craven sub area rugby TGRs

South Craven Sub Area – rugby					
	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
	-	-	<b>1:421</b>	-	<b>1:875</b>
<b>CRAVEN</b>	<b>1:866</b>	-	<b>1:79</b>	-	<b>1:1,141</b>

Table 93: South Craven sub area hockey TGRs

South Craven Sub Area				
<b>HOCKEY TEAMS</b>	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
	-	-	-	-
<b>CRAVEN</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:425</b>

## PLAYING PITCH AND OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES ASSESSMENT

### Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the South Craven sub-area

Table 94: South Craven sub area pitch provision summary

<b>South Craven Sub Area</b>					
	Total no. of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches/courts required to meet latent demand
Population 12,938					
Senior football	7	7	7	0	0
Junior football	8	4	2	2	0
Mini football	4	3	1	2	0
Senior rugby union	3	3	3	0	0
Junior rugby union	6	2	0	2	0
Mini rugby union	0	0	0	0	0
Senior cricket	5	5	3	2	0
Junior cricket	0	0	0	0	0
Senior grass hockey	0	0	0	0	0
Junior grass hockey	0	0	0	0	0
ATP	0	0	0	0	0
Rounders	1	1	1	0	0
Tennis	7	7	4	3	0
Netball	6	0	0	0	0
Athletics track	0	0	0	0	0
Crown bowling green	3	3	3	0	0
MACA	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Total estimated playing pitch space (ha)</b>	<b>35.26</b>	<b>28.40</b>	<b>21.32</b>	<b>7.08</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total estimated pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.73</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 95: South Craven sub area local standard calculation

Existing pitch stock	Adequate pitches available for community use (ha per 1,000)	1.65
	Required improvements to existing playing pitch space (ha per 1,000)	0.55
Additional pitches required to meet latent demand	Required additional pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)	0
<b>Total pitches and non-pitches required</b>	<b>Pitch and on-pitch local standard (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.31</b>

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### 6.7 Analysis summary: Yorkshire Dales National Park

Table 96: Yorkshire Dales National Park – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	6	2	2	5	-	4	-	2
Cricket	5	-	-	11	-	8	-	-
Hockey	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rugby Union	4	1	-	5	-	10	-	-

Table 97: Yorkshire Dales National Park sub area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Kettlewell Primary School	1 junior football pitch
	Upper Wharfedale School	1 mini football pitch
Rugby	Aireville Secondary School	1 senior rugby pitch
	Wharfedale Rugby Club	3 senior & 1 junior rugby pitch
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 junior football 1 mini football 4 senior rugby 1 junior rugby</b>

Table 98: Yorkshire Dales National Park sub area - summary of latent/future demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch Requirement
Grassington FC		2 junior football teams	1 junior football pitch
Upper Wharfedale CC		Additional senior teams	1 senior cricket pitch
Wharfedale RUFC		2 junior rugby teams	1 junior rugby pitch
<b>Total</b>			<b>1 junior football pitch 1 senior cricket pitch 1 junior rugby pitch</b>

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### Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 99: Yorkshire Dales National Park – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall of pitches
Senior	6	2.5 (Sat. pm)	+3.5
Junior	2	1	+1
Mini	2	0.5	+1.5

### Can demand be catered for?

Table 100: Yorkshire Dales National Park – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+3.5	1 inadequate	The level of demand for senior football pitches can currently be met even given the level of pitch inadequacy which has been identified.
Junior	+1	1 overplayed 1 latent demand	Although it would appear that current demand can be met, the level of overplay and latent demand which has been identified suggests that this is not the case. There is no capacity within the current pitch stock for development to accommodate e.g. girl's football.
Mini	+1.5	1 overplayed	The overplay identified is related to curricular use of a school pitch and as such the pitch surplus for community use remains. This small surplus does not however, give much scope for development. The non-expression of latent demand may be as a result of lack of provision in the past.

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## TGRs

Table 101: Yorkshire Dales National Park football TGRs

Yorkshire Dales National Park					
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
<b>YDNP sub area TGR</b>	<b>1:330</b>	-	<b>1:112</b>	--	<b>1:229</b>
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:245</b>	-	<b>1:73</b>	-	<b>1:167</b>

Table 102: Yorkshire Dales National Park cricket TGRs

Yorkshire Dales National Park				
	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
<b>YDNP TGR</b>	<b>1:210</b>	-	<b>1:58</b>	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:351</b>	-	<b>1:80</b>	-

Table 103: Yorkshire Dales National Park rugby TGRs

Yorkshire Dales National Park					
	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
<b>YDNP TGR</b>	<b>1:304</b>	-	<b>1:33</b>	-	-
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	<b>1:866</b>	-	<b>1:79</b>	-	<b>1:1,141</b>

Table 104: Yorkshire Dales National Park hockey TGRs

Yorkshire Dales National Park				
	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
<b>YDNP TGR</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:165</b>
<b>CRAVEN TGR</b>	-	-	-	<b>1:425</b>



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### Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Yorkshire Dales National Park sub-area

*Table 105: Yorkshire Dales National Park pitch provision summary*

<b>Yorkshire Dales National Park Sub Area</b>					
Population 10, 561	Total no. of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches/courts required to meet latent demand
Senior football	6	6	5	1	0
Junior football	7	1	1	0	1
Mini football	1	1	1	0	0
Senior rugby union	3	3	3	0	0
Junior rugby union	1	1	1	0	0
Mini rugby union	0	0	0	0	0
Senior cricket	5	5	4	1	0
Junior cricket	0	0	0	0	0
Senior grass hockey	1	1	1	0	0
Junior grass hockey	0	0	0	0	0
ATP	0	0	0	0	0
Rounders	2	2	2	0	0
Tennis	6	6	6	0	0
Netball	2	2	2	0	0
Athletics track	1	0	0	0	0
Crown bowling green	2	2	2	0	0
MACA	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total estimated playing pitch space (ha)</b>	<b>27.46</b>	<b>22.54</b>	<b>19.54</b>		
<b>Total estimated pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.31</b>

*Table 106: Yorkshire Dales National Park local standard calculation*

Existing pitch stock	Adequate pitches available for community use (ha per 1,000)	1.85
	Required improvements to existing playing pitch space (ha per 1,000)	0.28
Additional pitches required to meet latent demand	Required additional pitch playing space (ha per 1,000)	0.31
<b>Total pitches and non-pitches required</b>	<b>Pitch and non-pitch local standard (ha per 1,000)</b>	<b>2.55</b>

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