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PART I: INTRODUCTION

This section highlights the demand of built sports facilities and an assessment of the use of village halls within Craven. The term 'sport facilities' includes large, purpose built sports centres with 'District-wide' significance, local village facilities and facilities provided by the private sector. Within this framework, ownership and management are fundamentally important. They determine the effectiveness with which facilities service the community and meet local need.

This section of the report will consider the distribution of, and interrelationship between, all built facilities in Craven and evaluates demand. It gives a clear indication of areas of high demand where there is potential to provide improved and/or additional facilities to meet this demand and to, where appropriate, protect the current stock.

Quantitative information was provided by Craven District Council (CDC) in the form of a database, which was used as a base to identify and locate key facilities. Each sports centre was visited in order to further identify demand for improved or additional facilities. An assessment and audit of the 60 village halls in the District was also carried out. This will be used by CDC to develop a matrix of community facilities, which will enable it to develop a clear view of these facilities, which are a high priority for support, CDC will also use it to estimate the effect of enhancing one facility on others in the study area.

The appendix document details all the facilities on maps in each of the five analysis areas.

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PART 2: SUMMARY OF PROVISION

2.1 SPORTS HALLS

There are four four-court badminton sports halls which are available for community use within Craven, one at the Coulthurst Craven Sports Centre with the remaining located at secondary school sites. There is also a number of schools that have either one or three-court facilities. A summary of the provision, quality, usage and any identified latent demand from the schools is outlined below:

Coulthurst Craven Sports Centre (CCSC)

The Sports Centre is owned by a charity and includes a four-court sports hall, a fitness suite, martial arts room, four squash courts and an aerobics room. All the facilities within the Centre are of good quality and are well maintained.

The facilities at the Centre are well utilised particularly, the sports hall which is used mainly by badminton and football clubs. A new artificial turf pitch (ATP) has recently been built and is due for opening in the near future. It is recognised, that in the past, the Centre has not been particularly development orientated and only provides an open pay and play facility. However, a football development officer has been appointed by the Centre to make full benefit of the ATP. It is anticipated that once the ATP is operating, the majority of football clubs will transfer their games to the ATP leaving additional booking space for the sports hall.

There is concern at the Centre that if a competing facility is built in Skipton it would significantly detriment the income the Centre generates through sports hall bookings. It is therefore important to take into account location and catchment of any proposed facilities.

Malsis School

This is a private school situated at the south of Craven. The sports hall is marked out for basketball, netball, and badminton and also includes indoor cricket nets. The facility is of good quality and is available for community use although there is no changing accommodation available for sports clubs. This, however, does not cause any major problems.

There is a charge of £18 per club and the local community considers it to be a well-used facility. Seasonal bookings affect the level of usage, which is quite high in Easter due to pre-season training by cricket clubs.

There are plans to possibly improve the heating in the future.

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Aireville County Secondary School

The School has the use of the two small gyms, a badminton court sized gym (marked out with volleyball, netball and basketball) and one, which is slightly smaller (marked out with netball, basketball and badminton). The larger gym has recently been stripped and polished and is in relatively good condition. The smaller gym, however, is quite old and is in need of refurbishment. The ceiling is quite low and not suitable for activities such as badminton although it is used for this purpose.

The gyms are available for community use and it is felt that they are utilised to their maximum potential by the local community (e.g. sports clubs, drama, Indian weddings, festivals, car boot sales). It is felt, by the Head of PE, however, that this provision is not adequate for both the school and the community. Consultation highlighted that the School has increased in size in terms of number of pupils but the sports provision has not improved. The School would like to increase participation and improve opportunities for the local people but the lack of suitable facilities is hindering this development. (See below for detailed latent demand).

Craven College and Aireville School jointly undertook a sports feasibility study, for an indoor hall and climbing wall, carried out by external consultants. They are located adjacent to each other within the town of Skipton. The only indoor sports facilities are the two small gyms.

The demand modelling suggested that in a potential case scenario there is demand for a new 4-court sports hall in the District. However the FPM analysis undertaken by Sport England suggested otherwise although this model was undertaken at a national level and does not take into account local factors. The demand modelling, club surveys and consultation suggests that the community use element of an 8-court sports hall could be unsustainable but a 4-court hall could be feasible.

In addition to this report, a feasibility study was carried out to determine supply and demand for a climbing wall to be built at Aireville School. In total, there are three climbing walls within a 30-minute drive time. These are located to the South of the School at the following locations:

- ❑ Aireborough, Guisley – the wall is located within a wider sports facility mix at a leisure centre. It was built in 1985 and has recently been upgraded.
- ❑ Barden Community Association – this is located at Barden High School in Burnley. Usage is sometimes restricted due to curriculum lessons. The wall has recently been upgraded to include a new form 3D wall. It is supported by a dedicated climbing committee.
- ❑ Bradford University – this is an old facility that was built in 1973. Usage is limited to students during term time only.

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The most local club in the District is the Craven Mountaineering Club which caters for approximately 100 members. It currently utilises two walls at Leeds and Ingletton at least once a week during the winter months.

Consultation (in line with a previous report, a Sports Feasibility study, and that which has been carried out for this study) suggests that the Club would be very interested in any proposed climbing wall developments within Skipton and would generate high levels of usage of at least once a week. The most important feature that would encourage usage would be a good quality facility and a reasonable pricing structure.

With the demand from Craven College, Aireville School and Craven Mountaineering Club, there would be a strong level of localised base usage. In addition to this it would attract usage from sports development, Youth Offending Teams (for diversionary activities etc), and local users wishing to use the facility on ad hoc basis, although this is not identified demand.

Settle High and Middle School

The High School and Middle School each have halls, which are marked out with one badminton court. They are of adequate quality and are well used by the local community and sports clubs. Consultation with the Community Education Manager at Settle High School suggests that there is need for a larger four-court sports hall at the School. This could then be used by both the high and the middle school as well as catering for a larger catchment in terms of community use. The Manager stated that if a four-court were available, increased coaching schemes could be held and more sports clubs could use the facility as well as the aerobic and fitness classes that are held at the hall.

Specific latent demand was highlighted by Settle Tennis School (please refer to pitch and non-pitch report for details about the School). It currently uses facilities at Settle High School but highlighted that it could attract more players and firmly establish itself in the area if it had access to bigger and higher quality facilities. On occasion, the School will hire a one-court facility at Giggleswick School but it is felt that this is too expensive to undertake on a regular basis. Settle Tennis School is very supportive of a new four-court facility at Settle High School.

There is land available at the site, which could potentially be used to build the hall, and the School has aspirations to carry out a formal study to investigate the feasibility of this.

Ermysteads Grammar School

The School currently has a four-court facility, which is ten years old and of very good quality. The facility is not open to general community use as there is no official caretaker to open the grounds to clubs. There is some usage by sports clubs throughout the winter but these are only individuals that are connected to the

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School. It is very unlikely to consider community use of the facility by people that are not known at the School.

South Craven School

South Craven School includes one four-court hall and a gymnasium, which is marked out with one badminton court. The facilities are generally in good condition. Both halls are well used by local sports clubs and keep fit classes. In particular the sports hall bookings are at capacity each week. At the present moment demand is not being met, as the School has to turn away people wanting to use the facility due to it being fully booked. There is a need for an additional sports hall in the area particularly as the School Sports Co-ordinator (SSCO) programme is developing. (The SSCO is a multi-agency initiative to establish, develop and support PE and sport programmes for local primary schools, links between schools and local sports clubs, after-school sport programmes and leadership and coaching programmes for senior students) The School will have to cater for seven feeder primary schools in addition to the current usage. This is going to be difficult if facility provision is not improved.

Half of the catchment area of the School lies outside Craven.

Giggleswick School

The School has one hall, which is marked out with one badminton court. It is of adequate quality and is available for community use. The School has aspirations to build a four-court sports hall and it is hoping to undertake a consultation exercise to determine the feasibility of this.

Netherside Hall School

The School (located in Threshfield) has no specific indoor sport facility. Consultation highlighted a significant demand for a sports hall in the area. During the winter the School struggles to find suitable facilities to undertake curriculum lessons and has to hire halls from either other schools or village halls, which are often not large enough.

Upper Wharfedale School

There is one small hall (one badminton court) at the School which is also used as a dining area. It includes all the relevant gym equipment but is an inadequate area for teaching as other activities taking place at the hall often disrupt sport and PE lessons.

Conclusion

There is demand for sport hall provision from the perspective of the schools in the District. This can be divided into community demand and curriculum demand, for example Settle High School would like to specifically improve the community's

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demands and as a result would improve the provision for curriculum purposes. The remaining schools highlighted curriculum demand.

2.2 Proposed developments

There is a number of proposed developments, which will have an impact on built facilities provision in Craven DC:

- *Settle Renaissance Market Town Initiative* – Healthy Living Centre
- *Aireville School in partnership with Craven College and CDC* – 8 badminton court sports hall
- *Giggleswick School* – 4 badminton court sports hall
- *Skipton Renaissance Initiative* - Evaluate the potential for a dedicated outdoor sports facility, including specialist activities e.g. climbing wall.
- *Upper Wharfedale School* – 4 badminton court sports hall. This is as a result of a bid to the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) and although here it has been included as part of the proposed developments, this is a project that is more than likely to succeed and hence has been included in the mapping.

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2.3 VILLAGE HALLS

2.3.1 Action with Communities in Rural England

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) is a national charity whose purpose is to support sustainable rural community development. It provides a national platform for its founder member Rural Community Councils, other bodies and individuals who work at local, county, regional and national level to alleviate rural disadvantage in England. ACRE's aim is to facilitate the development of thriving, diverse and sustainable communities throughout rural England. ACRE's definition of a village hall is:

“Village halls are community facilities that are normally owned, as well as managed, by the local community. They provide a focus for activities which improve the social cohesion of rural life including activities that are essential to the maintenance and improvements in delivering services that, in most urban areas, are considered to be the function of local authorities and statutory agencies.”

ACRE have recently carried out a study in the north east of England exploring the roles played by 10 different village halls within their community. It looked at the different types of activity taking place and developed five classes of use, which focussed on the reasons why people were using the hall. The classes are explained below with examples of types of activity:

Table 1: ACRE's classes of use

Class 1	Governance and participation Includes community events, fetes and festivals, activity such as community planning and community governance, contributing to the civic renewal agenda within government.
Class 2	Social benefit Functional delivery of advice, aid and services or support to individuals which has a direct outcome in learning, financial benefit, health and personal welfare contributing to the health and well-being of residents and addressing issues of social inclusion.
Class 3	Social support Basic clubs and activities that could attract diverse attendance and may produce individual benefit but through group participation e.g. youth clubs, luncheon clubs, elderly persons' club, and mother and toddler.
Class 4	Social interest This is group activity where people are meeting because of a specific shared interest and contributes to the wider social capital of the community e.g. bowls, drama, uniformed youth groups and structured social groups such as WI.
Class 5	Private events Events run for private benefit and other events not open to the public

The above classes have been referred to in this report.

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In addition to the ACRE classes, the village halls have been grouped into the following categories:

- ❑ Small- 1 room with kitchen
- ❑ Average – 2 rooms with kitchen
- ❑ Large – 3 to 4 rooms with kitchen
- ❑ Very large – 5 or over rooms with kitchen

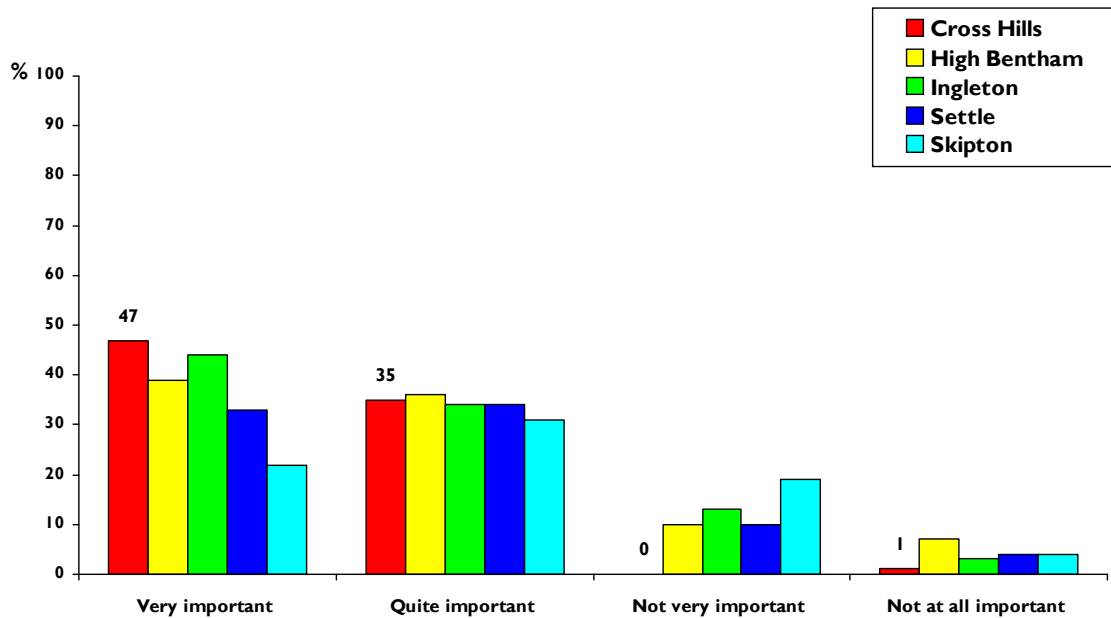
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2.3.2 Provision within Craven

Craven District Assessment of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities

The Assessment was conducted using the methodology identified in Section One of this report. The following results are generic to the report as a whole and provide an insight into the needs and opinions of the Craven population. (Note that street surveys were not carried out in the Yorkshire Dales National Park sub area)

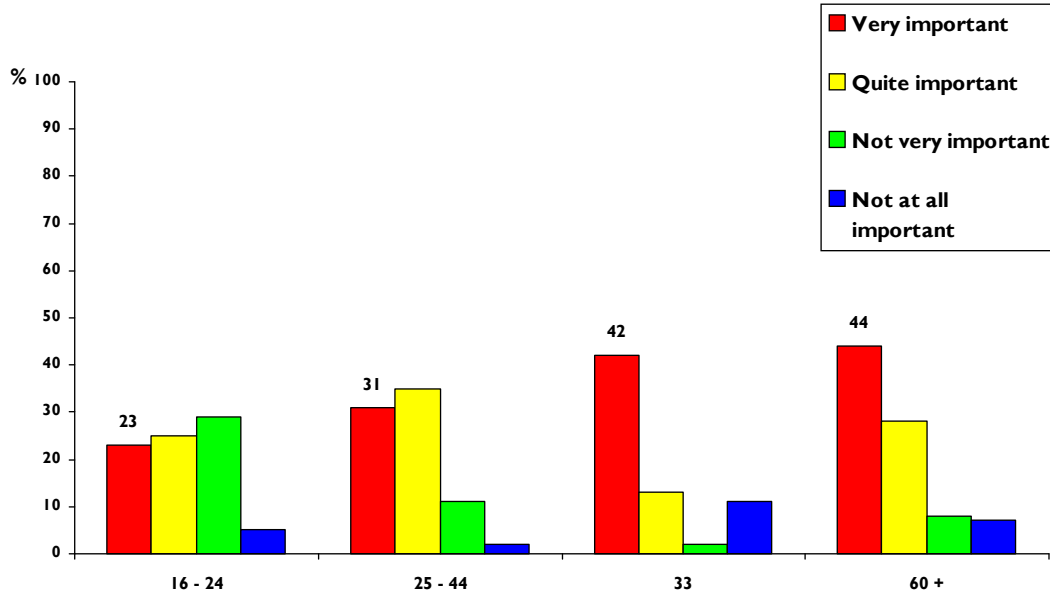
Figure 1: Importance of village halls by area



Over 80% of respondents stated that they found village halls to be either very important or important. This was similar in all the areas covered in the needs assessment. This highlights the significance that people place on such facilities.

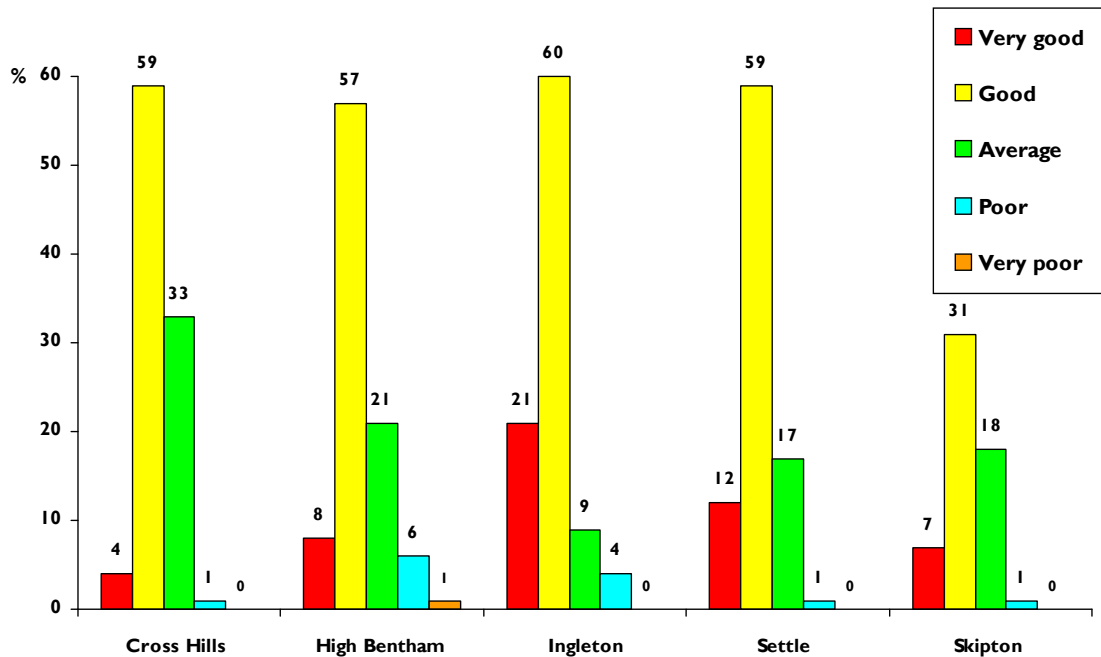
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Figure 2: Importance of village halls by age



It is interesting to note that 44% of residents over 60 stated that village halls were very important and conversely 29% of the 16-24 age group felt they were not very important.

Figure 3: Rate village halls



There is a very low percentage of residents who stated that they found the village halls to be in either poor or very poor condition. Skipton appears to be the area

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highlighted as facilities with the lowest quality although there are still a significant percentage who felt that village halls were either good or average.

There are approximately 60 village halls in Craven of which 58 have been inspected by KKP in terms of their quality and usage. Inspections were carried out accompanied by the booking secretary or appropriate representative from the management committee of the hall. Quality ratings were based upon the views of both the assessor and the representative from the village hall. A number of the representatives expressed a desire to refurbish or expand the facilities which are based upon the aspirations of the management committee. There is only one hall (Ingleton Community Centre) whereby users identified a significant additional need which is explained further below.

Users

A summary table identifies the usage of the individual halls where this information has been available. This has been calculated on a weekly basis, using the following assumptions:

- ❑ Each building has been allocated usage of three sessions per day; morning, afternoon and evening. This assumption has been based on KKP's previous experience on working with community buildings.
- ❑ Morning session – 9am – 1pm.
- ❑ Afternoon session – 1pm – 5pm.
- ❑ Evening session – 5pm – 9pm.
- ❑ No. of rooms is excluding the kitchen.
- ❑ Based on the above a total number of sessions per week has been calculated as 18 (six multiplied by three) per room. It has been assumed that there is very little use on Sunday therefore this has not been added into the equation.

The table also provides the number of regular groups and individuals using the buildings where this information has been made available. Where individual numbers have been provided, this does not include those people utilising the building for private events such as birthday parties, and wedding receptions.

It is important to note that the information is an approximation in all cases. This is due to the fact that the representatives that were met by KKP were not able to provide accurate information with regards to users. In the majority of cases representatives highlighted that they themselves could not provide this information as the building was simply opened for the groups to use and no record was kept by the management committee as to how many users there were. This information, therefore is very limited in providing CDC with some guidance as to the capacity of facilities and the need for additional buildings.

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2.3.3 North Craven sub area

The following village halls service the North Craven sub area:

- Clapham Village Hall.
- Bentham Community Centre.
- Ingleton Community Centre.
- Westhouse Village Hall.
- Burton - in – Lonsdale.
- Low Bentham Victoria Institute.
- Eldroth Parish Hall.
- Bentham Town Hall.
- Austwick Parish Hall

The table below summarises the size, quality, usage of the facilities as well as other important issues highlighted by the consultation.

Table 2: Summary of North Craven village halls

KKP ref	Village hall	Comments
22	Bentham Community Centre, Bentham	<p>This is one of the largest facilities in the analysis area with three rooms as well as a kitchen. It has recently been refurbished after which it was well advertised to increase the usage. The Centre is currently used at least once a day with uses ranging from governance and participation (Class 1 of ACRE groupings) through to private events (Class 5). The Bentham Community Association (who owns the facility) is currently trying to increase girls participation in sports at the Centre.</p> <p>There are concerns about the ongoing revenue costs of the building once the funding runs out in 2005, particularly if the Association has to pay £3000 for rent to NYCC. The Association does not want to increase the hire charges of the rooms.</p>
53	Bentham Town Hall, Bentham	<p>Bentham Town Council maintains the Town Hall on behalf of the ratepayers of Bentham. The Town Council has recently applied to the North Yorkshire County Council for a village hall grant to improve the building's appeal. This bid has been successful and work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.</p> <p>This involves a re-designed frontage and lobby area making it more accessible for users, upgrading the toilet facilities, the provision of office spaces, installing a kitchen on the first floor to cater for up to 200 people and installing a lift.</p> <p>The building is currently a well-used facility but it could also house the Tourist Information Office, the Community Transport office, the Town Clerk's office and the Community Office. The facility is currently well used but by putting all the above services under one roof it would ensure that it is accessible and a string focal point for the community.</p>

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52	Eldroth Parish Hall, Clapham	<p>Eldroth Parish Council has applied for a NYCC village hall grant to extend the existing building. This bid has been successful and it is anticipated that building will be completed by the end of the year. The extension is to total 7.5m x 5m, consisting of a multi-purpose meeting/IT/training room, a secure store and an independent entrance lobby. The multi-purpose room is to be connected to the main hall by an archway with folding doors to maximise flexibility of use.</p> <p>It is a very well used facility with regular bookings covering all the five classes of use as well as several events on an annual basis. The hall is also used in the wider area as a venue for private parties.</p>
23	Ingleton Community Centre, Ingleborough	<p>Ingleton Community Centre is a large facility catering for a wide range of services including tourist information, playgroup room and library services. There is also a one badminton-court sports hall which includes changing rooms. It is a well-used facility with 32 regular users ranging from sports clubs, education classes, playgroups, and crafts and fairs covering all the five classes identified by ACRE.</p> <p>Consultation with the management representative indicates that the Centre is restricted by the number sessions that are available at the building. It is in use constantly and has little spare capacity. Consultation with Ingleton Badminton Club (discussed further in the document) highlighted that a larger sports hall would enable the Club to expand.</p> <p>The stage area of the main hall is made from timber and is in very poor condition. The timbers are effectively “sagging” and are in urgent need for repair. Funding is, however, required for this.</p>
26	Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall, Ingleborough	<p>This facility includes one main hall with a kitchen and is in relatively good condition. Main users have either a social support role or a social interest role with some private functions taking place. The Committee would, however, like to be more pro-active in attracting users to the hall but find this difficult due to the lack of volunteers wishing to undertake such roles.</p> <p>The building does not meet DDA requirements. The main issue is the lack of a ramp to the entrance of the building.</p> <p>The Committee would also like modest refurbishments of the existing building as they feel that this would be more sustainable and provide a better quality focal point for the villagers. Plans have been made to replace the windows and improve the heating.</p>
43	Low Bentham Victoria Institute, Bentham	<p>There is one main hall which can accommodate 100 people and two other smaller rooms as well as a kitchen. The hall is used 35 hours per week by four main groups which are mainly social interest groups. There is occasional use almost every weekend.</p> <p>The Institute requires substantial improvements to meet the DDA requirements in that there is no disabled toilet or ramp to the entrance of the building. The forecourt outside of the front door could be adjusted to accommodate for this.</p>

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		<p>The kitchen requires refurbishment; it is a large area and there is substantial potential to develop this into a formal catering area. There are small areas of damp in the building, which need to be improved.</p> <p>The Committee would like to extend the hall towards the railway embankment and has previously applied for funding but this has been rejected.</p> <p>The Committee is restricted with what can be achieved at the Institute due to the lack of volunteers wishing to get involved.</p>
20	Clapham Village Hall, Clapham	<p>This is an average sized facility with a main hall, supper room and kitchen. The condition of the facilities is good and it is well used every day during the week. The facility is also available for hire at the weekends for parties and exhibitions etc and is used most weekends for some sort of event.</p> <p>The facility is considered to be accessible by all. It has a disabled toilet and a hearing loop system is also in place.</p>
25	Westhouse Village Hall, Ingleborough	<p>This is an average sized facility with only one hall (maximum capacity 60 people), a meeting room and a kitchen. The facilities are considered to be in excellent condition.</p> <p>There is some weekly use mostly by Young Farmers and WI (class 4) although there is substantial demand for private functions as it is relatively inexpensive (£10 for party and £4 per hour).</p> <p>There is no disabled toilet.</p>
24	Austwick Parish Hall, Clapham	<p>Austwick Parish Hall is average sized with a main hall, a small meeting room and a kitchen with some storage space at the rear of the building. The condition of the facilities are adequate with suitable adjustments to meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>It is used on a regular basis by the local community and is viewed very much so as a focal point for the residents of the village. Users encompass all the five classes identified by ACRE.</p>

Number of sites

There are nine village halls in the area of which three are large, five are average sized and one is small. Out of a total population of (within 1km catchment for all facilities) of 15,393 in the area:

- 46% have access to a large facility within 1km.
- 48% have access to an average sized facility within 1km.
- 42% have access to a large facility within 5km (out of a total population of up to 5km).

This shows that 94% of residents have access to either a large or average sized facility in the North Craven sub area.

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Condition of buildings

The condition of the buildings in the area is either good or average with only Ingleton Community Centre identifying some improvements to the stage area of the main hall. The majority of buildings conform to DDA legislation with the exception of Burton-in-Lonsdale Village Hall and Low Bentham Victoria Institute, which both require, at least improved, access to the site.

Use of buildings

There is a range of users within the community buildings in the area with Bentham Community Centre, Bentham Town Hall, Eldroth Parish Hall and Ingleton Community Centre all servicing activities from each ACRE class. The remaining halls provide activities geared towards the social support, and social interest class and allow private events. This highlights that there is a varying degree of usage of the buildings with the larger facilities catering for all five of the ACRE groupings.

Table 3: North Craven sub area usage of buildings

Village hall	No. of rooms	No. of sessions used	No. of sessions used as % of total available use time	No. of regular user groups	No. of individuals using the building
Clapham Village Hall	2	17	47%	12	Not available
Bentham Community Centre	3	43	80%	15 and 21 occasional users	Not available
Ingleton Community Centre	5	60	67%	32	Not available
Westhouse Village Hall	2	Facility used on a monthly basis	Information not available		
Burton-in-Lonsdale Village Hall	1	11	61%	8	Not available
Low Bentham Victoria Institute	3	24	44%	4	Not available
Eldroth Parish Hall	1	13	72%	11	Not available
Bentham Town Hall	4	Information not available			
Austwick Parish Hall	3	17	31%	12	Not available

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Gaps in service provision

The population table below shows that the area surrounding the Bentham facilities has the highest number of people aged under 16. This age group is, however, well served in terms of facilities with several youth groups taking place at Bentham Community Centre. The area collectively also has the largest number of older people but again this group is well served in terms of activities and facilities available.

Level of need/sustainability of stock

There is a good spread of village hall provision in the North Craven sub area with facilities ranging from quite large e.g., Ingleton Community Centre to small e.g., Westhouse village hall. The map (page 62) shows the distribution of facilities within the analysis area.

Eldroth Parish Hall is in the south of the area with no other facility in close proximity. It draws from a large catchment and the refurbishment taking place will, in turn, benefit a large group of people. Consultation also highlights that private party usage is from a wider area/catchment.

The far north of the analysis area is very well served in terms of community facilities with Ingleton Community Centre and Westhouse Village Hall located in close proximity to each other. The two facilities cater for different markets and offer differing programmes thereby negating any negative effect of their close proximity. Consultation indicates that Westhouse Village Hall is a very local facility catering for a small group of people and is inexpensive to hire for parties. It therefore alleviates some of the pressure on Ingleton Community Centre, allowing more sports based activity to take place at that facility. The Centre at Ingleton is much larger with a wider range of services available, hence it attracts a greater number of users. A specific need has been identified, by both the management committee and local users, to expand the current sports hall at the Community Centre.

Displacement

The facilities in Bentham i.e. community centre, town hall and the institute are again located in close proximity to each other. The developments at the Town Hall could potentially have a negative impact on the usage at the Community Centre and the Institute particularly as there are a lack of volunteers interested in the development of Low Bentham Victoria Institute.

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Table 4: North Craven population breakdown

Village Hall	Total population	Population up to 1 km			Population 1 to 5kms		
		U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s	U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s
Bentham Comm Centre	4, 870	488	1,339	830	393	1,053	767
Bentham Town Hall	3, 851	376	1,045	639	347	885	559
Burton in Lonsdale	4, 519	164	459	303	655	1,766	1,172
Clapham Village Hall	1, 369	175	435	258	94	245	162
Eldroth Parish Hall	1, 313	124	347	241	162	310	129
Ingleton Comm Centre	4, 529	421	1,106	822	373	1,076	731
Low Bentham Victoria Institute	4, 870	575	1,518	904	306	874	693
Westhouse Village Hall	5, 168	421	1,106	822	530	1,418	871
Austwick Parish Hall	1,577	73	228	174	256	555	291

Summary of key issues

- ❑ Lack of volunteers to continue the development, delivery or programmes of certain facilities.
- ❑ A number of facilities are in close proximity to each other hence planned developments could have a negative impact on usage levels.
- ❑ Concerns regarding the ongoing revenue costs.
- ❑ A number of facilities require upgrade to meet DDA legislation.

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2.3.4 Settle Sub area

The following village halls service Settle sub area:

- Clarks Old School, Wigglesworth.
- Rathmell Reading Rooms.
- Settle Drill Hall.
- Victoria Hall.
- Hellifield Institute.
- Settle Town Hall.
- Giggleswick Parish Rooms.
- Long Preston Village Hall

The table below summarises the size, quality, usage of the facilities as well as other important issues highlighted by the consultation.

Table 5: Summary of Settle village halls

KKP ref	Village hall	Comments
3	Clarks Old School, Ribbleside	<p>This is a relatively small community building with one main hall and a kitchen. The second hall was converted into a chapel. Usage of the facility is quite limited with some social support services and private events taking place but little other activities.</p> <p>The facilities are in average condition and require some renovating. Disabled access throughout the whole building is quite poor and there is no disabled toilet.</p> <p>Architects have drawn up plans outlining the proposals for the kitchen, toilets and the main hall. Consultation highlighted that the facilities need to be improved in order to attract and increase the number of users.</p>
4	Rathmell Reading Rooms, Ribbleside	<p>Rathmell Reading Rooms is an average sized facility with a main hall, snooker room and kitchen. The facilities are in good condition with good access for the disabled. It has recently been re-decorated.</p> <p>The facility is used for a range of groups with a social interest including young farmers, youth group, and Age Concern. Parish and church meetings also take place in the building. The hall is restrictive for sporting use, due to the low ceiling and length of it, although there has been no demand for such activities. The trustees, however, are keen to increase the number of users as it is felt that the facility is under utilised although there are no formal new activity programmes.</p>
5	Settle Drill Hall, Settle	<p>The building is average sized including one main hall which is one badminton-court sized, a lounge area and a kitchen.</p> <p>The current facilities are poor but the Hall is in the process of being renovated. The heating and windows</p>

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		<p>are being replaced. The building is too cold at the moment, which prevents sporting activities, and it is dangerous for toddlers as there is plaster peeling off the walls. It is hoped that the renovation will improve this.</p> <p>They will also conform to Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements' once funding is received for this.</p> <p>Once the renovation is complete it is anticipated that usage will increase although there are no clear guidelines as to who the increased users will be. Current usage is low due to the building work taking place however there is some social interest and private event use.</p>
6	Victoria Hall, Settle	<p>This is the oldest music hall nationally and is quite large with five main rooms including a 230 seat theatre. The facilities are in good condition with good disability access to all.</p> <p>The building was refurbished to provide a high quality community facility, as well as providing a theatre.</p> <p>There is land to the rear of the hall that has potential to be developed. A feasibility study is currently being carried out as part of the Renaissance Market Town Initiative to outline the development possibilities of this area.</p>
14	Settle Town Hall, Settle	<p>This is a council chamber owned and maintained by CDC with the room permanently hired out for meeting purposes. The facility is in good condition with suitable disability access.</p> <p>The building is used for governance participation purposes only for parish council, town council and chamber meetings, operating via a formal booking policy through the Town Hall.</p>
9	Hellifield Institute, Hellifield	<p>This is an average sized facility with one main room and a smaller room tailored for playgroup use (although it is available for meetings and other activities). There is also a kitchen and storage rooms. The building complies with DDA requirements.</p> <p>The facilities are in very good condition. The heating is currently being updated to replace the existing system with double radiators. This has been as a result of a 'small projects grant' and donations from the play group.</p> <p>The Institute is well used with groups from all classes of the ACRE classifications.</p>
21	Giggleswick Parish Rooms, Penyghent	<p>This is an average sized facility with only one main hall, a meeting room (maximum capacity 25 people) and a kitchen area. The facilities are in adequate condition although the kitchen does require some refurbishment. The building will also require updating to meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>Nine groups regularly use the building including WI, mothers union, playgroup, and a dancing group (mainly class 1 and 4 in the ACRE classifications)</p> <p>There is a barn area, which is not currently used but has significant potential to be developed. The playgroup at</p>

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		the Hall is extremely keen to improve the facilities as they would like to provide better quality provision for the children. It would also be an ideal place for young people to meet as they currently meet at resident's property.
10	Long Preston Village Hall, Ribbleside	<p>This is an average sized facility with one main hall, snooker room and kitchen. The condition of the facilities is excellent with suitable requirements to meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>The Hall is used on a regular basis generating a healthy income together with fund raising. Users include the art class, playgroup, and WI as well as private events. The Committee is currently keen to develop a mother and toddler group.</p> <p>The snooker room requires an indoor toilet. There are also plans to move the entrance to this room to prevent damp.</p>

In addition to the above facilities there is a new build in Tosside, Wigglesworth which will be opening in July 2004. A feasibility study was undertaken in December 2001 as the community of Tosside had expressed concern about the condition of the existing village hall. Consultation highlighted that there was a need for the provision of adult education, for training and for the opportunity to use computers and the internet. The main recommendation resulting from this study was to build a new facility upon the existing Tosside Institute site to serve the community for the future. It will consist of a main hall, a meeting room and kitchen area as well as toilets and cloakroom area. This has not been included in the above table as it is a facility which is not currently operational.

Number of sites

There are eight halls in the area of which two are large and six are average sized. Out of a total population of (up to 1km for all facilities) of 14,918 in the area:

- ❑ 42% have access to a large facility within 1km.
- ❑ 58% have access to an average sized facility within 1km.
- ❑ 16% have access to a large facility within 5km (out of a total population of up to 5km).

This shows that almost half of residents have access to a large facility in the Settle sub area with the remaining having access to a medium sized facility. This again supports the maps outlined in the appendix, in that all residents have access to a community building.

Condition of buildings

The majority of buildings are either average or good quality with the exception of Clarks Old School and Settle Drill Hall. Clarks Old School is average condition but

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does require some renovating and access to the building is quite poor in terms of meeting with DDA legislation. Settle Drill Hall was also identified as being in poor condition but was in the process of being renovated during the site visit. Giggleswick Parish Rooms has unsuitable access to the first floor.

Use of buildings

Hellified Institute is the only building in the area which includes users from all five of the ACRE groupings. Victoria Hall and the Town Hall are sites that provide activities

in only one of the five groupings. The remaining buildings service activities that include governance and participation usage, those with a social interest and social support purposes and private events. Three village halls (Clarks Old School, Rathmell Reading Rooms and Settle Drill Hall) identified decreased or limited usage of the facilities and hence were keen to improve this. The management committee of Settle Drill Hall are keen to advertise the hall once it is fully completed to have maximum impact within the local community.

Table 6 : Settle sub area usage of buildings

Village hall	No. of rooms	No. of sessions used	No. of sessions used as % of total available use time	No. of regular user groups	No. of individuals using the building
Clarks Old School	1	5	28%	4	Not available
Rathmell Reading Rooms	2	6	33%	4	Not available
Settle Drill Hall	2	6	17%	5	Not available
Victoria Hall	5	Not available	Not available	4	Not available
Hellifield Institute	2	17	47%	16 (11 occasional)	Not available
Settle Town Hall	1	Information not available			80
Giggleswick Parish Rooms	2	13	36%	10	Not available
Long Preston Village Hall	3	9	17%	6	Not available

Gaps in service provision

The population table shows that the highest concentration of people (both over 55s and under 16s) are resident around the Drill Hall, Town Hall and Victoria Hall. These are the more prominent facilities in the area and hence will attract a larger catchment. As the Drill Hall is the only large major community facility in the area it is

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paramount that CDC invest in this facility to ensure that it is of good quality. It is important that this then caters for the differing age groups that live in the area.

Level of need/sustainability of stock

The village halls/community buildings in Settle are quite strategically spread in the area (see map, page 64) with Victoria Hall being the largest facility. There are, however, three facilities (Settle Town Hall, Drill Hall and Victoria Hall) which are

located within close proximity to each other. This therefore could be regarded as over provision but careful analysis of the facilities and services the buildings cater for show that this is not the case. For example Victoria Hall primarily operates as a theatre and does have meeting rooms available although these are currently used predominantly by businesses. The building was refurbished to provide a high quality community facility, as well as providing a theatre. Settle Town Hall's main function is

a chamber room with no community use, therefore the only suitable community facility is Settle Drill Hall. It being a large facility, should cater for the population surrounding itself and Victoria Hall. Settle Drill is also currently being upgraded to improve the condition of the building and once this is complete the Committee have aspirations to increase the number of users.

There are a number of smaller facilities such as Giggleswick Parish Rooms, and Clarks Old School. These are spread around the area and have smaller population catchments hence are catering for a more concentrated number of residents. These halls are well used considering the number of residents they are catering for. The buildings also require upgrade to meet forthcoming DDA legislation.

In comparison Hellifield Institute and Rathmell Reading Rooms, have larger catchments but have more facilities available to the residents.

Displacement

Settle Drill Hall is in the process of being developed but this should have little displacement impact on the remaining facilities in the area as they are catering for different user groups and catchments.

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Table 7: Settle population breakdown

Village Hall	Total population	Population up to 1 km			Population 1 to 5kms		
		U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s	U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s
Clarks Old School	1, 843	66	175	110	273	742	477
Giggleswick Parish Rooms	4, 679	709	1,597	1,295	192	542	344
Hellifield Institute	2, 525	275	745	443	193	526	343
Rathmell Reading Rooms	5, 127	146	414	368	824	1,946	1,429
Settle Drill Hall	4, 808	742	1,773	1,448	170	425	250
Settle Town Hall	5, 045	742	1,773	1,448	221	544	317
Victoria Hall	5, 045	802	1,876	1,493	161	441	272
Long Preston Village Hall	2,417	182	503	344	249	659	480

Summary of key issues

- There are a number of larger facilities in the Settle analysis area but only three (Settle Drill Hall, Victoria Hall and Long Preston Village Hall) which have a clear community function.
- A number of facilities require upgrade to meet DDA legislation.

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2.3.5 Skipton sub area

The following village halls service Skipton sub area:

- St Andrews Church Hall.
- Carleton Village Hall.
- Gargrave Village Hall.
- Draughton Village Hall.
- Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre.
- Richard Tottie Memorial Hall.
- Skipton Town Hall.
- Broughton Hall.
- Skipton Youth & Community Centre.
- Skipton Little Theatre.
- Embsay with Eastby Village Hall.
- West Marton Village Hall.
- Thornton in Craven Village Hall.

The table below summarises the size, quality, usage of the facilities as well as other important issues highlighted by the consultation.

Table 8: Summary of Skipton village halls

KKP ref	Village hall	Comments
11	St Andrews Church Hall, Skipton	<p>This is a large facility with a main hall, a primary room, a kitchen as well as an adjoining chapel. The building is in good condition with suitable disability access. Lack of adequate car parking spaces is an issue on occasions resulting in street parking which can be a nuisance.</p> <p>The hall funds itself through permanent hiring to CAB and MIND etc and the various other users including mothers and toddlers, karate, coffee mornings, and playgroup. The facilities are also available to hire for private parties therefore usage covers four of the five ACRE classifications excluding governance and participation.</p> <p>The Church Committee operate a positive discrimination policy whereby if MIND or similar organisations wish to use any of the rooms they are given priority over commercial or sports use.</p>
13	Carleton Village Hall, Carleton	<p>This is an average sized facility with a main hall, meeting room and kitchen as well as some storage space. The facilities are in very good condition and the building meets DDA legislation. A new kitchen has recently been installed which is to be decorated in the near future. The majority of funding came about through internal fundraising as well as a small amount of external funding.</p> <p>There is use of the facilities at least one session per day including social support groups and groups with a social</p>

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		interest. The facilities are also available to hire for private parties.
27	Gargrave Village Hall, Gargrave	<p>The Hall is a multi-purpose facility and includes a library and information centre in addition to the main hall, meeting room and two snooker rooms it houses. The facilities are in average condition with very good access for people with disabilities.</p> <p>The building is very well used by the local people and is seen as a vital focal point for the community.</p>
33	Draughton Village Hall, Bolton Abbey	<p>The one main hall and kitchen are well maintained facilities with suitable accessibility to meet DDA legislation. The Management Committee has recently applied for funding to extend the building to include more toilets, upgrade the kitchen and install a fire door. The Committee will also be undertaking some fundraising to polish the floor of the main hall.</p> <p>The facility is used for private events, groups with a social interest and for governance and participation purposes. It was identified by the representative that the facility is under used and could be promoted better to fully utilise the services available.</p>
41	Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre, Gargrave	<p>There is one main hall, which is currently being refurbished as well as the kitchen which is being extended. The main hall, for the use of the community, is being re-built at the rear of the existing building. When this re-opens there will be a separate computer suite, which will be available for use by the local community.</p> <p>A new management committee will take over the running of the Centre once it re-opens.</p> <p>The facility has suitable access for people with disabilities with a ramp and double doors.</p> <p>Presently the facility has minimal use due to the refurbishment as there is only the crèche, youth group and bingo club regularly hiring the hall. It is also available for private events.</p>
46	Richard Tottie Memorial Hall, Hellfield	<p>This is a small facility with one main hall, storage space and a basement. The facilities are in average condition although dry rot at the surface of the building is a minor issue. The Hall does not meet DDA requirements and would require some upgrade to include toilets and ramped access.</p> <p>There are approximately five regular users, all with a social interest.</p>
48	Skipton Town Hall, Skipton	<p>The Town Hall includes one main hall, an annex room, two social rooms and a kitchen and has recently been re-decorated after 30 years. The facilities are very well used with bookings in place until the end of 2005. Attempts are made to ensure that as many users as possible get the opportunity to book the facilities as lettings are not on a first come first serve basis.</p> <p>Almost all of the groups using the facilities are non-</p>

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		commercial with users within all five of the classifications identified by ACRE.
49	Broughton Hall, Skipton	This facility is in the process of being built at the Broughton Hall Business Park and will include a main hall, two meeting rooms a kitchen and shower and toilet facilities. It is anticipated that, once its completed in August, it will operate similar to a village hall and be available for businesses to hire as well as residents who live on the estate.
51	Skipton Youth and Community Centre, Skipton	<p>The Youth Centre is a large facility with one main hall, three classroom, three offices, a kitchen and coffee area. It meets with DDA legislation with automatic doors, ramped access and toilets for people with disabilities. Although the building is quite old, it is well decorated and maintained and is in good condition.</p> <p>The Centre is well used where the majority of users are local residents within Skipton. It is utilised every day of the week from within every classification identified by ACRE.</p> <p>The major issue which requires some attention is the lack of parking spaces. There are currently 35 spaces which is not enough for the level of usage.</p>
54	Skipton Little Theatre, Skipton	<p>There is one main hall which is used primarily as the theatre area as well as two dressing rooms and two store areas. The building is in average condition; the main problem areas is the leaking roof in the storage space, and the cracks in the wall which could be dangerous. It does also not meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>There is a core membership of approximately 25 people who perform in plays at the theatre. On average there are probably five plays taking place every year.</p>
55	Embsay with Eastby Village Hall, Embsay	<p>This is quite a large facility with one main hall, two meeting rooms and a kitchen. The facilities are in very good condition with suitable requirement to meet DDA requirements.</p> <p>It is used at least one session every day of the week with users ranging from class 1 (governance and participation) through to class 5 (private events).</p>
56	West Marton Village Institute, West Marton	<p>This is a relatively small facility consisting of only two meeting rooms and a kitchen. The condition of the facilities is average with some upgrading required to meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>It is used for meeting purposes only with some occasional band practice.</p>
36	Thornton in Craven Village Hall, Thornton in Craven	<p>The Village Hall is small with only one main room (maximum capacity 60 people) and a kitchen area on the ground floor. It is well maintained and of good quality. The building, however, does not conform to DDA legislation as there are no toilets for people with disabilities and the toilets that are available are accessible via stairs only.</p> <p>Users cover the five classes identified by ACRE including</p>

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		<p>WI, Mothers Union, education classes, and private parties. Consultation with the representative highlighted that there is a good cross section of residents from within the Village utilising the facility.</p> <p>The fire escape requires improvement as it is currently constructed of wood and is in poor state of repair. The Committee is investigating potential sources of funding for this.</p>
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Number of sites

There are 13 village halls in the area of which six are large, three are average sized and four are small. Out of a total population of (up to 1km for all facilities) of 60, 216 in the area:

- ❑ 71% have access to a large facility within 1km.
- ❑ 25% have access to an average sized facility within 1km.
- ❑ 53% have access to a large facility within 5km (out of a total population of up to 5km).

This shows that a third of residents have access to a large facility in the Skipton sub area with the remaining having access to either a medium sized or small facility. This again supports the maps outlined in the appendix, in that all residents have access to a community building.

Condition of buildings

The majority of the buildings are in good condition with some that are average quality. Specific issues have been highlighted by the Skipton Little Theatre whereby there are cracks in the wall and the storage space has a leaking roof. The Richard Tottie Memorial Hall is also experiencing maintenance difficulties specifically with reference to the dry rot in the building.

In addition to this a number of facilities have been highlighted as not meeting DDA requirements with specific reference to the access to the buildings. This is a particular issue for Richard Tottie Memorial Hall, Skipton Little Theatre, West Marton Village Hall and Thornton in Craven Village Hall.

Use of buildings

Four out of the five facilities (Skipton Town Hall, Gargrave Village Hall, the Youth and Community Centre and Embsay with Eastby Village Hall) all cater for the five ACRE groupings. In addition to this Thornton in Craven village hall, one of the smaller buildings, also caters for the five groupings. St Andrews Church Hall, also identified as a large facility, services four of the five classes excluding governance and participation. The smaller facilities at West Marton and Draughton provide activities in one or two of the groupings specifically private events and those with a social

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interest. The management committee of Draughton Hall also highlighted that the building was under used and could have improved marketing to increase the awareness and hence usage of it.

Table 9: Skipton sub area usage of buildings

Village hall	No. of rooms	No. of sessions used	No. of sessions used as % of total available use time	No. of regular user groups	No. of individuals using the building
St Andrews Church Hall	2	13	36%	11	Not available
Carleton Village Hall	2	8	22%	7	Not available
Gargrave Village Hall	4	Information not available			
Draughton Village Hall	1	5	28%	4	40-45
Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre	1	4	22%	4	Not available
Richard Tottie Memorial Hall	1	6	33%	6	Not available
Skipton Town Hall	4	13	18%	11	Not available
Broughton Hall	3	Information not available			
Skipton Youth and Community Centre	7	48	38%	27	Not available
Skipton Little Theatre	5	Information not available			
Embsay with Eastby Village Hall	3	20	37%	17	300-400
West Marton Village Institute	2	Information not available			
Thornton in Craven Village Hall	1	5	28%	4	50-70

Gaps in service provision

Skipton sub area has the highest concentration of population both under 16s and over 55s hence it is vital that there is a good spread of youth and community facilities to cater for these groups.

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There is a small area to the central-west of Skipton whereby residents do not have access to any walk-to facilities within 1km, but no need was identified and there are facilities that cover the 5km catchment.

Level of need/sustainability of stock

The consultation identified that the majority of facilities are being well used although there were none that highlighted they were operating at maximum capacity.

Analysis and consultation highlights that Skipton is well catered for in terms of village halls and general community buildings. There are five facilities (Skipton Youth and Community Centre, the Town Hall, St Andrews Church Hall, Greatwood and Horseclose Community Centre and the Little Theatre) which are in close proximity to each other (see map, page 66), but there seems to be little competition in attracting regular users.

The Community Centre and the Church Hall have the highest concentration of both under 16s and over 55s and appear to be attracting both these user groups to the facilities as they are both well utilised. The Town Hall is in a similar position but again this is used on a regular basis and is often booked in advance. If this is not available then the Community Centre, the Church Hall and the Theatre are available for the local community. Greatwood and Horseclose Community Centre provides more youth based activities and education provision, It will also incorporate Craven Housing and an ICT facility and so will be providing a vital service to the community.

Displacement

The development of Broughton Hall should have very little displacement effect on current levels of activity at other centres as it is located in a business park. It is anticipated that the majority of usage will arise from the local businesses and some from local residents. User levels will have to be monitored carefully once the facility is operating.

Lack of suitable car parking appears to be an issue within Skipton as well as a number of facilities requiring upgrades to meet DDA legislation.

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Table 10: Skipton population breakdown

Village Hall	Total population	Population up to 1 km			Population 1 to 5kms		
		U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s	U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s
Broughton Hall	12, 107	89	254	163	2,262	5,848	3,491
Carleton Village Hall	19,644	250	623	442	3,560	9,263	5,506
Draughton Village Hall	10,322	108	312	263	1,762	4,697	3,180
Embsay with eastby Village Hall	14,905	211	604	647	2,606	6,852	3,985
Gargrave Village Hall	2,550	335	855	845	95	252	168
Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre	2,872	333	832	813	177	450	267
Richard Tottie Memorial Hall	2,987	114	355	208	405	1,014	891
Skipton Little Theatre	19,618	2,246	5,866	3,478	1,491	3,931	2,606
Skipton Town Hall	19,052	2,366	6,319	3,865	1,262	3,162	2,078
Skipton Youth & Community Centre	19,161	2,426	6,590	4,005	1,227	2,955	1,958
St Andrews Church Hall	19,457	2,546	6,653	3,950	1,164	3,053	2,091
Thornton in Craven Village Hall	1,124	109	270	246	86	223	190
West Marton Village Hall	1,124	109	270	246	86	223	190

Summary of key issues

- Good spread of facilities within Skipton that are being well used.
- Lack of suitable car parking spaces surrounding some facilities.
- A number of facilities require renovating to meet DDA legislation.

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2.3.6 South Craven sub area

The following village halls service South Craven sub area:

- Sutton Village Hall.
- Glusburn Institute.
- The Parish Rooms.
- Lothersdale Village Clubhouse.
- Lothersdale Village Hall.
- Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.
- Cononley Institute.
- Cowling Village Hall.

The table below summarises the size, quality, usage of the facilities as well as other important issues highlighted by the consultation.

Table 11: Summary of South Craven village halls

KKP ref	Village hall	Comments
2	Sutton Village Hall, Sutton	<p>This facility is large with one main hall, two small meeting rooms and a kitchen. They are generally in good condition with suitable requirements to meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>It is well used with at least one session taking place every day. User groups include toddler groups, karate, line dancing, WI, and Mothers Union. The facilities are also available for private events and are quite popular with local residents.</p> <p>The building requires outdoor security gates and new doors. The heating is very poor and requires upgrading. The Committee is currently investigating potential sources of funding for this.</p>
18	Glusburn Institute, Glusburn	<p>The Institute is very large in comparison to other facilities in South Craven with two main halls and several meeting rooms. The Institute is currently under refurbishment although facilities are generally adequate.</p> <p>The majority of user groups are those with a social interest as well as private events. Consultation suggested that the facility is considered a strong focal point for the local community. The Institute has recently employed a development officer to increase the usage levels of the site. The management committee has aspirations to develop the building into an arts centre but with a clear community focus.</p>
30	The Parish Rooms, Aire Valley	<p>The building consists of two rooms, one upstairs and one downstairs. The facilities are in very good condition as they have recently been redecorated and generally conform to DDA requirements.</p> <p>There are users every day at the rooms covering all five</p>

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		of the classes identified by ACRE.
31	Lothersdale Village Clubhouse, Lothersdale	<p>The Clubhouse is average sized with one main room and kitchen on the ground floor and a snooker room on the first floor. The facilities are generally in good condition with the exception of the toilet which is below standard.</p> <p>The building is used at least one session per day and is considered to be well utilised in relation to the number of people resident in the village.</p> <p>There are plans to amalgamate the Lothersdale Village Hall and the Clubhouse into one community centre. The Village is at the very early stages of this proposal and the original developments for the Clubhouse have been sidelined until the outcome of this has been finalised.</p> <p>Initially the Clubhouse had plans to improve disabled access and include disabled toilets. This is an expensive process hence it could possibly be more cost efficient to amalgamate and become one centre.</p>
32	Lothersdale Village Hall, Lothersdale	<p>This facility includes one main hall and a small kitchen area. The general condition of the building is poor, not conforming to DDA requirements. The Committee is in the process of developing plans to include toilets for people with disabilities and generally make the building more appealing. It is currently not being used at capacity and does lose custom due to the condition of it.</p> <p>Presently users include table tennis, luncheon clubs, craft fairs, mother and toddler groups, and private functions.</p>
37	Kildwick Farnhill Institute, Kildwick	<p>The Institute is large with one main hall, cloakroom, supper room, office and kitchen. It also includes a post office. The facilities are in good condition as they have recently been refurbished. The building does meet DDA legislation.</p> <p>User groups do come from quite a wide catchment with some even from Embsay in Skipton. The facility is well used and it is anticipated that this will increase once all refurbishment has been completed.</p>
38	Cononley Institute, Cononley	<p>This is an average sized facility with one main hall, a smaller meeting room and a kitchen. The facility is in good condition and conforms to DDA requirements. The Committee is in the process of applying for funds to replace the windows.</p> <p>The facility is well used with the main users being resident within the village. The bookings, as well as fundraising events, generate a viable income which is then used for continuing maintenance costs. User groups cover all the five classes identified by ACRE.</p>
40	Cowling Village Hall, Cowling	<p>Structurally the Hall is sound but the internal facilities are in a state of disrepair. The roof is leaking and as a result the first floor hall is not used. The kitchen is also in a particularly bad state of repair.</p> <p>As a result of the poor condition of the facilities, there are only four regular users which do not generate enough income to sustain the building.</p>

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		Cowling Village as a whole is undertaking a buildings audit as there are two other buildings in addition to the Village Hall. The Village Hall will either be renovated or demolished depending on this audit.
60	Bradley Village Hall, Bradleys Both	This hall did not respond to the survey.

Number of sites

There are eight village halls in the area of which three are large, four are average sized and one is small. Out of a total population of (up to 1km for all facilities) of 27,696 in the area:

- 64% have access to a large facility within 1km.
- 27% have access to an average sized facility within 1km.
- 28% have access to a large facility within 5km (out of a total population of up to 5km).

This shows that over half of residents have access to a large facility in the South Craven sub area with the remaining having access to either a medium sized or small facility. This again supports the maps outlined in the appendix, in that all residents have access to a community building.

Condition of buildings

The majority of the buildings in the area are either of average or good condition. This is with exception of Lothersdale Village Hall and Cowling Village Hall, both of which have been identified as in poor condition. Cowling Village Hall is a particularly deteriorating building and the audit that is to be undertaken within the village, generally will determine the future of it. Lothersdale Village Hall, as well as being in poor condition, does not meet with DDA requirements. This is similar to the other community facility in Lothersdale, the Clubhouse which does require improved access to the building.

Use of buildings

Two of the larger facilities (Sutton Village Hall and Kildwick Farnhill Institute) provide activities that cover the five classes identified by ACRE. Glusburn Institute could also achieve this, with the employment of the development officer, as at the moment it is providing services within the social interest and private event groupings.

A number of the average sized facilities (The Parish Rooms and the Cononley Institute) also cater for the five ACRE classes. The remaining buildings provide activities mainly for groups with a social interest, social support and for private events.

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Table 12: South Craven sub area usage of buildings

Village hall	No. of rooms	No. of sessions used	No. of sessions used as % of total available use time	No. of regular user groups	No. of individuals using the building
Sutton Village Hall	2	13	36%	9	Not available
Glusburn Institute	7	18	14%	9	200 – 400
The Parish Rooms	2	23	64%	12	100 – 200
Lothersdale Village Clubhouse	2	21	58%	13	150 – 200
Lothersdale Village Hall	1	12	67%	10	100 – 150
Kildwick and Farnhill Institute	3	8	15%	7	80 - 100
Cononley Institute	2	12	33%	8	80 – 100
Cowling Village Hall	3	Not available		4	Not available

Gaps in service provision

The largest catchments surround Glusburn Institute and Sutton Village Hall which are two of the major facilities in the area. Sutton Village Hall is a well used facility by all sections of the community. Glusburn Institute, on the other hand, is a building that has employed a development officer to improve the level of usage and provide a wider variety of services. This should then cater for any gaps in provision.

Level of need/sustainability of stock

There is a good spread of village halls in the South Craven sub area (please refer to map, page 68). With a 5km catchment, the map highlights that all residents have access to a community building and the majority of facilities generally appear to be well used and sustainable. Glusburn Institute and Sutton Village Hall are located within close proximity to each other but, both facilities, have the highest population catchment surrounding them and hence attract enough users to sustain the buildings.

Lothersdale Village Hall has a low number of users due to the condition of the facility whereas the Clubhouse has a strong core user group. It may be more practical to amalgamate the two buildings to alleviate some of the difficulties experienced by both.

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Displacement

It is unlikely that developments at Cowling Village Hall will have any impact on the remaining facilities in the South Craven area as it is located in the far south of the region and is not in close proximity to any other facility. Similar to this, the amalgamation of the two facilities at Lothersdale, into a larger building would have little negative impact on the remaining buildings as it would be catering for a specific catchment.

Table 13: South Craven population breakdown

Village Hall	Total population	Population up to 1 km			Population 1 to 5kms		
		U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s	U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s
Cononley Institute	24, 239	321	821	597	4,494	11,574	6,432
Cowling Village Hall	11,329	467	1,136	493	1,806	4,694	2,733
Glusburn Institute	12,461	1,459	3,804	2,297	1,036	2,510	1,355
Kildwick & Farnhill Institute	14,176	509	1,378	806	2,431	5,793	3,259
Lothersdale Village Clubhouse	6,492	205	446	184	1,149	2,861	1,647
Lothersdale Village Hall	10,800	366	874	400	1,750	4,465	2,945
Sutton Village Hall	12,126	1,422	3,734	2,233	991	2,405	1,341
The Parish Rooms	12,719	668	1,850	1,226	1, 894	4,601	2,480

Summary of key issues

- ❑ Possibility of amalgamating Lothersdale Village and Lothersdale Village Clubhouse as the two facilities both have issues which could be resolved if this occurred.
- ❑ Cowling Village Hall is currently in poor condition and hence under used. A buildings audit is being undertaken which will decide the future of the Hall.
- ❑ Glusburn Institute has employed a development officer to increase the awareness of the services available.

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2.3.7 Yorkshire Dales National Park

The following village halls service the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP):

- Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall.
- Langcliffe Village Institute.
- Airton Methodist Church.
- Buckden Village Institute.
- Kirby Malham Hall.
- Anderton Memorial Institute.
- Amerdale Hall.
- Cracoe Village Hall.
- The Ibbotson Institute.
- Appletreewick Village Hall.
- Bolton Abbey Village Hall.
- Horton -in-Ribblesdale Village Hall.
- Grassington Devonshire Institute.
- Kettlewell Village Hall.
- Malham Village Hall.
- Methodist Church Hall – Hetton.
- Halton Gill Reading Room.
- Burnsall Village Hall.
- Threshfield Village Institute.
- Stainforth Village Hall.

The table below summarises the size, quality, usage of the facilities as well as other important issues highlighted by the consultation.

Table 14: Summary of Yorkshire Dales National Park village halls

KKP ref	Village hall	Comments
1	Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall, Upper Wharfedale	<p>This is an average sized facility with one main hall, a small office, snooker room and kitchen. The condition of the facilities is good with suitable requirements to meet DDA legislation.</p> <p>There are regular users such as the Conservative Association, the Agricultural Society (hiring out the office), and villagers hire the facilities for parties and coffee mornings. Majority of usage surrounds social support and private events. The college also utilise the facilities for field studies including overnight stays.</p> <p>The Committee have to undertake additional fundraising for the continuing upkeep of the building.</p>
7	Langcliffe Village Institute, Settle	<p>The Institute is quite large consisting of a main hall, meeting room, large snooker room and a kitchen. The facilities are in good condition with suitable requirements to meet DDA legislation.</p>

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		<p>The facility is well used, generating a good income, with regular users both with social interests and social support purposes. It is also available for private events with a regular influx of parties. Governance and participation activities also take place such as jumble sales and concerts.</p>
8	Airton Methodist Church, Airton	<p>The Church is a small facility with only one main hall for hire purposes. This is in good condition although the building as a whole does require upgrade to meet with DDA requirements. Plans have been developed to build toilets for people with disabilities at the existing porch site as well as installing a hearing aid loop across the Church. Funding, however, is required to move forward with these plans.</p> <p>The usage of the hall has decreased significantly over the last 20 years therefore the building is not used to its maximum capacity. Presently only Parish meetings and local elections (class1) are regular users of the facility. The heating within the building requires improvement, as the electric bars are not efficient.</p>
12	Buckden Village Institute, Upper Wharfedale	<p>The Institute includes one main hall, a small meeting room and a kitchen. The facilities are in excellent condition as they are well maintained. The building complies with DDA legislation.</p> <p>It is considered to be a well used facility by the local residents with users in all of the five classes identified by ACRE. Main fundraising events include the annual Christmas dance and the gala dance every June.</p>
15	Kirby Malham Hall, Kirby Malham	<p>This is an average sized facility with one main hall, a smaller room which can be used as a dining area and a kitchen. The facilities are in good condition with suitable adjustments to meet DDA legislation.</p> <p>The facilities are relatively well used although additional fundraising is needed as the income generated from bookings is not enough to sustain the upkeep of the building. The majority if usage is via groups with a social interest or for a social support purpose</p>
16	Anderton Memorial Institute, Grassington	<p>This is a small building with one main hall, a kitchen and toilets. The site meets with DDA legislation. The condition of the facilities is excellent with exception of the kitchen which does require updating.</p> <p>The facilities are relatively well used, primarily from groups with a social interest. It is also let out for private parties.</p>
17	Amerdale Hall, Upper Wharfedale	<p>This is an average sized facility with one main hall, a small meeting room and a kitchen area. The facilities are in good condition.</p> <p>There are plans to improve the accessibility and for the facility to include toilets for people with disabilities.</p>
19	Cracoe Village Hall, Cracoe	<p>The building is average sized including a main hall, an annex room, kitchen and cloakroom. The facilities are in very good condition with suitable accessibility and necessary requirements to meet with DDA legislation.</p> <p>It is used on a regular basis, generating a viable income.</p>

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		<p>Users include youth groups, WI, bowls and table tennis clubs, and school use, covering essentially four of the five classes, apart from governance and participation, identified by ACRE.</p> <p>The Village Hall has land outside the main area, which is used as marquee area for weddings and functions etc. This area is quite uneven and the drainage is poor. Both issues need addressing.</p>
28	The Ibbotson Institute, Grassington	<p>This is a small facility with only one main hall and a kitchen and is generally in good condition.</p> <p>There are approximately three regular users with a social interest and it is also available for private parties. Unfortunately the facility is not being used at or near capacity and is free some days throughout the week.</p> <p>There is additional land at the side of the building where the Committee has aspirations to build a ramp to improve access.</p>
29	Appletreewick Village Hall, Bolton Abbey	<p>There is only one main hall and a small kitchen area on the stage. The facilities are in average condition although they are not fully accessible and do require upgrading to meet with DDA requirements. The Committee is in the process of fundraising to renovate the toilets in particular as they are quite old.</p> <p>Usage is reflective of the small population of the village and in this respect is utilised as much as possible, User groups include theatre rehearsals, coffee mornings, and community events.</p>
34	Bolton Abbey Village Hall, Bolton Abbey	<p>This facility has recently been refurbished with a grant received from the Community Fund. It is, therefore, in very good condition. There is one main hall, an adjacent smaller room and a kitchen with a bar and storage space. The facility fully conforms to DDA legislation.</p> <p>It is a popular facility and hence is well used. User groups range from WI, to meetings by the National Park, to private parties covering all the five classes identified by ACRE. Due to the level of usage, the hall generates a viable income which is used for the continuing maintenance of the building.</p>
35	Horton in Ribblesdale Village Hall, Penyghent	<p>The facility includes one main hall and a kitchen area. These are well maintained and in good condition. There is ramped access to the building but no toilets for people with disabilities.</p> <p>The Hall is well used predominantly by residents from within the parish. User groups include WI, craft class, elderly luncheon club, and the parish meetings. Fundraising events are also held to increase the income for the hall.</p>
39	Grassington Devonshire Institute, Grassington	<p>The Institute is quite large with one main hall, three additional rooms, as well as a snooker room and kitchen. It is in very good condition with all the rooms being fully accessible and conforming to DDA legislation.</p> <p>There are 12 regular users covering all the five ACRE classes. A viable income is generated from these bookings</p>

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		which is then used for the continuing maintenance costs.
42	Kettlewell Village Hall, Upper Wharfedale	<p>The building includes a main hall, a social room and kitchen with a bar. The general condition of the facilities at the Hall are good. The Committee is looking to improve the storage space at the Hall. The chairs are currently stacked in the main hall, which is not ideal. It is also investigating possible grants for a new roof over the toilets. The building conforms to DDA guidelines.</p> <p>It is a well used facility with approximately eight regular users, primarily groups with a social interest or those with a social purpose. There are also some private events.</p>
44	Malham Village Hall, Malham	<p>There is one main hall, a kitchen and a social room on the first floor. The facilities are in average condition although the building does not conform to DDA requirements.</p> <p>The facility is well used with users including WI, parish meetings, toddler groups, and singing groups. The majority of the use is those with a social interest with some governance and participation class users.</p>
45	Methodist Church Hall – Hetton	<p>The hall and the kitchen are adjacent to the church and are of average condition. A year ago the Committee received funding to extend the building to include the kitchen and toilets for people with disabilities.</p> <p>There are four regular users who are mainly users with a social benefit and interest (i.e. Craven College, Hetton Parish, Sunday School and Saturday Prayer Group). It could, however, be used more frequently.</p>
50	Burnsall Village Hall, Burnsall	This is an average sized facility with one main hall and a social room. The facilities are of average condition and are well used by the local community.
58	Threshfield Village Institute, Grassington	<p>The Institute is quite small with only one main hall and a kitchen with the condition of them being relatively good. The building meets with DDA legislation with toilets for the disabled and ramped access.</p> <p>It is well used in relation to the facilities that it caters for with WI meetings, line dancing, whist drives, and private parties taking place (class 3, 4 and 5 in the ACRE groupings).</p>
57	Stainforth Village Hall, Penyghent	Stainforth Village Hall consists of one main hall and a kitchen. There are no disabled toilets although there is ramped access to the building. It is a small facility and caters for a very small catchment. This is reflective in the number of regular users which are only four including the parish council, and the local church. The facility is well used by the local residents for parties and private events.

Number of sites

There are 20 village halls in the area of which two are large, ten are average sized and eight are small. Out of a total population of (up to 1km for all facilities) of 14,289 in the area:

- 28% have access to a large facility within 1 km.

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- 24% have access to an average sized facility within 1km.
- 17% have access to a large facility within 5km (out of a total population of up to 5km).

This shows that over a quarter of residents have access to a large facility in the YDNP sub area with the remaining having access to either a medium sized or small facility. This again supports the maps outlined in the appendix, in that all residents have access to a community building.

Condition of buildings

The majority of the buildings have been rated generally as either in very good, good or average condition. A number have highlighted specific issues that do require

improvement or development. For example the kitchen at Anderton Memorial Institute does require updating and Kettlewell Village Hall are investigating possible ways of improving the storage space.

There are a number of facilities that do require improvements to comply with DDA legislation. This is primarily with regards to improving access to the buildings at Ibbotson, Apptreewick and Malham.

Use of buildings

It is apparent that the buildings have a wide varying use with the larger village halls, and some of the average sized halls, servicing activities within all five of the ACRE classes. The facilities are well used with exception of the Ibbotson Institute. Consultation suggested that the facility is not used to maximum capacity and on some days it is left unopened due to lack of users. Airton Methodist Church has also experienced decreased usage and currently only has users from within one class identified by ACRE; i.e. governance and participation.

Table 15: YDNP usage of buildings

Village hall	No. of rooms	No. of sessions used	No. of sessions used as % of total available use time	No. of regular user groups	No. of individuals using the building
Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall	3	6	11%	6	Not available
Langcliffe Village Hall	3	9	17%	9	Not available
Airton Methodist Church	1	3	17%	3	Not available
Buckden	2	9	50%	9	Not available

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Village Institute					
Kirby Malham Hall	1	8	44%	4	40 – 50
Anderton Memorial Institute	1	4	22%	4	20 – 30
Ammerdale Hall	2	Information not available			
Cracoe Village Hall	1	18	100%	13	Not available
The Ibbotson Institute	1	Information not available			
Appletreewick Village Hall	1	Information not available			
Bolton Abbey Village Hall	2	13	36%	13	Not available
Horton – in – Ribblesdale Village Hall	1	7	39%	7	70 – 80
Grassington Devonshire Institute	5	Information not available		12	Not available
Kettlewell Village Hall	3	14	26%	9	Not available
Malham Village Hall	2	7	39%	7	Not available
Methodist Church Hall – Hetton	1	5	28%	5	Not available
Halton Gill Reading Room	1	Information not available			
Burnsall Village Hall	2	Information not available			
Threshfield Village Institute	1	Information not available			
Stainforth Village Hall	1	Information not available			

Gaps in service provision

There is probably more of an ageing population in the YDNP in comparison to other areas and the facilities appear to cater for this sector. The largest population catchment surrounds the Grassington Devonshire Institute which incidentally is also the largest facility.

Level of need/sustainability of stock

The table overleaf highlights the sparseness of the population within the YDNP. This is also reflective of the size of the majority of the village hall buildings in the area – they are either small or average sized. The largest facility is the Grassington

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Devonshire Institute which incidentally also has the largest population catchment. It is well used which is the case for the majority of the village halls; they are well utilised in relation to the number of people and age of population they are catering for.

There are a small selection of facilities that are struggling to meet the costs of maintenance. One such facility is Airton Methodist Church which has experienced decreased usage and the Ibbotson Institute which also is vacant on some days.

The map on page 70 shows that the far north of the YDNP has no village halls. Even with 5km catchments there are areas that have been identified as having no provision. Further investigation needs to be carried out by CDC to determine whether there is a need for additional facilities. Due to the low population in this area there may not actually be a need.

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Table 16: YDNP population breakdown

Village Hall	Total population	Population up to 1 km			Population 1 to 5kms		
		U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s	U 16s	16 - 55s	Over 55s
Airton Methodist Church	1,104	114	315	215	100	228	132
Amerdale Hall	460	32	59	47	39	172	111
Anderton Memorial Institute	3,024	247	627	616	235	639	660
Appletreewick Village Hall	589	97	202	129	27	89	45
Bolton Abbey Village Hall	857	114	237	103	77	171	155
Buckden Village Institute	322	24	82	80	15	90	31
Burnsall Village Hall	2,576	171	434	272	255	668	776
Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall	2,252	16	59	40	326	825	986
Cracoe Village Hall	2,187	59	147	92	277	772	840
Grassington Devonshire Institute	2,902	349	887	1,041	105	321	199
Halton Gill Reading Room	339	41	79	33	24	82	80
Horton -in- Ribblesdale Village Hall	1,004	84	253	161	82	249	175
Kettlewell Village Hall	575	39	172	111	48	118	87
Kirby Malham Hall	644	45	100	57	69	215	158
Langcliffe Village Institute	4,650	329	761	653	563	1,357	987
Malham Village Hall	794	101	219	109	54	194	117
Methodist Church Hall - Hetton	1,132	77	225	146	125	316	243
The Ibbotson Institute	4,413	123	356	239	352	870	905
Threshfield Village Institute	2,845	742	1,773	1,448	170	425	250
Stainforth Village Hall	2,902	161	389	244	680	1,610	1,329

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Summary of key issues

- ❑ The majority of facilities in the area are either small or average sized reflecting the sparseness of the population they are catering for.
- ❑ A number of facilities require renovation to comply with DDA legislation.
- ❑ A small number of facilities are struggling to meet the revenue costs of the buildings.

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2.3.8 Community use of school sites

As previously highlighted in section two there are a number of school sites that have community use agreements attached to them. These include the following:

- ❑ Malsis School – four badminton court facility. The local community considers it to be a well-used facility. Seasonal bookings affect the level of usage, which is quite high in Easter due to pre-season training by cricket clubs
- ❑ Aireville County Secondary School – two one badminton court facilities. The gyms are available for community use and it is felt that they are utilised to their maximum potential by the local community (e.g. sports clubs, drama, Indian weddings, festivals, car boot sales).
- ❑ Settle High and Middle School – one badminton court facility at each school. They are of adequate quality and are well used by the local community and sports clubs.
- ❑ South Craven School – one four badminton court facility and one single badminton court hall. Both halls are well used by local sports clubs and keep fit classes. In particular the larger sports hall bookings are at capacity each week.
- ❑ Upper Wharfedale School – one badminton court sports hall. This facility is available for community use although a larger facility will be made available in the near future which will have the potential for substantially increased community use.

In addition to the above it is anticipated that any proposed developments will have a community use agreement attached to them.

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PART 3: SPORT SPECIFIC FINDINGS

The following sports clubs are considered in the context of both their developmental and facility requirements. The assessment does not reflect all sports played in the District. The following sports have been identified because it is understood that the development of opportunities to participate in them is being significantly inhibited by facility related issues. Every attempt has been made to consult as many clubs as possible, either by telephone/face to face consultation or via questionnaires. The summaries below refer to those clubs that responded.

3.1 Table tennis

Table tennis is a popular and emerging sport in Craven as people of all ages and levels can participate with need for very little formal structure. There is a number of smaller clubs that currently utilise local village halls and community centres and generally find the facilities adequate for their needs.

Table tennis coaching is being undertaken at CCSC involving 12 people at each of the two sessions. These have been organised by ETTA accredited coaches. Consultation highlights the fact that table tennis is a popular sport in Craven and is growing. Facilities, however, are hindering further development in the District. The facilities at CCSC can only cater for four tables whereas the sessions could accommodate up to six tables.

Table tennis tournaments are often held in Yorkshire. Unfortunately there are no suitable facilities in the Craven area hence these are held at Oak Bank School in Keighley. Ideally the tournaments would prefer to be held at Aireville School but the school gymnasium is not large enough. A tournament is also being held at Ilkley Tennis Club in August. This is a superb venue as there are six indoor courts where a huge number of table tennis tables can be placed. Hopefully this event will be used to attract more junior girls to get involved.

There are also aspirations to encourage players in the Settle area, which would be more straightforward if there was access to a four-court sports hall in that area. In addition to this the sessions would require support from more volunteers.

3.2 Squash

There is only one squash club in Craven, the Skipton Squash Club. It currently fields four teams playing the Bradford Metro League. The Club is based at CCSC where there are two hard-backed courts and two glass-backed squash courts. All four courts are of good quality and the two glass courts are considered to be the best in Yorkshire.

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The Club has strong links with England Squash and has received its Bronze Award as it has achieved certain standards in coaching and first aid. It is currently working towards the Silver Award.

Ideally the Club would like some form of recreation area where members could socialise with away teams. Such a facility is not currently available at CCSC.

3.3 Gymnastics

Craven Gymnastics Club is the single gymnastics club in the area. It has been established for over 20 years and currently has a membership of 120 gymnasts ranging from 5 to 16 years. The majority of members are female as there are no adequate facilities to continue to train after the age of 10 as this requires larger facilities and more equipment. Membership at the Club is currently stable although consultation highlighted that this could increase significantly if it had access to better quality facilities (there is currently a waiting list of over 100 juniors).

The Club currently has a base at Aireville School with access to one of the gymnasias at the School. The facility itself is relatively good quality and is the only suitable site in the area. There is, however, a shortage of space at the School and ideally the Club require an additional hall. This would enable it to cater for a proportion of the people on the waiting list. In addition to space, the Club is in urgent need of equipment such as floor mats, crash mats, beams and specific equipment for male gymnasts such as high rings and high bars.

3.4 Indoor bowls

There is a number of small, informal indoor bowls clubs as well as some playing in formal leagues, in Craven. The clubs tend to utilise local facilities available in the village halls or community centres. Generally, consultation highlighted no specific issues with the majority of clubs satisfied with the condition of facilities.

3.5 Martial arts

There are two martial arts clubs operating in Craven, the Shukokai Karate Centre (in Skipton) and Wado-Kai Karate Club (based at Settle High School and Bentham Community Centre), both of which have been established for over 10 years. The clubs are currently utilising facilities at schools and are satisfied with the overall quality and availability of them.

3.6 Badminton

Ingleton Badminton Club identified specific latent demand. This Club was established 22 years ago and currently fields four teams playing in the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Badminton League. The Club also has a specific junior evening, which consists of approximately 18 juniors training on Wednesday evening. Members

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currently play at Ingleton Community Centre, which includes a one-badminton court facility. This restricts the number of tables that can be placed in the hall, which in turn means that many players have to wait for periods of time for a table to be free. This is having a negative impact on the number of juniors wanting to join the Club. A larger hall either two or three badminton court would mean that more members are able to play at the same time hence it would make a difference in terms of recruiting and retaining players. Occasionally the Club will hire the hall at Giggleswick School but this is considered to be too expensive to use more frequently.

St Andrews Badminton Club play at Malsis School in Glusburn with a current membership of approximately 24 people including three juniors. Generally the Club is experiencing decreasing membership as not many schools encourage young people to partake in the sport. The facilities at the School are in good condition although club members do not have access to ancillary facilities. The only minor problem is the build up of condensation in the hall due to no heating being turned on. This can make the surface unplayable at times.

Craven U3A Table Tennis Club are based at Skipton Youth and Community Centre and currently have a membership of 56 players. The Club consists of predominantly retired people. The facilities at the Community Centre are adequate for the Club's needs.

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PART 4: SUMMARY OF SHORTFALL AND LATENT DEMAND

4.1.1 Summary of issues from the provision section

- Need for a new four badminton court sports hall in the District, specifically in Skipton and Settle.
- Demand for a climbing wall facility to be located in Skipton in conjunction with Aireville School and Craven College and the Skipton Renaissance Initiative.

4.1.2 Summary of key issues from the village halls section

There is a good network of village halls in the District, which support and provide indoor sports facilities and 'hubs' for the local community. The majority will cater for the immediate locality as well as some which attract a wider catchment. The management committees of the buildings appear to be well structured and capable with some even applying for external funding to improve and extend the facilities.

There is a good strategic spread of village halls although there are some facilities that are located in close proximity to each other. Where this occurs, mostly the halls are catering for different user groups, and therefore are not in competition with each other. There are, however, a few cases of over provision in the District. In such cases the facilities are struggling to attract users and hence find it difficult to continue with the maintenance costs.

Although evidence gathered on usage rates is limited, in general the majority of village halls are well-used and often operate at capacity although there is a minority that require assistance to either improve facilities to encourage more people to hire them or to increase the awareness of the village hall in the area and to improve usage. The larger facilities appear to cater for activities in all five of the ACRE classes. There are also several facilities that require upgrading to meet with DDA legislation. A need has been identified for additional facilities at Ingleton, specifically with reference to the Community Centre.

It is important to note that village halls cannot be expected to meet the demand for high quality indoor sports halls. It is also vital that any new four badminton court facility is managed in such a way as to complement the smaller village halls.

4.1.3 Summary of issues from the sports specific section

- Demand for a sports hall both in the Settle and Skipton area.
- Demand for improved provision for gymnastics i.e. a larger sports hall than single badminton court facility available at Aireville School.

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4.2 Facilities Planning Model (FPM)

The Facilities Planning Model (FPM) has been developed as a planning tool to inform the process of deciding if and where major new community sports facilities are needed. It provides an objective assessment of the relationship between the likely demand for sports facilities and the current or proposed supply of them in specific areas. Sport England ran the FPM in Yorkshire and Humberside in 1999 to:

- Assess sports hall provision (covering minimum. of. three badminton courts) in North Yorkshire.
- Provide guidance on gaps in existing provision and indicate priorities for investment.

In the context of Craven, the results of the FPM are of limited value as it includes a large number of halls, which are less than three badminton courts, but which nonetheless contribute significantly to the provision of sporting activity in the area. The FPM is adequate as a reference point but excludes certain variables such as accessibility, quality and latent demand of facilities, which are all vital in determining the provision within areas. The FPM does, however, provide an indication of unmet demand for sports halls in Craven.

The results are as follows:

The model 'compares' supply and demand. Within the county, of North Yorkshire, as a whole has a level of satisfied demand below the national average but this hides significant differences between districts. In Craven it is just under one sports hall unit (0.6 – one sports hall unit is equal to four badminton courts and has a capacity of 880 visits per week in the peak period).

Craven has virtually no unmet demand within catchment areas (facilities are big enough to accommodate all the visits in the catchment areas). There is, however, a high percentage (85%) of unmet demand outside catchment areas (facilities are beyond the defined acceptable travel time limit) although, according to the FPM, this does not amount to enough demand for an additional sports hall.

The model can identify the extent to which there is spare capacity remaining at any site during the peak period. The amount of spare capacity varies considerably within the County of North Yorkshire, with Craven showing the least amount at 400 visits (17%). The model can also identify which locations, if any, have sufficient unmet demand to justify additional provision. In the County there are few locations showing any significant concentrations of unmet demand and none where this amounts to an additional sports hall.

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Improving access to indoor sports halls

The analysis is able to identify the extent to which the population of England lives within 15 minutes by road of any sports hall. This information has been aggregated at district level, allowing a comparison across the country. Two priority categories have been identified of which only one applies to Craven:

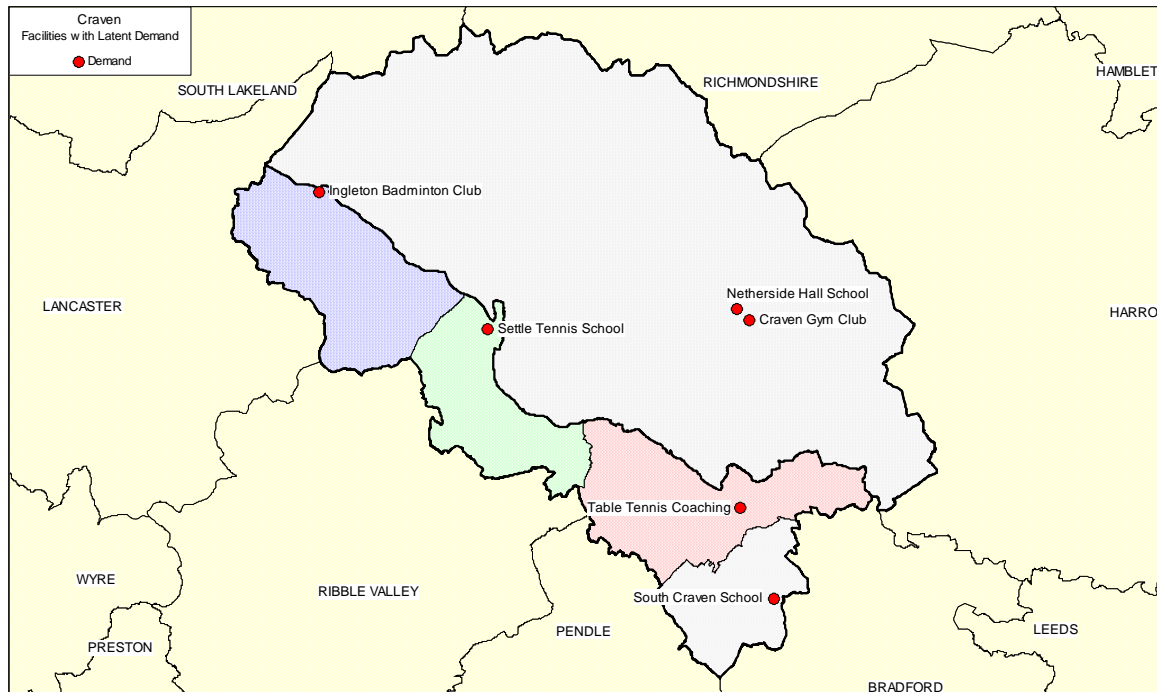
'Where there is in excess of 10, 000 (but less than 20, 000) people from the resident population of a district outside the 15 minute catchment area of any sports hall and where this total is at least 10% of the district population'.

There is a large proportion of the population outside of the catchments but this is too dispersed to justify any further development.

There are no nationally significant gaps in provision in North Yorkshire, with no locations in the county having high development potential. Because of the rural nature of much of the county with a widely dispersed population (e.g. Craven) and few substantial towns and cities, a considerable amount of the unmet demand falls outside the catchment area of existing facilities.

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Map 1: Specific latent demand within Craven

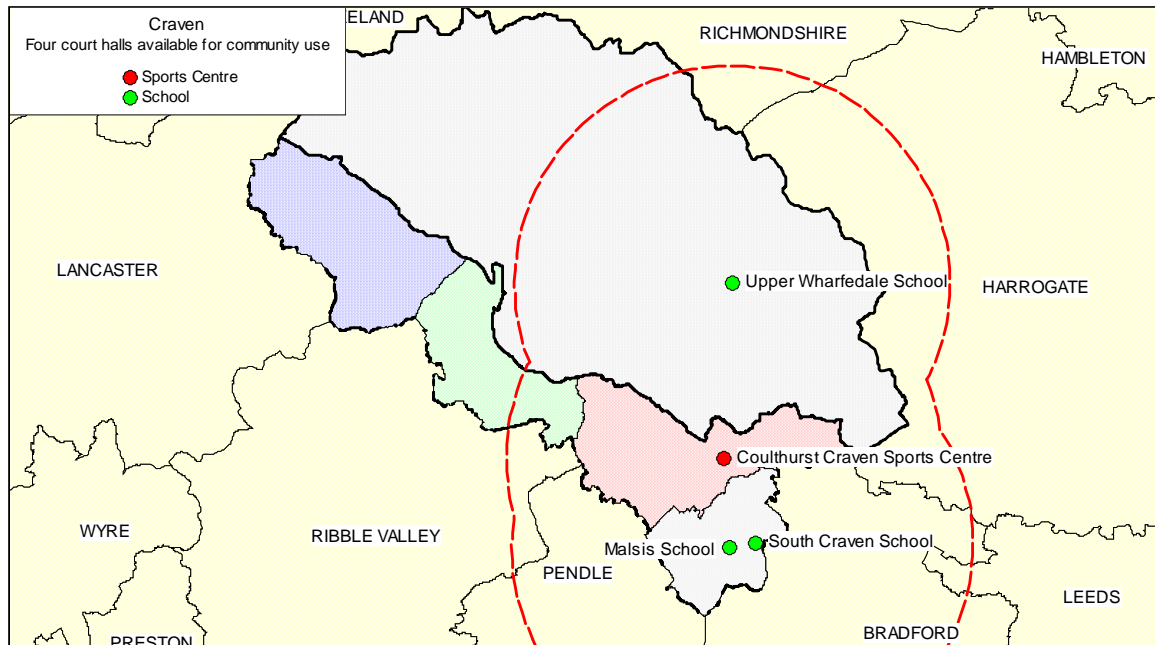


The above shows the specific latent demand in Craven from the consultation that was undertaken. It shows that there is some unmet demand for sports hall provision in the area. Due to the sparse nature of the District it is difficult to justify where specifically to locate a new hall.

It is important to note that some of the demand highlighted by Netherside Hall School will be met when the sports hall at Upper Wharfedale School is built. With a clear community focus the hall will be available for schools in the vicinity one of which is Netherside Hall.

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Map 2: Four badminton court halls in Craven that are available for community use

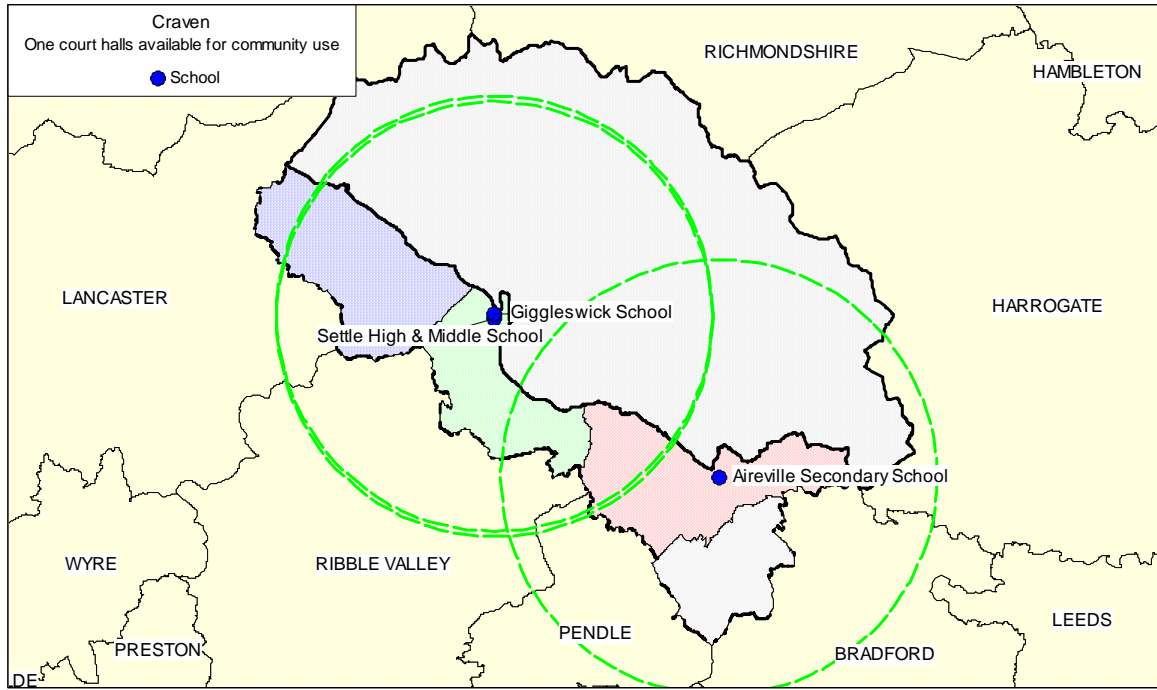


The above map shows where the current four badminton-court sites are situated in Craven, with a 16km (ten-mile catchment, note that South Craven has two facilities). It is quite apparent that the north of Craven is poorly served. This is an area where some specific latent demand has been identified. There are, however, a number of proposed developments taking place in the north Craven area (i.e. Giggleswick School, the Healthy Living Centre, which will both have some element of community use attached to them) which, if they went ahead, would cater for this.

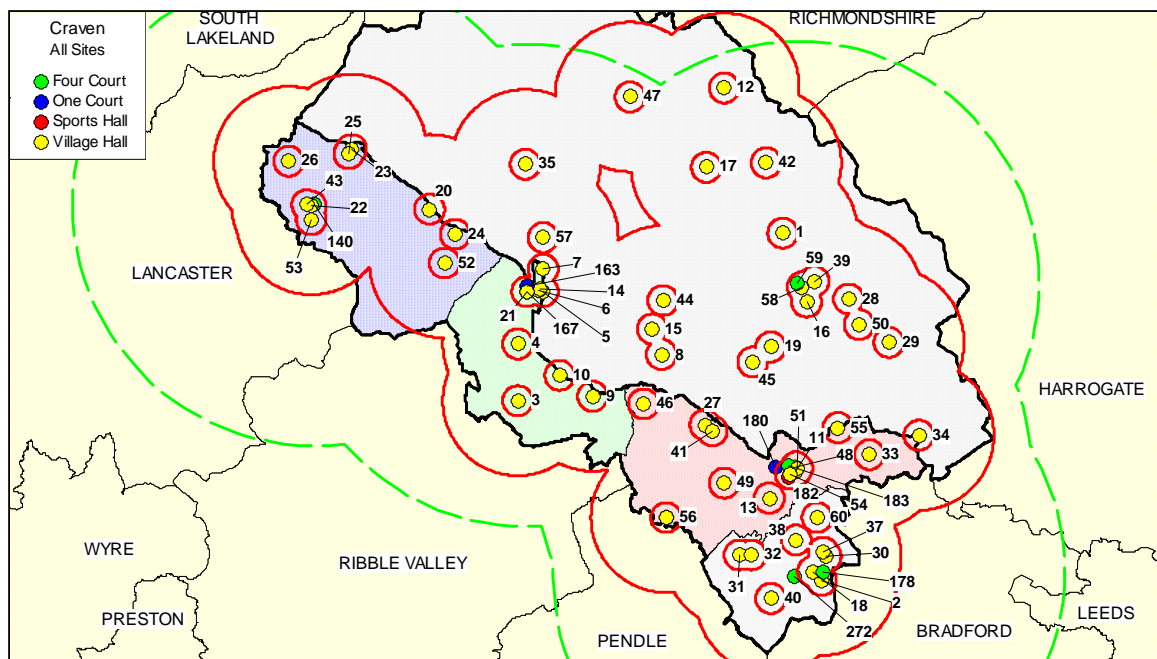
The map overleaf highlights that there are one-court facilities available for community use in the north of Craven. One-court facilities are however, extremely limited in terms of the range of activities that can be carried out in them.

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Map 3: One badminton-court halls in Craven with 16km (10-mile) catchment



Map 4: All facilities



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The map overleaf details all the facilities including the four-court halls, one-court halls and the village halls. The four and one-court facilities have been mapped with a ten-mile catchment. This 16km (10-mile) catchment is a reasonable assumption to make in a District as rural as Craven where people will have to travel to get to sports halls. The village halls, on the other hand, have been mapped with a 1km and 5km catchment as these are regarded as catering mainly for local villagers. The map highlights that generally residents in Craven have access to either a one-court or a four-court facility. The far north of Craven is poorly served in terms of a four-badminton court facility although Ingleton Community Centre (site 23) is a one-court site. This is, however, also a site where some unmet demand has been identified by Ingleton Badminton Club. Consultants are currently in the process of producing a report detailing the feasibility of a four badminton court hall at Settle as part of the Renaissance Market Town Initiative. If such a facility was built it would cater for the north of Craven.

Conclusion

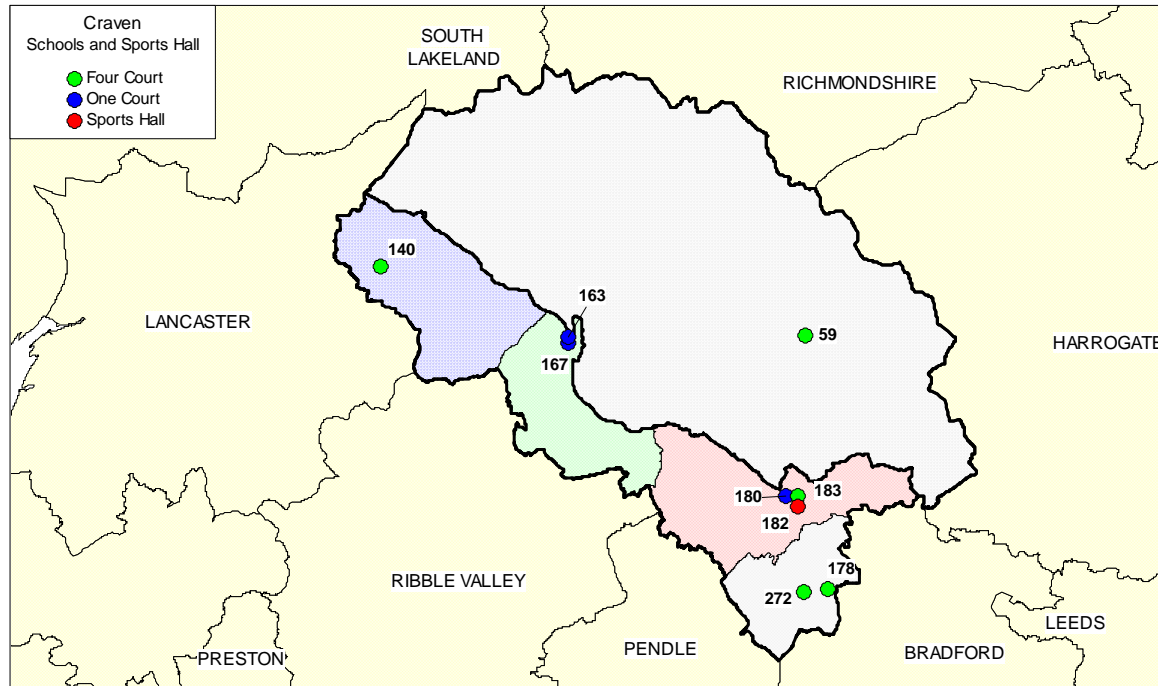
The FPM identifies that there is no gaps in provision in terms of sports hall in the Craven District. This model is limited as it does not take into account certain factors such as quality, and latent demand.

Consultation and the mapping exercise, however, has suggested that additional sport hall provision in the north of Craven is required. Such a facility at Settle would be well used; It would cater for both the secondary schools in the area as well as providing a catchment for a significant number of other local schools. The representative from table tennis stated that a facility at Settle would be well supported particularly as they are attempting to develop the sport in that area. An additional sports hall at Settle would also not compete with the existing court at CCSC in Skipton.

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Map 5: Sports halls in Craven



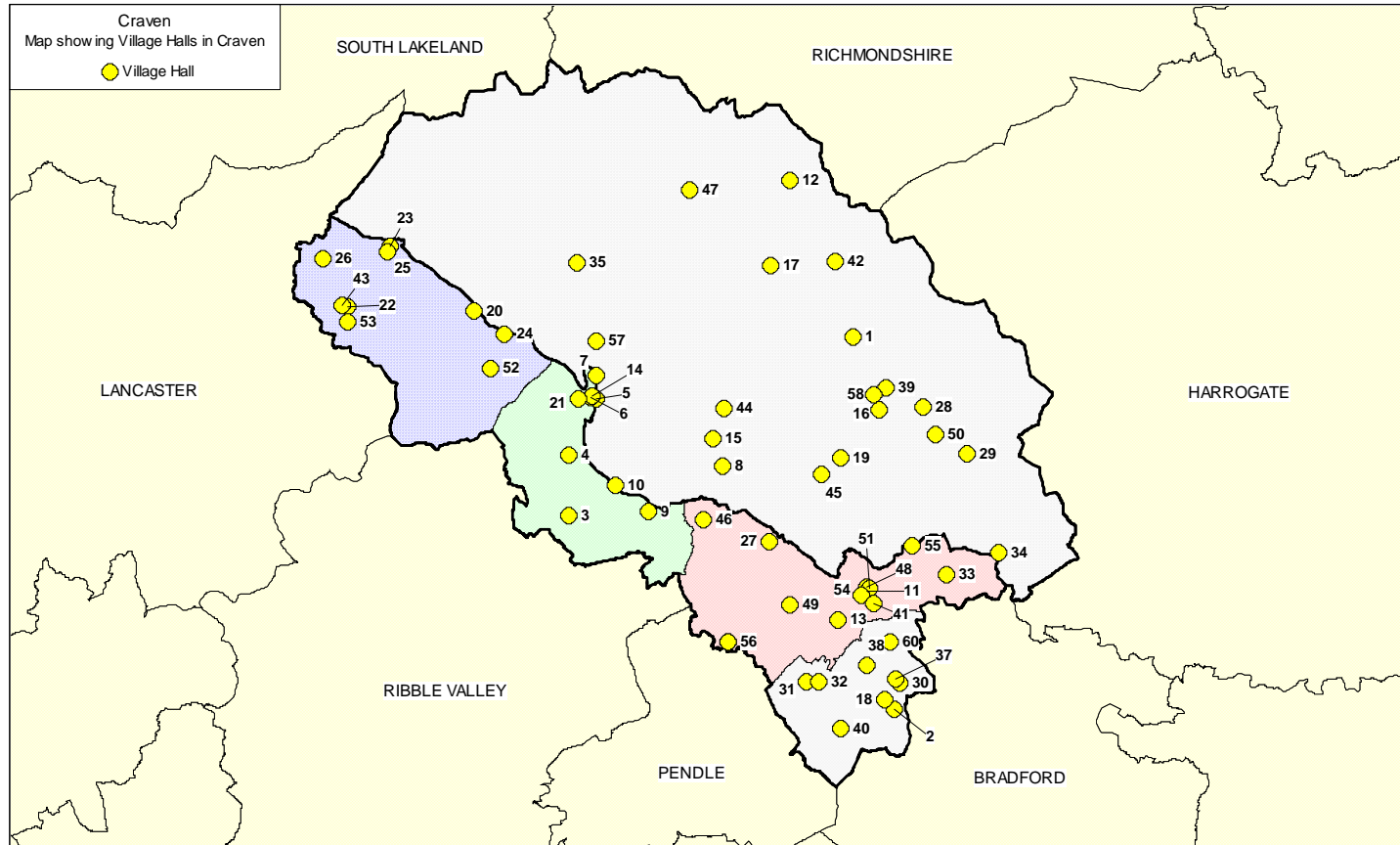
ID	Site	Type
272	Malsis School	School
180	Aireville Secondary School	School

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167	Settle High School and Middle School	School
178	South Craven School	School
183	Ermysteads Grammar School	School
163	Giggleswick School	School
140	Sedbergh Primary School	School
182	Sandylands Sports Centre	Sports Hall
59	Upper Wharfedale School	School

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Map 6: Village halls in Craven



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Table 6: Summary of village halls

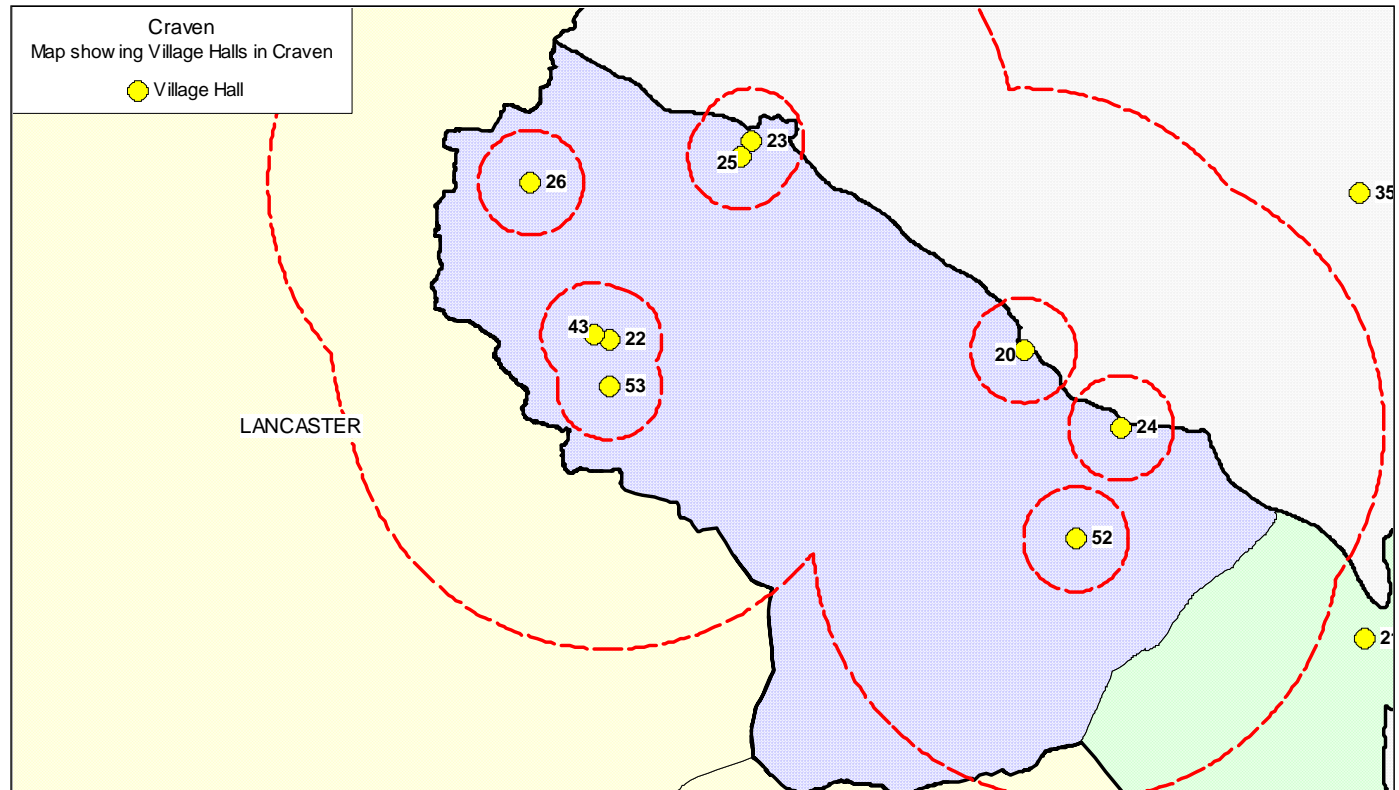
ID	Site	Type
1	Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall	Village Hall
2	Sutton Village Hall	Village Hall
3	Clarks Old School, Wigglesworth	Village Hall
4	Rathmell Reading Rooms	Village Hall
5	Settle Drill Hall	Village Hall
6	Victoria Hall	Village Hall
7	Langcliffe Village Institute	Village Hall
8	Airton Methodist Church	Village Hall
9	Hellifield Institute	Village Hall
10	Long Preston Village Hall	Village Hall
11	St Andrews Church Hall	Village Hall
12	Buckden Village Institute	Village hall
13	Carleton Village Hall	Village hall
14	Settle Town Hall	Village hall
15	Kirby Malham Hall	Village hall
16	Anderton Memorial Institute	Village hall
17	Amerdale Hall	Village hall
18	Glusburn Institute	Village hall
19	Cracoe Village Hall	Village hall
20	Clapham Village Hall	Village hall
21	Giggleswick Parish Rooms	Village hall
22	Bentham Community Centre	Village hall
23	Ingleton Community Centre	Village hall
24	Austwick Parish Hall	Village hall
25	Westhouse Village Hall	Village hall
26	Burton - in - Lonsdale	Village hall
27	Gargarve Village Hall	Village hall
28	The Ibbotson Institute	Village hall
29	Appletreewick Village Hall	Village hall
30	The Parish Rooms	Village hall

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31	Lothersdale Village Clubhouse	Village hall
32	Lothersdale Village Hall	Village hall
33	Draughton Village Hall	Village hall
34	Bolton Abbey Village Hall	Village hall
35	Horton -in-Ribblesdale Village Hall	Village hall
36	Thornton in Craven Village Hall	Village hall
37	Kildwick & Farnhill Institute	Village hall
38	Cononley Institute	Village hall
39	Grassington Devonshire Institute	Village hall
40	Cowling Village Hall	Village hall
41	Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre	Village hall
42	Kettlewell Village Hall	Village hall
43	Low Bentham Victoria Institute	Village hall
44	Malham Village Hall	Village hall
45	Methodist Church Hall - Hetton	Village hall
46	Richard Tottie Memorial Hall	Village hall
47	Halton Gill Reading Room	Village hall
48	Skipton Town Hall	Village hall
49	Broughton Hall	Village hall
50	Burnsall Village Hall	Village hall
51	Skipton Youth & Community Centre	Village hall
52	Eldroth Parish Hall	Village Hall
53	Bentham Town Hall	Village Hall
54	Skipton Little Theatre	Village Hall
55	Embsay with Eastby Village Hall	Village Hall
56	West Marton Village Hall	Village Hall
57	Stanforth Village Hall	Village Hall
58	Threshfield Village Institute	Village Hall

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Map 7: Village halls in North Craven sub area with 1km and 5km catchments



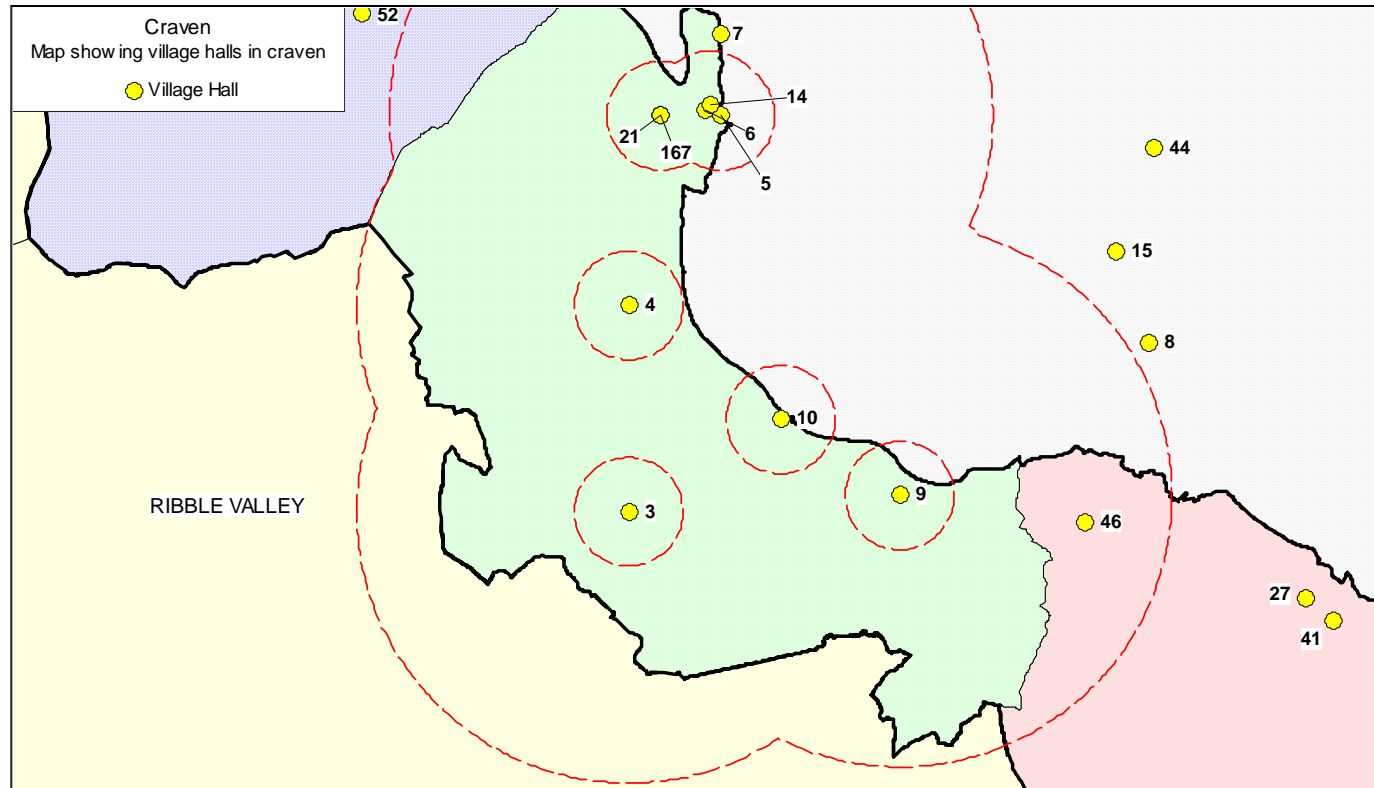
ID	Site	Analysis area
20	Clapham Village Hall	North Craven Sub Area
22	Bentham Community Centre	North Craven Sub Area
23	Ingleton Community Centre	North Craven Sub Area

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24	Austwick Parish Hall	North Craven Sub Area
25	Westhouse Village Hall	North Craven Sub Area
26	Burton - in - Lonsdale	North Craven Sub Area
43	Low Bentham Victoria Institute	North Craven Sub Area
52	Eldroth Parish Hall	North Craven Sub Area
53	Bentham Town Hall	North Craven Sub Area

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Map 8: Village halls in Settle sub area with 1km and 5km catchments



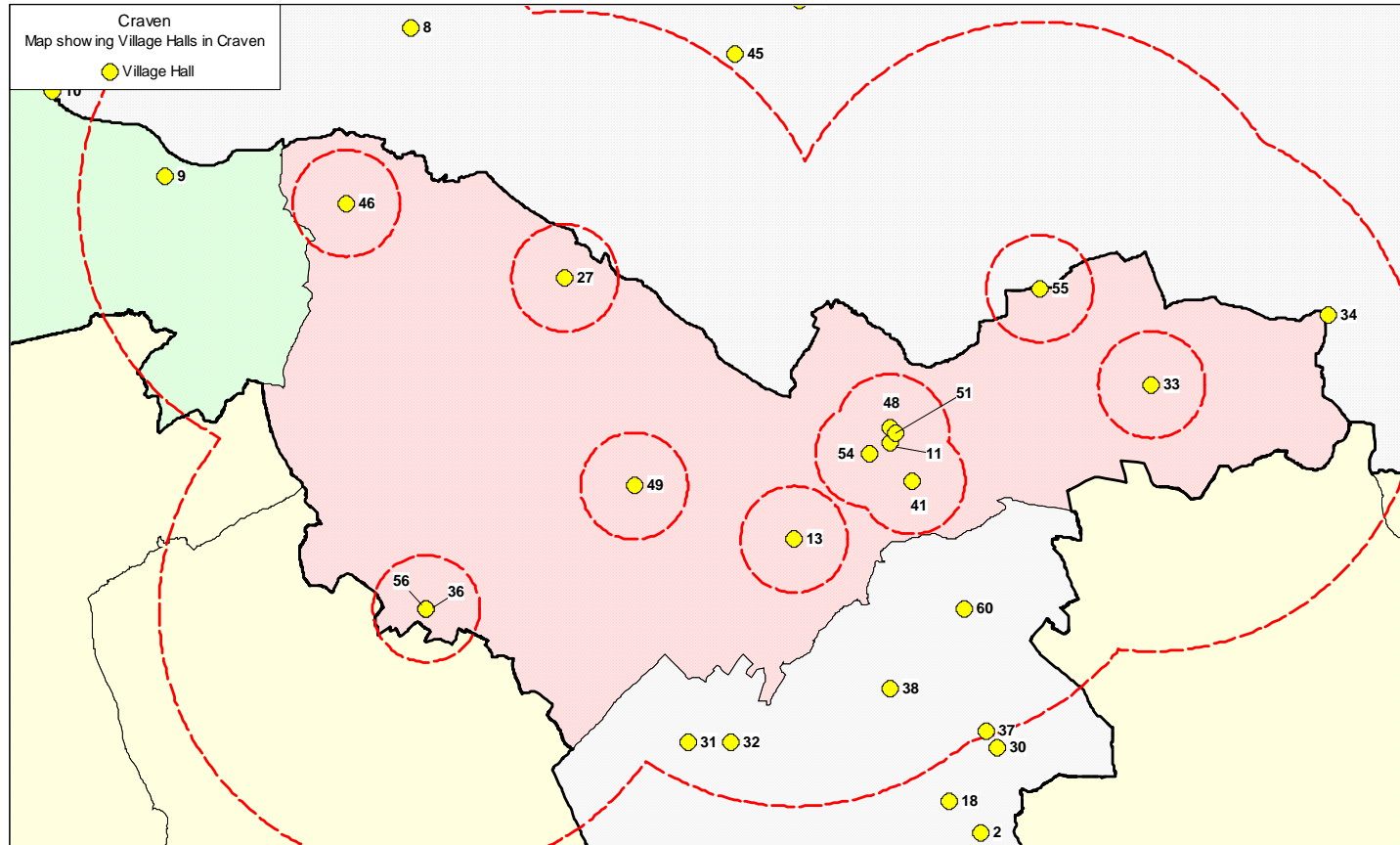
ID	Site	Analysis area
3	Clarks Old School, Wigglesworth	Settle Sub Area
4	Rathmell Reading Rooms	Settle Sub Area
5	Settle Drill Hall	Settle Sub Area

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6	Victoria Hall	Settle Sub Area
9	Hellifield Institute	Settle Sub Area
10	Long Preston Village Hall	Settle Sub Area
14	Settle Town Hall	Settle Sub Area
21	Giggleswick Parish Rooms	Settle Sub Area
58	Threshfield Village Institute	Settle Sub Area

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Map 9: Village halls in Skipton sub area with 1km and 5km catchments

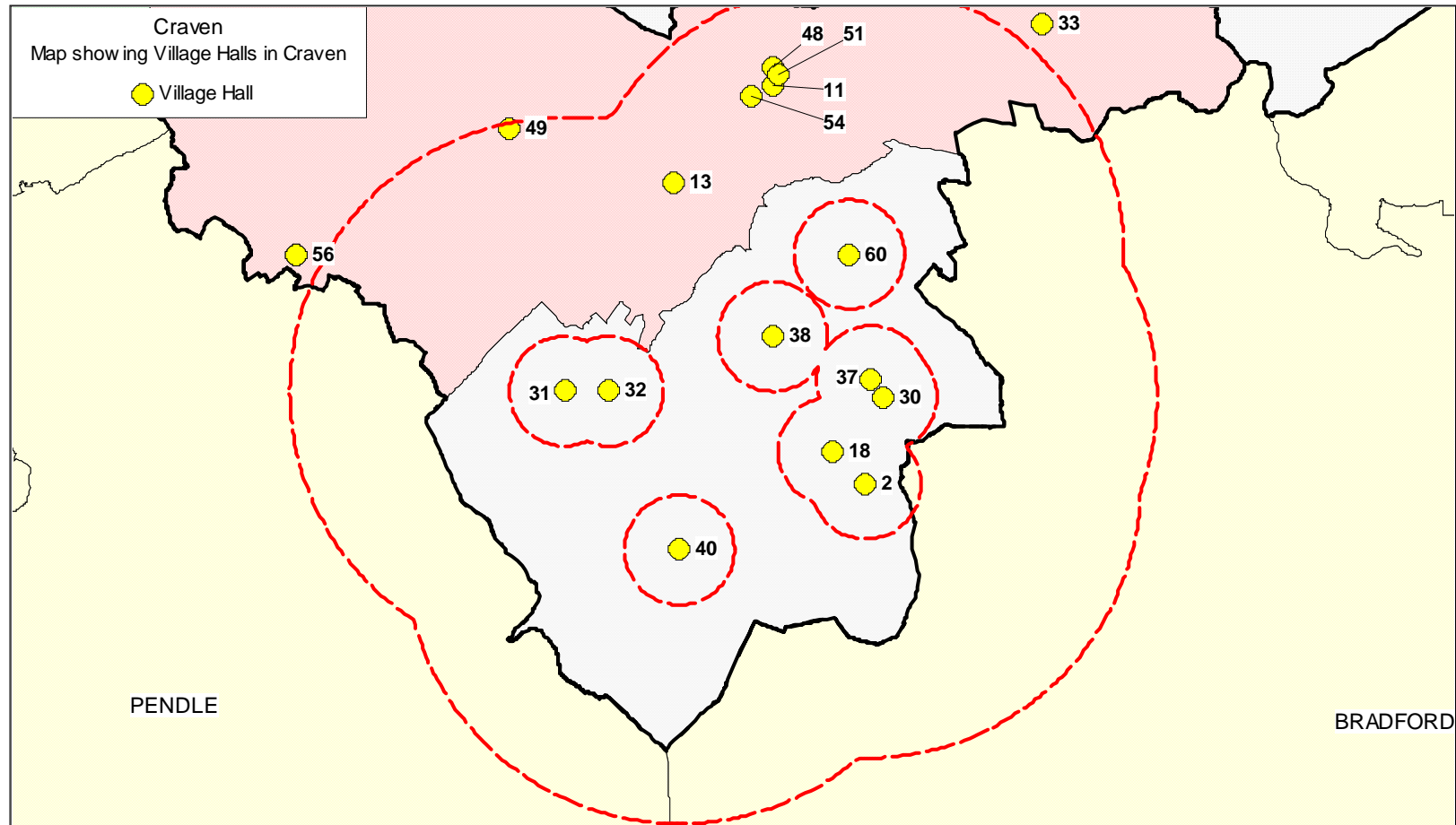


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ID	Site	Analysis area
11	St Andrews Church Hall	Skipton Sub Area
13	Carleton Village Hall	Skipton Sub Area
27	Gargrave Village Hall	Skipton Sub Area
33	Draughton Village Hall	Skipton Sub Area
36	Thornton in Craven Village Hall	Skipton Sub Area
41	Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre	Skipton Sub Area
46	Richard Tottie Memorial Hall	Skipton Sub Area
48	Skipton Town Hall	Skipton Sub Area
49	Broughton Hall	Skipton Sub Area
51	Skipton Youth & Community Centre	Skipton Sub Area
54	Skipton Little Theatre	Skipton Sub Area
55	Embsay with Eastby Village Hall	Skipton Sub Area
56	West Marton Village Hall	Skipton Sub Area

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Map 10: Village halls in South Craven sub area with 1km and 5km catchments

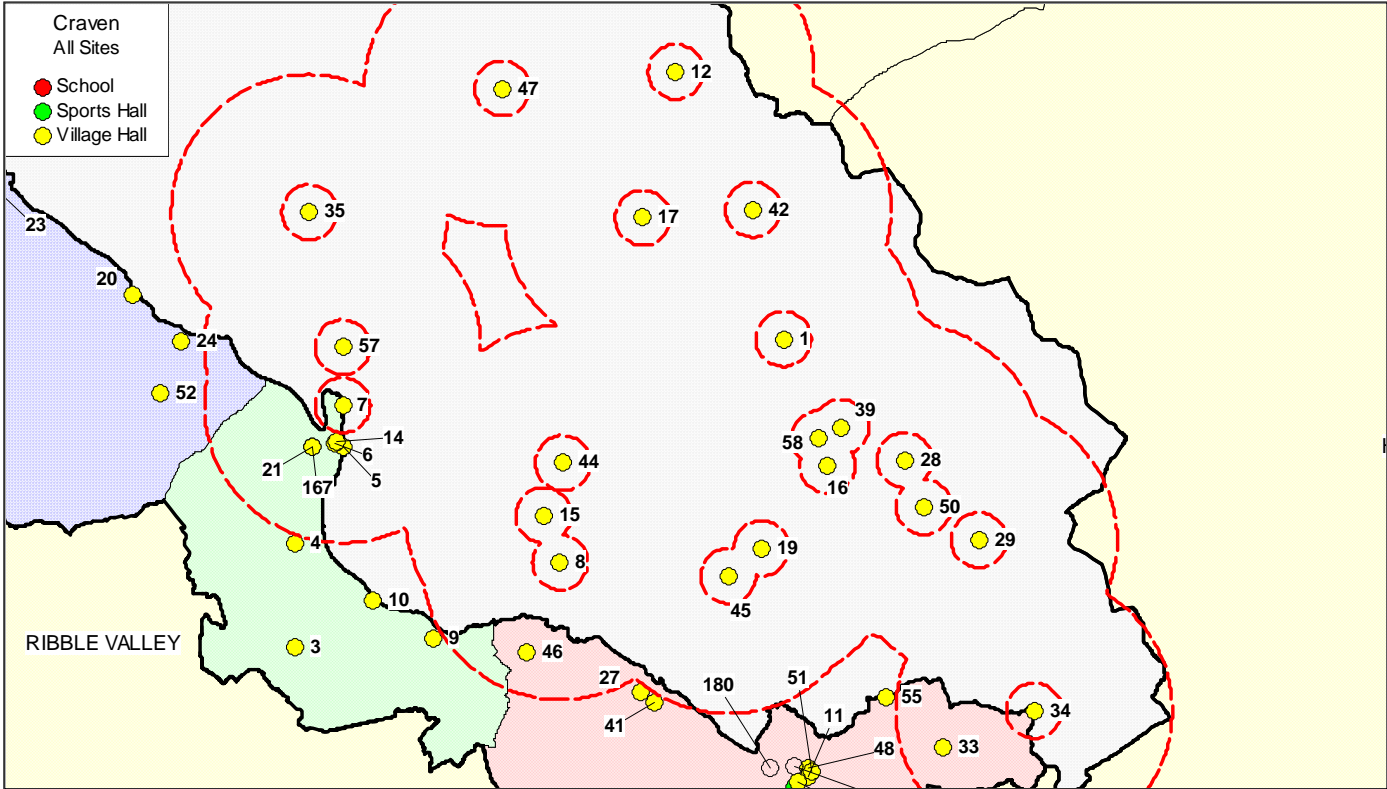


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ID	Site	Analysis area
2	Sutton Village Hall	South Craven Sub Area
18	Glusburn Institute	South Craven Sub Area
30	The Parish Rooms	South Craven Sub Area
31	Lothersdale Village Clubhouse	South Craven Sub Area
32	Lothersdale Village Hall	South Craven Sub Area
37	Kildwick & Farnhill Institute	South Craven Sub Area
38	Cononley Institute	South Craven Sub Area
40	Cowling Village Hall	South Craven Sub Area
60	Bradley Village Hall	South Craven Sub Area

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Map 11: Village halls in Yorkshire Dales National Park with 1km and 5km catchments



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ID	Site	Analysis area
1	Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
7	Langcliffe Village Institute	Yorkshire Dales National Park
8	Airton Methodist Church	Yorkshire Dales National Park
10	Long Preston Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
12	Buckden Village Institute	Yorkshire Dales National Park
15	Kirby Malham Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
16	Anderton Memorial Institute	Yorkshire Dales National Park
17	Amerdale Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
19	Cracoe Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
24	Austwick Parish Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
28	The Ibbotson Institute	Yorkshire Dales National Park
29	Appletreewick Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
34	Bolton Abbey Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
35	Horton -in-Ribblesdale Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
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45	Methodist Church Hall - Hetton	Yorkshire Dales National Park
47	Halton Gill Reading Room	Yorkshire Dales National Park
50	Burnsall Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park
57	Stainforth Village Hall	Yorkshire Dales National Park