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Study objectives

The specific objective of this study is to provide a comprehensive analysis of open space, sport/recreation facilities and village halls in the Craven District. Open space will be analysed outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) only, as a separate planning authority manages the open space within the Park.

The assessment of these facilities and the subsequent strategy and action plan will allow Craven District Council (CDC) to plan the improvement, access and protection of this land and facilities.

The information from this study will be used to:

- ❑ Inform the development of appropriate planning policy within the Craven District Council (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) Local Development Framework.
- ❑ Prioritise investment through the development control process in terms of provision of new and improvement of existing facilities.
- ❑ Establish a strategy for open space, sport and recreation facilities at the local level.
- ❑ Establish a strategy for community facilities at the local level to prioritise work programmes with local groups and allocation of funding.

A strategy and action plan will follow all sections of this document and provide a site by site list of possible future developments together with management targets to maintain and increase the quality of existing provision.

Section One aims to introduce and 'set the scene' for the following three divisions.

- ❑ Open Space Assessment
- ❑ Playing Pitch Assessment
- ❑ Built Facilities Assessment

Section One will highlight the following:

- ❑ Methodology used throughout the study.
- ❑ Local context.
- ❑ Local demographics.
- ❑ Generic results of the Craven Leisure Needs Assessment.
- ❑ Local issues.

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METHODOLOGY

Each element (i.e. open space, outdoor sports facilities and built facilities) of the project uses a different methodology to assess demand for the various typologies of provision. Outlined below are the methods used to collect the data used in each section of the report.

Parish Council Questionnaire

A parish council questionnaire was created by Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) and CDC. The questionnaire was posted to parish councils by CDC, who then collected the majority of replies and entered the data into an open spaces database. After a specific deadline KKP contacted parish councils that had not replied. Management of the database was passed to KKP. The collected data was added to the database.

Despite efforts to collect completed questionnaires by both KKP and CDC a number of parish councils did not respond (or responded too late for their information to be included in the study). It should be noted, therefore, that these parish councils may have facilities that are not included in this study. (Please refer to Appendix one for a list of these parish councils and parish meetings).

Background information

An extensive range of desk top/background information has been reviewed and incorporated in all documents, including the relevant strategy and action plans. Reports with major influence on this study are highlighted in the appropriate section.

Database and GIS analysis

An open spaces database has been created by Craven District Council (CDC) and KKP, which comprises of sites known to CDC and information gathered through the parish council questionnaires. Separate databases of information have been created for the pitch/non-pitch information and the built facilities assessment. The open spaces database includes data on size and typology, which has been used to map sites and their catchment areas using GIS mapping.

Qualitative interviews

The core of the consultation work revolved around extensive consultation with key individuals, clubs, officers, groups and agencies working in and around Craven. Youth clubs, after school clubs and village hall personnel were also visited. Qualitative in-depth interviews were conducted either face-to-face or by telephone with consultees.

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Site visits

Site visits were conducted by KKP. Open spaces, built facilities and pitch / non pitch sites were assessed using the appropriate criteria.

- ❑ Open spaces were evaluated through the use of an assessment proforma (examining the security, condition and value of the site) and a specific play analysis sheet, based upon NPFA guidelines.
- ❑ Pitches and non pitch sites were analysed using Sport England assessments and sport specific evaluation sheets.
- ❑ Built facility condition was analysed on site and during consultation. Pre agreed questions were used.

(Please refer to Appendix two for a list of all proforma's and questionnaires that were used as part of this study).

Survey

A street survey was undertaken in March 2004 by mruk to identify levels of participation/attendance and key issues to be addressed. These took the form of 600 street interviews at five locations across the District to ensure a representative spread of residents. Locations were agreed with CDC. The following settlements were agreed with CDC as survey locations:

- ❑ High Bentham
- ❑ Ingleton
- ❑ Cross Hills
- ❑ Settle
- ❑ Skipton

To ensure a representative sample, quotas were placed on age and gender (in addition to location). Responses for each of the five analysis areas, (the use of analysis areas is explained in greater detail later in the report), are as follows:

Analysis area	No. of interviews	Analysis area	No. of interviews
High Bentham	100	Skipton	200
Ingleton	100	Settle	100
Cross Hills	100		

A larger quota (33%) was given to Skipton residents as a greater percentage of the District's residents come from this area (35%).

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Geographical analysis

To enable meaningful analysis in relation to demand, it was agreed to sub-divide Craven into geographic analysis areas. However, not all the typologies are suitable for such detailed analysis. The table below summarises the analysis basis and rationale for determination.

Typology	Analysis basis	Rationale
<i>Open spaces</i>		
Parks and gardens	4 analysis areas	Data analysis at a local level will allow neighbourhood characteristics to be analysed and valuable aspirational standards to be created that reflect local demand.
Natural and semi natural greenspaces	4 analysis areas	Data analysis at a local level will allow neighbourhood characteristics to be analysed and valuable aspirational standards to be created that reflect local demand.
Green corridors	District	This provision stretches across analysis areas and it therefore makes more sense to analyse it at a district level.
Amenity Greenspace	4 analysis areas	Data analysis at a local level will allow neighbourhood characteristics to be analysed and valuable aspirational standards to be created that reflect local demand.
Provision for children and young people	4 analysis areas	Data analysis at a local level will allow neighbourhood characteristics to be analysed and valuable aspirational standards to be created that reflect local demand.
Allotments, community gardens and urban farms	District	Insufficient provision to justify any other form of analysis.
Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial grounds	District	The facilities cater for the whole Borough and are small in number therefore they do not warrant local analysis.
Civic and market squares and hard surfaced areas designed for pedestrians	District	Insufficient provision to justify any other form of analysis.
<i>Outdoor sports facilities</i>		
Pitch/non-pitch facilities	5 analysis areas	The facilities provide local provision for the analysis area and therefore warrant this level of analysis.
<i>Built facilities</i>		

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Typology	Analysis basis	Rationale
Major indoor sports provision	5 analysis areas	The facilities provide local provision for the analysis area and therefore warrant this level of analysis.
Village halls and community centres	5 analysis areas	Data analysis at a local level will allow neighbourhood characteristics to be analysed and a picture of local demand to be created.

The Creation of Analysis Areas

The analysis areas were defined/chosen to match those used previously in other spatially based projects carried out by CDC. The open space assessment does not include the YDNP analysis area.

Craven District (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) contains a number of key service settlements with the role of providing a broad range of services to the settlement in question and hinterlands. Broadly, studies undertaken for other spatially based projects identify these sub areas:

- Skipton and Sub Area
- Settle and Sub Area
- North Craven and Sub Area
- South Craven Sub Area

The outdoor sports facilities and built facilities assessments included the Yorkshire Dales National Park as an additional sub area.

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The table below demonstrates the analysis areas used and the parishes included within these. A number of settlements were split between the YDNP boundary and the remaining areas. This is explained further below.

North Craven	Settle sub area	Skipton sub area	South Craven	YDNP
Ingleton & Clapham Ward Lawkland (split) Austwick (split) Clapham cum Newby (split) Ingleton (split) Thornton In Lonsdale (split)	Hellifield & Long Preston Ward Hellifield (split) Swinden Nappa Long Preston (split)	Skipton North, East, West and South wards	Aire Valley with Lothersdale Ward Bradleys Both Cononley Farnhill Kildwick Lothersdale	Ingleton & Clapham Ward Thornton In Lonsdale (split). Ingleton (split) Clapham cum Newby (split) Austwick (split) Lawkland (split)
Bentham Ward Bentham Burton In Lonsdale	Settle and Ribblesbanks Ward Halton West Wigglesworth Rathmell Settle (split) Langcliffe (split)	Embsay with Eastby ward (split)	Glusburn Ward	Penyghent Ward Giggleswick (split) Stainforth Horton in Ribblesdale
	Penyghent Ward Giggleswick (split)	Barden Fell Ward Halton East (split) Draughton Bolton Abbey (split)	Sutton-In-Craven Ward	Settle and Ribblesbanks Ward Langcliffe (split) Settle (split)
		West Craven Ward Carleton Elslack Broughton Thornton In Craven Martons Both	Cowling Ward	Hellifield and Long Preston Ward Long Preston (split) Hellifield (split)
		Gargrave and Malhamdale Ward		Gargrave and Malhamdale Ward

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		Stirton with Thorlby (split) Gargrave Bank Newton Coniston Cold Otterburn (split)		Malham Moor Malham Kirkby Malham Scosthrop Airton (split) Otterburn (split) Hanlith Calton Eshton (split) Flasby with Winterburn Gargrave (split) Stirton with Thorlby (split)
				Embsay with Eastby Ward (split)
				Barden Fell Ward Halton East (split) Bolton Abbey (split) Beamsley (split) Hazelwood with Storiths Barden Burnsall Thorpe Cracoe Rylstone Hetton Bordley Appletreewick
				Grassington Ward Hartlington Hebden Grassington Linton

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				Upper Wharfedale Ward Threshfield Conistone with Kilnsey Hawkswick Kettlewell with Starbottom Arncliffe Litton Halton Gill Buckden
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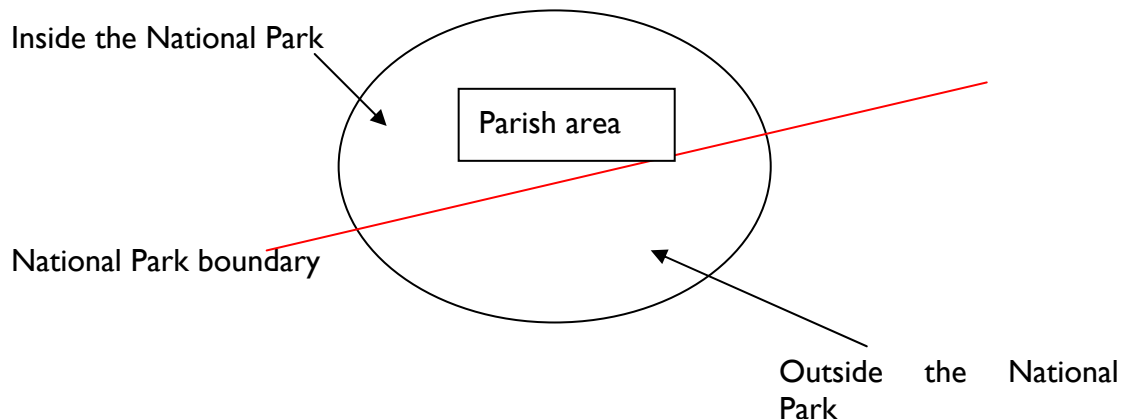
Although the parishes of the Yorkshire Dales National Park make up a large proportion of the total land available the population living within this area is actually quite low. In order to create accurate local standards it is important to have a clear picture of the actual population. Once these figures have been created the population demographics of the District can be applied to them.

Total parish population

Where a parish has not been split by an analysis area boundary the total population has been used.

Split parish population

The population for each analysis area has been calculated using the total parish population and the distribution of postcodes within that parish. The distribution of postcodes within the National Park has been calculated using Map Info GIS system. An example of how this method is used has been provided below;



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For example, if the parish population for this area was 1000 people and 70% of the postcodes were found to be outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the population of the sector outside the YDNP would be calculated as 700 and the population within the YDNP as 300.

Relevant total parish populations and split parish populations have been added to create the populations for the analysis areas. These population figures are demonstrated below.

<i>Analysis area</i>	<i>Population.</i>
North Craven	7298
Settle sub area	7319
Skipton sub area	22,571
South Craven	12,953
Yorkshire Dales National Park	3,479
Craven District	53,620

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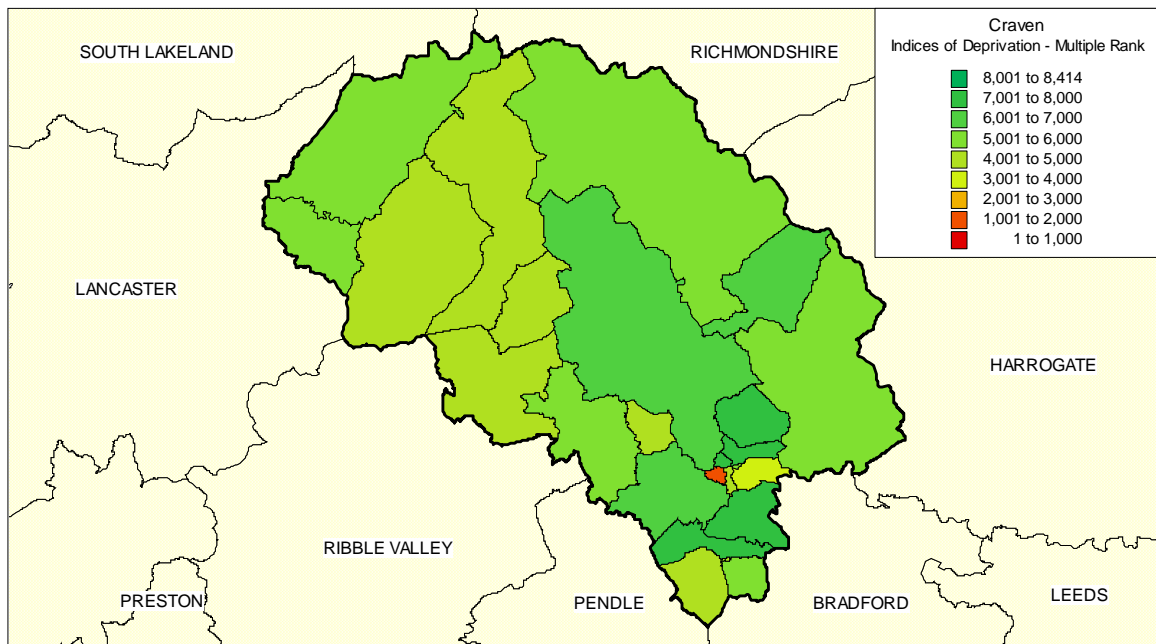
LOCAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Indices of multiple deprivation (IMD)

These statistics are produced by the index team at Oxford University for the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (formerly DETR). The latest set of statistics available was published in 2000.

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation analyses deprivation according to key indicators:

- Income.
- Employment.
- Health Deprivation and Disability.
- Education, Skills and Training.
- Housing.
- Geographical Access to Services.



The map above demonstrates the deprivation of the Craven District by ward. The Skipton West ward is the only ward that could be considered deprived from this information. The majority of deprivation experienced elsewhere within the District is experienced due to poor geographical access to services.

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Area	Total Population	Percentage Male	Percentage Female	Percentage of under 16's	Percentage of over 60's	Percentage of Black & Minority Ethnic Groups	Percentage of households living in Detached Houses
Craven	53,620	48	52	18.9	26	1.4	25.8
England & Wales	52,041,916			20.2	20.9	9.1	22.8
Skipton & Sub Area							
Skipton North	3,308	48	52	17.7	26.1	1	
Skipton East	3,474	47	53	17.2	27.2	1	
Skipton West	3,734	48	52	19.6	22.5	9.2	
Skipton South	3,797	46	54	21.9	21.8	1	
West Craven	1,763	51	49	18.4	26.9	1.1	
Barden Fell	1,695	49	51	20.1	24.6	0.4	
Embsay with Eastby	1,758	46	54	16.2	30.3	0.5	
Gargrave with Malhamdale	3,042	48	52	17.8	31.3	1.2	
South Craven & Sub Area							
Cowling	2,096	49	51	22.3	17	1.4	
Sutton in Craven	3,480	49	51	21.0	21.9	0.7	
Glusburn	3,902	47	53	17.5	26.7	0.9	
Aire Valley with Lothersdale	3,475	48	52	20.9	23	0.5	
Settle & Sub Area							
Hellfield & Long Preston	1,781	49	51	18.6	24.7	0	
Settle & Ribblesbanks	3,390	47	53	16.8	31.8	0.1	
Penyghent	2,148	52	48	21.9	24.3	2.3	
North Craven & Sub Area							
Ingleton & Clapham	3,725	48	52	18.5	26.6	0.5	
Bentham	3,573	48	52	18.7	24.5	1.5	
Yorkshire Dales National Park							
Grassington	1,584	47	53	15.7	36.6	0	
Upper Wharfedale	1,895	48	52	15.6	34.1	0.8	

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Note: Several wards are split by the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Only the two wards that are completely within the boundaries of the National Park are included under the 'Yorkshire Dales National Park' sub-heading. Wards that are split have however been included elsewhere within the table.

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The table overleaf provides a breakdown of relevant demographics to this study.

The demographics shown can be summarised as follows:

- *Craven has an ageing population.* The proportion of the population aged over sixty is greater in Craven (26%) than the national average (20.2%). Wards with a particularly aged population include Grassington, where 36.6% of people are aged over sixty and Upper Wharfedale (34.1%). Both of these wards are within the YDNP analysis area.
- *There are a low number of children living in the Craven District.* The proportion of children aged below sixteen years living in Craven (18.9%) is below the national average (20.2%). This percentage is lowest in Grassington (15.7%) and Upper Wharfedale (15.6%). However, this pattern is reversed in small pockets across the District, including Cowling (22.3%) and Pennyghent (21.9%).
- *Craven has a small Black Minority Ethnic (BME) population.* The percentage of BME populations within Craven (1.4%) is much smaller than the national average (9.1%). There is only one ward with a high proportion of BME groups (9.2%), Skipton West, here the percentage of BME persons is greater than the national average. Many wards, however, contain no BME groups including Grassington, Hellifield and Long Preston.
- *A large proportion of people live in detached housing.* Over a quarter of Craven residents live in detached housing (25.8%) This is slightly higher than the national average (22.8%). The proportion of detached housing does not reflect the low population density of the Craven District. Many houses tend to be terraced and grouped together along transport routes or within small settlements.

Rural and Urban Definitions

In 2002, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) concluded a review of Urban and Rural definitions as a follow-up to the Urban and Rural White Papers. The review examined government needs for urban and rural definitions, identified the definitions available, assessed their strengths and weaknesses and established a small set of definitions that would meet a broad range of user needs. Each of the analysis areas has been analysed following these guidelines to inform both the assessment and strategy reports. The definitions are based on land use and settlement size and classification of administrative areas. All wards in the Craven District are defined as rural apart from the urban wards of Skipton Central, Skipton East and Skipton South West.

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LOCAL CONTEXT

Craven is one of England's most outstanding scenic areas, with a combination of moorland, fells and meadowland, and historic market towns. It covers the southern part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, including the upper parts of Airedale, Wharfedale and Ribblesdale and incorporates the Wenning Valley, near Bentham.

The largest centre is the market town of Skipton, which itself attracts many tourists and is a natural shopping centre for the rural community surrounding it. The District is mainly agricultural, but industry is prominent in some areas, particularly in Skipton and the larger towns and villages, for example Settle, Bentham, Ingleton and Sutton in Craven.

The District of Craven covers an area of approximately 117,994 hectares (over 430 square miles) and has a population of over 53,621. The district is made up of 73 individual parishes, which vary considerably in size and population due to the split of rural locations located outside as well as within the YDNP, and the more urban areas of the towns. Such variances range from the population of Skipton 14,316 to Nappa near Hellifield with a population of 10.

Analysis areas

A description of the five analysis areas used within this report follows.

Settle Sub Area

Defined as rural, the economy of Settle District has traditionally relied on agriculture, tourism and small-scale industry. This has been supplemented by the building of the Settle-Carlisle Railway and subsequent railway operation. At the centre of the region, Settle has historically been a busy, bustling trading and mustering post, being strategically placed on the main West/East Drove Road (and now on the A65) and the central North/South route. Settle lies within Craven District to the extreme West of the County of North Yorkshire. The main market town is Settle, which is where the majority of businesses are located and the weekly market is held. The total population for the Settle Sub Area is 7319, the demographic changes across Craven are exaggerated in Settle with a greater percentage of people of pensionable age than observed for Craven as a whole and notably fewer pre-school age children as a proportion of the entire population.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Sub Area

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Sub Area is situated in the north east third of Craven District, to the north it is bordered by Richmondshire District and to the east by Harrogate District. This particularly rural sub area has a population of 3479. The principal settlement within the area is the town of Grassington, which is surrounded by a number of smaller settlements including Threshfield, Linton,

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Hebden, Thorpe and Burnsall. This area has been defined as rural, the economy of this area relying heavily upon agriculture, tourism and service sector businesses. The sub area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is the most rural district of Craven and is therefore especially reliant on efficient transport means to access facilities in the area. No mainline passenger rail service exists within Wharfedale, the nearest point for accessing railway connections is Skipton, rail services are limited and principally provide a link between the larger towns within Craven and towns and cities outside the Craven area. Bus Services are infrequent in most settlements of this sub area, particularly Arncliffe, Burnsall and Hebden.

This area is not included in the open space assessment.

South Craven Sub Area

Defined as rural, the geographical area known as South Craven comprises eight villages which when divided into 4 wards have a total population of 12,953. The strengths of South Craven are in its physical location and its proximity to many tourist areas. The geographical location allows for easy access to numerous employment and retail centres, namely Skipton, Nelson, Keighley, Bradford and Leeds. There is direct access to the motorway and railway networks and to two international airports.

North Craven Sub Area

The rural defined area of North Craven is 24,116 hectares and has a total population of 7298. The district forms a natural western gateway to the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The majority of the land acreage is given over to agriculture. However, the economy of the area is being increasingly influenced by the need to service a growing tourist industry.

Skipton

Skipton is an attractive market town serving a large rural area incorporating the remainder of the Craven District. Just outside the National Park boundary, Skipton prides itself on being 'The Gateway to the Dales'. Skipton is defined as an urban area with three wards matching this description: Skipton South West, Skipton Central and Skipton East. The total population of the area of Skipton is 22,571. Within Skipton is the historic Skipton Castle, which is a major tourist attraction and the side variety of shopping across the town attracting visitors on a regular basis in addition to the weekly markets on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

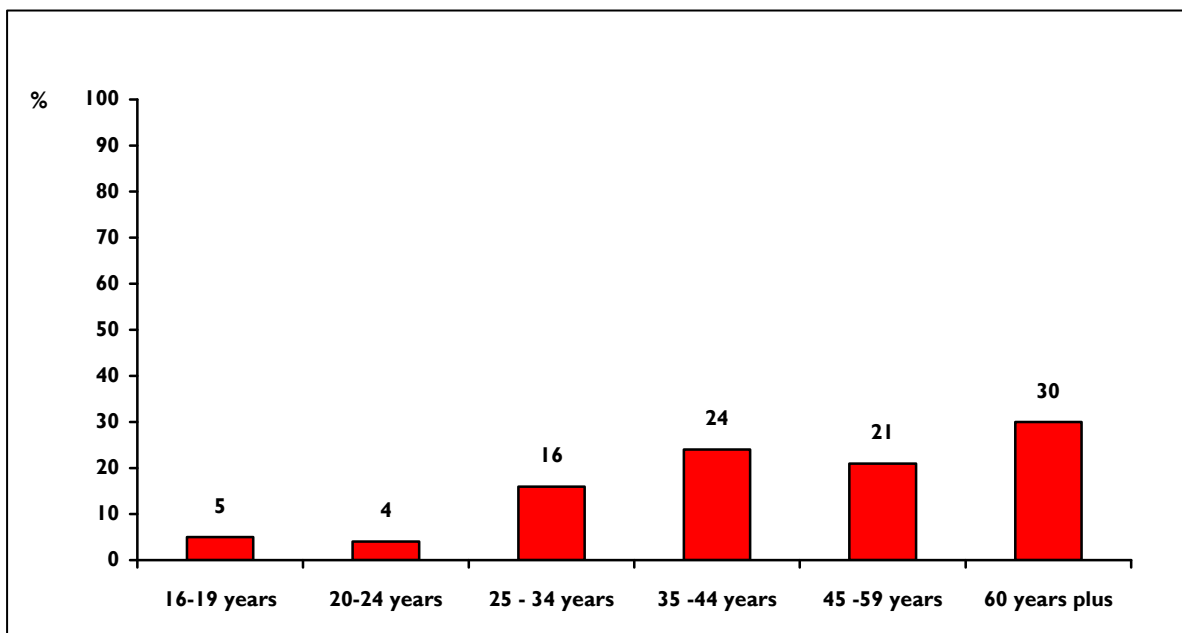
Skipton has a rapidly expanding industry initiated from the Leeds Liverpool canal, which runs directly through the Centre of the town.

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GENERAL OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY FINDINGS

The Craven District Assessment of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities was conducted using the aforementioned methodology. The following results are generic to the report as a whole and provide an insight into the needs and opinions of the Craven population.

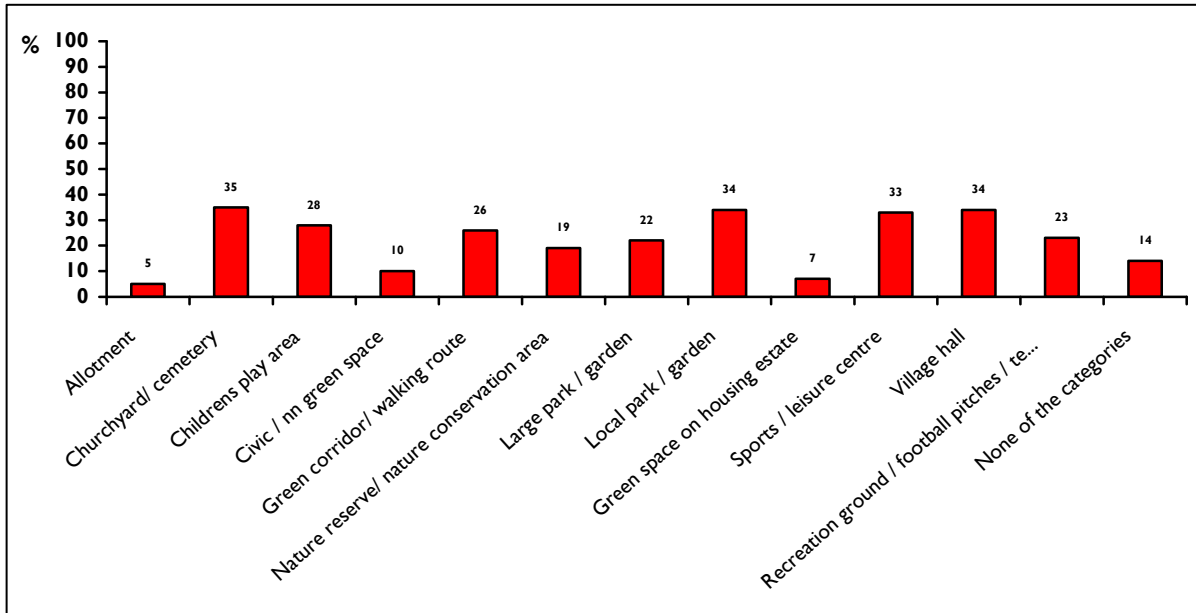
Figure 1: The Age of Respondents



Almost one third of respondents (30%) are aged over sixty years old. Older people have different needs and interests to young people and younger adults, which will have an impact on the responses provided.

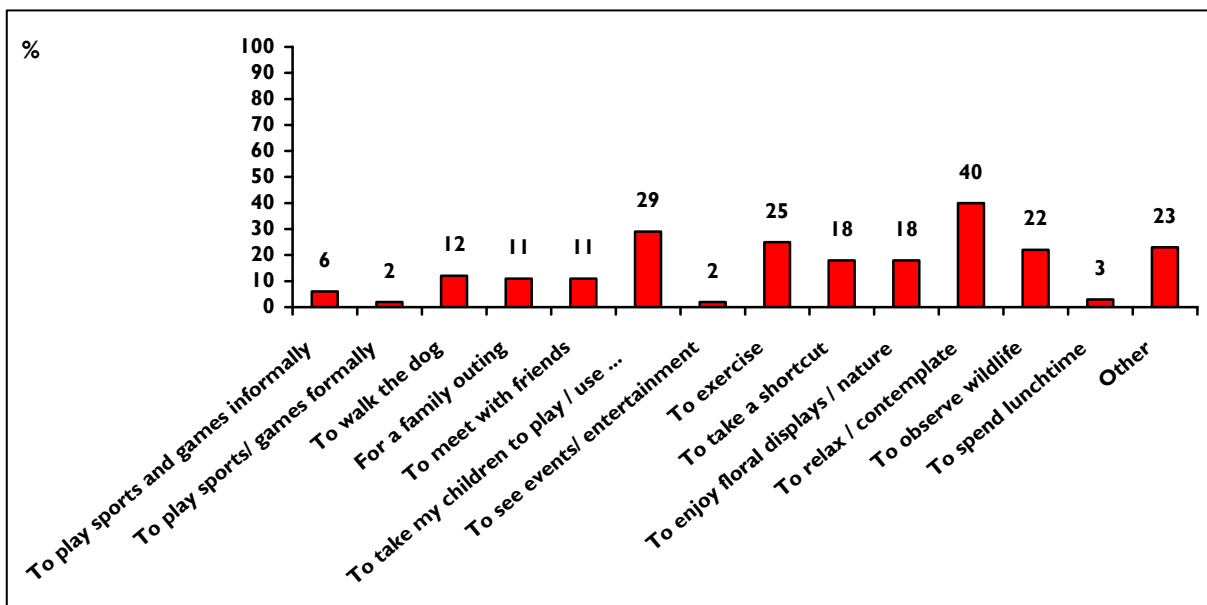
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Figure 2: Proportion of respondents visiting forms of open space in the previous 12 months



The most frequently visited facility is a churchyard/cemetery (35%), followed by a village hall (34%) and a local park or garden (34%). Civic space/non-green spaces, allotments and green spaces in a housing estate were among the least frequently visited facilities (visited by less than 10% of respondents).

Figure 3: Main reasons for visiting open space



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The reasons given most often for visiting provision in the last twelve months include:

- to relax/contemplate (40%).
- to meet with friends (29%).
- to see events/entertainment (25%).

The main improvements to open space identified by respondents are:

- Cleaner/tidier open spaces 11%.
- Decrease building on them 8%.
- Improved maintenance 5%.
- Increase the number of dog bins 5%.
- Increase the number of litterbins 4%.

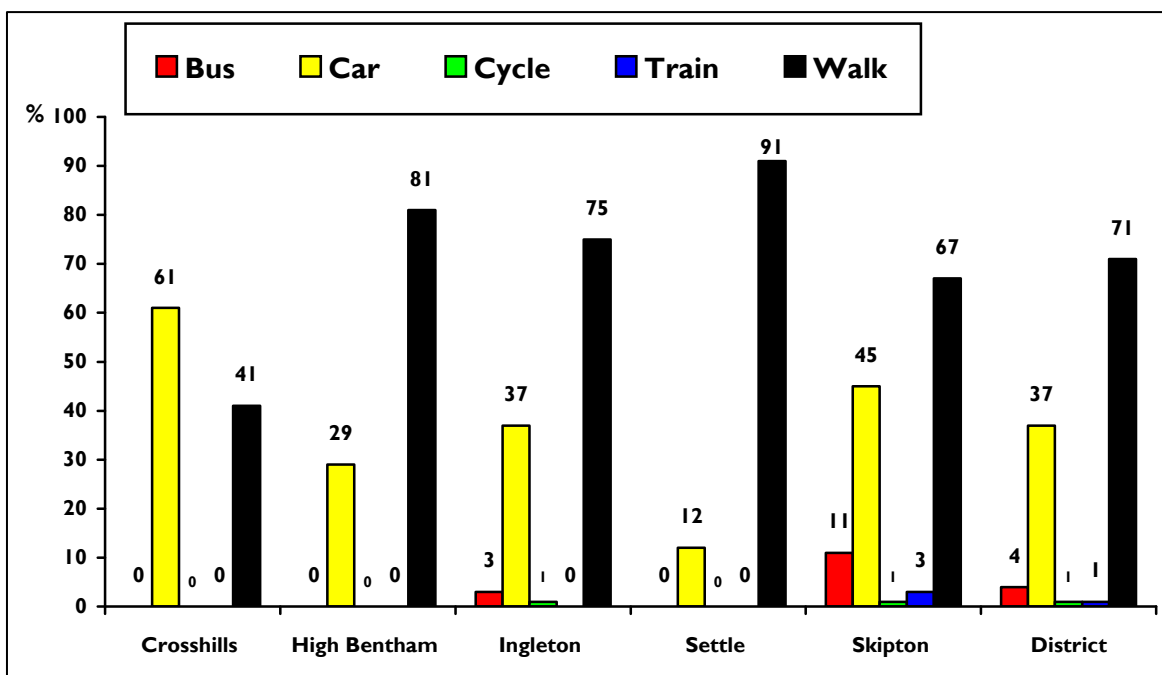
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LOCAL ISSUES

Transport

The lack of frequent public transport and the large distances needed to travel to reach specific services are a problem across the Craven District.

Figure 4: Respondents method of transport to open space, sport/recreation facilities and village hall



The Craven Leisure Needs Assessment showed that the majority of respondents in the area travelled to open space and leisure facilities on foot (71%) demonstrating the need for local provision. Other methods include travelling by bus (4%), travel by car (37%), cycling (1%) and travelling by train (1%). It should be noted that as respondents could choose more than one option for their transport habits, the overall total exceeds 100%.

Craven is a rural area with a sparse population where services are principally delivered in Skipton and the market towns of Grassington, Ingleton, Bentham, Settle, and Crosshills/Glusburn. For a large proportion of the District access to recreation and services is dependant on the availability of adequate transport links.

Groups who are particularly reliant on public transport include:

- Young people under the age of 17.
- People with disabilities.

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- ❑ Older people
- ❑ Members of single car families where one member needs the use of the car for work.

Many of the people in these groups are particularly vulnerable to becoming isolated and not playing a part in the community.

Bus Services

Several operators provide bus services, through a mixture of contract and commercial operations. Although the network of bus services covers a wide geographic area, the frequency and routes of services are limited especially during evenings and weekends. This can make bus travel impractical. The cost of public transport is high due to the long distances between settlements in rural areas.

Bus routes that serve the Craven District include:

District wide routes

- ❑ Skipton ,York, Leeds and Harrogate.
- ❑ Ingleton, Lancaster, Leeds, Morecambe, Kirkby Lonsdale and Kendal.
- ❑ South Craven, Skipton, YDNP. (Keighley, Sutton-in-Craven, Crosshills, Cononley, Skipton, Cracoe, Threshfield, Grassington and Hebden.).
- ❑ Skipton, YDNP. (Skipton, Gargrave, Hellifield, Settle, Horton-in Ribblesdale, Hawes and Leyburn.).

YDNP

- ❑ Grassington, Buckden, Ilkley and Bolton Abbey.
- ❑ Infrequent services.

Skipton and Settle

- ❑ Skipton, Gargrave, Hellifield, Long Preston, Settle and Giggleswick.

Settle

- ❑ Infrequent services

North Craven

- ❑ Poorly served through bus services both internally and externally;
- ❑ Inadequately linked with both the District of Craven and other surrounding areas.

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Rail Travel

There are three distinct rail services within the Craven area: The Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line serves the north of Craven with stations at Skipton, Gargrave, Hellifield, Long Preston, Settle, Horton-In-Ribblesdale and Ribbleshead and provides access to West Yorkshire, Carlisle and Scotland. The Airedale line serves the south of Craven with stations at Skipton and Cononley and provides access to West Yorkshire and the cities of Leeds and Bradford.

Community Transport

There are 10 community transport operators within Craven and more are being encouraged through the Craven District Transport Partnership. Community transport can provide important facilities especially to users who find accessing public transport difficult due to disability or infirmity and has been highlighted in the Rural White Paper.

Craven District Council Concessionary Travel Scheme: The council offers concessionary travel to the following permanent residents of Craven District who have, or are likely to have problems with mobility:

- ❑ Men aged 65 years or over
- ❑ Women aged 60 years or over

Generally the scheme offers ½ price travel to men and women over the age of 60 and people with disabilities.

The post bus is a local initiative that provides an easily accessible service to Skipton for rural communities. The post bus is free and completes one trip to Skipton every day except Sunday leaving mid morning and returning early afternoon.

CDC and NYCC have identified the lack of public transport. Although this problem has been acknowledged through an investment in community transport, it still does not compensate for the lack of a regular bus service and the perceptions of isolation created.

Housing

Economic and demographic trends directly impact on the housing need in Craven district. A number of factors including inward migration especially amongst the older age group, low wage levels, and multiplication of small households have led to an increased need for affordable housing.

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Tourism

Tourism accounts for a significant element of the local economy both directly through accommodation and visitor attractions and also indirectly through the increase in trade experienced by local shops and services during the tourist season, which helps to support rural service delivery. In addition many local community groups also gain income from annual events, which attract tourists.

Playing Fields Associations

There are a number of playing fields associations (PFAs) operating within Craven District. The associations own, in the main, children's play areas, pitch and non-pitch facilities and often operate separately, as charities, to the parish council and even the LA. A brief description of each of the associations that were consulted is provided below. This list is not exclusive as there were a number of representatives that KKP was unable to contact.

Austwick Playing Fields Association

Austwick Playing Fields Association has been established since 1934 and has charitable status. It owns the following facilities:

- ❑ Football pitch which includes a cricket square
- ❑ Bowling green
- ❑ Two tennis courts
- ❑ Children's play area

Austwick Bowling Club and Austwick Tennis Club utilise the facility and are responsible for the maintenance of the green and tennis courts. The general maintenance of the pitch is contracted to an external body. Funds for this are raised via an annual village event. Ideally the drainage of the pitch could be improved as it does have a tendency to become wet.

The children's play area has recently been refurbished, with new equipment and re-surfacing, by means of a substantial grant from the Lottery as well as the PFA's own funds.

A 'Planning for Real' event was carried out which resulted in identifying a need for some form of a practice wall for both tennis and football. The Tennis Club have recently applied for funding from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts for re-surfacing the tennis courts. If this is successful it is hoped that some of this funding will be used to erect the wall.

The recreation area at Austwick is well used by both local villagers and tourists. An increasing problem, however, is the escalating cost of insurance. This has had a negative impact on the operating costs over the last two years. Austwick Village is

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very small with approximately 450 residents and it is proving ever more difficult to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities. It would be quite useful to receive some support in terms of funding applications and sources of information about the relevant funding organisations that are available.

Bentham Playing Fields Association

Bentham Playing Fields Association (PFA) has been established since the 1960s and has charitable status. It leases the field from the local factory paying a peppercorn rent. The land is tied in a bond in that it can be utilised for recreational purposes only.

The PFA owns the following facilities:

- Clubhouse including small bar, lounge area, kitchen, toilets and changing rooms
- Cricket and football pitch
- Two tennis courts
- Children's play area

The whole of the recreational area is under refurbishment of which there are three phases. Phase one involves additional land, which has been leased from CDC, being drained and prepared as a mini football pitch and small training area. This has been partly funded through the Countryside Agency as part of the Bentham Market Town Initiative and partly through NOF. The PFA has also contributed 10% although some assistance will be required in completing this project.

Phase two involves building new changing rooms so that the existing clubhouse can be used solely as the lounge area. This new changing block will include two changing rooms, an officials room and shower and toilet area. These are in the process of being built and it is anticipated that they will be completed by the end of April. Some funding was received from the Football Foundation as well as the Countryside Agency.

Phase three was planned to re-surface the tennis courts as they are in poor condition. A tennis club did used to play at the site but has since disbanded. The courts are however well used by holiday-makers through the summer. The PFA would have liked to refurbish them but has no funding to carry this out as yet.

The children's play area was dilapidated and was quite dangerous to use. This has since been knocked down and a small play area for children under five is in the process of being built. This will include a slide, swings and a playhouse. The PFA did have intentions to build a skatepark close by but again lack of funding is hindering the development of this.

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The recreational area is well used by local residents as there is no other similar facility in the vicinity and it is vital that the above planned developments are completed. The PFA would like some assistance in completing them.

Long Preston Playing Fields Association

Long Preston Playing Fields Association has been established since 1995 and has charitable status. A local farmer sold just over one acre of land to the parish council, which the PFA manage. This has since been developed into the following:

- Grassed play area
- Senior football pitch
- Two tennis courts

There is no clubhouse although the PFA would like to erect one once the Association applies for external funding. The final phase of developing the greenspace area is to include a bowling green. Funds are currently being raised for this, potential sources include Awards for All, the Lottery and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

Current users of the recreational area include the local primary school, a village cricket team that plays on an informal basis and villagers and ramblers. An application for a grant has been made to undertake some tennis coaching for young people in the area. This is hoping to be carried out by Ian Nash, an accredited tennis coach.

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Market Town Renaissance Initiatives

The retail and business sectors of many market towns are perceived to be in decline and in need of revitalisation, but more than this, the health of market towns can affect the health of a rural area. The Countryside Agency have, therefore, taken a national overview and integrated its own policies for the countryside and demonstrating the practical application of these in area-based approaches focused on market towns.

Definitions

The term 'market town' is used to mean towns approximately between 2000 and 20,000 in population, with a history of, or potential of, supporting and servicing a rural hinterland. The presence of a 'market' as such is not a determining feature, more important is the relationship of the town to which the hinterland and its capacity to act as a local service centre.

Yorkshire and the Humber region pilot

This pilot programme began in April 2000 and will assist smaller market towns across the region in partnership with Yorkshire Forward. The programme will operate for a period of six years and will demonstrate how strategic partnership working can deal with multiple issues facing market towns and their rural hinterlands.

The programme will be driven by the Countryside Agency in the region alongside Yorkshire Forward, who together will co-ordinate and control the programme, including assisting bids, allocating funding, monitoring progress, providing expert advice and guidance and ensuring value for money.

The main aim of the programme is to reinforce the role of market towns as local capitals or service centres both for their residents and for surrounding rural communities and countryside. Ideally the programme would like to establish market towns as:

- ❑ a comprehensive local service centre, adequately filling the gap in the hierarchy of settlements between village and city;
- ❑ the focus for properly planned and co-ordinated public transport;
- ❑ places that capitalise upon and seek to maintain their distinctive character, heritage and environment and
- ❑ vibrant, sustainable communities where development for housing and jobs in particular are welcomed because it reinforces the character of the place while meeting the needs of rural society.

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Craven market towns

There are three market towns within Craven District:

- Bentham
- Settle
- Skipton

Bentham has received funding via the market town initiative to improve the pitch facilities at the site whereas Settle and Skipton both have formulated draft reports detailing their aims and actions. These are outlined further in the outdoor sports facilities assessment report and built facilities assessment report..

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Appendix one

List of parish councils and meetings that did not respond to the questionnaires:

- Airton Parish Meeting
- Appletreewick Parish Council
- Bank Newton Parish Meeting
- Beamsley Parish Meeting
- Buckden Parish Council
- Bordley Parish Meeting
- Burnsall Parish Meeting
- Coniston Parish Council
- Cowling Parish Council
- Cracoe Parish Council
- Glusburn Parish Council
- Halton Gill Parish Meeting
- Hanlith Parish Meeting
- Hartington Parish Council
- Hawkswick Parish Meeting
- Hazelwood with Storiths Parish Meeting
- Hetton Parish Council
- Hetton Parish Meeting
- Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council
- Kirby Malham Parish Meeting
- Kirby Malhamdale Parish Council
- Long Preston Parish Council
- Long Preston Parish Meeting
- Malham Parish Meeting
- Malham Moor Parish Meeting
- Martons Both Parish Meeting
- Otterburn Parish Meeting
- Rylstone Parish Meeting
- Scosthrop Parish Meeting
- Swinden Parish Meeting
- Thorpe Parish Meeting
- Threshfield Parish Council
- Wigglesworth Parish Meeting

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Appendix two – Proforma’s and questionnaires

Market Research UK questionnaire

FINAL
MARKET RESEARCH UK
 40 Princess Street
 Manchester M1 6DE



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OFFICE USE
 Serial Number

NAME _____

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ADDRESS _____

**INTERVIEWER
 ID NUMBER**

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POSTCODE _____

**QUESTIONNAIRE
 NUMBER**

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TELEPHONE _____

AGE OF RESPONDENT

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**WORKING STATUS OF
 RESPONDENT**

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START TIME (24-hour clock)				FINISH TIME (24-hour clock)			

Good _____ morning/afternoon/evening. My name is _____ from Market Research UK Ltd. We are conducting a survey for Craven District Council on the provision of open space, sport and recreational facilities within Craven. This includes the likes of parks, nature reserves, sports centres, recreation grounds and village halls. I'd like to ask you some questions. It should not take longer than 10 minutes. All answers you

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give will be treated with the strictest confidentiality. Only the combined views of all respondents will be analysed and presented back to Craven District Council.

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DATE _____

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JOB NUMBER	1	0	2	2	1

	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
INTERVIEWER ID NUMBER				

	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
QUESTIONNAIRE NUMBER				

START TIME (24-hour clock)					FINISH TIME (24-hour clock)				
(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)		(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	

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EDITED BY _____ (22) (23) CODED BY _____ (24) (25)

DATE _____

DATE _____

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AREA TYPE	AREA LOCATION	(26)
Craven 1		1
Craven 2		2
Craven 3		3
Craven 4		4

SHOW MAP HIGHLIGHTING CRAVEN

Q1	Do you live in Craven?	(27)	ROUTE
	Yes	1	Q2
	No	2	THANK & CLOSE

Q2	INTERVIEWER CODE GENDER	(28)	ROUTE
	Male	1	Q3
	Female	2	

Q3	SHOWCARD 1: Which of the following age groups do you fall into?	(29)	ROUTE
	Under 16	1	THANK & CLOSE
	16 - 19	2	Q4
	20 - 24	3	
	25 - 34	4	
	35 - 44	5	
	45 - 59	6	
	60+	7	

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Q4 **SHOWCARD 2:** Which of these open space, sport and recreational facilities have you visited in the last 12 months? **MULTICODE**

			ROUTE
A	Allotment	1 (30)	
B	Churchyard/ cemetery	1 (31)	Q5
C	Children's play area	1 (32)	1 st column
D	Civic space/ non-green space ie insert example	1 (33)	
E	Green corridor/ walking route ie insert example	1 (34)	
F	Nature reserve/ nature conservation area	1 (35)	
G	Large park/ garden ie insert example	1 (36)	
H	Local park/ garden	1 (37)	
I	Green space on housing estate	1 (38)	
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J	Sport/ leisure centre	1 (39)	
K	Village hall	1 (40)	Q6
L	Recreation ground ie football pitches/ tennis courts	1 (41)	2 nd column
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	None of the above	1 (42)	Q12

AT Q5 AND Q6 FOR RESPONDENTS CODED A-I AT Q4 USE FIRST COLUMN, FOR RESPONDENTS CODED J-L AT Q4 USE SECOND COLUMN

Q5 Thinking about the open spaces you have visited, for what reasons do you visit such facilities? MULTICODE	SECTIO N A-I AT Q4	SECTIO N J-L AT Q4				ROUTE
To play sport/ games informally	1 (43)	1 (44)				Q6
To play sport/ games formally (eg attend a class, play a competitive game)	1 (45)	1 (46)				
To walk the dog	1 (47)	1 (48)				
For a family outing	1 (49)	1 (50)				
To meet with friends	1 (51)	1 (52)				
To take my children to play/ use the play area	1 (53)	1 (54)				
To see events/ entertainment	1 (55)	1 (56)				
To exercise	1 (57)	1 (58)				
To take a shortcut/ pleasant route	1 (59)	1 (60)				

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To enjoy floral displays/ nature	1	(61)	1	(62)
To relax/ contemplate	1	(63)	1	(64)
To observe wildlife	1	(65)	1	(66)
To spend lunchtime	1	(67)	1	(68)
Other (<i>Please specify for section A to I</i>)	(69)	(70)		
Other (<i>Please specify for section J to L</i>)				

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Q6

How do you usually travel for this purpose?	SECTION A-I AT Q4		SECTION J-L AT Q4		ROUTE
Bus	0	1	0	1	Q7
Car	0	2	0	2	
Cycle	0	3	0	3	
Tube / train	0	4	0	4	
Walk	0	5	0	5	
Other (<i>Please specify for section A to I</i>)					
Other (<i>Please specify for section J to L</i>)					

FOR EACH VENUE TICKED AT Q4, ASK Q7 & Q8 THEN GO TO Q11

Q7 **SHOW CARD 3:** How often have you visited this type of venue in the last 12 months?

ROUTE

Q8 Have you visited a venue in Craven, outside or both? **REFER TO MAP IF REQUIRED**

Q14

	Q7 - How often visited							Q8 - In Craven				
	More than once a week	Once a week	2-3 times a week	Once a month	Less than once a month	Don't know		In Craven	Outside Craven	Both	Don't know	
Allotment	1	2	3	4	5	6	(71)	1	2	3	4	(72)
Churchyard/ cemetery	1	2	3	4	5	6	(73)	1	2	3	4	(74)
Children's play area	1	2	3	4	5	6	(75)	1	2	3	4	(76)
Civic space/ non-green space	1	2	3	4	5	6	(77)	1	2	3	4	(78)
Green corridor/ walking route	1	2	3	4	5	6	(79)	1	2	3	4	(80)

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Nature reserve/ nature conservation area	1	2	3	4	5	6	(81)	1	2	3	4	(82)
Large park/ garden	1	2	3	4	5	6	(83)	1	2	3	4	(84)
Local park/ garden	1	2	3	4	5	6	(85)	1	2	3	4	(86)
Green space on housing estate	1	2	3	4	5	6	(87)	1	2	3	4	(88)
Sport/ leisure centre	1	2	3	4	5	6	(89)	1	2	3	4	(90)
Village hall	1	2	3	4	5	6	(91)	1	2	3	4	(92)
Recreation ground	1	2	3	4	5	6	(93)	1	2	3	4	(94)

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ASK Q9 IF NO RESPONSES IN Q4 SECTION A-I SELECTED. ELSE GO TO Q11.

Q9 What are the main reasons that you do not use open spaces? MULTICODE			ROUTE
			E
Don't know where the facilities are	1	(95)	Q10
Fear of crime/ personal safety	1	(96)	
Too expensive	1	(97)	
Facilities are too far away	1	(98)	
Not interested	1	(99)	
Mobility and access problems	1	(100)	
Not maintained or in a state of disrepair	1	(101)	
Wrong type of facilities provided	1	(102)	
Don't know	1	(103)	
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)			
	(104)	(105)	

ASK Q10 IF NO RESPONSES IN Q4 SECTION J-L SELECTED. ELSE GO TO Q11.

Q10 What are the main reasons that you do not use sport and recreational facilities or village halls? MULTICODE			ROUTE
			E
Don't know where the facilities are	1	(106)	Q11
Fear of crime/ personal safety	1	(107)	
Too expensive	1	(108)	
Facilities are too far away	1	(109)	
Not interested	1	(110)	
Mobility and access problems	1	(111)	
Not maintained or in a state of disrepair	1	(112)	
Wrong type of facilities provided	1	(113)	
Don't know	1	(114)	
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)			
	(115)	(116)	

ASK ALL

Q11 SHOWCARD 4: How important are open spaces to you?			ROUTE
			E
Very important	1		Q13
Quite important	2		
Not very important	3		Q12

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	4	
Not at all important	5	Q13
No opinion		
Q12 Why do you say that? RECORD VERBATIM		ROUTE
 <hr/> <hr/>		Q13
Q13 SHOWCARD 4: How important are sports and recreational facilities to you?	(118)	ROUTE
Very important	1	Q15
Quite important	2	
Not very important	3	Q14
Not at all important	4	
No opinion	5	Q15
Q14 Why do you say that? RECORD VERBATIM		ROUTE
 <hr/> <hr/>		Q15
Q15 SHOWCARD 4: How important are village halls to you?	(119)	ROUTE
Very important	1	Q15
Quite important	2	
Not very important	3	Q16
Not at all important	4	
No opinion	5	Q15
Q16 Why do you say that? RECORD VERBATIM		ROUTE
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Q17 **SHOW CARD 5:** How would you rate the overall quality in Craven of the following?

ROUTE

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	Don't know	
Allotments	1	2	3	4	5	6	(120)
Churchyards/ cemeteries	1	2	3	4	5	6	(121)
Children's play areas	1	2	3	4	5	6	(122)
Civic spaces/ non-green spaces	1	2	3	4	5	6	(123)
Green corridors/ walking routes	1	2	3	4	5	6	(124)
Nature reserve's/ nature conservation areas	1	2	3	4	5	6	(125)
Large park/ gardens	1	2	3	4	5	6	(126)
Local park/ gardens	1	2	3	4	5	6	(127)
Green space on housing estates	1	2	3	4	5	6	(128)
Sports/ leisure centres	1	2	3	4	5	6	(129)
Village halls	1	2	3	4	5	6	(130)
Recreation grounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	(131)

Q1

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Q18 State the **two** most important ways in which open spaces within Craven can be improved? **RECORD VERBATIM** **ROUTE**

Q19

Q19 State the **two** most important ways in which sports and recreational facilities within Craven can be improved? **RECORD VERBATIM** **ROUTE**

Q20

Q20 State the **two** most important ways in which village halls within Craven can be improved? **RECORD VERBATIM** **ROUTE**

Q21

Q21 Do you own/have regular access to a car? **ROUTE**

(132) **E**

Yes 1 Q22

No 2

Q22 Do you have any children at home? If yes how old are they? (*Write in*) **ROUTE**

(133) (134) **E**

No children 0 1 Q23

0 - 4

5 -9

10 - 15

15+

Q23 Do you have your own garden at home or access to a communal garden? **ROUTE**

(135) **E**

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Own garden	1		Q24
Communal green space/garden	2		
No garden	3		

Q24 **SHOW CARD 6:** How would you describe your ethnic group?

(136) (137)

ROUTE

WHITE	British	0	1	Q25
	Irish	0	2	
	Any other White background	0	3	
MIXED	White & Black Caribbean	0	4	
	White & Black African	0	5	
	White & Asian	0	6	
	Any other mixed background	0	7	
ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH	Indian	0	8	
	Pakistani	0	9	
	Bangladeshi	1	0	
	Any other Asian background	1	1	
BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH	Caribbean	1	2	
	African	1	3	
	Any other Black background	1	4	
CHINESE OR OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	Chinese	1	5	
	Other	1	6	
Refused		1	7	

Q25 Bearing in mind that your answer will be kept strictly confidential, would you mind telling me which of these best describes your current working status?

(138) (139)

ROUTE

In full-time work	0	1	Q26
In part-time work	0	2	
Self employed	0	3	
Presently seeking work	0	4	
Permanently sick/disabled	0	5	
Wholly retired from work	0	6	
On a government training scheme	0	7	

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In full-time education	0	8
At home/not seeking work	0	9
Other	1	0

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Q26 SEG

ROUTE

OCCUPATION OF CHIEF INCOME EARNER

(Probe for further details only when necessary to determine SEG)
POSITION/RANK/GRADE

QUALIFICATIONS

NO. OF STAFF RESP. FOR

INTERVIEWER CODE:

(140)

ROUTE

AB
 C1
 C2
 DE

1
 2
 3
 4

GO TO Q24

Q27 What is your postcode? This is only needed to produce maps of the survey results? **(Write in)**

ROUTE

(141)	(142)	(143)	(144)	(145)	(146)	(147)

END

THANK AND CLOSE

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Parish Council questionnaire

Category:	Own	Other	Lease	If leased: please indicate who from (e.g. District Council)
Parks and gardens				
Natural and semi-natural green spaces (e.g. wildlife sites, woodland)				
Green corridors (e.g. footpaths, bridle-ways, cycle-ways)				
Allotments				
Cemeteries				
Children's play areas				
Outdoor sports facilities				
Amenity greenspace (sites adding to visual aesthetics eg roundabouts/ grass areas)				
Civic space e.g. market square/ memorial squares				

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Site specific information				
Site Name	Location (road name)	Size (in hectares)	Current use e.g. children's play area	Type of equipment on site e.g. benches, swings, slide etc. or number of pitches/courts e.g. 1 cricket pitch, 3 tennis courts

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General information:		
Are there any plans to develop new or existing open space (as per the nine categories)	Yes	No
If 'Yes', please give details:		
Are there any issues concerning open space provision e.g. re public rights of way?	Yes	No
If 'Yes' please give details:		

Use of outdoor sports facilities				
Are the outdoor sports facilities available for clubs and teams to use? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
If used at present, please provide details:				
Site:	Sport:	Club/team name:	When play:	Club contact:

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Does the Parish Council receive more requests to use the pitches/courts than it can accommodate? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
If Yes, please detail:							
Is there any unauthorised/occasional use of the pitches? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
If Yes, please detail:							
Ancillary facilities:							
Are changing facilities/car parking available for teams using the pitches/courts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
If Yes, please detail the site and number of facilities available:							
Site:	Changing rooms	Officials room	Shower rooms	Toilets	Bar/ lounge	Team room	Parking spaces

	Good	Acceptable	Unacceptable
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Pitches	A level playing surface More than 80% grass cover Little sign of wear & tear No waterlogging Posts secure / no dangerous protrusions	Approximately 50 % grass cover Minimal wear & tear Sloping playing surface Minimal waterlogging Posts secure but in need of minor attention	Uneven playing surface Little or no grass cover Signs of excessive wear & tear Significant waterlogging Posts loose & potentially dangerous. Remedial action required Potholing & rutting
Facilities	Sufficient changing accommodation for available pitches Clean & well decorated Lockable changing rooms Sufficient shower areas & toilets Little sign of vandalism Separate changing facilities/ showers for male and female Separate changing facilities/showers for adults and children Changing accommodation and toilets/showers for disabled groups	Reasonable changing accommodation for available pitches Clean but in need of redecoration Some segregated shower areas Some segregated, lockable changing areas	Insufficient changing accommodation Dirty (mud, litter, graffiti) Communal shower area(s) Standing water & overpowering odour Limited lockable changing areas Un-repaired vandalism

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate the quality of the playing field(s) and changing facilities (using the table above)

Site Name	Good		Acceptable		Unacceptable	
	Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities

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Does the Parish/Town Council have any plans to increase or improve its outdoor sports provision?
If yes, please give details:

Yes

No

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Indoor recreational space			
Does the Parish/Town Council own/lease any indoor space which is used for recreational activities e.g. village hall, community centres etc? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes please list below:			
Venue name	Location (road name and postcode)	Size if known	Current regular users e.g. keep fit classes, Brownies etc.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Sports questionnaires

Below is an example of the questionnaire used for football clubs. This was then adapted for each of the sports surveyed as part of the outdoor sports assessment.

CLUB INFORMATION		CRAVEN : FOOTBALL		
Name of Club:		In which area of Craven (eg) is your home ground?		
Contact name, position (eg Secretary), with daytime telephone number:				
Teams eg: 1 x Senior 1 x u16	*League(s) / Competition(s)	When play eg Sat am	Home Ground (s) Address	Postcode
<i>*If possible, please attach a fixture list.</i>				

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Does the club have a written sports development plan? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please enclose a copy or indicate main objectives of the plan:
Does the club have any facility/pitch development plans (eg pitch drainage, clubhouse improvement etc)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please give details:
Have you applied for, or received, lottery or other funding over the past five years? No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details: Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
HOME GROUND - IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE HOME GROUND PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR BOTH/ALL USING SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
Name of ground or playing field:

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Is the ground owned, leased or rented by the club? rented <input type="checkbox"/>	owned <input type="checkbox"/>	leased <input type="checkbox"/>
If leased or rented, please state who you lease or rent from: If leased, please state length of lease and when it expires: If rented please state the cost of renting the pitch per season:		
Who maintains the ground? Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Club <input type="checkbox"/>	Council <input type="checkbox"/>
	Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/>	School <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this your preferred home ground? <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please state where you would prefer to play:		
How far do the majority of your players have to travel to play? + <input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 2mls <input type="checkbox"/>	2-5mls <input type="checkbox"/>
Does training take place site <input type="checkbox"/>	*on your pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	elsewhere at the ground <input type="checkbox"/>
**off site <input type="checkbox"/>		
* If train on pitch please indicate for how many hours per week: _____		
**If off site please give address of venue(s)		

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How many pitches are there at your home ground? + <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6
How many are <input type="checkbox"/>	Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	Junior <input type="checkbox"/>	Mini			
Do you have a designated pitch: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please indicate pitch number: _____						
Do you consider your designated pitch to be: _____ correct size <input type="checkbox"/> undersize <input type="checkbox"/>						
How many home matches did you play on your designated pitch last season? _____ -						
How many matches were cancelled (<i>excluding frozen pitches</i>) on the designated pitch last season? _____						
What were the main reasons for the cancellations? _____						
Has the quality of your designated pitch got better or worse since last season?						
Much better <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly better <input type="checkbox"/> No difference <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly poorer <input type="checkbox"/> Much poorer <input type="checkbox"/>						
Please indicate why: _____						

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If more pitches were available at your ground or in the area, would your club have more teams? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, how many more teams and in which age groups?	
If better facilities were available at your ground would your club have more teams? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, What facilities would be required? (Eg more pitches, better changing facilities)	
ANCILLARY FACILITIES	
Are changing facilities available to your club? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, how many rooms?

Are there separate Senior /Junior changing areas available?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there separate Male /Female changing areas available?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Who owns the facilities?	Club <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Who maintains the facilities?	Club <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the facility have: officials room <input type="checkbox"/> showers <input type="checkbox"/> toilets <input type="checkbox"/> kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> access for disabled <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the facilities secured during matches?	Is car parking available? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is this adequate for all pitches? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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Does the ground have any of the following:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	clubhouse <input type="checkbox"/>	floodlights <input type="checkbox"/>
	dugouts <input type="checkbox"/>	stands <input type="checkbox"/>
		fencing <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the site suffered from vandalism in the last year?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please indicate specific incidences:		
Do any other clubs/teams play at this site?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please could you let us have the name(s) (if known):		
Are there facilities for any other sport(s) at this site?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please could you specify (eg tennis courts, cricket square etc):		
PITCH/FACILITY QUALITY		

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In the previous five years has there been an increase or decrease in the **number** of pitches and facilities available for use in the area? increase decrease stayed the same

If there has been a change please indicate number of pitches:

In the previous five years has there been an increase or decrease in the **quality** of pitches and facilities available for use in the area? increase decrease stayed the same

If there has been a decrease please give details of specific problems over the quality:

If there has been a decrease is this restricting teams/players from playing?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

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Unacceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uneven playing surface ▪ Little or no grass cover ▪ Signs of excessive wear & tear ▪ Significant waterlogging ▪ Goal posts loose & potentially dangerous. ▪ Remedial action required ▪ Potholing & rutting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Insufficient changing accommodation for available pitches ▪ Dirty (mud, litter, graffiti) ▪ Communal shower area(s) ▪ Standing water & overpowering odour ▪ Limited lockable changing areas ▪ Un-repaired vandalism 		
<p>Using the scale above please rate the following aspects of your home ground/facilities. <i>(Please tick appropriate box)</i></p>				
	Good	Acceptable	Unacceptable	N/a
Firmness of surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grip underfoot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bounce of the ball on the pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evenness of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of grass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grass cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Posts and sockets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free from litter, dog fouling, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers - clean, hot, plenty of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are any of the following issues currently problematic for your club? *(Please tick all that apply)*

Lack of internal funding (subs / fund-raising)

Lack of external funding (parish council, governing bodies etc)

Lack of appropriate local facilities

Access difficulties for members (cost, lack of public transport etc)

Lack of information about local facilities / services

Poor/no relationship with local clubs (facility usage / exit routes etc)

Lack of voluntary assistance (committee members / coaches etc)

Membership recruitment / retention

Other (please specify)

Any further comments please:

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Built facilities proforma

Built Facilities – Pro forma (some of this should be in the database and just needs checking for accuracy)

Facilities

- Who owns and maintains the facilities?
- Which indoor facilities does the centre/hall cater for?

Main Hall dimensions in meters, maximum capacity, is it accessible (yes,no,partial)

2nd room dimensions in meters, maximum capacity, is it accessible (yes, no, partial)

Any other **additional meeting rooms** ?? if so dimetions etc

Toilets- number of female & male toilets number fully accessible /ambient accessible

Kitchen present/absent does it comply with health and safety regs? is it accessible ? (yes, no, partial)

Parking is any parking available ? how many spaces?

Induction Loop – is it fitted in any of the building if so which rooms.

Additional Facilities please list eg stage, changing rooms, showers, post office, doctors surgery etc

Additional Equipment which can be borrowed or hired please list eg lighting and sound equipment, portable stage, display boards, projectors, screens etc

Condition

- Condition of facilities** grade from very poor, below standard, average, good, excellent (please note if any of the following are particular areas for concern heating age/efficiency, interior decoration, windows, roof, floor surface)
- Is there any need for refurbishment/replacement?
- Does the building conform to DDA requirements?
- Is there any maintenance work or development planned for the future? If so where is the funding coming from? Has it already been allocated?

Usage

- How many groups regularly use the building eg, coffee mornings, playgroup, WI, evening classes, lunch clubs(please list) how many hours per month does each group use the building, how many people are in each group(estimates are fine)? Eg playgroup 2hours per week 20 members
- Are there any plans to increase/decrease the numbers of people using the building? Eg setting up youthclub / moving afterschool club to another venue?
- Are any activities not allowed? Eg ball games, youth groups, consumption of alcohol.
- Are any activities not able to be carried out due to the state of the building eg too cold for older people, dangerous areas for toddlers?
- Does the building have an entertainments licence?

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- ❑ Programme – if possible get a copy of the programme. What time does the facility operate? Peak times?
- ❑ What is the booking policy? Degree the programme is left open for casual use and use of criteria to prioritise bookings. Is there clear access to the facility?
- ❑ Users – where the catchment covers for regular users; proportion of users from target areas/group (e.g. male/female; junior/adult); potential to improve reach to target areas/groups
- ❑ What is the pricing policy/structure? Get prices. Is it cheaper to hire for people who live in the town/village?
- ❑ Does the village hall generate any income? Do they operate as a charity or a trust?

Links

- ❑ Links to public transport?
- ❑ Are there any links with local schools in terms of schools using the facility for after school clubs or during school hours?
- ❑ Are there any links with local clubs?
- ❑ Are there any links with other village halls/centres?
- ❑ Are there any links with sports development (for all sports)

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