

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The village is a good, safe environment in which to bring up children. However, some young respondents and their families are acutely aware of the lack of social facilities for them.

Following the questionnaire delivered to all households in Knapton last November, the Village Plan Steering Group organized two meetings to obtain the views of our children and young people. We had previously distributed questionnaires, which were used as a discussion point for the meetings.

FEEDBACK FROM THE TWO RESEARCH SESSIONS:

- (a) Young people: Pete Alder and Bea Gatfield led the session, which they emphasized was an initial 'brainstorm' about the facilities the young people would wish to see in their village to address their needs.
- They need a bus shelter, by the telephone box, where the school buses pick them up.
 - They want a place to go, and things to do in the village (like a Youth Club)
 - They would like there to be a shop that sells basics like bread, milk, papers, confectionary etc.
 - MADRA is great and should/could be the centre for more things for young people
 - They cycle a lot and are especially concerned about the safety of the Knapton straight road to Mundesley
 - They would like to be involved in creating and looking after a community orchard/vegetable plot
 - Would like to see an improved bus service to Cromer, North Walsham or the City
 - Street lights in a few places for safety, e.g. near MADRA
 - Wanted to know what happens in the Men's Club
- (b) Children: Bea Gatfield and Pat Spencer led the session. As some of the children were very young, the ideas seemed to come from the children whose ages ranged from 9 to 13 years.
- BMX/motor bike track
 - Weekend club, somewhere to hang out
 - Youth shelter on the park
 - Skateboard park
 - Wild meadow redone and include use for outdoor activities
 - Like Paston Village, loads of basketball/football goals, multi-functional for various sports for the village
 - Tennis court – hard standing for multi-use
 - Bus shelter near telephone. Combine bus stops for children to be picked up from the same point (at the moment different schools, different buses that pick up in different places)
 - More facilities at Men's Club, e.g. pool table, open to all
 - Youth Club: nearest at Mundesley, why not one here? We need one for us in the village!
 - Possible fundraising: car boot, sponsored bike ride, etc.
 - Go-kart track
 - Village discos
 - Allotments – areas to grow things, fruit, gardening
 - Fishing lake – possibly at the old pond site (by Millenium Gardens)

- Village shop
- Regular craft sessions like the one today, on Saturday afternoon, as there is nothing to do then.

ACTIONS:

- *Approach Knapton Parish Council re a new bus shelter*
- *Include the views of our young residents when working towards a footpath to Mundesley*
- *Explore options for a suitable play area in the village*
- *Ask Knapton adults if they will volunteer to run a Youth Club and search for a suitable venue*