

Comments made on questionnaires for New Community Facilities – July 2016

Question no.	Response no.	Text
3	4	Attend activities/functions when necessary
	7	I am a full-time carer to my wife at present and need to be at home for most of the time
	12	Work full time. Have attended keep fit classes there with Emma Caldwell
	46	No activities that I really want. I live right on the edge of the parish
	49	Didn't know we had one but now I have looked, there isn't anything relevant for us. I would love a baby/toddler class
	76	Just don't wish to use it
	86	Nothing really appeals to me at present
	92	Too busy and too old
	98	In the past used regularly. Toilets and dirty kitchen facilities. We used to hire it for our children's parties
	100	Only use it for voting
	102	Just never got round to attending any activities there
	104	We just don't use the facilities
	115	Health problems during last 6 months (ie. housebound)
	116	It's in the school
	120	Too busy at present to use the centre
	130	Busy with other activities in community halls elsewhere
	132	Limited activities for me
	152	No spare time at this stage
	157	Don't get time to use it
	159	Working hours and family commitments – no regular time
	166	Tend to be too busy
	168	I haven't got time
	169	Don't really have time at the moment
171	At the moment I don't need to use the hall but I think the hall is very important to those who do wish to use it	
184	Not able to get out much	
186	I'm busy a lot of the time	
187	Use Bodenham	
4	6	Definitely with all the additional houses
	69	Subject to cost estimates being acceptable together with sensible repayment scheme
	95	What is wrong with the existing one?
	108	Make sure what we have work better. Get pre-school out
	109	We should update what we have and move pre-school out
	157	What will happen to the current community centre?
	186	Yes – but I think we think we need to be realistic about costs and the existing one is new
	188	However I would like to see a costed option for finding a way to relocate the preschool as suggested by the lottery and David T
5	5	I don't currently know what goes on there so cannot comment
	9	Not qualified to comment, very rarely go
	10	The success of the pre-school means that a new community centre for the village is important. Over the years, regulations have changed and dual use of this building is no longer feasible. Safeguarding for school and pre-school is a huge issue and unless the building is altered in some way, changes need to be addressed. Without the pre-school the future of the school is in jeopardy. We need to encourage young families into this village to ensure that all the current facilities continue eg. village shop, post office, school and pre-school. Loss of revenue from the pre-school too would be a concern
	16	It would also be great for the pre-school to have space they didn't have to pack away most days
	18	It is not big enough to meet the diverse needs of the village. Pre-school use the facility during the day, leaving less availability for other users
	23	Sharing main hall with the school, to have a function in the hall is not an attractive setting
	29	Nowhere to meet just to socialise over a cup of coffee
	33	Coffee mornings
	34	Play group has monopoly of use. Restricts use morning and afternoon
	35	No problem with existing one
	36	There is also a parking issue occasionally, especially when having the need for a disabled parking space. No café type area to meet up
	37	No access during school term time. Always in use by pre-school and nursery
	38	It has always been our understanding that the current community centre has been adequate for village activity
	42	It will cost more for people to use now it is in with the academy
	46	I'm not able to give any judgement on this
	48	Not enough availability during the day time
49	There could be more to do. Baby groups, slimming world, groups for teenagers, race nights, second hand sales	

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5	54	Single school and community centre entrance and toilets. Pre-school use of community room and meeting room. Insufficient storage space. Very poor kitchen. Very poor sound insulation to main hall. Shared main hall only available out of school hours
	61	Mixing with the pre-school means there are limited/no opportunities for day time activities. As the pre-school/primary school grows this will be even more of an issue
	63	Not available in the daytime except Saturday and Sunday
	66	It is not an attractive venue, when you have to compete with children's play equipment etc and art work on the walls, also an unhealthy kitchen ie. mop bucket etc in kitchen. No cupboard space of your own to use. All together a most unsatisfactory community hall. I feel I am imposing on the nursery school
	69	Disproportionate allocation of usage to a private company at a ludicrously low price at the expense of the village community
	70	Afternoon meetings clash with the school activities. Kitchen rather small
	83	Poor present facilities make it unattractive for many as a venue
	84	Not available during the day time
	85	Some of these were tried but not supported
	103	Changing population dynamics bringing younger and less religious residents into area. Need for more entertainment for this group – flix in the stix for example
	108	Pre-school have taken it over. Why?
	109	Having the pre-school in the community centre has resulted in very restricted use for the community and not a nice environment. Move the pre-school out
	110	Current centre not able to be used effectively as playgroup monopolise the facilities including 100% use of the smaller meeting room
	112	Limiting effect of OFSTED ruling
	116	If it was nice, adult parties/weddings etc
	119	Having to share with school
	125	Need more information about activities
	128	Additional rooms/space would be useful to broaden activities choice
	130	The activities advertised don't compete with those available elsewhere in the area
	133	Kitchen and toilets are in a poor state
	134	Because it's shared
	138	It is the school, prefer separate
	141	The school is used for much activity though opportunities for community activity is curtailed during term-time
	144	Need to make it multipurpose, don't make the prices expensive, give careful thought to access and parking
	150	Nothing concerns me but due to village expansion sharing the school real estate will become challenging
	159	As we do not use the centre we feel unqualified to answer this question
	166	I don't have time to use it but will as we get older
	172	I don't have any issue
	173	Wi-fi. High school usage compromising community use and availability. Lack of day time communal café meeting spaces for elderly and mums etc
	174	Not sure as I haven't any idea what is in there, apart from pre-school which we don't use any more
	178	Activities are limited to out of school hours at present
	180	Poor lighting for evening events, parties etc (too bright), no atmosphere. Not available during day (weekdays)
	181	Current community centre should be for the use of school and play school only to include guides, brownies and scouts. New community centre for adult and youth population of village and outsiders for their respective interests
	185	Currently the balance between users is incorrect with the playgroup being a 'sitting tenant' and everything else being accommodated around them
	186	Difficult to arrange activities when the pre-school takes up as many rooms/space
	188	I'm not sure whether there is a call for this (activities for older people) but other than Over 60s not much else seems to be organised but perhaps transport would need to be laid on
	190	Not enough bingo
	191	Expenditure cannot be justified
	193	I think it's a shame that the preschool has been allowed to monopolise the community centre in the way it has. When we came to Marden 16 years ago preschool was just 4 days a week until lunchtime leaving every afternoon free
	196	Not independent from school priorities
6	108	Don't need a new one use the one we have
	109	A community centre that can be used by the community all the time is important. It does not have to be a new place
7	25	I have difficulty mobilising especially as I can no longer drive
	26	Mum uses 4 wheeled walker
	36	Difficulty walking
	40	My wife is unable to walk very far
	48	Wheelchair user

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	59	Can't do steps, wheelchair bound
	62	One with Parkinsons relies on wheelchair to get out
	66	Unable to lift chairs and tables, heavy front door difficult to open
	70	Arthritic knees
	72	Use a stick
	82	Need help with walking. Hand rails would be useful
	85	Make sure wheelchairs can have access, none at present
	89	Not allowed to drive anymore
	90	As I do not drive I can't always get there if my husband is out/away
	97	Have to use walking sticks or walker. Walking difficult due to leg/hip and back problems
	108	Walking
	123	I am 90 years old and have difficulty walking very far
	125	Restricted walking
	127	Disabled partner
	158	Wheelchair user
	160	Wheelchair
	170	Walking distance
	184	Depend on family to get out
10	7	Not really into 'organised clubs/activities'
	9	We are unlikely to use except on very rare and special occasions
	10	Flicks in the sticks. Village events/evenings – themed eg. Mexican, BBQ, bands – could be fund raisers
	13	Café or bar that is open to enable people to meet when they want
	15	Indoor football (all ages). Pool table
	24	Bingo, quiz and racing nights
	25	Doctors' surgery and/or pharmacy
	26	Coffee mornings, library, weight watchers or similar, quiz nights
	29	A café
	30	I'd like to see activities that involve everyone in the community: like dances, live entertainment shows, maybe talent competitions, quiz nights. Anything that will involve all ages, whether for each age group or the whole population
	31	Flix in the stix
	32	Monthly bingo meetings where we bring a prize for a raffle
	36	Café style meeting area
	40	Kitchens for training to cook meals and cakes for all ages
	41	Anything as long as it's not making preserves and handcrafted bags. More support for our local pubs for those who enjoy going out of an evening and activities for younger people especially for families/people moving into the community and what with extra houses being built. More street lighting is required for greater security and safety for extra residents moving into area
	46	Flicks in the sticks. Dance/movement for fitness. Café open to all. All the activities seem good, but at 77 yrs I can't really decide for the majority
	48	Dance classes
	49	Weight loss groups and social groups. We are fairly new to the area from Cheltenham and haven't really made any friends in Marden. We are a young couple with young children and would love to meet locals and get more involved. Walking group
	52	Single people in village meeting
	54	Area/rooms for doctors etc
	58	French boules, pottery lessons, drawing lessons
	59	Drop-in centre for elderly could go for chat and not feel so isolated. Tea dances, learner or otherwise. Table tennis is good for nearly everyone
	60	Bar – child free. Café
	61	Supper clubs, dance lessons, village green gardening
	62	A club that plays games like scrabble or team board games or a fun quiz so people are forced to mix with others. For adults of all ages there's more to life than bingo
	65	Flicks in the sticks
	66	A good community hall management team and a caretaker/cleaner. A room set aside for the use of health care professionals use, as when all the proposed building is finished we will be a large community
	67	It would be good for the whole community to have new centre to provide the activities
	70	Would like to see a branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust meeting once a month with speakers, raffle, sales table etc. computer classes. WEA
	73	Flicks in the sticks
	74	Films
	75	Table tennis. Library
	79	Walking football
	81	A number of these activities are desirable for the community but, because of our age, we have ticked the wouldn't use column

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10	82	Cinema. Library. Tourist information
	83	Flicks in the sticks please
	84	Informal coffee club (drop in)
	85	Some of these have been tried and not supported. Present hall is only just the right size for badminton and also the garden club shows
	87	Flicks in the sticks
	90	Table tennis
	91	Walking football
	92	Dog training and advice on pets
	93	Musical evenings – range of music for all age groups. Social evenings for the community – summer evening dance etc. reading circle. Small plays. Flicks in the sticks
	95	Learning English for EFL residents. An endless pool for swimming. Cookery classes from different countries to show diversity of dishes around the world
	96	Dog training classes. Flicks in the sticks. Ornithology/wildlife groups
	99	Squash court. Flick in the sticks. Band practice ?eg. for teenagers. Language classes
	101	All above activities would be suitable for community
	102	Sewing classes
	103	Flicks in the sticks
	107	Anything to bring older people together during the day eg. bingo, quizzes etc
	108	Do not need a new one. Cost on rates. Make what we have better. Lunch club. Library
	109	Question 9 does not ask the right question. The list of what activities would be liked is endless. The question is who is going to run them and how much they cost
	110	This appears to duplicate answers on a previous questionnaire. These activities could equally take place in the existing community centre if the playgroup was elsewhere and the facilities refurbished and possibly extended for far less cost than a new build
	111	An information desk, manned at least on 3 half days per week by volunteers. This would provide details of local activities, coming events, theatres, cinemas, outings etc. this to be supported by leaflets
	117	Who would provide outreach? Space for voting to stop closure of pre-school for elections
	118	Café for villagers to pop in – all ages welcome
	119	Parent and baby/toddler activities available at school. Flicks in the sticks
	122	Zumba
	123	Over 60s informal meeting
	125	Advice on running a household. Use of modern technology
	129	Book group
	130	Music rehearsal space
	131	Church groups/meetings if space was needed (more informal environment)
	132	Police surgery ?weekly
	133	Community library with a coffee shop
	141	You might consider something for seasonal workers from overseas who are also part of our community. Basing some occasional services like planning consultation meetings, mobile library should also factored into the business case
	144	Social community events – It's a Knockout, Come Dine with Me, dinner dances, bands, live music, BBQs. Fundraisers for the community and a nominated annual local charity
	148	My children all use the Marden pre-school and this is an essential facility to enable me to work in the village
	150	Parking with electrical hook-up so when mobile banking/police etc start, like Powys, they can easily be accommodated – future proofing.
	159	Although we do not use the facilities I have indicated above what I feel are essential to the village and may have a need for them in the future
	166	Computer tec and photo/computer tec
	168	Football for girls
	177	Pub
	178	Fast broad band lacking in wider area of parish and so access to internet in the community centre with course for learning skills for the elderly would be much appreciated
	179	There is a scout hut in the village. All of these activities will appeal to various members of the community. All are very worthwhile. It is important to have the facilities for these to take place. People in the village cover all age groups, gender and many many interests and abilities and needs
	180	Café/bar/drop-in centre. Cinema nights. Music venue etc. quiz/suppers, food venue
	186	The more available the better as they will help to appeal to community (ie more choice reaches more people). Useful (especially with older community) to have drop-in nurse service
	188	All these and others would be good if they can be organised and sufficient flexibility is built into the way the facility is run. However freeing up the smaller room at the current facility by relocating the preschool might also achieve this
	190	I think that funding for Marden pre-school could be better supported by one bingo night a month

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12	4	It would be a good idea a) to keep all hire prices reasonable b) to make these in some way negotiable in order that if a group or activity falls in number it could at least keep going until numbers increased ie. where there are small year groups – especially in children’s activities
	5	I am currently too busy to really make use of what might go in the centre
	7	Please don’t forget all those individuals, who mainly live alone, who are not outgoing or confident enough to go along to organised groups by themselves. What is needed is a small informal area, open most of the time, where anyone can just drop in in the hope of befriending others. This would help to build confidence, combat loneliness and perhaps lead to taking a more active part in the community and its facilities. Such an area should be open to all, both young and old
	13	I feel it would be beneficial for the whole community to have a centre that is accessible day and night to the community
	16	I think the community [centre] would be wonderful for all of the village and it would be nice to see more activities for the younger members of the village, as I feel at the moment they are not catered for
	22	Once every 4 weeks for people on their own a Sunday lunch staffed by volunteers
	23	To make the décor look inviting and welcoming
	26	Disabled toilet and general toilet facilities currently shared with pre-school, might be good to have separate facility for community centre and unsure re baby changing facilities. Also ? first aid facilities
	30	The centre should be big enough for most occasions, better to have the capacity to expand, with relevant facilities. More space, more people, more activities. As the population in Marden is older I feel it would be good to engage with them more actively to alleviate loneliness and engender participation. Wellbeing classes would be one way to bring people together. Our community needs a heart, a centre where all can come together
	32	A gym facility would be welcome where also my older son could attend
	33	Without street lighting, attending evening functions is less desirable
	36	The community centre should provide the opportunity for everyone to come together from time to time at least. Not just activities that appeal to ‘the young’, ‘the older’, ‘young parents’, ‘women’, ‘men’ all in isolation. Although these are important in their own right, maybe afternoon teas, big breakfasts, morning coffees, dances, discos, event parties (eg. Queen’s 90 th) etc, etc, etc
	38	Use afternoon, should the rebuild take place
	48	We would like community centre to be the hub of the community, something for everyone
	49	I am a stay at home mum to a toddler and a 6 week old baby and would be lovely not to have to drive into Hereford or Leominster to do activities with the children. I am also more than happy to help with the community centre in any way I can
	54	Size of hall for some sports activities may make the project non-viable. Constant set-up/strip down of tables and chairs can be very difficult for older people – either separate sports and meeting rooms are optimal or must have light but sturdy furniture. If sports use, need changing rooms showers etc. ideally must accommodate at least 2 groups meeting at the same time ie. scouts and history group. Separate room for pc equipment (Wifi)
	59	Although we were not able to get lottery grant this time something is better than nothing and really nothing is what we have now, so go ahead and start small and hope we can add on later. We must do something
	60	Currently many community activities take place in the school eg. pilates, WI, playgroup. Space is shared, often limited with overlapping timetables outside school hours. There is no other focal point for the village. The local public house is closed. Is a new build essential? If a new home for the playgroup were found a large extension to the current facility would do. The precept payers should not be burdened with a loan. Parish should demonstrate commitment through fundraising
	61	I think the community centre is a vital part of village life and community support. Whether we expand/improve the current facility or build a new one – we can’t let it disappear
	62	A few higher chairs with arms for Marden’s aging community
	66	As a lot of development of new dwellings is to take place in Marden, would it be an idea to have a standard ‘welcome letter’ drafted, that the News & Views deliverer could put through their letter box welcoming them to the village and asking if they have any skills to offer the community. If we are to be a vibrant village of activities we need leaders, especially in the young people’s area who are at the moment on badly catered for
	69	No alternatives to a new hall have been offered. This is unrealistic. Consideration should have been given asking for views on staying in the existing facilities but with much improved access and possible extension of the community rooms
	83	Good lighting essential if to be used for parties, weddings etc
	90	If at all possible the community centre management team should have at least one representative of youth on it. Officials should, ideally, have a defined term of office, to avoid stagnation of ideas and a static culture emerging. An annual meeting with a delegate from all user/interest groups attending
	93	Suggest an open day(s) so local community can visit new centre. Programme of activities to be more widely circulated using a variety of media. More family activities to bring the range of age groups together – the older and younger population mixing together
	98	Good parking area
	108	Marden does not need big expense of new place, get what we have sorted out and decorated for less money
	109	The community centre needs to be in a location that people go to ie. where it currently is, not in a corner of a development of new houses

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12	110	This appears to be focused on getting a result which demonstrates the need and support for a new community centre at significant cost rather than considering the alternative option of effectively using the current facilities and improving them
	111	Having been booking secretary at the old church hall and taking on that position when we opened the new school and community centre, I have always thought of the building being 'the school'. It has been very difficult over the years to marry these two particularly in regard to daytime activities within the community and any new building should facilitate this requirement. I feel that the playgroup should remain within the school building
	116	It needs to be attractive inside for social functions, not flat boring brick walls. Needs good kitchen facilities
	118	It would be ideal to have something happening all day so villagers can always have something to do
	119	Adequate parking – 1 car for every 2. If catering for say 100 – 50 car parking spaces to make attractive for a letting venue
	122	Maybe fundraising event could be held at a new community centre
	125	A community centre website for booking and programme of activities
	130	For many activities lighting design is crucial, but frequently given insufficient attention and/or investment. Clubs require in situ storage
	134	The community centre needs own pre-school area
	149	Personally feel pre-school needs much bigger and better facilities for their use as it is such a fundamental part of the community and important/essential to so many parents
	150	The project team need to be careful not to go overboard on the space requirement or building will be expensive to run. Consider pre-fab to BREAM standards – check out the community centres at homelodge.co.uk-turnkeyprojects . Consider liaison with scout movement as their existing shed is at end of its life/suit residential redevelopment
	169	Although don't use community centre at moment may well do so in future
	173	We feel a new community centre is vital to meet the modern needs of this rapidly expanding community
	175	I am 61 and would use the facilities anytime. My husband is 79 and runs out of energy so would prefer morning and afternoon. It is essential that the new community centre is well lit and accessible by pavement by people unable to drive/without a car or wanting to walk
	178	Make toilet facilities at all times available since they are not now because of school time security. I have found that getting the bus from town to the village where I park my car can be difficult! (Our residence to bus stop is too far in bad weather making it necessary to park my car in the village). We would like to know what the council's intentions are re investment already made in the shared school/community facilities (Church Hall plus precept for many years)
	179	I do feel a community centre that is not part of the school would make safeguarding the children easier (for school time activities). It then gives much wider scope for times of activities through the day. Sorry this is late coming back. We are a family who moved to the village just over 5 years ago. We have not got involved in the village activities, not because we are not interested but have had involvements elsewhere before moving here. Not having children of school age lessens the opportunities of being involved. We are not twiddling our thumbs as we are busy working, looking after an elderly parent and supporting the children. I feel we are supportive of a community centre for those who would use it – we may want to use it in time to come even if we don't use it now. Those who find mobility or travel difficult (whether through disability or family/time constraints) need good facilities in the village. We do applaud those who are putting in the time and effort to pursue this
	186	Important not to have one activity dominating centre use. Although it would be nice to have a new centre, the existing one is not old and perhaps it would be best to focus on improving use/access there
	192	Marden church and Amberley – both attractive buildings in need of financial support, should be used as community centres
	193	I am very concerned that the plans that have been shown so far do not consider adequate parking. One plan showed just 12 parking spaces and one of the people I spoke to at a previous presentation told me that people will be expected to use the school car park and walk to the new hall – both ideas are ridiculous. People don't walk anywhere and many residents are unable to walk that far. This will create problems for new and existing residents
	196	If it is going to be multi-use/activity the sound proofing has to be absolute (including walls, doors, floors and ceilings)
13	6	Grant funding applications
	10	I joined the original committee that was set up to do all these things but left as was frustrated with the continual moaning about the pre-school – the height the chairs were stacked and the rudeness of certain members of the committee
	24	I am a chef and would love to do cookery classes for all ages
	25	Handcrafts, lace making, crochet etc. Groups – I am willing to help from home
	26	Good organiser. Groups – if time permits
	28	Delivering information
	30	I make things happen and get things done
	49	I would love to help set up a mother and baby group and also happy to help with other groups
	54	Project manager, charity trustee and chair, youth group leader, engineering manager
	59	Talking to people and knowing many

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13	60	Teaching English as a foreign language adults
	84	Sewing/craft
	85	Sorry but health doesn't permit – I worked hard enough for the present one
	94	Crafts, worked with all ages children, playgroups. Lab technician – secondary and 6 th form. Gardening, DIY, Heartstart instructor. Groups – any young or elderly
	122	Currently work for children's services, previously youth offending service. 15 yrs experience working with young people and families, group work, focusing on what current issues are facing youth today
	131	We live in Nepal for some of the year and therefore it is difficult to commit to helping in these excellent projects. Apologies
	141	Business case development
	174	When my own children are older
	178	We have been actively engaged in some of these in past but too old now
14	109	We don't think this information is necessary. If we want to help we know when the meetings are from News and Views and we will come along