

## Charfield Neighbourhood Plan thread - Leisure and Recreation

Today's question to the village: We currently have a Village Hall along with a playing field and playground. As the village expands, what additional facilities would you like to see? Give some thought to things like: improving/expanding the facilities at the current village hall site; a second 'big' site with a new 'hall' and land around it; smaller sites dotted around the village;

Leisure and Recreation is a huge topic - give me your ideas...

Definitely need more hours for the youth club, the current one is one night a week and not during the holidays, need to keep the children/teens occupied

Assuming there will be enough room left I would advocate play areas for children dotted around next to each development saving children from having to move around the village with attendant potential safety issues. With the planned village growth in mind, would the current hall and parking space be large enough? It is central enough but eating into the current playing field might be problematic? I am sure these and other points will be collated and a strategy including planned use is formulated. Thanks.

Charfield needs a solid fitness instructor to put on various boot camp/circuit training.

We could do with a meeting place such as a cafe in the village. There is no where for mum's to meet... the older generation have luncheon club once a month so very little for them.. drop in workshops such as citizen advice... the health visitor ect . so a general hub with a cafe would be perfect. Not so much recreational but ideal if you like cake and chatting like myself

A cafe would be great, great place for local people to meet and be within walking distance this surely would suit not only mums like myself but also the population that can't or don't drive, and gives a change of scenery. I'd like to see more children's play equipment. For young and old. Kingsgate park in yate is a great example where there is a variety of children's, and toddlers play equipment.... something in addition to traditional slide and swings, and train which are the only things currently suitable for a toddler. The current metal climbing frame isn't suited to toddler or small child age. Vassells park in fishponds Bristol is also another good example with a large variety of frames and equipment.

Another football pitch with more ground around it. As footballs cause damage when hitting surrounding houses and fences.

I have no idea what the budget for this project/s is but here's my idea anyhow. It might be nice to see a large hub/arts center that the whole village can find a use for. As an example it could have a music class for kids to learn to play, with a recording studio to record their own compositions. An art school for adults and kids alike. A cookery school, helping people cook wholesome food on lower budgets etc. A drama school with an amdram society putting on village shows. A dance school for all age groups. It could include a cafe in the daytime for young mums and senior citizens to meet. This would also allow the current space at the village hall to be developed into a more dedicated youth ctr and sporting venue, ie indoor badminton courts, squash courts etc, which I think makes sense with the current facilities being there. Just my thoughts

In my old village they re-did the playground and included a mini road/racing track around the outside of the play area so that the younger kids could go round on scooters or ride-ons was very popular

there needs to be more for older kids than a ramp.

Def a cafe, poss with a small indoor play area, I like the idea of a few small play areas dotted about, dream come true a small pool like Wotton also like the idea of a hub like the recording studio etc

The Hall and Playing Field are a fantastic and vital resource in the heart of the village. But if the village is to hold more than double the current number of residents we need at least one other facility of the same size. We can't simply squeeze those additional people into a brighter, shinier existing space. A second community hub might offer facilities not currently available, such as gallery, cafe, indoor courts for eg squash, badminton, a better youth facility and fully IT equipped short term hire office space for entrepreneurs and home workers who want a neutral space for meetings etc. Outdoor spaces might offer even a swimming pool (or paddling pool for smaller children), and a second pitch for concurrent football matches so that ie Charfield Juniors could actually play in Charfield. Aside from a new large facility, cycle paths for recreational use not just commuting. Walking routes that are waymarked. And if I can get away with it, a formal park with specimen trees and a lake...

I'd like to see open green sites not dedicated to sports like we have around the village at the moment (yes, I know many of these will be built on, I'm not being facetious, just stating that some should be retained). An orchard, wildflower meadows, allotments- do these all count as recreational spaces?

I would like to see more small play areas for kids around the village similar to what is in Longs view and the new crest site.

Hi, we're new to the area and have 10 & 7 yr old boys. So far we love the area, the views and fields are superb. The hub of the village is, unless I'm mistaken, the cost cutter. The school is heavily oversubscribed (need another one) boys didn't get places as there are already 4 waiting in each year group. The playpark is wonderful to have but the skate park section isn't great for anyone as it's just a half pipe and a rail. The Tennis court and cricket pitch are wonderful, the play equipment is good for younger kids but not older. The train station is missing for the number of residents getting in the car to go on the M5 in the morning. So, as an erstwhile resident of Cam, a brief sojourn in Lymington, an extension to the skate park for both younger and older, an extension to the play equipment to give stuff to older kids a cafe/meeting place as there isn't one currently unless you want to join a club and a train station to get everyone to work!

Junior bike track! <https://road.cc/.../228705-educational-miniature-road...>

Safe cycle route to skate park and bike track Nr wotton and KLB. And train station with early to late services.

A safe way to walk to wotton would be amazing.

The village definitely needs the station reopened and I'd like to see an arts/crafts/culture centre like Prema in Uley or the Folk House in Bristol where there are lots of varied classes for all ages.

Get some backing behind sports clubs, the juniors football that they are looking for volunteers for, maybe Friday night cricket with a bbq and bar, tennis courts to a standard there can be lessons, indoor hall for hockey, football, badminton etc....

A beer garden... would be awesome with some play equipment. Wouldn't need to travel then. Good home cooked food is a must too

Funding to the Junior FC at Tortworth for better facilities/ replace the rotted portacabins if nothing else. More for older kids to do, new skate facilities, which in turn will reduce anti-social behaviour.

I second that... Funding to Charfield Juniors FC. We need our porta cabins and facilities upgraded up at Tortworth. Would be great to have another floodlit football pitch/ training ground in charfield with brick built clubhouse/ changing facilities etc....

This didn't get anywhere near the number of comments I was expecting, but to sum up what I've read: Expansion of the Youth Club; Children's / toddlers play areas dotted around the village, within easy reach of each development; Gym club / boot camp / training circuit (but also disagreement here); Meeting place with café, possibly in a new hub/hall, with indoor soft-play; Second football pitch (for seniors and juniors) with changing facilities; Arts centre (in new hall/hub), with facilities for: music/recording, cookery, dance, drama, gallery; Expand indoor sports facilities (badminton/squash/etc); Scooter/skateboard/learn-to-ride cycle area (and improved skate park) / junior bike track; More 'play' equipment for older children; Paddling pool; Cycle/walking routes (signposted and away from traffic); Open green spaces without play equipment; picnic areas; easy access to wildflower meadows, orchards; Safe walk to wotton & other villages; A formal park with specimen trees and a lake...; Did I miss anything?

Ice cream stand in picnic area?

Cocktail bar and nightclub?

I think utilising the sportsman's bar as it isn't used near enough, maybe sports and social, open during the week for an annual membership? This would provide income for the hall and also help with the community spirit, with the local pubs in the village failing or turning into food pubs, I think this would be a welcomed addition to the village.

The concrete space behind Orchard Close, Old Manor Close, and Severn/Thames close has been used as - and known as - The Play Area for decades. Whilst I agree, it might not be particularly aesthetically pleasing to some, it is as valuable to the houses that lead on to it, as the park is to the families of Katherine Close etc, and would go so far as to say possibly the reason they choose to live there. I'm sure I recall at least one person suggesting on this thread, that the village create a wide open space (other than the playing field) "for children to learn to ride a bike on". Hmmm if only 😞

My daughter goes to "The Area" to scoot freely with no cars. It might not look pretty but it is a good space to have. A bench would be nice though...

some painting on the road with little zebra crossing etc wd be good

A climbing wall ...

A gym and pool would be amazing!!