

S4 Leisure Facilities

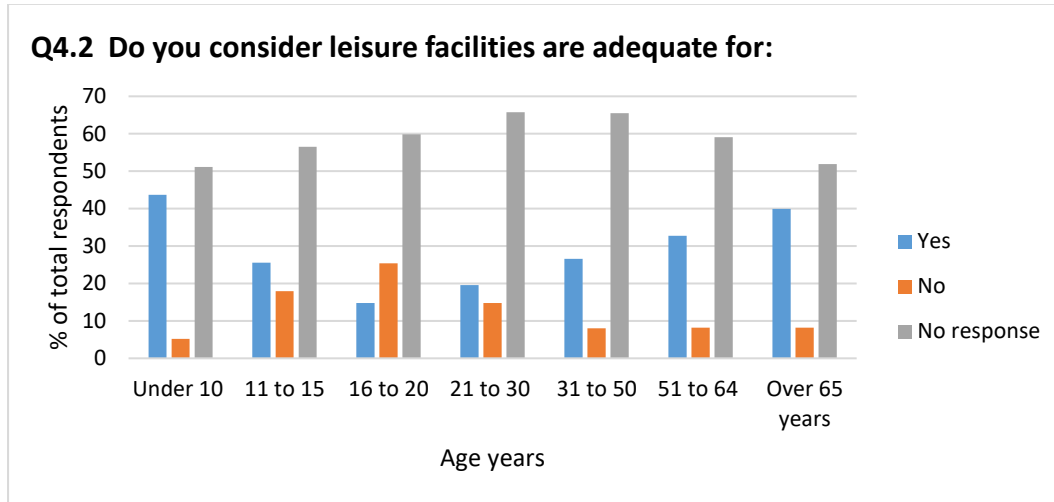
Q4.1 Use of leisure facilities

Do you take part in any organised leisure activities within the parish?

Yes 31% No 63% No response 6%

Do you make any other use of the leisure facilities within the parish?

Yes 31% No 39% No response 30%



There is clearly a feeling that teenagers are least well served by the existing facilities within the parish. This is reflected in the comments, where several referred to the need for a youth club, and others to the issue of lack of public transport for young people to be able to travel further for recreation.

Another recurring theme was that many activities take place during the day which means that working residents are precluded.

Several responses referred to a need for indoor and outdoor gym facilities.

It would appear that, were someone to organise coach trips as in the past, they might prove popular.

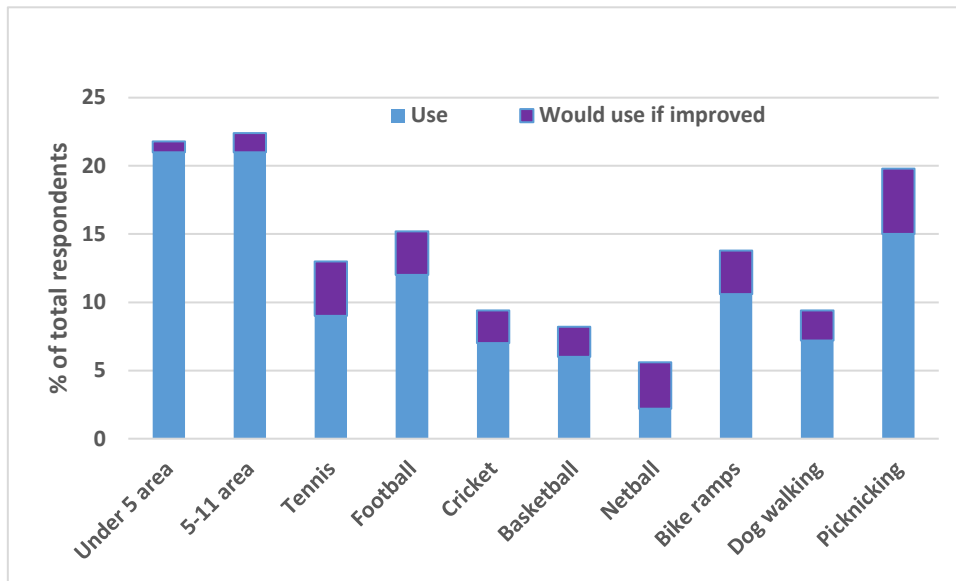
Downton and Bramshaw were mentioned as alternative places for residents to travel for leisure.

It is felt by some that village halls and Nomansland reading room are underused, and that activities other than sporting ones would be appreciated.

Parish Pastimes and also Horizon and Facebook are the obvious ways in which activities can be publicised and information sought. Anyone wishing to start groups to run leisure activities can use these media to contact other like-minded individuals. The Parish Community Partnership has resources available to support setting up any such groups (but not for ongoing maintenance of facilities).

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Q4.3 Outdoor facilities - Please indicate your view on the existing facilities. Do you currently use any? Would you use them if improved?



Unfortunately, dog walking was omitted from the paper copies of the questionnaire but is obviously very popular. Several residents mentioned it in comments and some said that more dog waste bins are required.

There was appreciation for the bike ramps and tennis courts but some stressed the need for maintenance or restoration, particularly in Nomansland. Some expressed regret that the tennis courts have been closed during 2020.



The playground equipment, both in Landford and Nomansland, are appreciated but could be further developed. The zip wire was also popular and the table tennis table received a mention. Some said that the 5-11 facilities in Landford are not as good as before. Facilities for older children could be extended. It was mentioned that toilet facilities are not always open. Location of the facilities in Nomansland does cause issues with traffic in School Road.

Organised sports such as netball and junior football were mentioned, as was the need to continue to provide free or cheap tennis facilities. Tennis coaching was suggested. A mountain bike track was requested by several responders.

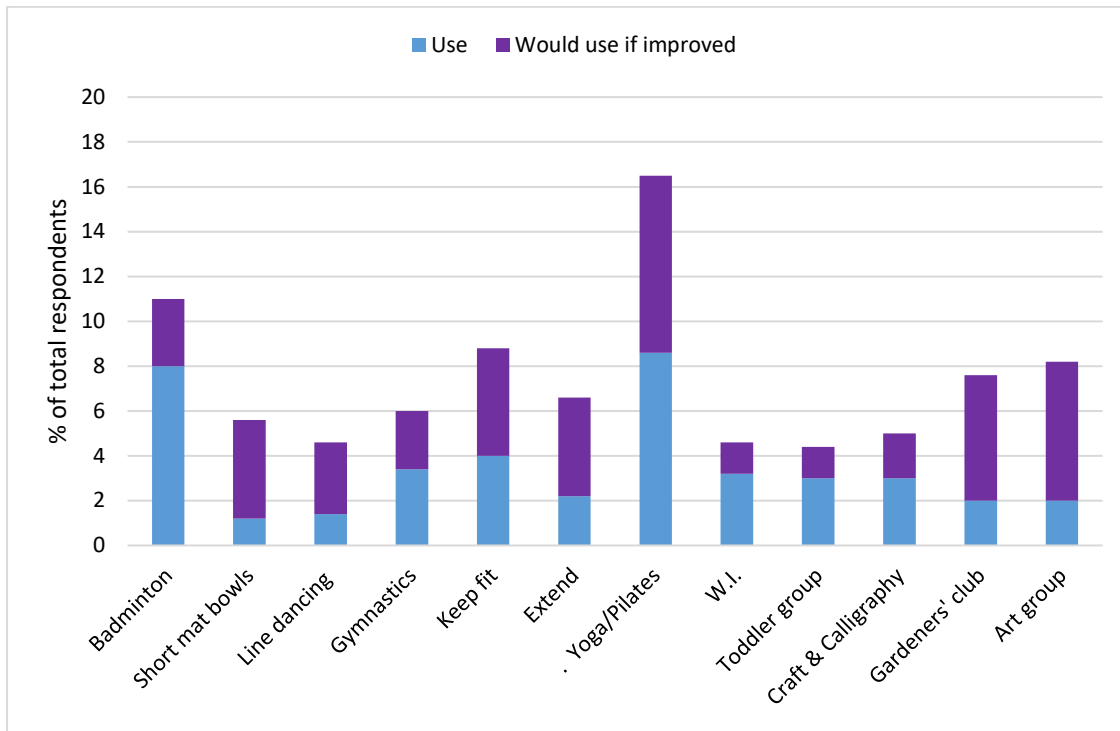
Frisbee golf was suggested by more than one respondent, as was a callisthenics area.

One respondent suggested that only having one sports area within the parish would mean that resources could be focussed on the one area, and most people drive to use the facility anyway.

Interest was expressed in more extensive walking, cycling, environmental/conservation, volunteering groups – possibly lack of awareness of existing groups may be an issue here. A foraging group was suggested by one respondent.

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Q 4.4 Indoor Facilities - Please indicate your view on the existing facilities. Do you currently use any? Would you use them if improved?



It would seem that a large number of respondents would use these facilities if improved, but as these activities are going to be at specific times, it is likely that the issue is that the times just do not suit all people.

Evening meetings were suggested, specifically for the WI, badminton.

Several references were made to a garden club – the existing facilities are at Bramshaw and Whiteparish.

Current activities mentioned but not covered in the above include volleyball, table tennis in the village hall, village choir, photography club & Wordplay (both of which are part of the Forest Edge activities), Stepping Stones.

Interest was also expressed in computing/IT and pottery.

Developing aspects of dance within the parish were favoured by several respondents. Line dancing takes place in Bramshaw village hall.

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Our Aims

To ensure that, as far as possible, residents' leisure needs are met, by:

1. Maximising the use of existing resources and facilities
2. Publicity of existing activities and facilities
3. Support development of further activities and facilities

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TARGET TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1,2	Continue to run and promote current activities	Organisers of current activities	Ongoing
1	Report issues of safety or required repair to parish council or private operators	Users	Ongoing
3	Where necessary, apply for grants to enable setting up new activity groups	Users	Ongoing
3	Publicise new activities widely	Users	Ongoing
What we plan to do as a parish			
3	Encourage individuals to set up groups, apply for grants where appropriate to establish new activities	LPCP	Ongoing
1,3	Set up group of users to review current facilities to monitor changes and make recommendations where appropriate	LPCP	Within 6 months
What we are asking others to do			
1,2,3,	Rapidly address issues as reported (see above)	Parish Council & venues Private operators	Ongoing

Landford Parish Community Partnership will be happy to provide support, advice and possibly some funding where appropriate to facilitate the above.