

# **North Hinksey Parish Council Leisure Working Group**

**Interim report to Recreation & Amenities Committee, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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## **Progress since last report**

Since last reported the Leisure Working Group has met on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The work during this period has focused on consultation with two groups of parishioners in line with the two previously agreed priorities:

- a) exploring the feasibility of improved leisure provision for older children and teenagers within the parish, and
- b) identifying the leisure needs and potential barriers to access for elderly and mobility-impaired parishioners.

Regarding priority a), a larger-scale consultation with young people aged 10-18 via a survey on current and potential future leisure provision commenced in January 2017 and will run through the end of February.

Regarding priority b), a targeted consultation involving a short questionnaire for elderly/mobility-impaired parishioners has been completed, with a full summary of results expected at the next Leisure Working Group meeting.

Details of both consultations are below.

## **Consultation with youth**

At the 29<sup>th</sup> September meeting the draft Youth Leisure Survey was discussed and revisions were agreed. Further revision was needed after a contact at one of the local schools flagged that post code data (which falls under personal data within the Data Protection Act) could not be collected as a means of distinguishing North Hinksey parishioners from other students within the catchment area schools. The final version of the questionnaire was circulated by email and agreed in December.

Consultation sessions with Year 6 students at Botley School and North Hinksey School were held on 11<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> January, respectively. Cllr Caroline Potter attended the sessions and gave some context to the survey (e.g. what the Parish Council does in terms of leisure provision, that the students' answers to the survey would help the Parish Council decide if it should provide new leisure facilities). The class teacher then distributed the surveys for the students to complete, and after completed surveys were returned the students had the opportunity to ask questions or offer any further comments. The students at both schools were very engaged and it appeared that all students present completed the survey; 43 completed surveys were collected at Botley School and 29 completed surveys were collected at North Hinksey School.

Approximately 1100 copies of the survey were delivered to Matthew Arnold School on 16<sup>th</sup> January, for distribution through tutor groups of 30 students each. Instructions for the tutors had been discussed at the 12<sup>th</sup> January meeting and were included with the packs of surveys; the instructions emphasised that the survey should be completed individually and anonymously, and drew attention to the question on the front page (about which area students live in) to minimise the chance of this question being skipped. Staff at Matthew Arnold School publicised the survey through its internal communications and urged tutors to distribute the surveys to their groups during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January. As of 24<sup>th</sup> January over 400 surveys had been completed and returned. MAS staff have advised tutors that all completed surveys should be returned to the school office by the end of January.

Following the 12<sup>th</sup> January meeting an online version of the Youth Leisure Survey has been set up on Survey Monkey. The link will be advertised in an article to be published in the February edition of the *Sprout*, as well as through all North Hinksey Parish Council communication channels from 1<sup>st</sup> February. The online survey will enable young people aged 10-18 who go to school outside of the local catchment area, or who missed taking the survey in school, to take part in the consultation. The online survey will remain open through 28<sup>th</sup> February.

At the 12<sup>th</sup> January meeting a plan for survey data entry, data checking and analysis was agreed. It is planned that all data entry and checking for the paper version of the survey will be completed by the end of February, to coincide with the closing of the online version of the survey. The Leisure Working Group will review the results and draft its report in March, with the aim of bringing its finalised report and recommendations to the April meeting of the Recreation & Amenities committee.

### **Consultation with elderly / mobility impaired**

This consultation has mainly been targeted towards specific groups of older / retired parishioners, e.g. those living in Field House or Seacourt Road, or those attending the Over 60s Lunch Club. In October an article about the consultation

appeared in the *Sprout*, encouraging further participation through questionnaires available at Botley Library or through direct contact with Cllr Voirrey Carr. Further responses were received via the Library, and the consultation has now closed. Results of this consultation will be presented and discussed at the next Leisure Working Group meeting in March.

### **Conclusions and next steps**

The results of both consultations are expected in March and will inform the Leisure Working Group's next actions. Any recommendations arising from these consultations will be brought to the Recreation & Amenities committee for discussion in April. Results of the consultations will be made available on the NHPC website.

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