

Community Facilities

In the initial survey residents were generally satisfied with local facilities.

However, some additional facilities were suggested, along with requests for improvements to existing facilities. In the main survey therefore respondents were asked which of these they would like to see.

The most popular were:

- Upgraded Badgers Walk playground (30%)
- Coffee Shop (30%)
- Sailing Club (29%)
- Youth Club (24%)

Upgraded Badgers Walk Playground

The playground would be better used if the equipment was improved, particularly the replacement of the metal climbing frame for a wooden one. Some additional seating for adults supervising the children would be useful. Action on this will be the responsibility of the Parish Council.



Children's play area Memorial Hall

Coffee Shop

Comments in the initial survey about the loss of a refreshment facility at the lock prompted the inclusion of a coffee shop in the list of additional amenities – a venue to meet for tea, coffee, snacks and a chat. The Corner Shop serves take away refreshments, including hot beverages. The Baskerville and the Plowden Arms also provide such refreshments. Lashbrook House residential care home offers a drop in service for coffee and tea.

Members of the project group were not aware of the extent of these existing facilities and wonder whether

this lack of knowledge is widespread. The group does not consider that any additional facility is needed, but that these existing ones be better advertised.

It was noted that the recent 'POP UP' coffee events proved very popular and so the group suggest that the feasibility of a regular coffee (or afternoon tea) club be investigated. This could run under the aegis of the SVCC at Sidney Harrison House.

Sailing club

It is felt that the Henley Sailing Club should meet the demand for such a facility.

Youth club/centre

This has had some success in the past but requires dedicated volunteers to run it (possibly the parents of the teenagers) and a venue. It is unlikely in these times when cuts are being made in public services that the County Council would have the funds to run such a facility in the rural villages. Suggested venues are the Church Rooms or the Memorial Hall.

Shiplake College open their recreational facilities to local organised groups but not individuals. An approach will be made to the College to enquire whether the same facility could be made available to local teens. Enquiries will also be made as to whether the Church Rooms or the Memorial Hall could be used.



The new entrance to the Memorial Hall