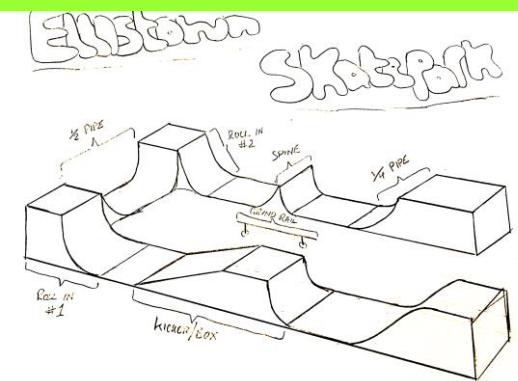


Appendix 1.

Ongoing: Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Youth Provision: Young People's Voice Continued (20th May – 27th Oct 2014)



Hey, Young People

- £2500

Imagine you had £25,000

How would you SPEND it in our Village?

WELL YOU CAN

What will you do with it Reaney?

With the help of Ellistown Parish Council we are applying for £25,000 to spend on what you need

TELL US AND WIN A PRIZE!
Ellistown Working Men's Club Thursday 21 August
Any time between 6 and 10pm . Free Refreshments!!



Previously.....

Previous to this report, approximately 130 people were engaged in consultations concerning youth provision in Ellistown. These young people were accessed via local schools, youth clubs, the local church and Parish Councillors. Groups were of mixed gender and ethnicity, although predominantly white-British, reflecting the population of the Parish. Almost all were aged between 11 and 19, with the exception of younger siblings and those on the cusp of these age boundaries. Details of these consultations can be found in the previous report.

Further consultations

Who did we engage?

And how?

Further consultation with young people in the Parish, since May 2014, has sought to build on this information, to gain more specific detail about how through the Neighbourhood Plan there could better support to meet the wants and needs of the young people in Ellistown.

Each and every young person in Ellistown, has received leaflets, on two separate occasions, to ensure widespread contact and give all young people the opportunity to engage and to make their views known.

A Facebook page has been created and developed, specifically targeted at "Young Ellistown" The page has attracted over 100 likes and many more have been reached through post sharing and promoting. For instance, the Disco advertisement reached 297 people and the MUGA voting advertisement reached over 500.

Site visits were undertaken in order to understand how and where improvements to the environment could be made. This resulted in the creation of a *Photovoice*, (a series of images which show the good points and the issues around Ellistown in the eyes of the young photographers). This was presented to all those that attended the 'drop in' and lead to the successful bid to NWLDC for funds to improve the overall image and feel of Ellistown, (which was raised as an issue throughout the initial consultations).

Over 16 meetings have been held with young people in the Parish, one of which was attended by 30 young people as a 'drop-in' session. All who attended completed a survey that followed on from the earlier research conducted by Grace Sykes and Mike Preston.

The Youth Council subsequently decided to hold a family disco. This was not so successful and has led to some considerable disappointment and a sense that there is a need for change of direction and very definitely for more people to join in and contribute to the work of the Young People's Council.

Outcomes and achievements

The survey demonstrated the wide range of activities in which young people currently engage and enjoy and also those they aspire to. The survey demonstrates the relative popularity of parks in Ellistown and there is considerable support for a multi-use games area - but even greater support for a skate park. Detailed results of the survey can be found in the appendices.

As a direct result of this consultation, we have our list of desired activities and have commenced work on developing some of them. For example:

- Work has begun to support Storm Academy - a dance group based in Ellistown.
- Designs by young people are taking shape for a skate park. Potential sites are being explored and possible funding sources investigated.
- Members of the Youth Council have been involved in a districtwide campaign to prevent bullying. However, although young people were encouraged to take part, meetings are held at a time when young people are at college so cannot attend!

There are a number of existing activities such as dance, judo, Scouts and church youth groups which require no new impetus or indeed new members in order to continue and to thrive. However, new members are welcome at each, and we feel that these groups should form the basis of ongoing activity and youth work in the Parish - helping to grow and evolve that which exists.

As mentioned, the Youth Council has bid and been successful in gaining £500 from NWLDC to promote community safety in the Parish and is exploring ways that this can be achieved. They hope to supplement this with an amount of money already committed by the Parish Council and potentially other sources such as the Arts Council if the young people decide on an arts-based project.

Young people have presented at Parish Council meetings and received praise and support from the Parish Councillors for doing so to a high standard.

We have worked to informalise the nature of the meetings between the young people and the Parish Council. Although the Parish Council is a formal body, requiring agendas and meeting minutes etc., they have been very supportive and amenable in creating an atmosphere more suited to making the young people feel comfortable. Indeed they have

suggested that some communication between the two bodies could take place via facebook. This has already provided an effective and easy flow of conversation between these two groups as concerns were taken on board regarding overflowing bins and triggered an immediate, positive response from Councillors.

Moving forward: Support required

There is little discussion between groups about activities - for example, a number of young people, male and female, belong to existing football clubs in Ibstock and in Heather but these are not actively advertised in Ellistown. It is evident that leaders of different youth groups are unaware of or disinterested in what else is available. Whilst this is disappointing, it is clearly not a requirement of those who work hard to maintain their own groups to promote others - indeed there could be a disincentive to do so!

There appears to be no single coordinated place where activities are advertised and it is highly likely that a new arrival in Ellistown would not find it easy to discover the array of opportunities that exists. Therefore, an important piece of work is the creation of a simple directory - both hardcopy and online - to ensure that a current list of activities and advice on how to join them is available to all.

In order for the activities of the young people to thrive, there, of course, needs to be the support of adults. In terms of existing support available:

- The Ellistown primary school are very keen to work in support of the process and this will be crucial as the young people from their older age group will shortly become the mainstay of the teenage population in the Parish. More work with Amy and Sara from the school is taking place.
- Contact has been made with Mantle Arts, a local arts organisation, and the school has been involved in making ceramic poppies to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War with one of their artists. The Scouts and the church youth group declined this historic opportunity.
- The youth group at the church welcomed Grace to talk to them but, though invited on several occasions, they have not become directly involved with the Youth Council.
- Both the Scouts and the Church promised, at the initial meeting at the start of summer, to send representatives but this is yet to happen.
- The Scouts also offered to help with leaflet distribution but this didn't happen.
- It is entirely the choice of these groups to become involved in the wider support or to stick to their specific offer. Evidence suggests that the latter is the case. It would therefore be helpful if groups could confirm this as failed promises greatly discourage the young people who are trying so hard to make this work.

- We have been promised some support from youth services at Local Authority level but, although some professionals have attended meetings with fellow professionals to discuss good practice etc., we await some practical support and interaction with young people.
- The support from members of the Working Men's Club has been outstanding and hugely appreciated. However, they are beginning to feel the unfairness and inequality of doing most of the work. They are growing increasingly frustrated by the inactivity and failed promised of others. Ultimately, unless encouraged and supported they will give up.

Next Steps

We must support the aspirations of the young people to explore the creation of a skate park in Ellistown and to support this in the Neighbourhood plan process. Work on this is ongoing. We must also support the securing of sufficient funds to create the Multi-use Games Area for which part funding has been achieved thanks to the hard work of the Parish Clerk. Young people have given us a long list of sports that they want to have a go at. We must work to enable these to take place.

We must continue, and do even more, to support the young people and adults who have stepped forward and who are working hard to make a difference.

We must help and support the School to develop its provision for the younger age group of 11-19s in Ellistown. The School has a commitment to do this and young people have said that they want it. It is important that the School is encouraged and that help is given to overcome any obstacles it faces. We will continue to meet with them and to help to make this happen. Support from others would be very welcome.

We will work to help the Youth Council and other young people to develop the safety project and usefully spend the money which has been awarded.

It is crucially important that *activity* is seen to be occurring - it is only *activity* which will attract young people in the long term. This, for example, is why the Scouts continue to be successful - because they are doing things for and with young people. This demonstrates the need for work to be done to show what currently exists for young people in Ellistown - a simple directory. We will ensure that this is created and available.

Funding for this project is finite - when it comes to an end we sincerely hope that those talking about successful activity with young people begin to *do it* and make it real.

Grace and Mike are committed to continuing to support this initiative - within the existing budget, to meet with the young people on a monthly basis until the end of

March if required. Your Locale has also ensured that funds are available for continued support, including the production of the directory.

It is very much hoped that this will give sufficient time for adults to engage more collectively and effectively, and to fully support the Young People in the Parish.

Huge Praise and Thanks

It is important to acknowledge and applaud the amazing contribution to this process of Brogan, Hannah, Nicky and Tasha whose tireless enthusiasm, work and optimism have helped hugely to drive all that has happened in this project so far. It is only through this kind of effort that there will be positive outcomes for all.

Appendices

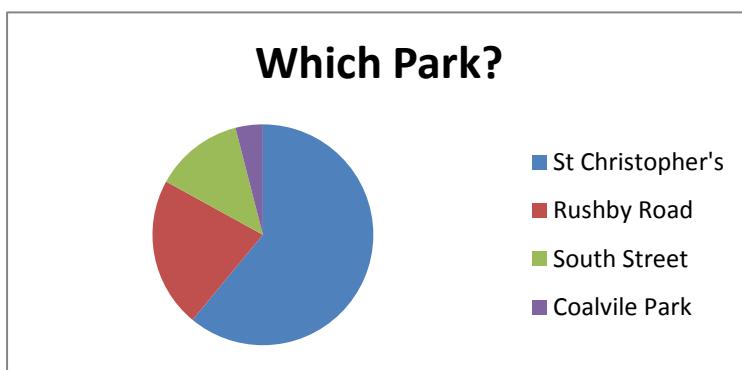
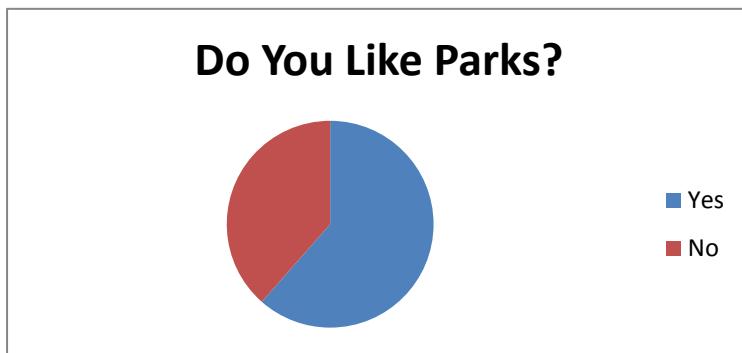
Ellistown Questionnaire results

Ideas Leaves from the Ideas Tree

Have a loom party at the club with a demonstrator to do tutorials
Make South Street safer as I've heard many children are scared to go to that park e.g. officer/guard
Have more football grounds especially quality goals at the parks
Make a football pitch
Have more charity events to help raise more money and get Ellistown the good name
Pay for Internet at the club per year. Not the cloud! Have a proper Internet box
Swimming pool and ice skating
Paint everything blue-and-white for Leicester!!
Bowling alley
MUGA - football basketball rounders
More football pitches
Have a fundraiser so we can spend more money on the activities
Football pitch / motocross track /skate park
Tap dance club
Dance club
Youth club twice a week
Skate shop
People who live in Ellistown should get a discount on the activities
Football team
Skate park x2
A mini crazy golf course on South Street Park as there is a large used field

What would you spend money on for the Young People of Ellistown?

Skate park x14
football cage x9
Football pitch with goals x4
football team
Gym x2
Free/small amount for gym memberships for teens
The waterpark
youth club x2
sports complex
Youth club a place to meet that is safe
Climbing frame with swings, a better place to play
More trips
Swimming centre more indoor and outdoor things to do ice skating rink
Things free for young people
New equipment for sports in schools
Somewhere just to relax or do homework/coursework/revising just to get out of a manic house
racing track
motorbike track



How could the parks be improved?

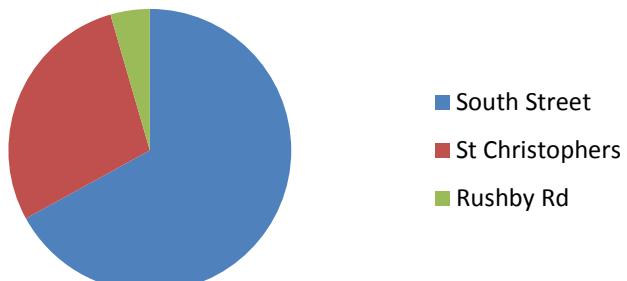
Cage in the football area x 3
 Astroturf x 4
 Skate park x 6
 Provide more bins
 Waterpark
 Don't mess picked up

Big big slide
 But more things there x 3
 Things on the field
 Football facilities
 Things to do
 Motorbike track

How can we stop antisocial behavior such as dog mess drugs intimidating behavior in Ellistown?

Cameras
 Dog bins and bins generally
 More signs
 More serious punishment and fines
 Pay People who are out of jobs and wanting one to clear up Ellistown and keep on top of litter and mess
 Safety talks

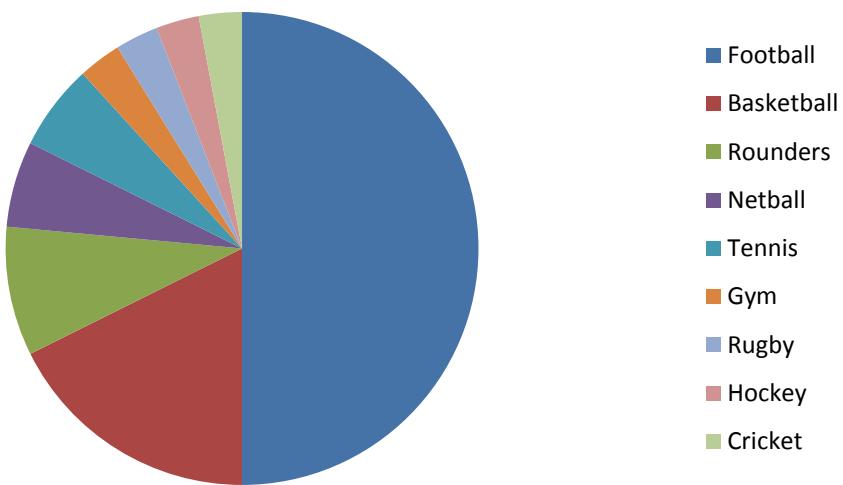
Where should the MUGA go?



How would it look?

Lights
High Fences
Weatherproof

Which Sports should it have?



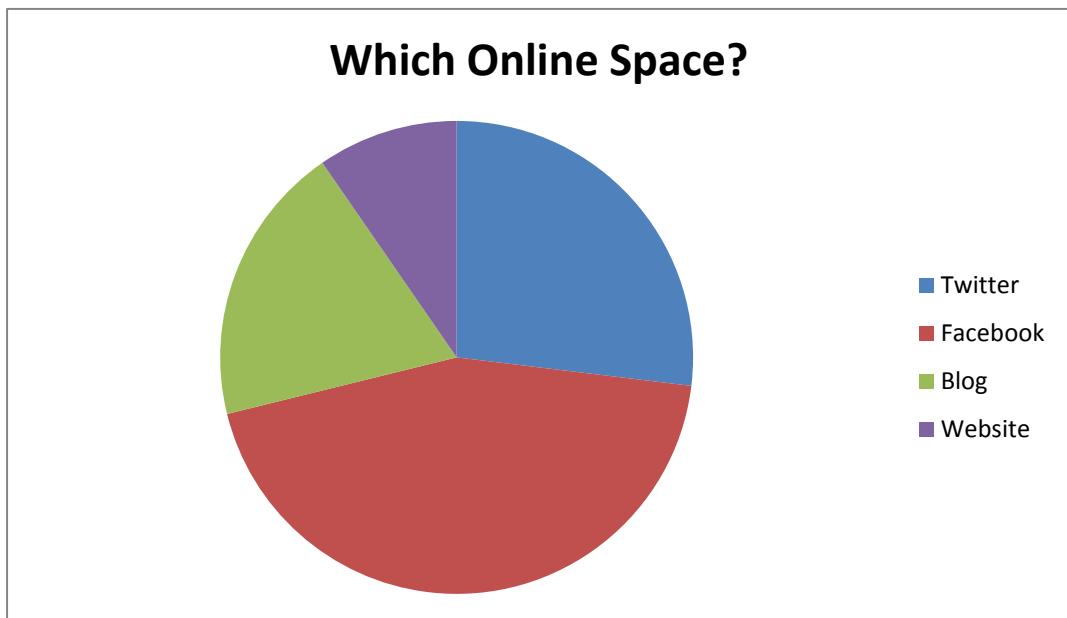
Do you think it's a good idea to have an online presence for young people in Elistown?

4 said YES for every 1 who said NO

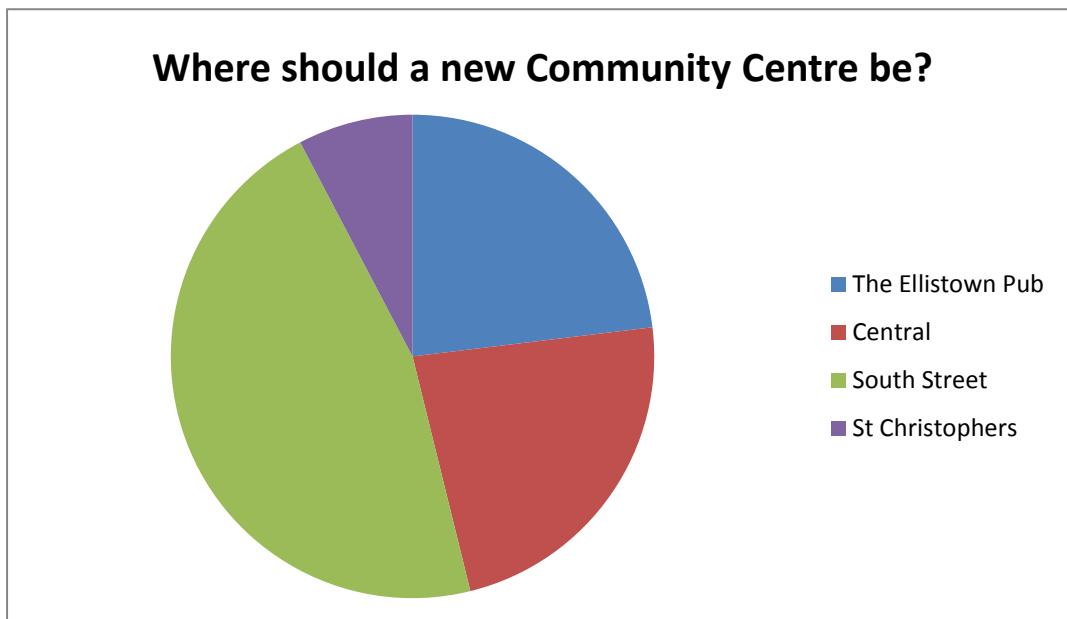
The reasons given were:

More people would know about local events so they could get involved

Like Spotted: Coalville to make more people aware of things



Young People suggested Ellistown needed a Community Centre



Please note: It is possible to consider that the Ellistown Pub is a central location - which would suggest merit in combining these two categories

Activities in the Space

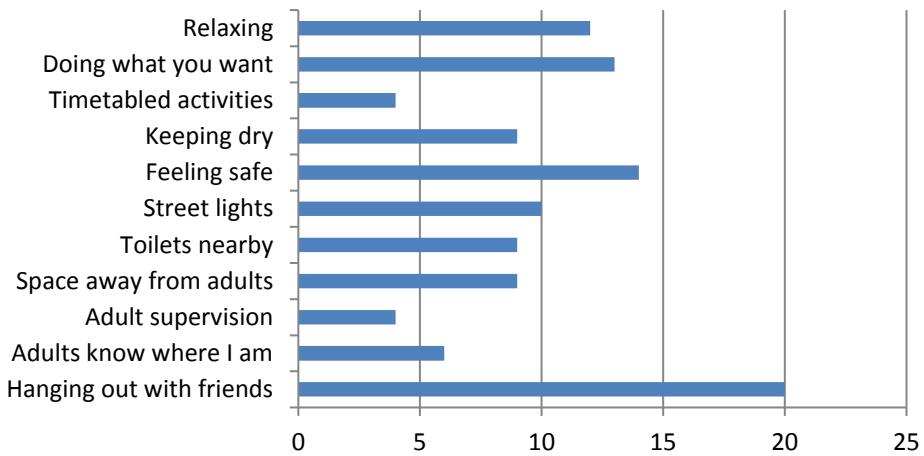
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Socialising

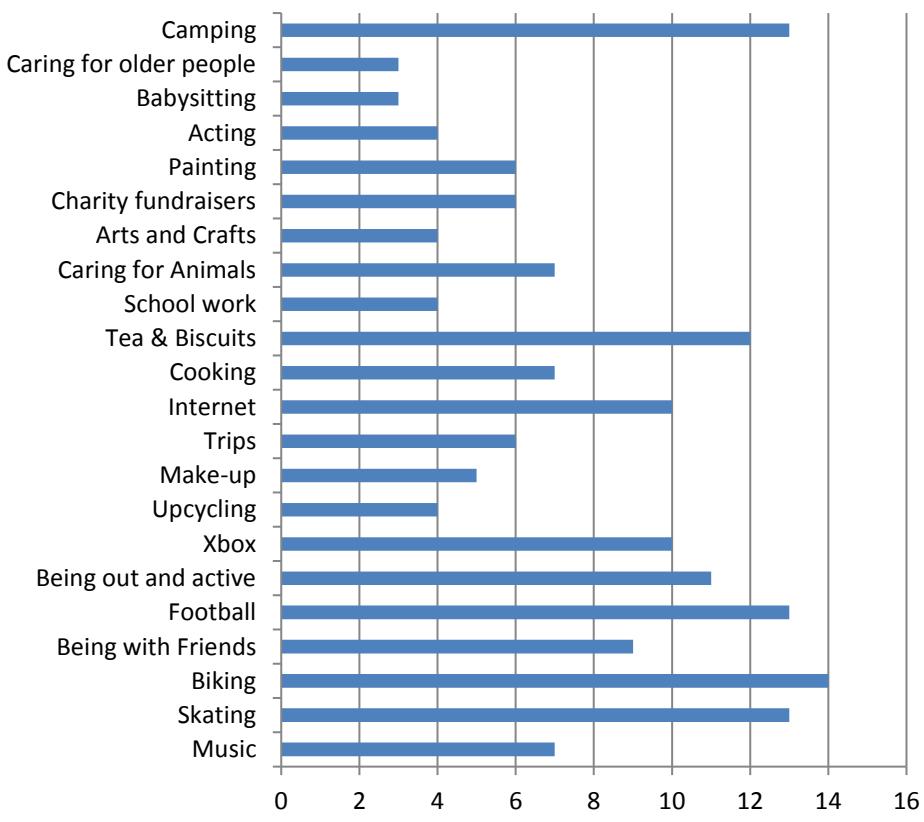
Bingo

Cinema

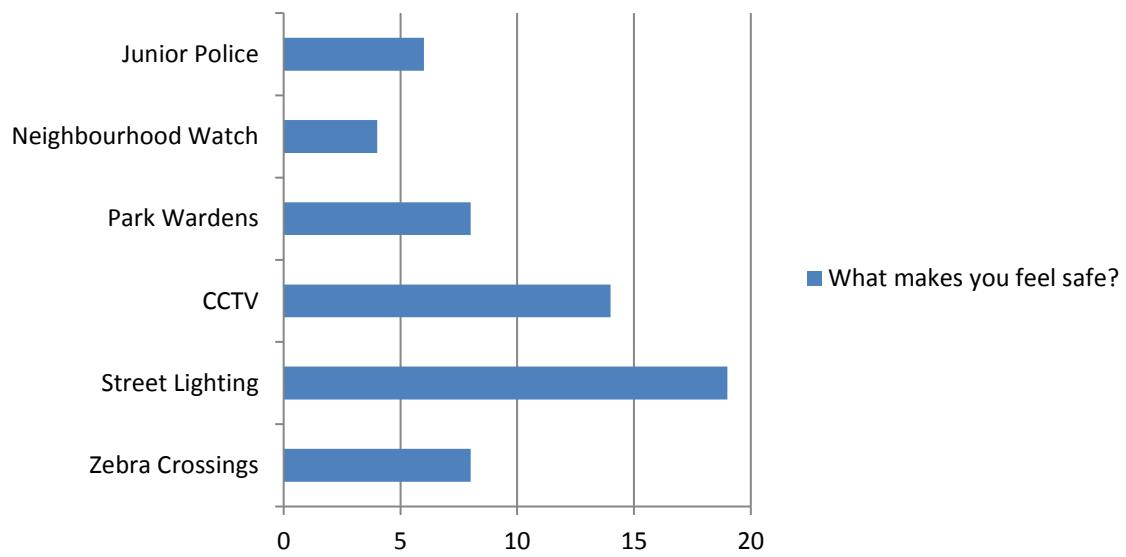
What is important?



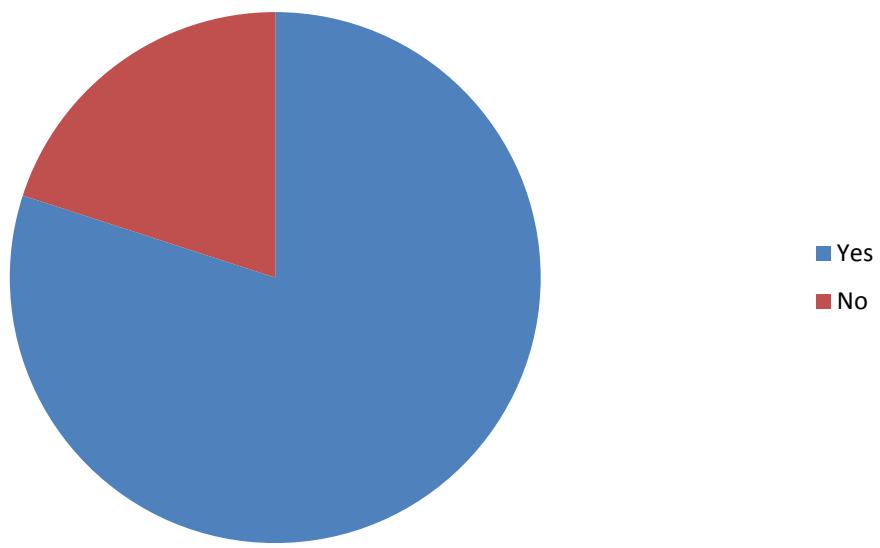
What do you do or would like to do?



What makes you feel safe?



Do you go outside Ellistown to do things?

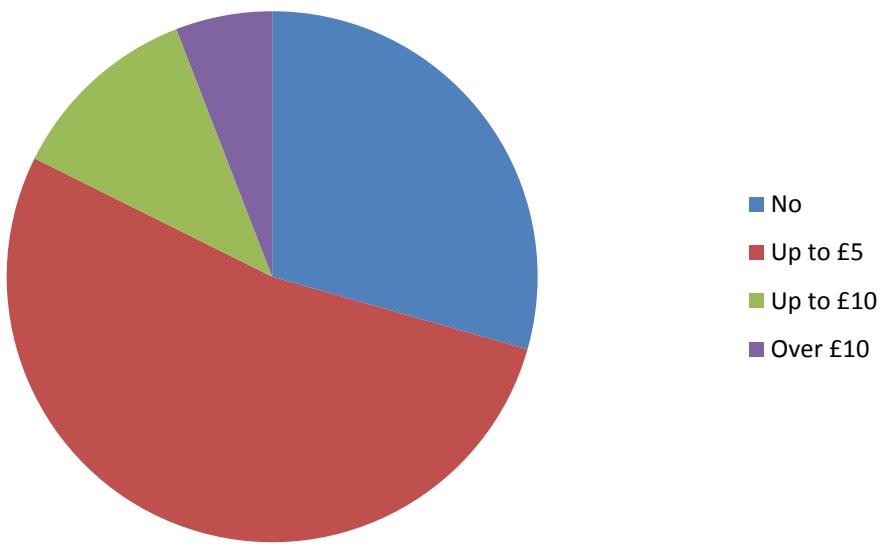


What would make you stay? More facilities and activities

Your Top Three Priorities for Young People in Ellistown

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Swimming Pool | CCTV |
| Good lighting x 3 | Astroturf/Cage x 8 |
| Skate Park x 13 | Safety x2 |
| Activities & Facilities x9 | Less Vandalism |
| Sports Teams x 4 | Trips |
| More bins | Zebra Crossings |
| Football x2 | |

Would you pay for some Activities?



Report from the Young People's Council to the Parish Council - Oct 2014

The Young People's Council has met a number of times since last meeting with the Parish Council. We have worked hard to develop our ideas and activities during this time.

1. Survey Results

Following the successful drop-in we have collated the results and produced a report.

Key findings from these results show that there is a strong demand for a MUGA but also a slightly stronger demand for a skate park in Ellistown.

2. Skate Park Work

Of those who attended the drop-in, James Harold and his friends have worked hard to develop their design ideas. They have based these on local skate parks which they enjoy using, ideas from skate park designs found on the Internet and advice from experienced skate park designers.

They have also considered and identified possible areas in Ellistown for a skate park to be situated.

We have also discussed, with some interest, the consultation by the developers hoping to build houses in Ellistown. We have noted that, in their plans, they are proposing two play areas. As a group we feel that we have sufficient to play areas in Ellistown and would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the Parish Council and, indeed, the developers the possibility of substituting one or both of these play areas for a skate park.

This would not necessarily have to be within the development site but the developer may provide the finance, as part of their section 137 agreement, to secure a site which is more suitable. **Please could the Parish Council ensure that our request is shared with the developer and the planners at North West Leicestershire District Council?**

We are also aware that the Parish Council owns pieces of land. **We would be very interested to see a map of where these are and to discuss whether any of these sites may be suitable for a skate park.**

We believe that the cost of building a skate park could be in the region of £25,000-£75,000. However we have had some discussions with skateboard designers who have suggested that a park could be built in maybe two or three stages allowing funds to be secured over a period of time whilst still enabling a small version of the final design to be built and enjoyed, at the lower end of the price range.

We have discussed fundraising and sponsorship. As we need to build out of concrete, we think that Bardon may be worth approaching.

We would also like to work with someone who is able to help James and his friends develop their design into a professionally presented, computer drawn plan. We have one or two potential candidates for this role but seek the support of the Parish Council to progress this work and to commit to the wishes of the Young people by helping to create the momentum which they have initiated to secure a skate park for Ellistown.

3. Further Engagement Activities

We are planning a disco on 17 October to further engage young people. This is already advertised on our facebook page www.facebook.com/YoungEllistown and we will be leafleting the village in advance of that date. The cost of entry will be £1 for adults and 50p for your people - however if the young people produce for us their design for a skate park or a multi-use games area (MUGA) they will be allowed into the event free of charge.

4. Voting for our MUGA!

The group is very much looking forward to supporting the vote for the MUGA and **it is important that we establish exactly how voting happens so that we can promote it on our Facebook site and potentially even to deliver posters and a leaflet about it around the village.**

5. Dance in Ellistown

Our group has also attracted the attention of Grant Topping who has joined us because of his particular interest in dance and his wish to see more young people involved in dance in Ellistown. On a personal level he is studying dance at college and plans to go on to do a degree course in dance. He is part of Storm Academy, which rehearses at the WMC and are planning a Christmas show - which this year a performed at Snibston Theatre.

There is a need for costumes for the show and many of the Ellistown dancers find it difficult to afford this - even though many of the costumes are home made. We are therefore proposing that a small part of our £1000 allocation is provided to support the young people who are interested in dance. Grant has suggested that, in return, a performance at the WMC may be possible if Ellistown would like this to happen. It would necessarily be a scaled-down performance as there is insufficient space on stage at the WMC for a full performance.

6. Safer Ellistown

The Young People's Council is very pleased to have been awarded £500 from the Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership Fund. We are meeting again on 20 October, 5:30 at the WMC to discuss how we would like to progress this project and spend our grant. There

have been a number of suggestions including filmmaking and the creation of well-designed posters/banners/art to convey the pride that young people have in our area and our aspirations for the future.

We will consider the possibility of supplementing this £500 with money from the £1000 which the Parish Council has kindly made available to us. We are also interested in the possibility of submitting a further bid to the Arts Council to increase the amount of money we have for this project.

7. More Activities

For our next activity, we are very interested in organising a trip for the young people of Ellistown. This will bring even more people together and help us to unify the young people of Ellistown in making it an even better place to live.

We have the opportunity for some training and capacity building both for the young people and for the adults who are supporting us. We are interested in learning more about this.

8. More Reliable Support from Adults Please

We are aware that the youth provision in Ellistown is quite fragmented at the moment with, for example, some great things happening at The Scouts and at St Christopher's Church. We are asking the support of adults to help to bring this youth provision together as a single offer from which young people of Ellistown can select the things that they enjoy. We feel that this unity will bring about discussions and further ideas which will result in even more great opportunities for young people in Ellistown.

We are full of energy and enthusiasm for the Ellistown Young People's Council and are really keen to make it a huge success. However, we have our school studies which must come first and therefore we have limited time to commit to this work. Because of this, it is important that we continue to attract more young people and adults to help us achieve as much as we possibly can.

At our first meeting, for example, adults and young people came and promised to do things and to come back at the next and subsequent meetings. Some people did; some people have returned but are yet to do some of the things they have promised while some people have not returned at all *and* not offered any explanation for this. This is very disappointing for us and has delayed some of the things that we had planned.

So, moving forward, we ask for a greater level of commitment and reliability from some of the people who have been involved. We thank very much those who have helped so far – it would not have been possible to have achieved what we have without them.

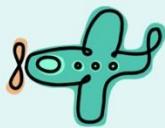






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Design a Skate Park
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Watch Sport?
Design a multi-use
games area
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Bring your design on Friday 17th October to our School's Out Party
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