**MELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING GROUP**

**REPORT**

**Introduction**

The Young People’s Working Group was formed in the summer of 2012. Its Terms of Reference were to identify the needs of young people, up to the age of 18, in our community and how best to address those needs.

A list of all the facilities for young people available in Melton was produced by December of that year and is attached as Appendix A.

Questionnaires, see Appendix B, were distributed in June 2013 through Melton Primary School, St. Andrew’s Church, local shops and by some councillors. They were also available on the council web-site. Information about the survey was put in the Melton Messenger and on our notice boards and e-news.

The questionnaires that were returned were analysed, along with feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan open day, see Appendix C.

Following the analysis of the survey results, the working group has collated the requests into three groups: those that are outside of our realm, though they may be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan, these include things that may be provided by a commercial organisation or the school, are just too big or are just not practical; those that already exist in some form and that we may need to publicise more; and those that we could look into further.

This report completes the investigation phase of the project.

**Analysis**

Outside the scope of this project

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| Arcade  Baking club  Ballet club  Bird feeders  Boating lake  Break dancing club  Cinema  Circus  Dance classes  Dog competitions  Drawing lessons  Driving licences for kids  Guitar shop/recording studio | Hairdressing club  Ice cream van  Jewellery club  Mini Melton Eye  Quad biking  Safety clubs  Singing club  Shooting club  Sports shop  Supermarket  Water park  Zoo/animal centre |

Already provided

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| Cricket club (St Audrey’s)  Fishing (Melton fishing lakes)  Football club (Woodbridge Town Football Club & St Audry’s)  Guides (Woodbridge)  Holiday clubs (Pitstop & St Andrew’s)  Horse riding | Rowing club (Woodbridge)  Sailing club (Woodbridge)  Scout pack (Woodbridge)  Skate park (Woodbridge)  Swimming (Woodbridge Pool)  Youth club (St Andrew’s & Woodbridge) |

Investigate further

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| **Sports activities:**  Athletics  Archery  Badminton  Basketball/netball  Boxing  Cycling  Gymnastics  Hockey  Rounders  Rugby  Trampolines | **Others:**  Art & craft club  BMX track  Café/shelter  Extra lighting on field  Nature trail/flower garden  Play areas  Rock climbing  Reduced rates at St Audry’s & tennis courts  Toilets on the field  Tube slide  Zebra crossing  Zip wire slide |

**Considerations**

The Hall Farm estate has a large play space, which is owned by SCDC, but the only facility is a single mini-goal. St. Andrew’s estate also has a large play space, owned by Flagship Housing, but with no facilities. There is some money available for Melton through the SCDC Play Space fund and possibly through grants.

Many of the sports activities on the above list are available in the wider local area, see Appendix D.

**Conclusion**

Due to the small number but wide variety of replies received it has not been possible to identify any one amenity that we can be sure would benefit a significant number of young people in the village.

The council members of the working group, Councillors Kennedy, Taylor and Martin, believe we have taken this work as far as we can. We suggest that a new working group be convened; ideally including more members of the public and some young people, to use the data we have collected to identify areas in which the community and the parish council can improve our facilities for young people.

We should like to thank the other members of the working group, Michael Hatchett and Simon Thompson for their help and, especially, thank all the young people who took the time to complete our questionnaires.

MPS Young People’s Working Group

February 2014.

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| Organisation | Up to 5 years | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 15 years | 16 to 18 years | Comments |
| Scouting |  | Brownies (girls 7-10 yrs) |  |  | 1st Melton Brownies in Burness Parish Rooms on a Wednesday |
| Pitstop | After school club from 4yrs | After school club | After school club up to 12yrs |  | In term time Melton Play House.  In holidays Melton Primary School |
| Melton u5 pre-school | From 2 to 5 years |  |  |  | Melton Play House, Hall Farm Road |
| Melton Bowls Club |  |  |  |  | Dock Lane |
| St Audry’s Cricket Club | Under 5’s Cricket | Boys team from 9 | Boys 11 to 15 years  Girls 9 to 13 years  Academy team 14 to 16 | Academy team up to 16 years | St Audry’s Sports & Social Club |
| St Audry’s Football Club |  |  |  |  | St Audry’s Sports & Social Club |
| St Audry’s Golf Club |  |  |  |  | St Audry’s Sports & Social Club |
| Deben Players |  |  |  |  | Burness Parish Rooms |
| Company of 4 |  |  |  |  | Burness Parish Rooms |
| Woodbridge School of Dance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montessori Nursery |  |  |  |  |  |
| St Andrew’s Church | Parent and Toddler Group | Holiday club  Choir for Children  Cycling Holidays | Choir for Children  Cycling for Holidays |  | Church Hall |
| Melton Parish Council | Play equipment | Football pitches & All weather pitch.  Play equipment. | Football pitches & All weather pitch.  Play equipment. | Football pitches & All weather pitch. | Melton Road Recreation Ground |
| Suffolk Coastal District Council | Green Play area  Play Equipment | Green Play area  Play Equipment  One five-aside goal | Green Play area  Play Equipment  One five-aside goal | Green Play area  Play Equipment  One five-aside goal | St Andrews Close & Bury Hill  Beresford Drive  Hall Farm Road |
| Flagship Housing | Green Play area | Green Play area | Green Play area | Green Play area | St Andrews Place |
| MPMC | Slide and Bouncy Horse  3 items for under 6 year olds  Wood & Rope Climbing | Wood & Rope Climbing | Wood & Rope Climbing | Wood & Rope Climbing | Calder Road  Garrod Approach  Thomas Churchyard Close |
| Melton Badminton Club |  |  |  |  | Lindos centre |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cubs |  |  |  |  | Unknown |
| Scouts |  |  |  |  | In Woodbridge |
| Youth Club |  |  |  |  | Unknown |
| Army Cadet Force |  |  |  |  | In Woodbridge |
| Air Cadet Force |  |  |  |  | In Woodbridge |

Appendix B

Melton Parish Council are interested in ensuring that the needs of young people are being catered for in the Parish. We have carried out a survey of existing facilities and clubs that cater for young people between the ages of 5 to 18 but are keen to find out if there are areas which are not already covered and if possible to organise something to fill any gaps identified.

It would be of immense help if the following questionnaire was filled in and returned to the Melton Parish Council office at the address below by the 31st July 2013.

If you know any other young people from Melton who would like to take part in this survey, please copy this questionnaire, download more copies from our website [www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk](http://www.melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk) or collect them from the office at the Lindos Centre.

*Thank you for taking part.*

*Melton Parish Council’s Young Persons Working Group*



Gender: Girl l Boy

Age Group 0-5years 6-11years 12 – 18 years

In which area of Melton do you live?

What clubs/organisations, if any, are you in?

What play areas/facilities do you use in Melton? (E.g. Melton Recreation Ground, Tennis Courts, etc.)

What are your interests?

What facilities/clubs would you like to see provided in Melton?

Young Persons Working Group – Survey Results Appendix C

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|  | Girls 6-11 | Boys 6-11 | Girls 12-18 | Boys 12-18 | Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan meeting |  | Total | Comments |
| Arcade | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Athletic Events | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Art & Craft club | 4 | 1(2) |  |  |  |  | 1(6) |  |
| Archery |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Badminton | 2(2) |  |  |  |  |  | 2(2) |  |
| Baking club | 3 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |
| Ballet Club | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Basketball/Netball | 2 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 3 |  |
| Bird feeders |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| BMX Track | 1 | 1(1) |  | 1 | 2 |  | 5(1) |  |
| Boating lake | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Boxing club |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Break Dancing Club |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Cafe/Sheltered areas |  |  | 1(1) | 2(1) |  |  | 3(2) |  |
| Cinema | 1(1) |  |  |  |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Circus | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Cricket Club |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Cycling Club | 1 | 3(4) |  | 1 |  |  | 4(5) |  |
| Dance classes | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Dog Competitions | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Drawing lessons |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Driving licences for kids |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Extra lighting in Park |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Fishing Club | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |  |
| Football club | 1(1) | 1(4) |  | 2(2) |  |  | 4(7) |  |
| Guides | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Guitar shop/Recording studio |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Gymnastics | 3(5) | 1 |  |  |  |  | 3(6) |  |
| Hairdressing Club | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Hockey | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Holiday clubs | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Horse Riding | 2(1) |  |  |  |  |  | 2(1) |  |
| Ice Cream Van |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Jewellery Club | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Mini Melton Eye | 3(2) |  |  |  |  |  | 3(2) |  |
| Nature Trail/Flower garden | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Pavilion |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |  | 3 |  |
| Play areas |  |  |  |  | 4 |  | 4 |  |
| Quad Biking |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Rock Climbing | 2(2) | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2(3) |  |
| Rounders |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Rowing Club | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Rugby |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Safety clubs | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| Sailing Club | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1(2) |  |
| Scout Pack | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Singing Club | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| St Audrey’s clubs – reduced rates |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |
| Shooting Club |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Skate park (Roller and ice) | 1(2) | 5(6) |  | 1 |  |  | 7(8) |  |
| Sports shop |  | 2(1) |  |  |  |  | 2(1) |  |
| Supermarket (Large) |  | 1(1) |  |  |  |  | 1(1) |  |
| Swimming Club | 3(3) | 3(2) | 1 |  |  |  | 7(5) |  |
| Tennis Courts - Concessions |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 |  |
| Toilets at playing field | 4(1) |  |  | 2 |  |  | 6(1) |  |
| Trampolines | 1(1) | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1(2) |  |
| Tube slides |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Water Park | 4(2) | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 6(2) |  |
| Weight Lifting | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Youth Club |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |  |
| Zebra Crossing |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Zip wire slide |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Zoo/Animal Centre | 2(2) |  |  |  |  |  | 2(2) |  |

Summary

Number of young people responding, results in red are for young people not resident in Melton.

Girls 0–5 = 0 responses

6-11 = 16 responses, 11

12-18=6 responses, 1

Boys 0-5 = 0 responses

6-11 = 14 responses, 18

12-18=8 responses, 1

The top two requests are for a Swimming Club and Skate Park followed by Public Toilets and a Water Park. The third request is for a BMX track.

**Appendix D**

**MELTON PC YPWG - SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA**

Athletics

Woodbridge Shufflers

Ipswich Jaffas

Saxmundham Saxons

Felixstowe Road Runners

Archery

Deben Archery Club, Kesgrave

Badminton

Melton Badminton Club, Melton

Woodbridge Badminton Club, Farlingaye

Woodbridge Junior Badminton Club, Farlingaye

Basketball

BT Lasers Basketball Club, Kesgrave

Boxing

None

Cycling

Plomesgate Cycle Club

Tunstall and Rendlesham Off-road Group

Gymnastics

Otley Gym Club

Brackenbury Gym Club

Hockey

Carlton Park Hockey Club, Framlingham

Felixstowe Hockey Club

Ipswich and East Suffolk Hockey Club, Rushmere St Andrew

Netball

Woodbridge Ladies Netball Club

Rounders

Through the Fit Villages Initiative

Rugby

Woodbridge Rugby Club

Trampolining

Leiston Leisure Centre

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