

## **Parish Services**

**Working Group chaired by Chris Guest, comprising three members, with the following scope:**

*To identify needs of the residents of the Parish that are not covered by Transport, Footpaths, Structure and Maintenance areas of the Parish Plan.*

**Consultation undertaken:** Ideas and views of residents, of various age groups, have been sought by: Parish Public Meetings, Village School Essay Competition, Youth school bus stop survey, Survey at the Lunch Club, Requests for ideas and help in the Lydiard's Magazine and the results of the Questionnaire.

### **Key issues identified:**

The results of the questionnaire indicated some support for the Youth Club (20<sup>th</sup>) Multi-Use Sports Area (21<sup>st</sup>) and Additional Entertainment facilities (23<sup>rd</sup>). In addition to these during discussions with Community members' information was also recorded in the areas of Local Doctor's Surgery and other village activities.

### **Doctor's Surgery**

Discussion with Purton Surgery Management revealed that it was not possible to have a branch surgery in the village as there would be no Health Trust Funding and there are not enough staff.

It should be noted that we have a volunteer body "The Lydiards Link" which covers Lydiard Millicent and Lydiard Tregoze who are only too willing to take people to local health services. 'Dial-a-Ride' which is also available on a comparable price level to the equivalent bus fare.

### **Activity Area**

A multi-use activity area could be constructed, at the Recreation field, which could cater for Skate Boards, Basket Ball, Tennis and Football Wall. It could also be a place for Youth to interact. This would be expensive but grants may be available. Supervision and maintenance must be considered. There is already a Play Area for children aged 5 to 13. There is also an adjacent Boules area.



### **Youth Groups**

Recent trials in the earlier part of 2005 with the Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership have been less than successful in attracting the youth of the Community, despite advertising and distribution activities. Full sponsorship of a Village Youth Club requires not only funding but also active support from the Community.



### **Keep Fit/ Clubs /Groups**

Parish Hall, School Hall and Recreation Field Club House are available. Yoga, Keep Fit, Lunch Club, Art Group and many other classes are already held in the Village.

Other established Clubs & Groups are already available in Purton e.g. Gardening Club and Historical Society. New Groups need volunteers to come forward to initiate and organise them. The Lydiards Magazine is the usual focal point to capture additional demand and display existing Clubs/Groups contacts.

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Provision of a Youth Club:</b> Initial contact has been made with the principal parties, although the pilot project was not successful. Further opportunities will be explored to investigate the establishment of a permanent Youth Facility in the Community	WCC NWDC LMPC Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership	Medium
<b>2</b>	<b>Multi-Use Sports Area:</b> This was a popular solution to the breadth of different activities resulting from essays written by the pupils of Lydiard Millicent School. Although it would be expensive and its location challenging, grants may be available and integration with the Village School could provide benefits for all the Community	WCC NWDC LMPC LM School Local Commerce Local Activity Groups	Medium
<b>3</b>	<b>More Entertainment:</b> Increasing the range of activities in the village require support and active contributions in the form of funding and ideas by both Local Commerce and the Community.	LMPC Community Volunteers Local Commerce LM School Local Activity Groups	Medium
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