

# Results of Questionnaire: Leisure and Amenities Committee

A survey to seek local opinion on the current and future use of the Village Hall and Recreation field.

## Introduction:

133 households within the parish of Great Gidding, Steeple Gidding and Little Gidding received a questionnaire. Of these, 79 were returned completed. This is a return rate of just under 60% and reflected the opinions of 185 people of all ages.

The spread of age groups who responded can be summarised as:

0-4 years	3%
5-10 years	5%
11-17 years	12%
18-64 years	55%
65 years plus	24%

## Findings:

When asked how often the field and hall are used, of those who gave an opinion:

	Field	Hall
Never Use:	33%	25%
Occasionally use:	49%	68%
Use monthly or more:	17%	8%

4 respondents stated they could not use the facilities due to difficulties of access as a result of mobility needs.

79% said they do not need to hire the hall, 11% said that they have not hired the hall due to poor facilities.

When asked why people did not attend activities 10% stated that they did not know where they were, 13% said they did not know what the event was and 5% did not know who to contact. The vast majority stated they get the information from the Parish magazine or word of mouth.

When asked about what facilities they would like to see on the recreation field the responses were as follows :

Changing facilities	32%
Showers	23%
Toilets	49%
Social room	16%
Kitchen	25%
Youth Shelter	21%

When asked what changes to the facilities people would like to see, the answers were as follows : ( respondents could choose a maximum of two options)

To renovate the existing hall	60%
To build a new hall	30%
To have a combined hall and pavilion	13%
To have a new sports pavilion	38%
No change	4%
Not interested	7%

#### **Rating of the existing facilities:**

For children under 11 years and for adults under 65 years, the facilities were rated mostly as average/good. For young people aged 12-18 years and for people over 65 years they were rated mostly as poor/average.

## Summary

A response rate of 60% is above average for surveys conducted using a questionnaire to collect data. Almost a quarter of those responding are in the over 65 years group while less than a quarter are under 18 years. There is currently a higher number of "young people" in the village than primary and pre-school aged children.

For both facilities, there are 25% more of the community who never use either. The majority (around half) use them occasionally, ie about twice yearly. The number of people of renting the hall for private or community events is low, mostly due to not having the need. The hall is rented daily for pre-school and after school groups by a private organisation.

From the findings it appears that the majority (60%) would consider a refurbishment of the existing hall as the best option, although when asked directly about choices for the recreation field nearly half said they would like to see toilet facilities and about a quarter requesting kitchen and showers.

It appears for a minority group, poor access is preventing use of the facilities. The young people and older residents have poorer ratings on the suitability of the facilities.

From the additional comments, the upgrading of the hall is referred to frequently and also the fact of there being limited facilities and activities for young people in the village.

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