

## **Amalgamation of the recent Consultations in Westfield**

### **Purpose**

This paper amalgamates the information in recent public consultations into a single document under the headings outlined in the DCLG Checklist in its document, Lifetime Neighbourhoods.

Three consultations are included: Westfield Questers' Consultation in June 2013, Radstock Youth Partnership Consultation in Spring 2012 and Big Local Community Consultation in October 2013. The Westfield Questers' consultation is the only one of the three which was focusses solely on Westfield.

### **General**

How well does the neighbourhood work as a place to live?

How far does it meet the needs of all the people who live here?

Are there aspects of the neighbourhood that work well for some people, but not for others?

- Older people
- Families with children
- Young adults
- Children
- Disabled people
- Minority ethnic groups

Are there features of our neighbourhood that are highly valued?

- By whom?
- Is there a consensus?

Is there a feature of the neighbourhood or a service which we don't want to lose?

Are there features that are less valued?

- By whom?
- Is there a consensus?
- Is there anything we would like to lose?

How well will our neighbourhood work when there is a large number of older people in the future?

- What do we think may be needed in the future?
- Will new or different services need to be provided?
- Will the design of the neighbourhood need to alter?
- How will people be able to access the services they require?

**Westfield Questers** gave the following outline of the views from its consultation:

- Overall, Westfield is a pleasant, safe place to live.
- There are currently good facilities for sport and leisure but these could be built upon and improved.
- Local shops and services are appreciated but some people would like a wider range and choice.
- Despite recent losses of some business and concerns about where future employment will come, from people feel the area does benefit from a range of businesses being based there and through having a mixed economy
- Educational opportunities are good in Westfield with access to schools and the extending college. People appreciate this.
- There has been a number of developments in the area without the infrastructure to support it. This has led to concerns about safety in the area and inappropriate placing of zebra crossings near to roundabouts. Parking is quite a safety issue particularly around schools.
- Having the countryside nearby has meant that people can benefit from this and adds to the feeling that Westfield is a pleasant place to live.

**Radstock Youth Partnership** gave the following summary:

- That young people in Radstock engage with a range of agencies/ settings, however, there is “drop off” from certain agencies/ settings when YP reach 14/15 & others attract additional YP at 14/15. There also seems to be a gender difference accessing certain agencies/ settings with only 9.5% of young males use Leisure Centres, however, they are used by 26% of young females.
- That “cost” 54.8% , “transport” 51.6% & places being “too far away” 38.7% are important considerations. However, “transport” is more important to young females (41.5% to 56.4%).
- That there are a number of factors that young people say affect their movement within the locality & the accessing of agencies/ settings.
- That a 71.2% of young people “sometimes feel unsafe” in Radstock & the surrounding local areas (76.4% females & 62.3% males).
- That 66 % of young people are particularly concerned about “dark areas/ bad lighting” (75.5% female & 46.2% male) & 35.4% of all surveyed “avoid going out after dark” . 84% of young women “go out with somebody else rather than go alone”.
- That young people were keen to engage with a range of activities, however, analysis of the data shows that certain activities are more popular with certain age groups (which should help with promotion, targeting, etc). Likewise, certain activities are more popular by gender, e.g “dance” & “exercise classes”.

- That young people were keen to engage with practical workshops, life skills or other activities, but analysis also shows this varies by age group & gender.
- That 68.9% of young people want to be more involved in “having a say about decisions & activities for young people in the area”.
- That Writhlington School is very happy to provide access to their young people for discussion, consultation & promotion of activities within the local area.

**Big Local Community Questionnaire summarised their findings as follows:**

- Facilities for children and young people were highlighted as the most important things to the community, with local and affordable transport coming second and employment and training opportunities third.
- On asking people how the money should be used, and providing a list of seven options, plus an “other” option, the highest score was for improving community facilities, with opportunities for young people coming second and jobs and training a close third.
- There was an opportunity for people to then add any other comments to the question about any other ideas in which the money could be used, a variety of responses were received, but there were multiple responses for young people’s projects, more local activities and events for families and thirdly for a MacDonald’s, cinema, bowling, or somewhere to go.
- From the results of the questionnaire we can gather that the facilities for children and young people, better transport, improving community facilities, jobs and training with more activities for families are the most important issues to people in the Radstock and Westfield area.

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**Access**

How well does the neighbourhood work in terms of enabling residents to get out and about? What about the following groups:

- Older people
- Families with children
- Young adults
- Children
- Disabled people
- Minority ethnic groups

Are there adequate, safe, well maintained pavements/cycle ways and roads?

How will access around the neighbourhood need to change when there is a larger number of older people?

**Westfield Questers** found that generally access was felt to be good in the area but, as can be seen from later sections, there are some concerns around local infrastructure.

- *Good place to live because it has access to Bath and other major cities*
- *Good transport links*

They found that Road Safety was one of the main areas of concern for residents. There are suggestions in a later section around how to improve this.

- *Why are there zebra crossings at junctions?*
- *School Parking*
- *Traffic access a problem*
- *Lots of developments with no improvement in road network*
- *Parking negative (x4)*
- *Residents parking*
- *Visitors parking on the road*
- *Long way from motorway*
- *No lights on cycle path*
- *Pot-holes in Fosseyway Road*
- *No provision for parking, making it a dangerous situation with parked cars on the road*
- *Too much traffic - need bypass*
- *School Parking is difficult for residents*

Finally, the Westfield Questers found that people appreciate the fact that Westfield residents also have access to the nearby countryside.

- *On the edge of the beautiful countryside with lovely walks*
- *Concern about environmental and world issues*
- *Westfield good life*
- *Near the countryside*
- *Easy access to countryside*

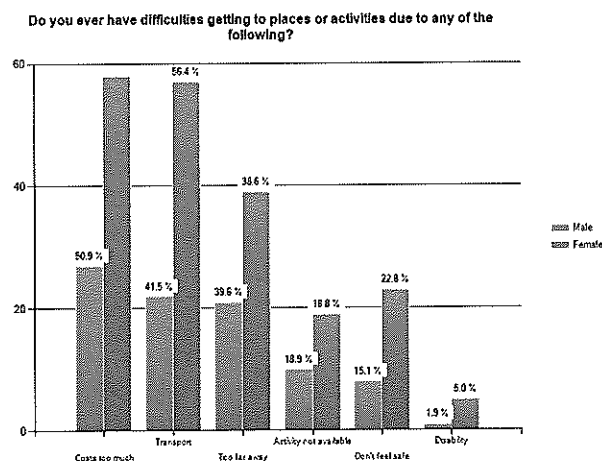
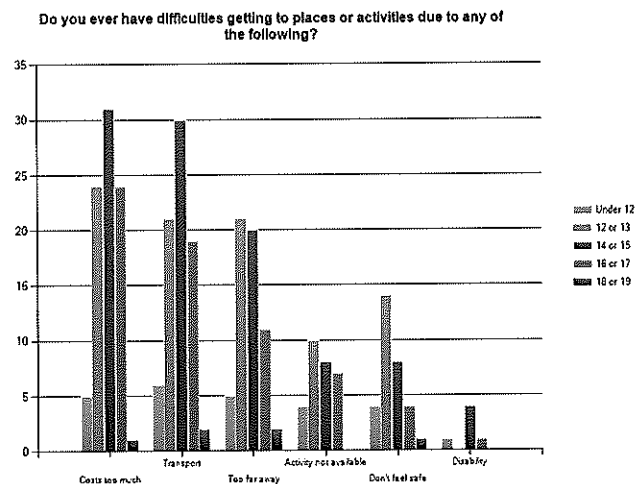
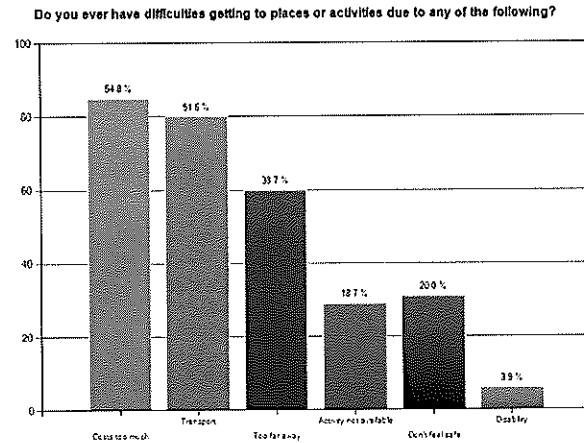
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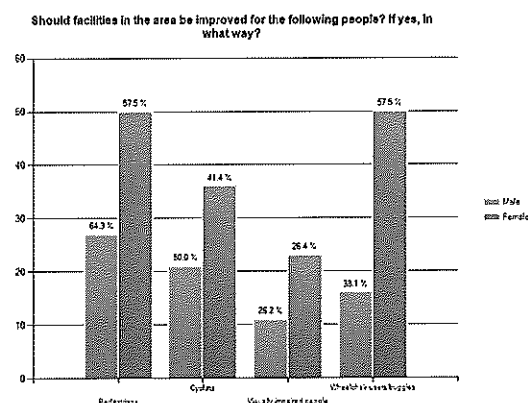
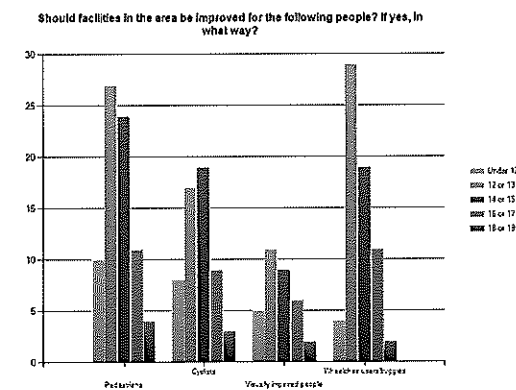
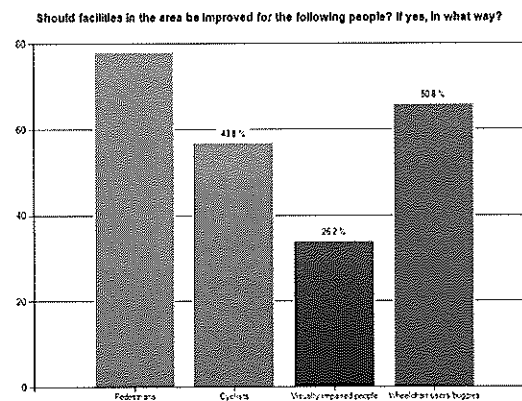
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The young people commented: "Don't have enough money" "Nope" "Car" "No pavement on road. Just a field around my house" "Unable to find activity that captivates my interest" "I don't" "Getting there" "No" "Activity not available due to waiting lists" "Buses are irregular, 173, 184 & 178 come at irregular times" "Not accessible for people with disabilities" "Can't be bothered to walk" "There aren't any buses in Haydon" "Going into town – expensive" "We only have the 184 in Coleford so going to places after 6pm is not available by public transport" "Can't be bothered" "Dad works shifts & he is the only person in our house who drives therefore if I did any clubs I could only do them every other week & they would be a waste of money" "Access to Peri's" Most appealing things for teenagers are either not frequent enough, such as things like Boom. Schemes aren't appealing to us or the travel option costs too much, this should be improved" "Alleys" "My height sometimes makes people think I'm younger" "Maybe not allowed"



*Comments: "Pavement on Batch, Haydon" "Yes" "Yes" "For everyone" "So pavements are accessible" "Larger pavements for both cyclists, wheelchair & buggy users" "Cycle lanes & drop kerbs for wheelchairs" "cycle lanes" "For all the people who live in the area" "More pavements" "For people with disabilities" "Youth" "Pavements often not wide enough" "Told by PCSO to ride on road & will scrap bikes if ride on pavement" "Light path" "Wider paths" "Traffic lights/ dangerous roads/ Frome road" "Pavements are accessible" "There isn't anything for them at the moment" "Bike lanes on roads" "Separate pavement for cyclists" "All of these things should be improved..." "I'm impressed with some of the cycling facilities, but routes for teenagers in the area are virtually non existent. Pavements should be improved to increase accessibility for disabled people, mothers with children & prams as well. It would improve the road works as a whole" "More lights" "There is nowhere for disabled people to go" "More pavements & wider pavements for buggies & wheelchairs" "Some of the traffic lights don't beep which is bad for the visually impaired" "The roads are not safe because most drivers speed. There are no main cycle paths" "Parks & more facility areas" "Teenagers – we are bored" "I have a disabled sister" "If they want to they will, it's not urgent" "Safer crossing" "Public toilets" "The paths could be more exciting, there could be teleporters" "Pavements made safer, less obstructions & more warning signs of cyclists".*

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## **Housing**

Is there sufficient housing that is affordable and that has the space to enable households to make necessary changes for example as a result of poor health or impairments?

Is there a sufficient range of housing, including homes that are well designed to meet needs across the lifecourse, which is affordable and that has the space to enable households to make any necessary changes.

How well does the range of housing choices that are available in the neighbourhood work for

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- Families with children
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How well will the housing choices that are available work when there is a larger number of older people?

**The Westfield Questers** found that not many comments were received around housing

- *Good variety of housing*
- *On the whole good street lighting although needs better maintenance*
- *Good street lighting*
- *Council do not maintain exterior decoration*

They also found concerns linked to road safety and parking

- *Over development- too many new buildings projects and housing developments*
- *Expansion of Fosseway encroaching onto surrounding area*
- *Too many houses not enough facilities.*

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### **Information, services and amenities**

Is there sufficient access to information and advice on housing options, wider services and amenities to exercise choice locally?

How far do residents have local access to services and amenities?

- How far do people have to travel if there is no provision within the neighbourhood?
- How do they get there?

**The Westfield Questers** found that people felt that Westfield was very well served by local educational establishments.

- *College*
- *Good expansion of Radstock College, more students, more subjects*
- *Good variety of schools: Junior, special needs and Roman catholic*
- *Good school facilities ( x2)*
- *Good further education college*
- *Lucky to have good school and children's centre in Westfield*



People seem quite positive about the sport and leisure facilities although, as can be seen from the next section, there are suggestions as to how these facilities can be built upon and improved.

- *Good facilities, park and social club*
- *Good park and shops*
- *Football field is kept up together.*
- *Good sports teams and activities for children*
- *Field is tidy and grass is cut*
- *Good outside room for sports and for children to play*
- *Good and plenty of open spaces*
- *Coffee mornings organised*
- *Mothers union outreach*
- *Chapel*
- *Good play areas for children*

People appreciate the local shops and services. If these are not in Westfield then they are available in neighbouring areas. Later comments show how people would like to have a wider range

- *Good motor vehicle repair*
- *Fire station, police station*
- *Good surgery*
- *We have a very nice Butchers also well maintained pretty frontage*
- *Excellent helpful chemist x2*
- *Shops are OK, central to many locations*
- *Go to Midsomer Norton for a day out and Bath and Bristol for shopping*
- *4 churches*
- *Fire station, police station*

People appreciate the fact that there are businesses in the area, despite some of the recent losses.

- *There are lots of businesses and employment in Westfield*
- *There is a mixed local economy*
- *There is a large Business community*

Although there were quite a number of sport and leisure facilities listed in the previous section these could obviously be built upon and ensure that all people of all ages and gender are catered for.

- *Not enough to do, which encourages drinking*
- *No concern - think it's better than other places*
- *Not a lot of facilities for young children or sports*
- *Not enough youth football teams*
- *Maybe more needed for more activities for girls*
- *Open spaces under used*
- *More sports clubs for girls*
- *Not enough sports facilities (x3)*

With regard to shops, the Westfield Questers found:

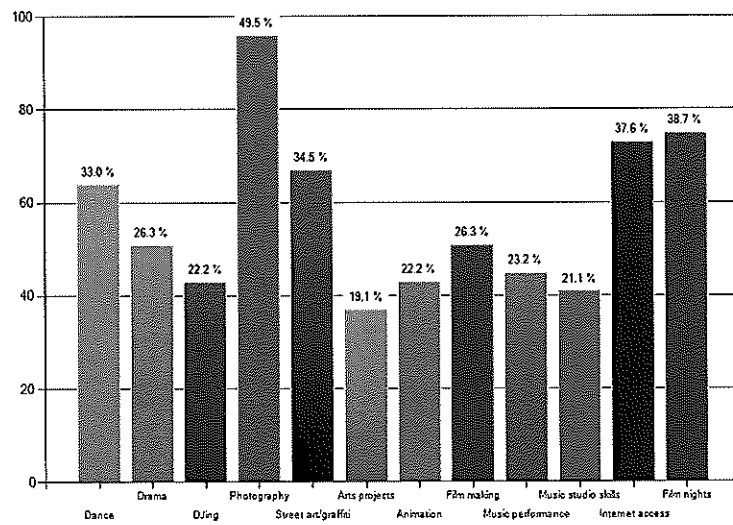
- *Co-op has monopoly on shops*

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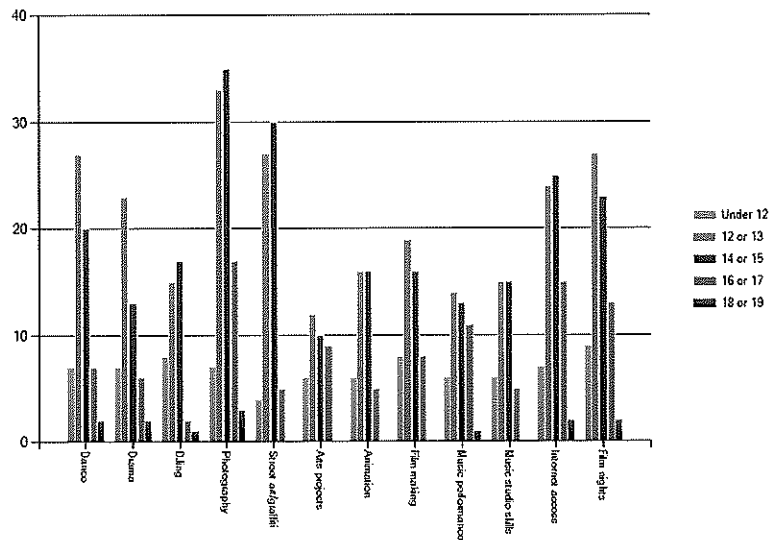
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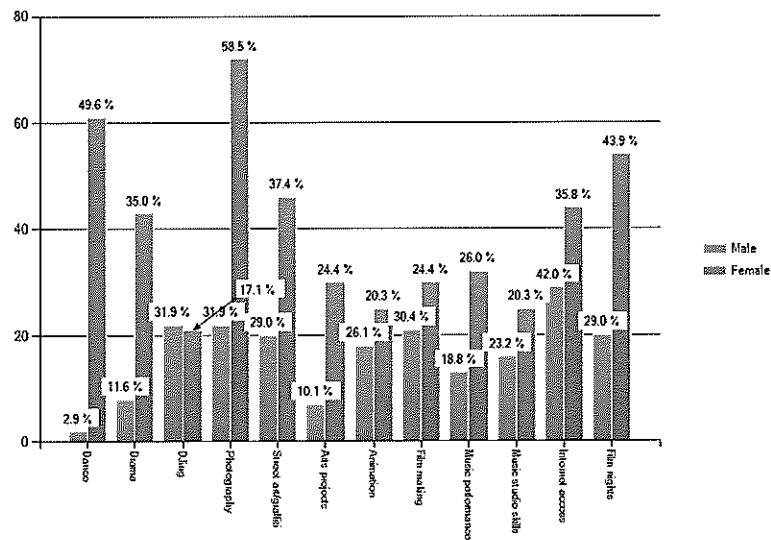
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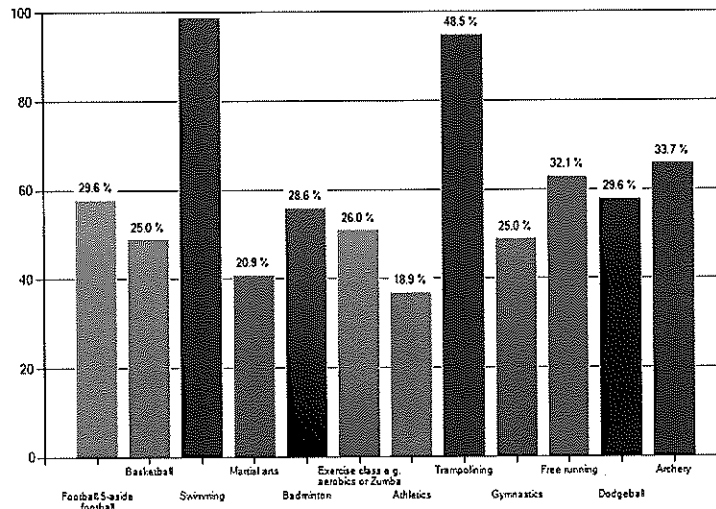


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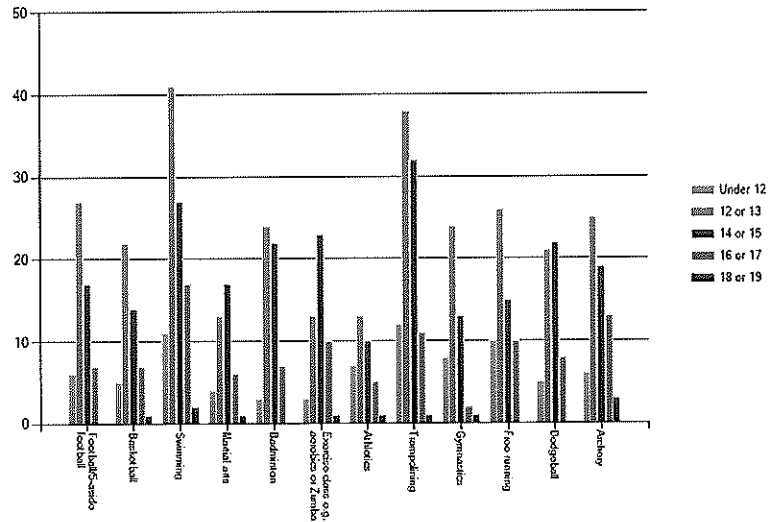


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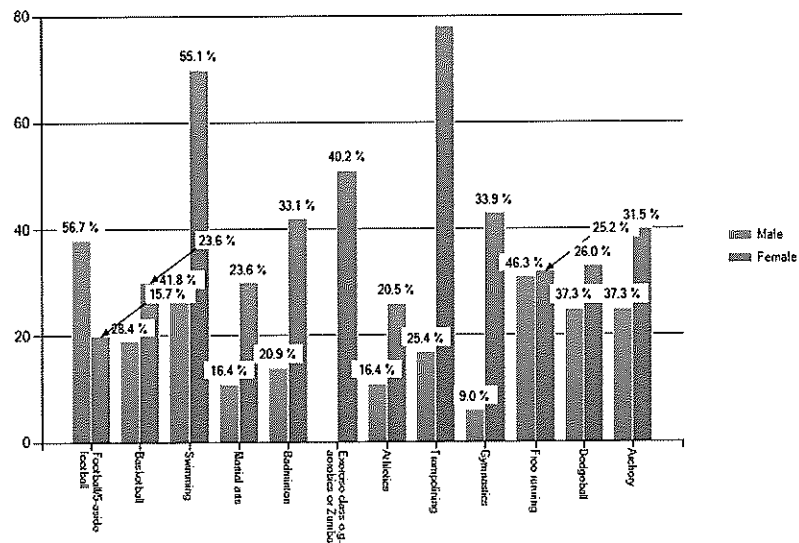
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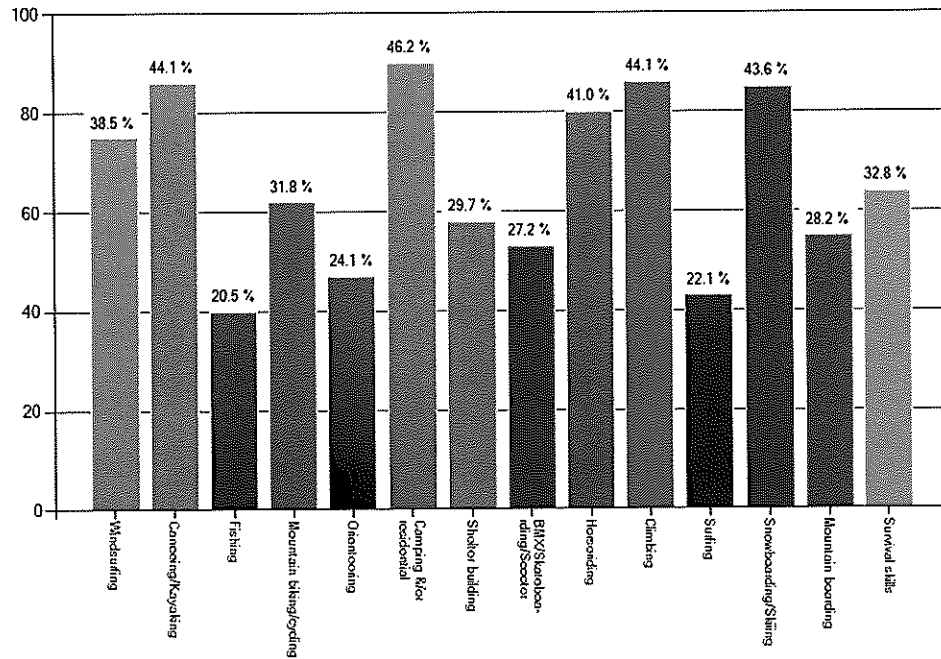


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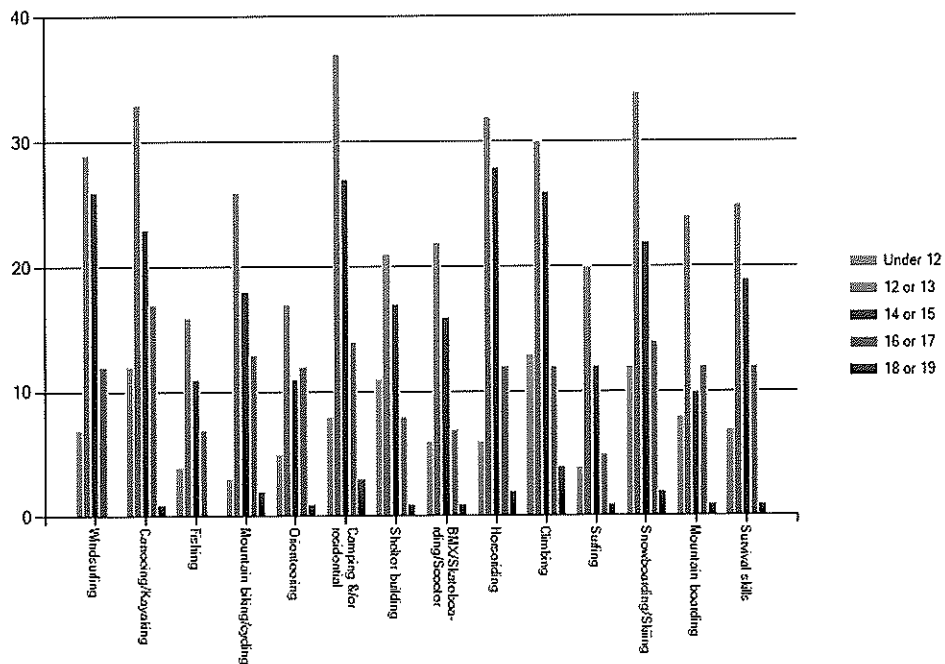


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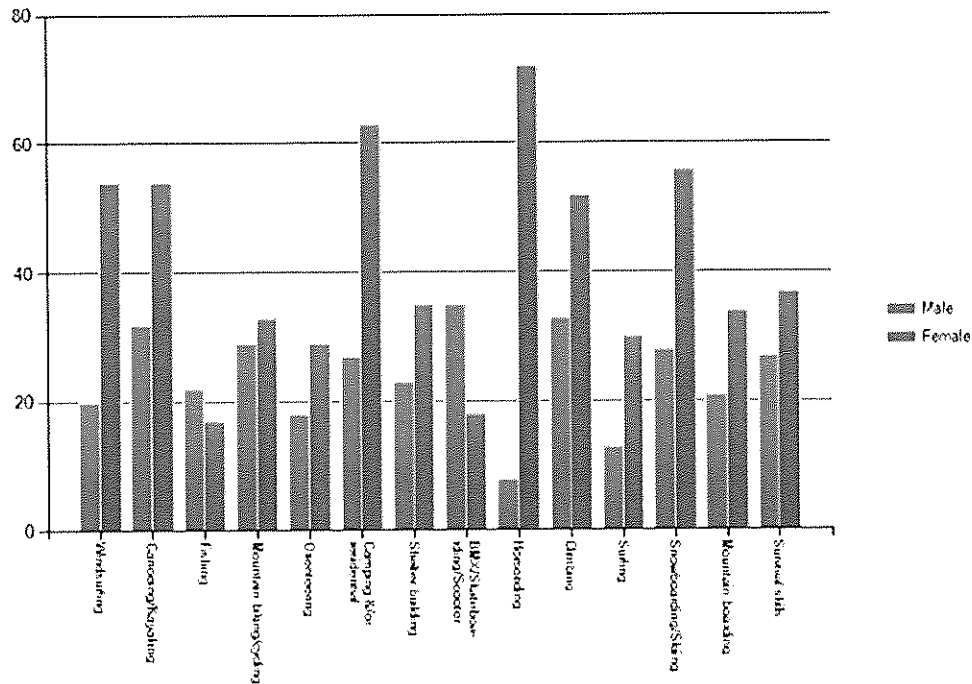


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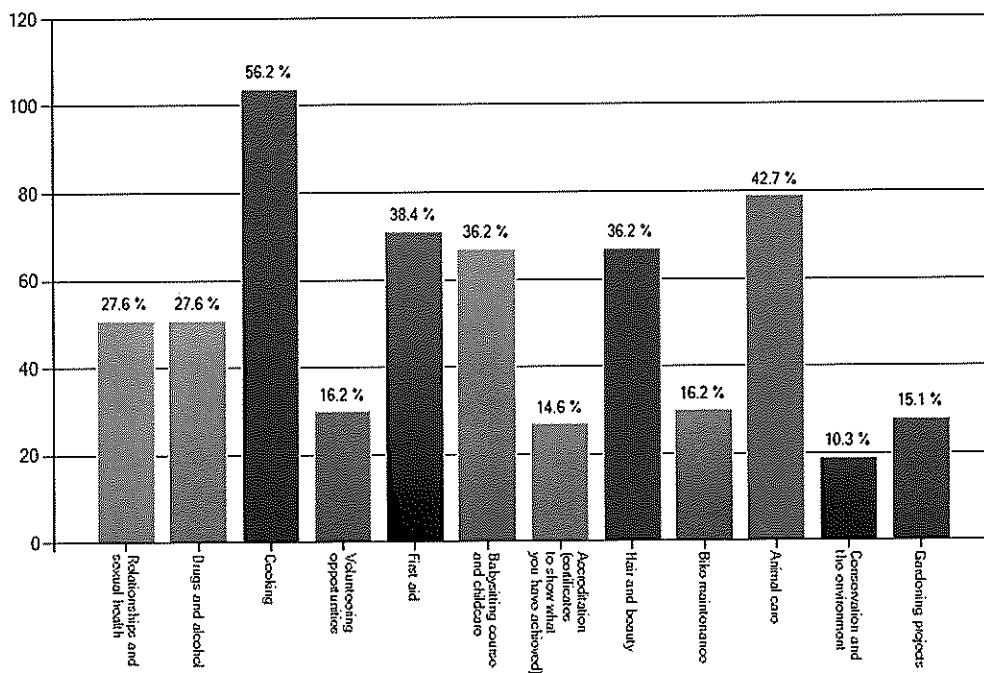


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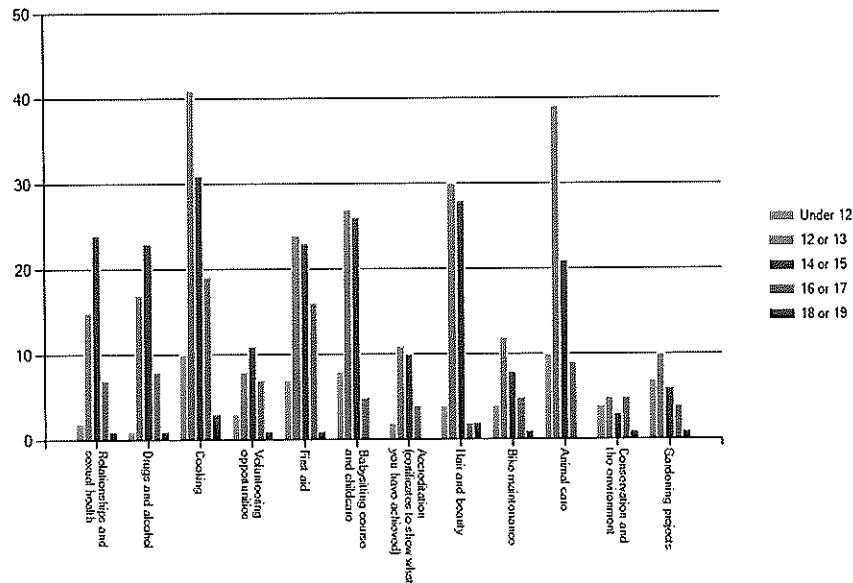


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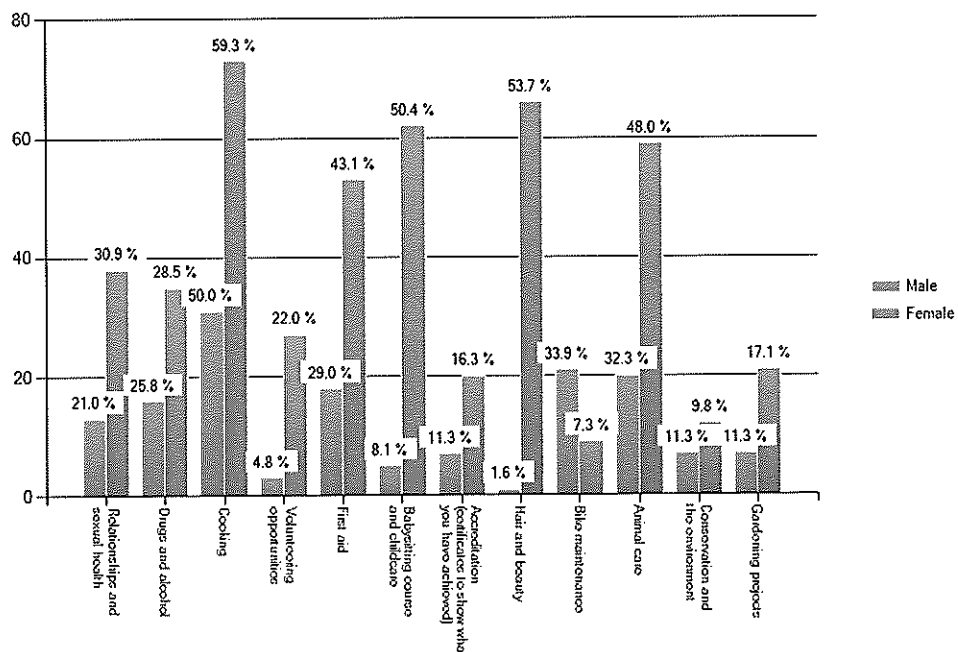


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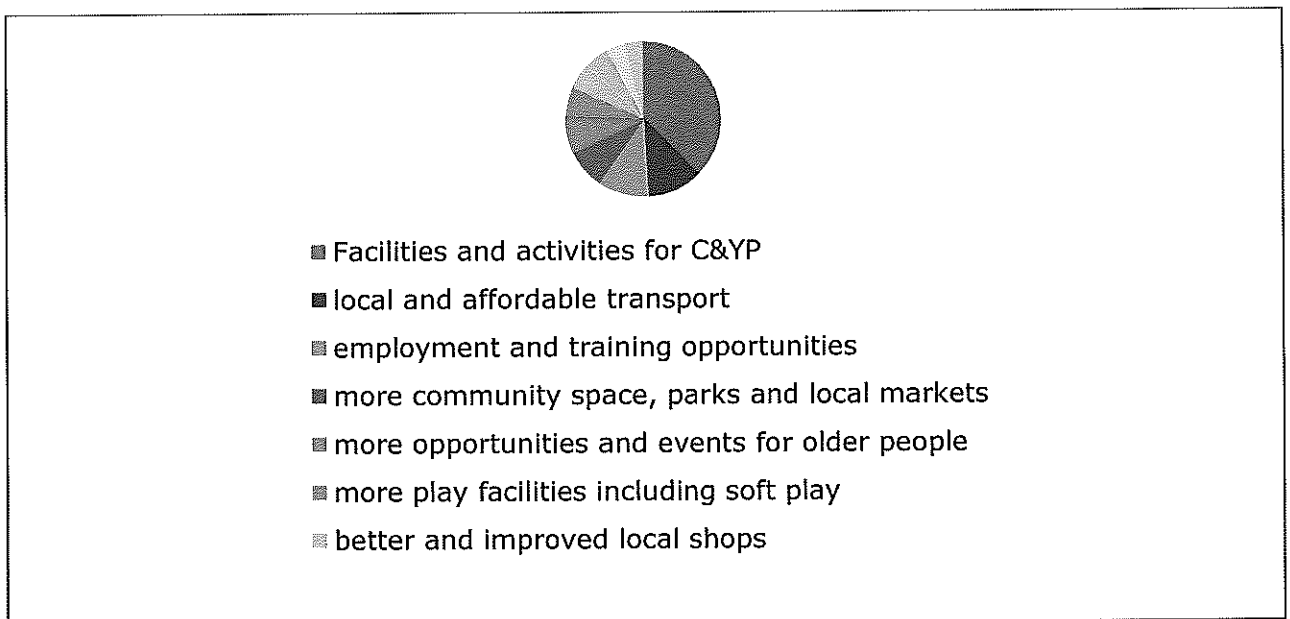
Comments from the Radstock Youth Partnership: "Football for girls" "Girls football" "Motorcross" "Hockey" "Hockey" "Hockey, ice skating, boxing, kick boxing, self defence" "Coding" "Paintball" "Cinema, astro turf (footy), Skiing/Snowboarding, Paintballing, footy team" "Paintballing, Football team or Rugby team in Radstock" "Caving" "Definitely dodgeball & surfing. Local gymnastics or dance without too long a waiting list. Cycling course because I haven't had the chance. Course about kids with special needs" "Really interested in climbing" "Really interested in cooking" "Really want to do camping/ residential & water sports, cooking & animal care" "Should reopen the cinema in Norton & fit better lighting along the cycle track so that people can use it & get to it" "D of E award, Girl's Brigade, food handling/

healthy eating” “Rainbows is not available” “Motorcross” “Convert video shop into youth café” “C-Card taken away at Norton Hill school” “Would like somewhere in Westfield. C-Cards” “mountain boarding, running clubs & bike races” “More hang out places, coffee shops, etc” “Nets in the goalposts” “Future sporting” “I don’t feel volunteering opportunities are even existent & it angers me as I’m eager to work with homeless people” “Computer workshops” “Fencing” “Lawyers (learning to keep your side of the argument)” “Sport”

**The Big Local Community Questionnaire** asked questions about services which would improve the community

**Question 1: What two things do you think would most improve our communities?**

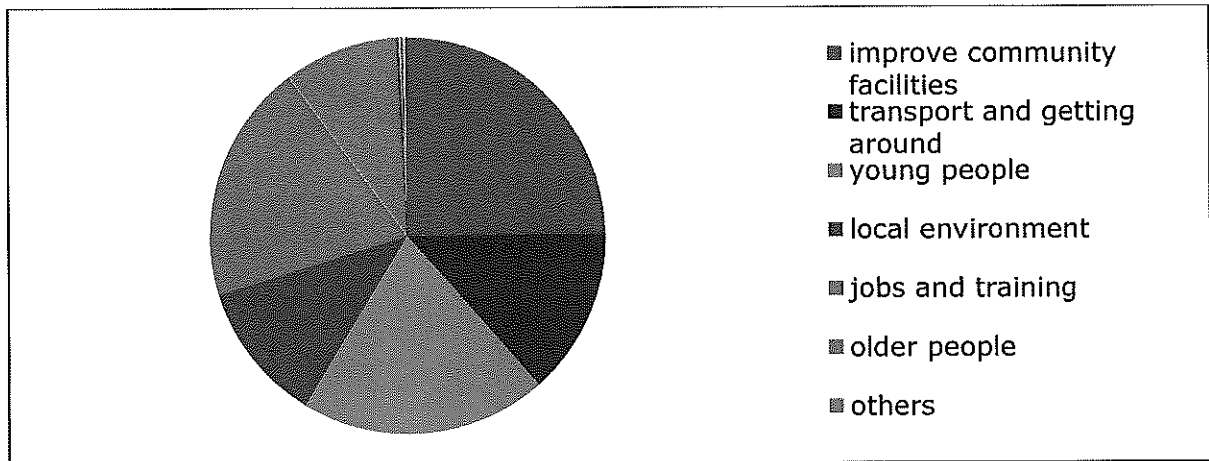
From the 67 suggestions received, a large number of which were the same suggestions, the top ten of the suggestions were selected and given the percentage and rankings:



**Question 2: How should the money be used? (tick your top 3)**

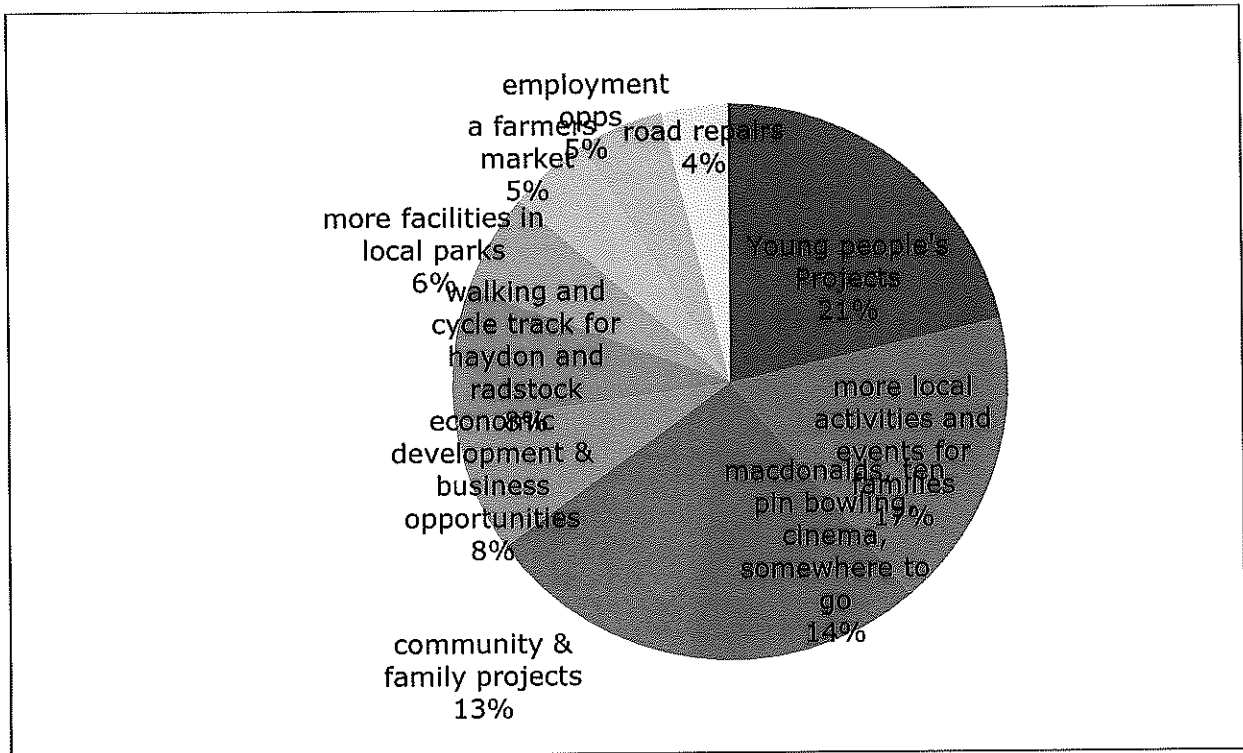
There were up to 6 options to tick, as well as the offer of an “other” box. Some respondents ticked three, others ticked more or less than 3. This is an analysis of what was recorded by the respondents themselves.





**Question 3: do you have any other thoughts on how the Big Local money should be used?**

There were slightly less suggestions received for this question than for the first one, with 65 different suggestions being made, however some of them were made repeatedly. From all of the answers received, we have taken the top ten answers and their rankings.



### **Social networks/well being**

Are there any tensions between members of the community?

Can these tensions be resolved?

How safe do we feel when we go out?

Does this change at different times of the day?

**The Westfield Questers** found that people generally felt safe in the area and the low level of crime was supported by police personnel present at the meeting.

- *Safe low level of crime*
- *Safe place to live*
- *Nice safe place to live*
- *Calm area, no trouble, know everyone, the area is a nice size*

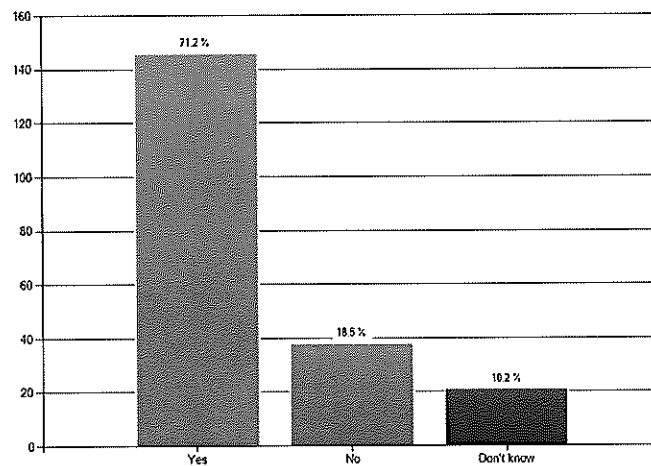
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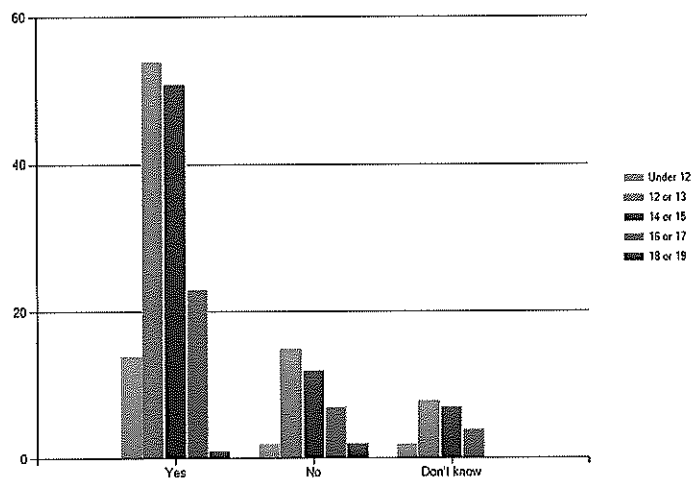
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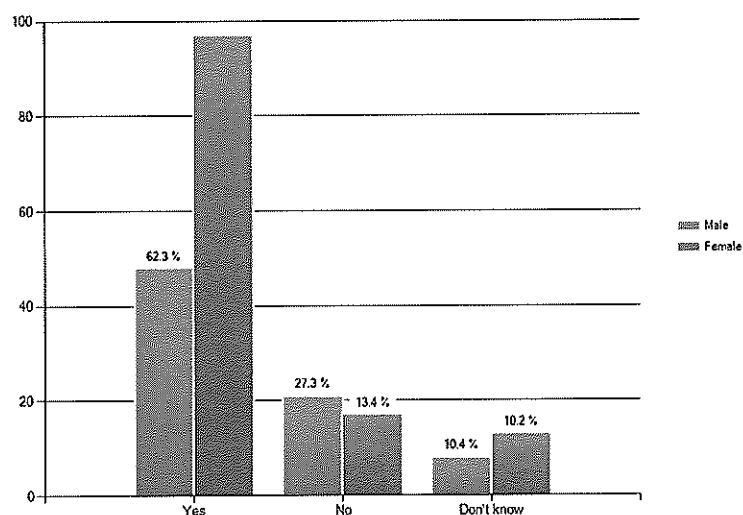
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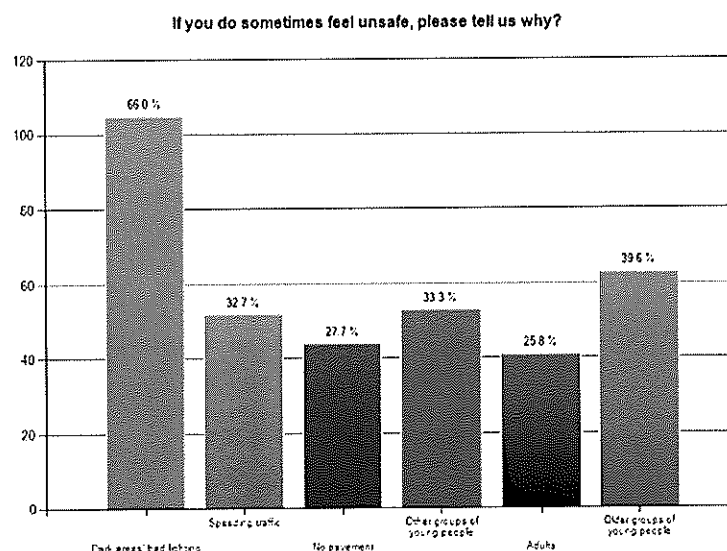


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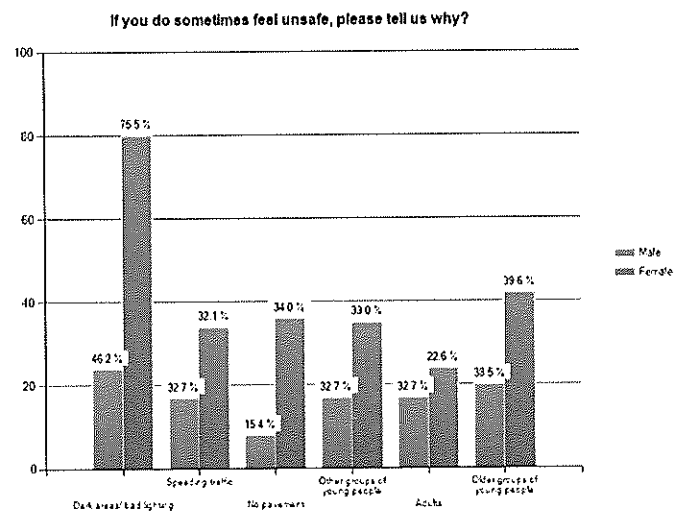
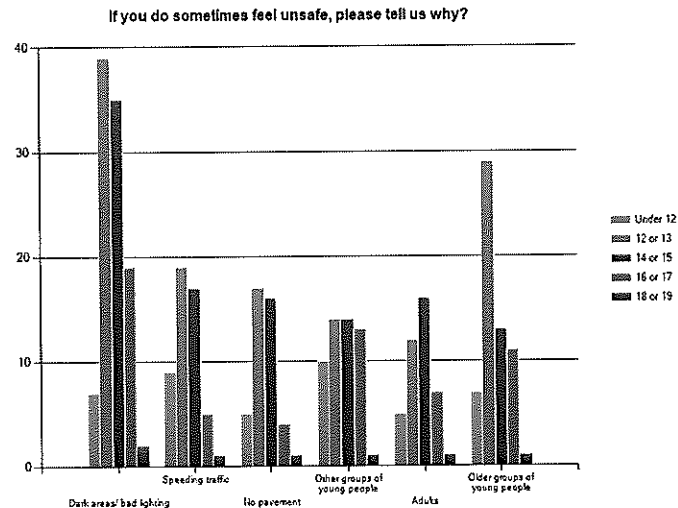


Comments from the Radstock Youth Partnership: "The alley by the butchers in Westfield" "In dark areas where older people or teenagers are around" "Walking over the Batch from Hayden" "The Batch, Hayden" "Outside park

by pub" "Manor Road" "Footpaths by Victoria Hall because they are badly lit" "Green benches, Radstock Park" "Dark alleys" "In alleys and parts around the park" "Radstock Park at night" "Radstock Park at night" "Dark lanes & alleys" "In Bath" "Peasedown high street/ park" "Tyning Park (went to park in dark & was bullied)" "Busy roads" "I don't like any of the area especially at night" "Alleyways" "Tyning park" "Busy roads – one side of Wells Hill below Guide hut" "Road" "Around Library, Wheel & the Youth Club" "Underground tunnels" "Walking in the dark around Norton & Peasedown" "Dark places- not suitable for disabilities" "Dark places, e.g. lanes & alleys" "Radstock hotel" "Tyning, Batch" "Park" "Roads" "Walking in the tunnel" "Down MSN" "MSN" "Westfield & Haydon" "Skatepark" "Coleford" "Cycle track" "Cycle track when dark" "Bridge near cycle track" "Peasedown" "On streets around Peasedown" "Green benches when dark, corners that are pitch black leading down Radstock" "Most places if I haven't been there many times & have found it safe" "At the park" "Cycle track, small alleys, on the road at night time" "Walking down street with little light" "Roads & some shops!" "Night time" "Peasedown St John" "The cycle path at night because there is no lighting" "Anywhere when it's dark" "In dark alleys & anywhere with not enough lighting" "Down the field behind Magdalene Road because anyone could be there; I feel safe when I'm with someone" "The pub in MSN, both of them" "Well I do a bit...but...I like the risk" "The cycle paths when it's dark as there is no lighting & the recent muggings" "Main roundabout" "On the road towards my house" "By Radstock Youth Centre" "Where there are people with their hoods up"

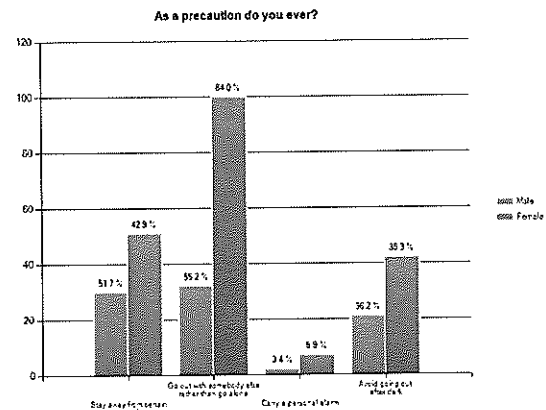
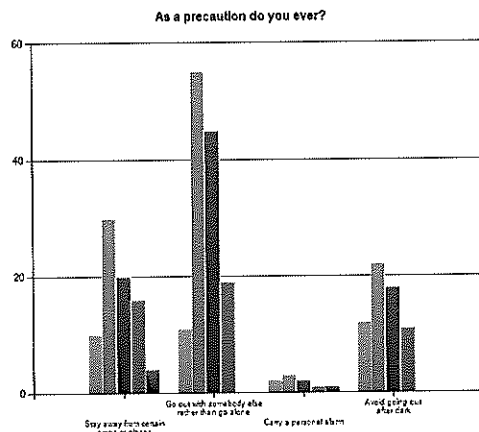
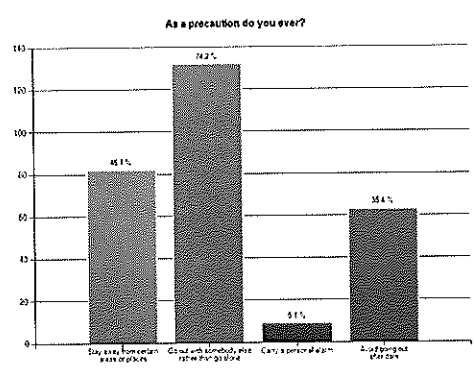


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*"Scared of being jumped" "I feel safe" "Traffic don't let you go" "Drunk people" "Some adults & teenagers are threatening. Also gangs, other boys the same age as me" "Anyone hanging around in the dark or large groups during the day" "Cause of bullies" "teenagers hanging around" "Violence & people mucking about in cars" "No access for wheelchairs/ disabilities" "Drunk people coming out of Radstock hotel" "Batch is dodgy" "Druggie people" "MSN, drugs, drunks, hoodies & police. Pit path. Skate park" "Threats by other young people" "Skate park, to many druggies, pit path, jumped twice" "Pathway down from Radstock that leads to Whiteland" "Drunk people" "When dark, going home" "Around the area of Welton I live next to the cycle track which is already scary as it isn't lighted along there..." "...There is a lack of pavements on corners which makes it extremely unsafe & puts us teenagers in a difficult situation..." "...The drug problem in Radstock & the surrounding area also needs to be clamped down on, there has been numerous amount of times I've felt intimidated by alcoholics & drug abusers" "Charcoal grille" "Where scary people live" The skatepark; the*

\_\_\_\_\_s scare me" "[some] people are especially scary" "Gangs, knife crime, maybe some people going missing in the dark" "Recent muggings"



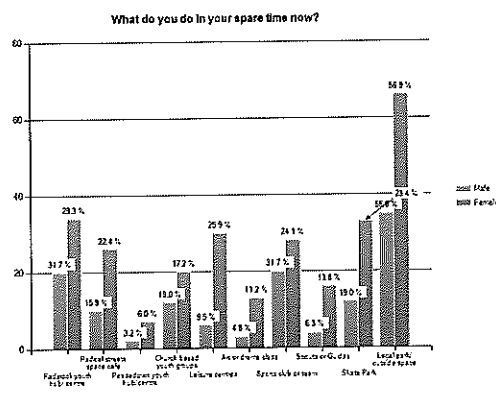
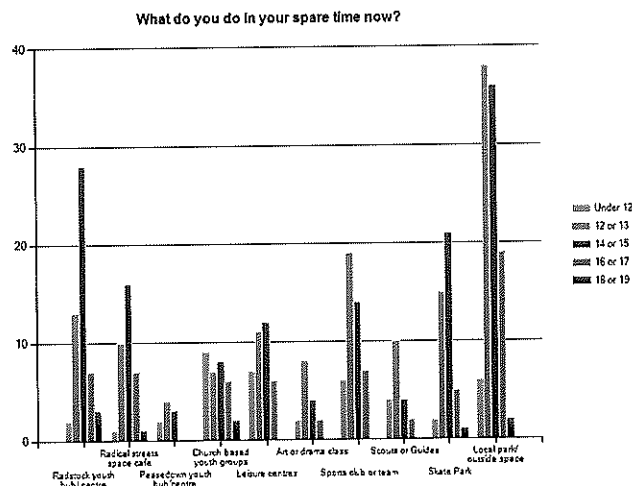
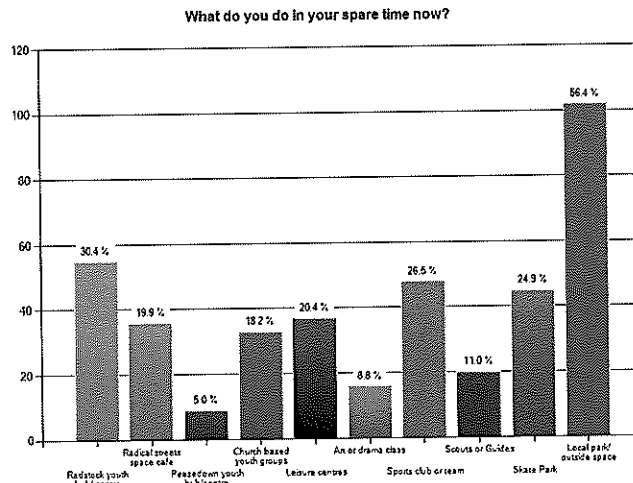
Nope everything is alright" "I carry my phone" "Don't go out at all" "Avoid alleyways at night" "Bring phone/ torch at night" "Use mobile phones" "Adult to make you safer" "Walk along main roads rather than along footpaths at night" "Go out with adults" "Go with adults" "Carry my phone" "Sometimes stay away from MSN" "MSN" " Staying away from trouble" "Go out with mates" "Go in big groups so we can stand up to things just in case" "Wear bright clothing for oncoming traffic" "On weekdays a friend who lives a couple of estates away comes to mine... so I call her when she walks... or walk part of the way; I avoid doing so though..." "...On weekends I stay away from unsafe areas as closely as possible, I am usually with a large group of friends" "Bring my phone with me" "Avoid the skate park as the \_\_\_\_\_s scare me" "Never do or carry any of these things"

The Westfield Questers found that, again people seemed positive about the community spirit in the area. There are suggestions later about how this can be built upon.

## Westfield Neighbourhood Plan

- People are community minded
- Friendly people in Westfield
- Church is a hub for social life particularly older people
- Young people positive
- It is special and different

The Radstock Youth Partnership asked how spare time was spent:





*"Look after my pets & texting my friends to see how they are" "Norton around and about" "Timsbury FC" "Bath Pavillion" "Work on my computer" "Cycle path and hang out with friends" "Writhlington School Orchid Greenhouse & Micro Propagation laboratory" "Dance every day" "Hang with friends, shopping" "Radstock" "Shops" "Radstock with friends & friends houses" "Shops" "Sleep" "Hang out with friends & go to the high street with friends" "Majorettes & Sync (St. Nics Youth Club)" "Piano" "My computer" "Clubs (majorettes) & Sync (Youth Club)" "Go on the computer" "Consoles" "Go on games & trampoline" "Shopping & mini-golf (Bath)" "Go to friends/ boyfriend/shopping" "Friends houses" "With friends" "On the streets/ seeing mates" "Westfield Park & MSN" "Westfield/ Norton" "MSN occasionally" "Football, Norton Hill at school" "Rugby" "Out on the street" "Snooker hall" "Walking-Cycle Path" "Friends houses" "My friends house" "Army Cadets" "Go Cycling" "Air Cadets" "Home" "Tai Kwon Do" "Stay at home on my PS3" "Cinema" "Majorettes" "Dance classes" "With friends" "Homework, go over friends' houses" "I have no spare time – I am a GCSE student" "I look after orchids" "Homework" "Computer" "Media club" "Home" "Coleford running" "Also home, there's not a lot of promoted things around the B&NES area, it isn't impressive & it isn't fair on the children the lack of scheme attention there is" "Go on my Xbox, computer, trampoline, dog walking" "I read, relax, clean animals & play with siblings" "Doing homework, read, visit relatives" "homework" "Be lazy" "Writhlington Orchid project" "Cinema in Bath, shopping" "Facebook/TV" "Stay at home" "Nothing, spend most of my time inside" "Go into Bath & Bristol" "Greenhouse (Writhlington School)" "I do not do any of these because I live in Clandown & I'm not allowed out of the house unless a grown up is with me" "Stay at home & do homework as I have no time for anything else" "Go out with friends & stay at home" "Go to friends houses" "My friends" "Play guitar" "Work, studying"*

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### **Thinking about the future**

How can we plan now for the changes we are going to see in the coming decades?

- What would be our priorities?

Can we get involved in the design and commissioning of services?

Who is already involved from within our community when we talk to service providers or commissioners?

- Who is not involved?

- How can we get wider involvement?

What about the design of the neighbourhood itself?

- Can changes be made to the existing infrastructure?
- How will the infrastructure be maintained?

If a new development is going to take place amongst us or near us, what can be done to make sure it meets the needs of as many people as possible?

- Are there design features we feel are an absolute minimum?
- What type of community infrastructure would be of most benefit to the neighbourhood?

If a change is planned in terms of a service or a design feature in the neighbourhood, will there be winners and/or losers?

- Can this tension be resolved?
- What opposition is there likely to be to any planned changes?

**The Westfield Questers** stated that, building on existing community spirit and engagement seems to be top of the agenda for many people for the future. Having places to meet and to socialise, whether that is a cafe, a place to eat, a decent pub or a community centre would give people more opportunity to come together.

A community centre in particular would provide the opportunities for increased activity for younger people and perhaps could be combined with providing some of the sporting opportunities, music or showing of films that people would like. There was some suggestion that Westhill Sports and Social Club might be a possibility for a future centre, if it became more of a charitable organisation or there could be a new building among future developments.

The strongest concerns seem to be around the overdevelopment of the area, particularly with regard to how this has affected road safety. This is a strong message for any future developments, that these issues such as parking, where crossings are placed, should receive wider consultation from people that know what works best-the residents.

While appreciating existing sport and leisure facilities people can nevertheless see how these activities could be increased to cater for a wider audience such as more sports activities for girls, more youth football clubs.

In with the green agenda was the request for more cycle paths, car free zones that could be used for play, a green gym, a nature trail. People did appreciate being so near to the countryside.

While Westfield is well served with local shops and services there were concerns about businesses in the area. Westfield does have a number of businesses based

within its boundaries, but people have seen some businesses closing over the last 10 years and this is a concern. Where is the future employment coming from? This is the question raised and one that needs to be kept an eye on, in future developments. There could also be an issues around supporting existing businesses to remain in the area.

This consultation is just the beginning of a process but does give some indication of the areas that are a priority for local people. Hopefully this will also assist Westfield Quester to write their questionnaire and involve the wider community in looking at the issues raised.

The Big Local Trust which is a fund of £1million to spend in the Radstock and Westfield area provides one of the opportunities for the area over the next ten years to look to the future.

Social and Community Life was the main area where people felt that additional facilities would help to improve daily life. It also links to building the community spirit within the area

- *Need to encourage Westhill Club to open to a wider community*
- *Westfield needs a cafe*
- *Good village pub*
- *Need a nice place where families can walk to eat*
- *Lack of community groups. Are young people interested in forming and running them?*
- *Village hall needed as soon as possible*
- *Community centre needed (x2)*
- *Fragmented - need for a central location, community hall to draw the community together*
- *Need a Youth Club (x3)*
- *Somewhere for young people to congregate*
- *Indoor sports facility*
- *Music, cinema*

A number of suggestions around environmental improvements were made which also link to activities.

- *Car free zones(needed)*
- *Cycle paths (needed)*
- *Car park (needed)*
- *Need three notice boards: nightingale by pit path*
- *No nice park on Longfellow side of road*
- *Nature trail in waterside valley*
- *Local shops need cleaning up*

- *Pavement and shop fronts and more variety*
- *Roadway to be converted into play areas*

In addition to other suggestions around services some people would like a wider selection of shops in Westfield itself. Depending on traffic the point was made that it can take over 20 minutes to drive to shops in Midsomer Norton.

- *More small business support*
- *Farmers market-please*
- *A nice tea shop(x2)*
- *Support jobs and local businesses*
- *Need DIY and B & Q*
- *Need an Asda*

This also links to safety and community activities.

- *What about more green gyms*
- *5 arches greenway exercise zone*
- *Car free zones*
- *Cycle paths*
- *New changing rooms for Westhill and better use of field*

There are concerns around sustaining levels of employment into the future.

- *Where is future employment coming from?*
- *Large manufactures - lost quite a few over past ten years what can we do to replace*
- *Improved facilities for mental health and suicide prevention*
- *Radstock Midsomer Norton should be united*

**The Radstock Youth Partnership** asked young people if they would like to be involved in decision making:

