

RESULTS OF SNAITH AND COWICK COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

The first Snaith & Cowick Community Plan was published in 2003 following a community consultation exercise carried out by the Civic Society. This survey elicited an excellent response from local people resulting in a report and number of recommended actions for the improvement of the town and its facilities. Since that time the majority of suggestions and actions made have been implemented and in 2009 Snaith & Cowick Together decided to seek funding from the National Lottery 'Awards for All' Grant programme to repeat the community consultation exercise and draw up a new Snaith and Cowick Community Plan.

Utilising the support and labour of many of the community organisations operating in Snaith and Cowick, a household questionnaire was delivered to 1484 properties in the area and placed on the Snaith & Cowick Together website to encourage as many residents as possible to express their views on the strengths and weaknesses of the town, including their suggestions for improvement. In addition a special youth questionnaire was devised and distributed to ensure that the voice of young people was included in any development plans.



The first section of this document is an overview of the key findings from the survey and is provided to give the reader a flavour of what is to follow.

The second section contains the results of the survey, detailed under themed headings and in the third section the detailed results of the youth survey are provided.

The fourth section provides information as to how the results of the survey will be developed into an action plan, progress reviewed and how interested individuals can get involved.

Finally, the document acknowledges and thanks those who have supported and contributed to the survey.



SECTION ONE - KEY FINDINGS

WHO RESPONDED?

Over 56% of households responded to the questionnaire representing the views of 1876 people with an even split between male and female respondents. This compares with a 82% response rate in 2003 but remains a good indicative sample size of views on which recommendations for action can be based.

The demographic profile of respondents when compared with the previous survey in 2003 and the 2001 census indicates that the population is ageing. The number of residents in the 45-64 year old age bracket up by 2% and those above increasing by 3% with a corresponding downward trend in those aged between 25 – 44 years.

The representative sample from East Cowick and West Cowick reflected the results of the 2003 survey with approximately 75% of returns from Snaith, 15% from West Cowick and 10% from East Cowick.

125 people (6.66%) defined themselves as disabled.

98 young people responded to the Youth Questionnaire estimated as representing 20% of those aged between 5 – 16 years.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

The opinion of the community about traffic and parking issues was evenly split between those who had concerns and those who did not.

405 instances and places where parking and traffic issues arise were listed.

Specific issues mentioned were parking problems outside schools during arrival and departure times of children, speeding and the failure of individuals to respect road marking instructions.

A significant number of respondents from East & West Cowick expressed problems with road crossing.



There were marginally more people who wanted cycle paths than those who did not.

Respondents made a number of suggestions for improvements including reducing speed limits, a one way system, a walking bus and the introduction of parking charges. These will need further investigation to assess the practicality and cost of implementation.



CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY

25% of respondents expressed concerns about serious crime with fear of household burglary being the greatest concern.

A much higher percentage of respondents 43% expressed concerns about low level crime and anti social behaviour.

Concerns ranged from street scene issues such as graffiti, dog fouling and litter to social issues such as foul language, drinking, drug taking and lack of parental control.

Many respondents suggested that a greater police presence and enforcement of current regulations would alleviate problems.

The majority of residents were aware of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme though some clarification of the area covered seemed to be required.

In relation to the reporting of crime and incidents, the survey results showed an even split between those who report and those who did not. Of those who do not report a variety of reasons were given which provides some scope for action.

COMMUNITY & LEISURE



A significant degree of interest was shown in the development of the River Aire as a key community asset with environmental projects and facilities for walkers and picnickers standing out as the most popular options.



This was mirrored by 86.6% of respondents who indicated that they would like to see the Old Grammar School developed as a community hub for recreation and services. A wide range of suggestions came forward about the types of activity that could be developed in the building and it was pleasing to see this backed up with offers of volunteer help to get involved in running activities.



TOWN CENTRE



Nearly all of the people completing the survey stated that they used Snaith Town Centre, and most of them weekly or more.

The survey was inconclusive about why and what people use Snaith Town Centre for, which indicates the need for some further research.

The suggestions made for improvements to Snaith Town Centre included improvements to the retail offer, parking and traffic measures, footpath and street cleaning improvements. In addition the introduction of street fares, markets and other events were suggested as ways to promote the town.

The majority of people were unaware of the conservation area location, the benefits it brings to Snaith and the restrictions it imposes on those living or operating businesses within it. Some suggestions regarding the enforcement of conservation area regulations were suggested alongside a desire to improve the visual aspect of some buildings, for example the Snaith Library

Respondents indicated that they would like to see the church clock working and would welcome flower displays in the market place.

TRANSPORT

The two locations that people indicated that they travel to most often are Goole and Selby with the majority of respondents using the car as their main means of transport.

Leeds and Hull were identified as the most popular destinations for those travelling by train and there was significant evidence that many people currently drive to Selby to catch a train.



The majority of respondents indicated that they travelled by train to access retail and leisure services. A further 14% indicated that they would travel by train to get to work or college if services could be improved.

68 people (3.62%) expressed an interest in a Dial A Ride Service and a further 17 stated that they would be interested in volunteering to help develop such a scheme.

22 people expressed an interest in a Car Share Scheme the majority of whom said it would be of greatest value if it assisted with journeys to work.

GENERALLY

The question asking people what they liked about living in Snaith and Cowick elicited thirteen pages of positive comments. These can be summarised as enjoying the friendly quiet atmosphere derived from living in a rural setting close to the motorway network.

Over 10% of respondents took the trouble to make additional comments thanking Snaith & Cowick Together for consulting them and wishing every success with the development of actions arising from the survey.

This was reinforced by a clear indication from respondents that they would be willing to bear an increase of up to £10 in the parish precept to contribute towards the development of initiatives arising from the survey.



YOUTH SURVEY

The young people responding to the youth survey held a generally positive view about living in Snaith and Cowick.

Young people indicated that they really value the parks and open spaces available to them and that they had a number of suggestions as to how these could be improved to cater for their needs, e.g. skate park

The survey indicated a need for additional activities outside of the school day and that the current range of activities available did not cater for all interests.

The most commonly requested additional activities were sports and arts and crafts. Some interest was shown in the idea of a Cyber Café.

Young people indicated that they did not make significant use of the Youth Centre citing a variety of reasons from lack of general awareness to concerns about the level of supervision.

Young people expressed an interest in volunteering for a wide range of initiatives ranging from care of the elderly to conservation work.

Young people appeared to welcome the opportunity to comment on their community but were generally unaware of how to make their voices heard on a regular basis

SECTION TWO

THE DETAILED FINDINGS OF THE MAIN SURVEY.

WHO RESPONDED?

Although the response to this survey was not as high as the previous one.

A total of 839 completed survey forms were received in addition to the 98 from young people which is still an impressive response, representing a 56% return rate which is high for any door to door survey.

839 households responded; thirty one on line and 808 on paper.

The gender and age distribution of the people in those households are set out in the table below

Age range	Male	Female	Total
0-4 years	112	37	149
5-10 years	48	51	99
11-15 years	55	64	119
16-17 years	37	27	64
18-24 years	64	68	132
25-44 years	171	189	360
45-59 years	209	232	441
60-64 years	77	78	155
65-74 years	101	114	215
75+ years	59	83	142
Totals	933	943	1,876

Within those households, there are: -

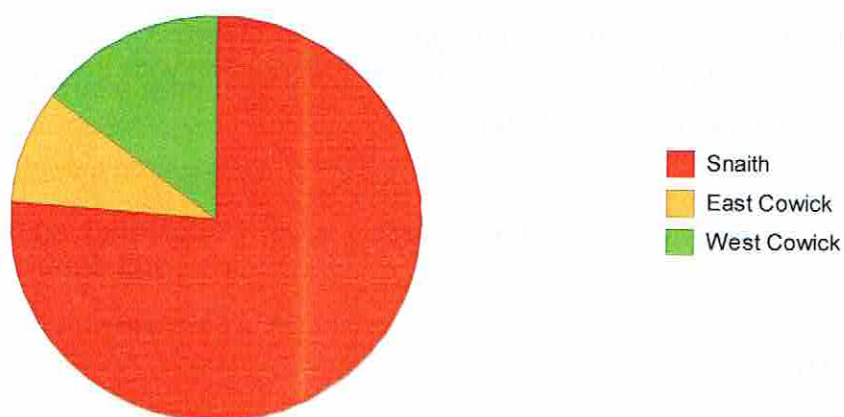
- 540 people in employment
- 65 people seeking employment
- 331 retired
- 191 in full time education
- 13 who defined themselves as housewives, carers, volunteer or in part time education

125 people defined themselves as Disabled.

Of these, 26 use a wheelchair, 17 use a mobility scooter and 66 use some other aid to mobility.

The following chart shows the distribution of the respondents across the area covered.

Where do you live?



The two places to which most people travel regularly are Goole and Selby, with Leeds being the next most popular. 386 people travel regularly to Goole, 320 travel to Selby, 90 to Leeds, 76 to Doncaster and 64 travel to York, 54 to Pontefract, 31 to Wakefield, 21 to Sheffield and 20 to Hull.

The main form of transport used is by far and away the car, used by 658 people.

The following table shows the usage of other forms of transport.

Form of transport	Usage
Bus	34
Car and bus	19
Car and foot	11
Public transport unspecified	7
Car and train	5
Foot only	5
Car and bike	4
Other people's car	4
Train	4
Mobility scooter	3
Gofar/Goddard's mini bus	2
Motorbike	2
Bike	1
Tractor	1

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

There was a very clear divide between those who had concerns about traffic flows and those who did not. 377 people (51.4%) had concerns while 357 (48.6%) had none.

405 listed instances and places where they had concerns!

The most often mentioned was Snaith Town Centre, Court Road, The Parkway and Butt Lane, in particular the junction with the main road.

Other issues raised included

- Speeding at both East and West Cowick
- Issues at the Jaguar garage
- The corner at Punton's shop
- Outside the Snaith primary school
- Speeding on Pontefract Road
- People parking on double yellow lines and double parking.
- HGVs driving through Snaith

Suggestions for alleviating the problem include

- More double yellow lines
- A one way system
- Traffic wardens and better policing
- Speed bumps and traffic calming
- Traffic lights and signals
- Speed cameras
- Preventing parking at narrow points
- Resident parking only
- Parking on only one side of the road
- Charging for parking
- Reducing speed limits.

In relation to the issues at Snaith Primary school, 437 people gave some suggestions, which indicate that this is an issue of concern although a minority did say that this was only for a very short period of the day and therefore nothing to worry about. There was a wide range of suggestions made which included the following, in order of most commonly cited:

- Encouraging more children and parents to walk to school
- A designated school car park
- A one way system near the school
- No parking near the school
- A walking school bus
- Breakfast clubs at school
- Bus collection scheme
- A bike to school scheme
- Encouraging parents to car share
- Stagger school finishing times
- The school having an in and out as they do at Cowick
- Picking up and dropping off in the Brewer's Arms car park

Thirty four people offered to help with a walking school bus which is a significant number to enable this initiative to be considered.

The following chart shows the difficulties that people have in crossing the road at Saffron Drive in Snaith, East Cowick main road and at Croda gates, compared with those who experience no problems. This chart shows that everyone responding from East Cowick has problems crossing the road and about two thirds of those responding from West Cowick experience problems.

Do you have problems crossing the main road at these three places?



Other places reported as difficult to cross are

- Selby Road (22)
- Outside Punton's (21)
- Beast Fair (13)
- Junction of Butt Lane and Cowick Road. (11)
- Near the Plough Inn (7)
- Court Road (1)

The actions that people suggest to address these issues included

- Pedestrian crossings
- Lights on the pedestrian crossing
- Enforced speed limits
- Traffic calming measures
- 'Lollipop' person
- Traffic lights
- Crossing islands
- Speed cameras
- Banning HGVs
- Trimming back bushes at Cadman's Lane

There were marginally more people wanted cycle paths than did not. 360 people (56.3%) wanted them, while 279 people (43.7%) said no.

The places that people want to see cycle paths are

- East Cowick to Snaith (although this already exists)
- Gowdall Lane
- On all main roads
- Snaith to Carlton
- Snaith to Goole
- Snaith to Pollington
- West Cowick

- Where it is safe and space is available
- Wherever possible

The problems encountered by non motorised travellers are as follows

- Parking on pavements
- Not enough dropped kerbs
- Cyclists on the pavements
- Dog fouling
- Speeding cars
- Pavements that are too narrow
- Overgrown hedges
- Puddled pavements
- Uneven and badly maintained pavements

The following list gives the sites where these are most often encountered in the order of the most often cited placed first.

- Beast Fair, Selby Road
- All around Snaith
- Market Place
- Pontefract Road
- Outside the chemists
- Main road through Snaith
- Opposite secondary school on the main road
- Butt Lane
- Outside the butcher's shop

The actions suggested to alleviate the problems were

- Dropped kerbs
 - People encouraged to park in their own drives
 - Extending the 20 mph speed limit
 - Road widening
 - Parking restrictions
 - Better enforcement of parking restrictions
 - Stopping the garage parking down the street
 - Pedestrian crossings
 - Stopping businesses taking over the roads and pavements by parking everywhere
- Traffic calming measures
- Wider paths
- Better drainage
- More traffic islands
- Hedges trimmed
- Cycle lanes
- Repair of roads
- Preventing parking on the footpaths
- Dog waste bins

Dropped kerbs would be useful at

- All road crossings
 - High Street
 - Any road junction
 - Outside the bank
 - Outside the Co-op
 - Outside Punton's
 - Court Road
 - George Street/Mill Road corner
 - St Lawrence Avenue

193 people (30.5% of those responding) said that parking on the pavement was affecting them. The places where this was reported were (in order of most often mentioned)

- Parkway
- Beast Fair
- Butt Lane, outside garage
- High Street, East Cowick
- Outside Snaith Primary School
- Pontefract Road, Court Road
- Park Avenue, West Cowick

COMMUNITY SAFETY

There was a marked difference between the level of concern about serious crime and the level of concern about anti social behaviour. Only 175 people (24.7%) expressed concern about serious crime, while 305 people (43.4%) were concerned about anti social behaviour.

The crime issues that concerned people were (in order of the most mentioned)

- Burglary – the biggest concern
- Car crime
- Drugs
- Under age drinking – repeated many times by those concerned about anti social behaviour
- Shed thefts
- Speeding
- Vandalism

The anti social behaviour issues most mentioned

- Gangs of young people hanging about in various different locations in Snaith
- Under age and late night drinking
- Litter
- Drugs
- Bad language
- Car scratching, graffiti and victimising older people all had one mention each.
- Vandalism
- Motor scooters
- Dog fouling
- Speeding

Suggestions for alleviation mostly involved better policing but included

- Greater police presence, particularly police on beat late at night, police foot patrols, PCSO presence, stricter police surveillance in public house areas, more community policing at week-ends, community wardens
- Organised activities for young people
- Somewhere for young people to go
- Open youth club and sports clubs
- More litter bins
- CCTV
- Greater reporting of incidents
- Fining parents – only mentioned once

The majority of respondents were aware of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, 558 (74.8%) were aware as opposed to 188 (25.2%) who claimed not to be. 215 people would like a Neighbourhood Watch in their area. Twenty three did not want one and a further 169 did not commit themselves.

Asked if they reported their concerns, there was a near even split between those who did and those who did not. 271 reported and 287 did not report. The agencies to which people reported their concerns were

- Police
- MP
- Local council
- School
- PCSO at library
- British Transport Police

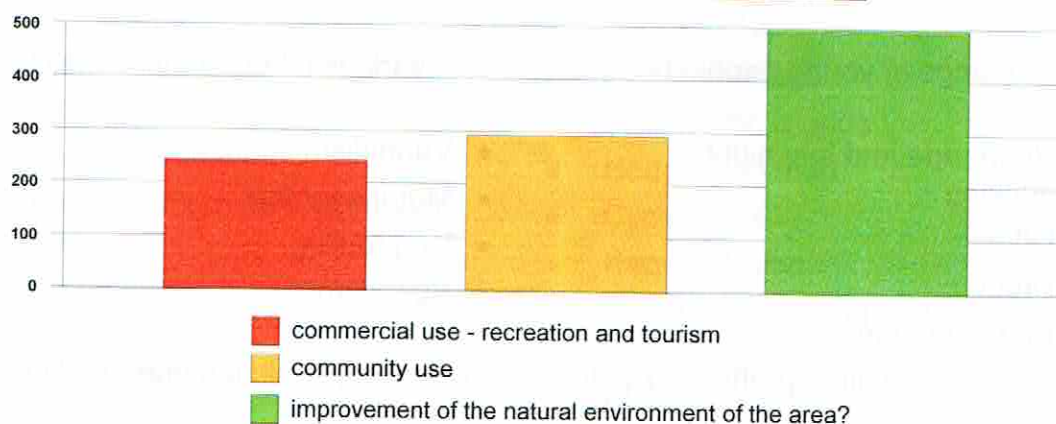
The reason given for not reporting concerns were

- A feeling that it is a waste of time
- Nobody is concerned
- A lack of action
- Fear of retaliation / Intimidation
- A long wait to get through
- Not being sure who to report things to
- A feeling that it would not change anything

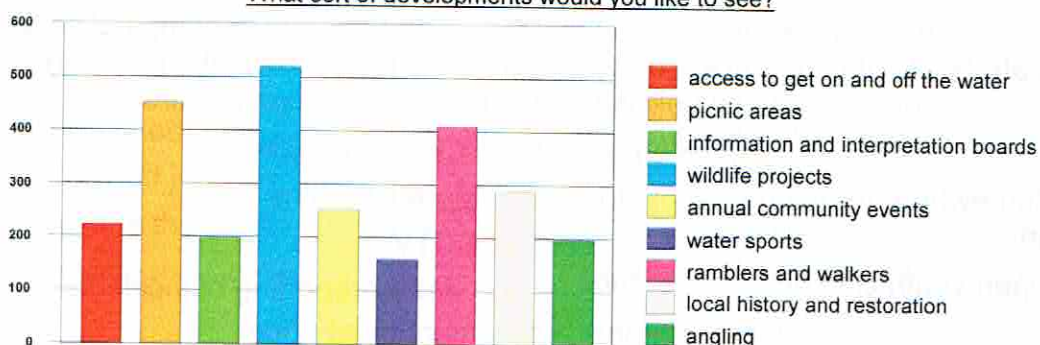
COMMUNITY AND LEISURE

There was considerable interest expressed in the development of the River Aire as a key asset for the Snaith area as shown by the charts below.

How would you like to see the River Aire developed?



What sort of developments would you like to see?

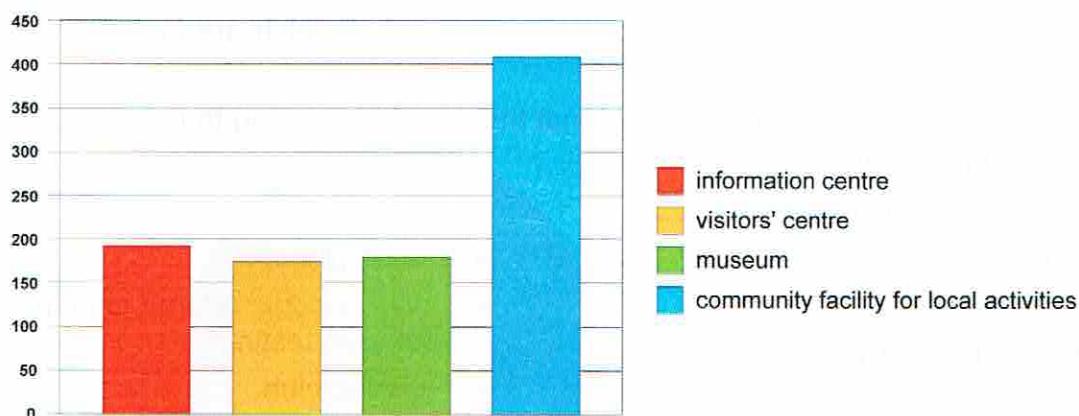


Wildlife projects, picnic areas and facilities for ramblers and walkers stand out as being most popular but all suggestions were well received. Apart from a few people who considered the River Aire as too dirty to do anything with, there were other suggestions for development including

- benches
- a rowing club
- restoration of the old bridge
- a water taxi
- a motorbike track
- cycle paths
- public walkways
- stopping cows grazing
- leaving it alone to nature.

A significant number of respondents wanted to see the old Grammar School developed. 588 people (86.6%) said yes, while only ninety two (13.5) were opposed. A small number wanted to see it demolished. The chart below shows opinions on the potential usage

What functions would you like to see this centre fulfill?

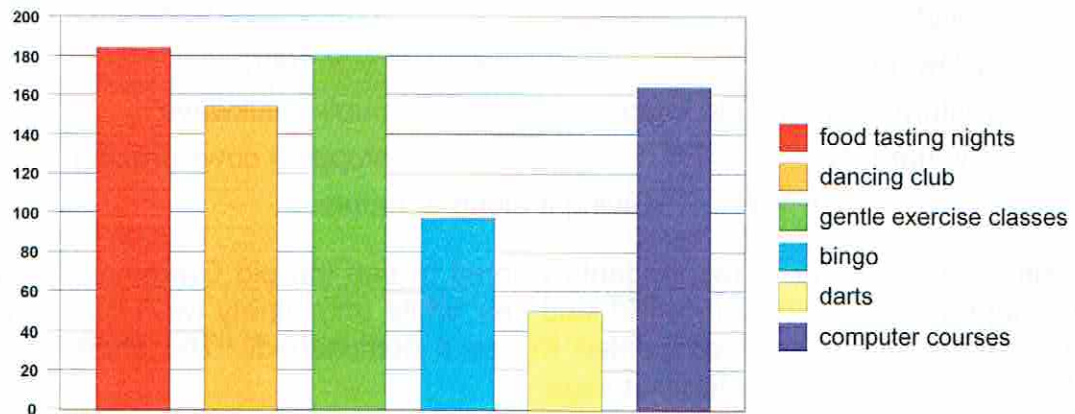


Other potential uses for the Old Grammar School include

- a youth centre (most popular)
- gym
- pool club
- public toilets
- Saturday morning cinema for children
- A market
- Play group/keep fit/ small group activities

There was interest shown in all the activities listed in the questionnaire and the level of interest is shown below.

What activities would you attend in Snaith and Cowick?



There was a whole list of other activities requested which are included in an appendix at the back of the report.

A useful seventy three people said that they would be willing to help to run the following sessions

- Basic computer courses
- Bingo
- Darts
- Activities for young teenagers
- Walks
- Board games
- Arts activities
- Dance clubs
- Lots of people offered to help with food tasting!
- Running club
- All of them

146 people mentioned groups whose needs are not met locally.

These were largely young people divided into the following groups

- Children 7/8 upwards
 - 9-17 year olds
 - 10-16 year olds
 - 14-18 year olds
 - Older teenagers

Otherwise, older people were mentioned several times and single/divorced and widowed, working parents, people who work in Leeds who use public transport and people unable to swim were also mentioned.

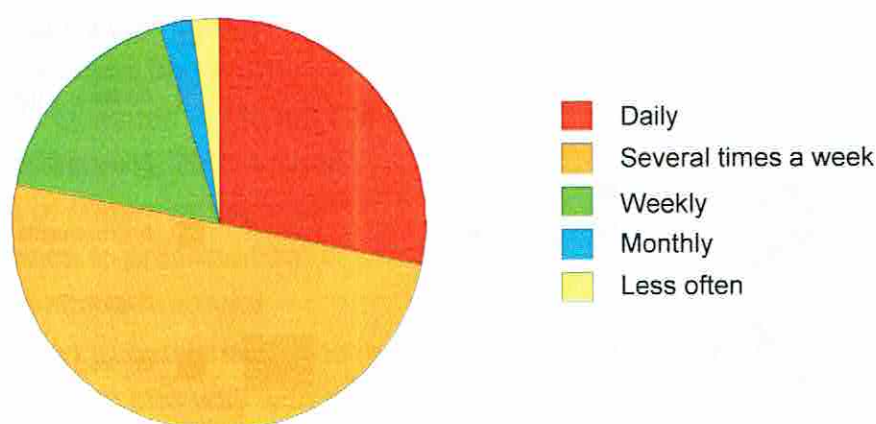
Provision that was requested included

- A proper, affordable youth club
- A bus to Xscape regularly
- Tennis and badminton
- Skate park
- Drop in centre and coffee bar
- More after school activities
- Social clubs
- More parent and child groups
- Better sports facilities
- Pool club
- Over 60s club
- Youth shelter
- More frequent playgroups
- Hockey team/Boxercise

TOWN CENTRE AND TRANSPORT

776 respondents who replied to this question use Snaith Town Centre. Only five people never went into the town centre. The following pie chart shows the frequency with which they use the shops and facilities. Most people use them several times a week and a significant number do use them on a daily basis.

How often do you use the shops and facilities?



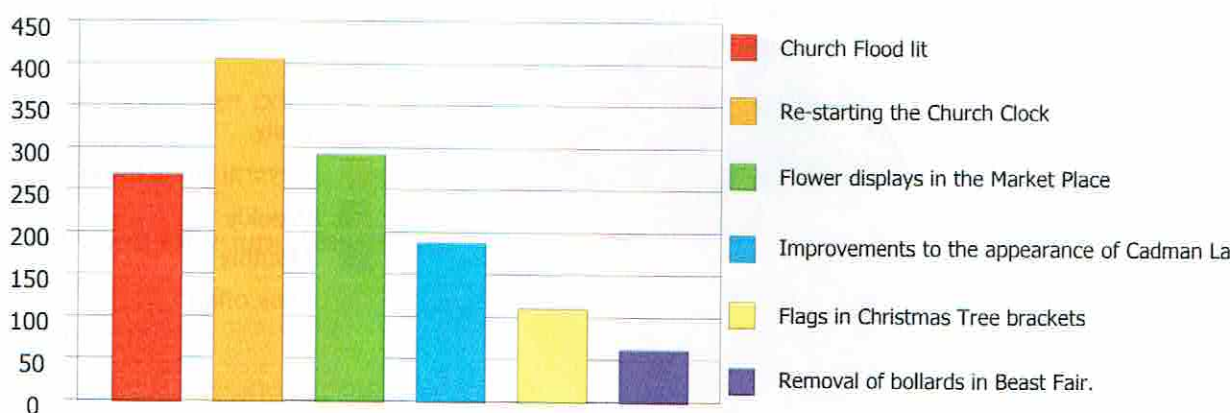
The reasons given for not using the shops and facilities there are

- Lack of physical access for Disabled people
- People being housebound
- Difficulties parking, again largely for Disabled people
- Shops being too expensive
- Opening times restricted to 9-5
- Not always able to get what they want there
- Working full time elsewhere
- Preferring to shop elsewhere

Asked what would encourage them to use the facilities more often, the reasons given were

- Better parking 20)
- Better physical access (6)
- A market with fresh veg and fruit (4)
- Cheaper prices, especially at the Co-op (2)
- A one way traffic flow (2)
- More parking for Disabled people (2)
- Bank opening longer hours (1)
- A more cheerful welcome in certain shops.(1)
- Less parking (1)
- A mini bus service (1)
- The chemist opening on a Saturday (1)

The following chart shows the reactions to suggested improvements to the town centre.



Other proposed improvements to the town centre include

- Improvements to parking
- A one way system
- Removal of bollards/more bollards
- More flowers
- A market / yearly country fair
- Less litter
- Footpaths repaired
- Pizza shop tidied up

A majority of people were unaware of the conservation area – 482 in contrast to the 250 who were aware.

Only forty two people wanted any change made to it.

Suggestions for the improvement of the Town Centre were as follows:-

- Levelling a pavement in Butter Market-difficult when elderly and walking with a stick and traffic passing
- Flowers , sponsored by local businesses
- More shops
- Pedestrianise
- The tree in my front garden taken down
- More public access
- Generally keep it tidy and encourage people to take pride in the area
- Clear up or closure of Mario's Pizza shop
- Get rid of concrete fence on Beast Fair and replace with more attractive fencing
- More seating to encourage community feel
- Easier access to shops with steps. e.g. co-op and paper shop
- Church cobbles are not in keeping with surroundings, looks a mess, better before
- Better enforcement of conservation area as currently it is a waste of time as its aims are ignored, even by the ERYC
- The library front more in keeping with the rest of the street
- People before bricks and mortar
- Address parking issues in Market Place and High Street
- No more new housing built in Snaith
- Reduce size of conservation area
- More adherence to preservation
- Conservation status removed
- Move fire station to outskirts of Snaith. This would allow parking for centre
- Make Market Place one way with speed bumps

A large range of suggestions was made in response to the question asked about potential new shops. These included

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| • Supermarket (13) | • Up market coffee shop (2) |
| • Fruit and Veg shop (9) | • Sports shop (2) |
| • Baker (8) | • Delicatessen (2) |
| • Charity shop (7) | • Betting shops (1) |
| • A restaurant (5) | • Dress shop (1) |
| • Shoe shop (4) | • Fish shop (1) |
| • Craft and gift shop (4) | • Computer games shop (1) |
| • Travel agent (3) | • Handmade chocolate shop (1) |
| • Book shop (3) | • Sunbed shop (1) |
| • More food shops (1) | |

Some of these already exist which may indicate a lack of awareness of what is there already.

A majority of respondents felt that there were traffic problems in the town centre – 637 as opposed to 78. The following chart shows the differing levels of support for ways of addressing these problems.



Other suggestions include

- Timed parking
- Encouraging business owners to leave space for customers
- Minimum parking of 20 minutes or 1 hour
- Traffic warden
- Encourage people to walk
- More car parking
- Residents only parking
- There was some hostility to pedestrianisation

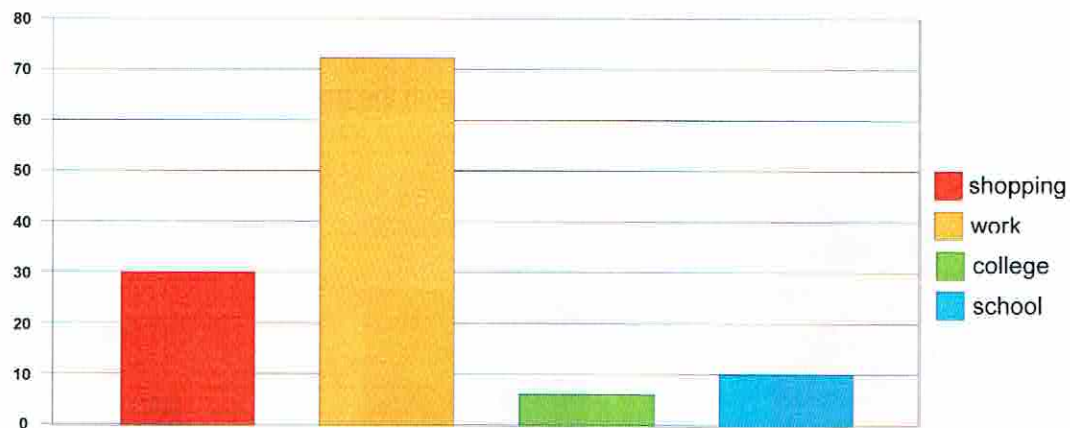
Asked what would encourage people to park in the free car park at the station rather than in the High Street, the following answers were given.

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| • A pelican crossing | • Stop parking in the Market Place |
| • Safer paths for pushchairs | • Parking meters |
| • CCTV and better lighting | • New car parks signs |
| • Pedestrianisation of the Market Place (although there were protests about this from business owners) | • Better security |
| | • The car park could look better |
| | • Moving the shops near car park! |

A number of responses pointed out that many people already do park there.

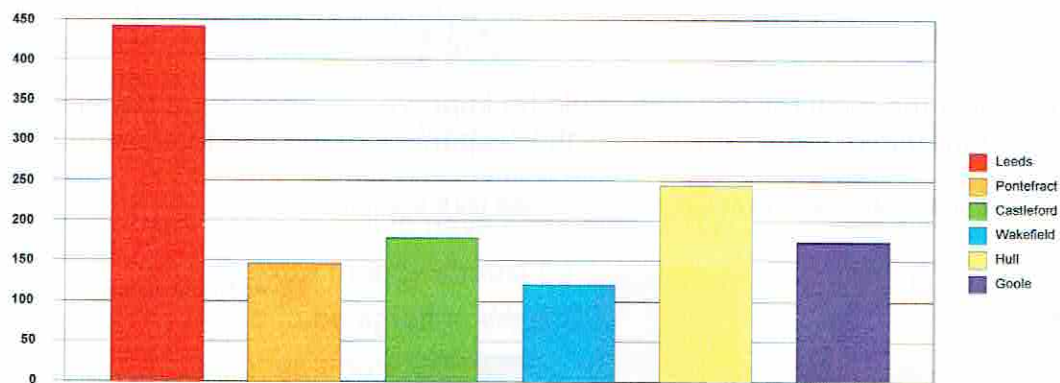
There were a 130 responses to the suggestion of a car share scheme for the following purposes

If one were organised, would you use a car share scheme for?



... and if more train services existed, people would want to go to the following destinations.

Where would you want to by train if more services existed?



Other destinations people would want to get to, in order of most often mentioned, are

- Doncaster
- York
- Selby
- London
- Sheffield

and then in smaller numbers

- Manchester
- Barnsley
- Knottingley
- Huddersfield

If more services existed, the majority of people would use them for leisure purposes (477); 120 would use them for college and 120 to get to work. Others mentioned shopping, social use and visiting family.

442 people already use the train services but from a different station, as shown by the following pie chart.

Do you drive to any of the following places to catch the train?

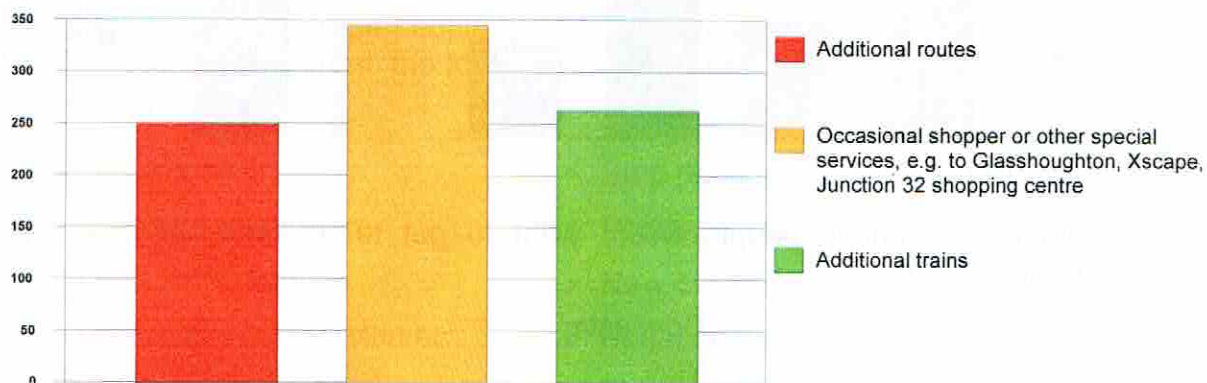


Other stations used by a further 76 regularly include

- Goole
- Doncaster
- York
- Castleford

Asked how the local rail services could be improved to encourage people to make more use of them, these were the responses to the suggestions made

How could local rail services be improved to encourage you to use them?

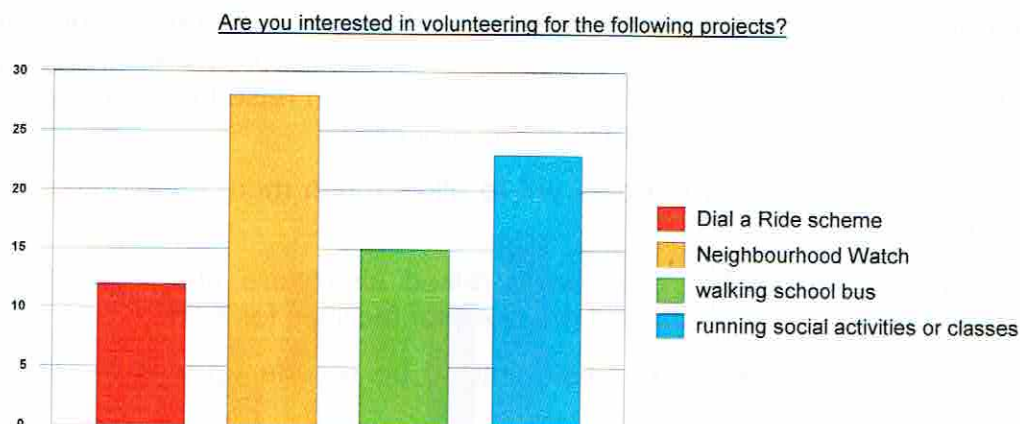


Other changes that would encourage people to use the trains include

- Cheaper fares
- Access for Disabled people
- Free travel for over 60s
- Return trains later in the evening

68 people were interested in a dial a ride service and 17 people said that they were interested in volunteering for it.

A significant number of people offered to become involved in one or more of the activities mentioned in this survey as shown below.



Others offered to help with youth work and computer classes.

A potentially controversial suggestion was made to increase the parish precept by £10 to pay for some of the developments mentioned in this survey. 374 people (55.8%) were prepared to pay more, while 296 (44.2%) were not. Comments made included

- We already pay too much – where does it get spent?
- As long as the money is spent wisely
- Town Council to have control not ERYC
- Any extra money should be spent on dealing with crime
- Some to be spent in West Cowick
- A higher amount should be allocated from the council tax
- As a proportion of the overall council tax, this is a relatively small increase.

The previous community plan picked up a number of complementary comments about living in Snaith, so this survey specifically asked what people thought about the area and where they lived. This question elicited thirteen pages of comments! The following list has tried to summarise them.

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| • Friendly | • Quiet except for the lorries |
| • Close to work | • Nice country feel |
| • Shops and library | • Safer for children |
| • Close to the motorway network | • Good neighbours |
| • Great schools | • Easy access to larger towns |
| • Rural, quiet and pleasant | • Relaxed atmosphere |
| • Lovely countryside – semi rural | • Quiet and crime free |
| • Good shops and services | • Good pubs |

218 people took the trouble to make additional comments at the end of the form.

- A number of very positive comments both about the experience of living in Snaith and Cowick and about the whole community plan consultation. A number of respondents wish Snaith and Cowick Together luck in implementing these plans and praise them for their efforts and a number were also in praise of the Town Council. One person raised the importance of communicating back the results of this process.
- One common issue was the plea not to allow much more development in the area
- A second theme concerns the issue raised elsewhere about groups of young people hanging about and the need for facilities for them
- The need for the roads and pavements to be resurfaced was raised by many people.
- Excessive speeding was an issue for many people
- Better public transport in terms of both buses and trains was a major concern
- A number raised the question of why flooding issues were not addressed in the survey as they have implications for the area.



SECTION THREE

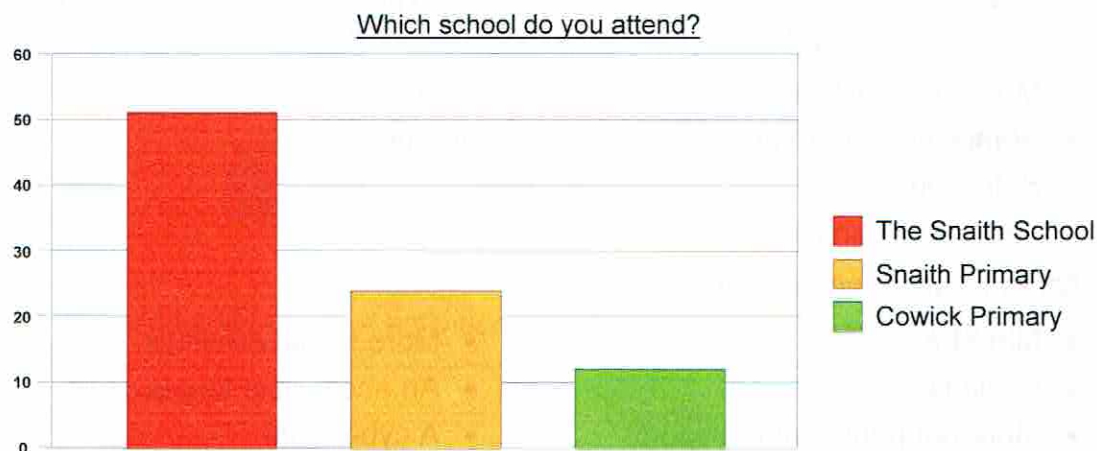
DETAILED RESULTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SURVEY

Ninety eight responses were received from young people aged between five and sixteen. A separate, coloured, simple survey form was attached to each form distributed which asked young people to complete it if they had not already done so at school.



The completed survey forms were received from a wide range of age groups as shown in the table above.

The majority of the respondents attended The Snaith School.



There was also a small number of children attending schools other than the three mentioned. These were:

Barlby High
Brayton College
Cambleforth CP
Drax Primary
Goole High

Holy Family RC School
Pollington cum Balne Primary
The Read School
Whitley and Eggborough Primary

WHAT THEY LIKE ABOUT SNAITH AND WANT TO IMPROVE?

77 young people responded to this question. The words that were most commonly used were quiet and peaceful, friendly people, shops, parks, school, being close to friends and having Croda so close by and being able to walk through it. However, having said they liked the parks, a number asked for better parks in their answers to question four, particularly in Cowick. They wanted a bigger park with equipment for older children, a skate park, a less boggy park, BMX track and a chill out area. The largest plea was for something to do and somewhere to go but also less places for people to loiter. They wanted 'places for teenagers and older people to hang out on school nights'.

The aspects of Snaith and Cowick that young people most liked are listed below

- The parks (17)
- The peace and quiet (15)
- Shops (9)
- Feelings of safety (9)
- Friends nearby (9)
- The friendliness (9)
- Good schools (4)
- Croda and being able to walk through it
- Being able to walk to school
- The nice countryside
- Good places to walk
- And good places to play hide and seek!

Despite all of this, by far, the biggest plea for improvement was for somewhere to go and something to do. The following list sets out the improvements they would most like to see.

- More play areas and parks, particularly in Cowick (20)
- Somewhere to go and more facilities for teenagers (17)
- Safer roads (9)
- Less graffiti and litter (5)

Other issues mentioned included:

- More trees
- Cycle lanes
- More happening at the sports hall
- BMX and skateboard track
- More shops
- More social activities
- An accessible tennis court
- A cyber café
- A swimming pool
- Sorting out the eyesore of the Bay Horse.

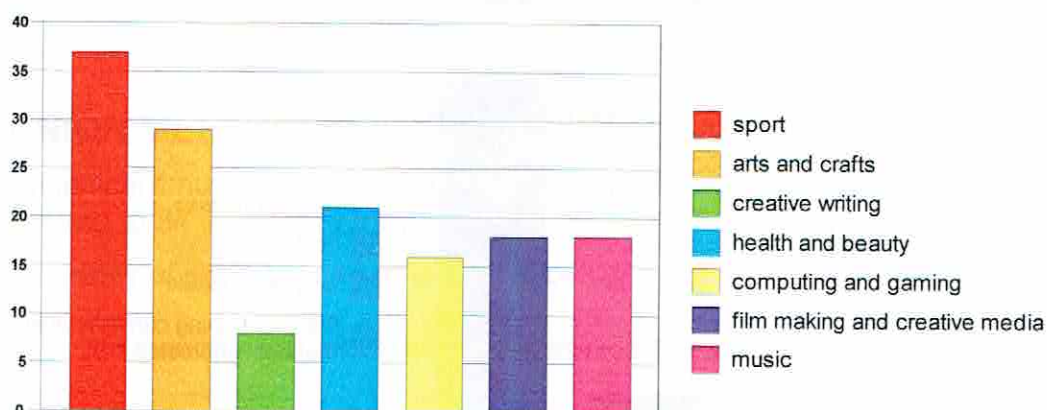
ACTIVITIES

As well as a number saying that they did nothing locally, there was a whole list of activities mentioned that they were already involved in, including

- Football (17)
- Dancing (16)
- Swimming (7)
- Nothing (7)
- Drama (6)
- After school clubs (6)
- Guides and Brownies (5)
- Cycling (4)
- Horse riding (3)
- Sport generally (3)
- Cubs and Beavers (3)
- Music lessons (3)
- Gymnastics (2)
- Youth club (2)
- Walking (1)
- Cricket (1)

Asked if they felt there were enough opportunities to take part in activities outside school, 32 (34.8%) said yes and 60 (65.2%) said no. The following table shows the numbers who would like to become involved in a range of activities that they do not have the opportunity to do at present.

Are there other activities that you would like to do but do not have the opportunity?

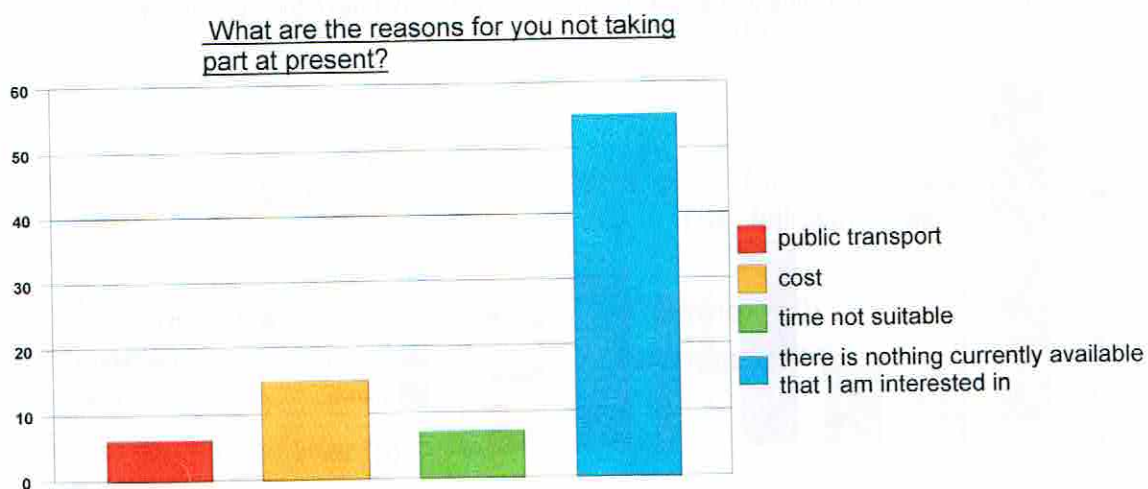


There was also a list of other activities that they might like to become involved in, including:

- Cooking
- Engineering
- Workshops for younger children
- Night classes
- Skate park
- Youth club for younger children
- Fashion and the opportunity to make clothes
- Dancing
- Drama
- Go karting
- Roller hockey
- Rainbows
- Swimming
- Taekwando

Sporting activities requested include

- Tennis (11)
- Rounders (10)
- Swimming (7)
- Rugby (7)
- Gymnastics (5)
- Football (5)
- Basketball (5)
- Football for girls (4)
- Cricket (4)
- Badminton (4)
- Running (4)
- Netball (4)
- Skating (3)
- Skateboarding (2)
- Judo/karate (2)
- Softball (2)
- Boxing (2)
- Athletics (2)
- Cycling paths
- Go karting (1)
- Hockey (1)
- Trampoline classes (1)
- Squash (1)
- Taekwando (1)
- And things that 5 year olds can do (1)



The reasons for not taking part at present are as follows

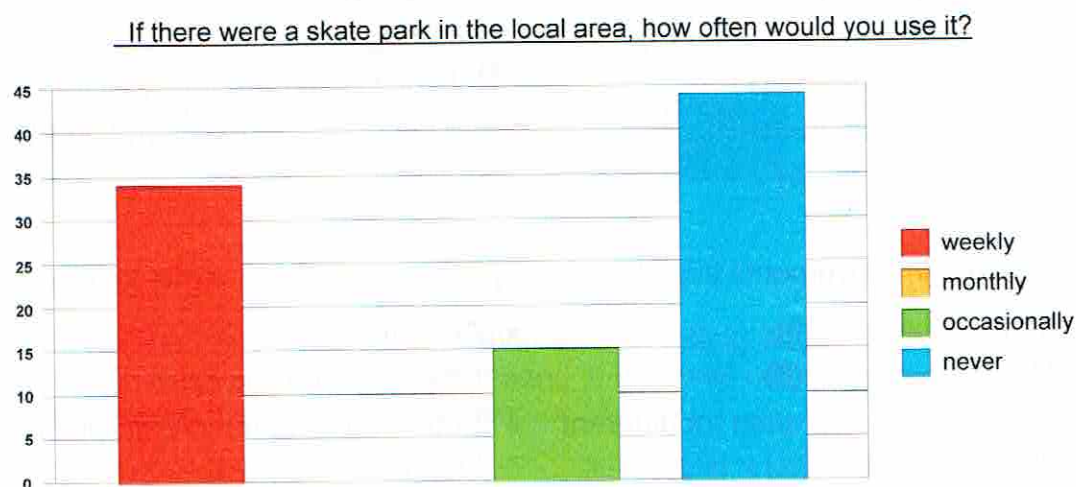
Other reasons for not taking part included:

- 'Can't be bothered.'
- Nothing for my age group
- Living out of Snaith
- Where I want to go is too far
- Too costly
- Too busy at school and travel to Goole and Wakefield for activities

Asked if they would attend organised activities in the school holidays, 60 (65.9%) said yes and 32 (35.2%) said no

SKATE PARK

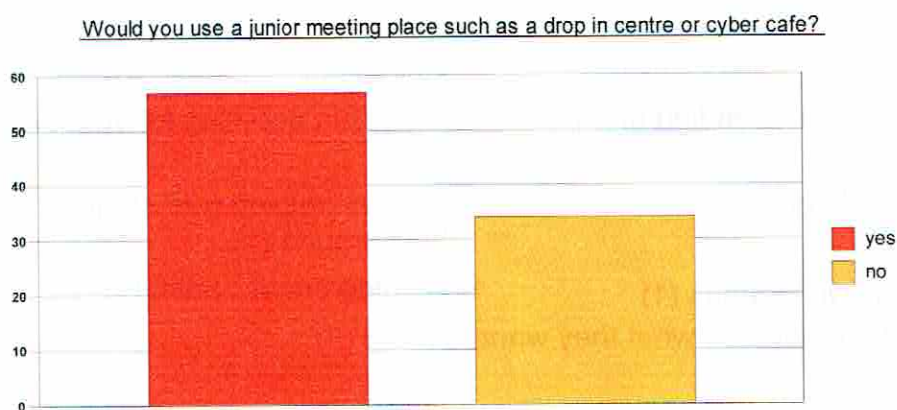
The following chart shows the potential use for a skate park if one were provided. There would be a regular usage by 34 young people but also a significant number who would never use it.



JUNIOR MEETING PLACE OR CYBER CAFÉ

A significant number would use a cyber café if provided. 57 would use it as opposed to 34 who claim they wouldn't.

Frequency of potential usage is shown below



YOUTH CLUB

There is clearly a very low usage of the youth club, with only eight of those replying saying that they attend and eighty five not doing so. The reasons for non attendance include

- Not being old enough (21)
- Not knowing it was there (14)
- Lack of supervision (7)
- Not much to do there (6)
- Friends don't go (5)
- Too old (4)
- Not liking the people who go (3)
- Not knowing where it is (2)
- Feeling unsafe while attending (2)

Suggested improvements include

- More activities (15)
- More supervision (6)
- Being open more often for different aged people (4)
- Don't know (4)
- Advertising it (2)
- Stopping smoking (2)
- Setting rules and more discipline (1)
- Different days and times (1)

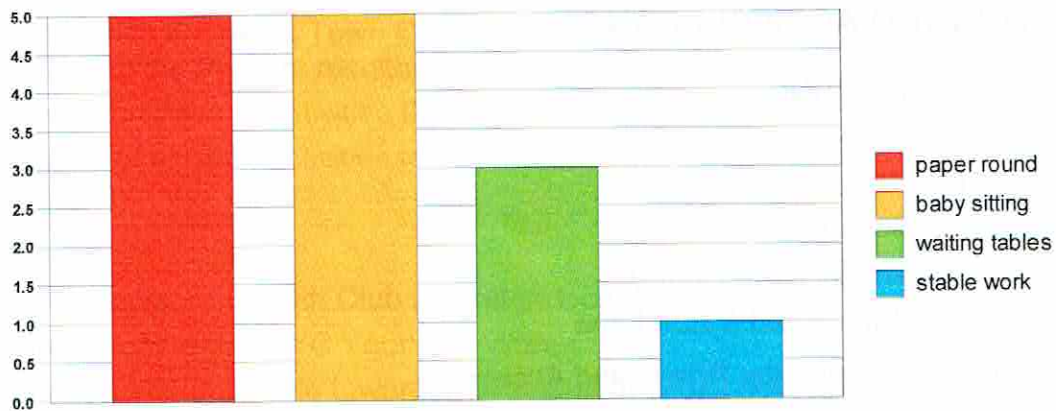
VOLUNTEERING AND PAID WORK

Questions were asked about interest in becoming involved in volunteering and about current paid work activities. 31 were positive about wanting to become involved in volunteering; 55 did not want to. The sort of things that the positive respondents wanted to do included

- Litter picking (6)
- Writing classes and reading groups and sport or fun activities for younger children (6)
- Wildlife projects (4)
- Gardening (1)
- Selling things with friends (1)
- And some were not sure what they wanted to do (3)
- Helping older people (6)
- Drama, helping with stage background (1)
- Helping out at Snaith Hall (1)

In terms of paid work, of those aged over 13 who answered this question, 14 had a part time job and 37 did not. Paper rounds and babysitting were the most common types of work. The following bar chart shows the type of work young people are involved in. The two other jobs mentioned were butcher's assistant and work in a photo shop.

If so, what kind of job



A VOICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

21 replied that they knew of ways available for letting adults know of changes they would like to see both at school and in the local neighbourhood. Of those 21, these were the methods they use

- School council (6)
- Telling their teachers (6)
- Telling their parents (5)
- Writing a letter to the council (3)
- Suggestions box (1)
- Junior meeting (1)
- Don't know (1)

SECTION FOUR

PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

TRAFFIC & PARKING

Actions

Parking Issues

- Schools
- Snaith Town Centre:
- Court Road & Butt Lane

Issues with Crossing the Roads and Access:

- Dropped kerbs
- Access for disabled people
- Crossing the main road in East & West Cowick

CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY

Actions

Concerns in respect of Burglary:

Encouraging the reporting of Crime:

Raise awareness of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

Concerns in respect of Anti-Social behaviour:

COMMUNITY & LEISURE

Actions

Development of River Aire area: *An area where funding may be available*

Development of the Old Grammar School:

Volunteers: *Meeting, matching and supporting activities*

TOWN CENTRE

Actions

Investigate:

- Restarting the Church Clock
- Floodlighting the Church

Identify what people use the Town Centre for:

Promote use of the Town Centre:

Address issues raised by disabled people:

Raise awareness of the Conservation Area:

TRANSPORT

Actions

Inform ERYC of the results of the Survey: *T Council to lead – S&C T to support*

Share results with rail authorities:

Share results in respect of 'Walking Bus' proposals with Schools:

Meet ERYC to discuss 'Dial a Ride' Scheme:

GENERAL

Actions

Make Snaith & Cowick Town Council aware of the response in respect of any increase in the Precept resultant of the plan:

Raise awareness of activities that already exist: *Youth & Adult*

Adaption of existing activities to suit need: *Youth & Adult*

YOUTH

Actions

Share results with Youth Club and other local associations:

Share results with ERYC Youth Services:

Work with young people towards development of highlighted activities:
(e.g. *Cyber cafe, Skatepark, Junior Youth Club etc*)

Develop a database of organisations and volunteers:

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APPENDIX A

ACTIVITIES THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE TAKE PLACE IN SNAITH AND COWICK.

Aerobics	Dog agility/training
Aerobics (High impact)	Drop-in Centres for Youths
Arts and Crafts	Garden Plant Swap Event
Board Games	Gardening
Bongo Club	Gym
Book Club with Wine and Cheese	Indian Restaurant
Book Maker	In-Door Bowls
Boxercise	Kids Drama and Modern (Street)
Bridge	Dancing clubs
Camera Club	Local History
Cinema Evenings	More for Children - Trampoline
Classes for Art	More for Kids/Teenagers
Classes for Art at Night,	More Local Prayer Meetings for the Area
Classes for Cooking	Music Appreciation
Classes for Craft - Daytime	Music Related Activities
Classes for Gym and Keep	Old Time Dancing
Classes for Language	Other forms of Exercise
Classes for Language - English	Out of School Club during Summer
Classes for Language - Spanish	Out of School Clubs
Classes for Language at Night	Photography
Classes for Photography at Night	Pool
Classes for Reiki	Quiz night
Classes for Spinning	Second hand stalls
Classes for Yoga	Snooker
Classes for Yoga - Evening	Sport - Football
Club for Art	Sport - Tennis Courts (open to the public)
Club for Chess	Sporting Events - Rounders or Netball
Club for Children	Sports
Club for Cycling	Trips to Classical Concerts
Club for Drama	Walks
Club for Karate	Whisky and Wine tasting
Club for Reuniting	Yoga
Club for Slimming	Youth Activities
Club for Tennis	Youth Clubs
Coffee Mornings	
Courses - Practical all day or daytime	
DIY	