

A different future?

Tadcaster and villages residents' views of their area, and priorities for change



A research report by Phil Back for the Tadcaster and Villages Community Engagement Forum

March 2011

Phil Back Associates Ltd
Boston House
212-214 High Street
Boston Spa
WETHERBY
LS23 6AD

Executive Summary

1. The report summarises the results of a survey of local adults in the wards covered by the Tadcaster and Villages Community Engagement Forum (CEF) in the winter of 2010-11. A total of 428 people responded to the survey, either online or on paper. Just over half the responses are from residents of Tadcaster, and the other half are from the various villages that make up the CEF area.

Shopping

2. Residents give generally poor scores for Tadcaster as a place to shop. They especially criticise the lack of choice between different shops, the narrow range of shops on offer, the availability of what people need to buy, and the overall attractiveness of the town centre. They are however positive about parking, and Tadcaster residents are also positive about public transport access to the town. Older people are more critical of Tadcaster than younger, more mobile residents.
3. The overriding priority for change in this area is the range of shops in the town; 90% of people prioritise this, an overwhelming and almost unanimous view. High priority is also given to improving the attractiveness of the town centre, increasing the availability of goods, and widening the choice of shops.
4. In addition to these priorities, residents want to see the town centre's derelict and boarded up properties put back into use, and the empty shops filled.

The needs of different groups

5. Children under 11 are generally regarded as being fairly well served by local facilities and services, but with significant room for improvement; however, three quarters of people think teenagers are poorly catered for, or overlooked. Some villages have very low ratings on provision for children and young people.
6. Families are better catered for, but few think provision is as strong as it could be. Older peoples' needs are thought to be reasonably well met, but older people rate provision for their age-group less well than younger people do. People with disabilities tend to give lower scores for all services and facilities.
7. There is considerable interest in activities and facilities to improve provision for children and young people, with particular enthusiasm for places to exercise or play, and safe places to meet and socialise. Few people think this type of provision is a waste of resources. There is also significant interest in after-school activities, but lower interest in holiday activities for children, and less still in family activities.

8. There is also some interest in family-friendly community activities, and in all-age activities for learning, socialising, and volunteering, but the interest is guarded for the most part. Improving facilities for adults focuses on meeting places and transport, and also more family-friendly eating places.

Community life

9. People only tend to agree that their area has a strong community spirit, and this spirit is stronger in some communities than in others; villages generally have stronger community spirit, but there are significant exceptions. Older people, and especially people with disabilities, are more doubtful about community spirit. People also tend to agree that their area is a friendly one where people look out for one another; some places are friendlier and more supportive than others, and these tend to be villages.
10. People disagree that there's lots going on in their area; this is true both in Tadcaster itself and in the villages. People with children seem to be more aware of activities than those without children, suggesting that a lot of activity is focussed around schools.
11. Local people are fairly confident that, in time of need, they could get help from friends or neighbours. Scores on this are high in both Tadcaster and the villages, with Ulleskelf the best place to live (it seems) if you need help. Younger adults are less confident about this, though, and so too are people with disabilities; it is disturbing that the people who may well need help most feel more isolated, and less able to obtain that help informally.
12. Most people feel that the area where they live is a good place to live; villagers in particular are very positive about their areas in this respect, with Saxton scoring most strongly on this scale.

Safety

13. People generally experience most safety and anti-social behaviour problems at the level of "a problem at times", but there are substantial minorities for whom the problems are more serious. One in five people say that speeding traffic in residential areas is a serious problem for them, and problems related to traffic and to drinking are the most serious ones to emerge here.
14. Most problems arise more in Tadcaster than in the villages, but speeding traffic is actually a bigger problem in the villages, and especially affects villages along the A162. Priorities for change are speeding traffic, safety after dark, and dealing with young people hanging around. There are also the expected calls for more visible policing and for stronger traffic enforcement.

Leisure and culture

15. A majority of people feel the area is well served by its pubs, but some comment on the lack of variety in provision here. They also believe the area is well served for indoor sport facilities. People are less happy with other aspects of leisure and culture, with room for improvement in cafes, eating out, and access to the countryside, and a significant perceived weakness in learning, music, performing arts and creative arts. Clubs and societies also score poorly, especially for older residents.
16. Priorities for change are dominated by the need to support and provide for village halls and community buildings; two thirds of people see this as a priority. Countryside, restaurants, learning, and performance are also prioritised highly. There is some interest in adult education, particularly in IT/media, history, relaxation, arts/crafts and languages; people would like to have a multi-functional arts venue.

Access to services

17. Most people find it at least fairly easy to access key services in this locality. The main problem areas are the railway station and the hospital, where significant minorities of people experience some difficulty. Awareness of how to contact the police or the Council seems lower than it could be, however. Tadcaster residents find most services easier to access than those in the villages; older people experience more problems, and people with disabilities have particular problems getting to the hospital. Public transport scores for people with disabilities are however reasonably good.
18. The improvements people want to see are better public transport links, and an improved appointment system at the Tadcaster Medical Centre. They also call for longer opening hours for local public sector contact points.

Environment

19. Most problems in this field are experienced as “a problem at times”, but again there are significant minorities for whom some of these problems are serious. The most persistent is the problem of litter and dog fouling (particularly the latter); the next two most serious are traffic related. Busy roads are a particular problem for people with children, while inappropriate parking causes problems for older people, especially in Tadcaster. Fly tipping is a problem in some villages, especially in Stutton.
20. People’s priorities for change are litter and dog mess, and reducing the threat posed by busy and dangerous roads. People also want to reduce fly tipping, and to improve the area’s walking experience. They also say that improving Tadcaster town centre would be a significant positive step towards a better environment, and ask for riverside improvements as well.

1 Introduction

This report summarises the results of a survey carried out with local people in the area covered by the Tadcaster and Villages Community Engagement Forum (CEF), which includes those communities that lie in the wards of Tadcaster East, Tadcaster West, Saxton & Ulleskelf, and Appleton Roebuck. The survey was commissioned by the CEF Partnership Board in November 2010 and took place over the winter of 2010-11.

A questionnaire was drawn up to cover the areas of interest required by the Board, and two versions of this were created; a paper version, which was distributed through a series of events and activities in the communities under examination, and an online version which was identical, and which was available throughout the survey period. Leaflets advertising the online version were put through letterboxes in the village communities, and included the web address for the survey, and also a telephone number which people could ring to request a paper version to be sent out to them. The survey was also covered in the local and regional press through media releases and copies were available through the library in Tadcaster as well. The questionnaire is included in this report as an appendix.

The survey period was extended because of bad weather disrupting some of the planned events in December, and closed at the beginning of March 2011, by which time a total of 428 responses had been received, 150 of which came in through the online mechanism. The data files from the two channels were merged into a single file in SPSS, which was then weighted to correct for imbalances in the response by age and gender of the respondent, using population data from the 2001 Census at ward level.

The weightings used are shown in this table:

Table 1: Data weighting

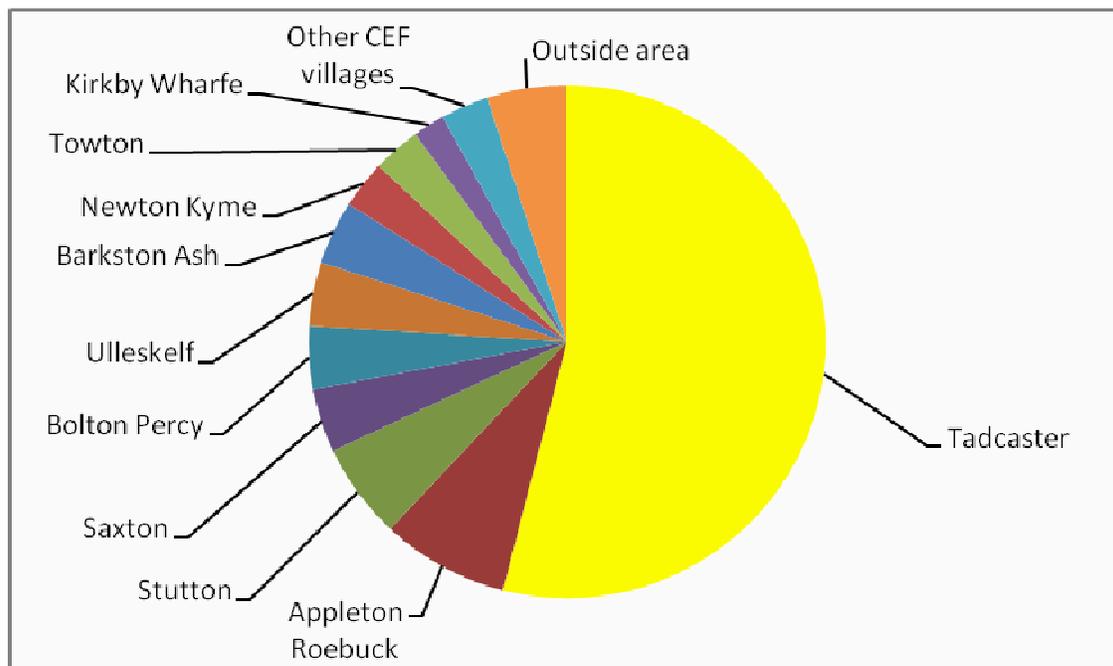
Data element	Sample percentage	Actual population	Weighting applied to sample
Age			
16-35	14%	27%	1.93
36-45	22%	22%	1.00
46-55	22%	18%	0.82
56-65	18%	14%	0.78
66 and over	24%	19%	0.79
Gender			
Male	42%	50%	1.19
Female	58%	50%	0.86

Data have been analysed using the statistics package SPSS, and the GIS package Maptitude has been used to plot data where appropriate.

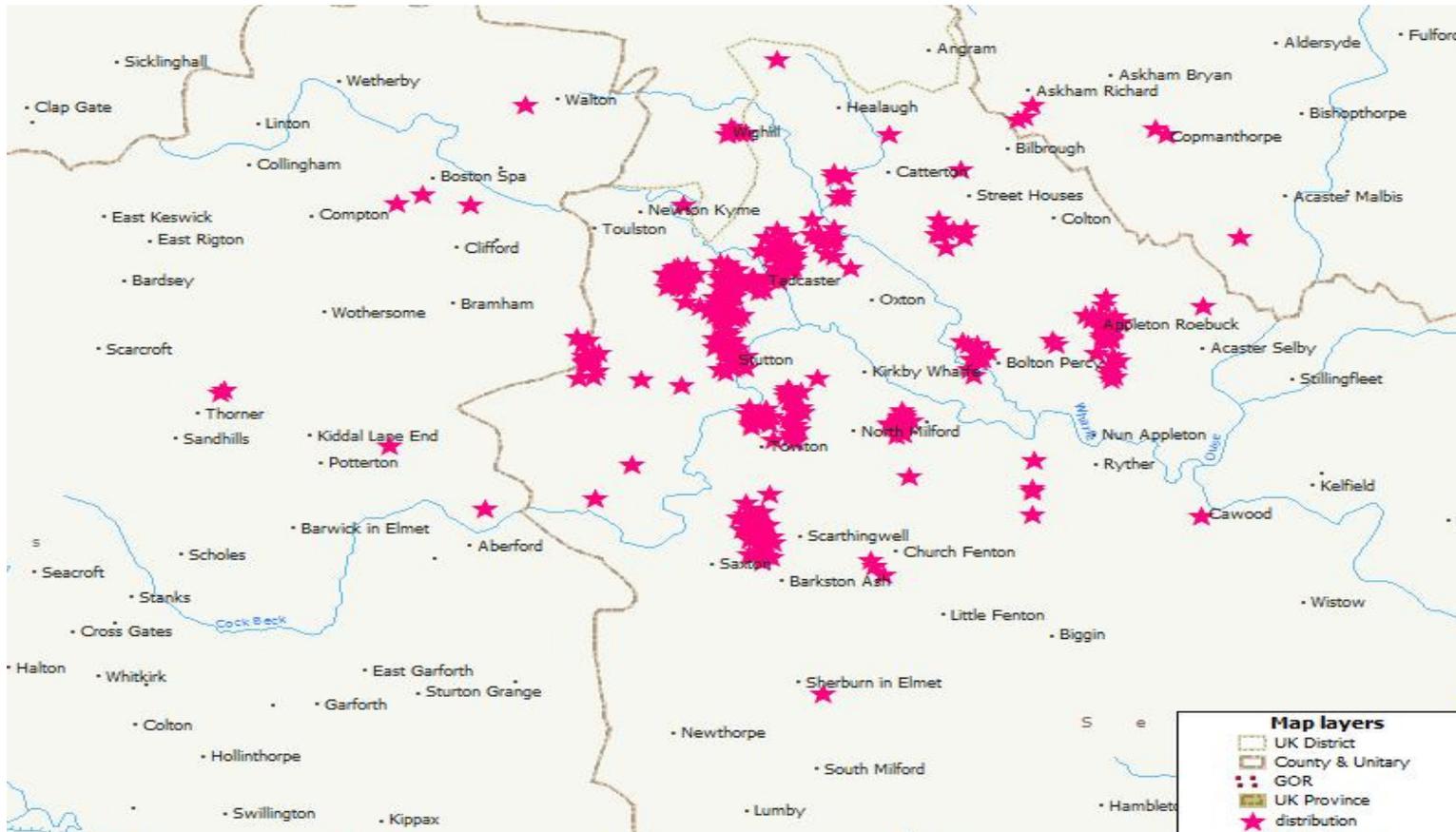
The response is distributed geographically as follows:

Table 2: Distribution of response

Location	Proportion of response
Tadcaster	54%
Appleton Roebuck	8%
Stutton	6%
Saxton	4%
Bolton Percy	4%
Ulleskelf	4%
Barkston Ash	4%
Newton Kyme	3%
Towton	3%
Kirkby Wharfe	2%
Other CEF villages	3%
Outside area	5%
<i>N</i>	426



Map of respondents' postcodes (NB Several postcodes overlap and do not appear as distinct dots)



The distribution does not reflect the relative population of different settlements, but does indicate a good broad distribution across the CEF area; around half the response is from Tadcaster itself (which includes those parts of Tadcaster in Stutton parish) and half is from the villages. No weighting has been attempted by the community in which a respondent lives, because accurate population data at this level is hard to locate. The small proportion of people responding from outside the area mainly live in adjacent settlements such as Boston Spa, Aberford, Sherburn in Elmet, and the like; their views have been included because they have some connection with Tadcaster such as working in the town, owning a local business, or having children at the local schools.

The use of an online survey means that a precise response rate cannot be calculated. However, we do know that around 1000 paper questionnaires were given out to people, and that 278 of these have been returned, which is a good response in a self-completion survey with no reminders. The level of response in relation to the local population indicates that the results are accurate to a margin of error of +/- 4.6% at the 95% confidence level, meaning that a result within 4.6% of these results would be obtained by a similar survey 95 times out of 100.

The results have been analysed at an overall level (using the weighted dataset) and also explored by reference to a respondent's geography, gender, age-group, car ownership, household, and disability. The variations between different groups of the population are highlighted where these are significant but are otherwise not detailed.

Alongside the main questionnaire, a good deal of additional consultation work was undertaken by Groundwork Wakefield and by volunteers working alongside Groundwork. The main focus of these activities was work with young people, which has resulted in a substantial photographic archive of young people's likes and dislikes, under the overarching heading of "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". The young people's feedback is included in the report and set against the general feedback through the formal questionnaire.

In addition, a pilot exercise involving the use of beer mats on which comments could be submitted into the consultation process was also undertaken on a limited scale, with significant response from just one pub.

The Board is grateful for the support of individual members in staffing events, distributing questionnaires, and home-delivering leaflets (frequently in adverse weather), and for the help of Groundwork in encouraging people to complete or return their responses.

2 Shopping

The first group of questions explored respondents' views of Tadcaster as a place to shop (bearing in mind the town's potential role as a local service centre for its surrounding villages, as well as its role in serving its own population). Different aspects of the town's shopping experience were explored, and the results have been converted into mean scores¹ for ease of interpretation. These are shown below:

Table 3: Scores for Tadcaster as a place to shop

Attribute	Mean score
Parking	0.59
Access by public transport	0.39
Opening times	0.17
Prices	0.10
Availability of what you need	-0.42
Attractiveness of town centre	-0.61
Range of shops	-0.63
Choice between shops	-0.75
N	<i>Ranges from 384 to 410</i>

¹ A mean score is calculated by assigning a value to each possible answer to a question, and then calculating the mean of the answers actually provided. In this case, scores range from +2 (an answer of "excellent") to -2 (an answer of "very poor"). People answering "okay" were scored at zero; don't knows are ignored in this calculation. The resulting score indicates an overall positive or negative view, and also the strength of that view in comparison with other attributes also being scored.



Tadcaster does achieve some positive scores as a place to shop; the highest overall score is for parking, and for those who rely on public transport there is also a modest positive score for access using this means of travel. There are also more cautious positive scores on opening times, and on prices, suggesting a qualified view that leaves room for improvement in both respects.

On the other hand, the town scores poorly on key aspects of its retail offer. The lowest score, close to a “fairly poor” rating overall, is for the choice between different shops, but the town also scores poorly for the range of shops on offer, and for the overall attractiveness of the town centre; it is also clear that a number of respondents fail to find in Tadcaster the things they need to buy.

Views on Tadcaster do, however, vary widely according to where people live. People from the villages give a higher rating to parking in the town (0.70) than those who live in Tadcaster itself (0.51), suggesting that those who most need to use their private cars have a more satisfactory experience in finding a parking place. On the other hand, access by bus is much more highly rated by Tadcaster residents (0.89) than by village-dwellers (-0.30), a very significant difference that reflects a widespread and often-repeated perception that transport links between the villages and the town are very poor.

There is also a difference in perception on the range of shops, and the attractiveness of the town centre; both Tadcaster and village residents rate these negatively, but the village scores are less negative than those of people living in the town itself. This difference does

not arise in relation to the choice between shops, or the availability of what people need, which are equally poorly scored by both town and country.

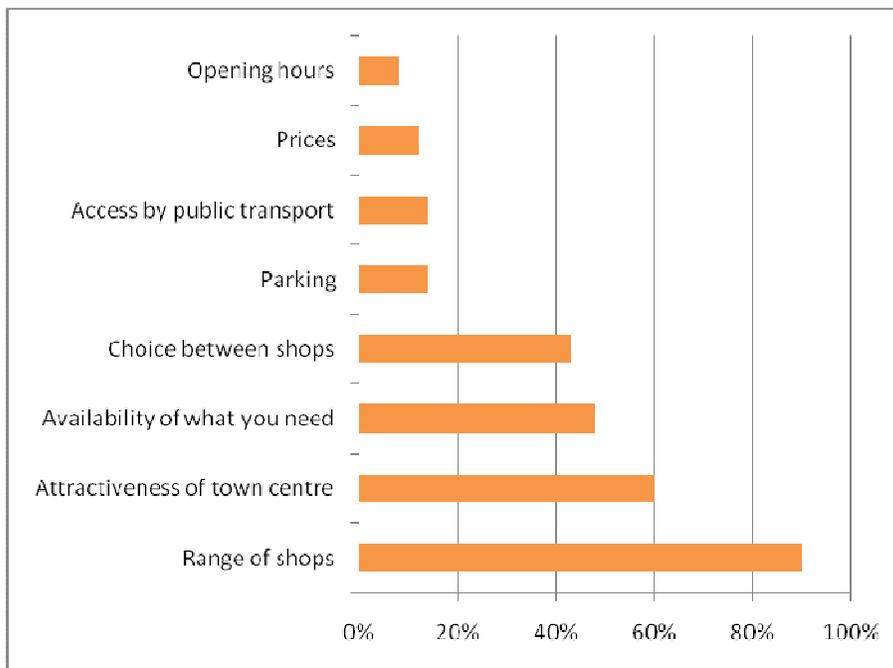
Older people tend to give lower scores (in some cases much lower scores) on range of shops, availability of what you need, choice between shops, and attractiveness of town centre; people with disabilities also score these attributes much lower than those without disabilities. Older people can often be less mobile (they tend to give lower scores on public transport access, perhaps for this reason) and therefore may be more dependent on local provision; Tadcaster's failings in these respects thus hit them harder, and this is reflected in their scores. Interestingly, though, older people are less bothered about prices than their younger counterparts.

People with no car give a much higher score on public transport (1.12) than those with cars, suggesting that many of those who rely on public transport are actually well served by local operators. This is not true of people with no cars who live in the villages, but they do nevertheless give a positive score to public transport (0.64); the village residents who are most critical of public transport are actually those who have cars.

Asked to prioritise up to three things that would most improve the shopping experience in Tadcaster and its surrounding villages, people respond as follows:

Table 4: Priorities for change

Priority	Percentage of people choosing this
Range of shops	90%
Attractiveness of town centre	60%
Availability of what you need	48%
Choice between shops	43%
Parking	14%
Access by public transport	14%
Prices	12%
Opening hours	8%
<i>N</i> (=100%)	<i>387</i>



By far the most important priority for people in the CEF area is an improvement to the range of shops in Tadcaster; nine out of ten people identify this as a key priority, and no other priority even approaches this in significance. Six out of ten people, a very large proportion in a question of this type, want to see the attractiveness of the town centre improved (and it is clear from comments that many people link these two factors and see potential for achieving both by releasing boarded up property to provide a wider shopping opportunity). Around half of local people want to be able to find what they need locally, and identify this as a priority, suggesting a willingness to use Tadcaster if it can meet their shopping needs, and a similar proportion want to see more choice in the retail offer locally.

Although each of the other issues has their advocates, none comes close to these in significance for the bulk of local people. There are people who prioritise parking, public transport, or opening hours, but none of these issues approaches the others in importance; not even improvement in price levels attracts anything like the support for diversification and improvement of the town centre and its retail offer.

The general pattern is followed by each of the different population groups in the sample, but there are nevertheless some interesting variations in priority. The range of shops is a high priority for everyone in the sample, but the attractiveness of the town centre is a much lower priority for people aged over 65 than for those of working age. It is important to both genders, but more so for men than for women. The town centre's appearance also matters more to Tadcaster residents than to villagers, although again it is an important priority for both groups.

Choice between shops matters a good deal more to over 65s than to those of working age, and is more important to Tadcaster residents than to villagers. Not surprisingly, parking is

more of a priority for car owners, and is much more significant for people with disabilities, but is also more significant for men; men are also a little more likely to look for better access by public transport, and this is also more important for people with disabilities. Prices matter more to women, and to people under 35, and are much more important to Tadcaster residents than to those in villages; opening hours are a higher priority for people with children.

These priorities are also strongly reflected in people's comments. Asked whether there are other things that should be done to improve the local shopping experience, people comment as follows:

Table 5: Additional comments on improving the area for shopping

Aspect	No. of comments
Restore derelict/boarded up properties	62
Fill empty shops	59
More variety of shops	41
Specific shops needed	37
Brewery influence unhelpful	35
More shops needed	19

Although people's comments range widely (and are not necessarily focussed on shopping specifically), there is a clear concentration on four or five closely related issues. The main focus of comments is on the large number of boarded up properties in the town centre, both shops and other properties, and there is also a strong focus on the desirability of filling Tadcaster's empty shops and bringing a greater variety of shops to the town. Many people feel that the town centre badly needs revitalising and see the opening up of empty shop units and the introduction of more shops, particularly those that will complement the existing offer, as critically important. Many people also identify specific shops that they believe the town needs, with a specialist baker close to the top of many lists, alongside other less likely occupants such as shoe shops, shops selling children's clothing, and other retailers – including competitors for existing shops such as Sainsbury's. There is also a focus on what is widely seen as the baleful influence of the Brewery on shopping in Tadcaster, obstructing the town's progress and leaving it lagging behind localities such as Wetherby and even Boston Spa.

Other comments not listed in the table range across a number of issues, but none feature at all prominently. There are small clusters of people who want to see changes in parking,

seating, pedestrianisation, and the improvement and diversification of the town's pubs; there is also a groundswell in Appleton Roebuck in particular for better shopping/post office in their community, following a recent closure.

Youth feedback does not focus strongly on shopping *per se*, but does highlight the general dereliction young people perceive in and around the town centre of Tadcaster. Young people frequently highlight boarded-up properties as a feature of their dislikes in the town. There is also a widespread perception among young people that the town centre is damaged by litter and by neglected and overgrown areas. On the other hand, young people praise the Sonali restaurant in particular as welcoming and good quality, and also like the pleasant staff in Sainsbury's.

The Barkston Ash beer-mat exercise also highlights aspirations for better shopping choices local to the village or in Sherburn.

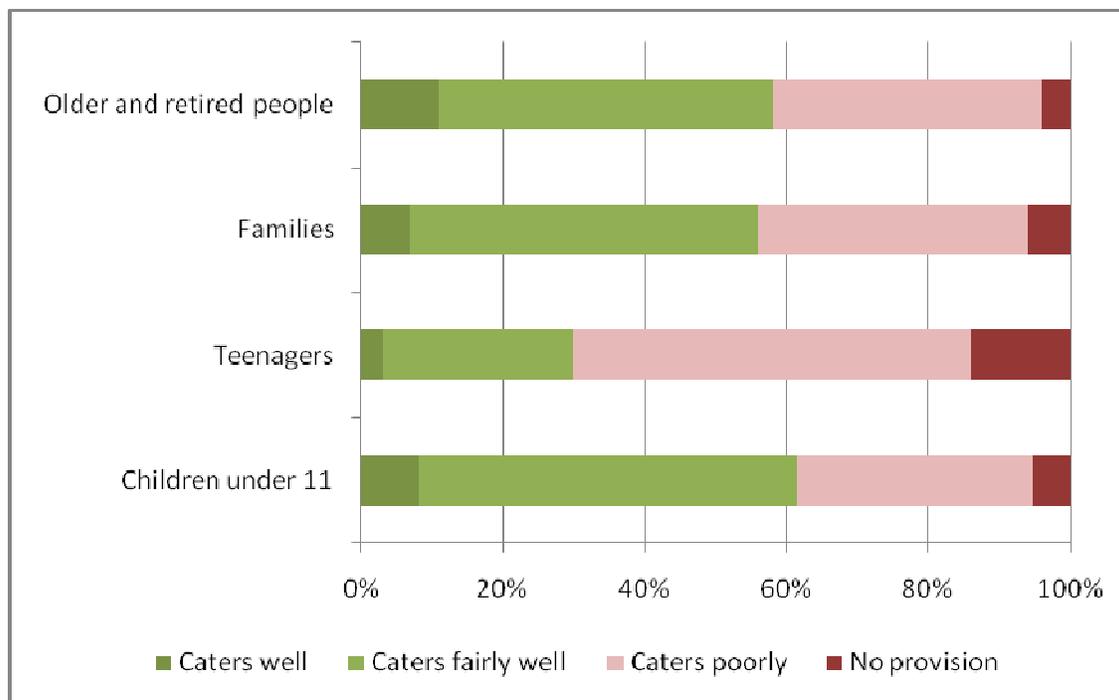
Whilst no doubt many of these things would be widely welcomed, the main priorities for the town are more strategic in nature, and cosmetic change will not address people's main concerns.

3 The needs of different groups

Respondents were asked to give their view on how well their “local area” caters for the needs of different groups of people, and their answers are shown here:

Table 6: How well different groups’ needs are met

Group	Proportion of respondents who say their local area...			
	Caters well	Caters fairly well	Caters poorly	No provision
Children under 11	8%	53%	33%	5%
Teenagers	3%	27%	56%	14%
Families	7%	49%	38%	6%
Older and retired people	11%	47%	38%	4%
N(=100%)	<i>Ranges from 275 to 324</i>			



A substantial minority of respondents, between 18% and 27%, answered don't know to one or more parts of this question; their responses are excluded from the table above which therefore indicates the perceptions of those able to express a view.

Three in five respondents believe that **children under 11** are at least fairly well served by local provision, but this leaves a substantial minority – about a third – who feel that their local area caters poorly for children, and a small minority who argue that there is no provision at all for this age-group in their locality. On the other hand, the proportion who feel the area caters well is also very small, and suggests that there may be room for improvement, at least in perceptions if not in reality. Interestingly, there is little difference between the views of Tadcaster residents and those of villages on this issue, and it is also worth noting that people with children under 11 at home give a higher rating on this question than those with no children, suggesting that they may well be better informed than their counterparts. The lowest ratings here come from people living in Newton Kyme, a village with very little or no local provision.

The **needs of teenagers** appear to be less well met; less than a third of respondents feel that the area caters even fairly well, and those who feel the area caters well are a very small minority. Well over half of all respondents think the area caters poorly for the needs of teenagers, and one in seven say there is no provision for this age-group at all. There is little difference in perception between Tadcaster residents and those of the villages; people with teenagers at home also have very similar perceptions to others about provision. Towton and Newton Kyme both return very low scores on this issue. Car owners give higher scores, so access to the services available may be a factor affecting perceptions

As far as **families** are concerned, the scores are better, but still not outstanding. Over half of all respondents feel that their local area caters at least fairly well for families, but few would go further than that and say that the needs of families are well catered for. Well over a third think families are poorly provided for in their area, and a small minority say there is no local provision for this group. Younger adults tend to give higher ratings than older ones, perhaps reflecting that younger children are better provided for than older ones, but there is no significant difference in perception between Tadcaster and the villages as a whole; Towton is again the community with the lowest score. Women, and people with children, give higher scores than men and people with no children. Car owners again give higher scores on this provision.

Finally, over half of all respondents think the needs of **older and retired people** are at least fairly well met, but only one in eleven think the area caters well for this group. Few people say there is no provision for these people locally, but a substantial proportion – nearly two-fifths – would argue that their local area caters poorly for the needs of older people. Here there is a difference in perception between Tadcaster and the villages, with Tadcaster residents giving a noticeably higher (but still not especially high) rating on this issue. Interestingly, younger residents tend to give much higher scores than those received from older people themselves, suggesting a difference between the perceptions of the younger

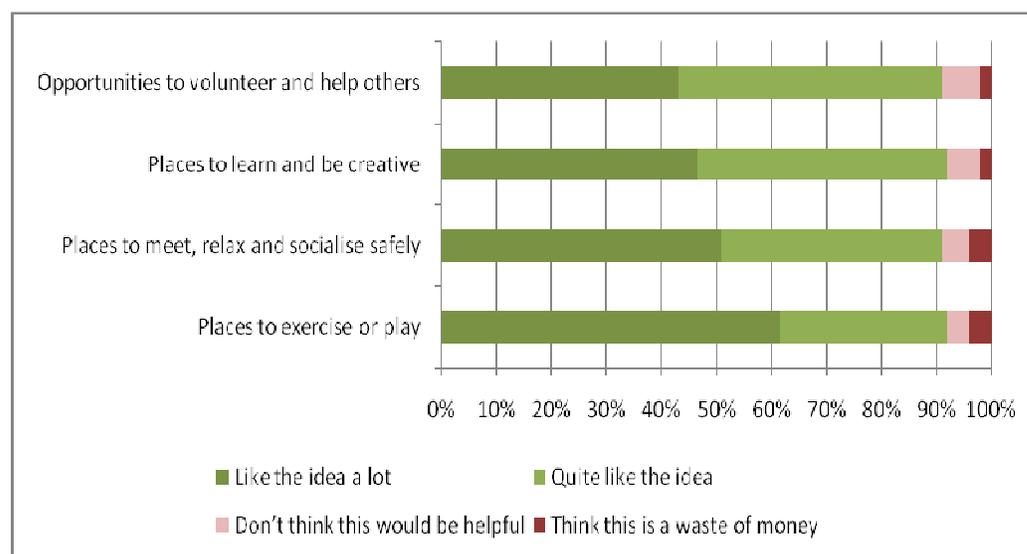
residents and the reality for older people. There is no difference in view according to the availability or otherwise of a car, however.

People with disabilities tend to give lower scores across the board on these matters, but especially as regards provision for families and for older people.

Respondents were given a short list of possible activities for children and young people, and evaluate these as follows:

Table 7: Activities for children and young people

Activity	Proportion of respondents who			
	Like the idea a lot	Quite like the idea	Don't think this would be helpful	Think this is a waste of money
Places to exercise or play	61%	30%	4%	4%
Places to meet, relax and socialise safely	51%	40%	5%	4%
Places to learn and be creative	46%	45%	6%	2%
Opportunities to volunteer and help others	43%	48%	7%	2%
N (=100%)	<i>Ranges from 367 to 377</i>			



Although there are cynics for each of these broad ideas, the vast majority of respondents are supportive of all four possibilities.

Three out of five people like the idea of additional **play and exercise space** for children and young people, and almost everyone finds something to like in this idea. Play and exercise space finds favour in both Tadcaster and in the villages, but there is noticeably more enthusiasm for this in the town; the idea also gathers support from people of all ages, but the younger a respondent is, the more enthusiastic they are about this possibility. Women are also more enthusiastic than men, though this is not to say that men dislike the idea. Among individual communities, Tadcaster is the most positive; Bolton Percy the least.

There is also considerable support for the idea of providing places where young people can **meet, relax and socialise** safely. Over half the people in this survey are keen on this, and most of the rest are at least positive about it; there is very little difference between Tadcaster on the one hand, and the villages on the other. People aged 36-45, and over 65s, are less enthusiastic about this than their counterparts, but women are more positive than men. Towton shows less interest in this idea than other communities in the CEF area.

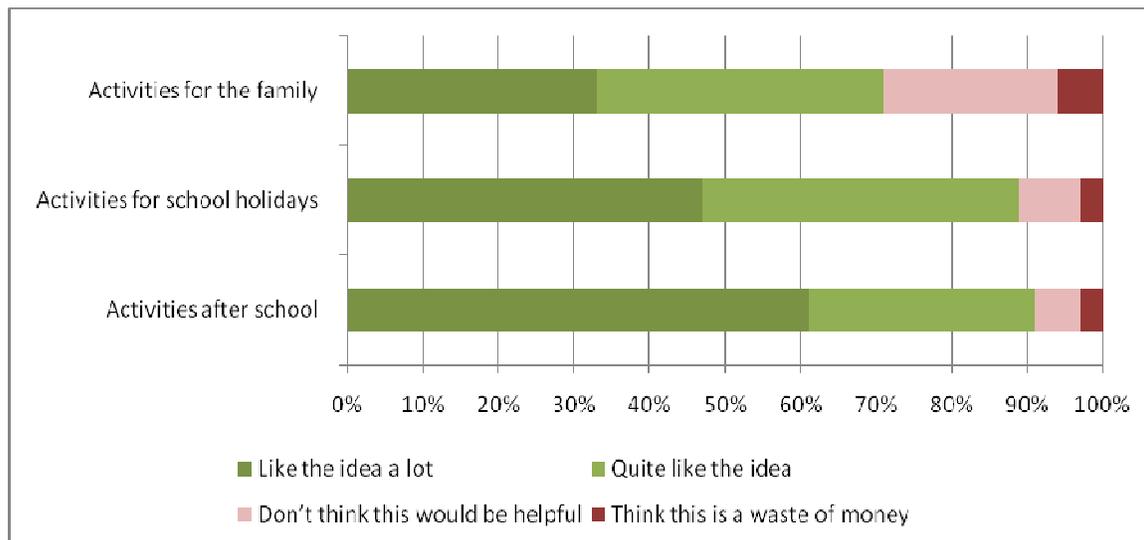
Places to **learn and be creative** also attract considerable support, though it is more evenly divided between those who like the idea and those whose support is more cautious. Again, there are similar levels of support from Tadcaster and from the villages, and here there is no difference between the views of different age-groups, although women are more strongly supportive than men. Residents in Barkston Ash and Bolton Percy, however, are less enthusiastic than those in other villages.

Opportunities for **young people to volunteer** would also be welcomed, albeit with a cautious enthusiasm. Overall, nine out of ten people are positive about volunteering opportunities, but only half of these like the idea a lot. This idea gets exactly the same score in both Tadcaster and the villages, but attracts a more enthusiastic response from younger adults than from older ones, and more support from women than from men. Towton, Stutton, Appleton Roebuck and Newton Kyme are the most enthusiastic communities in this respect.

People with children were also asked specifically for a view on some other activities, and their responses are shown here:

Table 8: activities and opportunities for people with children

Activity	Proportion of respondents who			
	Like the idea a lot	Quite like the idea	Don't think this would be helpful	Think this is a waste of money
Activities after school (e.g. cookery, sports, drama)	61%	30%	6%	3%
Activities for school holidays (e.g. trips, art days, themed days)	47%	42%	8%	3%
Activities for the family (e.g. days out, creative days)	33%	38%	23%	6%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	<i>Ranges from 173 to 178</i>			



There is significant enthusiasm among parents for the first of these options; three in five parents would welcome more **activities after school**, and most of the rest are at least fairly enthusiastic, with just one in eleven taking a negative position on this possibility. **Holiday activities** get more cautious support, with around half of parents saying they like the idea a lot, and a slightly smaller proportion giving less fulsome support; again, just one in nine say they don't want this idea. On **family days out**, however, enthusiasm is more muted; one in three parents likes the idea a lot, and a similar proportion give some credence to the idea,

but well over a quarter are negative about the suggestion, most of them feeling it would not be helpful. Only a small proportion, nevertheless, think this would be a waste of money.

Support for all three ideas is stronger in Tadcaster than in the villages, and younger parents tend to give all three ideas more backing than those in older age-groups caring for children. Men are a little more supportive than women, except for family activities which get a little more support from women.

Asked what other things might make this a better area for children and young people, respondents feed back a range of ideas, of which these are the most commonly voiced:

Table 9: Additional comments on improving the area for children and young people

Aspect	No. of comments
Park/play space/sports space	66
More provision for teenagers generally	43
Better transport	7
Arts/cinema/entertainment space	6

Although several different thoughts are voiced here, only two emerge with any consistency. One is the need for outdoor space, for a variety of different purposes – play, sports, skateboarding, cycling or other exercise - and the other is a need for more activities focussed on teenagers – either as a way of meeting a perceived need, or as a way of keeping teenagers occupied in constructive and positive ways.

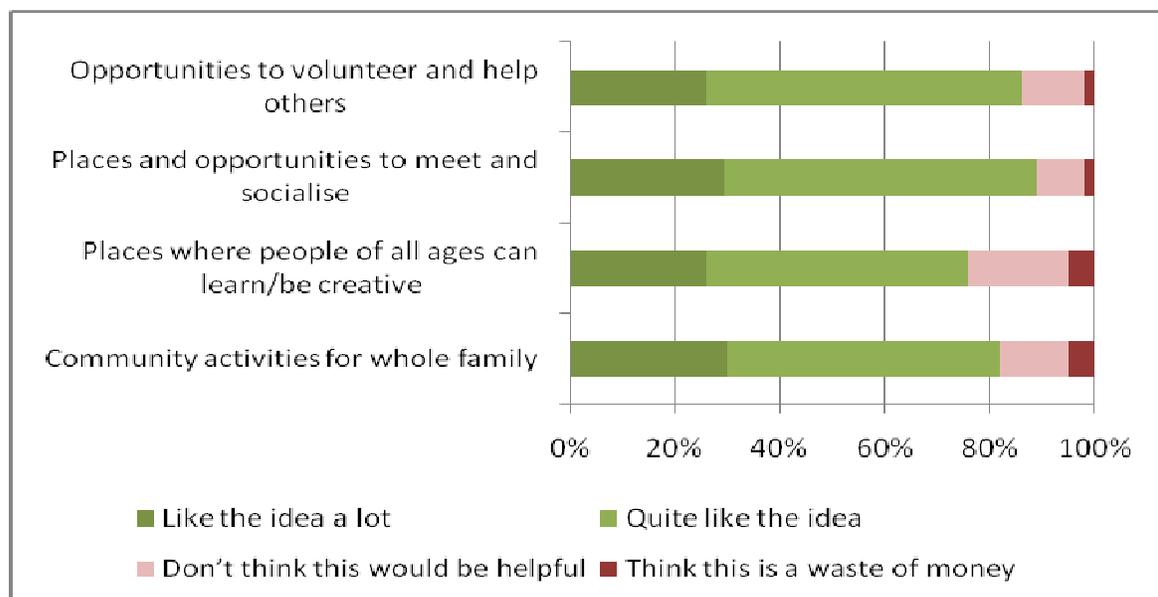
No other ideas even approach these in significance. There are a handful of suggestions looking for arts and entertainment, and a small group who suggest that better transport would help young people and children to access provision outside their own localities. Looking over the list of suggestions, it is also clear that there is a paucity of genuine ideas about how best to meet the needs of younger people in the community.

Among young people themselves, it's clear that Manor Farm is viewed positively, as are several "active recreation" opportunities such as the swimming pool, parks, and fields where informal sport can take place. Young people also like and value the countryside around Tadcaster and the villages, and the riverside area with its recreational opportunities.

Respondents were also asked about the needs of families and older people, and react to different suggestions as follows:

Table 10: Activities for families and older people

Activity	Proportion of respondents who			
	Like the idea a lot	Quite like the idea	Don't think this would be helpful	Think this is a waste of money
Community activities for whole family	30%	52%	13%	5%
Places where people of all ages can learn/be creative	26%	50%	19%	5%
Places and opportunities to meet and socialise	29%	59%	9%	2%
Opportunities to volunteer and help others	26%	60%	12%	2%
N (=100%)	<i>Ranges from 386 to 388</i>			



Views on these suggestions are generally more guarded than those for children and young people, even though the suggestions themselves are not too dissimilar. There are also more people, though still in a minority, who take a negative view on these suggestions.

On **community activities**, over a quarter of people are keen on this idea, and over four out of five people overall are supportive to some degree, while just under one in five would not support this possibility. Support for whole family activities is stronger in Tadcaster than in the villages, and the idea gets a much more qualified score in some villages, such as Ulleskelf and Stutton, for example. Support for this idea is also stronger among younger people and decreases sharply with age; older people are much less keen. Women are also more enthusiastic than men about community activities.

As for **all-age learning**, three-quarters of people are positive, but only a third of these, a quarter of all respondents, are strongly so. Tadcaster residents back this idea more strongly than those from villages, but in fact there is a wide range of scores in the villages themselves with Ulleskelf especially supportive of this idea. This idea finds more favour with middle-aged people and is less well supported by younger and older adults; as with many of these ideas, women are more enthusiastic than men.

Opportunities to socialise get the strongest support out of these four choices, with nearly nine out of ten people supporting the idea to some extent, but most doing so only with reservations. Older adults favour this idea more than those aged 36-45, and Tadcaster people like it much more than their village counterparts; Barkston Ash is the least enthusiastic place on this idea. Women seem to be much more sociable than men.

Opportunities to volunteer has support from 86% of respondents overall, but the vast majority of these are only partly supportive. Tadcaster residents endorse this idea more fully than those in villages; Stutton is especially unenthusiastic about volunteering. Older and younger residents are keener than those in the middle age ranges, and women much more supportive than men.

It is interesting to note that people are more supportive of activities and opportunities for children and young people than they are to embrace those same activities and opportunities for themselves; there is also evidence to suggest that people with the heaviest family and childcare commitments have the least time to engage in other activities, even when these are designed for family participation. From a Big Society point of view, there would seem to be more mileage in pursuing opportunities for young people to volunteer than in trying to widen participation among their parents and grandparents.

Asked what other suggestions people have to improve the lot of families and older people, these are the most common responses:

Table 11: Additional comments on improving the area for families and older people

Aspect	No. of comments
Meeting places for adults/older people	22
Better/more frequent transport	21
Family friendly eating places	14
Easier/pleasanter areas for walking	12
Events and facilities for families	12

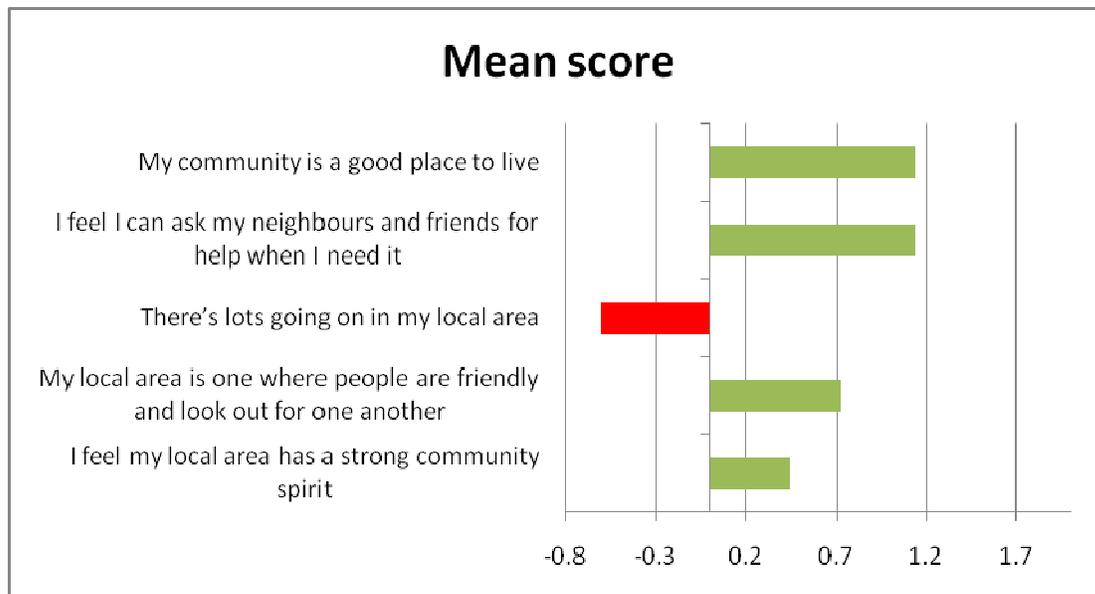
There is much less consensus on provision for older people and for families, and a wider spread of comments. The most frequent areas mentioned are places, though, this time for people in older age-groups specifically to be able to meet and socialise, while better transport would especially help people living further out in the villages to participate more in social life in this area. Many younger adults request more family-friendly eating places, noting that the pubs are not suited to families with children; they also like the idea of community events. The recent snow and ice prompted a number of comments about the ease of moving around in the locality under such circumstances.

4 Community life

In this question, respondents were asked how much they agree or disagree with each of five statements. Their answers have been converted into mean scores² for ease of comparison.

Table 12: Scores for agreement with statements

Statement	Mean score
I feel my local area has a strong community spirit	0.44
My local area is one where people are friendly and look out for one another	0.72
There's lots going on in my local area	-0.61
I feel I can ask my neighbours and friends for help when I need it	1.14
My community is a good place to live	1.14
N	Ranges from 381 to 402



² A mean score is calculated by assigning a value to each possible answer to a question, and then calculating the mean of the answers actually provided. In this case, scores range from +2 (an answer of "agree strongly") to -2 (an answer of "disagree strongly"). Don't knows are ignored in this calculation. The resulting score indicates an overall positive or negative view, and also the strength of that view in comparison with other attributes also being scored.

There is a measure of agreement on **community spirit**, but it is not particularly strong and lies substantially below the “tend to agree” mark which would have been a score of +1. This suggests at the very least strong doubts about community spirit in this locality. The score in Tadcaster is (as would be expected in a more urban locale) lower than that in the villages, but even in the villages the overall score is only 0.68, still well below a “tend to agree” mark and indicating that a lot of people have answered the question in the negative. Community spirit is strongest in Saxton and Bolton Percy, where a score above 1 is achieved; it is low in Stutton and Towton.

Scores on this issue are relatively weak in all age groups, but over 65s in particular rate this attribute poorly, giving a score that is almost neutral; people with children have a stronger sense of community, but by no means a strong one. People with disabilities are especially dubious about community spirit and give a much lower score than their counterparts.

Friendliness and looking out for others attracts a stronger positive score, but again is only at a point below “tend to agree” overall. The villages record a stronger positive score than Tadcaster in this regard as well, but again fail to break through the “tend to agree” barrier; the most friendly places to live are Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy and Saxton. As with community spirit, people with children find their communities more friendly; younger people, and those aged 55-64, are more isolated, and people with disabilities find their communities markedly less friendly. There is however no difference between the genders on this question.

The only overall negative score is given against the suggestion that there’s **lots going on** in people’s local area. This attracts a score that indicates disagreement, but not strong disagreement; there are things going on, but not to the extent that the statement implies. Here Tadcaster and the villages are on a par; neither has the edge in terms of activity, while within the villages negative scores are universal; Stutton is among those offering least in terms of activity.

Older people are more likely to disagree with the statement, but people of all ages score this negatively; there seems to be less on offer for men than for women, but again both genders vote negatively on this issue. There is a big difference here between those with children and those without; both scores are negative, but those with children are much less negative than those without. People with disabilities are also more negative on this than their counterparts.

Getting **help from neighbours** can be important, especially at a time of service reductions, and here there is a positive score of some strength, lying between “agree strongly” and “tend to agree” and suggesting that most people are fairly confident that they can get help when circumstances demand it. Scores in both Tadcaster and the villages are strong here, with a little more confidence in the villages; Ulleskelf is the best place to live if you need help, but plenty of other villages score close to this mark.

Help is more readily available to people in their thirties and forties, but scores positively for all age-groups; it is the younger adults who are the most isolated in this respect, but even

they tend to agree with the statement. However, people with no car are less confident about being able to get help, and so too are people with disabilities.

Given all this, it is interesting that people overall view their home communities as **good places to live**; the score here is a positive one lying above the “tend to agree” mark. In fact, people often rate their home locality as a good place to live, even when it manifestly isn’t; it is nevertheless interesting that an apparently weak community spirit and an absence of interesting activities does not make a place a bad one to live in, at least for those who are already there. The villages overall score much more strongly on this than Tadcaster, though both get positive ratings above the “tend to agree” mark”; villages overall score 1.43, a very positive score; the best places to live are Saxton and Barkston Ash, but other villages are not far behind.

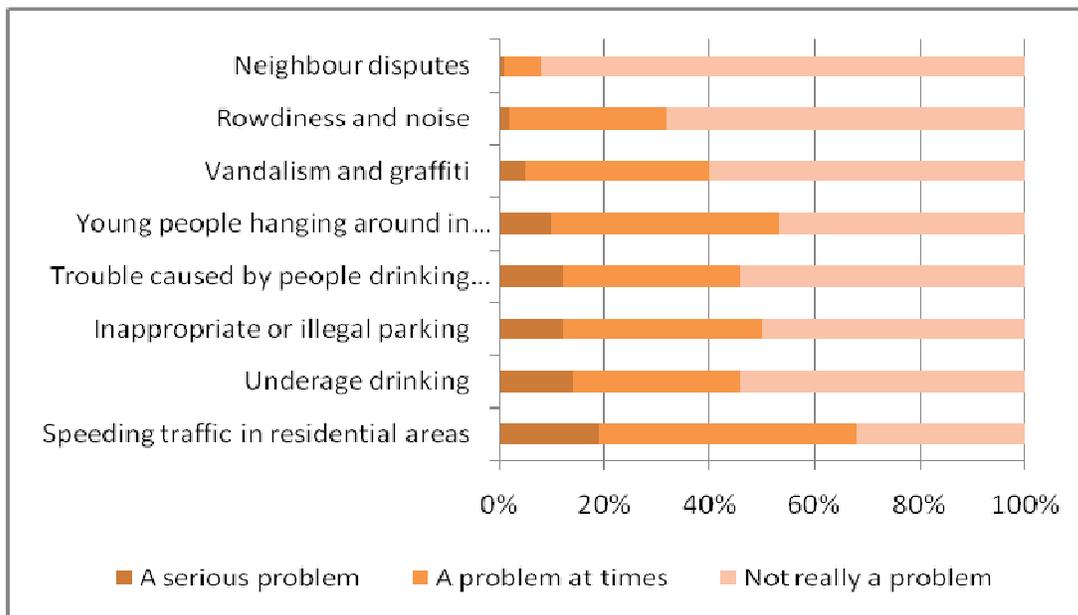
The highest scores are given by middle-aged people, but all ages give positive scores on this issue; children, and a car, are both linked to slightly higher scores. It is also noted that people with disabilities give lower scores, and sometimes much lower scores, to aspects of community life, which is disturbing and suggests that people who may be more in need of help and support actually feel more isolated and less able to obtain that help informally.

5 Safety

North Yorkshire generally is a low crime area, but this does not necessarily mean that people perceive things that way, nor does it mean that problems do not arise that disturb or distress individuals or individual households. Nonetheless, it is important to put anti-social activity into context. Respondents were therefore asked to assess a range of anti-social activities of varying degrees of seriousness, and evaluate how big a problem each of these is in their local area.

Table 13: Relative significance of problems

Problem	A serious problem	A problem at times	Not really a problem
Speeding traffic in residential areas	19%	49%	32%
Underage drinking	14%	32%	54%
Inappropriate or illegal parking	12%	38%	50%
Trouble caused by people drinking too much	12%	34%	54%
Young people hanging around in public places	10%	43%	47%
Vandalism and graffiti	5%	35%	60%
Rowdiness and noise	2%	30%	68%
Neighbour disputes	1%	7%	92%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	<i>Ranges from 355 to 399</i>		



The first thing to note about this table is that none of these problems is a persistent one across the area. The most serious problem only affects one in five residents on a regular basis, and whilst this is a substantial number of people, it is also very much a minority. Other problems affect smaller minorities still, with the second most significant problem only affecting one in seven people on a regular basis. A serious problem is not necessarily a widespread one.

It is also worth noting that two issues cover the top four problems identified: traffic, and drinking.

The most significant problem is actually a traffic issue, and concerns people driving at **inappropriate speeds** in residential areas. Although just one in five people experience this at the level of a serious problem, half of all residents identify it as a problem at times, so a large proportion of local people are affected at least from time to time by this. One in three people say this is not a problem at all for them. This problem arises more seriously in the villages than in town, and emerges especially from villages along the A162 corridor.

The other significant traffic problem is **inappropriate parking**, which causes a serious problem for one in eight people locally, and an occasional problem for half the local population; this occurs much more often in Tadcaster than in the villages.

The two aspects of drinking that emerge strongly are **underage drinking**, identified as a serious problem by one in seven people, and an occasional problem by a further third of the population, and more general **drunkenness**, which troubles one in eight people a lot, but affects less than half the population overall. Other problems arise at times, but do not seem to hit particular levels of seriousness.

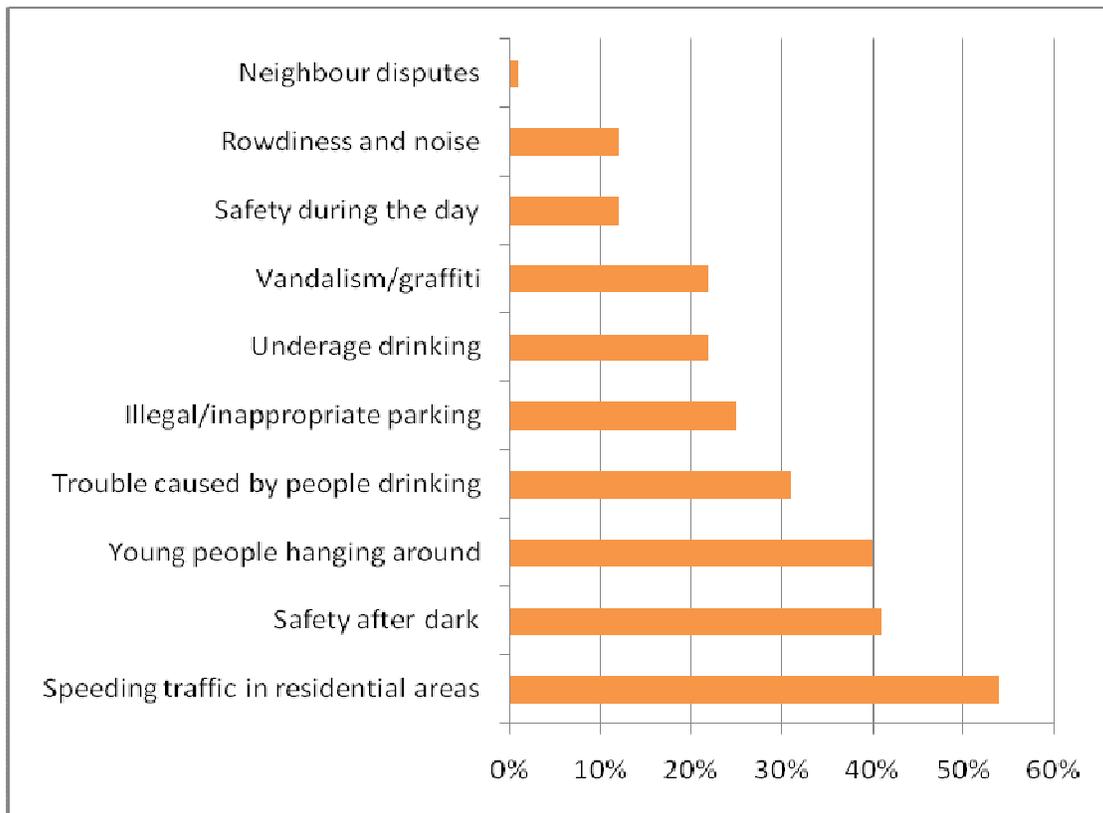
The overall results do conceal some differences between different groups of people. In particular, it is noted that problems seem to be more acute in Tadcaster than they are in the villages - with the notable exception of speeding traffic. Speeding traffic is more of a worry for people with children; otherwise people with no children are more sensitive to problems. Car owners are more concerned about speeding, but are less troubled by illegal parking.

In terms of age, problems seem to be marginally more significant for younger people on the whole, though the differences are not especially marked; problems with young people and drinkers are scored more strongly by under 35s, perhaps because younger people go out more frequently at the times when these issues are most pronounced. Men are more concerned about parking and vandalism, but differences between the genders are also quite modest.

People were also asked what their priorities for change in these areas were, and give this feedback:

Table 14: Priorities for change

Priority	Percentage of people choosing this
Speeding traffic in residential areas	54%
Safety after dark	41%
Young people hanging around	40%
Trouble caused by people drinking	31%
Illegal/inappropriate parking	25%
Underage drinking	22%
Vandalism/graffiti	22%
Safety during the day	12%
Rowdiness and noise	12%
Neighbour disputes	1%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	<i>374</i>



There is very limited consensus here; although over half of respondents prioritise speeding traffic, other priorities feature prominently here as well, and the only potential priority that is dismissed altogether is that of neighbour disputes.

Speeding traffic is nonetheless the most frequently identified priority, and is a particular priority for those who live in villages – three quarters of village residents identify this priority, against just 43% of those who live in Tadcaster. Speeding traffic is also a particular priority for people with children, for men, and for those in the 36-55 age-range.

Safety after dark is the next highest priority, and this is identified by two in five people overall. This is especially important to women, to people with no car, to people with disabilities, and to people over 65 years of age. A similar overall proportion prioritise young people hanging around, and this is a strong priority for under 35s, who choose this much more frequently than people in older age-groups, and for people with no car. Young people hanging around are also less of a priority in villages than they are in Tadcaster, and do not trouble people with disabilities nearly as much as others.

Around a third of people prioritise trouble caused by people drinking. Almost all of these are Tadcaster residents, and this priority is much more often chosen by women and by young adults. A quarter choose underage drinking and again it is younger adults who have a particular issue here; this is also a problem that raises less concern in villages than in town, as also is vandalism and graffiti, prioritised by a similar proportion.

A quarter of people prioritise illegal or inappropriate parking, something which excites older people in particular; those aged over 55 are much more likely to prioritise this issue. There are no significant differences between Tadcaster and the villages on this priority.

Asked what other suggestions people have to help people feel safer, these are the most common responses:

Table 15: Additional comments on making the area feel safer

Aspect	No. of comments
More/more visible policing	54
Stricter control of traffic speed	30
Better street lighting	26
Improve footpath quality	14

As might be expected, by far the most commonly voiced comment is the need for a stronger police presence, or at least for a more visible form of policing. It is interesting that in an area which is relatively safe, and where people have already acknowledged that most anti-social behaviour problems are only occasional, they still want to see a more visible police presence and look to this to deter the anti-social activity that does take place. As will be noted later, they also want longer opening hours for the police station and an increased availability for reporting incidents – even though they recognise that incidents are not commonplace, and without apparent awareness of the cost of this level of cover.

Given the priority attached to speeding traffic, it is not surprising to see speed control feature prominently in people’s comments. Street lighting improvements would also help people feel safer, including in some of the villages where lighting is sparse or non-existent. The footpath quality comments flow directly from the recent bad weather and the difficulty for older people in particular of negotiating safe passage on icy streets.

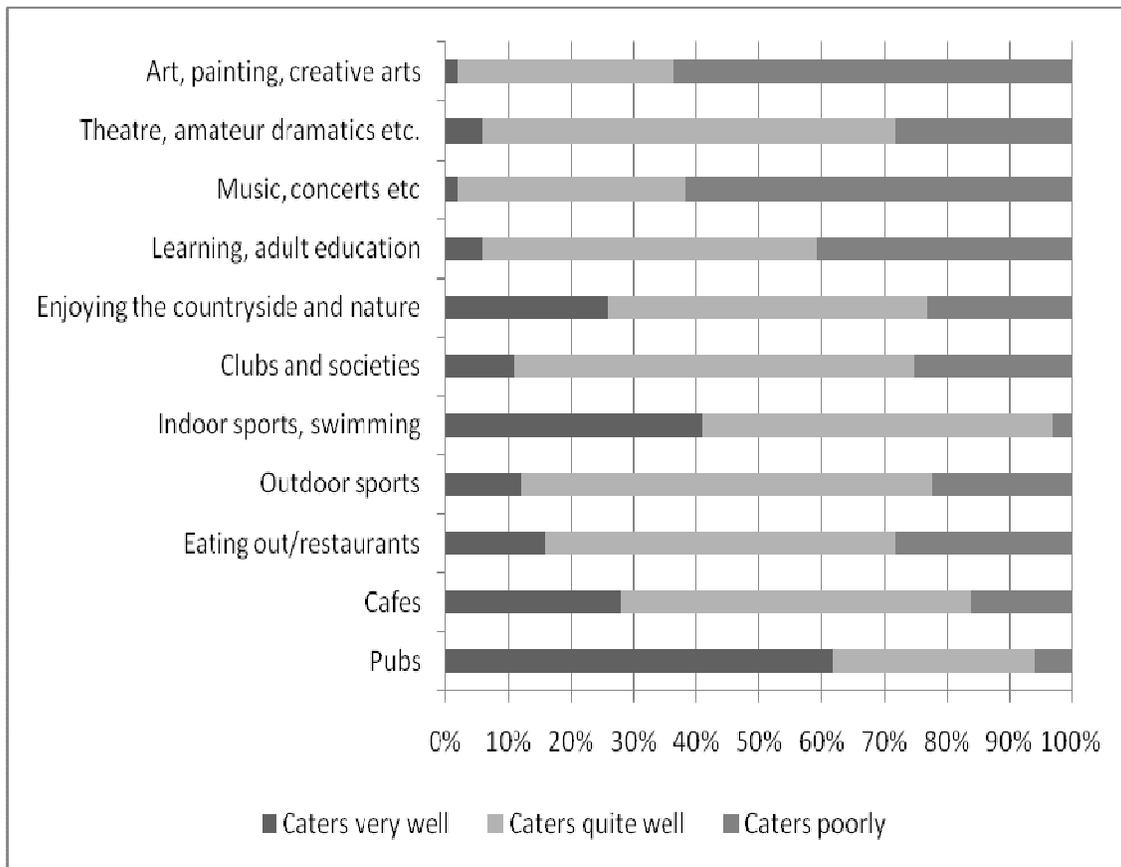
Young people are largely in agreement with these observations, and draw attention of their own to young people acting in threatening ways whilst outside. Young people are as much, if not more so, the victims of this type of anti-social activity, not least because they too hang around on the streets and are thus more likely to encounter the yobbish behaviour of some of their peers. They also notice, and fear, speeding traffic in their village communities.

6 Leisure and culture

People were asked to say how well they think Tadcaster and the villages cater for different leisure interests, and this is how they respond:

Table 16: Views on local leisure and culture provision

Activity	Proportion of respondents who say Tadcaster and villages...		
	Caters very well	Caters quite well	Caters poorly
Pubs	62%	32%	6%
Cafes	28%	56%	16%
Eating out/restaurants	16%	56%	28%
Outdoor sports	12%	65%	22%
Indoor sports, swimming	41%	56%	3%
Clubs and societies	11%	64%	25%
Enjoying the countryside and nature	26%	51%	23%
Learning, adult education	6%	54%	41%
Music, concerts etc	2%	36%	61%
Theatre, amateur dramatics etc.	6%	66%	28%
Art, painting, creative arts	2%	35%	64%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	<i>Ranges from 215 to 396</i>		



Don't knows are excluded from this table, but one of the interesting features of a table such as this is the proportion of people who answer "don't know". These will of course include people who have no interest whatsoever in the particular leisure activity, but may also signify ignorance of what is going on locally, and suggests that some activities could do much better in making themselves known in the locality and in encouraging new members or more widespread audiences for their activities. Nearly half (46%) of people say that they don't know how well the area caters for art and creative arts, and well over a quarter (29% in each case) say they don't know how well this area caters for clubs and societies or for learning and adult education. One in six people say they don't know how well outdoor sports needs are met, or how well the area caters for people's needs for music and concerts.

There are a lot of **pubs** in the area, so it is not surprising to find that three in five people feel the area caters well for them in this respect; what is perhaps more surprising is that the figure is not higher than this, given the large presence of pubs in Tadcaster and their survival in most of the villages, against the national trend in recent years. Comments around this issue, though, suggest that although there are many pubs, there is not a particularly good variety of pubs in this area, and that many of them serve a similar clientele, offer a similar environment, and sell a similar menu of food. Some respondents want a greater choice in the local pub market, and mark pubs down accordingly. Pubs are marked higher by those

aged 35 or under than by older adults, and also attract a higher score from Tadcaster residents than from the villages.

A quarter of people think the locality is served well by **cafes**, but well over half qualify their view on this aspect of leisure, and one in six feel poorly served in this respect. There are no age differences here worth mentioning, but Tadcaster residents give much higher ratings to cafes than village residents do, no doubt reflecting the absence of this type of facility in villages. Nevertheless, cafes are an important feature of many high streets nowadays and people are willing to spend quite highly in this type of outlet, so there is perhaps scope for Tadcaster to do better here in terms of meeting people's expectations of this type of outlet.

Opportunities for **eating out** are scored less well than cafes, with over a quarter saying that the area caters poorly for their needs. Some of the commentary on this question indicates that one reason for this is the perceived poor quality of food in the pubs. Scores are higher in Tadcaster than in the villages, and tend to rise with the respondents age, but even so do not get much above "catering quite well".

In the **sports** arena, there is a much higher rating for indoor sport than for outdoor; two in five people say the area caters well for indoor sports, while just one in eight say the same about outdoor sports (both these figures exclude don't knows). Outdoor sports includes watching as well as participating, and the reality is that there is quite a bit of provision in this area, with football and cricket both played regularly, so it is surprising to see this low score. Interestingly, outdoor sport scores fall with increasing age, while indoor sport ratings remain high; women, people with children, and people with cars all tend to give higher ratings on sports.

Clubs and societies vary widely, and perhaps it is unreasonable to expect people to know much about provision of these outside their own special interest areas, but they are an important dimension of life for people who have time on their hands or who want to develop a more active social network. Just one in nine people say the area caters well, and two thirds say it caters quite well, which suggests that clubs do not necessarily address the specific needs of local people terribly well. In fact, it is younger adults, and especially people with children, whose needs are best met by local groups; scores for clubs and societies fall away as age increases and many over 65s' needs are apparently not well met by existing provision.

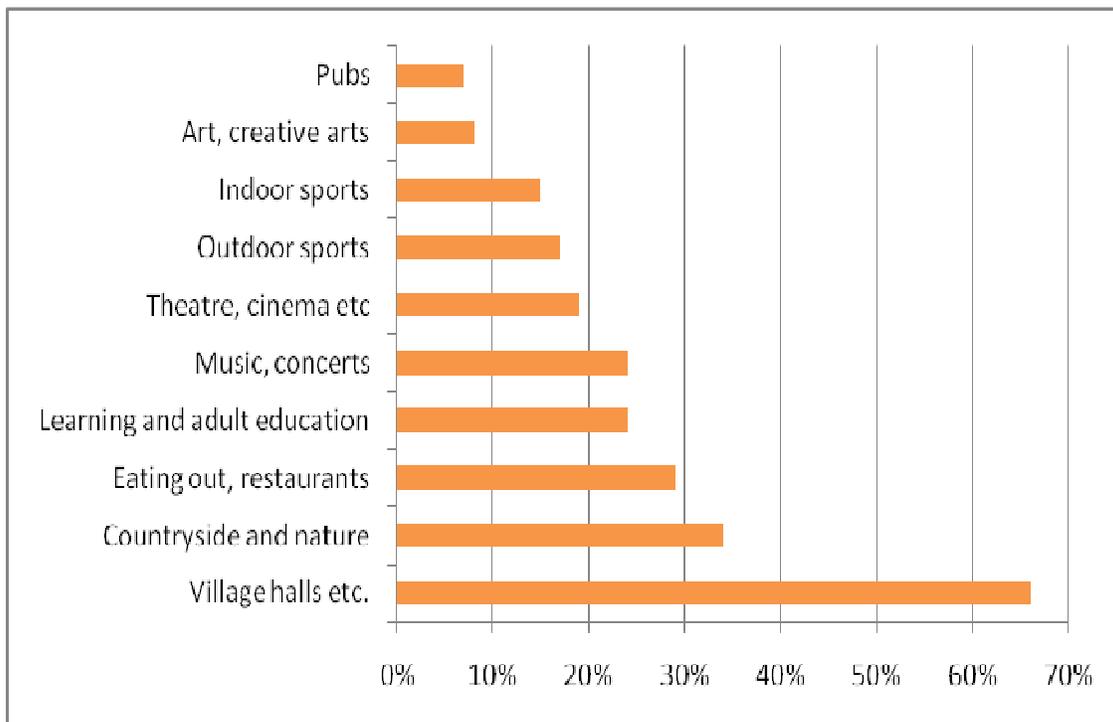
The Tadcaster area is an attractive locality and a quarter of people feel the area caters well for those wanting to enjoy **the countryside and nature**, while half of people think it caters fairly well. However, a quarter say the area caters poorly in this respect. There are several possible dimensions to this; the area has walking groups, but these could perhaps be better known; there are footpaths and rights of way, but perhaps these could be better advertised, and perhaps there could be more; and the area makes relatively little of its countryside heritage and does not exploit its surroundings especially thoroughly. Scores here are higher in the villages (unsurprisingly) and for middle-aged people, particularly those with cars; people with disabilities are less positive about provision.

Learning and adult education are available locally, but only 6% feel the area caters well, so either the courses available are unsuitable (or badly timed for people) or they are not adequately promoted. Two in five people feel the area caters poorly for this leisure interest, which in other localities can be a popular choice both for the learning and the social dimensions. This activity gets low scores across the board and there is clearly an opportunity here to offer more.

Arts activities also score poorly, with very low numbers of people feeling the area caters well for their needs; the theatre caters fairly well for two thirds of people, but when it comes to music and art the locality is perceived to be very disappointing, with two in three respondents (excluding don't knows) saying the locality does poorly in these areas. Younger adults feel especially badly served in this respect, but scores are low across the board here and there is a gap in local leisure provision in this important area.

Table 17: Priorities for change

Priority	Percentage of people choosing this
Village halls and community buildings	66%
Enjoying the countryside and nature	34%
Eating out, restaurants	29%
Learning and adult education	24%
Music, concerts	24%
Theatre, cinema etc	19%
Outdoor sports	17%
Indoor sports	15%
Art, creative arts	8%
Pubs	7%
<i>N(=100%)</i>	<i>374</i>



The overriding priority here is quite clear; two thirds of people think that village halls and community buildings – the places that enable a range of other activities to take place – should be prioritised in any attempt to improve the leisure and cultural life of this area.

The next highest priority, identified by just one in three people, is enjoyment of the countryside. Although this is a minority, it is a significant one, and clearly people are placing this issue quite high on their personal agendas. There are also substantial proportions asking for more in respect of restaurants, learning, music and performing arts.

Sports attract less interest as a priority area for action, and there is little support for improving the area’s creative arts, so although this scores poorly, people are generally not too bothered about it. Interestingly, the area’s pubs are also a low priority, no doubt because so many people score them comparatively strongly in terms of provision.

Looking at the priorities assigned by different groups of people, young adults place a higher priority on pubs than those who are older; prioritisation of eating out is also higher among young adults, and reduces with increasing age. The countryside is more important to people in their forties and fifties, and learning is more highly prioritised by people nearing retirement, half of whom want to see this as a priority. Community buildings are important to all ages, but less so to younger people.

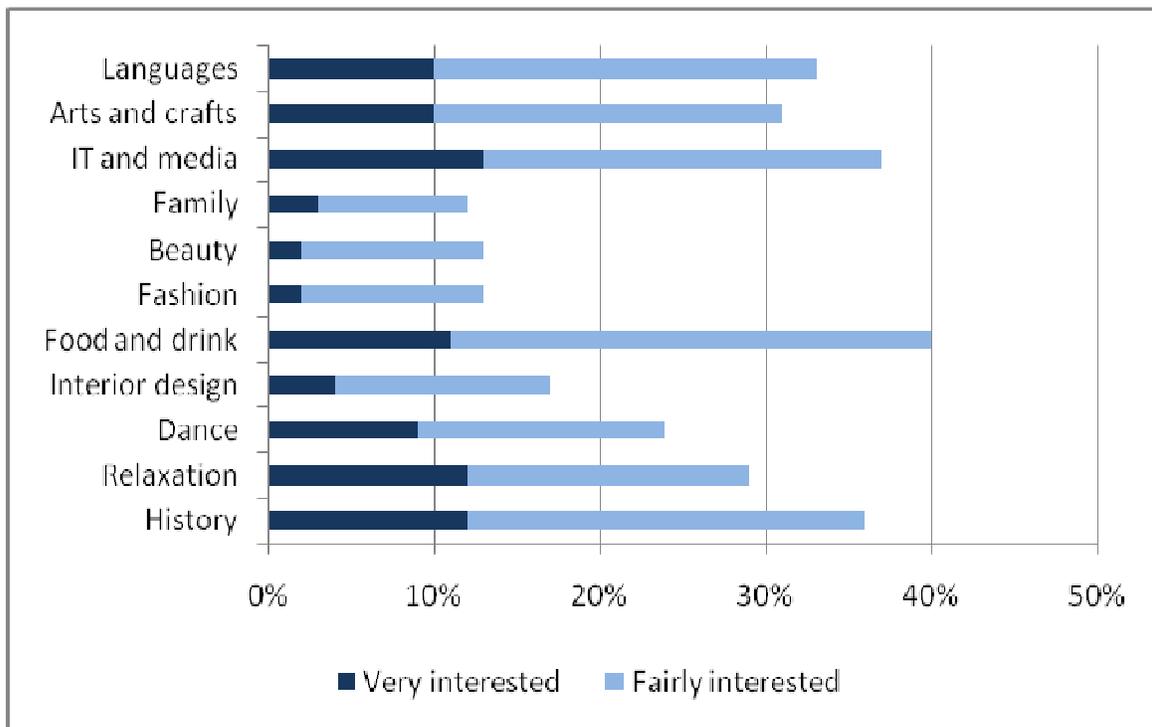
Men and women prioritise many areas equally, but men are much more motivated by outdoor sports, and women place a higher premium on clubs and societies, and also prioritise learning more than men do. People with children place a higher priority on pubs

(and many make it clear that this is about making pubs more family-friendly), while those with cars have a greater interest in improving access to the countryside. People with disabilities tend to focus more on learning, and on art, and also give an even higher priority to community buildings (perhaps emphasising the importance of level access and other disability support).

A quarter of people say they want to prioritise learning and adult education, and the Grammar School has some plans in this respect, so the opportunity was taken to ask what subject areas might tempt people. A lot of people by-passed this question altogether, though, and to avoid overstating levels of interest, these are treated as expressions of no interest in any of the courses offered here.

Table 18: Interest in adult education courses

Subject area	Proportion of respondents who say they would be...	
	Very interested	Fairly interested
History	12%	24%
Relaxation	12%	17%
Dance	9%	15%
Interior design	4%	13%
Food and drink	11%	29%
Fashion	2%	11%
Beauty	2%	11%
Family	3%	9%
IT and media	13%	24%
Arts and crafts	10%	21%
Languages	10%	23%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	428	



The proportions who are fairly interested are much larger than those expressing more genuine interest, but that is only to be expected; while some “fairly interested“ people may translate into customers, most will find themselves more interested in other things when the real opportunity comes along.

The proportions saying they would be very interested are small on the whole, and in some subjects it would seem to be difficult to attract sufficient numbers to justify a class – fashion, beauty and family appear to have few takers, and since not all of these customers would be available at the same time, a course might be difficult to populate. However, some of the courses look like possible runners.

One in eight people say they would be very interested in IT and media courses, and these are the most popular opportunities on offer here. Such courses are in reality widely available, but perhaps are not adequately promoted to the right audiences, or not presented in such a way as might encourage the less IT-confident to participate. Relaxation and history would also appeal to a similar proportion of people, and although history is a very diverse area in which people have specific interests, relaxation is perhaps less diverse and also offers real possibilities.

Languages would also be a popular option, though here the range of languages and of starting points would act as a significant filter (those who are interested specifically in Intermediate Spanish, for instance, will be a much smaller proportion than the 15% indicated here). Arts and crafts also have a significant following and might be expected to generate sufficient numbers to make a course viable.

There are no significant differences in levels of interest according to where people live, but there are substantial differences by age in some study areas. History and IT have a stronger appeal to older people, while relaxation, dance, food and drink, and beauty all appeal to a younger audience. Generally speaking, women are more interested in any given course (and prioritised learning in the earlier question at a higher level) than men are, but there is interest from men; people with no car tend to express lower levels of interest overall. Generally, people with disabilities are less interested, but they are actually more interested than others in IT or arts and crafts.

A small number of people suggested additional courses, mostly of interest to themselves; these include some already in the list, but also gardening, dog training, DIY and home repairs, and car/bike/cycle mechanics. Individuals also suggested parenting courses (but not apparently to meet their own immediate needs).

People were also asked to suggest ways of improving local leisure and culture, and the comments and suggestions that were most frequently made are listed here :

Table 19: Additional comments on improving local leisure and culture

Aspect	No. of comments
Cinema/theatre/arts centre	21
Nature/countryside/riverside walks	12
Library retention	8
Better promotion/information	8
Improve sports provision	7

Numbers here are lower than in other areas of the questionnaire, suggesting that this is not an area that troubles people greatly, or that it is one where people find it difficult to imagine change.

The largest single area for comments is on the need for an arts venue, expressed in different ways according to the specific interest of the individual, and providing space for films, theatre, exhibition and music. Dedicated venues for each of these are out of the question, but other localities such as Howden and Pocklington have created multi-purpose venues from older public buildings and a facility that enables a wider cultural life is not impossible to achieve – though these numbers would not themselves justify the effort involved. It is also interesting to see that some people comment on the absence of promotion for some activities, suggesting that there may be more going on than people are actually aware of.

Wider enjoyment of the countryside or the locality through better provision for walking is also a choice of several individuals, and includes some who call for improvements to the riverside as a place to walk and enjoy nature. The library was threatened with closure during the course of the survey and prompted a late flurry of comments.

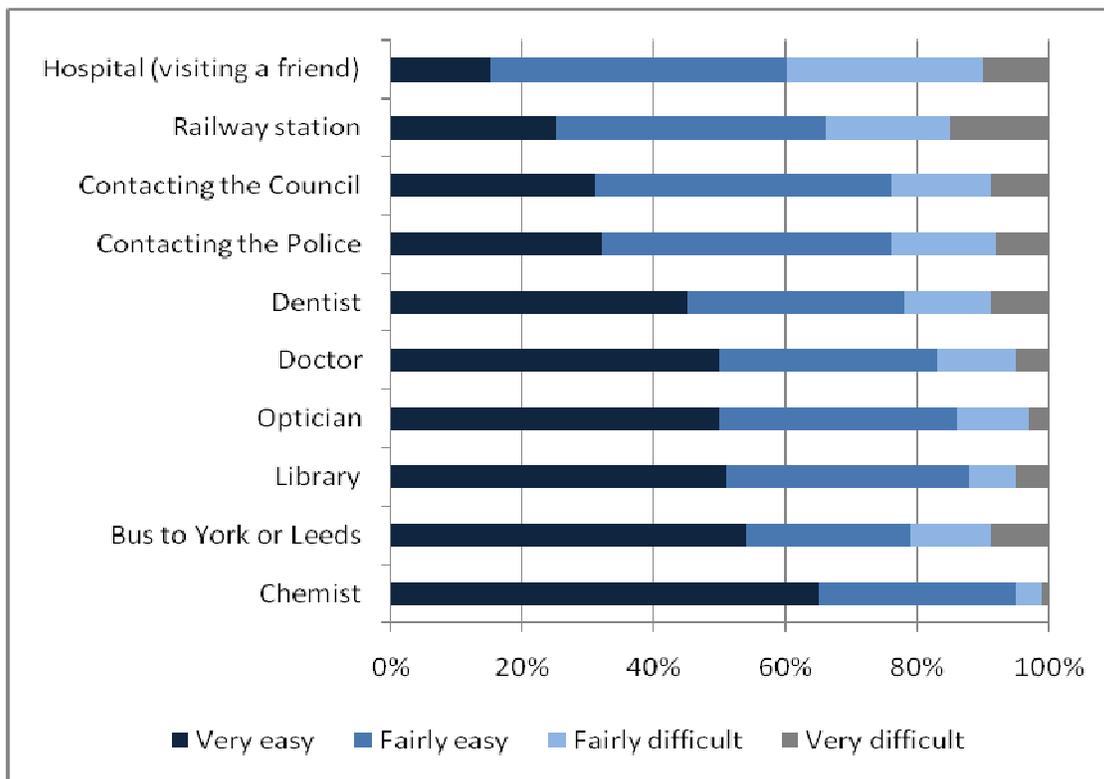
Young people, as has been noted, value the indoor and outdoor sports provision in the town, and also value some of the other recreational opportunities available to them. They value spaces which offer peace and quiet, but also spaces where they can meet their friends, including outdoor spaces in and outside town. Places that are characterised by friendly adults are also valued; those where adults are less accommodating are avoided. Some young people are worried about threatened reductions in service, noting the library in particular and also raise concerns about possible threats to park space and other recreational spaces.

7 Access to services

People were asked how easy they find it to access selected important local services, and their answers are shown here:

Table 20: Access to services

Activity	Proportion of respondents who find access...			
	Very easy	Fairly easy	Fairly difficult	Very difficult
Chemist	65%	30%	4%	1%
Bus to York or Leeds	54%	25%	12%	9%
Library	51%	37%	7%	5%
Optician	50%	36%	11%	3%
Doctor	50%	33%	12%	5%
Dentist	45%	33%	13%	9%
Contacting the Police	32%	44%	16%	8%
Contacting the Council	31%	45%	15%	9%
Railway station	25%	41%	19%	15%
Hospital (visiting a friend)	15%	45%	30%	10%
N (=100%)	<i>Ranges from 337 to 394</i>			



Several of these important services pose few or no problems to most people. Two thirds of people find it very easy to access a chemist, and only one in twenty people experience any difficulty at all in this respect. Well over half find a bus to York or Leeds within easy reach, and a little effort puts this within reach of four out of five residents.

The library is similarly seen as easy to access (though later questionnaires reflect the threat of closure and comment that this answer may change), and there is also little difficulty in getting to an optician, or a doctor; although a dentist is a little more challenging, four out of five people can get to a dentist without significant issues.

Other services can be more problematic, though; contacting the Council or the Police is not as easy as many of the other services (though it has to be said that this is more likely to be a perception than an actual experience, as many people gave “don’t know” answers on these points). A railway station is not easily accessed in this area, but even so a quarter of people said they could get the station easily, and two people find it easy for every one who finds this difficult.

The biggest problem in terms of access is the hospital; only 15% of respondents identified this as an easy service to access, and two in five experience some difficulty with this, making visits to friends or relatives in hospital a challenge for a large minority of local people.

There are of course differences in the answers according to where people live. People in Tadcaster find these services easier to access than people in the villages, and the biggest

differences in ease of access arise in relation to the dentist, the library, and to public transport. It also seems to be easier for people in Tadcaster to contact the Council than it is for those in villages, but the reverse is true for the police. Saxton, Barkston Ash and Towton residents find these services more difficult to access, especially public transport, and several note the difficulties caused by poor transport links.

Looking at differences according to age, the general pattern is that younger adults find these services easier to access. It is nevertheless noticeable that over 65s – the age-group most in need of the service - find the hospital especially challenging, and also have less confidence about contacting the Police. People with no car also have particular access problems in relation to the hospital, but generally find it easier to get to public transport – perhaps because they are more aware of the service than those who rarely use it

People with disabilities generally find access more difficult, but have particular problems when it comes to visiting the hospital; they find it less easy to use public transport as well, but here the differences are less marked, suggesting that operators have made at least some allowance for their needs. The library is just as straightforward for a person with a disability, apparently, as anyone else.

Asked about improving access to services, people offer these comments:

Table 21: Improving access to services

Aspect	No. of comments
Public transport links	35
Appointment system at doctors	29
Opening hours	21
Stronger local presence	13

The most common area of comment is the difficulty in access posed by poor public transport links, services, or connections. This is a particular problem for residents of some villages, with Saxton prominent among those commenting in this area. It is also a focus for people wanting to visit the hospital, which is evidently a difficult and complex journey when relying on public transport.

Several people comment specifically on problems getting an appointment at the doctors' surgery in Tadcaster. They note problems with using the automated system and finding appointments are too far off in time, with having to call at busy times, or at specific times, to get an appointment within what they see as a reasonable delay, with engaged telephones or long holds, and with being unable to get their preferred doctor. There are also tensions (probably linked to this) between patients and reception staff that prompt comment. This issue stands out among a range of other comments that are more about different services' (primarily the Police) opening hours and availability on demand locally.

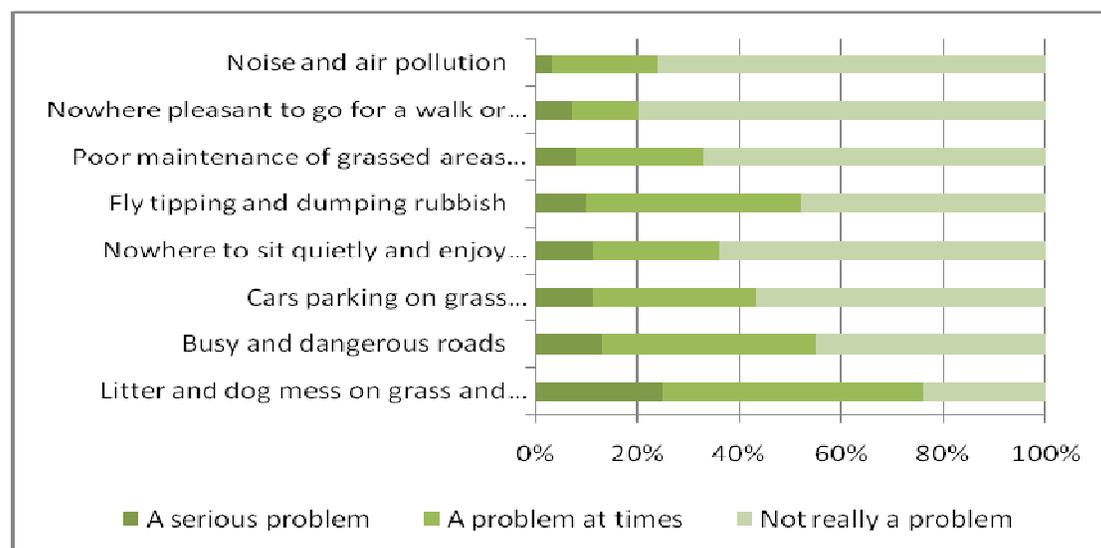
Opening hours comments are most often hopes that the police station should be open 24 hours a day, though there seems little justification for this given that contacting the police has not proved especially difficult for most people. There are also aspirations for other services to be open longer, and for a more visible local presence of one or more CEF partners.

8 Environment

Respondents were asked to say how much of a problem they experience with common environmental issues.

Table 22: Relative significance of environmental problems

Problem	A serious problem	A problem at times	Not really a problem
Litter and dog mess on grass and pavements	25%	51%	24%
Busy and dangerous roads	13%	42%	45%
Cars parking on grass verges/pavements	11%	32%	57%
Nowhere to sit quietly and enjoy nature	11%	25%	64%
Fly tipping and dumping rubbish	10%	42%	48%
Poor maintenance of grassed areas and flowerbeds	8%	25%	67%
Nowhere pleasant to go for a walk or exercise	7%	13%	80%
Noise and air pollution	3%	21%	77%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	<i>Ranges from 381 to 392</i>		



These scores are not especially high, so although some people experience environmental problems as a regular occurrence, over the area as a whole the problems are not especially marked. None of these scores above the level of “a problem at times” overall, so although individuals may have persistent issues these are not widely experienced.

The worst problem is **litter and dog mess** on grass verges and pavements. A quarter of people rate this as a serious problem, and a further 50% say it is a problem at times. Here, the overall score conceals a significant difference between the experience of Tadcaster and village residents; those in the town rate this as a much more serious issue than those in the villages (though it is noticeable that Stutton residents share the view of their Tadcaster neighbours). People with children also experience this problem more than those without.

Busy and dangerous roads are a much lower level of problem overall, but are a more significant issue for people with children (though still only at the level of “a problem at times”). Overall, one in eight people rate this a serious problem, and around half say it is at least a problem at times. Here there are no differences in perception between town and country.

Cars **parking on verges or pavements** is not a serious problem across the area as a whole, and although it is more common in Tadcaster than in the villages it still does not reach levels that would cause significant concern. One in nine people rate this as a serious problem, though, so it may be experienced more severely in particular localities. Over 65s seem to notice, or experience this, more than those in other age-groups.

Quiet places to sit are important in a busy and noisy environment, but are not apparently a problem locally; as would be expected, the villages experience less of a problem here but even in Tadcaster the problem is rated low; that said, one in nine rate this a serious problem, and a further quarter have a problem at times with this issue.

Fly tipping, the dumping of rubbish in unauthorised locations, is not a common problem in this locality; to the extent that it arises, it is a little more noticed in villages than in Tadcaster, with Stutton experiencing this more than anywhere else.

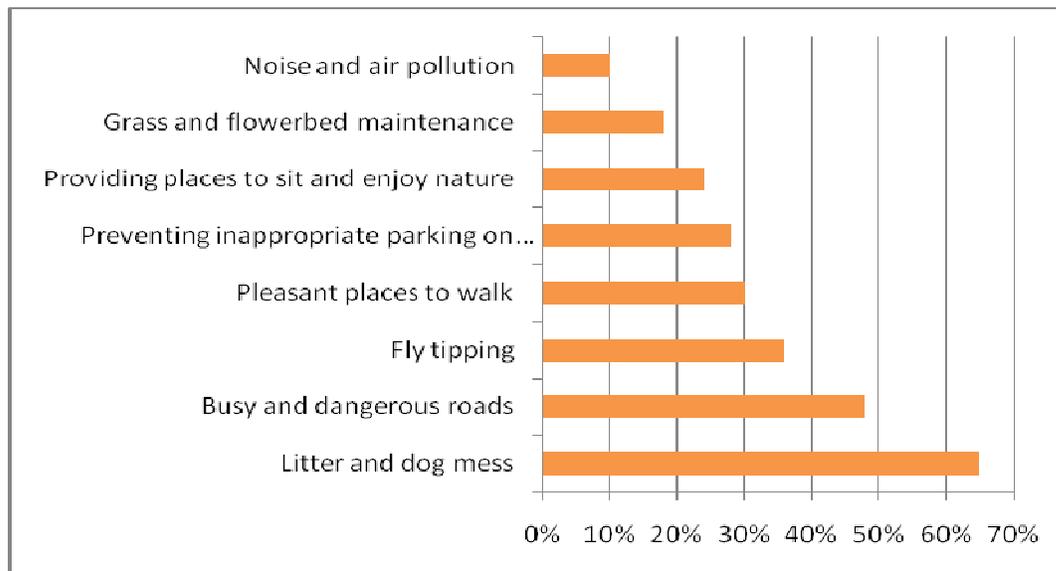
Maintenance of grassed areas and flowerbeds is also not a particular problem in this area; even in Tadcaster, which has more provision of this type, any problem is not on a scale to concern a large number of people.

There is no real lack of **places to walk** or exercise, nor is noise or air **pollution** a challenge to local residents on the whole. These problems barely exist in the villages but even in Tadcaster are not widespread; just 11 people report serious problems with pollution, and only a few more than this find it difficult to find a pleasant place to walk.

Asked about their priorities in the environmental area, people respond as follows:

Table 23: Priorities for change

Priority	Percentage of people choosing this
Litter and dog mess	65%
Busy and dangerous roads	48%
Fly tipping	36%
Pleasant places to walk	30%
Preventing inappropriate parking on pavements	28%
Providing places to sit and enjoy nature	24%
Grass and flowerbed maintenance	18%
Noise and air pollution	10%
<i>N (=100%)</i>	<i>381</i>



Priorities here follow the lead given by the size of the problem. Two thirds of people want to prioritise the fouling of grass areas and pavements by litter or dog mess, with the latter seeming to be the bigger of the two issues for most people. No other issue even approaches this in significance as a priority for change, although over a quarter of people are motivated by inappropriate parking.

Around half of respondents want to prioritise busy and dangerous roads for attention, while a third want there to be some sort of focus on fly tipping. Over a quarter identify walking places as priority, and a slightly smaller proportion also want more and better places to sit where they can enjoy nature. The performance of the powers that be in maintenance of natural areas is, interestingly, a low priority for change, and so too is pollution.

Looking at the priorities set by different groups of people, middle-aged people seem the most concerned about dog mess and litter, while those aged 46-65 are the ones setting fly tipping as a high priority. Places to exercise are a particular concern for younger adults.

Men are much more likely to prioritise parking, and rather less likely to be concerned about places to exercise; busy roads are a special priority for people with children. Places to sit are prioritised more highly by people with disabilities, and so also is inappropriate parking.

Asked for other suggestions to help make the area more attractive, people follow a well-worn path:

Table 24: Additional comments on improving the environment

Aspect	No. of comments
Improve appearance of town centre	41
Reuse empty properties	21
Parking and traffic management	19
More and better footpaths/seating	19
More natural environment/planting	17
Dog poo/litter/bins	12

There are relatively few comments on these issues, but they focus on a few specific issues, most notably the appearance of the town centre and the need to address the empty and boarded-up properties that characterise this area. Some comments challenge the civic pride of the town and its property owners and also comment adversely on comparisons between the appearance of Tadcaster and of its nearby market town rivals, especially Boston Spa and Wetherby (but not Sherburn).

Aspects of traffic management are prominent, and include the issues already raised as problems in specific localities, but also embrace other problems such as pavement cyclists. The call for more environmental work includes those wanting improvements to the riverside.

Young people are especially vocal about the environment. They praise those spaces and places which offer good, clean, natural locations where they can sit with friends, or exercise, and are coruscating about locations (and there are many which they identify) that they perceive to be polluted, neglected, run down or threatening. They also notice poor footpath conditions, signage that needs to be renewed, graffiti on surfaces, smelly drains, and broken glass, all of which detract from the quality of life in this town. Boarded up properties are not only unsightly, but damage the appearance of their surroundings, and the photographs identify a number of properties in varying states of dereliction. Alongside this are dirty and rusty recycling receptacles, damaged signage, litter, poorly maintained open spaces, dirty and muddy environments and so on. The chill pod is more Spartan than some would wish, and the bus station is allowed to become dirty and dominated by older young people whose presence intimidates younger kids.

Appendix 1: Respondent profile

The unweighted dataset gives respondents' personal characteristics as follows:

Age groups (N=388)

Age-group	Proportion of respondents
35 or under	14%
36-45	22%
46-55	22%
56-65	18%
65 or over	24%

Gender (N=400)

	Proportion of respondents
Male	42%
Female	58%

Household composition (N=428)

	Proportion of respondents
Children aged 4 or under	15%
Children aged 5-11	18%
Children aged 12 or over	17%
No children	57%

Access to car or van (N=406)

	Proportion of respondents
Car or van	94%
No car or van	6%

Disability (N=402)

	Proportion of respondents
With disability	17%
No disability	83%

Appendix 2: Questionnaire



THE FUTURE OF THE AREA

The Tadcaster and Villages Community Engagement Forum is carrying out this survey to find out what people think about this area as a place to live, and to find out your priorities for the future. The evidence we gather through this questionnaire will be especially important in helping us to work towards a better future in a period when funding may be in short supply. Please take a few minutes to fill in this questionnaire and return it to us at the Freepost address provided on the back page – you don't need a stamp. And it's all completely anonymous and confidential.

WHERE YOU LIVE

1 **Which town or village do you live in?** **And what is your postcode?** *(we use this only for analysis purposes)*
PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

SHOPPING

2 **Tadcaster town centre serves not only the town itself, but also its surrounding villages. How would you rate Tadcaster as a local place to shop?**
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH OF THESE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF SHOPPING

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Fairly good</i>	<i>Okay</i>	<i>Fairly poor</i>	<i>Very poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
a) range of shops	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
b) choice between shops	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
c) opening times	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
d) parking	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
e) access by public transport	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
f) prices	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
g) availability of what you need	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
h) attractiveness of town centre	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

3 Please choose no more than three of these that you think should be given the highest priority, to improve the shopping experience in Tadcaster and its surrounding villages.
PLEASE TICK ✓ NO MORE THAN THREE BOXES

range of shops	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	access by bus
choice between shops	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	prices
opening times	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	availability of what you need
parking	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	attractiveness of town centre

4 Are there other things we could do that would improve Tadcaster (or the villages) as places to shop?
PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS

5 How well does your local area cater for the needs of these different groups of people?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	<i>Caters very well</i>	<i>Caters fairly well</i>	<i>Caters poorly</i>	<i>No provision at all</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Children under 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Families	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Older and retired people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

6a Thinking first about children and young people, which of these different activities and opportunities should we be trying to provide for them in this area, do you think?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	<i>I like this idea a lot</i>	<i>I quite like this idea</i>	<i>I don't think this would be helpful</i>	<i>This would be a waste of money</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Places to exercise or play	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Places to meet, relax, and socialise safely	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Places to learn and be creative	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Opportunities to volunteer and help others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

6b And thinking now about **families and older people**, which of these different activities and opportunities should we be trying to provide for them in this area, do you think?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	<i>I like this idea a lot</i>	<i>I quite like this idea</i>	<i>I don't think this would be helpful</i>	<i>This would be a waste of money</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Community activities for the whole family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Places where people of all ages can learn together and be creative	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Places and opportunities to meet and socialise with others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Opportunities to volunteer and help others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

6c And thinking about your local area and your own circumstances, how much would you agree or disagree with these statements?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	<i>Agree strongly</i>	<i>Tend to agree</i>	<i>Tend to disagree</i>	<i>Disagree strongly</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
I feel my local area has a strong community spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
My local area is one where people are friendly and look out for one another	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
There's lots going on in my local area	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
I feel I can ask my neighbours and friends nearby for help, when I need it	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
My community/village is a good place to live	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

7 Please only answer this question if you have children living at home with you.
Would any of these activities and opportunities appeal to you or your children, do you think?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	<i>I like this idea a lot</i>	<i>I quite like this idea</i>	<i>I don't think this would appeal</i>	<i>This would be a waste of money</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Activities after school, such as cookery, sports or drama	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Activities for the school holidays, such as trips, art days or other themed activity days	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Activities for the family, such as days out to the theatre or museums, creative days etc, where parents and children work together	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

8a Are there other things we could do that would make this a better area for children and young people, do you think?

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

8b And are there other things we could do that would make this a better area for families and older people, do you think?

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

SAFETY AND CRIME

9 Generally speaking, how much of a problem are each of these in your local area?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH ROW

	<i>A serious problem</i>	<i>A problem at times</i>	<i>Not really a problem at all</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
a) speeding traffic in residential areas	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
b) rowdiness and noise	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
c) young people hanging around in public places	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
d) vandalism and graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
e) trouble caused by people drinking too much	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
f) underage drinking	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
g) disputes with your neighbours	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
h) inappropriate or illegal parking	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

10 Please tick no more than three of these, which you think should be given the highest priority to improve safety in this area.

PLEASE TICK ✓ NO MORE THAN THREE BOXES

a) speeding traffic in residential areas <input type="checkbox"/> 1	f) underage drinking <input type="checkbox"/> 6
b) rowdiness and noise <input type="checkbox"/> 2	g) disputes with neighbours <input type="checkbox"/> 7
c) young people hanging around in public places <input type="checkbox"/> 3	h) illegal or unauthorised parking <input type="checkbox"/> 8
d) vandalism and graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> 4	i) Safety during the day <input type="checkbox"/> 9
e) trouble caused by people drinking too much <input type="checkbox"/> 5	j) Safety after dark <input type="checkbox"/> 10

11 Is there anything else you think we need to do in this area that would help you feel safer?

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

LEISURE AND CULTURE

12 How well do you think Tadcaster and its surrounding villages cater for each of these different leisure interests?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH CATEGORY

	<i>Caters very well</i>	<i>Caters quite well</i>	<i>Caters poorly</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
a) Pubs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
b) Cafes	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
c) Eating out, restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
d) Outdoor sports (playing or watching)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
e) Indoor sports, swimming etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
f) Clubs and societies	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
g) Enjoying the countryside and nature	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
h) Learning, adult education etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
i) Music, concerts etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
j) Theatre, amateur dramatics etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
k) Art, painting, creative arts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

13 Please choose no more than three of these that you think should be given the highest priority, to improve the leisure and cultural life of this area.

PLEASE TICK ✓ NO MORE THAN THREE BOXES

Pubs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	Enjoying the countryside and nature
Cafes	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	Learning, adult education etc.
Eating out, restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	Music, concerts etc.
Outdoor sports (playing or watching)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Theatre, cinema, etc.
Indoor sports, swimming etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Art, painting, creative arts
Clubs and societies	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Support for village halls and community buildings where activities can take place

14 Supposing that day or evening classes for adults were available in your local area, how interested would you be in each of these possible subject areas?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	<i>Very interested</i>	<i>Fairly interested</i>	<i>Not interested</i>
History, including family history	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Relaxation (e.g. Tai chi, yoga)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Dance (ballroom, modern, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Interior design (decoration, fabrics etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Food and drink (e.g. cookery, wine)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Fashion (e.g. clothes, jewellery)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Beauty (e.g. hair, make-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Family (e.g. living with teenagers, story telling)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
IT and media (e.g. computers, photography)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Arts and crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Languages (including sign language)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Other subjects (please write in)			4

15 Is there anything else we need in this area to improve our local leisure and cultural life?
PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

HEALTH AND OTHER SERVICES

16a How easily can you get access to each of these different services?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	<i>Very easily</i>	<i>Fairly easily</i>	<i>With some difficulty</i>	<i>Very difficult</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Doctor's surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Dentist	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Chemist	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Optician	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Visiting a friend in hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

16b And how easily can you get to each of these different services?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY ON EACH LINE

	Very easily	Fairly easily	With some difficulty	Very difficult	Don't know
A bus to York or Leeds	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
A railway station	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
A library	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Contacting a Council office	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Contacting the police	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

17 What, if anything, should we be doing to improve access to health and other services in this area?
PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

18 Generally speaking, how much of a problem are each of these in your local area?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH ROW

	A serious problem	A problem at times	Not really a problem at all	Don't know
a) litter and dog mess on grass or pavements	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
b) fly tipping and dumping rubbish	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
c) poor maintenance of grassed areas and flowerbeds (i.e. cutting, planting etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
d) nowhere pleasant to go for a walk or exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
e) noise and air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
f) busy and dangerous roads	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
g) nowhere to sit quietly and enjoy nature	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
h) cars parking on grassed areas, verges etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

19 Please choose no more than three of these that you think should be given the highest priority, to improve the local environment in this area.
PLEASE TICK ✓ NO MORE THAN THREE BOXES

cleaning up litter and dog mess	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	noise and air pollution
dealing with fly tipping and dumping rubbish	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	making the roads safer
poor maintenance of grassed areas and flowerbeds (i.e. cutting, planting etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	providing places to sit quietly and enjoy nature
providing pleasant places to go for a walk or exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	stopping cars parking on grassed areas, verges etc.

20 What else, if anything, do you think we should be doing to make this area more attractive?
PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX

ABOUT YOURSELF

21a What was your age on your last birthday?
PLEASE WRITE IN YEARS

And are you...? Male 1 Female 2

21b Do you have children under 18 living at home?
PLEASE TICK ✓ ALL THAT APPLY

Yes, aged 0 - 4 1 Yes, aged 5 - 11 2
Yes, aged 12 - 18 3 No 4

21c Does your household have access to a car or light van?
Yes 1 No 2

21d Do you have any longstanding illness or disability?
No 1 Yes 2

Thank you very much for your time. Please return your completed questionnaire, using the enclosed envelope (you don't need a stamp), to

**Phil Back Associates, FREEPOST RRHE-LRZC-EJZL,
24 Church Crescent, Stutton, TADCASTER LS24 9BJ**

© Phil Back Associates Ltd 2010. This document and its contents and ideas are the intellectual and physical property of Phil Back Associates Ltd and may not be used, modified or reproduced without express written permission of the copyright holder.