

Teenagers

Conclusions

This is a small sample and is less than 50% of the teenage population although there is clearly validity in the responses.

The residence period indicates a degree of family stability in the Parish, which might not be found in a more urban area, although the majority of the respondents said that they would not be staying in the Parish as adults.

There appears to be a solid demand for a youth club for teenagers. There has been a successful youth club based at the village hall in Hanley Swan in the past, but the principal problem is finding a suitable and committed person to act as leader (as well as assistants and a backup management committee).

Improvement to public transport does not seem to be a serious concern.

Provision of the Recreation Park and facilities could be associated with the re-launch of a youth club.

Provision of a dynamic youth club might also alleviate the worst feature of the Parish (boredom) from the teenager's viewpoint. However nine of the respondents appreciated the Parish environment.

Objectives

Re-launch the youth club with new leader, assistants and committee – funding needed for this.

New out-door facilities – funding needed for this.

Meeting place. The Parish Council is aware of a structure, which provides an effective 'outdoor meeting room'.

Provision of local employment is reviewed in the Business Questionnaire and affordable housing is reviewed in the main questionnaire. Both of these issues affect the likelihood of teenagers being able to remain in the village when they become adults.

