

Callington Town Plan

SURVEY RESULTS

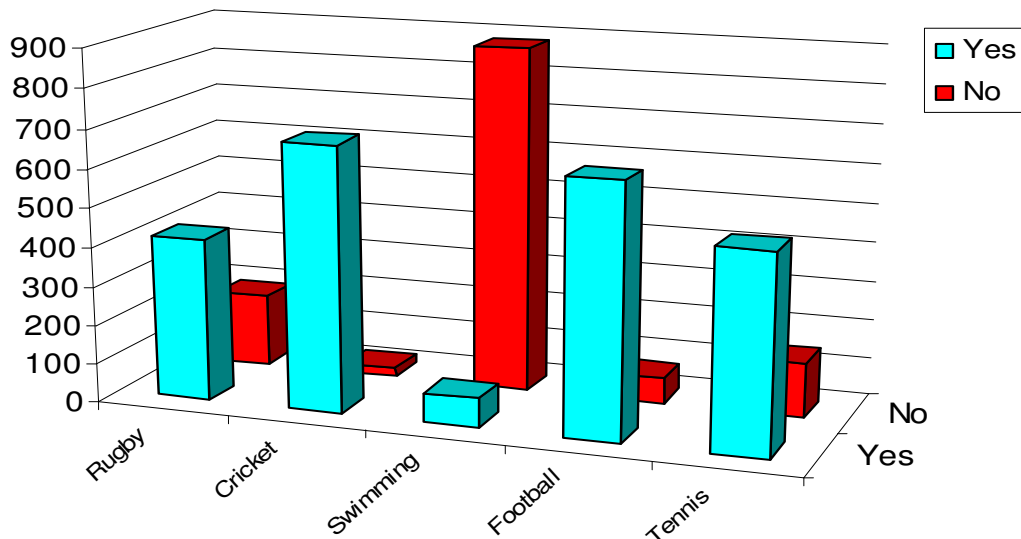
FOR THE SECTION ON 'LEISURE'

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Adequate Facilities?

When asked are there enough facilities for the mentioned activities, the cricket, tennis, football and rugby provision was considered adequate but a total of 888 thought the provision for swimming was inadequate.



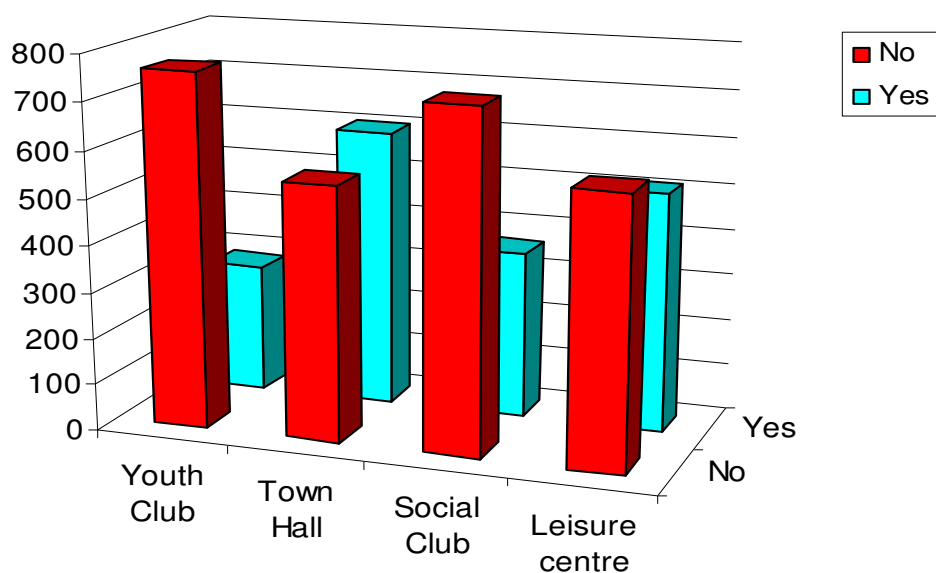
Location of facilities and entertainment

Not surprisingly Plymouth was the main location residents travelled to for various forms of entertainment, especially for professional theatre, cinema, music and dancing, although our own town scored well for musical entertainment and amateur dramatics, evening classes, and club activities.

	Profess. Theatre	Cinema	Am Dram	Music	Evening class	Dancing	Bingo	Meet with similar ages	Club Activities	Art Gallery
Plymouth	880	797	53	311	44	108	79	64	38	43
Callington	3		196	110	95	24	25	120	136	1
Tavistock	9	53	17	18	6	4		5	8	4
Truro	7	1		2				2		2
Liskeard	1	2	5	10	38	6		8	17	2
Sterts	3		17	6				1		
Saltash	1		1	10	15	2	1	8		
Stoke Climsland		2	14	12	6	6	6	4	6	
London	4			2				1		12
St Ives										16
Penzance										1
Elsewhere	2	2	5	41	13	18		23	34	5

Event Information

When asked whether people were aware of what activities were available at the Youth Club, Town Hall, Social Club and Leisure Centre, the Town Hall was the only location that received more affirmative responses than negative ones. More information is obviously needed especially in relation to the Social Club and Youth Club.



Leisure Centre Facilities

As the Community College is now managing the leisure facilities residents were asked what additional facilities they would like to see offered at Launceston Road. A total of 418 comments were entered.

Over 20 comments referred to the need for a gym or improved facilities at the gym

A larger and newer gym (without secondhand equipment)

A gym open more hours, more fitness classes. The opening hours are so poor that we have to go out of Callington to use the gym.

The gym isn't supervised and some of the equipment is broken and in general the whole area needs cleaning up

Comment was also made about the difficulties with youngsters not being able to use the gym unsupervised. A further six persons commented on the need for a crèche.

Crèche if you wanted to use the gym

Comments on the leisure centre in general referred to the lack of publicity [13 comments], costs location and availability times.

Didn't know we had a leisure centre!

Don't know what's on offer at the moment!

Would actually like to know what it offers now

Cheaper prices for school children in school holidays

Cheaper price - We need good value for money, currently not good.

More time for other residents other than just school times.

Get it away from the school

If you want the youth to use the leisure facilities then they should be situated away from school surroundings. We adults do not always want to socialise at our place of work, why should the youth be expected to go back to school surroundings?

Need new leisure centre with swimming pool away from the school setting.

Terrible access to sports/leisure centre.

Have no idea of what's going on in the leisure centre- advertisement?

13 comments referred to fitness classes for all age groups [youngsters, mums and the elderly] as well as diet and health classes.

Fitness for younger children

Keep fit for mums with babies.

Some exclusive clubs for overweight, out of control, middle-agers

There was a total of 61 other comments on the type of facilities that would be appreciated, most were requested by no more than 3 or 4 people. The following comments are a cross section of those made.

*Tennis club house facilities,
Art galleries needed in Callington
BMX and skateboard park
Exercise classes or evening classes in belly dancing etc.
Dance classes for children
Evening yoga classes
More activities for younger children*

The Swimming Pool Issue

The highest number of comments received regarding facilities at the Leisure Centres was from 318 people requesting a swimming pool. A further 24 commented on this for the next question.

*Improved swimming pool facilities & better gym with more variety.
Good swimming pool with slides
Larger, covered, heated swimming pool
I feel a swimming pool is needed in Callington as the population has grown greatly. A local pool would mean I could leave the car at home.
I would really like to see a swimming pool as it is good fun for all ages and abilities.
Facilities are pretty good for a town this size but would be enhanced by a swimming pool.
We desperately need an indoor heated swimming pool.*

Other Requirements

At the end of the section on Leisure residents were asked if they had any other comments they would like to make about the local leisure facilities. The additional comments on swimming pools have been combined with the above section

Several people [between 2 and 5] mentioned that they would like a Bowling alley, Cinema, Golf, an Ice Skating ring, and a Skatepark. Further general comments on the leisure facilities are as follows:-

*Everything in the town is too cliquey. No one likes 'new blood' entering their area.
Most activities happen during the day and that doesn't help working people.
Plenty available if you wish to access them
Activities are poorly managed. Individuals involved should be strongly congratulated for their efforts
So much to do in the town for any age group, no complaint.*

Need lots of improvement without too bigger rise in cost

One person expected all the facilities of a large town;

Build a theme park, a cinema, shopping centre, Macdonalds, ice rink, night club, jazz bar, old peoples pub, theatre, opera house, 70's disco palace and safer parks

Youth

Over 16 comments related to youth with most people commenting on the lack of facilities for them;

The youth are the problem and need something to do rather than drink or ride up and down on skateboards.

Local youths need entertainment. They have no facilities so they hang around on the streets- do you blame them?

The youth club needs to offer something for the youngsters to do on the weekends as they seem to just cause trouble in the centre.

Youth club, is there one and is it very good? as the kids seem to like hanging around on the streets

Publicity

There were a significant number of comments on the lack of publicity for the facilities that are available, with over 20 people mentioning this in addition to the comments made relating to the Leisure Centre.

Information on what is available locally is rare, need to publicise events more.

Its hard to find out about activities going on in Callington.

More information required on all facilities and where they take place.

Think they should be advertised more as I didn't even know Callington had a youth club!

There are many activities going on in Callington but residents need to be made more aware of them.

Where are facilities advertised???

Leisure Issues

The following are all issues arising from residents responses, that need consideration.

- ❖ Lack of information on activities at
Leisure Centre
Social Club
Youth Club
- ❖ Leisure Centre needs

Swimming pool
Improved gym
Creche facilities

- ❖ More facilities required for youth

Next Stage

The next stage is to look at the issues and decide on the best way to solve the problems in a way that is not only practical but economically realistic. This is where we need *YOUR* ideas, whatever age you are! Do you have any suggestions to make?

Please come along and join in the discussion on the Town Centre that will take place on the following date:-

LEISURE, EDUCATION & YOUTH
Thursday 20th January 7.00, Council Chamber Town Hall