

# Callington Town Plan

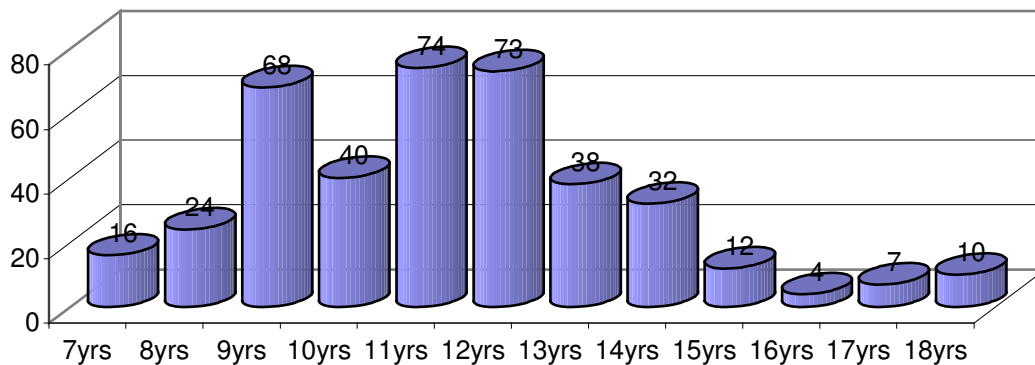
## RESULTS FOR THE YOUTH SURVEY

*Blue italics denotes comments made by respondents.*

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### Respondents

A total of 398 youth surveys were returned with the majority of the children being in the 9 - 14 years range.

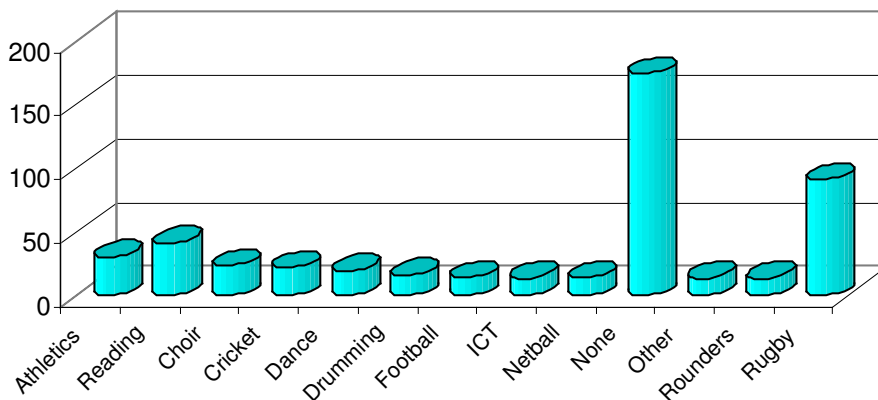


The majority were evenly distributed through Callington or Kelly Bray with only one persons considering they lived in the 'countryside'

### Activities and Hobbies

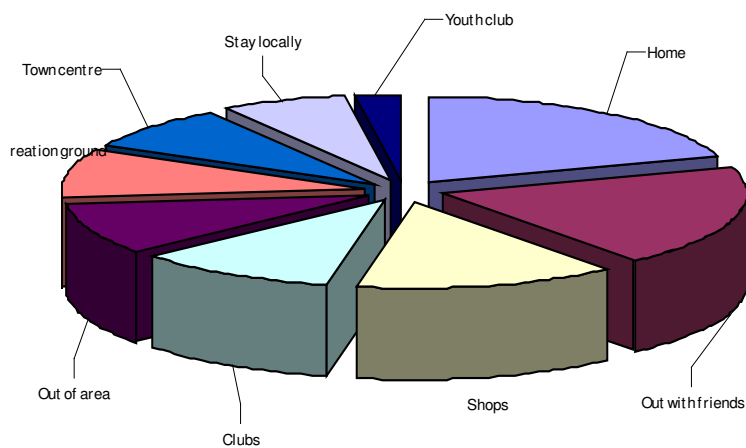
When asked whether they took part in any organised activities, connected with their school, but which took part outside normal school hours a large number of responses were received as they could tick more than one box. The 90 votes under 'Other'

actually represented a further 21 activities that were mentioned. A total of 174 youngsters said they did not attend any organised activities or clubs.



When asked if they took part in any organised activities not connected with school/college and outside of normal school hours there was again a large response. These were the most popular activities in which the participants took part in at least once a month: - Football - 58, Rugby - 28, Swimming - 24, Piano/instrument Lesson/violin - 23, Girl Guides - 21, Horse Riding - 21, Cross Country - 20, Scouts - 19, Sunday School - 14, Dance, Jazz, Tap, Ballet - 13, Cricket - 11, Cubs - 10, Gym - 10. A further 36 activities were mentioned which had received 123 ticks. 142 said that they did not attend any activities.

The main reasons for not taking part in any activities were that there was nothing on offer they wanted to do [97 persons]. Cost was a factor for 21 youngsters with 18 having transport problems getting to or back from the locations.



When asked where they went in their spare time, 'Stay at Home' was the most popular response followed by 'Out with Friends' and then 'Shops' The Youth Club featured as the least popular place to go. However in the next question 119 said they would like more access to the Youth Club

but the top priority was for somewhere to meet with 348 wanting an indoor location and 220 preferring an outdoor meeting place. 287 wanted a computer café.

**Nearly 88% of youth just want an indoor location to meet their friends in**

## What they think of Callington

When asked what thought about where they lived there was a total of 192 comments. Four were happy with everything and there was a total of 50 different comments about appreciated the cleanliness and the general environment.

*No litter*

*It's a lovely place to live*

*A field to play in*

*Its big and there are lots of trees - I live close to countryside*

*Park close by, peaceful, we are in the countryside, good neighbours and good school*

A further forty-three comments referred to proximity of their friends and family

*Grandparents live locally*

*Warm place to live, caring parents*

*I get to play with my friends and it is quite friendly*

*Lots of places to go with my friends*

*I can go out with my friends, I have lovely neighbours*

*I like the baker, people are friendly*

Thirty-five comments were about the parks and places to play

*Park for small children and another for big children*

*Has nice parks*

*Little park nearby and it's a nice place to have friends to play with*

*Park across the road, big field to ride my bike*

Seventeen commented on how quiet it was with another seventeen mentioning that it was 'safe'.

*In Kelly Bray it's nice and quiet, I like the baker*

*Its very quiet where I live*

*It is quiet and you can ride your bike, it's safe*

Fifteen comments related to the shops and school.

*Good education*

*Good school*

*Plenty of shops*

A further 12 comments did not fall into any particular category or contained many comments.

*I like Callington because it's set out very strangely*

*Lots of shops and lots of room, roads are very quiet, Parks are good for small children, I can see my friends more, people are friendly and say hello when you go past*

When asked what they disliked about the area they lived in there were 363 comments, some of these it has not been possible to classify, the following comments reveal the main areas of concern.

Although there were ten who said there was nothing they disliked about Callington there were thirty-three who disliked everything about it and generally thought it was boring. The age of those making the comments is given.

*Nothing but Callington is boring, [11 yrs]*

*Nowhere to meet my mates no decent shops nothing to do, [13 yrs]*

Over eighty comments were on the parks and the lack of play/recreation facilities, but it will be noted that these comments were from the older age group.

*Park is really boring - nothing much to do there, [11 yrs]*

*Its too small and it needs more facilities at the park, [12 yrs]*

*No where to meet my mates, no decent shops, nothing to do, [13 yrs]*

*Not a lot to do, no bowling, no cinema, no cool shops, [13 yrs]*

*Nothing to do and boring, [14 yrs]*

*Doesn't have a lot to do, no swimming pool, youth club isn't very good, no cinema or anything interesting to do, [15 yrs]*

*Not a lot to do, no swimming pool, youth club isn't very good, no cinema, [15 yrs]*

*Nowhere suitable for young people, [18 yrs]*

Cars and traffic concerns provoked fifty-six comments with noise, speed, danger and pollution being mentioned.

*I don't like cars that go really fast, [8 yrs]*

*Too much revving up of cars in car park, [9 yrs]*

*Too many motor bikes and fast cars, [9 yrs]*

*Too many roads, no pavements, no cycle routes, [11 yrs]*

*Too much traffic at school times and dangerous to get home, [11 yrs]*

*I live behind the car park and at night teenagers are racing around the car park and I can't get to sleep, [12 yrs]*

*Main road goes straight through middle of the town, [13 yrs]*

Thirty-nine commented on the bad behaviour of teenagers and on vandalism, most of these comments coming from the younger age group. A further nineteen specifically mentioned swearing and bad language. A small percentage of children mentioned drugs.

*I hate it when people use bad language, [8 yrs]*

*Too much swearing, [8 yrs]*

*Noise by teenagers, swearing, [9 yrs]*

*Too many older kids taking drugs in the park, [11 yrs]*  
*Teenagers racing around the car park, sort out drinking and drugs, [12 yrs]*  
*Town park is not clean and taken over by people who drink and smoke all hours. There are no shops to buy decent clothes from. There is nowhere to go and hang out with friends in a safe environment, [16 yrs]*  
*Too noisy at night, glass in parks, nowhere to meet and do sort out drinking in public and drugs especially dealing, [12 yrs]*  
*Lots of people take drugs, [13 yrs]*  
*Gangs in main town, [14 yrs]*

Environmental issues were of concern with 19 commenting on litter, 18 mentioned noise pollution, 14 commented on dog faeces and 2 mentioned light pollution.

*Too many leaves and no one to sweep them up, [8 yrs]*  
*Town isn't being treated well and rubbish is everywhere, [11 yrs]*  
*Callington is really scruffy and vandalised, [12 yrs]*  
*Too much noise after 11pm, [9 yrs]*  
*Cars revving up in free car park, [9 yrs]*  
*Church bells too early, [9 yrs]*  
*I don't like dog poo on the pavement, [8 yrs]*  
*Lamp post outside my bedroom and I can't sleep, [9 yrs]*  
*House down the road have grass that is too long and there are mattresses outside the council houses, [10 yrs]*

Twenty comments related to family and friends, many commenting on the lack of friends

*We don't know many people and don't have many friends, [9 yrs]*  
*Can't see friends very often as they don't live near, [11 yrs]*

Neighbours were the cause of nineteen comments, most of them not very complimentary!

*Neighbours don't like us playing football in lane, [9 yrs]*  
*Noisy neighbours, [9 yrs]*

Two issues that arose were the presence of boulders preventing play, there were nineteen comments on this and ten commented on people preventing ball games

*2 places to play football have been ruined because they banned ball games and put rocks and benches made of metal and wood, [11 yrs]*  
*In Inney Close they have put boulders so we can't play football, [12 yrs]*  
*Old people stop us from playing football in the crescent, [12 yrs]*  
*People who put signs up saying they are from the council but they are not [9 yrs]*

The range of shops came in for criticism with seventeen comments about this.

*No decent shops, tons of hairdressers and charity shops, need some clothes shops and games shops, [10 yrs]*

*Co-op too expensive, I have to go to Tescos, not enough sweets to buy, no computer shops, [11 yrs]*

*Shops are really bad and sell the same things, [11 yrs]*

## Transport

When asked how the young people get about 314 said they walk, 125 use a bike, 262 rely on lifts in cars and 36 use the bus. When they need to travel out of Callington 12 used a bike, 34 relied on lifts in cars, 332 used the bus and 4 had other means of transport.



## Career Expectations

Three hundred and six said they hoped to go on to further education beyond 16 years and seventy-three said they did not.

When asked what sort of job they would like to have the most popular category with over 56 students mentioning it was for jobs that involved animals, fifteen indicating they would like to be vets.

*Job at my favourite riding stables  
Taking over my Dad's farm or something with animals  
Dolphin trainer or other animals*

Equally popular was careers associated with the arts with 15 wishing to be pop stars. Artists, architecture and music were also mentioned and 3 respondents wanted to be pole dancers.

*Artist and clothes designer  
Something to do with art or music  
Art teacher or fashion designer  
Graphic designer*

Closely behind, came fifty-two persons who wanted jobs associated with sports, quite a few of these wanted to be professional footballers but other sports such as cricket and golf were mentioned as well as associated jobs.

*Water sports teacher  
Sports wear designer*

Thirty-five wanted jobs associated with mechanical engineering, car or lorry driving.

*Make cars, car racing*

*Work on railway lines  
Mechanic working on tractors  
Mechanic or lorry driver*

Thirty-five wanted to be in service industries with hairdresser or beautician being the most popular choice. Thirty wanted to be in health and care with 16 wishing to be a doctor or a nurse, other careers mentioned were; paramedic, physiotherapist sports psychologist and also two who wished to be church ministers. Twenty-three wanted to go into teaching and a further 20 did not know or were undecided.

*Job I can do well and suits me  
One which involves intelligence  
Biological sciences at uni - something related to this*

Thirteen wanted to go into the construction industry or associated trades. Builders, electricians and a plumber were mentioned. Twelve wanted to go into one of the armed forces and eight would like to be a policeman. Ten were more concerned about the remuneration they would receive.

*Something that pays good money and is interesting  
One that pays good money*

An unusual choice by 10 students who spanned an age range from 8 years to eighteen was an archaeologist. Surprisingly only seven expressed an interest in information technology.

*Make computer games  
Computer job*

The remaining respondents mentioned various jobs and careers that do not fall into the above categories such as lawyer, journalist and gardener.

### **Long Term Plans**

When asked whether they thought they would stay in Callington there were two hundred comments

Thirty wanted to go to larger places or simply experience new places

*Like to work somewhere big, [10 yrs]  
Want to go somewhere else [11yrs]  
Want to see something new, [14 yrs]  
Would like to move on in life, [16 yrs]  
Nowhere to work, nothing that interests me or pays enough, [17 yrs]  
There are more interesting places out of Cornwall, [17 yrs]  
Experience other places in UK, [18 yrs]*

Six indicated they would have to move away for further education.

*Not close enough to the college I want to go to, [13 yrs]*

Eighty nine expressed the opinion that there were few job/career prospects in the Callington area and would have to move away because of this.

*I want to live in Callington, but don't want a job in Callington, [8 yrs]*

*The jobs I like are outside Callington, [10 yrs]*

*More opportunities outside Callington, [11 yrs]*

*Not many work opportunities, [13 yrs]*

*Time to move on, no job opportunity, [18 yrs]*

Seventeen just expressed the opinion that they found the area boring.

*Because it is boring and has nothing to entertain people, [11 yrs]*

*Too remote, not close to anything, boring, [14 yrs]*

Another sixteen thought it was too small and there were no opportunities for them.

*Too few opportunities, [12 yrs]*

*Callington is too small, [8 yrs]*

Fifteen expressed a desire to travel, some named locations but others just wanted to visit other countries.

*I want to move to Paris, [9 yrs]*

*I would like to go somewhere more exotic, [11 yrs]*

*Wish to travel the world, [12 yrs]*

There were a further fifty-six comments that were difficult to categorise and with some the meaning was not clear

*Because you can go on holiday as well as work, [10 yrs]*

*I'd rather get around and not be a towny, [14 yrs]*

*Why stay? [17 yrs]*

*Too crowded, [12 yrs]*

### **Further Comments**

When asked if there were any further comments they would like to add about living in Callington/Kelly Bray 164 took the opportunity to contribute their opinions. Nine simply considered that the area was boring.

*It should have more things to do because we can be bored, [12 yrs]*

There were seventy-five comments on the type of facilities they would like to see in the town.

*I would like an arcade with MacDonaldis, bowling, lots of pubs, a cinema and car racing course and a football pitch, [7 yrs]*

*Need a bowling club in a very large hut, needs a swimming pool and a model railway, [7 yrs]*

*Swimming pool, cinema, MacDonaldis, school should have swings, climbing frame and things arcade, train station, more shops, bowling alley, sweet shops, more equipment in the parks, [7 yrs]*

*Needs a cinema, swimming pool (giant size), bowling arcade, Burger King, MacDonaldis, [8 yrs]*

*Decent clothes shops, faster buses, a train station, [12 yrs]*

*Something needed for teenagers to do, internet café, bowling, etc. Too much smashed glass in the park. Drive to stop drugs and drinking and smoking in public areas [12 yrs]*

*I would like Kelly Bray to more enjoyable for kids of all ages - we would like a park in the area, [13 yrs]*

*Needs swimming pool and cinema, but don't turn it into a city it would be horrible.*

*Why are they taking out the Callington to Tavistock bus? [13 yrs]*

*Clubs and events for younger people are not advertised therefore young people have nowhere to go people therefore crowd the square boy racers driving at high speeds, [18 yrs]*

*More needs to be done to get young people off the streets and the town square, [18 yrs]*

However 34 youngsters considered that the town was alright as it was.

*Good quiet place to live and peaceful, [11 yrs]*

*Nice and quiet, good skate park, and all the things you need, [11 yrs]*

*Callington is brilliant for me - just a few problems, [12 yrs]*

*Nice place to live, quiet and peaceful - not sure it needs to be bigger, [12 yrs]*

*Usually quiet - don't add too much and turn it into a city, [13 yrs]*

There were another eighteen comments on the shops.

*Nice and friendly - needs better and up to date shops, [10 yrs]*

*No clothes shops, nothing of any interest, no coffee shops, [11 yrs]*

There were a further thirty-eight comments that it was difficult to categorise, the following is a random example.

*Vandalism because the youth club will only have over 13s - nothing to do - boredom, [10 yrs]*

*Why has the ice cream man stopped coming to my street? [10 yrs]*

*No bike path and too many expensive houses, [11 yrs]*

*I would use my bike more if there were cycle lanes and places to keep it secure, [13 yrs]*

*Flats in Kelly Bray need to go, need a swimming pool, [17 yrs]*

*Need cameras nearly everywhere because of fast cars, [8 yrs]*

## **Youth Issues**

The following are all issues arising from the youth survey that need consideration.

- ❖ **An informal indoor location for youth to meet**
- ❖ **Improved opening hours at the Youth Club**
- ❖ **Additional play/recreation facilities especially for the older age group**
- ❖ **Boulders in grassed area preventing play**
- ❖ **Diversion needed for 'boy racers'**
- ❖ **More safe cycle tracks**

## **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**