

Chacewater Parish



Local Neighbourhood Development Plan

Youth Engagement Report 2018



CHACEWATER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Strategy Group had always identified younger people in the community as a vital factor in terms of determining the future shape and needs of Chacewater Parish. Therefore, we actively involved pupils from our Community Primary School in the Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA) work and this gave us a much better understanding of what youngsters in that age group liked about living here. However, there remained a slight void in our knowledge base because, throughout the NDP process, we had received very little feedback from those of secondary school age. So, we decided to make a more direct approach to this key section of the community to establish what is good or potentially frustrating for them about living in and around the Parish. This spawned some good ideas, some of which should be included to inform future planning considerations and maintain their involvement in the community.

AIM

2. The aim of this short report is therefore to inform how we went about this information gathering process, what it revealed and how we might take forward the ideas from our teen-aged community.

HOW WE WENT ABOUT IT?

3. Firstly, we felt we needed to offer some form of inducement to attract our teenagers to air their views, so we staged a targeted hour long event at the Old Market, Chacewater on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 (**Annex A**), at which we offered a raffle prize and free ices – fortunately the day was hot! In all, 35 of our youngsters came along and both genders were equally represented. We asked them to either put their ideas on ‘post it’ notes or to complete a 3-page Questionnaire (**Annex B**).

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

4. The detailed analysis from the Youth Engagement event can be seen at **Annex C**, from which we took the following key findings:

- The word descriptors gave us a view that most liked living in Chacewater, although a few thought it rather quiet and in some respects boring.
- 76% actually like living in Chacewater.
- Their future hopes, expectations and aspirations ranged from:
 - Further Education
 - Staying in Cornwall
 - Science, Engineering, Trades or other professional careers that will make a real difference (e.g. Public Services, Teaching, Medicine, Legal, Media and Agriculture).
- Three key themes they liked about living in Chacewater were:
 - Friends, Family and Community.
 - The quiet countryside.
 - The Park/Recreation Ground.
- We received a very positive response to the question on whether they would engage in any voluntary work, especially helping other people, looking after the environment and learning outside the school curriculum.
- Most of our youngsters wanted to join a local club within the community, especially for Sport and Exercise, Communication and Learning Skills.

5. In addition, the ideas/suggestions ‘post-its’ varied widely and ranged from:

- Youth, Gym and Sporting clubs.
- Upgrades to the Recreation Ground. e.g. Play Area, Skate Park, Zip Wire and Astro area.
- A Club House for “hanging out”.
- Gardening space, Walking and Bird watching at the Millennium Green.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The NDP team involved in the Youth Engagement Event really valued the opportunity to meet with our younger community members and some parents. This element of the NDP process clearly identified a critical need to support the teen aged community as they progress through life. Broadly, it identified that:

- Young people aspire to a healthy and productive future, either locally or outside the area.
- Young people value friendship, their community and expressed a strong desire to help others.
- Young people value and wish to protect the environment.
- Young people want out of school pursuits that may broaden their horizons, maintain their health and well-being and enhance their inter-communication skills.
- Young people valued a settled home, family and community base.

7. The key recommendations from this report for the NDP must be to embrace and incorporate the views and aspirations of this group across the range of policy areas; from business and employment, through housing provision to community health, well-being and preservation of the environment. Importantly, several parents expressed a wish to actively support youth type activities. Finally, the strong demand for improved sport and recreation facilities raised through this report could be delivered within the replacement “all activities” type pavilion on the Recreation Ground, which the Parish Council has currently initiated.

Prepared by the Chacewater Parish NDP Strategy Team

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Annexes:

- A. Chacewater Parish NDP Community Youth Engagement Poster.
- B. Chacewater Parish NDP Youth Engagement Event – Questionnaire.
- C. Chacewater Parish NDP Youth Engagement Event - Questionnaire Analysis.
- D. Chacewater Parish NDP Youth Engagement Event - ‘Post-It’ Ideas & Suggestions.

CHACEWATER PARISH COMMUNITY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT POSTER

CHACEWATER COMMUNITY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Have Your Say!

Please ask your parents if you can drop in to the Old Market after school/college:

Tuesday 22nd May 2018: 3.30pm

Because we want to know your views on how to make Chacewater a better place for young people:

- What do you think?
- What would you like?
- What do you want to change?



Free Ices!

Free Raffle!

Prize - Skateboard



 Chacewater Parish LNDP

Dear Parent, a key element of the Chacewater Neighbourhood Development Plan that we aim to deliver in early 2019, is to get a better feel for what our younger community value most or wish to see improved around the Parish; so we can make it a better place for them to live now and long into the future.

We therefore need to hear from our youngsters and so ask for your support to make this happen, by encouraging them (and you also if you are able?) to pop in to our hour long Youth Engagement 'Drop In' session - **at the Old Market at 3.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May** - where a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Team will note down any ideas.

Planning for a hot day (at last!), we thought a **FREE** ice cream/ice tube might be good way of encouraging participation in this most important event. A table tennis table will be set up along with other board games and there will be a **FREE raffle** because we have a **high-end Skateboard** to give away!

So, the plan is to **hand this flyer (with Raffle Ticket) to all secondary school** students when they get off the bus on the **afternoon of Monday 21st May**, so they will hopefully **drop in** to advise us what they like or want to see improved around the area in which they live the **next day**.

A copy of this flyer will be posted on various notice boards around the Parish (especially at bus stops!) and on social media outlets as a reminder. If your son/daughter does not use the bus then please just contact me for a flyer/raffle ticket.

Finally, by way of assurance, I will oversee the event and am DBS cleared.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing as many of our youngsters as possible on the day, even if it's just for 5 minutes.

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CHACEWATER PARISH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT – QUESTIONNAIRE

CHACEWATER ROCKS???

1.	WHAT'S IT LIKE growing up in Chacewater?		
2.	DO YOU LIKE living in Chacewater?	YES	NO

3.	WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 10 YEARS TIME?		
4.	WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO BE DOING?		
5.	WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 5 YEARS TIME?		

6.	WHAT DO YOU LIKE about Chacewater?		
7.	3 THINGS you want TO DO in future?		
	[1]	[2]	[3]
8.	3 THINGS you want TO SEE in future?		
	[1]	[2]	[3]

9.	HOW LONG have you lived in Chacewater?	Years/months	
10.	IF YOU LEAVE Chacewater, WHEN will you come back?		
11.	WOULD YOU do some VOLUNTARY WORK in Chacewater?	YES	NO

(a)	HELPING OTHER PEOPLE?		
(b)	LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT?		
(c)	LEARNING REPAIRS & MAINTAINANCE?		
(d)	SOMETHING ELSE?		
12.	WHAT ARE THE FAVOURITE THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?		
13.	WHAT IS MISSING FOR YOU in Chacewater?		
14.	WOULD YOU LIKE to JOIN A LOCAL YOUTH AGED CLUB for:	YES	NO
(a)	SPORTS/EXERCISE?		
(b)	HANGING OUT?		
(c)	STUDY?		
(d)	MUSIC?		
(e)	TALKING?		
(f)	SKILLS?		
(d)	SOMETHING ELSE?		
15.	ANY OTHER IDEAS/COMMENTS? PLEASE "HAVE YOUR SAY"		

CHACEWATER PARISH NDP YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS

WHAT'S IT LIKE GROWING UP IN CHACEWATER?

I like growing up in Chacewater as it is like one big close community
 It's OK you make friends easily
 Fun I love Chacewater
 Fun
 Fun
 It is good because there are different things to do
 It's nice because it's a small village so we all know each other
 Nice
 Lovely
 Fun, Quiet
 Different, Quiet, Fun
 Lovely! !!
 Good
 Great fun
 Enjoying it at the moment
 It's fine
 It's OK
 Awful
 No Response
 Quiet, Boring
 Boring

So: 13 v. positive [62%] 4 positive [19%] so 81% and 4 unimpressed [19%]

DO YOU LIKE living in Chacewater? YES - 16 [76%] NO – 5 [24%]

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 10 YEARS TIME? University; New York City; Working and in University; University; Cornwall; Uni; Up country; Probably up country in University; Cornwall; In the Navy; Probably here or in Cornwall at least; University/working; I don't know; Truro; Rich Man; Finishing my GCSE's; in University; Probably in College/university; Chacewater; Working in Cornwall; University

So: University: 9(43%); Up Country/NYC/Navy: 4(19%); Cornwall: 6(28%); Working: 4(19%); DK: 1(5%)

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO BE DOING? Teaching; Science Degree; Vet or Beauty; Modelling; Landscaping; Teacher; Uni. or College; Teaching; Lawyer; Engineering; Plumbing/IT; Medicine based; Scientist or Fire Brigade; Teaching; Own a business of some sort; A football player; to be an engineer; Computer teacher; A big school, baking; Farming; Architecture.

So: Teaching: 5 (24%); Science/Engineer/Architect/Medicine/Legal:6 (29%); Education: 3 (14%); Agriculture: 3 (14%); Fashion/entertainment: 3 (14%); Business/public service: 4 (19%)

WHAT DO YOU LIKE about Chacewater?

I like that we all know each other and I like that there is a Primary School, Village Hall and Park, etc.
 The Park.
 I like that I can hang out with my friends.
 Playing with my mate and the park.
 It's cosy.
 The Park, the houses and the People.
 I like how it's secluded and we are all in this together. Also, I like the park.
 Nice atmosphere.
 Friends, Countryside.
 Quiet, Friendly.
 Quiet, many footpaths.

Friendly people, events, quietness.

Positivity.

Quiet, everything in one place.

The School.

Playing in the river.

It's sometimes peaceful.

peaceful village. The community. The walks.

Everyone is very friendly.

Walks & River - can play in it. Longboarding (skateboard but bigger).

So: Park: 5 (**24%**); Friends, family & community: 12 (**57%**); Quiet countryside: 9 (**43%**)

WOULD YOU LIKE to do some VOLUNTARY WORK in Chacewater? YES – 15 (71%)

- Helping other people? YES – 16 (76%)
- Looking after the Environment? YES - 17 (81%)
- Learning Repairs & Maintenance? YES – 11 (52%)

WOULD YOU LIKE to JOIN A LOCAL YOUTH AGED CLUB for:

- Sports/Exercise? 14 (66%)
- Hanging Out? 15 (71%)
- Study? 6 (29%)
- Music? 9 (43%)
- Talking? 13 (62%)
- Skills? 14 (66%)

**CHACEWATER PARISH NDP YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT
'POST-IT' IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS**

Scout Group
Youth Club x 2
Youth Club for different ages
Trampoline Floor in Youth Club
Gymnasium
Hoola Hooping Club in the big Hall
Walking Club
Skateboard Club
Better Skateboard Park
Zip Wire
Upgrade the Play Park Roundabout – too slow!
Binoculars for Watching Birds on Millennium Green
Gardening Club, with help for those that can't
Rugby Club outside school hours
Chacewater Rugby Youth Club
Netball Club for outside school hours
Club House to “hang out” in
Place for us to hang out with friends
Golf Course, Swimming Pool and Astro Turf Football pitch
More Shops

Willing Helpers:

Ellie would volunteer to help run a Youth Club – Contact: 01209 698254
Emma would help with Drawing & Art Club – Contact: 07952 363455