

Village Plan 2007

Although a majority of respondents also felt that the sporting facilities available were of importance, and were generally satisfied with these facilities, active support for sporting activities within the community is generally somewhat limited with some clubs struggling for members. This may reflect the higher average age profile of the residents. The mobile library and the local Play Group (which meets in the Recreation Hall) were also regarded as being important local amenities.

Unfortunately, a significant number of amenities continue to disappear from the community and it is always difficult to replace them (see below). The Post Office, which had been located next to the Tredegar Arms, closed in 1997, the local garage ceased trading in 1992 and the Shirenewton village police station closed in 1988.



Wish List

The questionnaire went on to ask residents what amenities out of a suggested list they would most like to see introduced into the villages, and also sought the views of the Under-18 age group in the community. The strongest response was for the reinstatement of a Post Office in the village, followed by a wish for a local Doctor's surgery and more local access to petrol. There was also a strong response for the provision of better public footpaths and improved children's play facilities. Also finding favour were the idea of a lunch club for older residents and an on-demand bus (see Roads and Traffic below).

On the sporting side a clear preference was shown, ironically, for a local golf course which has just closed and an all-weather football pitch, followed by the provision of a badminton court and outdoor table tennis tables. Overall the responses received revealed a broad range of interests, reflecting the differing age groups within the community.

The responses received from the Under-18 community naturally showed different priorities. The strongest support was shown for further children's playing facilities, with the idea of a youth club, an all-weather football pitch and the availability of a mobile cinema coming in a close tied second. Other items which struck a chord with this group were better local footpaths and a venue featuring live music.

The survey also revealed that although in general many people demonstrated an interest in having facilities such as a youth club, an internet café or a skateboarding area available in the community, the majority of respondents also indicated that they would not use them regularly even if they were available.