

Sport and Leisure

The Issues:

The need to improve and maximise the use of existing facilities
 Provide facilities for a wider range of sporting and leisure activities
 Support opportunities to enjoy the surrounding countryside

Background

In Steeton there are established football, cricket and bowling clubs with reasonable facilities. In Eastburn there are no established sports clubs. Feedback from local young people and adults demonstrates the need to improve existing facilities and make provision for access to a wider range of activities. The provision of a focal meeting point for sports and leisure activities was advocated by 43% of questionnaire respondents and activities to bring all sections of the community together by 18% of respondents. 19% of respondents asked for an additional play area to be provided for the young people in the Thornhill Road area. The junior questionnaire highlighted that young people are very concerned about the lack of facilities in Eastburn Playing Field and would like to see further improvements to the Keighley Road Recreation Ground. The Millennium Way footpath goes through the parish and there are numerous other footpaths and rights of way within the parish. There is public access to Eastburn Moor and Redcar Common. 10% of respondents would like to see local walks organised and 19% the publication of local guides and information booklets..

Partners:

Parish Council
 BDMC
 Local Estate agents
 Activity organisers.



Action:

- 1a) Establish a working party to further the provision of a community focal point.
- 1b) Make local residents more aware of existing facilities
- 1c) Improve the facilities at the Bowling Pavilion.
- 1d) Improve the drainage at Eastburn Playing Field to provide access to sports pitches.
- 1e) Improve the drainage at Keighley Road Recreation Ground to provide junior sports pitches.
- 1f) Liaise with existing sports clubs to increase community use.
- 1g) Incorporate facilities for other sporting activities at existing recreational sites.
- 1h) Look at the provision of sporting and leisure activities for disabled members of the community.
- 1i) Investigate the provision of safe pedestrian access to sport and leisure facilities.
- 2a) Encourage BMDC to publish local circular walk leaflets.
- 2b) Encourage the organisation of 'Exercise for Life' walks.
- 2c) Monitor the condition and promote the upgrading of public footpaths and rights of way.

Timescale:

1a, 1b, 1f, 2a, 2b:
 2009
 1c, 1g, 1i: 2008-2011
 1d, 1h: 2008-2009
 1e: 2009-2011
 2c: Ongoing