

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

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RUTLAND TOGETHER CULTURE & LEISURE STRATEGY 2013-2016 and FACILITIES SURVEY

Report of the Operational Director of Places

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| STRATEGIC AIMS: | Creating an active and enriched community Meeting the health & wellbeing needs of the community |
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1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Scrutiny Panel to consider the content of the draft Rutland Together Culture & Leisure Strategy 2013-2016 (Appendix 1) and provide comments such that a recommendation for adoption as a Rutland County Council Strategy can be presented to Cabinet.
- 1.2 To enable the Scrutiny Panel to review the responses to the consultation of cultural, leisure and community organisations on the subject of sports, leisure and recreational community facilities in the Oakham locality (Appendix 2) as context for the development of a County Sports, Leisure and Recreation Delivery Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Scrutiny support the adoption of the Rutland Together Culture and Leisure Strategy 2013-2016 subject to comments as noted.
- 2.2 That Scrutiny note the responses to the Sports, Leisure & Recreational Community Facilities in Oakham Survey to be considered as part of the development of the County Sports, Leisure and Recreation Delivery Plan.

3 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Rutland County Council has Strategic Aims of Creating an active and enriched community; and Meeting the health & wellbeing needs of the community. In order to further this aim, the Culture Theme Group of the Local Strategic Partnership has developed the draft Culture & Leisure Strategy presented in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The lack of an agreed Cultural Strategy was a key area of weakness identified in the Audit Commission inspection of Rutland Cultural Services in 2005, and resulted in a grading of "fair service with uncertain prospects for improvement". In 2009, Cabinet and Council approved the vision, objectives and priorities for culture and leisure services in Rutland set out in the Rutland Cultural Strategy 2009-2012 (Report No. 68/2009). This document has now expired, and a refreshed Strategy is required to underpin the direction and delivery of services.

- 3.3 The creation of the Culture and Leisure Strategy has been led by the partnership of Culture and Leisure organisations that attend the Theme Group of the Local Strategic Partnership. Following sign off by the group, a public consultation was undertaken, which resulted in a limited number of detailed amendments which are incorporated in the version presented in this report.
- 3.4 Scrutiny is invited to reflect on both the content of the report, and, as a community-developed document, its appropriateness for adoption by the Council as a formal Strategy.
- 3.5 Operational delivery of the Strategy, as set out in Section 5 of Appendix 1, will be undertaken through the partner organisations and RCC Culture and Leisure Services (part of the Places Directorate). Delivery will be contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- 3.6 The Strategy also contains principles under which a County Sports, Leisure and Recreation Delivery Plan will be developed, that will enable investment in the culture and leisure infrastructure of the County to be prioritised. The Delivery Plan will be prepared in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders and will be the subject of a later report to Cabinet in September 2013 and subsequently full Council.
- 3.7 Rutland County Council has undertaken a survey of sports, leisure & recreation groups and community facility providers to inform decisions on the allocation of funds towards the provision and improvement of facilities in the locality of Oakham. A consultation questionnaire was issued to 257 clubs or providers from 12th April for response by 10th May 2013, allowing a minimum 4 week period to respond. A summary of the results is presented in Appendix 2. Further work is required to identify county-wide priorities.
- 3.8 Development of a County Sports, Leisure & Recreation Delivery Plan will support the Rutland Culture & Leisure Strategy 2013-2016, and enable recommendations on priority sports, leisure and recreational activities to be determined. This will inform the prioritisation of a programme of investment, recommending funding allocations from the Oakham North developer contributions along with other S106 resources and future CIL receipts across the County.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

| RISK | IMPACT | COMMENTS |
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| Time | Medium | The current Cultural Strategy has expired. Agreement of the new community-developed Strategy will help to focus delivery of services over the next 3 years, and development of a Delivery Plan will significantly aid the timely prioritisation of key investment decisions |
| Viability | Low | Delivery of the strategy will be undertaken in partnership with committed community partners and within the existing service structure |
| Finance | Medium | No additional revenue resources beyond the agreed Cultural Services budget in the Medium Term Financial Plan are required by this Strategy. The Strategy will support the development of a framework for prioritising capital investment, which may arise as a result of funding bids, developer contributions and other sources |
| Profile | Medium | Culture and Leisure Services are enjoyed by a very high |

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| | | proportion of the population of Rutland, with residents showing a high level of willingness to comment on and advocate for improved infrastructure and services |
| Equality and Diversity | Low | A significant strand of the Strategy is based around improving access to culture and leisure opportunities, and enhancing the wellbeing of the population of Rutland. If Scrutiny recommend adoption by Council, an Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out prior to consideration by Cabinet |

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Rutland Together Culture & Leisure Strategy

2013 – 2016

Rutland Local Strategic Partnership



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1 Executive Summary

Rutland County Council and the Rutland Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) facilitate the provision of sport, leisure and cultural services, providing some directly, and supporting organisations that deliver services. This Strategy outlines the Vision for Culture & Leisure; reviews the current position and achievements over the past 3 years; sets out the context for investment in culture and leisure; and defines an Action Plan for improvements over the next 3 years.

The key elements of the Strategy are:

- **Events** - maximising the range of activities in Rutland to ensure vibrant and diverse cultural and sporting opportunities for all sections of the community
- **Venues** - maximising the use of our assets, from major venues like Rutland Water, Oakham Castle, Catmose Sports and Uppingham Theatre, to our valuable parks and greens, village halls, historic sites, beautiful villages and busy market places. Encouraging the development of further venues for sporting, leisure and cultural activity
- **Participation** - increasing volunteering and attendance by supporting and directing residents and visitors to the opportunities in Rutland
- **Publicity** - improving range and reach of materials using both traditional print, media and social networking
- **Coordination** - ensuring that promotional work is coordinated in order to avoid duplication of effort, event clashes, and to maximise the reach of our message

2 Vision and Objectives

- 2.1** Rutland County Council facilitates the provision of sport and cultural services, providing some directly, and supporting organisations that deliver services. Rutland Together (the LSP) provides a voice and a focus for local organisations and the council. This Strategy forms a part of the Community Strategy.

Our **Shared Vision** for Culture and Leisure is:

To make Rutland an attractive place for tourists, visitors and residents – where all can take part in sports, cultural and recreational activities, and be inspired by our cultural and natural heritage, thereby enjoying a better quality of life.

- 2.2** The LSP Culture & Leisure Theme Group has identified the following **Priorities**:
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- 2.3** Rutland County Council's **Strategic Aims** include "Creating an active and enriched community", "Building our Infrastructure", "Meeting the health & wellbeing needs of the community" and "Creating a brighter future for all"
Its **Strategic Objectives** include
- Encouraging people to stay healthy
 - Respecting the county's landscape and heritage
 - Retail and Leisure – more choice, capacity, affordability
 - Tourism / Market Towns – Working with partners to encourage sustainable employment
 - Linking our Towns and Rutland Water
 - Night-time economy – managing development
- 2.4** The Health & Wellbeing Board for Rutland has a number of Strategic Priorities which will require the participation of culture and leisure partners in order to deliver outcomes for the local

community. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has identified a number of key themes across the life course which will be the focus of the 2013-14 strategy, and planning and commissioning decisions will be made on the basis of the following priorities:

- **Starting well** – improving the health of children, young people and their families
- **Living well** – addressing lifestyle risk factors, including improving access to health improvement services
- **Meeting the needs of an aging population** – improving and supporting independent living and complex care needs including dementia
- **Long term conditions** – early intervention and long term support in chronic illness
- **Carers** – Including informal care and care for and by young people
- **Mental health and wellbeing** – including impact of social and economic pressures on mental health
- Tackling the **wider determinants of health**
- **Access** - including geographical and social barriers

2.5 The Action Plan in Section 5 sets out the steps we will take to achieve the Vision and meet the Priorities outlined above. This includes steps to help people get involved with volunteering and providing culture and leisure services (in partnership with Voluntary Action Rutland); improved awareness of the variety of opportunities available; and publicising information to residents and visitors of activities and facilities large and small - e.g. Village Trails, Church Trails for Children, developing a sculpture trail, cycling facilities, Wing Maze.

2.6 Rutland is already acknowledged as one of the best places in the country to live. The Office for National Statistics named Rutland as the Happiest Place to live in England, as part of the National Measuring Well-Being Programme (July 2012)¹. An October 2012 national survey by Family Investments showed that Oakham was the 6th best location in the country to bring up a family². And research by the Department for Education published in November 2012 showed that children throughout the county rank top for learning and development at the age when they start primary school³.

2.7 The Strategy will be reviewed by the Scrutiny Commission of Rutland County Council, and will be submitted to the Executive Board of the LSP for approval.

¹ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-18973923>

² <http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/Oakham-10-best-places-families-live/story-17045343-detail/story.html>

³ <http://www.stamfordmercury.co.uk/news/local/a-great-start-in-life-for-children-in-rutland-1-4520002>

3 Position Statement and Achievements

Events

Rutland benefits from a wide variety of cultural, sporting and recreational activities and facilities, many delivered by local voluntary clubs and societies. Some are of international reputation, e.g. the Rutland Open Air theatre operated by Stamford Shakespeare Company, the Rutland to Melton CiCLE Classic event, the Rutland Sinfonia programme, and Rutland Water Annual Bird Fair. During the period of the previous Cultural Strategy, there have been many successful developments including Town Partnership promotional events in both market towns; Jubilee and Torch Relay celebrations; and delivery of the Four Winds Festival (the 2011 major arts event at Rutland Water).

Facilities

Rutland County Council and Rutland Together aim to support local organisations and encourage the development of high quality, multi-purpose facilities which benefit the whole community, and provide a special focus on our young people and the tourism sector. We will continue to build on our strong relations with businesses and organisations in Rutland including Anglian Water, Oakham School, the Military Bases at Kendrew Barracks and St George's Barracks, and many others large and small including Parish and Town Councils, and Town Partnerships. Since the adoption of the 2009 Cultural Strategy, new facilities have been built at Catmose College and Uppingham School, greatly improving services for the whole community, with more improvements at Barleythorpe and Ashwell presently being developed. The LSP has also supported an Events Partnership between Arts for Rutland and Funky Tents; this which means it can offer tents, staging, lighting and sound systems at discounted prices to community groups.

Environment

We also benefit from a beautiful environment which includes both natural and man-made areas of special interest. Promotion needs to include environmental activities. Many people undertake voluntary work in preserving and enhancing areas previously neglected in the County. Involvement in such projects enhances residents' lives and gives them a sense of ownership of their community. The achievements of Oakham in Bloom and Uppingham in Bloom (in winning multiple gold and silver awards in the East Midlands region) have demonstrated the strength of community engagement in enhancing our environment and safeguarding biodiversity, truly showing that Rutland is a County of Horticultural Excellence. Investment in footpaths, cycle tracks and sustainable transport continues to improve our County.

Economic Development and Tourism

Sustaining and growing the local economy is essential to the future of Rutland. As part of the Greater Cambridgeshire & Peterborough LEP, economic development and tourism are key areas of work. Through improving access to our cultural heritage, and ensuring high quality facilities are available, we

will make our county more attractive to tourists, businesses and working families. Culture and Leisure attractions strengthen the tourism sector, improving the viability of businesses in the local area.

Discover Rutland has had major successes in promoting the county, and the recent award of a Local Sustainable Transport Fund grant will see the development of a Tourism Bus providing an hourly service between Oakham, Rutland Water and Uppingham 7 days a week.

Both Uppingham and Oakham Town Partnerships are in the process of improving signage across the two market towns; this involves rationalising the signs and making each sign more accurate. Good signage of the town's facilities and heritage attractions both on the outskirts of the Town and in the centre will allow visitors to access facilities more easily.

National Culture and Leisure

Rutland played a part in the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee both locally and nationally, supporting Sailability to participate in the Jubilee Pageant on the Thames, and through the Jubilee Tour of Britain at Burghley Park, where Her Majesty was greeted by over 10,000 people. The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games provided more than just an international sporting spectacle. Rutland participated in the Cultural Olympiad with the Arts for Rutland-led "Four Winds Festival", and provided everyone with the opportunity to be part of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Olympic Legacy will be realised in Rutland through the School Games programme, and a Schools version of the "Four Winds" music central to the work of the Rutland Music Hub. Commissioned Services will increase participation in sports and recreation to support healthier lifestyles.

Our Ambition

Many Issues require working in partnership to achieve viable solutions, including:

- Providing information for visitors and tourists
- Need for high profile Visitor Attractions
- Improving opening hours for services, particularly Sunday opening
- Ensuring events and opportunities in our County are fully publicised and supported
- Ensuring services become more commercially viable

Opportunities

Although the present economic climate has resulted in cuts in public service funding (including culture and leisure budgets which have had significant reductions) there are opportunities to grow and improve services by innovative working, such as imaginative use of the Community Infrastructure Levy, and creative application of the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

Investments in culture and leisure activities and facilities can generate income for the future, which requires all partners to be ready to work together to bid for funding when opportunities become available, and to review imaginatively what services are provided from the existing infrastructure.

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4 Culture and Leisure Infrastructure Ambitions

National Context

The provision of Culture and Leisure services for Rutland in this time of austerity presents both opportunities and challenges. It is highly unlikely that Central Government will provide additional funding to Local Authorities to undertake culture and leisure provision for the foreseeable future. However, increased capital funding is available through the National Lottery distributors following the end of the Olympics, and as a result of increased sales. This funding is not available on the basis of allocations, but requires participation in bidding processes. This results in an increasing need for Local Authorities and organisations to be clear about their aims and objectives, and to be able to make convincing arguments for investment.

Sources of Funding

There are a number of significant infrastructure developments that will arise during the period of this Strategy, as the planned increase in population of Rutland will place increasing pressures on facilities. Culture and Leisure in Rutland has benefited greatly from the investment in sports facilities at the Catmose Campus and at the Uppingham School Sports Centre. As a result of the current financial pressures on local authorities, funding for significant culture and leisure infrastructure works will rely on contributions from Section 106 agreements (and their successor, the Community Infrastructure Levy), bids to external funders, and investment by partners, including Anglian Water, Oakham and Uppingham Schools. Investing in Cultural and Sports assets benefits the whole community, and supported by a strong core of cultural services will help to generate income in to the long term. Key assets which have high priority requirements for investment are Sports facilities; Arts venues; Oakham Castle; the Public Library network; Heritage sites; and Rutland County Museum. Investment in the past has only been available through one off external bidding processes or emergency repair works. The Action Plan of this strategy (see Section 5) envisages a programme of capital works funded through Section 106 / CIL payments and bidding to external funding sources for major projects. It is important to note that Section 106 / CIL funding can only be used to address pressures caused by additional developments, and cannot be used to fund existing deficits in provision.

Major Infrastructure Improvements

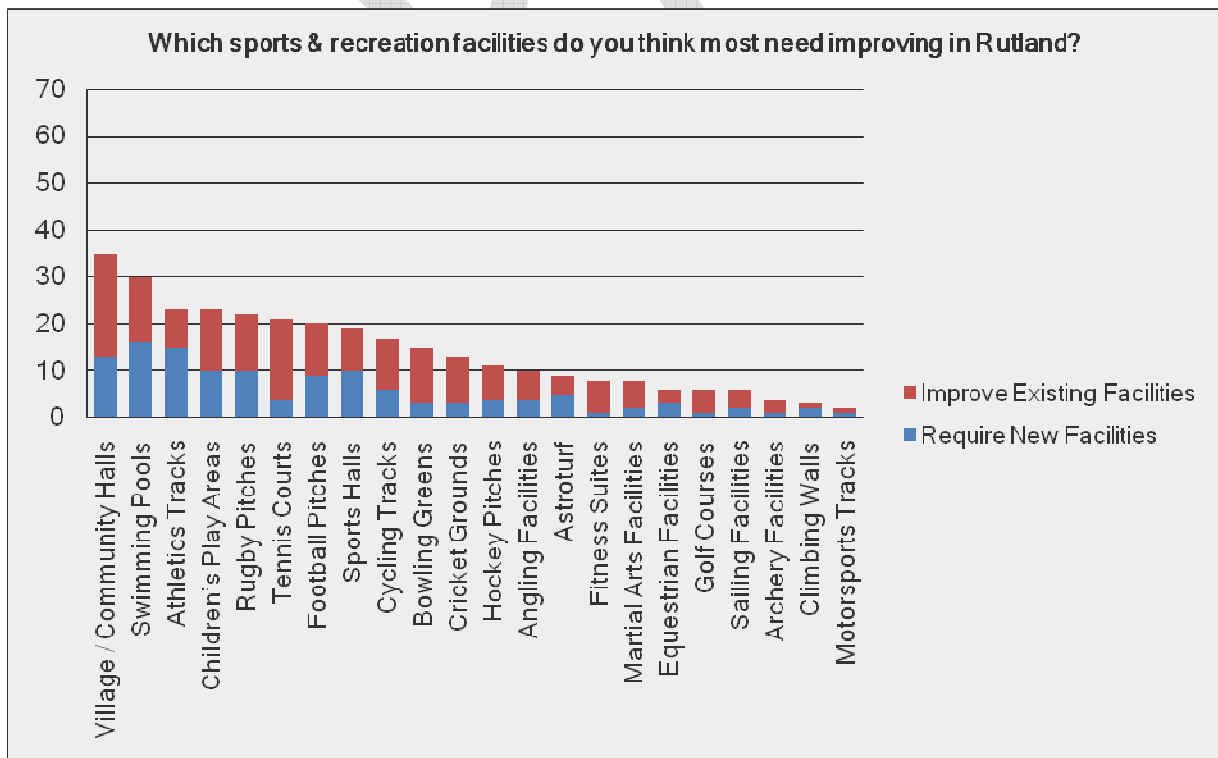
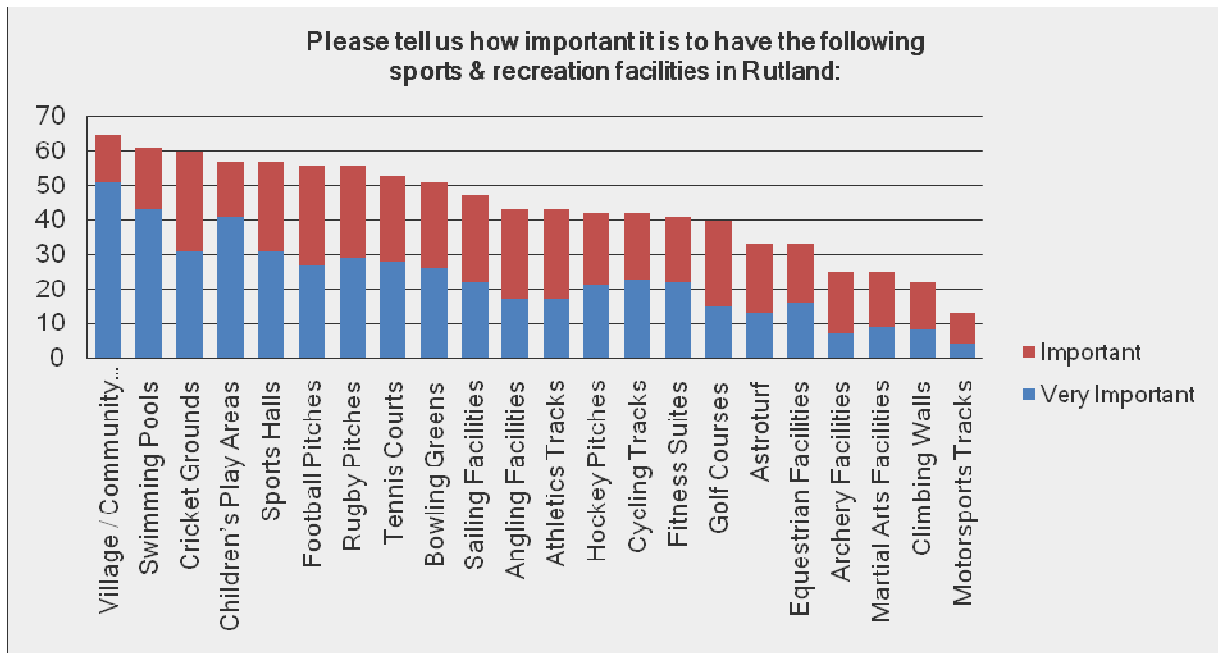
There are also a number of community aspirations for culture and leisure facilities which would require infrastructure projects in order to be fully realised, including a possible new community facility in Uppingham; an Arts Centre in Oakham; and sports facilities throughout the County. The major infrastructure items to be addressed are noted in the Action Plan. This list is not exhaustive. New developments will have impacts that vary according to their nature, and where and when the developments take place. This is likely to mean that alternative investment priorities may become appropriate.

Alternative Delivery Models

Rutland County Council will also during the period of this Strategy continue to investigate alternative delivery models for aspects of culture and leisure services, including options such as Trusts, Shared Services, and Commissioning Services with external providers. Outsourcing existing services and increased partnership working, including joint delivery of services and joint commissioning, are likely to continue to be options that will be explored.

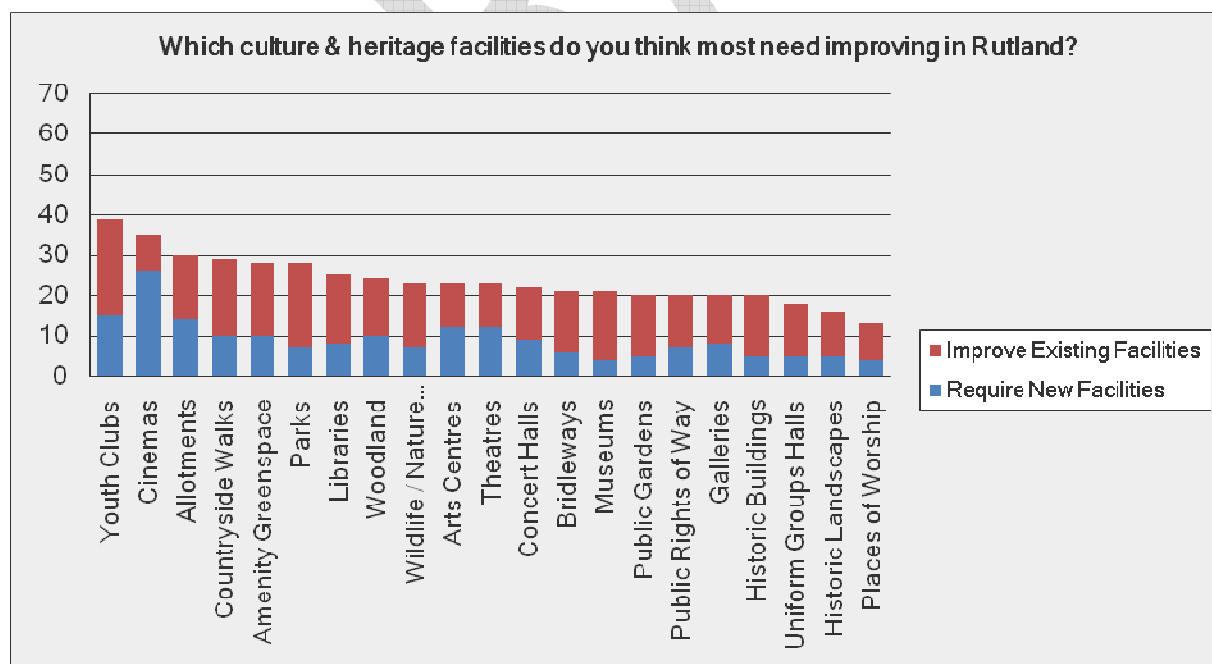
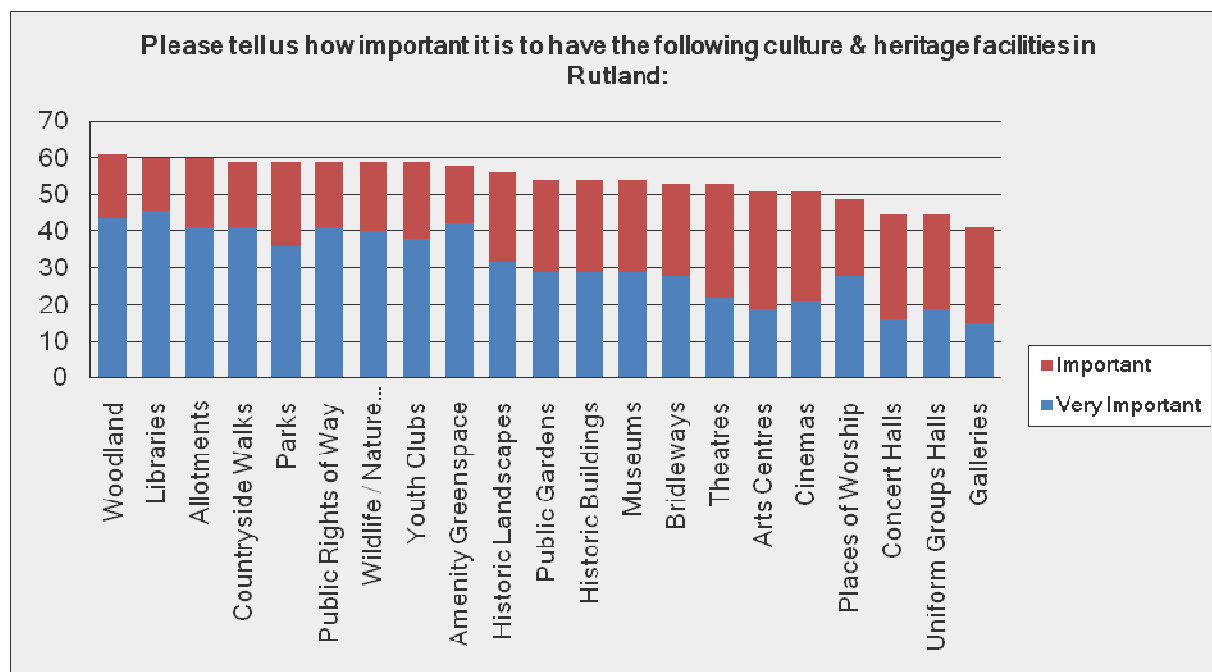
Sport and Leisure Facilities

A survey of community leisure and sports organisations in 2012 revealed a pattern of aspirations for facilities in Rutland which has informed this Strategy. The tables included below show that the most important sports and recreation facilities are felt to be, in order of priority: Village/Community Halls; Swimming Pools; Cricket Grounds; Children’s Play Areas; Sports Halls; Football and Rugby Pitches. The facilities identified as most in need of improvement were: Village / Community Halls; Swimming Pools; Athletics Tracks; and Children’s Play Areas.



Culture and Heritage Facilities

The community leisure and sports organisations survey of 2012 also produced data on culture and heritage facilities in Rutland, which again has informed this Strategy. The tables below show that the most important culture and heritage facilities are felt to be, in order of priority: Woodland; Libraries; Allotments; Countryside Walks; Parks; Public Rights of Way; Wildlife / Nature Reserves; and Youth Clubs. The facilities which were identified as most in need of improvement were: Youth Clubs; Cinemas; Allotments; Countryside Walks; Amenity Greenspace; and Parks.



5 Action Plan

5.1 Cross-Cutting

| Focus | Partners | Timescale | Actions |
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| Work with tourism partners to promote culture and leisure in Rutland to residents and visitors of all ages, and encourage investment | RCC Anglian Water Uppingham First UTP OTP | 2013-2016 | Capitalise on key events and assets incl. British Bird Fair / Rutland County Show / Rutland Day / CiCLE Classic / Rutland Water / Oakham Castle |
| Promote opportunities for volunteering in culture and leisure | RCC VAR Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Provide volunteering opportunities Support volunteers |
| Ensure information about culture and leisure is available and promoted in all forms, including print, media coverage and via the Internet / Social Media | RCC Businesses Arts for Rutland Voluntary Sector Tourism Forum | 2013-2016 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Support Arts for Rutland Brochure of cultural activity Encourage use of Discover Rutland publications and portal Maintain and promote community websites |
| Ensure facilities are available to residents and visitors of all ages, disabilities and diversity groups | RCC Businesses Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 2013-2014 | Encourage facilities to allow usage for extended hours including evenings and Sundays Encourage access audits and diversity reviews |
| Participate in development of, and support outcomes of Neighbourhood Plans and Co-location of Services | RCC Uppingham First OTP UTP | 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Support delivery of culture & leisure aspects of Neighbourhood Plans Support possible development of new community facility in Uppingham |
| Promote culture and leisure to tourists and residents of all ages | RCC OTP UTP Uppingham First Voluntary Sector | 2014-2016 2013-2016 | Upgrade tourism signage for arts, culture, heritage, libraries, leisure and sports in the county Utilise the Tourist Bus to promote sites and activities Develop Uppingham Heritage Trail |
| Ensure facilities are accessible to ensure disabled persons and excluded groups are able to use county facilities | RCC Uppingham First OTP UTP Rutland Access Group | 2014-2016 | Invest in site improvements identified by access audits and diversity reviews to enable access and use by all groups and individuals |

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| Visitor and tourist information provision | RCC Voluntary Sector Tourism Forum | 2013-2016 | Identify and support suitable sites for provision of visitor and tourist Information |
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5.2 Arts and Culture

| Focus | Partners | Timescale | Actions |
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| Deliver programme of arts events | Arts for Rutland RCC Open Studios ODFAS | 2014 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Biennial Major Arts Event (WWI Commemoration in 2014) Annual Rutland Open Exhibition ODFAS Exhibition |
| Award grants to individuals to support their artistic growth | Arts for Rutland RCC | 2013-2016 | Grants Scheme |
| Support & promote art events and venues throughout Rutland | Arts for Rutland RCC Voluntary Sector Rutland Sinfonia | 2013-2016 | Arts for Rutland brochure Oakham Festival Music in Lyddington Uppingham School programme Oakham School programme Rutland Sinfonia programme |
| Support & promote provision of exhibition spaces and advocate for additional resource | Voluntary Sector RCC | 2013-2016 | Rutland Open Studios Victoria Hall Gallery Goldmark Gallery |
| Support voluntary arts groups including drama groups, fine art groups, music groups etc. | Arts for Rutland RCC | 2013-2016 | Grants Scheme Advice and Support |
| Invest in Arts Infrastructure | RCC Arts for Rutland | 2013-2016 2013 2013-2016 | Support development of cultural infrastructure by partners Scope options for dedicated arts / performance space at Rutland County Museum Seek funding to realise agreed options |
| Increase public access to art | Arts for Rutland RCC | 2015 | Commission and deliver Public Art works |

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5.3 Heritage and Libraries

| Focus | Partners | Timescale | Actions |
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| Improve and safeguard the physical infrastructure of the County's heritage assets | RCC Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Improve maintenance Identify new income streams to support heritage |
| Ensure the conservation and promotion of Rutland heritage | RCC FRCMOC Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 2014-2015 | Acquisition by Friends of heritage items for conservation and display by RCC Promote small sites such as Ladywell |
| Provide spaces and resources for education, leisure and learning activities for residents and visitors of all ages | RCC Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Support WEA; Adult Learning; Local and Family History groups and events Deliver heritage education programme for schools |
| Deliver exhibition and events programme that increases access to Rutland's heritage for all | RCC RLHRS FRCMOC Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 | Living History Events Family History Events Special Exhibitions Village Visits |
| Deliver Commemorative Exhibitions and Events to mark the centenary of the First World War | RCC Voluntary Sector Schools | 2014-2016 | Exhibitions Website Events |
| Deliver literature promotions for residents and visitors of all ages | RCC Schools | 2013-2016 | World Book Day Summer Reading Challenge Author Events |
| Provide access to support for job seekers | RCC Adult Learning Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 | Provide Access to Work Hub at Oakham Library |
| Support Heritage Sites and Groups | RCC Uppingham First UTP VAR UTC | 2013 2013 | Scope potential Heritage Park Support development of community facilities in Uppingham which promote heritage |
| Improvements to Rutland County Museum for residents and visitors of all ages | RCC FRCMOC | 2013 2013 2015 | Upgrade audio-visual infrastructure Upgrade gallery and display infrastructure Improve visitor facilities |

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| Restoration of Oakham Castle | RCC FRCMOC Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 | Submit bids in order to: Conserve and restore the Curtain Wall / Improve visitor facilities, including toilets and interpretation / Upgrade events infrastructure / Institute a programme of activities |
| Improvements to Libraries for residents and visitors of all ages | RCC | 2014 | Improve employment and research facilities in libraries |
| | | 2014 | Improve young people's spaces in libraries |
| | | 2013-2014 | Investigate options for improved library services in Uppingham and Ryhall |
| | | 2013-2016 | Install additional self-service facilities to extend use of all library sites |
| | | 2013-2016 | Improve parking and refreshment facilities at all sites |

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5.4 Leisure and Sports

| Focus | Partners | Timescale | Actions |
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| Deliver sustained improvements in public health through activity programmes | RCC LSA Uppingham School Catmose Sports | 2013-2016 | Exercise Referral Commissioned Services Active Rutland Identify and bid for funding to improve public health |
| Support the provision of facilities for sports and leisure events and venues for residents and visitors of all ages | RCC LSA SLL Schools | 2013-2016 | Participate in commissioning and tendering of services Identify and bid for funding to improve leisure activities |
| Support public gardening, allotments and horticulture | Voluntary Sector VAR UTP UTC Uppingham First | 2013-2016 | Horticulture Trail Support Allotment provision |
| Promote countryside, wildlife, woodland and landscape | RCC Voluntary Sector | 2013-2016 | Support Community Woods Support Natural History groups Support and initiate walking groups Promote walking routes and rights of way |
| Support the objectives of the Local Sports Alliance | RCC LSA | 2013-2016 | Deliver LSA Action Plan |
| Support and promote independent sports and physical activity | RCC LSA | 2013-2016 | Promote and direct participants to activities from archery to walking |
| Upgrade County pitches and grounds for outdoor sports | RCC LSA Schools Town & Parish Councils OTP UTP Uppingham First | 2014-2016 | Improvements to outdoor sports facilities throughout Rutland |
| Improve County facilities for indoor sports | RCC LSA Schools Town & Parish Councils | 2014-2016 | Improvements to indoor sports facilities throughout Rutland |

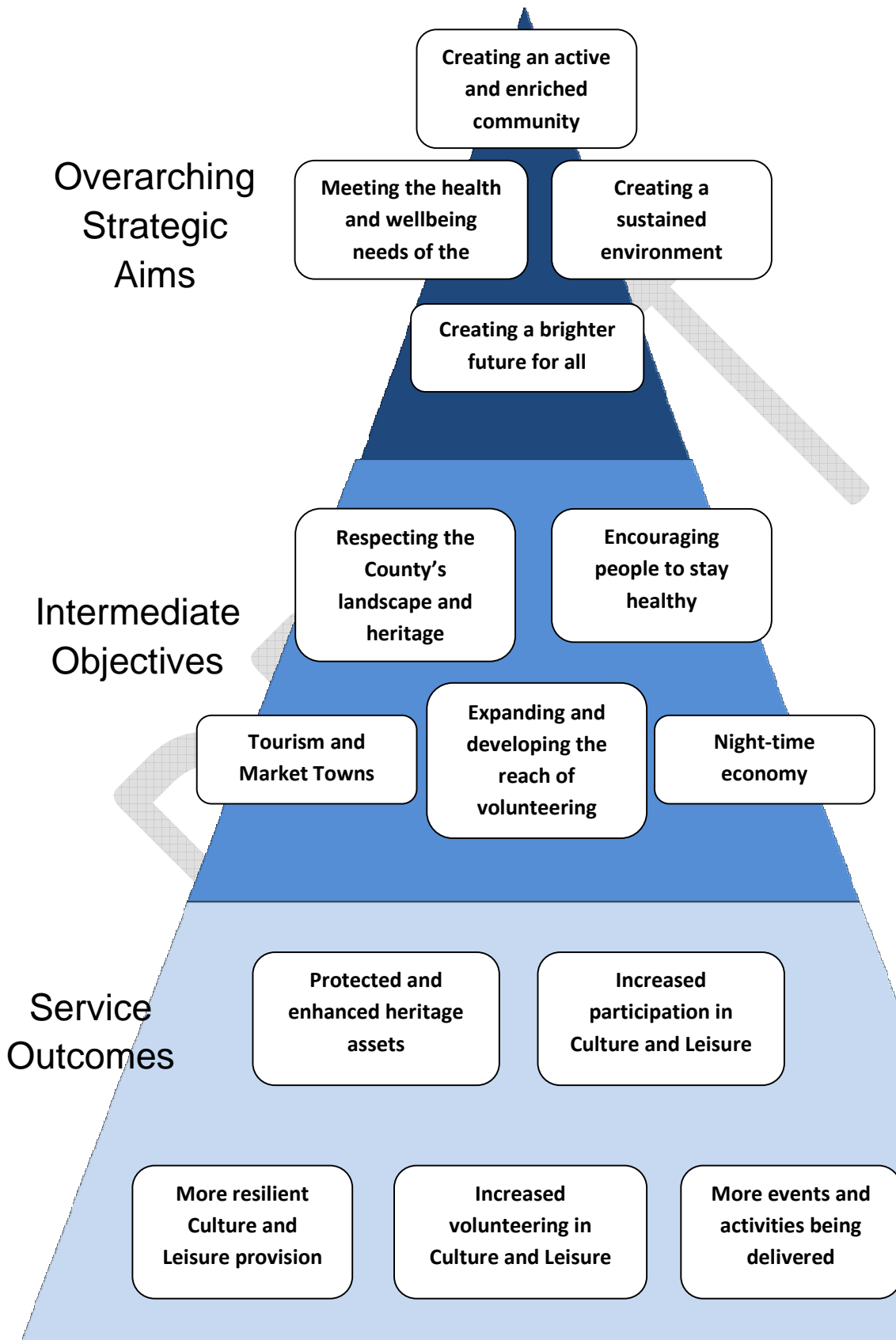
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| Infrastructure improvements for cycling and walking in Rutland | RCC Town & Parish Councils | 2013-2016 | Cycle and walking trails |
| Upgrade Town, Village and Community Halls for use by all age groups including youth provision | RCC Town & Parish Councils Uppingham First OTP UTP | 2013-2016 | Upgrade equipment, facilities and adaptations |
| Improvements to Catmose Sports and Swimming Pool | RCC Catmose Sports | 2015-2016 2015-2016 | Upgrade or complete relocation / replacement of Swimming Pool Improvements to the Old Sports Hall |
| Improvements to County Parks and Green Spaces (including Oakham & Uppingham) | RCC Town & Parish Councils Uppingham First OTP UTP | 2013-2016 2013-2016 2013-2016 2013-2016 | Improvements to signage and visitor facilities (including benches, lighting, toilets etc.) Improve infrastructure for events Improve disabled access Upgrade amenity green spaces to more formal recreation / garden / park areas |

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6 Culture and Leisure Outcomes

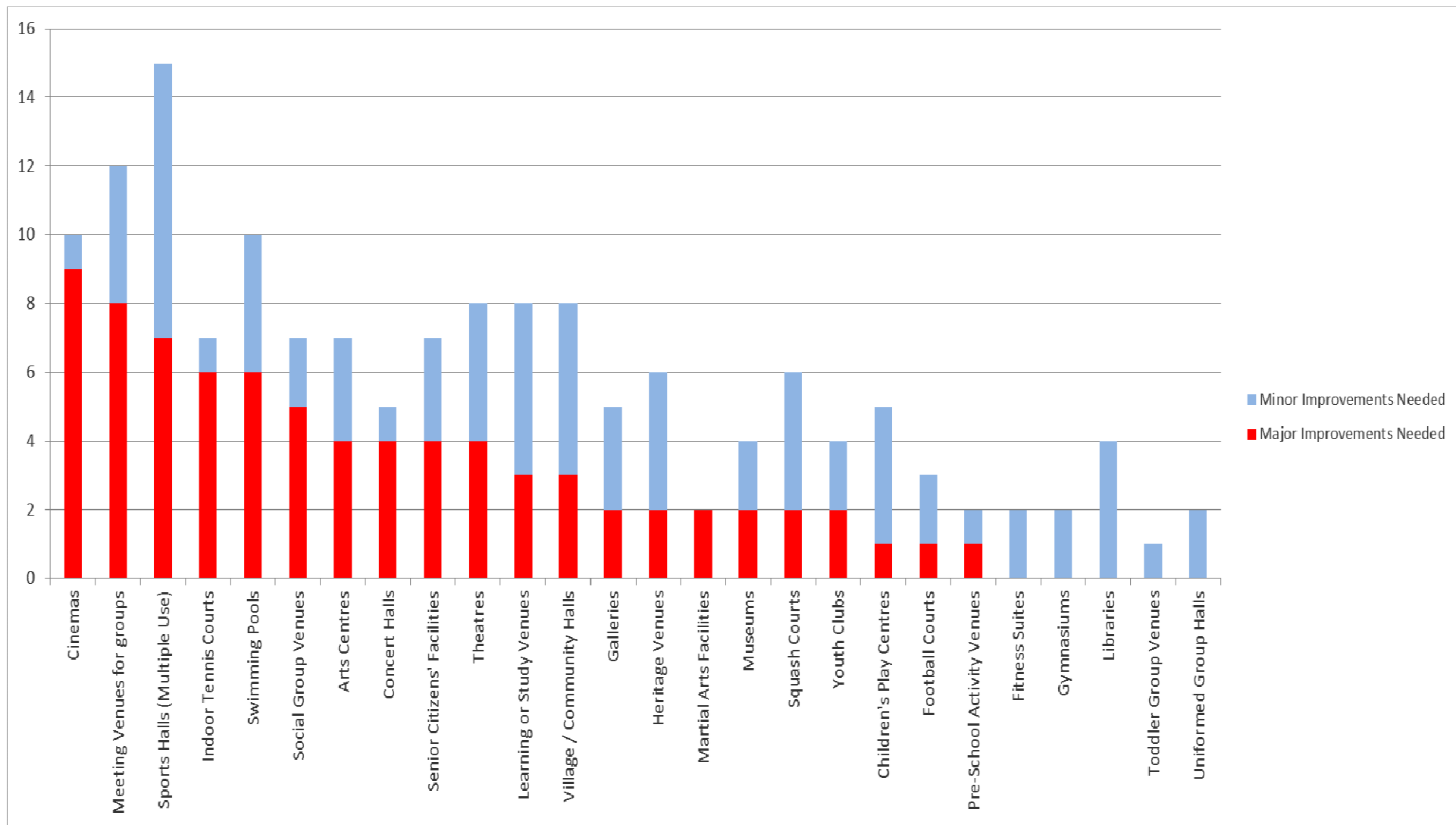


17 Glossary

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| CS | Catmose Sports | http://www.stevenage-leisure.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=762 |
| FRCMOC | Friends of Rutland County Museum & Oakham Castle | http://www.rutnet.co.uk/pp/club/detail.asp?id=2048 |
| JSNA | Joint Strategic Needs Assessment | http://www.rutland.gov.uk/rutland_together/health_wellbeing_board/jsna_2012.aspx |
| LSA | Local Sports Alliance | http://www.activerutland.org.uk/ |
| LSP | Local Strategic Partnership | http://www.rutland.gov.uk/rutland_together.aspx |
| ODFAS | Oakham Decorative & Fine Arts Society | http://www.oakhamdfas.org.uk/ |
| OTC | Oakham Town Council | http://oakham.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/ |
| OTP | Oakham Town Partnership | http://www.oakhamtownpartnership.co.uk/ |
| RCC | Rutland County Council | http://www.rutland.gov.uk/ |
| RLHRS | Rutland Local History & Record Society | http://www.rutlandhistory.org/ |
| RS | Rutland Sinfonia | http://www.rutlandsinfonia.org.uk/rutlandsinfonia/Welcome.html |
| UF | Uppingham First | http://www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk/ |
| UTC | Uppingham Town Council | http://uppingham.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/ |
| UTP | Uppingham Town Partnership | http://www.theuppinghamtownpartnership.org.uk/ |
| VAR | Voluntary Action Rutland | http://www.varutland.org.uk/ |

Appendix 2: Sports, Leisure and Recreational Community Facilities in the Oakham Locality Survey

1 – Survey Responses on Facility Improvements Needed



2 – Responding Organisations and Reported Membership

| Organisation | Membership |
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| 1st Cottesmore and Greetham Guides | |
| Body Power Oakham Community Fitness Centre | 80 |
| Casterton Business And Enterprise College | |
| Catmose Film Club | 45 |
| Chater Bowls Club | 30 |
| Empingham Dog Training Club | 100 |
| Greetham Valley | 700 |
| Ketton French Dance | 40 |
| Leicestershire and Rutland Bridleways Association | 400 |
| Lionheart Company of Bowmen | 40 |
| Lyddington WI Reading Group | 9 |
| Melton Mowbray Swimming Club | 140 |
| NBC Branagh's Book Group | 101 |
| Oakham Artistic Gymnastic Academy | 256 |
| Oakham Badminton Club | 30 |
| Oakham Bridge Club | 57 |
| Oakham Cricket Club | 250 |
| Oakham Festival | 25 |
| Oakham Rugby Football Club | |
| Oakham Tennis Club | 250 |
| Oakham United Football club | 105 |
| Oakham-in-Rutland Rifle Club | 12 |
| Royce Rangers | 230 |
| Royce Rangers JFC | 250 |
| Rutland Athletics Club | 25 |
| Rutland Agricultural Society | 650 |
| Rutland Air Cadets | 45 |
| Rutland Artists Open Studios | 90 |
| Rutland Arts Theatre society | 20 |
| Rutland Bridge Club | 50 |
| Rutland Choral Society | 35 |
| Rutland Concert Band | 40 |
| Rutland County Council | |
| Rutland Handball Club | 40 |
| Rutland Hockey Club | 200 |
| Rutland Hockey Club - Mixed section | 50 |
| Rutland Kickboxing | |
| Rutland Local History Society | 300 |
| Rutland Polo Club | 35 |
| Rutland Sinfonia | 100 |
| Rutland U3A | 350 |
| Stevenage Leisure Limited | |
| The Victoria Hall | |
| Vale Judo Club | 180 |
| Voluntary Action Rutland | 100 |
| Wakerley and Barrowden Cricket Club | 20 |

3 - Organisation Responses to Free Text Questions

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| 1st Cottesmore and Greetham Guides | | | | | | I think there should be provision of outdoor exercise equipment, for adult/youth use. Possibly at Cutts close Oakham, Tods Piece Uppingham, Cottesmore Sports club, Greetham community centre. I also think there should be athletic clubs for children and adults. Not connected to schools. | No | We would agree with investment in existing facilities. |
| Body Power Oakham Community Fitness Centre | | | We would need to open a larger community gym as we rent at present and can not enlarge the property. We could improve outside area's. | | A larger swimming pool would benefit Oakham and the surrounding area's. | | Yes | We believe the investment should be used for outdoor sports area's for the youth and youth groups to encourage sports and fitness. Oakham provides adequate fitness facilities and no new building is required. |
| Casterton Business And Enterprise College | | We need better indoor facilities for fitness activities. | | | There is nothing in East Rutland compared to the vast sums of money spent in Uppingham and Oakham. | Access to Health and fitness gym in East Rutland. They have them in Oakham and Uppingham. Access to flood lit artificial pitches in East Rutland. | No. Spend it. Thats what its for. | No. There is more than enough facilities in Oakham. East Rutland has very little. |
| Catmose Film Club | | Whilst unrealistic to have a dedicated cinema in a town the size of Oakham an arts centre with an auditorium would be ideal. There are currently no affordable options in the town unless you attract a regular bigger crowd which is impossible unless you can show certain popular films or new releases. this is currently impossible as the equipment works of dvds not digital. Therefore only films that have already been on general release can be shown and this in general means that the film club could only show films that are due out on dvd at the same time. | An art centre of which an auditorium and seating could be utilised for regular film showing. Equipment for the digital down load of films allowing latest films to be shown. | | An affordable theater space that can be utilised for local drama and fundraising activities. | | No | Developing existing facilities is preferable as a new build would cost too much whist existing facilities could also apply for matched funding from other grant sources. |
| Chater Bowls Club | Club premises (changing room, toilets and social area) require regular maintenance resulting in ever increasing costs to members, who are mainly pensioners. Currently, electrical work costing approx £500 is needed. | | Depends on age range and interests of additional population but rise in membership would need updated decoration and facilities as well as electrical improvements | No disabled toilets and some uneven entrances and surrounding grounds | | | Yes | Agree riority of improving existing facilities. This will build upon existing experience and voluntary contributions, which are substantial. |
| Empingham Dog Training Club | No provision for dog training in the area by the council, important public service, education of owners, socialization of dogs, health and fitness of dogs and owners | We need to find village halls that are willing to accommodate us and are only available on certain nights. | A dedicated dog training hall and field for the residents of Rutland not just Oakham | | | | Yes | Not specifically Oakham based, servicing the wider area of Rutland and the surrounds |
| Greetham Valley | | | | | Catmose pool needs improving | | Yes | Invest in improving swimming pool |

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| Ketton French Dance | Pub Hall - minor improvements would be good | | | | | Although Ketton is technically near Oakham, it is impossible to access facilities in Oakham, especially in the evening, since there is no public transport between Ketton and Oakham. From our point of view it would be good to invest in facilities in our village - we do not even have a village hall. | Yes. Perhaps for village facilities, especially where many new houses are planned (there are plans to put 60% of Rutlands new house allocation in Ketton!) | No view. |
| Leicestershire and Rutland Bridleways Association | bridleways and byways need constant maintenance to prevent them becoming overgrown and/or dangerous. This is becoming harder to organise with reduced staffing at RCC. Also additional bridleways and better horse access on verges are needed - a 150 point plan was submitted to RCC for consideration in early 2012. RCC are to be commended for opening the Sounding Bridge Bridleway. | | Better gates on existing bridleways are needed to reduce risk. Each new gate costs about £300 to install and about 30 gates are needed across Rutland. | horseriding is possible for disabled people with appropriate adaptations | | | Yes | invest in improving existing facilities |
| Lionheart Company of Bowmen | | Too small | Requires new building, but it's not for me to say. | | unknown | Unknown | Yes | Invest in facilities especially in larger villages like Whissendine |
| Lyddington WI Reading Group | | | Vital that library facilities are kept if not improved for increasing population. | | | | Yes | Existing facilities satisfactory as long as transport is available to get into the town centre. Library may need more IT facilities for those who cannot afford a computer of their own. Current system of working with Leicestershire libraries is very efficient. |
| Melton Mowbray Swimming Club | | Within Rutland we are not given access to Catmose facility and as a facility this needs major improvement for competitive swimming | Rutland should have an appropriate indoor swimming pool facility with a learner pool as well | | | | No | Oakham needs a new pool as the current Catmose facility is not able to be updated appropriately |
| NBC Branagh's Book Group | | Have not always the ten books we need each month | More funds for more provision of certain selected books chosen by the bbc (Book Group members) | | | | Yes | Needs more money for investment of funds for the Library, in order to meet the needs of our Book group. |

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| Oakham Artistic Gymnastic Academy | A playground is needed in Caldecott as there is nothing just a sports field | We are constrained by both the facilities for storage and the times that we are allowed to use the sports centre. We currently have a waiting list that equates to 40% of our current membership with virtually no chance of being able to offer places. these potential customers will be lost to us if we cannot give them the opportunity to trial in the near future. | We would need to have adequate storage facilities- currently being denied- to be able to offer more pre-school and boys gymnastics. We would need to have access to further booking slots also currently being denied. | | | The gymnastics club can only offer limited provision for boys gymnastics, this is mainly due to the problems reported in question 11 | Don't Know | Consider the development of a new build. The new Rutland College has no sports hall built. Catmose College has to use a existing sports hall for exams as their new building did not provide its students with an examination room. We have two new college built but because of the inadequacies of the builds- outside sporting groups are being penalised in being able to use existing sports halls or in having no sports hall at all that can meet the demands of the sport required. |
| Oakham Badminton Club | | | there are 2 badminton clubs that play in the hall on a thursday evening which has been our club night for many years. we would not be able to take more members without more courts being available, at a sensible cost. I consider Catmose to be expensive. | | We decided to move from the six form college on Barleythorpe Road 2 years ago as Catmose became available, The old premises were extremely poor with bad lighting, poor levels of cleanliness and poor changing rooms and showers | | Yes. in fact, i think its perfectly possible to model with some accuracy the increased demand for badminton that will arise | yes -- dedicated multi use sports hall and gym and to provide a home for the tennis club too |
| Oakham Bridge Club | Church Hall - No opinion | Hall is approx 80 sq yds - not all usable due to Church furniture. It has toilets and kitchen facility and Hall is accessible but heating is erratic. Our current Members are all over 60 and many 75 plus although we are not a specifically a senior persons club, and many have to play a whole evening in their coats in winter. There is no integral or adjacent indoor storage for our tables and other (quite heavy) playing and catering paraphernalia, all of which has to be carried some 40 yards to and from an outside store regardless of weather - including 2 uneven steps | If all our Members attend, the premises are currently just viable. If demand increases we would have to turn away potential Members as we already know there are currently no other suitable facilities in Oakham to provide our needs | Apart from the storage with narrow entry and up steps as previously mentioned | not known | not known | Yes | Preference would be for new purpose built facility, but conversion would be equally acceptable provided that it included full accessibility, adequate heating, toilets, kitchen and integral or adjacent indoor storage facilities. |
| Oakham Cricket Club | | We do not have an indoor cricket net facility or a permanent hard surface outdoor facility. A suitable Indoor facility would enable us to provide high quality cricket coaching to our junior section during the winter and at times of poor outdoor conditions in the summer season. There would also be the possibility of organising regional indoor junior competitions which currently take place at Stamford School. | Net facilities to allow the increased level of coaching we are now seeing. | Needs some minor modifications | Vale Of Catmose Sports Hall Indoor cricket facilities are poor - insufficient Mats & Nets to run more than 2 nets at time. Only other facilities are at Oakham School Sports Hall which is not available on a regular basis due to own use & summer exam season | See Q 13. which applies to all ages groups up to U17 - male & female (we are hoping to have a girls section this year) | No. It should be possible with properly structured strategic plan and implementation to deliver a 'future proofed' facility for the Oakham locality | We would prefer a new build indoor facility in Oakham North with multi-purpose use (Football, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis, Badminton, etc.). This would most likely involve a large scale facility capable of supporting all these sports. As a cricket club our particular interest would be in suitable flooring, lighting, lane nets and nets to allow multiple indoor cricket matches to take place simultaneously. |

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| Oakham Festival | | We erect a large Marquee in the Castle grounds to get the number of audience we require to make the events viable. Also Museum needs major changes to make more usable for drama and theatrical events. | A dedicated Arts Centre that can hold an audience greater than 250 people. | | The Museum needs to be more flexible and the gallery space needs to be larger. The open courtyard should be covered to give a larger flexible performance space. There is not a theatre in Oakham apart from Oakham school with little access for community and amateur groups. | All age groups and ability levels have difficulty finding theatrical venues in Oakham where they can fully achieve a good standard of performance. | No, it is needed now | I agree with the proposal to invest in existing facilities as long as they are arts and theatre venues. I do not agree with enhancing sports facilities of which there are many within Oakham. |
| Oakham Rugby Football Club | | We could use an all weather pitch indoors or outdoors for training and/or playing | | | We could really make good use of a covered training area for rugby in the winter months in particular. | | Yes | We would prefer a new covered facility to cater for multiple sports in Oakham North |
| Oakham Tennis Club | | We use it for 7 months of the year-rest of the time have to go to other facilities-with lights and indoor facilities.At certain peak times we do not have enough courts | We need to install lights cost is £35K also within 3 years courts will need re surfacing cost of £8-£10K per court | | Badminton struggles to find space at certain times in Catmose sports centre.With changes in weather pattern we need indoor for Tennis, and football clubs | All sports played outside need indoor access during cold months of winter | No, Facilities need improving NOW | providing indoor tennis courts at our current facility would not work-so a new facility makes sense that allows multi use for lots of different sports |
| Oakham United Football club | | | | | | | | |
| Oakham-in-Rutland Rifle Club | | | | | | | Yes | Agree |
| Royce Rangers | | Insufficient outdoor pitches for number of teams (including pitch sharing) No indoor facility. Inadequate changing facilities. No toilet facilities. No disabled facilities/access. Inadequate kit storage facilities | Increased number of grass pitches and indoor facility- ideally co-located. Upgrade to changing areas, provision of services (heating/water/electricity) and provision of toilet/shower facility. Disabled facilities and access. Provision of meeting/refreshments area. Increased and improved storage provision. | We are an inclusive club and encourage all abilities. As part of our Club Development Plan, we plan to start an Inclusive group/team | | There is a lack of sufficient availability and choice for indoor sports facilities for children and young people in the Oakham area | No. The first priority must be to provide properly for the current and expected near term needs which will arise shortly. | Our preference is for a new-build in Oakham North providing greater availability, easy access and car parking for the residents of Oakham. A new multi-use, shared sports facility with purpose built amenities would be more economic, more user-friendly alternative to add-ons to existing facilities. |
| Royce Rangers JFC | | All depends on Oakham North development - what is ultimately provided | All subject to ongoing discussions with RCC, RAS and Hawksmead. | As above - disabled access will be required at new site | | | | |
| Rutland Athletics Club | Sports field brilliant | Yes in summer, not really in Winter and new sports hall is TOO expensive | Old sport shall not at all suitable during exam periods for ANY sporting activity | | Old sports hall at Catmose | Provision of running track | No. Simply because it would almost certainly 'disappear' | No because the main existing facility is not a community facility it is a profit making privately owned facility |
| Rutland Agricultural Society | n/a | no provision for indoor facility for outdoor sports in bad weather | | | | indoor facility for outdoor sports when bad weather prevents participation | Yes | Consider development of a new build multi-use facility to provide indoor pitches and potential for other uses. |
| Rutland Air Cadets | | No sports facilities | | Ramps required for wheelchairs to access toilets | | The cost of hiring sports facilities for groups is expensive. | Yes | We need access to a cheap sports hall and field for summer sports. Also access to a swimming pool in the evenings. |

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| Rutland Artists Open Studios | | No- Rutland DESPERATELY NEEDS its own dedicated ARTS centre. The conversion of the County Museum would make a SPLENDID ONE! All we need to do is cover the outside area and move the vehicles out there. Move the gallery space to the big central hall with adequate spotlighting. The entrance area would make an excellent cafe for people to meet, and the kitchen area would need to be upgraded to service this. There is already a cinema/performance space and this MUST be re-used and not lost. There are several rooms which should be used for art classes and WEA classes for seniors and other adults. The money available from the developers should be used to convert this lovely building. It is appalling that Rutland does not have its own Art Centre. The council should take this opportunity to do something for the creative people of Rutland. The museum is the perfect site. | Local Artists should be able to have a custom made venue/facility for their use. | | If there was an appropriate gallery space, this would not be a problem for the Artistic community | There are no facilities for retired people to enjoy creating art in the area other than private classes. The council should be providing this for them, and other adults too. | No | Use the Museum and make it better and more available to all the art-loving Rutlanders, who are so ignored at the moment, in favour of the sport oriented and well served group. |
| Rutland Arts Theatre society | | Better seating, larger staging and improved lighting facilities required | Insufficient room for increase in audience | | | | No | We feel Oakham would benefit from a purpose built Public Theatre. |
| Rutland Bridge Club | I teach bridge, and there is a lot of demand, but I can only manage a few students at a time because I have to teach in my own home. There is no provision for teaching this subject in the evening at one of the colleges; and in any case many of my students, being elderly, find the daytime more suitable. I don't charge for my lessons, so I don't have the wherewithal to book a room; and in any case we would have the problem of transporting equipment around. Bridge is an ideal subject for the elderly to learn - it keeps their minds active and provides social activities for them. Please consider making it easier for those of us who are involved with bridge to go on providing for increaing demand. | Our venue is small for our club, which is popular and growing. We need at least 10m x10m space with storage facilities for our equipment (tables, cards, bidding boxes) and close to a kitchen. At present we play in a room where there is gym equipment, quite a way from the kitchen, and we share storage with more gym equipment. We are not ungrateful for the venue, and the head teacher and site manager are sympathetic and helpful, but it is not ideal. | We would like a larger room, with storage facilities for our equipment (tables etc.) and close to a kitchen. | As mentioned above, the playing area is cramped, and we could do with being nearer to a kitchen. | | I am chiefly concerned with the provision of a suitable venue for playing bridge or other board games - perhaps a room where other groups could meet, but certainly with storage for equipment and a kitchen and access for the disabled. Rutland Bridge Club plays once a week on a Thursday, but other bridge clubs in Oakham meet on Tuesday afternoon, Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening. There are also teachers of bridge (including myself) who would like to use such a room in the daytime on other days. This is a vital provision for the growing number of elderly people, and I believe long overdue. | No. Perhaps the money forthcoming from the development of the Tresham site could cover that - but I am not an authority on such matter and leave the decisions to the experts! Being involved with older people, I just want the improvements to happen as soon as possible! | Those of us who play bridge have always dreamt of having a purpose-built room in which to play, so we would prefer a new build facility. Stamford Bridge Club has a fantastic purpose-built venue; we are not asking for that, but at least a roomy centre which many elderly people could use for bridge or board games/meeting/teaching. Bridge is not confined to the elderly of course - but it is only after retirement that one can spare the time to play, so usually our members have retired. Incidentally, we do get visitors who call in when they are staying in Oakham. They find us on the Rutland Website, and come to see us. They always get a warm welcome, even if we do have to squeeze them in! |

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| Rutland Choral Society | | The Methodist Church is too small to provide us with the sound environment we need; plus it lacks enough space for more than a small audience. Also there is no space for instrumental players; and the stage is small. The alternative of All Saints Church is often booked out to others and has no stage at all. Also a church environment is not always suitable for all concerts and can be offputting to some potential audience especially those of different, or no, faith. | There is a clear need in the town for a hall for performance art and music, independent of local churches or the Oakham School. Only this month a planned collaborative music event between two local music groups has had to be cancelled due to lack of any available hall big enough for the players and audience. This stifles musical growth and discourages wider membership and engagement. | The hall we use is accessible but we need one which is bigger, better for sound, and with simple staging and room for orchestra, at reasonable fee. Also, an integral wired circuit to give support for hearing-deficient people is needed. | Wider availability for swimming please, both in Oakham and the Uppingham area. the so-called "shared" pool in Uppingham has limited hours for public use and these are often withdrawn to meet school needs. | Swimming! especially for medium and high ability swimmers. | No. Action is needed now. | New Build to incorporate a simple design of performance hall, preferably with a couple of rehearsal studios attached. Please discuss the brief with local groups including representatives from Rutland Choral Society; Rutland Sinfonia and others. The right design could be used by a wide number of groups. societies and activities. |
| Rutland Concert Band | | | | | Castle needs more toilets available when it is being hired for events. It is very expensive to hire in view of the lack of facilities. | Whilst it would be lovely to have a theatre/concert hall I think we need to be realistic. I don't believe that Rutland has the population to support such a venue. We have a lot of groups & individuals wishing to perform and/or organise concerts, all competing for the same small audience. There are spaces available for performances (Castle, Museum, Churches, School, Victoria Hall) and these are adequate for our own purposes. If possible, I would like to see a large, permanent, outdoor shelter/canopy (large enough for performers and audience) where performances could be held at little cost. We are lucky enough to have free rehearsal space. If the school were to review this, then rehearsals could become costly. Whilst we all have to be prepared to pay towards the administration of our activities, low cost rehearsal space for musicians of all genres and Am Dram would be welcomed. | Yes | Invest wisely in existing facilities |
| Rutland County Council (Jules) | | | Space and capacity Staffing Opening and access times | | Swimming pool is old and run down - dirty - needs modernising | Skate provision Youth cafe - affordable for young people | Yes | new build - or modernise existing |
| Rutland Handball Club | | | | | | | Yes | We consider that there is a need for another sports hall suitable for handball 40 meter by 20 meters court. |
| Rutland Hockey Club | Publicly owned astroturf pitches Catmose college is prohibitively expensive - quoted £90 per hour! | Only available at very specific times, at whim of schools, and cost means pass-on cost to members is expensive. | | | Catmose college is a great indoor hall, but local sport clubs are charged a very high rate to hire as it is administered by a third party organisation. | Hockey traditionally an elitist sport - difficult to break that cycle if venue hire means running costs are very high and so pass-on costs are high. | No | Difficult to say - would be better to take control of Catmose - why build new facilities if there is a white elephant next door? |

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| Rutland Hockey Club - Mixed section | Astro turf at Oakham School is fine. We looked at the astro turf at Catmose College as changing facilities are better but the pitch was not of a good enough quality. We could potentially play indoor hockey at Catmose Sports hall if goals and markings were provided | The astro turf at oakham school is exceptional but there is no access to changing rooms. We considered playing at the new Catmose College pitches but the astroturf is not of a high enough quality to play. We would also consider playing indoor hockey at the sports hall if it had the appropriate goals and markings. | | | I also play 5aside football on a thursday night. We currently play at UCC because the 3g pitch are far better to play on then the sand based astroturf at Catmose college. The majority of us live in Oakham but travel to use the better pitch. | skate boarding, bmx riding provisions in a safe environment to a good standard do not exist in the county. This could be a draw from a wider area and attract visitors to the county as well as providing a hub for outreach work with younger people. During consultation with younger people facilities for free running always appear high on the demand. some sort of combind urban sports area could be possible. | Yes. Rather than invest in traditional sports that are already benefiting from new facilities a proportion could be used for future developments | I cannot answer this question without knowing what the investment would look like and what sports would be invested in. |
| Rutland Kickboxing | More facilities and/or activities that allow parents to leave their children at so they can do exercise. At Catmose Sports Centre there used to be a Kid Club than ran from 9.30 to 11am for children ages 4 to 12. This allowed parents to leave there kids and take part in the gym classes that were on at that time. This has now stopped and only activities able on Saturday is from 9am to 11am which are for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old. The Adventures Club (whenever they decided to put that on) run from 12 mid day, when no classes are on. So more activities at Catmose to leave children so parents can take part in exercise would be ideal. We at Rutland Kickboxing do allow parents to bring there children to the Saturday class so can watch or do some of the training as some parents had childcare issue | To a point. We hire out the old auxiliary hall at Catmose Sport Centre. The cost of the hire is a lot cheaper than hiring the same space in the new building, such as one of the studios or new sport hall. The hall (and new building facilities) isnt ideal for Kickboxing, we ideally require an matted area. But it would cost too much for Rutland Kickboxing to purchase these mats and also the storage/transport of the mats would be an issue for us. | I would expect that the increase in population would increase the demand for the use of the facilities at Catmose Sport Centre. This could lead to an increase cost in hiring the venue, especially if we have to move to the new building, or losing our booking if Sport Centre decide to expand on the facilities they have to offer. | | A creche or children activities that link in with Catmose Sport Centre, so parents can exercise while their children are being supervised. There needs to be a big gym area and more studio space. Catmose Sport Centre is always busy and evening and weekend classes always seem to be full or near to full. Either extend the facilities at Catmose or another gym in the the same and bigger good facilities would be good. | Clubs and Activities for children aged 5 and above | Yes | Multi use sport hall with some key equipment (e.g mats) for the various clubs paid for and storage provided |

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| Rutland Local History Society | | <p>Whilst our needs have been and continue to be broadly met, there are issues relating to the availability and use of facilities. For a time, certainly, attendance at our meetings was detrimentally affected when we were obliged to change our normal meeting time from Thursday to Wednesday. Some of our members, many of whom are elderly, find the seating arrangements uncomfortable. Certain aspects of the study area in the museum are not really fit for purpose, a problem which has been exacerbated by the reduction in opening hours. There is often too much competition for the available facilities, the facilities are arguably inadequate for those with impaired mobility, and wifi facility is slow and cumbersome. In a wider sense it is strongly felt that the closure of the Museum and of the Castle at precisely those times when casual visits might be at their most numerous does little to enhance facilities the experience of visitors to the area.</p> | <p>Whilst most aspects of our activities are unlikely to be affected, an increase in population is likely to lead eventually to greater pressure on the study area facilities, as outlined above.</p> | <p>The main facilities are accessible, but please see the comment above concerning the study area.</p> | <p>This question is not really relevant to our Society's purposes.</p> | <p>This question is not really relevant to our Society's purposes.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>For our purposes we would prefer investment in existing facilities.</p> |
| Rutland Polo Club | <p>Major improvements required. There are no coaching/teaching facilities for children or young people who do not normally have access to ponies. The grounds would benefit from a facility to permit teaching indoors and improvement of the playing surface.</p> | <p>We need teaching facilities of an enclosed area with sloping floors and a wooden horse to allow us to teach children and young people safely. Without this facility it is not possible to safely teach polo to children or young people with no riding experience or background in horses. The availability of such a facility would permit qualified polo coaches to teach young people who have begun to work in the sport, enhancing their career development prospects. The grounds are adequate but to increase the profile of the Club, and therefore Rutland itself, improvements are needed to hold more prestigious tournaments.</p> | <p>This question was answered in question 9. No estimate has been obtained because there was no prospect of achieving funds; polo has an image problem. Everyone thinks polo players are rich and therefore can fund their own sporting facilities (thanks to Jilly Cooper). This takes no account of the fact that polo is accessible where there are the facilities to teach it; we would welcome the opportunity to give a presentation to prove it! Rutland Polo Club is a 'not for profit' organisation and membership is open to all age groups; anyone can join and we welcome new members regardless of previous experience.</p> | | | | <p>No. Given the timescale in which the funds will become available the funding should be used to benefit the Oakham locality now.</p> | <p>The maximum benefit to Oakham would be achieved by applying the funding to improve existing facilities; by reason of their existence it must evidence an existing need. Provision of a new build facility would mean the application of funds in a less efficient way than applying the funds to existing facilities. Greater benefits would be achieved by smaller awards to a larger group of organisations.</p> |

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| Rutland Sinfonia | Halls of suitable size and acoustics and with adequate players and audience car parking and facilities (e.g. refreshments and changing rooms etc) for concerts by musical groups including symphony orchestras and e.g. grand pianos. Orchestras of 60-80 with audiences of 200-250 | No- Audiences want reasonable facilities to meet their needs for comfort etc. We are grateful to the School, and depend on them, but the facilities for both audience and players are very limited, and the seats are hard, but it is difficult to see how they can be improved. Availability can be difficult as understandably we are also dependent on the school Chapel being available for hire. | There is need for a publicly owned hall capable of providing the type of accommodation I've referred to, at affordable prices, as it is difficult to see how significant improvements could be made in the Chapel. (I believe Oakham school are considering the possibility of new building for recitals by small groups, but unfortunately it will not be big enough to meet larger concert needs, From my discussions I believe RCC is aware and in contact with Oakham School | Although car parking access for wheel chairs is not easy | We did look at the Catmose hall and museum hall but neither met all our needs. We have not done any detailed work | See also answer 11 above. The absence of a readily affordable hireable hall- preferably publicly owned- for concerts of the type I've described and other musical or other events as there is clear need in the town for a hall for performance art and music, independent of local churches or the Oakham School. This would also cater for the fact that certain faiths prohibit or restrict their members in entering churches/chapels, and some people don't like to go to events in schools. | Yes. but not at the expense of the sort of hall I have described | See 13 above. I don't think any of the existing facilities can be improved to meet the needs I've described in every way, so a new multi-purpose facility might be the best answer providing the musical elements in terms of acoustics, seating etc were not compromised. the right design could be used by a wide number of groups, societies and activities. We are very willing to be involved in any dialogue about needs and specifications. I sent the survey to RCSoc and believe they too support this view |
| Rutland U3A | | The U3A is designated for people who are no longer in full-time employment- i.e. retired. Our numbers are currently increasing and no doubt with the forecast developments there will be further growth. In a number of activities we are already experiencing problems due to the size of facilities and this is exacerbated by the lack of availability of a range of appropriately sized meeting rooms with the necessary services (e.g. wi-fi) that can be used at a reasonable cost. | In general we require a range of facilities at one end of our monthly meeting- open to all members down to the numerous interest groups that may meet on a weekly basis (over 30 at present) and the potential growth will impact across all levels. Clearly we will need improvement in range, availability and flexibility of venues with modern service provision and economically priced (i.e. to meet the needs of a pensioner's budget). | Victoria Hall is used for our main monthly meeting. The first floor location is adequate providing the lift can be used. If this facility is unavailable... | The council need to provide help and support in making available venues for charity organisations working with the local community. The membership has commented on the issues relating to provision of new swimming facilities. | The demographics associated with U3A (i.e. general over 60's) dictate that we will require more facilities in the coming years. | Yes. The council need to manage the available funds against the needs of the community taking on board the appropriate risk analysis | With a "Rutland-wide" retired membership the preference has to be for an early development in the central Oakham location with easy access to transport links and suitable parking arrangements. The Enterprise Park is unlikely to be viewed favourably by our membership. |
| Stevenage Leisure Limited | | | | | | | Yes | agree |
| The Victoria Hall | | The Victoria Hall require new and more adequate lift facilities, a new kitchen - a complete refurbishment and upgrade, ventilation upgrade (part of the monies have been raised for this), upgraded toilet facilities, ongoing maintenance and decoration. | New lift facilities - no costs researched presently. Ventilation - £12-15,000 (£4,000 secured.) New kitchen facilities - circa £45,000 an expression of interest bid has been submitted this week to Biffa. | New lift facilities required however, better upstairs toilet facilities. | | | Yes | Invest in existing and consider a new build |
| Vale Judo Club | | Leaes runs out Dec 2013 - Vale Judo Club will have no training facility past the end of 2013 | need a 14m x 28m permanent dojo where we can install our sprung floor as well as adjacent sports ghall to run training camps and competitions. Also need changing rooms, toilets and showers for amles and females - adjacent classrooms for volunteers/coaching courses | | we are looking to move into the gym at former ashwell prison site as a permanent venue. Main issues to be addresses are car parking, access, security disability compliance for the sports building. | apart from ashwell, there is no venue available to support our permanent judo training requirement. | No | We believe that 100% of the funding should be used to und the conversion of the ashwell site for sports use. (including judo). |

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| Voluntary Action Rutland | | We are able to provide support for organisations however the roof of the Volunteer Centre is in need of replacing. Failure to do this would threaten the community rooms and the offices hosting charities and organisations. The IT Suite and Community Rooms if refurbished and with new furniture could be opened up to more people and have bigger space for different activities | Roof repair - £78k Modernisation of community room - furniture, flooring, decorating, include furniture that is usable for older people but can be easily packed away to create an open floor space. IT provision - £15k IT suite - Developing work with Job Centre Plus, DWP and Spire homes - Capital equipment needs to be updated and other space developed to increase capacity. - £15k | | | IT provision as we move towards digital by default for statutory and private services, including; Universal credit, e-learning, Universal job match, online shopping and communication. IT tutor skills along with access to IT and career / finding work support in one space. Covers all ages from access to completing online homework, finding work, accessing online services including car, shopping and finance for example. | No | Yes we agree that that existing facilities in the Oakham North area can be developed to meet the cultural, leisure and recreation needs of the community as it grows. If funding is available to support redeveloping existing infrastructure then organisations could have the capacity to develop new services and provision to meet community needs. |
| Wakerley and Barrowden Cricket Club | | | | | | | | |