

QUALITY OF LIFE

6. Recreation & Leisure

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The most significant area of provision in the Parish is the clubhouse and sports field controlled by the Arley Sports and Social Club, the latter being used mainly for football, archery and cricket. The three village halls also provide spaces for leisure activities.

Other open-air recreational activities are less organised, and include the normal countryside pursuits – walking, cycling, horse riding, bird-watching, shooting, photography, angling and so on.

Many people spend at least some of their leisure time in activities that involve travel to Kidderminster, Bewdley, etc. The relatively small number of residents is a constraint on the provision of some activities within the Parish. However, good quality provision might attract people from outside.

Suggestions for further organised activities include: yoga, tennis, indoor bowls, painting classes, art and sculpture exhibitions, farm visits or “trails”, an arts festival forming a “fringe” to the Bewdley Festival, a Christmas market to draw in people from the Santa Specials on the SVR.

Issues

- Dilapidated sports pavilion.
- Disruption caused by some visitors
- Difficulty of accessing leisure facilities in the town.

Actions

Stakeholders

Timescale

Investigate a “fringe” arts festival

Community

Medium term

Investigate use of village halls for further indoor activities.

VH Committees

Ongoing

Refurbish village halls to provide for a wider range of uses.

VH Committees

Short or
Medium term

Policy Statement

The Parish Council would support proposals for the provision of further sports and leisure opportunities in the Parish. The Parish Council would support initiatives aimed at attracting more people from outside to participate in recreational activities in the parish