

Summary of Findings from community Life Interviews

At the start of the process representatives of the following clubs/groups were identified and interviewed using the headings on the questionnaire below:

Shrivenham Amblers
Shrivenham Amateur Dramatic society
Ballet Class
Shrivenham Bowls Club
St Andrews Campanologists
Generations of Sound
Shrivenham Cricket Club
Shrivenham and District Gardening Club
Girl Guides Association
Health Walks
Heritage Society
Shrivenham Music Club
Shrivenham Photographic Society
Pilates Group
Shooting Club
St Andrews Church
Tai Chi Shrivenham

Summary of Trends:

Many of the groups have membership from outside the village and most of the groups are thriving. Nearly all would welcome the increase in membership that current developments might bring.

Many of the groups meet weekly and use the Memorial Hall. Predominantly the Vic Day Room. The need for another such sized room was identified.

Cost of hall hire is an issue for many groups. This is particularly true where additional costs are incurred for hire of space for changing.

Regular bookings are easy to make but those that meet sporadically eg SADS have some difficulty with bookings. Occasional booking must be made well in advance.

Many clubs identified a need for permanent projection facilities within the Memorial Hall. Others mentioned improved stage lighting and sound.

The development of a dedicated sports pavilion for eg Cricket was identified as a means of freeing up space in the memorial Hall.

Cricket Club and the Bowls Club identified a need for capital investment for changing and other facilities.

Other groups identified a need to develop new walks outside the developed area of the village.

Increased community sports facilities were identified eg community tennis courts and fitness trails..

Community Life Checklist questionnaire 7/7/15

Title of Club/Organisation/Group		Comments						
Charity	Sports	Not for Profit	Commercial					
Contact Name	Position within organisation:	Staff nos. and FTE						
Tel:	Email:							
<p>PREAMBLE: The Parish Council is seeking to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Once in place this will ensure that any future development in and around the village meets the needs of the community. In order to get the information we need a number of working Groups have been set up to look at different aspect of the village, and I currently represent Community Life. We are interested to know what impact the various developments might have on the various groups and clubs that contribute to community life and well as identifying any gaps that may be filled in the future. The neighbourhood plan cannot insist that something happens but the policies developed can influence the types of development that take place in the village and require that developers include certain amenities eg green space, money towards improving the Memorial Hall.</p>								
1 What is the purpose of the group?								
2 How often do they meet?								
3 Brief outline of activities								
MEMBERSHIP								
4 What is the total membership?								
5 What number regularly attend?								
6 Where do members come from?		a Shrivenham Parish						
		b Local villages						
		c Other						
7 What are the ages of your members?								
	<8	8-11	12-18	19-24	25-44	45-65	66-75+	75+
8 Would you be able to/wish to increase your membership?								
9 Is there a maximum /minimum membership? What are the limiting factors?								
FACILITIES AND FUNDING								
10 How is the group funded?								
11 What is the current 'health' of the group?								
12 Where do members meet? Does the group have its own		Own premises						

premises? If yes please outline.	Memorial Hall	
	Other	
13 What regular overheads need to be met?		
14 What impact (if any) would an increase in the village of 500+ houses make to the group		
15 What additional designated resources might be required?		
16 What additional funding might be required?		
17 MEMORIAL HALL USERS:		
a Which rooms are used		
b Is there any difficulty booking rooms wanted when needed?		
c Are the facilities adequate for current use?		
18 OWN PREMISES		
18 a) Who owns the premises?		
18 b) Who funds and undertakes its maintenance?		
18 c) Are there any limitations on its use?		
18 d) Is there spare capacity that could be shared with others?		
18 e) Is there a need for capital investment to expand/improve facilities?		
19 Would an increase in membership require additional facilities? Please specify		
20 Are there any additional activities that the group could offer if membership were increased?		
21 Are there any other facilities that would enhance community life that you believe the village lacks?		