

**Deputy Clerk's Report**  
**By Rachel Weeks for the Amenities Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The October Amenities Committee meeting was cancelled.

Actions and updates since the last Amenities Committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

- a. **Happy to Chat Benches.** I have received the signs and these have now been installed on the benches at the Marden Playing Field (see Photos 1, 2, 3 and 4).
- b. **Community Payback Team.** I have contacted the Community Payback Team about
- c. **Tree of the Year Competition.** We have received a response from the Kent Men of Trees. Unfortunately, our submission of "Sylvia" recommended by a resident. Their comments were: "Unfortunately, Marden's entry did not win, the winner this year being Wye. However, the judging team were impressed by the tree you entered and agreed that it was likely to prove an attraction for walkers around your village. We appreciated that you had asked local groups for their suggestions. Indeed, as a result of your entry, we are considering a future competition's criterion to be "impressive trees on walks around your village."
- d. **Football Goal Posts.** It is nice to see that our permanent goal posts are being used – see the photo below where the grass has worn away! (Photo 5)



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.



Photo 4.



Photo 5.


**MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Caretakers To Do List**

**CHRIS**



**Public Toilets**

Date entered	Task	Photo (?)	When to be completed	Caretaker completed
	Check and report any issues to the Office		Weekly	

**Southons Field**

Date entered	Task	Photo (?)	When to be completed	Caretaker completed
08/09/2025	Put WD40 on the Swings to prevent squeaking		ASAP	
14/10/2025	Tighten up the Wooden Play Trail as some posts are wobbly and loose (see photos). Talk to Clerks about the tool needed.		By 30th November 2025	
14/10/2025	Review all picnic benches and tighten any wobbly parts or slats - check regularly.		By 30th November 2025	

**Playing Field, Napoleon Drive & Rookery Path**

Date entered	Task	Photo (?)	When to be completed	Caretaker completed
08/09/2025	Clean down the play equipment to remove the moss/mould to prevent slipping at Napoleon Drive and Playing Field play areas		By 30th November 2025	
08/09/2025	Remove encroaching grass and weeds from circular footpath around the field and around the Sports Wall pavement (need a side strimmer?)		By 30th November 2025	
08/09/2025	Clean down the roof of the Youth Shelter and tidy up around the area		Over the winter period	
14/10/2025	Cut back any low hanging branches on the Playing Field (especially around the Chestnuts area)		Over the winter period	
	Strim around boundary of the playing field		Ongoing	
	Regularly sweep the dip in footpath near playing field play area of leaves/puddles where drain is.		Ongoing	
	Strim back around changing rooms / Chestnuts area, particularly by pathways		Ongoing	
	Monthly checking of the changing rooms to see if there are any issues - report back to office		Ongoing	
	Strim Rookery Path and clear any rubbish/flytipping		Ongoing	
	Strim area by Cranham Square		Ongoing	

**Other Areas**

<b>Date entered</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Photo (?)</b>	<b>When to be completed</b>	<b>Caretaker completed</b>
	Report back to the office any issues seen within the parish which are not on this list		Weekly	
	Weekly play inspection checks of play areas and play trail Check to hear any squeaks of swings etc and remedy with WD40		Weekly	
	Monthly tree inspections at Playing Field, Rookery Path and Southons Field		Monthly	

Speed Camera to be moved:

w/c 8/9/25      Howland Road  
w/c 3/11/25     Albion Road  
w/c 29/12/25    Goudhurst Road  
w/c 23/2/25     Howland Road  
w/c 20/4/25     Albion Road  
w/c 15/6/25     Goudhurst Road

Dear Alison,

You have received the following message from [REDACTED].

Hi Alison My name is [REDACTED]. My mother has lived in Marden for 40 odd years and my stepfather - Paddy Germain - recently passed away. My mother is looking into the possibility of placing a public bench in Marden somewhere in his memory. The idea is she can do a regular walk from her house in The Old Market to the bench and back as a regular exercise routine. She mentioned the Marden playing field might be a good site. I was wondering how we can investigate this further? Please advise. Many thanks, [REDACTED]

This message was sent from the following page:

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Rachel Weeks  
Marden Parish Council  
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**QUOTE 6468**  
**18 November 2025**

Quantity	Details	Unit Price (£)	VAT	Net Subtotal (£)
1	<p>Site: Marden Playing Fields</p> <p>Carry out the following tree work (in line with BS3998:2010):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- T1 Oak, Lift to 6m (property side, next to bridge) £210</li> <li><del>- T2 Oak, Reduce by 40% (major die back over footpath) £610</del></li> <li>- T3 Conifer(s), Cut back to fenceline &amp; lift to 2.5m £210</li> <li>- Leave site clear &amp; tidy (of any waste we generate)</li> <li>- Check with Local Authority for any restrictions to tree work</li> </ul> <p>(and manage any subsequent application required, free of charge, upon acceptance of the job)</p> <p>Please note that if any trees to be worked on are located within a neighbour's boundary or we require access to a neighbour's land to carry out the works a signed permission letter will be required. A standard letter is available. If a letter is required please return signed copy before the date of works (photo by email is fine).</p>	1,030.00	20%	1,030.00
				<i>£920.00</i>
				Net Total <del>1,030.00</del>
				VAT 206.00

**GBP Total £1,236.00**

**Other Information**

**Company Registration Number: 08440183**

Please note this quotation is valid for 60 days.

## Southons Field Fees

Year	Parking	Hourly Rate	1/2 day rate (up to 4 hours)	Over 4 hours
1/4/17 - 31/3/20	£ 30.00	£ 15.00	£ 50.00	£ 100.00
1/4/20 - 31/3/22	£ 30.00	£ 15.00	£ 55.00	£ 110.00
1/4/22 - 31/3/23	£ 35.00	£ 17.50	£ 60.00	£ 120.00
1/4/23 - 31/3/24	£ 35.00	£ 17.50	£ 65.00	£ 130.00
1/4/24 - 31/3/25	£ 37.50	£ 18.50	£ 70.00	£ 140.00
1/4/25 - 31/3/26	£ 37.50	£ 18.50	£ 70.00	£ 140.00

## Playing Field Fees

Season	Pitch hire (per match)
2011/2012	£ 37.50
2012/2013	£ 38.00
2013/2014	£ 42.50
2014/2015	£ 47.00
2015/2016	£ 47.50
2016/2017	£ 47.50
2017/2018	£ 48.00
2018/2019	£ 50.00
2019/2020	£ 52.50
2020/2021	£ 52.50



## **NOTES OF THE AMENITIES SITE MEETINGS OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

### **THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllrs Dobinson, Rabot and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

Apologies: The Cemetery Groundsman and Cllrs Boswell, Goda and Summersgill all gave their apologies.

#### **CEMETERY - 9.30AM**

##### **Issues raised by Caretaker**

As the Cemetery Groundsman was absent, he had raised an issue with the tree with the circular bench around it and that vehicles were unable to pass underneath. Cllrs viewed the tree and Cllr Tippen recommended a local contractor looks at the tree with the Cemetery Caretaker to see if it needs work. Cllrs wanted to express their thanks to the Cemetery Groundsman for all his hard work in keeping the cemetery looking wonderful.

##### **Monitor Soil Waste**

Cllrs viewed the soil waste area following recent burials. Cllrs requested that the Clerks keep an eye on the area making sure that it does not get too big and is taken away regularly.

##### **New Section (Section 4)**

###### Graves (Headstone only)

There had been a recent funeral but there were no new issues to report on this area.

##### **Other**

###### Benches

The Deputy Clerk informed Cllrs that there were some issues with the benches in the Cemetery. Cllrs requested that the Clerks conduct a Bench Audit to check the safety, current state and responsibility of each bench.

Cllrs also requested that the Cemetery Groundsman tidies up the Scattering of Ashes area and remove a Cherry Tree sucker from the rose section.

The Cemetery meeting finished at 9.55am.

### **SOUTHONS FIELD - 10.00AM**

#### **Issues raised by Caretaker**

As the Cemetery Groundsman was absent, he had raised an issue with the lower limbs of the maple oak tree close to Cllr Boswell's property that may be preventing the gang mower from getting close to the area. Cllrs reviewed the tree and agreed that they would prefer not to remove the limbs.

#### **Review of the Field and Trees**

Cllrs viewed the field and trees. Cllr Boswell had raised an issue with the Black Bean tree over near a resident's property with the branches hanging over. Whilst there had been no

complaints received from the resident, Cllrs recommended that either the Cemetery Groundsman/local contractor take a look to see whether work was needed as removing the branches would make the tree very uneven.

### **Review of Pavilion and Sheds**

The pavilion was acceptable and no issues were reported. The security shed, although did not look secure, any items that needed security could be put in the secure area locked inside. Cllrs agreed that the future of the security shed should be put onto the next Amenities agenda for discussion.

### **Play Equipment**

There were various poles of the wooden play trail that were loose and would need tightening up (Photos 1 and 2). The Deputy Clerk would look into getting the right tool for the Caretaker to make the poles safe.

### **Other**

The Cllrs reviewed the picnic benches and agreed that some were loose. The Deputy Clerk would ask the Caretaker to look at the benches and tighten where needed.

The Southons Field meeting finished at 10.27am

## **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**

### **PRESENT**

Cllrs Rabot and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk and the Village Caretaker were also in attendance.

Apologies: Cllrs Boswell, Goda and Summersgill all gave their apologies.

### **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES - 9.30AM**

#### **Issues raised by Caretaker**

The Caretaker joined Cllrs and the Deputy Clerk along with the Cleaning Contractor. The Caretaker had no issues to report. The Cleaning Contractor requested that a new soap dispenser be ordered as the one in the Gents toilet had been vandalised (see Photo 3).

### **Cleaning**

Both the Ladies and Gents toilets continue to be cleaned to a high standard.

### **Building inspection (internal and external)**

Cllrs checked the building internally and externally. There were no issues to report.

### **CAR PARK**

There were no issues to report in the car park.

The Public Conveniences meeting finished at 9.45am

## **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER - PLAYING FIELD – 10.00AM**

### **Issues raised by Caretaker**

The Caretaker joined Cllrs at the Playing Field but raised no issues.

### **Changing Room**

There were no issues to discuss regarding the Changing Room.

### **Playing Field Play Area**

At the time of this site meeting the Contractor still had not carried out the works on the multi-play equipment steps and platform. The Deputy Clerk would chase. The Cllrs discussed with

the Caretaker his work on cutting back the grass that was encroaching onto the concrete of the Sports Wall and pathway around the field. The Deputy Clerk would discuss with the Clerk getting the Caretaker the right equipment to make the job easier and quicker (e.g. side strimmer). There were some low hanging branches around the Chestnut area that would need cutting back. These would be added to the Caretaker's To Do List.

### **Napoleon Drive Play Area and Open Space**

Cllrs commented on the paint on railings at the Napoleon Drive Play Area and gateway which had again begun to peel. The Clerks had tried to put some hi viz tape on the gateway but the surface was not smooth enough. Cllrs requested that the Community Payback team come back to rub down and paint the railings and gateway to make it look tidier.

### **Trees**

The conifers near the Sutton Court side of the Playing Field had begun to encroach on the pathway. The Deputy Clerk would discuss with the Clerk to look at cutting them back (see Photo 4).

### **Boundary and General Playing Field Open Space**

There was a trunk that had been cut down and left at the boundary (see Photo 5). The Deputy Clerk would discuss with the Clerk what to do, whether it be left to nature or removed.

### **Youth Shelter**

No new issues to report. The Caretaker would continue his work on cleaning the roof.

### **Rookery Path**

Cllr Tippen reported that the left hand side gate and fencing (when facing the entrance to Rookery Court) would need the same concrete bollards as the right. The Clerks would look to contact the maintenance company to make the request. The Caretaker would continue to cut back along Rookery Path and let the Clerks know if he needed assistance.

The Playing Field meeting ended at 10.35am.



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.



Photo 4.



Photo 5.



## **NOTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN**

### **1. Present:**

Cllrs Anne Boswell (AB), Paul Dobinson (DB), Adrian Rabot (AR).

### **2. Apologies:**

Cllrs Grace Couch, Mike Summersgill, Andy Turner and one member of the public.

### **3. Notes from Environmental Sub-Group held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

The notes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July were agreed.

### **4. Action List from Environmental Sub-Group**

The Clerk and Admin Assistant have updated the action plan and PD agreed to read through to see if can be in a different format.

### **5. Marden Plastic Free Campaign**

<https://plasticfree.org.uk/>

There was no update to be reported as no meeting had been held recently.

### **6. Parish Councils Environment Network (PCEN) meetings**

Held on 30<sup>th</sup> July and AR & MS attended. MS also attended the further meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

No date has been set for next meeting.

### **7. MBC Carbon Literacy Training**

It was envisaged that a session could be organised in February either one full day or two 3.5 evening sessions.

### **8. Green Homes/Retrofit Session**

Proposed date: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am-1pm in Marden Village Club.

AB/AR and a member of the public attended online session with the Domestic Energy Support Officer on the possibility of holding a Green Homes event in Marden which is a low/no cost project.

The proposed agenda would include: welcome & introduction with tea & biscuits; KCC provide information on home energy efficiency grants etc; visit (within walkable distance) to 1 or 2 homeowners who have installed a heat pump and/or done a retrofit (KCC to sign an agreement with homeowner/s); reconvene session with an installer/s and Q&A session.

Once confirmation had been received the proposal would be taken to January Amenities Committee.

**9. Nature Recovery Fund**

AR has sent an Expression of Interest form to MBC and the bidding is now open which is in three tranches – phase 1 £98k in Autumn 2025; phase 2 £195k in Spring 2026 and phase 3 £195k in Spring 2027.

It was suggested we liaise with MS on first round of successful funding and what grants have been approved.

AR agreed to draft (with a view to amending) a bid with a vision on how to increase biodiversity by sourcing local plant species (liaise with Marden Wildlife) and undertaking an audit in Summer 2026.

Possibly combine 3 areas – allotments/dementia garden, Southons Field Wildflower Meadow and Library area.

**10. Hedge Planting at back of Marden Cemetery**

Proposed Planting Date is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The tree delivery is likely to be from the last week of Nov to the first week of December.

**11. Earth Charter Principles**

MPC have endorsed in principle that they conform with the 16 Earth Charter Principles.

**12. MBC Climate Change and Biodiversity Consultation**

closing date 30<sup>th</sup> November. This was completed by AB and PD and the Deputy Clerk would be asked to place on social media.

**13. MPC Climate Change Action Plan**

MS would be asked to provide an update on whether MBC have devised a template.

**14. Pond Warden/Pond Restoration**

MS would be asked to update on whether the Heritage of Kent Ponds could be brought to Low Weald and advise on information on what the role of a Pond Warden entails so can put another shout out in the newsletter.

**15. The Great Collaboration/Place Based Initiative**

<https://greatcollaboration.uk/>

AR had completed two actions but the project is not very active and MBC not participating. Nothing to update.

**16. Repair Cafés in Yalding and Tovil**

Np update to report.

**17. NALC National Network**

A Climate Emergency session had been held on 10th October. AB forwarded notes – nothing of note.

**18. MBC Thermal Imaging Cameras**

MS would be asked to update on use of MBC cameras.

**19. Any Other Business**

ECVs – add to next agenda.

[– ECV's - raise at next meeting](#)

**20. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in the Parish Office.

## Amenities Committee : Update on Youth Activities

### **1. Update from Aimee Illidge, Programme Manager Kent Cricket Community Trust**

Aimee Illidge has discussed the potential work in Marden with colleagues at KCCT and a possible programme for Feb half-term. The concern is that the weather could be a 'massively negatively factor.' Cricket particularly is not a sport that lends itself well to wet or cold weather. The worry is that the impact and meaningfulness of the programme will be lost on low numbers and poor engagement. They are very keen to undertake youth work in Marden in the warmer months and provide mid-term activities later in the new year.

I also spoke to Owen Moemken from Golding Homes at the Police Surgery regarding the possibility of Golding Homes assisting with funding. He asked me to email him and he's pass on the request, which I have done.

### **2. Response to KCCT**

I have replied that I agree that the weather in February half-term could be an issue in relation to participation. I have asked if they could consider a few days work indoors, possibly at the Memorial Hall with the Mini-bus deployed in the car park. This is dependent on availability and a risk assessment etc.

### **3. Other Option for February Half-Term**

PC George Head mentioned at the Police Surgery that Singleton Parish Council ( Ashford) had hired an outdoor skateboard track as in the poster below ( a picture to follow). I've emailed the Parish Clerk for costs, take-up and their views on the offer to young people.



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**Fw: Pump Track**

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From Cllr Adrian Rabot <cllrrobot@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>

Date Wed 19/11/2025 15:34

To Rachel Weeks <deputyclerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>; Cllr Anne Boswell <cllrboswell@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>; Cllr Paul Dobinson <cllr Dobinson@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>

Please see the reply from Ani, the Clerk at Great Chart Singleton. Looks great and seemed to be have been a success, but sadly above our means!

Adrian

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From: The Clerk <TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 2:24 PM

To: Cllr Adrian Rabot <cllrrobot@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Pump Track

Dear Cllr Rabot,

Thank you for your email and your interest in the pump track project.

As a council, our goal was to enhance the use of our green spaces, so we decided to trial a modular pump track in one of our parks. Although our late booking resulted in securing a smaller track, the community's response was remarkable; the feedback we received exceeded our expectations. The success of the event has motivated us to consider establishing a permanent pump track.

We hired the track for a week, and the company set it up efficiently. On the first day, they provided staff and equipment, enabling those unfamiliar with biking or without bikes or scooters to participate. For the rest of the week, the pump track remained in the park, and fortunately, we encountered no issues with vandalism. It was heartening to see so many young people actively using the facility.

The supplier, Dirt Factory, was extremely helpful and provided all the necessary insurance paperwork. I highly recommend them for their excellent service. You can find out more about them and their services on their website. <https://dirtfactory.co.uk/> The cost to hire the track for a week was around £4000 including VAT, but it is a worthwhile investment. Please scroll down to see some of the comments we received. If you have any questions, just let me know, will be happy to help.



Boost this post to get more reach for Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council.

Boost Post

Angus Willison, Maic Wiffen and 12 others

8 comments 2 shares

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Top fan

Margarita Turner

It's so lovely to see so many young people of many ages enjoying this. What a success it is.

3w Like Reply

5



Laura Pantrey

My son has thoroughly enjoyed the pump track this half term. Thank you Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council.



3w Like Reply 4



Adam Bellman

Great to see so many children out exercising and having fun! Much better than sitting on screens all day

3w Like Reply

3



Kelly Clayton

My son loved it yesterday! Lots of children really enjoying down there was lovely to see! Big success! Would be great to see some of our money going into something like this!

3w Like Reply

2



Top fan

Claire Thomas · Follow

I've seen loads of kids using it. What a fantastic thing to do

3w Like Reply

3



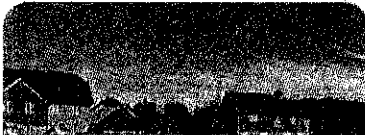
Hayley Sims

Thank you to who ever put this in, would be amazing to have a permanent one put in the park. Both my sons have enjoyed this over the past few day and so many other children have been loving it. Be an amazing new addition to the park.

3w Like Reply



Kelly Clayton



Claire Thomas

24 October at 20:10

We went down today and my 8yo daughter loved it. There were some older kids there (12/13yo) and they stopped to let her on, as well as letting some even younger/slower ones on. Aside from a little swearing they were really considerate of the younger ones, and it was lovely to see. I hope it comes back in the Spring

Like

Best wishes,

Ani

Clerk at Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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**From:** Cllr Adrian Rabot <cllrrabot@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025 13:52  
**To:** The Clerk <TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Pump Track

Dear Ms A Szocs

PC George Head at Kent police has passed on details of the event below and I was wondering if you could let me know if this was a successful event for your young people. I'd be grateful if you think it was worthwhile and the contact for the supplier of the track and of course the cost to the Parish Council.

Kind regards

Adrian  
Chair Marden Parish Council





**pump track**

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**From** Cllr Adrian Rabot <cllrrabot@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>

**Date** Wed 19/11/2025 15:39

**To** Rachel Weeks <deputyclerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>; Cllr Anne Boswell <cllrboswell@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>; Cllr Paul Dobinson <cllr Dobinson@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>

Sorry I just checked on-line and it's not as bad as I thought:-

**Example Costs**

- **Fast Traxx (portable wooden pump track)** — £600/day for them to bring, set up, and run it. [FastTraxx](#)
- **Dirt Factory (for events)** — pump track hire: from **£550 + VAT** for a 3-hour session including staff, bikes, helmets, risk assessments, and insurance. [Oldham Service Directory](#)

Adrian

# Summer Sessions: A *No Boundaries* programme



KENT CRICKET  
COMMUNITY TRUST

## About the Programme

The summer sessions were delivered as a pilot initiative, funded by Sevenoaks District Council under the *No Boundaries* programme. Led by the Kent Cricket Community Trust in partnership with Millwall Community Trust, the programme provides inclusive sporting and social opportunities for young people, with the ultimate aim of supporting broader outcomes such as community safety, youth engagement, and the reduction of anti-social behaviour.

## About the Evaluation

SPEAR (the Centre for Sport, Physical Education & Activity Research at Canterbury Christ Church University) was commissioned to evaluate the pilot's impact. This infographic presents key findings from participant surveys and feedback to highlight outcomes, experiences, and recommendations for future programme development.

## Outcomes for Participants



**85%**

*"I feel like I've achieved something I'm proud of"*

Participants reported meeting **new friends** and **feeling more connected to others**:

***I made a friend, I didn't know him at all***



**Two-thirds**

*"I've learned how to work better as part of a team"*

***I made friends with someone, he's my new best friend***



Participants described developing **new skills**:

**teamwork, leadership & self-confidence**



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# Summer Sessions: A No Boundaries programme



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**1 in 3** avoided boredom  
and screen time through  
participation

The findings suggest the Summer Sessions provided a meaningful alternative for participants, as **36%** of survey respondents stated they would otherwise have been **bored at home or spending time on social media or gaming.**

## Participant Experiences

Feedback has been positive, with 86% of participants enjoying the choice of football and cricket, 85% having fun on the Engagement Bus, and 95% praising the coaches for making sessions fun and friendly. Enjoyment was tied to being with friends and having the freedom to choose activities.

Participants noted that it was a **safe space**, and also **enjoyed playing as a team and trying new things.**



**86%**

*"I liked having football and cricket to choose from"*

***The coaches are quite nice and they make me feel supported and help me to improve***



**85%**

*"I had fun doing activities on the Engagement Bus"*

Some highlighted specific moments – e.g. "scoring a goal," "winning a game," "teamwork," or "helping others."

***I used to feel really scared playing cricket against my brother but now I don't***



**95%**

*"The coaches make the sessions fun and friendly"*



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# Summer Sessions: A No Boundaries programme



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## Learning to Inform Future Programme



### Choice Matters

*Participants engaged most when they had options and could choose activities they enjoyed.*



### Social Connection

*Friendships and group belonging were central to enjoyment and continued engagement.*



### Supportive Environment

*Students valued teamwork, new friendships, and staff encouragement as much as the activity itself.*



### Active Engagement

*Some parents preferred their child to be playing sport rather than gaming, as they could do that at home.*

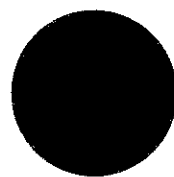


### Co-Design

*Gathering regular feedback or co-designing sessions could strengthen ownership and relevance.*

The majority expressed a **desire to return** and **recommend the experience to friends**:

“ **I wish it was everyday!** ”



**91%**

*"Would like to come again"*



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# AMENITIES OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

Action No.	Minute Item No	Action	Allocated to	Status	Date Completed
	057/24	Litter Bin Survey	Rachel Weeks	<p>A litter bin survey was carried out by the Admin Assistant and the Deputy Clerk. Cllrs decided at the Amenities Committee Meeting on 1st October to request two more bins from MBC in areas that needed them at the end of the High Street/Stanleys. The Clerks have contacted MBC with regard to moving a bin to the High Street area and have been told a response will be given after May 2025. MBC are awaiting delivery of new litter bins by the end of June. Once they have a confirmed delivery date, they will audit all their litter bins to relocate or replace. They have said they will ensure this litter bin is part of this work. An MBC bin has appeared outside One Stop and their private black bin has been removed. The Clerks will contact MBC to find out the result of their audit. A new twin bin has been installed outside the Kebab/Fish &amp; Chip Shop and grocery shop at Church Green. We have contacted MBC regarding the moving of the bin near West End Tavern to Albion Road and are awaiting a response. No response as at November meeting. Chased again.</p>	
		Allotments			
		Solar Panels at Public Conveniences			