



# Thatcham Vision Report 2015

## Part 7: Sports, Leisure and Culture

# ***REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND FINDINGS OF THE SPORTS, LEISURE & CULTURE TOPIC TEAM***

## **29. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **29.1. Document Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to present the findings and recommendations of the Sports, Leisure & Culture Topic Team. It sets this in the context of the refresh of the Thatcham Vision Plan and sets out the remit of the Topic Team and the membership of the team.

### **29.2. Team remit**

The Sports, Leisure & Culture Topic Team was formed in 2013 as part of the refresh of the Thatcham Vision Action Plan with a remit to consider current issues in these areas and what is required to overcome them. The team were also briefed to consider how a better quality of provision could be acquired. Finally, the team looked at how the provision for sports, leisure & cultural activities would need to be developed as the population grows.

### **29.3. Team Composition**

Ten members of the community formed the topic team looking at Sport, Culture & Leisure. The team was chaired by Janette Miranda, also a Thatcham Town Councillor and was ably assisted by Angela Bates both of whom donated a large number of hours to this project.

Mel Alexander volunteered as a local resident but was able to bring her extensive knowledge of play areas and open spaces from her employ at Thatcham Town Council. Mark Ranson represented Kennet Leisure Centre and Will Sewell, Chair of Thatcham Rugby Club, represented his sport and was able to provide information on Henwick Sports Ground where the club is based. Mike Cass and Jacqueline Scoins-Cass MBE gave continuity to the process as both took part in the original Parish planning activities as well as promoting sports for the disabled and able bodied. Mike Cole, a local councillor and member of Kennet Amateur Dramatics also attended. Nick Young assisted in an advisory capacity as "Thatcham's historian" as did Dave Seward in relation to youth.

## **30. APPROACH**

During the pre-refresh consultation Sports, Leisure & Culture ranked as the second most important topic that residents felt needed to be addressed in Thatcham (second only to ASB & Crime) with 10% of the votes cast. When the community was asked for two things to start, stop and continue the topic was still highly ranked in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (with 12% of the votes) behind Crime & Transport.

The main consultation therefore asked which sport and leisure activity they would like to see in Thatcham (*Appendix 1*). The results showed that skating activities ranked highest, followed by swimming and ball sports. The results support the facts as there is only one small sports hall and swimming pool in Thatcham and although there are sufficient sports clubs many are at capacity with long waiting lists.

### **31. TEAM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **31.1. Action SLC001: Establish a Thatcham Sports and Leisure Forum/Network.**

Thatcham Sports Network was conceived to improve communications and relationships amongst Thatcham’s sports club and sports providers, to encourage awareness, share facilities sharing and increase lobbying power. The group ought to actively seek to improve sports provision in Thatcham, to establish a list of Thatcham’s current infrastructure and identify the need for additional or improved provision. The network should actively work to encourage sports participation in the local community.

With volunteers eager to start work the Inaugural meeting was held in April 2014 where it was agreed to hold ongoing meetings on a quarterly basis. It has since organised the Junior Fun Run in the Field held at Thatcham’s Family Fun Day which encourages running for children and set up a website which provides a free webpage for every sports club in Thatcham should they wish/require it.

For the Network to remain successful it needs to been seen to achieve funding for significant projects identified by the network/forum and actively engage with West Berkshire Council and local developers.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Establish a Thatcham Sports Network to encourage awareness, facility sharing and lobbying power for Thatcham’s sports clubs.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	41.5%
Agree	34.1%
Disagree	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	2.4%
No Opinion	14.6%

#### **31.2. Action SLC002: Investigate the possibility of developing an off-road cycle track in Thatcham**

The idea of developing the old land-fill site into an off road mountain biking track was well received by the residents as there is no existing similar facility available in the wider area. A track would bring in visitors to Thatcham and aid the local economy. Examples of implementation elsewhere include the Croft Trail in Swindon; Nickey Lane at Hemel Hempstead and The Lookout, Bracknell or perhaps mirror something from another country park.

Grant and potential project neutral funding has already been identified as have environmental issues with the site (work with environmental officers will be required to resolve this.); WBC.

A survey would need to be undertaken to ascertain the level of gas from landfill and there is the possibility of remedial works required before use. This site is 'owned' by the 6 unitary authorities in Berkshire and would therefore need their agreement although the principle has been implemented in a similar site elsewhere.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Investigate the feasibility of developing an off-road cycle track in Thattham.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	29.3%
Agree	39.0%
Disagree	9.8%
Strongly Disagree	2.4%
No Opinion	19.5%

**31.3. Action SLC003: Develop and install a series of heritage displays and feature boards accessible to all in all media.**

A need to increase awareness of Thattham's historical significance as one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in England was identified. Heritage displays possibly with electronic touch screen technology could be situated a centrally located point in Thattham.

This will appeal to visitors to the area and assist the local economy. It is thought that this could be funded through grants as well as sponsorship. Examples of implementation elsewhere include: Colchester and Kilkenny.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Develop and install a series of heritage displays and feature boards.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	26.8%
Agree	48.8%
Disagree	14.6%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	9.8%

**31.4. Action SLC004 - Develop a community website and other social media (accessible to all) to promote the wide range of clubs and activities in Thattham**

A place for Thattham to promote the full range of clubs, groups and activities already available in the town. Examples of implementation elsewhere include Hungerford (Love Hungerford) and many other examples.

This could be implemented as a single website or a small number of websites with thatthamvision.net at its core. For instance thatthamsportsnetwork.org providing sporting information, Lifelong Learning Forum with its local learning directory on its

website, the Chamber of Commerce promoting business etc. all linking to the Vision website that has links to all.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Develop a community website and other social media (accessible to all) to promote the wide range of clubs and activities in Thatcham.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	36.6%
Agree	46.3%
Disagree	9.8%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	7.3%

### 31.5. Action SLC005: Create enhanced, interactive Welcome Packs for Thatcham

Create a more comprehensive and interactive welcome pack for residents and increase distribution to include new, existing and potential residents in a more accessible and user-friendly medium. Include the promotion of a full range of clubs, groups and activities already available across all available media.

The Volunteer Centre may be able to provide a Flexiteer to develop a fresh pack or even a free mobile app to download.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Create enhanced Welcome Packs for Thatcham and ensure they are distributed more widely.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	22.0%
Agree	43.9%
Disagree	9.8%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	24.4%

### 31.6. Action SLC006: Redevelop and enhance the existing Thatcham Town Council website to mirror the revised Welcome Packs which should be accessible to all

The current website utilises outdated technology and has limited flexibility for content. The requirement is to re-develop the TTC website to allow for increased promotion of the full range of clubs and facilities available in the town alongside an enhanced welcome pack. It is hoped that the website could become far more interactive.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Redevelop and enhance the existing Thatcham Town Council website to mirror the revised Welcome Packs which should be accessible to all.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	17.5%
Agree	57.5%
Disagree	2.5%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	22.5%

**31.7. Action SLC007: Provide more effective and informative signage around the town to assist pedestrians**

Feedback from some residents and The Sports Network suggests that existing facilities are under promoted in the town. The benefit of increased awareness of the location of existing clubs and facilities will be to grow membership for clubs and the prosperity for the town.

This project will need the following partners working together to formulate an appropriate strategy for the overall success of the project: West Berkshire Council, Thatcham Town Council, Thatcham Historical Society, Thatcham Sports Network, Chamber of Commerce.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Provide more effective and informative signage around the town to assist pedestrians.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	19.5%
Agree	61.0%
Disagree	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	4.9%
No Opinion	7.3%

**31.8. Action SLC008: Provide at least one more allotment site to the West or South of the Town**

This is required to meet increasing demand and promote healthy living amongst residents. There will be difficulty identifying an available, suitable site. If this is the case then there may be an opportunity to work with Age UK to identify sites which might benefit the wider community by initiating a garden share scheme. Woolhampton PC recently created new allotments and this would be an ideal place to begin researching the project.



When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Provide at least one more allotment site in the West or South of the Town.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	26.8%
Agree	48.8%
Disagree	0.0%
Strongly Disagree	4.9%
No Opinion	19.5%

**31.9. Action SLC009: Support community gardening for food production such as Edible Thattham**

Edible Thattham is a local organisation run by volunteers that plans to identify unused areas of land in the local area that have great potential to grow various fruit trees, vegetables, herbs and more, and turn them into free, fresh food sites for local people in the same way the foodbank provides support with dried and tinned goods, thus supporting healthy living for all in Thattham.

The group will need to work together with local councils to obtain permission to use available scraps of land for edible gardening projects.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Support community gardening for food production, such as Edible Thattham and the Community Orchard.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	24.4%
Agree	56.1%
Disagree	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	2.4%
No Opinion	9.8%

**31.10. Action SLC010: Establish and support activities that would appeal to 13 year olds and above, such as a climbing wall and/or roller disco. To increase and encourage participation in community activities for teenagers.**

Examples of similar projects include <http://www.rockrollerdisco.com/> and <http://www.readingclimbingcentre.com/>. These projects provide a safe and friendly environment for people of all abilities and ages, to meet and climb.

By providing and supporting activities that would appeal to 13 year olds and above, anti-social behaviour will be reduced in and around Thattham. Supporting youth activities could

be implemented immediately, as it could just require the wider publicising of an already arranged event.

**Cost** could be a big barrier to establishing new activities, but entry cost to activities could help re-coup some of the initial outlay. Funding and grants could be sought from a number of organisations, especially as this area of providing activities to youth is traditionally well supported.

Establishing new facilities will be in the region of tens of thousands pounds, if existing premises cannot be used. There is currently a lack of **facilities/space** for activities to take place, but longer term planning for a growing population will require new facilities to be built and housing developers should be pushed to include new sporting facilities in their plans. There is also the possibility of opening up **existing facilities** to wider use, by organising, publicising and then running events. For example local halls aren't fully booked all the time and could therefore be used for youth group events through better planning of facilities use.

Organising events in existing local sporting facilities for youths, could also be explored.

**Existing local and national organisations** such as Berkshire Youth and Get Berkshire Active will be able to provide some guidance in establishing and running activities. In return they could receive support to increase and encourage participation in their own events.

**Local businesses** should also be encouraged to provide whatever support they can, even if it's just displaying a poster advertising upcoming youth events. As mentioned earlier, by providing and supporting activities that would appeal to 13 year olds and above, anti-social behaviour will be reduced in and around Thatcham. Complaints of anti-social behaviour within the vicinity of the Broadway have been raised by both residents and businesses.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Develop a campaign to encourage entrepreneurs to develop sports & leisure facilities in Thatcham that appeal to young people (especially teenagers). Establish and support activities, such as a climbing wall and/or roller disco.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	39.0%
Agree	39.0%
Disagree	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	14.6%

### 31.11. Action SLC011: Open up existing facilities at Moorside to provide youth band practice facilities

A unique set of music facilities which were funded by the community are housed at the Moorside Community Centre. These are not made available to the community. The benefit would be to make full use of existing community facilities and encourage participation by a target age group.



WBC is reluctant to open this facility to the community without having suitably qualified individual available on-site at required times and appropriate insurance in place. Local organisations e.g. Thatcham Youth could take ownership of the project to enable the facilities to be re-opened.

Requirement to train volunteers how to use the equipment to ensure supervision of general use is needed.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Open up existing facilities at Moorside to provide youth band practice facilities.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	17.1%
Agree	68.3%
Disagree	2.4%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	12.2%

**31.12. Action SLC012: Identify volunteers to support Play Days in the Park, Fun Days, Lifelong Learning and other community events.**

Ongoing recruitment drives are needed to support these popular free events and activities for residents to ensure their sustainability.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Identify volunteers to support Play Days in the Park, Fun Days, Lifelong Learning and other community events.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	24.4%
Agree	58.5%
Disagree	4.9%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	12.2%

**31.13. Action SLC013: Ensure sufficient leisure centre facilities for the population of Thatcham with adequate car parking facilities.**

Thatcham has grown dramatically over the last 20 or so years, but the facility infrastructure has not kept pace. We need to ensure that Thatcham has sports/leisure facilities appropriate to the size of the population.

Sport England have some guidance to suggest the level of facilities needed for the population and any new facility will need to be commercially or grant funded.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Ensure sufficient leisure centre facilities for the population of Thatcham with adequate car parking facilities.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	51.2%
Agree	43.9%
Disagree	4.9%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	0.0%

**31.14. Action SLC014: Conduct a feasibility study for a new larger, centrally located library in Thatcham.**

Thatcham has grown dramatically over the last 20 or so years, but the facility infrastructure has not kept pace. Thatcham’s library provision is inadequate for a town of 25,000+.

Suitable sites are limited. Extending the existing library or combining a leisure centre and library into a combined plot/project should be investigated. WBC are able to provide guidance on size/capacity for population but WBC have no additional resources to support this and therefore alternative resources will need to be sourced.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Conduct a feasibility study into whether Thatcham needs a bigger library.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	24.4%
Agree	56.1%
Disagree	17.1%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	2.4%

**31.15. Action SLC015: Identify and increase accessibility of the countryside and waterways for wildlife/heritage walks, cycling and water sports, for all abilities**

Thatcham has ample natural waterways. To make full use of existing natural resources available in and around Thatcham there is a need to attract and promote a wider variety of sporting and leisure opportunities that include disabled access and make these areas available to those with wheelchairs and Motability scooters. The Bruce Trust for example have canal boats with accessibility for wheelchair users and the Canal & Rivers Trust may provide funding for such a scheme. The canal tow path is a national cycle route although the fabric of the path is in poor condition.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Identify and increase the accessibility of the countryside and waterways for wildlife/heritage walks, cycling and water sports, for by all abilities.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	43.9%
Agree	41.5%
Disagree	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	7.3%

### 31.16. Action SLC016: Invite local organisations to establish water sports in Thatcham

There is an opportunity to increase the range of facilities/activities in Thatcham by making full use of the existing natural resources available. There is also a need to ensure that Thatcham has sports/leisure facilities appropriate to the size of the population. Local watersports clubs and canoeing & leisure boat trip companies should be contacted to see if they can expand into Thatcham.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Invite local organisations to establish water sports in Thatcham.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	22.5%
Agree	25.0%
Disagree	17.5%
Strongly Disagree	5.0%
No Opinion	30.0%

### 31.17. Action SLC017: Development of a community hydrotherapy pool facility, alongside a relocated West Berkshire Therapy Centre rehabilitation gym.

This will provide a more mobile, active and engaged community, putting Thatcham at the forefront of Health and Well-being service availability.

A unique facility, combining best practice in hydrotherapy, as exemplified at the Thamesdown community pool, Swindon, combined with unique facilities for people with disabilities already in place at West Berkshire Therapy Centre in Thatcham. The health and well-being benefits of hydrotherapy are well published, with almost all acute hospitals in England having such facilities, provision of such services locally being well below known levels of need and demand.

Time scales may be reflected by the following: site acquisition 9 months, fund raising 12 months, design and specification completed, construction 18 months, total timescale from agreement to service delivery 3-4 years approx. at a cost of circa £1.5 million.

The Project Board is already in place (West Berkshire Therapy Centre). Other key members to involve are West Berkshire Neurological Alliance, West Berkshire Disability Alliance and numerous other interested local voluntary groups, Berkshire Healthcare Trust, Newbury CCG, Royal Berkshire Hospital Trust, West Berkshire Council, Thatcham Town Council, Greenham Common Trust and other interested Trusts and benefactors.

The project has received general backing from most of the above organisations, although the Board of Berkshire Healthcare Trust has been reluctant to release land from its large stock at Thatcham. The project Board would be pleased to brief in detail about the benefits to the Town and to explore some options to take forward this high profile initiative.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Ensure sufficient range of facilities accessible for residents with disabilities, including a hydrotherapy pool.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	26.8%
Agree	51.2%
Disagree	2.4%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	19.5%

### 31.18. Action SLC018: Ensure there is a sufficient range of sports facilities for older residents

To increase and encourage participation in community activities by a target age group in order to provide a more mobile, active and engaged community.

Projects may include Walking Football, Walking for Health, amongst others. There are many local organisations who could work together to increase the current activities open to the older members of our community e.g. Thatcham Sports Network, Get Berkshire Active etc.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Ensure sufficient range of sports activities for senior residents.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	24.4%
Agree	51.2%
Disagree	4.9%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	19.5%

**31.19. Action SLC019: Identify Thatcham’s sports requirement and provide enough sports pitches, tracks & courts in Thatcham to cater for the current demand and identify expansion options for the future**

This task is required to ensure the sustainability of existing clubs and to meet the growing demand for sport in Thatcham. The main facilities at Henwick are already over-stretched and the existing clubs that are based there are successful and growing in membership. At present there are insufficient match and training pitches for the range of age groups within the clubs that wish to use the facilities.

The solution to the issues will need to be established although will potentially include land purchase and constructing club facilities. The problems would be alleviated by the use of pitches that can be shared by several different clubs, including all weather and synthetic pitches.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Provide enough sports pitches, tracks and courts in Thatcham to cater for the current demand and identify expansion options for the future.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	34.1%
Agree	48.8%
Disagree	4.9%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	12.2%

**31.20. Action SLC020: Establish a museum and/or heritage display in Thatcham**

A need to increase awareness of Thatcham's historical significance as one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in England was identified. This will appeal to visitors to the area and assist the local economy. It is thought that this could be funded through grants as well as sponsorship.

West Berkshire Museum have a number of exhibitions that would potentially be able to go "on tour" and are also keen to bring these exhibits to Thatcham. There would need to be a centrally located building to display these exhibits. Local historians in the area also hold a number of exhibits that are not currently on display.

The centre will act as an education centre for school children and members of the community as well as a potential tourist attraction. It will be difficult to establish a museum/heritage centre for a number of reasons not least of which are finances and a property to use. The best solution is to find a room that can have a temporary exhibition, such as the Old Bluecoat School or a central community centre. This could then be expanded on with the aim of raising funds towards a museum and heritage centre. It would be a VERY good idea to look at Wallingford Museum, this is how they did it and they now have a full museum operated as a charity by volunteers.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Establish a museum and/or heritage display in Thattham.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	24.4%
Agree	31.7%
Disagree	24.4%
Strongly Disagree	7.3%
No Opinion	12.2%

**31.21. Action SLC021: Investigate how to provide a theatre/auditorium in Thattham to cater for large community gatherings in the Town as well as support the arts**

This is another area where local infrastructure is not in line with the level of population. A centrally located community building could act as an arts centre for school children and members of the community as well as a potential tourist attraction. Productions could take place on the Broadway Green, or in the grounds of the community building.

Partnerships would include WBC, TTC, KATS, Corn Exchange, Watermill Theatre, Theatre Schools as well as connections with theatres in other towns. Cinemas are now streaming live theatre performances and this could be made available in Thattham.

When the community were surveyed regarding their support of the above action the following results were returned:

Investigate how to provide additional performance areas in Thattham to cater for large community gatherings in the Town as well as supporting the arts.	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Strongly Agree	27.5%
Agree	50.0%
Disagree	7.5%
Strongly Disagree	0.0%
No Opinion	15.0%



### 32. SPORTS, LEISURE & CULTURE ACTION PLAN

PARISH ACTION PLAN - SPORTS, LEISURE & CULTURE								
PARISH OF THATCHAM								
Date Plan Adopted								
Ref.	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification & comments
Overall the household survey of 1870 residents showed that there are a number of activities that residents are unable to access in Thattham due to lack of provision or long waiting lists. Please see Appendix 1. The results of a further consultation, with a sample of 270 residents, provides the following justification for each action.								
SLC001	STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Establish a Thattham Sports and Leisure Network	H	Apr-14	Completed	Vision	All sports groups	<b>75.6% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 9.7% disagreeing).</b> Improve communications and relationships to encourage awareness, facility sharing and lobbying power.
SLC002	GREENER HEALTHY	Investigate the feasibility of developing an off-road cycle track in Thattham	M	2017	2019	TTC	WBC & local cycle groups	<b>68.3% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 12.2% disagreeing).</b> On-going project that is considered still valid as no similar facility available.
SLC003	STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Develop and install a series of heritage display and feature boards (accessible to all).	M	2016	2017	Vision	WBC/TTC & historical society	<b>75.6% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 14.6% disagreeing).</b> Increase awareness of the rich history of Thattham and how to find it.
SLC004	STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Develop a community website and other social media (accessible to all) to promote the wide range of clubs and activities in Thattham	H	Started	2017	Vision	all clubs/groups in Thattham	<b>82.9% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 9.8% disagreeing).</b> Promote the full range of clubs, groups and activities already available.
SLC005	STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Create enhanced Welcome Packs for Thattham and ensure they are distributed more widely.	H	2017	2018	TTC	TV	<b>65.9% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 9.8% disagreeing).</b> Promote the full range of clubs, groups and activities already available across all available media.

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SLC006	STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Redevelop and enhance the existing Thatcham Town Council website to mirror the revised Welcome Packs which should be accessible to all.	H	2017	2018	TTC	TV	<b>75% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 2.5% disagreeing).</b> To increase the promotion of the full range of clubs and facilities available.
SLC007	PROSPEROUS, STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Provide more effective and informative signage around the town to assist pedestrians	M	2017	2019	Vision	WBC/TTC & historical society	<b>80.5% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 12.2% disagreeing).</b> Increase awareness of existing clubs and facilities.
SLC008	GREENER, HEALTHY	Provide at least one more allotment site in the West or South of the Town.	M	2017	2019	TTC	WBC	<b>75.6% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 4.9% disagreeing).</b> To meet increasing demand and support healthy living.
SLC009	GREENER, HEALTHY	Support community gardening for food production, such as Edible Thatcham and the Community Orchard.	M	2016	2017	Vision	TTC, WBC	<b>80.5% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 9.7% disagreeing).</b> To meet increasing demand and support healthy living.
SLC010	HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Develop a campaign to encourage entrepreneurs to develop sports & leisure facilities in Thatcham that appeal to young people (especially teenagers). Establish and support activities, such as a climbing wall and/or roller disco	M	2017	2019	Vision	WBC, TTC, Thatcham Youth, Berkshire Youth/Get Berkshire Active, Chamber of Commerce	<b>78% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 7.3% disagreeing).</b> To support individuals/groups wishing to increase sports/leisure and cultural facilities in Thatcham.
SLC011	STRONGER, SAFER	Open up existing facilities at Moorside to provide youth band practice facilities	H	2018	2019	Vision	Thatcham Youth, TTC, WBC	<b>85.4% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 2.4% disagreeing).</b> To make full use of existing community facilities and encourage participation by a target age group.
SLC012	STRONGER	Identify volunteers to support Play Days in the Park, Fun Days, Lifelong Learning and other community events.	H	2016	ongoing	TTC	Vision	<b>82.9% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 4.9% disagreeing).</b> To support these popular free activities for residents to enable sustainability.
SLC013	HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS	Ensure sufficient leisure centre facilities for the population of Thatcham with adequate car parking facilities. Whilst Vision are aware of limited funds this still remains a need in Thatcham.	M	2018	2020	WBC	TTC, Vision	<b>95.1% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 4.9% disagreeing).</b> Ensure that Thatcham has sports/leisure facilities appropriate for the size of population.

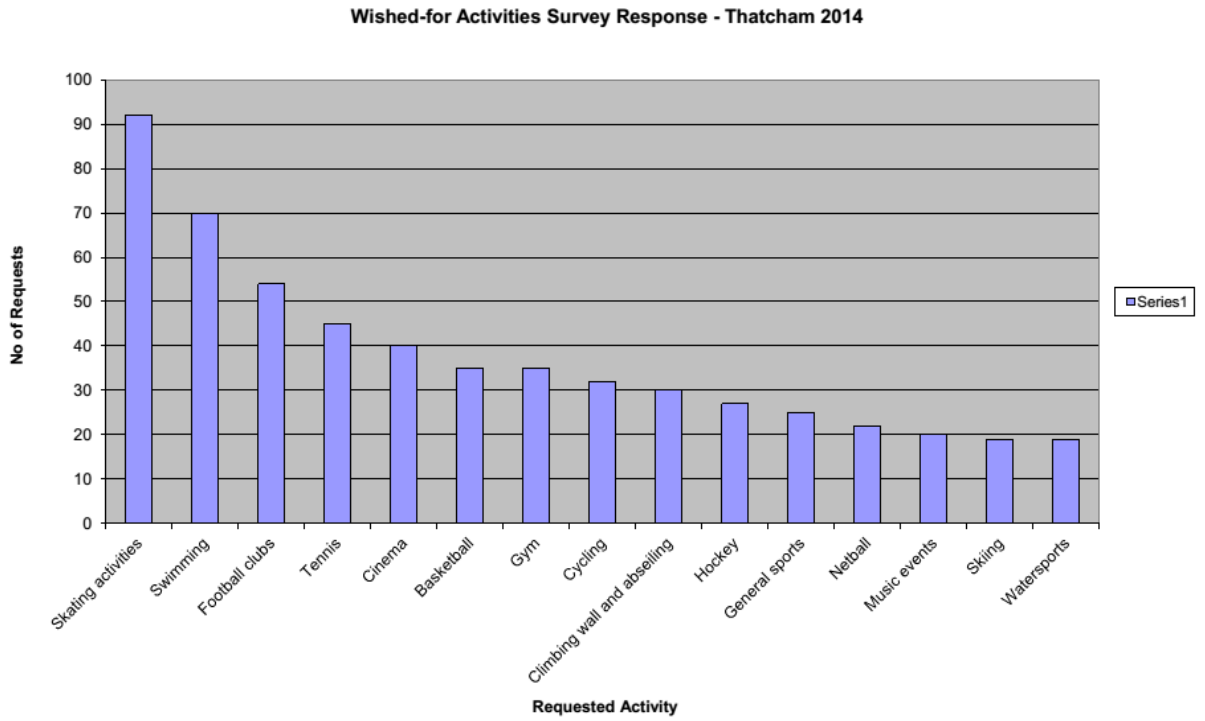
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SLC014	STRONGER & IMPROVED COMMUNICATION	Conduct a feasibility study into whether Thattham needs a bigger library	M	2018	2019	Vision	WBC, TTC	<b>80.5% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 17.1% disagreeing).</b> Ensure that Thattham has library facilities appropriate for the size of population.
SLC015	HEALTHY	Identify and increase the accessibility of the countryside and waterways for wildlife/heritage walks, cycling and water sports, for all abilities.	M	2017	2020	Vision	WBC, TTC, BBOWT, Bruce Trust, other disability agencies	<b>85.4% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 7.3% disagreeing).</b> To make full use of existing natural resources available in and around Thattham to include disabled access.
SLC016	HEALTHY	Invite local organisations to establish watersports in Thattham	M	2017	2018	Vision	TTC, WBC, River and Canals Trust	<b>47.5% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 22.5% disagreeing).</b> To increase range of facilities/activities in Thattham.
SLC017	STRONGER, HEALTHY	Ensure sufficient range of facilities accessible for residents with disabilities, including a hydrotherapy pool	H	2016	ongoing	Vision	WBC/Get Berkshire Active	<b>78% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 2.4% disagreeing).</b> To increase and encourage participation in community activities by a target population.
SLC018	STRONGER, HEALTHY	Ensure sufficient range of sports activities for senior residents	M	2017	2019	Vision	TTC, WBC, Get Berkshire Active, TSN Residential Home, USA	<b>75.6% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 4.9% disagreeing).</b> To increase and encourage participation in community activities by a target age group.
SLC019	HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS	Provide enough sports pitches, tracks and courts in Thattham to cater for the current demand and identify expansion options for the future	H	2016	ongoing	Vision	WBC, TTC	<b>82.9% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 4.9% disagreeing).</b> Ensure sustainability of the existing clubs to meet the growing sport demand
SLC020	STRONGER, PROSPEROUS	Establish a museum and/or heritage display in Thattham.	M	2018	2020	TTC	Vision, Historical Society/WBC	<b>56.1% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 31.7% disagreeing).</b> To reinforce Thattham's historically significant past.
SLC021	STRONGER	Investigate how to provide additional performance areas in Thattham to cater for large community gatherings in the Town as well as supporting the arts	M	2017	2018	Vision	WBC, TTC, KATS	<b>77.5% support/agreement from follow up survey (only 7.5% disagreeing).</b> St. Mary's Church is no longer a big enough venue to hold those wishing to attend community functions
<p><b>Safer</b> (e.g. Reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing speed on roads, emergency planning)</p> <p><b>Prosperous</b> (e.g. Supporting economy of villages, Tourism, Supporting employment in rural areas)</p> <p><b>Healthy</b> (e.g. fostering a sense of place and belonging, improving health and well-being of local people and young people, promoting independence of vulnerable people)</p> <p><b>Greener</b> (e.g. reducing carbon footprint in the community, reducing waste and increasing recycling, encourage consumption of local produce, increasing diversity of local wildlife).</p> <p><b>Stronger</b> (e.g. including everyone, fostering a sense of belonging and participation in community life, similar life opportunities - including accessible services for all).</p> <p><b>ALSO - COMMUNICATION</b> (e.g. what important messages should be shared with the community for the benefit of the community).</p>								



### 33. APPENDICIES

#### 33.1. Appendix A: Sport and Leisure Activities most needed in Thattham



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