

Consultation with 3 groups of Young People Nov 2014

As part of the consultation with young people to identify key issues for the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan meetings were held with 3 groups of young people;

The Cubs – 8 -10 yrs ; 30 children

The Scouts 11-15 yrs; 25 children

Shifnal Christian Sunday Youth Club 8-13 yrs; 12 children.

The same questions were used with each of these groups and the answers from all 3 groups, have been summarised under each of the questions below. The answers were very similar for each of the groups although did of course also reflect some individual children`s interests and ideas.

1. What do you like/dislike about Shifnal?

Like:

- It`s not too big but the town centre and shops need improving
- Sweet shop and Family shopper
- Parks but the BMX track needs a better surface
- Carnival
- Cricket Club

Dislike:

- Not enough equipment and facilities in the Parks eg. goalposts
- Empty buildings in the town centre
- Too many coffee houses and fast food nowhere for young people to meet
- Teenagers in the play areas and parks can bully the younger children they need a place to go
- No swimming pool
- The footpaths in Shifnal are very rough to walk on and need better surfaces
- Concern about the size of Shifnal in 20 years time. It won`t be the same place

2. Do you think the planned new housing developments will have any effect or impact on you?

- Too many houses , Shifnal will get too big
- Shifnal will change as more houses are built, it will affect Shifnal
- We are losing the open space around Shifnal

- There will be less wildlife as the fields are being built on
- The traffic through town will be even worse and parking for school will be worse
- Too many children to fit into the schools, they will be full/overcrowded
- There could be more crime and bullying at school
- There will be more children using parks we will need more parks and facilities

3. Are there any of the existing services, facilities or areas that you use or that you are important to you, and that you would like to see retained.

- Sweet shop
- The scout hut
- The train station

4. What facilities do you think are lacking for young people in Shifnal?

- An area with good surface (concrete) we can use for skate park, roller blading, BMX (the current BMX track surface isn't any good it's too rough)
- More and better equipment in the parks eg slide and roundabout and goalposts for football and rugby
- Graffiti wall in the park
- Shelter in the park for when it rains and to sit and chat to friends
- Swimming pool
- More shops for younger people like a toy shop
- A science park and wildlife area

5. If there was some money available, what would young people like to see the money spent on in Shifnal?

- A shelter in the park(Beeches Drive)
- Proper BMX, skate, roller blade track
- Better equipment in the park eg a carousel
- Club for after school
- Youth Centre/club to go to before we go to Uni
- Train station needs a coat of paint
- The Town centre and shops need improving and smartening up
- Swimming Pool

- Theme Park and Zoo
- Nature reserve and walk with wildlife

6. Would you like to see more open space areas, play areas or sports facilities in Shifnal and would you use them do you think?

- The parks need to have goalposts for football and rugby
- Yes, would like more open space with space for nature and wildlife
- BMX track with good surface
- A park where the teenagers could hangout

7. Do you belong to other clubs in Shifnal? Is there a Club you would like to go to but there isn't one available in Shifnal?

- Sports clubs; rugby, hockey, karate, judo, cricket, cross country, netball, gymnastics, basketball at Idsall, tennis
- Youth club
- Scouts and guides
- Stage kids/acting

8. Are there places in Shifnal where you can meet your friends ?

- In the Park(Beeches Drive)
- At home
- Cinema in Telford
- Would like a place maybe linked to the library which could use for homework

9. Do you go to any of the events in the town, like the Christmas lights switch-on or the Carnival?

- Like the Carnival and the fair
- Go to the Christmas lights switch-on ; the lights aren't as good now as they used to be
- Would like more events in Shifnal; there aren't any fireworks