

Communications Advisory Group

Report June 2024

A very successful evening was held on Friday 17th May at the Village Hall for a group of 11-18 year olds. The evening was supported by the Integrated Care Partnership and Huntingdonshire District Council– Active Lifestyles. The aim of the event was to seek feedback about what activities and support was sought by young people in Buckden.

The event consisted of 90 minutes of activities, provided by 2 Active Lifestyles Coaches, which included Archery and Cornhole, followed by Pizza. Those that attended were entered into a draw to win a £50 Amazon Voucher, and were all provided with a tote bag to take away that included motivational wrist bands, stress balls, sweets, and information from Centre 33, who provide free, confidential support for young people up to the age of 25 about family problems, mental health, housing, money, sexual health etc.

The feedback from attendees was combined with that from those who completed the survey issued previously. A full report on the event can be accessed [here](#).



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However, in summary

- 66% of responses said that availability of things to do in Buckden was poor – fair. There was a lot of reference within the feedback to the local park, and this seems to be a popular place amongst all age groups, though feedback suggests improvements could be made to the climbing wall and the need for equipment relative to this age group.
- 96% of responses said that they'd like to see more indoor and outdoor spaces made available, with free activities for teenagers. Suggestions include multi-purpose pitches for a variety of sports, a skate park, table tennis, art groups, and places/meeting points for this age group to go indoors for drinks, snacks – somewhere young people friendly.

We are meeting on 17th June to agree how to take this work forward. However initial conversations have taken place with the Village Club to explore the provision of a meeting place for this age group.