

NORTHLEACH TENNIS CLUB

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Northleach Town MUGA Working Group

Dear Sir or Madam,

In regards to: MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

On behalf of Northleach Tennis Club I would like to make the following comments and support for the proposed MUGA.

As a club within Northleach we believe the best location for the MUGA to be at the The Westwoods Centre.

We would use the facility if there was a full size tennis court marked out with removable posts and net.

Flood lighting is essential because we would use the facility during the winter months (November to March – GMT hours).

The cost of hiring and floodlighting would need to be acceptable.

Our requirement would be for sole use of the tennis court for one evening per week, e.g. Tuesdays between the hours of 7pm and 10pm maximum.

We would also be prepared to put up / take down the net and posts on each occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. G. Stock

REPORT: Northleach, multi-use games area proposal – views of young people.
REPORTING OFFICER: Claire Dowan

Introduction

This report contains a summary of the views expressed by young people at the Northleach Town Council sub-group meeting on November 3rd 2007. At this meeting Claire Dowan, Youth Participation and Development Officer from Cotswold District Council and Mary Mychaleckyj, Central Cotswold Area Youth Worker from Gloucestershire Youth Service, worked with a group of ten young people to ascertain their views about the potential development of a multi use games area in Northleach. The young people then gave feedback to the sub-group in the form of a short presentation.

Summary

The young people discussed their vision for a multi-use games area and decided that the provision was not just for the use of young people but was for everyone in Northleach, including teams and clubs. They thought that it's use could work on the basis that it would be open to bookings at certain times as well as offering 'free time' periods in which young people could use the facility in an informal drop-in way. The group recognised the need to generate income and suggested that all pre-bookings would be subject to charge but that the 'free time' element should also be free of charge.

The type of activity they would like included:

- Football
- Netball
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Street dance projects

They said that this facility would be beneficial because:

- It's something to do – other than being on the street
- Keep them healthy
- Enable them to meet new friends
- No need to travel
- Entertaining
- Offer new activities

The group was asked to describe what the facility should look like and reported that:

- Floodlights should be dipped in and timed so as not to disturb local residents
- Fencing should be high enough to keep the ball in, but not fully enclosed
- The fence could be part of the facility with goals painted on etc
- The surface should be astro-turf
- It should have built in basketball and football nets

The group ended the meeting with some members providing quotes for the sub-group, these included:

- *"We are not bad just bored!"* Shannon
- *"If we have an astro-turf we won't be accused of trouble."* Ollie
- *"Stop moaning start building"* Jody

Conclusion

The group is willing to meet at Northleach Youth Club to design a survey specifically for young people. This survey would follow a similar format to the one that the sub-group is devising and be designed to ascertain the same information required in the survey for households. If the Town Council would like this to happen then it is proposed that Claire Dowan liaise with the Youth Worker in Charge at the youth club in the New Year.