

Topic Paper Community Facilities

The intention of this topic paper is to inform residents feedback on the community facilities in the Parish of Tatsfield.

An overview of the Parish Context

Buildings and Outdoor Spaces - The parish of Tatsfield offers a vast range of community facilities including a wide range of buildings and outdoor spaces including;

Parish Rooms for hire	Allotments & Community Garden
Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	Footpaths, access to countryside
Scout Hall for hire	Bluebell wood + other similar spaces
Village Hall for hire and predominantly used by Little Acorns Preschool	Ye Old Ship Pub
WI Hall for hire and WI meetings	The Bakery Bar & restaurant
Westmore Green inc. playground, sports equipment and trim trail	
School inc. hall and field	464 and 595 Bus service (facilities)
Furze Corner – Football & Cricket sports ground and clubhouse	Village Shop & Post Office
St Mary’s Church & Millennium Hall for hire	Tatsfield Social Club



Tatsfield Village Hall



Tatsfield Allotments

Clubs & Societies - There are also a range of Clubs & Societies on offer including, (this list is not exhaustive);

Horticultural Society	Art Groups
Tatsfield Rovers Juniors	Table Tennis
Not So Young Club	Short Mat Bowls
Women’s Institute	Scouts and Beavers and Cubs
Fairtrade Group	Community Responders
Tatty Knitters	Tatsfield Bridge Club
Vern Group	Tatsfield Singers
Tots on Top Toddlers Group	Badminton Group
Forget Me Not Cafe	Tatsfield Cricket Club
Martial Arts	Boxercise Exercise Classes

Events

In addition to these there are range of annual or regular events held in the village, these include;

Tatsfield Scout Fair
Tatsfield School Fair
St Mary's Flower Festival
St Mary's Church Sunday Teas
Tatsfield Art Group exhibitions
Horticultural Shows
Pop up Cinema
Tatsfield Singers Shows
North Downs Sinfonia concerts
Village Green Christmas Singalong
The Bakery Quiz
Parish Council Quiz
Fundraising events for LA Preschool
Tatsfield School Beer Festival
Vern Quiz
Fairtrade Tea Tents



St Mary's Flower Festival 2017



Tatsfield School Beer Festival 2017



Tatsfield Art Exhibition 2017

Planning constraints/designations –

National and Local planning policies seek to ensure that communities are supported by appropriate levels of social infrastructure, services and facilities. In particular, Core Strategy Policy 13 seeks to retain and encourage new community, sport and recreation facilities and services and DP3 of the Detailed Policies Plan similarly gives protection to local shops and services within village centres. Therefore, a level of protection exists for the Parish's existing facilities.

Community Facilities SWOT Analysis –

The SWOT Analysis highlighted the wide range of facilities offered in the parish and the residents spoken to were positive and pleased with the variety of facilities and wanted to protect the diverse range of activities on offer.

Most families were involved in at least one of the organisations and utilised at least one of the spaces for hire on a regular basis for parties, meetings, clubs and events.

The issues – Feedback highlighted 5 main areas which caused concern for the residents.

1. Lack of Medical Facilities - people need to go to Westerham or Biggin Hill to see their GP. This is difficult for the elderly and young families with no transport or limited mobility to use the bus service.
2. Lack of use of Furze Corner Sports Ground and Clubhouse - often viewed as "too far" from the centre of the village although a pathway exists past the Scout Hut. Limited input and support from the community, and reliance on the few to maintain the grounds and clubhouse.
3. Disabled access to all facilities in the Parish needed.
4. Security of Primary School if families are not moving into the Parish.
5. Lit pathway to Scout Hut and Furze Corner.

The way forward -

Solutions to address issues –

1. Lack of medical care in the parish - Winterton Surgery and Stock Hill surgery approached to ascertain if a satellite service can be reinstated in Tatsfield. Aileen McHugo building could be used when rooms become available.
2. Lack of use of Furze Corner Sports Ground and Clubhouse - Development and take-over of Furze Corner into Community/Youth Centre. This includes place for the elderly, youth centre, satellite medical surgery and any other opportunities – language lessons, fitness sessions etc. Scope for redevelopment and extension of the clubhouse to accommodate new clubs and societies.
3. Ensure any new facilities have disabled access and address any issues with current facilities.
4. Pass to Housing Topic Group as a matter of importance.
5. Pathway to be constructed to Scout Hut and Furze Corner, with associated lighting as required.
6. The use of Section 106 and CIL funds to assist development.

Information to receive feedback on –

1. The impact on the residents of a satellite surgery within the parish offering accessible medical service.
2. The potential for increased use of Furze corner to solve 2 issues:
 - a. The lack of use and ongoing maintenance of the grounds and clubhouse.
 - b. The limited facilities for the teenage residents of the parish, making the village more attractive for younger families.