

Wantage Neighbourhood Plan



Youth, Leisure, Sport and Art SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quantity and diversity of facilities in the area. • 3 local gyms. • Wantage Silver band has hall at Tugwell Field, • Also pitches for youth football. Rugby pitches at Grove RFC. • Numerous clubs catering for variety of pursuits, but some do fall short of requirements. • The Beacon is recently refurbished and is well maintained and central to Wantage town • The restoration of the Wilts and Berks canal has been a positive step • Most areas in Wantage are maintained by Vale District Council to a reasonable level • Vale and Downland Museum offers community space for talks and performances • Children's water play area at Manor Road park • Sweatbox youth club provides activities for teenagers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leisure Centre is maintained to a good standard but there have been issues concerning the service provided • The KA Academy has first call on use of the Leisure Centre, • No toddler pool • There are no athletics facilities (inc running track/field event facilities or related training) in the area • There is no skateboard park in Wantage, but the one at Grove airfield/near Mably way can be seen to serve both towns • No Multi Use Games Area • Grove RFC has a high level of use, but quality of some facilities falls short of matching this use • There is no indoor rink for Bowls in Wantage, so from September- April, members travel to Cowley for this facility. However there are indoor Bowls facilities at Hanney and Grove • Lack of facilities for young people/teenagers for example: cinema, bowling alley, ice rink • Lack of large performance spaces • Availability of rooms at the Beacon • Sweatbox only open during term time • Plenty of school playing fields, but these aren't available for non-school groups and are unused at weekends/holidays • Plenty of surrounding countryside for walking etc, but designated open space per capita falls below recommendations and may fall

Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New leisure centre planned for Mably Way• Crab Hill development will have skate park, community hall and open spaces/play areas and sports pitches• VWHDC has plans to upgrade facilities in Manor Road park, possibly to include outdoor gym/ running track• Football club raising funds for Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) behind leisure centre• Leisure centre will be under new management from Sept 2014• The Beacon plan to show monthly films, including children's films	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better facilities for children available elsewhere e.g. Didcot Wave• Multiplex cinemas in Didcot and Oxford