

## Appendix 2

### Results of the survey of Bradninch groups and organisations carried out in Spring 2007

Produced by the working party composed of members of Bradninch Town Council, Bradninch Town Trust and Bradninch Old School Community Trust

These notes are a summary of conversations held between members of the various groups and members of the Joint Development Group around a questionnaire which was distributed. These conversations helped the group understand the nuances of the responses.

More detailed notes/questionnaires are on record.

A copy of the questionnaire follows the main text.

## 1. Ownership of property

<b>Group</b>	<b>Property owned?</b>	<b>Space used</b>	<b>Desire to move?</b>
Music Group	No	GH, St D., B Ch	Yes
BAG	No	GH, St D Ch + Hall, Duchy Sch + field, playgroup, Rec, B. Ch, streets	Yes
Duchy School	Yes	School available to rent: computer space, play space	No
Bradninch Players	No	GH, St D hall	Yes
BOSCT/Duke's drop-in	No - rented	OS ex toilet block	Yes
Youth football	No	Football field	No, but looking to rent/lease direct from Duchy
Bowls club	Yes	Bowling club	No
Playgroup	No- unique lease from Baptists	Baptist building	Yes
Blood donors	No	Duchy school 3x per year	? Suits well
Ladies' group	No	GH downstairs	?
Over 60s	No	GH downstairs	
Baptist Church	Yes		No, but happy to look at partnership working re land at rear
Scouts	No - rented	Scout hut, West End Hall	Yes if better facilities e.g. outdoor grass area
History Society	No	GH, St D hall	No, but would be interested in looking at new facilities if nice and price is right

Gardening club	No	St D hall (8x p.a.) GH (4x p.a.)	No – venues are central. Any available money should be spent on upgrading these
Town Council	Yes - various	GH – hired from BTT	No

## 2. Improvements needed for current activities, and proposed solutions

<b>Group</b>	<b>Improvements needed</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Music group	Better acoustics  Soundproofing Electrics PARKING	double glazing, curtains, stage floor covering  GH needs rewiring
BAG	PARKING Physical access and stairs for get-in a problem Inadequate electrics Poor acoustics Storage Stage access Changing facility Damage caused by moving furniture up and down Stage very restricting Bar takes up space	ground floor hall  GH needs rewiring  needs to be clear Council chamber?  Dismantle as intended
Duchy School		
Bradninch Players	Storage Lack of flexible performance space Access for unloading/ upstairs	
BOSCT/ Duke's drop in	Security of tenure Any improvements on present space More opening times with different focus	

Youth Football	Grass cutting Toilets Storage shed Benches	
Bowls club	Security and lighting	
Playgroup	Better and more buildings purpose-built + outdoor space	
Ladies' group	Parking – unloading + access Parking space for guest speaker Better kitchen facilities	
Over 60's	3 parking spaces designated "private"/ parking space for guest speaker Commercial dishwahr Ability to put posters on board without having to seek permission Heating in winter	
Baptist Church	Kitchen Toilets Seating Parking Lighting	
Scouts	Outside storage facility for camping equipment Outside grass area for activities	
Gardening club	Better parking better kitchen facilities in GH Better heating in St D's hall	
Town Council	Office space	for Town Clerk and paperwork

### 3. Facilities wanted/needed and solutions to help develop future activities

Group	Facilities	Notes
Music group	Shorter/wider hall (better acoustics) intimate space for performance and practice	
BAG	CAR PARKING Adequate facility for loading and unloading and no stairs Electrics Acoustics Storage – secure Changing room Standard catering kitchen Modular staging Framework for hanging lights Outside space with adjacent toilets	Proposed ideal layout – plan and space attached.
Duchy School		
Bradninch Players	As BAG above Kitchen Costume storage	offered for other groups to use
BOSCT/Duke's Drop-in	Need active engagement of Town Council/ community to develop provision Space for bands etc to practise – soundproofed Outdoor area available for use without annoying neighbours Dedicated space available for young people	informal kick-about area

BOSCT/Duke's Drop-in (cont.)	Access to sports facilities A minibus or use of transport	e.g. without having to take full membership
Bowls club	Car parking More young members	
Playgroup	As before Liaison with School	
Over 60's	Better chairs – softer seats Lockable storage Parking and transport	
Ladies' group	Parking Better seating Better kitchen facilities	
Baptist Church	Improved facilities – kitchen, toilets, seating, lighting, parking Disabled access Comfortable ancillary rooms, space for dances etc. Better embracing of technology	
Scouts	A small field/ similar outdoor area to have a permanent camp-fire pit woodstore within walking distance Large indoor space	

#### 4.Funding

<b>Group</b>	<b>Is current funding OK?</b>	<b>Funding to enable development</b>
Music Group	Yes	get grants if needed
BAG	Yes	get grants if needed
Duchy School	Yes	
Bradninch Players	Yes	get grants if needed
BOSCT/ Duke's Drop-in	Yes for the moment, but uneven funding through grants. Unable to plan ahead.	Yes and happy to collaborate get grants if needed
Youth Football	Not clear need more money maybe through subscriptions	May get grants – unproven
Bowls club	Yes	OK not needed
Playgroup	Yes	Grants available and staff to do this
Over 60's	rent is an issue	
Ladies' group	subscriptions	Would like more money to pay guest speakers
Blood donors	Yes	
Baptist Church	Yes	Yes
Scouts	Yes	Yes, via grants or similar (e.g. for bigger or outdoor space)
History Society	Yes – self-supporting with occasional grants	No
Gardening club	Yes	No
Town Council	Yes <b>really? What about west end hall?</b>	

5. Publicity and suggestions to improve

<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Music group	Currently use BAG/BMG "What's On" but looking to develop this
BAG	As Music Group above
Duchy School	Does school newsletter and occasional Parish Mag reports
Bradinch Players	As Music Group
BOSCT/Duke's Drop-in	Happy to collaborate
Youth Football	
Bowls club	Would like more publicity
Playgroup	No
Over 60's	Activities newsletter – they have a central place for posters, all members know
Ladies' group	More publicity might be helpful/ advertising guest speakers
Baptist Church	More support would be helpful
Scouts	extra support would be helpful
History Society	Would like links with "What's On" quarterly info
Gardening club	No help needed
Blood donors	Do their own/ nationally organised

## 6. Membership

Group	Current membership large enough?	Factors limiting membership
Music Group	Could be bigger	
BAG	Could be bigger	
Duchy School		
Bradninch Players	30 – more encouraged	
BOSCT/Duke's drop-in	13+ years only 20	Numbers limited by space/ youth workers/ volunteers.
Youth football	Big already 50?	
Bowls club	Shrinking/ ageing membership	Not seen as a young person's game
Playgroup	More demand than available space	Space and facility and visibility of future numbers???
Blood donors	No. Not enough people from Bradninch. Without people from other villages it might not be viable here.	?
Ladies' group		
Over 60s		
Baptist Church	Not as many as would like	Funding, increasing age of membership
Scouts	Yes, 56 – there is a waiting list	Possibly ability to recruit leaders/adult volunteers
History Society	No	
Gardening club	No	an increasingly insular community
Town Council		

## 7. Collaboration on future funding

<b>Group</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Music Group	no comment
BAG	YES
Duchy School	No
Bradninch Players	yes
BOSCT/Duke's drop-in	Yes, actively keen
Youth football	Probably yes
Bowls club	No
Playgroup	Yes, but want to own/manage premises
Blood donors	
Ladies' group	
Over 60s	
Baptist Church	Possibly, but the specific nature of our activities could make this difficult
Scouts	
History Society	Yes, with the music group (sheet music as historical record for display during Music Festival – charges??) Otherwise no re Lottery and grants as it is too timewasting
Gardening club	For improving facilities/environment of Bradninch – yes. Otherwise no.
Town Council	

## 8. Additional comments

<b>Group</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Music Group	Move war memorial to make better outside space in front of GH Suggest solution to building issue is an out-of-town centre facility
BAG	
Duchy School	School have parking problems too
Bradninch Players	
BOSCT/Duke's drop-in	Youth involvement in decision-making locally representation on governing bodies
Youth football	
Bowls club	
Playgroup	
Blood donors	
Ladies' group	
Over 60s	
Baptist Church	Would be willing to work in partnership re development of land at the rear
Scouts	
History Society	<b>Nicks' building???</b>
Gardening club	Suggest making the green space opposite Dunmore House into an open parking area.
Town Council	

## Sample of the Questionnaire used in discussion with Bradninch Community Groups

These questions has been put together by the working party of Bradninch Town Council, Town Trust and old School Community Trust. Our aim is to better understand the needs of the various groups, clubs etc operating within our community. The information gathered will then be to help plan the future development of buildings and facilities operated and owned, on behalf of our community, by the various trusts.

**Please use this sheet to prepare your thoughts before you meet with us to discuss the questions.**

Name of Group / organisation.....Duchy Pre-school and Playgroup

Approx Number of active members.....50+.....

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### **Buildings**

**Does your group own its own building or facility? If not what premises do you currently use?**

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**Thinking about your current activities, what improvements does your group need to make your these easier or more pleasurable? (For example improved meeting room, kitchen, storage, parking, inside space, outside space, security, lighting, heating, repairs)**

DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXISTS “ EVERY Bradninch CHILD MATTERS” Focus of this is organisational sustainability and development of activities.

Need to work closely with school to identify future numbers, and be financially secure.

Identified obstacle to development is insufficient space, badly laid out.

Solution is purpose built facilities with different areas of focus to allow wrap around care.

Playgroup would like to act as “landlord” to enable these facilities to become available for the use of other Bradninch organisations (In order to contribute to the financial sustainability of the premises and to contribute to the mission “Every Bradninch Child Matters”)

Desire to create an environmentally sustainable building and be a beacon of regional innovation.

**Thinking about how you may like to develop your activities in the future, what different/better facilities would help you to do this? (For example to broaden your activities or change the way you can operate your group, to benefit your group, perhaps so you could do more things, do different things, or allow you to increase your membership?)**

Premises to include more and bigger, rooms and grassed outdoor area.

**If new facilities were created in Bradninch it would be crucial that they enjoyed the support of the community and its groups by being hired by various groups. If your group currently rents/hires facilities, would you be interested in looking at better facilities?**

See above.

### **General Questions**

**Does your group have sufficient funding or income to carry out your existing activities for the foreseeable future?**

Yes, although budget is set on assumptions which are variable with demographics and popularity/reputation of playgroup.

**If your group wished to develop its activities (eg grow or do new things) do you consider that lack of funds might hold you back?**

We have staff to seek external additional funding.

**Would it be helpful for you to have extra support for publicising your group's activities? For example: help with notices, handbills, posters, better publicity on a website etc.**

No thanks.

**Do you get as many members as you would like into your group?**

Yes, more demand than we can supply.

**What factors do you see as possibly limiting the development or continuation of your group?**

Premises limit development. Lack of visibility of future numbers makes sustainable planning difficult (Hence need to develop link with school).

**Would your group be interested in pooling efforts with other groups to attract more significant funding i.e. National Lottery grants, local authority grants etc?**

Yes.

Please note that our development plan is confidential (as at 25 feb '07), although we plan to make it public and elicit comment within the next few months.

We are happy to work with other organisations to achieve our aims, contributing to our mission of "Every Bradninch Child Matters".

Appendix - Summary of findings from Steering Group consultation of individuals (Feb 2005)

<b>Services and Facilities</b>	<b>Suggestions</b>	<b>Comments (WP 2007)</b>
Shops	Baker and butcher, tea shop	Only possible if commercially viable, therefore unlikely. Trend has been in opposite direction.
	Local produce to be sold locally	Cullompton Farmers' Market offers outlet. Something in Bradninch?
Facilities and sports	Swimming pool	Unrealistic, seemingly not viable even in Cullompton
	Cinema – Gospel Hall?	Only possible if commercially viable. See Film Club idea below
	Bus shelter needs sorting out, new seats etc.	Done.
	Wetlands area needs sorting, especially the pond section, lots of potential	? Volunteers needed to run and maintain the area.
	Car park on the edge of town (with free bicycles)	New car parking in Hornbeam Gardens and white lines on key areas have helped to ease the situation, but it remains difficult
	Good bus service	We have one, and should value it and use it
	Make better use of St Disen's Hall or Scout hut for coffee/lunch events mid week	Is there a call for this?
	Improve Hele Road bus shelter	Eyesore, could be done, needs organising
	Improve sports facilities, especially for visiting teams. Develop a wider range of facilities in the rec. A gym. Remove 'Alcatraz-style' railings round the rec.	
	All-weather sports facility for e.g. 5 a side football.	

	Football and cricket pitches for kids	
	Community events like the old gymkhana	
	Bring back badminton in the Guildhall	
	More litter bins and dog litter bins	Done
Information etc.	Co-ordinate ways of publishing events and clubs, e.g. combined notice board Town needs a central 'what's on' notice board Expanded town newsletter	Expansion of "what's on" could fill this need. Location for a board?
Entertainment	Public showings of films. Film club?	Idea mooted in BAG. Plans for a film event in 2007
	Arts provision generally great. Arts are a real boost to village life.	
	More Common Players events	
	More music gigs	
	Soundproofing in the main hall of the GH	
People	More volunteers needed to run activities for youngsters	How to encourage volunteers?