

## Summary

# LEDBURY TOWN PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE for Young People aged 10 and 11



- In summer 2013, 268 children, aged 10 and 11, in years 5 and 6 at Ledbury and other local primary schools completed a six-page questionnaire on life in Ledbury. Half of the children were Ledbury residents.
- Nearly all the children liked Ledbury and thought it was a friendly town. Most agreed that it was interesting, busy and attractive but only a third thought it was clean.
- The children thought that the best things about Ledbury were the recreation ground and play areas, the shops, and the friendly people. Children from the surrounding villages and rural area also frequently mentioned the swimming pool.
- Children thought Ledbury would be a better place to live if there were more shops and leisure facilities, improvements to cleanliness and tidiness and less anti-social behaviour
- The Recreation Ground is greatly appreciated, especially the skate park, play equipment, fitness equipment and open space generally. Most felt that toilets should be installed and the provision of a café or soft drinks outlet, and a shelter would be welcomed.
- Children who know and frequent the St. Martin's Way and New Mills play areas thought they needed better equipment.
- Nearly half the children played in local woods and the riverside area was also a popular area for a substantial minority.
- The most popular out of school sporting activities were swimming, cycling and, for the boys, football.
- A quarter of the children were members of Cubs / Scouts / Brownies or Guides.
- Two thirds would play in an adventure playground if one was available and half would use mountain biking facilities.
- Over half supported the suggestions of more green open spaces and a picnic area.
- Three quarters felt safe in Ledbury all or most of the time. Some children who use the Recreation Ground expressed concern about bullying behaviour and intimidation from older children whilst those resident outside Ledbury were more likely to feel fearful in narrow streets and alleyways.
- Nearly half thought there were issues around street parking and slightly fewer were concerned about speeding traffic. When presented with a list of possible sites for extra pedestrian crossings the most favoured were in Bye Street and Hereford Road.
- Items topping a wish list were improvements to play areas, additional leisure facilities, more retail outlets catering for children's needs and interests, and a better state of cleanliness and tidiness about the town.