



Fenny Stratford Community Centre - Resident Questionnaire

94

Total Responses

94 Completed Responses

0 Partial Responses

487

Survey Visits

Resident Questionnaire

Dear Resident,

Recently Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has been working on improvements to Fenny Stratford Community Centre (previously known as George Street Community Centre/Bletchley Community Centre). We aim to re-open the Centre to the public at the beginning of August and hope the Centre will again be a vibrant community resource.



The Town Council plans to keep the Community Centre as a multi-purpose centre which will meet the needs of the community in Fenny Stratford and the wider local area.

We want to find out what you think about the future use of the building and to understand what facilities you think are needed in the area.

Please help us by filling in this quick and simple questionnaire. Your important views will then be reviewed and the findings used to inform redevelopment of the Centre.

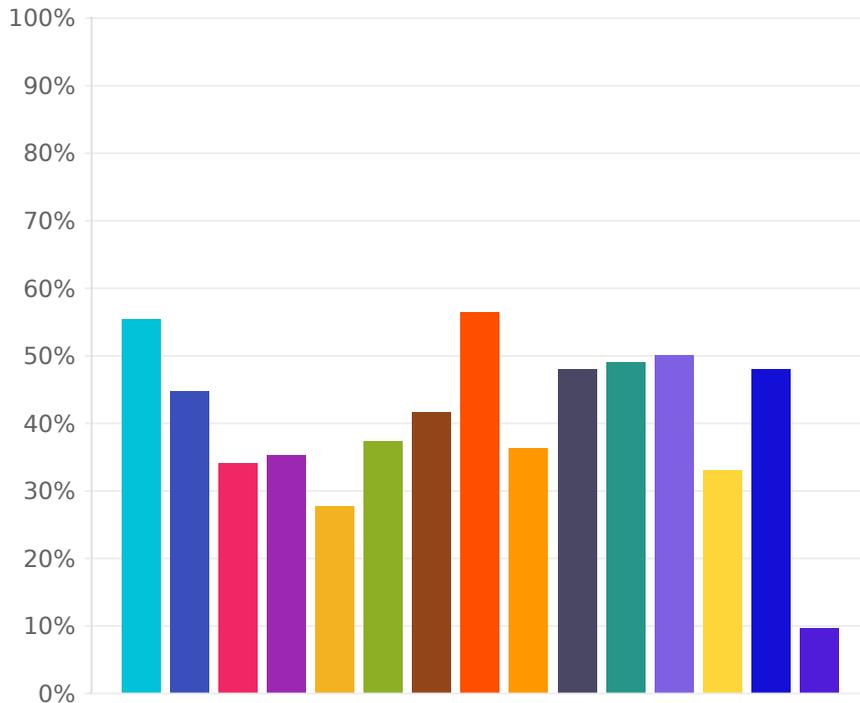
Deadline for responses is Friday 30th July 2021

Q1

Q1: What activities and services would you be most likely to use at Fenny Stratford Community Centre?

Please tick all that apply

Answered: 94 Skipped: 0



- Fitness/Dance Groups
- Arts, Music and Crafts
- Activities for young people
- Activities for children
- Free access to computer equipment/Wifi
- Space for large private functions e.g. parties (Main hall capacity - 100 people seated)
- Space for small private functions eg parties (Bowden Room capacity - 35 people seated)
- Community Events
- Access to advice, information and guidance
- Activities for older people
- Social groups
- Community coffee mornings
- Snooker
- Educational classes
- Other (Please specify)

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Fitness/Dance Groups	55.32%	52
Arts, Music and Crafts	44.68%	42
Activities for young people	34.04%	32
Activities for children	35.11%	33
Free access to computer equipment/Wifi	27.66%	26
Space for large private functions e.g. parties (Main hall capacity - 100 people seated)	37.23%	35
Space for small private functions eg parties (Bowden Room capacity - 35 people seated)	41.49%	39
Community Events	56.38%	53
Access to advice, information and guidance	36.17%	34
Activities for older people	47.87%	45
Social groups	48.94%	46
Community coffee mornings	50.00%	47
Snooker	32.98%	31
Educational classes	47.87%	45
Other (Please specify)	9.57%	9

Other (Please specify)

1. Table tennis
2. Auctions, jumble sales, book fairs ect
3. Business meetings?
4. Badminton
5. community gym
6. Anything which brings people together socially as a community
7. Meetings of residents to discuss local problems to forward to yourselves
8. Sewing & Knitting groups please
9. Definitely more towards older children and elderly we already have a children centre

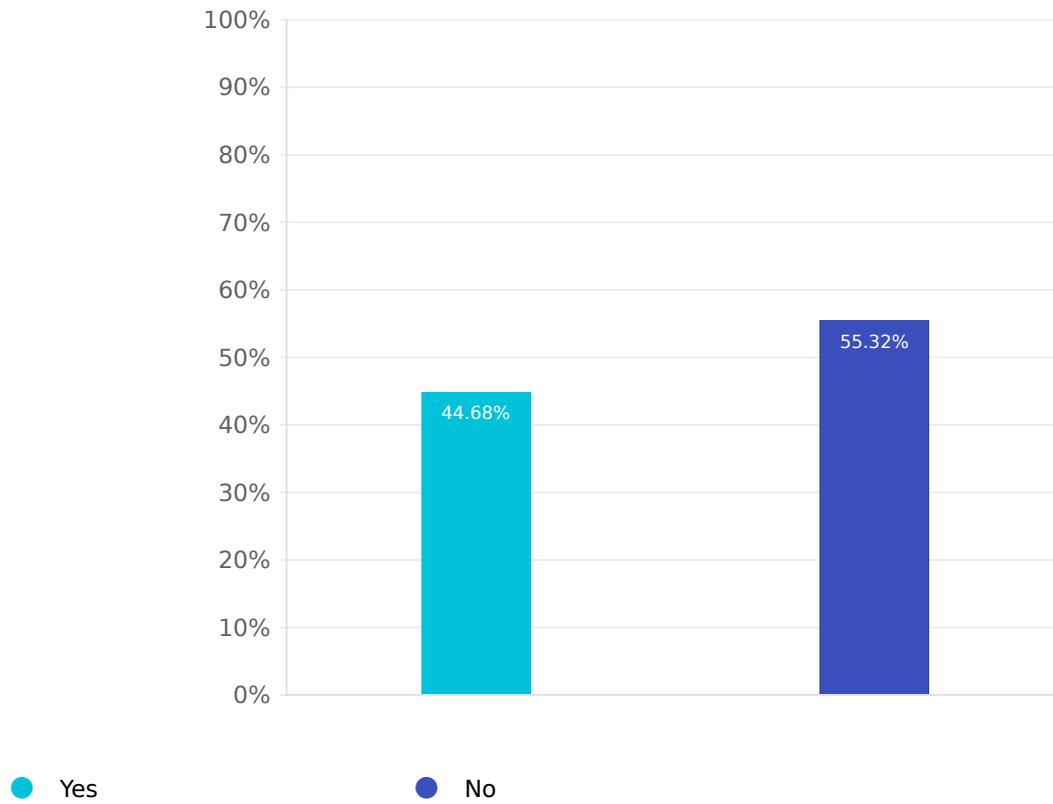
Dedicated Snooker Room

Previously there was a dedicated snooker room at the Community Centre with space for two tables. There is no room for more tables so only 4 people can play at once plus spectators. The Snooker Room has capacity for up to 77 people if it is not used for snooker and could be a multi-purpose space.

Q2

Q2: Should the Town Council keep a dedicated snooker room?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 0



Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	44.68%	42
No	55.32%	52

Playing Snooker - please answer Q3 if you are interested in playing snooker at the Community Centre

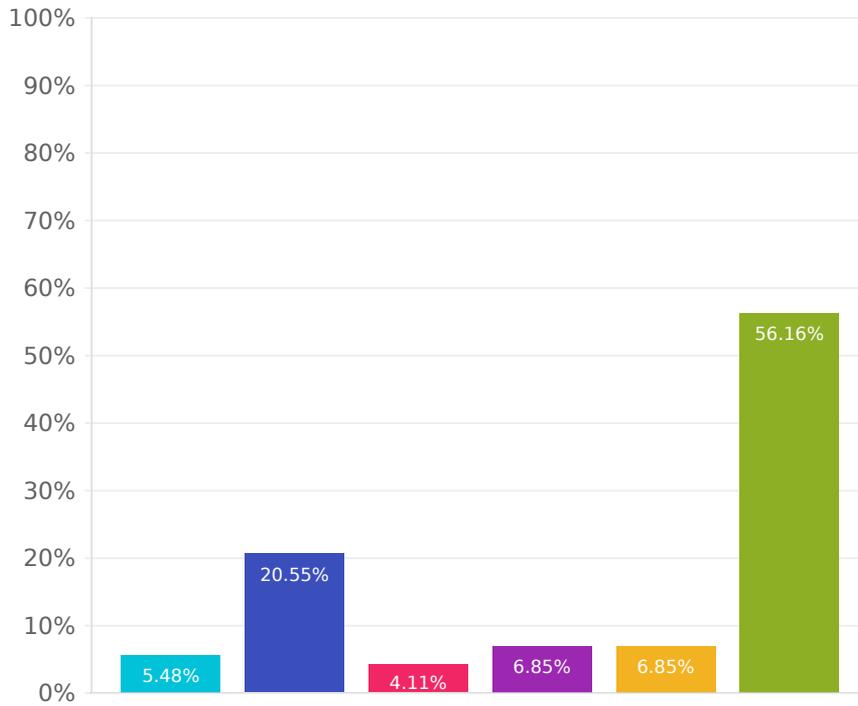
The Town Council is considering retaining this facility on a trial basis to test community demand and/or see if a club can be developed. We are considering charging players an annual fee of £25. For this players would receive a door fob and the ability to book table time which would then be charged by the hour at £5 per player (table lights included). Players would need to book in advance either over the telephone or online using a bank card. The door fobs would be programmed to let players into the building at the designated booking time.



Q3

Q3: If the above arrangements were in place how often would you play snooker at the Community Centre?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 21



- More than once a week
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Less frequently than once per month
- Never

Choices	Response percent	Response count
More than once a week	5.48%	4
Weekly	20.55%	15
Fortnightly	4.11%	3
Monthly	6.85%	5
Less frequently than once per month	6.85%	5
Never	56.16%	41

Q4: Do you have any other comments about the Community Centre or community needs in Fenny Stratford?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 54

1. Better publicity - do people know such a facility exists? What can the building be used for? etc For instance do people know there is a snooker room? if people don't know about the facility how can they use it?
2. Snooker is not needed
3. Having previously visited the centre i think that you have over estimated the amount if people that can be seated comfortably with clear fire access in and out of the Bowden Room .
4. The centre is a beautiful building and needs to continue to support the local community with activities for all. The loss of a room for snooker would limit this.
5. It needs to be kept clean and tidy and have a proper booking system
6. Just because I don't play snooker doesn't mean I don't think they should keep it - if others use it often then why not keep it, but there is no information here about how used it has been.
7. £5 per player to much It's for the community so support should be available This attracts young and old people
8. I wouldn't use it myself to play snooker but I think it would be great for others in the community and think it would be well used. I'd be interested in baby and toddler groups in particular.
9. In the past there was a old boys snooker day every Wednesday afternoon. Joining fee was £10.00 per person a year. I can't see how being a pensioner and how we can afford to pay £25.00 a month.
10. It's a beautiful building, I feel fenny Stratford needs to utilize the fact it has lots of nice older buildings and make them more accessible and used. Help local business open, maybe offer a networking event in the community hall. Or even better and advertising event where local businesses can have a small stall to promote what they do and the public can come by and have a taster.
11. I would like a community gym be voted on
12. Needs to be more open for community use this has not been the case over recent years Flexible on costs to encourage use
13. You do not provide subsidised sports for any other group. Why should Snooker be subsidised! This is discrimination
14. We need an arts and craft space. There is no outlet for creativity in Fenny Stratford or central Bletchley Since the tecton art centre folded.
15. Is the Town council able to put on events themselves, or not? Would them be able to facilitate a senior coffee morning for example, rather than relying on clubs and societies providing stuff?
16. Accessible community events would be fabulous that all could access even if on low income would be great. Community course would need to be priced sensible and pay as you go. Pop up cafe once a month for local residence families, those alone and tge more senior of our community.
17. If the above prices are charged for snooker, I'd expect the tables to be kept in excellent condition as you'd find at a snooker club. The previous tables were poorly maintained. This wasn't an issue as the cost reflected it. Previous charge of £3 p/h vs now £10 p/h is quite an increase. I understand the council trying to regain money but the other rooms in the community centre are rarely used, so why look to remove the snooker which has been part of the community for so long. Very disgusting from my view. This is somewhere I've visited for a number of years with my late grandfather and my own father. Seems the only concern from the council is £££
18. We would both like to attend regular events in the hall - I have attended Zumba classes before there, and I feel center could be a great local resource with more events etc.
19. Fitness classes and activities wood be better use of this space financially, appeal to more people and better for metal and physical health.
20. It would be wonderful to see an active community center in Fenny, that offers affordable sessions for all ages. As a local family we hope its an environment we and our children can enjoy for years to come.

21. It has become clear during this pandemic that a sense of community has been lost over time. Community is essential for a sense of well being and belonging. Restoring the c/c would help provide a focus for restoring this.
22. PLENTY! Having contacted Cllr Segebrecht and received no response I request some other persons phone me with a view to visiting my premises to discuss some serious issues in my locality of which there are many. The more senior in your organization the better!
23. Street light by 20-28 Victoria Road. It is pitch black with no lighting and come autumn it is quite frightening. Please give us a street light.
24. Before COVID I used the Mix MK down at St Frideswide church center every other Thursday and Tecton Art Gallery both for art. I would love to join a yoga / boxing class or karate. I did do karate at Shenley Leisure Centre, but it seems a long way to go to do this. Snooker - a couple of pounds over time OK. I am autistic and unemployed, it was becoming too expensive. coin operated tables might be OK.
25. Aging population in Fenny Stratford needs to be considered more, place to go and socialise otherwise many don't leave the house. Activities that cater for adults not just for young people. Snooker has to be affordable which £5 per player is not.
26. Focus on the older children activities and elderly
27. Would love it if I could play snooker locally but think the suggested pricing is high. Have you checked the pricing elsewhere?
28. Needs something for Senior Citizens and Informal carers
29. We need a place for social groups like coffee morning and meet ups and crafts and arts.
30. No
31. Community needs this centre maybe residents association could be actively involved
32. The price mentioned for snooker is very high. I can remember playing there many years ago. I didn't actually realised there were still tables here but would love to play again if the price was reasonable
33. A cafe or refreshment facility would be a nice addition
34. Would love to see fitness classes for local community
35. Please consider Jo's Hope. A local community interest group. Among some of the things they do, provide bras for mastectomy patients, free yoga classes for those going through or post cancer treatment, musical and theatre group (again free) for youths, food for all programme. I'm sure they would love to make use of the hall
36. Like this survey but not sure right question being asked Community centre means use for community and should be resident lead not Town Council Look at community use which should be funded with grants and not looking at making money which I think the council is trying to do A community centre should be run for the community by volunteers Encourage use not find reason not to use Passion for the community use is needed
37. No
38. If we can have as many activities to cover a wide range of people of all ages etc that would be better.
39. Would love to see a vegan fair here, currently we have to travel further afield to villages like Hanslope. MK has a large vegan community, and Fenny and Bletchley is already known for its Vegan food suppliers like Veggie World, and pre pandemic Sweet N Seasoned and Elaingel. I think a vegan fair in Fenny would be very successful. It would also be great to see music events, my husband owns Rhythm Room Music School on Queensway, maybe there is an opportunity to work together there.
40. I feel the centre should be used for the benefit of the whole community and the snooker area would be better used as a room that could be hired for events, i.e. craft fair.

Q5

Q5: How many of the following people live in your household?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 47

Row	Children under 5 years	Children aged 5 to 11	Young people aged 12 to 18	Adults aged 19 to 35	Adults aged 35 to 50	Adults aged 50 to 64	Adults over 65	Response count
Ages	48.94% (23)	61.70% (29)	48.94% (23)	68.09% (32)	100.00% (47)	91.49% (43)	70.21% (33)	47 Responses

Q6: Please tell us your postcode

72 responses from MK2 postcodes – 76.59%

10 responses from MK3 postcodes – 10.63%

7 responses MK1 postcodes - 7.44%

2 responses MK17 postcodes – 2.12%

1 response MK4 postcodes – 1.06%

1 response MK6 postcodes – 1.06%

1 response MK15 postcodes – 1.06%

Q7: Requests to receive future updates about Fenny Stratford Community Centre

46 responses saying yes to receive more information – Name, phone number and/or email address given