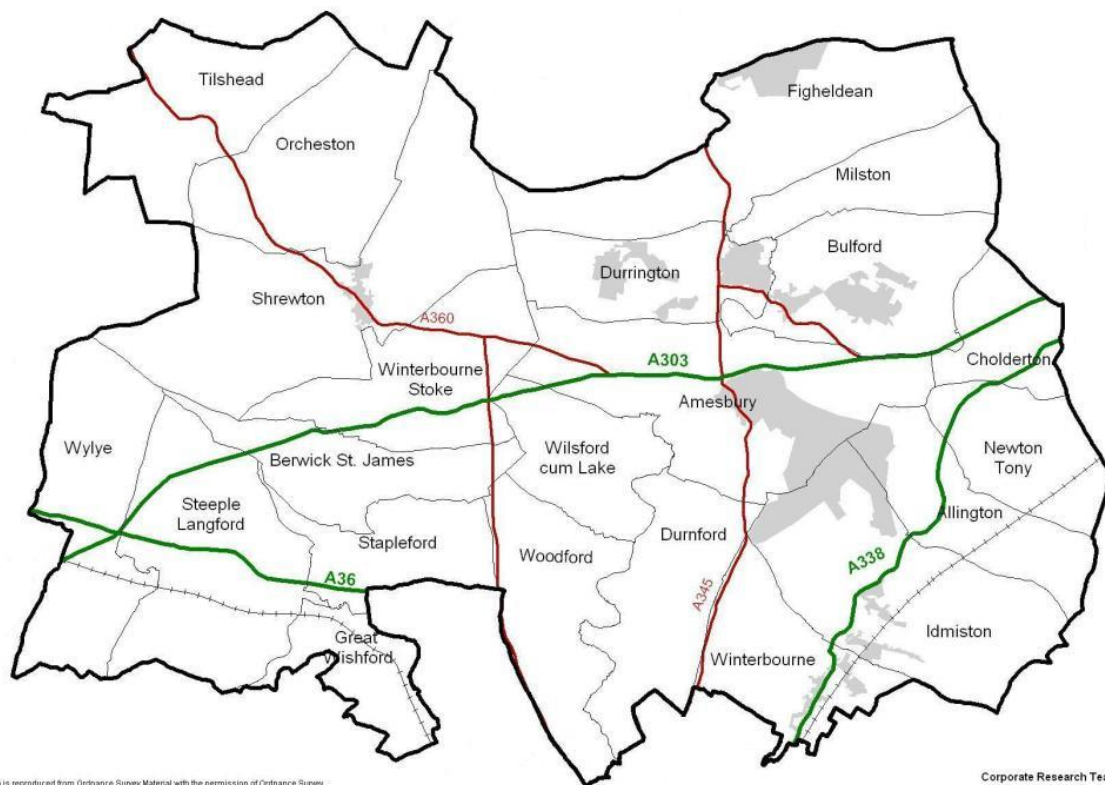


Needs Assessment Overview for Amesbury Community Area Local Youth Network

This document is a working document as certain information is needed to be gathered over the coming weeks/months that will inform and direct the positive activities for young people that need to take place in this area.

The aim of this assessment is to provide the Amesbury Community Area Local Youth Network with evidence for strategic decision making, particularly in respect to identifying forthcoming priorities.



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Vision Statement:

Amesbury Community Area Local Youth Networks Vision for young people in the Amesbury Community Area:

Amesbury Community Area Local Youth Network is committed to supporting young people and their communities to come together to develop a responsive and locally driven positive activities offer for young people.

Key Outcomes:

We want to achieve the following outcomes for young people in the Amesbury Community Area:

- Helps young people connect with their communities, enabling them to belong and contribute to society
- Provides opportunities for young people to take part in a range of sports, arts, music and other activities where they can socialise safely with their peers and develop relationships, including with adults they can trust
- Encourage young people's personal and social development
- Improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Help young people to achieve in education, work, volunteering or training
- Prevent and divert young people away from risky behaviours e.g. teenage pregnancy, substance misuse and involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour

Assessment:

- How has the overview been developed?

The assessment has been completed taking into account a wide range of resources. Research had been gathered via the Wiltshire Intelligence Network which produced population information. It has also come from the Joint Strategic Assessment which is a local profile and has some which has some relevant key points for young people.

Questionnaires were given out to the two secondary schools: Stonehenge School and Avon Valley College. Avon Valleys were carried out through a number of tutor sessions catching a small group, and the local Bridging Project's in included in this section. In contrast Stonehenge was done through four larger assemblies.

The assessment has also taken the view of stakeholder feedback. In this document this mainly consists of the Police. Other stakeholders that have been approached are local parish councils and schools. An information event was held for local voluntary groups, residents and young people, however this was poorly attended.

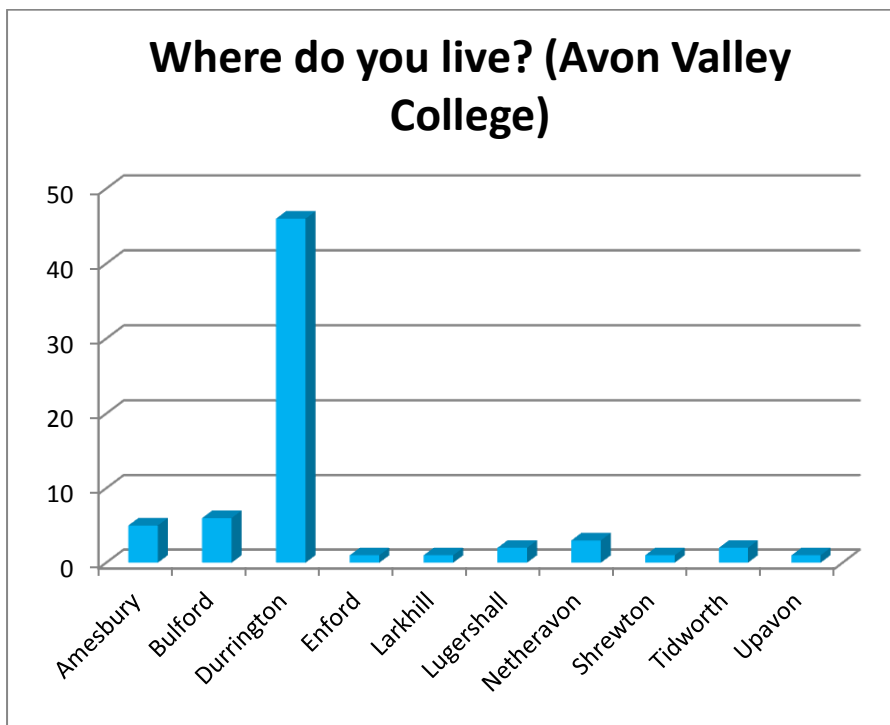
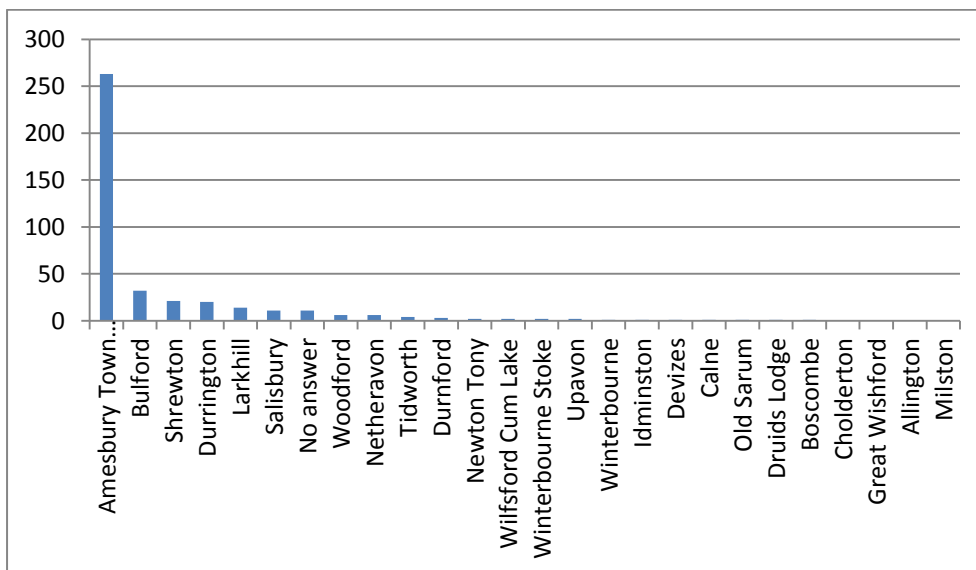
- Evidence of considering equalities issues?

The questionnaire has been given to young people mainly aged 13 -19, through the schools and Bridging Project. The bridging project is an organisation that works with young people aged 13-15 with special educational needs.

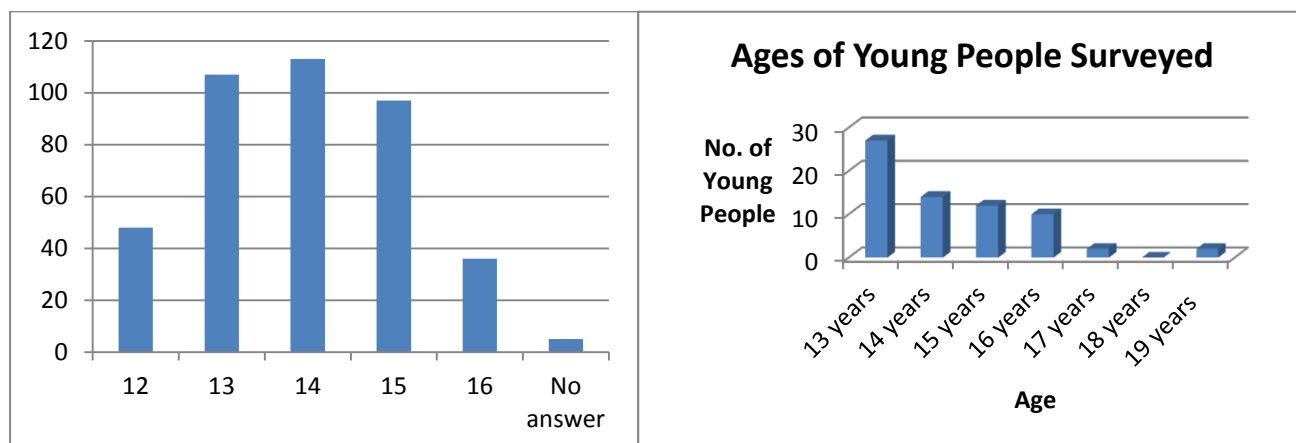
It was apparent that to reach the post 16 education level would be a challenge, as most are educated out of the area. We passed our questionnaires to the Personal Advisors who work with those who are Not in Employment Education or Training.

All questionnaires were given to all students in the groups accessed.

The graphs below show the number of young people who completed a questionnaire, which village they live in, their age and gender.



Questionnaire results from the Avon Valley College surveys show that most people surveyed live in the Durrington area.



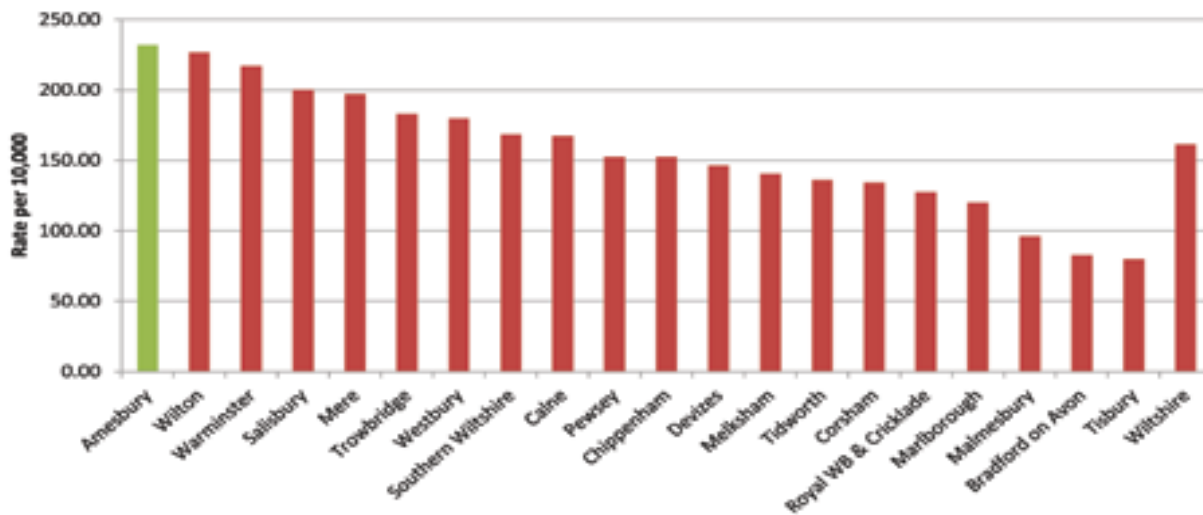
These graphs show Stonehenge School on the left and Avon valley on the right as age.

- 13-19 population profile.

Information from the Wiltshire Intelligence Network from the 2011 Census shows us that the population of 10 to 14 year olds was 1,937 which equates to 5.9% of the Amesbury population. The total of 15 to 19 year olds was 1,997 which made up 6.1%.

- Key findings from the Joint Strategic Assessment: [Amesbury Community Area JSA \(2\).pdf](#)
 - Although the numbers are small, one indication of the extent of alcohol misuse amongst young people is the number of under-18s admitted to hospital due to alcohol specific conditions; that is when alcohol was directly responsible for their stay in hospital. Amesbury Community Area has the highest rate of alcohol-related admissions for under-18s across all the communities in Wiltshire at 79 per 100,000.
 - There are 20 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) contributing to this community area, with proportions of children living in poverty ranging from 1.2% of all children within the lowest ranking LSOA (Bulford Camp - part) to 34.8% of all children within the highest ranking LSOA (Amesbury East - north central). This signifies that there are pockets of relative affluence and pockets of deprivation within the community area.
 - Amesbury Community Area is the highest ranking area in Wiltshire for the number of children and young people with a Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and the eighth highest for those supported by social care. This equates to 175 children and young people with a CAF and 187 supported by social care.
 - The Amesbury Community Area rate of 136.0 admissions per 10,000 children for unintentional and deliberate injuries is the highest rate of admissions of any community area in Wiltshire.

- The proportion of those on Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) who fall within the 18-25 age group is above average for the area at 30%. Access to employment opportunities for young people in the local area is difficult given the proportion of jobs in the area which are technical and highly skilled research and science based.



Number of children with a CAF (Sept 2013)

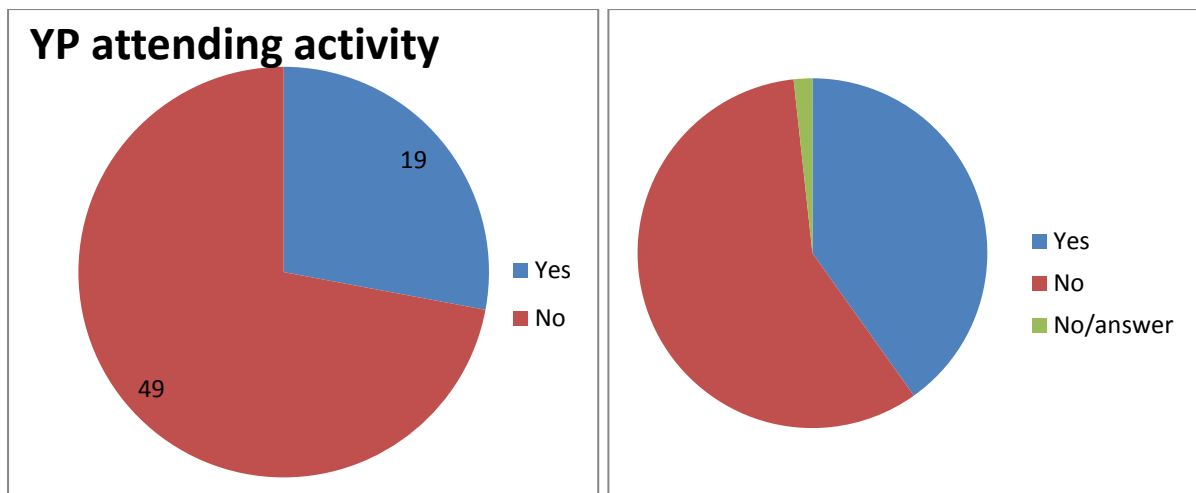
- Stakeholder views

One of the main concerns of the local policing team is the level of anti-social behaviour in Amesbury. They have seen a recent rise in the level of ASB in Amesbury Town area but it is decreasing in the other areas.

Most of the ASB problems tend to be around Archers Gate, Harvard Park and the coops at Boscombe Road or Bence Court.

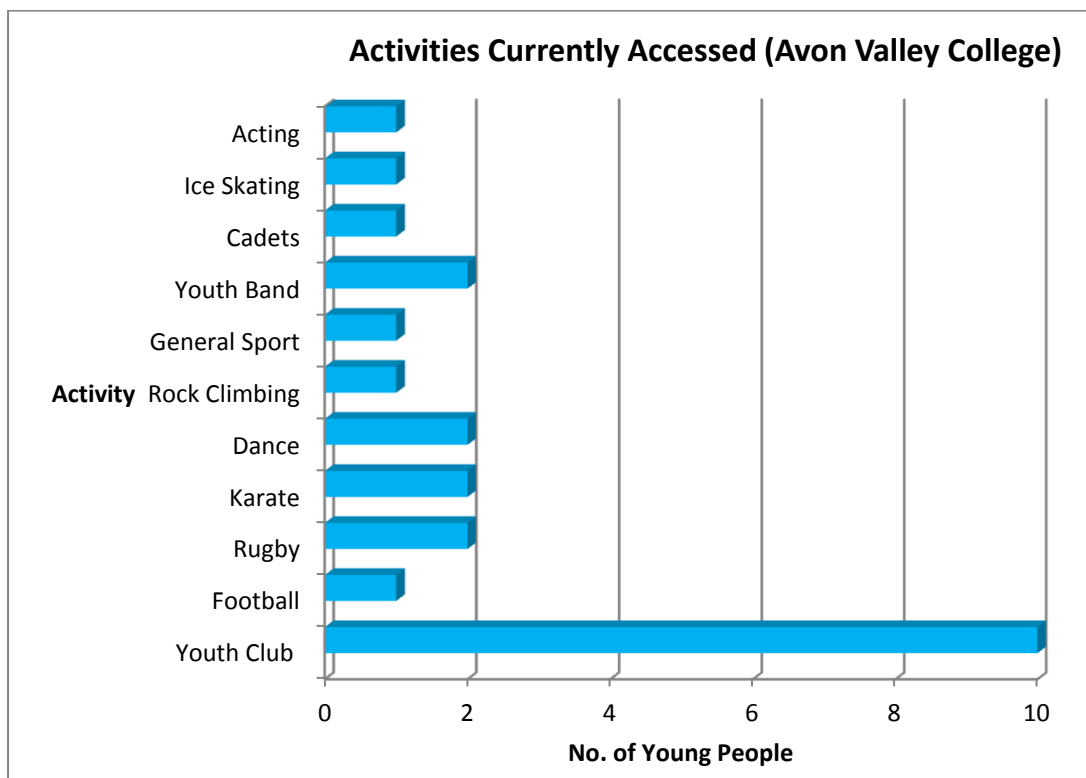
The police believe this would improve if there was a place for young people to go and more activities available for them.

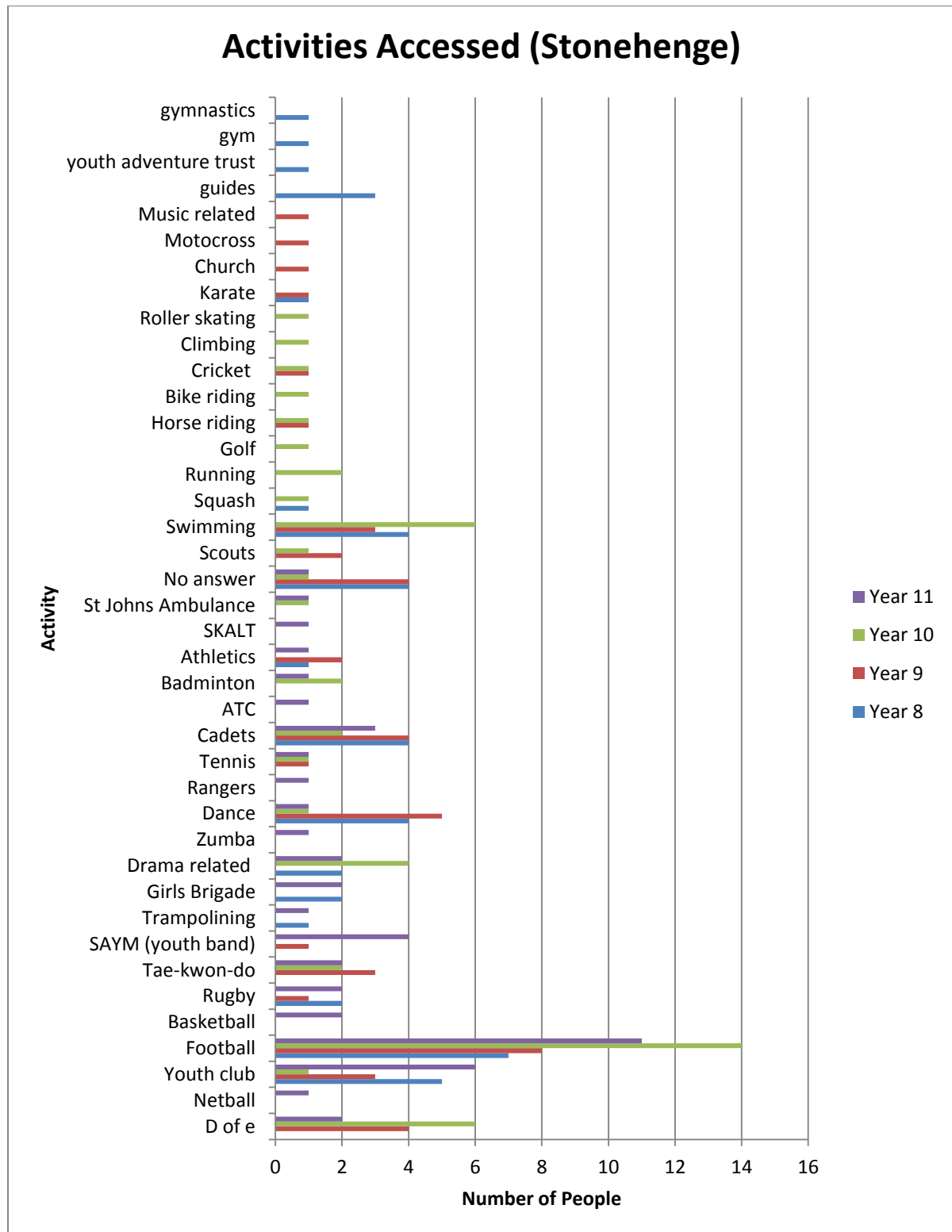
- What are the needs of young people (YP) in your area?



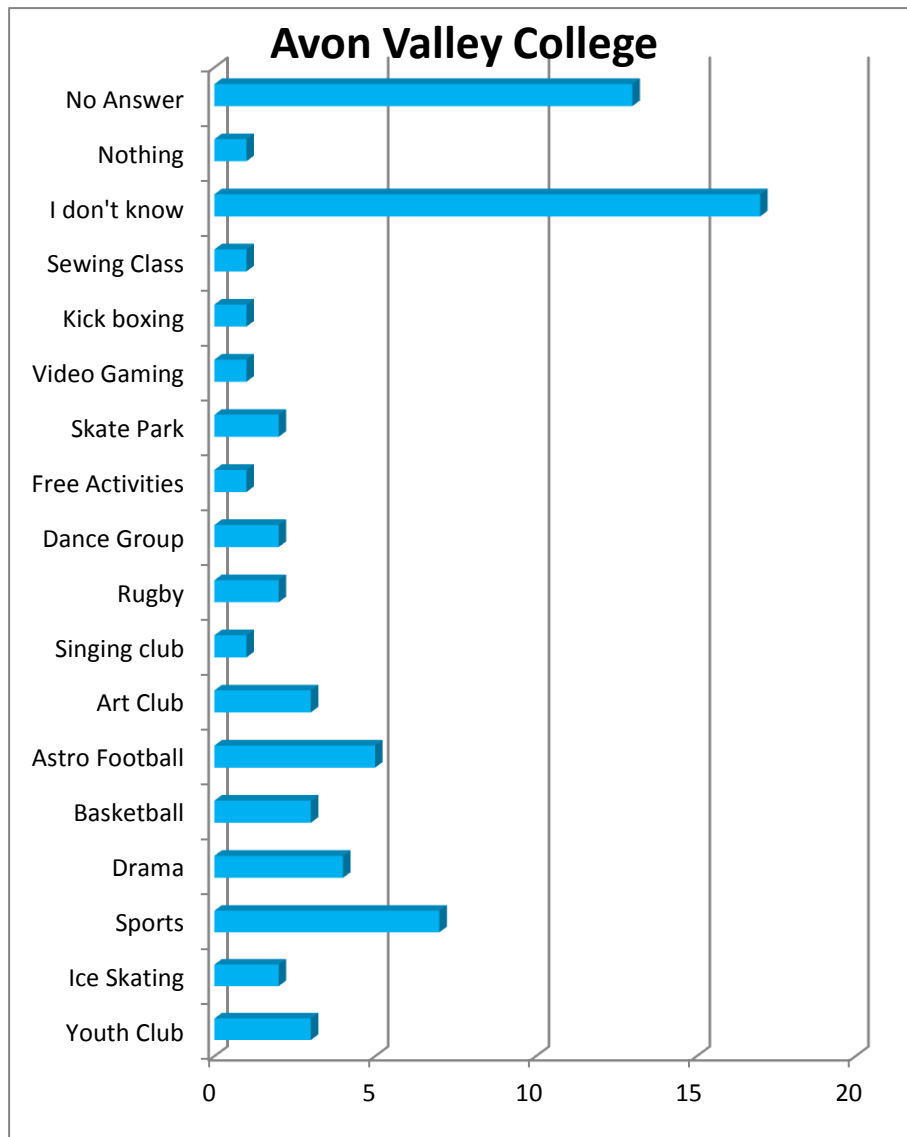
This graph shows young people in Avon Valley (left) and Stonehenge (right) and shows more young people are not attending a positive leisure activity outside of school.

The next two graphs show the activities already accessed by young people in the two different areas.

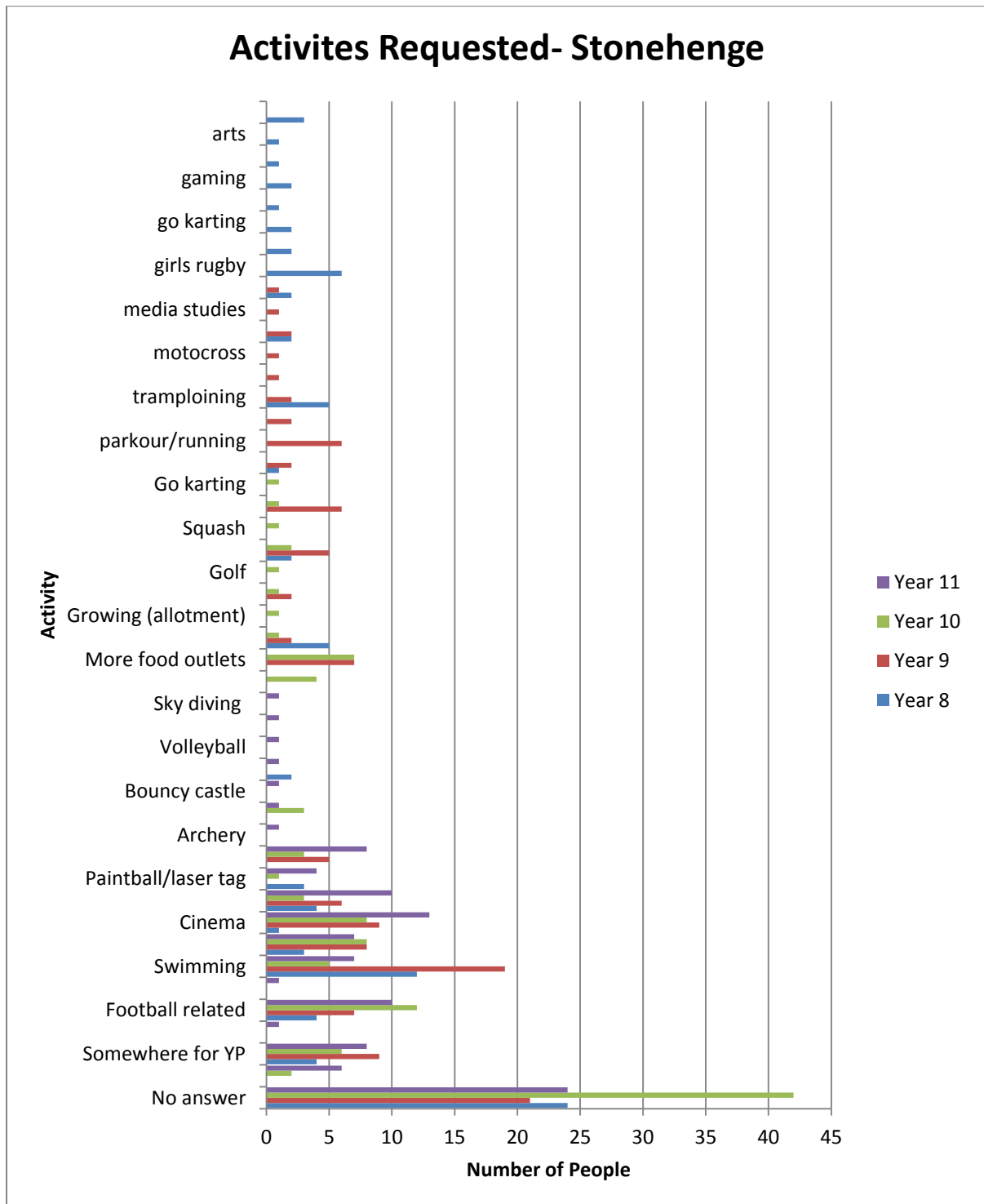




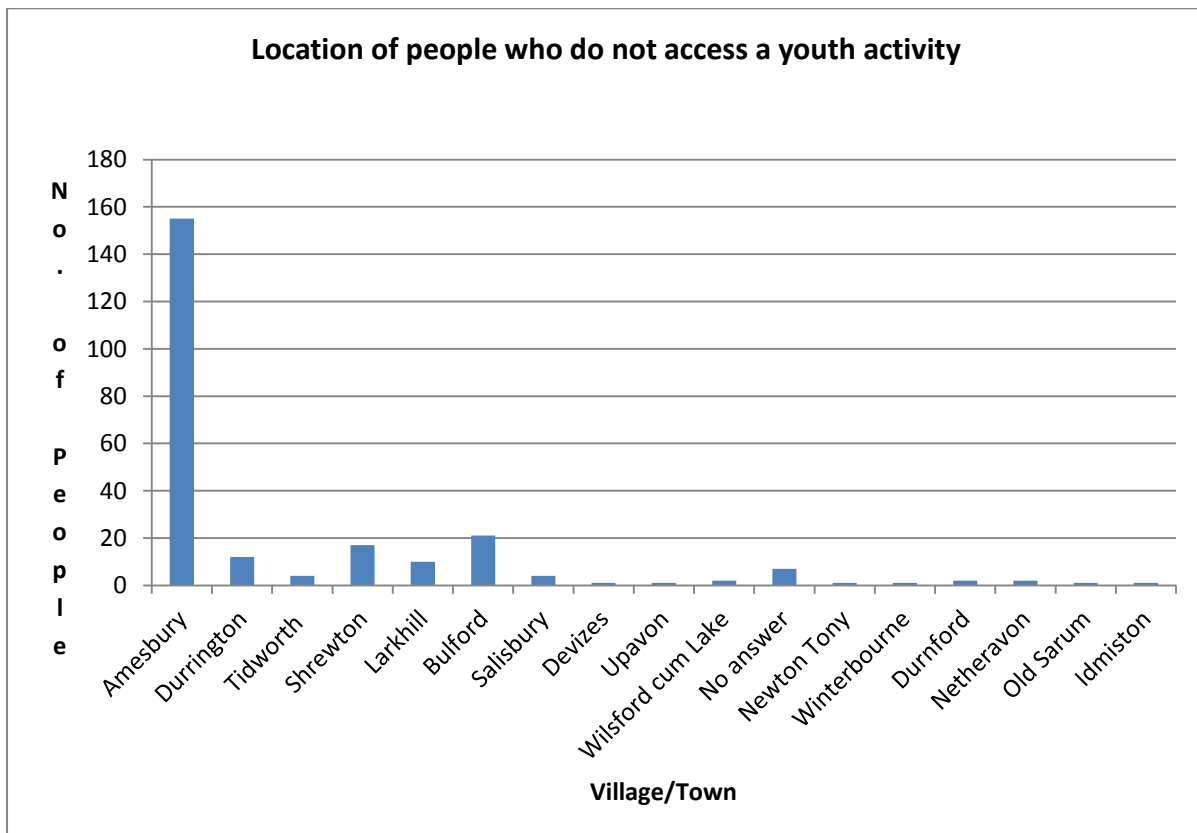
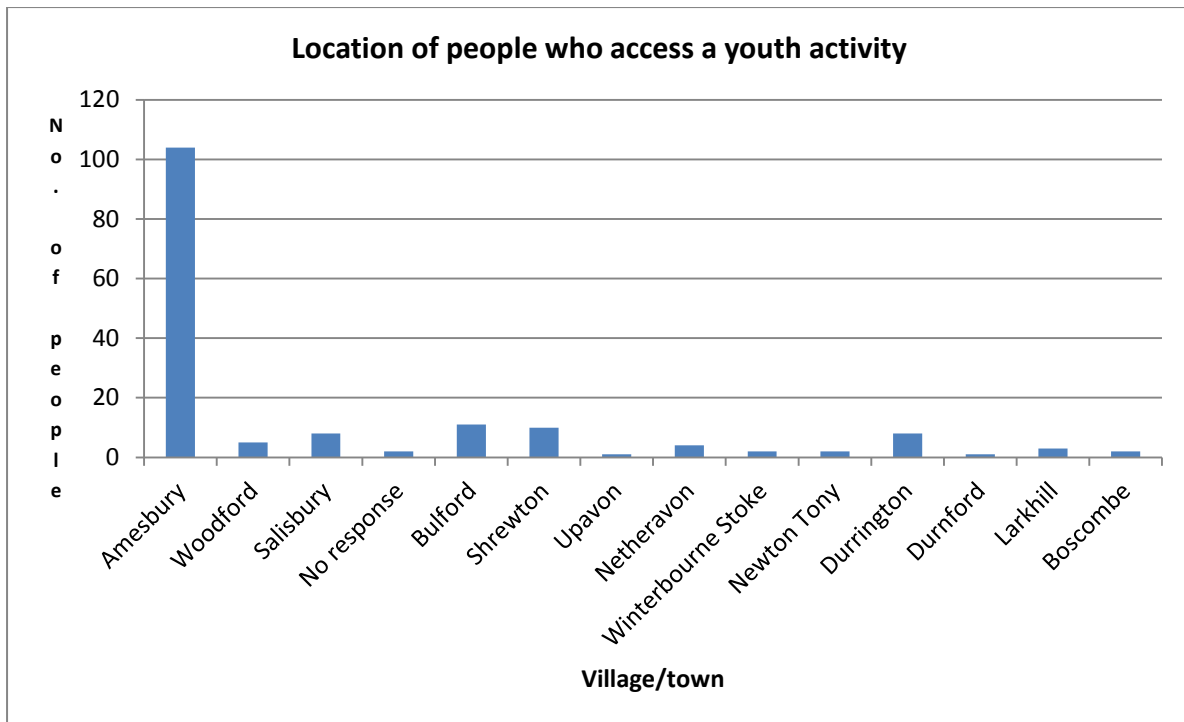
We then asked young people what activity they would like to take part in?



The survey from Avon Valley College shows that the majority of young people don't know what they would like to see in their area, followed by sports related activities.



The survey's from Stonehenge School reveal the same, most young people don't know or chose not to answer the question. The most popular activity chosen was swimming.



- Both graphs show that most people surveyed at Stonehenge School lived in Amesbury. The numbers are quite similar, it would seem that the location of the young person doesn't necessarily have an impact on whether they can access an activity or not.

Based on the questionnaire results there does not seem to be a direct correlation between where young people live and if they access activity or not. This shows that provision needs to be in place across the community area. It is also clear that young people already access sports provision but also request it. The guidance from the Education Act 507b make it clear we need to offer a wide range of opportunities which include both sports and other activities.

What positive activities are currently available?

Amesbury	Durrington	Shrewton	Larkhill	Bulford	Tilshead
Sports Centre.	Fitness Centre & Swimming Pool.	Youth Football.	MOD youth group.	MOD youth group.	Army cadets.
Cricket Club.	Bridging Project.	Scouts/Guides	Junior gym club.		
Football.	Sea Scouts.	Explorers.	Boys Brigade		
Gym/Gymnastics	Dance and fitness classes.	BMX Track	Army Cadets.		
Community players - drama group.	After School Clubs. – Avon Valley College.	Guides.			
Messy church.	Youth Football.	Messy church.			
Duke of Edinburgh Award.	Scouts, Explorers, Guides.	Silver band.			
Town Band.					
Baptist church youth group.					
Badminton Club					
Tae Kwon Do					
Roller skating.					
Bourne Valley Explorers.					
Boys Brigade.					
After School Clubs – Stonehenge School.					

Priorities:

- To develop the wider Local Youth Network
- To ensure provision (existing and newly formed) is supported
- To ensure that training is available to providers- for example Safeguarding

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- To support and develop a team of volunteers to provide positive activities for young people including drivers, people with specialised skills, people who want to support young people achieve positive outcomes
- Develop a programme of activities
- Advertise all opportunities as widely as possible

Objectives:

- To develop positive activities for young people in the 13 – 19 age bracket that is developed in consideration of the existing services available
- To raise awareness of what is already available to young people in the area, through Sparksite, social media, Our Community Matters and schools
- To identify any emerging gaps in provision and to develop a responsive service
- To develop an appropriate provision that meets the needs of those aged 16-19 as an under-represented group
- To work with those in rural and isolated communities to ensure an appropriate model is on offer
- To continue to discover what the needs of young people are in the community area and where possible meet those needs.