

Project:	Outdoor public fitness equipment	
Proposal:	The suggestion for public fitness equipment in the village is a suggestion that has been made a number of times.	
Details:	Following research on what equipment other parishes have installed, we would propose the below metal equipment be installed. Metal is proposed to hopefully lessen ongoing maintenance costs associated with wooden based equipment. Additional equipment can always be added to at a later dates.	
Maps / Images:	Horizontal Ladder	Double Airwalker
		
	Double Rower	Arm & Pedal Bike
		
	Double Cross Country Skier	Combi Pull Down & chest Press
		
	Seated Leg Press	
Costs:	For the range of 7 pieces of equipment listed (a few of which are doubles), the cost including installation excluding VAT would be £11,888. This would not include any matting, Astroturf or soft / hard surface treatment around the equipment. Annual safety inspection would be approx. £400 per year.	
Discussion: Things to consider when filling the survey & whether you support this proposal or not:		
• Where do you think this is the correct location on Parish Council owned land? • Do you think these pieces of equipment are suitable? • Do you think that all equipment should be sized for adults? • Do you think the equipment should be grouped together or spread out?		
Please put all your comments into the online / paper survey.		

Outdoor public fitness equipment Comments

FOR		AGAINST
Health reasons for the fitness equipment	Fitness equipment of folly field would be great as out of sight so making it likely to be used	The suggested projects would further erode the rural nature of the area. There are literally hundreds of miles of potential walks/runs/off-road bike rides that people can enjoy free of charge. Aside from the suburbanisation of the village, money is short and could be better spent elsewhere.
Both great ideas and give young people more to do in Woodcote... Would like to see something that could be used by people of all ages but not sure what this could be!	Not convinced of amount of use vs. initial cost and maintenance	I have seen to many installations never used consider them a vanity project
Woodcote really needs somewhere older children can use and socialise	Do they find the equipment is regularly used in the long term? It would be a shame if the novelty quickly wore off after such an investment.	Fitness equipment is rarely used. Both are a waste of money.
There is very little for older children and teenagers to do in the village beside the park and the football goals in both parks and we therefore see trouble occasionally. These options area healthy solution and will suit people of all ages.	I feel somewhat indifferent to the fitness equipment, although it would provide equipment for those that cannot afford a gym membership or to have items at home - or the space. I'm not sure on location as I can see pros and cons to both potential locations. Perhaps putting equipment into 2 groups - some on rec and some on folly field.	There are plenty of ways people can keep fit without the use of outdoor fitness equipment and a pump track in our part of the world.
I also support the idea of public fitness equipment but I would be interested to know what the experiences are of parishes that already have similar facilities?	I am sceptical about how much outdoor public fitness equipment would get used, and anyway, if people want to get fit they have miles of beautiful countryside round here to walk, run or cycle in - surely a more natural and pleasurable way of doing it.	The fitness equipment will not be used and probably just vandalised

I think it is an excellent idea to have free access to equipment that will promote fitness in the community	Outdoor fitness equipment tends to be a good idea in inner city areas, but are less well used in rural settings, and would only likely be used during fine weather. There is a really good indoor gym at the Oratory, but village use is quite restricted. Couldn't funds be used to help create a better gym use option at the Oratory, with appropriate promotion, membership and daily rates etc?	Please do not fill up our green spaces with garish hardware which often does not add to the beauty of our village
outdoor gym equipment	The village already has access to a leisure centre facilities - namely at the Oratory School. However, members of the public can only gain limited access to these facilities, such as only to one of the school's gyms (the upper gym) which has lighter weights and thus isn't best suited to anyone wanting to engage in serious weight training. I understand from the staff at the Oratory that this is despite several village residents requesting access to the lower gym for this reason.	Personally for the budget we have I think the other options I've supported are more important for the village as we already have areas of recreational equipment.
The teenagers in our area need something to occupy them in our area and a pump track and the fitness equipment would do that	Earlier research by SPARK on trim trail/public fitness indicated lack of support from sports clubs, schools, fitness groups, and individual sports people. Insurance issues around correct use by appropriate age were also a problem. Equipment has developed, and local interest changes, but considering costs involved I feel further targeted research may be warranted. By providing local initiative it may reduce travel , reducing carbon footprint.	I do not believe outdoor public fitness equipment is a very good use of parish funds - where I've seen them installed in London, they largely sit unused when the weather is too cold or wet, and it is very easy for them to be vandalised. The equipment in the plan is insufficient for providing a full-body workout.
Outdoor exercise equipment would be beneficial for our community as not everyone can afford use of privately owned gyms, also I feel an outside gym would be great for our	The outdoor public fitness equipment has been seen in other villages, but I've only ever seen it being used by children under 12! Blewbury has a wooden set of fitness equipment that is spread	While I like the idea of improved fitness, I think the public equipment mentioned will not bring the expected value and will negatively impact the aesthetics where they are installed. Understandably, many public spaces have installed similar equipment and I have never seen any of it being used

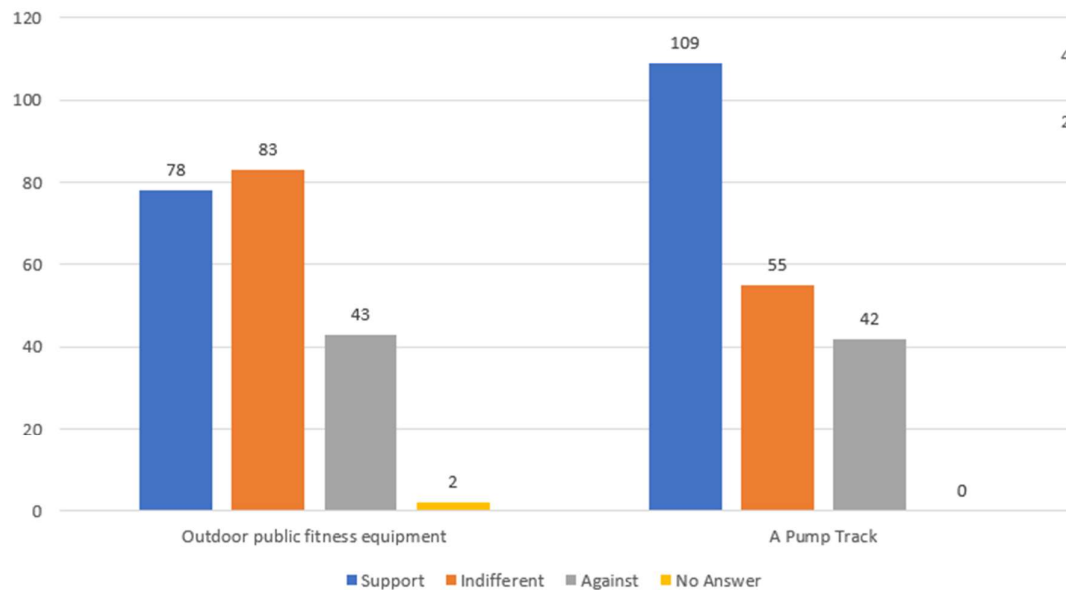
community's physical and mental health as it would be accessible to all age groups, it would be perfect to get people out from their houses and keep fit and live a healthier lifestyle!	around the field, it can be used by any age and maybe an option.	and it quickly looks aged. For there to be real value from a fitness equipment install I think there'd need to be regular classes making use of them.
I think the recreation equipment should go on the main recreation ground - by the playground so parents can use it while children are playing on the playground if needed. Would be good to have a mix of adult and child size. The equipment should be all grouped together.	The only issue I have with it is it will only be used in the summer and not in the winter.	I feel the outdoor fitness equipment elsewhere is rarely used, do a poor use of funds
The outdoor public fitness equipment is a good idea, which I do support and will also enable people who want to join a gym but can not afford too, plus the local sports teams will be able to incorporate it in to there training.	Location - somewhere accessible and visible from the park/roads so that the public knows it is there. Makes sense to all be in one area. Its for adults ie teenager plus age so size of equipment should be for adults (kids have a playground). Equipment suggested looks a good range.	I've never seen anyone using outdoor gym equipment except kids playing. It is no replacement for an actual gym.
Outdoor gym equipment can be used by a wide range of age groups, is low maintenance and robust.	Location - somewhere accessible and visible from the park/roads so that the public knows it is there. Makes sense to all be in one area. Its for adults ie teenager plus age so size of equipment should be for adults (kids have a playground). Equipment suggested looks a good range.	Public fitness equipment is unnecessary and open to abuse.

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Impressed by the number using the rec and paths for jogging etc. Support the idea of fitness equipment, but try a sample first as may prove a white elephant(s).	I would be more in favour if I knew how many people would actually use these facilities. They are very expensive. I would guess the pump track might be used quite a lot.	Unnecessary expenditure, particularly in the current climate.
Fitness equipment might be used by people, but would it be vandalised?	Due to my age I would not use any of these facilities. However, I met adults/parents at the Drop In exhibition who were very enthusiastic. Only concern is where this equipment / track would be located. I would not want these facilities located at Greenmore Hill as that area, in my opinion should be for housing. Also it needs to be more centrally located for the whole village use to prevent adults driving/parking elsewhere because they are too lazy to walk.	Fitness equipment may be best split into some smaller sites.

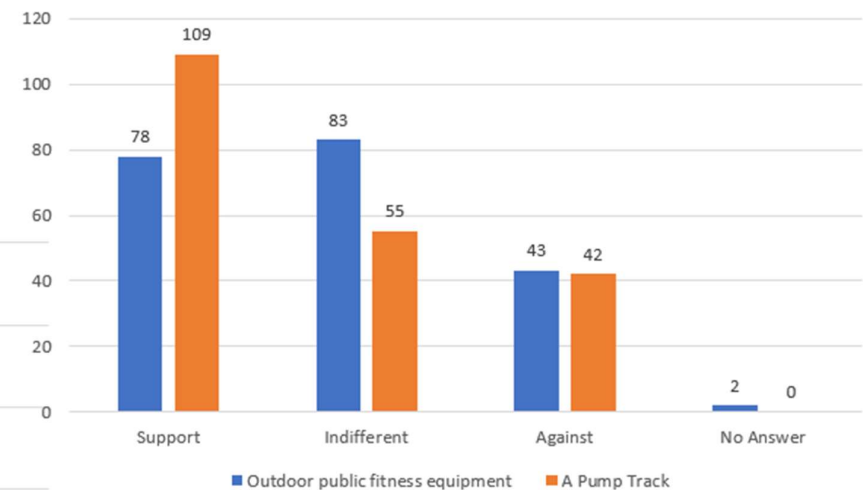
Results on Recreation project proposals.

	Outdoor public fitness equipment	A Pump Track
Support	78	109
Indifferent	83	55
Against	43	42
No Answer	2	0
TOTAL	206	206

Results by Project



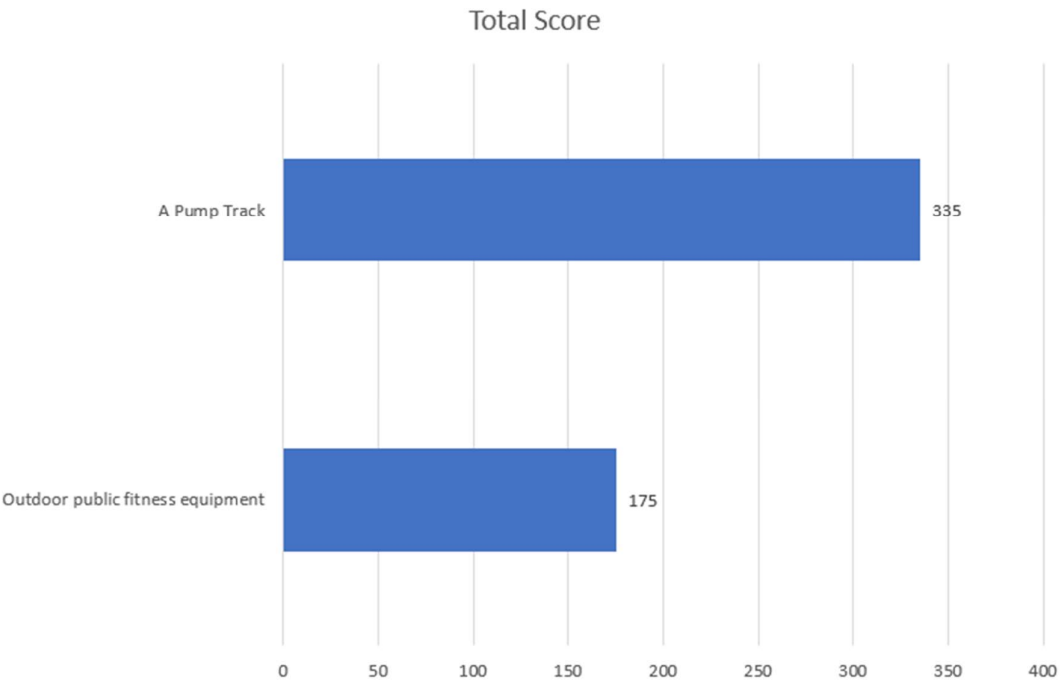
Results by Vote



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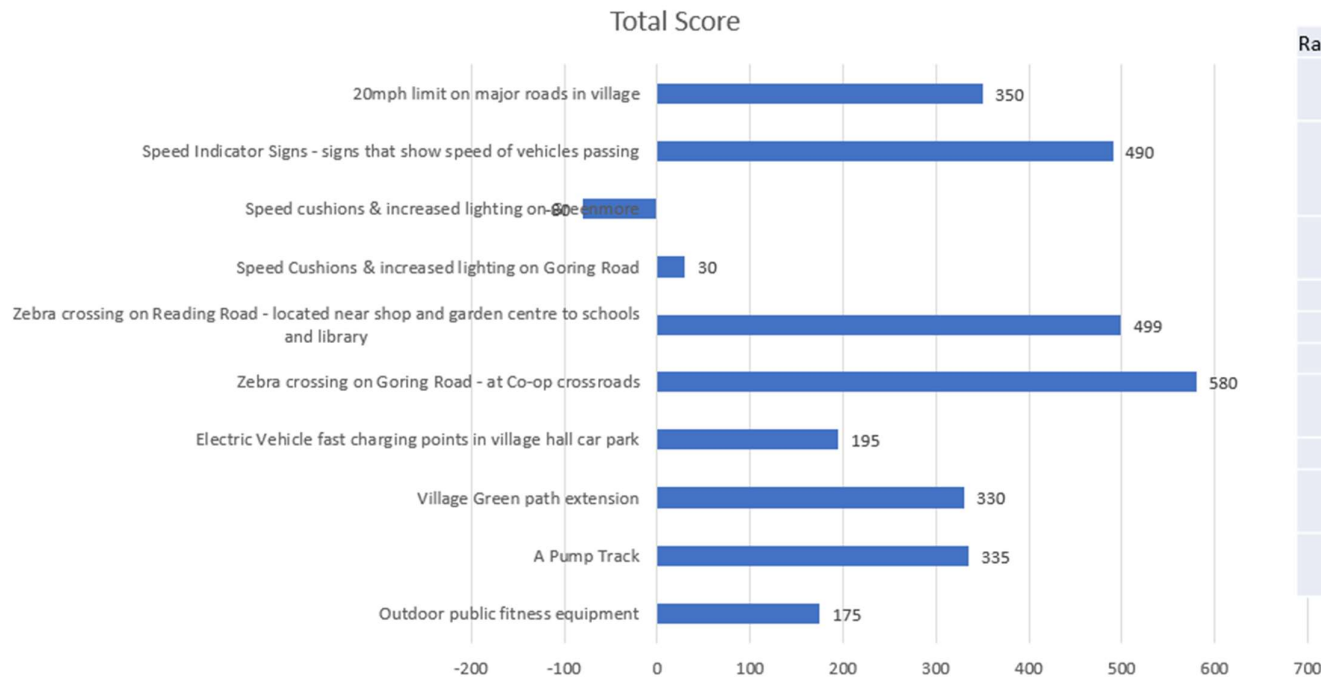
	Outdoor public fitness equipment	A Pump Track
Score	175	335

Score	Vote
5	Support
0	Indifferent
-5	Against
0	No answer



Individual projects compared by scoring

	Outdoor public fitness equipment	A Pump Track	Village Green path extension	Electric Vehicle fast charging points in village hall car park	Zebra crossing on Goring Road - at Co-op crossroads	Zebra crossing on Reading Road - located near shop and garden centre to schools and library	Speed Cushions & increased lighting on Goring Road	Speed cushions & increased lighting on Greenmore	Speed Indicator Signs - signs that show speed of vehicles passing	20mph limit on major roads in village
Score	175	335	330	195	580	499	30	-80	490	350



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4	20mph limit on major roads in village	350
5	A Pump Track	335
6	Village Green path extension	330
7	Electric Vehicle fast charging points in village hall car park	195
8	Outdoor public fitness equipment	175
9	Speed Cushions & increased lighting on Goring Road	30
10	Speed cushions & increased lighting on Greenmore	-80

Summary of projects

The benefit of giving a score for each type of vote allows all the projects under the different topics to be compared together.

From this it is possible to see that in addition to Traffic and Highways being the general topic that achieved the highest score, the first 4 most supported individual projects are projects that were under the Traffic and Highways topic.

This is followed by the pump track proposal and just 2 points Behind is the village green extension. Although the climate change Subject did place slightly ahead of recreation as a general topic.

It is clear that the speed cushion and proposed lighting proposals on Goring Road and especially Greenmore were not popular.

While there are comments about each project that are worth reading, it seems given the project rankings the PC can get a clear picture of projects to move forward with and with what priority.

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