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For older residents

There seems to be no facility for the old / pensioners. perhaps a community project whereby the villagers volunteer to assist. Also the project that takes place in street whereby locals donate money / gifts for a secret santa / grotto for the kids to attend to get a free gift (donation pot could go to local funding)

More encouragement and facilities for more clubs and organisations

Better OAP provisions ie clubs advertised better youth club/team sports

Drop in centre for older folk

Greater provision for the elderly should be considered (eg Monday Club; local volunteer car lift service)

There does not appear to be anything for over 60s

A seniors' club with meetings, coffee mornings, talks evening courses not necessarily connected directly with the Church

Better provision for those over 60

Provisions for 41-65 are in the day - a lot of us still work. Pub is the only option, if you can find one open

Group luncheon clubs for the elderly

More daytime activities - Bingo, whist etc

Loneliness would be a real problem for older people, the sick and disabled

Retirement homes within walking distance of the Church

Night classes for pensioners

Meals on wheels?

Over 65s should not be lumped together; a range of facilities is needed

Films

Cinema, more evening classes (fitness and leisure)

Parenting classes. Bi-monthly film club. Gym tots or similar. Community Tidying up Club for youths who need guidance

Film shows in the Parish hall would make more use of it.

Community buildings

Use the hall to provide events to bring villagers together. Eg varied musical events, cinema/films, dance events like the David Hall in S petherton

Community centre place for social events, society meeting, local cinema, sports gym; pool

The provision of a Community Club in central Martock

A new Parish Hall. Bigger and better than the outdated and dismal one we have at the moment. Something similar to Norton Village Hall. Although it would have to be bigger to take the many user groups in the village.

The Parish hall is scruffy and out of date. We need a new Community centre on the rec

A drop in centre for informal use for all ages

A drop in centre/cafe open more often than the Evergreen club

New Youth Centre

Youth facilities

More youth facilities - somewhere where both old and young can get together each category have so much to offer one another

The youth Centre is very old and lacks the latest facilities

Youth activities

As previously mentioned, more entertainment facilities for younger people

I would like to see more facilities for children and young persons within Martock

A more inviting and user friendly parish hall/community centre available to all on an everyday basis

Whether the 'problem' with young people would be helped by the provision of better facilities I do not know - but worth a try!

There is enough for teenagers if they wish to join in and participate. You can't make them join

I do feel teenagers have little to do

More for teenagers. A Martock social club to cater for all age groups

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I think there should be under 18s nights in local pubs. Things like that keep the kids off the streets and stop them getting into trouble

I think that there is very little Martock can do for the kids who clearly are not required to be home at night

Youngsters with weekend jobs need access to public transport at convenient times.

Better Youth ???

More appropriate facilities for youngsters to keep them from grouping rowdily in the streets

New, exciting and engaging services and facilities for young people, create opportunities and raise young people's aspirations.

Bower Hinton Post Office

Re-insate Bower Hinton Post office

Shopping/cafes

Another supermarket

More shops (supermarket)

Better shopping. Does the Co-op have a monopoly.

Shoe shop

Possible new food outlet (Tesco Extra) as Co-op has no competition, bring lower prices.

Somewhere open when we return from work (only place is the Co-op

Coffee shop; Italian restaurant

French style cafe with outside tables in courtyard to appeal to all age groups/visitors to martock. Old Spa site an ideal location

A coffee bar or internet cafe opened especially in the evenings

More centralised shops.

More shops

Wider choice of shops

Activities/clubs

Improve facilities at rec and car parking.

Play area in Bower Hinton

Outdoor bowling rink

Bowling Green on recreation ground

Bowling Green Tea Dance

Music Club

A gym

Fitness Centre (Swimming pool)

Swimming pool to suit all ages. Live bands and dances as we had in 1970s/80s in Parish hall

Swimming pool or small indoor sports centre, though I understand it is a big 'ask'.

Swimming pool

Indoor sports facility; public tennis courts; multi surface sports; better youth clubs

Social groups for elderly and young people not connected to the Church or WI

Better programs are needed for working age people who are not free during the day. Current focus is all on children & elderly.

A social club

Cricket club with grass square.

A photographic club/wild life club and similar groups

More sports/leisure activity provision

More clubs and societies

More activities

More clubs and sports facilities. Not everyone is interested in tennis and football

Babysinging/signing/massage events. Apparently used to be a baby singing group. Skittle alley?

Other villages seem to have classes and more things to do for 17-65 year olds.

Transport

Increased hours of public transport availability

Bus shelters

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What about bus shelters for Martock?
Parking at surgery. Better, larger pharmacy situation
Bike/storage racks in precinct
Bus Service. Put up bus stop signs and equal travel for all residents. Need more stops in East street and North Street. A bus shelter by the library

Library

Need to preserve and extend, rather than cut back library services
We need our library
Ensure that the library is retained as a individual entity.
The current library facilities should be maintained
We must strive hard to maintain the Library

Events

Would like to see Farmers' Market every fortnight
Age concern info day was very good. More along that line? More publicity would be helpful

I have seen that the firestation provide a fire awareness training course where trouble secondary school pupils can learn the techniques and achieve awards at the end...why cant this sort of thing be available to all the teenagers within the village?? not just the naughty ones! it would be so beneficial and perhaps keep some of the kids off the street in the evenings.

Communications

Also I do not think there is enough publicity in Martock for activities taking place.
Better info about all groups that operate in Martock

Businesses

Though it is good we are growing, most new dwellings have replaced work places eg Yeo Paull. We need local industries
It is unfortunate that 3 of the pubs are now up for sale / lease.
My experience of school leavers is that they want to work away from their home, and work in Yeovil or Taunton. Not because there is no work in Martock. They also enjoy driving to work, like their car because it is fun. The Martock business park appears to be manned mainly by people outside of Martock for much this same reason. Don't really know what you can do about this, it is human nature.

Police

More policeman
Volunteer police foot patrol
Indoor bowls are played all the year round in Martock. An outdoor Bowling rink would provide sport for an ever increasing older generation

Other comments

Don't know
None. All is provided
None
Nothing that would benefit me personally
I don't feel we need do anything else as I don't fully use the facilities that we do have.
I can't say what provisions are on offer. My kids are in their 20s and we haven't been to anything here
I think we have a range of good provision, which we are all guilty of not supporting enough

We feel it is well served for its size and population
We are very lucky to live here
Sorry don't feel qualified to answer the above, however do know the children's and youths' areas at the rec are considered by outside visitors to be the best they have ever seen

Parish Council needs to attract 'user reps' &/or focus groups to plan responses to age specific group needs . Can a resident evidence their impact apart from smoking outside the Bakers Arms !
Public toilets should be open later