



Babergh District Council

Sports Questionnaire

SUMMER 2002

1 What age is your child/children

Base	65 100%
Over 16	1 2%
Between 14 and 16	3 5%
Between 11 and 13	23 35%
Between 8 and 10	29 45%
Between 5 and 7	6 9%
Under 5	3 5%

2 What activities did your child/children attend during the holiday? (Please tick as appropriate)

Base	45 100%		
Space Camp at Cornard	12 27%	Basketball at Little Waldingfield	-
Cricket Coaching at Hadleigh C.C.	9 20%	Basketball at Hadleigh	2 4%
Space Camp at Glemsford	-	Basketball at Copdock Village Hall	-
Space Camp at Holbrook	8 18%	Basketball at Shotley	-
Basketball at Boxford	1 2%	Basketball at Sudbury	1 2%
Basketball at Holbrook	1 2%	Space Camp at Hadleigh	4 9%
Basketball at East Bergholt	4 9%	Basketball Camp at Coplestone School	1 2%
Basketball at Great Cornard	2 4%		

3 How satisfied was your child/were your children with the activity they participated in?

Base	40 100%
Very satisfied	22 55%
Satisfied	18 45%
Dissatisfied	-
Very dissatisfied	-

4 What could we do to improve the holiday programme for next summer?

Base	59 100%
More activities	15 25%
Longer sessions	12 20%
More Sport specific courses	12 20%
Other	20 34%

- ◆ More games and harder courses
- ◆ Hockey? Netball? More dance.
- ◆ Golf, Football
- ◆ Trips out to local places might be nice - ie. picnic in the park, walk in the meadows. If the weather is good the children don't necessarily want to be stuck in doors all day.
- ◆ Nothing, my son would have been to more if our circumstances were different.
- ◆ More days please
- ◆ The basketball next year which is on for one week should be on various weeks giving more people a chance to go.
- ◆ Possibly a longer day and more specific sports activities eg. tennis (playing tennis rather than racquet exercises) and football (playing a game of football and not just kicking the ball about). How about trampolining etc? Comments from children?
- ◆ Have contingency plans for wet weather
- ◆ Very pleased with content of activities
- ◆ More craft activities would be good.
- ◆ My daughter thought they were great.
- ◆ More craft work.
- ◆ Slightly longer especially the cricket. We live in a village and by the time I had dropped off, drove home, I was turning round to get back. If weather is bad have a indoor back up available.
- ◆ More Space Camps at same places but different weeks.

- ◆ 9 - 5 activities would be preferable.
- ◆ Especially in rural areas an hour or two is not always long enough. Canoeing course and lifesaving courses at Hadleigh Pool? These would be good.
- ◆ Have helpful and friendly staff at Hadleigh, child friendly not anti child like Toni, my daughter is scared of her and will long attend karate on a Monday evening. Every time she sees her she's either moaning about children or making private calls. She comes across as being there to chat, do her make up, eat her tea, shout at the children, gossip – not to take bookings or give advice.
- ◆ Activities held in more venues throughout Babergh's areas (most seemed to be Hadleigh/Sudbury areas).
- ◆ More sessions for Space Camp.

5 Would you say the cost of the activities were:

Base	41 100%
Excellent value	28 68%
Good value	12 29%
Poor value	1 2%

- ◆ It was too expensive to Basketball that wasn't that good.

6 How did you find out about our activities?

Base	53 100%
At School	30 57%
The Library	-
Sport Centres	6 11%
Babergh District Council Website	-
Friend or relative	5 9%
Other	12 23%

- ◆ There ought to be more local advertising though - I know a lot of people who knew nothing about the Cornard Space Camp.
- ◆ Leaflet from Capel Primary School
- ◆ Leaflet from BDC through post.
- ◆ Leaflet through the post.

- ◆ Letter through the post.
- ◆ Sent to us in the post.
- ◆ Leaflet at BDC Offices.
- ◆ Information sent via School and found at Sport Centre. Posted direct from Babergh
- ◆ At school by your leaflets.
- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Sent via post, direct from Babergh, due to participation last summer.
- ◆ Direct information from BDC

7 If an Internet booking system was available would you consider using it?

Base	40 100%
Yes	26 65%
No	14 35%

8 Any other comments:

- ◆ I think we should play some games at the end by not drills all the time.
- ◆ It would be very helpful to have similar facilities younger siblings could attend - it can be difficult and more expensive to arrange camp for one child and then childminding for the second one who is perhaps just a bit too young to attend.
- ◆ Darryl could not attend one day at Great Cornard, I phoned in advance but the message did not get through. I feel that an answerphone could help alleviate this problem. Thank you for putting on such a varied programme.
- ◆ Excellent space camps: Great value, good times, great variety of activities, good fun, staff caring and fun.
- ◆ 1. Didn't get to bowl in matches. 2. Sessions were good time length. 3. No follow up sessions - any chance of organising a link up into Hadleigh Cricket Club - how do you progress from one year to the next.
- ◆ My children attended for just one day and enjoyed themselves. Next time I will consider booking for more days but the difficulty arises with trying to fit in around a 'working day' in the office. An earlier starter with perhaps an option of finishing later for some children might help.
- ◆ Thank you for taking the time and effort to organise these sporting events. It is so important for children to be able to experience as wide a variety of sport as possible in a safe and familiar environment, at a cost which is affordable by ordinary parents!
- ◆ Both children enjoyed the Space Camp. The 9 am start time makes it easier to arrange child care for working parents.
- ◆ There was some confusion over the date the Space Camp ran in Hadleigh, I understand it was switched so to avoid a clash with other play schemes. Would it be possible to post future dates on the website well in advance - this would really help working parents to organise their leave etc, especially as summer leave needs to be booked well in advance. It would be a shame for the children to miss it if we're away as they really enjoyed it!
- ◆ Would like to see a scheme of equal value in Sudbury - Sudbury Upper School has a scheme but was too expensive.

- ◆ Both my daughter and myself were very impressed with the Space Camp sessions at Cornard. Would it be possible to arrange for more such sessions in the Summer Holidays?
- ◆ The cricket course was excellent but the times ie. over lunchtime made it a bit awkward for working mums an all morning or afternoon session would be preferrable.
- ◆ Ask the children in the schools which sports they would like.
- ◆ My daughter thoroughly enjoyed the Space Camp and requested extra days and wants to go next year. If you were able to run a football or trampolining course, she'd like those too.
- ◆ It would be easier to fit other holiday activities around space camps etc if the leaflets were to be available earlier. Thus know the dates and times before making other arrangements. Otherwise both my children seem to really enjoy attending.
- ◆ More notice of events is essential for working parents to plan ahead - we need to know well in advance where/when the children can attend.
- ◆ I found the cricket course was changed without me being notified, meaning one of my children missed out on a session. This was poor organisation. If publicity was better I feel the courses might be better attended - ie. via other sports clubs/cubs/scouts etc.
- ◆ I feel it is great that Babergh is helping to address the problem of giving kids something to do. I feel often that rural children are overlooked as far as amenities go in favour of town youngsters. There is little for them to do without relying on transport into town. It is a shame that the Youth Clubs such as the one at E. Bergholt are no longer running. It would give them somewhere to go which was their's other than bus stops or street corners. No wonder they get bored.
- ◆ Free taster sessions would be good so you could find out if you would enjoy the activity first (for a short time) rather than committing to a full day or longer my daughter has never played cricket before and was quite worried that she wouldn't be able to do it or like it.
- ◆ Our children did not take part in any activty this year due to all venues being difficult to get to. Last summer when activities were arranged weekly at local villages, it was easier for the children to take part along with friends they knew (we live in Cockfield)
- ◆ Excellent value. My son thoroughly enjoys the space camp but would like to participate in other activities such as cricket, however the times allocated for these activities do not unfortuantely lend themselves to parents who work full-time/most of the week. Perhaps this is something that could be considered.

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