

CSF response to Theme 5 Consultation Summary
Leisure, culture & healthy lifestyles
10 March 2021

Leisure:

Equestrian – Please check contribution of equestrian to contribution to the economy.

Sporting activities for women and girls – this was made in relation to equestrian.
This should be examined for all sporting activities, because of obesity issues.

It is important to have low cost, or at least some low cost, or low cost for those in need to have access to fitness classes.

Hatfield Forest under unsustainable pressure will continue. Easton Park would be an ideal alternative. Agreement to preserve it as an open space. Don't know if councillors intend to respect that agreement or not.

Culture:

Tourism is funded by Saffron Walden town council, if we solve that there would be better coverage across the district.

I went to a community listening event yesterday, 95% of Uttlesford is white – there are black, Asian and minority residents – should be an audit of the history and contribution of abolition of slavery here.

Create a welcoming and universal atmosphere here. Could also have diversity events. Celebrate the BAME of Uttlesford. Could research the history of for eg Saffron Walden and the role of the Quakers in the abolition of slavery.

Using pubs as a community hub.

e.g. Coach & Horses in Newport – this is used for this and the garden is important and we need to keep them and protect them.

I wanted to second the comment of multi-cultural events. Like Cumbria, we were at risk of being a mono-culture. Need to meet needs of people who may come here, not just the people who live here already, may require some community capacity building.

I completely agree on the importance of culture, multi-culturalism and the richness of our culture. In ancient Greece it was compulsory for everyone to attend the theatre.

Some areas have put culture at the heart of their Local Plans.

Healthy Lifestyles:

Some very good stuff given only 25 responses and some very good ideas
Debateable how many ideas will make it into policy. Many village halls, it would be useful to have a refurbishment budget. Churches too, it would be a good way forward to encourage greater usage.

Cultural venues are easy to build, the trick is sustaining it once it is built. The shared facilities are clever, this massively cuts the cost.

Stansted – there are no public toilets. They are critical. Who is responsible for providing them?

There are no public toilets in Newport either, even at the station. People say it's not necessary, but I'm not sure that is correct.