

## Social contact

Score: 5.424

Number of comments: 257

Issue raised	No.	Suggestions	No.	Quotes
<b><i>Eating and drinking (93 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
Lots of cafes, restaurants and pubs for socialising	65	Offer incentives to help people in the cost of living crisis to eat out	1	<p>"Lots of cafes and open spaces to meet."</p> <p>"There are many places and opportunities to meet people - from pubs and cafes"</p> <p>"On the whole I'd say Marsden's ok on this, with a variety of pubs and cafes."</p> <p>"There are plentiful opportunities to meet people in the village pubs, cafes"</p>
Good pubs	6			"Good pubs and outside spaces"
Church café is good for elderly residents	2			<p>"I feel like there are a lot of opportunities for the older generation such as WI, the church cafe."</p> <p>"St Bartholomews Church cafe on a Thursday seems a popular option for more elderly folk."</p>
Not many areas apart from cafes and pubs	9	Need other things to do on an evening apart from drinking in a pub	5	<p>"Not many places to meet people apart from cafes and pubs"</p> <p>"Not without going into a pub!"</p>

Church café good for being inclusive	3			"The church cafe, the WI, the community groups at the library are all a great way for inclusion."
Limited restaurants	1			"Marsden has many cafes and pubs, but few restaurants."
Ale trail isn't favourable but it brings income to village	1			"- ale trail isnt favourable but it does bring money in to the village"
<b>Public spaces (68 comments and suggestions)</b>				
The library is a great place to meet	17	Better opening times for evening use  Library should be a warm space available for everyone	1  1	"the library is the most obvious, and is widely used."  "Good community activities and a well-used library."
Make better use of the space outside Mechanics	3	Repair hub to be developed  Classes on digital skills to help elderly people use smart phones	1  1	"More could be done perhaps with the space outside the Mechanics, their conservatory already being an informal meeting space."
Band hall is not utilised	1	Band hall could be an opportunity to have gigs	1	"Why is the band hall always closed? Could be a real opportunity to get gigs and events on an evening."
Marsden sports hall could host more activities/under utilised	2			"Marsden sports hall could be better used for badminton perhaps and scope widened in the space they have down there."  "The sports hall is under-utilised. More could be made of this (with funding)."
The Mechanics is a good space	17	Better opening times	1	"Mechanics is very good"

				“Mechanics Hall is a fantastic space and needs to be used to its full potential as a community hub.”
The church provides a community feel	9	More technology (projectors etc) in Church	1	“The church does a lot for the community”
More spaces needed for young people	7	Warm space with comfy chairs with computers and game available to avoid ASB in younger generation	1	<p>“Other than that there is nothing for the younger generation. Then we get anti social behaviour as they are bored and have no where to go. I've previously done a survey on this and spoken to the younger people who simply wanted a warm space with comfy chairs and maybe computer games or a games table. Surely this isn't too much for a village like marsden.”</p> <p>“There is a good range of places to meet but there are gaps for older children/teens”</p> <p>“There is nowhere for older children to spend time and congregate indoors.”</p>
Library is the only free space	2			“People may mix together from different backgrounds at the clubs but the library might be the only place where there isn't a cost for being there/seeing other people.”

A variety of social spaces	1			"I feel that a good social spaces in the village and a number of community groups. It is often difficult to find the groups but once you ask there is a great variety"
Only churches in the village	1			"Otherwise its churches which is not so good for us pagan types"
<b>Outside spaces ( 49 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Sheltered outside spaces would be an improvement	7	Sheltered outdoor seating would be good	1	"Sheltered outdoor seating could be improved and I've always thought that all 'shopping streets' should have canopies over their pavements. Dryer when it rains, safer when it snows."
The parks are a good place to meet and spend social time	6			"to many outdoor spaces like the Marsden Park."
Better outdoor activities for adults would be good	1	Better use of the bowling green Marsden park to be better equipped Marden gym to be better equipped	1 1 1	"There could be more use of outdoor spaces for adults"
Good outdoor meeting spaces	5			"Good outdoor meeting spaces and lots of walking group opportunities. As a non resident I find meeting people on walks is good."  "Lots of outdoor space to meet, great area at Standedge tunnel for meeting and walking from."

				"Green spaces and parks are the main areas that people would come into social contact."
More spaces to meet outside would be good	2			"I think the village could benefit from more outdoor spaces for people to meet and be, especially without having to buy from a cafe or bar."
Improvement of the parks would help social contact	7	More age appropriate equipment in parks for teenagers would be good e.g zip line, outdoor gym	1	"I think improving the main park is another opportunity to bring people together and also to attract families to visit the area."
Lots of walking groups	6			"Lots of walking groups"
Great market	1			"We love the local market that is starting to get off the ground - (the sunday one)"
Stake park is a good place to spend time	8	Develop a beginner level stake park	1	"stake park is good"
<b><i>Clubs in Marsden (124 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
A good variety of clubs and activities to be involved with	53			<p>"There are various social clubs for people to meet"</p> <p>"Lots of clubs and classes for adults"</p> <p>"There are lots of different groups and opportunities in the village centre. Inside and out"</p>
The youth group and activities are great for young people	6	<p>Good scouts clubs</p> <p>Good beaver clubs</p>	1	"The kids club and youth group are great additions as there is less for teens and these help fill that gap."

More evening groups for adults who work would be good	7			<p>"There are many groups. Most of these are during the day. Working age adults may find it harder to attend a social group."</p> <p>"Not much in area for people my age 50 plus during week"</p>
Marsden facebook page to advertise activities and clubs happening in marsden	3	Advertise what is happening to new people joining the community	1	<p>"Marsden facebook page always advertising meetings"</p> <p>"Facebook page and the notice boards are a great source of information for what is going on in the village,"</p>
Indoor clubs require you to spend money	6	<p>The parochial hall used to host affordable activities this would be good to return to this</p> <p>Cheaper social options needed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"all the indoor offers do require people to spend money though"</p> <p>"Although there are lots on community groups most are chargeable."</p>
Good sporting activities	8	<p>More sport options to meet new people would be good</p> <p>Indoor swimming pool</p> <p>Football stadium</p>	<p>1</p> <p>4</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"sports mechanics sports hall lots of places to play sports lots of places to meet people"</p> <p>"there is a golf course football cricket bowls tennis and a gym"</p>
Lacking youth activities	8	Youth club is boring	1	"Probably a bit lacking in youth activities, like a youth club"

				"not enough places for people aged 10 - 15 to hang out - more youth clubs"
People are not aware of what is going on in the village	1			"There's a few options, but always opportunity to improve I don't think many people are aware of what's available"
We need a safe space for lgbt community	1			"safe spaces to support lgbt people"
Develop a companions society for the elderly	1			"A good companions society could be set up for elderly residence and a community center where people can bond play games."
Groups join together to make sure everyone knows what is happening in the village	1			"We run a community arts organisation. It's thriving and busy. But it would be good to join together with other organisations to ensure that everyone knows that our project exists."
More encouragement needed to join in with clubs/activities	1			"i think more people could be encouraged to join in with some of the groups we have in the village"
Great community clubs e.g. hanson's music and community arts offer	7			"Hanson's music and their community arts offer is an absolute gem"
Good political clubs	1			"here's a number of political clubs, the parochial hall, the institute and library so seemingly so."
Good music clubs	1			"We have the spaces depends what people wish to do in them & what groups they would like to see? There are already many groups that folk can join if they

				wish. Personally, as a music lover... plenty on offer!"
Good opportunity to volunteer	7			"There are lots of voluntary group initiatives to reach out to those in need."
<b><i>Spaces for activities (36 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
More indoor options for social contact would be good	8	Painting club  Singing club  Writing club	1  1  1	"Maybe more painting, singing and writing clubs in indoor venues would be helpful."
More opportunities for sport activities	1			"Again a sports centre in Marsden would help with this."
Lack of public spaces	1			"Lack of public spaces"
There is a need for warm spaces in the village	1			"Yes but going forward we will need access to free indoor space, likely heated"
Spaces are not always accessible	1			"some places but not always accessible"
Marsden does well at creating spaces for everyone	1			"I think Marsden do pretty well at providing places and events for social contact and many creative and open-hearted people providing their time for the benefit of others."
No spaces for children which also has refreshments	1			"Tricky to find places to meet with kids and have refreshments."
Lots of spaces to meet other people	2			"great spaces to meet others"
It is difficult to maintain the spaces for activities	1			"People who run churches, halls, and clubs will say it is difficult to get their spaces fully utilised and paying for their running cost. Is it not down to the



				creativity of the community to tackle this?"
Outdoor meeting facilities needed	5	Picnic areas	1	"Plenty of indoor places for social meet ups Lack of outdoor meeting facilities such as picnic areas."
		Weather makes meeting outdoors difficult	1	
Good community spaces for social interaction	9			"good community spaces which are well used by the residents"
<b>Transport (3 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Rural public transport would help with social contact	1			"The lack of rural/ inter-village bus services is limiting for non-drivers and older residents."
Taxi service would be useful for the village	1			"A local taxi service would make a big difference."
Attending groups as a non-driver is difficult	1			"all groups are outside and having to travel with as a non driver it hard to make new friends outside the village"
<b>Events in Marsden (20 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Great community events to meet others for example Marsden Jazz festival, Cuckoo day and Imbolc	17			<p>"Marsden is better for having community events like the jazz festival, the cuckoo festival, imbolc (to name a few) gives us a real chance to celebrate and enjoy our community, really missed these events in lock down"</p> <p>"Large events such as Christmas light switch on, Imbolc and Jazz Festival and Cuckoo Day in the village bring people of different ages and backgrounds together"</p>

Events create a buzz in the village	1			"The festivals like Jazz Fest and Cuckoo Day are evidence of a buzz around the village"
Have to travel to neighbouring villages for baby groups and events for parents	1			"There are often events in the village but usually travel (Slaithwaite / uppermill) for mum and baby groups."
There should be free passes for events in Marsden for those who are involved	1			"There should be free passes for local residents and incentives to get involved. As it stands, the Jazz Festival benefits a few very much, and the many very little."
<b><i>Other ( 62 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
I feel very included in Marsden / it is a great community	40			<p>"Couldn't be better"</p> <p>"Yes, there's always something going on in our great little community."</p> <p>"Marsden is one of the most social communities I've ever known."</p>
Technology is making social contact hard	1			"The closure of many facilities, and also the advent of modern technology, television, mobile phones etc. has isolated much of the population. Once upon a time everyone knew everyone else in the village, now one hardly sees the next door neighbour. Sad!"
Lack of diversity in the community is a problem	1			"Mostly I think this is good, there are divisions though in terms of class and we lack diversity in our community."

We need a notice board with things happening in Marsden for those who are not tech-savvy	1	Make what is happening visible for all	1	"need better communication for those who are not 'tech savvy'. Village maps and noticeboards."
People in Marsden are very friendly	10			"People are friendly and we know our neighbours"
Lots of opportunities for all ages to be involved	8			"Lots of opportunities for people of all ages and really good for social interaction."  "I think there are good opportunities for people of all ages to mix in the village if they wish to. There seems to be plenty of classes and activities going on from babies to the elderly."
Health centre needs improvement	1			"The running down of the health centre is regretful"
<b><i>Improvements which could be made (16 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
No options to meet other people	4			"my mother has been unable to meet people"  "I think there could be more social events in Marsden. I've lived here yet. Haven't met anyone apart from my neighbours."
Not very much happening in Marsden / unable to access due to lack of support	2			"Not very much going on. Find that when things are on, unable to access due to lack of support."
Public toilets would be an improvement	1			"Parks are not close to centre of the village and now toilets are gone, limits

				use by infirm, girls, older folks or meeting up for longer periods of time."
No knowledge of things happening	3	Better understanding of what is happening locally	1	"No knowledge of anything available"
There is a local/incomer divide in Marsden	1			"There definitely seems to be a local / incomer divide, but this is at least partly due to income, education, opportunities, and aspiration"
Safety in parks	1	Broken glass is an issue in parks	1	Parks and the woods. But sometimes these don't feel safe."
Dog fouling is an issue	1			"dog fouling needs sorting."
Wifi is an issue	1			"Wifi is rubbish"