

## Streets and spaces

Score: 4.701

Number of comments: 312

Issue raised	No.	Suggestions	No.	Quotes
Marsden is generally nice/pleasant/good/lovely	26			"On the whole Marsden is a very pleasant village with some attractive buildings and landmarks."
Marsden is attractive/has an attractive streetscape	45			"Marsden is an attractive village to visit"
Marsden is generally well maintained (clean, tidy,)	5			"Overall it's a beautiful village and largely very well maintained"
<b><i>Peel Street / Village Centre (58 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
Peel Street appears run down	1	Shop fronts and signage should be keep in good repair	1	"All shop fronts and signage to be keep in good repair."
		More flowers on the streets	1	
The positioning of the Mechanics/'the Mechanics corner' makes Peel Street hard/unsafe to move around	5			"The corner round Mechanics is not safe."
There is limited potential to sit outside cafes and restaurants (pavements are too narrow)	1	Pedestrianise areas (eg in front of the Riverhead)	3	"Be good if one side of the street on peel could have outdoor seating in the road. Closing it off in the summer so crumbles and arcade could have a bigger outdoor seating area."
		Close Peel Street in the Summer	1	
The village looks better now that the empty shops are full	1	Open more useful shops	1	"I would like to see some more useful shops open, perhaps a hardware shop."

		Encourage a greater variety of shops	1	Shops that are of value to villagers and not so much to visitors."
Some shopfronts are not well maintained	1	Upgrade/modernise the Post Office	2	"Unfortunately the historic face to face buildings on Peel St means its rather austere & unattractive! We can't change that. Huge efforts with shop fronts & cafe windows etc have helped enormously."
Marsden is beautiful/full of character/full of heritage	11	An information centre in the village would be useful	2	"We have some lovely old housing in the centre that make it attractive. Stone houses are beautiful."  "I think an Information Centre would be more practical in Marsden and not 3/4 of a mile on the outskirts"
Buildings/Shop fronts are generally well kept	4			"Most shops are smart looking and well maintained."
There are lots of eating spaces	1			"The buildings on the whole are well kept. But there does seem to be quite a few restaurants and eating places."
Peel Street is unattractive (austere)	1	Repair gutters and pipes	1	"Leaking gutters and fall pipes could be repaired to prevent water/ice/staining."
Shop fronts are mismatched	1	Create a cohesive shop front scheme/aesthetic (which reflects the age of buildings)	3	"I imagine many of the shops had glass canopies (similar to Arcade) at one time. It would be lovely to see those reinstated and would provide shelter from the frequent rain showers."
		Re-instate glass canopies above shops	1	
Peel street is hazardous (Narrow, traffic,	2			"Peel Street can be awkward and hazardous as its narrow and sometimes has lots of traffic."

General positive comments about the appearance of the village centre	1			"I like the buildings in Marsden including the mills. and the village centre and shop fronts."
Good wide pavements on Peel Street	1			"It feels ok in the centre - good wide pavements."
Praise for the Old Swan Pub	3			"Good to see old Swan Pub turned into a hub for local businesses and not flats as is popular practice."
Some shops don't seem to ever open	1			"Some shops seem to just be shop windows - they're rarely open or seem to just remain empty."
Complaints about the Marsden Christmas lights	1			"The Christmas lights and inappropriate 'themes' do sometimes seem to cause Marsden to look like a joke."
The coop is an eyesore	1			"Coop looked good for about a week after painting, then the paint started chipping. It's an eye sore!"
Shopfronts and shop signage are in keeping with the village	1			"There are lovely buildings & all signage of shops etc are in keeping."
Shops in Marsden are attractive (Sass mentioned,	2			"Shops are attractive - they have kerbside appeal."
Marsden needs more independent shops and eateries	1			"it could do with more independent shops and eateries to provide variety"
<b><i>The Mills (327 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
General complaints about either of the 2 large Crowther Mills (dead space, bin a bad shape, derelict, eyesore, spoils the area, left to ruin, ugly, dilapidated, crumbling...	125	Redevelop the Mills/renovate them/return them to use	42	"Bruce's mill spoils the village centre. Otherwise Marsden is a lovely place"
		Convert the mills for public/community benefit (parking, health centre, dentists, library, art galleries, theatre, pool, youth	25	"The village of Marsden has two disused listed Mill buildings that are a complete eyesore."

		<p>centre, music studio, traditional building technique workshops...</p> <p>Convert the Mills in to dwellings</p> <p>Don't allow the Mills to be converted in to 'luxury accommodation' or Characterless modern housing (this would price locals out and ruin the atmosphere)</p> <p>Utilise the mills for business space/shops</p> <p>Employ bottom up regeneration for the mills</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"there is inadequate investment in upkeep of many buildings and the vacant textile mills are a serious blight."</p> <p>"We could have additional leisure facilities for the kids to go so they didn't have to travel outside the village, new office and business developments, retail, housing. Whatever. Just don't let it all fall down with apathy."</p>
The Derelict Mill complex needs managing	1	<p>Open up access to the Mills</p> <p>If the owner of the Mills won't use them, they should be forced to sell them</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"The Derelict Mill complex needs managing"</p> <p>"An actual plan needs to be put in place by the council under the right to purchase powers that they have."</p>
Crowther's Mills occupy large amounts of the village (wastefully)	12	<p>Make more use of the Mills</p> <p>Force the owners to make use of the Mills</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3</p>	<p>"I dont think I will come up with any new ideas but here goes: housing, shops, micro brewery, go-carting, exhibition hall, luddite museum, art &amp; poetry display, workshops. industrial units. sports/keep fit groups."</p> <p>"It is such a waste of a great space."</p>

				<p>"It is a crime that the two huge buildings that dominate the local area, are near derelict old mills."</p>
<p>Marsden has a wealth of world class industrial archaeology/heritage</p>	2			<p>"Marsden should be an attractive vibrant destination - there is glorious countryside with some of the finest walking outside traditional honeypot destinations (Lakes etc); there is a wealth of world class industrial archaeology. The mills at Bank Bottom and Crowther Bruce's need to be imaginatively redeveloped to increase amenity value The streets are often litter strewn. So much more could be made of the village."</p>
<p>The Mills are/feel dangerous (a lot of people quoting falling glass/worries about falling glass)</p>	22	Demolish the Mills and replace them	3	<p>"The mill on Brougham Road is dangerous."</p> <p>"the one in the centre is decrepit and will either fall down under its own volition soon enough causing untold damage to surrounding properties or will be vandalised and suffer the same fate as most mills around here and be burned to the ground."</p> <p>"On brown (Brougham) Rd there is a huge mill that is no longer working and has been empty for years and now looks a dangerous place especially as it is nearly opposite the Infant School."</p>

The mills are beautiful /characterful (albeit decaying)	14	<p>Save/repair the mills Convert one of the Mills like Salts Mill in Saltaire (museum, commercial properties, art gallery, play areas)</p> <p>Protect the Mills</p> <p>Save as much as possible of the mills in any development</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“The unused mills in Marsden are iconic and add character to the village”</p> <p>“The mills in the village are a beautiful feature and should be retained as far as possible in any development”</p>
Its too late to save the Mills	2	<p>Demolish the mills and replace them with housing (4 people specified social)</p> <p>Demolish the mills and replace them with parking</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3</p>	<p>“Old mills are an eyesore and seem to be a waste of potentially valuable space /resource that could be better used for affordable housing”</p> <p>“Pull Bruce's Mill down. It is derelict and in a poor state - turn into car park.”</p>
		Convert the Warehouse Hill/Brougham Road Mill in to a large open green space	2	“Derelict mill on Warehouse Hill Road is an eyesore. Could be made into a large green open space.”
Concerns about Mill developments increasing traffic (near the schools which already create lots of traffic)	5	<p>Any development at the mill should fund road management support</p> <p>Don't convert the mills in to houses</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“the schools create a lot of traffic and activity during morning and afternoon. Any development on Brougham road (i.e. the Mills) should consider this; particularly since it is a single lane road most days. The roads must mature with the frequency of traffic and developers should fund traffic wardens or people to</p>

				manage school times, if they are adding residences and commercial buildings.”
The Mills detract from otherwise good landscape	5			“The mills were such an important part of the history of Marsden so it is a shame that they are now derelict and decrepit. Definitely detracts from the superb landscape that defines this area.”
Brougham Road Mill has potential to transform Marsden	2	Support for a community focused development of the Mills	1	“Need to concentrate on old mill on Brougham Rd this could transform the village.”  “A community focused development of the mill would be great”
Generally positive comments about the Mills	1			“I like the buildings in Marsden including the mills.”
Reference/comparison with Globe Mill development in Slaithwaite	4			“It is important that the huge abandoned mill buildings find a use. Such as has happened in Slaithwaite.”
Concerns about mill development and public services capacity and/or parking capacity	3			“I'd love to see more use of the mills but realise it's tricky - I wouldn't want more housing without parking, better/bigger school, more capacity available at GP etc,”
Concerns about changes to the Village following the Mill development	1			“Worry about what will happen to the two vacant mills and how that will change the village.”
Complaints about development on greenfield sites whilst brownfield sites are unused	1			“Why are building permits being extended to development of greenfield and woodland sites, when we have an

				abundance of old mills and brown field sites that are being ignored?"
The Mills are holding Marsden back	1	Developing the mills could encourage more visitors and improve the economy	1	"They are a blight on the village and are holding back its growth and prosperity. No business should be allowed to own such important and huge infrastructure but also be allowed to leave it empty, rotting away."
The Mills are an important part of Marsden/ our heritage	8			"they are very attractive buildings and an important part of our heritage."
People have no sense of influence over the mills	1			"no sense of control over what happens at the Mills"
<b>Public Space (107 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Marsden lacks a good public gathering space	3	Install more covered outdoor space	1	"There is a shortage of gathering space for people in the village centre, mainly as a result of dominance by motorised vehicles moving and parking."
Littering complaints	13	Set up litter collections/village cleans	2	"Problem with littering"
		Littering enforcement is needed	1	
		Install anti-littering signage	1	
There are not enough bins outside peel street (Sparth, the goods yard, Mount Rd, )	4	Install more bins	3	"bins should be added rather than removed (as on manchester Road recently)."
		More bins on the canal	1	
		Empty the bins more often	1	
Lack of public toilets	5	Bring public toilets back	1	"We need a public toilet - in the Mechanics is the toilet public and do



				people know where to go if that's the case."
There is a lack of a village/area map available in the village	1	A 'you are here' map would be great	1	"Signs at key points showing a map of the village "you are here" would be great at the station, park, middle of the village etc"
Historical features are well maintained	1			"The historical features are also maintained and promoted well. There are leaflets outlining historical facts and giving suggested walks."
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There is often broken glass (in the park particularly mentioned)	4			"the result is littering and broken glass all over the place."
There is lots of community space	1			"lots of community space - park, mechanics, high street is clustered in an accessible area."
Street furniture needs updating	1	Install more seating	1	"parts of the village are a bit tatty, street furniture and some of the pavements need tidying up"
Lack of street furniture (benches, picnic benches	1			"It is missing some nice resting places such as picnic area and benches."
Hanging baskets enhance the streets	1	Install hanging baskets on the main street	1	"I think hanging baskets along the Main Street would be a nice addition too."
Dog fouling complaints	6	More bins may help address dog fouling	1	"Doo poo is annoying especially around the school."
		Enforcement against dog fouling	1	

More could be done with the Goods Yard	2	<p>The goods yard needs a 'rethink'</p> <p>More youth facilities at the Goods yard like bike track</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	"More could be done with the Goods Yard - like more youth facilities like a bike track to build on the success of the skate park and be more accessible to other children too."
More could be made of the River Frontages	1	Railings alongside the Werseden (?) Brook need some attention	1	"More could also be made of the river frontages, Marsden Park and a precious space like the Goods Yard."
More could be made of the Park	1	<p>Improve the park</p> <p>Convert the former bowling green in to a football pitch</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1</p>	"More could also be made of the river frontages, Marsden Park and a precious space like the Goods Yard."
Children's playground/parks boring for older children (over 4)	2	<p>Upgrade the park (Marsden Park) (a lot of equipment isn't used)</p> <p>Invest in and improve Dirker Park</p> <p>Make play equipment more interesting and challenging for children</p> <p>Improve the park for older children</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"The children's playground is a bit boring for children over 4."</p> <p>"I do feel that the park could do with an upgrade and there is room for improvement here as there is only one swing for young children and as a regular visitor I have noticed many of the current apparatus go unused by kids because they don't find it usable or fun."</p>
		The area outside the Riverhead needs attention	2	"The area next to the river where the pub has seats need repointing so the cracks don't just get filled with fag ends and food."
There is vacant land in Marsden	5	Convert the rough ground between A62 and Cars road to a green space/play area/gardens	1	"It would be nice to turn the rough ground between Cars road and

		<p>Convert rough ground off Brougham Road in to a car park</p> <p>Create more green spaces/planters/parks</p> <p>Vacant land could be brough back in to use for the community (bushes, sculptures, allotments...)</p> <p>there are also some plots of land that could be more attractive (eg. back of old fire station)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Manchester road into gardens, like an addition to Marsden park"</p> <p>"Derelict land could be temporarily turned into useful green space (wildflower meadow, picnic area, general walkthroughs)."</p> <p>"Land opposite New Inn in is a wasteland."</p> <p>"Abandoned land should be used for example through bushes, sculptures, vegetables, allotments such as incredible edible"</p>
Praise for Tunnel End	2			"Tunnel End is lovely"
General praise for public spaces	2			"Public spaces are good - lots of parks for kids."
There are lots of parks	2	Improve 'corridor' to the park	1	<p>"Public spaces are good - lots of parks for kids."</p> <p>"Improving the corridor up to the park would help to make it feel more part of the village centre."</p>
Positive comments about the paths/ginnels in Marsden	1			"Marsden has lots of walks, paths and guinnels, I love them all."
Public spaces are generally well maintained	1			"In General the public spaces around the village are in pretty good shape."
Public spaces are disjointed	1			"Public spaces are a little disjointed which makes it more difficult for hosting village

				events such as cuckoo day, jazz festival and Christmas lights switch on.”
Streets and spaces are as good as the topography will allow	1			“They’re as good as the topography will allow without being silly.”
<b><i>Other Buildings (not the mills) (119 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
There are attractive buildings in Marsden/ there is attractive architecture in Marsden (Mechanics, Cafes, pubs)	31	Need more to do in the nice buildings	1	<p>“The buildings in the village look nice, with the exception of the crumbling Mills”</p> <p>“In general the buildings are attractive and well maintained.”</p> <p>“Landmark buildings are attractive”</p>
The Mechanics Clock needs fixing	1			“The clock on the Mechanics hall needs fixing!”
Positive comments about the external appearance of the Mechanics	6	<p>Repaint the mechanics clock black and white</p> <p>Outside of Mechanics needs sprucing up</p> <p>Turn the courtyard outside the Mechanics in to a community garden</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“I would like to see the wooden clock tower on the mechanics building repainted in the colours black and white. As well as being architecturally nicer, these colours are used throughout the village to represent the Marsden cuckoo emblem.”</p> <p>“The centre is enhanced by the 2 beautiful buildings Marsden Mechanics and St Barts”</p>
Buildings should keep/remain in keeping with local heritage	2	Enforce ‘traditional architecture’ styles	1	“Most building abide by traditional architectural styles. Enforcement of this should continue”

New builds should use the same stone as 'original' buildings	1			"but local buildings need to keep their heritage and new builds should mirror the exact same materials of the original buildings in the village."
Positive comments about the Mechanics	22	Marsden Mechanics needs ongoing love and attention	2	"Mechanics is being used well and I think it is successful."  "Thank God the Mechanics was saved!"
The health centre is an unpleasant looking building	1			"The Health centre and Residential home are not pleasant buildings to look at and out of keeping with the rest of the village architecture."
Wessen Court is an unpleasant building	2	Wessen Court needs a facelift	1	"Less keen on Wessen Court - it is a bit of an eyesore."
There are lots of derelict buildings	5	Repurpose derelict buildings  Corporate/private owners of derelict housing should be forced to renovate or sell	1  2	"Derelict buildings should be quickly repurposed."  "there are a lot of empty, derelict properties in the wider area which are unsafe for wandering young people and others. If these are privately owed the owners should be made to make them safe and if not, they should either be sold or demolished."
Positive comments about 'the church'(s)	15	Bring back the church bells  Open 'the church' everyday  St Barts needs an injection of cash	2  1  1	"The church is beautiful and is being used more."  "Both churches very important"

		Convert Marsden church in to a Cathedral	1	<p>"The centre is enhanced by the 2 beautiful buildings Marsden Mechanics and St Barts"</p> <p>"Make Marsden Church a Cathedral so that we can live in a city"</p>
Buildings are generally well maintained	3			"In general the buildings are attractive and well maintained."
Nice buildings need more care	1			"Needs a bit more care and a bit more to do in the nice buildings."
Praise for the renovation of old buildings (by new businesses)	2			"Seeing renovation of old, abandoned buildings (such as the new yoga studio) is a move in the right direction."
The historic buildings are nice but require maintenance.	1			"The historic buildings are nice but require maintenance."
Inadequate investment in upkeep of many buildings in Marsden	1			"The built fabric of Marsden is outstanding and reads like a history book. However there is inadequate investment in upkeep of many buildings and the vacant textile mills are a serious blight."
There are empty premises in Marsden	1	Encourage businesses in to the empty premises (such as maybe an outdoors shop	1	"There are a couple of empty premises that need some local businesses in them, such as a small outdoor equipment type shop."
Its important to have great landmarks, and that they are looked after by locals	1			"It is important to have such landmarks as St Bartholomew's and the Mechanics and that they are looked after and used by the locals."
Buildings don't look nice	1			"Buildings don't look nice."

Positive comments about the appearance of the Riverhead	2			
Houses in Marsden are good	3			
<b>Roads/Traffic/Pavements (72 comments and suggestions)</b>				
The A62 divides the village	2	Install better signage for village centre on the A62	1	"The village is divided fairly drastically by the A62, although there are adequate crossing points (two zebra crossings and the Fall Lane underpass)."
There are plenty of crossing places	2			"Lots of zebra crossings which is good because it is safer."
Lack of parking	1			
The pavements in Marsden are poor/need attention (Manchester rd, Brougham Rd, Mount Rd)	15	Maintain streets and keep them clean and welcoming.	1	"Maintain streets and keep them clean and welcoming."
		Improve Warehouse Hill pavement	1	"Out of centre not good enough pavements."
		Need better pavements	1	
Parking complaints (pavement parking, blocked crossings, too much	7	Turn vacant land/waste land in to car parking	4	"Problem parking in the village means pavements and crossing points end up blocked"
		create a large car park	1	
Too much volume of traffic in Marsden (Peel street,	2	Create a one way system on Peel Street	3	"It would be good if there could be a one way system for Brougham Road and peel St from the junction with Brougham Road and the A62." "the traffic and amount of cars parked reduces the attractiveness of the village, which is a shame."
		Pedestrianse peel Street	2	
Brougham road is usually a single lane road	1	Create a one way system on Brougham Road	1	"Any development on Brougham road (i.e. the Mills) should consider this;

				particularly since it is a single lane road most days"
Brougham Road isn't suitable for industrial vehicles	1			"Any "industrial" commercial that uses wagons will not work for the Mills as they won't be able to access Brougham. If you consider Bridge Street in Slaithwaite, you will see how an industrial area is clashing with commercial retail vehicular traffic."
Impression of Marsden from the A62 is not nice	1			"I think anyone driving along the A62 would not get such positive image of the place"
Streets are not pedestrian friendly	1			"The streets are not very pedestrian-friendly."
Insufficient streetlighting complaints (in front of St Barts, Cliff (Clough) Lee, Church Street,	2	Marsden Needs old fashioned feature lampposts  Install more streetlighting	1  1	"A few more street lights would help walking around at night, particularly the road in front of St Bartholomew's Church."
Roads are poorly maintained	1			"Roads are badly maintained including footpaths"
The council would have to adopt Plaines in order to address issues	1			"To get anything done with Plaines the council would have to adopt it"
Some places are missing pavements	2	Reduce these roads to 20mph limits	1	"Some places have no pavements which feels unsafe."
Complaints about poor driving (station road,	1	Improve crossing points	1	"The noise and behaviour of the drivers can be intimidating on Station Road"
Complaints about potholes (Rosehill, Mount Rd)	3			"Potholes are a problem"
Cars take priority in Marsden	4	Lower speeds on the A62		"Yes except cars are king"



			<p>"I would like to see lower traffic speeds on the A62 within the current 30 zone the traffic camera and the zebra crossing by the new in seem to be the only features to regularly slow the speed of vehicles exceeding 30mph"</p> <p>"It's very hard for pedestrians to get around (see earlier about car domination)."</p>
Complaints about replacing pavement stones with Tarmac	1		"pavements have stone that's replaced with tarmac. That's Not attractive or in keeping with our historical village."
Marsden is hard to move around	2		"It's very hard for pedestrians to get around (see earlier about car domination)."
Routes are poorly maintained	1		"There are some great features and routes that are well advertised but not maintained to make it easier for people with mobility issues."
Fall lane roundabout is dangerous	1		"The bollard was removed from the Bottom of Mount Road and the Fall Lane roundabout making this a dangerous crossing for pedestrians when walking down Binn Road pavement to go under the a62 tunnel (the only alternative being crossing 3 roads instead of one). This means cars no longer slow down when approaching the roundabout and frequency turn left to go up Binn road"

				from mount road without going round the roundabout. There have been several occasions where pedestrians have nearly been hit here as a result. The bollard used to slow cars down and provide a safer place to wait if cars were approaching fast."
Complaints about the appearance of the railway bridge	1			"bridge over the railway looks horrendous to anybody - red and white barriers have been there for decades. Eyesore ."
<b><i>Green spaces (69 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
Volunteers manage the flower beds/raised beds	1			"flower beds rely on voluntary maintenance."
There are plentiful green spaces	4	Make more use of the green spaces/make more usable green spaces available for public use		"making more usable green space available to the public, whether for recreation such as football or athletics or cross-training, for re-wilding/biodiversity, or for growing produce."
The countryside around Marsden is beautiful (inc. the river and Canal)	19	Protect the green space	1	"The countryside is amazing."
		Make grassed area near the River on Argyle Street more attractive	1	"I think the green space is amazing and should be protected as much as possible."
Marsden isn't nice in poor weather/its harder to move around in poor weather	2	More places to shelter in poor weather	1	"It is a place that is battered by weather over winter, so more places of shelter would be welcome."
Positive comments about the Park (s)	9	Upgrade the Childrens park	1	"Marsden park is a great asset"

Positive comments about the Canal and River	1			"Marsden is in a beautiful rural setting and has some very nice public spaces thanks to the river and canal."
There are lots of nice walks / routes (Canal, Butterley, Peak hiking	8	The canal towpath needs attention  Improve footpath signage	1  1	"Marsden is in a beautiful location, between countryside and larger towns/cities. It's great for walking, whether short family trips along the canal, or serious peak hiking."
Complaints about the canal between Marsden and Slaithwaite	1			"The only blot on the horizon is the very untidy area of the canal going towards Slaithwaite where trees have been felled, fires are lit and there are numbers of vehicles and semi-permanent dwellings/storage tents - this is a real eyesore and puts us off walking there - there is also a burned out canal barge which has been there for months - could really do with sorting this out please"
There are nice open spaces	1			"Nice open spaces and lots of walks"
		Plant more trees	2	"Let's plant more trees"
		Rewild 'Brown' sites	1	"Green spaces are generally plentiful, but all brown spaces should be lightly controlled to support biodiversity regeneration, ie rewilding."
Insufficient attention paid to plants and planters	1			"Don't think we would win any awards for prettiest village, no real attention paid to plants and planters"
Unspoilt countryside draws in tourism	1	Do more to improve understands of Marsden as an area of outstanding natural beauty.	1	"The unspoilt countryside is what has drawn huge numbers of

		Install more interpretation signs	1	tourists/walkers/cyclists to Marsden not housing estates."
Lack of seating in nature	1			"No public spaces to sit and enjoy the environment."
Routes are well advertised	1			"There are some great features and routes that are well advertised but not maintained to make it easier for people with mobility issues."
Not sure how to support maintenance of the park	1			"the park is great but not sure who does the upkeep or how to support that"
We don't make enough use of the public green spaces we have	1			"We don't make the most of the public garden spaces we have"
Marsden Park is well maintained	2			"The park in the centre of the village is great and well maintained"
Degree of vandalism in the park	1	Place a PSPO on the Park  Install CCTV in the Park	1  1	"There is also a degree of vandalism that is occurring, particularly to the walls. An example of this is when the bowling green was opened up, youngsters playing football there removed stones from a wall next to the green to use as goal post. The park is a public resource and should not be allowed to be abused by a small majority. I would like to see a Public Space Protection order in place for the park - banning criminal damage, drinking and littering - enforced using the installation of CCTV if necessary."
Complaint about the 'no dogs' sign near the stocks	1			"by the stocks there is a 'no dogs' sign and a bin that ruin the picture"
<b><i>Perceptions of care in Marsden (13 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				

Marsden is neglected by the council	1	Council should run significant buildings  Do more to improve understand of Marsden as a historic place	1  1	"Make significant buildings run by the council."
Marsden Park is poorly maintained	3	Redesign Marsden Park to make use of the redundant bowling green space  Open up Marsden Park to reduce ASB  Everything needs a clean up	1  1  1	"Local parks could be better looked after. Good to look after kids."  "Lack of care in commercial areas such as parks (flower beds etc)"
Local parks are poorly maintained	2			"The park is not well maintained"
Inconsistent level of care for streets	1			"Some streets look good and some can be horrendous. Inconsistent care depending on where street is."
		Keep the war memorial clean	1	"Local landmarks like the war memorial need to be kept clean"
<b>Feelings of safety (5 comments and suggestions)</b>				
Complaints about ASB (drug dealing, young people, drinking, loud music, the ale trail	3	Better police the ale trail	1	"I THINK THE AREAS HERE ARE BEING SPOILT BY DRUG DEALING AND GANGS OF YOUTHS"  "the ale trail makes it feel horrible sometimes"
Lack of places for children to play safely	1			"Not a lot of places for children to play safely."
<b>Flooding (1 comment)</b>				
Flooding occurs (due to blocked drains)	1			"Marsden suffers from a lot of locally flooded roads due to blocked gully drains"
<b>Accessibility (13 comments and suggestions)</b>				

There is a lack of access in the centre	1	Improve disabled access	1	"Need more access for disabled."
The village is easy to walk/get around	6			"Its a beautiful place and really easy to get around."
Marsden is not accessible	2			"There are some great features and routes that are well advertised but not maintained to make it easier for people with mobility issues."
Marsden is accessible	3			"All public spaces seem accessible, village is easy to get around (apart from congestion), most buildings accommodate easy access."
<b><i>Public Transport (2 comments)</i></b>				
Complaints about the train station (accessibility,	1			"The railway station is also in dire need. The steps are incredibly dangerous and the station is not at all disability friendly."
Public transport isn't great	1			"Although need more for teenagers as not much to do especially as public transport is not great."
<b><i>Other (34 comments and suggestions)</i></b>				
Complaints about streetlighting causing light pollution	1			"why is the street lighting being replaced in Manchester Road after a period of lovely and welcome darkness. This is the countryside. The road is straight. Why is city centre style lighting needed here. It is simply pollution"
There are not enough houses in Marsden	1	More affordable housing needed	1	"Of course there are not enough houses and I would support the demolition of the run down mills for housing"

		More tourist facilities are needed	1	"Greater promotion for tourism and tourist facilities in the village is needed."
		More promotion/activities to encourage tourism needed	3	"Encourage more village activities which could bring in visitors(that is, potentially more money) like Morris dancers, poetry readings, art -in all its expressions - displays, local fruit, vegetables, honey at cetera for sale."
Long distance views are lovely	1			"Long distance views are lovely."
		Marsden could do with a playgym	1	"Could do with a playgym to attract more people to the village and also somewhere for local parents"
Marsden is well placed geographically	1			"Marsden is in a beautiful location, between countryside and larger towns/cities. It's great for walking, whether short family trips along the canal, or serious peak hiking."
There is a good mix of historical buildings and modern amenities	1			"Good mix of historical buildings and modern amenities make the village a good place to live"
There is a good variety of facilities in Marsden	2			"variety of facilities are great and valued"
Show films at a local venue to encourage more use of local pubs, takeaways and restaurants	1			"Use Mechanics or a church hall to show trending films two or three nights a week this would encourage greater use of local pubs, takeaways and restaurants."
Complaints about the Gasometer site	3	Green the former gasometer site	1	"A big space left by the former gasometer is unsightly and could be 'greened'."
		Turn the space in to a community garden	1	

		More interesting bars for younger people	1	"It would be nice to see some more interesting bars for younger people"
We are lucky to have great independent shops	1	We need to support the local economy	1	"We are lucky to have the independent shops and cafes/restaurants/bars in Marsden and need to support them for the local economy."
The amount of pubs can detract from the appearance of the village	1			"There are a lot of pubs, and this can detract from the village's appear on Saturdays when the Ale Trail can ruin it."
Connectivity in the village is good	1			"I think the connectivity in the village is good."
Lack of affordable rented accommodation	1			
Need more for teenagers to do	1			
Complaints about sheep	1			"Sheep are always a problem Walking around freely."
Concerns about gentrification	1			"I wouldn't like to see it gentrified"
Praise for the Christmas lights	1	Make Christmas lights more traditional	1	"Christmas lights could be more traditional with tree outside the Mechanics."
Events/visitors can be too numerous				"Sometimes visitors can be too numerous for streets to be enjoyable"
		The year 6 classroom at Marsden Junior School needs repairing	1	"The year 6 classroom at school needs repairing."
Positive comments about the skate park	1			"Skatepark is good."
		Support 'Scat Teq' at the Untied Church	1	"Scat Teq - united church could be supported and developed."
There are too many smokers on the street in Marsden	1			



<b><i>Partners / Activities</i></b>			
Partners mentioned	The Mechanics, The National Trust, The Libraries, The Schools, Standedge Tunnel		
Key landmarks	The Mechanics, The Churches, the Old Co-op, The Riverhead, The local park, the Bandstand, Marsden Moor, the Peak District National Park, the War Memorial in the Park, the War Memorial on Pule Hill, the Snow Stone on Pule Hill, Tenter Posts, The Stocks,		
Lots of good volunteers look after our public spaces	1		