

Facilities and amenities

Score: 5.024

Number of comments: 296

Issue raised	No.	Suggestions	No.	Quotes
The facilities and amenities meet my needs	44			"Marsden is probably one of the best places for having all facilities needed in one place and easily accessible."
Public Toilets (53 comments and suggestions)				
No public toilets for events	2			"There's no public toilets back as well for events such as cuckoo day and jazz festival"
No public toilets available to use	38	Toilets in the centre and at the train station	1	"There are no public toilets in Marsden"
		Marsden needs better toilet facilities	3	"where are our public toilets????.....Mechanics is only open occasionally"
		Public toilets need to be installed at the goods yard as part of the national trust centre	1	"Time cut short in the village as my children need the toilet". "I'm not sure if there are public toilets but this needs to be addressed as it's the no.1 thing i get asked by visitors to the village and I'm sure it would help locals too."

				"We need more public toilets around the village to make it more accessible to disabled people"
Access to toilets is good	3			"Access to toilets in mechanics is good"
Lack of public toilets make visiting Marsden not practical	5			"again lack of public toilets limits how practical this is for some people."
<i>Eating and Drinking (69 comments and suggestions)</i>				
There are enough cafes/pubs in the village	5	We need a better variety of cafes	2	"Local shops are majority cafes we don't need any more we need gift shops, clothes, tech, DIY, cobblers and even a late night coffee bar and wine bar something different other than pubs" "Lots of cafes and enough pubs and clubs"
Good eating and drinking options in Marsden	9			"Eating and drinking and shopping are pretty good in Marsden" "there's a wide variety of shops and cafe's for leisure" "Lots of places to eat and drink / socialise."
Shops, cafés and bars are excellent	5	Need to encourage more people to take a risk on the shops in town as there are some great businesses opening.	1 1	"Good shops for a small place. Grocers, butchers etc cafés and pubs also good"

		We could do with a Witherspoons pub to complement the bars that are currently here.		"Excellent array of places to eat and drink and shops to cater for most everyday needs"
Good accessibility in cafes and pubs	2	Coop needs better accessibility around Christmas when the aisle fill up with extras	1	"the coffee shops and cafes are good in marsden and katie's in particular support people with allergies and different diets. I do not often go into pubs apart from new inn as they are often not easy to access..ie going to toilet when it is packed, etc New inn has a ramp"
Great variety of local cafes and pubs	20			"The variety of local cafés is amazing - particularly love Arcade and The Little Lock. The Village Green is amazing." "the addition of places like Sass on the high street is fantastic."
More restaurants required in Marsden	4	Could do with a good Indian restaurant loads of restaurants, pubs etc. Could use a 'top class' restaurant.	1 3	"We could do with more Restaurants" "It would be good to have a nice restaurant in the village" "Places to eat open in the evenings. there are lots of cafes all closing at teatime"
Too many cafes in the village	10	we need a costa and mcdonalds and other things for young people	1	"Too many cafes now." "Has a good selection but needs more variety. Too many cafes."

				<p>“Feels a bit overrun with cafes”</p> <p>“Perhaps there are too many cafes/eating places as opposed to the lack of certain other shops”</p>
Good places to socialise	5			<p>“We can shop, socialise and get other needs met with what is on offer in the village or very close by.”</p>
<i>Health facilities (123 comments and suggestions)</i>				
Accessibility issue	3			<p>“Accessibility can be an issue in some of the older buildings”</p> <p>“Concern about NHS/doctors especially for people with mobility problems”</p>
The General Practice surgery is good	19			<p>“I’ve found the GP surgery to be good”</p> <p>“GP surgery is good at present as its still exists at this point.”</p>
The General Practice surgery is not adequate	12			<p>“The doctors surgery, however, looks shocking. Compared to the Globe we have been left with a dire environment.”</p> <p>“Like many I do not use the doctors in the village as this is way below the standard I expect from a modern surgery.”</p>

Good dental facilities	1			"good dental and medical facilities"
Good medical facilities	10			"The area has plenty of good medical facilities"
The medical facilities are not as good as neighbouring villages	8	Marsden GP surgery to be linked with Slaithwaite	1	<p>"GP service which, despite being stretched like all are, has always been good under the circumstances (though it does feel like Marsden Health Centre is neglected a little in comparison to Slaithwaite!)"</p> <p>"Marsden seems to be the poor relation to Slaithwaite"</p>
The chemist is struggling	4			<p>"I think our chemist struggles at times"</p> <p>"Boots has been total chaos recently"</p>
Doctors is oversubscribed and must travel to Slaithwaite to get an appointment	20	<p>If you have your own car to travel to slaithwaite</p> <p>Prioritise village needs</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"It is very important we have the GP surgery in the village. Appointments offered at slaithwaite are not always convenient and needs to be more in Marsden"</p> <p>"Some facilities are oversubscribed (e.g. I had to register for a doctor in Slaithwaite)."</p>

				"Appointments at GP surgery can be difficult and not always seen in Marsden (have to travel to Slaithwaite)."
Marsden needs a better pharmacy	3			"We could do with a better pharmacy." "better pharmacy would be an improvement."
Lack of a dentist is an issue	19			"Lack of NHS dentist is an issue." "No dentists" "Only problem is unable to access NHS dental care"
The amenities are there but the quality of service is lacking	7	GP to expand to keep up with the growing population	3	"Facilities are present (Doctors / Chemist) but don't always provide the best quality service." "The running down of the health centre is regretful."
No baby clinic in Marsden	1			Marsden no longer has a baby clinic!"
It is vital for the clinic to stay in Marsden	16			"Its essential for the clinic to stay in Marsden"
<i>Shopping in the village (118 comments and suggestions)</i>				

The high street is struggling to maintain a balanced range of shops	6	<p>It could possibly do with more 'gift' type shops</p> <p>Marsden needs a hardware shop</p> <p>More clothes shops please</p> <p>More corner/paper shops</p> <p>Art and craft supplies for kids</p> <p>toy shop</p> <p>electronics shop</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"not enough choice of shops, need to go to slaithwaite or Huddersfield"</p> <p>"Our shops do not provide the village with general household essentials, For example, Art and craft supplies for kids, DIY supplies for householders etc). I'd love to avoid a trip into town or using Amazon for simple things, but I just can't get all my basic household supplies in the village."</p> <p>"We also have too much reliance on food and drink retail and not enough on useful shops which actually sell something. Other than the clothes shop I can't think of a single shop that sells anything useful that isn't food or charity goods."</p>
Amenities in the village are adequate for my needs	9			<p>"There are a lot of amenities in the village and a lot are adequate to my needs."</p> <p>"I do feel that there is a good range of facilities to meet my and my families current needs"</p>
The variety of shops are good	19			<p>"The range of shops is good"</p> <p>"Good range of shops in Marsden for a small village, both basic food shops and gift shops."</p>

				"Good selection of shops. Can buy all essentials and more from local shops"
The shopping in Marsden is not reasonably priced	7			"It is a pity that there is a shortage of reasonably priced retailers" "Shops in Marsden are too expensive"
The local shops cannot compete with online shopping	1			"In common with most small centres they cannot compete with online or out of town centres."
Everything you need is available locally	2			"Everything you need is available locally" "Marsden changes constantly in the array of shops in the village, but I can honestly say that I can get most things I need without having to travel elsewhere."
The Village Green is good	4			"Village Green is ace for cheese, artisan bread, and small quantities of fruit and veg ideal for one person." "The Village Green deserves a special commendation for its effort and achievements."
The shops in Marsden are good	9			"Shops good" "The shopping in Marsden is good"

Marsden needs more food shopping options e.g. supermarkets	8			<p>“We really need a small supermarket, just like Slaithwaite Aldi”</p> <p>“The only issue I have is that the food shops in the village are small and this means a limited variety of products are available.”</p>
Shopping options are limited	3			<p>“Shopping options are limited.”</p> <p>“The range of services in terms of shops is becoming more limited (cafes / health)”</p>
The Coop needs improvement	6	<p>The coop is expensive</p> <p>Coop need to be bigger</p> <p>Coop lacks fresh food</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“I think the coop seems to have shrunk. When I was a lad, the Co-op had a chemist butcher shop fishmongers green fruits. But now all these things happen in one small small place it feels very cramped.”</p> <p>“The Co-op is a pricey supermarket for many”</p>
Post Office is important	6			<p>“Post office is important”</p> <p>“I am concerned we may lose our post office which provides an important range of services.”</p>

The schools are very cramped	2	Have more nurseries	1	<p>“The two primary schools in Marsden are very cramped.”</p> <p>“The Marsden schools are full, so need expanding if young families are to be encouraged to move here.”</p>
Schools have improved over the years	2			“Schools are much improved over recent years”
More opportunities for learning for adults is needed	4	<p>U3A in Marsden would be good</p> <p>Vocational learning is needed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“We are lacking in support for more vocational learning”</p> <p>“No spaces for adult learning Mechanics with more funding would be ideal for training and events.”</p>
Sport amenities (24 comments or suggestions)				
More sport options are needed	7	<p>The mechanics could be used for HIT workouts</p> <p>Would like a squash court</p> <p>Outdoor gym equipment would be good</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“The hall could be used for HIT sessions etc”</p>
Better gym facilities in the village are needed	3	<p>outdoor gym equipment would be great on outdoor flat space for yoga and bootcamps</p> <p>We would like a play gym</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“I would say it could benefit possibly better gym facilities”</p> <p>“It is clear that there are many amenities lacking such as a swimming/leisure centre.”</p>

More sports clubs would be good	1	Free exercise classes, eg at Marsden sports centre on fall Lane, and Qigung in the park, would be welcome, given how hard it can be to get to Slaitwaite's Colne valley sports centre on public transport.	1	"Sports clubs - football and cricket are popular. Groups like running and cycling for 'fitter' people. Many indoor 'wellbeing' eg yoga, keep fit etc."
Skate park is good in Marsden	1			"Skate park is good, although"
Swimming pool is needed in the village	5			"Marsden needs a swimming pool"
More support for sport clubs in the village	1			"football club but after it almost had to close, we've turned it around in the last 4 years and with approximately 160 local children and 50 adults taking part in the sport across 14 teams, we could do with a lot of financial help to improve the facilities to keep it going for the next 100 years. We lack affordable 4G pitches, the clubhouse is a constant fight to keep it water tight / safe and we don't seem to be eligible for any real support. It improves mental health, gives people a purpose, creates team building skills and is just generally good for the physical health of the children of Marsden (& a percentage from surrounding villages)."

Public amenities (66 comments and suggestions)				
The library is good	40	Longer opening hours would be great. Library to open daily	3 1	<p>“As long as the library can keep going we have a good amount of amenities in the village I think.”</p> <p>“Library is a great facility as is the well managed mechanics now.”</p> <p>“Library is so helpful and peaceful”</p>
Mechanics is accessible	1			“Mechanics as a large accessible space but only seems to be used by the older ladies in the village.”
A library in the village is needed	1			“I would say it could benefit from a library”
The Mechanics is a good amenity for the village	5			<p>“Mechanics is good”</p> <p>“Mechanics is a great resource.”</p>
More options for children needed	1			“There could be more for children.”

Reliance on volunteers to run public amenities	8	More salaried staff	1	<p>"The library is hanging on with volunteer support and the Mechanics provides a range of events."</p> <p>"The volunteers have kept the library going"</p> <p>"Too much reliance on volunteers to run and manage amenities which otherwise would not exist in the village (Library, Mechanics Hall, Sports Hall, National Trust, Village Green etc)."</p> <p>"If the sports hall doesn't have volunteers we will lose it as a facility"</p>
The Mechanics is an eye sore	1			"Village spoilt by the monstrous itv that is the Mechanics hall"
The Mechanics/Library is accessible	4			"The Mechanics runs a few groups for different ages plus lots of evening entertainment is organised regularly. Access is good for wheelchair users."
<i>Other amenities requested to improve Marsden (21 comments and suggestions)</i>				
Vets in the village would be good	8			"Vets would help"

				"A vet would also be good to have locally."
Banking in the village would be good	3			"No banking facilities"
Electric car charging point	1			"Would like to see electric car charging points"
Interactive map	1			"interactive map of some sort. A map of the village somewhere near the mechanics highlighting places to go - The Tunnel End, The Park, The Sports Hall, The Football and Cricket Club etc The Mechanics building. A QR to scan to an up to date webpage that can be edited to show places to eat, shop, sleep, visit, events etc. Or a Marsden App. Something more up to date and encouraging people to explore the whole villiage and see what it has to offer."
Free places to enjoy	2	It would be great to have a space that is communal, for the people and used by the people	1	<p>"There are few if any places to go just to relax without having to pay anything. There's no village square or place to congregate."</p> <p>"lots of places you can pay to spend time could do with more options in winter for</p>

				people who cannot afford cafes and pubs"
Barbers	2			"No Barbers"
Petrol station	3			"No car fuel near"
Phone Box	1			"No phone box"
<i>Recreational amenities (16 comments and suggestions)</i>				
Adult learning opportunities are needed	6	Create opportunities for volunteer led adult courses	1	"Marsden meets my immediate needs but doesnt have any adult learning spaces"
Recreational amenities for retired people would be good to be introduced	2	For the elderly it is also difficult to access information.	1	"I would like to see more recreation facilities for retired people in the winter months. Before Covid came there was a social group gathering in the mechanics on Thursday afternoon. On offer was dominoes, cards, scrabble, table tennis, carpet bowls, quizzes. I would like to see something similar reintroduced" "Would like more day time groups for early retirees ie over 50"
Recreational amenities are not advertised very well/hard to find	2	Develop a 'what's on' web page to advertise activities the noticeboards around the village could be used more effectively, rather than for advertising holiday accommodation	1 1	"There are many groups available for many groups encompassing a variety of interests and purposes but these are not always easy to find. After six years I am still learning of new things and would

				have loved a single source of all information."
Youth clubs	2			"Youth clubs would be good"
Green Spaces (7 comments and suggestions)				
Parks are not maintained	1	Some more outdoor space could be utilised.	1	"Parks are not as well maintained as used to be"
Good walks available	4	Develop more car free route in the village	1	"Walks and nature walks and tracks for children and adults"
Parking and public transport (9 comments and suggestions)				
Not enough parking options	5			"There is a lack of public parking and public open space."
Better public transport is needed	2	extra rural bus for getting people into the village from local residential areas would help.	1	"Harder if you don't hav3 a car to go to a bigger supermarket outside the village."
Good public transport	1			"The transport links make it easy to access Huddersfield and over the border to Oldham."
Housing and regeneration (21 comments and suggestions)				
Housing is expensive	2			"Houses are too expensive"
The Mills need regenerating	8	Turn the mill into sport facilities	2	"If mill was done up we could have a pool and gym etc"

		Turn Mill into housing	1	<p>“It appears that an increase in housing is needed by redeveloping redundant mill land”</p> <p>“any regeneration programme of the mill in central marsden could only help this element of our community.”</p> <p>“If the mills are finally developed, it would be wonderful to include leisure facility with swimming (Marsden residents must leave for Slaithwaite or Meltham etc), exercise gyms, squash or any other type of sport. This improves the quality of life for many and provides lower cost access - equal opportunity for all to get fit.”</p>
Derelict shops	4	Derelict shops could be put to good use	1	“feel the derelict buildings around marsden could be put to good use”
Hotels for visitors	1			“The village badly needs places for people to stay when visiting the area.”

Housing is limited	2			"Public infrastructure appears strained under the weight of housing development in the Colne Valley."
Other (84 comments and suggestions)				
There is plenty of things to do in the village	2			"There's plenty to do whatever you're into."
More facilities for families and children	71			"More facilities for families and children"
General room for improvement	1			"Pretty good but there is always room for improvement."
The church is valued	5			"The church is valued in Marsden"
Neighbouring villages have more to offer	3			"Slaithwaite has many more options. Everything, including takeaways are closed on Monday"
More support services	1	More support services like Citizens Advice Bureau	1	"We need more support services such as the Citizens Advice Bureaux"
Population increases	1			"If the population increases we'll need more health services and schools."
Lovely community	2			"Lovely community in Marsden" "Theatre group ,Jazz and rich mix of community groups and special interest groups."
Great entertainment in Marsden	6			"Given the size of the village, there seems a lot going on in terms of music, places to eat and shop or other entertainments. "

Not much available for women	1			"It can be difficult for women to socialise in the evening (especially in winter) as only pubs are open, and they are not always welcoming places for single women."
Good activities for children	1			"Great talks, events for children. Great events in the village Activities for children."
Ale Trail make the village centre less appealing	1			"avoiding the village centre on Summer weekends as the Ale Trail makes the village less welcoming for families."
No more fire station which is a shame	4			"we don't have a fire station anymore."
Complaints about Christmas lights	1			"The Christmas lights are the same each year - could do with a change."
Complaints about recycling in Kirklees	1			"recycling in kirklees is rubbish - dont do glass or compost"
Reference to Places of worship	2	Lots of churches but not many other places to go	1	"Good for Christians but not for others."