

Organisations Consultation Analysis

Membership age groups – all ages up to 65	-	1
Under 25's	-	1
All ages	-	3
Adults	-	3

What do you like about where you live?

- ◆ Good shopping facilities with places close together
- ◆ Good transport initiatives
- ◆ Nice park at Applegarth
- ◆ Plenty of free car parking
- ◆ Good council representation for older people in the community
- ◆ Improved facilities for under 8's in the town
- ◆ Diversity
- ◆ The countryside
- ◆ Rural atmosphere with all facilities most people would need

What don't you like about where you live?

- ◆ No cinema
- ◆ Not much for young people to do
- ◆ Need another DIY store
- ◆ Not enough provision for young people in the community. Regularly hear complaints from residents of the town and local businesses about the young people hanging around the streets of Northallerton, however no-one seems to want to help the local youth clubs and youth groups to improve their attendance's. Detached youth workers have disappeared and the young people are seen as a problem rather than disadvantaged children at risk
- ◆ Rural transport difficulties – lack of it!
- ◆ Local hospitals are not disabled friendly
- ◆ Crime level
- ◆ Lack of Park
- ◆ Railways crossings
- ◆ Lack of affordable housing
- ◆ Breathing Space – There is nothing our members can do in their leisure time because of the support that they need. This causes isolation in many cases. Breathing Space provides equal opportunities for people with a learning disability and most important gives regular respite for carers

Can you think of ways to improve where you live?

- ◆ Cinema and more leisure facilities
- ◆ More public toilets – Applegarth ones are not enough when you have go children
- ◆ Need a Macdonalds or Burger King in Northallerton Town Centre – nowhere to take children at lunchtime

- ◆ More financing for youth groups including sports clubs, cubs, scouts, red cross, church youth centres and independent youth clubs
- ◆ The Samaritans would like a contribution to their running costs (currently £17,000 per annum)
- ◆ Provision of more day care facilities particularly for elderly and vulnerable people with dementia problems
- ◆ More transport facilities for elderly people to and from day centres
- ◆ There are many older people and people with disabilities living in the villages around Northallerton, who are socially isolated. The Northallerton Volunteer Bureau receives several requests each year for 'befrienders' from such people and their relatives. However, volunteers find it difficult to visit people in the villages, as we do not have the funding to cover their transport expenses or to provide training for them. There is also a need to raise awareness of the need for a community visiting scheme in the village communities, to enable us to recruit volunteers to meet this increased demand
- ◆ At present the Northallerton Volunteer Bureau provides a community car scheme to transport older people and people with disabilities. The scheme is non-profit making and all the drivers are volunteers. We receive many requests each year from people living in the villages to provide transport for journeys to hospitals and day care centres as due to their disability or age they are unable to use alternative transport methods. Whilst transport to Day Care facilities is available in Northallerton, many of those people who live in village communities rely on volunteer drivers to provide this service. The Northallerton Volunteer Bureau continually struggles to meet the many requests that it receives.
- ◆ We have also during the past year, been asked to provide volunteer drivers to transport people from the villages around Northallerton into town so that they can do their shopping. This is becoming increasingly common as local shops and post offices close in villages.
- ◆ Create a park
- ◆ Remove railway crossings
- ◆ Create more low cost affordable housing