

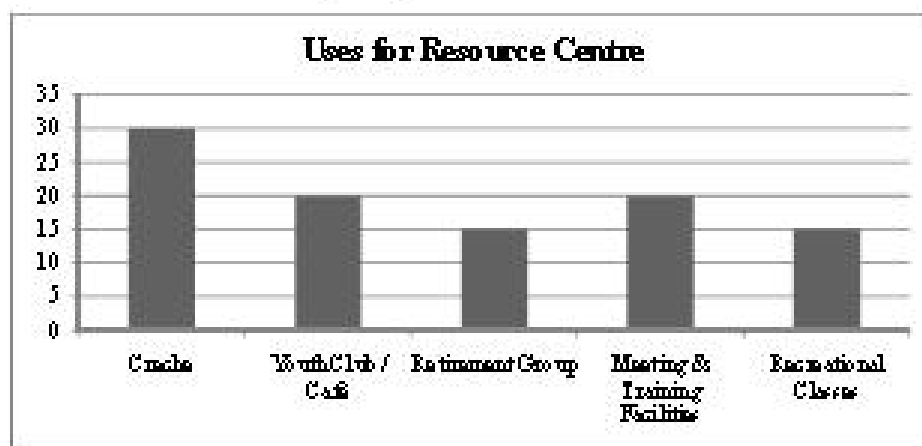
GLENCAR COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Glencar is a small town with a population of 2,200 people. The town has two primary schools, a secondary school and a community hospital catering for the town and the surrounding area. The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) is very active in the area, as well as a number of voluntary organisations and community organisations.

A large privately owned building has recently been donated to the County Council on condition that it is turned into a community resource centre. The building has a large reception area, a big hall which, with alteration, would be suitable for staging shows or plays. This hall could also be used as a small sports hall. There are two small meeting rooms with computer facilities which could be used by local groups or for exhibitions. There are also two larger adjoining rooms with access to a garden area.

The County Council has put together a committee to devise a development plan for the set up and subsequent running of the centre. Local community and business groups were approached to nominate members to this committee and the committee has met on a number of occasions. The committee's first task was to survey local townspeople to help identify the community needs that the resource centre could meet.

A survey was carried out on 100 local people who were asked to state which priority needs the community resource centre should meet. The findings are presented as follows:



The committee is currently analysing the findings of the survey. The committee members agree that the new community resource centre should be the focal point in the town. The County Council is happy to allow the committee to finalise the development plan for the centre. However, the Council has insisted that a seasonal tourist office be located in the main reception area of the building for the months of April to October.

The County Council has committed to part finance the development and renovation costs of the building. The resource centre committee has also applied to the FÁS Community Employment Scheme (CES) to get local unemployed construction workers to renovate the building. This would help cover some of the costs. However, the committee knows that major fundraising will also have to be undertaken to cover the full renovation costs. They will also investigate the possibility of Lotto funding.

1. Explain the benefits that the community resource centre will bring to the people of Glencar. (6)
2.
 - (i) Outline two reasons why the county council wants people from the local community and business groups to participate in the resource centre committee.
 - (ii) Explain why it is important that the committee carried out market research before devising its plan.
 - (iii) Select one of the community needs identified in the survey. What are the implications for the committee if they decide to provide that service? (12)
3.
 - (i) What are the benefits for the local community of using FÁS CES?
 - (ii) Set out the Finance section of the Development Plan for the Glencar resource centre, covering the initial set up and subsequent running of the centre. (12)