



Views of young people

Feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire provided the views of residents on many aspects of village life. In this month's article we have summarised the key messages that were received from young people in their own version of the questionnaire. The intention is to use this feedback, alongside input from other subject areas, as the basis for preparing the policies and proposals that will eventually become the pre-consultation document of the Neighbourhood Plan team. This will be made available for comment later in the year.

A total of 85 young people between the ages of 7 and 15 replied to the questionnaire, with an almost equal split between boys and girls, who told us what they like about their village and what they think would make living in Wellesbourne even better.

"We like safe places to play and do sport" and "we want to be safe on the roads in our village" was the very strong message. The majority of young people surveyed (90%) think that their village is nice and happy place to be. They said that they like to help their family recycle waste, grow things, use the computer and go to the library. They also said they like to play on grassland and fields as well as playgrounds.

In general, the young people of Wellesbourne are very active, doing lots of physical exercise out of school hours. To support this, young people would prefer more places to participate in sport in the village. Half of the young people surveyed would like more clubs and a clubhouse as somewhere to go and also to have more playgrounds to visit and enjoy in the village.

Our young people thought that the main roads were busy and dangerous to cross. Traffic speed and large vehicles were a worry for a large number of young people. They said they would like more pedestrian crossings, a wish that was also supported by 80% of adults in the survey. Young people thought that more cycle paths would help them feel safer travelling around the village.