



AUTUMN 2022 YOUTH VOICE REPORT

Melton, Woodbridge & Deben Peninsula

This term, young people were asked about available activities in the area and any challenges surrounding them. The East Suffolk Rural Youth Project facilitated this Survey and 645 respondents from Woodbridge & surrounding area aged



between Year 7 & Year 13. The Community Partnership is working with Community Action Suffolk to deliver on the responses.

Is there enough to do locally?



Top 3 responses to activities the young people would be interested in:

- 37% wanted more sport activities
- 20% wanted more arts, crafts, creative groups
- 13% volunteering

Barriers to taking part in activities

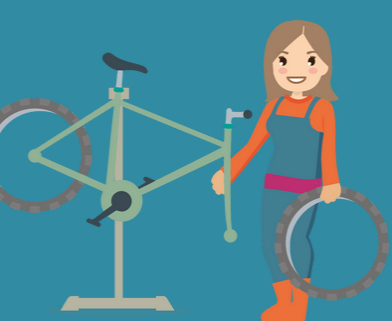
- 34% said they're not interested in what's available
- 20% said they're at the wrong time of day
- 16% said they're too expensive
- 14% don't have transport to the activities



- Gaps in provision were identified in the following areas:
- Arts and creative groups
 - LGBTQ+ support
 - Counselling / mental health support
 - Digital technology related activities

Prominent Issues

Young people are struggling severely with mental health and wellbeing so further support around this is essential. Many young people said they felt the activities they were already participating in supported them to feel better, therefore, any further activities or provisions will be vital in supporting young people.



One Key Report Recommendation
Just 42 Mend Sessions could run after school during the spring/summer term. Workshops will teach young people how to repair bikes, sewing skills, carpentry, upcycling furniture etc. This teaches young people life skills whilst boosting their confidence and ultimately their wellbeing.

The best ways to communicate with young people re local activities is via instagram (52.4%) and snapchat (39%)



For more insight into the East Suffolk Rural Youth Project

Youth Matters Workshop
 East Suffolk Community Partnership Annual Forum
Friday 3 March
 Trinity Park, Bucklesham, IP3 8UH



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