



AUTUMN 2022 YOUTH VOICE REPORT

Lowestoft and Northern Parishes

In the Autumn term, we received responses from 11 to 15 year olds. Safety featured strongly and we will share comments and ideas with the right people in the area.



Thank you to those that put forward their views – and to all 11-25 year olds: please continue to share your opinions and solutions with Youth Voice! We really want to hear from you!

SAFETY

When asked about any concerns in the local community, responses included:

- Rude comments from unknown people which made them feel uncomfortable
- Loud motorbike noise
- Uneven paths



Some ideas on what would help feelings of safety included:

- The field on Clarkes Lane having its play equipment replaced and improved, as well as perhaps doing something with the rest of the empty field
- More places (not just youth groups) where teenagers can do something other than sport – "a choir may be a good start"
- Picking up litter

We will feed this back to local organisations including the Police and local councillors.



GREEN SPACES

We were asked by Suffolk County Council's Public Health Team to find out more about the impact of green spaces and nature on young people. Some responses included:

- "I find it useful but I don't know how more young people can be encouraged to engage with it locally and safely, although school trips to places like forests maybe only to go for a walk, may be a good idea."
- "There is no greenery in Lowestoft"
- "Have more nature reserves"
- "Create a fun environment in Bonds meadow e.g rope swings, den building"



We will share this feedback with Suffolk County Council and local councillors!

LOCAL NEWS

The Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership organised a 'Lowestoft Game on' event that took place on 12th November 2022 at Waterlane Leisure Centre. 50 people played cards, dominoes and board games and socialised with others!

