



SUMMER 2022 YOUTH VOICE REPORT

Lowestoft and Northern Parishes



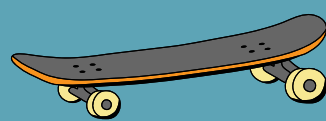
This term, we received responses from individuals as well as schools. We had 68 responses which is fantastic! The responses ranged from the age of 8 to 15 and the issues, comments and ideas will be raised with the right people in the area.

Please continue to share your opinions and solutions with Youth Voice!

37%

Of comments were about creating more play areas for young people

A strong theme was about creating new play areas for young people including more skateparks and more play areas for younger children (3-10). Linked to this, 10% of comments were about making the current play areas cleaner including removing graffiti and replacing broken equipment. It was mentioned about wanting more local football pitches and clubs and having toilet facilities near to where young people are.



27%

Of comments related to having more bins and signs encouraging bin use

Litter was a big issue in this term's Youth Voice with comments saying more bins were needed, signage is needed about using the bins, having litter picks and having bins that prevent birds like seagulls getting to the rubbish. Another popular point was about more facilities for recycling especially bringing back brown waste bins for food waste. There was a desire to be better at recycling. We have shared this with the Community Partnership and other relevant people!



AND



We also received (and will share) comments about:

- More leisure and fun activities like swimming pools
- More open gym equipment
- More wildlife areas like Carlton Marshes
- More trees/plants and stop cutting as many trees
- More focus on mental health
- More homeless shelters and foodbanks
- More places to eat
- Open up the fountains on South Pier again and improve Claremont Pier
- Hire out speed boats
- More places to sit down
- more art and music
- cat cafes
- Cut grass in communal areas.
- A local game like Pokemon Go



LOCAL NEWS

As part of Anti Social Behaviour Awareness Week in July, an event was held at Gunton Community Park for families and young people to try different activities and meet the Police, Council staff and Morse the Police Dog! 95 young people attended which is brilliant!