

# **Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan Young Peoples Questionnaire 2016**

## **Introduction**

A selection of young people in the Parish of Loggerheads has been surveyed for their views on living here and what they would like to see in the future. A total of 109 children took part; 37 from St. Mary's C of E Primary School in Mucklestone and 72 from the Hugo Meynell School in Loggerheads. Age range between 8 and 11 years old.

The questionnaire ran to 7 questions of which 6 were open ended so there were many different answers however these have been grouped together where possible in to overarching themes which have consistently come through the young people's answers.

For the purposes of the questionnaire Loggerheads includes Ashley, Mucklestone, Knighton, Hales and the surrounding area as well as Loggerheads itself.

## **Question 1 - What do you like best about Loggerheads?**

79% of young people cited the environment as the thing they like best about Loggerheads. Specifically this included the play areas and the Burntwood, facilities such as the fire station and the pub and a recurring comment was that it was small and friendly. The next 16% highlighted and the shops and food outlets.

## **Question 2 – What would you like to change about Loggerheads?**

32% of young people cited improved open spaces as their priority for example protecting the open spaces and not building houses on them, together with 16% who specifically think the car wash should be got rid of. 15% would like to see more sport and leisure facilities such as a swimming pool and upgrading the football pitch at the Burntwood while 17% would like to see more shops and food outlets.

## **Question 3 – What type of job would you like?**

19% would like to work in the world of sport, most popular being a footballer. Being a rural community it is perhaps not surprising that 18% would like to work on a farm or become a vet. 13% would like to become teachers while 12% would like to be involved in the arts such as ballet and music.

## **Question 4 – What do you do in your spare time?**

54% of young people spend their spare time outside mainly in the park and doing sport such as football, swimming and riding. The next largest theme was 29% spending time on their personal devices. Hobbies such as ballet and playing the piano came in 3rd most popular at 10%.

### **Question 5 – Where do you spend your free time?**

The largest percentage 67% said they spent their free time at home or outside in their own garden while 32% said they went to the park. There is a discrepancy here with the answers to question 4 where 54% of children said they went to the park in their spare time, however it is clear that overall the outside space and facilities is important to this group of residents with environmentally related aspects consistently coming to the fore in their responses.

### **Question 6 – After finishing school or college would you like to remain/work in the area?**

This was the only closed question in the questionnaire. 50% said they would like to remain/work in the area when they complete their education while 34% said they would leave the area while 16% did not know yet.

### **Question 7 – What do you think are the 3 most important things for Loggerheads in the future?**

This question generated 155 responses as young people gave up to 3 answers each. Environmental and park related responses account for 32% of answers with the shops and retail facilities coming in second with 26% of answers. Maintaining the fire station, schools, housing and medical facilities are similar totalling 30% between them.

### **Summary**

The overwhelming theme coming through from the young people's responses relates to the need to maintain and improve the local environment and the outdoor play and sporting facilities available to these young people. The maintaining of the retail facilities was also important. They cared about the village atmosphere and friendliness of the area and the majority of them said they would like to remain in the area after their education finishes.