

## Young People Responses in our Annual Residents' Satisfaction Survey

For Officers to inform the Youth Council on the following responses in the Annual Residents' Survey.



"I am a young resident of Witney and am writing on behalf of myself and my friends about something that matters to us and the future of Witney. Right now, there are very few affordable places where young people can safely meet, spend time and feel welcome. Most cafes and shops in town are aimed at adults or are too expensive for us to use. Without safe welcoming hangouts, we often end up with nowhere to go after school or on the weekends. We're not asking for handouts. We're asking for Witney to be a town where young people can belong."

"The parks are good, but I think more benches in them and picnic tables would satisfy lots of people and having lots of swings in playgrounds increases the likelihood of young people over 12 to go to the park"

"I'm a student at Woodgreen, I have lived in Witney since I was born. I've found that it is so much nicer going on walks here than I thought, because of the gorgeous places to walk like Witney lake, and the flowers that just liven up everything in a wonderful way. I'm really grateful that everyone in town is so kind and approachable and I like to go to the park all the time with my friends"

"Improvement of sporting areas across Witney, allowing a variety of people to stay active needed."

"Most of my experience is Good and satisfies me however, there are occasions where furniture and other services are poor and not up to standard, this is either it being dirty or non-existing where should be. This could be improved by adding more of these public services and entertainment opportunities maybe using public fields and parks etc etc i.e oxlease park and field for events such as bouncy castle and bbq or other stuff on those lines, this could improve the community engagement throughout the town."

"Lots of litter around but still beautiful sites to be in."

"As a teenager, I wish there were more places to just sit, in a field for example and just relax with some friends"

"Everything costs far too much for an area which has the highest youth mental health numbers in England. I know of non-profits that want to do World changing work in the area (UK Paradigm) and they cannot afford statutory prices set to do the work that will fix everything."