
Young People Questionnaire

Results & Analysis

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Introduction

Young members of the Ripple Parish were invited to complete a questionnaire asking about their experiences of living in the Parish and their future plans. A total of 37 youngsters completed the Young People Questionnaire, which was designed to gather both quantitative and qualitative information alongside the main Ripple Community Plan Questionnaire (completed by households in the Parish). The results for each question are given in this report (starting on page 3), alongside any observations which may give context to the results. A short conclusion is given at the end of the report (page 9).

Results & Analysis

Question 1

How old are you?

Sample size – 37 (100%)

Age Group	Number	% (of sample)
7 – 10	13	35.14%
11 – 13	15	40.54%
14 – 16	9	24.32%

Question 2

In which part of Ripple Parish do you live?

Sample size – 37 (100%)

Area of Parish	Number	% (of sample)
Holly Green	7	18.92%
Ryall	13	35.14%
The Grove	5	13.51%
Uckinghall	3	8.11%
Naunton	6	16.22%
Ripple	3	8.11%
Rural	0	0.00%

Question 3

Which school do you go to?

Sample size – 35 (97.22%)

School	Number	% (of sample)
Hanley Castle High School	14	40.00%
Upton C of E Primary School	11	31.43%
Other		
Hanley Swan (2)		
St Barnabas Drakes Broughton (2)		
Tewkesbury High School (2)		
Bredon School (1)		
Defford Cum Besford C Of E First School (1)		
Kings School Worcester (1)		
Tewkesbury C of E Primary School (1)		
	10	28.57%

Question 4

How do you usually get to and from school?

Sample size – 37 (100%)

Please note: Two respondents in the sample gave multiple answers for this question.

Means of Transport	Number	% of sample
Car	24	64.86%
School bus	14	37.84%
Bike	0	0.00%
Taxi	0	0.00%
Other (walk)	1	2.70%

Question 5

Do you think there is enough for young people to do in the area?

Sample size – 37 (100%)

32 respondents in the sample (86.49%) do not think there is enough for young people to do in the area.

Question 6

Which youth activities do you attend locally – this includes Upton upon Severn and other nearby places, e.g. Malvern, Twyning, Tewkesbury?

Sample size – 36 (97.22%)

Please note: Respondents gave multiple answers for this question.

Activity	Number	% (of sample)
Swimming	16	44.44%
Football	12	33.33%
Dance	9	25.00%
Music	8	22.22%
Cricket	5	13.89%
Rugby	4	11.11%
Fishing	3	8.33%
Equestrian	3	8.33%
Netball/basketball	1	2.78%
Private gym	1	2.78%
In Parish Hall	0	0.00%
Mobile library	0	0.00%
Other *	14	38.89%
None	2	5.56%

* Other includes: Tennis (4), Brownies (3), kick boxing (2), Cub scouts (1), Beavers (1), after school activities (1), Air Training Corps (1), Tae kwon do (1), Rugby (1), Duke of Edinburgh Award (1), Upton Youth Band (1), Pepperpot Players church choir (1)

Swimming and football appear to be the most popular activities enjoyed by young people locally.

Question 7

What activities would you like to take part in if local facilities became available?

Sample size – 24 (64.86%)

Respondents in the sample gave a total of 45 suggestions, 29 of which (64.44%) are sports activities and 16 of which (35.56%) are leisure activities, specifically:

Sports

Athletic club, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, gym, gymnastics, hockey, karate, netball, rounders, rugby, swimming and tennis.

Leisure

Bike rides, dance, drama, fishing, horse riding, ice skating, music, paintballing, park, skateboarding and youth clubs.

Question 8

Would you use any of the following?

Sample size – whilst 36 answered this question, some respondents did not complete all of it, therefore please refer to the individual sample sizes given in the table below.

Facility	Number			Sample Size	% of sample
	Yes	No	Blank		In favour
Playing field	32	4	0	36	88.89%
Cycle path	29	5	2	34	85.29%
Playground	25	8	3	33	75.76%

All three suggestions were popular with respondents, with a playing field marginally ahead of a cycle path or playground.

Question 9

What other facilities would you like to have?

Sample size – 30 (81.08%)

Facility	Number	% (of sample)
Youth club	20	66.67%
Lending service for DVDs/games	17	56.67%
Live music club	12	40.00%
Other*	6	20.00%

* Local shop (1), place to buy drinks (1), juice/burger bar (1), park (1), outdoor leisure centre (1), movie night/disco (1)

Respondents were not as in favour of the suggestions as seen in the previous question, however two thirds of the sample (20) would like to have a youth club – whilst the sample is small, it may be sufficient for a youth club to be a viable option for a future facility.

Question 10

Do you have problems getting to out-of-school activities/social events using public transport?

Sample size – 37 (100%)

15 respondents in the sample (40.54%) said they do have public transportation problems, compared to 22 (59.46%) who do not. It is likely that those who answered 'No' to this question do not use public transport, but lifts from parents instead.

Question 11

If more regular bus services were provided would you use them?

Sample size – 37 (100%)

16 respondents in the sample (43.24%) indicated they would use the bus service if more regular buses were available, compared to 21 (56.76%) that would not.

Question 12

If you have answered "No" to question 11, why wouldn't you use the bus services?

Sample size - 21 respondents said "No" to question 11, therefore the sample for this question is 21

Reason	Number	% (of sample)
Cost	5	23.81%
Timetable	5	23.81%
Length of journey	1	4.76%
Other *	11	52.38%

* Lifts from parents available (5), too young to use the bus on their own (4), don't need bus transport (2)

Question 13

Sample size – 37 (100%)

Are you involved in any community/charity activities?

10 respondents in the sample (27.03%) said they are involved in community/charity activities, compared to 27 (72.97%) who are not.

Of the 10 who answered "Yes" to this question, 6 are involved in community activities (examples include: Tewkesbury Town Band, church choir, football team, etc). 4 respondents are involved in charity activities, specifically fund raising, mostly through school.

Question 14

A Youth Parish Council (YPC) is a forum where young people exchange views and share them with a Paris Council. Would you like to have a local YPC?

Sample size – 37 completed

24 respondents in the sample (64.86%) would be interested in a local YPC, compared to 13 (35.14%) who would not.

Of those who answered “No” to this question, reasons given included: ‘because I wouldn’t find it useful’, ‘because we wouldn’t agree on anything’, too wide a scope of activity, no action’ and ‘because it would take up some of my time for good activities’.

Question 15

If you have answered “Yes” to question 14, would you be willing to be an active member of the YPC?

Sample size - 24 respondents said “Yes” to question 11, therefore the sample for this question is 24

14 respondents in the sample (58.33%) were in favour of active membership, compared to 10 respondents who would not be willing to be an active member.

Question 16

What are your plans when you finish compulsory education?

Sample size – 36 (97.22%)

The sample is made up of 25 respondents (69.44%) who gave a single answer to this question, and 11 respondents who do not yet have definite plans and therefore gave multiple answers.

Plans	Number	% (of sample)
Sixth form college	30	83.33%
Further education college	9	25.00%
Employment	7	19.44%
Modern apprenticeship	0	0.00%
Other*	2	5.56%

* National diploma in sport (1), get into professional sport (1)

Question 17

If you have answered “Sixth Form College” to question 16, which college do you plan to attend?

Sample size – 30 respondents gave “Sixth Form College” as one of/their sole answer to question 16, therefore the sample for this question is 30.

Plans	Number	% (of sample)
Hanley Castle Sixth Form	24	80.00%
Worcester Sixth Form College	3	10.00%
Other	6	20.00%
Tewkesbury Sixth Form (3)		
Worcester Technical College (1)		
Kings, Worcester (1)		
Hartpury or Pershore College (1)		

The majority of respondents anticipate attending Hanley Castle Sixth Form.

Question 18

If you intend to go on to higher education will you stay in the West Midlands?

Sample size – 34 (91.89%)

25 respondents in the sample (73.53%) indicated they would stay in the West Midlands to complete any higher education, compared to 9 respondents who would not as they felt there might be more suitable courses or better universities outside of the West Midlands and because some had a desire to explore new places.

Question 19

How do you see career opportunities for young adults within a 25-mile radius of Ripple Parish?

Sample size – 35 (94.59%)

Career Opportunities	Number	% (of sample)
Very good	1	2.86%
Good	13	37.14%
Average	12	34.29%
Poor	8	22.86%
Very poor	1	2.86%

40.00% of the sample gave above-average ratings (very good and good) for career opportunities in and around Ripple Parish, compared to 25.71% who awarded below-average ratings (poor and very poor).

Question 20

If you are between 11 and 16 years of age, do you see yourself living in Ripple Parish in five years time?

Sample size – 10 participants in the Young People Questionnaire were under 10 years of age. All participants aged 10 or above answered this question, therefore the sample is 27.

18 respondents in the sample (66.67%) see themselves living in Ripple Parish in five years time.

Those that said “No” to this question (9 respondents) gave reasons which included: university, poor transport, not enough jobs, no shops and lack of clubs or nightlife. The majority of these respondents see themselves living outside the West Midlands.

Question 21

Please state where you would like to be living in about 5 years time:

Sample size – 27 (72.97%)

A majority of the sample (15 respondents) would like to be living within Ripple Parish in about 5 years time – many of these respondents specified still living at home with their parents. Five respondents would like to be living just outside of Ripple Parish (Hanley Swan, Upton, Tewkesbury, Malvern). Three respondents see themselves at university but did not specify anywhere in particular and lastly, three respondents would like to live in bigger towns or cities including: Cheltenham, West Bromich and Manchester.

Conclusion

It is very difficult to identify any trends from such a small sample size. The number of respondents in the results and analysis section of this report should be focused on rather than the percentages, as the actual numbers are more useful for determining the viability of any new facilities/activities such as the playing field, youth club or YPC for example. Further consultation for specific ideas would need to be held with all of the young people in the Parish to understand which facilities/activities would be supported by them, and to base an investment decision upon a greater sample size before putting new amenities in place.

Three general conclusions can be drawn from the results: 1) young people do not think there is enough to do within the Parish, 2) most of the young people in the Parish enjoy (a variety of) sporting activities, and 3) many of them have plans to stay in the area once they finish compulsory education but are not sure about the long-term opportunities.