

Hardwicke Youth Forum

Youth Consultation
Project
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Project Background:

- There is no youth club in Hardwicke.
- Last summer we took a tour around 5 different youth clubs in the Stroud district to get an idea of the types of youth clubs/centres there are and look at what we think makes a good one.
- We presented this information to you at the beginning of this year. From that presentation, we planned to go out and find out what the wider youth community of Hardwicke wanted.
- Today we are here to present our findings to you from the survey we've carried out.



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Conclusions: Earlier this year

As a reminder this was our findings from the presentation earlier this year

- Dedicated spaces/buildings tended to be more comfortable.
- Shared spaces/buildings tended to be smaller with less to offer to young people

Positive key features needed for a suitable space:

- Well planned program dedicated to young people
- Indoor activities e.g., pool table, games consoles
- Outdoor activities e.g. green spaces, sports and seating areas
- Comfortable seating (sofas)
- Private conversations area (with youth workers)
- Computers / laptops for educational use
- Kitchen and food preparation area / lessons
- Good Wi-Fi
- Access to food (hot and cold)



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Conclusions: Earlier this year

1. Dedicated spaces proved more desirable than shared spaces.
2. Young people would like more to do indoors and outdoors.
3. Access to information support and opportunities proved essential.
4. Access to qualified youth workers are vital for good quality provision



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Creating the Survey:

Why?

- To gather the opinions of young people in and around Hardwicke about their community

What we asked:

- Do young people feel safe?
- Where do young people spend their spare time?
- What do young people like about Hardwicke?
- What changes would young people like to see?
- What opportunities / activities would young people like to be offered?
- Is a youth club needed or wanted? And what should it offer?



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How we did the survey:

The survey was aimed at 11 -19 year olds living or spending time in Hardwicke. We did this through 3 avenues;

1. Online - Survey Monkey. Severn Vale school put this on their homework portal.
2. On paper - We put copies in the Hardwicke Times
3. On paper - We visited Hardwicke Rangers training session

Responses:

In total there were **386** returned surveys

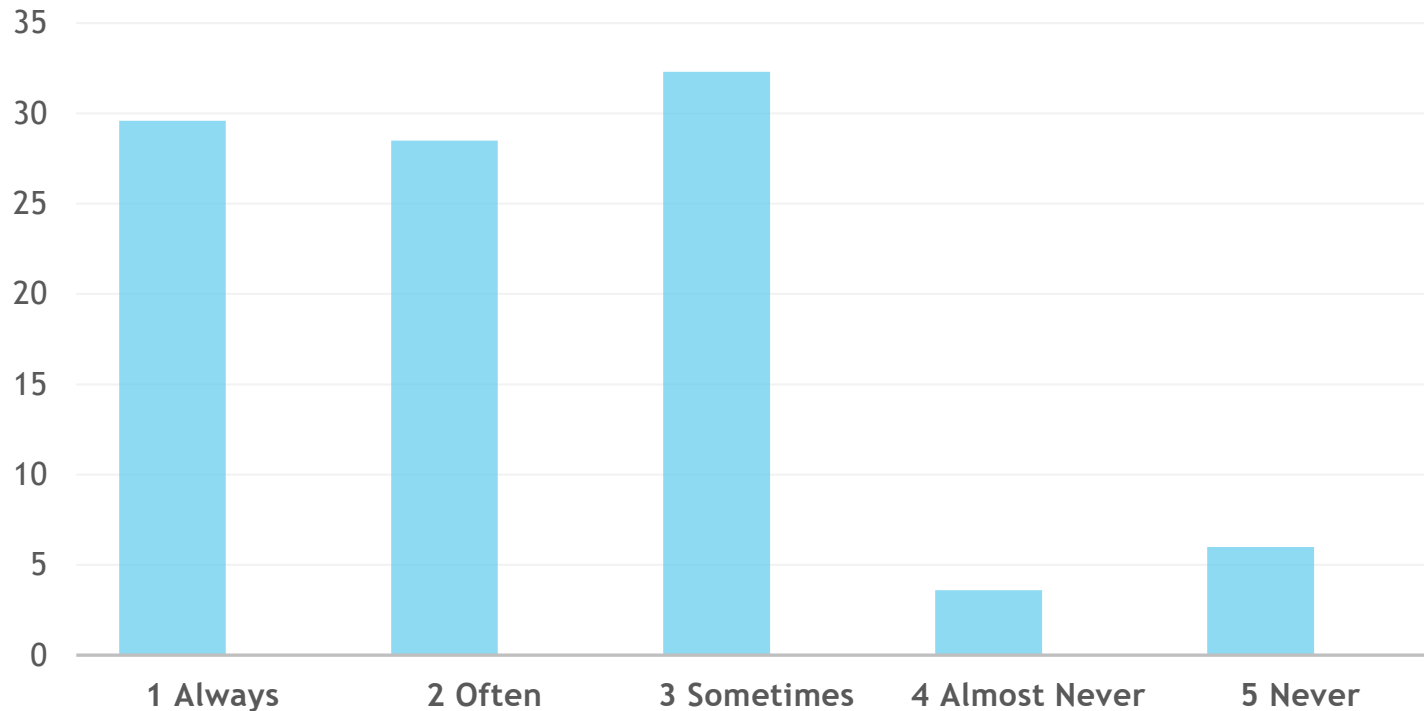
- 77.5% said they did live or spend large amounts of time in Hardwicke
- 22.5% said they did not live or spend large amounts of time in Hardwicke



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Do you feel safe in Hardwicke?

Safety in Hardwicke



This graph shows that the majority usually feel safe in Hardwicke

However 41.9% of responses said they sometimes to never feel safe. We feel this shows there are quite a few young people that don't always feel safe and this is a bit worrying as it is almost half.



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What makes you feel unsafe and where or when do you feel unsafe in Hardwicke?

Highest responses were:

- ▶ Dodgy people/people who live there
- ▶ Groups/Gangs/Roadmen/ Teens at night
- ▶ Drugs/ Drug dealers/ Smoking and Drinking
- ▶ Bad lighting in alley ways and parks / being alone at night.

Other responses that we thought we should report were:

- ▶ Men shouting from vans / men driving around in vans
- ▶ Knife crime/ crime and theft



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What do you do in your spare time in Hardwicke?

Options	Total
Hang out with friends in the community	194
Hang out at my friends house	188
Spend time at home	135
Go to other towns/cities	60
Attend activities and groups	49

This shows that there are a small amount of young people attending groups and activities in Hardwicke

This relates to the next question, where we asked what group/activities and sports teams people belong to and **261 young people said that they didn't belong to any.** Meaning groups may not be advertised well or there may not be any that are of interest to young people.

This also shows that young people in Hardwicke spend a lot of time with friends either hanging out in the community or at each other's houses or both.



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What do you like about Hardwicke?

Top 8 Responses were



Were you expecting *'community spirit/ the people'* to be the top result? Do young people want to belong and connect in their community?

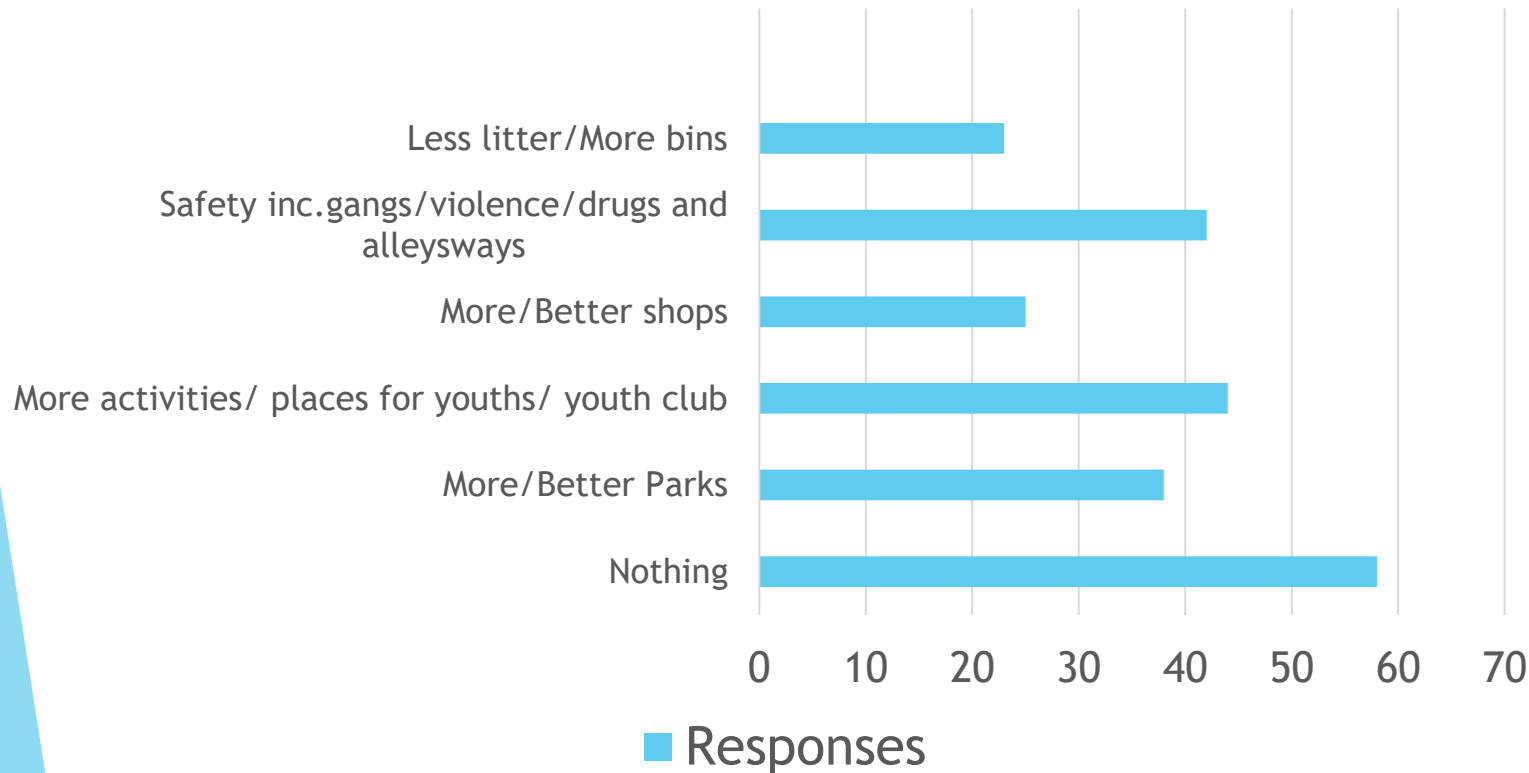
We've noticed that the 4th highest result is 'A lot to do/ Fun/ Places to hangout'. This proves our point that there isn't enough for young people to do since only 38 out of 386 said this.



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If you could change one thing about Hardwicke what would it be?

Responses



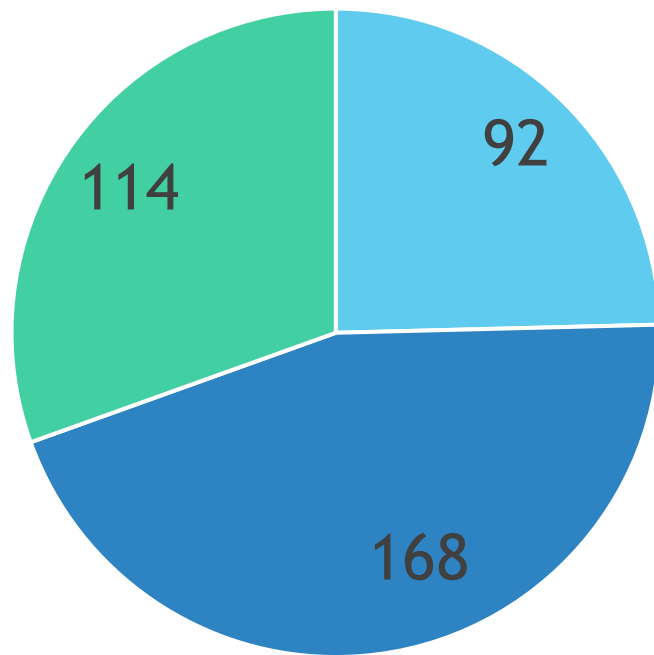
To run alongside our objective of creating a youth club, 45 young people said that they would like 'more activities/ places for youths/ youth club'.



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Are there enough opportunities for young people aged 11-19 where you live?

Responses



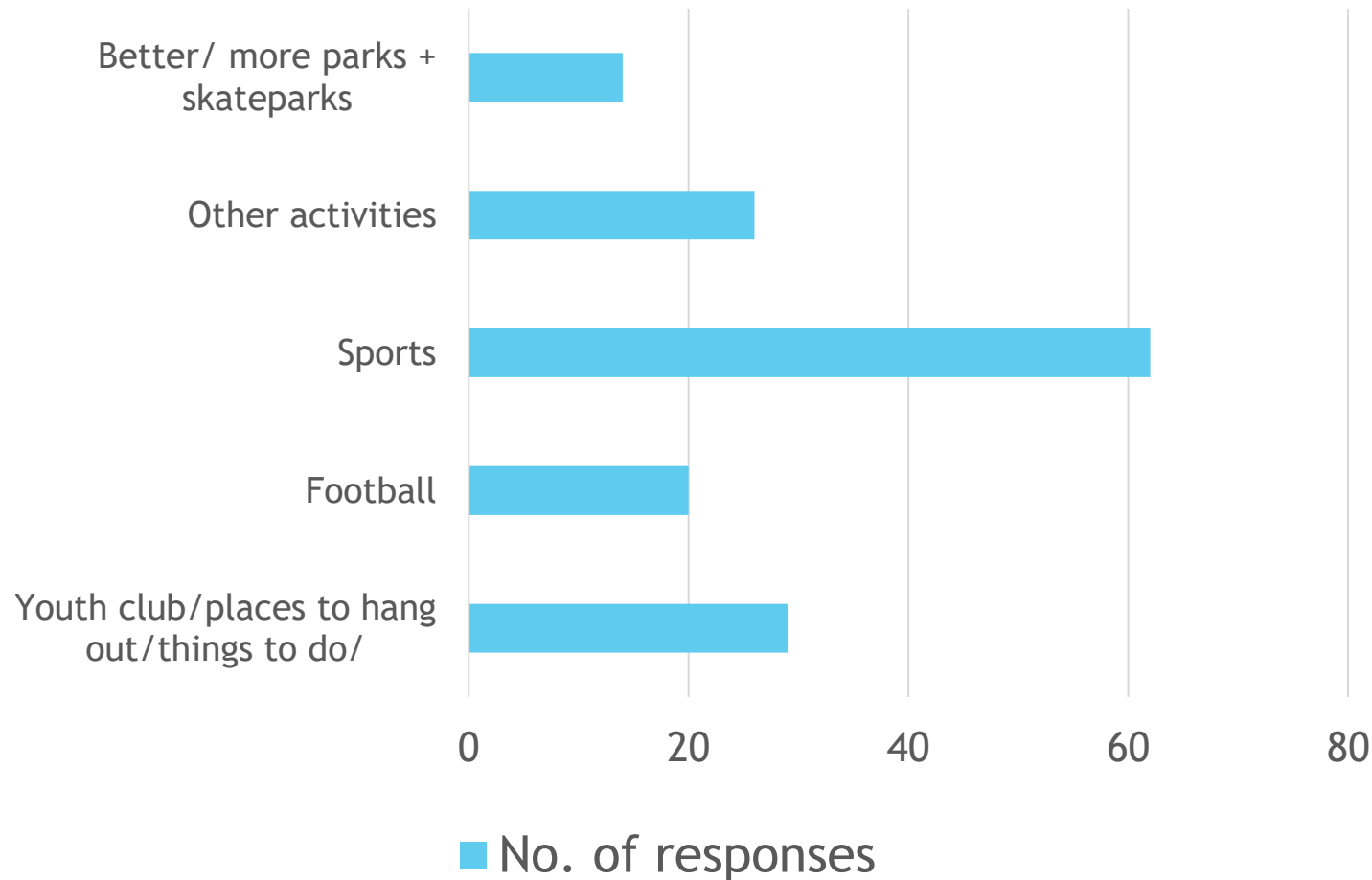
■ Yes ■ Don't know ■ No

The majority of people answered 'don't know' which could mean they aren't aware of the activities there are for young people. It may mean the activities aren't advertised, don't exist, or just aren't of interest to them.



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What sort of activities would you like Hardwicke to offer young people ages 11-19?



Responses included
Disco, Rave, Camping, Basketball, Cricket, Rugby, Dance, Swimming, Hockey, Tennis, Karate, Boxing, Volleyball, Trips, Paintballing, Rock climbing, Archery, Cinema, Acting, Music, Roller Skating, Gaming, Art, Job opportunities.

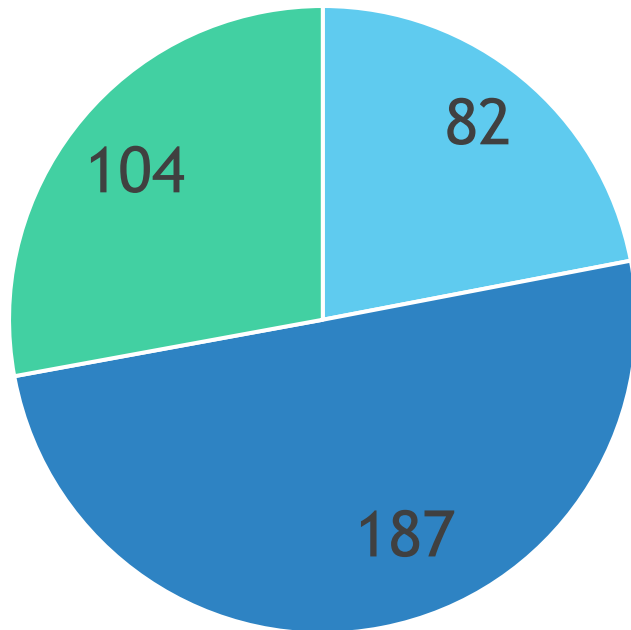
These are the sorts of activities a youth club could provide



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If there was a youth club in Hardwicke, would you attend?

Responses



■ Yes ■ Don't know ■ No

We think that most of the people who answered 'don't know' are unsure of what a youth club is and don't want to commit to something that they may have never heard of.

In the previous slide, it is shown that a lot of young people wanted the activities that may be available at a youth club.



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If there was a youth club, what activities would you like to see?

The top results were:

Activity	Total
Stereo system	271
Outdoor and Indoor games	230
Gaming	198
Movie nights	175
WI-FI	172
Pool/football table	162
Trips	148
Art supplies	146
Free condoms	143
Sports equipment	142
Computers and laptops	142
TV	139
Cooking/baking	135

We put this as a tick box question. We made this list based on the opportunities / activities we could see the other youth clubs provided from our trip around the district.



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If there was a youth club, what activities would you like to see?

Other results were:

Activity	Total
Info on mental health	87
Music/art sessions	91
Reading area	90
Homework club	69
Tuck shop	79
Info on physical health	65
Info on sexual health	60
Comfortable seating/beanbags	57
LGBTQ+ info and support	50
Other...	109

As you can see a lot of young people responded to the activities we offered on the list. Whilst 187 young people answered 'don't know' when asked if they wanted a youth club, we feel this shows that maybe not many young people in Hardwicke know what a youth club is or could provide. However it does show they like the idea of the activities that could be offered.



Our Conclusions

- ▶ We feel these results relate to the research on youth clubs which we presented to you earlier this year (please see slide 3 and 4)
- ▶ A common theme throughout the survey was, *'a place for young people to go'* and *'things to do'*.
- ▶ Young people want a safer community and want better parks/skate parks
- ▶ Many young people in Hardwicke are not a part of any groups, meaning they haven't got much to do.
- ▶ We feel that young people in Hardwicke have little idea of what a youth club is, however the list of activities young people wanted from a youth club had very high responses
- ▶ If we asked about wanting a youth club after showing the activities that could be provided, we feel that more young people would have responded yes from those high responses.



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What's next?

- ▶ We feel the results from this survey show that there is a need for a youth club in Hardwicke.
- ▶ We hope this survey has raised the possibility and interest of creating a youth club in Hardwicke and that we have the connections to involve the youth community to move this forward.
- ▶ The more young people who are engaged and involved in the development of this will mean there is more knowledge, ownership, interest, and pride which will lead to more attendance of the club. A youth club will thrive if young people's needs are met and will spark more involvement.
- ▶ We hope to be involved in the development of a youth club.
- ▶ We will also be willing to continue to help you move forward on tackling the other issues raised.
- ▶ How can we be more involved and work together?



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