



**YOUNG PEOPLES  
"HAVE YOUR SAY" SURVEY  
2014**

**FINAL REPORT**

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## KEY MESSAGES

- Young people are keen on having a good health service, a low level of crime and good shopping.
- Increasingly they want better job opportunities, better public transport and more housing.
- Compared with a year ago young people are a lot happier with shopping, health and education. However, they are not so happy with the level of traffic congestion, the state of the streets and housing.
- They use SDC's sports and leisure facilities and parks and open spaces more than the adult population.
- Young people are more satisfied with sports and leisure provision in the district than the adult population. They have similar views for parks and open spaces as adults.
- They are much more likely to say that anti-social behaviour is a problem than adults, especially rubbish/ litter lying around and people using or dealing with drugs.
- They feel more unsafe after dark than adults with the main reasons given as, not knowing what to expect, people hanging around on the streets and drunk people.
- Four in ten young people had drunk an alcoholic drink.
- A good proportion had drunk alcohol under the supervision of a parent, with a number having drunk alcohol in a public place.
- Around one in twenty responding to the question on drugs claim to have taken them.
- They do not feel informed about how the Council spends its money, and how it is tackling anti-social behaviour. For decision making young people held the same level of view as adults.
- Young people are likely to find out about SDC via the local media or word of mouth.
- Young people do feel that sometimes they miss out on activities due to a lack of transport.
- A good proportion of young people have high aspirations wanting to go to University or a College of Higher Education when they are 18.
- There is evidence that young people are carers in their home (1 in 10), with less than half not receiving external help.

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

## 1.0 Introduction

Young peoples' views (under 18s) are not asked for their views in the Residents' Survey (a cross section of residents in the District). To understand young peoples' points of view, a survey originally based on the National Best Value Satisfaction Survey was designed, with specific questions pertinent to young people added. By comparing directly with the previous young people's surveys in 2007/8, 2010, and 2012, along with the 2012 Residents' Survey, evaluation of the Council's policies and strategies can be undertaken. Also by comparing with the adult population, we can see differences in attitudes to the services offered.

The survey also gives the Council valuable intelligence on the quality of life for young people, and to help improve the quality of services available.

## 2.0 Methodology

Questionnaires were distributed to pupils of Alcester Academy, Kineton High School, Stratford-upon-Avon School, Southam College, and Shipston High School. The survey took place in July 2014 at four of the schools and in October 2014 at one further school.

546 questionnaires were completed and the responses received by the school are shown in Table 1. We thank these schools for their support of this survey.

Table 1:

<b>Name of School</b>			
	<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(546)</i>	<i>% of Base</i>
Southam College	206		38
Stratford upon Avon School	154		28
Shipston High	69		13
Alcester Academy	58		11
Kineton High	56		10

Each year group received the same version of the questionnaire, except for Year 7s who were not asked questions on drugs. Pupils gave the completed questionnaires back to the teachers who batched them up and were collected by Stratford District Council.

The report contains a summary of the findings of the survey. As per normal practice in local government, where a respondent did not answer a particular question or "don't know" was an option, these have been taken out of the result.

The report follows the order of the questionnaire. Charts and tables are used throughout the report to assist the interpretation of the results. Where results do not sum to 100% this may be due to multiple responses, (i.e. where respondent are able to select a number of options rather than just one) or computer rounding. The term "base" in the tables and charts refer to the number of responses to a particular question.

The comparison results by age and gender are only included if they are statistically significant. If a comment on a particular result has not been made, it can be assumed that there is no strong relationship between the two questions, i.e. satisfaction with parks and open spaces by age. The significance is calculated by comparing the mean of a category with the overall mean using a "z-test". This establishes the level of significance between the two results. For this report, only results showing a significant relationship between the two have been included (*there is evidence of a relationship, significant at the 5% level or lower*).

## **3.0 Summary of Results**

### **3.1 The Quality of Life in this Area**

- Young people were asked to state what the five most important things were making where they lived a good place to live. The top five in the District were health services (57%); low level of crime (53%); shopping facilities (37%); clean streets (36%) and affordable decent housing (34%).
- The top five improvements were better/more job opportunities (52%); affordable housing opportunities (37%); better public transport (36%); more youth facilities (33%); and better health information (28%).
- 76% of those young people surveyed in 2014 are satisfied with the local area as a place to live, an increase of 11 points from 2012, as opposed to nine in ten (92%) of all residents surveyed in 2012.
- 29% felt that education provision have got better over the last year, and the same percentage felt the same way about shopping facilities. 28% thought parks and open spaces had got better. 27% believed health services have improved over the last year, and the same percentage felt likewise about facilities for young children.
- So far as thinking things had got worse over this year, 28% believed the level of traffic congestion had got worse, 25% felt clean streets had and 23% thought affordable decent housing had got worse.

### **3.2 Information about the Council and Services**

- 67% felt not very well informed or not well informed at all about how they can get involved in local decision making, representing a fall of 9 percentage points from the 76% recorded in the survey of young people in 2012, however, it is still 10 percentage points greater than that of all residents in 2012.
- 22% of those surveyed said the main source used to find out about Stratford District Council was going to local media outlets.

### **3.3 Recreational Activities and Venues**

- 28% of young residents use SDC's sports/leisure facilities and events at least once a week, 3 percentage points more than in 2012. This is 11 percentage points more than all residents in 2012 (17%). The number of young people never using them has risen by a single percentage point from 8% in 2012 to 9% in 2014. However, this 2014 figure is 17 percentage points less than the 26% recorded by all residents in 2012 that never used the sports/leisure facilities and events provided by SDC.
- A quarter of those surveyed used play spaces and Stratford Skate park on almost daily or weekly basis.
- Exactly a half of those surveyed visited a park, open space or event on almost a daily or weekly basis. Results were similar to 2012.
- Over seven in ten young residents (74%) were satisfied with the sports/leisure facilities and events provided by the Council, compared to just under half (47%) of all residents, representing a difference of 27 percentage points. 4% of young people expressed dissatisfaction, versus 19% of all residents. Dissatisfaction fell by 6 percentage points from 10% of young people in 2012, to 4% in 2014.
- 52% of young people were satisfied with the play spaces and Stratford Skate Park.

- Exactly seven in ten young residents were satisfied with the parks and open spaces provided by the Council, compared with 73% of all residents.

### **3.4 Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Over half of those young people surveyed in 2014 (53%) felt that *litter and rubbish lying around* was either a very big or fairly big problem. This represents an increase of 1 percentage point from the 52% of young people feeling the same way in 2012.
- Around half (47%) were of the opinion that *people using or dealing drugs* was a very or fairly big problem: a fall of 8 percentage points from the 55% recorded in 2012. The 2014 figure is 26 points more than that of all residents feeling likewise in 2012.
- 39% of young people today regard *people being drunk or rowdy in public places* to be a very or fairly big problem: 20 percentage points more than that of all residents in 2012 (19%).
- 38% of young people surveyed in 2014 thought *other teenagers hanging around the streets* were a very or fairly big problem: again 16 percentage points more than that of all residents in 2012 (22%).

### **3.5 Community Safety**

- Asked how safe or unsafe young residents felt after dark in Stratford District, in 2014, 41% felt safe (one percentage point less than in the 2012 survey) with 31% feeling unsafe (an increase of 3 percentage points).
- Compared to all residents, young people feel a lot less safe when outside in the Stratford District after dark: seven in ten (72%) of all residents in 2012 confirmed they felt fairly or very safe, which was 31 percentage points more than the 41% of young people feeling that way in 2014.
- 85% of young residents in Stratford District felt safe when outside during the day, compared to 2% that felt unsafe. This represents an increase in young people feeling safe of 1 point from the 84% recorded in 2012.
- Compared to all residents in 2012 when 95% stated they felt safe outside in the District during the day, this is 10 percentage points more than the young people's figure.

### **3.6 Internet**

- Over 97% of young people have access to the Internet at home with a broadband connection.
- When asked about the speed of the broadband connection when using the internet, 64% stated that it was slow on occasions, 18% saying that it is slow most of the time and 18% stating that it is never slow.
- 85% of respondents stated that they have not been a victim of cyberbullying compared to 15% who have.

### **3.7 Drinking and Drugs**

*It is important to note that the 2014 sample overall is younger in age than that in 2012, hence the results show a reduction for drug and alcohol usage.*

- 6% of young people confirmed that they had taken drugs; this shows a 6 percentage point drop from the 12% in the previous year.

- 38% of young people surveyed in 2014 said they had had an alcoholic drink, a whole drink not just a sip. This represents a 26 percentage point decrease from the 64% in 2012.
- Young people were then asked which of a range of statements applied to them in the last year. 10% confirmed they had bought alcohol in a shop; this represents a 2% increase on the 8% in 2012.
- 5% stated they had been refused alcohol in a shop; this represents a 6% decrease on 2012.
- 46% of young people in 2014 have drunk alcohol at a friend's house compared to 64% in 2012; this shows a decrease of 18 percentage points.
- 33% of those surveyed have had someone else buy alcohol for them; this demonstrates a decrease of 14 percentage points from the 47% in 2012.
- 27% of young people have drunk alcohol in a public place, for example, in a park, comparing this to 2012 where 32% drunk alcohol in a public place demonstrating a fall of 5 points.
- Results for both surveys are exactly the same in that three-quarters of young people having an alcoholic drink have done so under the supervision of a parent or carer.
- 43% of those having had an alcoholic drink have drunk alcohol under the supervision of an adult who is not their parent or carer. This demonstrates a 7% decrease on the 50% figure in 2012.

### **3.8 Democracy**

- 41% of respondents stated that they would neither agree nor disagree when asked if they can influence decisions affecting the local area, 30% believed that they can influence change and 30% believed that they could not influence change.
- 57% stated that they would vote in the General Election, but there was still 43% who stated that they were not sure if they would vote in any election.

### **3.9 Transport**

- More than half (53%) of young residents sometimes feel they miss out on activities, i.e. social, sporting, cultural, due to lack of transport. 8% stated they always felt they missed out, however, over a third (39%) believed they never missed out. The results are similar to the previous survey.

### **3.10 Your Aspirations**

- 71% of respondents stated that when they are 18 they will attend University or a College of Higher Education; this represents the majority as 17% stated they would get a job and 12% will do an apprenticeship.

### **3.11 Caring**

- When asked if they were a carer at their home 10% stated that they were. 54% of respondents stated that they did receive external help compared to 46% who didn't.

## 4.0 Results in Detail

### 4.1 The Quality of Life in this Area

Young people were asked to state what the five most important things were making where they lived a good place to live. The top five in the District were health services (57%); low level of crime (53%); shopping facilities (37%); clean streets (36%) and affordable decent housing (34%).

Comparing this year's findings to the previous youth survey carried out in 2012, the importance of activities for teenagers fell by 16 percentage points from 38% in 2012 to 22% in 2014. Health Services which was the most important thing this year increased by 14 percentage points from 2012, and the second most important thing this year, which was low level of crime, rose by 8 points from 2012. The importance of job prospects fell by 5 percentage points from 31% in 2012 to 26% this year.

A total of 12 other reasons of what things were most important in making somewhere a good place to live were given and these can be found in Appendix 1.

Looking at significant results:-

- 60% of females, versus 45% of males, thought *health services* were most important.
- Four in ten males (37%), compared to 26% of females, cited *sports and leisure facilities* as being most important in making somewhere a good place to live.

Table 2: Thinking generally, which of the things below would you say are most important in making somewhere a good place to live?

<b>Quality of life in this area</b>			
	<b>All residents (2012)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(1847)</i>	<i>(837)</i>	<i>(505)</i>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Health services	50	43	57
Low level of crime	58	45	53
Shopping facilities	28	38	37
Clean streets	38	31	36
Affordable decent housing	30	29	34
Parks and open spaces	30	34	29
Sports & Leisure facilities	11	38	29
Job prospects	18	31	26
Education provision	38	21	22
Activities for teenagers	14	38	22
Public transport	26	27	21
Access to nature	35	18	20
Cultural facilities	13	22	15
Low level of pollution	9	10	14
Road and pavement repairs	20	11	11
Community activities	15	11	11
Facilities for young children	13	11	11
Wage levels & local cost of living	11	10	11
Low level of traffic congestion	21	8	10
Race relations	1	4	4
Other	2	3	3
Don't know	0	3	1
None of these	0	1	1

The survey then went on to ask young people what improvements could be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future. The top five improvements were better/more job opportunities (52%); affordable housing opportunities (37%); better public transport (36%); more youth facilities (33%); and better health information (28%).

Looking at the percentage change compared with the 2012 survey, areas that have a higher improvement levels in 2014 compared with 2012 include more apprenticeship opportunities

(+22%); better health information (+10%); more affordable childcare facilities (+9%); and training to run a house/flat (+6%). Those areas showing a lower score compared with 2012 include better public transport (-11%); better/ more job opportunities (-1%) and improved leisure facilities (-10%).

The “other” results, 11 in total, are included in Appendix 2.

Looking at significant results:-

- 29% of females, compared to 16% of males, stated *affordable decent housing had got worse*.

*Table 3: What improvements could be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future?*

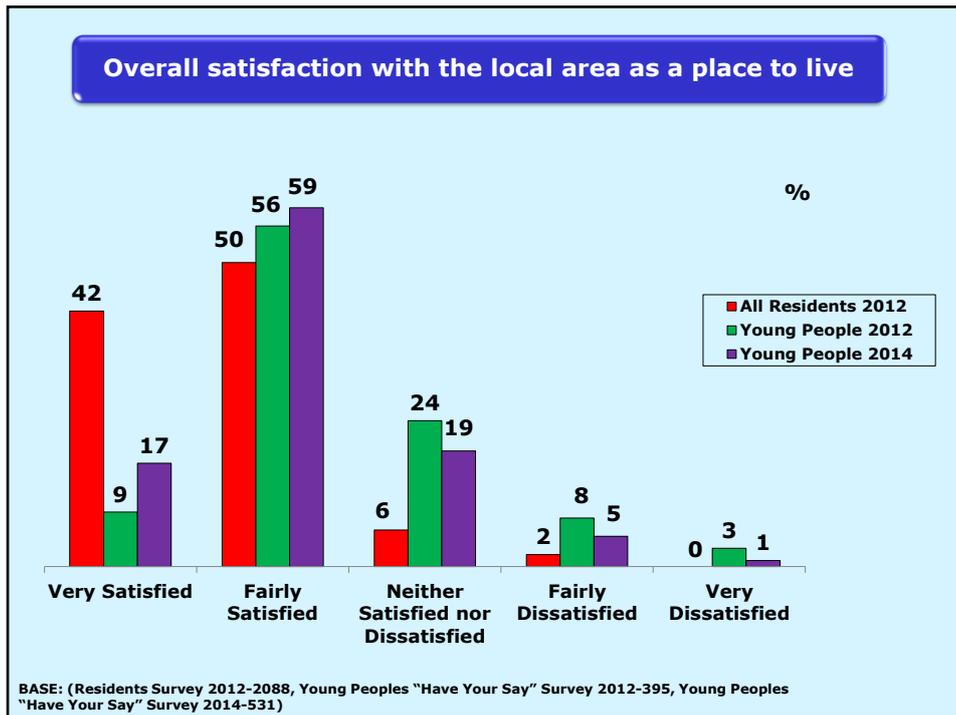
<b>Improvements to Stratford District</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Change (2012-2014)</b>
	<i>(410)</i>	<i>(867)</i>	<i>(515)</i>	
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	
Better/more job opportunities	27	62	52	-10
Affordable housing opportunities	23	32	37	+5
Better public transport	51	47	36	-11
More youth facilities (like youth clubs)	16	41	33	-8
Better health information	45	18	28	+10
Improved leisure facilities	29	38	28	-10
More apprenticeship opportunities	11	5	27	+22
More affordable childcare facilities	14	17	26	+9
Improved relationships in school	40	19	24	+5
Better relations with police	15	21	24	+3
Training to run a house/flat	14	16	22	+6
Supported housing accommodation for young people	22	18	20	+2
Actions to improve the environment	22	18	18	0
Better sexual health advice	46	14	15	+1
Young people involved with decision-making bodies	15	18	15	-3
Better information services (for young people)	25	15	12	-3
Accurate tamper proof ID cards	19	8	10	+2
Don't know	4	5	7	+2
Other	5	3	2	-1

76% of those young people surveyed in 2014 are satisfied with the local area as a place to live, an increase of 11 points from 2012, as opposed to nine in ten (92%) of all residents surveyed in 2012.

Looking at significant results:-

- 15 year olds were less likely to be satisfied with the area as a place to live with 52% satisfied against the average of 76%.

Chart 1:



## 4.2 Changes in Your Quality of Life

29% of young people felt that education provision have got better over the last year, and the same percentage felt the same way about shopping facilities. 28% thought parks and open spaces had got better. Over a quarter (27%) believed health services have improved over the last year, and the same percentage felt likewise about facilities for young children.

So far as thinking things had got worse over this year, 28% believed the level of traffic congestion had got worse, 25% felt clean streets had and 23% thought affordable decent housing had got worse.

Looking at significant results:-

- The *cleanliness of streets* saw 52% of 15 year olds saying it was worse.
- The older the respondent the more likely they were to say *education provision* and *the level of traffic congestion* was worse.
- 14 year olds were more negative about *parks and open spaces* than the other age groups.
- 22% of 13 year olds, as opposed to 9% of 16/17 year olds felt *public transport* had got better.
- 30% of males, compared to 22% of females, thought *sports and leisure facilities* had got better.
- Over a fifth of females (21%) were of the opinion that *shopping facilities* had got worse, as opposed to 15% of males.

Table 4: Thinking about your local area, for each of the following things do you think each has got better or worse over the last year, or has it stayed the same?

Changes in quality of life					
	Base ( )	Better	Stayed the same	Worse	Don't Know
		%	%	%	%
Activities for teenagers (526)		18	54	13	15
Affordable decent housing (524)		14	35	23	28
Clean streets (527)		19	48	25	7
Community activities (523)		18	49	13	19
Cultural facilities (526)		12	51	21	17
Education provision (522)		29	48	7	17
Facilities for young children (523)		24	54	7	15
Health services (518)		27	53	5	15
Job prospects (518)		15	42	15	29
Parks and open spaces (522)		28	51	16	6
Public transport (517)		22	54	11	13
Shopping facilities (517)		29	46	15	10
Sports & leisure facilities (517)		22	55	9	14
The level of crime (516)		19	35	21	25
The level of traffic congestion (524)		9	42	28	21

### 4.3 Information about Your Council and its Services

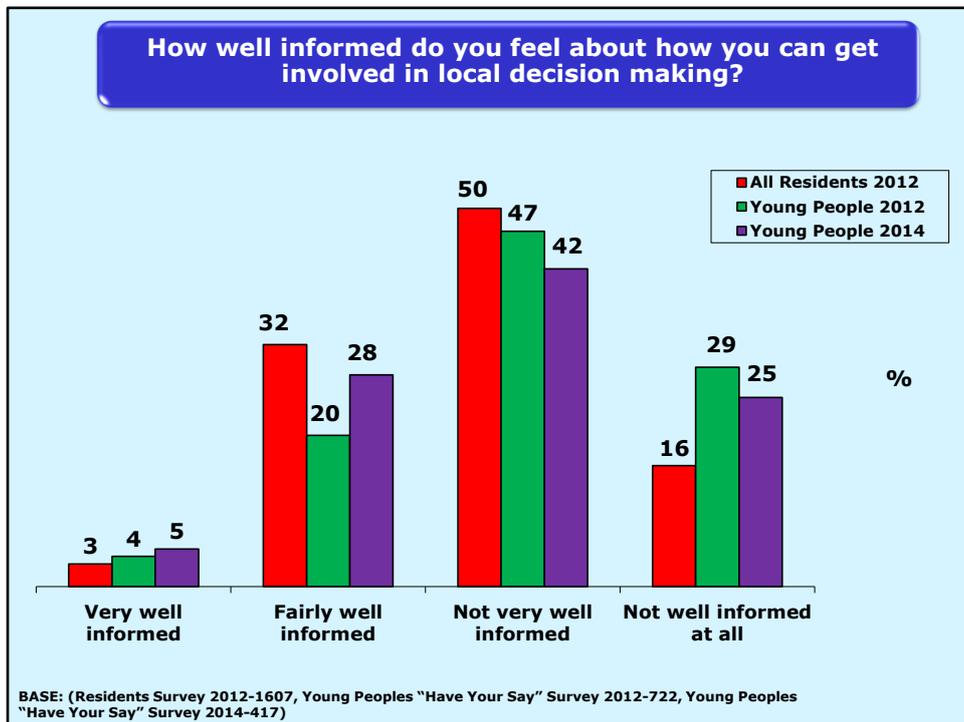
#### How to get involved in local decision making

Two-thirds of young residents (67%) felt not very well informed or not well informed at all about how they can get involved in local decision making, representing a fall of 9 percentage points from the 76% recorded in the survey of young people in 2012, however, it is still 10 percentage points greater than that of all residents in 2012.

Looking at significant results:-

- The older the person the more likely they were to feel not very well informed or not well informed at all about how they can get involved in local decision making: 79% of 16 and 17 year olds felt this way compared to 49% of 11 and 12 year olds.

Chart 2:



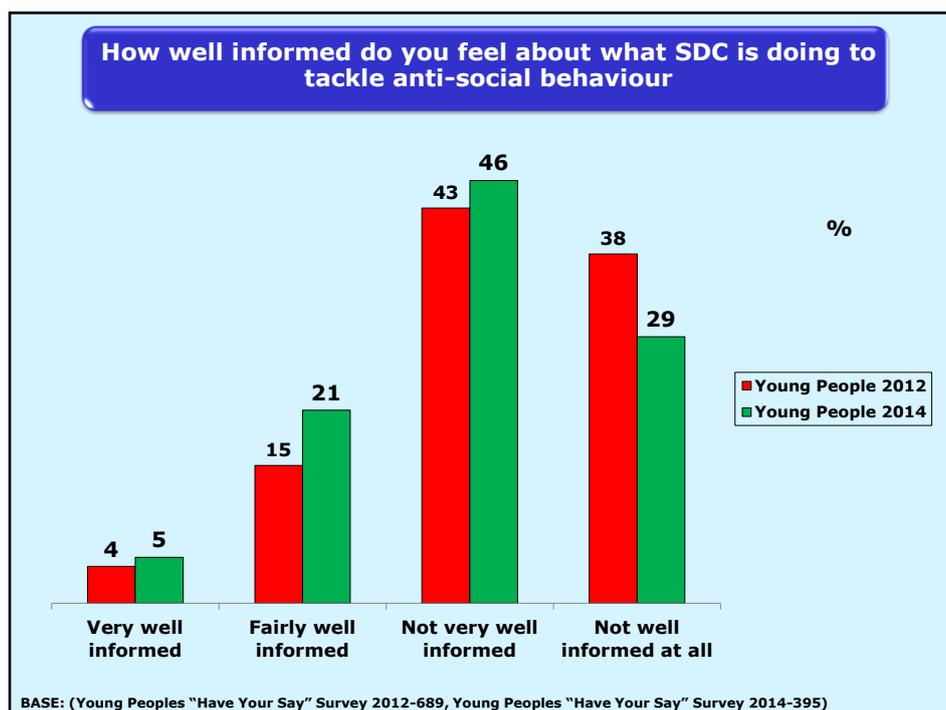
#### Feeling informed about anti-social behaviour

Those feeling very or fairly well informed rose by 7 percentage points when comparing 2014 with 2012.

Looking at significant results:-

- The older the person, the more likely they were to feel not very well informed or not well informed at all about what the council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in their area: 82% of 16 and 17 year olds felt this way compared to 49% of 11 and 12 year olds.
- Male respondents were more likely to feel informed (31%) than females (15%).

Chart 3:



22% of those surveyed said the main source used to find out about SDC was going to local media outlets. This saw a fall of 2 points on 2012. Word of mouth was also a main method of finding out (21%). 29 other sources were mentioned and are in Appendix 3.

Looking at significant results:-

- The older the person, the more likely they were to feel not very well informed or not well informed at all about what the council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in their area: 82% of 16 and 17 year olds felt this way compared to 49% of 11 and 12 year olds.

Table 5:

Ways of finding out about Stratford-on-Avon District Council		
	2012	2014
	%	%
(Base)	(833)	(480)
Local Media (newspaper, television, radio)	24	22
Word of mouth	21	21
Information provided by the Council (newspaper/magazine, leaflet, posters)	12	10
Social networking sites	9	10
Other source	4	6
None of the above	7	6
Council website/internet	4	5
Direct contact with the Council	1	1
From local councillor	1	<1
Don't know	17	19

## 4.4 Recreational Activities and Venues

### Usage of Sports/Leisure Facilities and Events

28% of young residents use SDC's sports/leisure facilities and events at least once a week, 3 percentage points more than in 2012 (25%). This is 11 percentage points more than all residents in 2012 (17%).

The number of young people never using them has risen by a single percentage point from 8% in 2012 to 9% in 2014. However, this 2014 figure is 17 percentage points less than the 26% recorded by all residents in 2012 that never used the sports/leisure facilities and events provided by SDC.

Looking at significant results:-

- Four in ten males (42%), as opposed to 32% of females, use sports / leisure facilities and events at least once a week.
- 12% of males, versus 7% of females, use them everyday.

Table 6:

<b>Usage of the sports / leisure facilities and events provided or supported by SDC in the last 12 months</b>				
	<b>All Residents (2012)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(1770)</i>	<i>(377)</i>	<i>(838)</i>	<i>(495)</i>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Almost every day	3	11	8	11
At least once a week	17	21	25	28
About once a month	14	22	21	17
Within the last 6 months	14	18	17	17
Within the last year	8	13	11	10
Longer ago	18	9	9	7
Never used	26	7	8	9

### Usage of Play Spaces and Stratford Skate Park

A quarter of those surveyed used play spaces and Stratford Skate park on almost daily or weekly basis.

Looking at significant results:-

- The younger the respondent the more satisfied they were with the facility.

Table 7:

<b>Usage of play spaces and Stratford Skate Park and events provided or supported by SDC in the last 12 months</b>	
	<b>2014</b>
(Base)	(493)
	<b>%</b>
Almost every day	8
At least once a week	17
About once a month	18
Within the last 6 months	12
Within the last year	6
Longer ago	8
Never used	31

### Usage of Parks and Open Spaces

Exactly a half of those surveyed visited a park or open space on almost a daily or weekly basis. Results were similar to 2012.

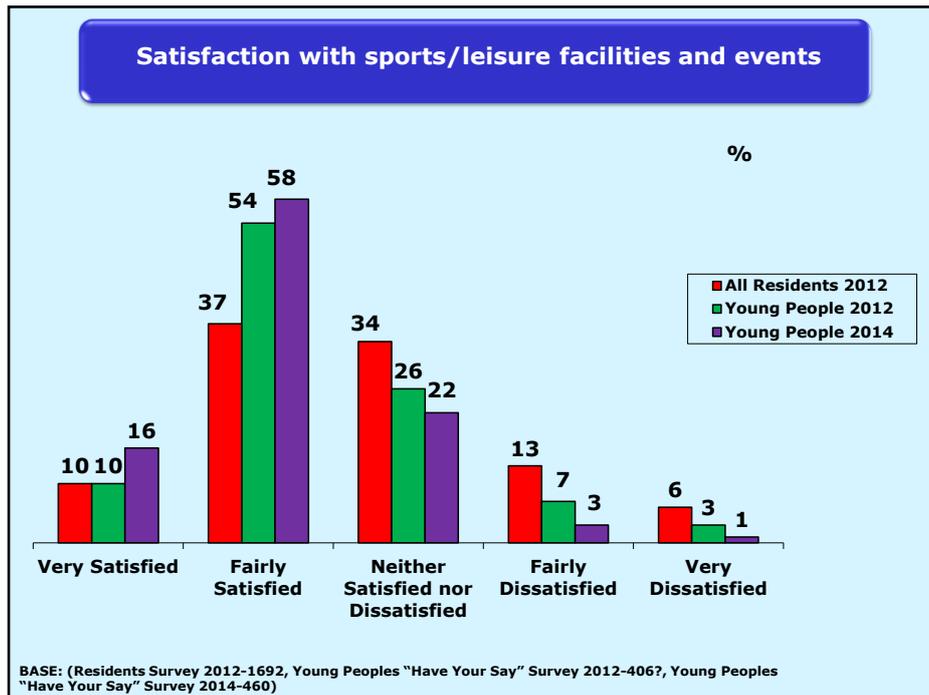
Table 8:

<b>Usage of the parks and open spaces provided or supported by SDC in the last 12 months</b>				
	<b>All Residents (2012)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>
(Base)	(1877)	(377)	(832)	(496)
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Almost every day	15	21	18	20
At least once a week	31	31	33	30
About once a month	21	22	22	21
Within the last 6 months	13	12	12	11
Within the last year	8	7	6	5
Longer ago	5	3	4	5
Never used	8	4	5	7

### Satisfaction with Sports/Leisure Facilities and Events

Over seven in ten young residents (74%) were satisfied with the sports/leisure facilities and events provided by the Council, compared to just under half (47%) of all residents, representing a difference of 27 percentage points. 4% of young people expressed dissatisfaction, versus 19% of all residents. Dissatisfaction fell by 6 percentage points from 10% of young people in 2012, to 4% in 2014.

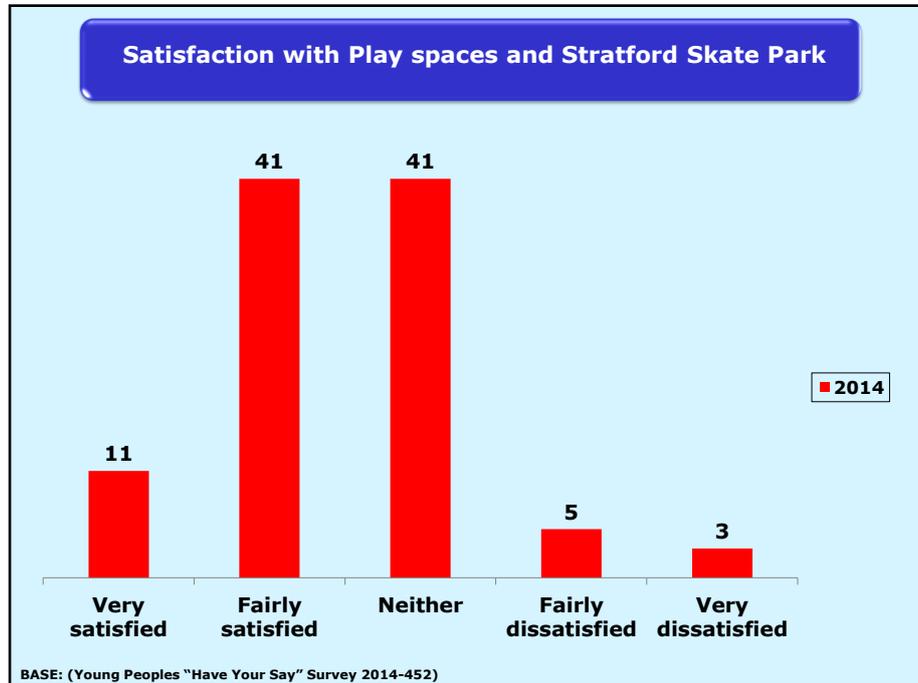
Chart 4:



### Satisfaction with Play Spaces and Stratford Skate Park

52% of young people were satisfied with the play spaces and Stratford Skate Park.

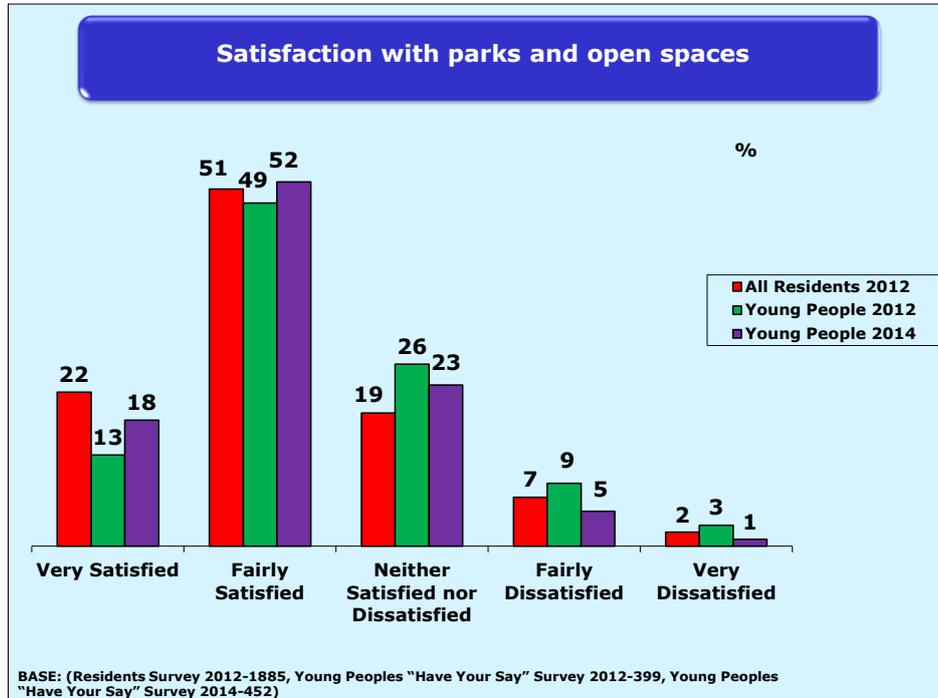
Chart 5:



## Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces

Exactly seven in ten young residents were satisfied with the parks and open spaces provided by the Council, compared with 73% of all residents. 6% of young people expressed dissatisfaction, versus 9% of all residents.

Chart 6:



## 4.5 Anti-Social Behaviour

Over half of those young people surveyed in 2014 (53%) felt that *litter and rubbish lying around* was either a very big or fairly big problem. This represents an increase of 1 percentage point from the 52% of young people feeling the same way in 2012.

Around half (47%) were of the opinion that *people using or dealing drugs* was a very or fairly big problem: a fall of 8 percentage points from the 55% recorded in 2012. The 2014 figure is 26 points more than that of all residents feeling likewise in 2012.

39% of young people today regard *people being drunk or rowdy in public places* to be a very or fairly big problem: 20 percentage points more than that of all residents in 2012 (19%).

38% of young people surveyed in 2014 thought *other teenagers hanging around the streets* were a very or fairly big problem: again 16 percentage points more than that of all residents in 2012 (22%).

Looking at significant results:-

- The younger the respondent the greater they felt that being *attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion* is either a very big problem or a fairly big problem.
- 60% of 14/15 year olds and 55% of 16/17 year olds thought *people using or taking drugs* was a very or fairly big problem.
- 41% of males, as opposed to 37% of females, felt *other teenagers hanging around on the streets* was a very or fairly big problem.
- 29% of male respondents against 19% of females felt that being *attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion* is either a very big problem or a fairly big problem.
- A quarter of male respondents against 16% of females felt rubbish and litter lying around was a very big problem.

Table 9:

<b>How much of a problem do you think each of the following are (those responding either a very big problem or a fairly big problem)</b>			
	<b>All Residents 2012</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>
<i>Base (474)</i>	%	%	%
Rubbish and litter lying around	19	52	53
People using or dealing drugs	21	55	47
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	19	45	39
Other teenagers hanging around the streets	22	40	38
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	16	46	38
People sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places	-	36	33
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	10	18	22
People being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion	19	28	22

## 4.6 Community Safety

### Feeling safe after dark

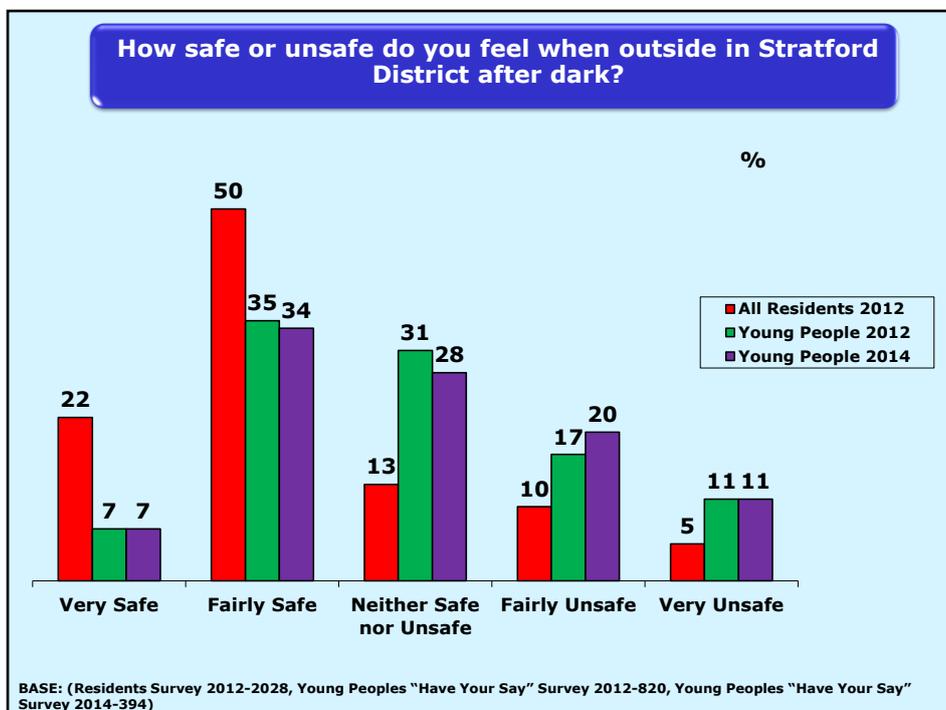
Asked how safe or unsafe young residents felt after dark in Stratford District, in 2014, 41% felt safe (one percentage point less than in the 2012 survey) with 31% feeling unsafe (an increase of 3 percentage points).

Compared to all residents, young people feel a lot less safe when outside in the Stratford District after dark: seven in ten (72%) of all residents in 2012 confirmed they felt fairly or very safe, which was 31 percentage points more than the 41% of young people feeling that way in 2014.

Looking at significant 2014 results:-

- At night, a greater percentage of males to females feel safe when outside in the District: 46% of males versus 33% of females feel fairly or very safe.

Chart 7:



The 103 reasons given for answering "fairly unsafe" or "very unsafe" after dark are included in Appendix 4, and are also summarised in the following table. 37% of young people felt fairly or very unsafe after dark because of *not knowing what to expect, who was out there, and being scared of what might be*. 17% felt unsafe due to people hanging around the streets, another 17% stated they felt vulnerable and another 17% mentioned drunken people.

Table 10:

<b>Reasons why some young people feel fairly or very unsafe after dark</b>		
	<i>(Base 103)</i>	
	<i>No.</i>	<i>%</i>
Not knowing what to expect / who is out there / scared of what might be	38	37
Teenagers hanging around	18	17
Feel vulnerable	17	17
Drunken people	17	17
Fear of attack	16	16
Don't like scared / Dark is scary	15	15
Fear of being kidnapped	8	8
Lack of street lighting	5	5
Chavs	5	5
Intimidating people / behaviour	5	5
Murderers	4	4
Smoking	3	3
Don't know	3	3
Other	7	7

### **Feeling safe during the day**

85% of young residents in Stratford District felt safe when outside during the day, compared to 2% that felt unsafe. This represents an increase in young people feeling safe of 1 point from the 84% recorded in 2012.

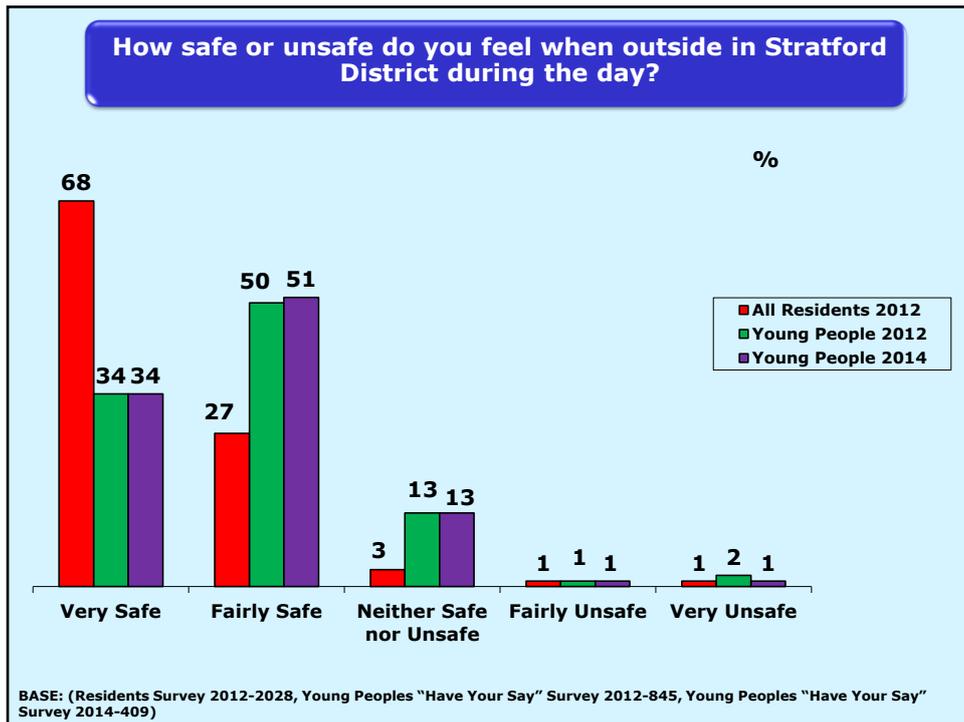
Compared to all residents in 2012 when 95% stated they felt safe outside in the District during the day, this is 10 percentage points more than the young people's figure.

The three reasons given by young people for answering, "fairly unsafe" or "very unsafe" when outside in Stratford District during the day, are included in Appendix 5.

Looking at significant 2014 results:-

- During the day, a greater percentage of males feel very safe when outside in the District: 44% of males versus 26% of females feel very safe.

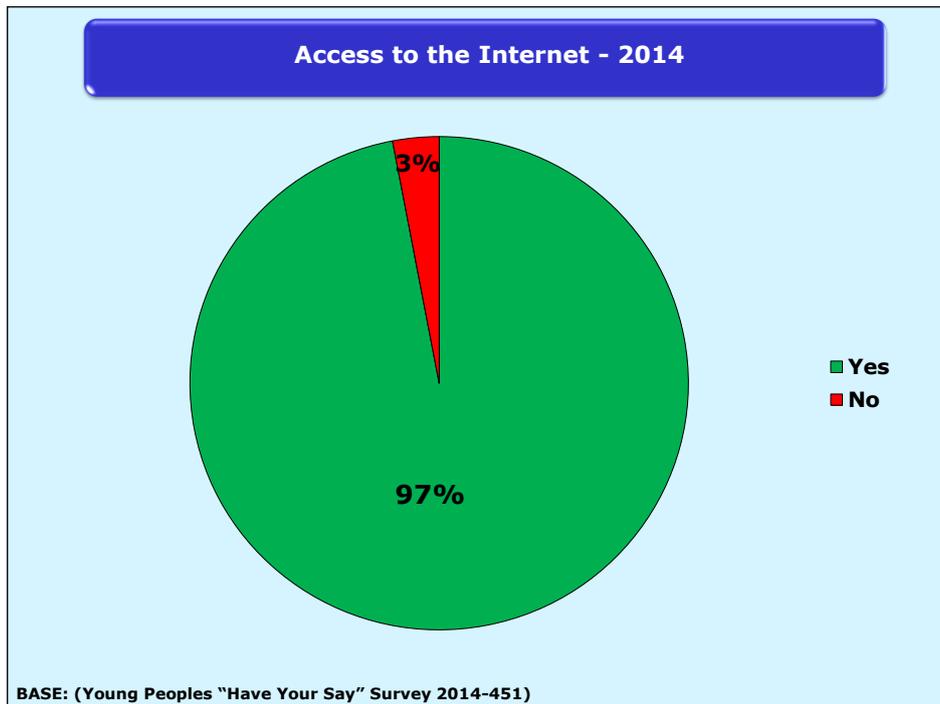
Chart 8:



## 4.7 Internet

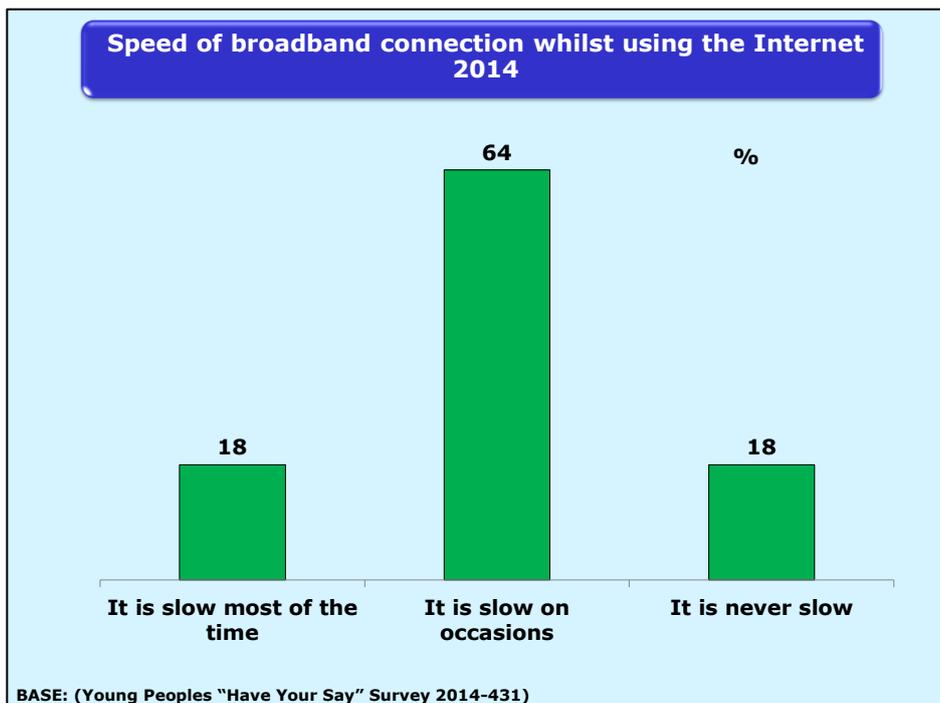
Over 97% of young people have access to the Internet at home with a broadband connection.

Chart 9:



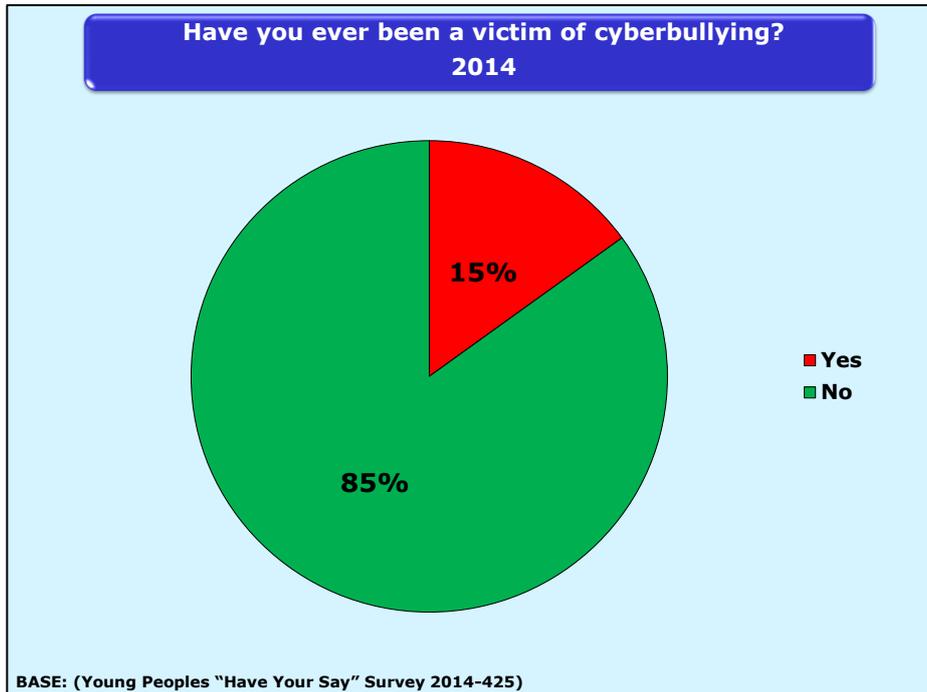
When asked about the speed of the broadband connection when using the internet, 64% stated that it was slow on occasions, 18% saying that it is slow most of the time and 18% stating that it is never slow.

Chart 10:



85% of respondents stated that they have not been a victim of cyberbullying compared to 15% who have.

Chart 11:



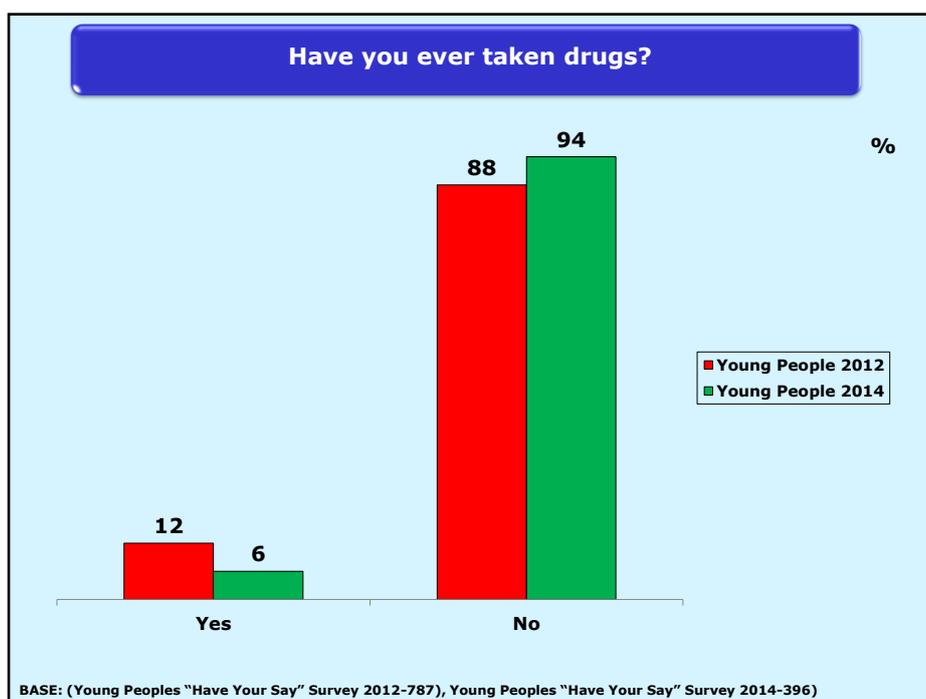
## 4.8 Drinking and Drugs

*It is important to note that the 2014 sample overall is younger in age than that in 2012, hence the results show a reduction for drug and alcohol usage.*

### Taking drugs

6% of young people confirmed that they had taken drugs; this shows a 6 percentage point drop from the 12% in the previous year.

Chart 12:



In the last four weeks, those having taken drugs were asked which kind.

Any kind off legal high (powders, pills or smoking blends) = 3 respondents

Cannabis of skunk = 2 respondents

Solvents, glue or gas (to inhale or sniff) = 2 respondents

Any other drugs (like cocaine, LSD, ecstasy, heroin, crack, speed, magic mushrooms etc.) = 2 respondents

### Alcohol

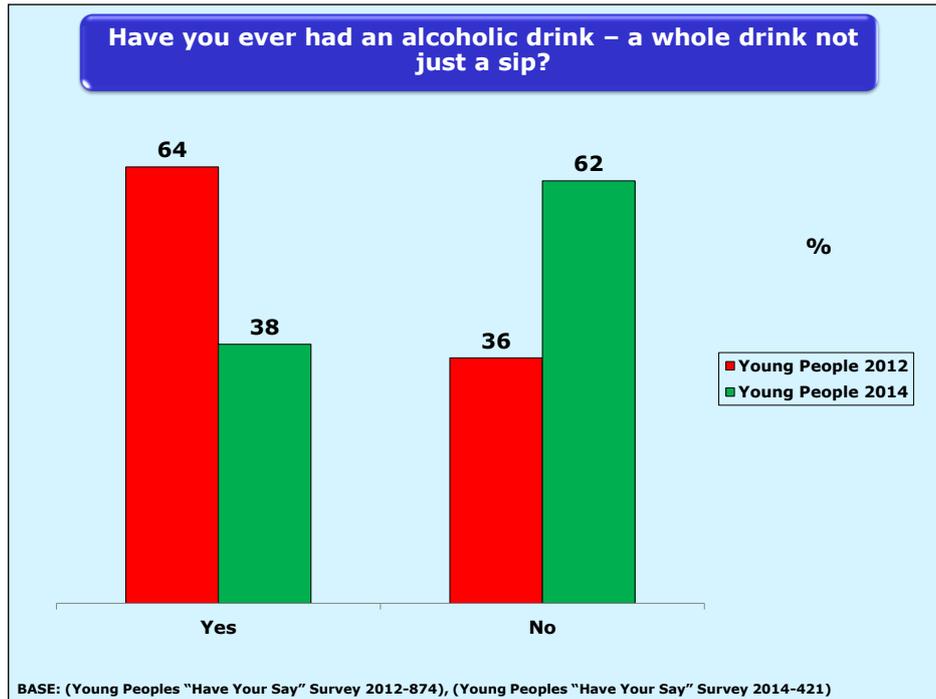
38% of young people surveyed in 2014 said they had had an alcoholic drink, a whole drink not just a sip. This represents a 26 percentage point decrease from the 64% in 2012.

30 respondents said they had been drunk in the last four weeks.

Looking at significant results:-

- The older the person, the more likely they are to have had an alcoholic drink: 85% of 16 and 17 year olds, versus 22% of 11 and 12 year olds confirmed this was the case.
- 42% of male respondents had had an alcoholic drink against 31% of females.

Chart 13:



Young people were then asked which of a range of statements applied to them in the last year. 10% confirmed they had bought alcohol in a shop; this represents a 2% increase on the 8% in 2012.

Looking at significant results:-

- A greater proportion of male respondents had bought alcohol in a shop than females – 20% against 2%.

Chart 14:



5% stated they had been refused alcohol in a shop; this represents a 6% decrease on 2012.

Chart 15:

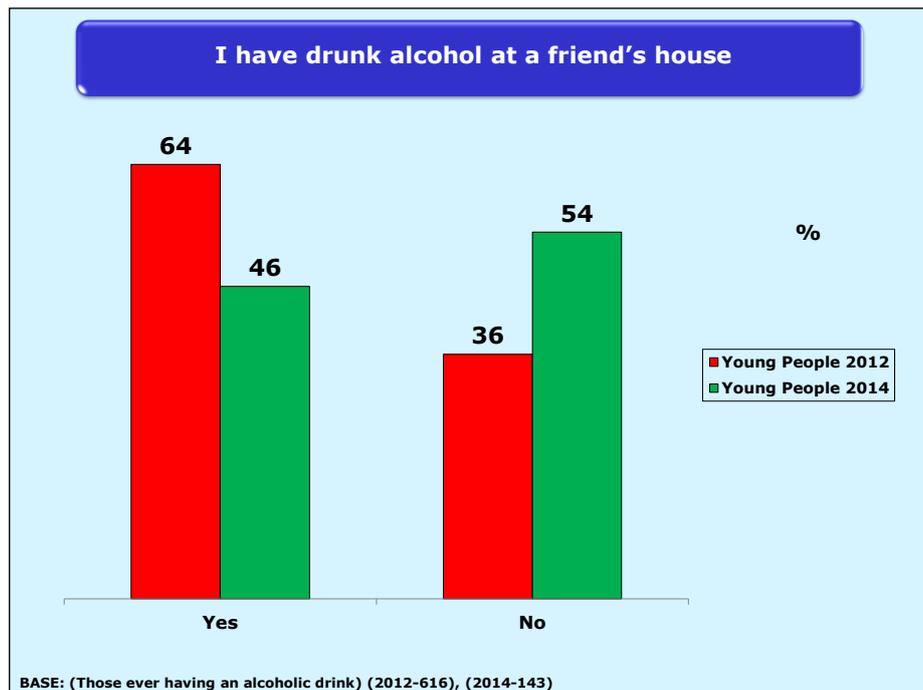


46% of young people in 2014 have drunk alcohol at a friend's house compared to 64% in 2012; this shows a decrease of 18 percentage points.

Looking at significant results:-

- Older, rather than younger, are more likely to have drunk alcohol at a friend's house: 81% of those aged 16/17 had done so, compared to 32% of those aged 11 and 12.

Chart 16:

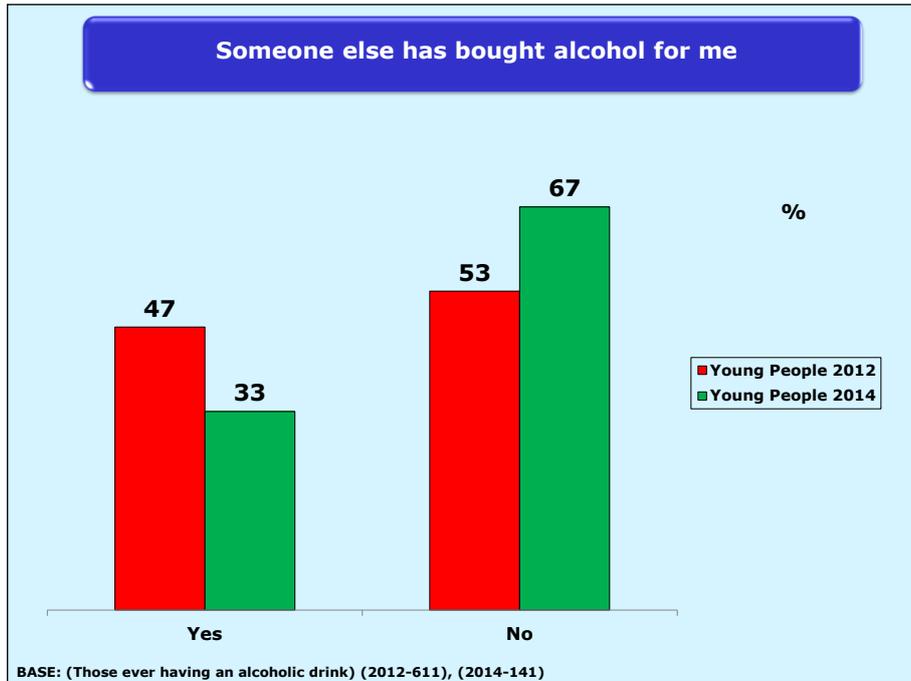


A third of those surveyed have had someone else buy alcohol for them; this demonstrates a decrease of 14 percentage points from the 47% in 2012.

Looking at significant results:-

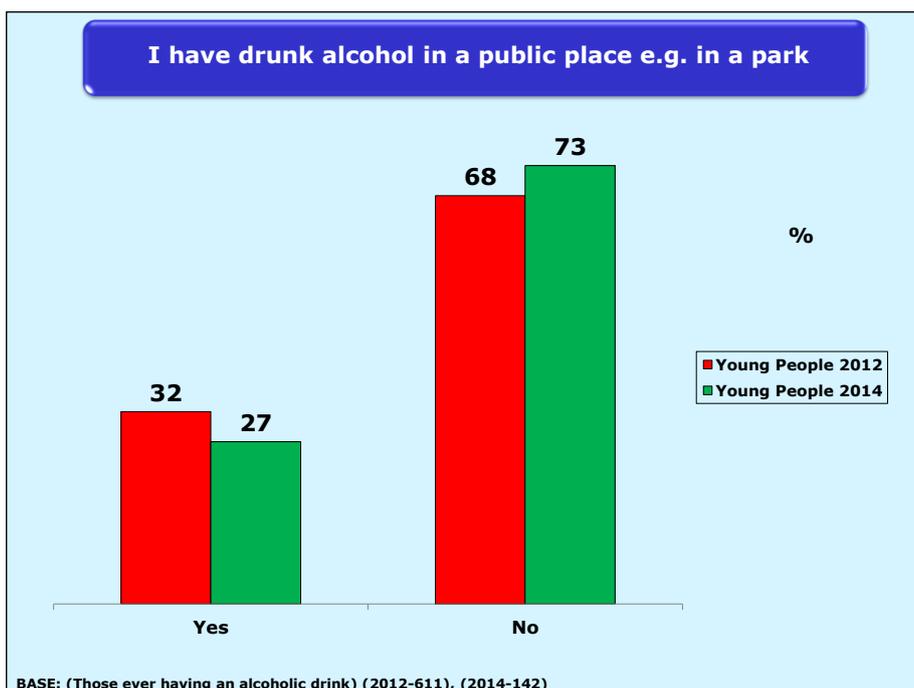
- Similarly, older, rather than younger, are more likely to have had someone else buy alcohol for them: three quarters (73%) of 16 and 17 year olds, versus 17% of 13 year olds.

Chart 17:



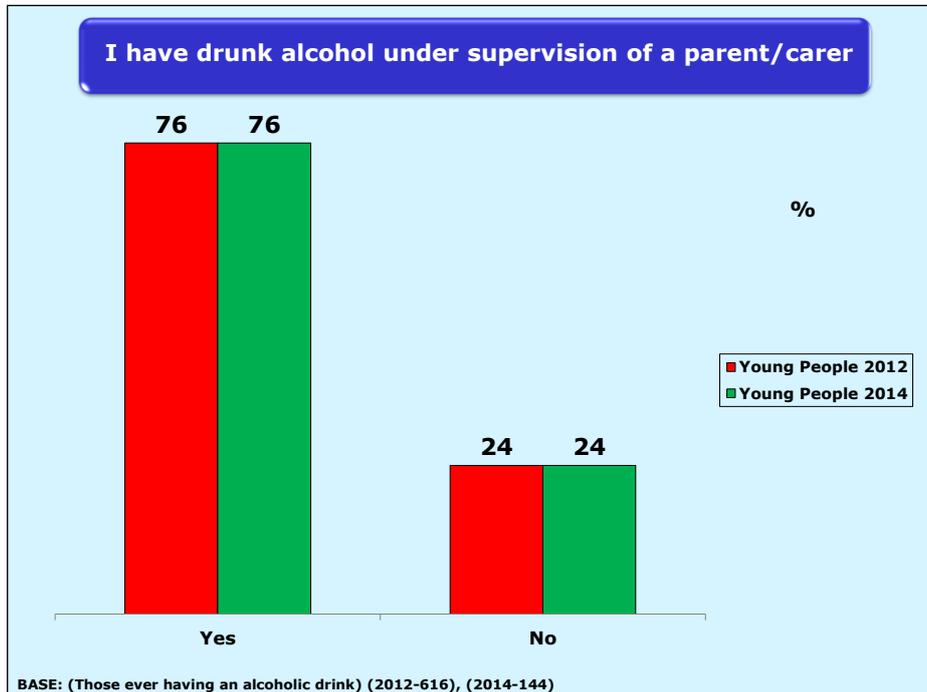
27% of young people have drunk alcohol in a public place, for example, in a park, comparing this to 2012 where 32% drunk alcohol in a public place demonstrating a fall of 5 points.

Chart 18:



Results for both surveys are exactly the same in that three-quarters of young people having an alcoholic drink have done so under the supervision of a parent or carer.

Chart 19:

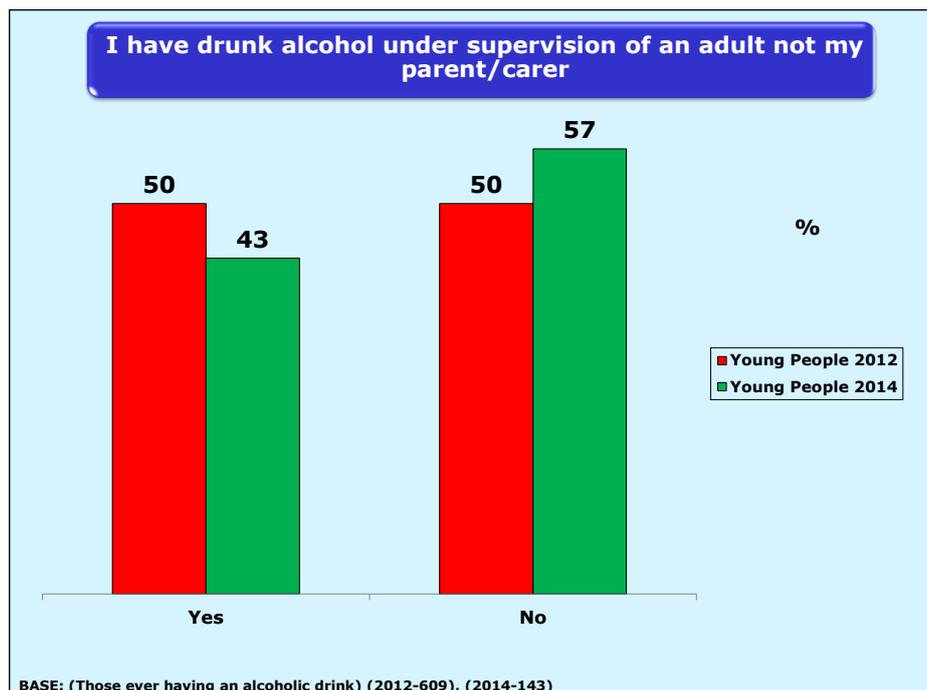


43% of those having had an alcoholic drink have drunk alcohol under the supervision of an adult who is not their parent or carer. This demonstrates a 7% decrease on the 2012 figure.

Looking at significant results:-

- Older, rather than younger, people have drunk alcohol under the supervision of an adult who is not their parent / carer: 63% of 16 and 17 year olds, compared to 30% of 13 year olds, stated they had done so.

Chart 20:



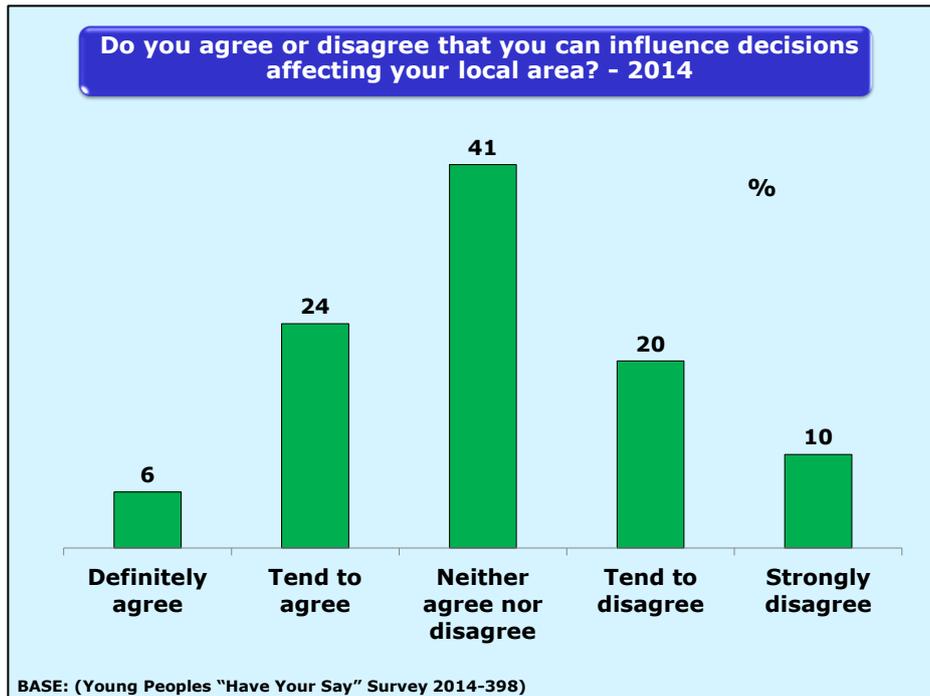
## 4.9 Democracy

41% stated that they would neither agree nor disagree when asked if they can influence decisions affecting the local area, 30% believed that they can influence change and 30% believed that they could not influence change.

Looking at significant results:-

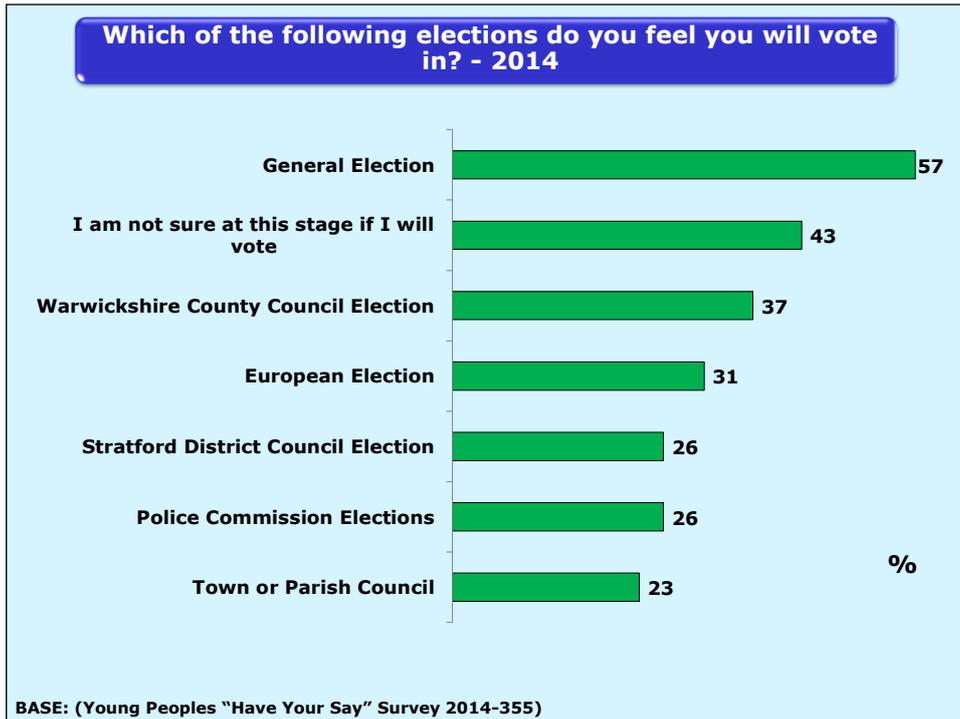
- The older the young person the more likely they were to disagree that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.

Chart 21:



57% of respondents stated that they would vote in the General Election, but there was still 43% who stated that they were not sure if they would vote in any election.

Chart 22:



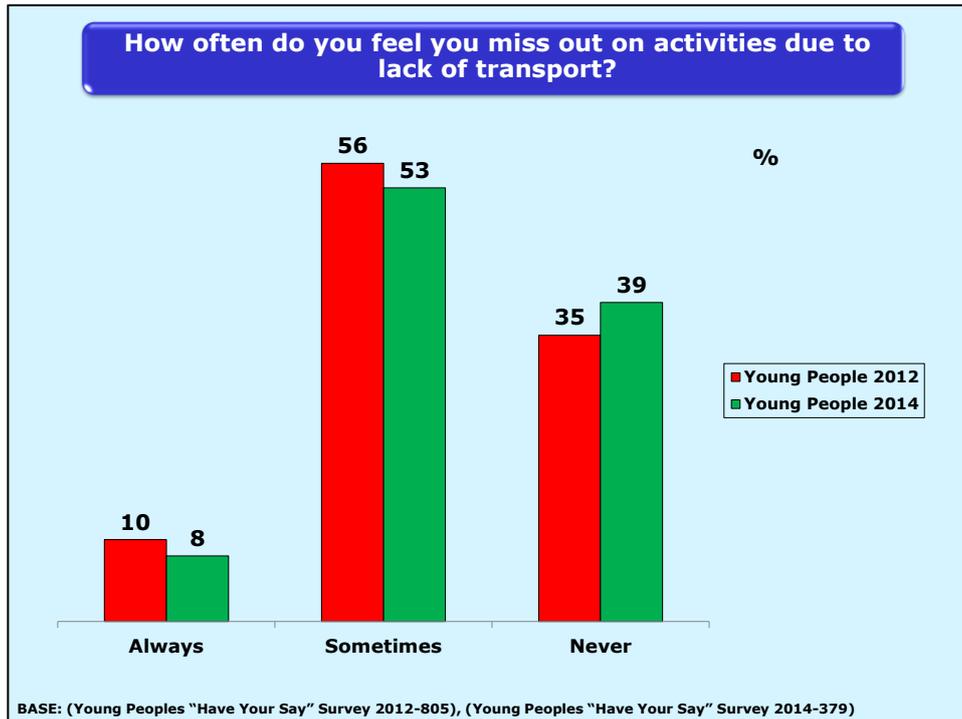
## 4.10 Transport

More than half (53%) of young residents sometimes feel they miss out on activities, i.e. social, sporting, cultural, due to lack of transport. 8% stated they always felt they missed out, however, over a third (39%) believed they never missed out. The results are similar to the previous survey.

Looking at significant results:-

- 24% of 16 and 17 year olds felt they always missed out against 3% of 13 year olds.

Chart 23:



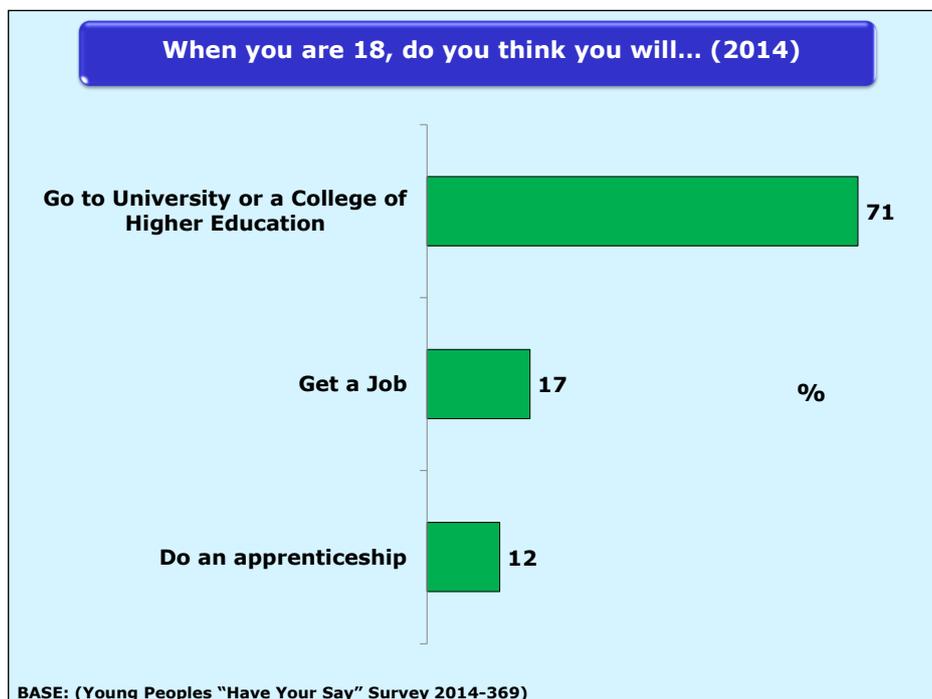
#### 4.11 Your Aspirations

71% of respondents stated that when they are 18 they will attend University or a College of Higher Education; this represents the majority as 17% stated they would get a job and 12% will do an apprenticeship.

Looking at significant results:-

- 24% of 16 and 17 year olds felt they always missed out against 3% of 13 year olds.
- 81% of female respondents indicated they would like to go to university or a College of Higher Education when they were 18, 62% of males felt the same way. Male respondents were keener on apprenticeships.

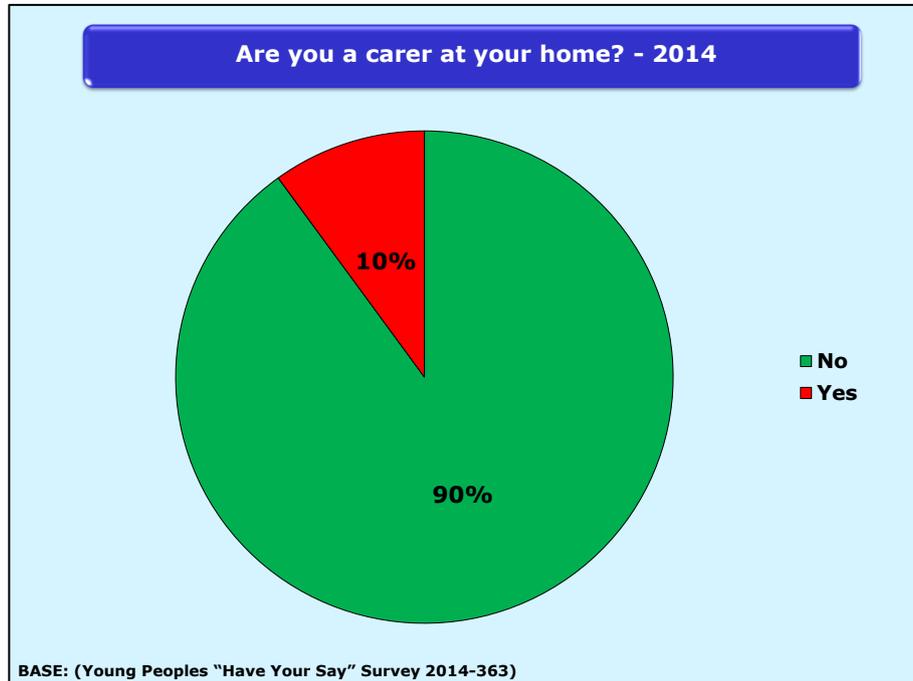
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## 4.12 Caring

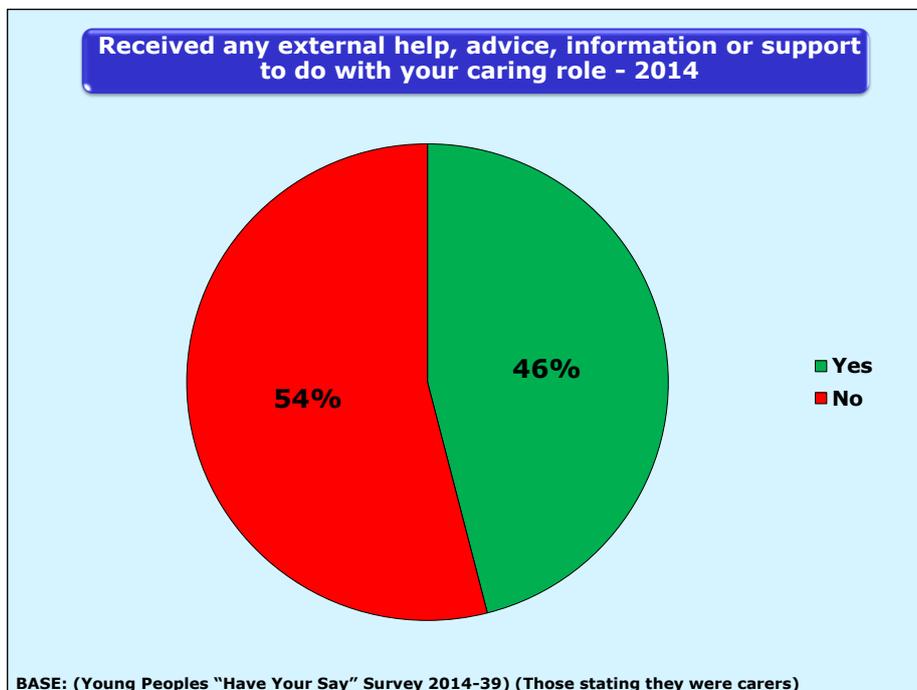
When asked if they were a carer at their home 10% stated that they. The number of hour's respondents felt they do as carers are listed in appendix 6.

Chart 25:



54% of respondents stated that they did receive external help compared to 46% who didn't.

Chart 26:



#### 4.13 Profile Information

Table 11:

<b>Gender</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(366)</i>	<i>(809)</i>	<i>(376)</i>	<i>(381)</i>
	%	%	%	%
Male	47	52	51	42
Female	53	48	49	58

Table 12:

<b>Age on last birthday</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(351)</i>	<i>(793)</i>	<i>(366)</i>	<i>(370)</i>
	%	%	%	%
10	1	0	1	0
11	4	2	4	3
12	24	10	13	12
13	45	25	22	18
14	9	24	28	26
15	7	32	28	20
16	6	1	1	10
17	4	6	2	9

Table 13:

<b>Length of time living in Stratford District</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(339)</i>	<i>(768)</i>	<i>(369)</i>	<i>(349)</i>
	%	%	%	%
Under 1 year	4	2	3	5
1-2 years	4	2	4	6
3-5 years	6	7	11	8
6-10 years	14	15	17	12
Over 10 years	52	58	48	52
Don't know / can't remember	20	16	17	17

Table 14:

<b>Long-standing illness, disability or infirmity</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	(333)	(772)	(367)	(363)
	%	%	%	%
Yes	13	10	14	11
No	87	90	86	89

Table 15:

<b>Does this illness or disability limit activities in any way?</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	(41)	(75)	(49)	(39)
	%	%	%	%
Yes	51	48	53	44
No	49	52	47	56

Table 16:

<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	(332)	(784)	(361)	(373)
	%	%	%	%
White	88	91	95	96
Mixed	7	3	1	2
Asian or Asian British	3	2	2	2
Black or Black British	1	1	2	1
Chinese	1	1	1	-
Other ethnic group	0	2	-	-

### Other Comments

147 comments were received from respondents when asked what one issue bothers them the most and to explain why: these are listed in Appendix 7, and are summarised in the table below. 16% of those surveyed stated the lack of facilities and things for young people to do bothered them the most. 8% were concerned with rubbish, 7% cited lack of / or poor and expensive public transport, and 7% were concerned about alcohol.

Table 17:

<b>Issues which bother young people the most</b>			
	<i>(Base 147)</i>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Lack of facilities / things for young people to do		24	16
Litter / dumped rubbish / dirty smells		12	8
Lack of / or poor and expensive public transport		11	7
Alcohol		10	7
Drugs		7	5
Chavs		6	4
Bullying / intimidating behaviour		5	3
Vandalism / graffiti		5	3
Crime		4	3
Smoking		4	3
Dog mess		4	3
Bad traffic		4	3
Lack of street lighting		4	3
Stalkers		3	2
Housing issues: expense / too many / not liked		3	2
Lack of communication/information		3	2
Views not listened too		3	2
Theft		3	2
Gypsies / travellers / tramps		3	2
Nothing		7	5
Don't know		12	8
Other		40	27

Finally, young people were questioned as to whether there was anything else they would like to add: 35 comments were received, as per Appendix 8.

# **APPENDICES**

## **Appendix 1**

### **Question 1a – Other reasons respondents gave that are the most important in making somewhere a good place to live (12)**

- Food places
- Skate park
- Good neighbours.
- Good Wi-Fi
- Good Wi-Fi.
- Parks and fields for ball games.
- Low level of hooded youth's congregating.
- Motor cross track.
- Minimum number of chavs
- High level of traffic.
- Gaming
- Cinema/bowling or fast food.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Question 2a – Other improvements respondents gave which could be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future (11)**

- Advice on university or getting your first job.
- Better policing
- More voting opportunities.
- Cinema and things to do.
- Make surveys easier
- More parks and places to hang out.
- More authority upon poorly behaved.
- Ali port
- Nando's
- Education
- Clubs for all ages.

## **Appendix 3**

### **Question 7a - Other sources to find out about Stratford-on-Avon District Council (29)**

- School
- Go to Stratford-on-Avon District council meetings.
- Go to Stratford
- From teacher
- My school.
- All of the above.
- This booklet don't know a lot.
- This Booklet.
- This booklet
- School.
- School.
- Through the school.
- School.
- School.
- Hearing what my parents say.
- This form.
- This survey.
- School

- I didn't.
- From school.
- Buses, posters, leaflets
- My friend xxx who knows all.
- Tram my mum as she a conductor.
- I never hear about the council.
- My mum as she works here.
- A little booklet called the Link
- School
- Relative works there.
- School.

## Appendix 4

### Question 12 – If you answered “fairly unsafe” and “very unsafe” to how safe you feel when outside after dark in Stratford District (103)

- Because I find being outside in the dark scary anywhere.
- Because I feel that people could get hurt by other people.
- Because anyone could be around doing things and waiting for young people to walk past.
- Not sure if bad people are about.
- Because all the tripping people are out then.
- If I am on my own I get worried that something negative will happen.
- A lot of crime
- I have been previously burgled so I feel very unsafe.
- Because anyone could follow you and there are not many street lights so people can be followed and watched.
- Because you don't know who is around.
- Because when it's dark you don't know if people are in the dark or somewhere unsafe.
- Because you don't know who is around.
- I don't like the dark much
- Because of drunk teenagers.
- Because there's a lot of drunk people.
- Because of teenagers hanging around.
- I don't like being alone in the dark.
- People might come and get you.
- Because there are scary teenagers hanging around.
- Because there are pubs and drunk people and I personally don't feel safe.
- Because I don't like the dark
- A red van followed me and my friend's home and kept honking the horn and waving creepily at us.
- Because there is a lot of strange people walking around outside the pub.
- Because I don't like being out in the dark
- I'm scared of what's in the dark. 2) I don't like not being able to see everything.
- Because I don't like going out at night.
- Because its dark and that isn't safe anywhere.
- There is no lights.
- Because of people around that can't be trusted.
- Because it's dark and you don't know who is about and if there are people around.
- Teenagers taking drugs and hitting people and burning things.
- Because of the teenagers.
- There are a few clubs with shouting or fighting.
- Because I'm worried about being kidnapped.
- Weird people.
- Because someone might kidnap you and someone might haunt you.
- Rowdy people hanging around.
- Teenagers, people on the streets and drunks.
- Drunk people, homeless people and teenagers.

- Chavs roaming the alleyways making you feel unsafe.
- People hanging about small spaces.
- Because there could be kidnappers anywhere because there is a lot of people about.
- Because it's creepy and there might be murderers.
- Because there could be anyone around and also the chavs.
- Because of the people that are there.
- A lot of bad people around.
- Ensure people attack me or others.
- Because of all the older teenagers hanging about.
- You don't know who can be around or what could happen.
- Because you don't know who is out there in the dark.
- There are hooded chavs everywhere and it's intimidating.
- Because I'm scared of people with hoods because of the News of people being kidnapped.
- Because of the teenagers hanging around in place's.
- Because it's the dark!
- Because I am scared of the dark.
- I'm not a very secure person.
- Because of people who hang around there.
- As some people hang around at night just to terrorise people.
- There's always teenagers smoking or drunk, young adults outside messing around.
- Because it is so rough out at night especially but the bank off.
- Because you don't know if someone could be watching you.
- Because there are a few pubs and drunk people and I just don't like it.
- I'm scared of everything and there are evil people around.
- There are some bad people out on the streets at dark.
- Don't know
- There is no police presence at night.
- Drunk People,
- Because there can be people going around in cars and stopping and following you.
- Because you don't know who is around.
- As I see many men drunk or with large dogs barking.
- Gangs
- I don't like the dark.
- There are many bad or drunk people around in gangs.
- Sketchy people, rowdy in some areas, people with bad intentions.
- You never know who is out there.
- There are lots of weird people around.
- Afraid of racist attacks and drunks.
- I see on the news all the time that dies or something and it scares me.
- Because someone might attack me.
- A lot of people after dark tend to appear that try to disturb the public.
- When there big things on Lille the map people go missing.
- Because when there's big things on the map people can go missing or something.
- Because I live near the welcome hills not school.
- Because by the canal there are some people who are drunk and scare me a bit.
- Because the lights are turned off, I don't want to be murdered.
- Because after a party you are walking home and you turn off the lights so men can jump out at you.
- Many people hanging around drunk and smoking it is just an unsafe environment.
- Because there could be dangerous people around.
- Because there's chavs and drug dealers everywhere.
- Other groups of teenagers can sometimes come across as aggressive and can be awkward and can make you feel unsafe after dark.
- People kill each other.
- Because you could get kidnapped.
- There is way too many people and it is a very violent place to be at night.
- Too many drunks.
- I don't live in Stratford and not very knowledgeable about the place.

- Because you don't know who may be lurking.
- There are a lot of older teenagers hanging around.
- Because of teenagers and drunk people.
- Because at night or in winter the lights don't come on soon enough.
- Because I feel as though I'm being stalked and some drunk people say very rude stuff at me, mainly drunk men.
- Because I don't like places that are big after dark.
- I don't like the fact of people hanging about when I'm in the dark on my own. I feel unsafe and scared.
- There are lots of chavs about smoking and being disrespectful.

## **Appendix 5**

**Question 14 - If you answered "fairly unsafe" and "very unsafe" to how safe you feel when outside during the day in Stratford District (3)**

- Because there might be people with knives.
- You never know who is around the corner.
- There are still chavs in the day.

## **Appendix 6**

**Question 28 – Approximately how many hours a week do you feel you are a carer? (29)**

- 84
- 30
- 15
- 14
- 10
- 10
- 7
- 7
- 7
- 7
- 6
- 6
- 2 to 3
- 4
- 24/7
- 24/7
- 3
- 3
- 3
- 2
- 2
- 2
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 0
- 2-3
- I don't know, sometimes I look after my dad.
- 48+ hours

## Appendix 7

### Question 37 – One issue that bothers you the most (147)

- What one issue bothers you the most and please explain why.
- Litter.
- Teens racing in the village and the new houses being built!
- Litter ruins the street.
- Q35 because it is about what people look like and they may not be comfortable about this.
- What to do in the future.
- People doing drugs at Stratford skate park.
- People smoking next to school.
- No cheap transport at night for youngsters. E.g. taxi too expensive, bus no late night buses, also if you are above 16 you have to pay for adult tickets on buses.
- The rivalry between different areas.
- Rubbish, litter and graffiti because it shows people don't have respect for our community and other people are left to tidy away other peoples rubbish.
- I can't do much sport
- More shops.
- I am never really told about what happens in the district or why until it happens. It bothers me because I like to be informed and I never am.
- Available parking near to your home. There is sometimes no space to park so you have to park the car on the front lawn destroying it.
- No golf courses near to my house.
- Safety.
- When people are cruel and judgemental.
- I have a disability that stops me from reading, writing and spelling.
- We miss a lot of P.E. in school!
- Drugs, domestic abuse, under-age drinking.
- Drugs.
- The issue I have the most is the fact that I have no say in what happens in my local area such as housing. Housing applications in my village are easy to approve area through the developing company don't care about the village.
- I feel that the council doesn't do enough to bring better activities for younger children and working parents.
- Less pubs.
- Tesco! Get rid of it shuts down shops.
- Don't know.
- No skate ramp's in Southam.
- The behaviour of people in the local area and litter. Tiny amount of drugs lying around and so much smoking.
- Bullying, racism, crime and vandalism.
- Teenagers stealing my stuff and hurting me.
- Nothing really bothers so I don't know.
- No good shops-Tesco too expensive-only two shops.
- Nothing
- I hate it that they are building houses all over fields where we walk the dog or play. Just go and soon there will be nowhere to go. I live in Alcester and we can't go into Stratford because of traffic and it's going to get worse when people move into them houses.
- More I don't know!
- People being homeless because people don't give any jobs.
- Asking my age and postcode.
- Asking my age and postcode.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- There is nothing
- Teenagers hanging around smoking and swearing. All the litter in parks and pavements.

- People (teenagers/adults) drinking in the park.
- The fact that there is little/or no activities aimed at teenagers in the area.
- Animal poo needs to be picked up.
- We need a councillor/support groups for anyone with troubles. E.g. anxiety, family issues, worries, special needs etc.
- We need a councillor/support groups for anyone with troubles. E.g. anxiety, family trouble, special needs children, family issues etc.
- When walking through parks, chavs make you feel uncomfortable i.e. staring, saying un-necessary comments.
- The amount of animal poo that doesn't get picked up.
- Clean parks, streets etc. I don't like it when you are out and you have to avoid dog poo or rubbish that is dropped/left in the park/streets.
- Don't have issues.
- Chavs.
- When the public toilets are dirty.
- Lack of parking because it's annoying.
- You can't go to the gym when we are 13/teenagers, even with parent's supervision.
- That you can't go to the gym if 13/teen even with parents supervision.
- In Alcester there is too much litter so we need more bins. We also need more parks.
- In Alcester there should be 1 or 2 more parks in the area. Also there needs to be more bins for the litter.
- Chavs
- Don't know.
- Crime and litter bother me most because people commit crime and then don't pick up litter. It does not make sense.
- There's a lot of drugs in Bradford, (weed) from younger kids but that's at night not in the day time.
- Chavs, they can't speak proper English and wear sport clothes when they never do sports, vandalise things, steal and mug people.
- Living in a two bedroomed house because it makes my mum good.
- Drunk people.
- Horrible gypsies.
- The amount of people surrounding me all the time.
- There are horrible gypsies.
- Pedo's. Stalkers.
- Drunk people and people who are like rapists and pedo's and stalkers.
- Pedo's, stalkers, drunk people and rapists.
- Nothing bothers me where I live.
- Traffic whilst travelling through Stratford.
- Prices for food.
- Loitering as it's very intimidating for many people and causes litter to build up in public areas.
- Graffiti because it ruins the place I'm around.
- Make shops cheaper too expensive. Make bus and train tickets cheaper.
- In the Stratford District I think there should be more shelter's for the homeless.
- The lack of social activities for teenagers because there is nowhere for teenagers to go to relax if their home life isn't all that great.
- There is no place for teenagers to hang out, without feeling unsafe.
- There's no place for teenagers to hang out, without it being trashed.
- There isn't enough bus time's around.
- Not having enough money.
- None.
- More buses.
- Training to run a house or flat, I don't feel prepared for life living alone.
- Transport, unable to drive and there are not frequent buses/ direct routes.
- Public transport is too expensive, meaning young people are limited in where they can go.
- Young people with no respect for the community or people around them and the measure's put in place is not dealing with them, so stronger action's need to be taken.
- Buses in Tysoe need to be improved.

- Lack of activities for youth in Wellesbourne.
- The traffic in Stratford.
- Drugs.
- Bullying because lots of people get bullied and that's most common.
- Public transport really annoys me, buses should be made like in Birmingham, more regular, cheaper and at later times.
- Not enough places for people to do sport (football).
- The amount of litter in Stratford is appalling
- I don't know
- No.
- At night if I go out not feeling safe from men.
- Young people doing drugs.
- Traffic congestion.
- Smokers-I don't feel comfortable when I walk past them as I have asthma as well it is affecting everyone around them and especially themselves.
- Overly drunk persons walking the streets at night almost stumbling for another drink.
- They are building too many houses and there are no places for me to do outdoor survival with my friends.
- Job opportunities.
- Questionnaires, irony.
- Dog mess, Street lights going off.
- No venues to go to in the evenings for young people apart from the open spaces, under 18 nights would be good! Also live music venues.
- Cyber bullying and older teenagers who always are rude and unbehaved. Also, the education is worrying because not many people are going to good universities. There are not many shopping facilities to get a variety of items. Birmingham road traffic.
- Controlling young people's drinking consumption. Being in town in their free time.
- Not enough activities for teenagers to do for fun.
- The mess! Add bins.
- There is no fun activities for young people like Coventry that has loads.
- I want to see more places for teens to go in the evening/night.
- I think we should have more police patrols to bring down crime levels.
- Traffic congestion.
- Bullying in school because so many people get bullied even though we area supposedly anti-bullying zone.
- Nothing
- This took too long.
- Filling in long surveys.
- Not enough activities for young people, and if so, too expensive.
- Nothing to do!
- Nothing to do in Stratford with friends.
- The lights at night.
- Nothing to do in Stratford. Leisure centre needs improving.
- Public transport (buses) are always late and expensive. Alcester has too many tea rooms and charity shops. Nothing to do.
- Lights turn off early after a party.
- Being bantering around and causing trouble, violence. Breaking into cars, in a week we had many cars broken into on our road.
- There are always police going around my street and I want more information on what is happening.
- There is nothing that bothers me.
- Nothing.
- I don't like graffiti because it makes the town look dirty and as Stratford is a tourist attraction it should look nice.
- Buses from Bidford to Stratford are expensive and unreliable. I can't afford more than 1 return ticket a week, so I can't go to the shops if I want to. After buying the ticket I am left with £3 to spend.
- Town hosts, they treat all young people as budding criminals if they are out after 4, treat school kids like toddlers.
- No activities for teenagers there's nothing for us to do.

- Bullying because I think it is wrong.
- The litter around the village bothers me as there is a lot of it and no one ever bothers to pick it up. Also, some buildings have the lights on way too late, which annoying since my window is right next to the lights.
- I can't get buses.
- I don't know.
- The issue that bothers me are the teenager drinkers.
- Younger people being unable to have a say on who governs the area. They are as big a part of the districts as adults and should be given the chance to express their views responsibly.
- How busy the streets are,
- When people make up sexual orientated lies about me.
- Chavs
- The issue that bothers me most is very noisy neighbours.

## Appendix 8

### Question 38 – Anything else you would like to add (35)

- Potholes are very annoying.
- Help on writing my personal statement or CV/ resume so I can get a job, maybe someone at libraries or community centres could help.
- Nothing else.
- Car vandalism has been a recent problem in my village.
- I would like to have more say and a right to vote.
- I don't live in Stratford.
- Bullying.
- Sainsbury's, Asda.
- Indoor sports venues.
- The safety of my brother and family.
- I live under the Coventry District Council.
- I like pizza.
- I don't live in Stratford.
- Chavs.
- Make it easier for people who don't have a lot of money to move house. Make more houses available for locals rather than people who want to move here.
- I love Lush, New Look and Pandas.
- Graffiti.
- Annoying teenagers swearing at other citizens.
- You should ask more questions on the crime in Stratford and maybe it won't be so shit.
- Work on education for people to get higher grades.
- Sort out the traffic problems! Apart from that Stratford is a lovely town especially around where I live.
- This took too long.
- Inform young people better about developments in Stratford. Sort out the congestion.
- The council needs to effectively tackle racism in this area.
- We want a bigger cinema and a better swimming pool.
- We would like a better cinema (i.e. bigger)
- Sports places
- Nothing to do!
- More shops/new shopping area. Better swimming facilities. More leisure area.
- More shopping facilities.
- Turn lights on.
- Yes because of all this I am thinking of moving to a different area as it does put me off.
- Get rid or train the town house not to be littering and just deal with actual problems not people walking home when it's after school.

- Whilst there are many parks in Shipston they need to be further apart from each other to allow all areas of the town a more local park.
- Pollution.

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL YOUNG PEOPLES "HAVE YOUR SAY" SURVEY 2014

Please tick the appropriate box or answer in the space provided. We will make sure you get to see the results of this survey.

### THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS AREA

**Q1. Thinking generally, which of the things below would you say are most important in making somewhere a good place to live?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO **FIVE** BOXES ONLY

Access to nature <input type="checkbox"/>	Community activities <input type="checkbox"/>	Health services <input type="checkbox"/>	Low level of traffic congestion <input type="checkbox"/>	Road and pavement repairs <input type="checkbox"/>
Activities for teenagers <input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums) <input type="checkbox"/>	Job prospects <input type="checkbox"/>	Parks and open spaces <input type="checkbox"/>	Shopping facilities <input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable decent housing <input type="checkbox"/>	Education provision <input type="checkbox"/>	Low level of crime <input type="checkbox"/>	Public transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Sports & leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>
Clean streets <input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for young children <input type="checkbox"/>	Low level of pollution <input type="checkbox"/>	Race relations <input type="checkbox"/>	Wage levels & local cost of living <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) <input type="checkbox"/>			Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	None of these <input type="checkbox"/>
.....				

**Q2. What improvements should be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO **FIVE** BOXES ONLY

Better public transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Better health information <input type="checkbox"/>	Better sexual health advice <input type="checkbox"/>	Improved relationships in school <input type="checkbox"/>
Improved leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Better/more job opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable housing opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported housing accommodation for young people <input type="checkbox"/>
Accurate tamper proof ID cards <input type="checkbox"/>	More youth facilities (like youth clubs) <input type="checkbox"/>	Young people involved with decision-making bodies (e.g. District Council) <input type="checkbox"/>	Training to run a house / flat <input type="checkbox"/>
More affordable child care facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Better relations with police <input type="checkbox"/>	Better information services (for young people) <input type="checkbox"/>	More apprenticeship opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>
Actions to improve the environment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (PLEASE WRITE HERE) .....		Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY**

Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that this local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY**

Definitely agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>				

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**CHANGES IN YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Q5. Thinking about your local area, for each of the following things below, do you think each has got better or worse over the last year, or has it stayed the same? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH**

	Better	Stayed the same	Worse	Don't know
Activities for teenagers .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable decent housing .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean streets .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community activities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education provision .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for young children .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health services .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job prospects .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and open spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports & leisure facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The level of crime.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The level of traffic congestion .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Q9. Please indicate how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with each of the following services provided or supported by Stratford-on-Avon District Council:**  
PLEASE ANSWER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE USED THESE SERVICES OR NOT.

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Sports/leisure facilities and events ...	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Play spaces and Stratford Skate Park .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Parks and open spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>				

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

**Q10. Thinking about this local area, how much of a problem do you think are...**

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH ROW

	A very big problem	A fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	Not a problem at all	Don't know
...noisy neighbours or loud parties .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...other teenagers hanging around on the streets.....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people using or dealing drugs ...	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people being drunk or rowdy in public places .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places ...	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...rubbish and litter lying around...	<input type="checkbox"/>				

### COMMUNITY SAFETY

**Q11. How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in Stratford district after dark?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Q12. If you answered 'fairly unsafe' or 'very unsafe' please briefly explain why:**

**Q13. How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in Stratford district during the day?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Very safe       Fairly safe       Neither safe  
nor unsafe       Fairly unsafe       Very unsafe       Don't know

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**Q14. If you answered 'fairly unsafe' or 'very unsafe' please briefly explain why:**

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**INTERNET**

**Q15. Do you have access to the Internet at home with a broadband connection?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes  (Go to Q16)      No  (Go to Q18)

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**Q16. What do you think of the speed of your broadband connection whilst using the Internet?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

It is slow most of the time       It is slow on occasions       It is never slow

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**Q17. Have you ever been the victim of cyberbullying (to harm or harass other people via computer)?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes       No

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**DRINKING & DRUGS**

**Q18. Have you ever taken drugs?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes  (Go to Q19)      No  (Go to Q20)

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**Q19. In the last four weeks, how often have you taken any of the following drugs?**

Any kind of legal high (powders, pills or smoking blends).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cannabis or skunk.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solvents, glue or gas (to inhale or sniff) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other drugs (like cocaine, LSD, ecstasy, heroin, crack, speed, magic mushrooms etc.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>

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For help: Compass (Drug and Alcohol Support Service for Under 18's)  
<http://www.compass-uk.org/where-we-work/young-peoples-services/warwickshire/>

**Q20. Have you ever had an alcoholic drink – a whole drink not just a sip?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes  
 (Go to Q21)

No  
 (Go to Q23)

**Q21. In the last four weeks, how many times have you been drunk?**

**Q22. Which of the following have applied to you in the last year?**

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH ROW

	Yes	No
I have bought alcohol in a shop.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have been refused alcohol in a shop .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have drunk alcohol at a friend's house .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone else has bought alcohol for me .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have drunk alcohol in a public place e.g. in a park.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have drunk alcohol under supervision of a parent/carer.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have drunk alcohol under supervision of an adult not my parent/carer..	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## DEMOCRACY

**Q23. Do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Definitely agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q24. When you turn 18, you will be able to use your democratic right to vote in elections. Which of the following elections do you feel you will vote in?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ALL THAT APPLY

- General Election – to vote for your local Member of Parliament
- European Election – to vote for your local Member of the European Parliament  
(*Representative in Brussels*)
- Warwickshire County Council Election – to vote for your local county councillor  
(*County in charge of things like education, highways, social services*)
- Stratford District Council Election – to vote for your local district councillor  
(*District in charge of things like planning, the environment, leisure*)
- Town or Parish Council – to vote for people who are on your Town or Parish Council  
(*look after things in your immediate community*)
- Police Commission Elections – to vote for the Police Commissioner for Warwickshire  
(*this person makes sure the Police are doing a good job*)
- I am not sure at this stage if I will vote

**TRANSPORT**

**Q25. How often do you feel you miss out on activities due to a lack of transport, i.e. social, sporting, cultural? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY**

Always  Sometimes  Never

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**YOUR ASPIRATIONS**

**Q26. When you are 18, do you think you will ....? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX**

Go to University or a College of Higher Education  Do an apprenticeship  Get a job

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**CARING**

Some young people have to care at home for those they live with who suffer physical disabilities and/or mental health issues. This may mean they have to help prepare meals, help people get up in the morning, help people get dressed etc.

**Q27. From the description above, are you a carer at your home? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX**

Yes  (Go to Q28) No  (Go to Q30)

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**Q28. Approximately how many hours a week do you feel you are a carer?**

**Q29. Have you received any external help, advice, information or support to do with your caring role? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX**

Yes  No

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**ABOUT YOU**

**Q30. Are you...? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX**

Male.....  Female.....

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**Q31. What was your age on your last birthday? PLEASE WRITE IN**

 YEARS

**Q32. How long have you lived in Stratford district? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX**

Under 1 year.....  1-2 years.....  3-5 years.....  6-10 years...   
Over 10 years.....  Don't know/can't remember.....

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**Q33. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?**  
(long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time) PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes.....  Please answer the next question (Q34)  
No.....  Go to Q35

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**Q34. Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes.....  No .....

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**Q35. To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

White .....  Black or Black British .....   
Mixed .....  Chinese .....   
Asian or Asian British .....  Other ethnic background .....

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**Q36. The Postcode of where you live?**  
PLEASE WRITE IN

**What one issue bothers you the most and please explain why. This will help us with the development of a strategy, which is a document that details the right services for you, so it is important to get your views.**  
PLEASE WRITE IN BOX BELOW

**Is there anything else you would like to add?**  
PLEASE WRITE IN BOX BELOW

**Thank you very much for taking part in this survey. Please hand it to the person who gave you this questionnaire.**