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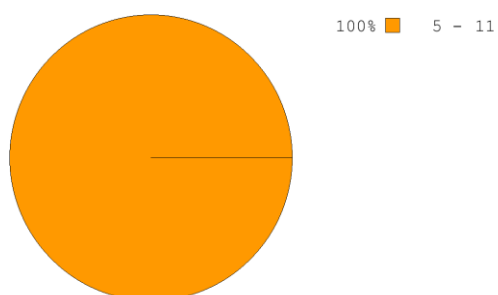
THE GREAT WAKERING
PARISH PLAN 2015

Here we feature the opinions of Great Waking's younger citizens. 59 valid submissions were received.

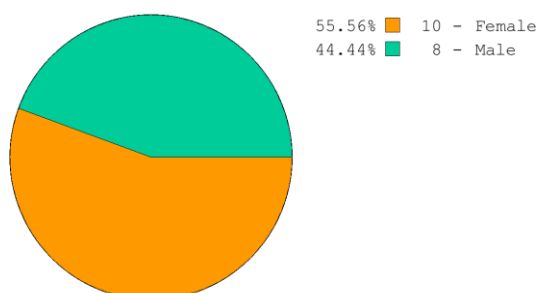
Overview: Respondents were aged between 11 and 18 years. Those who declared their gender were equally balanced. 83% have a home computer, 65% believe there is plenty on offer in the village but would also like a cinema, swimming pool, bowling, drama group, better shops and more events.

The top four problems cited were litter, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and violence – 72% don't feel safe in some areas. Of the 23% regularly using the bus service only 1.7% think buses are excellent. 94% like both the countryside and living in Great Waking.

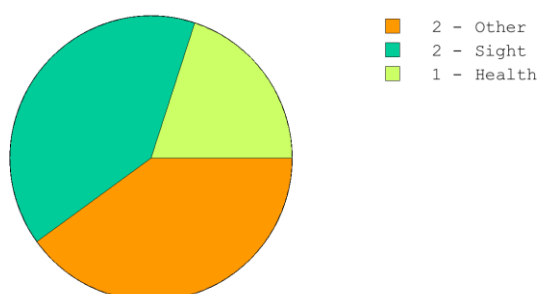
How old are you?



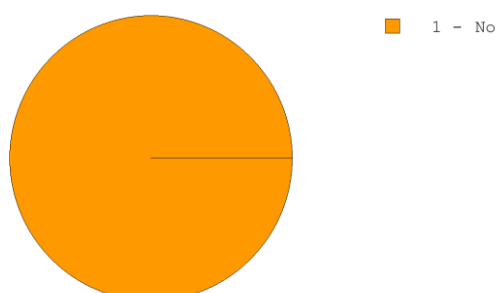
What sex are you?



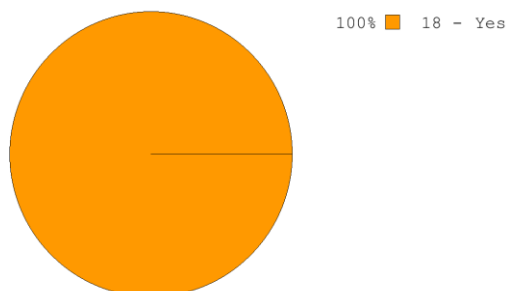
Do you feel you have any disabilities?



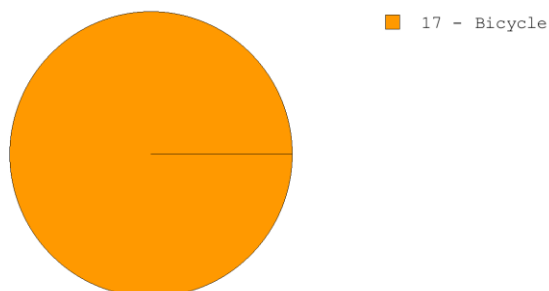
Do you have a part time job?



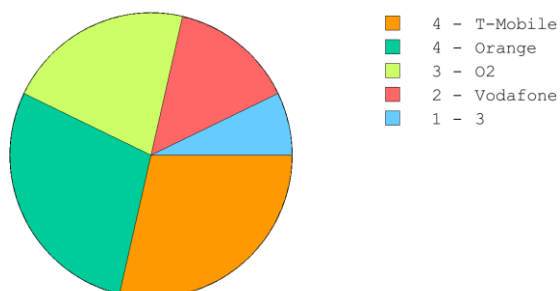
Does your family own a car?



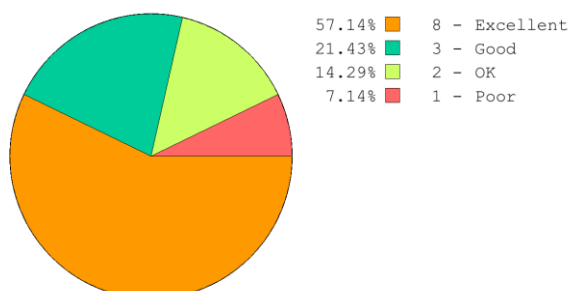
Do you own any form of transport?



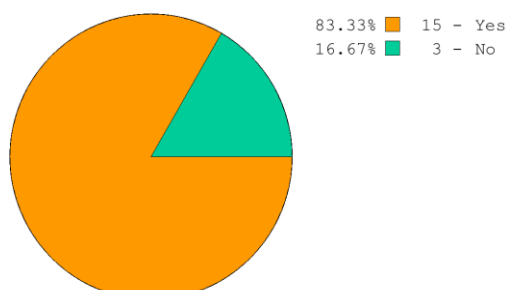
Do you own a mobile phone? If so, which provider?



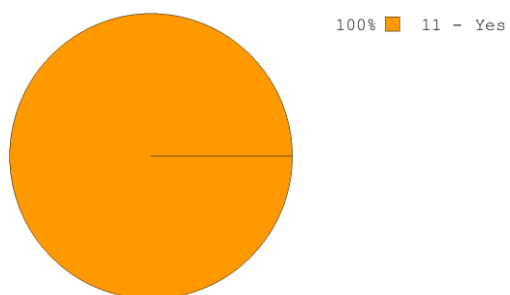
Do you get good network coverage around the village?



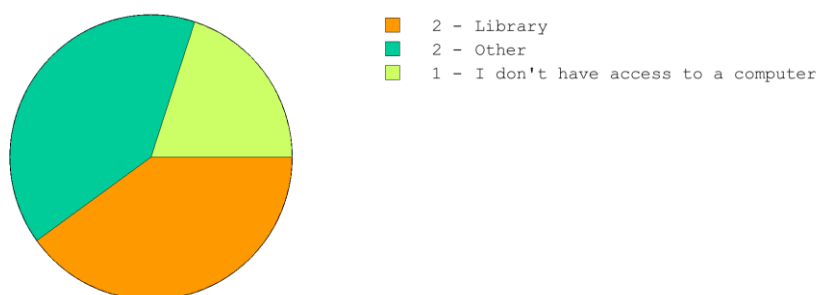
Do you have a computer at home?



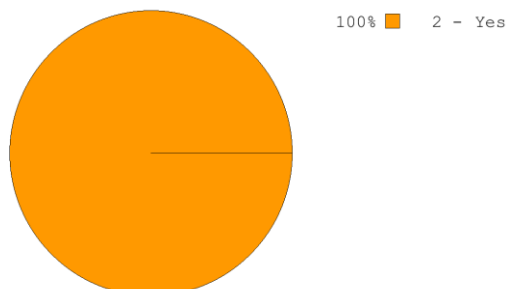
Do you have enough time on a computer to complete your homework?



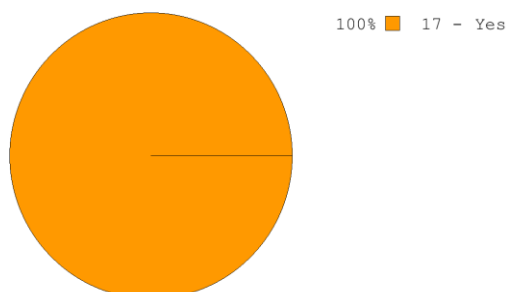
If you don't have a computer at home how do you access one outside of school hours?



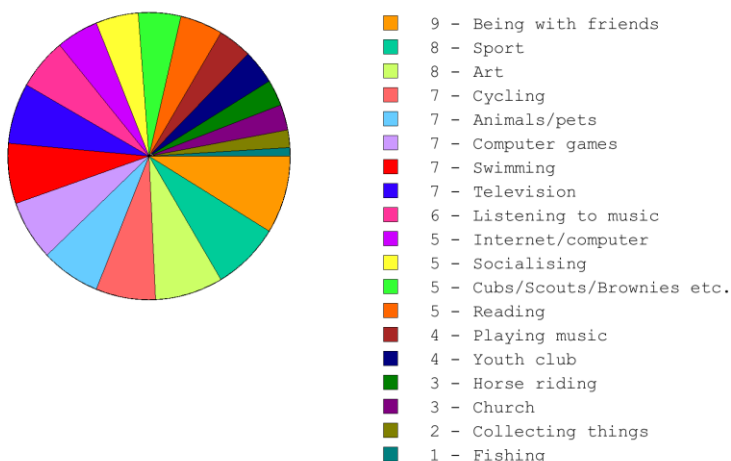
If you don't have a computer at home do you get sufficient time to complete you homework?



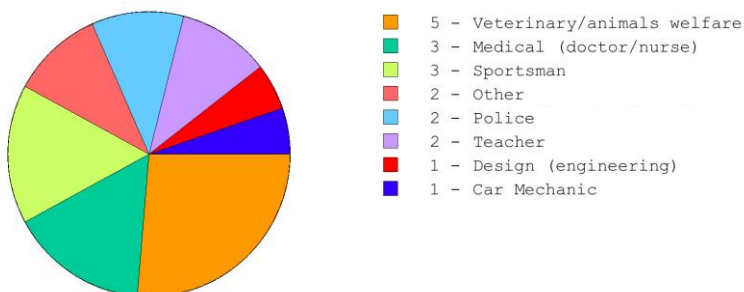
Do you have access to the Internet at home?



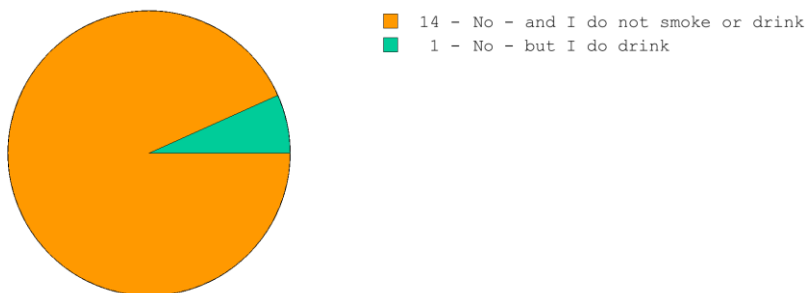
What interests do you have outside of school?



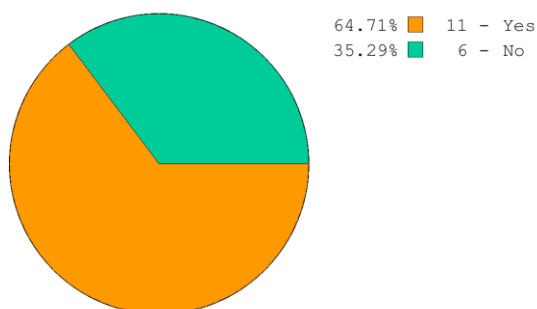
What would you like to do for a job when you leave school?

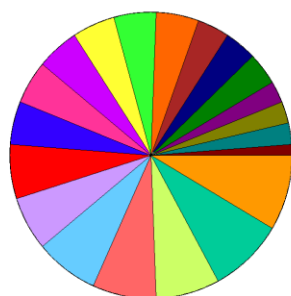


Do you feel you are under peer pressure to smoke or drink?

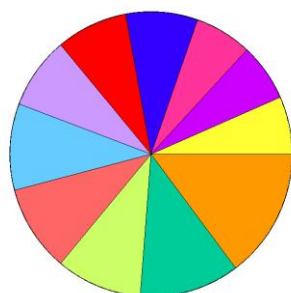


Is there plenty to do in the village for youngsters?

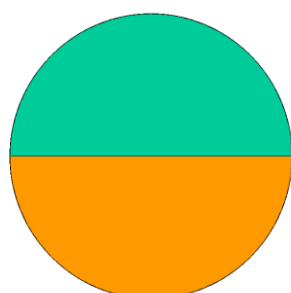


What else would you like to see in the village?


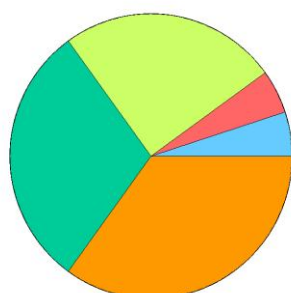
- 7 - Cinema
- 7 - Swimming pool
- 6 - Drama group
- 6 - Bowling
- 6 - More/better shops
- 5 - Skate boarding/stunt biking
- 5 - Self defence classes
- 4 - Better facilities for the disabled
- 4 - Music facilities/band rehearsal rooms
- 4 - Basketball
- 4 - More/better play areas
- 4 - More/better sports facilities
- 4 - Horse riding
- 3 - Cadets
- 3 - Tennis courts
- 3 - Other youth clubs
- 2 - Nature rambles
- 2 - Makeup classes
- 2 - Snooker/pool room
- 1 - Extra-curricular activities at school (study groups, shared interest clubs etc.)

What events/celebrations would you like to see in the village?


- 9 - Christmas lights/tree
- 7 - Music events/bands
- 6 - Bonfire/fireworks party
- 6 - Christmas fair
- 6 - Treasure hunts
- 5 - Sporting events (village sports day)
- 5 - Village fair/shows
- 5 - Plays/theatre
- 4 - Carnival
- 4 - Travelling fun fair
- 4 - Village Halloween party

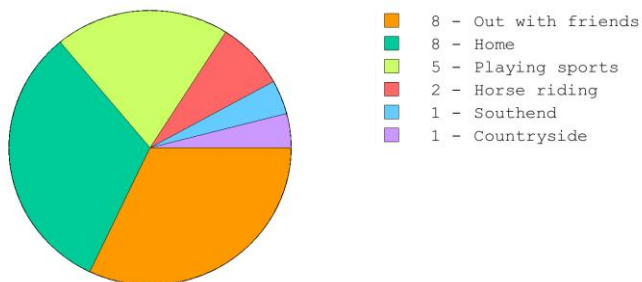
Do you take part in any activities outside of the village?


- 50% 9 - Yes
- 50% 9 - No

What do you think of the play facilities in Great Wakering (swings/slides etc.)


- 7 - Need better equipment for older children/teenagers
- 6 - Need more/better play equipment (e.g. zip wire)
- 5 - Need some separate areas with age restrictions
- 1 - Excellent
- 1 - Need more/better play equipment for younger children

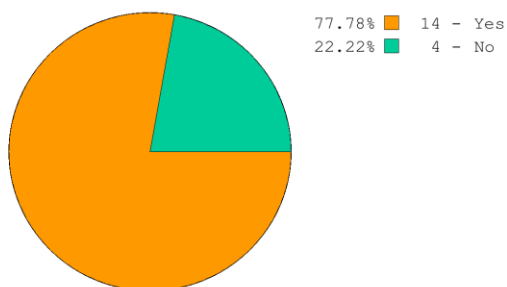
Where do you spend most of your time outside of school?



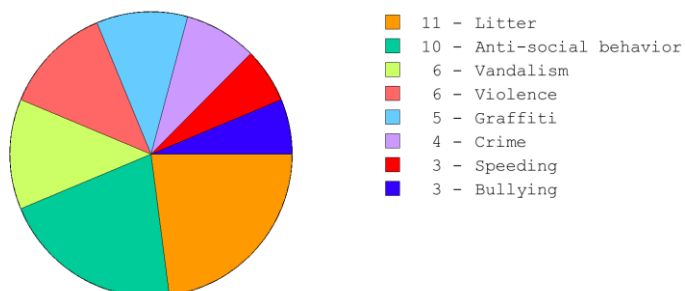
Would you like to be more involved in village community activities?



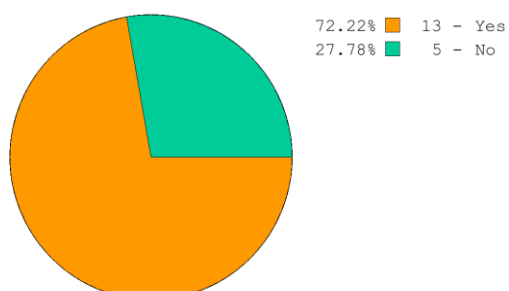
Would be more inclined to help with village community activities if you were paid to do so?



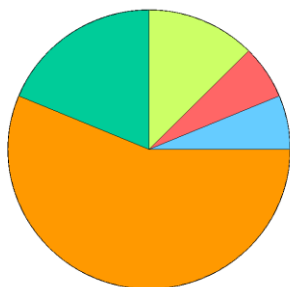
Do you think there is a serious problem with any of the following in the village?



Are there any areas in the village in which you don't feel safe?

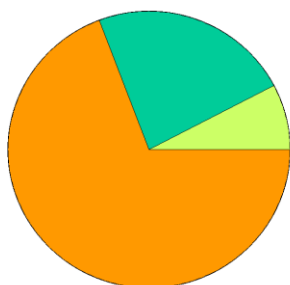


If there are any areas in the village in which you don't feel safe please indicate why, and specify where the problems are.



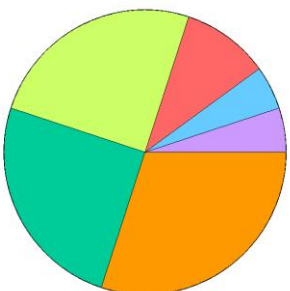
- 9 - Older children
- 3 - Poor street lighting
- 2 - Dangerous areas (e.g. river banks, derelict houses etc.)
- 1 - Secluded areas
- 1 - Other

Do you use the local bus service?



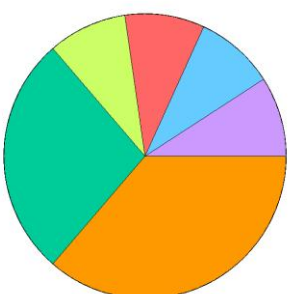
- 69.23% 9 - Rarely
- 23.08% 3 - Regularly
- 7.69% 1 - Often

What do you think of the local bus service?



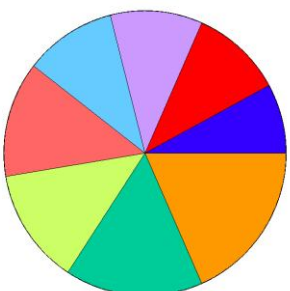
- 6 - Buses are dirty
- 5 - Need more buses
- 5 - It costs too much to travel on buses
- 2 - Buses are often late
- 1 - Excellent
- 1 - Need more routes

Should facilities in the village be improved for any of the following?



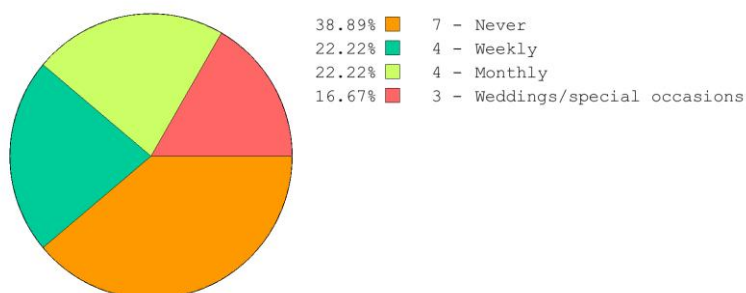
- 4 - Elderly
- 3 - Children
- 1 - Wheelchairs
- 1 - Cyclists
- 1 - Pedestrians
- 1 - Partially sighted

What do you think of the village library?

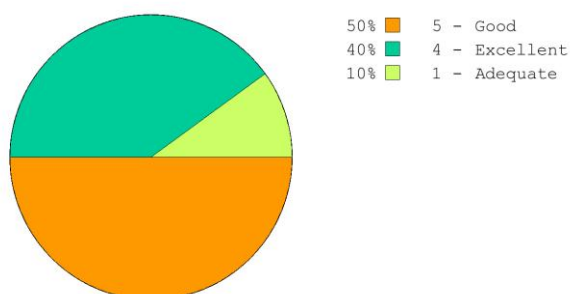


- 7 - Good
- 6 - Needs increased opening times
- 5 - Needs more/varied books
- 5 - Needs somewhere to do homework
- 4 - Needs more books for children/teenagers
- 4 - Needs more computers
- 4 - Needs more reading areas
- 3 - Needs more CDs/DVDs

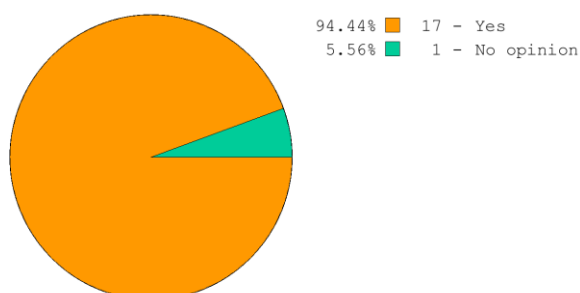
How often do you go to church?



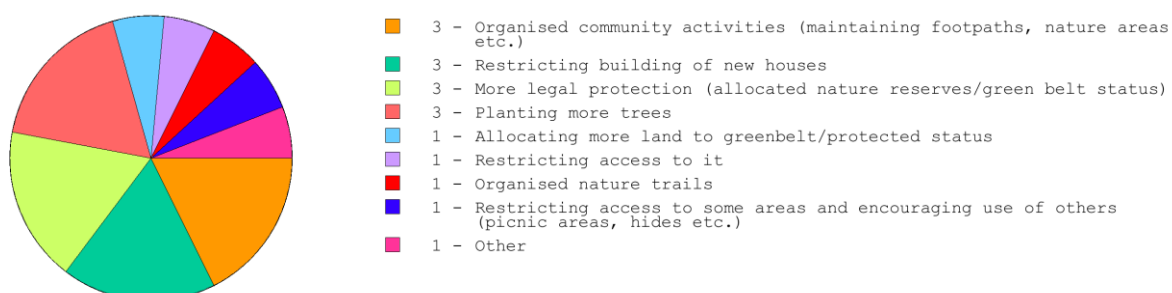
If you are a church goer, or if you are involved in church organisations such as the Scouts, what do you think of the church facilities and activities?



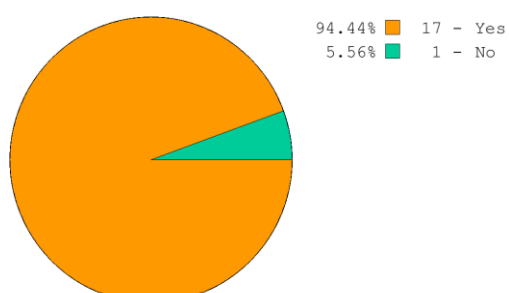
Do you think we should be protecting the countryside and green belt land around the village?



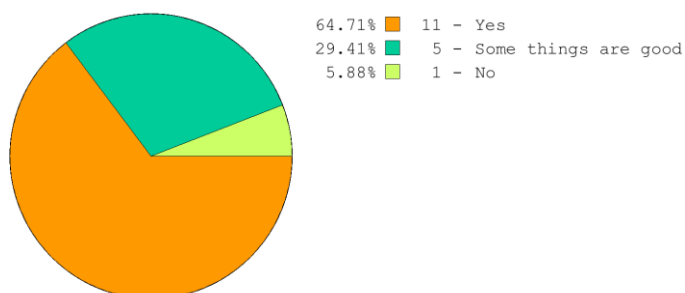
If you answered "Yes" to the above, how do you think we should be protecting it and raising awareness of it?



Do you like living in Great Waking?



Is Great Waking a good place for children to grow up?



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“...people who hang about there, smoking and stuff.”
 “Older children ... You cannot see who/what is

Young Persons Views and Comments

Q: Is there plenty to do in the village for youngsters?

Skate park needed. There is Teen Cafe, a few sports clubs and Guiding/Scouting that I'm aware of. Other than that, there isn't anywhere to go.

Q: Do you take part in any activities outside of the village?

Dancing in Hockley Netball Club and Arabesque Gym Club at Clements Hall, *Cricket club, swimming club*, Gymnastics - Garons Park, *A tutor group Thorpe bay* Football club in Hawkwell, *Judo*, Scouts in Shoebury, Garons park swimming, *Tennis Garons Park*, Judo in Barling. *Garons running club*, Jada Theatre School Southend on Sea, *Hockley Dance School*, Netball - Greensward Academy, *RAD, Colchester*, Gymnastics at Garons Park. *Echo Whitecaps Football Club*, Horse riding – Barling, *Leigh Rockets Football Club in Leigh*, Basildon and Clements Hall rock climbing.

Q: Would you like to be more involved in village community activities?

If I was paid for it, Dog walking, *Sporting activities.*

Q: Do you think there is a serious problem with any of the following in the village?

Litter is everywhere over Great Waking and I think more bins should be placed around the village. More people tidying up after themselves.

Q: If there are any areas in the village in which you don't feel safe please indicate why, and specify where the problems are.

Occasionally at the Rec because of the people who hang about there, smoking and stuff. Older children (The Parry - the park by the Castle Pub). You cannot see who/what is

there. “

“... friends in Rochford and there is no direct bus service”



“...not.... enough for me to do in Great Waking”

“Yes it’s awesome and... not... too much housing”

“Yes I feel safe and can go around on my own”

“No because ... gangs”

“Park/play areas need more equipment”

“More parks”

there. Older children

Q: What do you think of the local bus service?

I have many friends in Rochford and there is no direct bus service to there.

Q: What do you think the Community Police’s role is in the village?

What community police. Keeping the villagers safe. **Checking to make sure there is no vandalism.** We need more police around the village. **They should keep an eye on older children.** Stopping crime.

Q: What do you think the Parish Council’s role is in the village?

Don’t know - they don’t do much. Making things better, e.g. one way roads.

Q: Do you like living in Great Waking?

I do not feel there is enough for me to do in Great Waking, I would prefer living in the village as opposed to Southend because there is less traffic and it is nicer as a community, ***I think overall it is a nice place, the community is helpful and kind.*** There is litter but I have my friends here. ***Yes it’s awesome and it’s not crowded by too much housing.*** Beautiful wildlife. ***Because it’s mainly safe. Because it is peaceful.*** No there aren’t enough things to do. Because it is cosy and calm. ***No,*** because there are hardly any places to play. Yes it is a village where everyone is friends. ***No, because I have lived in Australia and it was much better.***

Q: Is Great Waking a good place for children to grow up?

There is nothing for youngsters to do, there are several pre-schools to go to, a big/good primary school for children to go to, ***living in a more rural area than those nearby is better for a child - it reduces risks of road accidents, violence etc.*** ***Yes I feel safe and can go around on my own.*** Litter. There’s no places for them to go. ***Yes because there is a wide range of facilities.*** Some people are kind and some people are not kind. ***Teenagers swearing and graffiti,*** Yes it is a safe community. ***Some things are good - Streetlights.*** ***No because there are gangs.*** No there are too many smokers.

Q: What do you think could be improved to make Great Waking a better place for children to live and grow up?

Less anti-social behaviour, Park/play areas need more equipment. To have more clubs for children. To have more police and less violence. ***More parks.***