



Thurston Youth Questionnaire



Do you live in Thurston?

Are you between 11 and 16?

**As part of the
Thurston Neighbourhood Plan,
we'd like to know what you think about
where you live and
what you'd like us to try to do
to improve Thurston for young people.**



PLEASE HELP US by completing this questionnaire, preferably on-line or by using this paper form.



All questionnaires must be returned by:

14 November 2014



IF FILLING IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE

Go to the following address: <http://qa.1sixty.net/qa> and a screen will come up asking you to enter the code from the top left hand side of the previous page. Complete the questionnaire by following the on-screen instructions.



HOW TO FILL IN THIS PAPER QUESTIONNAIRE

Please **PRINT** your comments. Please mark the box like this ☒ with a ball point pen. When completed please use the drop off boxes situated either in Reception at the Community College or at the Post Office; Petrol Station; the Butchers; Community Library; Fox and Hounds or the Parish Council Office.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out this questionnaire please email Vicky, Parish Clerk, at the Parish Council Office



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or please come along to the drop-in sessions at the Parish Council Office between 10.00am and 8.00pm on Tuesday 4th November; Friday 7th November and Tuesday 11th November.

Q1) How old are you?

Please select one answer only:

11 years

9

12 years

5

13 years

12

14 years

6

15 years

6

16 years

2

Q2) Are you male or female?

Please select one answer only:

Male

22

Female

18

Q3) Do you currently use the leisure facilities in Thurston Community Centre outside of school hours?

Please select one answer only:

Yes

19

No

20

Q4) If the answer is no, why not?

Please write your answer here:

Not old enough to use TCC after school hours. People of all ages should be allowed to. Don't have time. There are not any activities that interest me. Cost. Play sports elsewhere. Not interested. Too expensive. Can't be bothered and don't have the time. Better stuff to do. Availability and prices are unknown. Belong to another club where I am a full member. Have weights at home. Never heard of it. Nothing interests me. Do activities in Bury and Ipswich.

Q5) If you do use the leisure facilities in Thurston Community Centre outside of school hours, how often do you use it?

Please tick the relevant box	Only in the holidays	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
I use the leisure facilities	7	3	10	1

Q6) Are there any other leisure facility that you would like to see in the village?

Please write your answer here:

Safe cycle paths. Swimming pool. Gym trail. TCC sports centre open to all ages after school hours. Nature club. Skate park. Multi sports club. Village tennis coaching club. Girls football club. Art classes. Gym or fitness suite. Park. Dog walking field. Football pitch with permanent football posts. Horse riding stables. Youth club. Tennis court. Basketball court. Squash court. Bike trails / mountain bike tracks.

Q7) Which of the following activities / sports do you take part in within Thurston?

Aerobics	0	Scouts	3	Football	10
Rugby	4	Cricket	0	Youth Group	1
Badminton	3	Tennis	5	Netball	5
Thurston Air Cadets	1			Dance	1
Other	7				

Piano lessons, Martial Arts, Gym, Basketball, Drama, Rounders, Cycling

Q8) Which activities/sports do you take part in outside of Thurston?

Please write your answer here:

Martial arts. Swimming. Nature club. Drama club. Youth club. Ballet classes. Cricket. Squash. Tennis. Musical Instruments. Guides. Dance. Karate. Football. Sea Cadets. Choir – voice squad. Muay thai. Horse riding. E-sports. Golf. Gymnastics. Skatepark. Mountain Biking.

Q9) Which of the following do you currently use in Thurston?

Please select one or more of the following:

Hairdressers	<input type="text" value="9"/>	Butchers	<input type="text" value="18"/>	Post Office	<input type="text" value="40"/>
Sandwich Shop	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Garage Shop	<input type="text" value="19"/>	Thurst Cafe	<input type="text" value="11"/>
Fish & Chip Shop	<input type="text" value="33"/>	Pharmacy	<input type="text" value="13"/>	Library	<input type="text" value="13"/>

Q10) What additional shops and services would you like to see in the village?

Please write your answer here:

Small shops. Ice cream shop. Stationary shop. Book shop. Take-aways/restaurant/fast food restaurants. Dentist. More safe zebra crossings. Foopaths. Safe cycle only paths. Bakery. Small convenience shops/mini supermarket. Cycle repair shop/cycle hire shop. Cashpoint machine. Game shop. Somewhere to go after school.

Q11) Who do you think any new housing development should be for?

Please tick relevant box for each answer	Not important 1	2	3	Very important 4	No opinion 5
Young Families	2	2	18	13	15
Elderly	2	9	13	11	4
Single People	6	18	9	0	6
Young Couples	1	14	18	3	4
Families	2	4	10	21	4

Q12) How big do you think any new housing development should be?

Please tick relevant box for each answer	Not important 1	2	3	Very important 4	No opinion 5
One large development (e.g. about 50 houses)	13	13	4	3	3
A few medium size developments (e.g. about 25 houses)	5	9	12	7	4
A few small size developments (e.g. less than 10 houses)	12	10	8	3	4
Individual plots	10	10	8	4	5
A mixture of small/medium developments	11	8	10	5	4
Self-build plots within small developments	3	15	12	3	4

Q13) If there were more cycle routes in the village, how likely would you be to use them?

Please tick the relevant box	Never	During the holidays	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
I would use more cycle routes	7	15	10	4	2

Q14) If there were more regular and later buses to and from Bury St Edmunds, would you use them?

Please tick the relevant box	Never	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
During the day in the school holidays	18	10	5	5
Evenings	25	0	0	0
Saturdays	20	9	5	0
Sundays	19	5	6	0

Q15) How do you normally travel to school?

Please select one or more of the following:

School bus	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Car	<input type="text" value="6"/>	Cycle	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Walk	<input type="text" value="36"/>	Taxi	<input type="text" value="1"/>		

Q16) How do you normally travel to activities or sports in and outside of Thurston?

Please select one or more of the following:

Bus	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Car	<input type="text" value="32"/>	Cycle	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Walk	<input type="text" value="10"/>	Taxi	<input type="text" value="0"/>		

Q17) What do you like best about living in Thurston?

Please write your answer here: *these are some of the comments received*

Scenery. Friendly people/community. Helps me feel safe. Nature and breathing in fresh air. Very much enjoy my school. Happy with surrounding areas. Firework displays. Parks. It isn't as crowded as bigger towns and cities. Shop and train station to get to school easily. Friends in village. Chip shop. Views outside of my house. Plenty of facilities. It is big and not very crowded. Lots of stuff to do. New post office is very helpful. Easy to get to town or Bury St Edmunds. Nice quiet walks. Can walk to school. Does not have a lot of factories and there is a proper countryside. Safe and peaceful.

Q18) What do you like least about living in Thurston?

Please write your answer here: *these are some of the comments received*

Very happy as long as it stays as it is now. The College because I liked it as a Middle School. Nothing. Too many ugly houses being built. Lack of shops. No swimming pool. No skatepark and not many food places. Massive new railway bridge. The traffic with school buses on school days. The rules that do not allow you to walk your dog on the Cavendish Field. Parks. Pot holes. Activities are too far from my house. Footpaths not wide enough. No doctor's surgery. No field for walking dogs. No fast food restaurants. Not enough variety of shops. The people. The main road past the Post Office and the traffic outside the Post Office. Overgrown grass and hedges. Lots of old people. Nothing to do. Disrespectful old people. Not enough facilities. Not near enough to a town.

Q19) What would you like Thurston to look like in 15 years' time?

Please write your answer here: *these are some of the comments received*

Same but with more rubbish bins around. More leisure facilities. More cycle paths and more footpaths. A good place to live. An environmentally healthy place. More sports and a big hall for concerts and stuff. Few more shops. More fields and more cafes and more community places. Not so big that it is like a town. A few more houses; more entertainment, swimming pool, more shopping facilities. A more local bus station with coaches to London/Cambridge/Norwich. A better park, roads that are smooth and no pot holes. Farm for younger kids and a youth place for teenagers. More houses for young people. Place for riding bikes. Fast food chains. The same with not many more house developments.