

**Young People’s Consultation  
March 2022**

**Stoke St Gregory**

**Summary**

Stoke St Gregory Parish Council are keen to find out how they can better support young people in their community.

The Parish Council commissioned the Community Youth Project to facilitate and lead a young people’s consultation event.

32 young people aged 9 -16 years attended the young people’s Consultation event at the Royal Oak, Stoke St Gregory on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Young people filled out a survey and participated in group activities.

**Profile of attendees**

| <b>Age</b>    | <b>9</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Female</b> |          | 3         | 3         |           | 3         | 2         | 1         | 2         |
| <b>Male</b>   | 2        |           | 4         | 2         | 4         | 1         | 4         | 1         |

**We asked young people**

**Why are you attending the consultation**

Young people told us :

To see people, make new friends, find out who lives near, pizza, go to the chippy, share my ideas, to socialize, discuss our future, to have some fun, to be heard, to share my ideas and opinions, to improve things

**How do you spend your time after school.**

Young people’s responses included: Out with friends, home, gaming, basketball, netball, forest school, playing fortnite, watching t.v, reading, writing, art, cricket, martial arts, football, FIFA, go the park, trampoline

**What after school clubs do you attend**

Young people’s responses included: Scouts, Netball, Swimming, horse riding, basketball, forest school ,running, gymnastics, ballet, cricket, rugby, and football

**How are you involved in your community**

Young people’s responses included: Helping out at the shop, pickup litter, hand out leaflets, help people, plant trees

## What youth facilities are available in your community

Young people told us there are no youth facilities available apart from the field

## What changes or improvements do you want to see in your community for young people

Young people's responses included : Being able to play basket ball in the park, have a youth club, more activities and things to do, skate park and basketball court, improve the goal posts, local ballet class, more sports clubs, more fun

## What Activities, youth facilities would you like to see on offer for young people

More things like this consultation, youth club, netball club, public toilets, girls rugby and football, paddle boarding, dance club

The top four responses : Buy new football goal, build Basketball court, build Skate Park and establish a youth club

## The top three issues young people identified effecting young people in Stoke St Gregory

- Boredom
- Having nothing to do
- Lack of youth facilities

## What are the main issues affecting young people living in your village/town?

| Issue   | Number of young people |
|---|------------------------|
| Boredom   | 20                     |
| Having nothing to do  | 17                     |
| Lack of youth facilities  | 20                     |
| Expensive and infrequent public transport                       | 9                      |
| Drug and alcohol use and misuse                                 | 2                      |
| Stress and anxiety  | 3                      |
| Self- harming   | 1                      |
| Not having a say in my community                                | 8                      |
| Bullying  | 4                      |
| Youth crime   | 2                      |
| Youth anti- social behavior                                     |                        |
| Fear of being a victim of crime                                 | 1                      |
| Loneliness and fear of isolation                                | 1                      |
| Not having enough money   | 4                      |
| Living with domestic violence                                   |                        |
| Lack of local employment  | 4                      |
| Lack of local youth Mental health care services                 | 1                      |
| Lack of support for specific issues including sexuality         | 2                      |
| Lack of youth sexual health services                            | 2                      |
| Lack of support and services for young people with disabilities | 5                      |

## **What young people want – wish list**

Better football pitch with new goals, Skate Park, Bike pump track, Motor Cross track

Youth club – With youth workers, pool table, trips, being listened to, board games, sweets, ECO, planting trees, discos, Easter egg hunts, Christmas and Halloween parties, Camping trips, Arts and Craft, Dancing, horse-riding, Swimming, Chill out Zone, parties, book club, Wild life pond

MUGA – Basketball, netball, tennis court, public toilets, swings, zip wire, shelters

Better shops and transport links

## **We asked young people what are the Next steps?**

To get together, listen to what young people want and vote for most popular ideas, we would like adults to listen to us as we don't have a much freedom as adults, report back, money, cut ribbon, build stuff, buy football goals, build a basket ball court, create a youth parish council, Arrange a time and place for youth club

We asked young people if they wanted to meet with members of the Parish Council to discuss the next steps. A number of young people said they would like to participate in a meeting with Parish Councilors. Young people's names were shared with the Parish Council. The Parish Council will arrange to contact young people and invite them to meet with the aim of looking at how young people's ideas can be taken forward.

Thank you to all of the young people who attended the consultation and contributed their ideas and thank you to the Parish Council for organizing the event and for everyone who helped out at the event.