



**BICESTER
YOUNG PEOPLE
[12-18]
SURVEY**

JULY/AUGUST 2019

OVERVIEW



Survey took place during July and August 2019



512 total responses, comprising:

445 young people
aged 12 to 16 years

67 young people
aged 17 and above

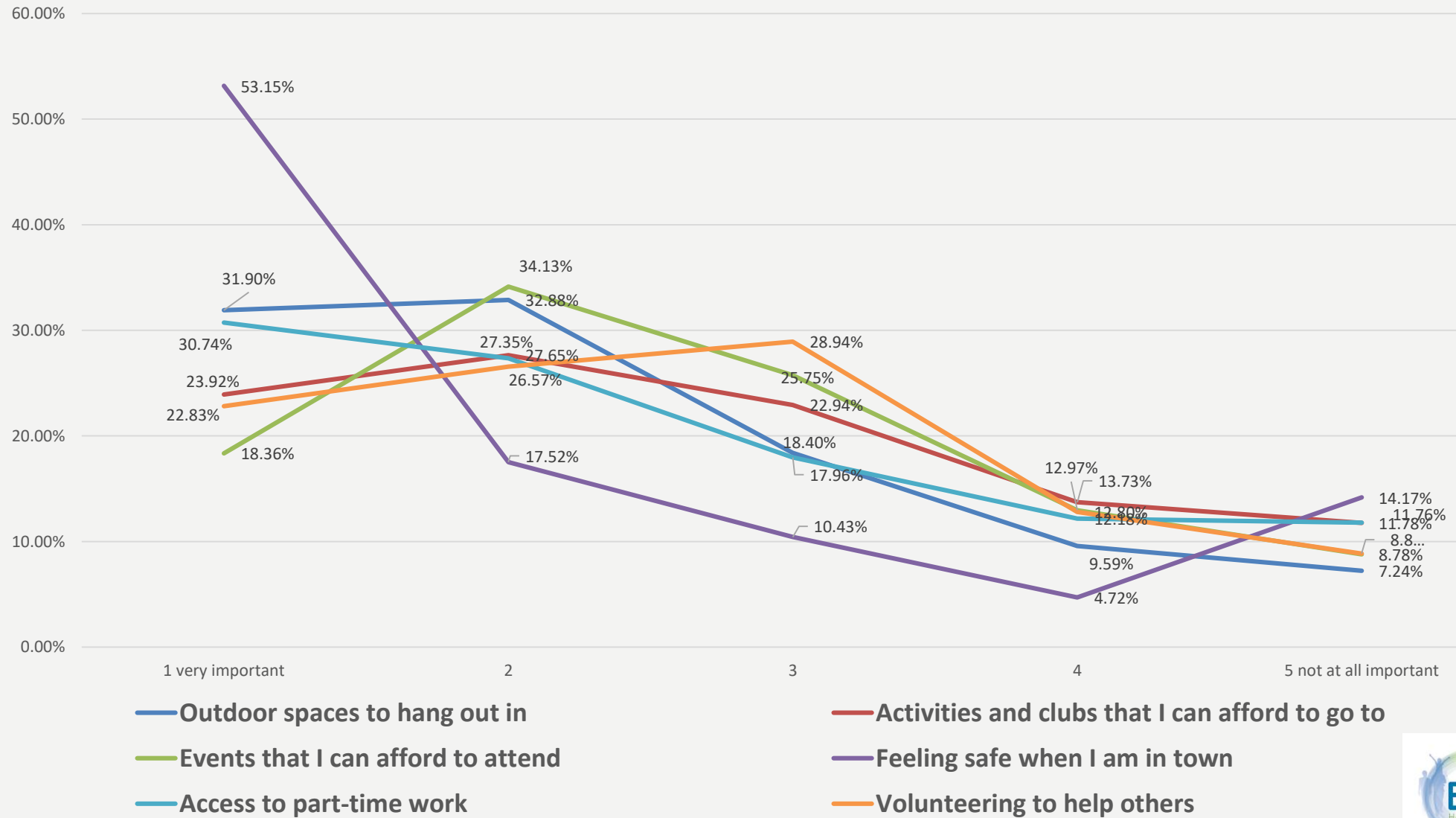
SATISFACTION RATES OF BICESTER AS A PLACE TO LIVE



- 70% of young people were satisfied with their area as a place to live.
- However, if compared to the satisfaction level of 79% in the annual residents' satisfaction survey 2018 (1000+ respondents aged 18 and over) it is lower.



WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE?



WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE?



Feeling safe when in town



Outdoor spaces to hang out in



Activities and clubs that I can afford to go to



Events that I can afford to attend



Access to part-time work



Volunteering to help others

OTHER SUGGESTIONS ..



Access to mental
health
support/better
mental health care

More green
spaces

More work
opportunities

Easy access to
bike trails/skate
parks/football
pitches

More to do for
teenagers

Affordable
sporting activities

Sense of
community



OUTDOOR SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HANG OUT IN BICESTER..

51% strongly agree or agree that Bicester has outdoor spaces for young people to hang out in

16% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement

A third (33%) neither agree nor disagree

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE OUTDOOR SPACES IN BICESTER?



More benches and places to hang out

More equal inclusive areas for everyone to enjoy – not just certain groups eg skaters

Keep the spaces litter free and clean

Make the areas less easy to vandalise/erect a graffiti wall

Build less houses

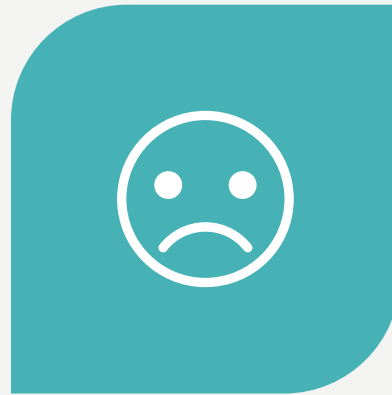
Put on more events/publicise them better

Greater police presence

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BICESTER..



48% STRONGLY AGREE OR AGREE THAT
BICESTER HAS ENOUGH ACTIVITIES AND
CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



17% STRONGLY DISAGREE OR DISAGREE
WITH THIS STATEMENT



35% NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS DO YOUNG PEOPLE WANT..



More activities and groups to help make friends and build confidence



Dance/singing/art & crafts clubs



IT/coding clubs



More sports clubs generally



Cookery/food-related clubs



HAS BICESTER ENOUGH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?

35% strongly agree or agree that Bicester has enough events for young people

23% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement

42% neither agree nor disagree

SUGGESTED EVENTS BY YOUNG PEOPLE..



Festivals/music
events

Social events

Charity events

Coding/IT events

Sporting
tournaments

Rugby/football
clubs for girls

Work experience
fair – matching
young people with
employers

FEELING SAFE WHEN GOING OUT IN BICESTER..



53% strongly agree or agree that they feel safe when they go out in Bicester



18% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement



29% neither agree nor disagree

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE THINK WOULD IMPROVE SAFETY IN BICESTER..



More CCTV cameras



Better street lighting



Increased police presence

PART-TIME WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE..



46% strongly agree or agree that Bicester has enough part-time work opportunities for young people

21% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement

A third (33%) neither agree nor disagree

OTHER IDEAS FOR IMPROVING PART-TIME WORK OPPORTUNITIES?



More jobs open to younger people/under 16s



More Sunday jobs!



More part-time work advertised



Work experience event matching teenagers and possible employers



More opportunities outside school hours



OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP OTHERS IN BICESTER..

46% strongly agree or agree that Bicester has enough opportunities to volunteer and help others

16% strongly disagree or disagree with this statement

38% neither agree nor disagree



WHAT OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WOULD YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE IN BICESTER?

Litter picking

Babysitting/helping out with younger children

Helping out at schools and hospitals

Helping the elderly/poor

Care home visits

Bag packing (it's fun with friends)

Helping with animals/RSPCA

Helping in a work placement for experience



WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BICESTER?



Shops/Bicester Village



Garth Park



Outdoor/green spaces



Good transport links (train)



The community

DO YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE BICESTER?

More youth activities
for free

More homeless
accommodation

Stop
building/development

Improve town
centre/less empty
shops

Affordable places to
'hang out'

Better parking
outside schools

Increase police
presence generally