



# **Community Services in Yaxley**

**Residents' survey: results and analysis**

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In June and July 2017 Hunts Forum conducted a survey of residents in Yaxley to find out what they liked, disliked and wanted to change about their community.

The survey was conducted online using Google Forms and publicised via the Yaxley Gazette (A6 insert, below, distributed to all 4,000 homes in Yaxley, and also an article in the same newsletter), in person at public events and via social media.



The survey began with some introductory text, as follows:



Hello, I'm Ben Pitt, Communities Officer for Hunts Forum. We're an organisation that supports voluntary and community organisations to help them set up, develop and grow. I'm working in Yaxley this summer and want to find out what local residents think of existing services, what they feel is missing and what can be done to fill the gaps.

Voluntary organisations might include pre-school groups, youth clubs, sports and exercise groups, support for older people or those with additional needs, community car schemes, book clubs, community choirs, drawing classes, sewing clubs, gardening clubs, coffee mornings, cookery clubs. It includes organisations that support a range of activities, such as a residents' association, neighbourhood watch scheme or a timebank.



116 responses were submitted, with Facebook being the biggest driver for responses. Paper copies of the survey were made available at the GP practice and at the Great Get Together community event. Three responses were submitted on paper, and the rest electronically. Most questions had free text answers. These answers have been analysed and grouped by category and subcategory to help establish trends.

## Headline trends

The responses showed a number of clear trends, as follows:

### Respondents were generally positive about living in Yaxley.

When asked, "Which words describe Yaxley?", there were nine positive, nine negative and three neutral words to choose from. 298 positive words were chosen compared to 99 negative words. 79 people described it as "Friendly", with 19 selecting "Anti-social". 50 chose "Safe" while 8 chose "Rough". However, opinion was divided as to whether Yaxley is "Busy" (52) or "Quiet" (39). A similar number of people chose "Fun" (13) and "Dull" (11).

### Residents place a high value on community.

When asked, "What are the best things about living in Yaxley?", 46% of responses related to community spirit, the people, social activities and other community-related issues.

### The biggest concerns are rising crime and ASB, and the rate of expansion of the village without the facilities to match.

When asked, "How Yaxley has changed in the last 10 years?" there were many more negative comments (103) than positive (14). The biggest concerns were the rate of expansion, increased crime, ASB and traffic and less police presence. The same issues also appeared frequently in answers to the question, "What are the biggest concerns about living here?"

### Yaxley Gazette and social media are much more effective than other means of communication.

74 people said they used Yaxley Gazette to find out what's going on in the village, with 67 using social media – the Yaxley Gazette Facebook page was specified by many people. Posters and noticeboards (9), flyers (1) and emails (1) were much lower. However, these results may be distorted because invitations to complete the survey were distributed via the Yaxley Gazette and its Facebook page.

### There are lots of community activities already established in Yaxley.

When asked, "Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Yaxley? What did you think of them?", 30 activities were mentioned – more when categories are subdivided into specific groups or classes, such as Cubs / Scouts / Guides, and Library activities.

### There is relatively high demand for more youth activities.

When asked, "What new activities would you like to see?", 20 people requested youth-related activities. Nine people requested family activities such as fun days and street barbecues. Nine people requested a swimming pool or water park. There were 53 other suggestions, each made by less than five people.

### Most respondents are interested in becoming more involved in community activities.

When asked, "Would you like to be more involved in community activities?", 12 replied "Yes" and 64 replied "Maybe", totalling 73% of responses to this question.

# What are the best things about living in Yaxley?

Free text field; most respondents provided multiple answers

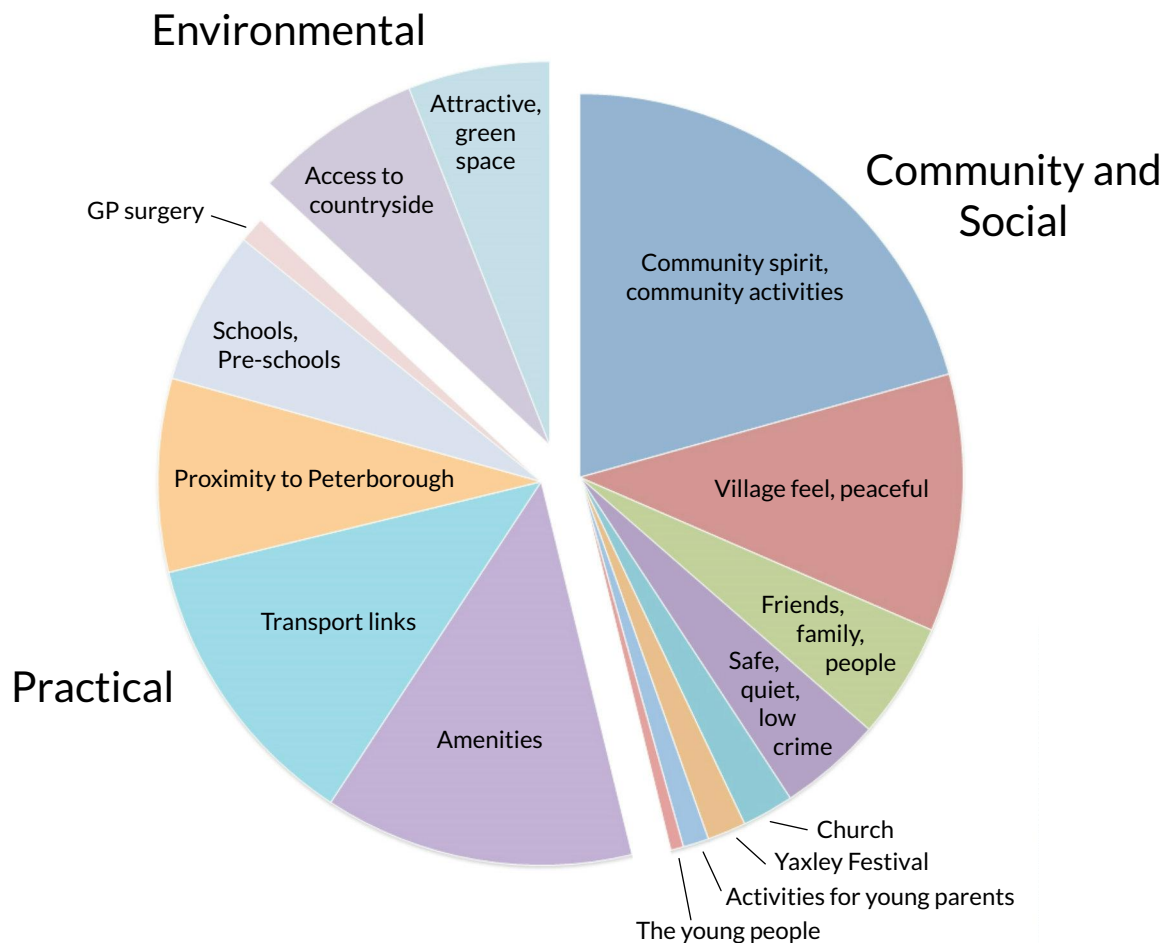
Community spirit, community activities	38
Amenities	24
Transport links	22
Village feel, peaceful	20
Proximity to Peterborough	15
Access to countryside	13
Schools, pre-schools	12
Attractive, green space	11
Friends, family, people	9
Safe, quiet, low crime	8
Church	4
Yaxley Festival	3
Activities for young parents	2
GP surgery	2
The young people	1

“Even though it is a large village, it has the heart of a close knit community.”

“Community spirit, close to the countryside, close to amenities.”

“The people”

“Schools, my children feel safe, nice community.”



# What are the biggest concerns about living here?

Free text field; most respondents provided multiple answers

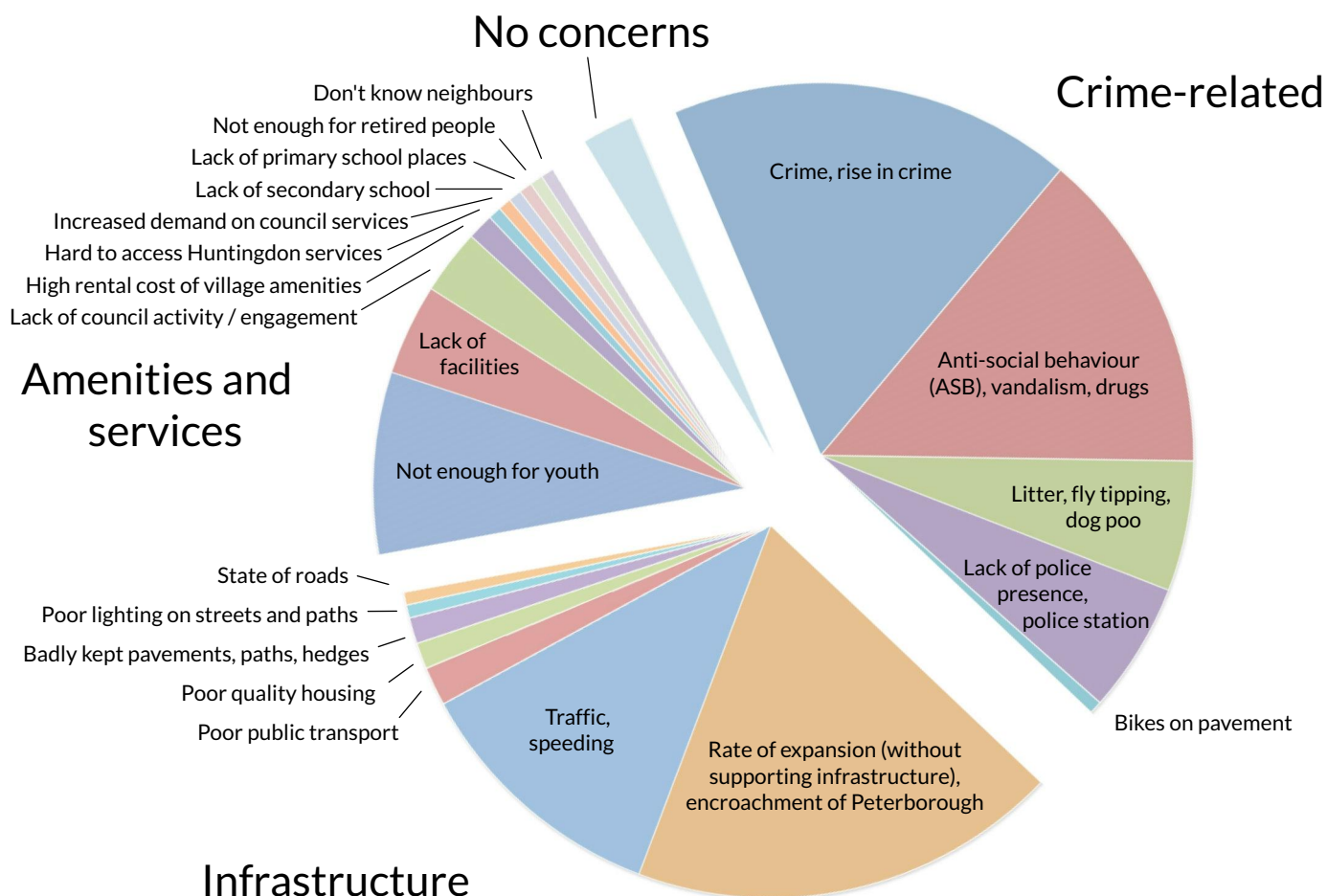
Rate of expansion (without supporting infrastructure), encroachment of Peterborough	33
Crime, rise in crime	31
Anti-social behaviour (ASB), vandalism, drugs	25
Traffic, speeding	20
Not enough for youth	14
Litter, fly tipping, dog poo	10
Lack of police presence / station	10
Lack of facilities	7
Lack of council activity / engagement	5
No concerns	4
Poor public transport	3
Poor quality housing	2
Badly kept pavements, paths, hedges	2
High rental cost of village amenities	2
Bikes on pavement	1
Poor lighting on streets and paths	1
State of roads	1
Hard to access Huntingdon services	1
Increased demand on council services	1
Lack of secondary school	1
Lack of primary school places	1
Not enough for retired people	1
Don't know neighbours	1

“Nothing for young children & youths to do... no public transport from Yaxley directly to Hampton Shopping Centre”

“Too many houses not enough facilities... Village has become too big. Rise in crime due to lack of policing.”

“Increase and traffic, vandalism, speeding and drugs.”

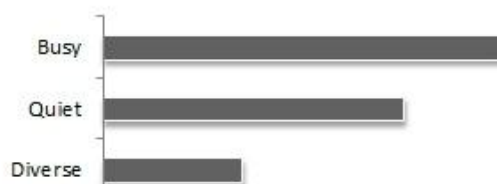
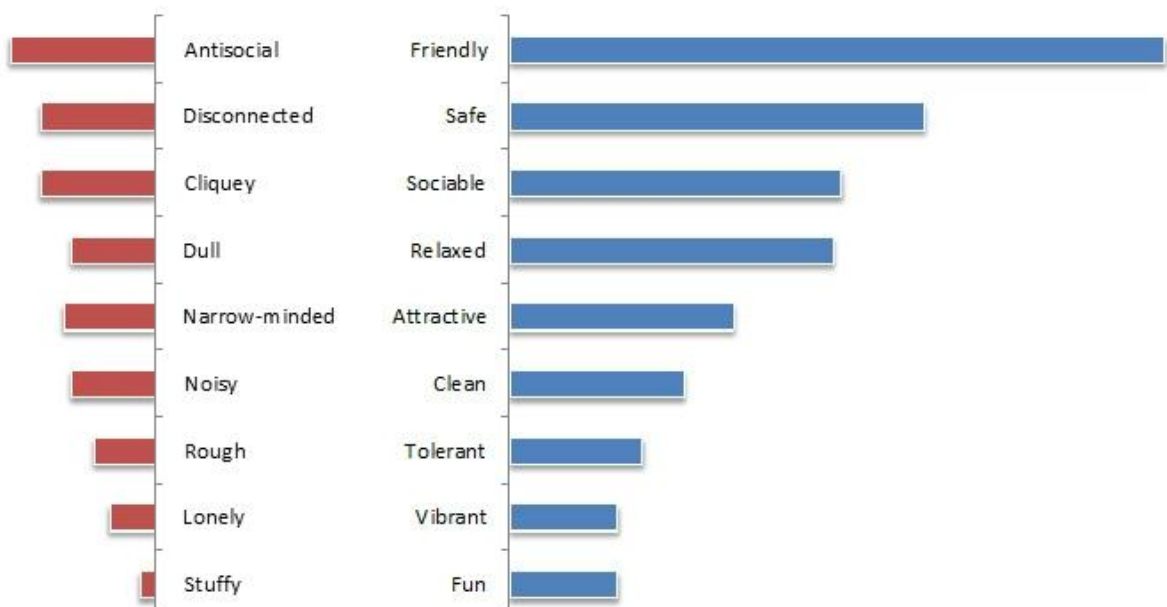
“Teenagers smoking cannabis in the local park next to the schools, no police patrols to keep an eye on this...”



# Which words describe Yaxley?

Tick boxes. Respondents could select multiple answers. Colour-coding (not included in the survey question) denotes **positive**, **negative** and neutral attributes.

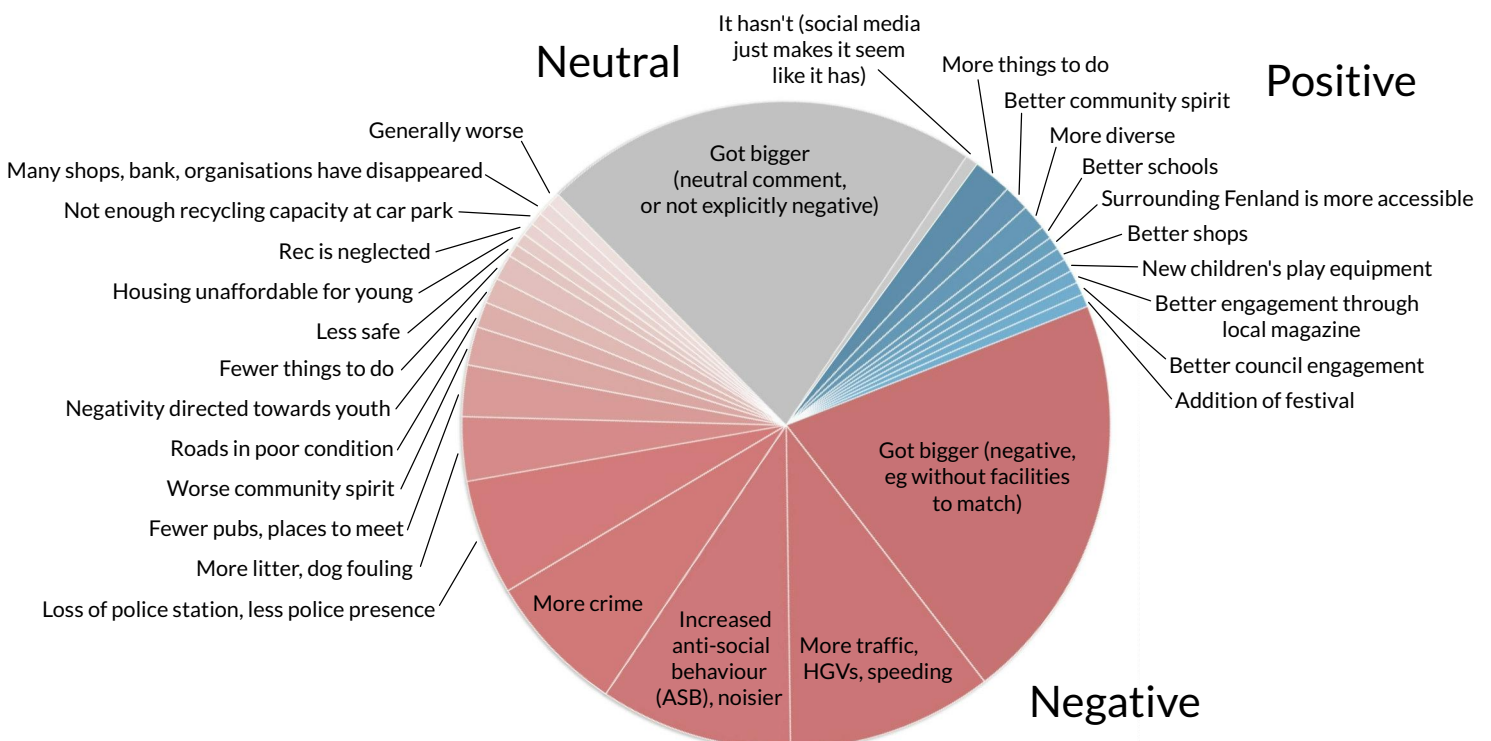
Friendly	79
Busy	52
Safe	50
Sociable	40
Relaxed	39
Quiet	39
Attractive	27
Clean	21
Antisocial	19
Diverse	18
Tolerant	16
Disconnected	15
Cliquey	15
Fun	13
Vibrant	13
Narrow-minded	12
Dull	11
Noisy	11
Rough	8
Lonely	6
Stuffy	2



# How has Yaxley changed in the last 10 years?

Free text, multiple answers allowed. Colour coding for **positive**, **negative** and neutral comments.

Crime-related	Increased anti-social behaviour (ASB), noisier	15	
	More crime	11	
	Loss of police station, less police presence	9	
	More litter, dog fouling	5	
	Less safe	1	
Infrastructure, amenities	Got bigger (neutral comment, or not explicitly negative)	34	
	Got bigger (negative, eg without facilities to match)	32	
	More traffic, HGVs, speeding	16	
	Roads in poor condition	2	
	Housing unaffordable for young	1	
	Better schools	1	
	Rec is neglected	1	
	Surrounding Fenland is more accessible	1	
	Better shops	1	
	Not enough recycling capacity at car park	1	
	New children's play equipment	1	
	Many shops, bank, organisations have disappeared	1	
	Community, social	Fewer pubs, places to meet	4
		Worse community spirit	3
More things to do		3	
Better community spirit		2	
Negativity directed towards youth		2	
Fewer things to do		2	
More diverse		2	
Better engagement through local magazine		1	
Better council engagement		1	
Addition of festival		1	
General	Generally worse	1	
	It hasn't (social media just makes it seem like it has)	1	





# Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Yaxley? What did you think of them?

Free text.

	Positive or no comment	Negative
Yaxley Festival	83	6
Church / church activities	12	
School and pre-school fairs, events	10	
Tour of Cambridge cycle race	8	
Cubs / Scouts / Guides	8	
Pre-school / baby groups	6	
Great Get Together	5	2
Three Horseshoes / Scouts fireworks display	5	
Library activities (including art class)	5	
Welcome Club	4	
Firewalk fundraiser	3	
Women's Institute	3	
St B's Friday coffee morning	3	
Yaxley Flower Club	3	
Yaxley Yaks Rugby Club	2	
Queen's 90th birthday at Three Horseshoes	2	
Drama group	2	
Three Horseshoes Lunch Club	2	1
Craft fairs	1	
Touch rugby	1	
British Legion	1	
Yaxley Infants Race for Life	1	
Strawberry tea	1	
YPC engagement group (for outdoor gym)	1	
Bowls Club	1	
Yaxley Agewell Group	1	
Police public meeting	1	
YPCS mindfulness	1	
Green Wheel cycle path	1	
RightStart Strength and Balance exercise class		1

“Yaxley festival - fantastic effort by the organisers. Cycle race - supported on the streets. Nice to get out with the neighbours.”

Yaxley Festival. Good that an annual event of this type now exists. I'd like to see more by way of family entertainment during the day as well as the bands in the evening.”

“Scouts Firework display at Three Horseshoe pub - great as always”

“Yaxley Festival - brilliant for all the family.”

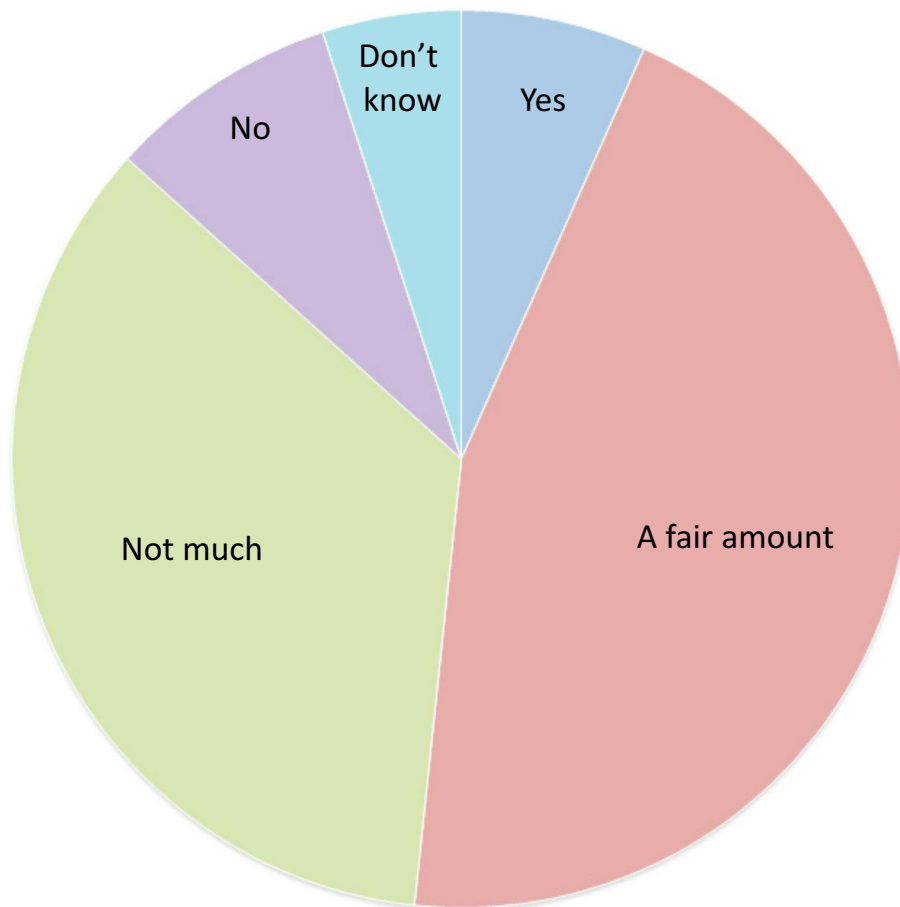
“The church is friendly and welcoming and has lots of events and activities through the year.”

“Watched the bike race from various locations. Feedback from friends that took part was Yaxley gave them the best reception. How about making this more of a village event, advertise, BBQ at the pub, Make it an afternoon out for families, perhaps even a few stalls!”

# Is there a lot going on here for you and your household?

Multiple choice - one answer allowed

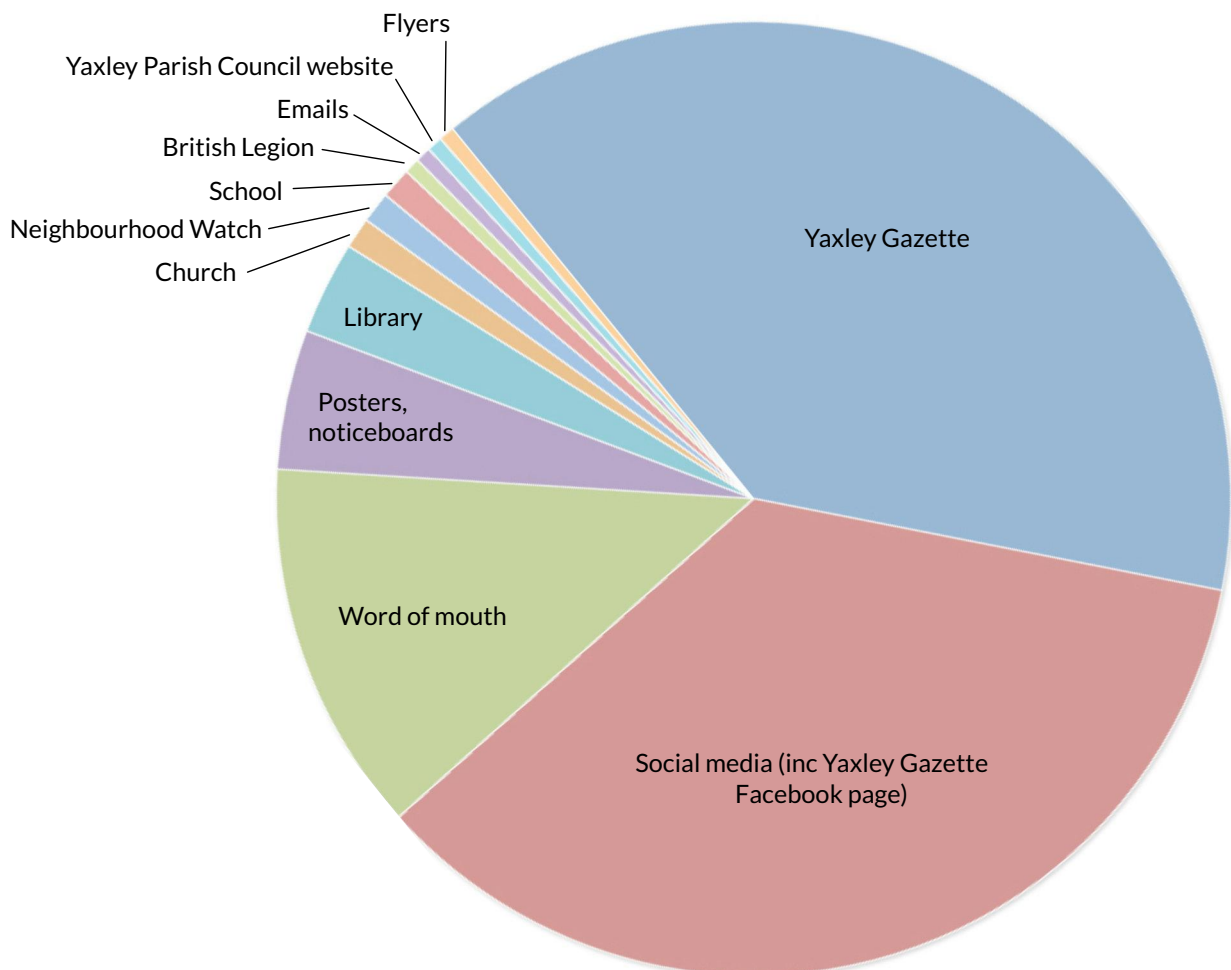
Yes	8
A fair amount	54
Not much	42
No	10
Don't know	6



# How do you find out what's going on in the village?

Free text

Yaxley Gazette	74
Social media (inc Yaxley Gazette Facebook page)	67
Word of mouth	24
Posters, noticeboards	9
Library	6
Church	2
Neighbourhood Watch	2
School	2
British Legion	1
Emails	1
Yaxley Parish Council website	1
Flyers	1



# What new activities would you like to see?

Free text

Youth	Youth club / youth activities / youth centre	20
	Toddlers groups	2
	Children's dance group	2
	Youth sports	2
	Youth outreach	1
	Play area for younger children	1
	Soft play	1
	Children's sports activities	1
	Family, social, support	Family activities (eg fun days, street BBQs)
More festivals, fairs		4
More for older people		4
Car boot sale		2
Christmas market		1
Ladies' lunch club		1
Tea dances		1
Inter-faith group		1
Internet cafe		1
Support group for single/vulnerable parents		1
Support for deaf community		1
Saturday coffee morning		1
"Something aimed at 35-55 (most are 60+)"		1
Motorcycle club		1
"Decent pub"		1
Coach trip outings for older people (not in noisy environments)		1
Scarecrow competition		1
Village scavenger hunts		1
More daytime activities: WEA history, WI, U3A, flower arranging		1
Exercise		Swimming pool / water park
	Leisure centre / sports facilities	4
	Tennis, badminton courts	4
	Park run / fun run	2
	Improved skate park	1
	Walking group	1
	Nordic walking group	1
	"Exercise machines dedicated to the older generation - (not in the rec)"	1
	Ladies netball team	1
	Adult fitness classes	1
	Pilates	1
	Dog walking group, dog cafe	1
	More local sports teams	1
	Cricket club	1
	Family exercise classes (parents + kids)	1
	Exercise class / outdoor equipment for older people	1
	Culture	Art classes
Local history talks / trails		3
Bridge club		1
Poker club		1
Adult education / crafts		1
Film screening on Rec		1
WW2 battle re-enactments on the rec		1
Singing group		1
Sewing club		1
Book club		1
Live music events		1
Photography class		1
Cooking class		1

“Something to engage youngsters to help with the drug and asbo problems.”

“More child based events like fun days, fire station open day. Perhaps there could be an outdoor christmas market on the rec.”

“Regular art classes at library in the daytime, and something for the retired men.”

“Something aimed at people aged 35-55 years, all the groups and most activities are aimed at over 60 (Welcome Club, Age Well and lunch club).”

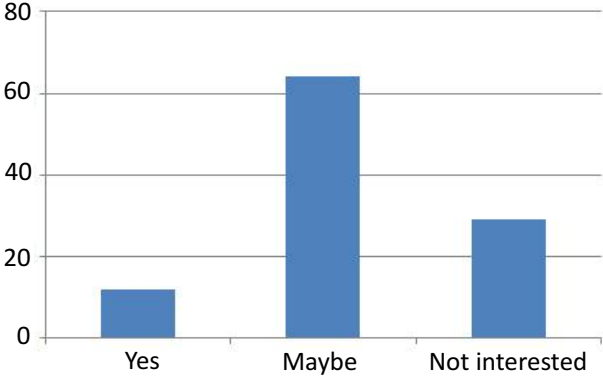
“A youth club run by properly trained youth workers who will be able to recognise risk taking behaviour and work preventatively with youth.”

“Exercise classes for parents to attend with their kids so parents can exercise with out worrying about who will look after the kids and kids can get moving.”

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

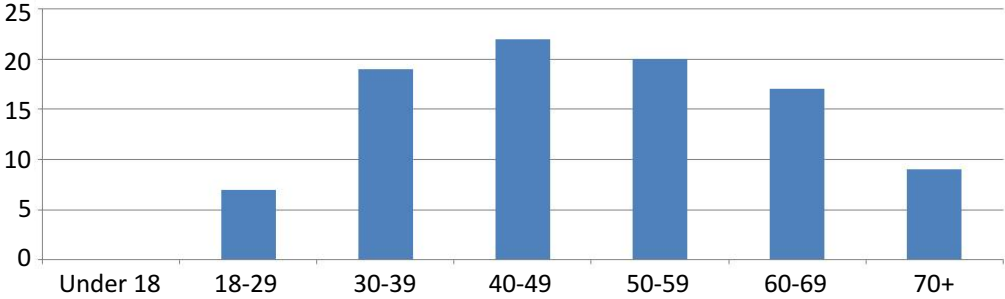
Multiple choice

Yes	12
Maybe	64
Not interested	29



## Optional: How old are you?

Under 18	0
18-29	7
30-39	19
40-49	22
50-59	20
60-69	17
70+	9



# Appendix 1: Responses in full

## What are the best things about living in Yaxley?

Rural position but good links to other facilities

Being able to walk alone in the village at 2100 hrs without fear of being mugged

Community spirit. Village feel but good access to local amenities. Good bus links to town (though Tesco one could be better)

Lived here a few years n made some good friends. That's about all.

It has all the amenities apart from bank and police

Decent doctors surgery

Excellent schools, good community spirit,

Not too big.

Its on the outskirts on Peterborough

Being away from the town and living in a smaller community.

Village life but close enough to Peterborough.

The local residents who get involved and put on great events like the festival and the recent picnic.

Being welcomed into the community, great private ventures, Yaxley Festival

Nice community

Shops, buses, old part of village like a community, near A1 etc.

The community, and a great area

Good transport links, good variety of amenities, great community spirit.

Travel convenience

Very active community groups making things better for everyone

Being close to Peterborough but not part of it. We are still a village even though the growth is ruining that

Peaceful and mostly safe.

Beautiful surrounding countryside. A1 and East coast trains. The Co-op. Most young people.

Community spirit driven by a few key locals - but not parish council

Family all live around here.

It has almost everything - shops, library. Doctors, good bus service, close To a1.

Nice walks

Nice church and church events

Lovely community feel to village

Community spirit, events organised, great facilities (shops, restaurants, pubs, take-aways). Great transport routes (buses etc). Good primary schools available.

The Yaxley festival where the community comes together

It's beautiful and everyone I have met since we moved here has been incredibly warm and friendly. Even though it is a large village, it has the heart of a close knit community

people

Community & Central Location with excellent links to major Rd & Rail network

Village community

I don't live here

Community, great groups for young Mums and families to attend

Good doctors, good baby groups, nice community (in general), nice countryside

Nice community feel

St. Peter's Church; our schools; the walks and paths

Its not all concrete like the various townships around Peterborough

Schools, my children feel safe, nice community

Ease of getting out of Yaxley, wide range of local shops, high quality doctors surgery, open space,

The community spirit

Out of Peterborough

location

Ease of access to Hampton and Peterborough but within a smaller community with good schools and transport links

Eclectic mix of individual homes and small businesses, while being close to the open countryside.

I have lived here all my life, my family has a history here and I know a lot of the community.

Green open spaces, it's quiet, close to A1 and Peterborough

It is largely rural but within easy reach of city

Lots going on, lovely countryside on our doorstep.

Location , our library and cycle ways  
The village feel with small town amenities  
Closeness to Peterborough but still feels like a village-community spirit.  
Proximity to the A1  
Safe and friendly  
Bus routes / GP surgeries access to A1.  
My family are close by  
Great community spirit  
Yaxley Fest  
My friends  
Schools  
All the best things about living in Yaxley have gone  
I've always felt safe and welcomed. Good range of shops and medical centre, vets.  
A pleasant location close to town and country  
Close to Peterborough  
It is a vibrant community  
Still has a good community feel, easily accessible, some good amenities  
Shops, schools.  
It's a friendly and mixed community.  
Road links to North and South are good.  
The church is inclusive and welcoming and seeks to support the community.  
The infant school is excellent. All schools provide opportunities for the community to be involved such as fairs and participating in the yaxley festival.  
Family village  
The sense of community, the range of facilities, the activities for all ages, the people.  
Shops and schools within the village good variety.  
Not as busy  
Near the A1  
Has the balance of being the country but has a few shops  
Fantastic schools. Lovely play areas.  
Good facilities  
Close to countryside, but great road and rail links countrywide.  
Community spirit, close to the countryside, close to amenities

Community  
Access to the A1  
Close to the city with a village feel  
Community spirit, facilities and services. Beautiful scenery!!!  
The people  
Close to the A1  
Good sense of community; great doctors; sunny cafe; near to facilities in Peterborough but not in Peterborough.  
Countryside and community  
The community spirit, beautiful village  
Amenities and location  
Community spirit, rural, transport links.  
Village feel. Character.  
My immediate vicinity for wildlife  
Not a City  
Close community  
Low Crime Rate and Family Orientated Community  
It's a big village but there is still a sense of community  
Community  
What is available is easily accessible  
Great bus link to peterborough centre.  
Near to the A1.  
Many takeaways and newsagents, shops etc.  
Beautiful church.  
Community spirit and the people  
Schools and Pre Schools  
I first came to the village in 1975 and find it very sad how it's changed, grown, the lack of the community Bobby and it just used to be a friendly village. I barely go out in the village now.  
Close to major shops but still a large village.  
Excellent school and good links to A1  
Village feel  
In many ways it still has a village atmosphere

## What are the biggest concerns about living here?

Lack of amenities for the youth

Jobs in the village, very intimidating, when I am only 5' 1" tall and they're over 6 foot

Increasing crime. Lack of school places for primary. (Both schools were full even though many children have applied to Holme school)

The youth looking of age group I would say 12-20+ hanging around the shelter next to William Yaxley school but within the park area n smoking weed drinking alcohol n throwing things riding motorbikes across park n acting anti social getting up to no good meeting people in cars that pull up in car park or road beside doctors n acting suspiciously n also down by the skate park area too. They make me feel intimidated n now starting to hang around the off licence in Broadway shopping centre More so... they need something to help them...like a mobile hot drinks can selling hot dogs n burgers etc with volunteers n representatives from the police n youth teams n drugs team to help them n be on their side. ..guide them in the right direction...similar to a playbus for young children ...hope that makes sense. Also I find the local Yaxley council are not supportive n never see evidence of their support except to pass the buck n responsibilities to the people of Yaxley. There comes a time when they have to step up!

Youth neglected, I requested a new shelter. But police said no so council through the idea out

Crime, speeding

Nothing for young children & youths to do when they are not at school, no public transport from Yaxley directly to Hampton Shopping Centre

Lack of facilities.

Crime

Increase and traffic, vandalism, speeding and drugs.

The rise in local crime and no active police station!

The lack of facilities for the majority. Not asking people what they want and just putting things in that are assumed are needed

Parish Council being disconnected from the Village

How large it is expanding taking up so much land.

Anti social behaviour, littering, crime levels on the up

Rising crime, thefts etc. Growing too large. Rubbish around village.

The village council and new housing plans

Lack of police presence when needed. There has been a few more attempted burglaries and vandalism lately in the village.

Crime and anti social behaviour. Litter. And badly kept paths and walkways regarding hedges and trees.

nothing for young people to do

The encroachment of Peterborough. Policing. Never see a policeman. I believe we have 1 and a PCSO but don't really know them.

Increased anti social behaviour and crime.

Dog poo, litter, speeding cars

Groups' of youngsters with nothing to do currently. Crime.

The crime and drugs around the parks.

- 1) Drunkards and late night noise and regular trouble at Bollywood Tiger (who rarely close when their Licence says they should)
- 2) too many house and car burglaries - seem to be getting worse?
- 3) Speeding cars

Speeding traffic, crime, lack of police

Housing developments encroaching Yaxley.

I've lived in Yaxley my whole life and the crime rate has increased so much over the past few years

I haven't any concerns yet, possibly my biggest bug bear though is not really related to the village but my house purchase took so long to complete I couldn't move my son's school and now struggle with transport home for him

too much rubbish/dog poo.

Traffic & being swallowed by Peterborough without the required supporting infrastructure, Roads, Schools, Sports etc

Not enough going on and crime is on the increase which no police in the village

Too big to be a village - too much traffic

Traffic with so much continuing development of the surrounding countryside

Traffic is growing problem and will only get worse! Rising crime levels, antisocial behavior. No signs of police

Authorities ignore the village...only just in huntingdon out of sight out of mind ..not in Peterborough nothing doing there also.

bikes riding on the pavements; the state of the pavements; the number of newcomers



Getting to built up, want to stay a village, but building work seems to be growing around us.

Its getting bigger, but the facilities remain the same

Over run by Peterborough development, too much traffic, speeding on A15

The park on the rec

Volume of speeding traffic

the amount of housing going up

Lack of facilities for residents given recent expansion of the village

Poor planning of public transport route, making it difficult to shop at the Co-op if you live in the old village as you have to walk half a mile with your shopping to the nearest bus stop (especially for disabled/elderly).

As the village has grown the facilities have disappeared eg the bank.

Not enough shops or a family friendly pub north of the village

Over development

None

Increased traffic, the appearance of the Broadway centre, large residential developments planned

Building joining up with Peterborough becoming a township

Public transport (ps 4 miles from city centre 1 bus every hour after 6) why?

Better path and street lights

Encroachment of Peterborough and the 'roughness' 'nastiness' that can come with city life and crime!

Traffic on Broadway, serious accident again yesterday, needs more traffic calming before someone killed, definitely more 30 signs needed

The Rec at night

Anti social behaviour and speeding

The litter, drug use, noise

Theres nothing for the older teenagers to do crime

Drugs/Youths.

Too many houses not enough facilities, no bank or building society. Village has become too big. Rise in crime due to lack of policing.

That we will become absorbed by Peterborough and lose our village identity.

No police presence

Traffic, with expansion not enough thought into access. look at recent redirected traffic through our village. one reason I don't vote in local council elections they have no teeth.

The amount of crime that is happening with a noticeable lack of police presence .

Rising crime, too much new housing leading to strain on local amenities i.e. schools, doctor's surgery

Theft from vehicles,

There does appear to be an element of antisocial behaviour from some residents.

There are relatively few groups and organised activities available for both adults and children.

We are a long way from Huntingdon which makes some services difficult to access for those without a car.

There have been significant disruptions to roads caused by building in nearby areas.

Getting bigger needs it's own secondary school and more facilities

Disaffected youth/teenagers who get bored and leave piles of rubbish. Dog owners who do not clear up after their dogs. People throwing litter in the streets and parks/green spaces.

Graffiti and the amount of antisocial behaviour throughout the village threatening groups etc

Fly tipping

Speeding along Broadway traffic lights end

I don't have any.

The amount of rubbish on the rec and dog mess.

More traffic being inflicted on resident of London Road

Village very big, how will services cope? I.e. doctor etc

Burglaries

Lack of things for teenagers to do

Crime

Drug & drink use all around

Village becoming too big. Crime rates increasing, anti social behaviour. Concerns over facilities (such as schools and doctors) becoming stretched.

Crime

All the building and road works. Awful estates

Petty crime seems to be increasing; being swallowed up by Peterborough.

Rising levels of incidents in the recreation ground- it no longer feels safe for my kids

Too many new build, out of control youth, poor roads and speeding drivers

Getting swallowed up by both Peterborough.

Becoming too urban, development for development sake.

Drunk youths in parks/increasing traffic (crossing Broadway is a nightmare)/night time thieving

I am... very deaf. Clubs with speakers no good to me and many too noisy, would like to meet people on coach trip outings one to one. Drawing classes

Crime on the increase no police cover

Teenagers smoking cannabis in the local park next to the schools, no police patrols to keep an eye on this or to make their presence known

The Council coping with an increased demand on local services. Wouldn't want to see an increase in litter and duration for cleaning it up

there is nothing for young people to do

No youth centre, high rental cost of village amenities, crime rate

I personally have no major concern about living in Yaxley

Not enough policing,

Expanding too quickly

None

The vandalism and crime

Rising crime levels, lack of places for youths to hang out and antisocial behaviour.

Being surrounded by Peterborough development

Not enough activities for retired people during the day. Not knowing neighbours.

## How has Yaxley changed in the last 10 years?

I feel it has grown in size. But the facilities have not been put in place to meet the demands or the infrastructure

House prices have become unaffordable for the young. We need a good mixture of white, middle class, English people in the village

More housing built. Business changes...some leaving, others opening. Increasing community spirit.

Roads far too busy and too many hgvs using yaxley as a cut through to their desination . Yaxley council will not support this. it's dangerous noisy n unfair!

Negativity between youth and residents caused by a few

Everything.

Alot more houses, improved schooling, more anticocial behaviour

Loss of police station.

Yes a lot more crime

Lots of new houses have been built but we haven't been given any facilities for the growth of the community. The traffic has increased and is now often impossible to cross the main road or get out of our drives. We don't get anything for the money we pay in our council tax and the Parish Council is expected to pick up and do more which is wrong as we are part of Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire but often seem to be forgotten.

Higher crime rate.

The population has grown immensley due to too many new housing estates being built.

It has got a lot bigger but facilities have not been improved.

More activities coming into the village, more anti social behaviour

It's expanded so much it's likely to be more of a town than a village and will become a cold place to live as community spirit could well be lost.

There seems to be more crime but this may be because it is highlighted on social media sites

Grown too big, more crime, more anti social behaviour, people complaining about rural farms etc., smell etc. As people from city, should expect there to be farms etc. in country village.

New developments more people within the area

Grown immensely

Yes and Not for the good.

loads of things now going on

Perhaps I am getting older or the youngster have grow up faster

Grown far too much. Previous planners have assured us we would remain a village. We are increasingly being swallowed by Hampton.

I have lived in Yaxley for 36 years having moved from London. All I hear now are people moaning. And they moan about anything. They seem to be completely intolerant of any young people. It's sad.

Grown too much and too quickly for amenities and facilities to keep up with.

Too many houses not enough services to cope.

Noisier - more late night trouble

More burglaries

Social - nowhere nice to go here anymore. Have to leave the village for a 'nice' night out.

Got bigger

I have lived here for 35 years. The size/population of the village has increased. Better facilities. More housing on green field sites within the village.

It use to be a nice friendly kids could play outside with no worries and now kids can't play outside without worrying not as friendly anymore and crime rate is stupid it use to be one of the safest villages to live in

I've only lived here for 4 months but I know already how much I love it!

too much development, peoples attitudes,

Much busier traffic & busier in general

Got a lot bigger and not enough shops or police the centre is like from the 60s

Very little in the last 4 years

Growing population and increased traffic growing crime rate, increased traffic.

Massive expansion of houses but facilities haven't been keeping pace eg. Also police station closed, local pubs closed,

More houses

Many more housing estates

Become so much bigger, more houses. The village isnt as attractive/pretty as it used to be. Parts of it seem to be neglected.....ie. the recreational ground.

More traffic due to infill building, improved management and presentation of shopping centre, Population growth, better community engagement through improved local magazine periodicals

It has become bigger with more houses and a wider range of people

Vast increase in commercial and private vehicles with NO by-pass

nearly doubled since we moved here in 1983

Only recently moved to Yaxley, can't comment

Gone from four pubs to only two, and while this isn't everything, there certainly is a lack of bars or cafes where people can meet for a comfortable chat. Sophie T's tends to be special occasions as pricey, and Sunny Cafe is set out for eating rather than relaxing. The village has certainly grown enormously, and I would argue that the infrastructure hasn't kept pace, particularly in terms of activities available.

More houses. Lack of facilities. No police. Parking is an issue near the schools and doctors. The pubs have gone.

Yes

It has matured with the creation of modern estates

A lot more houses.

The volume of traffic has increased and the Haddon project and other residential projects have been discussed

Has become bigger and getting closer to Peterborough

More housing bad public transport no infrastructure more things for young people

Only been here 2 years not much change apart from now it seems council taking an interest in what's going on. I like this idea.

Too many new houses without more amenities and no new road structure

Lots more houses

It's got very anti social and cars speed

It's only got worse

Increase of population but a decrease in police presence

got bigger

The violence, the litter

There use to be a police presence, now children openly take drugs in plain sight.

More houses have been built.

Have only been here 8 months

Worse parental control

Yes, of course because many new homes have been built. We now have more homes to offer for the young and the older residents.

Grown in size but amenities have improved too

Traffic especially lorries passing through Broadway. They should be banned

The village has outgrown it's facilities with far too much housing and industrial development over the past 10 years.

Houses seem to be being built on any plot of land. The village is fast losing its village identity. Roads are a lot busier, particularly London Road and Broadway.

More houses

There are more houses and people but I don't think it has changed that much- which is a shame because I would have liked to see services develop with the growing population.

Grown bigger but doesn't seem to move with the times

It has/is growing, more houses and people and traffic. The Coop store is a good addition to the Broadway shops. The Yaxley Festival is wonderful! The surrounding fenland is becoming more accessible.

More buildings and homes being created joining Yaxley and farcet practically

Shopping centre has been done up

Got to big

I moved here 9 years ago and other than housing development I have not noticed any major changes. There has been no improvement in local recycling in the car park, always overflowing when I go there.

A lot of rubbish and graffiti

Far too much new building of estates.

More diverse people moving in, which I see as a good thing.

I have been here since 1991 and there has been so much development that it's almost a town now

It hasn't, access to social media just makes it seem like it has!

Roads busier

Getting too many houses so too many people for our facilities to cope i.e. Doctors and schools

See more drunkenness and smoking cannabis in public.

Resident for 38 years. Over the last 10 with the considerable growth the community is being lost. Social interaction. Considerable change to usable services, lost bank, village shops, police station (longer than 10 years). But really growth, growth, growth of housing!!!

There appear to be lots of crime, vans broken into and cars.

Busier, noisier, more stressful, all that beautiful green land being consumed by dull-looking houses. Crown Lakes could be nice (I know it's Farect but is so close) but is rough with graffiti, and motorbikes. Don't feel safe there

Much more crime. Dog fouling on the increase again.

More if a community feel due to efforts of volunteers and social media.

Building has taken too much land, youth has no respect, roads are in terrible condition

Much bigger. Less of a village feel

I have lived here all my life and seen the village change, but equally many aspects still remain. Shops have come and gone, amenities the same. I have seen a decline in local produce (bakers, butchers etc), but equally seen the more mainstream develop (Co-op). The addition of ferndale has seen an influx in numbers, but maybe not the introduction of more amenities. Pubs have also dwindled and fallen below standard.

More houses/population

More house = more traffic = poor unmaintained roads

No police patrols

Seems like population has continued to increase, not a bad thing

The new estates have popped up and it is now much bigger

New park items for younger children

Much more built up - therefore more houses mean more traffic and more people

Doubled in size.

Police station closed down.

Seems to be more crime.

Not so many people acknowledge each other i.e. Saying good morning even if you don't know them.

Got much bigger and now feels more like part of Peterborough. No longer a separate village

I don't think it has. Other than the Yaxley Festival which is a great social event we are very much the same old Yaxley.

It has grown massively, people aren't as friendly

More housing developments have the roads unable to cope with traffic levels. Less police presence on the ground. More antisocial behaviour at night (inc 'boy racers' on Broadway which require the police helicopter at least once a month). Litter/ dog fouling has risen. Number of inconsiderate weed smokers forcing residents to close their windows on a summer evening has risen this year. Police should crack down on it. It's unacceptable to those of us with small children.

Grown too much too quick. Services are stretched

Many of the shops/bank/organisations have disappeared

## Which community events and groups have you or people in your household attended recently in Yaxley? What did you think of them?

Yaxley Festival. Very good for all the community.

Yaxley Get together. Felt it was quite cliquy.

Yaxley festival, church activities

Get together picnic.... was nice to get community together though quiet.

Yaxley Festival amazing as always.

I am on committee for preschool so attend the local events there and at schools.

Fireworks display at 3 horseshoes is always brilliant.

Festival...very good because the people that arranged it worked hard to get it organised but sadly a lot of people felt like they had another drinking place to go to...needed more activities and stalls to stop this.

Festival

None

Yaxley Festival, the entertainment was very good, but there was not enough to entertain young children, if the fair had not been attending then children would of had nothing to do. Too many business stands making it feel less like a festival & more like a business convention

Yaxley festival.

Yaxley Festival

The Yaxley festival has to have a mention. So very well organised and great for the community.

Great to see the cycle race through the village.

Have attended several craft fairs etc.

Yaxley Festival, The Firewalk, the Jo Cox picnic. Well organised and attended. Nice to see village people coming together.

Yaxley Festival - Amazing family weekend and fun for all. Great Get Together - Very relaxed and showing a great community spirit. Great Yaxley Firewalk - Great charity event, kids and adults loved it. Yaxley Yaks Rugby Club - Kids love playing and being part of a successful new team.

Royal British Legion, organising events on a Saturday or Sunday.

Yaxley Festival - brilliant event

Yaxley festival. OK, not my cup of tea, too fair groundish, but young people like it.

Yaxley festival, better planning for residents and parking

Yaxley festival, Three horseshoes lunch club. Both excellent.

Yaxley Festival, school theatre group, charity walk, school fete

yaxley festival is awesome!!!!

Welcome Club

Yaxley Festival

Yaxley festival (brilliant). Tour of Cambridge (exciting) Talks at WI (very interesting)

Yaxley Festival. Bonfire night. Events at The Three Horse Shoes Pub. Community Events published by Gazette etc.

The festival very good for village.also the children's group at church.

Yaxley festival - fantastic effort by the organisers

Cycle race - supported on the streets. Nice to get out with the neighbours

Yaxley festival - great weekend

Yaxley Festival - it was fantastic. Best one yet.

Scouts Firework display at Three Horseshoe pub - great as always

Tour of Cambridgeshire through Yaxley - neighbourhood picnic was organised

yaxley festival

Yaxley festival and Yaxley Infants race for life enjoyed very much but that's about all u get in this village

My son and I went to the Yaxley festival and to watch the cyclists

Rugby, Cycling, Festival, Church

none

Yaxley festival, good event for community to get together. Food Bank with the church, good to share time and resources with like minded people

Yaxley festival. Rhyme time. Mummas and Bubbas baby groups, touch rugby, yaxley festival - all very good.

Yaxley festival...good

Strawberry Tea - great; Yaxley Festival - too many trade stands, too much security; Green at - great

Festival, art class in library

Yaxley festival, really enjoyed it, brought everyone together.

Yaxley Parish engagement group for selecting and installing outdoor gym equipment on the Recreation ground. Friendly, driven and committed.

Yaxley festival, spectacular achievement, our own local Glastonbury! Very well supported, friendly

Mummas and Bubbas at the Legion  
bowls club

Church toddler group. Friendly, well organised and welcoming

Yaxley Festival. Good that an annual event of this type now exists. I'd like to see more by way of family entertainment during the day as well as the bands in the evening. The Great Get Together. Not very well promoted, and given it was a family event, we were surprised the Austin Hall wasn't open to provide refreshments and toilets. Due to a lack of the latter in particular, several families left earlier than they would have liked.

Library. Yaxley Festival.

Feel that the festival is a waste of money for what it gives back to the village it doesn't include everyone and is cliquey.

Festival. Good show

St Peters church, wonderful church community, friendly, welcoming.

Sparks at St Peters, lot's of young families.

Bell ringing at St Peters, Good mix of ages, 11 to 80+

Friday coffee mornings at St B's, good place to have a chat and find new people.

St Peters Mothers' Union, Interesting meetings plus the MU-Engage the women's discussion group.

Yaxley Flower Club, Watching and learning about flower arranging, very friendly.

Yaxley Festival. Great event!

None recently

Yax fest is brilliant!

Yaxley festival

Festival- very good

Cubs - good attendance and good scouting structure for all age groups

Yaxley festival, good fun

Yaxley Festival, was ok

Yaxley festival and school fetes

yaxfest and queens 90th at the shoes brilliant

Yaxley festival was good

Festival.

Yaxley festival was great.. an amazing event

Yaxley festival, WI, Flower club, St. Peters church, Scouts, St B's Cafe club

The Cambridge Cycle race we thoroughly enjoy every year and school sports days, concerts and assemblies are marvelous.

Yaxley festival, very good event, community spirit

Yaxley Festival

Yaxley Festival and William De Yaxley School Fayre.

Yaxley fair

Yaxley festival- this was well organised and felt safe and relaxed.

Scout group- very positive experience for my children and family.

The fireworks display is really lovely and has a community feel to it.

The church is friendly and welcoming and has lots of events and activities through the year.

Yaxley Gazette Facebook page has been helpful and interesting but i think needs to be monitored more closely as sometimes it feels people are bullied.

Yaxley festival was great

Yaxley Festival, St Peters plant fair, the library. All great! I give blood three times a year at the British Legion building.

Yaxley festival, pre-school events

None

None

Yaxley festival - stands not as good as previous years, plants for example only one rather sad stand this year. There was more focus on food this year, not a bad thing but need a better balance in my opinion. Put more straw bales to sit on when listening to the bands.

I attended the police meeting at the school one evening this year. Poor turnout but see that as a positive. Children should in my opinion not be allowed to attend this event as there was one toddler there reading her book aloud throughout and the mother made no effort to quieten her. we could not hear the police officer speaking. It's not a family night out.

Watched the bike race from various locations. Feedback from friends that took part was Yaxley gave them the best reception. How about making this more of a village event, advertise, BBQ at the pub, Make it an afternoon out for families, perhaps even a few stalls!

Festival. Community picnic

None

Yaxley Festival

Yaxley Festival, Get together in the park, attend church weekly, great community spirit

Yaxley Festival - brilliant for all the family

Scouts

Festival guides drama

The festival, four fields school fayre and William de Yaxley's school fayre

None spend most weekends away but neighbors say festival is good

Yaxley amateur players productions - fantastic evening of performances! Mother and toddler groups - mammas and babbas is brilliant and great value/SPARKS (church) amazing. Others not so great. Yaxley Festival - outstanding.

Yaxley festival, loved it met people we hadn't seen in ages. Listened to music.

My mother goes to the welcome club which is excellent but underfunded. I work, and am too busy

Yaxley festival - not as good as previous years but a fab event for a village. Daughter goes to guides and enjoys it.

Yaxley festival- well organised and great fun. Shame that the bar area means that we can't all afford to go for the whole weekend though.

Yaxley festival was awesome.

Yaxley fete. Fun

We are regular attendees of the Yaxley festival, and actually plan our calendar by it when we know the dates each year now. We walk the village regularly, and attend local craft or school fetes.

Yaxley festival, fab event.

Lunch club at 3 horseshoes far too noisy for me

Festival on rek

Yaxley festival, very good for the community

Yaxley Festival, needs a rethink around how it is organised this year Didn't have the festival open feel, seemed cramped, claustrophobic, extended queues at refreshment stands. Appreciate numbers attending has increased.

The best thing we have is the yaxley festival. brings the village together even older people

Local charity run preschool held in the community building, summer and Christmas fete, yaxley festival

Recently joined the Welcome Club and made to feel part of the community straight away

Festival - great to get people together.

Cubs, Yaxley Festival, YPCS mindfulness

Yaxley Festival, Tour de Cambridge

The festival and school fair

Baby club at YGP - very good. Yaxley Library- a really valuable resource. YGP itself- excellent service. Green wheel cycle path- very good, will be great once development has finished in local area. Yaxleyfest- fun and great for business but caused too much traffic/ litter problems.

Girlguiding, Youth Club, fireworks, festival, Queens Jubilee- love community events, apart from the festival it's a shame they are not better attended

Yaxley Agewell group - great and well worth helping to keep it going. What a shame the YGP didn't! Yaxley Welcome Club - Bingo isn't really my scene and some members tend to be cliquey but the committee is very concerned and supportive. Lunch once a month at 3 Horse Shoes. Strength and Balance Right Start 123 Level 2 - BORING level of activity reducing not improving.



## How do you find out what's going on in the village?

Facebook.

Yaxley Gazette website, neighbourhood watch, posters at the shopping centre

Usually posted in Yaxley Gazette magazine as well as the Facebook group.

Don't use social media but can look at the page for yaxley gazette.

Have lived here all my life and know most people, word of mouth and social media

Facebook

Read the Yaxley Gazette magazine & check their facebook page

Word of mouth and social media.

Yaxley Gazette

Usually from the Yaxley Gazette or word of mouth.

Yaxley Gazette page. Facebook.

Yaxley Gazette magazine and online group, Yaxley NHW page.

Facebook Yaxley Gazette

Gazette and boards outside of places they are on.

Yaxley Gazette mostly

Yaxley Gazette, word of mouth. Facebook.

Facebook or word of mouth

Yaxley Gazette, Yaxley FB page, word of mouth from other villagers.

Kids and local magazine and friends.

yaxley gazette magazine and facebook page

The Gazette and Social Media

Yaxley Gazette. British Legion

Yaxley gazette. Word of mouth. Library.

Gazette, Community Facebook Pages, word of mouth.

Yaxley gazette

Yaxley gazette on line and magazine

Social media

Social media and Yaxley Gazette.. Word of mouth.

Yaxley gazette

The Yaxley gazette and posters at the church posters, facebook,

Gazette & Facebook

Facebook

Colleagues

Social media, Yaxley Gazette

word of mouth, social media, yaxley gazette

The yaxley gazette is good. The library and the parish council notice boards.

emails, Facebook

Library or Yaxley gazette

Yaxley gazette or word of mouth

Yaxley Gazette is brilliant and a publishing masterpiece. And it's Facebook group has some benefits too. Social contact with friends.

Word of mouth and facebook

Media, notices boards are not a good source

mainly word of mouth

Yaxley gazette

Have a look in the Yaxley Gazette, otherwise it's down to noticing posters on lamp posts if I'm out and about.

Library, Yaxley gazette, word of mouth, Facebook Gazette

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At Church / Yaxley Gazette + YG facebook page

Yaxley gazette magazine and on Facebook

Yaxley Gazette and neighbourhood watch on Facebook

Yaxley gazette

Gazette. Wish there was a Yaxley website. Facebook idea is okay though, just rather not use it.

Yaxley gazette

Gazette

Facebook

Yaxley gazet

Yaxley gazzette and facebook page

yaxley gazette

Facebook

Gazette

Yaxley Gazette

Social media

Online

Posters, the Library, the Yaxley Gazette

Yaxley Gazette Facebook page.

Internet

Facebook Pages, Yaxley Parish Council Website

Facebook, Yaxley Gazette, word of mouth

Yaxley gazette magazine and Facebook page

Gazette but mostly Facebook

Yaxley magazine mainly.

Yaxley gazette Facebook pages, some posters or word in local shops

Hear say

Gazette and Facebook

Facebook or gazette

Facebook

Gazzett

Word of mouth, so often miss things. Advertising not universally seen around the village.

Facebook

Facebook or school

Facebook and magazine

Gazette

Yaxley magazine

Facebook and free book

Yaxley Gazette. Word of mouth. Facebook (Not always reliable!)

On facebook

Lovely free magazines/online

Yaxley gazette; Facebook Yaxley gazette posts.

Yaxley gazette or it's Facebook page

Yaxley Gazzet, yaxley facebook,.

Yaxley Gaxette mostly

Facebook, word of mouth.

Facebook

Gazette

Hearsay

Facebook

Local Flyers, Word Of Mouth

in the gazette and on the internet

Facebook

Yaxley Gazette and notices posted around the village

Gazette or Facebook

Facebook, William de Yaxley

Yaxley Gazette

Yaxley gazette

Yaxley gazette/ Facebook

Yaxley Gazette, Facebook

I have great difficulty finding out what is going on.

## What new activities would you like to see?

Youth club. Open play area for the younger children, with water play, sand, imaginative play area.

Organised walking, more for 50 plus

More for young people.

There isn't a lot of toddler groups in the village, especially given the size of it. Renting the halls are expensive, especially if providers are not seeking to make it a business, but just to give something to the community.... rent prices really put people off.

At my age for me nothing but the youth need a shelter come memorial they can call their own

Community affairs

A swimming pool for the use of the schools, mum's & tots & elderly or a water park for the summer that could be turned into an ice rink in the winter. An improved skate park as this has been very neglected

Ok as it is.

Youth Club

National service

Leisure centre, courses for adults in the evening, crafting groups in the evening.

Projects for kids to get involved in.

A non clique toddler group, Cricket Club, Family activities at weekends, more Yaxley Festivals

More child based events like fun days, fire station open day perhaps

Put on a film screening on the rec

Soft play

Swimming pool

More effort needs to be made at Christmas with the village - compared to places like Whittlesey and Chatteris the decorations are dire. Perhaps there could be an outdoor christmas market again making use of the rec space

Ladies lunch club.

I wish there was a swimming pool in the village and some exercise machines dedicated to the older generation - (not in the rec)

Something to engage youngsters to help with the drug and asbo problems.

more things like yaxley festival

The bus route alternate its direct around the village like it used to do.

More for the youth

More facilities for young people, although I understand there is to be a new youth club.

Youth club - but aware that is in the pipe line.

More things for children and things for teenagers to do to keep them off the street's and getting in trouble.

The two pubs need more control over bad language etc so that families can go there instead of them having to go to other villages

Street BBQs can be fun

Can we do more to clamp down on dog poo on the streets?

Anything for the kids for all ages youth clubs things to keep them fit and healthy like a small pool a gym in the park stuff like that

Exercise groups, i.e. park run type activity

tennis courts

quite happy as we are

Regular art classes at library in the daytime, and something for the retired men in the village.

Something more for the children who are not into football. My children are more into bmx/skateboard/scooter but there is nothing/nowhere in yaxley that is inviting or safe for them to attend.

Bridge for learners/club. Drawing club.

not sure

Family friendly activities for young children

Not sure as uncertain what is already on offer! More regular weekend community events maybe.

Youth club other sporting activities for girls other than rugby and football.

Poker club

Tea dances

Painting classes local history talks, Nordic walking group

Not sure

WW2 battle reatments on the rec

History trail about the area

An interfaith group (I'd happily run /arrange one) not sure how to go about it- do I need permission?

Sports facilities, restaurants

Anything

Something a bit different to the normal out of school activities

More events

Named bookmakers.

Something aimed at people aged 35-55 years, all the groups and most activities are aimed at over 60 (welcome, club, age well and lunch club).

Not sure exactly but ways in which my children could safely and confidently meet new local friends

Model pond

Anything that does not bring traffic

More activities for the disenfranchised youth in the village, tennis, badminton, internet cafe

A dedicated leisure centre including swimming pool

Out door pool

Dance and more informal sports groups for the children.

Better use and resourcing of library for activities such as craft and art groups and book clubs.

A youth club run by properly trained youth workers who will be able to recognise risk taking behaviour and work preventatively with youth.

Group for single or vulnerable parents to access support.

Greater community police presence- particularly in the evenings around areas where antisocial behaviour is known to take place such as the rec.

More community events , more frequents fun fairs

Carboot every sat or sun

None, lucky enough not to need as have enough interests in my life

Leisure centre with a swimming pool

Ladies netball team

Fitness classes for adults

Support for deaf community - my pensioner Mum has profound hearing loss, large groups are disorientating and she is isolated. She does not sign.

I'd like to learn sign language. I can't afford it!

Young people with troubled lives need some support and not judgements. Many have problems at home or mental health issues or are caught in a cycle of negative behaviours and they need help and understanding and knowledge of where to get support. They are blamed for every little thing that goes wrong and the many are punished and stigmatised for the action she of very few.

Pilates

More for older people

Neighbour hood policing

More affordable sports activities for whole families - tennis courts, dance classes etc. Singing groups, social care etc. Church is a long way away for all residents.

Dog walking group, dog cafe

arts, sports, the Yaxley Festival is brilliant please pass on the congratulations to the organisers. Wonderful and free

Coffee morning on a Saturday, evening book club or sewing club.

More sporting and social activities for families or children/teens. Tennis, rounders, things to keep them active and out of mischief!

More music/bands, motorcycle club, evening classes... photography, cooking etc

Decent pub

I'd like to see the local sports teams be more prominent (great to see the Yaks coming along). However the cricket club, and local football clubs seem to have dissipated.

Water sports centre. SWIMMING POOL LONG OVERDUE

Drawing classes. Organised outings for older people

Clear the rek of dog s@@@ and have more events  
Social activites for children

bring back the cricket club. we miss it

Youth centre

Swimming pool

Youth Club which is new one is great, more family events would be nice, fun runs for all ages and abilities, scarecrow competitions, car boot sales (for some reason the scouts monthly at the 3 horse shoes is not supported and people don't turn out but the organisers have done nothing to change it to make it sucessful) Village scavenger hunts. Village Bbq/ picnics with organised family sports at the rec. Exercise classes for parents to attend with their kids so parents can exercise with out worrying about who will look after the kids and kids can get moving.

More sports clubs for the youth- Queen's Park opened in the evenings to keep kids off the street.

Exercise class for the older person. Outdoor play area for the older person. Outdoor exercise area for the older person. More events during the day. eg WEA history courses, WI, U3A, flower arranging etc.

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

12 replied "Yes"

29 replied "Not interested"

64 replied "Maybe if..."

I would but I have no spare time.

Not at the moment.

Depends on time and date

i help out where i can

Church, Welcome Club and RBL

already involved

Already heavily involved

already involved enough

not at the moment

have been in the past but newcomers oust the experienced out

There is something I can get involved with along with my young people.

Already quite a lot

If it was the right project

already a volunteer

Depending on own family commitments very young family

Not at the moment enjoying our first year of retirement with no commitments other than the Grandchildren

I am already involved with scouts and church activities

Unsure

I was not so busy with Rotary in Orton

I have stalls at the Fayres I help to raise money for them

In winter

but as a full time employed, mother of under 5's giving up time is a challenge. While this is not helpful it is reality. Idea generating could occur as a forum as well to be more accessible to all (possibly help those less social to have a voice??)

Not sure

If it sparked my interest but sorry am busy so not much help. Will support more through attendance though

Childcare allows

i am retired now

Depends on the activity!

When the kids are older for now I want to enjoy events with them

Because I find it very cliquey, it's the same faces and although I have lived here a long time you are made to feel like you don't belong. I guess I have happy memories of the past and don't like how it's changed :)

Sadly, I don't have the time to spare

Already am

if it was of interest and appropriate

## Is there anything else you'd like to tell me?

Sadly social media Yaxley Facebook page is used a lot for moaning and a lot of it is because there are issues and they have lost faith in the council not reporting to the police.

Please get HDC to reverse their decision to close the customer service point from August, Sam is such a local asset.

Would be nice to see some floral displays around the village. The shopping centre and the rec especially would look more appealing to the eye with some floral decor.

I have heard on the grapevine a lot about the parish council trying to stop great ideas from being launched by individuals. This is very concerning as they are supposed to be working for the people.

Parish council need to revisit new housing estate and check what has been done before allowing other developments to be built.. persimmon fields, has a child's playground right next to a dangerous area ( waste ground/ stagnant water area ) very unsafe

Building concerns over drones and if they're spying on people.

The paths are hard to walk on in places - e.g. Chapel street / Middletons Road - very narrow and hard if in wheelchair or with pushchair

Just we need more things for kids our village is just growing and growing there's not much for this ever growing village to do

As a local business we would like to employ more local people on flexible hours

We are on the Northern edge of Hunts & Cambs councils & never get our share of investment.

I'd like to see more police presence in the village. Also, the housing development in Hampton is going to majorly affect life in Yaxley.

The skate park needs to be replaced with a more up to date, adventurous one. It needs to be bigger, more exciting. The recreational ground just looks boring & not very inviting. Also the shelters around there need removing as these just seem to be meeting places for those gangs who want to just sit & smoke stuff they shouldn't be.

I think that the park in the rec has improved loads due to the addition of the infant area, however I feel this would be a much safer and useable area if the whole park was fenced in as then we would know a children are safe and there would be no dog mess or dogs running in without owners. I feel this would greatly improve it and more family's would use it.

its getting better

On the theme of public transport, it seems ridiculous that, in most instances, you need to take a bus into town and then back out to get to Serpentine Green, a 5 minute journey for car owners but an hour for those who are not.

Wish the shopping centre revamp was finished. Attractive village, well some bits are, some not so much. A lot of the new people don't venture to the older parts of Yaxley.

We could do better but i feel that it does not achieve its potential

I am really concerned for the amount of dangerous drivers and young teens riding on mopeds all night.

I have organised events in the village (craft fair, pamper evening) and people just don't bother to support them. There is no community spirit as a whole it is all very cliquey.

Very pleased to hear about the youth club opening

I have lived in Yaxley [for many] years and I am afraid given the opportunity I would move. Yaxley has grown and I do understand the need for new housing and yet time after time developers and local councils overlook access in and out of our village. Look at the development currently under way on London road how on earth can one road support these developments

Yaxley is a good village to live in with excellent bus services to Hampton, Peterborough (and from there to many other places) and Huntingdon/Cambridge

Doctor surgery is too small and not opened long enough

I live on Ferndale and wished the bushes that spill onto the pavements were better managed. For example, the cut through from CO-OP to the houses and pavements opposite the school (near CO-OP).

Youth groups won't work for troubled youth - unless the place is hip and meets them where they are at eg they need pool table, cafe with bacon butties, support for CV writing and job applications, help with life skills without judgement and prejudice. Doing nothing hasn't helped, they need positivity to turn things around.

Yaxley needs a memorial for the young lads killed in the hit and run - this can be extended to other tragic losses so the community can come together and offer support to the grieving mass of young people who have lost up to 4 of their own in 6 months (hit and run, car crash and a suicide).

Rec needs to have action to STOP dogs being off the lead, set up a designated fenced in area. It seems frightening. "

I love Yaxley, family parties at British Legion family meals at the Farmers and Bollywood local drama group children grown up going there, daughter went to Rainbows Brownies and Guides in the village now helps.

I have lived here for 40 years, too many houses traffic is getting worse

Traffic in Broadway, terrible road surfaces around where I live

Yaxley is a fantastic village. I feel that some of the Facebook sites give this village a false representation as too many negatives appear to be taking place. (I'm sure crime always happened but we didn't hear about it) To return faith to the village and review attitudes we need to drive positivity into the residents. Possibly a page of good feedback; take aways, services used, good groups etc.

I would love a swimming pool in the village, obviously for the schools to use too

Sorry to moan, but the roadworks and housing estates are making Peterborough even duller than it used to be. Shops and the local gym feel crowded

Really appreciate your efforts and those of the volunteers who are working so hard to bring about a community spirit. Even if I've not attended many whole village activities - it's because I'm often away.

The village I know and love still exists, the addition of social media, although sometimes positive, can have an exceptionally negative impact occasionally. People like to claim things were different, when actually I can see the same village growing, facing the same challenges as it ever did, just some people like to believe the dissolution we youth are to blame for a variety of the same problems we always had.

I am well educated I only live here to be near my family and dislike it really

thank you for paying an interest in us

As I do not drive it would be helpful to know of a community transport scheme available

A direct bus to Hampton would be fantastic, might cut down on traffic on the A15.

I have lived in Yaxley all my life. All the great events that happened when I was a kid don't exist any more. The fun run was a massive event run by the school but it stopped when the head teacher left. The Yaxley Festival shows how much the people like to get together. We need more community events

Yaxley is a good place to live, if you're living in the right place. We are lucky & live in a nice area. We love our home and value the friendly school community that dominates our lives.

Thank you for putting your card through my door, I welcome the opportunity to comment on things going on in Yaxley. I try and shop locally as much as possible however, I was surprised that the development on Broadway did not include a bike rack, although I only live in Middletons Road I can ride easier than I can walk, but there is no way of securing the bike, surely the developer can sport a rack.

The Full of Beans exercise class has been stopped by YGP. This was great fun and of immense health and mental wellbeing. Age Well also had to find new premises and now has to rely on members forming a committee to keep it running.