

## Colne Community School pupil survey

In May 2014 we carried out a SurveyMonkey **on-line survey among the 11-16 yr olds** who attend Colne Community School in Brightlingsea, a comprehensive school which the majority of Wivenhoe's children attend as the two local junior schools are feeder schools to The Colne.

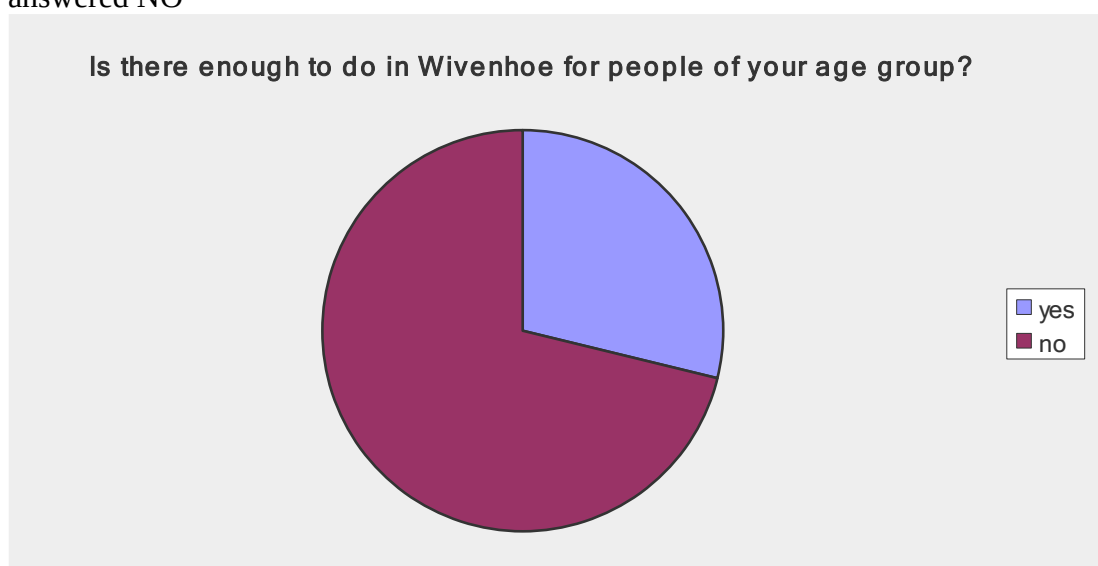
In order to engage with this Wivenhoe age group the school's assistance was sought and readily given. All pupils who live in Wivenhoe were invited to complete the survey at the school. 268 pupils took part. There were 8 questions.

### **Q1: Is there enough to do in Wivenhoe for people of your age group?**

was answered by 267 respondents.

28.8% answered YES

71.2% answered NO



### **Q2: Could you tell us what you do in your spare time, and where you do it?**

263 respondents answered this question and between them produced 337 comments.

Of these comments, **10** were unhelpful or unusable.

The *where?* part of the question was generally overlooked: only **50** (19%) of respondents indicated a location for their particular activity; all of these were outside Wivenhoe.

For the purpose of analysis responses were classified into 1. physically active, 2. physically less active and 3. physically non-active. The full results appear in the appendix to Q2.

**1.** physically active included 15 separate sporting activities, drama, going shopping, cycling around;

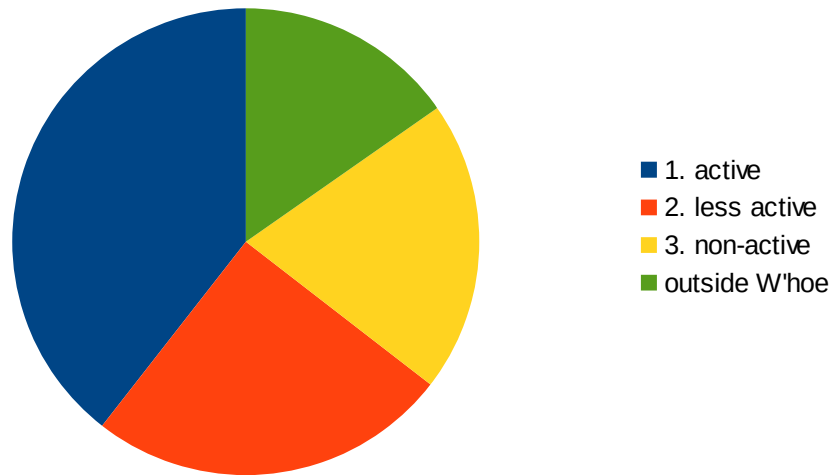
**2.** physically less active included hanging out, going out with friends, walking around;

**3.** physically non-active included staying at home/friends' homes, visiting the library, tv/Xbox/Play station/internet, reading, school work, drawing(1), chess (1), listening to music (3).

1. active	2. less active	3. non-active	outside W'hoie	unusable	total
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129	82	66	50	10	337
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The 82 respondents in the 2. classification represent 31% of the sample. In this connection, attention is drawn to the comments about Code 5, at the end of the Q3 analysis.



### **Question 3: What, if anything, do you think is missing in Wivenhoe for your age group?**

This question was answered by 247 respondents who between them produced 343 separate comments.

Of these 343, 12 were unhelpful or unusable. A further 17 thought that there was nothing missing in Wivenhoe.

code	comment	freqcy
8	indoor or outdoor swimming pool, beach	61
10	more shops eg Top Shop, New Look, Lush / shops for young people	46
6	more/better public sports facilities, basketball court, gym	38
9	improved skate park	25
2	fast food outlets, eg, Nandos, KFC, McDonalds	23
1	coffee places eg Costa, Starbucks	19
3	fun things	18
4	cinema	16
17	more/better parks & recreation areas	14
10	play equipment etc for older	10
5	meeting places	9
14	youth club	9
	other (see end of section)	26
	nothing needs changing	17
	unhelpful/unusable	12

	Total	343
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### indoor or outdoor swimming pool, beach

That this comment should score highest is not surprising: it has been a recurrent theme amongst the younger residents for many years; the survey results lend evidential substance to the desire.

There is Something missing, for the little ones theres a park, for the adults there pubs, so therefore I think we need Swimming pools

### more/better public sports facilities, basket ball court, gym

Although none of the comments could be related to a particular area, in a few cases it could be assumed that they related specifically to the area around Vine Farm or Lower Lodge:

More accessible sports facilities  
 you could get football goals on the field because the other goals are far away from us  
 Football goals at One Stop park at Mead road  
 new skate park and football nets  
 ... and better football goals  
 revamped goal posts/more of them  
 better goal post

There were 12 basketball court comments. The main request was for a full size court with some knowledgeable detail thrown in:

The basketball hoop is too small for the normal size ball (size 7)

### improved skate park

There is only one skate park in Wivenhoe: on the King George playing field

Room to make more play areas! Because the farmers won't give up their fields to make a new skate park!

### Coffee places and fast food outlets

These should probably be read in conjunction with and aggregated with comments on meeting places (below).

A café or hotspot for teens as the endless tapas bars are way too expensive

### Fun things

Fun things included asctivities like Quasar, paint balling, arcades, pool table, bowling. The May Fair received a couple of mentions.

### better/more parks & recreation areas

More teenage places to be not just a little park, more fields up the top  
 Things in the park for teenagers because the things at the moment are for little children  
 better parks because the parks are very dull and boring

### play equipment for older

Comments included mention of BMX track, peripheral running track on KGV, Motocross and cycle tracks.

A big thing to climb in the park. Not a climbing wall just like a wooden tower that's like climbing a tree with jagged jumping wood bits and should be really tall  
 an climbing frame for older people.

### meeting places

As suggested above, if this Code 5 were aggregated with Codes 1 & 2, the total number of **comments** showing a desire for facilities that could enhance teenagers' social life in Wivenhoe rises to **51** (See also **Q2** above).

More teenage places to be not just a little park, more fields up the top. (...) More friendly places to hang out at the top of the village.  
 a place to meet friends  
 areas that we can be

There are no places to hang out with your friends and the area is quite dull. We need somewhere to get a coffee and have a natter. E.g Costa, because costa is mine and my friends life.

I think wivenhoe is a nice town but it doesn't have much to do when it comes to older children. my brother who is seventeen always says he cant do any thing with his friends because its so " dead" One striking feature is the absence of any mention of WiFi equipped facilities; it may be that the existence of such would have been taken for granted in any purpose built facility and not worth mentioning!

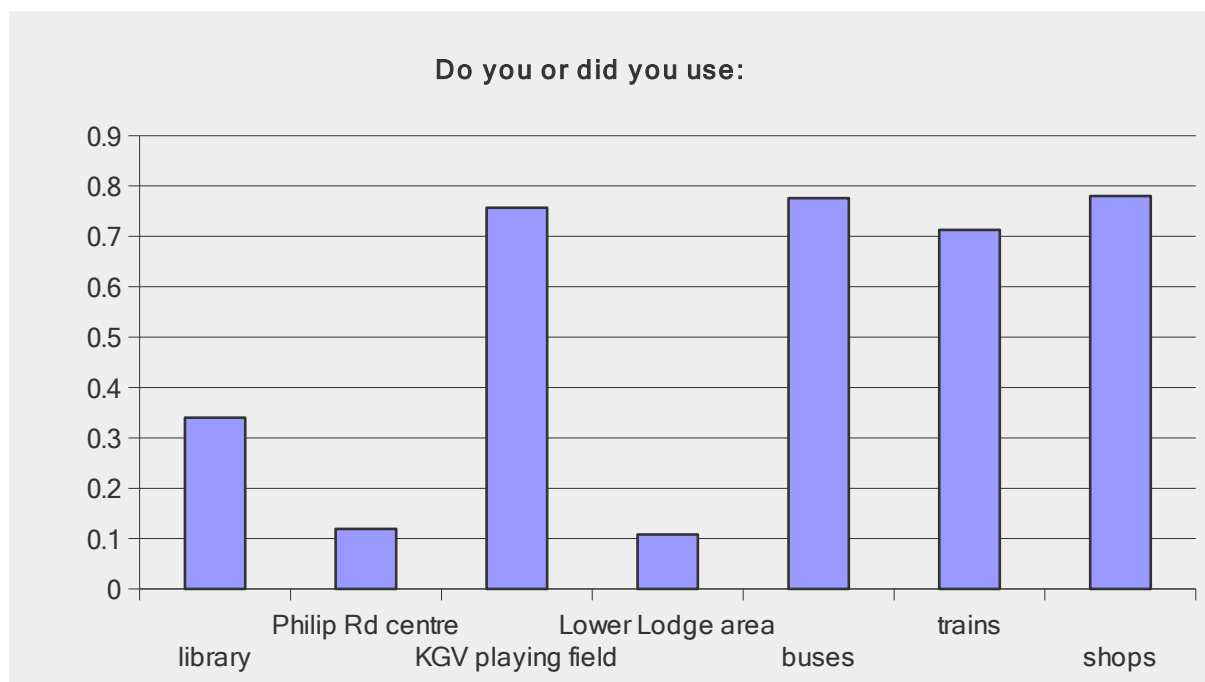
**other**

The remaining **26** comments contained: 4 mentioning ice/roller skating; 3 mentioning theatre opportunities/youth theatre/outdoor theatre; 3 commenting on the desirability of keeping the public toilets open after 6 pm; 5 mentioned a theme park and 5 wished for astroturf pitches. 1 comment observed that there should not be private fishing lakes, 2 mentioned a dance studio, 1 a see-saw, 1 a farm, and 1 an all weather sports ground/pitch

**Q4: Do you or did you use**

268 respondents answered this question

facility	frequency	%
shops	209	78
buses	208	77.6
KGV playing field	203	75.7
trains	191	71.3
library	91	34
Philip Rd Centre	32	11.9
Lower Lodge area	29	10.8



The 'shops' part of the question was not clearly confined to the use of Wivenhoe shops and must be assumed to have included shops outside Wivenhoe (see responses to **Q2**).

### Q5: If you have thought about what you will do immediately after you leave school please tell us if you are hoping to

267 Respondents answered this question

go into further education	<b>137</b>
get an apprenticeship	<b>14</b>
go to work	<b>45</b>
don't know yet	<b>71</b>



### Q6: Where would you be living most of the time then?

267 Respondents answered this question

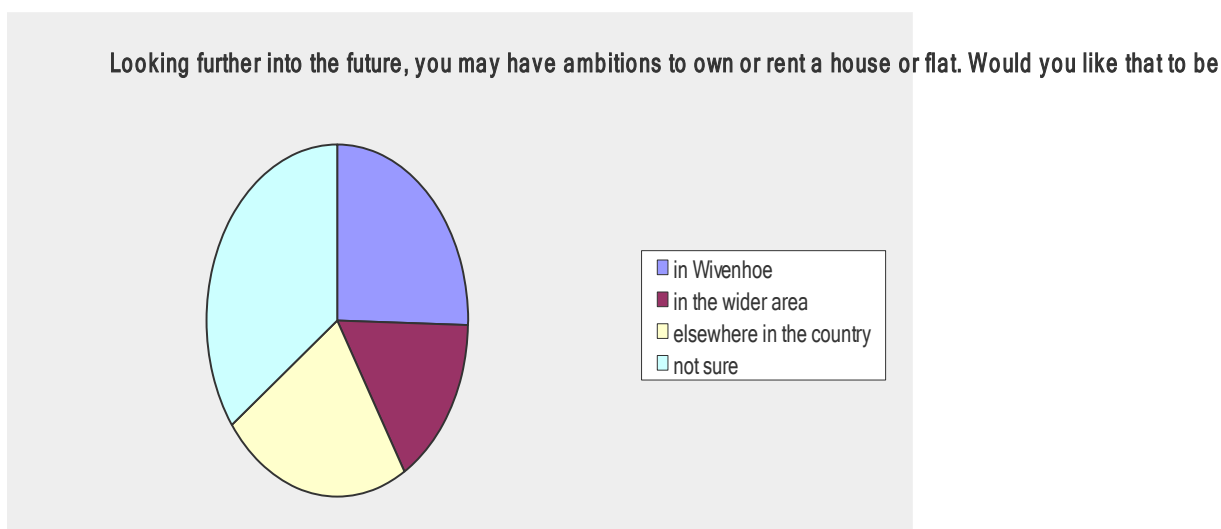
in Wivenhoe	<b>138</b>
in the wider area	<b>23</b>
elsewhere in the country	<b>35</b>
not thought about	<b>72</b>



## Q7: Looking further into the future, you may have ambitions to own or rent a house or flat. Would you like that to be

268 Respondents answered this question

in Wivenhoe	<b>68</b>
in the wider area	<b>43</b>
elsewhere in the country	<b>63</b>
not sure	<b>94</b>



## Q8: Thinking about Wivenhoe as a town is there anything you'd like to change about the way it is to make it a better place to live? Please write your thoughts in the box. (please don't repeat anything you have already mentioned)

222 respondents answered this question, between them producing 262 comments.

15 respondents commented that no change was necessary.

37 respondents repeated the comment(s) they had made in response to Q3. These responses were disregarded.

8 comments were unhelpful or unusable.

leaving 202 relevant comments.

Q3 had asked respondents to say what they thought was missing in Wivenhoe for their age group.

Q8 asked them to consider what changes would make Wivenhoe as a town a better place to live.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the majority of respondents interpreted Q8 to mean: a better place to live in for us.

59 respondents commented from a Wivenhoe as a town perspective

143 took the narrower perspective and commented on Wivenhoe as a town for us.

### Wivenhoe as a town

Comments fell into three categories:

1. general ambience

2. roads, potholes and parking
3. safety and well-being

Category	Fqcy	percentage
general ambience	26	12.8
safety & well-being	18	9
roads, potholes and parking	10	5
other	5	2.4
total	59	29.4

### 1. General ambience

*Comments:* more modern/colourful/appealing to teenagers/COLOUR (4); cleaner/more litter bins (11); do up the library, it looks miserable (2); clean/bigger houses, not old houses (3); more nature/fields (4); get rid of the petrol station, build a new one (1); more child-friendly places (1).

### 2. safety & well-being

*Comments:* the woods should be safer (4); more police/monitoring KGV/stop CHAVS coming into Wivenhoe /should feel safe in your own community (9); more zebra crossings, Millfield school /Rectory Rd zebra crossing (4); CCTV at The Cross because children cross and traffic is fast (1).

### 3. roads, potholes, parking

*Comments:* repair potholes/bad surfaces (8); open Queen's Rd, disallow parking permits (1); pavement along Elmstead Rd to FB and tennis club, it's dangerous to walk as traffic is fast at 40mph (1).

### 4. other

*Comments:* buses should come down Chaney Rd (1); more funding for cricket/tennis/football clubs (4)

## **Wivenhoe as a town for us**

The **143 comments** in this section indicated that improvements could be achieved by the provision of various facilities that would make life better for this age group in the town.

These comments generally mirrored those made in response to **Q3**.

To avoid double counting, the comments in both the Q3 and Q8 columns were checked side by side; where the same comment was made in both columns by the same respondent it was disregarded in the Q8 comments.

As what remained are therefore unique comments, they can legitimately be aggregated with the corresponding categories of the **Q3** analysis. The table below shows the results of both.

comment	freqcy Q3	freqcy Q8
indoor or outdoor swimming pool, beach	61	7
more shops eg Top Shop, New Look, Lush / shops for young people	46	37
more/better public sports facilities, basketball court, gym	38	14
improved skate park	25	11
fast food outlets, eg, Nandos, KFC, McDonalds	23	16

coffee places eg Costa, Starbucks	19	3
fun things	18	1
cinema	16	4
more/better parks & recreation areas	14	11
play equipment etc for older	10	11
meeting places	9	9
total		<b>124</b>

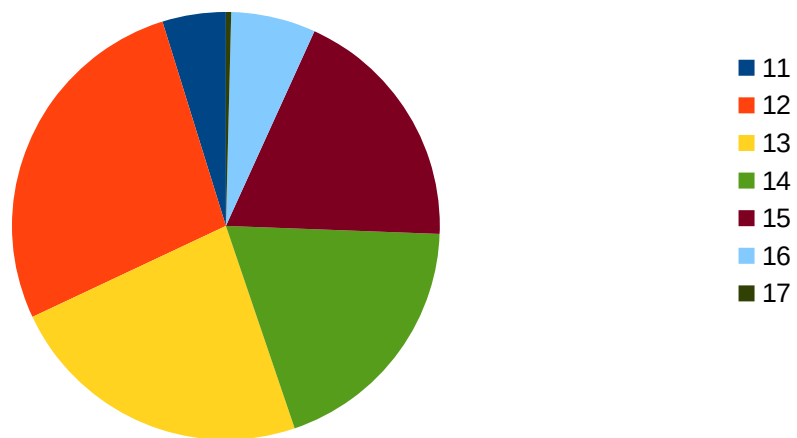
Finally, there were **19 comments** that simply asked for '*more activities/things to do*'  
A wish for the return of the Mayfair got 6 mentions.

END OF ANALYSIS

**Of those respondents (266) who answered the question about their age:**

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
12	68	58	48	47	16	1

age of respondents



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

**A lack of meeting places and places to socialise for the 11-16 age group** was the one most identified feature of Wivenhoe to come out of this survey, even though the number of respondents who mentioned *meeting places* as such was relatively low in comparison to other comments.

It was however clear from the generality of comments that shops, coffee shops, fast food places, cinema and age-appropriately equipped parks and recreation areas all fulfill the role of meeting place.

Once the number of comments in these categories is taken into account, a total of 228 comments show a clear need for the provision of some sort of indoor and/or outdoor meeting facilities for this group.



## Appendix to Question 2

gym/ with friend.

play cricket I hang out with my friends in pretty much everywhere except wivenhoe.

I go to Colchester and shop. I also go swimming I also go to Clacton to the pier.

swimming pool go cart track.

on my Computer Xbox 360 at home and I cycle on the roads in Wivenhoe.

I go to the St George's park with my brother. I do quite a lot of jogging off roads I read at home I meet up with friends all over but mostly in the park

i play cricket at the cricket club. play in a band: which is good as there are lots of pubs in wivenhoe. go to the gym.

I play on my Xbox and play football with my mates down the king George field

Stay at home.

go to the park or the sailing club. Or catch the bus into town.

skateboard around Wivenhoe and at the skatepark.

Play xbox, watch movies ,play piano, mix music, facebook, instagram, snapchat at my house.

Cricket at the Cricket Club Various bands at the business centre Go to the Gym at the UNI Play racket sports at the UNI.

go brightlingsea and walk about.

walk about.

king George field and play cricket at cricket club.

Go to the KGV playing field with my friends, go into Colchester to go to the cinema and shop.

Normally I'm listening to music on the field with friends or working on school work, walking my dogs in the woods and just spending time with my family and friends.

skateboard around Wivenhoe.

Football at the King George Field. Skateboarding at the skatepark in wivenhoe.

football, xbox, play on my phone and tablet.

swimming pool go kart track qard bike jumps.

go on the internet and YouTube in my room.

play cricket and football.

go to the parks in wivenhoe.

go on my laptop.

xbox at home and walk to the co-op to get the bus to Colchester.

Smoke and drink.

go park with mates have a kick about and eat double decker's.

walk around the quay

Dance at Broomgrove Drama at Lakeside Theatre Hang out at the King George.

Play cricket at the cricket club.

i go to town.

Go out to the park, see friends.

Smoke and drink at the park.

I play football and also I do 100m. Also I play ps3 indoors.

play ps3 cause wivenhoe is very boring.

Go Town.

sit at home.

Go town.

hang out with my friends in the park.

I play on my XBOX360 at home. I walk through wivenhoe to get the bus to Colchester.

After school club - Colne community school Brightlingsea.

In my spare time I often hang out with my friends in places like The King George V playing ground.

Watch TV in my house.

Read, go on my iPod and phone and watch TV at home. Play lots of different sports at school.

play xbox at my house.

play video games at home or play football at the park.

Sport- in Brightlingsea Hang out with friends where they live or in town (Colchester).

I play basketball.

there is not enough skate board ramps.

Sailing, Wivenhoe sailing club.

Relax, at home.

Read, play xbox at home. I don't go outside.

Play sports like football at school, go horse riding in Harwich.

Revision and coursework at home.

Play sports such as Netball, Football, Athletics.

Go down to the park and play football.

Go on my laptop at home, go out with my family (usually not in Wivenhoe), go in to Colchester with my

friends.  
the king George.  
go to Colchester to go to the cinema, restaurants and shops.  
Go to Colchester.  
Play football.  
revise.  
Skate in Colchester or sleep/ go to Arlesford.  
play football at king Georges park.  
go out and see friends. go to the king George.  
go to the king George.  
I draw. At home.  
go to skateparks in corby, Colchester and chelmsford.  
play football at the king George.  
to the woods xbox being board.  
go to wivenhoe woods, watch tv.  
Play guitar. At my house.  
I go out with my friends around wivenhoe.  
I play football at the park.  
Go to Colchester with friends.  
Go to the venny or the quay or king george.  
play Computer games at home Play badminton at Brightlingsea sports centre.  
Play football at the park in Wivenhoe Go to Colchester Town Get a train to other places.  
Football, Basket ball, go out.  
go to different places.  
nothing, I spend all my time at home bored..  
Longboard, anywhere that has hills. Football, King George field.  
play football on the kgv field and get the bus to town.  
I have dance lesson's at my dance school Colne Bank School of dancing at Broomgrove school.  
hang around with friends at the kgv also I like take the train to London and Colchester.  
i watch game of thrones up in my room, I go cycling and play football down the gorge.  
just chill around.  
Walk, Penny board.  
football or hang out at the park any park.  
Go out with friends at the king George or down the quay.  
Stay at home, there is nothing for teenagers to do in Wivenhoe.  
Ride my bike at the skatepark but the skatepark is very small  
Go out with friends at the King George or walk along the Wivenhoe trail.  
Dancing at Colne Bank in Broomgrove.  
Stay at home Go to Co-Op Go to park.  
Cycle Run Football Walk.  
Drama in Colchester.  
go to colchester or work.  
Walk.  
Go to the best fish and chip shop around, Henley's. Go to the king George Park Go to the venny.  
homework and cooking.  
Go to park with friends, walk around. Go to Chelmsford.  
Colne Bank School Of Dancing - Broomgrove Juniors and Infants Used to be in Philip Rd.  
walk round wivenhoe.  
Drama at Colchester.  
Sailing at the sailing club Cycle along the Wivenhoe trail.  
I sometimes go down the bottom of wivenhoe with friends.  
I go to KGV playing field and play football.  
go town (colchester) swim in wivenhoe river when its hot go wivenhoe skatepark camp in summer.  
I go down the bottom of wivenhoe sometimes.  
Go out with my friends and play football or relax at the park.(King George).  
Go to the venny and hang.  
Go out with my friends in Wivenhoe, most likely down the King George.  
I go to the woods and make dens with friends.  
I play games indoors always I never leave the house and if I do I go to brightlingsea cos wivenhoe is boring.  
Go into Colchester town or Brightlingsea.  
play football at king George field and sit at home.  
Go to town (Colchester) Go for a walk (wivenhoe).  
Go to the cinema in town Badminton at the William loveless hall Gaming at home.  
Football and scootering.

I go on the computer or play football in the streets with my friends.  
got to the park.  
I go to the park and play in king gorge park.  
I go to the park and play football.  
co-op or the park or at home.  
play at the park.  
play games on my ipod! be with mates or with famiy spend time with my nephew.  
sailing at the wivenhoe sailing club. badminton at stanway. swimming at Colchester lesuireworld.  
play out with my friends in their or my garden or play Xbox/ps3.  
go in the field behind my house go to the park skate park.  
play xbox and go to the king George playing field.  
I don't do anything in Wivenhoe, but I do go-karting some weekends.  
On Weekends I usually go out with my friends to parks near by. And I go on my I pad.  
I dance, anywhere with a free space I go out to brightlensea and Colchester.  
watch TV at home.  
Because we have wivenhoe salling club etc.  
I go to the park with my friends.  
I go to the park with my mates.  
I ring my friends and we go to the park usually on Saturday and Sunday.  
play out in the one stop park.  
Go round some of my friends houses because there is nothing to do in wivenhoe.  
Go on my iPad.  
watch t.v at home.  
If im going out with friends i'd normally go to the park and the forest.  
I hang out with my friends outside the streets and sometimes the park.  
i walk the dogs also play on the computer.  
I go to the park with my friends.  
i sometimes go to the park or just walk around wivenhoe.  
Play video games at home.  
I go to the park with my friends in Wivenhoe. I sometimes go into town with my mum or friends.  
I go to the skate park are the king George playing field and I play out with my friends also I like to play video games.  
Sit at home.  
I would like to go to the woods and walk about and go to the park around wivenhoe.  
gymnastics colchester play the ps3 at my house, go to king gorge park,  
I would go swimming at leisure world and play out with my friends at the St Georges park or maybe go to the Cinema to watch the latest films.  
par core at parks.  
clubs at school, go to park.  
Swimming lesuire world Play with my friends at the park and maybe go to the cinema or any other fun place.  
play football on the field next door to my house and play xbox.  
play with friends at park.  
dance and clubs at school.  
after school I usually go to the skate ramp or go on mine craft.  
play in the wood.  
skate park.  
go down to the village, or down to the woods.  
penny board (skateboarding) with my friends and football.  
dance at broom grove play with my dog/take him for a walk and hang out with my friends in the park.  
Penny board (skateboarding) , go to the park with friends, go to my friends house.  
dance at the clone and swimming lessons in Colchester and go to the park at the park.  
Go to the park with friends or play out down their streets.  
play football in the small field across my road and play xbox and ipod.  
I go to the park with my friends.  
I hangout with my friends around Wivenhoe, I have dance class with Jenny at broom grove school, Homework and sleep.  
I go to theatreschool in Colchester I go to the park in wivenhoe I go to the library in wivenhoe.  
I hangout with my friends at the King George Playing field.  
Xbox in my house, go to the park, skateboarding, scootering, play football.  
we play out and normally its boring.  
play football.  
I go to the skatepark and play on my scooter and then play football.  
Play football outside or chill out at home.  
i go out or have friends round.

I play out with my friends down the park.  
Go to king George with my friends and go to the skate ramps or play football.  
I go to scouts, play in the parks and play guitar.  
I go swimming in great Bentley country club.  
Go to the wivenhoe park and go on the swings or I play football.  
I go to the park with friends.  
I go to the skate park and go to my friends house' and go on walks.  
I go swimming in great Bentley country club.  
I play chess I like to play with my friends.  
I play out with my friends in the woods and at the park.  
Do something indoors, Play with my pets, go horse riding or hang out with my friends.  
watch tv at home, go horse riding in Colchester and hang out with friends in wivenhoe.  
swimming in great Bentley country club go to the park .  
play videogames at my house.  
I go out with my friends but there isn't much to do.  
sometimes go to the park or down the Quay or go for bike rides.  
i go out with friends.  
i go to the king George.  
I go shops and go to the 3 parks and go to pits and go down the bottom in wivenhoe.  
go to brightlingsea.  
play football at the park.  
stay at home because wivenhoe is boring.  
Football- King George playing field TV- My house Friends house- friends house.  
Go out with my friends or play games.  
Go to the Woods or LongBoard.  
playing on my pc, going for walks and playing on the Wii.  
Sit on the sofa Go to the CO-OP Go to my friend's houses.  
I'm mostly on my Xbox. Also I watch a bit of television.  
basketball park football park xbox house tv house friends park and house reading home and library.  
Go to the King George Park or play on west quay.  
Horse riding in thorrington and brightlingsea. Skiing in ipswitch. Go out with my friends in wivenhoe and brightlingsea.  
Be bored in my house, homework.  
I go on my playstation 3 at home.  
Ipad Park Bikes - anywhere Football Tennis xbox tv Go out with friends.  
sometimes I might go out with my friends or stay at home because there is no where to go.  
Play out with my friends (e.g Park) Go on the iPad. Watch TV Play Basketball.  
play football at the park.  
listen to music at my house go cycling around the quay go shopping in Colchester town.  
play out or stay at home.  
I like to go to the park with my friends and buy ice-cream from the corner shop.  
play ps4.  
I do nothing.  
go king George or something.  
Sometimes I play out with friends but usually play video games in my house.  
I go dancing at Colne bank at broomgrove. I read. I go to the park. I go on the trampoline at home. I see my friends at the jetty.  
Go to the park in Wivenhoe or into Colchester town to go shopping.  
skate park football ipad tablet tv.  
Go shopping in Colchester see my friends at their houses.  
I read a lot at home and play netball.  
stay at home, sometimes might go out with my friends.  
King George Playing Field, Bengal Spice, Co-op.  
I play football at the king George playing field at the big nets.  
Play football at the park Go out and around with my friends.  
stuff with friends/ neighbours because it's fun.  
go to park stay at home.  
sit at home and play on games.  
I dance at Colne bank which is held at Broomgrove.  
Play football Play football, but is always vandalised.  
I do sports in my spare time in my back garden or go over my back wall to the lake.  
Street dancing at LA Fitness Colchester.  
I go down the park and play football.  
go to Colchester town and shop, sometimes I go to the park at the bottom of wivenhoe with my friends.

I go to the park and play football. The tennis courts.  
garden if its sunny.  
Play Football at the nets at the King George.  
go to town with friends go to brightlingsea with friends.  
meet friends,King George playing field.  
Use computer or go longboarding.  
I go to the park or go to the co op.  
read at home.  
go to town.  
I go to the co-op and see friends.  
Go to Brightlingsea or town.  
go to the park and play football or stay at home.