

Summary of WivKids survey on 20 July 2013

WivKids was an event for children, organised by the Mayor on the King George playing field.

Advantage was taken of this opportunity to carry out a simple survey.

Youngsters were asked what they did in Wivenhoe in their spare time, and if they could do this in Wivenhoe.

50 youngsters took part in the survey and 123 comments were recorded.

| category | frequency |
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| Structured sport activities | 51 |
| Unstructured sport activities | 42 |
| Non-sport indoor activities | 19 |
| Non-sport outdoor activities | 11 |
| total | 123 |

Structured activities are those carried on at clubs etc.

- Wivenhoe clubs (**22**)
- Wivenhoe school (**1**)
- outside Wivenhoe (**28**) which includes (**15**) swimming, the remainder being in single digits including horse riding, gymnastics, rugby, BMX.

Unstructured activities include

- football on KGV (**11**)
- skate ramps on KGV (**9**)
- bike riding on street or Wivenhoe trail (**6**)
- playing on KGV and in children's equipped play area (**8**)

The remainder were single digit interests.

Except one, all these activities were carried on in Wivenhoe.

Non-sport outdoor activities

Hanging out with friends (**8**); messing about by the river (**2**); nature/woods (**1**)

The KGV was the venue mentioned most frequently for Hanging Out.

Asked to rate the quality of the public venues as either good, ok or not very good, those who used them said:

- KGV good (19); ok (6); not very good (5)
- Mead Way park ok (2); Lower Lodge good (2).

Suggestions made

Apart from the predictable wish for a local swimming pool, suggestions included:

- dedicated bus to Leisure World
- climbing wall as in Colchester Castle park/outdoor gym with exercise bars
- various kinds of running events/ running perimeter track on KGV
- music venue for practice and playing
- cafe to meet friends
- extend skate ramps
- DON'T formally organise the rough playing areas. Space to do your own thing.