

# OTFORD PARISH PLAN YOUNG PERSON'S QUESTIONNAIRE

This is to be completed by young people in the household aged between 9 and 18 years. Each household or family in the village is being asked about plans to make Otford a better place to live (the "Otford Parish Plan"). This questionnaire gives you, as a young person, a chance to have your say. Your parent or guardian will help you if you wish.

You can get more copies of this form from the Parish Council Office, Yvonne's Store (Telston Lane) and Otford Dry Cleaners (Bubblestone Parade). The form can also be downloaded by going to [www.otford.info/parishplan](http://www.otford.info/parishplan) and following the link.

Please do not write your name or address on this form.

How old are you? <i>(Circle)</i>	9 –10	11-13	14-16	17-18
Are you a boy or a girl? <i>(Circle)</i>	Boy	Girl		
Where do you go to school? <i>(Circle)</i>	Otford	Sevenoaks	Elsewhere	
Are you a member of a uniformed group? <i>(Circle)</i>	Scouts	Guides	Other	None
Do you go to a youth club or centre? <i>(Circle)</i>	Yes	No		
If Yes, which one?				

*For each of the following questions, please tick the box which shows what you think.*

## 1. YOUTH CENTRES

**What is important about a youth centre? For example -**

	Yes	No	Don't Know
- should it be for young people from all over the village?			
- should it be for young people just from your area?			
- should it be in the centre of the village?			
- should it be close to where you live?			
- should it be open to different age groups at different times?			
- should it have separate rooms (e.g. games, chill-out, creative)?			
- should it have a kitchen for hot drinks and snacks?			
- should it have a computer?			

**What else would be important?**

## 2. THINGS TO DO

Would you be interested in doing any of these?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Learning to play an instrument?			
Joining a band?			
DJ workshops?			
Film making?			
Modern dance?			
Drama?			
Motor mechanics?			
Basketball/netball?			
Badminton?			
Hockey?			

What else would you like to learn or take part in?

## 3. ADVICE

Would it be useful to have advice about things like these?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
First Aid?			
Babysitting?			
Finding a part-time job?			
Managing money?			
Job interviews?			
Writing a CV?			
Keeping safe?			

What else would it be useful to have advice about?

#### 4. YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

How should young people influence village life?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
- by having a voice on the Parish Council?			
- by having a section in the Parish newsletter?			
- by helping elderly or disabled people living nearby?			
- by occasionally working with an environment group to tidy up the village and keep it attractive?			

What else could young people do to support the community?

#### 5. PLUS POINTS

What are the good points about living in Otford?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Plenty of space?			
Fresh air and freedom to roam?			
Village sports?			
Clubs and groups?			

What else do you like about living in Otford?

## 6. PROBLEMS AND WORRIES

Are you affected or worried by things like these?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Not enough to do?			
Nowhere to go?			
No buses in the evening?			
Bullying?			
Drug abuse or dealing?			
Alcohol abuse?			
Gangs?			
Anti-social behaviour?			

What else worries you about living here?

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Your parent or guardian will tell you how to make sure it is collected so that your views can be heard.

*Oxford Parish Plan Committee*