

Herefordshire Children and Young People's Plan

Voices of Children and Young People

Summary findings July 2018



Just some of the children and young people who have contributed:

Walford Primary School

Hoople Educational Group

Bromyard Youth Group

City Youth Council

Take over day

Gorsely Goffs Primary School

Hereford Young Carers

No Wrong Door Drop In

Children In Care Council

Ledbury Primary School

Marches Family Network Saturday session

Hereford Hive

Broadlands Primary School

Lady Hawkins High School

HOPE Support Centre

Young Person's Network

ideas

FOOD

- ★ STARBUCKS
- ★ BURGER KING
- ★ MAC DONALDS

REASONING

- ★ Job opportunities
- ★ Tax
- ★ Life (Wages/Hours)

COMMUNITY

- ♥ COMMUNITY SERVICES
- ♥ COMMUNITY CENTRE
- ♥ PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- ♥ COUNCILING & SUPPORT for YP

REASONING

- ♥ Gives a safe environment for all ages
- ♥ Gives an opportunity to help for YP
- ♥ TRAFFIC IN HERFORD

EXERCISE/HEALTH

- CHILDREN'S GYM'S
- ICE RINK / TRAMPOLINE PARK
- BASKETBALL COURTS
- SKATE PARK (RENOVATION)
- ORAL HEALTH
- DISABILITIES
- NHS

REASONING

- Oral health is not working in plan
- Awareness
- Obesity awareness

WORK

- ★ UIG WORK
- ★ WORK EXPERIENCE
- ★ NEWS PAPER

REASONING

- ★ Gives people a chance to good stuff with their time

SECURITY

- ♥ PEOPLE DO NOT FEEL SAFE AT NIGHT
- ♥ SECURITY PATROL
- ♥ KIDNAPPING

REASONING

- ♥ Makes people safe at night

EDUCATION

- OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS
- ASSISTANCE WITH WORK
- SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
- SCHOOL UNIFORMS
- COUNCILING IN SCHOOL

REASONING

- WITH LESS OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS, THERE WOULD BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- ★ CYCLE PATHS
- ★ BUS LANES
- ★ TRAFFIC

REASONING

- ★ HERFORD IS TERRIBLE WITH ROADS & TRAFFIC

HOUSING

- ♥ CHEAPER HOUSING
- ♥ HOUSING FOR PEOPLE COMING OUT OF CARE
- ♥ HOUSING FOR TEENAGERS
- ♥ ELDERLY HOUSING

REASONING

- ♥ Gives a chance for independence
- ♥ Gives a chance to get away from home issues

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Entertainment

Services

- More parks

↳ Swings in the middle of town

Child friendly - dentist, hospitals, GPs

- Activity centres

↳ ice rink, Laser tag trampolines, courts (volleyball, netball, badminton etc.)

- Hangout places

↳ free, safe, wifi, has food and young people can decorate the rooms themselves.

closer mental health services

Baby swimming

- Sports for younger children
- ↳ stop younger kids from feeling-left out, scared, manipulated when playing with older children.

Disabilities

- Spend more time with disabled children

↳ take them places cinema etc.

Study hall

- Parks with access to children with disabilities
- ↳ Bishop meadows has a disabled swing

community work

- Sports for disabled children.

Injury services

more nursery

Initial priorities from Children and Young People



Findings so far... health and wellbeing

Almost a quarter of reception age children (4-5yrs) and over a third of year 6 children (aged 10-11yrs) are overweight or obese (2016/17)

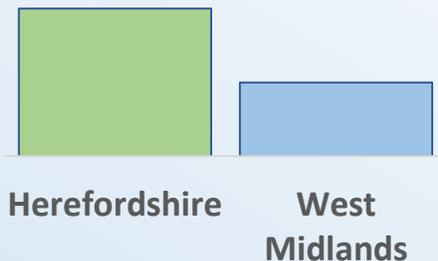


Healthy options often more expensive

Need information and advice about healthy food choices

Healthwatch:
Educational messages around; low sugar, healthy eating and oral health

Not easy to get to dentist/ hospital appointments– have to take a whole day out of school



In 2014/15 the proportion of Herefordshire's 5 year olds free from dental decay (59 per cent) was lower than the figures for both England and the West Midlands while the mean number of decayed, missing or filled teeth in 5 year olds in Herefordshire was 1.43, a figure twice as high as in the West Midlands and 30 per cent higher than that for England as a whole.

Findings so far... health and wellbeing (cont..)

We want a voice for children and young people in Herefordshire.

More places to be calm in Hereford and Ledbury

Make mental health clinics and groups better promoted

We need to know more about what mental health issues there are out there

We need somewhere to go which is non-judgmental, where we won't get a label of "you have a mental health problem"

Better support for children and young people with anxiety issues: We suffer with bus anxiety and anxiety within busy places like schools

Promoting Children and Young People being proud and confident about their identity

Counselling provision across Herefordshire varies

Closer mental health services for rural areas

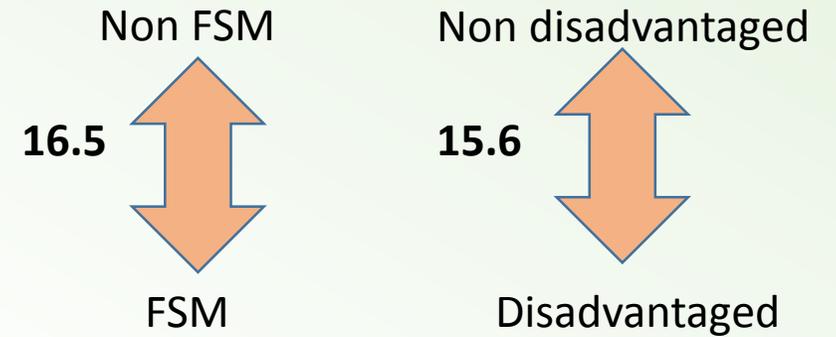
In Herefordshire, an estimated 8,620 children and young people require support with their mental health or emotional resilience.

Findings so far.. Education and preparing for adulthood

Make sure every child has an equal education

Herefordshire need to receive better education about young people with special educational needs/ disability and promote "more understanding" "equal rights in Herefordshire," "less bullying."

Standards rising in both primary and secondary schools and academies but, gaps widening for FSM and disadvantaged pupils.
Poor social mobility in Herefordshire.
Progress and attainment scores for children with SEN support/ statement or EHC plan need to improve.



We need more work experience opportunities, incl jobs for under 16's

There is a lack of support for young people who are transitioning into adults

Number of 16 and 17yr olds in:	Herefordshire	England
Education and training	89.6	91.3
Apprenticeships	4.2	5.4
Training	0.8	1.3
work based learning	0.6	0.8
Part time education	0.1	0.3

Make the most of the new university, support to follow your dreams



Findings so far.. safety

In January 2018 there were 309 looked after children in Herefordshire. This is 84 per 10,000 of the population which is high in comparison to statistical neighbours.

Stakeholder feedback has highlighted the need for a stronger approach to early identification and early help.

Slight, serious, or fatal collisions, although smaller number, are a higher rate per 100,000 than the UK, but similar to statistical neighbours (data from 2011-15)

Education re:
safety and healthy
relationships

we want to feel safe at night
and for our parents to feel
safe letting us out

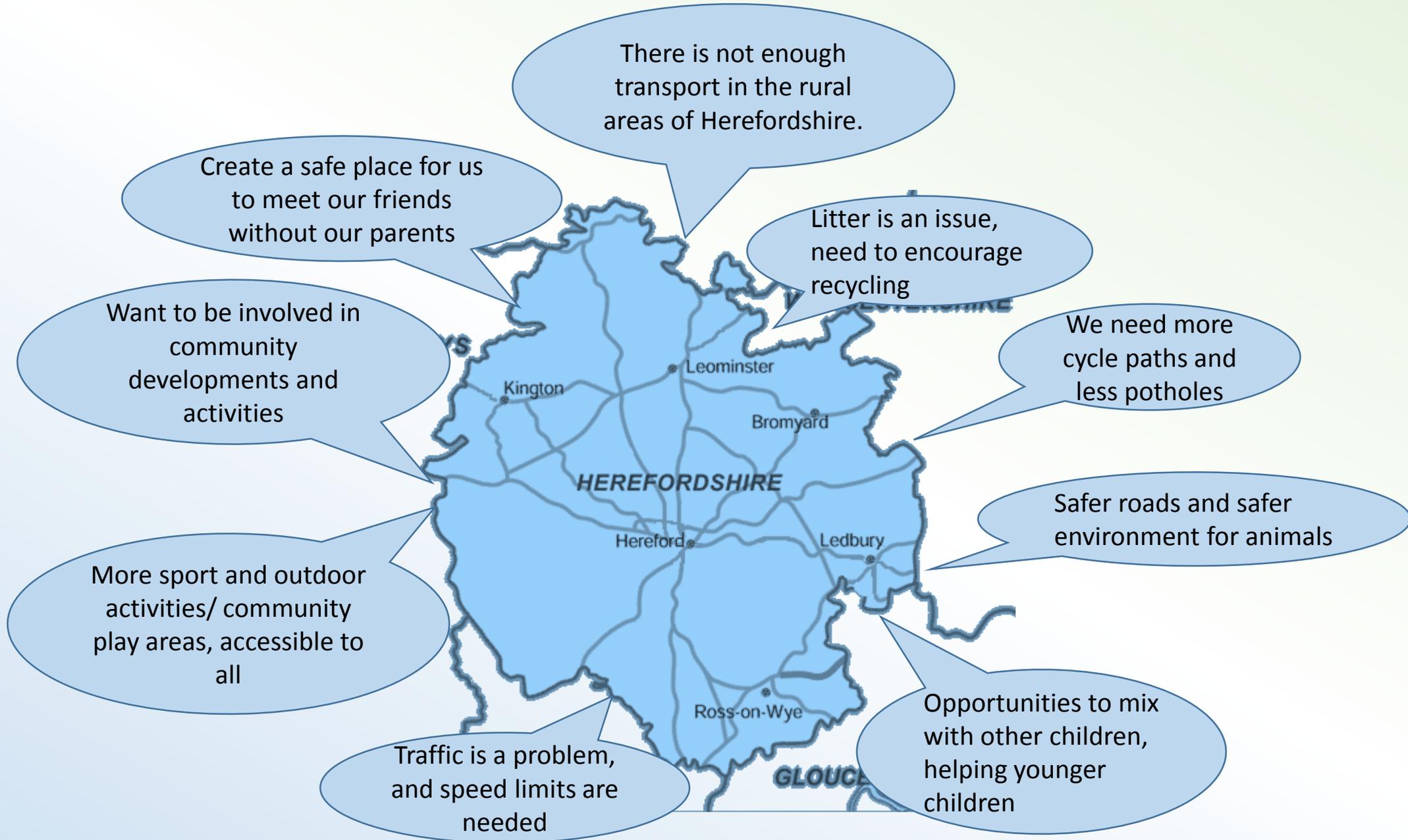
I don't feel
safe in
Hereford

Children
should have a
stronger voice

E-Safety in
schools

Make Herefordshire roads
safer for children and young
people, slowing traffic

Findings so far... environment and community



Much to be proud of...

The lovely wildlife and the sound of the birds singing

Good countryside

Lots of wildlife and makes me happy

It is a nice environment

Good schools

Social workers are kind and helpful

Doctors are good

I like to come to school

It is very friendly in Hereford.

Ledbury is a friendly place

“I have made more friends here than anywhere else I have lived.”

“Amazing schools” and “amazing town.”

