



Question 1 Free form responses

32 respondees (7.6%) made a comment on this question.

1. We have been here 40 years next July, that should say it all.
2. Can be a bit cliquey, but that is true of most villages.
3. Not the most cohesive. There are cliques.
4. Lack of insecurity caused by 'cliques' in village e.g. cricket, tennis clubs (both private).
5. Snobbery amongst some neighbours and caused distress to me and my family. But on the flip side we have some very good friends within the village
6. Only just moved here and not actually in the village so can't comment on many.
7. Love living in a happy caring village
8. Safety poor street lighting
9. I also feel we have a very active community which is very diverse.
10. Being single I feel safe walking around.
11. Moved to Houghton as wanted to live in a smallish rural area. Worried that this will be spoiled by large developments
12. We do feel that any development would alter the character of this beautiful village
13. It can be boring for young teenagers. Needs more them to do. Jobs, etc
14. We take part in community activities, scouts/church/mums and tots/women's register/friends of St. Catharine's and Village Hall Committee
15. I moved from the city 20 year ago to live in a small rural village, to be surrounded by countryside
16. Why 5?? We wish to live in a village therefore are prepared for the lack of amenities. We feel insecure due to building proposals - Houghton will NOT be a village but will NOT offer the advantages of living in a town
17. Houghton is a "village" by definition I can tick the 5 boxes confidently
18. Young adults between 16-25 years
19. It is a dormer to Leicester A commuter village
20. Isolation for young people as friends often in Oadby. No direct transport link to Oadby. Not many activities for young girls and women.
21. A village can be the best and worst of places
22. On whole great - but isolation because of lack of public transport
23. The basic things I need are shop, pharmacy, sports
24. Isolated due to poor public transport links
25. It is our choice not to "join in" and I am sure if we so wished we could be more inclusive.
26. We have lived in Houghton for two years. We love it because of the reasons given
27. feelings of belonging are absent unless the community accept you as being part of the village!
28. I am 93 and have good friends in Houghton
29. We value low crime levels in Houghton and the opportunity to join in community activities.
30. My comments are probably due to my position. If I lived in the village I am sure they would be positive not negative.
31. You have to work at "belonging" as you do anywhere. It doesn't just happen
32. Rural is the biggest asset