

**Young People's Council  
Questionnaire Findings  
North Wilts Festival/Chippenham College  
2006**

**96 questionnaires completed  
Plus 11 people voted on the issue that was most important**

**1. Which issue is the most important to you?  
(Some people ticked more than one issue)**

**Environment: 30  
Perceptions of young people: 32  
Transport: 15  
Facilities: 25  
Education: 31**

**What do you think the YPC should do about the issue you  
have chosen?**

- **Young people should have their opinions heard and understood rather than put down! x 3**
- **More bins x 8**
- **Create more facilities x 8**
- **More buses x 4**
- **Update the facilities for young teenagers**
- **Encourage use of bikes**
- **More things to do in the summer**
- **Talk to someone about it (perceptions)**
- **Educate (environment)**
- **Protest (perceptions) x 2**
- **Promote recycling x 4**
- **Better choice of subjects/schools x 2**
- **Make better (the environment) x 2**
- **Get better things to do at weekends**
- **Try and change people's perceptions (of young people) x 6**
- **Have more debates! (on environment)**
- **Improve them (perceptions, facilities, transport)**
- **Give us more recycling facilities eg plastic bottle banks**
- **Stop labels, stop stereotyping (perceptions) x 4**
- **Talk to council about funding for better facilities**
- **Improve them, more interesting (facilities)**

- Promote it (environment)
- Sort it out! (perceptions)
- Help out children with disabilities
- More facilities for disabled young people
- Raise awareness to older generations about stereotyping young people

## 2. Do you think young people are viewed fairly by the general public?

**YES: 28**

**NO: 62**

**Sometimes: 2**

**No response: 4**

### Why?

- Nobody cares about what they have to say because they are always “wrong”
- People don’t listen x 2
- People look at you different because you are a teenager
- Because we’re young and people don’t think we know anything x 2
- ‘Cos they think we’re juveniles
- Because they think we are stupid x2
- Because we are too young to have a say!
- Adults look down on young people ‘cos of bad press
- Because of actions of other youths, people discriminate
- Older people think they know best because they have lived longer
- Because all adults think young kids are yobs x 3
- We don’t get to vote x 2
- Because we don’t have equal opportunities
- They think we are all bad x3
- Stereotyped x 6
- Judgemental
- Because they think of us as rebellious x 2
- Some people are strange - they don’t like us!
- Because of prejudice x 3
- They judge a book by its cover
- Adults should treat young people with respect and not think we’re all rebellious

**3. What do you think the Young People's Council should be doing for young people in North Wilts? (tick the TWO you think are most important)**

**Talking/working with the District Council: 22**

**Campaigning: 15**

**Talking to other young people: 43**

**Challenging negative perceptions of young people: 29**

**Bringing young people's opinions forward at important meetings: 44**