

Hampshire's Children

Albie

I'm Albie and I am eight.

Hi Albie, what's it like living around here?

It's good. There's a lot of weather, sometimes we get rainy and sometimes we get sunny. There's lots of living animals and everyone is welcome.

Do you think people are nice round here? Are they friendly or are they not friendly?

Yes, there are loads of people who are friendly, like when we walk to school in the morning people say good morning to us and stuff.

Millie

Hi, my name is Millie, and I am four.

Hi Millie, what do you like about living around here?

Because there's loads of parks, beaches and forests.

And do you like school?

Yes

What do you like about school?

Because there's loads of friends.

Theo

Hi, I'm Theo and I'm 11.

What's it like living in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight area?

It's quite good, so there's a lot of parks everywhere so if you are bored sometimes, you can just go around, maybe meet up with your friends at the park.

And what do you think about school round this area?

It's kind of a place where you can learn but you can also hang out with your friends.

And when you do go out and about, do you feel safe?

Most of the time yes, but sometimes there's some older people down the park, which we kind of just stay away from because we don't really want to get into any trouble.

Evie

Hi, I'm Evie and I'm eight years old.

Evie, what do you like about living around this area?

It's nice because I get lots of friends, I make friends every day. And we get to go to beaches and walk through forests together and there's lots of nearby friends where I live so we can have playdates.

And do you like school?

Yes, I do because there's lots of friends I can play with.

And do you feel safe around here?

Yes, because there's lots of people, my teachers, my parents and anyone I can trust to keep me safe if there's danger.

Ben

Hi, I'm Ben and having lived in Hampshire throughout my childhood I can safely say it's a lovely place to grow up.

My favourite aspects are the education. All the schools seem to be really good. And there's also a lot of green space which I think is really important and it's well maintained.

However, Hampshire is definitely suffering from rises in inequality between its towns and cities and also serious crime in the towns and cities especially. It's definitely on the rise, so those are the things, that as a young person, I would love to see worked on the most.