

Local People - A Teenage Perspective ...

A small group of students from various year groups at Macclesfield Academy meets regularly to discuss ideas, work together and support each other as writers.

The articles they write for us look at life from a sometimes refreshingly alternative perspective!



Life in Wildboarclough

I live in Wildboarclough in the Peak District. I have lived here for seven years, my dad was born here. We have a farm where we keep cows, sheep, pigs and chickens. There are lots of farms in Wildboarclough. We have a friendly community even though everyone is spaced out – our nearest neighbours are a fifteen minute walk away.

Wildboarclough has a very diverse countryside from peaks to rivers. The peak of Shutlingsloe is 506 meters high and is Cheshire's third highest peak. The river Dane runs through Wildboarclough. A popular tourist site on its route through the valleys of the moors is Three Shires Head. This is where the counties of Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire meet.

Although there is only a population of 189 people (since 2011) in 'The Clough' as it is known locally, we have some special events that bring us all together. Our church of St Saviours is a big part of the community with there being Harvest and Carol Services. Every year The Rose Queen Fete is held in the grounds of Crag Hall (owned by Lord Derby) and this is a fundraiser for the church and community.

I enjoy walking through the countryside, especially through my village. I used to go to the neighbouring village school called Wincle because there is no longer a school in Wildboarclough as there weren't enough children to keep it open. Wincle is a small school, there were nine children in my year.

There are no clubs in Wildboarclough so I have to travel to Macclesfield for football and ballet. Although every year we put on a pantomime called Clough capers in our village hall, last year's was Snow White and I played one of the dwarfs.

Altogether living in Wildboarclough is great.

This month's article has been written by Laura Kidd in Year 7.
Laura's hobbies include walking, football and ballet.

