

My life in my neighbourhood is rather calm because I don't really know my neighbours. Sometimes I speak with them but it's difficult. My neighbours are young and there is a high turnover in my block of flats. I like the ambiance of my street though. As long as I get on with my neighbours I'm happy. Lots of couple have young children so I do babysitting and it connects me both with the children and the parents. In front of my flat there is a park where we can play. It is amazing: I often find my friends in this park unless it's raining. To finish I'm near the forest and some shops. In fact my neighbourhood is cool and I like living here. I think I'm not really in a community because I don't share the life of my neighbourhood, and I not really participate in the activities of my neighbourhood unless they are really interesting.

Nelly

I am really happy to live in this neighbourhood. It's really quiet and the district is really beautiful and well maintained.

I don't live really far from shops and it's very practical. My neighbours are nice but some are too noisy. The neighbourhood is diversified because it's half city and country. The environment is really important and there is lot of action for its protection. For example there is a good choice of public transport so that people don't use cars or motorcycles. We are lucky to be close to Paris all the more so as we have not got the same traffic.

Marvin

Let's describe my lovely neighbourhood which is located in Voisins-Le-Bretonneux ! I currently live in the Ecoute S'Il Pleut Street. Near my street we can go to the supermarket, bakery, bookshops and also Chinese or Italian restaurants. Bus service is always on time. Policemen and firefighters are very available if something wrong happens in our neighbourhood. Behind my neighbourhood we have a big lake and a recreation park where lots of people have fun in the summer. My neighbours are very kind, friendly and useful. One day my neighbours organized a party so I think we could call my neighbourhood a community.

Alexandre

My parents rent an apartment in the Sourderie quarter at Montigny Le Bretonneux.

I like my neighbourhood because there are a lot of shops like restaurants, a hairdresser's, a supermarket and a pharmacy.

What I like best about my neighbourhood is the bus line which passes opposite my home. It allows me to get to the city centre in a few minutes.

My natural environment is healthy because there are green spaces and an adventure playground.

One of the best advantages of my neighbourhood is it's built so that there's not just buildings (owned or rent) but also people living in houses and that's good to mix social differences.

However I don't think I can say I live in a community because my neighbours are not particularly friendly and sociable. Everybody lives without worrying about the others and people don't mix.

Anaïs

My family has lived in the same neighborhood since 2003. We live in a block of flats called « Oriels ».

We have a community garden in the middle; it's very pleasant when spring time is coming. It's a place to relax where you can meet friends, practice football, roller-skating or bicycling.

It's a place where I belong: it's my home.

We like our neighbours; we can organize some meals together. I'll always be able to count on them. Besides I can keep children when the parents are going out.

I like to take a walk because it's a peaceful and quiet place.

Laura B.

My neighbourhood is very cool and merry. There are always children in front of my house because there is a little park. Sometimes it's too noisy though.

I get on well with my neighbors. They ask me to take care of their plants, animals and children, I accept as long as they give me some money! There is a very small wood where there are pretty flowers, bushes and trees. My neighbors like to walk their dogs there.

I think I belong to a community because I'm close to my neighbors and I join in the activities of my neighborhood when I help them to prepare the meal for the "Neighborhood's Party" and I organize the games for the kids etc..

Jade

First of all, my life in my neighborhood is quite simple. There is a grocery store; I go there most Wednesdays when I want to buy something quick to prepare. Also, there are other shops such as a bakery, two restaurants, and a newsagent. I am very satisfied of having a newsagent in my neighborhood because I love reading magazines.

Otherwise, I don't feel safe in my neighborhood because many robberies have already taken place and the police protection never comes in my neighborhood unless there is a problem.

Near my house, there is a tennis court. It's a place where people meet and socialize. I appreciate going there with my father during the weekend because it's a possibility to share an activity with our parents and simply have fun! I feel like belonging to a community because I am very close to my neighbors. They give us a hand. When we go on holiday for example they feed my dog and they water the plants. Sometimes when they want to go to the restaurant without the children, my sister and I babysit the kids. We can say that there is solidarity between the neighbors, that's why I would never want to leave this neighborhood.

Coralie N.

The name of my neighborhood is « La Remise » in Voisins le Bretonneux. I live in a square. In the middle, there is a playground therefore children can play. In my square there are twelve houses.

I love my neighborhood because there are little parks and the neighbors are very kind and nice. We have all services close to my house. For example there are schools, a swimming pool, a lake, a little shop, a park. Also, my friends live in this neighborhood too.

Yet, I find the garbage removal noisy, the snow removal poor and bus services a bit irregular. Here live all generations and I 'm very satisfied with my present housing situation. Later I would like to live in this place. Before the neighborhood was built, there was a field so it's a good thing.

Laura C.

I have lived in this neighborhood since I was born. I find it very beautiful. I play team sport like American foot ball with my friends at weekends. There are two parks in my area one for a little children and one for the general population. The mayor's office is near my house and so is the municipal police station.

My neighbours like to celebrate so we meet regularly. There are small parties for holidays, spring or when a new resident moves in. In my area old and young people mix.

My area is very nice because there are a lot of parks with a lot of trees and flowers, that's why it's so cool and relaxing.

Rayane

I live in Montigny. Before, I lived in the Sourderie quarter but now I live in the Manet. I prefer the Manet because it's a very calm neighbourhood. There are parks, shops such as a grocery shop, a place for teenagers with games. There are two schools too. As far as I am concerned, I think there are not enough classes for kids. Also, there is a forest where there are horses. I get on well with my neighbours. Every year, there is a party with all the neighbours, we eat together on the road and we talk so I feel like I belong to a community because I share things with my neighbours. Also, it's a very beautiful place to live thanks to the gardens. I like it here!

Marine

I live in a street near a little supermarket, between a church and a cinema. There are also a chemist's shop, a bank and a baker's. On the other side there is a school. I live in a house with my parents, my brothers and sisters. We have a garden at the back. In my street most neighbours are helpful so, for example when they leave for a few days, I can feed their pets, their fish, and water their plants. I can also take care of their children. For me it's my community. We organize a party once a year.

Florence

In my neighbourhood, I know the majority of my neighbours because they are all nice and we help each other. There are no big roads so there is no danger for children. They are many benches and people go outside when it's sunny and they can talk and meet different people. Another thing which is great in my neighbourhood is the tranquillity. The shops are not too far, neither is high school so I walk from one place to the other. There aren't tall buildings but houses in groups of 12. For me, it is a wonderful neighbourhood.

Laure

I've lived in my neighbourhood since I was born, that is to say fifteen years ago. My neighbourhood is very pleasant, new shops and restaurants have opened. A park has been renovated for the games. Some trees have to be cut in my street so that people can park easily.

My neighbours are very nice and friendly. As far as I'm concerned, I think the public services and the cleanliness are very good because garbage is a problem for nobody. Life is very pleasant in my neighbourhood and I like it!

Marion

My neighborhood is the "Manet". It's a beautiful neighborhood with lots of parks and it's near the forest. It's near the music school and the stadium so we have extracurricular activities. Besides it's near the elementary school. Under my apartment there is a pharmacy and a "kebab" takeaway, a grocery, a bakery, a florist, a butcher shop, a newsagent's and three restaurants too. So there are a lot of facilities in my neighborhood which is definitely a nice place to live.

Arnaud

I have lived in this neighbourhood for 14 years, so since I was born in 1996.

There have been a few changes since I have lived here because the swimming – pool has been built, the town hall has been extended and a new park has opened in La Mare Caillon.

There are shops, schools and public services close by, that is why I really like my neighbourhood

The garbage collection is a problem for nobody. It's a very clean neighbourhood, but several trees have to be cut and some people dislike my neighbourhood.

As far as I'm concerned, I don't think my neighbourhood is noisy and dangerous and I find it's a healthy neighbourhood.

Mathilde

I have lived in this neighbourhood for 15 years, since I was born in 1996.

Since my birth, a lot of changes have taken place in my area: the swimming-pool has been built and the town hall has been extended ...

What I really like about my neighbourhood is the proximity of shops, schools and public services so that I walk short distances.

As far as I'm concerned, I think my neighbourhood is a little dangerous, chiefly in the evening.

Personally, I find my neighbourhood's natural environment healthy. My parents own our home and I am very satisfied with my present housing situation. Otherwise, I find the bus service good, the police protection, the fire protection and the garbage removal are fair and the snow removal is poor.

To conclude, my neighbourhood is good and I'm happy here. I think I belong to a community because I feel well in my neighbourhood.

Soline

I live in a residential community with a private tennis court so that everybody feels good, everybody helps. Also my house isn't far from a play area.

My neighborhood has been renovated, trees have been cut and sidewalks have been restored too, moreover the street lamps have been changed. In other words my neighborhood is like new.

However the negative aspect of my neighborhood is that there are many burglaries, which is the reason why everybody has got an alarm to protect their homes.

In conclusion, for me, my neighborhood is very nice and it is also the place where I have lots of friends.

Clement