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We're not all graffiti-spraying, hoodie-wearing, cider-swilling vandals, say teenagers



STEREOTYPED: A new survey of young people in Lincolnshire found that most are sick of being labelled the Asbo generation.

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT US?

TEENAGERS in Lincolnshire today blasted stereotypes which they say portray them as anti-social yobs.

A survey of more than 1,000 young people in the county found most are sick of being labelled the Asbo generation.

The Scout Association study found most teenagers disliked the minority of troublemakers who give them a bad name.

And they want adults and the media to

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recognise that the majority of youngsters are good, law abiding citizens.

The research also found teenagers were not obsessed with celebrities and hated bad role models like rocker Pete Doherty.

The overwhelming majority said that contrary to popular belief, the most important things in their life were their families and getting a good education.

Ian Cashmore, media development manager for the Lincolnshire Scout Association, said: "This is the first study of this size and credibility that actually asks young people what they think."

"There is a minority who fit the stereotype, but these few individuals are flamed up by the media and adults to give a skewed view of our youth," he said.

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