

Section 1

#1: Opening Paragraph "Everyone is laughing, sharing knowledge, and having fun. Children let out shrieks of delight while parents chat in the corner. The distant aroma of hot dogs drifts through the air. That brings up the question are community initiatives really worth it?"

Strengths:

- Your opening creates a vivid picture that helps readers imagine the scene at a community event
- You use sensory details (sounds of laughter, smell of hot dogs) which makes the writing engaging

Missing Punctuation → Your question at the end needs a colon or dash before it to connect it properly to the previous sentence. The current structure makes it feel disconnected from what comes before.

Exemplar: *"The distant aroma of hot dogs drifts through the air. This vibrant scene raises an important question: are community initiatives really worth it?"*

#2: Belonging Section "According to research, community initiatives foster a variety of psychological benefits, a sense of belonging, reduced feelings of isolation, and overall well-being... Researchers interviewed 98 more people, and they got the same answer from every person."

Strengths:

- You include quotes from real people (John and Mary) which makes your arguments more believable
- You mention specific benefits like belonging and reduced isolation

Vague Evidence → Your evidence lacks specific details that would make it convincing. Phrases like "according to research" and "researchers interviewed 98 more people" don't tell readers which study you're referring to or when it happened. The claim that all 98 people gave "the same answer" also seems unclear and doesn't explain what they actually said.

Exemplar: *"A 2019 study by Melbourne University found that 87% of participants reported feeling less lonely after attending community events for three months."*

#3: Physical Impact Section "Initiatives like Little Athletics can have a physical impact on children. This particularly helps prevent chronic diseases such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, and others."

Strengths:

- You expand beyond just social benefits to include physical health, which shows well-rounded thinking
- You give a specific example (Little Athletics) rather than speaking generally

Underdeveloped Explanation → Your paragraph mentions important health benefits but doesn't explain how initiatives actually lead to these improvements. You mention preventing obesity and diabetes, but you need to show the connection between attending Little Athletics and these health outcomes. The paragraph is also quite short compared to your other sections.

Exemplar: *"Regular participation in Little Athletics helps children build healthy exercise habits. When children attend weekly sessions, they engage in running, jumping and throwing activities that strengthen their muscles and improve their fitness. This consistent physical activity helps maintain a healthy weight and reduces the risk of developing type 2 diabetes later in life."*

■ Your piece tackles an important topic and shows good understanding of why community initiatives matter. You've included several types of benefits (belonging, social connections, physical health) which demonstrates thoughtful planning. However, your writing would benefit from deeper development in several areas. Your evidence needs to be more specific—instead of saying "according to research," you should name the actual study or organisation. Additionally, your paragraphs vary quite a bit in length, with the physical impact section being noticeably shorter and less detailed than the others. To strengthen your work, take your "Physical Impact" section and expand it by explaining the connection between activities and health benefits more clearly. Also, look at your "Belonging" section and replace vague phrases like "researchers interviewed 98 more people" with specific details about who conducted the study and when. Your conclusion could also be stronger by summarising your main points in your own words rather than just adding more quotes. Finally, consider developing your introduction

further—whilst the descriptive opening is engaging, the transition to your question feels abrupt and could be smoother.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2:

#1 The Impact ~~Of~~ [of] A [a] Local Community Initiative

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Belonging

According to research, community initiatives foster a variety of psychological benefits [, including] a sense of belonging, reduced feelings of isolation [, and] overall well-being. "Oh... yeah, well, I couldn't stop laughing and chatting with the others. They were so friendly and kind. It felt as if I was with my family.[,]" Said [said] John, a local from Mulberry Avenue. Local community initiatives can promote a better sense of belonging. "I feel like [I feel as though] I belong whenever I go to an initiative. Everyone is very kind.[,]" says Mary, age 67. Researchers interviewed 98 more people, and they got [received] the same answer from every person. "Yeah, Local [local] community initiatives are incredible with what they do. They can help people with a lot of psychological problems." Researchers have also noted that people almost always come back [return] feeling happy (from a case study in 2011) [according to a 2011 case study]. Scientists highly recommend participating in local initiatives. "It feels very exciting.[,]" states an anonymous person. Overall, local initiatives foster a sense of belonging[.]

#2 Social ~~connections~~ [Connections]

Initiatives build strong social connections with community members and help ~~build~~ [create] a stronger community. ~~"Everyone was having fun. The kids were saying hello and making new friends."~~

~~We were hanging out with the other parents, and everyone just seemed content."~~ **[Everyone was having fun. The children were greeting each other and forming new friendships. We were socialising with the other parents, and everyone appeared content,]** States **[states]** Joe Rundle, father of three. This statement ~~set off~~ **[prompted]** a case study in 2019. The scientists ~~took~~ **[conducted]** a poll **[—]** before and after ~~see~~ **[—to assess]** how people were feeling, and 67% had an increase in mood. "Everyone seems to be getting along and having fun. We keep ~~mentioning~~ **[acknowledging]** each other and waving." Initiatives can help build a **[stronger relationships]** ~~stronger relationship~~. Local initiatives can also get people off their phones, and people can actually connect with each other **[—]** in a world where technology is taking over. They can ~~get people off their phones and talk to one another, instead of texting~~ **[encourage face-to-face conversation rather than digital communication]**. Initiatives can help build a stronger community and ~~build~~ **[foster]** bonds with one another.

#3 Physical impact [Impact]

Local initiatives can have a really strong impact on people. **[—]** ~~From~~ **[from]** a sense of belonging to social bonds. But ~~Initiatives~~ **[initiatives]** can have a physical impact too. Initiatives like Little Athletics can have a physical impact on children. This particularly helps prevent chronic diseases such as obesity, type 2 diabetes and others. This is important **[—]** in a world where children watch ~~TV~~ **[television]** all day, **[—]** encouraging sports for children is a really important aspect of Little Athletics. "I really like it. The first day I went, I loved it. And everyone was so kind to me. **[,]**" States **[states]** ~~anonymous~~ **[an anonymous]** person. This shows how initiatives can help people.

Conclusion

Local initiatives can help in all sorts of ways as discussed. Researchers show that the hidden impact of local community initiatives is significant. "I would highly recommend it. **[,]**" states Mary **[.]** "Yes, go for it. **[,]**" says John. In conclusion, local community initiatives can help with mental, physical, and psychological ~~well being~~ **[wellbeing.]**