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Franklin Community Newspaper

Welcome to our brand new
column for the New Year.



Community Views

We get many letters every week from people keen to make their voices heard. Now, you have the chance to share your thoughts with the community.

Every week, *Community Views* will highlight an issue that is important to the community. We want to hear what you really think about the issues affecting Franklin. I'll be hitting the streets each week to get your views and report on the results. We will publish a selection of your views and put together, or **compile**, all the views into opinion polls and present them each week. So keep those letters coming!

Bobbie Woodward, editor



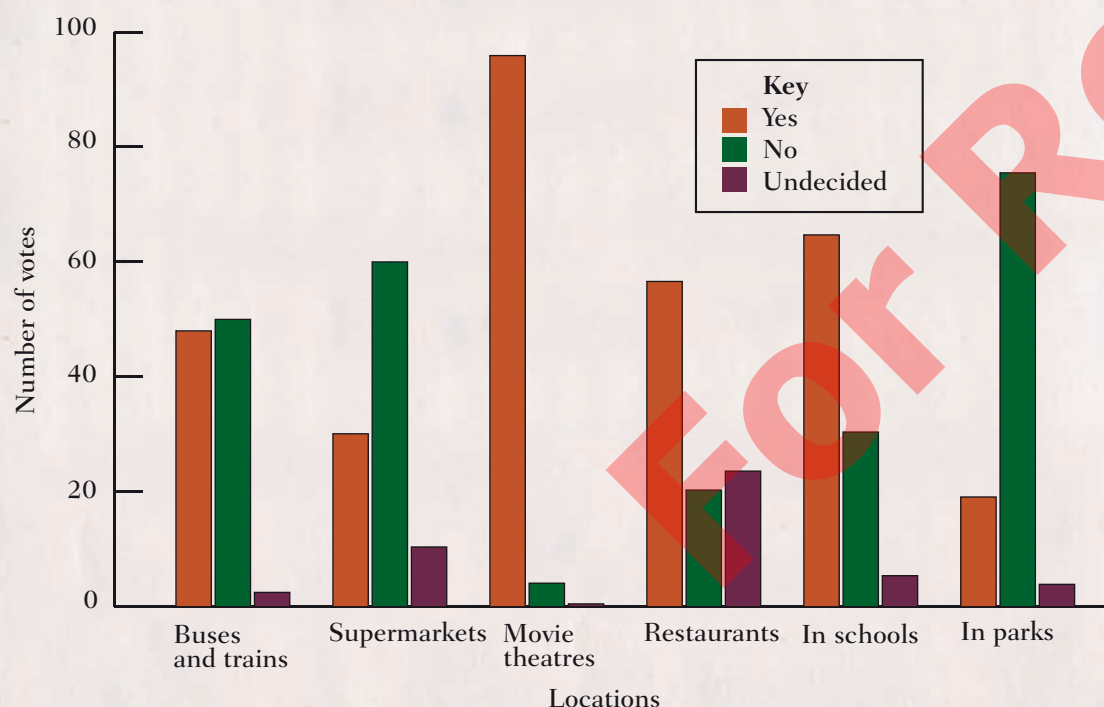
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This Week - Mobile Phones

We know that over 85 per cent of people in Franklin County own a mobile phone. Many think they couldn't possibly live without them. Others find some people use their mobile phones

in a way that is careless of the rights or feelings of others, or **inconsiderate**. In some places, many people agree that the use of mobile phones is just plain annoying.

Places Mobile Phones Should Be Switched off



Harumi Fujimura, 14,
exchange student

I'm from Japan. I was really surprised to see people here talking loudly on **their mobile phones** on **trains and buses**. We tend not to do that in Japan. We think it's **inconsiderate** because it disturbs **all the other passengers**. Traditionally, rules on how

to behave properly are very important in Japan. This is called **etiquette**. For example, it is good manners to be quiet and restrained in public places. Everyone should definitely turn their ringtones off on public transport. I'm sure if a call is that important, the caller would leave a message. Anyway, you can always text! That's what I do!



People on a train in Tokyo, Japan, texting on their mobile phones

Gloria Swinton, 73, retired

My daughter bought me a mobile phone, but I must say, I've never used it. Younger people imagine you just can't get along without one. They'll tell you they need one for safety reasons. My daughter said I could use it if my car broke down, or if I fell over and needed help. I suppose it might be useful then. I think lots of people use them for silly reasons. For example, they'll be in the supermarket and they'll phone someone to see what brand of coffee to buy!

We got by quite well without them when I was young. Scientists haven't fully tested them yet either. How do we know if they are totally safe?



Ted Garrett, 45, chef,
Lakeside Restaurant

Mobile phones are taking over the world! It seems like everyone has one glued to their ear. Or they're walking along punching texts into them. I've heard of children who have injured their thumbs by texting too much. It really annoys my customers in the restaurant when phones keep ringing. And no one seems to answer their phone quietly. They talk really loudly and disturb everyone. It drives everyone crazy! If you ask me, most people believe phones should be turned off in restaurants.

Sarah Bertelli, 25, owner,
Sarah's Sandwiches

Mobile phones? I love mine! Mobiles are the greatest invention ever! But I think some people can be very rude with them. They'll be lining up to order a sandwich, but they're talking away on the phone. They expect me to wait until they're ready to order. It's so rude! I won't serve them. I say, "Please wait there. I'll serve you when you finish talking." I'm certain everyone else in the line agrees with me.

