

Dear Young Person,

During the 1st lockdown and now 2nd, I have had time to think about my growing up years and how different they must have been to yours now.

I was the youngest of 4 children, brought up on an estate in London. So with my parents, 6 of us shared 2 rooms.

In time we moved to a 3 bedroom flat with a bathroom (what a luxury! ) My brother had his own room - being the only boy and

I shared with my 2 older sisters. We had a balcony that looked out over "The Square" where us children played. There were swings, a slide and roundabout and we played all sorts of games to amuse ourselves. There was a fenced area where boys played football.

We played there until we were called in for dinner.

We didn't travel and so I had never been on a train until I was a teenager.

All of our friends and family lived on the estate and we walked to school, a few streets away, with our mum.

Do you walk to school? Or do you have to travel?

I liked school but not the bottle of warm milk we had to drink at playtime!!

It's funny as I still don't really like milk.

I've lived in Eltham for 45 years, when I got married. I didn't know anybody here then but now have made lots of friends.

What do you enjoy about growing up in this area?

Carol