

Matt's home town

I live in West Kirby, a small town on the Wirral Peninsula. I love living here because although it's small, it is next to a beach and some nice parks, and is also just thirty minutes by train to Liverpool.

The town centre is safe and has a lot of shops, although it can get very busy at the weekend with people visiting the beach. It has some of the normal shops like other towns, but also lots of independent shops like bakeries, a butcher's, and some clothes shops. It also has a lake next to it for watersports like windsurfing and sailing. To use the lake you need to buy a license. There are also lots of cafes. My favourite is called the Sweet Pea cafe because it sells lots of nice home-made cakes. Also, once a month there is a Farmer's market, where you can buy local products like honey and jam, as well as cheese, pies, and fruit and vegetables.

Probably the best thing about West Kirby is the countryside around it. My favorite walk is the one to Hilbre, which is an island about four kilometres from the coast. You can walk out there at low-tide. On the island you can find lots of birds, but the best thing is the seals in the sea around it. When we get back to West Kirby from the walk, we always buy some ice cream!