

SUFFOLK SHOW 2022

STORY GUIDELINES

First please identify the period, from those given below, which most closely matches the period during which you would have been running a home with your partner/husband and whilst raising children in the age group of birth to around 12/13.

a)1952-1965 b) 1962 – 1975 c)1972-1985 d) 1982 – 1995 e) 1992 – 2005 or later.

Once you have selected your relevant period, please then tell your story for that period by using the answers to the following questions as a guide. Your story will need to be not too long but please feel free to give some description/explanation where you feel this will add value to your story.

QUESTIONS:

1. What type of area are you living in (City, Town, Village etc) and is this in Suffolk or elsewhere?
2. What type of property are you living in (rented, owned with or without a mortgage, living with relatives etc)
3. Are you married or living with your partner
4. How many children do you have
5. Do you have financial independence or are you dependant on someone else for your income. Give a brief explanation of your answer if you are able.
6. Do you have a job outside of the household? Give brief details of what you do and the hours you work.
7. If you do not have a job outside of the home, would you be able to work if you wanted to.
If you could work but do not, why is that? If you cannot work, why is that?
8. What percentage of the household chores (cleaning; cooking; laundry; shopping; child care etc) are you responsible for or expected to be responsible for? 100%, 75%, 50%, 25% or less. Why is this?
9. If you do less than 100%, who does the remaining percentage of the chores?
10. Do you have any "labour saving" devices or gadgets to help you with your household chores? Please give brief details of what you have?
11. Looking at the children in your household now. What activities/hobbies etc do they take part in in their non- school time and how does this impact on you and your time?
12. At what age do your children "officially" start school? Do you use any other form of childcare, outside of school times and if so give details of what you use (including the use of relatives).
13. Do you have any caring responsibilities for either elderly relatives or siblings or someone within your own household and, if so, how does this impact on your time?
14. What, if anything, do you feel might improve the quality of your homelife in the future. (remember that your answer should reflect the time you are writing about).

15. Do you have any of the following items in your home? Please list all that you have at the time about which you are writing.

a) open fires/ electric or gas heating/ central heating/ other heating sources

b) radio/ black & white TV/ colour TV/ Satellite and/or smart TV/ land line telephone/ mobile phone

c) vacuum cleaner/ refrigerator/freezer/ washing machine (twin tub or automatic)/ dryer/ dishwasher/ microwave

d) bicycle/motorbike or moped/one car/more than one car/

16. Please say a few words about how you feel about your situation in the home and describe any one thing that you think would make your home life better and/ or make you happier? Again please remember to make this answer relevant to the time period about which you are writing.