Where the Viking invasions a good or bad thing?

The Vikings were very civilized people. They arrived at England in 793ad and have made a huge impact on our modern world today. But where the Viking invasions a good or bad thing?

The Vikings brought a lot of civilization to England when they invaded. They gave us city names (ending in –by, -thwaite or –dale). They also established the world’s longest running parliament in Iceland, improving life chances of many people. The Vikings brought everyday language we still use today such as cake, leg, window and egg.

However, the Vikings burnt down villages and built their own, but these were eyesores and did not fit in with the Saxon style. They caused unnecessary damage and destruction with their mindless vandalism on innocent family houses and monasteries. They also looted valuable objects such as bibles and manuscripts. They would kill anyone in their way.

Despite their bad reputation, the Vikings were actually peaceful and prosperous people once they settled. They brought their farmer and blacksmith expertise to England as well as their famous boat and many more objects.

However, the Vikings did create a war-like atmosphere to England and constantly people were afraid of possible invasions.

In conclusion, I think the Vikings invasion was a good thing because they brought civilization to England, however, they did kill lots of innocent people and caused lots of mindless damage.