

Social Capital is the glue and resources that help a community stay together and move on.

Braunstone was strong in comparison with other areas surveyed in terms of a sense of belonging to Leicestershire. Fewer people on average, however, said they feel they belong to their neighbourhood. Compared to the average for other areas, less people on average in Braunstone said that, overall, their neighbourhood is a good place to live.

Overall, the survey showed that people in Braunstone have quite strong networks compared with the average of the other areas. More people surveyed socialise with friends and family. Also the survey showed that people from Braunstone, in the last week, had spoken to someone by visiting them, more often than in other areas.

Fewer people in Braunstone said they have volunteered or given unpaid help to anyone except relatives in the last year compared to the average of the other areas surveyed. However, participation is strong overall in Braunstone. This is because more people in Braunstone said they had initiated local activities, campaigns or networks and attended public meetings or neighbourhood forum to discuss local issues. Also more people in Braunstone said they had contacted a local radio station, TV station or newspaper in the last year compared with the average of the rest.

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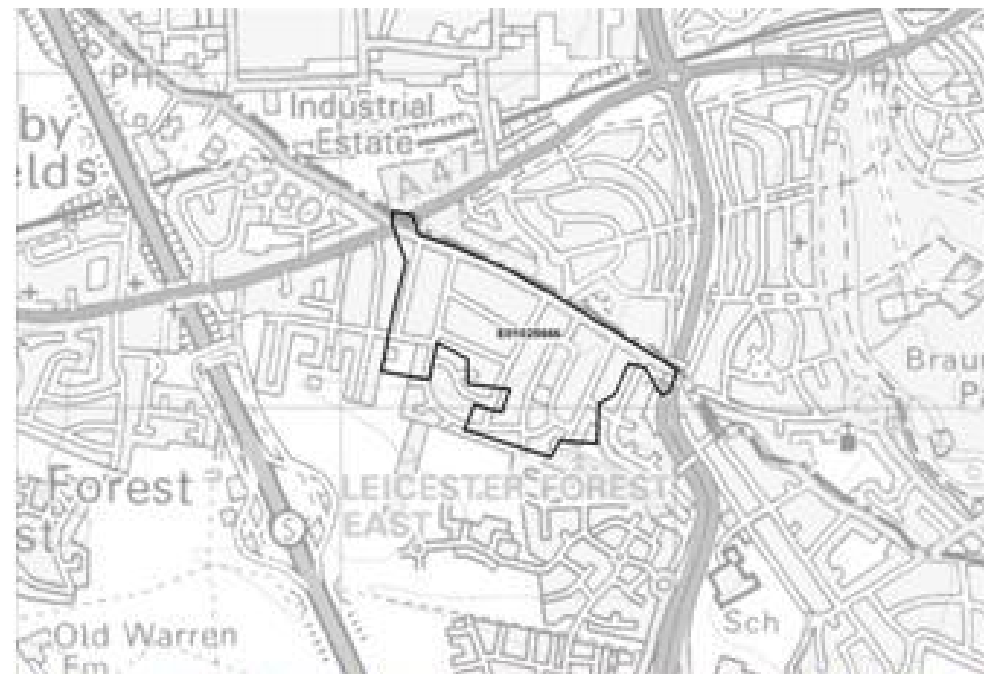
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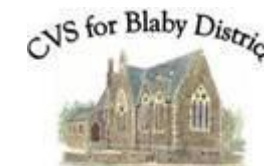


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What you said...

We asked people whether they agree or tended to agree that their neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get on together.

In Braunstone the result was 50%.

This compares with 58% in all areas surveyed in Leicestershire and, from a separate survey around a year ago, a figure of 78% for the East Midlands and 80% for England & Wales.

We asked whether many of the people in their neighbourhood can be trusted.

In Braunstone the result was 18%.

This compares with 43% for all the areas surveyed in Leicestershire and, from a separate survey around a year ago, a figure of 52% for the East Midlands and 49% for England & Wales.

We asked if in the last 12 months people had given unpaid help to groups, clubs or organisations for more than 2 hours a week.

In Braunstone the result was 8%.

For all areas surveyed in Leicestershire the corresponding figure was 14%.

We asked if in the last 12 months people had given unpaid help to friends,

In Braunstone the result was 66%.
For all Leicestershire the corresponding figure was 77%.

In the survey we asked people whether they are satisfied with the overall delivery of public services.

In Braunstone 73% of those surveyed were satisfied or very satisfied.

This compares with 71% for all areas surveyed in Leicestershire.

We asked if people voted in the last District Council elections.

In Braunstone 47% of people voted in the last District Council Elections.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 52%.

We asked people if they feel they can influence decisions that affect their area on their own.

In Braunstone 19% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 16%.

We also asked people if they feel they can influence decisions that affect their area when working with others in the neighbourhood.

In Braunstone 44% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

Now what do we do?