

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

The survey showed that people in Heather are strong in terms of their sense of belonging to England. However on average, less people compared with the other areas surveyed said they felt a sense of belonging to Leicestershire.

More people in Heather than the rest of the areas surveyed felt that overall their neighbourhood is a good place to live. This area was also strong in terms of being perceived as a close, tight knit community and a place where people look after each other.

On average, more people in Heather said they were happy living among people of different lifestyles. Respondents were also more likely to say that people in their neighbourhood can be trusted compared with the average of other areas surveyed.

Respondents from this area were lower than average in terms of joining in and participating – e.g. attending meetings, organising a petition or contacting local media. However, this may be because there was a slightly above average response that there were no local problems.

A higher than average number of people in Heather voted in District and County Council Elections, whilst voting in General elections is comparable with other areas.

# Social Capital Survey 2006

## Heather



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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 Heather the result was 57%.**

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 Heather the result was 64%.**

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 Heather the result was 17%.**

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 Heather the result was 76%.**

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 Heather 69% 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 Parish Council elections.

**In Heather 47% of people voted in the last Parish Council Elections.**

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 36%.

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

**In Heather 18% 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 Heather 77% of people agreed or definitely agreed.**

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

## Now what do we do?