

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

# Social Capital Survey 2006

## Markfield

Respondents to the survey from Markfield had a stronger sense of belonging to their neighbourhood and to England, than the average for all areas.

Compared to the average result for all areas surveyed, Markfield was lower in certain aspects of neighbourliness, such as people looking after each other and taking action if someone is acting suspiciously.

Fewer people than average from Markfield were happy living among people of different lifestyles. They preferred to mix with people from the same area and with the same religion/faith and of a similar age.

Compared to the average for other areas surveyed, people from Markfield had stronger networks and were more likely to have contact with those outside the household and to socialise with neighbours, friends and family.

People from Markfield were lower than average in terms of joining in—e.g. attending local groups, contacting media or elected members—though more people than average voted in the most recent General and County elections.



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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 Markfield the result was 66%.**

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 Markfield the result was 30%.**

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 Markfield 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, neighbours or anyone except relatives.**

**In Markfield the result was 87%.**  
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 Markfield 55% 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 Markfield 39% 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 Markfield 17% 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 Markfield 51% of people agreed or definitely agreed.**

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

## Now what do we do?