

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

We found that less people in Measham compared to the average for the other areas surveyed held a good perception of their neighbourhood. One example, fewer people said the neighbourhood is a place where people look after each other. However the number of people who said they would be happy for local people to keep an eye on their property was comparable with the rest.

What people in Measham said about their networks and people they like to mix with was generally comparable with the other areas surveyed. Less people in Measham than the rest said they were happy living among people of different lifestyles. Fewer people in Measham also said they had spoken to someone by email and telephone in the last week.

Compared to the average of the other areas, fewer people in Measham said that most people can be trusted. The number of respondents who said people in their neighbourhood could be trusted in Measham was comparable with the rest.

Volunteering and participation in the community was comparable with the average for other areas. However, fewer people in Measham said they had initiated local activities, a campaign or network or attended a public meeting or neighbourhood forum to discuss local issues.

Fewer people in Measham than the rest said they had voted in the last General and County Council Elections. However, the District and Parish Council Election figures for Measham were comparable with the other areas surveyed.

# Social Capital Survey 2006

## Measham



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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 Measham the result was 45%.

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 Measham the result was 28%.

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 Measham the result was 10%.

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 Measham the result was 72%.  
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 Measham 64% 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 Measham 23% 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 Measham 11% 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 Measham 62% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

## Now what do we do?