

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

In general we found that Oadby was not as strong as the rest of the surveyed areas in perceptions of neighbourhood and neighbourhood connections. People were less likely to socialise at all but when they did it would tend to be with individuals of similar a background and grouping.

Residents of Oadby were less likely than average to say that people could be trusted and would help each other

Although people in Oadby tend to say that it is less important to contribute to their community, the actual number of individuals giving unpaid help is comparable to the average of all other areas surveyed.

People in Oadby were more likely to vote in the general election than the average of all other areas but they were less likely to engage with local groups or contact elected members.

Social Capital Survey 2006

Oadby



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What you said...

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 Oadby the result was 16%.

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 Oadby the result was 83%.

For all Leicestershire the corresponding figure was 77%.

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 Oadby the result was 60%.

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 Oadby the result was 25%.

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.

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

In Oadby 49% 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 Oadby 68% 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 Oadby 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 Oadby 63% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

Now what do we do?