

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

Social Capital Survey 2006

Wigston

Compared to the average for all areas surveyed, Wigston was not as strong in terms of perceptions of neighbourliness. Fewer people thought Wigston was a good, friendly place to live and fewer thought that it was an area where people from different backgrounds got on well together.

The networks - who people like to mix with and socialise with were generally comparable with the average for all areas surveyed. However, fewer people were happy living among of different lifestyles.

People in this neighbourhood of Wigston were less likely to trust people generally, and in their own neighbourhood, than the average for all areas.

More people than average in Wigston gave unpaid help to friends and neighbours (informal volunteering), and formal volunteering was around the same as the average.

Fewer of those surveyed in Wigston participated in local groups, campaigns and meetings and fewer people felt they could influence decisions affecting their area.



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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 Wigston the result was 22%.

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 Wigston 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 Wigston the result was 44%.

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 Wigston the result was 27%.

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 Wigston 76% 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 Wigston 46% 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 Wigston 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 Wigston 47% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

Now what do we do?