

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

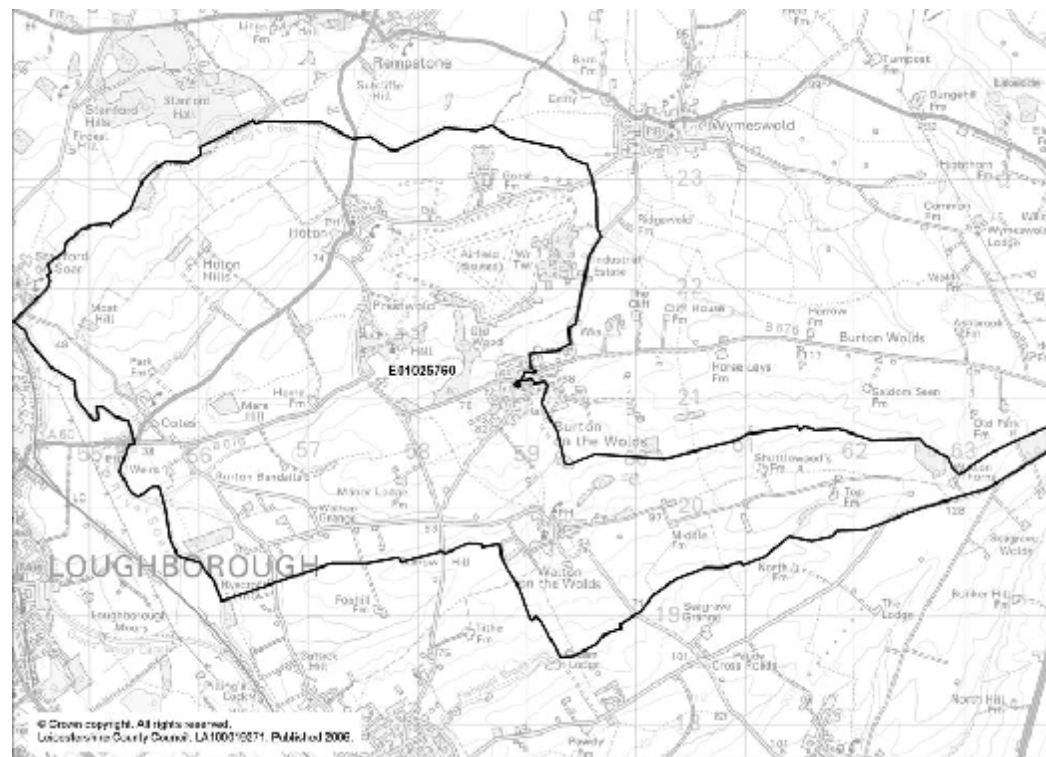
Compared to the average result for the rest of the areas surveyed we found that the Wolds was stronger in perceptions of neighbourliness and neighbourhood connections. People in this area also had strong interactions with friends and family.

It is not only perceptions of neighbourhood. People in the Wolds feel that there is a strong sense of helping each other and that they can trust their neighbours. The investment in formal and informal volunteering is also stronger than the average for other areas and the feeling that if you put something in you get something back is strong.

The Wolds was also quite strong in terms of proactive involvement in local groups and on local issues but lower in terms of voting in County, District and Parish Elections—though not in a General Election.

Social Capital Survey 2006

The Wolds



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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 the Wolds the result was 61%.

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 the Wolds the result was 75%.

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 the Wolds 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 the Wolds the result was 94%.
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 the Wolds 78% 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 the Wolds 33% 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 the Wolds 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 the Wolds 75% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

Now what do we do?