

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

Respondents to the survey from Syston had a stronger sense of belonging to their Local Authority District than the average of all other areas.

In Syston, fewer people than the average of the other areas called the neighbourhood a close, tight knit community. However, more people than the average for the rest said they were happy living among people of different lifestyles and that their neighbourhood was one where people from different backgrounds get on well together.

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

People from Syston were higher than the average of other areas in terms of joining in, for example, initiating local activities, a campaign or network.

Social Capital Survey 2006

Syston



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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 Syston the result was 80%.

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 Syston the result was 39%.

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 Syston 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 Syston the result was 86%.

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 Syston 85% 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 Syston 57% 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 Syston 15% 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 Syston 61% of people agreed or definitely agreed.

In Leicestershire this figure was found to be 62%.

Now what do we do?