

The Voice of Warwickshire Panel

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Executive summary

This survey asked respondents about their positive experiences of where they live, with the results informing the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024. The report will be used to inspire local action to strengthen and build community wellbeing. The feedback from this survey will help bring the communities voice to the report.

There were 444 responses to the survey, a response rate of 46.6%. Respondents aged 18-39 were underrepresented and those aged 60-74 were over-represented. Panel members were sent three reminders about completing the survey.

Where you live

- The first question asked what respondents liked most about where they live – this was an open text question. A total of 99.5% (n=442) respondents answered this question. Overall, 45.9% (n=203) respondents said they most like the open/ green spaces and the proximity to them. A total of 29.2% (n=129) advised they like the closeness to amenities. In addition, 26.7% (n=118) advised they most like their community and neighbours.
- Respondents were asked if there were any reasons or experiences in particular that had shaped the way they answered the previous question. Overall, 13.7% (n=56) of respondents advised the proximity to amenities and transport links, 12.9% (n=53) of respondents said their neighbours/ community were the reason or and 12.9% (n=53) said parks/ open spaces.
- The next question asked respondents what had the biggest positive impact on their health and wellbeing in terms of where they lived. Responses were themed, a total of 29.2% (n=127) said open/ green spaces and parks had the biggest positive impact on their health and wellbeing.

Your local community

- The first question in this section asked respondents about their involvement in the local community. A total of 35.5% (n=156) selected physical activity, followed by 29.8% (n=131) selecting volunteering; just over a quarter of respondents (26.6%, n=117) indicated that they are not involved in any community activities.
- Secondly respondents were asked what places they use in the local community. A total of 88.9% (n=391) of respondents said the local shops and 85.7% (n=377) mentioned parks/ green spaces, closely followed by 82.7% (n=364) saying public footpaths/ cycle paths.

Further engagement

The final question of the survey asked respondents if they would be interested in taking part in further engagement activities relating to the Director of Public Health Annual Report; 80% (n=355) said they would be interested.

Background

The Voice of Warwickshire panel (VoW) was launched in October 2021 when residents in Warwickshire were invited to register and join the panel. The panel gives residents aged 18 and over in Warwickshire an opportunity to share their views on the big issues in Warwickshire, like health and wellbeing, climate change and sustainability, community safety, education, transport, economic growth, inequalities, and inclusion, and more.

This report summarises the results of the tenth survey sent to all 952 Voice of Warwickshire panel members. This survey was intended to provide insight which will be used in the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024. This year the report will focus on celebrating the areas where people live in, with responses helping to bring the community voice to the report.

Method

An online survey was hosted on the Citizen Space 'Ask Warwickshire' site via a private link only available to panel members. All members of the panel were asked how they would prefer to complete surveys when they initially signed up to join the panel. The majority (>99%) of panel members opted to complete online surveys with five members advising they would prefer to complete paper-based surveys. Those opting for paper-based surveys were contacted by phone and asked if they would like to complete the survey via the phone. The other panel members were sent an email with a link to participate in the online survey. Three reminder emails were sent to those who had not completed the survey during the live period. In total, an email with a link to the survey was distributed to 947 members of the Voice of Warwickshire panel.

The survey opened on 15th May 2024 and closed on 2nd June 2024.

Quantitative results have been analysed with descriptive data presented. Open text responses have been themed with key themes and examples presented.

[Appendix 1](#) provides the survey questions.

Results

There were 444 responses to the survey, a response rate of 46.6%.

4.1 Respondent Profile

Figure 1 and Table 1 show where panel members that responded live. The place of residence of panel members responding to the survey is broadly similar to the distribution of residents aged 18 and over in Warwickshire.

Figure 1: District/borough of residence of respondents

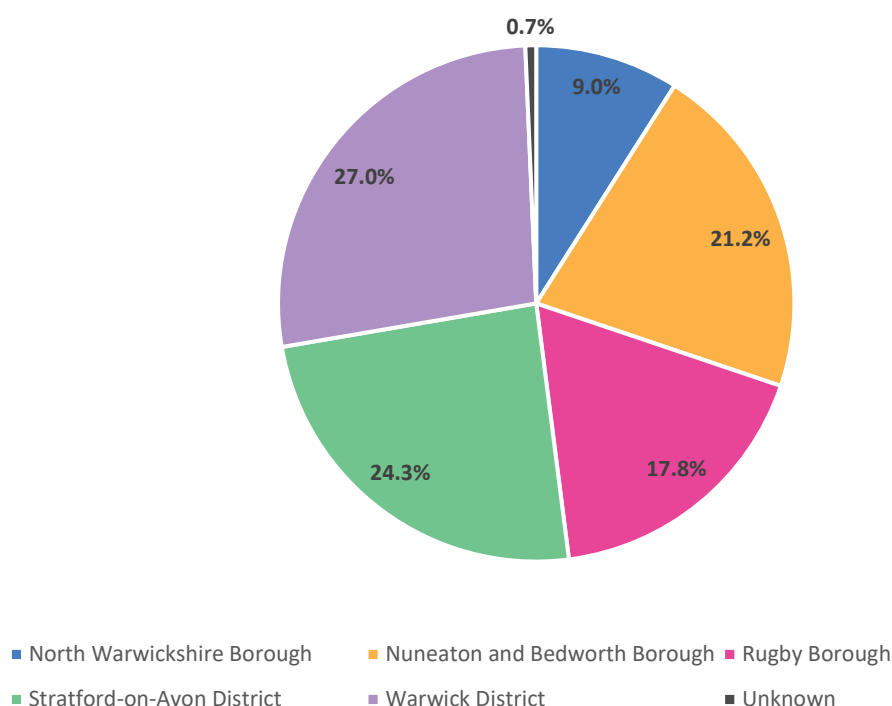


Table 1: Place of residence of respondents compared with panel membership and the Warwickshire population.

District	Number of respondents	% respondents	% total VoW panel *	% total Warwickshire**
North Warwickshire Borough	40	9%	10.1%	10.9%
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough	94	21.2%	18.8%	21.9%
Rugby Borough	79	17.8%	19.8%	18.7%
Stratford-on-Avon District	108	24.3%	23.2%	23.3%
Warwick District	120	27.0%	28.1%	25.2%
Unknown	3	0.7%	-	-

*This is the current composition of the Voice of Warwickshire panel (June 2024)

**This is the composition of the Warwickshire population aged 18 and over based on mid-2022 population estimates

Table 2 shows the characteristics of panel members responding to the survey and compares this to the characteristics of the Voice of Warwickshire panel and Warwickshire population (aged 18 and over) where available.

Table 2 – Characteristics of respondents to survey (364 respondents)

Gender Identity	Panel respondents	% of panel respondents	% total of VoW panel	% total of Warwickshire*
Female	239	53.8%	52.8%	51.2%
Male	179	40.3%	48.8%	48.8%
Non-binary	3	0.7%	0.6%	-
Prefer not to say	12	2.7%	1.8%	-
Prefer to self-describe	8	1.8%	2.5%	-
Not known	3	0.7%	-	-

Age in years	Panel respondents	% of panel respondents	% total of VoW panel	% total of Warwickshire*
18-24	1	0.2%	1.2%	9.3%
25-39	44	9.9%	14.6%	23.9%
40-49	58	13.1%	17.2%	15.7%
50-59	85	19.1%	23.7%	17.9%
60-64	76	17.1%	12.7%	7.5%
65-74	128	28.8%	21.6%	13.3%
75+	41	9.2%	7.6%	12.4%
Prefer not to say	8	1.8%	1.5%	-
Not known	3	0.7%	-	-

Sexual Orientation	Panel respondents	% of panel respondents	% total of VoW panel	% total of Warwickshire*
Asexual	11	2.5%	3.3%	-
Bi/bisexual	12	2.7%	3.6%	1.1%
Heterosexual/straight	348	78.4%	79%	90.9%
Gay Man	11	2.5%	1.8%	1.2%
Gay woman/lesbian	2	0.5%	0.7%	1.2%
Pansexual	3	0.7%	0.7%	-
Other	1	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Prefer not to say	47	10.6%	9.7%	-
Not known	9	2%	1.1%	6.5%

Long standing illness or disability	Panel respondents	% of panel respondents	% total of VoW panel	% total of Warwickshire*
Yes	84	18.9%	19.1%	16.8%
No	347	78.2%	77.9%	83.2%
Prefer not to say	10	2.3%	3.8%	-
Not known	3	0.7%	-	-

Ethnicity	Panel respondents	% of panel respondents	% total of VoW panel	% total of Warwickshire*
Arab	1	0.2%	0.1%	-
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	-	-	-	0.1%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	8	1.8%	3.4%	4.1%
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	-	-	0.2%	0.5%
Black or Black British - African	1	0.2%	0.7%	0.4%
Black or Black British - Caribbean	2	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%
Chinese	4	0.9%	1.1%	0.5%
Gypsy or Traveller	3	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%
Mixed - White and Asian	-	-	0.4%	0.8%
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	2	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%
Other Asian background	-	-	0.3%	1.0%
Other Black background	-	-	0.1%	-
Other Mixed background	2	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Other White background	12	2.7%	4.8%	5.9%
Prefer not to say	13	2.9%	2.4%	-
Prefer to self-describe	6	1.4%	0.9%	-
White British	383	86.3%	82.1%	82.1%
White Irish	4	0.9%	1.1%	0.9%
Not known	3	0.7%	-	-

Religion	Panel respondents	% of panel respondents	% total of VoW panel	% total of Warwickshire*
Buddhist	3	0.7%	1.1%	0.4%
Christian	207	46.6%	45.4%	50.4%
Hinduism	1	0.2%	1.4%	1.8%
Islam	4	0.9%	0.9%	1.5%
Judaism	2	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%
Sikhism	3	0.7%	0.9%	2.1%
Spiritual	11	2.5%	2%	-
Other religion or belief	5	1.1%	1.3%	0.5%
No religion	167	37.6%	38.1%	37.6%
Prefer not to say	34	7.7%	7.1%	-
Not known	7	1.6%	1.4%	6.6%

* Based on ONS (Office for National Statistics) 2022 mid-population estimates and 2021 Census data

4.2 Where you live.

In this section of the survey respondents were asked about the local areas where they live to gain an understanding on what positives there are within their local areas and what impact this has on their health and wellbeing.

The first question asked respondents what they like most about where they live. This was an open question and a summary of themes of the responses are shown below in table 3. A total of 99.5% (n=442) respondents answered this question. Overall, 45.9% (n=203) respondents said they most like the open/ green spaces and the proximity to them. A total of 29.2% (n=129)

advised they like the closeness to amenities. In addition, 26.7% (n=118) advised they most like their community and neighbours.

Table 3: Themes of responses to “What do you like most about where you live?”

Theme	Number of responses	Example responses
Proximity of open/ green spaces & parks	203	<p><i>“Open rural space for my children to explore and grow up in. It feels so safe, and I feel very lucky to live here.”</i></p> <p><i>“Availability of Children play grounds”</i></p> <p><i>“Easy access to Green areas”</i></p> <p><i>“The parks and green spaces”</i></p> <p><i>“Surrounded by countryside”</i></p> <p><i>“Close to the countryside”</i></p> <p><i>“It's quiet, next to the canal and very green. Access to parks and full of nature.”</i></p> <p><i>I like that there are green spaces near to the house.”</i></p> <p><i>“Easy access to countryside.”</i></p> <p><i>“We love the open spaces”</i></p> <p><i>“Countryside around us”</i></p> <p><i>“I can see green fields.”</i></p> <p><i>“Proximity of public green space”</i></p> <p><i>“ I can reach the 'countryside' within very close walking distance - there is still a field with sheep and lambs visible on my dog walk and there are many species of plants growing by the river, as well as a variety of birds and small animals. The parks through Warwick and Leamington are great places to walk and there are plenty of safe outdoor places for meeting.”</i></p> <p><i>“Green space”</i></p> <p><i>“Fields nearby and wildlife.”</i></p> <p><i>“ Wonderful surrounding countryside.”</i></p> <p><i>“Green spaces, trees lined streets.”</i></p> <p><i>“Access to parks, walking routes, green spaces.”</i></p> <p><i>“I like the open green spaces and paths to walk between them. It helps it still feel a little in the countryside”</i></p> <p><i>“The green open spaces and countryside walks”</i></p> <p><i>“I live in a small country village...surrounded by green areas, farming fields...proper countryside...it's beautiful.”</i></p> <p><i>“ a very 'green' town, trees and other flora making it a pleasant space to live in”.</i></p> <p><i>“Surrounded by green belt, lots of green space and easy access to rural walks.”</i></p> <p><i>“Beautiful countryside to walk in - seeing the wildlife, sights, smells, sounds”</i></p> <p><i>“Leafy and green”</i></p> <p><i>“It's in the countryside. Green spaces, local well used park.”</i></p> <p><i>“ You don't have to walk far to be in open fields.”</i></p> <p><i>We have a wonderful Norman Church and a beautiful stone bridge over the river</i></p> <p><i>“It's in the countryside, but within walking distance of the town centre. I like being able to walk the footpaths around the fields.”</i></p> <p><i>“I love our green spaces, ancient woodland, country parks.”</i></p>

		<p><i>" There are beautiful natural spaces to enjoy, the streets are spacious and open."</i></p> <p><i>"Although it's an urban area, it's very close to the countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"In the countryside and within 10 minutes we have a lovely view"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to open space to walk and cycle."</i></p> <p><i>"Proximity to green spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"Green community spaces and children's parks so it's easy to gather with friends outside."</i></p> <p><i>"I have easy access to the countryside by car, or on foot to the river and a green area."</i></p> <p><i>"Variety and proximity of green spaces and the canal. I like the lovely trees planted along the roads in my neighbourhood."</i></p> <p><i>"Open view over river and meadow, and wild life, with direct access to river and It has very easy access to bridleways and rural land"</i></p> <p><i>"I like that I can walk from my house into the surrounding countryside following national footpaths and the canal"</i></p> <p><i>" There's a lot of established trees and greenery. There is a nearby park. Great amenities all within a short distance from home."</i></p> <p><i>"Surrounded by countryside some of which is accessible to the public."</i></p> <p><i>The greenery, relatively little traffic, fields to walk in.</i></p> <p><i>"Plenty of green grass and trees to walk amongst"</i></p> <p><i>"I love the green spaces - parks and treelined streets"</i></p> <p><i>"The surrounding countryside. The opportunity to walk through a variety of habitats"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of green spaces and places to walk my dog, beautiful countryside, very good to relax and exercise."</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of greenery behind us and the birds whistling away."</i></p> <p><i>"What I like most about where I live is it's very near to our beautiful countryside."</i></p> <p><i>"The vast green space around us for dog walks"</i></p> <p><i>"The views across open fields and the spacious nature of the streets."</i></p> <p><i>"Open green spaces, lots of beautiful walks"</i></p> <p><i>"The proximity to green spaces and nature reserves"</i></p> <p><i>"Open fields/farm land/views; public footpaths; wildlife"</i></p> <p><i>"I am surrounded by trees and open spaces, wild areas, there is a public footpath past my house which encourages people to walk."</i></p> <p><i>" I can reach the 'countryside' within very close walking distance"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to nature park, canal walk, countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"Rural location"</i></p> <p><i>"The green fields"</i></p> <p><i>"It is suburban"</i></p> <p><i>"Proximity to health care."</i></p> <p><i>"It is on the edge of countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to a green track footpath and 2 canal towpaths - we can walk from the door. Several country parks within a short drive. "</i></p> <p><i>"Location - proximity to countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"I also appreciate to be close to the river, the canal and green spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to rural area"</i></p> <p><i>"Able to access the countryside in less than 5 minutes"</i></p>
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		<p><i>green space</i></p> <p><i>"It is the right balance of being close to the centre of town but also quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Having trees and green spaces close by"</i></p> <p><i>"Rural feel</i></p> <p><i>"Rural location"</i></p> <p><i>"semi-rural location but with access to large towns"</i></p> <p><i>"Very rural location"</i></p> <p><i>"Rural and green"</i></p> <p><i>"Rural but not isolated"</i></p> <p><i>"Feels rural"</i></p> <p><i>"The semi-rural nature of our large village offering riverside and countryside walks"</i></p>
Proximity to amenities	129	<p><i>"Near all required facilities and amenities."</i></p> <p><i>"Convenient for local shops, bus stops, etc."</i></p> <p><i>"Within easy distance of town facilities"</i></p> <p><i>"There are ample amenities in walking distance"</i></p> <p><i>"Proximity to shops and services, whether walking, cycling or driving our location is very convenient."</i></p> <p><i>"I like that there are lots of amenities within walkable distance" within short drive of shops and amenities."</i></p> <p><i>"Close to gym. Close to shops. Able to walk to train station and town centre."</i></p> <p><i>but with"</i></p> <p><i>"Less than a mile one way and I am in the countryside. in another direction I can get to shops at about the same distance"</i></p> <p><i>"Central location and proximity to reasonable transport links"</i></p> <p><i>"The convenience. I am walking distance to the centre of town"</i></p> <p><i>"I love that it is central, and I can walk everywhere without needing to drive (e.g., shops, health services, work)."</i></p> <p><i>"Currently, we are most fortunate to be able to access local amenities in less than 5 minutes"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to town centre. very comfortable living environment."</i></p> <p><i>"I like being close to the town centre and facilities."</i></p> <p><i>"Proximity to health care."</i></p> <p><i>"I love that it's a short walk to the town and nearby facilities. I have a GP Surgery, shops, community centre, public house, and lovely open spaces for walks on my door step."</i></p> <p><i>"Near to local leisure centre for exercise classes and gym facilities"</i></p> <p><i>"All amenities are local - doctor, shops, dentist, schools - while still being next to countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to local amenities. Plenty of places to visit that are local."</i></p> <p><i>"Convenient for hospital, doctors."</i></p> <p><i>"Amenities close by with access to the countryside on our doorstep."</i></p> <p><i>number of societies & clubs in the area."</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to lots of amenities, bus route, near the train station, hospital, supermarkets nearby, lots of coffee shops, local history, active community"</i></p> <p><i>"Places to visit in easy distance with a car."</i></p>

<p>Neighbours/ community</p>	<p>118</p>	<p><i>“Nice neighbours”</i> <i>The village feel. People can look out for each other. There is a good mix of demographics.”</i> <i>“Community spirit and personal safety”</i> <i>“The keen sense of community, there is very much of a sense of we’re all in this together”</i> <i>“Great community”</i> <i>“Community feel in my close neighbourhood. In some ways, it still feels like a village where people know each other”</i> <i>“I do love the mixed culture and my neighbours.”</i> <i>“Amazing community”</i> <i>“The people in our village”</i> <i>“Community feel on road we live on.”</i> <i>“We have a fabulous supportive village community”</i> <i>“Community spirit, lots of good people volunteering and giving their time to support others”</i> <i>“Good sense of community, friendly social network.”</i> <i>“Sense of community spirit, nice friendly neighbours”</i> <i>“ Small village where people generally get on well together and a kind and caring.”</i> <i>“The village has good community spirit and many volunteers who help provide services to people in the community, e.g., library and cafe.”</i> <i>“The area we live in has neighbours who look out for each other. There is also a thriving community with regular events in the Village Hall which encourages a sense of security in our area.”</i> <i>“Sense of community is the most important, activities organised like- minded people who have respect and pride in the area we live in. It is clean, maintained and has a mix of housing”.</i> <i>“Friendly community people always say hello.”</i> <i>“The sense of community. It is the friendliest place I have ever lived in; the community supports each other and the village as a whole.”</i> <i>“Love living in a village. People know one and other and look out for each other.”</i> <i>“Lovely, good, spirited community and lots going on in a county town.”</i> <i>“Living within a village that has a strong community togetherness.”</i></p>
<p>Local amenities</p>	<p>99</p>	<p><i>“The local amenities”</i> <i>“There are useful local shops.”</i> <i>“Good local schools.”</i> <i>“Good entertainment facilities.”</i> <i>“Cafes & restaurants.”</i> <i>“It is an attractive town with lots of amenities”</i> <i>“Nice pubs and good food”</i> <i>“Good local schools. Many local clubs and societies.”</i> <i>“Plenty of shops, pubs and cafes offer a wide choice for social gathering.”</i> <i>“a useful selection of shops.”</i> <i>“Good area to live in with shops nearby and good schools</i> <i>“Library & supermarket are also highlights, as well as the plenty coffee shops in town and restaurants/pubs.”</i></p>

		<p><i>"Social business-like restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, cafes, gyms."</i></p> <p><i>"Some independent shops."</i></p> <p><i>"Good council services."</i></p> <p><i>"There is a good music venue. I have a very good local garage to get my car serviced at. There is an ok museum. My GP surgery and the hospital are good."</i></p> <p><i>"Effective local services, good schools"</i></p> <p><i>"The medical centre in the vicinity, a centrally located chemist and choice of One Stop & Co-Op shops. and our small community fire station gives assurance. The volunteer run library is also an essential benefit. Good local cafes and pubs in our, and surrounding, villages."</i></p> <p><i>"Good local neighbourhood amenities."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to good shops, and most services."</i></p> <p><i>"Independent retailers. Pubs and hospitality in most villages. Open churches and gardens,"</i></p>
Quiet/ not overcrowded	91	<p><i>"Quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Peaceful"</i></p> <p><i>"It's really quiet and peaceful."</i></p> <p><i>"The rural area around us. The quiet."</i></p> <p><i>"My road is quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"The peacefulness"</i></p> <p><i>"Area quiet and pleasant"</i></p> <p><i>"Peaceful location"</i></p> <p><i>"Peace and quiet."</i></p> <p><i>"Once evening settles in, it's very quiet and peaceful even during the summer months"</i></p> <p><i>"isn't too busy"</i></p> <p><i>"We are not crowded"</i></p> <p><i>"Not build-up"</i></p> <p><i>"doesn't get too busy"</i></p> <p><i>"Low density housing area"</i></p>
Proximity to transport links	62	<p><i>"Availability of facilities such as shops and busses"</i></p> <p><i>"We are on a bus route and near to the railway station"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to transport, train, and buses."</i></p> <p><i>"Near to good transport links."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to public transport systems"</i></p> <p><i>"There's a bus stop close by."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to railway and motorways."</i></p> <p><i>"Not far from airport"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to transport infrastructure"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to public transport both trains and buses."</i></p> <p><i>"The rail transport links to get to other parts of the country."</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to M6 and other major routes."</i></p> <p><i>"The transport links, with quick access to major roadways and good train links."</i></p> <p><i>"Near major travel routes (A46, A45, M40, etc)"</i></p> <p><i>"I like the good transportation links and ease of getting around."</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to the major road network and railway stations."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to the wider world through good major road, rail and motorway access is good too."</i></p> <p><i>"We have two Bus routes into Town and of course we are only about a mile from the Town centre."</i></p>

		<p><i>"Central England location giving easy access to all parts of the country."</i></p> <p><i>"Centre of the UK for travelling."</i></p> <p><i>"Location - easy access to motorway network"</i></p> <p><i>"Central location, proximity to reasonable transport links"</i></p> <p><i>"Commuter access nearby."</i></p> <p><i>Easy access to the road network of M6 and M69 enabling travel to other areas of the country."</i></p> <p><i>"Convenient for buses and trains"</i></p> <p><i>"An hourly bus service provides connections to other communities"</i></p> <p><i>"Excellent communication links"</i></p>
Places for walking	44	<p><i>"Lived here over 30yrs Always liked walking"</i></p> <p><i>"We have some lovely walks"</i></p> <p><i>"I like the open green spaces and paths to walk between them"</i></p> <p><i>"The green open spaces and countryside walks"</i></p> <p><i>"Surrounded by green belt, lots of green space and easy access to rural walks."</i></p> <p><i>"Local walks with lots of green spaces to walk dogs and parks to take grandchildren"</i></p> <p><i>" The pleasant walks around the estates especially the ponds."</i></p> <p><i>" Lots of foot paths and bridleways around the town offering easy access to green space and nature, not to mention the riverside parks and nature reserves in the town centre."</i></p> <p><i>"Good access to cycle and footpaths"</i></p> <p><i>"We are in the middle of countryside from all sides which offer fine walks which we enjoy doing"</i></p> <p><i>"I like that I can walk from my house into the surrounding countryside following national footpaths and the canal."</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of green spaces and places to walk my dog, beautiful countryside, very good to relax and exercise."</i></p> <p><i>"Easy, close access to countryside walks."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to local walks via public footpaths."</i></p> <p><i>"The vast green space around us for dog walks."</i></p> <p><i>I love it because of the walks. I use various routes, over fields"</i></p> <p><i>"From here I have many pleasant walks for leisure"</i></p>
Low crime rate and anti-social behaviour/ feel safe	42	<p><i>"Low crime rate"</i></p> <p><i>"No crime"</i></p> <p><i>"The village is relatively crime free"</i></p> <p><i>"It is generally quiet and relatively free of crime and vandalism."</i></p> <p><i>"We have two very good community police officers who we see often walking around their beat."</i></p> <p><i>"Away from potential crime and anti-social hotspots."</i></p> <p><i>"Quiet, low crime"</i></p> <p><i>"Very little anti-social behaviour"</i></p> <p><i>"Generally, a peaceful area, with low crime rates and a quiet area."</i></p> <p><i>"Antisocial behaviour is low."</i></p> <p><i>"Relatively little or no anti-social behaviour and low crime."</i></p> <p><i>"Crime rarely seems to be a problem"</i></p> <p><i>"Where I live generally feel safe - low crime rate"</i></p>

		<p><i>"The area benefits from relatively low levels of antisocial behaviour"</i></p> <p><i>"It feels so safe, and I feel lucky to live here"</i></p> <p><i>"Personal safety"</i></p> <p><i>"Safety and perceived safety of the neighbourhood"</i></p> <p><i>"It feels safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Mostly the streets feel safe and there are Police around"</i></p> <p><i>"The safety I feel living here"</i></p>
Nice views/ Attractive	21	<p><i>"Lovely local views"</i></p> <p><i>"It is beautiful"</i></p> <p><i>"Lovely views over the Valley"</i></p> <p><i>"It is a pretty town"</i></p> <p><i>"Unspoilt views"</i></p> <p><i>"Views across the fields"</i></p> <p><i>"Views across open fields"</i></p> <p><i>"Beautiful surroundings"</i></p> <p><i>"Nicely designed and presented area"</i></p> <p><i>"Picture postcard setting, feel like you are on holiday all the time"</i></p> <p><i>"Pretty town"</i></p> <p><i>"In spring the streets are full of flowering trees, these always cheer me up"</i></p> <p><i>"Beautiful town"</i></p>
Local activities & events	20	<p><i>"Plenty of village activities"</i></p> <p><i>"Regular events that happen in town centre that bring exciting activities to the community"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of activities to do"</i></p> <p><i>"The events that are held"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of activities organised by local groups bring the whole town together"</i></p> <p><i>"The annual cycle ride, music festival and other events"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of events happen in the town centre"</i></p> <p><i>"Enjoy the various community days like the food festival and the bike fest"</i></p> <p><i>"I like the markets and the regular events"</i></p> <p><i>"Well organised local events"</i></p> <p><i>"The events and things Happening all the time, folk festival, Thai festival, boat racing."</i></p>
Clean	19	<p><i>"Clean, no bins permanently on the pavement"</i></p> <p><i>"Kept clean with gulley washer and grass mowers"</i></p> <p><i>"Clean street"</i></p> <p><i>"It is a clean well-kept town"</i></p> <p><i>"Clean area"</i></p> <p><i>"It is clean and maintained"</i></p> <p><i>"Clean and tidy area, well maintained"</i></p>
Good schools	14	<p><i>"Local school is lovely"</i></p> <p><i>"Good local schools"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Children able to go to a good quality school"</i></p> <p><i>"Local schools with good or excellent OFSTED ratings"</i></p> <p><i>"Good education"</i></p> <p><i>"Schooling is good covering from nursery right through to 16 years"</i></p>
Access to healthcare	13	<p><i>"Choice of GP surgeries nearby"</i></p> <p><i>"Near to Doctors and good chemist who will deliver"</i></p> <p><i>"Brilliant service from GP surgery"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to all health services"</i></p> <p><i>"Local facilities such as GO practice is nice"</i></p> <p><i>"Ease of access to NHS services"</i></p>
My home	13	<p><i>"Well built house"</i></p> <p><i>"House suits me"</i></p> <p><i>"Sufficient house space"</i></p>
History	12	<p><i>"The historic houses and buildings"</i></p> <p><i>"Historical town"</i></p> <p><i>"Local historic features"</i></p> <p><i>"Local history"</i></p> <p><i>"The history of the area and community"</i></p> <p><i>"We have a rich history"</i></p>
Familiarity of area	10	<p><i>"it's where I have always lived"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived in the same house for over 20 years and unlikely to leave"</i></p> <p><i>"Have lived here for over 48 years"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived here for 35 years and know where everything is"</i></p> <p><i>"Moved back to be in the village"</i></p> <p><i>"Lived here for 55 years"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived here for 40 years so it's safe and familiar"</i></p>
Close to family & friends	9	<p><i>"I like that I am nearby family"</i></p> <p><i>"My friends and family"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to family"</i></p> <p><i>"We moved here to be closer to family"</i></p>
Diversity	8	<p><i>"I love the mixed culture"</i></p> <p><i>"The wide variety of cultures adds a distinct energy to our area, we are blessed with a mosque and a gurdwara. The areas have rich diversity or origin that changes over time."</i></p> <p><i>"The diversity of people is nice to see"</i></p> <p><i>"Mixed age groups"</i></p> <p><i>"Love the fact there are so many cultural events"</i></p> <p><i>"The massive diversity we see within the population choosing to live here"</i></p>
Minimal traffic	8	<p><i>"Not much traffic"</i></p> <p><i>"Roads are generally quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Reduced traffic"</i></p> <p><i>"Low traffic noise"</i></p> <p><i>"Low traffic/ pollution levels"</i></p>

Independent businesses	7	<i>"I like that there are a lot of independent businesses in town"</i> <i>"Village is self-sufficient with shops and businesses"</i> <i>"Great market and local shops"</i> <i>"Independent shops"</i> <i>"Small shops and alternative cafes, it is important to support small businesses"</i>
Nature/ wildlife	7	<i>"The wildlife on the river"</i> <i>"Dark sky and wildlife"</i> <i>"Experience the sight of farm animals"</i> <i>"Nature reserve just down the road"</i>
Architecture	3	<i>"I love the architecture"</i> <i>"We love the architecture locally"</i>
Artistic/ creative scene	3	<i>"Growing artistic and creative community which is helping to regenerate the time"</i> <i>"Vibrant arts scene with galleries, studios"</i>
Everything	3	<i>"everything"</i>
Affordable homes	2	<i>"House prices are still reasonable"</i> <i>"Houses are more affordable"</i>
Location for work	1	<i>"Good location for work"</i>

The next question asked respondents to think about their response to the previous question and advise if there were any experiences or reasons as to why this was the thing, they liked the most about the area they live in. This was an open question and the responses have been themed and are shown in table 4 below. A total of 92.3% (n=410) respondents answered this question. Overall, 13.7% (n=56) of respondents mentioned the proximity to amenities and transport links, 12.9% (n=53) of respondents said their neighbours/ community were the reason or and 12.9% (n=53) said parks/ open spaces.

Table 4: Themes of responses to "Thinking about your responses to the last question – are there any particular experiences or reasons as to why this is the thing you like most about where you live?"

Theme	Number of responses	Example responses
Proximity to amenities and transport links	56	<i>"Situation of my home"</i> <i>"Convenient where we live"</i> <i>"Easy commute to work, easy access to shops and green spaces nearby"</i> <i>"Reduces my need to drive anywhere"</i> <i>"Ease of moving around"</i> <i>"Close distance to town centre"</i> <i>"Easy to pop out during work if I need anything"</i> <i>"Easy to access other towns and the city"</i> <i>"Most local amenities are within walking distance"</i> <i>"Its geographical location"</i> <i>"Services and facilities not too far away"</i> <i>"Access to medical centres"</i> <i>"Amenities close to hand"</i> <i>"All local facilities in my local area are appreciated"</i> <i>"It is rare to find a town with good amenities on the doorstep"</i>

<p>Community/ Neighbours</p>	<p>53</p>	<p><i>"The sense of community makes me feel safe."</i></p> <p><i>"With getting older now we're over 70 it's so important not to feel isolated. We need support from family, friends, and the Community"</i></p> <p><i>"I like to meet people in the open air because it is a pleasant environment"</i></p> <p><i>"Feels like living in a tight community still have a WhatsApp group started early pandemic."</i></p> <p><i>"Friendly neighbourhood."</i></p> <p><i>"Helpful considerate neighbours who look out for one another"</i></p> <p><i>"Good people."</i></p> <p><i>"We have lots of community activities, we have our community orchard project with funding from the Kings coronation fund. Both our young and older community all involved. We also have our regular village lunch clubs, coffee mornings and events at our village Hall"</i></p> <p><i>"It is quiet and has more of a community feel than a town it makes us more of a vibrant community and we are able to look out for one another"</i></p> <p><i>"The street I live in comes together every year since Covid to have street parties, we also keep an eye open for each other In co vid all the elderly in our street were looked in on and I continued to see the lady opposite a lot"</i></p> <p><i>"Good neighbours."</i></p> <p><i>"Feeling part of a community after having moved around a huge amount gives a sense of stability and contentment."</i></p> <p><i>"Saying hello to people in town, either by knowing lots of faces, or by just exchanging greetings."</i></p> <p><i>"Neighbours look out for each other"</i></p> <p><i>"The local is a great place to see neighbours and have a friendly chat"</i></p> <p><i>"During the early part of Pandemic, a whats app group was set up for the street. Still used but generally and was very useful for informing me of a couple of recent deaths in the street. Useful but not intrusive."</i></p> <p><i>"Our local community support each other which has been reassuring"</i></p> <p><i>"Friendly, safe and creative community"</i></p> <p><i>"People friendly area"</i></p> <p><i>"If we need anything they will always help and vice versa, if we can help, we will"</i></p> <p><i>"Everyone was very supportive to each other during covid. We were alone but never felt too lonely"</i></p> <p><i>"It is a friendly town and so far, no vagrancy or begging in the streets"</i></p> <p><i>"Good relationships with those living close by."</i></p> <p><i>"The community does pull together when its needed, such as for charity fundraisers."</i></p> <p><i>"The community feel within the town is good".</i></p> <p><i>"Good community"</i></p> <p><i>"I appreciate having long established neighbours I can rely on."</i></p> <p><i>"Everyone says hello when you meet them in the street. The fact that there are so many people in the village that organise some</i></p>
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		<p>wonderful community events and the High Street gets closed so all the kids can play in the street together.”</p> <p>“Sense of community-I feel like we live in a safe area, people will look out for each other in general and its friendly”</p> <p>“Friendly community”</p> <p>“There’s a real community feel.”</p> <p>“I have been involved in a number of community projects and have supported other projects and events. I have found the local community to be very welcoming, friendly, and supportive. I have lived her for over 16years, and I believe we have in this street residences who are happy and safe too because they have been here for a while. A gentleman opposite my home passed away and the new owners have spoken to my 34year old son when he visits me after work or on a weekend. The people here are supportive of positive People .”</p> <p>“My neighbours are caring people, and we all step up at any time to help each other”</p> <p>“We have had a lot of interactions with families nearby, it is good to help them.”</p> <p>“Finding Friendlier people with more time for one another”</p> <p>“Good neighbours and feel welcome”</p> <p>“The community spirit and how it galvanizes to support local events “</p> <p>“Having good neighbours makes you feel safe”</p> <p>“Active community that supports one another.”</p> <p>“A very friendly place to live”</p> <p>“No close neighbours but still a sense of community”</p> <p>“People often speak or say hello and compared to where we used to live this is a big change”</p> <p>“I have lived here for over thirty years. Now that I am getting older it is reassuring to know that I have people I can trust around me. They are also very willing to help me, when necessary. I probably wouldn't be able to continue independently without their help.”</p> <p>“The community element”</p>
<p>The proximity of open/ green spaces & parks</p>	<p>53</p>	<p>“Close to countryside”</p> <p>“A peaceful environment, surrounded by trees and greenery is great for mental health.”</p> <p>“Open green spaces.”</p> <p>“Open country surroundings. Green Spaces.”</p> <p>“The river makes the area feel wilder and more natural than just having tarmac everywhere.”</p> <p>“trees”</p> <p>“Green spaces help with mindfulness”</p> <p>“It's just important to me to have green space around me.”</p> <p>“I can go for a walk and be surrounded by fields in just a few minutes.”</p> <p>“Trees and open spaces”</p> <p>“Green space and the environment are of huge importance to me.”</p> <p>“I have views of trees and the canal.”</p> <p>“I live close to the canal and love the quietness; trees and shrubs are lovely.”</p> <p>“I like open spaces”</p>

		<p><i>"I enjoy the countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"It's nice to be able to get out into green spaces with fresh air Plenty parks and open spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"I also like to enjoy nature, greenery etc."</i></p> <p><i>"The quiet and general greenness has helped my mental health since living here."</i></p> <p><i>"During the Covid lockdowns we were able to benefit from the green spaces close to us, which has been a positive impact on our mental health."</i></p> <p><i>"The access to the countryside."</i></p> <p><i>"I enjoy spending time outdoors as the opposite of everyday work and home, which is filled with sound, traffic, people, phone calls, TV, computers, game consoles."</i></p> <p><i>"I have no garden, so it's nice to be able to walk to green spaces".</i></p> <p><i>"Open space around the area."</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of green spaces, not a town."</i></p> <p><i>"I look at lots of trees and a school playing behind me every morning and I love it."</i></p> <p><i>"Open spaces are great"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to open countryside and green spaces promote wellness"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to the countryside is very important, it improves my mood and sense of wellbeing."</i></p> <p><i>"Enjoy the open air and communicating with our neighbours."</i></p> <p><i>"We are surrounded by tree's, fields and green space"</i></p> <p><i>"Love that I can access the water park anytime and get out in to the fresh country air and be around nature and wildlife."</i></p> <p><i>"I over look green spaces with trees."</i></p> <p><i>"The area is surrounded by trees and bushes, it feels like a village, like I am in the countryside"</i></p>
<p>Ability to walk to places/ walks</p>	<p>48</p>	<p><i>"Love having access to many walks with my children"</i></p> <p><i>"Can access countryside locally for dog walking"</i></p> <p><i>"We like to walk and continuously bump into neighbours"</i></p> <p><i>"I appreciate being able to walk to shops"</i></p> <p><i>"During lockdown there were lots of places to walk"</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to walk to most places I visit"</i></p> <p><i>"I walk around the village most days and enjoy the atmosphere and people you meet"</i></p> <p><i>"I can go for a walk"</i></p> <p><i>"We enjoy walking as a hobby"</i></p> <p><i>"We are able to walk our dog in the countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"It is possible to take a stroll either in town or around the estate and take in the sights of a suburban setting that is not too industrious or crowded by people and vehicles."</i></p> <p><i>"We like to walk and do walk around the fields and river"</i></p> <p><i>"Walking my children to school/ nursery"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of walking around during lockdown meant we found new footpaths"</i></p> <p><i>"I love the walks, meeting other dog walkers"</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to go on walks in the lovely surroundings"</i></p> <p><i>"We walk a lot"</i></p> <p><i>"Plenty of opportunities to walk – for health and to be with friends"</i></p> <p><i>"Canal offers scenic walks"</i></p> <p><i>"Walk my dog in the green parks and around town."</i></p>

		<p><i>"It's lovely to go on a walk and meet people you know"</i></p> <p><i>"Public footpaths"</i></p> <p><i>"Nice to walk around the area, safe to walk and enjoy"</i></p>
Peaceful/ Quiet and calm	30	<p><i>"I don't like to be around too many people"</i></p> <p><i>"I like the peace"</i></p> <p><i>"I don't like noise"</i></p> <p><i>"I don't like to be around too many people or too much noise"</i></p> <p><i>"Makes me feel calm"</i></p> <p><i>"Park is a gorgeous oasis for calmness"</i></p> <p><i>"I love the quietness"</i></p> <p><i>"it's peaceful"</i></p> <p><i>"Its calms and destresses"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to local amenities which I used regularly"</i></p> <p><i>"Range of theatres and cinemas available"</i></p> <p><i>"Good shops"</i></p> <p><i>"General good close facilities"</i></p> <p><i>"Cafes great to have somewhere to go and sit and socialise, read a book after a busy day work it's nice to come home to peace and quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Lowers the stress levels"</i></p>
No reason	25	<p><i>"Not just in general"</i></p> <p><i>"Now, it's just every day stuff"</i></p> <p><i>"none"</i></p> <p><i>"Not really"</i></p> <p><i>"Nothing in particular"</i></p>
Prefer to other areas I have lived in	24	<p><i>"Is a big difference over previous areas I have lived"</i></p> <p><i>"Due to living in different areas"</i></p> <p><i>"I grew up in an area where we didn't get a lot of outside experiences and crime was rife due to boredom and a lack of education, so living where we do is great for our health and mind."</i></p> <p><i>"We have lived in many different areas of the country and is by far the nicest area we have ever lived"</i></p> <p><i>"I have been badly affected in the past by anti-social behaviour and drug related violence"</i></p> <p><i>"In previous area were regular drug deals and gang fighting, living somewhere peaceful where the worst crime is speeding is amazing by comparison"</i></p> <p><i>"I moved from previous area decades ago because it was too busy, and relaxation was hard to come by"</i></p> <p><i>"I used to live in big towns, and I have learnt now to cherish and appreciate the countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"I lived in a town before which was noisy, heavily congested and over populated"</i></p> <p><i>"Lived in bigger towns which feels busy and traffic issues"</i></p> <p><i>"We moved and appreciate having a garden and access to green space even more so than when we lived in our previous area"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived in several location and this area does not have the downsides of many of the other locations"</i></p> <p><i>"The area I lived before had none of these things"</i></p> <p><i>"We moved to this are and the difference is just so much better"</i></p> <p><i>"I lived in the city for a while and where I live now is so much better"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Have been living in city for many years, now living in rural area has much better living quality"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived in a city before and feel fortunate to be able to experience all of the area"</i></p> <p><i>"I lived in an area surrounded by traffic and aviation noise, green spaces were crucial for escaping that pressure, I feel where I live is a great balance of countryside and facilities"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived in towns and cities where local greenery was much sparser"</i></p> <p><i>"We moved from an area where people are more reserved and less friendly"</i></p> <p><i>I grew up in a city, so the countryside was always something visited not experienced regularly"</i></p> <p><i>"This area is a lot smaller than my previous are"</i></p>
Feel safe	23	<p><i>"Feel safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Cars and house are safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Feels a safe area"</i></p> <p><i>"Safe area to live"</i></p> <p><i>"Crime in the area is not at a level which causes alarm"</i></p> <p><i>"I feel like we live in a safe area"</i></p> <p><i>"Feeling of safety walking our streets during the daytime"</i></p> <p><i>"I feel like we live in a safe area"</i></p> <p><i>"Sense of safety and wellbeing"</i></p> <p><i>"I want my family to feel safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Safety in terms of lack of crime/ fear is important. I don't worry about travelling alone and despite some thefts in the area it generally feels safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Felling safe and at peace in one surrounding is a good thing to experience and return home to"</i></p> <p><i>"The feeling of safety without fear excessive drug use, knife crime and general criminality and anti-social behaviour"</i></p>
Nature/wildlife	22	<p><i>"Lots of wildlife in the garden"</i></p> <p><i>"The birds and other creatures that frequent the area"</i></p> <p><i>"Natural world"</i></p> <p><i>"Spend time in nature"</i></p> <p><i>"I enjoy the countryside and the wildlife"</i></p> <p><i>"It's important for me to immerse myself in nature as often as possible, I find it relaxing"</i></p> <p><i>"I like being in nature and close to amenities"</i></p> <p><i>"I enjoy listening to the birds"</i></p> <p><i>"I grew up in an urban environment and being close to nature is very important to me"</i></p> <p><i>"The birds whistling away every morning, especially in the summer when the windows are open"</i></p> <p><i>"Sounds of nature"</i></p>
Ability to exercise	16	<p><i>"Ability to keep fit and look after my physical and mental health"</i></p> <p><i>"Safe for exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"Keen cyclist so appreciate being able to get to relatively quiet roads."</i></p> <p><i>"As I'm not going anywhere by car I get incidental exercise as part of my day, walking or cycling allows me to be part of the places I travel through, it gives me a sense of place"</i></p> <p><i>"Helps my physical and mental health"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Love being able to climb on my bike and within minutes from home on country lanes"</i></p> <p><i>"Good for physical and mental health to get out in creation away from built up areas"</i></p> <p><i>"I get pleasure from nature and exercising outdoors. I feel it is healthier living in more rural locations for both physical and mental health"</i></p> <p><i>"Looking after my own physical wellbeing is a responsibility I take very seriously, and it gives me lots of enjoyment"</i></p> <p><i>"The gym and coffee shops/ restaurants nearby are a great way to socialise or exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to go on walks in lovely surroundings helps my mental and physical health"</i></p> <p><i>"I can get exercise in safety. I walk most days and cycle as often as I can"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to open countryside and green spaces promote wellness and exercise opportunities"</i></p> <p><i>"I need to exercise frequently to keep my fitness"</i></p>
Familiarity of area	16	<p><i>"I like continuity"</i></p> <p><i>"Have lived here for many years"</i></p> <p><i>"a lot of people move back to the area to start families"</i></p> <p><i>"Born and bred here"</i></p> <p><i>Have lived here for 40 years and had no yearning to move"</i></p> <p><i>"My heart and souls are in this town as is my history"</i></p> <p><i>"I have lived here for 32 years and feel very settled here"</i></p> <p><i>"it's been my family home for 40 years and we have been very happy here"</i></p> <p><i>"Home to me"</i></p>
Benefits family	15	<p><i>"Value and benefit to my family and I"</i></p> <p><i>"I have a young family and am glad I don't have to travel to find engaging things to do"</i></p> <p><i>"a great location to bring up kids"</i></p> <p><i>"I have a little child and safety and wellbeing of my family and myself is the biggest priority"</i></p> <p><i>"Multigeneration family home, with outdoor activities, events and leisure to suit all ages"</i></p> <p><i>"Safe and friendly place to live and bring up my family"</i></p> <p><i>"I feel as my grandchildren get older, I would feel safe to let them go to the shops by themselves"</i></p> <p><i>"Have lived in a city and there were lots of break ins, also a lot of youth hanging around, as they had little to do, gang culture emerged. I did not want my son growing up in that environment"</i></p> <p><i>"We moved here when our children were teenagers and the things, we moved for then included schools and colleges, but now the other benefits have been good for us in retirement"</i></p> <p><i>"I have a child with additional needs that is susceptible to being caught up with gangs. Being here means that risk is reduced considerably"</i></p> <p><i>"I want my family to feel safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Our children benefit from local schools"</i></p>
Wellbeing	15	<p><i>"It is good for my wellbeing"</i></p> <p><i>"Ability to look after my physical and mental health"</i></p> <p><i>"Helps my mental health"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Gives me a sense of safety and wellbeing"</i></p> <p><i>"Positive impact on my physical and mental health"</i></p> <p><i>"Sense of safety and wellbeing"</i></p>
Transport links	14	<p><i>"Bus route is a real asset"</i></p> <p><i>"Good transport links to most areas of the UK"</i></p> <p><i>"I used the train a lot and it is easy for me to get the"</i></p> <p><i>"I don't drive so being able to use public transport is important to me"</i></p> <p><i>"Good transport links"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy to get to most places"</i></p> <p><i>"Good transport links are essential as ai prefer not to drive"</i></p>
Local events	13	<p><i>"Always community events"</i></p> <p><i>"Appreciate opportunities to join groups within my neighbourhood"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of activities"</i></p> <p><i>"Have organised successful exhibitions and made many new friends"</i></p> <p><i>"So much is run by the public house and community centre"</i></p> <p><i>"I have been involved in a number of events and have supported other projects"</i></p> <p><i>"There are plenty of community groups and activities"</i></p>
Good quality of life	9	<p><i>"Improved my quality of life"</i></p> <p><i>Facilities enable me to live how I want to"</i></p> <p><i>"Not one thing that sounds out just from my daily living experience"</i></p> <p><i>"No major negatives, we are lucky that Warwickshire is a great place to be"</i></p> <p><i>"Have a good quality of life"</i></p>
Not overcrowded	9	<p><i>"Space and privacy with no noisy neighbours"</i></p> <p><i>"Not overcrowded by people or vehicles"</i></p> <p><i>"Plenty of space between our house and the road"</i></p> <p><i>"Rural enough not to be too busy or crowded"</i></p> <p><i>"Not too densely populated"</i></p> <p><i>"Love being able to wander into town and feel not too crowded"</i></p>
Little use of car/ little traffic	8	<p><i>"Reduces the use of the car"</i></p> <p><i>"Useful to be able to go to the shops without having to drive"</i></p> <p><i>"I can choose whether to walk or drive"</i></p>
Good healthcare	5	<p><i>"GP services have been excellent here"</i></p> <p><i>"Illness in the family means it is necessary to be near to a doctor and dentist"</i></p> <p><i>"There is a good doctors practice, dentist and hospital"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to medical centres"</i></p> <p><i>"Brilliant GP service and easy process to speak to GP"</i></p>
Good school	5	<p><i>"My children go to wonderful schools"</i></p> <p><i>"We initially moved to this area because of the schools"</i></p> <p><i>"I am unable to drive so having a short walk to my children's local secondary school"</i></p> <p><i>"Our grandchildren benefit from the local schools"</i></p>
Lovely	5	<p><i>"it's lovely"</i></p> <p><i>"Overall, a nice place to live"</i></p> <p><i>"No particular reason I just like living here"</i></p> <p><i>"Who wouldn't want to live in such an area"</i></p>
Ability to do hobbies	2	<p><i>"Able to keep bees and livestock"</i></p>

		<i>"The allotment nearby provides myself and my mom a place to grow. It's very important to maintain the mobility of my mum and her social life there"</i>
Similar to upbringing	2	<i>"Kind of area I was brought up in, love being outside with the animals as have a farming background" "It is because of how I am made; I find anything other than rural living very difficult. Too loud and instructive and at odds with my soul. I was brought up in the countryside, tried city living and it made me ill and depressed"</i>
Volunteering opportunities	2	<i>"You get out what you put in – get involved with the sports club, church and the village hall" "I opened the armed forces veterans' group and will be helping at the library, it's nice to feel part of the lifestyle of where I live"</i>
Close to family	2	<i>"I am within walking distance to family" "Close to family is main reasons"</i>

Responses given by one respondent included: sunsets, independent businesses, for work, diverse, brilliant community centre, and history.

The final question in this section asked respondents what has the biggest impact on their health and wellbeing in terms of where they live. Overall, 98% (n=435) of respondents answered this question. Responses have been analysed and themed (Table 5). A total of 29.2% (n=127) said open/ green spaces and parks had the biggest positive impact on their health and wellbeing.

Table 5: Themes of responses to "What has the biggest positive impact on your health and wellbeing in terms of where you live?"

Theme	Number of responses	Example responses
Open/ green spaces and parks	127	<i>"Green space, and trees/flowers even in built up areas" "Green spaces" "The accessibility to the countryside" "Open countryside nearby" "Outdoor space and community" "Green spaces within close walking distance." "Easy access to open fields" "Green open space" "Availability of greenspace" "Being able to access rural countryside every day." "Sufficient green space with ponds, waterfowl, and walking trails" "The ability to get outside and spend time in the countryside" "Plenty of green spaces to go and be quiet or if you want company town is mins by car" "Access to outdoor space for leisure and rest." The number of green spaces containing plants and animals that are pleasing to the eye!" "Not being overly developed. Access to countryside..." "The country side - green spaces, fresh air." "Green areas" "Close proximity to a park and green spaces"</i>

		<p><i>"The green belt is extremely important to preserve and plays a major role in our wellbeing."</i></p> <p><i>"Without doubt ,being able to walk in the fresh air amongst green belt land."</i></p> <p><i>"Proximity to green spaces and lovely local nature reserve by the river Avon"</i></p> <p><i>"Spacious, fresh air, greens (trees & grass) around"</i></p> <p><i>"The greenery, trees, fields etc. I can drive to work through lanes surrounded by fields, flowers, and trees."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to green spaces and tree lined streets are very important."</i></p> <p><i>"The green space behind my house"</i></p> <p><i>Access to open space and being able to walk.</i></p> <p><i>"Enjoying the green belt land that prevents urban spread or encroachment"</i></p> <p><i>"The green landscape"</i></p> <p><i>"Felt great to be so close to nature"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to green space both within the town and along canal towpaths, cycleways etc."</i></p> <p><i>"All the greenery. Being walking distance from water, trees, and countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"Green areas and plots that are large enough to feel separate from neighbours but not isolated."</i></p> <p><i>"Green spaces and access to rural footpaths"</i></p> <p><i>"Located in the countryside"</i></p> <p><i>"Nice open spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"Being surrounded by and able to easily access nature and greenery is great for my mental health and physical health."</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of green spaces nearby, several country parks within a 30 min drive."</i></p> <p><i>"Open, well maintained public spaces"</i></p> <p><i>"Fresh air, open green space",</i></p>
<p>Places for walking</p>	<p>98</p>	<p><i>"Access to safe walkways has a massive impact. We rarely drive into town and choose to walk whenever it's a practical option."</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of good walking routes for me and my family to explore. Bedworth Park for walking"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to walks and the woods."</i></p> <p><i>"Dog walking regularly every day"</i></p> <p><i>"Plenty of places to walk"</i></p> <p><i>"I do a lot of walking, just around the streets where I live. Having an interesting mix of places to walk about really helps encourage me to get out and do it each day."</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to walk around the estate and into the countryside."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to places to walk"</i></p> <p><i>"Feeling safe and able to go on nice walks from outside my front door"</i></p> <p><i>"I go for a walk every day now."</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to walk about"</i></p> <p><i>"Nearby country side for walking"</i></p> <p><i>"On the edge of some very nice countryside walks with the dog. There are plenty of good routes to walk, lots of people to see out with their dogs and when I'm gardening at the side of my house, I always enjoy passing the time of day with passing people. I don't feel so alone then."</i></p>

		<p><i>"Being able to go for a walk around the parks"</i></p> <p><i>"Pleasant walking routes"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of walks"</i></p> <p><i>"The nice walks and natural beauty in the surrounding area."</i></p> <p><i>"I can go for a walk of differing lengths and do not feel threatened or anxious about being alone, even in the evenings."</i></p> <p><i>"The 'walkability' of the town."</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to get outside and use the network of footpaths and canal routes."</i></p> <p><i>"The most positive impact is having a nature walk on my door step this really helps with my mental health. It's perfect for taking my Guide Dog for a walk. I love how quiet and peaceful it is there. You can walk as far or as little as you like with lots of exit points back onto the estate. Walking along by the river and horses gives such a tranquil feel."</i></p> <p><i>"Opportunity to enjoy the outdoors on walks locally."</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to nearby footpaths and countryside."</i></p> <p><i>"There are many nice places to walk which is important to me"</i></p> <p><i>"The access to good walking along the riverside, fields and to local villages."</i></p> <p><i>"Access to open space and being able to walk."</i></p> <p><i>"With in a very short time from our house we can take lots of different country walks."</i></p> <p><i>"Places to walk and feel safe"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to safe walkways has a massive impact."</i></p> <p><i>"Ability to walk many routes in nature, away from roads"</i></p> <p><i>"Because I am arthritic, it is my habit to take a stroll in the evening before turning in, often after dark. Although I walk slowly and need a rollator, I do not feel afraid or at risk of being mugged. If I decide to take a stroll in the daytime, I invariably meet someone to talk to."</i></p>
<p>Quiet/ Peaceful and calm</p>	<p>45</p>	<p><i>"Pleasant and quiet place to live"</i></p> <p><i>"Peaceful location"</i></p> <p><i>"Peace and serenity."</i></p> <p><i>"Relative peaceful setting"</i></p> <p><i>"Quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Feel restful living here"</i></p> <p><i>"Nice and quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"It's nice and quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"I feel very relaxed living here."</i></p> <p><i>"The relaxed atmosphere and good place to live"</i></p> <p><i>"It's relaxing"</i></p> <p><i>"As previously mentioned, I can't say enough that minimal background disturbance is the key. Constant rumbling, humming, vibrating of industrial or commercial workings does not allow for positive health and wellbeing"</i></p> <p><i>"It's relaxing."</i></p> <p><i>"Pace of life is so much calmer."</i></p> <p><i>"Not too busy or noisy."</i></p> <p><i>"Calmness. Good for mental health"</i></p> <p><i>"Peace and quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Space and tranquillity"</i></p> <p><i>"Peace and security of local residents caring."</i></p> <p><i>"Can switch off from work"</i></p>

		<p><i>"quietness"</i></p> <p><i>"Peacefulness"</i></p> <p><i>"Pleasant and quiet place to live"</i></p> <p><i>"Calm surroundings"</i></p> <p><i>"Peace and quiet"</i></p> <p><i>"Peaceful location"</i></p> <p><i>"Feeling of peace and mental wellbeing not stressed from noise"</i></p> <p><i>"it's a very peaceful area."</i></p>
Neighbours/ community	37	<p><i>"The people and community around me!"</i></p> <p><i>"community"</i></p> <p><i>"Good neighbours"</i></p> <p><i>"The villagers are very friendly and welcoming."</i></p> <p><i>"Being parts of a community, having a relatively large group of friends and being surrounded by family"</i></p> <p><i>"The community"</i></p> <p><i>"Nice neighbours"</i></p> <p><i>"Making good friends."</i></p> <p><i>"Supportive community"</i></p> <p><i>"Some nice neighbours."</i></p> <p><i>"Good neighbours"</i></p> <p><i>"Friendly community."</i></p> <p><i>"Meeting fellow villagers"</i></p> <p><i>"General community spirit."</i></p> <p><i>"Knowing that people care about you and will offer to help if you need it."</i></p> <p><i>"Security of local residents caring."</i></p> <p><i>"The relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the village. Every time I go for a walk or to the shop, I meet someone who stops for a catch-up. This community spirit help lift one's own spirit."</i></p> <p><i>"Friendly, familiar faces."</i></p> <p><i>"Connections with lots of other people locally"</i></p> <p><i>"Connection with other people"</i></p> <p><i>"We don't feel isolated as there are many friendly people around us."</i></p> <p><i>"My neighbours are friendly and helpful, without being nosey."</i></p> <p><i>"Living within a community that cares."</i></p> <p><i>"My neighbours are lovely, very helpful through Covid,"</i></p>
Clean air	28	<p><i>"Clean air"</i></p> <p><i>"Better air quality"</i></p> <p><i>"Clean and fresh air"</i></p> <p><i>"Fresh air"</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to breath fresh unpolluted air"</i></p> <p><i>"Feel the air is fairly clean"</i></p> <p><i>"Fresh air compared to a city"</i></p> <p><i>"Air free from pollution"</i></p> <p><i>"Low pollution"</i></p>
Nature/ wildlife	25	<p><i>"Watching muntjac deer run across the field"</i></p> <p><i>"The biggest impact on my health & wellbeing in terms of where I live is being close to nature & wildlife & beautiful scenery, heritage & architecture, which should be preserved at all costs".</i></p> <p><i>"Being in nature and able to access green spaces easily"</i></p> <p><i>"Having a field over the garden hedge and being close to nature"</i></p>

		<p><i>The opportunity to experience the countryside and nature on my doorstep.”</i></p> <p><i>“nature”</i></p> <p><i>“Nature around”</i></p> <p><i>“The quiet means we can hear birdsong throughout the day”</i></p> <p><i>“I hear the birds everyday”</i></p> <p><i>“Garden nature”</i></p> <p><i>“Opportunity to get outside an connect with nature”</i></p>
Access to healthcare	23	<p><i>“Convenient doctors’ surgery”</i></p> <p><i>“Accessibility to local surgery”</i></p> <p><i>“Being able to get an appointment with the doctors”</i></p> <p><i>“Easy and timely access to medical care”</i></p> <p><i>“Doctor and chemist nearby”</i></p> <p><i>“a good medical centre practice”</i></p> <p><i>“Good GP practice”</i></p> <p><i>“Having had a heart attack the paramedics had contact with 4 hospitals to see who could deal with me the quickest, which was furthest away but were able to meet me on arrival – I was in theatre within 10/15 minutes – amazing”</i></p> <p><i>“Ease of access to medical services”</i></p> <p><i>“GP surgery”</i></p> <p><i>“Very proactive in dealing with health issues and the fact we have hospitals nearby”</i></p> <p><i>“Excellent healthcare”</i></p> <p><i>“Happy with healthcare attention given”</i></p>
Feel safe	22	<p><i>“I feel safe”</i></p> <p><i>“Feeling safe”</i></p> <p><i>“No incidents, able to walk around area and feel safe”</i></p> <p><i>“Less stress when out in the neighbourhood, don’t have to worry too much”</i></p> <p><i>“Friendly and safe street”</i></p> <p><i>“Quiet, secure environment”</i></p> <p><i>“I don’t feel threatened or anxious about being alone, even in the evenings”</i></p> <p><i>“I feel safe at home alone”</i></p> <p><i>“Freedom from anti-social behaviour”</i></p> <p><i>“I feel quite safe”</i></p>
Home and garden	22	<p><i>“Garden space”</i></p> <p><i>“My garden”</i></p> <p><i>“Having a garden”</i></p> <p><i>“Tranquillity of my garden”</i></p> <p><i>“I can spend lots of time in my garden”</i></p> <p><i>“Having a great garden”</i></p> <p><i>“Large garden planted with trees to help environment”</i></p> <p><i>“Lucky to have a garden”</i></p> <p><i>“The garden”</i></p> <p><i>“Living in a bungalow”</i></p>

Local amenities, events	29	<p><i>"Good local amenities"</i></p> <p><i>"Access to local amenities"</i></p> <p><i>"Lovely café"</i></p> <p><i>"Shops and cafes where I can quickly and easily buy food"</i></p> <p><i>"Community events"</i></p> <p><i>"Being able to access local shops"</i></p> <p><i>"My allotment"</i></p> <p><i>"The joint community events"</i></p> <p><i>"Sports club"</i></p>
Close to friends/family	14	<p><i>"Having a large group of friends and being surrounded by family"</i></p> <p><i>"My family"</i></p> <p><i>"My social circle of friends"</i></p> <p><i>"Near to family"</i></p> <p><i>"I have support from family close by when needed"</i></p> <p><i>"Friends and family living nearby"</i></p> <p><i>"Friends close by"</i></p>
Ability to exercise	15	<p><i>"Outdoor exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"The amount of space to engage in recreation."</i></p> <p><i>"Ability to create and utilise running routes"</i></p> <p><i>"Plenty of space and fresh air with opportunities for easy exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"Can run safely in the dark"</i></p> <p><i>"The cycling trails"</i></p> <p><i>"Encourages me to get out and be active"</i></p> <p><i>"Ability to walk and cycle"</i></p> <p><i>"Keep my mobility and exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"Outdoor exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"Park for exercise"</i></p> <p><i>"Running along the canal, river, countryside"</i></p>
Mental wellbeing	22	<p><i>"No stress"</i></p> <p><i>"Great for my mental health"</i></p> <p><i>Huge mental and physical health benefits, "</i></p> <p><i>"Less stress when out in the neighbourhood"</i></p> <p><i>"Peace of mind"</i></p> <p><i>"Less stress"</i></p> <p><i>"Stress minimised"</i></p> <p><i>"Reduced stress after serious health issues"</i></p> <p><i>"Not too much stress"</i></p> <p><i>"Good for mental health"</i></p> <p><i>"Has helped my mental wellbeing lots as I have a very stressful job"</i></p> <p><i>"Revive our wellbeing"</i></p> <p><i>"Feeling of mental wellbeing"</i></p>
Feel content	12	<p><i>"It's a place to feel privileged to live"</i></p> <p><i>"We are contented"</i></p> <p><i>"Pleasant place to live"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Feel comfortable and at home"</i></p> <p><i>"Being content"</i></p>
Access to leisure facilities and local groups	10	<p><i>"Access to leisure pursuits"</i></p> <p><i>"Local exercise groups "</i></p> <p><i>Access to art and cultural events"</i></p> <p><i>"Having an excellent library in walking distance"</i></p> <p><i>"Good badminton community"</i></p> <p><i>"Community centre"</i></p>
Less use of car	9	<p><i>"Being able to walk to local shops which keeps car use low"</i></p> <p><i>"The fact we can walk to most places without using the car"</i></p> <p><i>"We rarely drive into town and choose to walk"</i></p> <p><i>"Reduces reliance on cars"</i></p>
Proximity to local amenities and transport links	9	<p><i>"Being able to walk to facilities - I can stroll for a morning swim, saunter around a park, drop in on relatives, doing the weekly errands and visit the hospital without needing to get on a bus or arrange for transport. It gives me independence, a sense of belonging and helps keep me moving."</i></p> <p><i>"Good access to town"</i></p> <p><i>"Less commuting time"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to facilities"</i></p>
Cycle routes	8	<p><i>"Network of cycling routes"</i></p> <p><i>"Quiet roads where I can ride my bike"</i></p> <p><i>"Close to countryside and lanes and cycling"</i></p> <p><i>"Cycle routes"</i></p>
Good transport links	6	<p><i>"Easy transport system"</i></p> <p><i>"Easy access to transport for work"</i></p> <p><i>"Good transport links"</i></p> <p><i>"Transport system and links"</i></p> <p><i>"Closeness to the railway station is crucial to provide access to other areas"</i></p>
Low crime rate	5	<p><i>"Low crime rate"</i></p> <p><i>"Less crime"</i></p> <p><i>"The lack of crime"</i></p> <p><i>"Pleasant low crime area"</i></p>
Volunteering opportunities	4	<p><i>"Volunteering opportunities that give me purpose and experience while I struggle to find work"</i></p> <p><i>"volunteering"</i></p> <p><i>"Working as a volunteer"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteering for hospice"</i></p>
History	2	<p><i>"We live in a lovely historic town"</i></p> <p><i>"The old building and surroundings are soothing"</i></p>
Maintain independence	2	<p><i>"Some confidence in being able to maintain independence"</i></p> <p><i>"Gives me a sense of belonging and independence"</i></p>

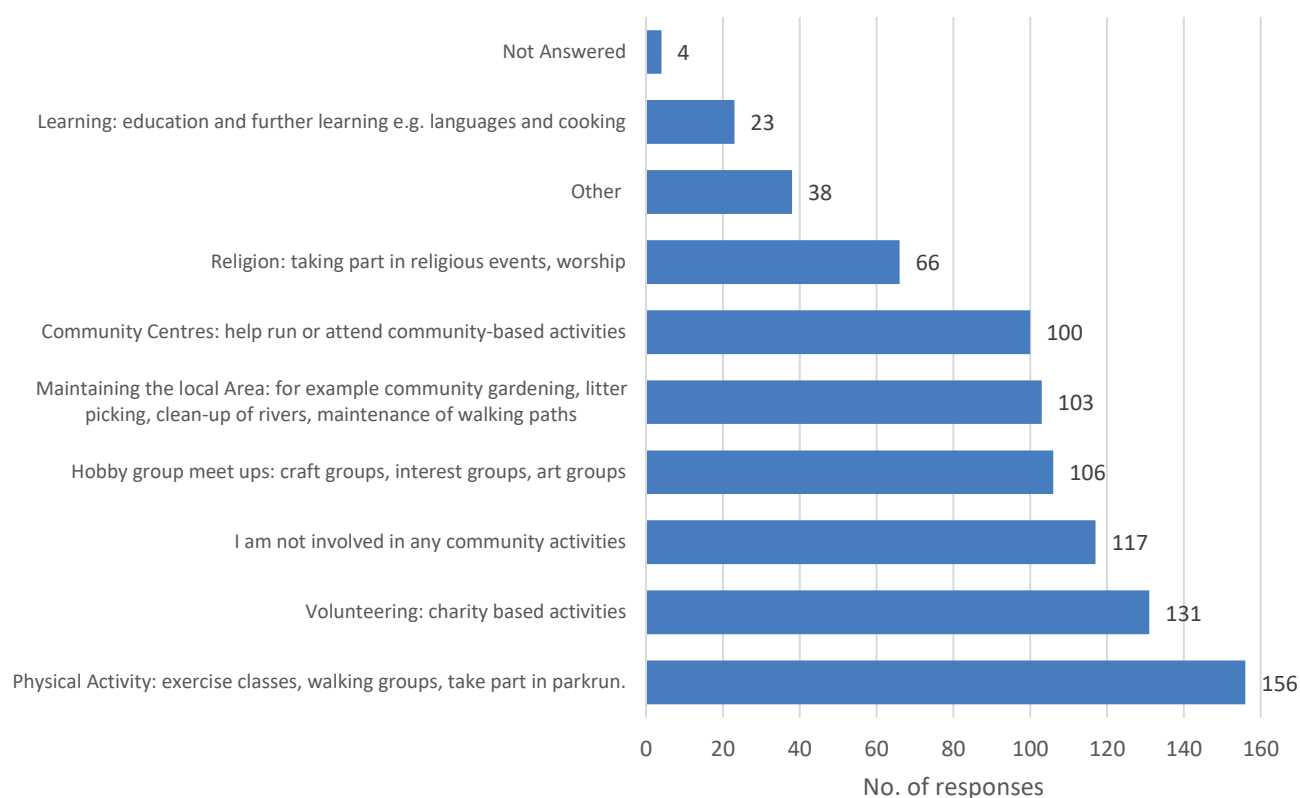
Themes mentioned by one respondent included: ability to work from home, education, employment opportunities, immigration, ability to have hobbies, rural, sunsets, and well kept.

4.3 Your local community

In this section of the survey respondents were asked about their involvement in their local communities.

The first question in this section asked respondents what they currently do in their local community, respondents were asked to select all options that applied to them. Overall, 99.1% (n=440) respondents answered this question. Figure 2 below shows the responses. A total of 35.5% (n=156) selected physical activity, followed by 29.8% (n=131) selecting volunteering; just over a quarter of respondents (26.6%, n=117) indicated that they are not involved in any community activities.

Figure 2: Responses to “What do you currently do in your local community?” (Total responses)



The theme of responses from the 8.6% (n=38) of respondents who advised ‘other’ are shown in Table 5.

Table 6 – Themes of other responses to “What do you currently do in your local community - other?”

Theme	Number of responses	Example responses
Hobbies/ community groups	9	<i>“I have joined the local golf society which support charities in the local area”</i> <i>“Pilates group”</i> <i>“Chair of the local Bridge club”</i> <i>“Bellringing”</i> <i>“Bridge club”</i> <i>“Social chat while dog walking”</i> <i>“I run junior and adult coaching sessions. I also help run a badminton club. All of this done on a voluntary basis”</i> <i>“I am secretary of District Badminton Association”</i> <i>“Community WhatsApp & Facebook page”</i>
Parish Council	6	<i>“I’m an active member of our Parish council”</i> <i>“Clerk to the Parish Council”</i> <i>“Parish Councillor”</i>
Not involved in community activities	4	<i>“Am unable to participate in any activities”</i> <i>“Not aware of any community activities”</i> <i>“Do not have the time or commitment to enjoy other facilities”</i> <i>“Nothing local but travel to other places”</i>
Environmental	4	<i>“I’m a member of forge - We exist to improve and protect the natural environment of our village”</i>

		<i>"I volunteer for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust" "Repair Café" "Environmental action team"</i>
Choir	3	<i>"Join the local church choir for special occasions when extra numbers are needed" "Am the Musical Director of a local choir of 50 members Singing in local choir"</i>
Support businesses	2	<i>"I support and assist local businesses within the town centre and wider area with information that can help them to not only survive but also to grow" "I run a Facebook group which encourages businesses and individuals to advertise their services to the local community."</i>
Litter picking	2	<i>"Self-involvement in local area litter picking"</i>
Library	2	<i>"Visit the Library" "Director of community library"</i>
Dog walking	1	<i>"Local dog walking group"</i>
Research	1	<i>"Research at County Records Office into history of certain parts with a view to creating books."</i>
Speed watch	1	<i>"Part of local speed watch group"</i>
Royal British Legion	1	<i>"Royal British Legion"</i>
Street parties	1	<i>"My street organises gatherings and street parties"</i>
Blood donation	1	<i>"Blood donation"</i>
WI	1	<i>"WI and we get involved with lots of activities"</i>
When have more time	1	<i>"Hope to get more involved in community activities once other roles are complete"</i>
Allotment	1	<i>"I am a Trustee of a local allotment association"</i>
School	1	<i>"School governor"</i>
NHS Volunteer	1	<i>"NHS Good Sam volunteer"</i>
Neighbourhood Watch	1	<i>"Neighbourhood watch lead"</i>
Local pub	1	<i>"Enjoy having a drink at my local"</i>
Retained firefighter	1	<i>"Retained firefighter"</i>
Gardening	1	<i>"I am a keen gardener and I like sharing vegetable plants, grown from seed in my greenhouse with neighbours, friends and family"</i>

Respondents were asked to provide further information about their answer. These answers are themed and are shown in table 7 below.

Table 7 – Themes of responses to “further information about what you currently do in your local community?”

Theme	Number of responses	Example responses
Unable to currently take part	23	<i>"Do not currently have time" "Would like to be more involved when I have more time"</i>
Sport and Exercise	21	<i>"Member of Everyone Active gym and attend 5-6 times a week I do triathlon so being able to access a pool and run and cycle locally is important"</i>

		<p><i>"Member of Everyone Active & use the facilities of their local centres"</i></p> <p><i>"I play football several times a week and enjoy both the physical and social side of this activity. I do have travel for this though. I do the Parkrun now and again"</i></p> <p><i>"Play badminton"</i></p> <p><i>"Pilates"</i></p> <p><i>"Bootcamp"</i></p> <p><i>"Bowls"</i></p> <p><i>"Line dancing class"</i></p> <p><i>"Swimming"</i></p> <p><i>"Golf"</i></p> <p><i>"Tai Chi"</i></p>
Volunteer/ Charity work	19	<p><i>"Volunteering in food giving"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer with Canal & Rivers Trust"</i></p> <p><i>"Lots! We are involved in lots of different charities and groups and WDC have a good vision for the creative quarter."</i></p> <p><i>"Lead Home from Home, which is an open afternoon originally started as a warm hub"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer with the local bicycle bus to three primary schools"</i></p> <p><i>"Citizen advice volunteer"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer at the library"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer football coach"</i></p> <p><i>"Foster cats"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer on Referral Orders for young people"</i></p> <p><i>"Secretary of badminton club"</i></p> <p><i>"Fundraise for local defibrillator"</i></p> <p><i>"Voluntary work for Warwickshire and Solihull Blood Bikes"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer for an equestrian charity"</i></p> <p><i>"Volunteer in local re use shop"</i></p> <p><i>"Community library"</i></p> <p><i>"Nation trust volunteer"</i></p> <p><i>"NHS volunteer"</i></p>
Local events	11	<p><i>"I generally support community events, helping organise some and attending many"</i></p> <p><i>"We support and attend activities and events at our thriving village hall"</i></p> <p><i>"Events such as festivals and concerts are brilliant"</i></p> <p><i>"We attend public events, Remembrance Day, festivals, art events"</i></p>
Litter picking	10	<p><i>"I do my own litter picking up"</i></p> <p><i>"Attend local litter picks"</i></p>
Parish council	9	<p><i>"Parish Councillor"</i></p> <p><i>"Active member of parish council"</i></p>
Choir group	8	<p><i>"I belong to a local community choir. We meet every week and perform regularly in the area. Our annual concert regularly raises thousands of pounds for Water Aid."</i></p> <p><i>"Join the local church choir for special occasions when extra numbers are needed."</i></p> <p><i>"I am the Musical Director of a local choir of 50 members."</i></p>
Residents' group	8	<p><i>"Part of a resident's group"</i></p> <p><i>"Part of group developing a neighbourhood plan"</i></p> <p><i>"Community committee"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Volunteering with local Housing Association to maintain communal areas and rewriting the policies to be more tenant friendly"</i></p> <p><i>"Neighbourhood watch"</i></p>
Environmental	7	<p><i>"Mostly environmental initiatives."</i></p> <p><i>"I'm a committee member of WART, Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team and carry out surveys and conservation work with them"</i></p> <p><i>"Local wildlife group"</i></p> <p><i>"I volunteer for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust; each week from April to October I walk a transect along Ashlawn Cutting and collect data on the butterflies I see, then transfer the information to UKBMS"</i></p> <p><i>"Maintain local footpaths"</i></p> <p><i>"I volunteer in my village to make it more sustainable in terms of the environment, nature, pollution, and relationships"</i></p> <p><i>"Host steering group meetings of the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network"</i></p>
School	6	<p><i>"Pop in to the junior & infant school to read to the children"</i></p> <p><i>"Help at local primary school"</i></p> <p><i>"School PTA"</i></p>
Creative/ Arts	6	<p><i>"I take part in amateur dramatics"</i></p> <p><i>"I'm currently going to an art class. Also involved in a writers' meet up"</i></p> <p><i>"Leamington studio artists"</i></p> <p><i>"Host arty crafty sessions"</i></p>
Guides/ Scouts	5	<p><i>"I run the rainbow guides in the village"</i></p> <p><i>"Scouts"</i></p>
Religion	6	<p><i>"a member of the Church and involved in various voluntary roles there."</i></p> <p><i>"Help run the church fellowship group"</i></p> <p><i>"Attend church"</i></p> <p><i>"Very much involved in the life of the Church and groups operating there connected with Eco Church, environmental matters, and sustainability"</i></p> <p><i>"Religious learning classes"</i></p>
Walking	5	<p><i>"Walk with, and occasionally lead walks for, the Ramblers. Lead local walking group"</i></p>
Allotment/ Orchard	4	<p><i>"We have a village orchard which we help to maintain"</i></p> <p><i>"Share plants and seeds from my allotment"</i></p> <p><i>"Maintain community garden"</i></p>
WI	4	<p><i>"Treasurer for our Evening WI"</i></p>
Community centre/ Local Hall	3	<p><i>"Trustee of the community & sports centre"</i></p> <p><i>"Village Hall committee"</i></p>
Book club	3	<p><i>"Book clubs"</i></p>
History	3	<p><i>"Historical association"</i></p> <p><i>"Local history group"</i></p> <p><i>"Historical research"</i></p>
Support local business	2	<p><i>"Always try to shop local and support local businesses"</i></p>
Social media	2	<p><i>"Run a community page with 4.3k members"</i></p> <p><i>"Run a community page helping local businesses"</i></p>
Patient group	2	<p><i>"Am member of Patient Consult Group"</i></p> <p><i>"Chairman of my GPS patient participation panel"</i></p>

U3A	2	<i>"U3a locally is v important and accessible"</i>
Speed watch	2	<i>"Member of speed watch"</i>
Local pub	2	<i>"Enjoy having a drink at my local"</i>

Themes mentioned by one respondent included: Bridge club, community café, snooker, quakers, royal British legion, blood donation, folk club, research, local children's group, local support group, poll clerk, and exam invigilator

Respondents were next asked what places they use in their local communities; they were asked to select all options that applied. A total of 99.1% (n=440) answered this question. The results are shown in figure 3 and table 8 below. The 3 most common responses given were:

- Local shops - 88.9% (n=391)
- Parks and green spaces - 85.7% (n=377)
- Public footpaths/ cycle paths - 82.7% (n=364)

Figure 3: Responses to "What places do you use in your local community? Please select all that apply" (total responses)

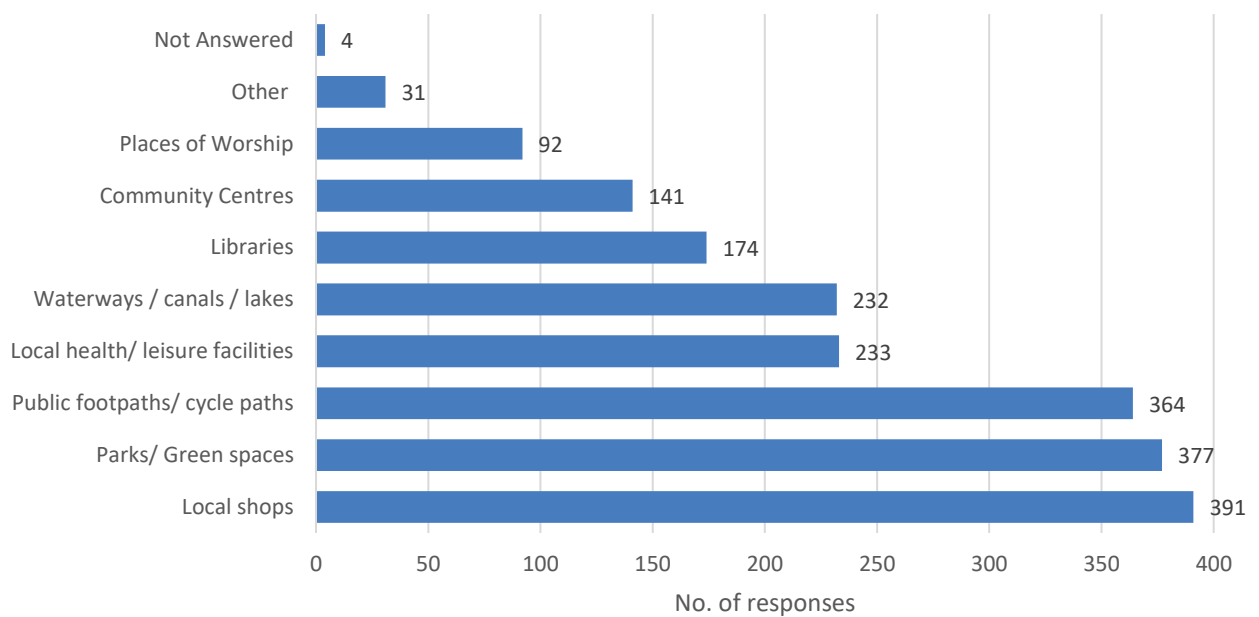


Table 8 – Themes of other responses to “What places do you use in your local community?”

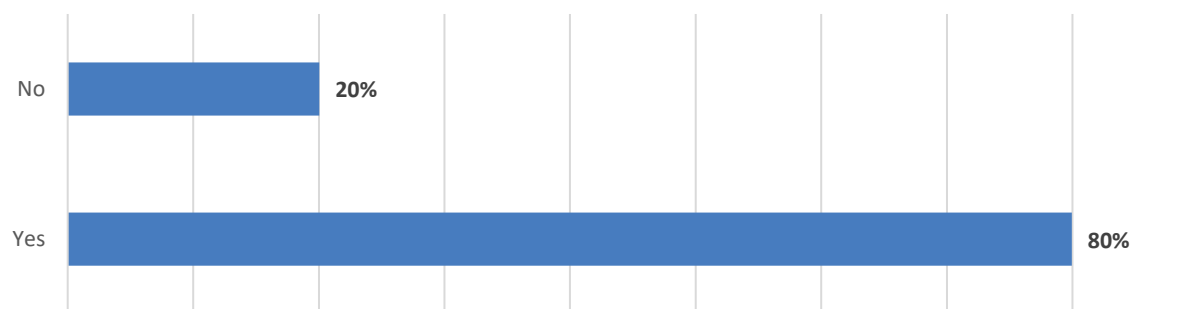
Theme	Number of responses
Local hall	11
Pub/ Restaurant/ Café	7
Doctors	3
Woods	1
Golf course	1
Theatre	1
Museum	1
Train station	1
Dentist	1
Dance school	1
Recycling centre	1
Allotment	1

4.4 Further engagement

The final section and question of the survey asked respondents if they would be interested in taking part in further engagement activities relating to the Director of Public Health Annual Report. Respondents were advised if they answered yes to the question they would be contacted via email and invited on behalf of Public Health.

All 444 respondents answered this question. Overall, 80% (n=355) advised they would be interested in taking part in further engagement activities (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Responses to “Would you be interested in taking part in further engagement activities relating to the Director of Public Health Annual Report?” (Percentage of responses)



Appendix 1 – People and Places, Director of Public Health survey

Copy of survey (the text and space available to comment was much larger on the survey but for the purpose of this report has been reduced):

Overview

Panel members completing this survey will help to provide insight which will be used in the Director of Public Health Annual Report. This year the report will focus on celebrating the areas you live in.

The report will be used to inspire local action to strengthen and build community wellbeing. Your feedback to this survey will help bring the community voice to the report.

All those completing the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Love to Shop voucher.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

Why your views matter

The insights from this survey will be used to:

- provide a community voice to showcase the things that people value about where they live
- provide insight which will be used in the Director of Public Health Annual Report

Results from the survey will be shared with the Voice of Warwickshire panel members, along with feedback showing how the results are being used.

1. What do you like most about where you live?

2. Thinking about your response to the last question – are there any particular experiences or reasons as to why this is the thing you like most about where you live?

3. What has the biggest positive impact on your health and wellbeing in terms of where you live?

4. What do you currently do in your local community? (Please select all that apply)

- Community centre: help run or attend community-based activities
- Events: take part in local festivals/ events, open gardens
- Hobby group meet ups: craft groups, interest groups, art groups
- Maintaining the local area: for example, community gardening, litter picking, clean-up of rivers, maintenance of walking paths
- Learning: education and further learning e.g., languages and cooking
- Physical Activity: exercise classes, walking groups, take part in fun run
- Religion: taking part in religious events, worship
- Volunteering: charity-based activities
- I am not involved in any community activities
- Other (please advise below)

Please use this space to provide further information about your answer:

5. What places do you use in your local community? (Please select all that apply)

- Libraries
- Park/ Green spaces
- Public footpaths/ cycle paths
- Places of worship
- Community centres
- Waterways/ canals/ lakes
- Local shops
- Local health/ leisure facilities
- Other (please advise below)

Please use this space to provide further information about your answer

6. Would you be interested in taking part in further engagement activities relating to the Director of Public Health Annual Report?

- Yes
- No