



UK Government

# The Community and Engagement Survey 2026-27

## What is the survey about?


This study plays a vital role in deciding how public money is spent on sports, arts, culture and other facilities in your local area.

**Everyone who completes the survey will receive a £10 shopping voucher.**


## Who should complete the questionnaire?

We are interested in the views of everyone aged 16 or over in your household. Please read the rest of the information on this page, then turn over the page to start the survey.

## How do I fill in the questionnaire?

1. Most questions can be answered by putting a cross in the box next to the answer that applies to you, like this:
  2. Some questions will ask you to: ➔ **Please cross one box only** and some will ask you to:  
➔ **Please cross all boxes that apply.**
  3. Some questions may not apply to you and you will be taken to the next one that does by following an arrow like this: ➔ **Go to Q43** or a box like this: **Go to Q62**
- or between questions like this:  If you didn't select any activities or online events or performances at both Q14 and Q15, please answer Q16
4. If you change your mind about an answer you have given, completely block out the box you have crossed like this,  and then put a cross in your preferred box.
  5. Please use **black or blue ink** to complete the questionnaire.

## Where can I get more information?

 : <https://www.cesurvey.dcms.gov.uk>

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Information about how your data is processed and information about your rights in relation to the data we collect is available on the back of the accompanying letter. You can also access our survey privacy notice by visiting the following page:

<https://www.cesurvey.dcms.gov.uk/surveyprivacynotice>

## Section 1: About you

Thank you for choosing to take part in the Community and Engagement Survey. In this first section we would like to find out a little about you and your household.

By 'your household' we mean the group of people (not necessarily related) living at your address who share cooking facilities with you and also share a living room or sitting room or dining area. The information is used to understand the experiences of different groups and will not identify you or anyone in your household.

**Q1 Including you, how many people aged 16 or over are currently living in your household? If you live by yourself, please cross 1**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6+ |

**Q2 What is your sex?**

**A question about gender identity will follow**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

**Q3 Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?**

**If you do not wish to answer, please cross prefer not to say**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No - please write in gender identity

- Prefer not to say

**Q4 What is your age?**

**Please write in your age below.**

**If age provided**  
➔ go to Q6

- Prefer not to say

**Q5 What age band are you in?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 to 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 59          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 64          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22 to 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 69          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 to 74          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 79          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 to 84          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 or over        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 49 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 54 |  |

**Q6 What is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Never married and never legally registered in a civil partnership
- Married ➔ **Go to Q8**
- In a legally registered civil partnership ➔ **Go to Q8**
- Separated, but still legally married
- Separated, but still legally in a civil partnership
- Divorced
- Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
- Widowed
- A surviving member of a legally registered civil partnership
- Prefer not to say

**Q7 Are you living with someone in this household as a couple?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Q8** How many children aged under 16 currently live in your household?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- 0 ➔ Go to Section 2
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+
- Prefer not to say ➔ Go to Section 2

**Q9** And how many of your own children aged under 16 currently live in your household, including any children that you foster or have formally adopted?

Please only count children if it is their main residence. If children live at more than one address, their main residence is the one at which they spend most nights of the week. Do not count children at boarding school who may be home for the holidays.

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- 0 ➔ Go to Section 2
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+
- Prefer not to say ➔ Go to Section 2

**Q10** How old is your child who lives with you / How old are your children who live with you?

➔ Please cross all boxes that apply ☒

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than a year old | <input type="checkbox"/> 9                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 10                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 11                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 12                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 13                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 14                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 15                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8                    |  |

## Section 2: Social interactions

The next questions are about people you may have mixed with socially.

**Q11** In the last 12 months, have you mixed socially with people from different religious groups in any of the following places? By 'mixed socially', we mean interacting with someone more than just to say hello.

➔ Please cross all boxes that apply ☒

- At your home or their home
- At work, school or college
- At your child's crèche, nursery or school
- At a pub, café or restaurant
- At a group, club or organisation you belong to for example, a sports club or social club
- At the shops
- At a place of worship
- In public parks
- In public buildings for example, community centres or libraries
- At a cultural, creative or arts event
- I haven't mixed socially with people from different religious groups
- Some other place (please write in)
- Don't know

**Q12** In the last 12 months, have you mixed socially with people from different ethnic groups in any of the following places? By 'mixed socially', we mean interacting with someone more than just to say hello.

➔ Please cross all boxes that apply ☒

- At your home or their home
- At work, school or college
- At your child's crèche, nursery or school
- At a pub, café or restaurant
- At a group, club or organisation you belong to for example, a sports club or social club
- At the shops
- At a place of worship
- In public parks
- In public buildings for example, community centres or libraries
- I haven't mixed socially with people from different ethnic groups
- Some other place (please write in)
- Don't know

## Section 3: Contact with family and friends

The next few questions are about whether you feel a sense of connection with any of the people in your life.

**Q13** Which of the following statements apply to the different connections and relationships you have with people in your life? There is at least one person in my life who...

➔ Please cross **all** boxes that apply ☒

- I share interests or experiences with
- Understands what I'm going through day-to-day
- Has the same values or beliefs as me
- Wants the same things from life as me
- I can talk to about anything without judgement
- I can truly be myself with
- I have a close relationship with

Go to  
Q14

- I don't currently have any of these types of connections
- Prefer not to say

Go to  
Q16

**Q14** And which of these people do you feel these connections with?

➔ Please cross **all** boxes that apply ☒

- My spouse, civil partner, other partner, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Other family members
- My friends
- People I work or study with
- My neighbours
- People who live in my local area or community
- People in my religion
- People I have shared interests with either online or in person
- Someone else (please write in)

**Q15** Thinking about the people you feel a sense of connection with, in which of the following ways do you interact with them?

➔ Please cross **all** boxes that apply ☒

- Meet up in person
- Phone or video call
- Text messages or voice notes such as via WhatsApp or Messenger etc.
- Traditional written communication for example postal letters, greetings cards etc.
- Sharing memes or short videos via TikTok, Snapchat, social media or messaging apps
- Comment on social media posts, stories or photos
- Messaging or communicating via gaming platforms or apps
- Another way of connecting (please write in)

**Q16** How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

If I needed help, there are people who would be there for me.

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- Definitely agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Definitely disagree
- Prefer not to say

**Q17** Is there anyone who you can really count on to listen to you when you need to talk?

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- Yes, one person
- Yes, more than one person
- No one
- Prefer not to say

## Section 4: Your community

The next questions are about your neighbourhood. By neighbourhood we mean a few minutes walking distance from your home.

**Q18** How strongly do you feel you belong to your immediate neighbourhood?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Very strongly
- Fairly strongly
- Not very strongly
- Not at all strongly
- Don't know

**Q19** Roughly how many years have you lived in your current neighbourhood?

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Don't know

**Q20** How often do you chat to your neighbours, more than to just say hello?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- On most days
- Once or twice a week
- Once or twice a month
- Less than once a month
- Never
- Don't have any neighbours
- Don't know

**Q21** How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

**Generally, I borrow things and exchange favours with my neighbours.**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Definitely agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Definitely disagree

**Q22** To what extent would you agree or disagree that people in your neighbourhood pull together to improve the neighbourhood?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Definitely agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Definitely disagree
- Nothing needs improving

**Q23** Thinking about the people who live in this neighbourhood, to what extent do you believe they can be trusted?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Many** of the people can be trusted
- Some** of the people can be trusted
- A few** of the people can be trusted
- None** of the people can be trusted
- Just moved here
- Don't know

## Section 5: Your local area

The next questions refer to your wider local area. Please think of the area within 15 to 20 minutes' walking distance from your home.

**Q24** Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**Q25** To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Definitely agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Definitely disagree
- There are too few people in the local area
- People in this area are all of the same background

**Q25b. Do you think that over the past two years your area has...?**

⇒ Please cross one box only ☒

- Got better to live in
- Got worse to live in
- Not changed much (hasn't got better or worse)
- Have not lived here long enough to say

## Section 6: Major incidents

The next question is about emergencies or disasters.

An 'emergency or disaster' is a major incident such as extreme weather conditions, for example flooding, storms and heavy snow, or a health pandemic. Here, an 'emergency or disaster' means events impacting multiple people, not just one person.

**Q26 To what extent would you agree or disagree that people in your neighbourhood would pull together in an emergency or disaster?**

⇒ Please cross one box only ☒

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

## Section 7: Local politics and affairs

The next questions are about influencing political decisions and local affairs.

**Q27 In the last 12 months have you...?**

⇒ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Contacted a local official such as a local councillor, MP, government official, mayor, or public official working for the local council (Please do not include any contact for personal reasons, for example housing repairs or contact through work)
- Attended a public meeting, rally, or taken part in a public demonstration or protest
- Signed a paper petition or an online or e-petition
- None of these

**Q28 In the last 12 months, have you taken part in a consultation about local services or issues in your local area through any of these ways?**

⇒ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Completing a paper or online questionnaire
- Attending a public meeting
- Being involved in a face-to-face or online group
- None of these

## Section 8: Activities in your local community

The following questions are about activities in your local community.

**Q29 In the last 12 months, have you done any of these things?**

Please include any activities you have already mentioned, but not any related to your job.

⇒ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Been a local councillor (for local authority, town, or parish)
- Been a school governor
- Been a volunteer special constable or volunteer at a higher rank
- Been a magistrate
- None of these

**Q30 And again in the last 12 months, have you been a member of any of the following decision making groups in your local area?**

Please include online groups and any activities you have already mentioned, but not any related to your job.

⇒ Please cross all that apply ☒

- A group making decisions on local health services
- A decision making group set up to regenerate the local area
- A decision making group set up to tackle local crime problems
- A tenants' group decision making committee
- A group making decisions on local education services
- A group making decisions on local services for young people
- Another group making decisions on services in the local community
- None of these

**Q31** To what extent do you agree or disagree that you personally can influence decisions affecting your local area?

➡ Please cross one box only ☒

- Definitely agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Definitely disagree

## Section 9: Local facilities

The next few questions are about facilities and amenities in your local area.

**Q32** For each of the following, please indicate whether there is at least one within a 15-20 minute walk from your home, further away but still in your local area, or there is not one in your local area at all.

➡ Please give an answer for each row below. You can cross the first two columns in a row if they both apply. ☒

	Yes, within a 15-20 minute walk from my home	Yes, further away but still in my local area	No, not in my local area at all	Don't know
General or grocery shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pub or bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurant or cafe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community centre or hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health centre or GP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemist or pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport links	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place of worship for my faith or religion, such as a church, mosque, temple Please leave blank if you do not have a faith or religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theatre or concert hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cinema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museum or gallery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heritage site or place of historic interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community art centre and hub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q33** Generally, how satisfied are you with the facilities and amenities in your local area?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**Q34** Which of these local facilities have you visited in person in the last 12 months?

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- General or grocery shop
- Pub or bar
- Park
- Restaurant or cafe
- Community centre or hall
- Sports facilities
- Health centre or GP
- Chemist or pharmacy
- Post office
- Place of worship for my faith or religion, such as a church, mosque, temple
- Public transport links
- Public Library
- Theatre or concert hall
- Cinema
- Museum or gallery
- Heritage site or place of historic interest
- Community art centre and hub
- None of these ➔ [Go to Q36](#)

**Q35** Thinking about all the local facilities and amenities listed in the previous question that you have visited in the last 12 months, overall, how satisfied are you with these places?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

**Q36** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
'There are opportunities in my local area to take part in creative activities'

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Definitely agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Definitely disagree
- Don't know

## Section 10: Volunteering

The next questions are about your involvement with groups, clubs or organisations.

**Q37** Have you been involved with any of the following groups, clubs or organisations during the last 12 months?

**That's anything you've taken part in, supported, or that you've helped in any way, either on your own or with others. Please exclude giving money or anything that was a requirement of your job or organised through your employer.**

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Children's education or schools** (for example, Parent Teacher Associations, School governor, supporting fairs and fundraising, helping in school, running pupils' clubs)
- Youth or children's activities** (outside school) (for example, youth clubs, sports clubs, hobby or cultural groups for children)
- Education for adults** (for example, attending or teaching classes, mentoring, cultural groups, Students Union, College governor)
- Sport or exercise** (taking part, coaching or going to watch) (for example, sports clubs or groups (such as football, swimming, fishing, golf, keep-fit, hiking), Supporter clubs)
- Religion** (for example, attending a place of worship (church, chapel, mosque, temple, synagogue), attending faith-based groups, Saturday / Sunday school)
- Politics** (for example, membership of, or involvement with, political groups, serving as local councillor)
- Older people** (for example, involved with groups, clubs or organisations for older people, such as Age UK, pensioner's clubs, visiting, transporting or representing older people)
- Health, Disability and Social welfare** (for example, medical research charities, hospital visiting, disability groups, social welfare (such as Oxfam, NSPCC, Samaritans, Citizens Advice Bureau), offering respite care, self-help groups (such as Alcoholics Anonymous))
- Safety, First Aid** (for example, Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, Life Saving, RNLI, Mountain Rescue, helping after a disaster)
- The environment, animals** (for example, national organisations (such as Greenpeace, National Trust, RSPCA), local conservation groups, preservation societies)
- Justice and Human Rights** (for example, special constable, magistrate, legal advice centre, victim support, prison visiting or aftercare, justice and peace groups, community or race relations, LGBT groups, national organisations (such as Amnesty International))
- Local community or neighbourhood groups** (for example, Tenants' or Residents' Association, Neighbourhood Watch, community group, local pressure group)
- Citizens' Groups** (for example, Rotary Club, Lion's Club, Women's Institute (WI), Freemasons)
- Hobbies, Recreation, Arts or Social clubs** (for example, clubs or groups for the Arts (such as theatres, museums, amateur dramatics, orchestras), hobby or cultural groups (such as local history club, social club)
- Trade union activity** (for example, membership of, or involvement with, a trade union)
- Some other group, club or organisation** (Please describe the service rather than the name of the group, club or organisation)
- None of these ➔ [Go to Section 11](#)

**Q38** In the last 12 months, have you given **unpaid help** to any of the groups, clubs or organisations you've just selected in any of the following ways?

➔ Please cross **all** that apply ☒

- Raising or handling money or taking part in sponsored events
- Leading a group or member of a committee
- Getting other people involved
- Organising or helping to run an activity or event
- Visiting people
- Befriending or mentoring people
- Giving advice, information or counselling
- Secretarial, admin or clerical work
- Providing transport or driving
- Representing
- Campaigning
- Other practical help (for example, helping out at school, shopping)
- Any other help
- None of these ➔ **Go to Section 11**

**Q39** Over the last 12 months, how often have you helped these groups, clubs or organisations?

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- At least once a week
- Less than once a week but at least once a month
- Less than once a month

**Q40** Now just thinking about the last 4 weeks. Approximately how many hours have you spent helping these groups, clubs or organisations in the last 4 weeks?

If you are not sure, please provide your best estimate.

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- Less than 4 hours
- About 4-8 hours
- About 8-12 hours
- About 12-20 hours
- More than 20 hours

**Q41** In the last 12 months, have you done any voluntary or unpaid work connected to any of the following areas?

➔ Please cross **all** that apply ☒

- Arts (for example, theatre, visual arts and crafts, music, festivals, dance, literature)
- Museum or gallery (for example, stewarding at a museum or gallery, data analysis and research, museum guide)
- Heritage (for example, stewarding at a heritage site, trustee or committee member in a heritage or history group, conservation or restoration of sites, supporting conservation of historic objects)
- Public libraries (for example, supporting library staff, management of libraries, library events and groups)
- Sport (for example, providing transport, coaching or instructing, refereeing, umpiring, officiating, stewarding, administrative or committee role for a sports organisation, activity or event)
- Some other charitable area
- None of these

## Section 11: Unpaid help to other people

The next section asks about any unpaid help you **as an individual** may have given to other people, that is apart from any help given through a group, club or organisation. This could be help for a friend, neighbour or someone else **but not a relative**.

**Q42** In the last 12 months, have you done any of these things, **unpaid**, for someone who was **not a relative**?

➔ Please cross **all** that apply ☒

- Keeping in touch with someone who has difficulty getting out and about (visiting in person, telephoning or e-mailing)
- Doing shopping, collecting pension or paying bills
- Cooking, cleaning, laundry, gardening or other routine household jobs
- Decorating, or doing any kind of home or car repairs
- Babysitting or caring for children
- Sitting with or providing personal care (for example, washing, dressing) for someone who is sick or frail
- Looking after a property or a pet for someone who is away
- Giving advice
- Writing letters or filling in forms
- Representing someone (for example, talking to a council department or to a doctor)
- Transporting or escorting someone (for example, to a hospital or on an outing)
- Some other form of unpaid help
- None of these ➔ [Go to Section 12](#)

**Q43** Over the last 12 months, about how often have you done any of these things?

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- At least once a week
- Less than once a week but at least once a month
- Less than once a month

**Q44** In the last 4 weeks, approximately how many hours have you spent doing these things?

**If you are not sure, please provide your best estimate.**

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- Less than 4 hours
- About 4-8 hours
- About 8-12 hours
- About 12-20 hours
- More than 20 hours
- Don't know

## Section 12: Attitudes to local area

For the next questions please think generally about your local area.

**Q45** How attractive or unattractive is your local area?

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- Very attractive
- Somewhat attractive
- Neither attractive nor unattractive
- Somewhat unattractive
- Very unattractive

**Q45b.** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the green and natural spaces in your local area?

➔ Please cross **one** box only ☒

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- There are no green or natural spaces in my local area
- Don't know

**Q46 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

➔ Please cross one box per row ☒

After you have crossed the last row, please go to the next question as directed

	Definitely agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Definitely disagree	Don't know
I am proud to live in my local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would recommend my local area to others as a good place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am proud to live in England	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section 13: Local area involvement

The next questions are about getting involved in your local area.

**Q47 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**When people in this area get involved in their local community, they really can change the way that their area is run.**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely agree           | <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree              | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree |  |

**Q48 Have you been involved in any of the following activities in the last 12 months?**

**Please only include those activities that were unpaid. Please don't include anything where you signed a petition but took no further action.**

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trying to set up a new service or amenity for local residents   | <input type="checkbox"/> Organising a community event (for example, a street party) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trying to stop the closure of a service or amenity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Another local issue (please write in)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trying to stop something else happening in my local area  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 50px; width: 100%;"></div>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running local services on a <b>voluntary</b> basis (for example, childcare, youth services, parks, community centres) | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these ➔ <a href="#">Go to Q50</a>                  |

**Q49 On how many occasions in the last 12 months have you spent time helping with any of these activities?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> On one occasion only      | <input type="checkbox"/> On four or five occasions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On two or three occasions | <input type="checkbox"/> More frequently           |

**Q50 Now thinking about public library services across England...**

**In the last 12 months, have you visited a public library building or mobile library in person in your leisure time?**

**Please don't include paid work, school or structured academic activities.**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes  
 No

**Q50b. Still thinking about public library services across England...**

**In the last 12 months, have you accessed library services digitally or online?**

**Please don't include paid work, school or structured academic activities.**

➔ **Please cross one box only** ☒

- Yes
- No

## Section 14: Arts and culture

The following questions are about activities you may have done or events you may have attended in the last 12 months. Some questions refer to England and others to your local area so please read each question carefully.

**Q51 In the last 12 months which of the following events have you attended in person in England?**

**Please don't include places or events you have attended through paid work, school or college or structured academic activities.**

➔ **Please cross all that apply** ☒

- An exhibition of art, photography or sculptures
- A theatre play, drama, musical, pantomime, ballet or opera
- An event connected with literature, books, reading, poetry reading or writing
- A cinema screening of a film or movie
- A craft exhibition (not a crafts market; crafts include for example textiles, woodworking or ceramics)
- A live music event (for example, pop, jazz, electronic, choral, orchestra or folk)
- An arts festival or carnival (for example, a food, craft or other cultural event)
- A street art event
- A live dance event (for example, contemporary, world, street or ballroom)
- A fashion show
- A comedy event
- An in-person esports contest or video game competition event
- Some other cultural event in England (write answer in the box)

- None of these

**Q51b. In the last 12 months, which of these things have you done in England either at home or away from home?**

**Please don't include paid work, school or college or structured academic activities.**

➔ **Please cross all that apply** ☒

- Written stories, plays, or poetry
- Read books, graphic novels or magazines
- Written, practised or performed music
- Painting, drawing, printmaking, calligraphy, colouring
- Crafts (textile, sewing, ceramic, sculpting, carving, woodwork)
- Choreographed or performed a drama or dance routine
- Designed or programmed video games including on a smartphone or tablet
- Made films or videos including original video content and animations
- Photography as a hobby
- Read news in a national printed newspaper
- Read news in a local printed newspaper
- Other art or creative activities (write answer in the box)

- None of these

**Q52 And in the last 12 months which of the following events have you watched online?**

**Please don't include anything you did through paid work, school or college or structured academic activities.**

➔ **Please cross all that apply** ☒

- A live arts event including theatre, visual arts or literature
- A pre-recorded arts event including theatre, visual arts or literature
- A live music or dance event, watched as it was happening
- A pre-recorded music or dance event
- None of these

**Q53** In the last 12 months which of the following historic places in England have you visited in person?

By historic we mean a place of exceptional cultural or heritage value.

Please don't include paid work, school or college or structured academic activities.

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- A city or town that you visited specifically for its historic nature
- A historic, non-religious building open to the public
- A historic place of worship attended as a visitor (not to worship)
- A park or garden open to the public with historic or artistic features
- A place connected with industrial history (such as an old factory, mine or railway)
- An ancient monument or archaeological site (such as a castle, fort, burial site)
- A site connected with sports visited for its heritage
- A site connected with maritime or underwater heritage (such as shipwrecks)
- A historic landscape or habitat (such as coastline, countryside)
- Some other heritage site or historic place (write answer in the box)

- None of these

**Q54** In the last 12 months, which of these virtual or online activities have you done?

Please don't include paid work, school or college or structured academic activities.

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Taken a virtual walking tour of a historic town or city, heritage site, castle or monument in England (not including drone flights)
- Researched my local history online
- Viewed documents from an archive in England online
- Engaged with text, image, audio, video, or animation, games, or podcast content from heritage sites in England
- None of these

**Q55** In the last 12 months, have you visited a museum or gallery in person in England? Please don't include direct employment within a museum or gallery.

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Yes, I have visited a museum or gallery in my leisure time
- Yes, I have visited a museum or gallery as part of my school, college or structured academic activities
- No, I have not visited a museum or gallery

**Q56** In the last 12 months, which of these virtual or online activities have you done?

Please don't include paid work, school or college or structured academic activities.

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- Taken a virtual tour of a museum or gallery in England
- Researched items from a museum or gallery collection in England online
- Engaged with text, image, audio, video, or animation, games, or podcast content from museums in England
- None of these

**Q57** Are there opportunities to take part in sport teams, clubs or classes or exercise at sports facilities in your local area?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes, lots
- Yes, some
- No, none
- Don't know

**Q57b.** Which of the following issues are you most concerned about in your local area?

➔ Please cross up to three issues ☒

- Crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Housing affordability and supply
- Road quality, safety and traffic congestion
- Environment, pollution and air quality
- A decline in high street amenities
- Access to healthcare
- Lack of things to do
- Lack of a sense of community
- Availability of good jobs and employment
- Access to quality and affordable public transport
- Quality of education and schools
- None of these

## Section 15: News

**Q58** Now thinking about local news. On average, how often do you watch, read or listen to local news? i.e. TV or radio that covers local news or a local newspaper, in print or online.

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- At least once every 2 weeks
- Once a month
- Less often
- Never
- I don't know of any local news providers

**Q59** On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means not at all and 10 means completely, how much trust do you have in each of the following types of news in England.

Please think about news reported by official news organisations rather than informal sources.

➔ Please cross one box on each row ☒

	Do not trust at all										Trust completely	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
News on TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
News in printed newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
News on official news websites or apps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
News on social media from official news organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q60** And overall, how much trust do you have in news reported by official news organisations in England?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

Do not trust at all										Trust completely	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q61** Now thinking more widely...

When you watch, read or listen to media like TV, films, theatre, radio, podcasts or books, how often do you feel they include people who are similar to you?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- Hardly ever
- Never
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

## Section 16: Wellbeing

The next questions ask about your feelings on aspects of your life. They are included to help measure people's wellbeing and the information produced will not identify you or anyone in your household.

There are no right or wrong answers. For each of these questions please give an answer on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'not at all' and 10 is 'completely'.

### Q62 Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

Not at all  
satisfied

Completely  
satisfied

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Prefer not to say

### Q63 Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

Not at all  
worthwhile

Completely  
worthwhile

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Prefer not to say

### Q64 Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

Not at all  
happy

Completely  
happy

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Prefer not to say

### Q65 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

Not at all  
anxious

Completely  
anxious

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Prefer not to say

### Q66 How often do you feel that you lack companionship?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Often
- Some of the time
- Hardly ever or never
- Prefer not to say

**Q67 How often do you feel left out?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Often
- Some of the time
- Hardly ever or never
- Prefer not to say

**Q68 How often do you feel isolated from others?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Often
- Some of the time
- Hardly ever or never
- Prefer not to say

**Q69 How often do you feel lonely?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Often or always
- Some of the time
- Occasionally
- Hardly ever
- Never
- Prefer not to say

## Section 17: About you

The following questions are about you and your circumstances.

**Q70 Do you or your household own or rent this accommodation?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Owns outright Go to Q72
- Owns with a mortgage or loan
- Part-owns and part rents (shared ownership) Go to Q71
- Rents it (with or without housing benefit)
- Lives here rent-free

**Q71 Who is your landlord?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Housing association, housing co-operative, charitable trust, or registered social landlord
- Council or local authority
- Private landlord or letting agency
- Employer of a household member
- Relative or friend of a household member
- Other

**Q72 Do you personally use the internet, either at home or anywhere else?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No

**Q73 What is your ethnic group?**

Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

**White**

- English or Welsh or Scottish or Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background

**Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background

**Asian / Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

**Black / African / Caribbean / Black British**

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black or African or Caribbean background

**Other Ethnic Group**

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say



If you selected any 'other' ethnic group at Q73 please tell us your ethnic group at Q74. If you did not select any 'other' ethnic group, you may leave this blank and go to Q75.

**Q74 Please tell us your ethnic group**

Prefer not to say

**Q75 Are you a citizen of any of the following?**

**Citizenship means you are entitled to a passport issued by that country**

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- The United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- Republic of Ireland
- Any other member state of the European Union
- Any other country elsewhere in the world
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

**Q76 What is your religion?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- No religion
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion (please write in)

- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

**Q77 How is your health in general?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Bad
- Very bad
- Prefer not to say

**Q78 Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

Go to Q80

**Q79 Do any of these conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- No, not at all
- Prefer not to say

**Q80 Did you spend any time in care as a child (under the age of 18)?**

**For the purpose of this question, 'in care' means a local authority was involved in arranging where you lived. For example, that could have been with foster carers, including with family and friends in a kinship care arrangement, or in a children's home.**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

Go to Q81

Go to Q82

**Q81 Are you a care leaver?**

**A care leaver is someone who has been looked after by a local authority for a period of at least 13 weeks, or periods amounting in total to at least 13 weeks, which began after they reached 14 and ended after they reached 16.**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

**Q82** Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Heterosexual or Straight
- Gay or Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

## Section 18: Work and employment

The next questions are about your work and employment

**Q83** What is your current working status?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Working full time (30+hours a week)
- Working part time (less than 30 hours a week)
- On government supported training
- Unemployed and available for work
- On maternity or paternity leave
- Retired and not working at all
- Full-time education at school, college or University
- Looking after home or family
- Long-term sick or disabled
- Doing something else
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

Go to  
Q84

Go to  
Q91

Go to  
Q84

Go to  
Q91

**Q84** Are you at present enrolled on any full-time or part-time education course excluding leisure classes?

- Yes - full-time
- Yes - part-time
- No



If you **are currently** in full-time or part-time employment please go to Q85.

If you **are currently** on government supported training, on maternity/paternity leave, retired, in full-time education, or long-term sick or disabled, please go to Q91.

If neither of the above applies to you, please go to Q90.

**Q85** In which of these places do you work in your current job?

If you have more than one job, please think about the main one.

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- At or from home
- At one or more workplaces, for example office, shop, hospital or school
- On the move, for example moving goods or carrying out services
- Somewhere else (please write in)



If you work at one or more fixed workplaces (e.g. office, shop, hospital or school), please go to Q86.

If you work on the move (e.g. moving goods or carrying out services) or somewhere else, but **not** at one or more fixed workplaces, please go to Q87.

If you **only** work at or from home, please go to Q88.

**Q86** How far away from your home is your workplace?

If you have more than one workplace please think about the one you travel to most often.

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Within a 15-20 minute walk from my home
- Further away but still in my local area
- Not in my local area

Go to  
Q89

**Q87 How far away from your home do you usually travel when working?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Within a 15-20 minute walk from my home
- Further away but still in my local area
- Not in my local area

Go to  
Q89

**Q88 How far away from your home is the company you work for based?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Within a 15-20 minute walk from my home
- Further away but still in my local area
- Not in my local area

Go to  
Q89

**Q89 How many hours in total do you usually work in a week in your job?**

Please include both paid and unpaid hours. If you have no usual hours, please give an average.

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-10 hours  | <input type="checkbox"/> 41-50 hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> 50+ hours   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 31-40 hours |                                      |

**Q90 These are things which some people have said makes it difficult for them to find work. Which of the following statements apply to you?**

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

- There aren't many jobs where I live
- I haven't got the skills or qualifications I need to get a job or training place
- I don't know how to go about finding a job or training place
- There aren't enough available courses locally to me
- I haven't had enough advice or support to find a job or training place
- If I was in a job or studying, I would be worse off financially compared to now
- I would need to move away from my local area to find a job I would enjoy
- There are not any interesting job opportunities where I live
- There isn't enough public transport where I live for me to get to and from work
- Childcare is too expensive for me to work
- Not many of my friends are working or studying
- I haven't been able to find suitable childcare so I can work or study
- I'm not interested in getting a job or studying
- None of these

**Q91 Which of the following educational qualifications do you have for which you received a certificate?**

➔ Please cross all that apply ☒

**Higher education**

- Postgraduate degree (for example Master's or PhD)
- Undergraduate degree (for example a BA or BSc)
- Other Higher Education below degree level

**AS, A level or equivalent**

- 2 or more A levels, 4 or more AS levels
- 1 A level, 2-3 AS levels

**NVQ or equivalent**

- NVQ level 3, BTEC National, OND or ONC, City and Guilds Advance Craft
- NVQ level 2, BTEC General, City and Guilds Craft
- NVQ level 1

**GCSEs or equivalent**

- 5 or more GCSEs (A\* to C, 1 to 9), O levels (passes) or CSEs (grade 1)
- Any other GCSEs, O levels or CSEs (any grades) or Basic Skills course

**Other or no qualifications**

- Any other qualification, equivalent unknown

- No qualifications
- Don't know

**Go to  
Section 19**

**Go to  
Q92**

**Q92 Do you have any professional, vocational or other work-related qualifications for which you received a certificate?**

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

## Section 19: Income

The next questions are on income. This includes earnings from employment or self-employment, income from benefits and pensions, and income from other sources such as interest from savings.

It is important for us to collect this so we can understand how it influences people's experiences. Please remember that all the information collected is completely confidential and will only be used for the purposes of producing statistics.

**Q93** Please can you tell us your personal total income before any deductions such as income tax or National Insurance. Please include income from earnings, self-employment, benefits, pensions, and interest from savings.

➔ Please give one amount, either weekly, monthly/every four weeks or annually depending on which is easiest

Weekly

£	£	£	£	£	£	£	.	P	P
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Monthly/Every four weeks

£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	.	P	P
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Annually

£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	.	P	P
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- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

**Q94** Which of these statements best describes your current financial situation?

➔ Please cross one box only ☒

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am saving a lot                    | <input type="checkbox"/> I am running into debt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am saving a little                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am just managing to make ends meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am having to draw on savings       |   |

**Q95** Next a question about how you feel about your life. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following...

➔ Please cross one box per row ☒

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Prefer not to say	Not applicable
Your income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Q100** As a thank you for returning a completed version of this questionnaire, a £10 shopping voucher will be posted to your address within 21 days.

In order for us to address the voucher to you personally, please enter your title, first name and surname in the boxes below. Your contact details will also be used if you agree to be recontacted.

Title

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First name

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Last name

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**Q101** The Community and Engagement Survey is conducted on behalf of the Government. The quality of data is very important so please confirm below that all your answers were given honestly and represent your own personal views.

- Yes, all my answers were given honestly and represent my own personal views
- No

D	D	M	M	Y	Y
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Today's date

**Thank you for completing the survey.  
Please return it to us in the envelope provided.**

**The results will help the Department for Culture, Media and Sport  
and Arts Council England make important decisions.**

**For some participants, the survey questions may have raised uncomfortable  
or upsetting issues. In the event that you feel upset about any of the  
topics covered, we want to ensure that you have the contact details of  
organisations who you can talk to if needed and who can help you.**

**Please visit <https://cesurvey.dcms.gov.uk/support.html>  
for a list of support organisations.**