

Your Membership Number is:



**in Lancashire**

1. Please read the instructions carefully.
2. Please use blue or black pen to fill in the questionnaire.
3. Please check you have answered all the appropriate questions.
4. Return your completed questionnaire in the reply paid envelope provided.

## Countryside Services

We would like to ask you some questions about your use of the countryside in Lancashire. It does not matter how much you use it, your views are important to us.

**1**

### How do you make use of the countryside in Lancashire for leisure?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Walking / rambling	73%
Taking the dog for a walk	26%
Cycling	29%
Horse riding	3%
Off-road motorised driving / riding	4%
Countryside scenery / views	67%
Children's recreation	29%
To picnic	35%
Nature study	14%
Health reasons	20%
Visiting attractions	51%
Attending organised events	25%
Other active sport	10%

Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)

I do not make any use of Lancashire's countryside 4%

**2****How often do you make use of the countryside in Lancashire for leisure?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX

Daily	12%
2 / 3 times a week	19%
About once a week	23%
2 / 3 times a month	13%
About once a month	11%
Several times a year	16%
About once a year	2%
Less than once a year	4%

**3****Which of the following types of Lancashire's countryside do you normally use for leisure?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Trails / greenways (former railway lines etc)	29%
Riverside paths	41%
Canal-side paths	52%
Paths around other water features (lakes, ponds etc)	40%
Formal parkland, country parks or picnic sites	56%
Nature reserves	30%
Woodland	43%
Fields and meadows (via rights of way / footpaths etc)	47%
Hills / moors	43%

Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)

**4****How do you usually get to the countryside in Lancashire for leisure?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Walk	42%
Car	76%
Taxi	0%
Bicycle	9%
Motorcycle	1%
Bus	5%
Train	4%
Off-road vehicle	0%

Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)

**5****Which of the following sites or facilities in Lancashire, if any, have you visited in the last 12 months?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Beacon Fell Country Park	40%	Wycoller County Park	15%
Clougha Access Area	4%	Fair Snape, Wolf Fell and Saddle Fell Access Area	5%
Warton Crag Quarry Local Nature Reserve	7%	Crook O'Lune Picnic Site and Caton Footpath	19%
Little Crag Car Park	2%	Gisburn Forest	14%
Conder Green Car Park	8%	Scorton Picnic Site	11%
Jeffrey Hill Car Park	10%	Spring Wood Picnic Site	8%
Marles Wood Car Park	1%	Barker Brow Car Park	0%
Rowley Tip Reclaimed Site	3%	Towneley Coke Ovens, Footpath and Bridleway	8%
Preston Junction Local Nature Reserve	5%	Brandwood Quarries Reclaimed Site	0%
Facit Quarries Reclaimed Site	1%	Withnell Fold Local Nature Reserve	6%
Cinderbarrow Picnic Site	2%	Trough of Bowland	54%
None of these	27%		

**6****How important or unimportant to you is access to Lancashire's countryside for leisure?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very important	60%
Fairly important	29%
Neither important nor unimportant	8%
Fairly unimportant	1%
Very unimportant	1%
Don't know	1%

**7****Do you make as much use of Lancashire's countryside for leisure as you would like?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes	25%
No	75%

**8****What, if anything, stops you or puts you off walking, riding or otherwise using Lancashire's countryside for leisure?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Poor condition of stiles and gates on public rights of way	7%
Paths obstructed or overgrown	16%
Poor sign-posting (eg roadside signs and waymarkers)	12%
Not enough information on where to go or how to get there	25%
Litter / dog fouling	28%
Animals (eg cows / farmyard dogs)	5%
Lack of suitable paths near home	8%
Lack of well connected paths to create circular routes	10%
Don't have enough time	33%
Other interests	10%
Too expensive	1%
Health reasons	11%
Limited mobility / partially sighted	8%
Worried about getting lost	4%
Too dangerous or don't feel safe	8%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	
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Nothing stops me using the paths and trails	12%

**9****Which of the following priorities, if any, do you think are the most important for improving access to Lancashire's countryside for leisure?**

PLEASE TICK UP TO FIVE PRIORITIES

Creation of new paths to walk along	47%
Creation of new paths to ride a horse	4%
Creation of new paths for cycling	24%
Creation of new routes for horse-drawn carriages or off-road motor vehicles	2%
Links which create circular routes	43%
Safer road crossing points	18%
Routes used in conjunction with public transport allowing easy access to the countryside	34%
Routes from centres of population providing direct access to the countryside	28%
Routes used for local journeys such as routes to schools, shops etc	12%
Routes accessible for those with mobility problems or partially sighted	22%
More consideration for nature conservation and biodiversity issues	23%
Attractive routes that support the local economy and tourism	
Health initiatives	14%
More events and guided walks	25%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	
<input type="text"/>	3%
Nothing needs improving	4%

**10****How well informed do you feel about the countryside facilities and events in Lancashire?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very well informed	4%
Fairly well informed	41%
Not very well informed	43%
Not at all informed	9%
Don't know	3%

**11****a) How do you currently find out about the countryside activities and events in Lancashire?****b) And, how would you prefer to find out about the countryside activities and events in Lancashire?**

PLEASE ALL THAT APPLY IN EACH COLUMN

	a) Currently find out	b) Prefer to find out
Computer terminals or kiosks in public places (eg council offices and Information Centres)	13%	12%
Forums and public meetings	1%	4%
Information in shops and supermarkets	26%	33%
Websites on the Internet	16%	26%
Events programme	17%	26%
Leaflet delivered through door	28%	47%
Libraries	28%	17%
Television	17%	19%
Residents associations, community groups or voluntary organisations	5%	6%
Local radio	24%	22%
Free council newspaper	36%	31%
Local newspapers	54%	39%
Posters	20%	22%
Friends, neighbours or relatives	43%	9%
Telephone (Lancashire County Council's main switchboard number)	0%	2%
Black and Asian newspapers	2%	2%
Tourist Information Centres	33%	19%
Parish council	3%	4%
Mobile offices	0%	4%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)		
<input type="text"/>	2%	2%
Don't know	2%	4%
None of these	3%	2%

**12****Which, if any, of the following countryside activities and events do you think Lancashire County Council should be providing more information about?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Events and activities in the countryside	62%
Country parks and picnic sites	53%
Walks and trails close to urban areas	63%
Countryside code	31%
Moorland access	31%

**13****Which, if any, of the following countryside services do you think Lancashire County Council provides?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Maintenance of public rights of way	79%
Beacon Fell Country Park	47%
Wycoller Country Park	32%
Help with environmental projects	58%
Mountain Rescue	18%
Something else (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	
<input type="text"/>	
None of these	5%

**14****And, please tell us any other ways you think the countryside services could be improved in Lancashire?** PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX

## Minerals and Waste Planning

Lancashire County Council, working jointly with Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool borough councils, is in the early stages of preparing a plan that sets out policies for mineral working and waste development in Lancashire.

The plan, known as the Minerals and Waste Development Framework (or MWDF), will be made up of a series of documents, and will focus on issues such as:

- mineral extraction;
- waste disposal and recycling;
- protecting mineral resources; and
- restoration of minerals and waste sites.

Key to developing the MWDF will be the involvement of Lancashire's residents. We will be producing a 'Statement of Community Involvement' which will set out how we propose to involve local people in the preparation of framework documents.

So that we can be sure of choosing the best approaches for this, we would like to know how you think you would like to be involved in the preparation of a document like the MWDF. Your views will be used to shape how we involve local people in producing the framework. You **will not** be sent the framework documents by completing these questions.

**15****Which of the following, if any, would be the best ways for you to get involved in preparing the framework?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Exhibition / open day	62%
Public meeting (formal event with a panel of speakers and an audience)	37%
Forum (open, informal meeting with an invited audience)	20%
Focus group (a small group of people who talk through an issue in detail)	20%
One-to-one meeting	4%
Online discussion over the Internet	16%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	
<input type="text"/>	
Don't know	14%

**16****Which of these, if any, are the best ways for you to receive copies of the draft framework?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Printed copy sent through the post	78%
Electronic copy via e-mail	22%
Electronic copy to view and download from website	18%
CD Rom	10%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	
<input type="text"/>	
Don't know	4%

**17****And, which of these, if any, are your preferred ways of telling the County Council what you think of the draft framework?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Completing a standard response form	56%
Completing an electronic online response form	25%
Writing a letter	13%
Sending an e-mail	16%
Completing a questionnaire	57%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	
<input type="text"/>	
Don't know	4%



**18****Still thinking about telling the County Council what you think about the framework, which of these, if any, would make it easier for you?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Holding events during the day	38%
Holding events during the evening	55%
Providing crèche facilities at events	12%
Providing facilities such as induction loop systems (for use with hearing aids)	7%
Making signers and interpreters available	5%
Providing materials in large print size	8%
Providing material on tape	5%
Providing materials which have been translated into another language	4%

And, what language would you like? (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)

Don't know 15%

**19****Once completed, where should copies of the final framework documents be made available?**

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Local council offices / town halls	66%
Local library	84%
Local community centres	45%
Place of study (school, college, university)	30%
Place of worship	16%
Your local town / parish council meeting	23%
Youth centres / clubs	22%
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX)	

Don't know 4%

**20****And, how interested, if at all, are you in being involved in the development of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very interested	14%
Fairly interested	41%
Not very interested	31%
Not at all interested	14%

## Highway Maintenance Services

Lancashire County Council provides a number of services that maintain Lancashire's roads and footpaths, and the areas near them. We would like to know how you feel about the importance of these highway maintenance services.

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**Which of the following highway maintenance services, if any, do you think are the most important for your local area?**

PLEASE TICK UP TO THREE SERVICES

Patching (potholes etc)	68%
Footway maintenance	60%
Fencing, wall and barrier maintenance	10%
Verge and tree maintenance	25%
Storm damage	11%
Winter maintenance service	32%
Structural road maintenance	46%
Drainage maintenance	37%
Signs and zebra crossing maintenance	13%
Road marking maintenance	13%
None of these	0%
Don't know	1%

## Winter Maintenance Service

Lancashire County Council aims to provide a winter maintenance service which, as far as practicable, allows the safe movement of traffic on priority roads at all times and will keep to a minimum delays and accidents in which ice or snow is a contributory factor. The County Council does this by salting and snow clearance, either directly or through its agents and partners.

We would like to know what you think of the winter maintenance service provided by the County Council, what priorities we should be concentrating on and how you think things could be improved.

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**Thinking about your local area, overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of winter maintenance services during this winter?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very satisfied	16%
Fairly satisfied	50%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	18%
Fairly dissatisfied	10%
Very dissatisfied	5%
Don't know	1%

**23**

**And would you say that the amount of the road network that is salted during frosty and icy conditions in your local area is...?**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Too high	1%
About right	57%
Not high enough	38%
Don't know	4%

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**Lancashire County Council already salts all principal 'A' roads, all 'B' roads and Lancashire's motorways. Which of the following type of other roads and routes, if any, do you think are the most important to treat during the winter?**

PLEASE TICK UP TO THREE ROADS OR ROUTES

Roads between or through large centres of population	39%
Roads serving hospitals, ambulances and fire stations	66%
Roads leading to main centres of employment and on important commuter routes	36%
Roads leading to important industrial and military establishments	6%
Treat all school bus routes	26%
Treat all frequent bus routes	29%
Treat important footways	34%
Provide safe routes to school	20%
Just treat more roads in general	37%
None of these	1%
Don't know	2%

**25****And, in very severe weather which of the following areas and routes, if any, do you think are the most important to treat during winter?**PLEASE TICK UP TO THREE AREAS OR ROUTES

Town centre streets / main pedestrian routes	61%
Shopping frontages	9%
Busy pedestrian routes	47%
Hospitals and doctors surgery frontages / routes	57%
School frontages / routes	32%
Community centre frontages / routes	4%
Steep sections of footways / footpaths	41%
Routes in predominantly elderly residents areas	46%
Other residential areas	10%
Industrial estates	3%
None of these	1%
Don't know	1%

## ...And Finally

We will soon have the Life in Lancashire website online, which will allow you to read about Life in Lancashire news and events, send us your comments and update your details. In the next few months you will also be able to complete Life in Lancashire surveys online.

**26****If you would like to register so you can go onto the members section of the website please give us your e-mail address, and we'll send you your password and let you know when the website is up and running.**

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX

**Please return the questionnaire in the reply paid envelope.**

Thank you for being part of Life in Lancashire.