

**Spring 2014**  
**Your views matter**



# Living in Lancashire

**Thank you for continuing to give us your views to help us make a difference. In this issue we'll tell you about what we found out in the last survey as well as outlining some of the actions we are already taking based on your views.**

## **20mph speed limits**

In February we asked you about your views on 20mph speed limits. Nine out of every ten of you are aware that 20mph speed limits are being introduced in residential areas across Lancashire, and almost three-quarters of you agree that these speed limits

in residential areas will make them safer. However, nearly three-quarters of you think that the majority of drivers won't stick to them.

## **Economic development**

In the last survey, we asked you some questions about employment.

Only around one in six of you feel that there are a wide range of jobs available for you in Lancashire which reflect your skill level/experience, and just under a quarter of you think that your job prospects in Lancashire will get worse over the next two years.

Around three-quarters of you who are in employment travel for up to half an hour each way to get to work, but about half of you would be willing to travel for longer. Around three-quarters of you who are in employment use your car to get to work every or most days. Your main reasons for using the car are because it is more convenient and it saves time.

## Volunteering

In the last survey, we also asked you some questions about volunteering.

Over two-fifths of you have given advice as unpaid help to someone who was not a relative in the last 12 months and a fifth of you have done some formal volunteering up to a few times a month, in the last 12 months. The most popular reasons you gave for volunteering were to give something back and to make a positive difference.

## Community Safety

We recently asked you about crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in your area. Most of you agree that your local area is a safe place to live. In fact, statistics show that Lancashire is one of the safest places to reside in the UK.

The small proportion of you who feel your local area is unsafe said that ASB contributes to this feeling. The impact of ASB is not lost on us and we have prioritised it within our community safety agreement. We have also a large piece of work to understand what factors influence ASB. We are using these findings to focus our work within local communities.

Burglary remains a worry for some of you. It is a crime that can have a significant impact on a person's fear of crime. Although burglary is around its lowest levels for 35 years, we will continue to target high impact crimes and help our residents, communities and visitors feel safe from such criminality.

Your views have been used to influence the community safety agreement and the areas to be prioritised for action. The development of community safety intelligence continues to help us understand the root cause of problems so that we can tackle them efficiently and effectively.

We're always pleased to hear from our members. You can contact us in any of the following ways.

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