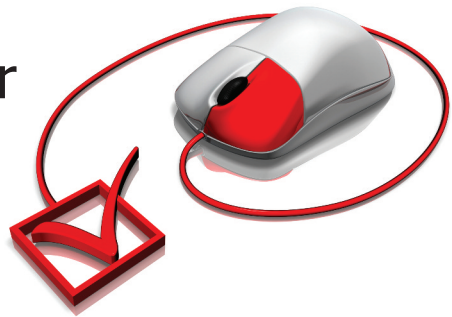


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Your views matter



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.

Three-fifths of you agree that people from different backgrounds integrate well together in your local area but only around a third of you agree that this is the case in the UK. Nine out of ten of you agree that you feel part of British society. Nearly a fifth of you feel that immigrants are having a positive effect on your local area while a fifth feel that immigrants are having a negative effect.

We asked you what you thought were the important issues to tackle locally and nationally. The most common responses both locally and nationally were crime/law and order and health/the NHS. Three-fifths of you said that you feel negative about the way things are going in the UK.

We asked you a number of questions about the impact that recent welfare changes and reductions in public spending have had on you and your household. Around three-quarters of you have felt no impact from the welfare changes we asked about.

Nearly two-fifths of you said that reductions in public service spending over the past two years have had a negative impact on you or your household.

Around three-fifths of you feel that religion or belief play a major role in how people integrate across communities and around half of you feel that religion or belief is an important aspect of British life.

Three in ten of you think that there is now more prejudice in Lancashire than there was two years ago because of race and religion or belief.

We asked you about levels of extremism in your local area, in Lancashire, the UK and internationally and we defined extremism as beliefs and attitudes which might lead to, or seek to justify, violence or other criminal behaviour. Around a fifth of you feel that there is more extremism in your local area than there was two years ago and nearly two-fifths of you feel there is more extremism in Lancashire. Over two-thirds of you feel there is more extremism in the UK while nearly three-quarters of you feel there is more internationally.

Retiring panel members

We recognise that being a member of Living in Lancashire is a commitment for our members and from time to time we retire panel members in order to keep the panel representative and to give others a chance to take part. We are currently recruiting new members to the panel and will be retiring some of our longer serving members in the next few months. If you are retired from the panel you'll be sent an email or letter to let you know. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being a part of Living in Lancashire and helping us to make a difference.

If you know of anyone that would like to join the panel, particularly in the 16-30 age group, please ask them to contact us on **freephone 0808 1443536** or by email to livinginlancashire@lancashire.gov.uk. Alternatively, they can fill in the online membership form by visiting our website www.lancashire.gov.uk/lil.

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