

My community Questionnaire – Old Leake

A consultation stand was in the Co-op in Old Leake, between January 21st 2019 and January 27th 2019. The stand was manned by either one or two Old Leake parish councillors with a Boston Borough officer present at four sessions and the mini police being present at two of the weekend sessions. Timings for the sessions varied and included morning, afternoon, evening and weekends with a total of thirteen, one hour slots. A box was left at all other times for residents to put the completed surveys in. Residents had the option to complete the questionnaire face to face, take the questionnaire away with a freepost envelope or complete online. Two Old Leake parish councillors also attended the luncheon meeting at the Old Leake community centre and requested residents to complete the questionnaire either face to face or to complete at a later date using the prepaid envelope.

153 surveys were received. This means that we can be 95% confident the results are accurate with an 8% margin for error. i.e. 20% of respondents have said they do not have access to the internet. We can therefore be 95% confident that the actual number of Old Leake residents who do not have internet lies between 12% and 28% (20% +/- 8%).

Headline Results

- The majority of respondents used a number of local services in the area, these included Shops, Doctors, Post Office, Fish and Chip Shop and many others (see Q1)
- The majority of respondents rely on local Newspapers, Magazines and Newsletters to find out what is happening in the local area.
- 78% of respondents own a car
- 20% of respondents do not have access to the internet
- 23% of respondents felt they lack companionship (either, sometimes, often or always)
- 44% of respondents are over 65 years of age

Results

Q1. Do you use local services in your area?

The majority of respondents use local services in the area, a full detailed list of those services is given below: -

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| 1 | Co op (local shop x 100 |
| 2 | Shop (unspecific) x 34 |
| 3 | Doctors/Medical Centre x 79 |
| 4 | Post Office x 29 |
| 5 | Chip shop x 34 |
| 6 | Pub (unspecific) x 15 |
| 7 | Pub – Bricklayers Arms x 2 |
| 8 | Pub – White Hart x 2 |
| 9 | Hairdressers x 4 |

n* = number of responses

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| 10 | Secondary School (Giles) x 2 |
| 11 | School (unspecific) x 9 |
| 12 | Pharmacy (Chemist) x 5 |
| 13 | Community Centre (Village Hall) x 44 |
| 14 | Yes x 20 |
| 15 | Nail Bar x 1 |
| 16 | Church x 18 |
| 17 | Bus x 11 |
| 18 | Slimming `World x 3 |
| 19 | Village Halls for exercise classes and baby toddler group. New Leake Village Hall for events. |
| 20 | Wrangle Shop x |
| 21 | Park x 5 |
| 22 | Youth Club |
| 23 | Nothing x 2 |
| 24 | Coffee morning x 10 |
| 25 | Church Coffee morning x 2 |
| 26 | Dog waling x |
| 27 | Lunch Clubs x 4 |
| 28 | Health Walks/walking club x 2 |
| 29 | Bottle Bank./Recycling |
| 30 | Walking x 4 |
| 31 | Inspire x 2 |
| 32 | Sometimes |
| 33 | Vitality Keep fit |
| 34 | Chapel x 2 |
| 35 | Arw Motors (garage) , i also attend some local events,. |
| 36 | Events |
| 37 | Old Leake Football |
| 38 | volunteer for fen bank greyhound sancturay (towards Friskney) |
| 39 | The Mill, Committee of Alm Houses |
| 40 | Health education |
| 41 | Children's swimming |
| 42 | Yes - Community Centre for Bowls, |
| 43 | the mill - cat/dog good, garage |
| 44 | local businesses |
| 45 | country music, , craft group |
| 46 | church services at church sewing club |
| 47 | kids club at Wrangle Chapel |
| 48 | Wrangle Village Hall, Yoga. Friskney village hall - Tai Chi |

No, If not please specify what stops you from using/accessing them (tick all that apply)

24 people responded: -

| | n* | % |
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| Caring responsibilities | 1 | 4% |
| Cost | 2 | 8% |
| Don't know | 2 | 8% |
| Have nobody to go with | 2 | 8% |
| Have issues | 4 | 17% |
| Lack transport | 3 | 13% |
| No time; | 2 | 8% |
| Not interested | 8 | 33% |

13 comments were received

- Too lazy
- Nothing interesting to do
- Nothing to use
- More takeaway options
- From Friskney
- The questionnaire is a little confused to answer none of the above questions apply as none would stop me from attending
- No toddlers groups to go to
- Do not live in Old Leake
- My wife and myself are both disabled, but we have mobility scooters and can access all we need
- Because of medical health problems, problems with carers – inconsistency
- Non of above
- None
- None

Q2. How do you find out about what is happening in your local area?

284 comments were received, a breakdown is below (for a full list see appendix 1)

- Do not find out x 10
- Leaflets/Posters x 32
- Miscellaneous x 9
- Newspaper/Newsletter/Magazine x 120
- Places in the community x 11
- Radio x 5
- Social Media/Internet x 31
- Word of Mouth/Friends/Family x 66

n* = number of responses

Q3 How would you like to be informed about what is happening in your local area in the future?

117 comments were received, a breakdown is below (for a full list see appendix 1)

- Miscellaneous x 4
- No need x 7
- Places in the community x 8
- Posters/Leaflets x 38
- Newsletter/Newspaper x 20
- Social Media x 33
- Word of Mouth x 7

Q4. What activities would you like to see and take part in in your community?

144 comments were received, a breakdown is below (for a full list see appendix 1)

- Activities/clubs/Entertainment x 23
- Activities for children/families x 28
- Health groups x 3
- Miscellaneous x 17
- Not lacking anything x 9
- Social events x 14
- Sporting activities x 50

Q5. What methods of transport do you currently use? (tick all that apply)

78% (of the total of respondents - n* = 153) to the survey own a car with 61% regularly walking and 31% using public transport.

| | n* |
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| Bicycle | 32 |
| Community transport | 7 |
| Family and friends | 19 |
| Motorcycle | 7 |
| Own car | 119 |
| Public transport | 47 |
| Walk | 93 |

18 other comments were received: -

- With husband
- Horse
- Public transport should be on a Sunday
- The roads are too muddy and dangerous to walk!! Or ride
- Public transport in Eastville does not exist. Without my own car I would be isolated and unable to excess shops, work etc

n* = number of responses

- Mum and dads groups
- Lifts
- We use our car for long distance and mobility scooters for the village
- Mum and dad lifts
- No transport due to poor eyesight
- Ride a horse
- Works van
- Horse
- A horse
- Mobility scooter
- Vans/trucks/tractors
- I walk and go in car
- We live 2 miles from any public transport so have to use own car.

Q6. Do you have access to the internet?

80% of respondents have access to the internet.

| | n* | % |
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| Yes | 121 | 80% |
| No | 31 | 20% |

Q7. Do you want to learn more about how to use the internet?

27% of respondents would like to learn more about the internet.

| | n* | % |
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| Yes | 40 | 27% |
| No | 106 | 73% |

Q8. Do you feel you lack companionship?

54% of respondents feel they never lack companionship with 3% saying they feel they always lack companionship.

| | n* | % (multiple responses) |
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| Always | 5 | 3% |
| Often | 7 | 5% |
| Sometimes | 23 | 15% |
| Rarely | 32 | 21% |
| Never | 82 | 54% |

45 comments were received: -

- Lots of things have been tried and failed
- Very close family
- Quite a lot of anti social behaviour – not experienced it but read about it on FB
- Physical assess to doctors and lack of appointments, Groups for children with ADHD and Autism, local cinema eg. Older films for £1.

n* = number of responses

- Coming from away so difficult to meet people
- Road improvements – Pot Holes, Paths improved, litter, dog fouling (Church paths)
- Quite Good – moved in a year ago, parking with school, at doctors, down road near co op need double road too fast through village/50mph)
- Extending and enforcing the 30mph speed limit towards Bakkavor would make Church Road feel safer to walk along. At the moment it feels like you take your life in your hands stepping out onto the road, which discourages me from doing so, depriving me of vital exercise and increasing sense of isolation
- Companies with other areas the Pharmacy service is very bad. Five days if lucky for a repeat prescription is unacceptable. Previous pharmacy in Kent was 48 guaranteed.
- Farmers should clear the mud off the roads. We need more paths so people can walk safely. To many pot holes
- Feel very isolated
- Lives in The Meadows – Elderly complex, do nothing except Bingo which he hates.
- Interested in gardening, would be willing to help. Hospice work
- We have or own group of people to chat in the morning at the meadows.
- Chinese restraint needed.
- At present my children are very young, but I am concerned that as they grow up and want more independence they find this area very limiting. There is no where local for part time jobs or public transport access into town or future a field.
- I feel Councillors are like MPs in Parliament, they are only there for their good and xxx the public
- Doctors/School, parking dreadful
- Bring Old Leake and Commons side closer
- Find people to organise things – difficulties, lighting – speed limits state of roads, banish HGVs from better public transport
- Getting doctors appointments bad, parking at doctors is terrible.
- School activities good, get board in village, better buses
- Although not affected by not being able to get to, why have BBC moved virtually everything to the south and west of the town. (Supermarkets, DIY, shops etc) living north of the town every visit to such a facility means travelling across the town and crossing the river via either of the 2 crossings. I can see that this is a potential problem for me and many others living north of the town. no wonder the traffic around and through Boston is so bad.
- We are a quiet couple and do not seek company, as long as we can manage and get about we are happy
- Cycling along main road – are you allowed to ride on path a cycle land would help
- More buses
- Better bus service
- Standard of roads, lorries volume
- The local service have not increased as the estates built, Vandalism, no community has meant we are not happy here anymore so we are leaving after 35 years.
- Lack of public transport in village – no bus Sunday and evenings, not much community spirit now.
- Security of Old Leake – concerned, new light very bad, parking on doctors, parking outside Giles Academy should be double yellow lines.
- More police presence in commonside

- Things for single people courier activities for people of their own. More community events.
- Lack of police presence makes people feel insecure
- Road security, Street lights don't feel secure. No Police presence
- Mud on roads, pavement
- Better doctors service - parking, lack of repeat prescriptions (not ready), Pot Holes, Green in front of the meadows - on doctors side could be used as car park
- Security a problem – scared of going out – vandalism, violence, no street lighting, roads and paths faulty
- Need more public transport i.e. Sunday buses, why not use training crossing as halts
- More neighbourhood watches
- More public transport
- Happy about things, a nice village
- I think there should be a bit more for the teenagers in this area e.g. youth clubs etc it may help the crime too.
- Happy about things, a nice village
- Area e.g. youth club etc it may help the crime too
- Very well mannered
- Internet group
- More dog bins
- More dog bins required
- None, more for children
- Massive problems with not being able to get an appointment at the doctors surgery. Mud let on the road from tractors and also the speed that they travel and very bad potholes. caused by the heavy vehicles
- I love the village, so much
- No thanks
- More police presence required including comm side.
- I know that once i have to give up driving i will have to move. I already, to support, use the once a week bus service into Boston from this end of the village. However i would not be able to get to Doctors or shop or anywhere else
- Swimming - the swimming pool at the Giles Comprehensive School could be open to the the community sometime e.g. evenings/weekends/school holiday
- Additional bus routes to be added to help people without transport as stated on the previous sheet.
- The community would greatly benefit from having a local petrol station.

Q10. How old are you?

44% of respondents were over 65 years of age and 11% of respondents were under 24 years of age.

| | n* | % |
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| Under 18 | 10 | 7% |
| 18-24 | 6 | 4% |
| 25-34 | 8 | 6% |
| 35-44 | 14 | 10% |
| 45-54 | 19 | 14% |
| 55-64 | 21 | 15% |
| 65 and over | 62 | 44% |

Q2.How do you find out about what is happening I your local area?Do not find out

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| 1 | Don't find out |
| 2 | I don't |
| 3 | Don't hear, no advertising |
| 4 | Don't know anything x 5 |
| 5 | No idea |
| 6. | We don't know whats going on locally, no advertising if you don't buy local paper!! |

Leaflets/Posters

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| 1 | Posters x 9 |
| 2 | Shop/co op notice board x 2 |
| 3 | Old Leake Notice board x 5 |
| 4 | Posters in various areas of the village |
| 5 | Leaflets x 5 |
| 6 | Noticeboard x 9 |
| 7 | Board in community centre |

Miscellaneous

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| 1 | Village book |
| 2 | Neighbourhood watch |
| 3 | Advertising of events |
| 4 | Neighbourhood group |
| 5 | Through community |
| 6 | Transport system (bus service required) |
| 7 | Text from church |
| 8 | Advertising event locally would be a start |
| 9 | When Sandra's hairdressers was open, regular visits there kept me informed. Since its closure I have been in the dark but have just discovered the village web site which is helpful with some things |

Newspaper/Newsletter/Magazine

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| 1 | Parish Magazine x 17 |
| 2 | Old Leak news full of adverts, |
| 3 | Leverton News |
| 4 | Old Leake News x 47 |
| 5 | Village Magazine x 4 |
| 6 | , notice board x 10 |
| 7 | Newspapersx 8 |
| 8 | Newsletter x 4 |
| 9 | Target x 13 |

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| 10 | Boston Standard x 6 |
| 11 | Local magazine x 5 |
| 12 | Church magazine x 2 |
| 13 | Wrangle News |
| 14 | Village newsletter |

Places in the community

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| 1 | Work |
| 2 | Community Centre |
| 3 | School |
| 4 | Via work nhs |
| 5 | Doctors x 2 |
| 6 | Local Shop x 5 |

Radio

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| 1 | Local News Radio x 5 |
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Social Media/Internet

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| 1 | Facebook x 23 |
| 2 | Internet x 2 |
| 3 | Online x 2 |
| 4 | Social Media x 4 |

Word of mouth/Friends/Family

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| 1 | Word of mouth x 56 |
| 2 | Local People |
| 3 | Friends x 5 |
| 4 | Grapevine x 2 |
| 5 | Gossip x 2 |

Q3. How would you like to be informed about what is happening in your local area in the future?

Miscellaneous

| | |
|----|---|
| 1. | Not bothered |
| 2. | More entertaining and community centre Bingo |
| 3. | Central office for charity information |
| 4. | A notice board near the village shop might be helpful. Also one up at the commonside end. Not everyone uses computer. |

Newsletter/Newspaper

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| 1 | Local Newsletter x 4 |
| 2. | Parish Magazine x 4 |
| | Village Magazine |
| | Old Leake News x 6 |
| | Village Newsletter, x 2 |
| | Monthly magazine x 2 |
| | Free local papers |

No need 2+

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| 1. | Not bothered |
| 2 | All the above is sufficient |
| 3. | No change |
| 4. | The current information that is available covers it all |
| 5. | ok as above |
| 6. | Same as now |
| 7. | nothing satisfied |

Places in the Community

| | |
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| 1. | School x 2 |
| 2. | Co Op x 3 |
| 3. | Shop windows x 2 |
| 4. | Doctors |

Posters

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|----|---|
| 1 | Poster in shop x 2 |
| 2. | Posters x 11 |
| 3. | Notice board x 13 |
| 4. | Leaflets x 8 |
| 5. | community centre board |
| 6. | Flyers door to door |
| 7. | Posters in village |
| 8. | Notice boards and council website - villages 'whats on' pages |

Social Media/Internet

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| 1 | Website x 2 |
| 2 | Facebook x 16 |
| 3 | Social Media x 6 |
| 4. | Emails x 3 |

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| 5. | Internet x 3 |
| 6. | Computer |
| 7. | Technology |
| 8. | Facebook groups are an easy way to be notified, can include photos and videos and can also be interactive. A leaflet is a good way to grab my immediate attention but I appreciate that its difficult to distribute in a large and generally sparsely populated community |

Word of mouth

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| 1 | word of mouth x 7 |
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Q4. What activities would you like to see and take part in your community?

Activities/clubs/Entertainment

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| 1. | Entertainment |
| 2. | Bingo x 4 |
| 3. | Book club x 2 |
| 4. | Craft evenings |
| 5. | Family entertainment |
| 6. | Disco x 5 |
| 7. | Fun day x 1 |
| 8. | gardening club x 2 |
| 9. | Army cadets |
| 10. | Arts club |
| 11. | Entertainment – community days |
| 12. | Knitting group |
| 13. | Computer course x 2 |

Activities for children/families

| | |
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| 1. | Would like things for children aged 3,10, 15 |
| 2. | Youth club x 10 |
| 3. | More for teens/young adults |
| 4. | Things for children x 2 |
| 5. | sports for children x 2 |
| 6. | Kid activities |
| 7. | Toddler Group x 3 |
| 8. | Things for children, cooking group, mums and tots, |
| 9. | Things for kids |
| 10. | Young people's clubs, |
| 11. | Fun days for families, |
| 12. | Sport for children |
| 13. | More use of community centre for family events shows - play etc. |
| 14. | More children's activities x 2 |

Health groups

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| 1 | Alzheimers singing for the brain |
| 2. | Alzheimers singing group |
| 3. | Health and smoking better, healthy minds |

Miscellaneous

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| 1. | better and quicker services at old leake medical centre |
| 2. | Litter picking sessions in addition to current activities |
| 3. | Street watch |
| 4. | Car boot x 2 |
| 5. | Newspaper delivery, |
| 6. | Computer skills training |
| 7. | live groups/shows |
| 8. | , entertainment band etc. |
| 9. | Not enough activities in village as it has got bigger - we have enough and leaving |
| 10 | Something like the hub , |
| 11. | Fundraising |
| 12. | More accessible local transport service, would like to visit the world war 2 museum at Freiston but no buses pass by there. Would be good for local people in the area |
| 13. | Donkey Dakey in Freiston |
| 14. | Voluntary work |
| 15. | Hairdressers |
| 16. | Bowling green, entertainment at community centre |

Not lacking anything

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| 1. | Not lacking anything |
| 2. | Nothing x 3 |
| 3. | We are pretty well looked after |
| 4. | We are ok |
| 5. | Our health does not allow us to join in. |
| 6. | Quite happy x 2 |

Social events

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| 1 | Coffee and chat |
| 2. | Coffee morning x 2 |
| 3. | Group - social, men and women |
| 4. | Groups social activity |
| 5. | Mens Groups, Womens Group x 2 |
| 6. | social club |

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| 7. | Annual Fete, like a summer fair |
| 8 | Discussion groups with a variety of things for topics |
| 9. | More entertainment evenings, fete and fun day, use playing fields |
| 10 | Village fair |
| 11. | more discussion groups to talk with it will be nice |
| 12 | Theatre in community centre, more live entertainment |

Sporting activities

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| 1. | Sports in Community Centres |
| 2 | Swimming x 12 |
| 3 | Dance class x 2 |
| 4 | Boxing class |
| 5 | Laughing yoga |
| 6 | Gym x 3 |
| 7 | Badminton x 2 |
| 8. | Football - 5a-side |
| 9 | Yoga x 2 |
| 10 | Sports x 2 |
| 11 | Zumba |
| 12. | Multiply sport |
| 13. | workout fitness |
| 14. | Bowling x 2 |
| 15. | More variety of exercise classes, |
| 16. | More walking areas |
| 17. | More sports activities |
| 18. | sports activities, |
| 19 | Sport events |
| 20 | Tai Chi x 2 |
| 21 | Pilates |
| 22. | Walking x 4 |
| 23. | Walking club at evenings |
| 24. | Fitness group for seniors |
| 25. | Fitness |
| 26. | Line dancing |
| 27. | swimming - would like the swimming pool at the Giles comprehensive school to be open sometimes, e.g. evenings, weekend, school holidays. |
| 28. | I would like to have regular access to the swimming pool and a martial arts class would also be good. Any moderately intense form of physical exercise. |