APPENDIX 8

Question 25: What do you value most about living in Wroughton and Wichelstowe?

Responses to paper survey.

Comments
The village atmosphere and sense of community
Friendly atmosphere
Village life
Village life and countryside
Good location
Difficult to answer because the heart has been taken out of the community. Takeaways, Turkish barbers and charity shops hardly encourages residents
Peaceful
My neighbours
Every amenity is on my doorstep and easy to get to Swindon by bus
Wroughton's village identity
The community. You never need to be lonely here. Lots of info in local magazine.
Local feel, removed from Swindon, close access to countryside
The history of Wroughton
Easy access to open countryside. Separation from Swindon. Good community spirit
The open spaces, Barbury castle, compact town centre, community events - duck race, Christmas lights, carnival, Ellendune events
It being a village
Village atmosphere and countryside
Living in a village that is not part of Swindon but has its own services, facilities and infrastructure, surrounded by green land and farm land
Good walking and cycling routes. Good public transport. Good access to rural areas and green spaces
Being close to the countryside with friendly neighbours and a history of progress - big is not always beautiful
The quiet and the feeling of knowing your neighbours
Its distance from Swindon
Safe and friendly environment
Walking to school
Community events
Community spirit
The village community
The beautiful surrounding countryside. So many places to walk. The community activities. Near enough to Swindon to shop but still has village atmosphere
It was once a very nice village but now with all the building work it is now featureless
Being part of the village community
Peace and quiet, friendly residents

Comments

People are friendly and the events that take place in the village make me feel welcome

Its character and our beautiful river as well as the nature reserve

Village atmosphere

Staying a village

I love the safe village feel in Wroughton and love Waitrose and the Canal Walk in Wichelstowe

The community spirit in Wroughton and the fact that I don't have to cycle far to reach green spaces which is constantly under threat

Community feel. Safe to live and spend time in village. Can largely manage without leaving the village

Its history and proximity to the beautiful downs and Clouts Wood and community

A feeling of peace and a slower life

Wroughton is a village separated from Swindon and should retain its village status. Wroughton is a friendly and approachable parish

The community is friendly and it's a village environment

Community

The best thing that ever happened to Wroughton was the M4 being built because it stopped it becoming part of Swindon. Wichelstowe is in Swindon not Wroughton

Safety, community, open spaces, views and trees

All the new developments have lost our village feel

The countryside, wildlife and village feel. An English population with young people feeling positive

Tranquility

Community

Community

Little or no violence or disorder

Cmmunity interaction and friendly neighbourhood atmopshere which needs to be maintained in the future

I like being surrounded by the countryside

The green space and being separate from Swindon while still being able to access the town

Proximity to countryside, connection by public transport, local shops and parks and kids playgrounds

Village community

Smaller community

Peace and security

Community spirit and proximity to major road network

Quiet and close to, but not part of, Swindon

Quiet environment

Good school, nice shops. Nice and quiet

Open spaces and village feel

Connection to centre of Swindon. Hall & Woodhouse and Waitrose

The village atmosphere with lovely people, close to beautiful Wiltshire countryside

Comments

If I could afford to move, I would - Wroughton has got too big

It used to be a village - not any more

Close to countryside

Friendly and safe environment

Friendly, community feeling. The canal and Wroughton's history

Community feel in Wroughton

Wroughton is peaceful

Living next to green spaces and countryside and friendly residents

The green space and wildlife

All the facilities we have

We like it as it is - no changes

Safety

A feeling of calmness that village life gives

Not being in Swindon

People are friendly and helpful

Village life

Convenient and no need for a car. Good schools and bus services. Adequate free parking

It's a village - let's keep the village feel

Living in a village in an AONB

Access to urban facilities

Friendly community

Village life

Low crime

Strong community

Semi-rural community

The community atmosphere

Friendship

Its community feel

A welcoming community and active parish council and community groups

I live in Wroughton and resent the two settlements being lumped together. I value the village atmosphere

The small and friendly community - we don't want to be part of Wichelstowe

Wrought's village status and close knit community

The fact it was a village

The community spirit

Lots of open spaces for walking for mental health

People. Library. Community kindness. Post Office. Shops. Small, friendly and quiet. Peacful countryside walks

It had a community and it's being eroded

The feel of a village where you know your neighbours

The village atmosphere. Not far from Swindon but separate enough. Good folk all around

Comments

Quiet, peacful with no pollution
Keep Wroughton as an historical village
Privacy
Friendly, DRs, shops, post office and church
Friends, neighbours, schools, proximity to Swindon but with M4 buffer
Wildlife, dog walkers, parks
Everything within a short distance and a friendly community
The extension of the Wilts and Berks Canal
Open spaces and peaceful
Crime-free, sense of community and good pubs
The canal walks
Friendship
Local people
Community spirit, friendly, pretty and open spaces
The friendly atmosphere which is being eroded by too much development
We really enjoy the whole Kings Wood area allowing us to walk in lovely scenery
I like living in village. Wichelstowe is not a village - it has no heart
Sense of community, quiet, low crime, lovely walks, neighbourly and lots to be involved in
The open spaces
Its village feeling
Our green spaces and community
The sense of community in Wroughton
Quietness
It's not actually in Swindon, although we had more amenities when we first arrived in 1997 - petrol station, more shops, pubs etc.
Living in a semi rural area
The people are friendly. Quiet, beautiful countryside on my doorstep
Rural living
Village life
Being with an AONB
Growing up here it always felt safe and friendly
Wroughton still has a strong community spirit and most people are friendly
To keep Wroughton as a village
Community
Local community activities
The village feel and the connection with the surrounding countryside
It's a lovely place to live. I've always felt safe living here and walking around
Nice area
Pleasant people
Independent from Swindon and has enough facilities to maintain daily life
Friendly people. Nice parks. Quiet

Comments

The community. Village life. Doctors, shops, dentists - lots to offer

Wildlife, walking and cycling areas

Village location, quiet, plenty of walking routes. Friendly, safe and clean. Excellent parish council. Blessed to live here

Village, friendly, good facilities, green spaces, clean, safe, excellent parish council

The community - it's our village

Being a village and community but now growing too big. I do not consider Wichelstowe as Wroughton

The people

The people

A village atmosphere - this seems to have been disappearing of late

The scenery around Barbury Castle

Peace and quiet with quick access to town centre

Pleasant and safe

A good sense of community

Open spaces and views of canal

Wroughton has most things that I need

The beauty of our wildlife and countryside

Living in the countryside, quiet with nice green spaces

Was a village

It's fairly quiet most of the time

Peace and quiet

Village life and a close community

Always been happy here

Having the M4 to keep us separate from Swindon

Friendly with easy access to countryside

Being separated from Swindon by M4 - still has village appeal

Friendliness

Friendly and quiet

The peace and quiet

The countryside, wildlife and views

Peaceful environment with easy acces to local shops, Swindon, Old Town and countryside

Safety and friendship

Our home

A village feel, but alive because it has primary and secondary schools and services all in walking distance. Good community centre

Community

Community feel , nice walks and good schools. Low crime, good place to bring up families

Being part of a community

The small, friendly village feel with everything we need on our doorstep, and countryside around us

Comments

The friendliness of people and lovely countryside

Compact community (15 minutes area) with essential services and easy access to Swindon for big chain shops

Living in a village in the countryside

The facilities are good

Quiet

The people, schools, our hall and the surgery

It's a village

The village has a lot of activities for people to enjoy - it has a heart

Feeling part of a local community

The heritage, sense of connection and friendliness

Ciuntryside, village atmosphere and independent from Swindon

The people are friendly and helpful

Access to countryside

The parish identity and village cameraderie

Quiet areas away from busy roads. Living on the edge of green land which must be protected from development

Wonderful neighbours who help and support each other

Green space, community efforts and with most places walkable

Peace

Just outside Swindon, separated by the motorway. People are friendly and helpful

The people and community

The peace and quiet and sense of community

Very good community

It's separate from Swindon

The community feel. Wroughton is well kept and it makes me proud to live here

Village location, quiet environment, caring peole who care about the village and active parish council

I like having our own identity in Wroughton, separate from Swindon

Friendly with amazing views

Being semi-rural that I can walk or cycle into Swindon without being part of Swindon

That Wroughton can still feel independent from Swindon and retain the character of a village

Good community

Quiet living

That we are a village but it's full of elderly people who can only access part of it - they don't have smart phones so can feel alone

Good area to live with good people and good transport connections - i.e. M4

Community and location, great pubs, always plenty on. As a veteran, the Remembrance parade is always something to look forward to

The green spaces

Comments

Friendly atmosphere, good schools, facilities and parish council

Retains its village character

Pleasant community. Good range of activities and good walking routes

Wroughton still has a village feel and hope it doesn't get too big and join Swindon

The friendly community. It is lovely to live in a place where people still greet you in the street

Separate from Swindon but with access to wider area and retaining community spirit

Previously it was the village feel while retaining good connections to other amenities. I am not enjoying living in Wroughton at the moment

The village atmosphere

Village life

It has a really lovely community feel, always very welcoming and safe

Relaxed village life but with pubs, shops and buses too

Independence

It's locality to Swindon and its rich history

Neighbours and friends

Community and lovely countryside

Community involvement

Bus services and facilities nearby - doctors, dentist, library, community hall

Community

Being close to open countryside and separate from Swindon town

A longstanding sense of community stretching back hundreds of years, with always plenty going on

Friendly village atmosphere

Safe, friendly, walkable

To keep Wroughton as a village

Views and access to downs and the M4. Friendly people, Wroughton Carnival and local shops and library

It's history, conservation and rural charm

The environment

Being separate from South Swindon

Village character and community spirit

Not part of Swindon

Not being connected to Swindon

Village feel

The countryside

Its community and friendliness

Community

The canal and surrounding nature

Village community that's not part of Swindon

Wroughton

Easy access to canal towpath and footpaths and to West Swindon and Old Town

Comments

Open space

Village life

The canal, lakes and walks at Waitrose

Friendly village atmosphere

Peace and quiet

It's far away from Swindon

Clean and tidy

Friends

More development is obliterating Wroughton's personality and character

Sense of community, belonging and feeling safe

Community spirit

Village feel with different cultures

Location

Fairly rural with green areas where you can walk

Separate from Swindon with open fields

Being able to walk through the countryside

Village life and being close to wildlife

The fields and Clouts Wood

The village feel and proximity to countryside

Being part of a village community and having access to Swindon while remaining in countryside