

Great Ashby Community Survey 2019

The Government introduced the Localism Act in 2011 with the aim that there should be a shift of power to local public servants to give local residents the ability and chance to become more involved in how our communities develop and grow.

Community/Parish councils are the entry-level tier of government, reflecting what the local community wants, and what is important to the local residents.

Great Ashby Community Council (GACC) gets its funding from the council tax that we all pay. Until fairly recently GACC had set the lowest precept in the North Herts district. In 2019/20 our precept is £19.76 per annum for an average Band D property; excluding two miniscule parishes, and a few parishes which set no budget, GACC sets the lowest precept in the North Herts district.

In 2019/20 GACC will receive £43,000 from the precept; an average of just under £20 per household. We use this to pay for and support a range of projects, including the community centre, the dog bins, local landscaping and maintenance, play park maintenance and equipment provision, community events and local community grants.

GACC consists of twelve Councillors (all are volunteers) with elections every four years. As of May '19 we have a new council with four brand new Councillors, and six out of the eleven Councillors will have less than one years' service. We really hope that this new set of faces can further engage with the community and help promote, develop and support your ideas to make Great Ashby a better place to live.

The idea of this initial survey is to get feedback about what you think about the environment we all live in. And, most importantly, where you would like to see improvements being made. Like all Community Councils, GACC has a limited range of legislative powers, but two of the GACC Councillors are also NHDC District Councillors, so this gives us great access and lines of communication to the wider developments at NHDC.

This survey is a starting point for the GACC to build upon and our next steps will be to look at some of the suggestions and ideas in more granular detail. A report will then be made available to the community and a plan of action put in place with regards to the suggestions and ideas. Please do spend some time responding as your feedback is crucial.

The survey is also available for completion online at www.greatashbycouncil.org

The closing date for responses is Friday 6th September.

1. What is your postcode?

2. What is the make up of your household? (in numbers)

Adults (65+)

Adults (50-64)

Adults (30-49)

Adults (18-29)

Children (11-17)

Children (5-10)

Children (0-4)

3. How long have you lived in Great Ashby (in years)?

4. On average, how often do you use the local shops?

- Daily/Most days
- 2-3 times per week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Once a month
- Never

5. On average, how often do you use the local parks/play areas?

- Daily/Most days
- 2-3 times per week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Once a month
- Never

How much do you agree with the following statements?

6. Speed limits in Great Ashby are

Too Fast	Adequate	Too Slow
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Great Ashby should have a family pub or restaurant

Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Not Sure	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Great Ashby is sufficiently served by public transport

Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Not Sure	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Great Ashby should have allotments

Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Not Sure	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Great Ashby is a safe and secure place to live

Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Not Sure	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. The Great Ashby Woodland walks are adequately promoted

Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	Not Sure	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Litter is adequately dealt with

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Slightly
Agree

Not Sure

Slightly
Disagree

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

Please provide as much information as you wish to the following:

13. On a scale of 0-10, how happy are you living in Great Ashby? 0 being very unhappy and 10 being very happy (please circle)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

14. What do you like best about living in Great Ashby?

15. What do you like least about living in Great Ashby and what would you change?

16. What businesses would you like to see at the Neighbourhood Centre (Budgens)?

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17. Parking is a recognised issue in Great Ashby; what suggestions do you have that could improve it?

18. How do you feel about the expansion proposals for current Great Ashby and how it may affect the area?

19. What is missing from Great Ashby?

20. Any other comments you would like to add?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey to:

Budgens, Unit 6 The Neighbourhood Centre, Whitehorse Lane, Stevenage, SG1 6NH

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