

Hello and welcome to the South Gloucestershire Viewpoint newsletter

Viewpoint Survey – July 2021

In this survey we asked you your views on the Nature Emergency and community support you would like carried on after the Covid-19 pandemic.

We received 949 responses! Thank you to all who took part. This newsletter summaries the key findings from the survey.

Nature Emergency:

- 20% of all respondents were aware of the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration.
- 95% of respondents were not aware of what the Council's Climate Emergency involves.
- 80% of respondents were not aware of the difference between Climate Change and the Nature Emergency.
- Men were also more likely to have heard of the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration than women (23% men vs 16% women).
- Disabled respondents were more likely than non-disabled respondents to be aware of the ways to help reduce the effects of the Nature Emergency (29% disabled vs 16% non-disabled).
- Non-disabled respondents were more likely to have used outside spaces than disabled respondents (70% non-disabled vs 46% disabled).
- The majority of respondents would like to receive more information about the Nature Emergency (74%).
- The majority of respondents would like to receive information about the Nature Emergency via email (67%).



Community Support:

- Those aged between 45-64 were more likely to feel they were not eligible for support than any other age category (64%). Respondents aged between 16-34 were more likely to be unsure of the support available (59%).
- Over half of respondents were not aware of any types of community support available (60%).
- BAME respondents were considerably more likely to be struggling with education than white respondents (71% BAME vs 4% white).
- For the majority of respondents their income had not reduced since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. (76%).
- The majority of respondents were still able to meet their household expenditure (89%).
- The most common reason for reduction in income was a redundancy in the household (45%).
- The majority of respondents do not currently volunteer (76%).
- Those aged **65+** were more likely to volunteer (32%). Those aged **16-34** were less likely to volunteer (16%).
- Other themes included age preventing some respondents from volunteering (31 comments), already caring for a friend/family member (23 comments), work commitments (9 comments) and covid-19 (9 comments).
- The type of support most respondents think should be a priority is emotional and wellbeing support (64%).



What will happen with the results?

The viewpoint panel is an important way for us to gather feedback from local residents and to help us understand your views on your local area. The teams involved would like to thank you for your feedback.

Biodiversity Team

We will use the results to gain a better understanding of residents views on climate change and the nature emergency. These results will also assist the council in encouraging residents to make changes that will reduce the effects of climate change.

Environment and Community Services Division

We will use the results to gain a better understanding of residents views on the community support that is currently available and if there is any other types of support residents would like the Council to provide.

Tell a friend

We are currently looking for new members.

Have your say

There are a variety of consultations on the consultation pages which may interest you. Visit: www.consultations.southglos.gov.uk

Congratulations to our gift voucher winners:

David – Kingswood

Christopher – Bradley Stoke

Christine – Yate

Hazel – Filton

Summer – Downend

Thank you for being a part of our Viewpoint panel!