5. Participation and Inclusion

Headlines

- During 2011, 92% of charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in West Sussex felt they had been either ‘very successful’ or ‘fairly successful’ in meeting their main objectives.

- The role of delivering public services by charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises has increased by 13% from 2008 to 2010.

- Funding of charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in West Sussex is an issue – those saying they have insufficient funding have increased from 30% in 2008 to 36% in 2010.

- Residents of West Sussex would help regardless in times of emergency such as clearing up after an event, setting up emergency shelters or clearing snow and salting paths.

- Residents have been actively involved in community initiated projects and with the support of the County Council, have cut vegetation, cleared footpaths and removed litter.

- West Sussex County Council Volunteers have donated 5,385 hours as Parish Path Inspectors recording and reporting upon the condition of the network and a further 3,998 hours as Volunteer Rangers, undertaking maintenance work.

- Over the last 50 years, turnout rates at General Elections have been on the decline. In 1950 84% of the electorate in the United Kingdom used their vote but 50 years later, the turnout rate at the 2001 General Election was just 59%. National turnout at the 2010 General Election was 65.1%. Turnout at the 2013 County Council local elections was less than the last County Council local election in 2009. Police and Crime Commissioner elections also recorded a low voter turnout both nationally and for Sussex.

- In March 2013, a total of 19,422 young people aged 11-18 voted to elect Members of Youth Parliament in West Sussex to the UK Youth Parliament, a turnout of 26%. The previous year saw 24% of young people aged 11-19 voting in the combined County Council Youth Cabinet and (2012) UK Youth Parliament elections, a higher proportion than in previous years.

- Adult participation in sport has shown a statistically significant increase between the period 2005/06 and 2011/12. Across all districts, Crawley has also shown a statistically significant increase in adult participation in sport.

- Crawley saw an increase in residents in 2011/12 for volunteering in sports; club membership in the last 4 years; receiving tuition/coaching in the last 12 months and taking part in organised competitions in the last 12 months. This could be attributed to the Crawley in motion 2012 events for the Olympic games.

- The 2013 cycle challenges saw residents in Chichester cycling 49,245 miles and encouraging 76 new cyclists to take part. This was the first year the cycle challenge was run in Horsham and encouraged 21,093 of miles to be cycled and 101 new cyclists to take part. This was 22% more than Chichester.
Participation and Inclusion - Voluntary Organisations

Description

Voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises are organisations that exist for community benefit and are independent of government. Many are registered charities. A social enterprise is an organization that applies commercial strategies to maximize improvements in human and environmental well-being, rather than maximising profits for external shareholders.

Performance

Between September 2010 and December 2010, a National Survey of Charities and Social Enterprises (NSCSE) was undertaken by Ipsos Mori. This national survey gathers the views of the leaders of charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations in England. The survey is the largest ever of this sector, and asks about opportunities to influence local decisions, the availability and nature of funding and income, support and guidance, relationships with local statutory bodies, and other factors affecting organisations’ success.

Of the 2,735 charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in West Sussex in 2008, 591 (22%) chose to take part in this survey. In 2010 the number of charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in West Sussex had fallen to 2,533 of which 548 (22%) chose to take part. Not all of the charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises were invited to take part by Ipsos Mori.

The results of the survey showed that over the last 12 months, 92% of organisations in West Sussex felt ‘very successful’ or ‘fairly successful’ in meeting their main objectives. When looking ahead to the coming 12 months, 30% of organisations in West Sussex felt ‘very confident’ that they would be able to meet their main objectives.

The delivery of public services by voluntary organisations has increased significantly, up to 24% in 2010 from 11% in 2008. They are also more focused on carrying out activities at neighbourhood level (as opposed to a regional, national or international focus), up to 40% from 36% in 2008.

There has been a noticeable shift in the perception of organisations regarding the sufficiency of their funding. Those saying they have sufficient funding have dropped from 58% to 53% while those saying that they have insufficient funding increased from 30% to 36%. Having sufficient paid staff has increased from 32% in 2008 to 37% in 2010 although the number of sufficient volunteers has also increased during this time, but has only been by 1% to 49% in 2010. The number of organisations stating that they have an insufficient number of volunteers has increased from 29% in 2008 to 31% in 2010.

When asked if organisations were satisfied with their ability to influence local decisions relevant to them, this proportion had increased from 2008 to 2010. The proportion of organisations who were satisfied with the support available to them in their local area has stayed the same.

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Figure 5.1: Charity organisations working in West Sussex and the groups they serve, 2013

Source: Charity Commission
Over the last few years there has been a greater involvement of voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises in identifying and meeting local needs and taking over services or facilities previously run by public agencies. Involvement of volunteers has become more important over recent years with increased public spending cuts and the introduction of the localism act in November 2011. The aim of the act was to devolve more decision making powers from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils.

During 2012 and 2013 the cabinet office commissioned a ‘community life’ survey. The aim of this survey is to track the latest trends and developments across areas that are key to encouraging social actions and empowering communities. The survey showed a significant change (since the citizenship survey 2010-11) in the number of people giving unpaid help through groups, clubs or organisations in England. In 2010-11 the number of people giving unpaid help through groups, clubs or organisation at least once a month in England was 25% and increased to 29% in 2012-13. Giving help at least once a week also increased from 39% in 2011-12 to 44% in 2012-13.

The survey also showed a significant increase in the number of (since the citizenship survey 2010-11) in people giving unpaid help as an individual to people who are not relatives. In 2010-11 29% of people gave unpaid help at least once a month which increased to 36% in 2011-12. Respondents giving help at least once a week was even higher with 55% in 2010-11 and rising to 62% in 2012-13.
Participation and Inclusion - Volunteering

Between July and September 2012 a survey was undertaken by West Sussex County Council to understand more about the views of residents on a range of subjects. The survey was an opportunity for any resident or business to take part and share their views and was, therefore, completed by a self-selection sample. As participation was voluntary, it is important to consider the respondent bias as there may be a number of reasons people choose to participate. It could be that the topic is of specific interest, or simply that they want their voice to be heard. This may mean an overrepresentation of people with strong opinions took part.

One part of the survey asked residents to think about their local Community and how they could do things that may be of benefit to either their local neighbourhood or people in their local area. 39% of respondents were ‘somewhat’ aware of the opportunities to do things in their local community which would be of benefit to their neighbourhood environment, 36% were ‘not aware’ and 5% were ‘not sure’. 19% of the respondents said they were ‘very aware’ of the opportunities available. When asked would you be interested in helping out in your neighbourhood environment and what would you be prepared to do, respondents are most likely to help regardless in times of emergency to either help clear up after an event (50% of responses); help set up emergency centres (43%); clear snow aware from paths (41%) and salt paths (36%). Keeping the drains clear (54%), maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways (49%) and removing graffiti (42%) were seen as the role of the council.

The survey also asked how aware respondents were of opportunities to do things for people in their community which would be of benefit to their local area. Most were happy to help regardless. 62% said that they would visit or regularly check up on elderly or vulnerable neighbours regardless and 60% said they would do shopping for their neighbours. 45% of respondents would get involved with a community project and 45% would help a neighbour with chores such as gardening and house work. Although 28% would help regardless to organise a street party, 29% said they did not know and 23% said it was the role of others.
In April 2013, a survey was undertaken by West Sussex County Council to understand from residents what it is like to live in their local area. The survey was available for 12 months for all new and existing members of the West Sussex Residents’ e-Panel. 72% of survey respondents felt that they very strongly or fairly strongly ‘belong’ to their local area, where the local area was considered to be 15-20 minutes walking distance from the respondent’s home.

Survey respondents were also asked if they agreed or disagreed that they can influence decisions affecting their local area. This question was also asked in another survey undertaken by West Sussex County Council to understand how local people and communities were getting involved to build strong and vibrant communities between May and June 2011. 42% of respondents agreed to some extent that they could influence decisions that affected their local area and when this same question was asked in 2013 it fell by 9 percentage points to 33%. The number of respondents in the survey who disagreed to some extent that they could influence decisions affecting their local area was higher in 2013 (61%) compared to 2011 (54%).

The surveys also asked respondents if they would like to be more involved in the decisions that affect their local area. There was very little change in responses to this question between 2011 and 2013. In 2011, 45% of respondents said they would like to be more involved in decisions that affect their local area and 51% said it would depend on the issue. In 2013, 47% said they would like to be more involved in decisions that affect their local area and 51% said it would depend on the issue.

Volunteers in West Sussex County Council
West Sussex County Council uses volunteers to deliver and maintain some services. One service that utilises unpaid volunteers is the Public Rights of Way Team. Volunteer Parish Path Inspectors assist with the inspections of the rights of way network. So far, 143 volunteers have been fully trained and are able to inspect unsupervised resulting in 5,385 hours of completed inspections.

In addition, volunteer rangers undertake practical works in order to maintain and improve the network. Since April 2011, 251 volunteer days have been donated across the volunteer ranger team including 3,998 hours of practical work. The volunteer development team is also a partner to the South Downs National Park and West Sussex County Council works with National Park volunteers to improve and maintain the rights of way network across the National Park area. A total of 48 days of practical work have been donated by the South Downs National Park Authority volunteers.

Volunteering in West Sussex

Figure 5.7: Volunteering in West Sussex

- 62% said they would help out in their community in an emergency
- 143 fully trained volunteer path inspectors
- 5,385 hours of path inspections completed
- Source: West Sussex County Council
Participation and Inclusion - Voter Turnout

Description

Turnout rates at local elections help provide some indication of social participation and community involvement. It acts as a barometer of the strength of feeling towards issues affecting local communities. It also provides an idea of the level of influence residents feel they have over local issues, with low turnout rates perhaps reflecting either apathy or some level of contentment. The turnout rate is calculated as the number of people casting a vote as a percentage of the voting age population.

Performance

**General Election**

Over the last 50 years, turnout rates at General Elections have generally been on the decline. In 1950, 84% of the electorate in the United Kingdom used their vote, but 50 years later, the turnout rate at the 2001 General Election was just 59%. National turnout at the 2010 General election was 65.1%. This represents an improvement on the turnout of the 2005 general elections which saw figures of 61.4%.

The district with the highest turnout rate in 2010 was Horsham at 72.7% while the lowest was Worthing West with 64.7%. Only Worthing West had a rate that fell below the National average of 65.1%. Each constituency showed an increase in turnout rates compared with 2005 figures; with Crawley having the highest increase of almost 7%.

**County Council Elections**

County Council elections take place every 4 years, and voters in each electoral division choose one elected member. The constituencies are towns or areas all of roughly the same size. Turnout at the County Council election in 2013 was 30.0% which was less than the last election in 2009 (which was combined with a European Election) where the turnout rate was 38.7%. In the 2013 County Council election the Conservatives retained control of West Sussex County Council with UKIP becoming the main opposition party at County Hall.
Participation and Inclusion - Voter Turnout

Figure 5.10: Voter turnout by electoral division, 2013 County Council election

Source: West Sussex County Council
Participation and Inclusion - Voter Turnout

Figure 5.11: West Sussex County Council election 2013, results

Source: West Sussex County Council
Youth Cabinet
Run by young people, the UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11-18 year-olds to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change. Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected annually in every part of the UK. Once elected MYPs meet with MPs and local councillors, organise events, run campaigns, make speeches, hold debates and ensure the views of young people are listened to by decision makers. MYPs in West Sussex are supported in their work by the County Council's Youth Support and Development Service.

West Sussex is covered by four UK Youth Parliament areas; Chichester and West Arun; Crawley and East Grinstead; East Arun, Adur & Worthing; and Horsham & Mid Sussex. In each area the two candidates with the most votes are elected as MYPs and Deputy MYPs.

The new UK Members of Youth Parliament for West Sussex were elected in March 2013 from a total of 63 candidates, with the elections managed by the County Council. In total, 19,422 votes were cast by young people aged between 11 and 18 years old across the county, a turnout of 26% according to 2011 Census population figures. The elections were supported by schools, college and youth organisations across the county. More than 20 of these organisations won Democracy Awards including 11 Gold awards for having voter turnout above 90%. Youth Cabinet Members introduced the Democracy Award Scheme in 2008 to encourage greater levels of participation in elections.

In addition to the UK Youth Parliament, West Sussex has a Youth Cabinet consisting of young locality representatives along with the four UK Youth Parliament representatives (or eight including deputies). The Youth Cabinet is a diverse mix of young people of all genders, races, and backgrounds between the ages of 11 and 19. Successful Youth Cabinet members will work alongside elected members and other decision makers of the County Council when looking at issues that affect the lives of young people in West Sussex.

The last Youth Cabinet elections took place in March 2012 at the same time as the 2012 UK Youth Parliament elections. A combined total 20,088 young people voted, casting a total of 39,163 votes across both elections, meaning that 24% of young people in West Sussex aged between 11 and 19 years old took part in some or all of the democratic process. The votes cast were higher than received in the previous ten years elections have been held.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
On 15 November 2012, 37 Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were elected in England along with four in Wales. PCCs will ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible, and will improve local relationships through building confidence and restoring trust. They will also work in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to ensure there is a unified approach to preventing and reducing crime. Each PCC is tasked with scrutinising their force and holding it to account. They are also able to hire and dismiss the chief constable and set the force’s budget. PCCs are not expected to run the police; instead, the role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people.

Voter turnout at the PCC elections across the UK in 2012 was low. Northamptonshire had the highest voter turnout at 19.5% and Staffordshire the least at 11.6%. For Sussex the voter turnout was 15.3% and this was not much different from the neighbouring counties of Hampshire (14.5% turnout), Surrey (15.4% turnout) and Kent (16.0% turnout). Across the UK, Sussex had the 15th highest voter turnout for the PCC elections out of 41 police forces.

In Sussex, the Conservative candidate received the most number of first preference votes (31.5%). The national share of first preference votes showed Labour candidates received the most (32%) with Conservative candidates receiving the second most (28%).

![Figure 5.12: PCC election, national share of first preference votes, 2012](source: The Electoral Commission)
West Sussex is particularly rich in culture and heritage, places of natural beauty and tourist attractions. The county has numerous stately homes, castles and theatres, racecourses, art galleries, music and art festivals, the newly established South Downs National Park and glorious gardens. The sector encompasses the performing and visual arts; media, fashion, video and film; museums, archives, libraries and literature; the built heritage, landscape, countryside, recreation, parks, open spaces; children’s play, festivals and informal leisure pursuits.

Data on the performance of the cultural and sporting sector is collected in a number of ways. In particular the Culture And Sport Evidence programme (CASE) is a joint programme of strategic research lead by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in collaboration with Arts Council England, English Heritage and Sport England. The CASE research brings together the most recent data relating to levels of participation and the impacts of cultural and sporting activity, benchmarked against a regional and national level.

Nationally collected data suggests that West Sussex has similar levels of adult attendance and participation in cultural activities to that within the South East and across England. West Sussex has slightly higher than average levels of participation for each category of cultural activities with the single exception of gallery and museum attendance at 52.6%, which remains higher than that in England by 1.1% but slightly below the regional average of 53.5%.

Within West Sussex overall, engagement in the arts is highest in Chichester, Horsham and Mid Sussex, all with an average of over 50% of respondents attending, participating or engaging in a cultural activity.

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The 2008 Place Survey suggested residents had high levels of satisfaction with their local cultural and heritage provision in West Sussex with over 62% of respondents being very or fairly satisfied. This was higher in comparison to averages for both the South East at 58% and England with 56%. The largest difference was for the satisfaction of theatres and concert halls being 14.5% higher in West Sussex compared to England.

This high overall rating masks considerable differences at district/borough level that, in part, reflect the relative spread of access to cultural provision across the county. Satisfaction with local library provision is highest in Adur, Horsham and Worthing. Whilst Crawley residents are relatively less satisfied with local museum and gallery provision (owing partly to the historic lack of local provision), they are however much more satisfied with local theatre and concert halls, parks and open spaces.
Description

West Sussex offers a huge variety of opportunities for participation in and enjoyment of sporting activities. The West Sussex coast offers numerous leisure and sporting opportunities with marinas, harbours, traditional piers and busy ports. Over half the county is protected countryside and, together with the new South Downs National Park, offers some of the finest walking and cycling country in Britain. The county plays host to world-renowned motor events at Goodwood. Alongside professional sports organisations, there is wide participation in grassroots clubs and in sports related education.

Performance

**Adult participation**

The Active Sports Survey is the largest ever survey of sport and active recreation to be undertaken in Europe. The most recent survey (Active Sports Survey 6) was started on 14th October 2012 and the results were made available on Thursday 6th December 2012. The sports participation indicator measures the number of adults (aged 16 and over) participating in at least 30 minutes of sport at moderate intensity at least once a week. The survey showed that adult participation in sport and active recreation in West Sussex has increased in 2011/12 (38.8% active participation) from when the survey was first carried out in 2005/06 (34.3%). This increase is statistically significant*. The increase in active sports participation was also statistically significant for the South East between 2005/06 and 2011/12.

* Changes from Active People Survey 2 (2005/06) to the latest rolling 12 month period (2011/12) have been measured for statistical significance. A statistically significant change is indicated by ‘increase’ or ‘decrease’ and this means that we are 95% certain that there has been a real change (increase or decrease) in the figures reported.
Across each district, adult participation in moderate intensity sport** had shown no significant change between 2005/06 and 2011/12 with the exception of Crawley which had shown an increase. Adult participation in moderate intensity sport in Crawley was 32.5% in 2005/06 and increased to 45.0% in 2011/12.

Crawley and Arun both saw the largest increase in Adult participation in moderate intensity sport from 2010/11 to 2011/12. Crawley had the largest increase of 12.6 percentage points between 2010/11 and 2011/12 and Arun was the second highest with an increase in participation of 10.7 percentage points. Other districts which saw an increase in participation between 2010/11 and 2011/12 were Mid Sussex (7.1 percentage point increase) and Adur (4.5 percentage point increase). The districts of Chichester, Worthing and Horsham all had a decrease in adult participation in moderate intensity sport between 2010/11 and 2011/12. Chichester saw the biggest decrease of 5.1 percentage points.

Active People Survey data provides up to date information on performance against key sports participation indicators. The data suggests that West Sussex has higher levels of participation compared to English averages, but slightly below those for the South East region.

** Moderate Intensity sport: Does not include recreational walking or infrequent recreational cycling but does include cycling if done at least once a week at moderate intensity and for at least 30 minutes. It also includes more intense/strenuous walking activities such as power walking, hill trekking, cliff walking and gorge walking.
Volunteering in sports

Between 2010/11 and 2011/12, residents in West Sussex who volunteer to support sport for at least one hour a week has increased from 8.1% to 8.4%. Across the South East and England this has declined. There have also been some notable changes across districts during this period. In 2010/11, residents in Adur and Mid Sussex were most likely to volunteer to support sport for at least one hour a week, whilst people in Crawley were least likely. This has changed in the 2011/12 survey, with residents in Adur being least likely to volunteer in sports once a week and Crawley most likely to (5.8 percentage points more than 2011/12). Less residents in Mid Sussex said they would volunteer to support sport for at least one hour a week in 2011/12 (7.6%) compared to 2010/11 (9.3%). Worthing saw the largest decrease with 3.5% saying they would volunteer in 2011/12 compared to 8.7% in 2011/12. Horsham also had a slight decrease with the other districts of Chichester and Arun seeing an increase.

Sports club membership

Being a member of a club particularly so that you can participate in sport or recreational activity in the last 4 weeks saw a small decrease in West Sussex in 2011/12 and a slight increase in the South East and across England. In 2010/11 sports club membership in the last 4 weeks was highest in Chichester and Horsham, but less in Crawley and Adur. In 2011/12 sports club membership is still highest for Chichester compared to other districts but did see a decline from 2010/11. The districts of Horsham, Mid Sussex and Worthing have also seen a decrease in sports club membership from 2010/11 to 2011/12 and this was particularly noticeable for Horsham (a decrease of 7.3 percentage points). The other districts have all seen an increase, in particular Crawley which has increased from 18.6% in 2010/11 to 26.1% in 2011/12 and Adur which saw an increase from 16.9% in 2010/11 to 23% in 2011/12.
Sports tuition/coaching
West Sussex has seen an increase of 2.7 percentage points of people having received tuition from an instructor or coach to improve performance in any sport or recreational activity in the last 12 months. A smaller increase has been seen in South East and across England. In 2010/11 residents in Horsham and Mid Sussex were most likely to have received sports tuition or coaching in the last 12 months, whilst those in Crawley and Worthing were least likely. For 2011/12, Crawley and Arun have seen the largest rise in residents receiving tuition/coaching. For Crawley this has increased by 9.5 percentage points and Arun by 9.8 percentage points between 2010/11 and 2011/12. Both Horsham and Mid Sussex have shown a slight decrease during this time.

Organised competition
West Sussex has also seen a 2% increase from 2010/11 to 2011/12 in the number of residents who have taken part in any organised sports competition in the last 12 months. Across the South East there has been a slight decline. In 2011/12, people in Arun were most likely to have taken part in an organised sports competition in the last 12 months at 20.8% of residents, an increase of 7.6% from 2010/11. Crawley had the second highest level of participation in organised sports competitions at 20.3% of residents, an increase of 6.6% from 2010/11, while Adur had the lowest participation at 8.6% of total residents and also showed a decrease of 5.3% from 2010/11 to 2011/12.

The increase in sports participation in Crawley could be attributed in part to the Crawley in Motion 2012 campaign, a programme of cultural, sporting and community events that took place across the borough in the build-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games.
The Chichester Cycle Challenge has been running for four years. In 2013 a challenge for Horsham was introduced. Over three weeks workplaces and individual teams compete against either other to see which employer could get the most people riding a bike. At the end of the three weeks, the workplace or team with the highest percentage of participation and miles ridden is declared the winner. The cycle challenges aim to show more people how easy and enjoyable cycling can be. 2013 is the first year the cycle challenge has been funded through the Department for Transport’s Local Sustainable Transport Fund. In previous years, funding was secured by Chichester District Council from DEFRA.

2010 saw the most participants to the Chichester Cycle challenge (906 which included 137 new cyclists) and the second highest total number of miles cycled (47,765). In 2011 the number of participants and total number of miles cycles reached a low point with 593 participants (and 67 new cyclists) cycling 36,816 miles. However, since 2011 the number of participants and total number of miles cycled has been steadily increasing. In 2013, the Chichester cycle challenge had the highest number of miles cycled compared to previous years of 49,245. 2013 also introduced Horsham to the challenge for the first time. The results showed that although Chichester had the highest level of participation, Horsham managed to encourage 22% of new cyclists to go for a ride (compared to 11% for Chichester). The cycle challenge is planned to continue in 2014.

**Figure 5.20: Chichester Cycle Challenge, 2013**

- **Cyclepath**
  - 49,245 miles cycled in total
  - 8,462 kg CO\textsuperscript{2} saved

- 76 new cyclists in 2013
- 52 participating organisations
- 705 individual participants

**Figure 5.19: Chichester Cycle Challenge, miles ridden, 2010-13**

- 47,765
- 36,816
- 36,563
- 49,245

Source: Cyclist’s Touring Club ‘Challenge for Change’ report
West Sussex County Council has a current savings target of £79 million by 2013/14 with additional budget cuts expected in the next few years with the resulting loss of some 1,300 jobs. It is clear that these cuts will have a direct impact on the number and the amount of grants that can be made to third sector organisations.

The findings from the National Survey of Charities and Social Enterprises (NSCSE) suggest that there is room for improvement in the rapport between statutory bodies and third sector organisations. It is vital that charities, social enterprises and community groups feel valued and supported by West Sussex County Council so that there is no reduction in the quality of service provision to residents. With 92% of third sector organisations that were interviewed saying that they successfully reached their main objectives for the previous twelve months, it remains imperative that local government organisations provide the scope for these organisations to continue to grow and to broaden the challenges that they set themselves, whilst offering continued support and funding.

Although voter turnout has been decreasing year on year, the success of the Youth Parliament elections shows how young people want to get actively involved in decisions.

The increase in sports participation across West Sussex, in particular Crawley, Arun and Adur, could be attributed to the success of the Olympics last year. On the 15th October 2012, Sport England started their fieldwork for the Active People Survey 7 which runs until 14th October 2013. The survey will again measure the proportion of the adult population that volunteer in sport on a weekly basis, club membership, involvement in organised sport/competition, receipt of tuition or coaching, and overall satisfaction with levels of sporting provision in the local community. The results will be able to give some indication for participation in sports now that the London 2012 Olympic Games has passed.
Participation and Inclusion - Further Information

To access data and other chapters of West Sussex Life
http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/westsussexlife

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http://www.nscsesurvey.com/

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http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/election2010/results/constituency/b54.stm

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