



CIVIC SURVEY 2022

1. Introduction

Many thanks for agreeing to complete this survey for Civic Voice. We rely on knowing what civic societies and volunteers want and this is one of the most important ways of telling us. We undertake this survey annually as a health check of the civic society movement. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes. The survey is for all civic volunteers and civic societies – you do not need to be a member of Civic Voice to complete it.

We encourage you to discuss your civic society response with your committee before submitting. It would be helpful to receive your completed survey by **Monday 14th February 2022**.

We will be discussing the survey at the next set of regional forum events. You can sign up to an event near you via: <http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

2. ABOUT YOUR GROUP

1. In the next five years are you expecting the membership of your civic society to?

Increase

Stay about the same

Decrease

Don't know

2. Does your civic society have more or fewer members than at this point last year?

More

About the same

Fewer

Don't know

3. What are the TOP THREE THINGS your civic society needs to do in order to be more successful over the next 12 months?

Raise profile

Increase membership

Improve website and use of social media

Strengthen funding

Campaign more

Increase number of active volunteers

Run more projects

Improve relationships with council

Network more with other civic groups

Attract a younger membership

Don't know

Other (please specify)

4. What are the TOP THREE THINGS your civic society needs to do to encourage you to volunteer more in support of its activities over the next 12 months?

Provide more worthwhile projects for me to get involved in

Cover my expenses

Improves its profile

Provide me with support

Make things less committee based

Keep everyone better informed

Just ask!

Involve a wide range of people

Provide more positive leadership

Make things fun and social

Have a vision for the future

Don't know

Other (please specify)

5. Thinking about your own Civic Society, do you have any objectives for 2022?

3. WORKING TOGETHER

6. Do you believe Civic Voice should put more or less emphasis on the following three areas of work?

	More	About the same	Less
Supporting individual civic societies			
Helping societies network together			
Lobbying, campaigning and profile raising at national level			

7. In 2021, we spent time investigating the idea of 'Formal Status for Civic Societies in Planning' - what were your thoughts on this campaign?

8. What is the most useful part of the Annual Conference for you?

9. What do you think the civic movement will look like in 5 years? Will it have more, or fewer groups involved? Will it look the same? Will anything change?

4. CIVIC VOICE

10. What are the TOP THREE Civic Voice activities that are of the greatest use to your civic society?

Civic Voice website

Civic Voice briefings on policy issues (e.g. Planning White Paper)

Civic Voice's fortnightly civic update

Civic Voice submissions to official consultations and inquiries

Lobbying Government ministers and civil servants

Organising events for civic societies to meet

Organising campaigns for civic societies – (e.g. Permitted Development)

Organising National Civic Day

Providing the Civic Voice logo for your group to show it is part of a movement

Provide cost effective insurance cover

Raising the profile of the civic movement

All Party Parliamentary Group for Civic Societies

Other (please specify)

11. What specific issues do you want Civic Voice to be lobbying/campaigning on?

12. Civic societies across the country are part of the wider civic movement. Which THREE of the following themes do you consider the most important to the civic movement over the next ten years? (Please note: we are aware that some of these themes overlap.)

Improving the planning system

Vibrant town centres/high streets

Giving civic societies and communities a greater voice in planning system

Championing good quality design

Civic pride / pride of place

Local heritage lists

Championing conservation areas

Championing local community assets

Other (please specify)

13. What do you think are the three most significant risks facing the Civic Movement for the next three years?

4. CIVIC VOICE CONTINUED

14. How well connected do you feel your civic society is to other civic societies?

Very well connected

Quite well connected

Neutral

Not very connected

Not connected at all

Don't know

15. How much do you feel you know about the work of Civic Voice?

Great deal

Fair amount

Neutral

Not a lot

Nothing at all

Don't know

16. On a scale of 1-5 in which 1 is very poor and 5 is excellent, how do you rate Civic Voice as an organisation

17. If your answer is between 1 and 4 then what does Civic Voice need to do to improve?

18. As an individual, would you be interested in supporting Civic Voice at £10 a year?

Yes

No

Don't know

19. If your civic society is NOT a member of Civic Voice, what would encourage you to join?

5. ABOUT YOU

20. What is your name?

21. What is the name of your civic society?

22. What position do you hold (if any) in your group?

23. What is your age?

0-17	
18-29	
30-39	
40-49	
50-59	
60-69	
70-79	
Prefer not to say	

24. To which of the following ethnic groups do you consider you belong?

Asian	
Black	
Mixed	
White	
Other ethnic group	
Prefer not to say	

25. Which region of the country are you based in?

26. What is your email address?

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