Birness Drive
At-a-glance summary 2008-2015

We have conducted three repeat resident surveys in Birness Drive over the course of our study: the first in 2008 in which 146 residents took part; the second in 2011 in which 67 residents took part; and the last survey in 2015 in which 57 residents were interviewed.

These surveys included a whole range of questions about how people feel about their homes, their neighbourhood, services in the area, their lifestyle and circumstances and their health and wellbeing.

Over time, this has helped us understand more about the process of neighbourhood regeneration, and to highlight what is working well for communities and what needs more attention.

A selection of the findings for Birness Drive from the three surveys is summarised below.

Health	Wave 1 (2008)	Wave 2 (2011)	Wave 3 (2015)
Residents who felt they had good, very good or excellent general health	64.4%	61.2%	56.1%
Residents reporting they regularly experienced stress, anxiety or depression over the last 12 months	23.3%	29.9%	24.6%
Residents who felt optimistic about the future	83.6%	83.1%	81.1%
Residents who currently smoke	46.6%	41.8%	46.3%
Residents who currently drink alcohol	69.9%	72.7%	62.3%
Residents who had at least one fast food main meal in the last week	26.4%	40.3%	40.0%
Residents who walked in the neighbourhood most days	45.9%	53.7%	50.9%

Housing	Wave 1 (2008)	Wave 2 (2011)	Wave 3 (2015)
Residents very or fairly satisfied with their home	84.9%	92.5%	86.0%
Residents rating the external appearance of their home as very good	25.5%	47.8%	43.9%
Residents who strongly agreed they felt safe in their home	41.1%	40.3%	26.3%
Residents very or fairly satisfied with landlords/factors taking account of residents' views when making decisions	65.1%	77.6%	78.0%
Residents very or fairly satisfied with the way landlords/factors keep residents informed	73.3%	88.1%	94.6%

Neighbourhoods	Wave 1 (2008)	Wave 2 (2011)	Wave 3 (2015)
Residents very or fairly satisfied with their neighbourhood	82.2%	86.6%	89.5%
Residents reporting that the neighbourhood has got better	48.6%	55.9%	40.5%
Residents rating the attractiveness of the environment as very or fairly good	65.8%	82.1%	86.0%
Residents rating the local shops as very or fairly good	91.1%	92.5%	94.7%
Residents rating the local parks as very or fairly good	82.2%	91.0%	86.0%
Residents rating the local youth and leisure services as very or fairly good	43.8%	32.8%	30.4%
Residents rating drunkenness or rowdiness in public places as a serious or slight local problem	37.0%	46.3%	35.1%
Residents rating drug use/drug dealing as a serious or slight local problem	31.5%	26.9%	41.1%
Residents who felt very or fairly safe walking alone in the neighbourhood after dark	50.0%	67.2%	56.1%

Community	Wave 1 (2008)	Wave 2 (2011)	Wave 3 (2015)
Residents who felt part of the community	74.7%	77.3%	68.4%
Residents who felt someone was likely to intervene in cases of public harassment (informal social control)	32.2%	35.3%	40.4%
Residents who speak to neighbours at least once a week	70.0%	76.6%	70.2%
Residents who met up with friends at least once a week	79.9%	68.2%	76.8%
Residents who could rely on people to go to the shops for them if they were unwell (practical social support)	77.3%	83.6%	85.7%
Residents who could rely on one or more people for advice and support in a crisis (emotional social support)	67.1%	81.0%	84.2%
Residents who felt they have the ability to influence decisions in the local area	45.2%	50.0%	52.3%

Household finances	Wave 1 (2008)	Wave 2 (2011)	Wave 3 (2015)
Residents with difficulties meeting the cost of the rent/mortgage	19.9%	18.0%	7.7%
Residents with difficulties meeting the cost of gas, electricity or other fuel bills	18.5%	21.0%	36.5%
Residents with difficulties meeting the cost of food	8.9%	17.7%	20.8%