**Pride of Place Survey: Adults**

1. **What do you like about living in Murroe?**

“The community spirit is like nowhere else that I have lived”

“Village life, everyone knows you which I think is a good thing cos you will never be stuck for a lift of help with stuff it's great.”

(Resident 10 years)

“I love living in Murroe, it's such a beautiful area to live in with so much for kids to do. Glenstall is amazing for the kids to go and let their imagination run wild. We also have the park & pitch & put. My son is a member of the beavers and absolutely loves it.”

(Resident 8 years)

“It is rural however it is still close to the city. People of Murroe are v friendly and there is a great community spirit.”

(Resident 7 years)

“The local community and the manner in which it co-operates.”

(Resident 22 years)

“Good phone reception!!”

(Resident 23 years, “whole life”)

“Murroe has everything you need locally. Shops, chemist, butchers, petrol station and pubs and restaurant. Fantastic local community groups with genuine interest in the development and the upkeep of the village. Also with Glenstal Abbey, The Clare Glens and numerous scenic places to go for a stroll or a run, we are spoiled for choice.”

(Resident 20 years)

“Murroe is a great community and has a lot of facilities for children.”

(Resident 13 years)

“I like that's it's away for the hustle and bustle of the city, but not too far, I wanted to start my family and raise my children in a small community as I felt it would have a more calming and positive effect on them.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Community spirit, lots of organisations and activities for all age groups, involvement of many people in many voluntary activities, location - close to Glenstal with a very open community; close to city so we can have rural values with nearness to city facilitites such as shopping, University, sports facilities, UL Concert hall, hospitals etc etec”

(Resident 30 years)

“The village of Murroe is ideally situated for both work purposes & family live. It's at the centre of numerous towns & city..... Nenagh, Tipp town & Limerick City.... with the added benefit of being surrounded by countryside with fabulous local amenities including beautiful forests & restaurant.”

(Resident 30 years)

“Community spirit, great neighbours & friends. Rural village within easy travelling distance to Limerick”

(12 years)

“Great Community Spirit.

Very involved in GAA with my two sons.

Safe place to live”

(Resident 42 years)

“People are willing to volunteer and help each other.”

(Resident 9 years)

“Brilliant community spirit.

Hugh amount of volunteers involved in children’s sports and activities.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Lovely kind people, beautiful surrounding area, Glenstal Abbey and the village is a lovely, family orientated place to live, two beautiful pubs and an amazing play ground for the kids to enjoy.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Great community spirit. Full of diversity.”

(Resident 8 years)

“Community spirt, its clean and lots of family social events.”

(Resident 5 years)

“The people of Murroe are so friendly & welcoming. The area is beautiful & steeped in history. There is a lovely vibe in Murroe.”

(Resident 9 years)

“There's so much to do in the area and the immediate surrounds with great community groups & facilities. take a walk in the gardens of Glenstal Abbey, or if you're up to it take on the Glenstal Loop Walk, or even the more challenging still, the Slieve Felim Way which starts right in the village. (I do them on the m'bike). Although not strictly in the parish the Clare Glens are only a stones throw away too. Commuter town proximity to Limerick is just right (for me). The community development also is forward looking with big plans ahead which is great to see.”

(Resident 16 years)

“It's a really friendly place, it's really welcoming and it's always clean”

“The support the community gives one another”

(Resident 30 years)

“- Great sense of community - community council do excellent work

 - Excellent sporting facilities for all ages - GAA, Soccer, Pitch & Putt

 - Facilities for walks - Glenstal Abbey, Clare Glens

 - Close to Limerick but not too close - Murroe has maintained the 'small village' feel even though the population has increased over the past 10 years”

(Resident 25 years)

“A real sense of community and a great pride that is shown by the locals of the parish.”

(Resident 40 years)

“I like living in Murroe for a number of reasons, it has a friendly community spirit, which also has a touch of steel when things have to be done, people here have pride in there community which can be infectious,i cycle so i like the surrounding countryside good roads and good hills.”

(Resident 10 years)

“The fresh air and peace and quiet. There's a lovely sence of community. There's always something going on and plenty of activities to get involved in. It's a beautiful area with lots of lovely walks.”

(Resident 2 years)

“The people are very friendly, and there is great community spirit. There are great public amenities including Glenstal, the playground for the kids, the community hall. There is a huge effort being put in to run voluntary organisations such as the GAA, the Scouts, the new Murroe field project, Tidy Towns, the twinning committee. It's very peaceful and the countryside is beautiful.”

(Resident 9 years)

“Murroe is a small village that grew rapidly during the Celtic tiger years, bringing a lot of young families together in the new estates around the village. Despite the sudden jump in population, the locals have embraced the newcomers and welcomed them warmly. Then came the recession, and with it so many job losses and homes that were no longer affordable… houses were left empty, estates unfinished. It’s a sign of the hard work put in by the local community and Gardaí that the estates that were in danger of becoming run-down ghost estates have remained vibrant, welcoming and full of life despite the difficult times. There is a strong sense of community involvement in Murroe, with so many people giving up their time to volunteer in different ways – people contribute to resident’s councils and parent’s councils, they are scout leaders and tidy towns coordinators, GAA coaches and soccer coaches. So many people willing to give their time and expertise freely and investing in making Murroe a wonderful place to live. If you walk through the village, you will see the carefully planned and lovingly nurtured flower displays in Gilmartin Park, cared for by volunteer gardeners. The fruits of their labour are enjoyed by all residents of the village, particularly the older contingent who live in Community Housing. The community has worked hard over the years on improving the town for all residents. Our fabulous playground took so much hard work to plan and raise funds, and every year murals and landscaping are added to make it even more beautiful. Our next project, The Field Project, is set to be another success story because of the wonderful, dedicated, visionary people who work so hard on it.”

(Resident 9 years)

1. **Are you proud to live in Murroe? Can you tell us why?**

**“**Yes, beautiful village and fantastic views. Lots of lovely walks in the area.”

“Proud to be part of a vibrant community who care about each other.”

“Great place to live , clean ,tidy , lots of events held that involves the whole community.”

**“**There are many community groups in Murroe, led by local volunteers- such as the Gaa, Soccer club, scouts which all have exceptionally high nos of kids attending. A great sign of the commitment and love people have for their community, and the people living in it. From residents committees, to community committees, to the largest no of volunteers for Limericks TLC, murroe has it all!”

(Resident 8 years)

“Yes, because their is a great community spirit and great support for all the activities sport recreation, and music for all ages.”

“Yes, I think it's a great place to live. There is lots to do and great amenities here. I also love the festival that murroe hosts every year.”

“Yes....sense of rural calm and local neighbourliness is excellent.”

(Resident 12 years)

“Very proud to say I live here in Murroe where there is such a strong community bond. We look out and after each other. Our kids have wonderful opportunities with verious sports. Soccer & hurling are my sons favourite and he has made so many friends and has been given great encouragement from his coaches.”

(Resident 8 years)

“Our history and heritage has given us a community that pulls together for the good of all. The voluntary effort that's put in by community council, tidy towns, field committee, playground group, scouts, festival, gaa and so many more really is amazing!”

(Resident 13 years)

“Yes. Alot of activities for the youth of Murroe.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Yes, I am. It is not a very well known village but living here is really nice: it is quiet enough, there is a great community spirit and people like living here.”

(Resident 36 years)

“Sense of belonging.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Yes. When I tell people I live in Murroe they always appear to be jealous. They have the impression that people here are clever and interesting.

I am proud of living in Murroe as there is a great community spirit. People are always helpful and friendly.”

(Resident 7 years)

“Yes, because I'm proud of its people and their way of life. I love the beauty spot around it, especially Glenstal Abbey and the Clare Glens, which claim fame all over Ireland and further afield.”

(Resident 22 years)

“Yes, I get to live with very decent, good people who are very committed to their community, their children and to each other.”

(Resident 22 years)

“Yes. There is so much going on...the tidy towns committee do a great job keeping the village looking well. The graveyard committees keep the cemeteries looking immaculate as was seen in Ballinure at our recent annual cemetery Mass. Murroe is a very busy place with lots of clubs catering for young and old. Murroe is Alive and Well. We still have our Garda Station, our Post Office, our two priests, our two churches, our two pubs and our shops. So many villages are ghost towns but not Murroe. And we have Glenstal and the Clare Glens for wonderful walks!”

(Resident 20+ years)

“Yes. People are friendly. There is great co- operation within the community. People freely share talents and abilities. The village is kept beautifully always. Services Re very good. The surroundings are beautiful.”

(Resident 36 years)

“I suppose! People can really rally around others when needed. Good community!”

(Resident 23 years, “whole life”)

“Yes because people are becoming very connected and new estates are being well-managed by residents”

(Resident 60 years)

“I am proud to live in a community like Murroe. Particulary because of all the friends and neighbours that are always there when you need them.”

(Resident 20 years)

“Yes, its a very enterprising, forward thinking village”

(Resident 8 years)

“Yes.Great community spirit ...lots of volunteers who organise and support local activities.

Also, a friendly and supportive community to bring up a family.

Excellent sports facilities, particularly organisation, coaching and promotion of female sport in the parish.”

(Resident 22 years)

“There is a wonderful sense of community in Murroe down to the local shop keeper and publicans knowing everyone by first name, you will always see local residents out with their refuse sacks keeping the village tidy, as a community the people of Murroe really pull together.”

(Resident 10 years)

“I am happy to live in Murroe. It is a friendly village with people helping to get things done.”

(Resident 30 years)

“Yes I am proud. We look after all members young and old.”

(Resident 48 years)

“I was born n raised here n now am raising my own family here think that says it all. So proud to be from murroe.”

(Resident 49 years)

“Yes, great community spirit, volunteering in local clubs & organisations, supporting local businesses”

(Resident “For the past 7 years & no intention of leaving”)

“Yes because of the decent people and the heritage of the village.”

(Resident 11 year)

“Yes. There is an excellent community who come together to provide their skills in terms of helping and promoting young people whether its sports such as gaa and soccer and also in looking after the local village and surrounding area. We are very lucky to have a very positive and warm community where we can feel proud of our area.”

(Resident 15 years)

“I was born here and the parish has evolved and developed so well.”

(Resident “all my life”)

“I love Murroe, I was a blow in,and I have never been made more welcome anywhere else.”

(Resident 5 years)

“Murroe has a very close community and people look out for each other.”

(Resident 42 years)

“Yes very proud. Lovely village, nice people, village well looked after.”

(Resident 9 years)

“Yes because not originating from murroe both my family and I are made feel like we always lived here.”

(Resident 8 years)

“I am proud to live in Murroe because it is not in every parish, that the 'locals' & the 'blow-ins' have integrated so well together. There are many clubs & groups that you can get involved in & there is lots of things for the children to do.”

(Resident 9 years)

“Proud because we are such an active community always trying to improve our community and make it a fun and interesting place to live.”

(Resident 13 years)

“It is a beautiful village.”

(Resident 9 years)

“Yes - Murroe is a warmth of an extended family willing to help each other whether it be with a bake sale or a sports day in aid of those people they know or just because its for a good cause.”

(Resident “forever”)

“Yes. Vibrant community. Great school. Good community activities for children.”

(Resident 20 years)

“Yes. I'm a blow in originally from Thurles, but have been made feel very welcome here from the get go. There's such a positive energy about the place and I've had the opportunity to participate in some of the local initiatives, eg Glenstal Group Water Scheme, Murroe Text Alert Scheme and the TLC campaign which is great for Murroe and the greater Limerick community too.”

(Resident c.a. 16 years)

“Yes, because of the many traditions upheld throughout the years in the beautiful area.”

(Resident 30 years)

“I was born and reared in Murroe and Boher. Since I graduated college I had lived in various addresses all over the country. However I always found myself coming home to Murroe at every opportunity available as the sense of community here is exceptional.From large events such as Mary of Murroe and Tractor Runs to smaller events such as bake sales and coffee mornings there is always a brilliant turn out and always a friendly face. It is good people who make a good place and Murroe is full of good people!”

(Resident 25 years)

“I would say lucky as it's a quiet and friendly area and well kept by our tidy towns committee.”

(Resident “all my life”)

“I am proud to live in murroe, its a well kept village in pleasant setting , great sporting achievements since we moved here, when you look a bit deeper you discover history that for small place is remarkable, it is a very positive place to live.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Yes I'm proud to be part of a community where people are so friendly also there are a large number of young families in Murroe and the needs of children is met by the large amounts of groups in the area, eg. Scouting, GAA, Murroe FC.”

(Resident 2 years)

“Yes, because the people make such an effort to preserve and improve the village and the community. The village has undergone huge change in the last 10 to 15 years with all the new houses being built and new people moving in, this could have destroyed the village atmosphere, but it hasn't.”

(Resident 9 years)

“I love inviting friends and family to visit us in Murroe - there are so many local, free, outdoor activities to enjoy. For children it's a wonderland where there are outdoor adventures aplenty to be found in Glenstal, Clare Glens and Glenstal Woods.

For younger children, many hours are spent between the playground and the woods nearby. In autumn the horse chestnut trees are laden with shiny conkers, while at any time of the year there is endless fun to be had exploring the woods, building imaginations and a connection with nature.

The local school has a wonderful staff of warm, friendly, inspirational teachers. Our children adore their school and literally bound in the gates each morning. The school puts a strong emphasis on comprehension and rational thinking – such important life skills that can often be overlooked in this technological, results-driven age.”

(Resident 9 years)

1. **Any other comments?**

“The community spirit is second to none in Murroe With so many people from various backgrounds having moved to murroe over the years ( including myself), I must say the welcome and inclusion into the community is a factor to be highly admired, and to be extremely proud of.”

(Resident 9 years)

“The estate I live in has very good community spirit. People are friendly kids all play together and safety is very important to us all. The village as a whole is excellent, glenstal abbey is stunning and and pupils are well mannered. We have an excellent.butcher, pubs local shops the post office our new pharmacy chipper, beautiful church and well maintained play ground.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Just a great place to bring up a family.”

(Resident 12 years)

“Murroe and the committee who work so hard to keep our beautiful village together deserve this award. It's a beautiful place with beautiful people.”

(Resident 8 years)

“Murroe is a modern village with old-fashioned values at it's heart.”

(Resident “10 happy years")

“There is a great group of people here who put a great efford into improving the village.”

(Resident 36 years)

“More shops needed.”

(Resident 10 years)

“I moved to Murroe in 2009 and have no plans to leave. I am delighted to bring my children up in this positive, energetic community with great community spirit.”

(Resident 7 years)

“There is a fantastic community council, including Fr. Simon Sleeman osb, working in Murroe, organising events such as the recent visit of President Higgins and Sabina and the TLC..Team Limerick Cleanup..on Good Friday...which got people of all ages out cleaning up the countryside. I could go on and on naming events.”

(Resident 20+ years)

“Given the sheer number of people excercising , running and jogging, I'd love to see an outside gym area developed at some point, or indeed a leisure centre.”

(Resident 20 years)

“A lot of time, effort and money has been put into murroe to raise funds for a new all weather pitch for the young people to use. This would not be possible without the GAA and the people of murroe/ boher.”

(Resident 13 years)

“The village has grown but has still managed to keep the small village feel to the area.

The numbers living in and around Murroe has grown but the closeness of the community hasn't changed much.”

(Resident 22 years)

“I was raised in the heart of the city and always classed myself a city girl but after 10 years and 3 wonderful children I can now say I am a very happy country woman Murroe is and always will be my home.”

(Resident 10 years)

“We wanted to downsize, but made a very definite decision we were not leaving such a great community and locality.”

(Resident 30 years)

“There is a great value placed on our heritage in Murroe Boher.”

(Resident 48 years)

“You should move here too!!!”

(Resident 7 years)

“Murroe is a village that prides itself on its community spirit, I love the fact We have community first responders, We work closely with the elderly & that We came together to raise €180,000 for the first Community funded playground in Munster & are continuing the momento by raising funds to build a Community Centre/walking arena/all weather pitch.”

(Resident 30 years)

“Integration of newcomers with established members of the community.”

(Resident 12 years)

“I feel safe living in murroe residents pull together when things need to get done.”

(Resident 10 years)

“Keep up the good work to all the people who clean and organize great family events.”

(Resident 10 years)

“I couldn't be happier living anywhere else.”

(Resident 4 years)

“Communities need to be supported by the county council.”

(Resident 30 years)

“I am not a native of Murroe or of Limerick yet I have always been included and made to feel like I had something worthwhile to contribute to the community.”

(Resident 13 years)

“Not enough amenitities for children with interests based beyond sports.”

“I hope the good spirit continues long into the future.”

(Resident 20 years)

“Have loved the village since I first visited 50 years ago, when i came with my then fiancé.”

(Resident 30 years)

“It is great that Murroe was nominated for this competition - it is well deserved and a testament to all who worked towards this.”

(Resident 25 years)

“I really think that if murroe people where given funding and a chance to show what could be achieved by driven people that have a great sense of pride in their community it would be something to behold.”

(Resident 40 years)

“Having moved here two years ago after living in the city for over 50 it has been one of the best decisions of my life.”

(Resident 2 years)

“When we moved to Murroe 9 years ago, our friends started jokingly referred to our relocation to 'Murroevia'. It has stuck, so in at least one household we consider ourselves residents of the 'Kingdom of Murroevia'!”

(Resident 9 years)

“Best of luck to Murroe in the Pride of Place competition.”

(Resident 9 years)