

Philip's Panel: January 2008 **Survey Results**

Shropshire Schools

- 1. Last month, 22 village schools faced closure in Shropshire. Who do you blame for this threat to their future?**
Government **64%** County Council **21%** Other **11%**
- 2. Would you be prepared to pay higher council tax to keep village schools open?**
Yes **33%** No **45%** Don't know **19%**
- 3. Do you think Parent Teacher Associations in Shropshire schools would be willing and able to raise £50.25 per pupil, if needed, to bridge a funding gap in 2010/11 to keep village schools open?**
Yes **38%** No **25%** Don't know **34%**

Post Offices

- 4. Who do you blame for the threat to close local post offices?**
Government **56%** Post Office management **27%** lack of customers **13%** Don't know **2%**
- 5. Would you be willing to spend £1 per week more in your local Post Office, if it helped keep it open?**
Yes **77%** No **10%** Don't know **11%**

Elections in 2008

While there are no elections in the Ludlow constituency expected in 2008, I am interested in who you think will win other important elections later this year:

- 6. Who will win the election for London Mayor in May 2008?**
Boris Johnson **42%** Ken Livingstone **47%** Brian Paddick **3%**
- 7. Who will be elected as Democrat candidate for US President?**
Hillary Clinton **50%** Barack Obama **45%**
- 8. Who will be elected as Republican candidate for US President?**
Mike Huckabee **5%** John McCain **88%** Mitt Romney **0%**
- 9. Who will win the election for US President in November 2008?**
Democrat candidate **69%** Republican candidate **20%**

Organ donation

At present, organs are only taken from dead people if they carry an organ donor card. But it has been proposed that organs would automatically be taken from the dead unless they "opt out" of organ donation. What is your view:

- 10. A deceased person's organs should always be donated unless they have withdrawn consent.**
Yes **51%** No **40%** Don't know **7%**
- 11. A deceased person's organs should only be donated where they have actively given their consent.**
Yes **47%** No **42%** Don't know **3%**
- 12. Greater efforts should be made to promote the current organ donor system but if that is not sufficient, an opt-out system should then be introduced.**
Yes **66%** No **27%** Don't know **4%**

Leadership

- 13. Who would make the best prime minister?**
Gordon Brown **8%** David Cameron **76%** Nick Clegg **3%**

Trust in politics

Have recent revelations about disclosure of donations to MPs and use of their allowances changed your view about...

- 14. Your faith in politicians in Britain?**
Decreased a lot **34%** Decreased a bit **27%** Increased **1%** Unchanged **36%**
- 15. How you are likely to vote in a General Election?**
More likely to change **18%** Less likely to change **6%** unchanged **71%**
More likely to vote **21%** Less likely to vote **7%** no difference **68%**

Charitable donation

I will again make a donation to the charity which secures the most support from responses to this survey. Please identify which of the following you would like to receive this donation:

- Help the Aged **18%** County Air Ambulance **71%** Shropshire CAB **8%**