

Anonymising process

In order to retain the anonymity promised to respondents, the data has been cleaned. This included high level (column) and individual (cell level) processing.

General changes:

- Replaced text specific ages/dates to five year brackets.
- Replaced places to [major city], [minor city], [northern town] etc...
- Replaced identifiable musical activity e.g. 'bassist' to [musician]; 'fiddle' to [instrument]. Some instruments are commonplace, so not all references are altered.
- Individual identifiable personal situations have been deleted [xxx] or edited to make them obscure i.e. 'son' > [child]; 'electrical engineer' > [trade]; 'I sing 'Bonny at morn' > I sing [song title].

Column specific changes:

Q4 - Age got into folk singing:

Grouped into 5 year brackets.

0-4

5-9-

10-14...etc

Q42 - other folk events

Deleted column

Q44 - Ages:

Grouped into 5 year brackets.

Q46 - sexual orientation

Merged 'other' text column into main column

Q47 - educational qualification

Merged 'other' text column into main column

Q48 - class

Merged 'other' text column into main column

Q50 - postcode

Deleted column

Q51 - country of residence

Deleted column

Q52 - nationality

Merged 'other' text column into main column

Q53 - ethic group

Merged 'other' text columns into main column

Q54 - Religion:

Created new categories for common additional text submissions (Quaker; Pagan Wiccan
Druid; Methodist) and deleted two columns of additional text answers.

Q57 - voting preferences

Merged 'other' text column into main column

Notes:

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