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Community Safety Survey Key Findings

Community Cohesion & Safety

- The vast majority (77%) of respondents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live
- 63% felt that that their local area was a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together, and 25% neither agreed nor disagreed
- Key issues affecting cohesion are a reduction in community services, tensions between those in social housing and those not, and racism
- 84% felt that they could ask their neighbour for help, and half of respondents felt that people in their local area could be trusted
- The vast majority stated that they feel safe at home during the day (86%) and during the night (67%).
- This declined when respondents were asked if they felt safe outside in their local area at night, with 45% agreeing with this statement
- Respondents tended to attribute their concerns to a lack of street lighting, the proximity of ASB and crime, and the behaviour of certain groups

In our little community, the sense of belonging is strong. We feel quite safe and secure.

Since COVID our local community has grown. There is now a real sense of neighbourliness and we all help each other.

Turning off street lights at night makes it more unsafe.

I don't feel safe going out my house with the big gangs of teenagers shouting and swearing at people.

ASB & Crime

- Nearly half (47%) felt that levels of ASB had not changed while 40% felt that anti-social behaviour had become more of a problem in their area
- Half of respondents felt that crime had not changed (51%), while a third felt that crime had become more of a problem in their local area (33%)
- Most frequently experienced or witnessed forms of ASB were:
 - Fly tipping
 - Vandalism, graffiti or other deliberate damage to property
 - Noisy neighbours or loud parties
 - People being drunk or rowdy
- Most frequently experienced or witnessed forms of crime were:
 - Vehicle crime
 - Violent crime
 - Online crime
 - Financial crime

Loud parties, bonfires most evenings, motorbikes on pavements, smell of weed.

Extensive and ongoing anti-social behaviour in regard to drug-dealing, drug-taking, and drinking alcohol.

Increasing incidents of theft/burglary and attempted theft are creating worry for residents.

Responses to ASB & Crime

- In terms of satisfaction with local agency responses to ASB and crime:
 - 50% are very or fairly satisfied with the local police, 23% are very or fairly dissatisfied, 22% were neither satisfied or dissatisfied
 - 35% are very or fairly satisfied with the local council, 31% are very or fairly dissatisfied, 27% were neither satisfied or dissatisfied
 - 59% are very or fairly satisfied with the local fire and rescue service, 1% are very or fairly dissatisfied, 21% were neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- The most significant theme to emerge from the open-text responses related to the low visibility of the police in local areas and the perceived detrimental impact that this has upon levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- A common perception amongst respondents is that both the police and council are ineffective and/or disinterested in responding to the more 'everyday' forms of anti-social behaviour

Complete lack of police presence. It would go a long to build trust and faith in police service especially with the young.

We experience crime and ASB virtually on a daily basis. The Police and Council have no willingness to address the problems.

The Council and Fire/Rescue services may be doing a great job, but there is little visibility of them so don't actually know.