**Community Safety Survey 2019 breakdown and Comparison with 2017**

The citizens panel has not provided as great a response as 2 years ago as this year we received 212 responses compared with 560 in 2017. The public survey fared slightly better with 578 this year and 429 in 2017. The total received this year was slightly disappointing with 790 compared with 989 2 years ago.

10 responses were out of Borough (mostly from Wokingham Borough) so could not be included. Therefore a total of 780 responses were considered within the results.

General data

The top 3 issues identified by the general survey - 1. Drugs (2nd in 2017) 2. Parking issues (1st in 2017) 3. Burglary (5th in 2017).

The citizens panel identified the top 3 issues - 1. Drugs (4th in 2017), 2. Potholes (2nd 2017) 3. Parking issues (1st 2017).

**Both surveys together suggest the top 5 issues across Reading should be:**

**1. Drugs (3rd in 2017)**

**2. Parking Issues (1st 2017)**

**3. Potholes (2nd 2017)**

**4. Burglary**

**5. Speeding (5th 2017)**

As in 2017 parking issues and potholes will be referred to other service areas in RBC so the top 3 issues identified across Reading would be Drugs, Burglary and Speeding.

There is a definite increase in fear of crime in the last 2 years.

* 23% of respondents felt that the level of crime in Reading was high or very high in 2017 – this has increased in 2019 to 33%
* 42% said crime had increased over the last 2 years compared to 34% in 2017
* 18% had been a victim of crime in the last 12 months compared to 16% in 2017 with the highest in the Oxford Road and East of Reading areas
* 50% felt unsafe at night compared to only 38% in 2017 with the highest areas in South Reading, Oxford Road area, Southcote and West Reading
* 10% said they felt unsafe during the day compared to 6% in 2017
* Similar numbers of respondents in both surveys do not belong to a Neighbourhood Watch 79% in 2017 compared to 82% in 2019.

And increases in perception of ASB are identified as well

* 42% of respondents felt antisocial behaviour had increased in the Borough compared with 31% in 2017
* 52% suggested that parents were not taking responsibility for their children compared with 42% in 2017
* 69% of residents who responded felt that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together compared to 76% responding the same in 2017

Total responses by Ward

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| Ward | Abbey | Battle | Caversham | Church | Katesgrove | Kentwood | Mapledurham | Minster | Norcot | Park | Peppard | Redlands | Southcote | Thames | Tilehurst | Whitley | Out of Borough | Total |
| Citizens panel | 14 | 18 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 0 | 212 |
| Community Safety survey | 64 | 43 | 48 | 44 | 44 | 27 | 13 | 53 | 27 | 25 | 26 | 21 | 29 | 36 | 32 | 36 | 10 | 578 |
| Total | 81 | 61 | 61 | 54 | 57 | 36 | 20 | 62 | 40 | 42 | 42 | 38 | 41 | 50 | 47 | 50 | 10 | 790 |

Totals in green suggest an increase in responses from 2017 and those in red a decrease. Those in black are about the same.

We asked some age, gender and ethnicity details this year to look at whether certain crimes affected certain members of the community and perhaps for future targeting:

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| Age | 17&under | 18-25 | 26-35 | 36-45 | 46-55 | 56-65 | 66+ | not answered |
| Survey responses | 0.20% | 1.80% | 12% | 20% | 21% | 20% | 25% | 7% |
| Breakdown across Reading (approx.)\* | 5% | 10% | 16% | 15% | 12% | 9% | 12% |  |

\*ONS estimates 2018 (not included 0-15yr olds)

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| Ethnicity | Asian British | Black African/Caribbean | White | Mixed/Multiple | Other | Not answered |
| Survey responses | 5% | 1.40% | 88% | 1.50% | 2% | 1.80% |
| Breakdown across Reading (approx.)\* | 13% | 7% | 75% | 4% | 1% |  |

\*ONS census 2011

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| Gender | Female | Male | prefer not to answer | Transgender | Not Listed | Not answered |
|  | 55% | 41% | 2% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 1.3% |

**Key issues of ASB**

**The 3 highest issues for ASB where residents identified issues as ‘a very big problem’ or ‘a fairly big problem’ for each area**

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|  | **Abbey** | **Battle** | **Caversham** | **Church** | **Katesgrove** | **Kentwood** | **Mapledurham** | **Minster** | **Norcot** | **Park** | **Peppard** | **Redlands** | **Southcote** | **Thames** | **Tilehurst** | **Whitley** |
| **Loud parties/Noisy neighbours** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Teenagers hanging around the streets** |  |  | **3** |  |  | **2** |  | **2** |  |  | **1** |  | **2** | **1** | **3** | **3** |
| **Rubbish and litter** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **3** | **3** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **3** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **Vandalism & grafitti** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **2** | **2** |  |  |  |  |  | **3** |  |  |
| **People Using or dealing drugs** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **3** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **1** |
| **People being drunk or rowdy in public spaces** | **3** | **3** |  | **3** | **3** |  | **2** | **3** | **3** | **3** |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |
| **Abandoned or burnt out cars** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Local Issues**

**The priorities identified for each area that the groups will be considering for action are as follows. Please note that where potholes, parking, dog fouling and problems with bins were highlighted as priorities, these will be directed to other Departments within the Council for consideration and the next most important priority is therefore listed below.**

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|  | **Oxford Road** | **West Reading** | **Southcote** | **Minster** | **North Reading** | **Katesgrove** | **East Reading** | **South Reading** |
| **Priority 1** | **Drugs** | **Drugs** | **Drugs** | **Drugs** | **Burglary** | **Drugs** | **Drugs** | **Drugs** |
| **Priority 2** | **Fly-tipping** | **Unauthorised encampments** | **Motorbike Nuisance** | **Litter** | **Speeding** | **Fly-tipping** | **Speeding** | **Speeding** |
| **Priority 3** | **Begging** | **Motorbike Nuisance** | **Litter/**  **Groups of people hanging around** | **Fly-tipping** | **Begging** | **Litter** | **Fly-tipping** | **Motorbike Nuisance** |

**Getting involved**

Many respondents suggested they would like to get involved in activities in their local community. The Neighbourhood Initiatives Team at Reading Borough Council is starting to make contact with those individuals. If there are others that would be interested please contact us via email [Neighbourhoodinitiatives@reading.gov.uk](mailto:Neighbourhoodinitiatives@reading.gov.uk)

**Next Steps**

* Each Safer Neighbourhood Forum will receive a breakdown of the results for their area with the community safety/crime related priorities highlighted from the survey. Combined with data of reported crime through the Police.UK website in each neighbourhood, the local groups can then decide their areas of priority based on a combination of the two.
* Issues such as parking, potholes and bins will be referred to traffic management and highways/streetcare for their information and consideration in line with the group’s terms of reference to focus on crime and disorder.
* Work from within the Community Safety Partnership e.g, actions on drugs will be shared with neighbourhoods when appropriate.