**Community Safety Survey Feedback**

**Total Respondents**

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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 | 34 | 32 | 40 | 31 | 26 | 38 | 19 | 36 | 32 | 45 | 54 | 23 | 29 | 51 | 27 | 34 | 0 | 551 |
| Community Safety survey | 76 | 29 | 27 | 45 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 18 | 10 | 30 | 39 | 18 | 38 | 29 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 438 |
| Total | 110 | 61 | 67 | 76 | 43 | 52 | 28 | 54 | 42 | 75 | 93 | 41 | 67 | 80 | 41 | 45 | 14 | 989 |

**Perception of crime**

23% of respondents felt that the level of crime in Reading is high or very high

34% said crime had increased over the last 2 years

16% had been a victim of crime in the last 12 months with higher levels seen in Battle and Abbey

38% felt unsafe at night (raising to 50% or more in areas to the West and South of the town centre)

6% said they felt unsafe during the day

79% of respondents do not belong to a Neighbourhood Watch

Drugs, burglaries, street lighting, groups hanging around and drunken behaviour make people feel unsafe but there were some very positive aspects of communities listed, such as good transport links, good shops and restaurants, strong and diverse communities, green space and good neighbours.

**Antisocial Behaviour**

31% of respondents felt antisocial behaviour had increased in the Borough

42% suggested that parents were not taking responsibility for their children

76% of residents who responded felt that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together

**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** |  | **3** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **3** | **3** | **2** | **2** |
| **Rubbish and litter** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **1** |
| **Vandalism & grafitti** |  |  | **3** |  |  |  | **3** |  |  |  | **3** |  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **3** |
| **People Using or dealing drugs** | **1** | **1** | **2** |  | **2** | **2** |  | **1** | **2** | **2** |  | **3** |  |  | **2** | **3** |
| **People being drunk or rowdy in public spaces** | **2** | **3** |  | **2** | **3** |  | **2** | **3** | **3** | **3** |  | **1** |  |  |  |  |
| **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.**

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|  | **Oxford Road** | **West Reading** | **Southcote** | **Minster** | **North Reading** | **Katesgrove** | **Redlands & Uni** | **South Reading** | **East Reading** |
| **Priority 1** | **Drugs & Drug dealing** | **Motorbike/vehicle nuisance & speeding** | **Motorbike/vehicle Nuisance** | **Drugs & Drug dealing** | **Speeding** | **Drugs & Drug dealing** | **Speeding** | **Motorbike /vehicle Nuisance** | **Flytipping/ Litter** |
| **Priority 2** | **Flytipping** | **Drugs & Drug dealing** | **Speeding** | **Flytipping** | **Groups hanging around** | **Litter/**  **Flytipping** | **Flytipping** | **Drugs & drug dealing** | **Drugs & Drug dealing** |
| **Priority 3** | **Drunken Behaviour** | **Burglary** | **Groups Hanging around** | **Burglary/Speeding** | **Burglary** | **Groups hanging around** | **Burglary / Rough Sleeping** | **Speeding** | **Speeding** |

**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
* Work with the company ENSWARM will allow some pilot neighbourhoods to engage in online problem-solving and individuals in those pilot areas will be contacted directly.