

Law and Order

There was strong support for more policing throughout the parish. It is important to understand how the police work throughout the area, how resources are balanced and how the community can contact them. There was no outright feeling on what was the best way to improve the policing of the area as can be seen in the responses below:

Consultation at PACT meetings	41%
Neighbourhood watch schemes	43%
CCTV	48%
More Drug/Drink education/prevention	46%
Improved street lighting	28%
Speed limit enforcement	50%
Other	16%



"I think Wesham is a pretty crime free place on the whole."

"I think the police are seen out and about in Wesham. The police should be praised for maintaining local policing."

"To walk through Wesham after dark can be an unnerving experience groups of loud youths hang around."

"More police on the streets especially at the evening when schools are closed and around local shops. Police to act on littering streets."

"More policemen on the beat."

There were several crime and anti social behaviour problems that people were concerned about. Dog Fouling (77%), Vandalism (67%), Litter/Fly Tipping (60%), and were the biggest areas of concern. There are procedures to report these problems, which must be reported and logged and then further enforced to improve these issues. Dog fouling was highlighted in the further comments as a major problem that should be properly enforced.



Further comments again highlighted the fact that there were limited activities for the young people of the parish and it was felt that having groups congregating in public areas caused problems throughout the community.

Actions

- Promote the PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings which allow the public to express their concerns with the local beat Manager and Councillors, leading to identifying police priorities for each month.
- Ensure that contact numbers are available for local Police Officers.
- Support our Community Beat Officers initiatives to engage young people in various programmes run in conjunction with the Police and Fire Service personnel.
- As dog fouling was a major concern, investigations beyond local notices, leading to prosecution should be investigated.