

Callington Town Plan

SURVEY RESULTS

FOR THE SECTION ON 'LAW & ORDER'

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Cause for Concern

When asked if any of the given crimes or anti-social behaviour concerned people locally, the responses were:- Drugs 599, Drunkenness 562, General Anti-social behaviour 559, Car Crime 414, Theft and Burglary 390, Vandalism 272, Mugging 178. A total of 1109 said they were not concerned.

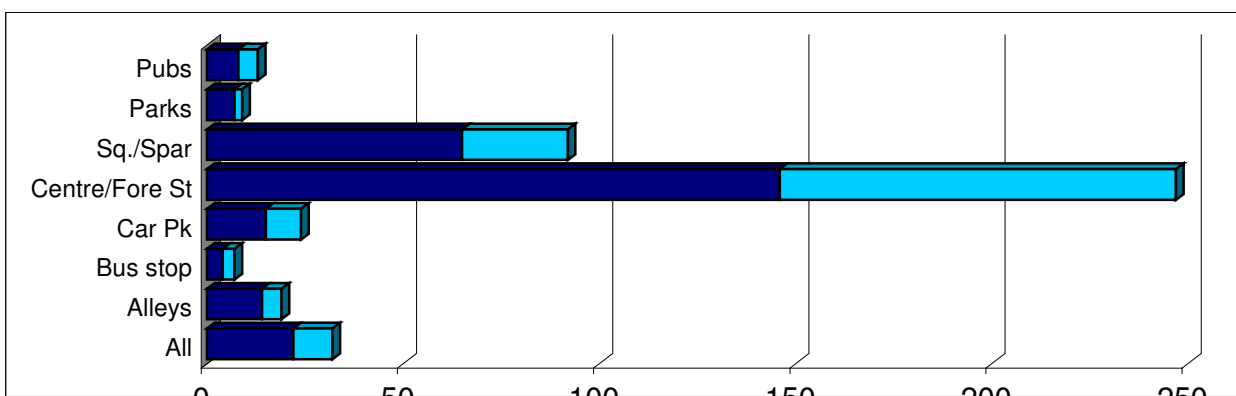
Quality of Police Service

When asked how residents rate the level of police service 632 respondents thought the service was 'Poor', 617 considered it 'Reasonable' and only 133 said it was 'Good'.

Unsafe Areas

448 people thought there were 'Unsafe' in Callington and Kelly Bray whereas 705 said they felt 'Safe'

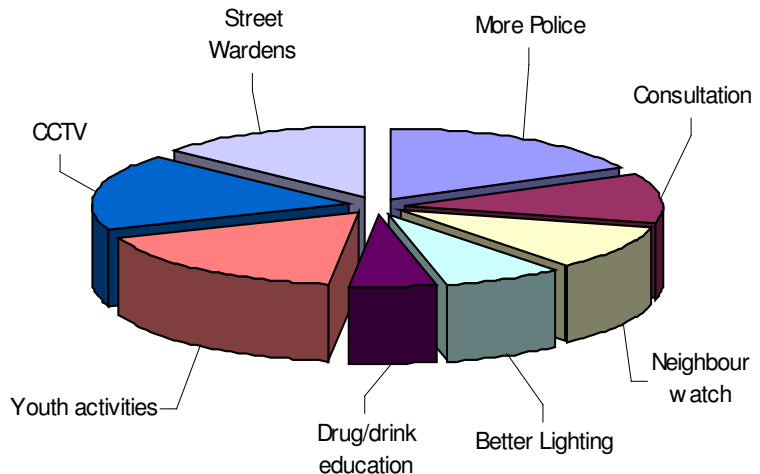
Of the 448 people who said there were unsafe areas 443 comments were made on the location of these areas. The following chart is an analysis of the responses. The dark areas denote people who specified they felt unsafe in those areas after dark.



References to pubs usually mentioned 'at closing time'. The figures for St Mary's Square and outside the Spar shop have been amalgamated as have the figures for 'Town Centre' and 'Fore Street'. The comments on car park mainly referred to the upper New Road car park and with 'Alleys' people mentioned alleyways and back lanes and several mentioned Biscoombes Lane.

Improved Security

When asked which of the suggestions given would improve security three of these achieved almost equal support, these were:- CCTV [743], Greater police presence [742], Young peoples' activities [737], After this the suggestions favoured were:- Street Wardens 572, Better consultation 486, Neighbour hood watch 435, Improved Street Lighting 316, Drug/drink education/prevention 242



Further Comments from the Public

When asked if respondents would like to add anything else on Law & Order there were 232 different responses. 74 of these comments were on the need for a greater police presence.

Not enough police presence in town.

Police on the beat in the evenings would increase people's sense of security when out at night

Would be nice to see a regular police presence. You rarely see a policeman in Callington

Would like to know the police are around at night.

A further 30 went on to comment about the police station with many saying they wanted 24 hour opening.

Having the police station open from time to time would be nice. Have tried on different days and occasions but it is always closed.

Police station should be open and manned all day, everyday

Of the 22 general comments on the police the following are a representative cross-section.

Police response to crime too slow to catch the culprits.

Response time from the local police need improving. Police patrol would be good.

I believe the police do a good job but are under resourced and understaffed.

I think the police do an excellent job with the resources available - more money would probably increase their efficiency. I'd pay more taxes if I was sure it was going on policing in our area.

There were 5 comments on poor parking and 6 comments on the need for traffic wardens in this section

Why don't the traffic wardens patrol the streets on a regular basis?

A total of 25 respondents commented on 'boy racers' and traffic speeds. Comments on 'boy racers' frequently referred to the noise pollution they created.

Speeding and silly car stunts in car parks.

Stop boy racers making our roads unsafe.

More control on drivers speed around the town.

Nine people favoured a ban on alcohol in public places and a further 5 mentioned the problem of under age drinking

Drunk behaviour needs to be controlled in the evenings

Ban drinking in public by lad and girls outside spar and on the Square.

Greater vigilance in sale of alcohol to underage people

Nine persons commented on a perceived drug problem in the town.

Drug problems in the town needs to be dealt with

Police seem more concerned with drinkers than they do with people dealing drugs in the bus stop

Eight people mentioned CCTV, although not everyone was in favour of it.

CCTV to cut down noise and anti-social behaviour at night.

CCTV cameras would only shift problems elsewhere

Over 20 people commented on the problems caused by youth but many appreciated that the cause was a lack of things for them to do.

14-18 year olds are unfairly segregated- it's the 20-30 year olds which are the problem

Children need something to do, rather than hanging around on the streets vandalising

It is pointless trying to blame the police - it is the parents responsibility to know where their children are - the police are not social workers

Two mentioned education as a way of crime prevention. There was also comments on vandalism, dog faeces and racism. Four commented on the law:-

Harsher penalties for offenders

And others thought that:-

Parents should be held responsible for child vandalism

Law & Order Issues

The following are all issues arising from residents responses, that need consideration. However now that the Town Council have paid towards the provision of a Police Community Support Officer some of the issues could differ only a few months after the survey.

- ❖ **Crimes that Cause Concern - especially drugs, drunkenness & anti-social behaviour**
- ❖ **Public's perception of 'poor' service**
- ❖ **Areas considered 'Unsafe' in Town Centre**
- ❖ **Police presence and CCTV**
- ❖ **Youth**
- ❖ **Police/Public consultation**
- ❖ **Street Wardens**
- ❖ **A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

Next Stage

The next stage is to look at the issues and decide on the best way to solve the problems in a way that is not only practical but economically realistic. This is where we need *YOUR* ideas, whatever age you are! Do you have any suggestions to make?

Please come along and join in the discussion on the Town Centre that will take place on the following date:-

HEALTH & EMERGENCY SERVICES, LAW & ORDER

Thursday 13th January 7.00, Council Chamber Town Hall