

Policing and Emergency Services

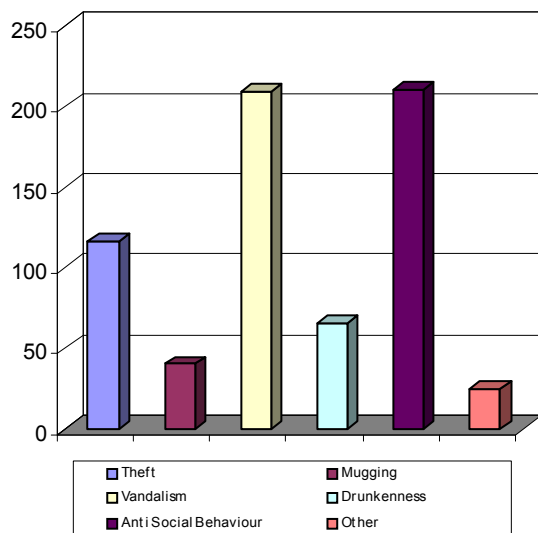
The Issues

1. Concerns over crime and anti-social behaviour.
2. A need for a greater police presence in the village.
3. Neighbourhood Watch.

The vast majority of residents have not, thankfully, had the need to use the emergency services however 16% think the Fire Service does a good job, 23% think the Ambulance Service are good, with 10% of respondents praising hospital transport.

14% of those respondents who have had to dial 999 think that the Police do a good/reasonable job, whilst 7% think they are poor. The worrying thing about the survey is that a good number of our residents have a poor opinion of the community police, 95 respondents (23%). Interestingly 52% of young people completing the Youth Survey felt there was insufficient police presence in the village, and only 29% felt completely safe in the village.

The main issues around crimes and anti-social behaviour are shown below:



Fear of crime, as indicated from the finding in the survey, also needs to be set against the fact that monthly police reports still show a very low level of reported crime from our village.

The continued vandalism of both of our public halls is still worrying, and the fact that many youngsters not from the village are to be found near to the Church Room/Community Centre car park most nights.

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately the village does not have a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, at this time. Neighbourhood Watch has always worked very well in Onehouse and if this is to carry on the Parish Council will need to actively seek someone to take on this voluntary position.

The Way Forward

Making residents feel safer and more secure in the village by having :

1. Greater police presence in the community.
2. Quicker response to incidents.
3. Good consultation between residents and community police.
4. Appropriate crime prevention, information and measures agreed implemented and available to all.
5. A New Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator appointed.