

Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership

Community Safety Priorities – Public Opinion Survey 2019

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) bring together agencies and organisations to work jointly to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in their local areas. CSPs are legally required to carry out an audit of crime and disorder each year by collating relevant information held by partner agencies to help identify community safety priorities so that resources and efforts can be best targeted. However, the Partnership recognises that it is important not to rely on recorded statistics alone. The roots and causes of crime and ASB can be complex and we want to hear the views of local residents and people who live in Dartford or Gravesham on how crime and disorder affects them and what they feel are the priorities within their neighbourhoods.

The findings from this survey will be used to supplement the recorded data that we have gathered and will be taken into consideration as the Partnership develops a new Community Safety Strategy for 2019-22.

This survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete and you are not asked to provide your name or address.

1. Which Local Authority area do you live in?

Dartford

Gravesham

(If you do not live in the area, you can select the area you work in).

2. From the list below please select the single **MOST** important issue that concerns your local area? (When you click on your choice below, you will be given further options).

Violence

Property crime

Town Centre safety

Anti-social behaviour

Substance misuse

(Depending on the issue chosen above, Q.2 will then be followed by a tailored Q.3 with further questions related to that issue)

If Violence is selected as the Most Important issue:

3. You have stated that Violence is your most important issue. Please identify the Top 3 issues within this category that you feel needs addressing in your area:

Youth violence

Sexual violence

Robbery

Domestic abuse

Night-time economy violence

Drug trafficking and dealing-related violence

Alcohol-related violence

Gun/knife crime

Modern slavery/human trafficking

Hate crime

Have you ever been a victim of violent crime? Yes No

Did you report this to the Police? Yes No

If Property Crime is selected as the Most Important issue:

You have stated that Property Crime is your most important issue. Please identify the Top 3 issues within this category that you feel needs addressing in your area:

- Residential burglary
- Shed/garage break-ins
- Burglary – business premises
- Theft of motor vehicles
- Theft from motor vehicles
- Shoplifting
- Identity theft
- Theft through ‘scams’/deception

Have you ever been a victim of property crime? Yes No

Did you report this to the Police? Yes No

If Town Centre safety is selected as the Most Important issue:

You have stated that Town Centre safety is your most important issue. Please identify the Top 3 issues within this category that you feel needs addressing in your area:

- Public place violence
- Robbery
- Burglary – business premises
- Homelessness/rough sleeping
- Aggressive begging
- Violence during evening/night time economy
- Poor street-lighting
- Alcohol misuse/street drinking
- Drug misuse
- Feeling unsafe because of lack of people in area
- Groups gathering on the street

Have you ever been a victim of crime whilst in the Town Centre area? Yes No

Did you report this to the Police? Yes No

If Anti-Social Behaviour is selected as the Most Important issue:

You have stated that Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is your most important issue. Please identify the Top 3 issues within this category that you feel needs addressing in your area:

- Alcohol-related ASB
- Using or dealing of drugs
- Litter and dog fouling
- Uncontrolled pets
- Noisy/rowdy behaviour
- Fly-tipping

- Nuisance vehicles/bikes
 - Parking/irresponsible driving
 - Fire/arson-related ASB
 - Criminal damage (e.g. vandalism, graffiti)
 - Unauthorised encampments
- Have you ever been a victim of ASB? Yes No
- Did you report this to the Police? Yes No

If Substance Misuse is selected as the Most Important issue:

You have stated that Substance Misuse is your most important issue. Please identify the Top 3 issues within this category that you feel needs addressing in your area:

- Alcohol misuse
- Street drinking
- Irresponsible sales of alcohol
- Class A drug use (e.g. heroin, cocaine)
- Cannabis use
- Recreational drug use
- Drug dealing

- Have you ever been a victim of crime linked to substance misuse? Yes No
- Did you report this to the Police? Yes No

4. From the list below please select the SECOND most important issue that concerns your local area? (When you click on your choice below, you will be given further options).

- Violence
- Property crime
- Town Centre safety
- Anti-social behaviour
- Substance misuse

(Same process then followed as in Q. 3)

5. From the list below please select the THIRD most important issue that concerns your local area? (When you click on your choice below, you will be given further options).

- Violence
- Property crime
- Town Centre safety
- Anti-social behaviour
- Substance misuse *(Same process then followed as in Q. 3)*

6. About you

These details will be used for statistical purposes only – it will not be possible to identify you from the responses you give to these questions.

Are you? Male
 Female
 Transgender
 Prefer not to say

How old are you? Under 18
 18-24
 25-34
 35-44
 45-54
 55-64
 65/+
 Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?

White British
White Irish
White – other
White and Black Caribbean
White and Black African
White and Asian
Any other mixed background
Indian
Pakistani
Bangladeshi
Chinese
Any other Asian background
Caribbean
African
Any other Black background
Polish
Lithuanian
Slovakian
Any other Eastern European background
Other
Prefer not to say

Are you registered disabled? Yes No Prefer not to say

7. Postcode

Letting us know your postcode will help us to check how priorities vary in different areas. It will also help us look into any neighbourhood issues you may have raised. We will not be able to identify you from your postcode.

Postcode..... Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Final priorities will be decided by the CSP by the end of March 2019 and the new Community Safety Strategy will be published shortly after and available to view online on both Dartford and Gravesham Council websites.