

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon

Public opinion survey – Warminster – Warminster Section

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) commissioned M.E.L. Research to consult local residents. During 2012/13 4408 Wiltshire residents completed the survey. A minimum of 384 people took part in each of the eleven policing sectors* ensuring that the results for each sector were significant**

The aims of this survey are:

- To measure public perception of Wiltshire Police and how communities are policed
- To consult the public and enable the OPCC and Wiltshire Police to prepare policing plans
- To enhance the OPCC and Wiltshire Police's understanding of how policing influences people's sense of security and wellbeing

If you have any queries please contact the OPCC

Public perceptions linked to the Police and Crime Commissioner Priorities

	Warminster Section	Warminster Sector	Wiltshire Police Force Area
Feel safe when outside in their local area after dark	70.9%	72.3%	63.9%
Feel safe when outside in their local area during the day	97.2%	97.4%	93.4%
Satisfaction with the level of police visibility in their neighbourhood	59.3%	57.7%	59.1%
Number Surveyed	247	389	4408
Population	26110	56820	684028

Key:

	significantly better than Wiltshire average*
	in line with Wiltshire average*
	significantly worse than Wiltshire average*

What types of crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) cause a problem in your area?

Issues in the local area	There are no crime and ASB issues in my local area	Teenagers hanging around	People being drunk or rowdy in public places	Graffiti & vandalism to private property	Graffiti & vandalism to public property	Domestic burglary
Warminster Section	61%	11%	11%	7%	7%	6%
Warminster Sector	58%	13%	11%	5%	5%	9%
Wiltshire Police Force Area	54%	16%	10%	8%	8%	8%

What are the concerns in your area?

Concerns in local area	Warminster Section	Warminster Sector	Wiltshire Police Force
Lack of facilities for young people	61%	63%	56%
Unemployment	36%	39%	37%
Drug misuse	30%	28%	30%
Anti-social behaviour	29%	29%	34%
Lack of local amenities	29%	32%	25%
Crime	26%	26%	29%
Standard of health services	20%	21%	16%
Standard of public transport	20%	27%	20%
Poverty	16%	15%	14%
Standard of education services	11%	11%	12%

What should the priorities be in your area?

Priorities	Warminster Section	Warminster Sector	Wiltshire Police Force
More police out and about	28%	28%	29%
None - not a problem in my area	23%	23%	24%
None - police do as much as they can	18%	14%	16%

Perceptions of Crime and ASB

Perceptions of Crime and ASB being a problem in the Warminster Sector are below the average for the Wiltshire Police area.

- The average perceived level of crime on a scale of 1 – 10 (with 1 being 'none' and 10 being 'a lot') is 3.39 for Wiltshire Police as a whole. For the Warminster Sector the average score is improved at 3.17, this improves further for respondents in the Warminster Section where the average score is 3.15
- The average perceived level of ASB on a scale of 1 – 10 (with 1 being 'none' and 10 being 'a lot') is 3.34 for Wiltshire Police as a whole. For the Warminster Sector the average score is improved at 2.99, this is in line with the responses for the Warminster Section where the average score is 3.07

The perceived levels of crime and ASB are an accurate reflection of the actual crime and ASB levels which are also below the Wiltshire average.

- There were 35 crimes per 1000 population in the Warminster sector in 2012/13, this compares to a Wiltshire average of 46 crimes per 1000 population.
- There were 29 reported ASB incidents per 1000 population in the Warminster sector in 2012/13, in comparison to a Wiltshire average of 37 incidents.

* Wiltshire Police is divided geographically into 11 local policing sectors. These sectors are then further divided into sections - these usually consist of a large town and the neighbouring villages or community areas.

**Statistical significance; If the survey was completed using an alternative set of respondents there is a 95% chance that the result would fall within $\pm 1.5\%$ of the current result at force level. At sector level there is a 95% chance that the result would fall within $\pm 5\%$ of the current result.