



Public opinion survey – Devizes and Marlborough – Devizes Community Area

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 sectorsⁱ ensuring that the results for each sector were significantⁱⁱ.

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

The report below sets out the results for the Devizes section. A summary for the whole Force area will be available shortly on the Commissioner's website. If you have any queries please contact the OPCC on the details below.

Public perceptions linked to the Police and Crime Commissioner Priorities

	Devizes Community Area	Devizes and Marlborough Sector	Wiltshire Police Force Area
Feel safe when outside in their local area during the day	95.3%	96.6%	93.4%
Feel safe when outside in their local area after dark	68.5%	75.1%	63.9%
Satisfaction with the level of police visibility in their neighbourhood	69.7%	64.5%	59.1%
Number Surveyed	192	384	4408
Population	31030	62680	684028

Key:

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

* Wiltshire average is the Wiltshire Police force area

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	Teenagers hanging around	People being drunk or rowdy in	Graffiti & vandalism to private property	People Using or Dealing Drugs	Domestic burglary	Graffiti & Vandalism to Public Property
Devizes Community Area	56%	13%	11%	9%	9%	8%	8%
Devizes & Marlborough Sector	56%	14%	8%	9%	8%	9%	5%
Wiltshire Police Force Area	54%	16%	10%	8%	5%	8%	8%

What are the concerns in your area?

Concerns in local area	Devizes Community Area	Devizes & Marlborough Sector	Wiltshire Police Force Area
Lack of facilities for young people	55%	54%	56%
Drug misuse	40%	33%	30%
Anti-social behaviour	37%	30%	34%
Unemployment	36%	32%	37%
Standard of public transport	32%	29%	20%
Standard of health services	29%	23%	16%
Lack of local amenities	26%	25%	25%
Crime	24%	24%	29%
Poverty	13%	11%	14%
Standard of education services	12%	10%	12%
Standard of housing	11%	11%	9%

What should the priorities be in your area?

Priorities	Devizes Community Area	Devizes & Marlborough Sector	Wiltshire Police Force Area
None - not a problem in my area	23%	23%	24%
More police out and about	30%	31%	29%
None - police do as much as they can	18%	18%	16%

Perceptions of Crime and ASB

Perceptions of Crime and ASB being a problem in the Devizes and Marlborough 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 Devizes and Marlborough Sector the average score is lower at 2.99, this is similar to the Devizes Community Area where the average score is 3.10
- 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 Devizes and Marlborough Sector the average score is lower at 2.83, perceptions of ASB are slightly higher for the Devizes Community Area but remain below the force average at 3.13

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 36 crimes per 1000 population in the Devizes and Marlborough sector in 2012/13, this compares to a Wiltshire average of 46 crimes per 1000 population.
- There were 28 reported ASB incidents per 1000 population in the Devizes and Marlborough sector in 2012/13, in comparison to a Wiltshire average of 37 incidents.

ⁱ 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.

ⁱⁱ 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.

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