Have Your Say Days: November – December 2010

Results Analysis

Introduction:

This report provides a summary of results from questionnaires collected at the Have Your Say Day’s held in Daventry, Brackley and Towcester in November and December 2010.

There were 1315 questionnaires completed in total, 433 from Daventry, 361 from Brackley, and 521 from Towcester.

Key Findings:

Demographics: The highest proportion of respondents were female, aged 61-70 and White British.

Main problems: The biggest problem overall in each of the three towns was ‘Speeding Vehicles’, with ‘Parking Problems’ featuring in the top three problems for Brackley and Towcester, and ‘Burglary of Homes’ in the top three problems for Daventry and Towcester.

Respondents aged 21 and under stated problems such as ‘using or dealing drugs’, ‘people being drunk or rowdy’, and violent crime’ as big problems in their area, whereas these problems did not rank highly for over 21s.

Feelings of safety walking alone in your neighbourhood during the day: Percentage of respondents feeling Very or Fairly Safe in Daventry was 94.6%, Brackley 98.1% and Towcester 97.7%.

Feelings of safety walking alone in your neighbourhood after dark: Percentage of respondents feeling Very or Fairly Safe in Daventry was 54.3%, Brackley 80.6% and Towcester 73.1%.

Police and public services are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in your area: Percentage of respondents who Strongly Agreed or Tended to Agree with the above statement in Daventry was 62.1%, Brackley 56.8% and Towcester 63.2%.
Respondent Demographics:

**Number:** 433 people completed the questionnaire in Daventry, 361 in Brackley, and 521 in Towcester.

**Gender:** Of the 1315 respondents, 32.2% (423) were Male, 52.1% (685) were Female, and 15.7% (207) respondents did not state.

**Age:** 13 respondents did not provide their age. Of those that did provide an age, the highest proportion were in the 61-70 age category (20%, 263). This age category also accounted for the highest proportion when looking at the three towns individually. Daventry (21.4%, 91), Brackley (20.1%, 72) and Towcester (19.3%, 100).

Respondents aged 21 and under only accounted for 8.6% (112) of respondents overall. This is broken down as follows for each of the three towns: Daventry (8.5%, 36), Brackley (9.5%, 34), and Towcester (8.1%, 42).

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**Ethnicity:** Of the respondents who stated their ethnicity (1263), the majority were White British (94.3%, 1191). 3.8% (48) were White Other and 0.6% (8) were White Irish.

**Resident/Non-resident:**

Of the 1315 respondents 16.4% (216) stated they were non-residents, however when looking at some of the addresses this is questionable, therefore no analysis broken down by resident/non-resident has been undertaken.
Results Summary:

What do you consider to be the main problem in your area?

Daventry:

The top three problems overall in Daventry are ‘Speeding Vehicles’ (71), ‘People Causing a Nuisance on the Street’ (64) and ‘Burglary of Homes’ (54). 18 respondents said there were ‘no problems’. One in three respondents said that they had reported the issue before.

Brackley:

The top three problems overall in Brackley are ‘Speeding Vehicles’ (68), ‘Parking Problems’ (39) and ‘Dog Fouling’ (24). 74 respondents said there were ‘no problems’. One in four respondents said that they had reported the issue before.

Towcester:

The top three problems overall in Towcester are ‘Speeding Vehicles’ (74), ‘Burglary of Homes’ (60) and ‘Parking Problems’ (51). 93 respondents said there were ‘no problems’. One in five respondents said that they had reported the issue before.

Suggestions for addressing some of the top issues include:

- Parking Problems: “Provide more parking spaces”, “More Traffic Wardens”, “Resident permits”, “Create more off-road parking”.

The results were then split into two groups; respondents aged 21 and under, and respondents aged over 21.

The top issues in Towcester for respondents aged 21 and under is ‘Using or Dealing Drugs’ and ‘People being Drunk or Rowdy’, however for over 21’s in the town these issues do not rank very highly.

‘Burglary of homes’ ranks high in Daventry for both age ranges. For 21 and under ‘Violent Crime’ ranks 2nd highest, whereas over 21’s don’t see this as a big problem.

Speeding Vehicles comes out high for all three towns with the over 21’s. The respondents aged 21 and under in Brackley see it as their biggest problem.

Addressing issues important to 21 and under age range:

- Using or Dealing Drugs: “Drug Education/Advice”, “More Police”, “Random Stop Searches”, “Harsher penalties”.
- People Being Drunk or Rowdy: “More Police presence/patrols”, “Change of licensing laws”, “Diversionary activities”.
How safe do you feel walking in your neighbourhood alone during the day?

In Daventry, 94.6% (403) respondents stated that they felt Very or Fairly Safe. This is lower than the figure of 98.1% in December’s Police Public Attitudes Survey.

In Brackley, 98.1% (353), and in Towcester 97.7% (507) respondents stated that they felt Very or Fairly Safe. This is similar to the 98.7% in December’s Police Public Attitudes Survey.

How safe do you feel walking in your neighbourhood alone after dark?

In Daventry, 54.3% (232) respondents stated that they felt Very or Fairly Safe. This is lower than the figure of 65.6% in December’s Police Public Attitudes Survey.

In Brackley, 80.6% (290), and in Towcester 73.1% (380) respondents stated that they felt Very or Fairly Safe. This is higher than the 68.6% in December’s Police Public Attitudes Survey.

Police and public services are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in your area?

In Daventry, 62.1% (266) respondents stated that they Strongly Agreed or Tended to Agree with the above statement. This is slightly lower than the figure of 64.1% shown in December’s Police Public Attitudes Survey.

In Brackley, 56.8% (204), and in Towcester 63.2% (327) respondents stated that they Strongly Agreed or Tended to Agree with the above statement. When combined (60.6%), this is slightly lower than the 61.9% in December’s Police Public Attitudes Survey.

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