

Runnymede Community Safety Partnership 2022/23 Survey report

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Foreword

The Community Safety Partnership Survey for 2022/23 was available for completion for a total of 13 weeks.

The survey was first available for 6 weeks from 1st December - 12th January and extended for a further 2 weeks concluding 31st January. Due to a low response rate, a promotional flyer was added to the Council Tax letters (which was delivered via the post to 39,000 council tax holders across the Borough) and the survey was available to complete for a further 7 weeks from 8th March – 30th April.

The purpose of the survey was to understand the public’s perception on Community Safety matters across the Borough for consideration when setting the next Community Safety Partnership Plan.

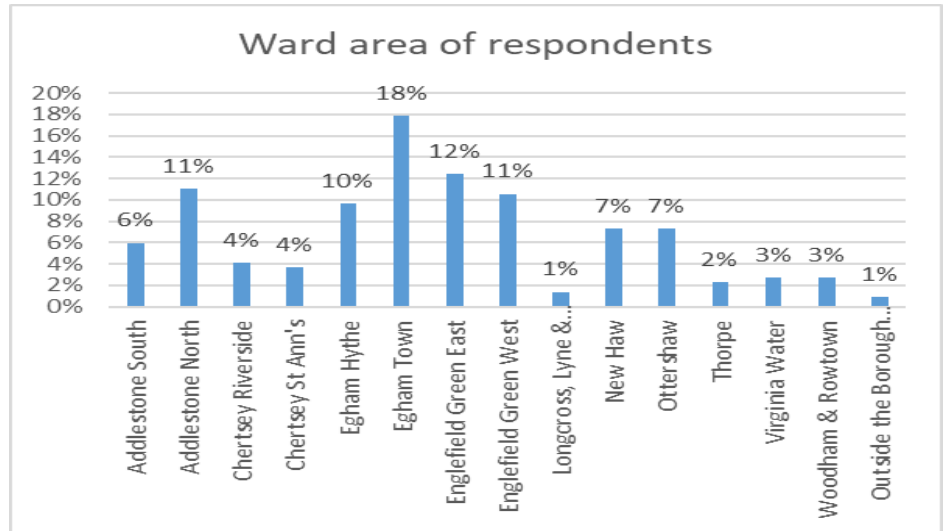
The survey consisted of 43 questions which was a marked increase from the previous 18 questions. This increase resulted from splitting previous multi-part questions which were ‘bulky’ and ‘not user friendly’ into individual questions.

The response rate for the combined survey results was 218 which is a 102% (n110) increase compared to the 2021/22 survey response.

Question 1

Which area of Runnymede do you live in?

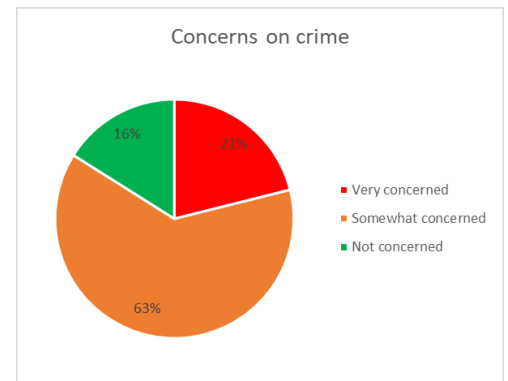
Q1 asked respondents which area of Runnymede they lived in. Responses were received from individuals across every ward area of the Borough, with the highest response rate being Egham Town and lowest response rate being Longcross, Lyne & Chertsey South.



Question 2

Overall, how concerned are you about CRIME in your local area?

A combined 84% of respondents identified that they feel concerned about crime in the area with 21% feeling very concerned.

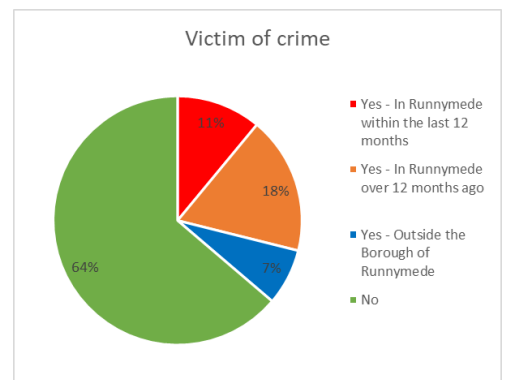


Question 3

Have you personally been a victim of CRIME?

64% of the respondents reported that they have not been a victim of crime whilst 11% reported having been a victim of crime within Runnymede during the previous 12 months.

A further 18% reported that they had been a victim of crime in the Borough, but this was over 12 months ago and 7% were victims outside of the Borough.

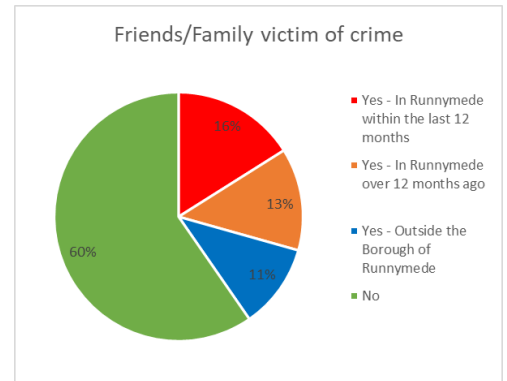


Question 4

Has anyone in your family/friendship group been a victim of CRIME?

60% of the respondents reported that no-one in their friends or family group had been a victim of crime whilst 16% reported that either friends or family members had been a victim of crime within Runnymede during the previous 12 months.

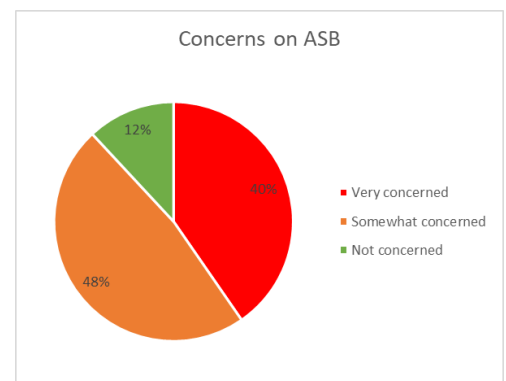
A further 13% had friends or family that had been a victim of crime in the Borough but over 12 months ago and 11% being a victim of crime but outside of the Borough.



Question 5

Overall, how concerned are you about ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR in your local area?

A combined 88% of respondents identified that they feel concerned about antisocial behaviour in the area with 40% feeling very concerned.

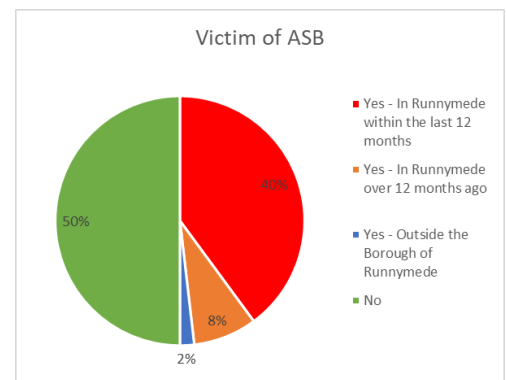


Question 6

Have you personally been a victim of ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR?

Half of the respondents (50%) reported that they have not been a victim of antisocial behaviour whilst 40% reported having been a victim of antisocial behaviour within Runnymede during the previous 12 months.

A further 8% reported that they had been a victim of antisocial behaviour in the Borough, but this was over 12 months ago and 2% were victims outside of the Borough.

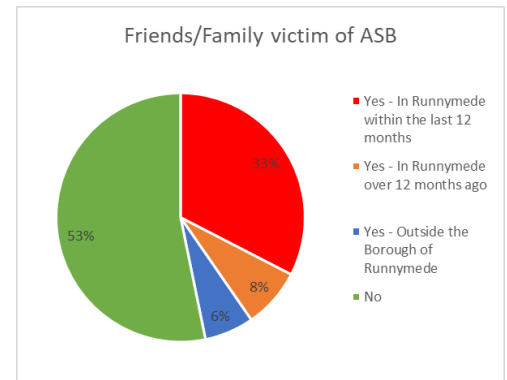


Question 7

Has anyone in your family/friendship group been a victim of ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR?

53% of the respondents reported that no-one in their friends or family group had been a victim of antisocial behaviour whilst 33% reported that either friends or family members had been a victim of antisocial behaviour within Runnymede during the previous 12 months.

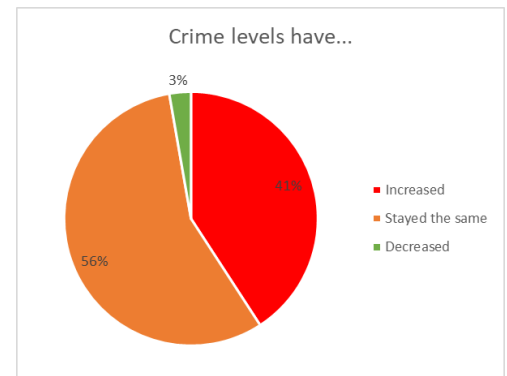
A further 8% had friends or family that had been a victim of antisocial behaviour in the Borough but over 12 months ago and 6% being a victim of crime but outside of the Borough.



Question 8

In the last 12 months, do you feel CRIME levels across Runnymede have increased, stayed the same or decreased?

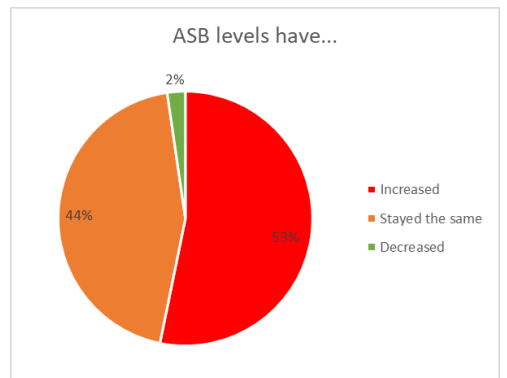
Over half of the respondents (56%) felt that crime levels in the Borough have stayed the same over the previous 12 months, whereas 41% felt that crime levels have increased and just 3% felt that there was a reduction in crime levels.



Question 9

In the last 12 months, do you feel ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR levels across Runnymede have increased, stayed the same or decreased?

Over half of the respondents (53%) felt that antisocial behaviour levels in the Borough have increased over the previous 12 months, whereas 44% felt that levels of antisocial behaviour have stayed the same and just 2% felt that there was a reduction in antisocial behaviour levels.



Crime and Antisocial Behaviour overview

Following the previous questions, data was exported to present a gender-based view on the severity of both crime and antisocial behaviour. For the following overview, responses from individuals who chose not to disclose their gender have been excluded but still represented on the below tables.

Males showed the highest rate of being 'very concerned' for both crime and antisocial behaviour, whereas females showed the highest rate of being 'somewhat concerned'. Additionally, males also had a higher rate than females for not being concerned about crime, whereas both genders were even for not being concerned about antisocial behaviour.

When combining both 'somewhat concerned' and 'very concerned', females showed at a higher rate than males for crime but were even for antisocial behaviour.

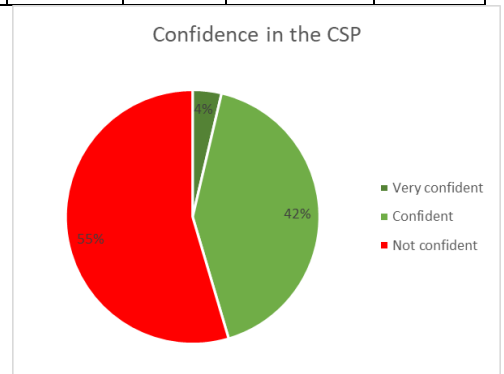
CRIME	Female	Male	Prefer not to say	Other
Very concerned	17%	21%	47%	0%
Somewhat concerned	69%	60%	47%	0%
Not concerned	14%	19%	6%	100%
total concerned	86%	81%	94%	0%

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	Female	Male	Prefer not to say	Other
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Not concerned	14%	19%	6%	100%
total concerned	86%	81%	94%	0%

Question 10

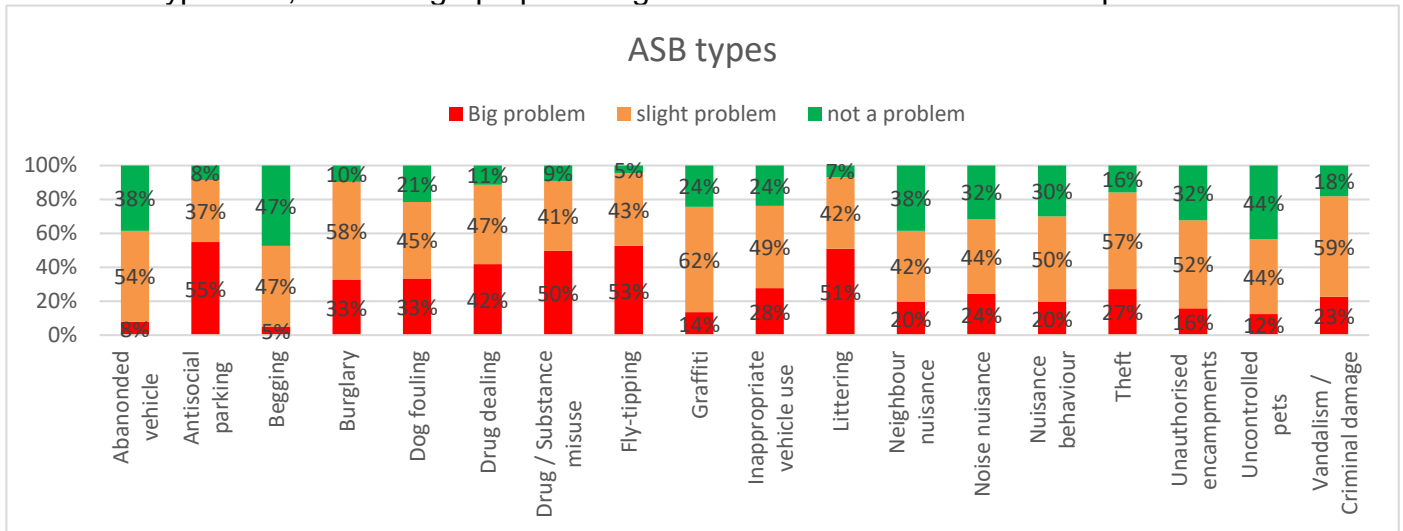
How confident are you that members across the Runnymede Community Safety Partnership are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in Runnymede?

Less than half of respondents (45%) reported feeling confident that members within the Community Safety Partnership are dealing with antisocial behaviour and crime, whereas 55% reported that they are not confident in the partnership.



Question 11-28 overview

Questions 11 through 28 asked respondents how much of a problem specific antisocial behaviour and crime types are, with this graph providing a combined overview of the responses.

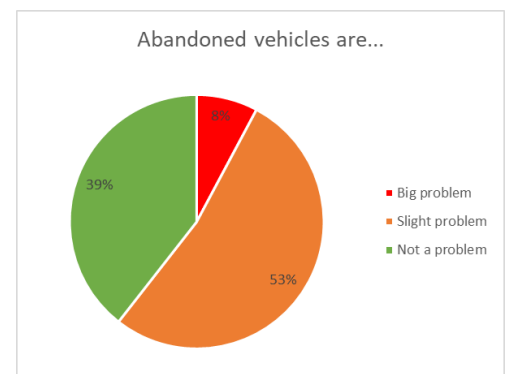


When viewing responses as either a problem (by combining the categories of 'big problem' and 'slight problem') or not a problem, the table below shows each of the antisocial behaviour and crime types listed in the order.

	Combined 'problem'		Combined 'problem'
Fly-tipping	95%	Graffiti	76%
Littering	93%	Inappropriate vehicle use	76%
Antisocial parking	92%	Nuisance behaviour	70%
Drug / Substance misuse	91%	Noise nuisance	68%
Burglary	90%	Unauthorised encampments	68%
Drug dealing	89%	Abandoned vehicle	62%
Theft	84%	Neighbour nuisance	62%
Vandalism / Criminal damage	82%	Uncontrolled pets	56%
Dog fouling	79%	Begging	53%

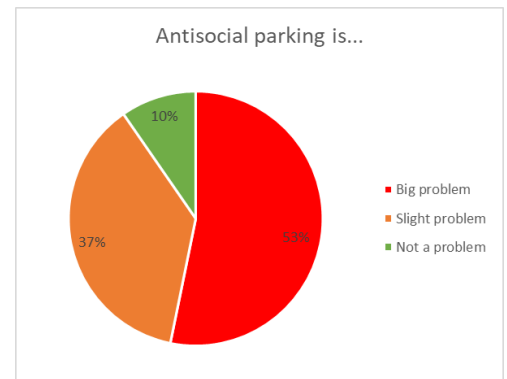
Question 11

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **ABANDONED VEHICLES** are?



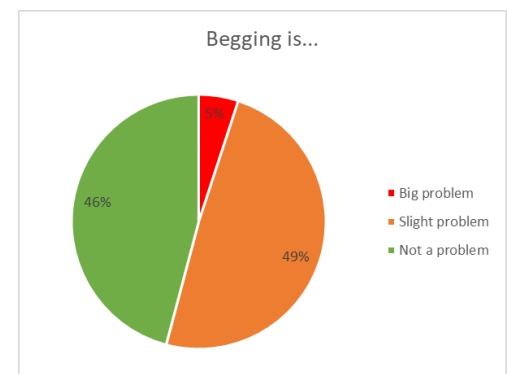
Question 12

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel ANTISOCIAL PARKING is?



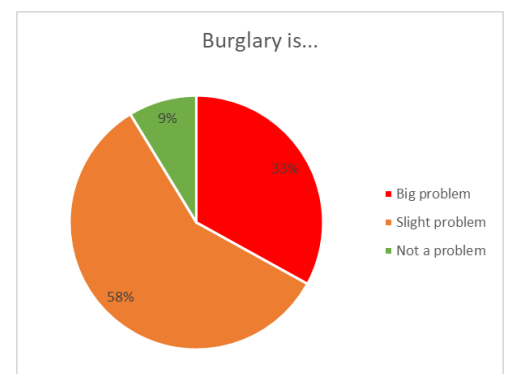
Question 13

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel BEGGING is?



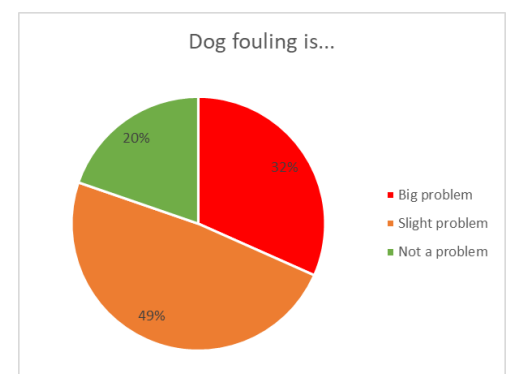
Question 14

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel BURGLARY is?



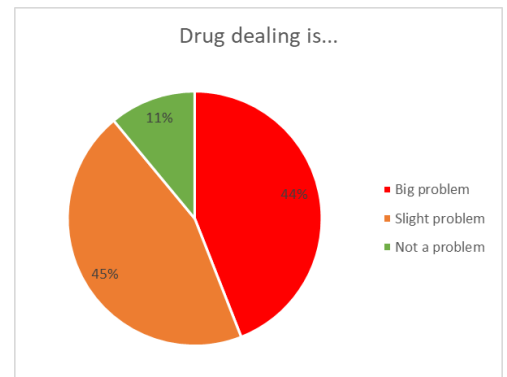
Question 15

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel DOG FOULING is?



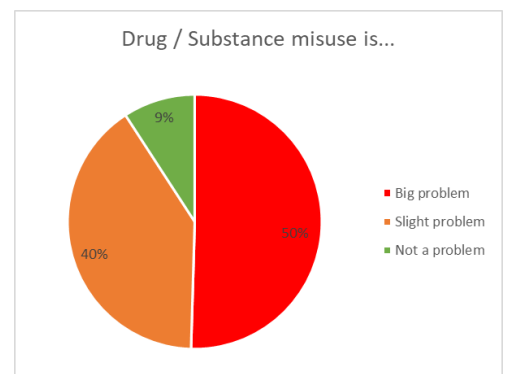
Question 16

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **DRUG DEALING** is?



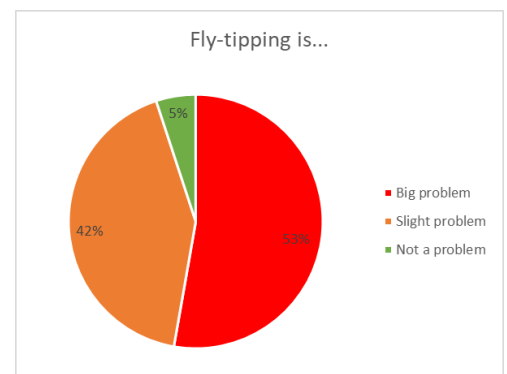
Question 17

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **DRUG / SUBSTANCE MISUSE** is?



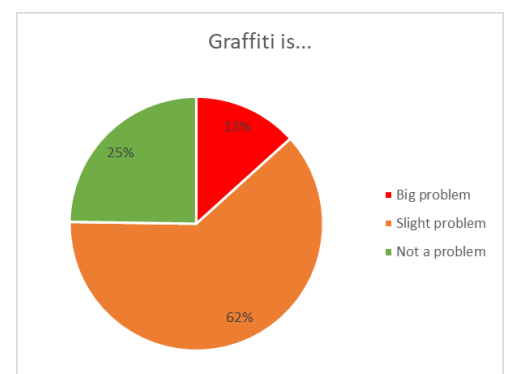
Question 18

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **FLY-TIPPING** is?



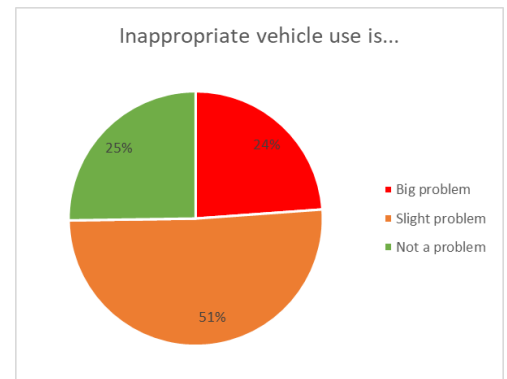
Question 19

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **GRAFFITI** is?



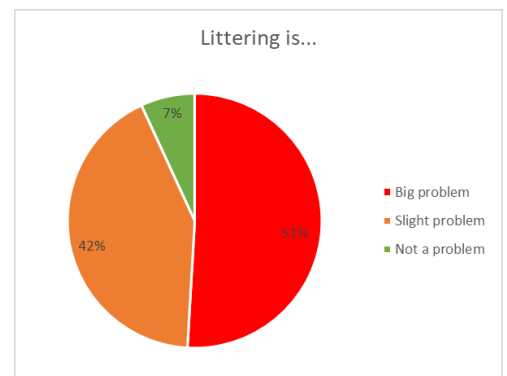
Question 20

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **INAPPROPRIATE DRIVING** is?



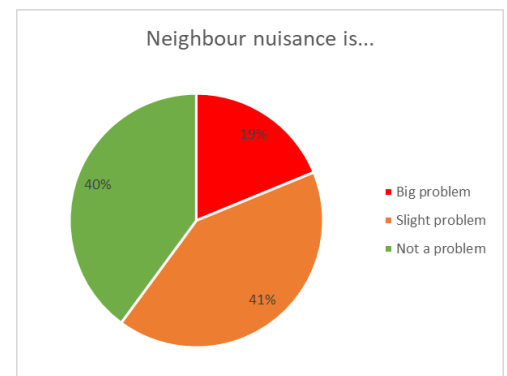
Question 21

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **LITTERING** is?



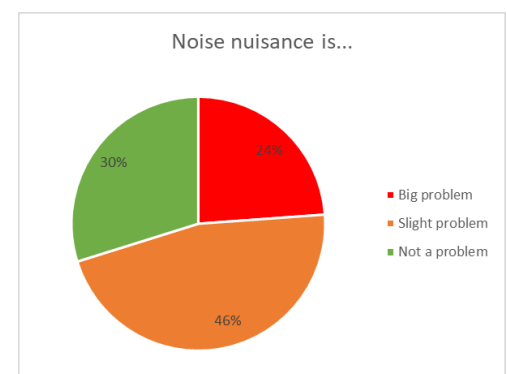
Question 22

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **NEIGHBOUR NUISANCE** is?



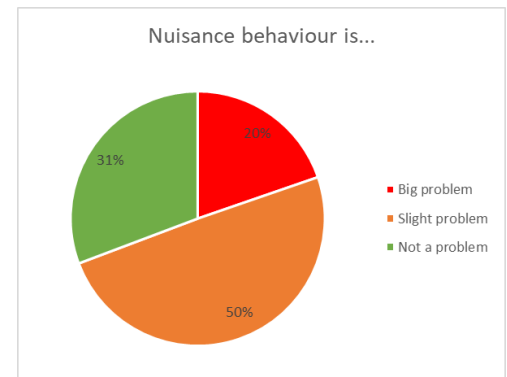
Question 23

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **NOISE** is?



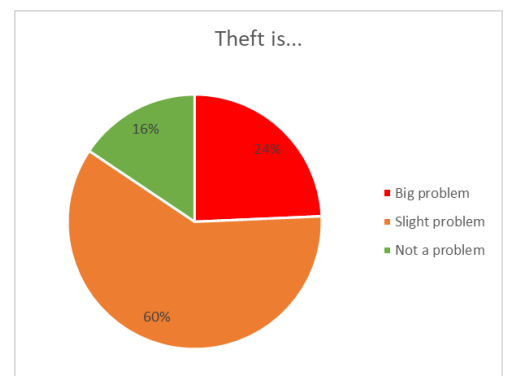
Question 24

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **NUISANCE BEHAVIOUR** is?



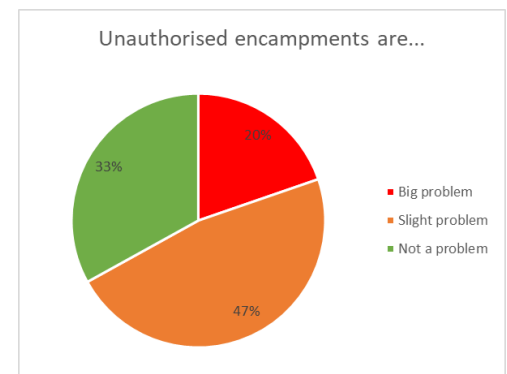
Question 25

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **THEFT** is?



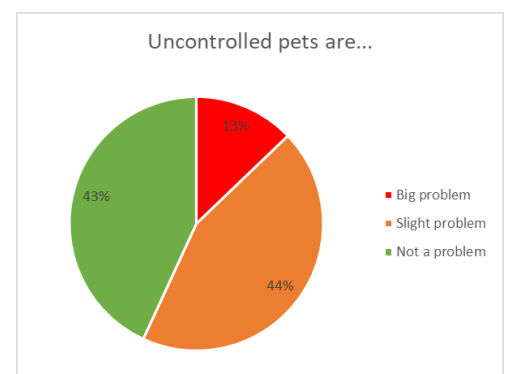
Question 26

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS** are?



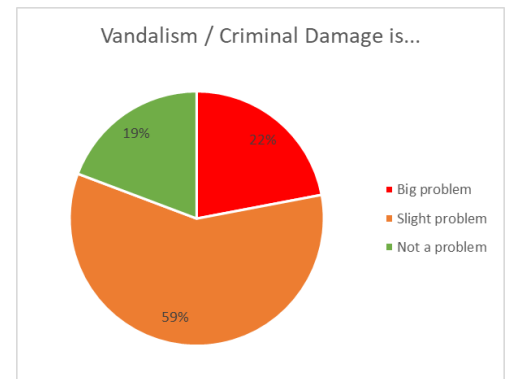
Question 27

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel **UNCONTROLLED PETS** are?



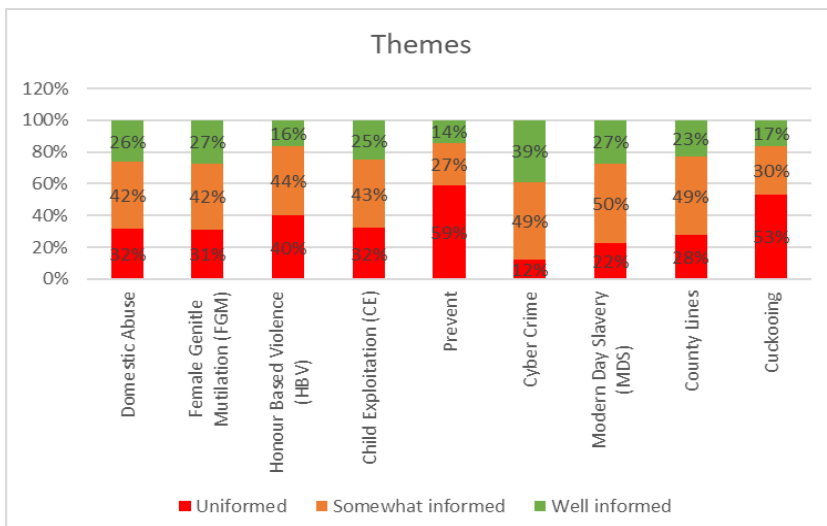
Question 28

Across Runnymede, how much of a problem do you feel VANDALISM / CRIMINAL DAMAGE is?



Question 29-37 overview

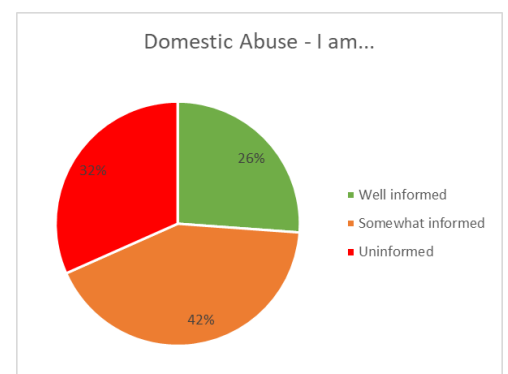
Questions 29 through 37 asked respondents how informed they are on different community safety themes with this graph providing a combined overview of the responses and the table showing the themes listed in order of most uninformed.



	Uninformed
Prevent	59%
Cuckooing	53%
Honour Based Violence (HBV)	40%
Child Exploitation (CE)	32%
Domestic Abuse	32%
Female Genital Mutilation	31%
County Lines	28%
Modern Day Slavery (MDS)	22%
Cyber Crime	12%

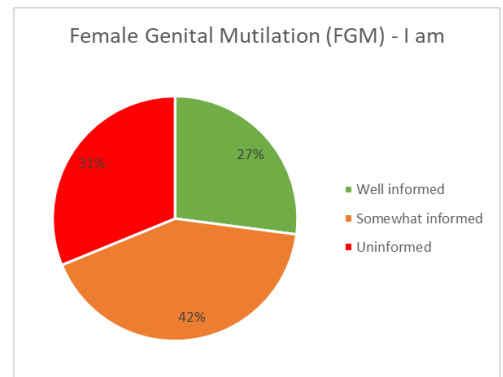
Question 29

How informed do you feel about DOMESTIC ABUSE?



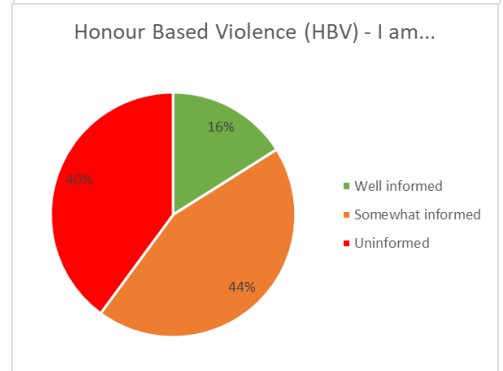
Question 30

How informed do you feel about FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION is?



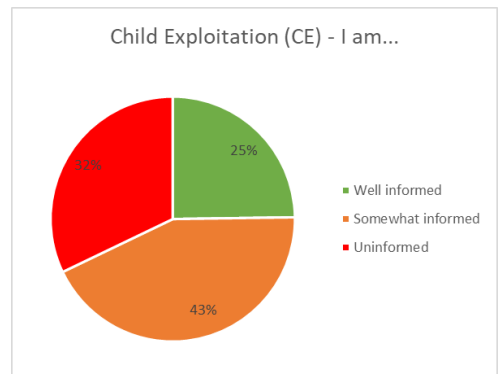
Question 31

How informed do you feel about HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE (HBV)?



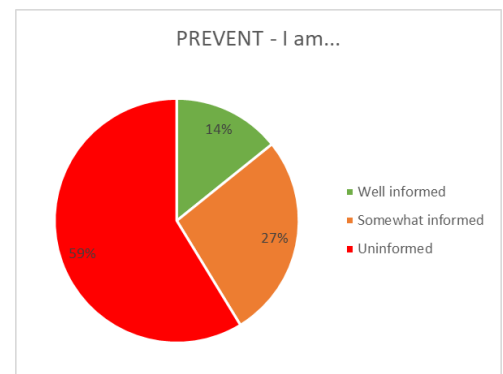
Question 32

How informed do you feel about CHILD EXPLOITATION (CE)?



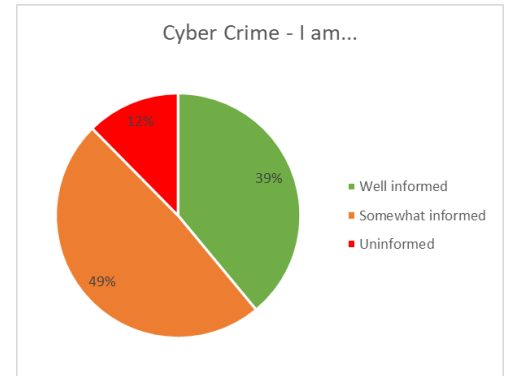
Question 33

How informed do you feel about PREVENT?



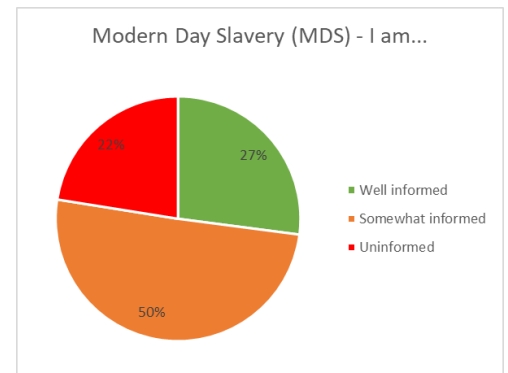
Question 34

How informed do you feel about CYBER CRIME?



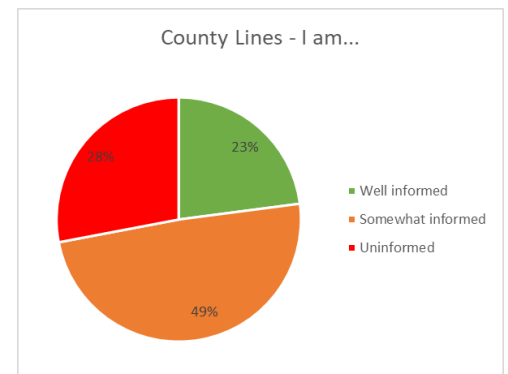
Question 35

How informed do you feel about MODERN DAY SLAVERY (MDS)?



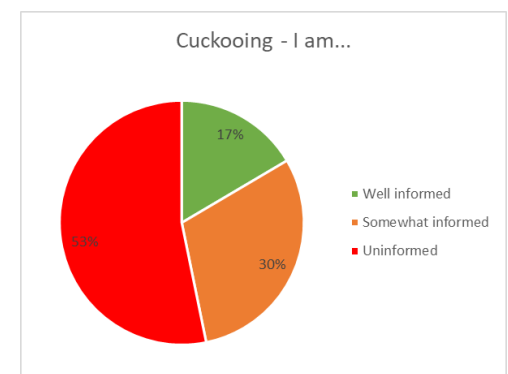
Question 36

How informed do you feel about COUNT LINES?



Question 37

How informed do you feel about CUCKOOING?

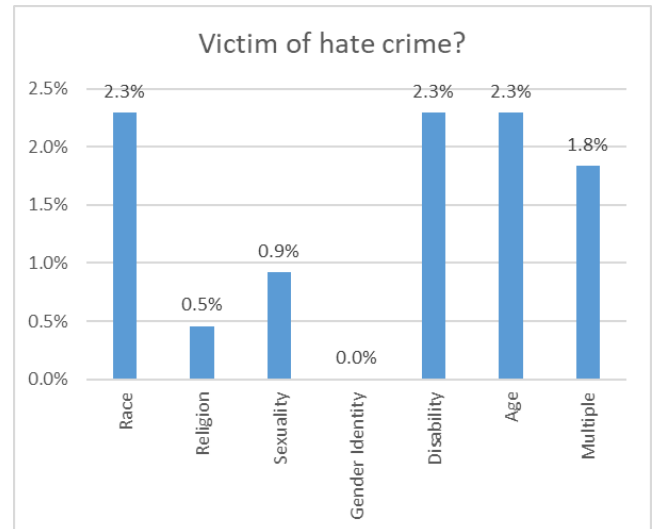


Question 38

In the last 12 months, within the Borough of Runnymede, have you suffered abuse with regards to your...

10% of respondents reported they had suffered from hate crime, of which nearly 2% had experienced more than one type, and in relation to race, disability and age, each of these types were experienced by just over 2% of respondents. 90% of respondents reported to having not suffered any form of hate crime.

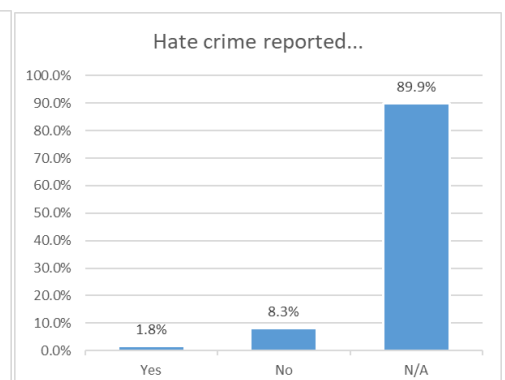
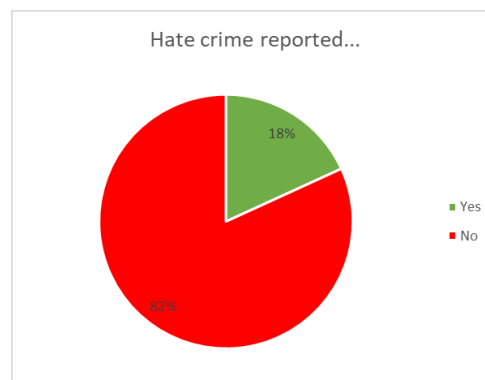
Race	2.3%
Religion	0.5%
Sexuality	0.9%
Gender Identity	0.0%
Disability	2.3%
Age	2.3%
Multiple	1.8%
I have not suffered from hate crime	89.9%



Question 39

Did you report the incident(s) of hate crime?

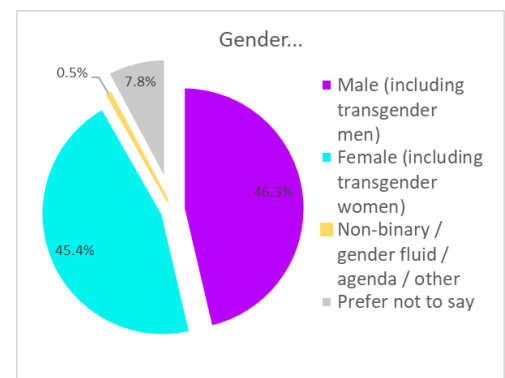
Of the 10% who had been a victim of hate crime, 82% of these (8% of all respondents) indicated that they had not reported the hate crime.



Question 40

Do you identify yourself as:

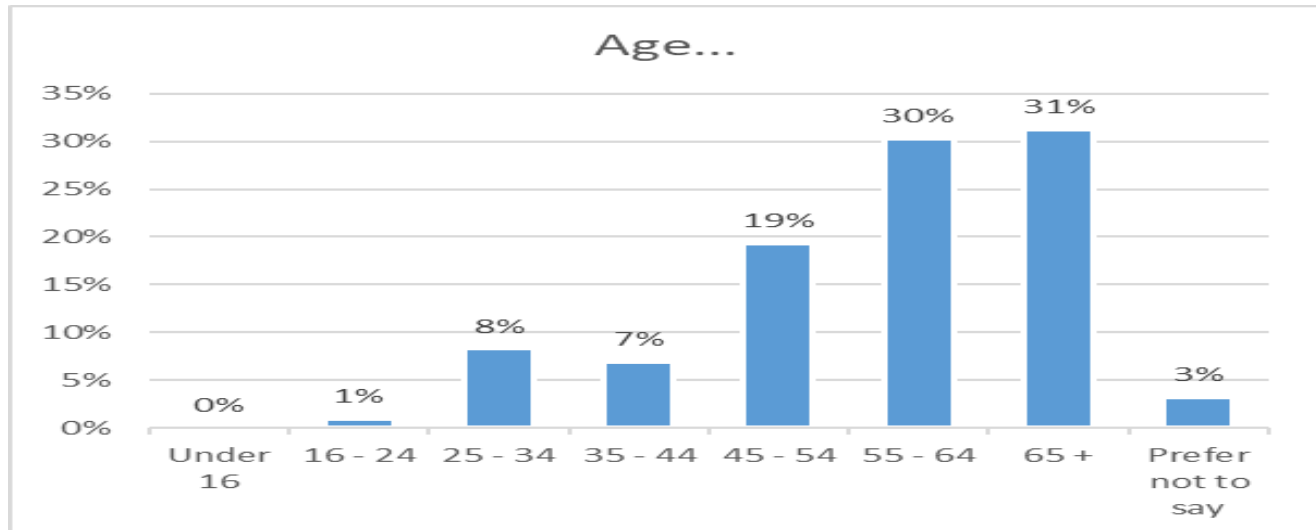
The highest response rate was received by male respondents (46%), however this only just outweighed female respondents (45%). Whilst only a very small response rate, representation was shown within other categories of gender such as non-binary (0.5%).



Question 41

What age category are you?

Representation from across all age categories, excluding under 16s, was displayed within the respondents. Response rates generally become higher as the age groups increased, with the exception of the 25-34's just higher than the 35-44's.

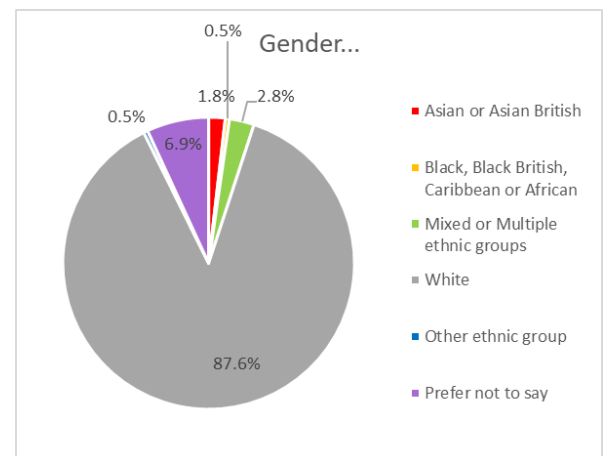


Question 42

What is your ethnic group?

Representation from across all ethnic groups was displayed with most respondents, at nearly 88%, falling into the category of 'white'. Whilst this may appear disproportionately high, when compared to results from the [2021 Census](#), this is not too dissimilar to both the Surrey and Runnymede results.

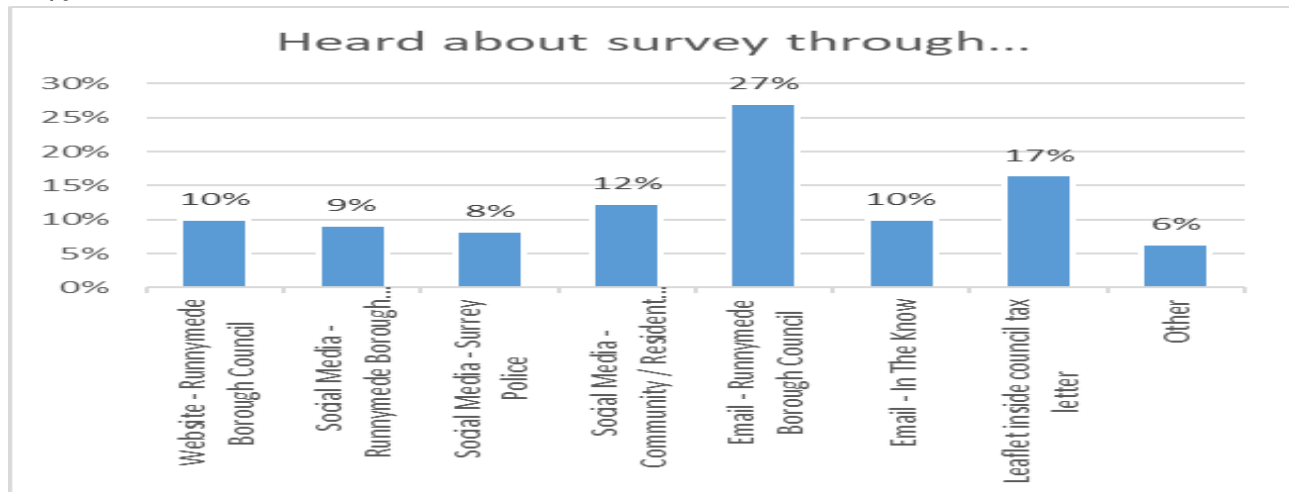
	'white'
Runnymede	83.5%
Surrey	85.5%



Question 43

How did you hear about this survey?

Whilst the highest grossing category of responses saw respondents notified through email via Runnymede Borough Council (27%), when combining the categories of 'Social Media' this accounts for 29% of responses, indicating that it remained a valuable resource for advertisement. The second highest resource (in isolation) for advertising came from the Council Tax leaflet at 17%.



Recommendations

The comments made by the residents around their feelings of antisocial behaviour and crime types and how informed they feel on certain topics are taken alongside both Surrey wide and National priorities when considering future priorities of the Runnymede Community Safety Partnership. It is also important to ensure that any priorities suggested have considered what community safety is and the impact it is having on our communities, as well as where joint working is the best solution to addressing the problem.

Having considered the above factors it is recommended that no changes be made to the four priorities set out in the previous Runnymede Community Safety Partnership Plan (priorities noted below), and that the plan is made for a further 2 years, covering 2023-2025.

1. Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Promoting the StreetSafe reporting tool. Responding to areas of concern.

2. PREVENT (Counter Terrorism)

Focus on training and awareness raising to identify those being drawn into terrorism activity early including how to make a referral for support and how to report suspicious activity.

3. Modern Slavery

Focus on training and awareness raising on forced labour, debt bondage, exploitation (sexual and criminal) and domestic servitude including how to make a request for support and how to report suspicious activity.

4. Community Harm

Focus on environmental antisocial behaviour including littering, fly-tipping & noise nuisances.