

Reducing Crime Together 2010 - Norbiton additional analysis

This analysis has been requested by Martha Earley to provide additional information, to the One Norbiton Together project, on the responses of Norbiton residents who completed the 2010 Reducing Crime Together Questionnaire. It builds upon the analysis of the questionnaire from all respondents and identified key trends for Norbiton respondents.

There were 60 respondents to the questionnaire who have been identified as living in Norbiton ward; the number of respondents for each question will vary as not every respondent completed each question.

Who responded?

This section briefly examines the demographic profile of Norbiton respondents. Females (61.7%) were more likely than males (36.7%) to respond to the questionnaire. The ages of respondents in Norbiton were generally younger than the profile for all respondents; the peak age was 36-45 with 23.3% of respondents in this age category. Around 13.3% of respondents were from BME communities, with the largest group being White British 71.7%. A fifth of respondents have self classified themselves as having a long term physical or mental health condition or disability.

Priority Crimes

Respondents were asked to identify their top three priorities for crime, disorder, substance misuse and reducing re-offending. The results were then weighted; the top priority receiving a score of 3, the second priority receiving a score of 2 and the third priority receiving a score of 1.

Crime or Behaviour type	Total Number of responses	Weighted Score
ASB	21	46
Burglary	11	26
Hate Crime	9	20
Knife Crime	9	20
VAP	9	18
Sexual Offences	6	12
Drug Misuse	5	10
Motor Vehicle Crime	5	9
Alcohol Misuse	7	8
Criminal Damage	5	8
Reducing Re-offending	4	7
Theft from Person	4	7
Gun Crime	3	7
Robbery	3	7
Youth Crime	4	6
Fraud or Forgery	3	6
Theft of pedal cycle	3	5
Domestic Abuse	2	5
PVE	1	2
Arson	1	1
Theft from Shops	1	1

The top priorities identified by Norbiton residents are broadly similar to those seen by respondents across the borough. The only difference is Hate Crime, ranked 10th by respondents across the whole borough, is the 3rd highest priority for Norbiton respondents; conversely Alcohol Misuse ranked 3rd highest for respondents across the borough, but only 9th highest for Norbiton respondents.

Table 1; Priority Crimes

Victims of crime

Respondents were asked if they had been the victim of a crime in the 12 months prior to the survey. From the 59 responses received to the question only 7 respondents (11.9%) stated they had been a victim of crime; this is lower than the 14.8% seen for all respondents. Criminal Damage and Theft (various types) were the most common crimes stated by victims. Virtually all of the offences occurred within the borough, but only 5 of the 7 crimes were reported to police.

Confidence

Respondents were asked how confident they were that crime, disorder, substance misuse and reducing re-offending was being tackled effectively in Kingston. Overall the respondents were confident that it was being tackled effectively; with the highest proportion of respondents (59.3%) being fairly confident.

Level of Confidence	% of Norbiton Respondents	% of All Respondents
Very Confident	8.5	8.5
Fairly Confident	59.3	67.3
Not Very Confident	30.5	21.1
Not at all Confident	1.7	3.2

Table 2; Confidence that crime, disorder, substance misuse and re-offending are being tackled effectively

When comparing the two sets of responses the main difference is in those answering that they were either 'fairly confident' or 'not very confident'; there appears to be a direct correlation between the reduction in Norbiton residents stating they were fairly confident and the increase, compared to all respondents, of those answering that they were not very confident.

Feelings of Safety during the day and after dark

Respondents in Norbiton had a slightly lower than average perception of safety during the day, 88.3% feel very or fairly safe compared to an average of 89.4% for all respondents. After dark, however, this figure falls sharply to just 41.7% for Norbiton residents compared to 52.6% of all respondents; the same amount of Norbiton respondents, 41.7%, feel 'fairly' or 'very unsafe'. The level of safety after dark is the lowest of all wards within the borough.

ASB

Chart 1(below) represents the concerns of Norbiton respondents for each of the eight ASB areas. The top three categories were Rubbish or litter lying around (29.8%), People using or dealing drugs (29.6%) and People being drunk or rowdy in public places (27.8%). These are all significantly higher than the levels seen amongst all respondents, suggesting there might be localised issues within Norbiton.

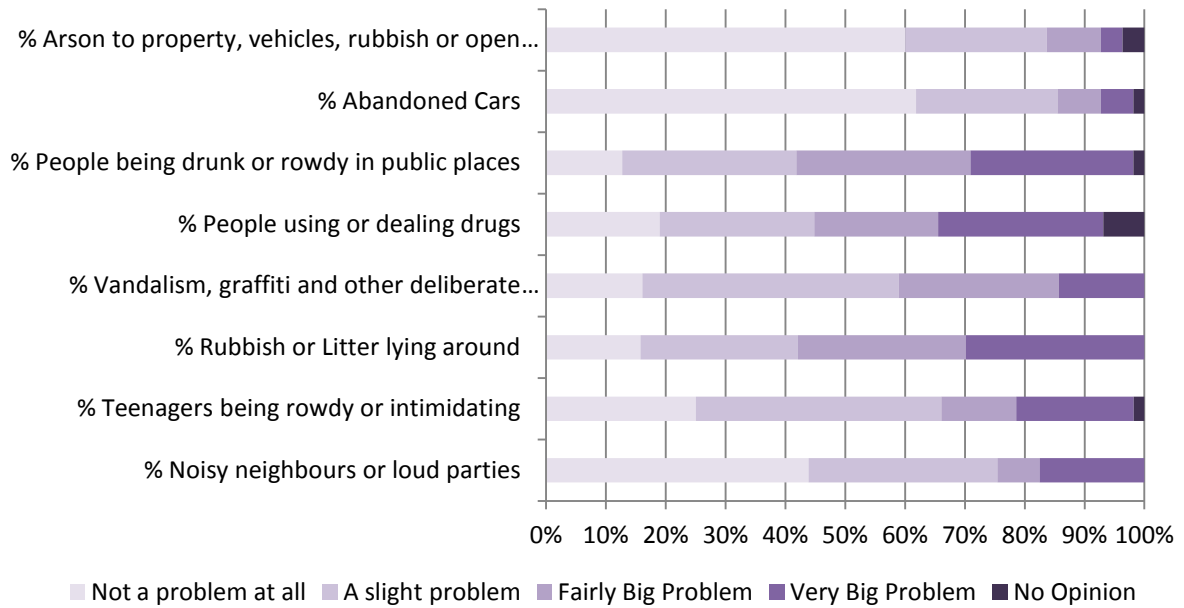


Chart 1; ASB priorities

About Neighbourhood

When asked about their level of satisfaction with their local area respondents were generally positive, an average of 87.5% were either very or fairly satisfied with their area. Norbiton ward had by far the lowest levels of satisfaction with only 72.9% of respondents stating they were very or fairly satisfied with their local area; this is 10% less than the next lowest ward Chessington South (83%). Norbiton respondents were more likely to state that they were 'Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied' with their local area than any other part of the borough; the average across the borough was 6.2% compared to 16.9% in Norbiton.

Norbiton respondents showed a similar trend to the borough wide responses when asked if they could influence decisions and whether they wanted to or not. Only 28.3% felt they could influence decisions compared with 36.7% who felt they couldn't and 35% who were not sure if they could. By comparison 67.2% wanted to influence decisions, 13.8% did not want to and a further 19% were not sure. This shows there is a gap in the opportunity available to influence decisions; this might be a perceived or actual gap.