

Section 8 – Police and Crime Prevention

8.1 Have you witnessed or experienced any crime or anti-social behaviour in Clare in the past year ?

131 or 20% of respondents said “yes” compared to 36% of respondents in the 2010 survey. 70% said “no” and 10% did not answer.

8.2 If YES tick all that apply.

Noise/Disturbance	64
Vandalism	38
Theft from property	33
Drug Dealing	16
Damage to your vehicle	15
Damage to your property	10
Theft from vehicle(s)	7
Assaults	3
Cyber crime	2
Other	9

Several new categories appear in this survey- drug dealing, assaults and cyber -crime. It should be noted that 6 children also reported drug dealing in the Youth Survey.

8.3 How did you report the incident to the police ?

79 people did not report the incident, 10 dialled 999, 20 dialled 101, 8 phoned the local station and 6 visited the local station.



Have you joined for crime updates in our area?
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/police-connect>

8.4 Would you be confident to use the following to report or discuss an incident in the future ?

455 parishioners responded to this question. 284 said that they would use email, 133 said they would use text and 38 said that they would use Skype.

These communication methods appear to be favoured for the future by our busy police force. However, further analysis of answers by age appears to show a slight reluctance amongst our oldest group to use any of the technologies. They also show that younger people are generally not willing to use Skype (although the overall figures for Skype are so small that this may be a statistical anomaly) Alternatively it may be that Skype is not a facility favoured by the young.

8.5 Generally do you feel safe walking around Clare?

After eliminating those who did not answer these questions, the figures and percentages are as follows:

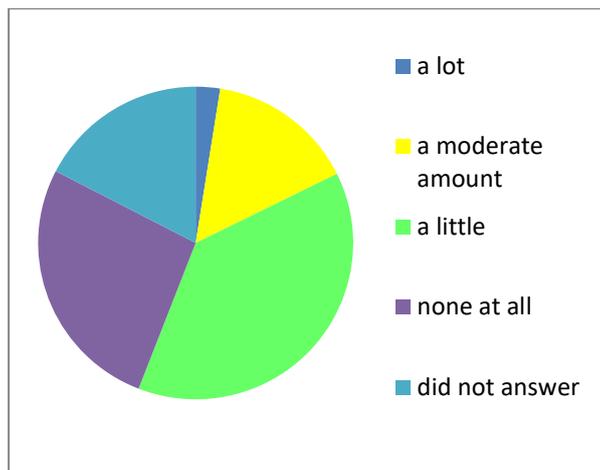
	Yes	No
During daylight	603 (99.7%)	2 (0.3%)
In the evening	542 (92.3%)	45 (7.7%)
After dark	409(71.1%)	166 (28.9%)

In the 2010 survey, 84% of respondents felt safe walking in Clare after dark and 11% did not feel safe.

The above figures show a substantial increase in the number of people who feel unsafe after dark. This may be partly due to the age range of the respondents being slightly skewed toward the more elderly, but that is unlikely to be the whole picture. Issues raised in the last survey included poor street lighting and youths. Slippery surfaces and trip hazards may also play a part.

8.6 Do you think there has been an increase in crime in Clare during the last year?

538 people answered this question, 114 did not.



8.7 Are you part of a neighbourhood watch scheme?

46 replied "yes" to this question, 548 answered "no" and 58 did not answer.

8.8 If NO, would you like to see one set up in your postcode area ?

265 replied "yes" to this question, 195 replied "no" and 192 did not answer.

8.9 Would you be prepared to co-ordinate a neighbourhood watch scheme ?

31 replied "yes" to this question, 472 replied "no" and 149 did not answer.

If all of those who answered "yes" come forward to take the role on, then an additional 19 post-code areas would be covered by neighbourhood watch.

8.10 Would you like to see CCTV installed in areas of Clare ?

344 (52.8%) replied "yes" to this question
210 (32.2%) replied "no"
98 (15.0%) did not answer

Action 8A

To seek further advice from the Police Safer Neighbourhoods team on the benefits of establishing more neighbourhood watch schemes and CCTV.

Action 8B

To regularly monitor paths for obvious trip hazards and report them to the appropriate authority for repair.