

## **Perception of Crime**



### **When was the survey carried out?**

November 2011

### **What was the purpose of this consultation?**

To consult the residents of Wrexham on their perceptions of crime within Wrexham town centre and the County.

### **Did you provide feedback to participants?**

Feedback was given to members of the Peoples Voice panel.

### **How was the consultation publicised?**

The consultation was carried out through the Peoples Voice.

### **How many responses did the consultation receive?**

327 surveys were completed yielding a response rate of 64%

### **How did WCBC use the results and what, if any, changes will be made following this consultation?**

As part of the Community Safety Partnership's plan for 2011/2014 the partnership will continue to communicate and engage with the community to provide reassurance and increase public confidence. The Partnership will co-ordinate key campaigns in response to issues identified by the CSP action groups for example, seasonal campaigns and operational campaigns to highlight key issues and support crime reduction initiatives. As part of this work every effort will be made to reinforce positive messages about crime and community safety in the area.

Encouragingly a high percentage of survey respondents reported to feeling safe in the County Borough during day and night.

It would appear that a high percentage of respondents indicated that they didn't feel safe walking in the town centre at night and that they suggested that this may be improved if there was an increased police presence on the streets and that something was done to address binge drinking .

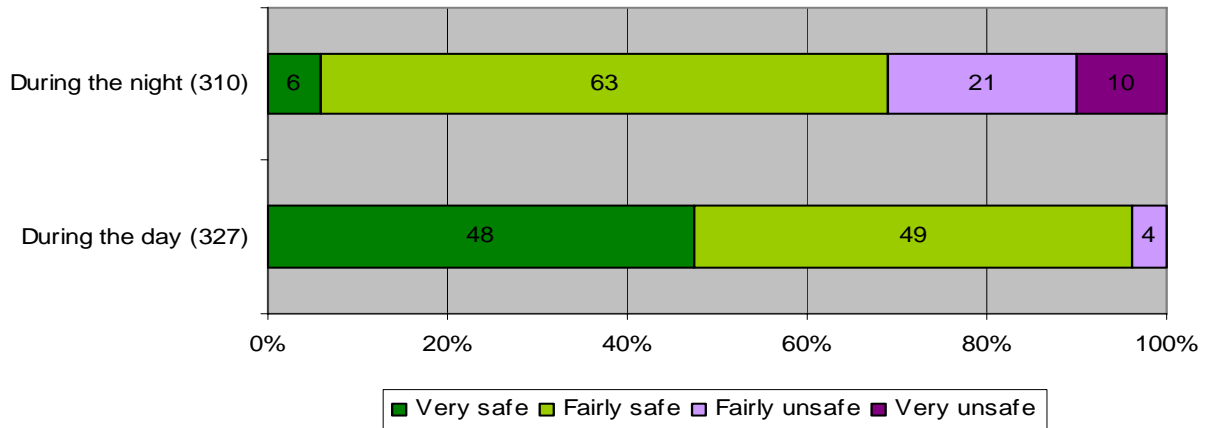
The multi agency approach developed as a result of the campaign has contributed towards reducing levels of alcohol fuelled violent crime and anti social behaviour in the town centre. The level of serious violence also remains very low accounting for only 3% of the total incidents of violence against the person in the area.

Wrexham Council continues to provide funding for PCSO's in the County Borough. They are valued members of the Policing teams and continue to patrol streets across the County Borough.

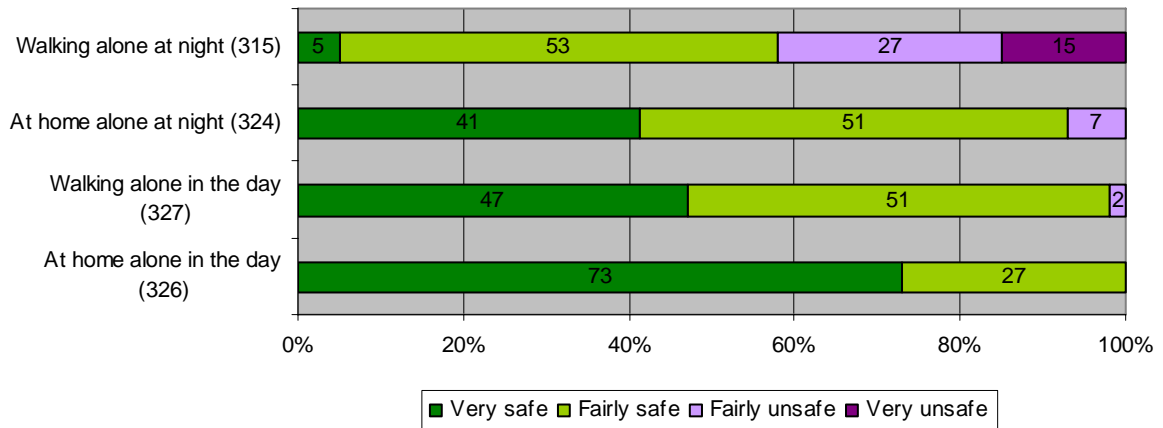
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- The vast majority of residents (97%) generally feel safe when out and about in Wrexham County Borough during the day, whereas over two thirds generally feel safe when out and about during the night (69%).

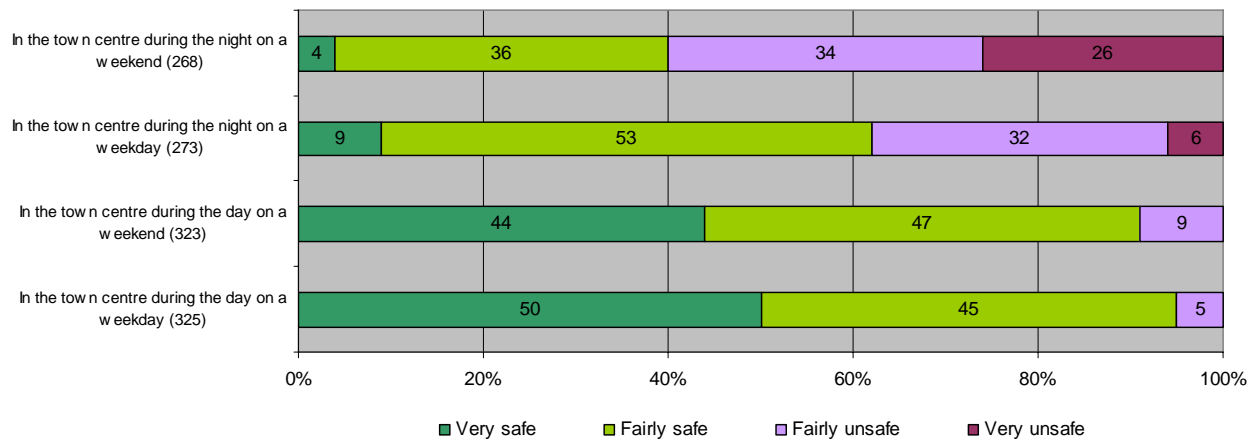


- When asked about Wrexham County Borough, more than 90% of residents generally feel safe at home alone during the day (100%), walking alone in the day (98%) and at home alone at night (92%). However, over two fifths feel unsafe walking alone at night (42%).

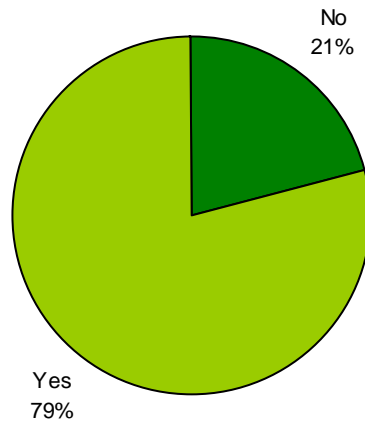


- When asked if anything could be done to improve safety in their local area, around four fifths of residents said yes (79%).
- Of these residents, the majority feel that a greater police presence, in particular 'on-foot' patrols, as well as the improvement of street lighting, in particular within pathways and areas that are away from roads, could contribute to improving safety in their local area.
- When asked about Wrexham Town Centre, over 9 in 10 residents reported that they feel safe during the day on a weekday (95%) and on a weekend (91%). However, just under two

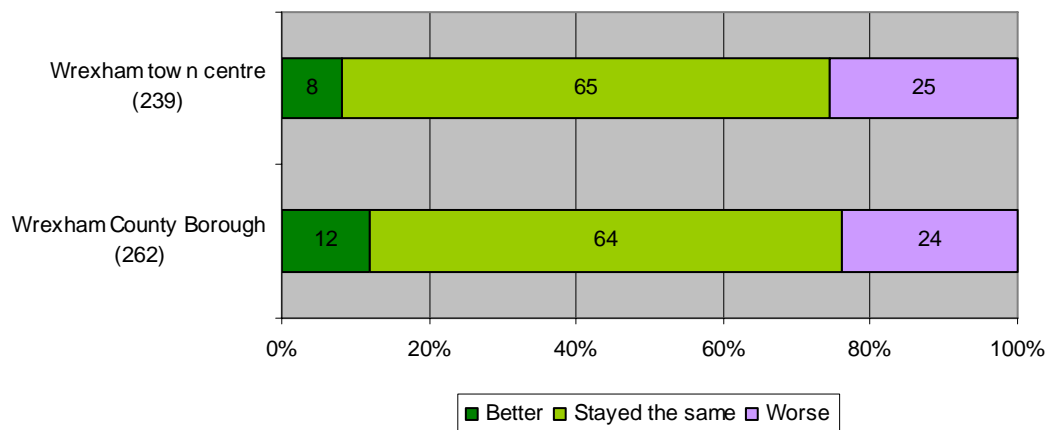
fifths feel unsafe in the town centre during the night on a weekday (38%), which increases to around three fifths who feel unsafe during the night on a weekend (59%).



- When residents were asked if anything could be done to improve safety in Wrexham Town Centre around four fifths said yes (79%).



- Of these residents, many feel that once again a greater police presence would improve safety, as well as reducing the amount of 'binge drinking' in the town centre on weekends.
- Over three fifths of residents think that the level of crime has stayed the same in Wrexham County Borough (64%) and Wrexham Town Centre (65%) in the last 12 months. On the other hand, around a quarter feel the level of crime has got worse in Wrexham County Borough (24%) and the town centre (26%).



- Just over half of residents (51%) agree that North Wales Police and Wrexham County Borough Council are dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour in Wrexham County Borough while over a quarter (27%) state that they disagree.

