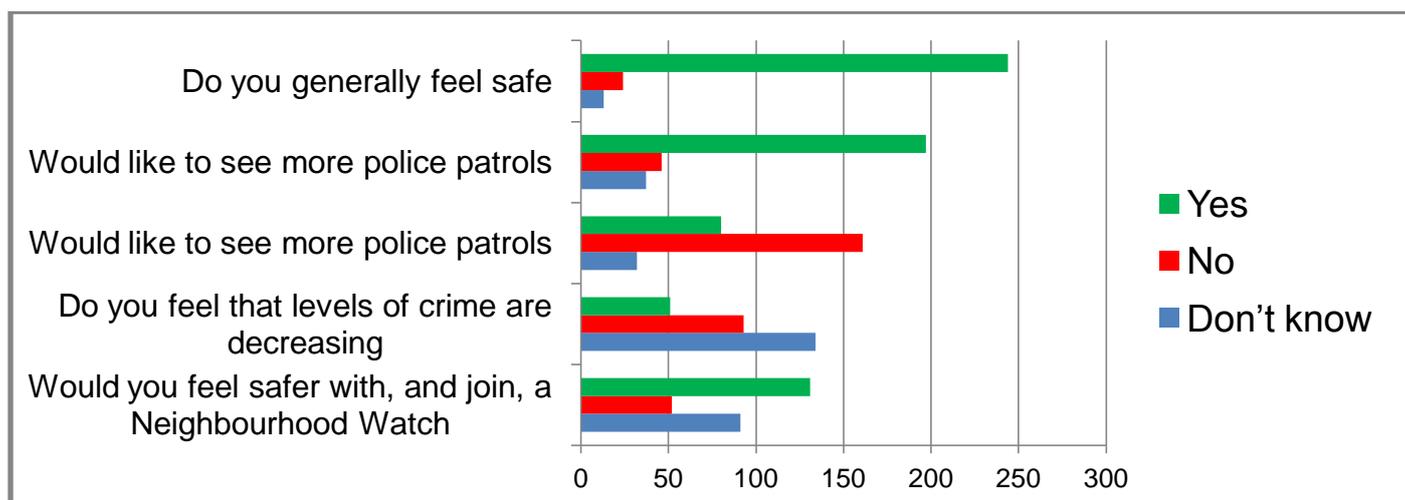


# Boughton & Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

## YOUR COMMUNITY – YOUR FUTURE

**Q16** What are your feelings about safety, crime and policing?

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Do you generally feel safe	244	24	13
Would like to see more police patrols	197	46	37
Would like to see more lights in the villages	80	161	32
Do you feel that levels of crime are decreasing	51	93	134
Would you feel safer with, and join, a Neighbourhood Watch	131	52	91



Please add any further comments here

### Do you generally feel safe

Uneasy

Generally we feel safe in the village, but having been victims of Burglary several times we feel vulnerable overnight (Dunkirk)

It is impossible to feel completely safe with the continual cases of crime in the area. Preventative measures, cameras alarms etc are both costly and time consuming

We feel generally safe as we have a comprehensive and expensive intruder alarm system in our home

Although we feel safe generally, we are concerned about the continual problem of traffic speed. The limit signs on the road are a big help but it would be good to have a large upright sign at the beginning of the village either end

I do feel safe in the village

Feel safe during the day but only go out at night in a car

My feelings of safety would improve if people were PREVENTED from habitually parking on double yellow lines

Since the arrival of gypsies in the Dunkirk area there has been an increase in break-ins. Therefore feeling safe is now under threat

### **Would like to see more police patrols**

About 3 or 4 years ago the NEW Community Policewoman knocked the door, introduced herself and said she would be a regular sight. Not seen any Police of any type since

They come if called.

It would be nice to see any Police Patrols 24/7

Keep Faversham Police Station open. Ask for more Police at Faversham Police Station

More Police patrols re traffic regulations

With the combined population I feel that there should be a more regular / permanent Police presence

Police cars driving "through" every "blue moon" doesn't keep crime down

Never seen a copper!!!

Lack of obvious policing – all the time if possible

Seeing Police definitely help keep crime down.

Can recall seeing Police

Community Officer is a waste of tax payers money. They are never around when drug dealers are on the park and in the pubs ie late nights

The nearest Police Station is Maidstone, which takes 20 minutes for them to get to Boughton or Dunkirk – the Faversham office is part time – Police presence is a joke, but this is national funding, not sure how the village could alter that

Do we have them?

If possible

It would help if the Police would take more time to listen to what the problems are about and inform you of the outcome

Police presence only occur after an incident has occurred and has been reported. There is no deterrent for vandalism (to vehicles) and anti-social behaviour

More policing around Brickfield Lane allotments. There are repeated thefts several times a year here.

More patrols would hopefully reduce the opportunist crimes

### **Would like to see more lights in the villages**

Get existing columns working FIRST. New column opposite Post Office not lit since first erected 6 months ago.

Horselees and Colonels Lane needs more lighting very dark areas.

Crime will rise when street lights are out. Stupid idea of KCC – who also pay the Police who will unfortunately need more staff to cope with crime

The Street light at the top of George Lane has been out of action since around Oct '13 – despite the Council being made aware

New street lights in the Street are far too bright. More lights but more subtle would be preferable as far as I'm concerned

The lights on the main thoroughfare OK. Estates and minor roads are either inadequate or lack brilliance

Repair lighting quickly 1. Damage bottom end Weatherall Close 2. Near us near hill not been working 2 months have reported to Mr. Peto Dunkirk Council

Need a street light at junction of Staple Street and Dawes Road. Narrow road, corner, no footpaths – dangerous corner especially for pedestrians who live in Stoney Rd etc

Foot lighting along the school wall up through School Lane would be helpful. It's very dark in between the 2 street lights and this encourages weekend anti-social behaviour, as it is used as a cut through to the Charltons / Village Hall

Lighting along Horselees Road is poor—getting off the bus at night and walking along this road is not pleasant in the dark!!

### **Do you feel that levels of crime are decreasing**

We are concerned about the apparent increase in shed burglaries in the area

Vandalism to public and private property seems to be increasing, particularly in the adolescent groups

Have had things stolen off our property, think its more of a problem with unsavoury individuals that seem to live in the middle of our village ( Boughton)

We have a lot of vandalism in the village, especially weekend – damage and thieving

Many isolated properties are vulnerable, even if crime currently not a major issue

### **Would you feel safer with, and join, a Neighbourhood Watch**

Already tried but appears to have died out in 1980's and 1990's. Where did it go? Neighbourhood Watch was widely advertised / publicised when it started; it's demise was NOT advertised or publicised. Just a long silence.

It would help to be notified when there is a spate of break ins around and what they are targeting eg sheds, cars, houses etc

Already a member of neighbourhood Watch – but I can't say it makes me feel safer – good neighbours are the answer which I have, but I was still burgled – burglaries from shed BADF at the moment

Neighbourhood Watch sounds like a good idea

After living here for 5 years we have encountered (luckily) no crime but would feel more secure within a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Neighbours have functioned well as an informal Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch does not make any difference. Whoever is doing the crimes is not put off by a sign.

Already in Neighbourhood Watch

Already exists

Good neighbours are better for local security

### **General**

The kids hanging round the Village Hall can be a nuisance...maybe a Youth Centre!!

Village Park and alley, from High Street to park always a problem with teenagers

Theft crimes from sheds and garages are high at the moment. What are the Police views on this? Otherwise burglary is at a low. Car crime lowish. Young people and anti-social behaviour goes in peaks and troughs, children become teenagers and do silly things, then grow up, then quiet, then more children etc etc etc

We need cctv and checks to deter vandals / would-be criminals. This should not just be down to Neighbourhood Watch

Crime levels are increasing a lot in Boughton

Too many children cause a nuisance at the Woodmans Hall bus stop at night

Too many boy racers on narrow roads

The speed down Boughton Hill should be lowered to 40 mph, especially with walkers

The villages need to be kept from sprawling and an ever increasing population as this causes all the problems you have mentioned in this survey

Local jobs hanging around local shop very intimidating

Need speed cameras in Boughton Street. Crimes are still committed weekly by newspaper report