

THAKEHAM PARISH PLAN

7. Community Safety

Overall, the majority of respondents believe that Thakeham is a safe area to live and only a small number, 9%, of respondents reported an issue with crime of any type. Of these 9% of respondents, 4% reported issues with vandalism, 2% with burglary and 1% with each of car crime, criminal damage and drug misuse.

48% of respondents were less than satisfied with the police response but 12% thought it was very good. 31% believe that an increased police presence in the parish is required.

30% of respondents were willing to contribute through the Parish Council Precept to fund a community warden. 24% knew of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in their area and 54% said they would like one.

Action No.	Action	Timescale	Key Partners
7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council to consider potential for use of Precept to fund community warden – possibility of “sharing” the 2 community wardens at Ashington to be investigated. 	Medium term	Thakeham Parish Council Ashington Parish Council Horsham Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Local residents
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to a Parish Council meeting to hear local concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask the PCSO to explain how they propose to improve the perception in the community of the service provided and what residents can do to reduce vandalism. ○ Ask the PCSO to visit the parish at least twice a month to ensure more visibility in the community 	Short term	Thakeham Parish Council Sussex Police Horsham Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Local residents
7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm details of how residents can start Neighbourhood Watch in their area and publicise details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrange meeting with Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator, existing street coordinators and new volunteers ○ Publicise community safety information, including statistics. 	Short term	Thakeham Parish Council Neighbourhood Watch Sussex Police

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