

## Survey of Residents

1. In 2012 a postal survey of residents in seven of the 12 North East Local Authorities (Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Sunderland and Stockton-on-Tees) was undertaken. This method is closely comparable with the last national 'Place Survey' organised by CLG in 2008. Results on key community safety issues are summarised below.

	2008 Place Survey	2012 Resident Survey – Stockton results	2012 Resident Survey – average of 7 authorities
(a) Thinking about the local area, how much of a problem do you think each of the following are [% stating 'a very big problem' or 'a fairly big problem']			
(i) noisy neighbours or loud parties	15%	15%	?
(ii) teenagers hanging around the streets	54%	34%	?
(iii) rubbish or litter lying around	33%	28%	?
(iv) vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	34%	21%	?
(v) people using or dealing drugs	37%	29%	?
(vi) people being drunk or rowdy in public places	32%	23%	?
(vii) abandoned or burnt out cars	4%	3%	?
(b) How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area after dark? (% who feel 'very safe' or 'fairly safe')	46%	63%	?
(c) How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area during the day? (%who feel 'very safe' or 'fairly safe')	87%	91%	?

2. Members of the Partnership will note that the 2012 results are better than the 2008 results in all cases but one (the first issue), on which they were equal.
3. The value of these results to the Partnership will be increased when the average results for the other authorities are released. It is understood informally that the Stockton results on community safety issues are the best of any of the seven participant authorities.