

## **Scrutiny Review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres – Ingleby Barwick Town Council**

- From Ingleby Barwick Town Council's perspective, what are the main issues regarding Ingleby Barwick town centre safety and what has the Town Council done to address these (including any impact)?
- What is the Town Council's relationship with SBC like – is this enabling / inhibiting progress on making Ingleby Barwick town centre more welcoming / safe (please provide any examples)?
- What feedback is the Town Council receiving from residents / businesses in terms of the Ingleby Barwick town centre environment?
- What should be the future priorities in making Ingleby Barwick town centre as welcoming and safe as possible?

Ingleby Barwick town centre is very different from the town centres in Billingham, Thornaby and Yarm in that it is spread out and not localised. In addition to the Tesco Supermarket and Myton Shops it also consists of shopping parades at Lowfields, Beckfields and Sandgate.

Town Centre crime has been identified as being minimal by SBC Community Safety Team whom the Town Council have an excellent working relationship with and have done for a number of years.

Almost a third of the Town Council precept is spent on SBC Community Safety for the use of Enforcement, CCTV and Monitoring. We have in the past had small pockets of Anti Social Behaviour and more recently the use of electric bikes and scooters. We strongly advise the public to report any aspect of these behaviours to the Civic Enforcement Team. We have a representation from Community Safety at the monthly Town Council Meetings as part of our Service Level Agreement.

Communication from Local residents is low with regards to town centre safety – the main gripe is the lack of Christmas decorations in comparison to other town centres. We have pursued this over a number of years having budgeted for lights for the past two years. I am informed that an audit of lights has been undertaken and costings for new lights will be provided in the new year. The Town Council welcome this, moving forward.