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TITLE: MIDDLESBROUGH CRUCIAL CREW RESULTS 2011
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Crucial Crew in an annual multi-agency event for Year 6 pupils (10 and 11 year olds) where the children participate in a variety of scenarios which aimed to give them the chance to learn how to cope with a wide range of safety issues.
- 1.2 The event took place at Middlesbrough College between 5th and 13th July. 34 schools attended, including one behavioural special needs school and one physical special needs school.
- 1.3 Each half day session involved seven different sessions, each lasting fifteen minutes, delivered by a range of agencies as follows:
 - **CLEVELAND FIRE SERVICE** – Fire safety in the home
 - **CLEVELAND POLICE** – The Wall (anti-social behaviour)
 - **ROAD SAFETY UNIT** – Road safety
 - **NEDL** – Safety around electricity
 - **SUBSTANCE MISUSE PARTNERSHIP** – Drug and alcohol awareness
 - **SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP** – Interactive consultation
 - **COLLEGE TOUR** – Given by Police cadets
- 1.4 Cleveland Police Authority ran the Safer Communities Partnership scenario in conjunction with Safer Middlesbrough Partnership. The interactive IML software was used to ask the children a variety of questions covering crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.5 In all 1090 children were consulted. The following report outlines the results of this consultation.
- 1.6 For the purpose of the report the results have been split into the following neighbourhood sector areas:
 - NPT1 – Ayresome, Gresham, Linthorpe, Middlehaven, Park and University
 - NPT2 – Beckfield, North Ormesby and Brambles Farm, Pallister, Park End and Thorntree
 - NPT3 – Acklam, Kader, Brookfield, Beechwood, Clairville and Ladgate

- NPT4 – Coulby Newham, Hemlington, Marton, Marton West, Nunthorpe and Stainton and Thornton

2 KEY FINDINGS

- 2.1 Overall across the whole of Middlesbrough, 56% of the children felt that the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour. This is a slight increase on last year's results of 54%, but still falls below results obtained from adults through the Local Public Confidence Survey, which showed 73% confidence levels Force wide and 70.5% in Middlesbrough.
- 2.2 It was felt that the police and council could do a better job by having more visible police and street warden patrols, quicker response times, dealing more proactively with incidents as they occur and providing better feedback on actions taken.
- 2.3 Overall the top three crime concerns were house burglary, violence and drug dealing. Violence and house burglary were also top concerns in 2010. Although crime levels have continued to fall in this financial year there have been slight increases in house burglary, and many of the children reported having experienced burglary themselves in recent months.
- 2.4 Overall the top anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around, and jointly vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage, noisy neighbours and litter. These top concerns remained the same as in 2010, with the exception of litter which was less of a concern last year.
- 2.5 Appendix A contains a ward analysis which compares the results of this consultation with children to the priorities identified by neighbourhood policing teams in their ward priority plans. The anti-social behaviour concerns expressed by the children are broadly similar to those expressed by adults, with the main focus being on youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drinking and drugs. House burglary was a priority for both children and adults in several areas. Children from many of the areas were much more concerned by racism than the adults.
- 2.6 Although television was an influence on the children's views of crime and anti-social behaviour, their views were predominantly based on personal experience, either through seeing incidents, knowing a victim or being a victim themselves. 36% stated that they had been victims of crime or anti-social behaviour within the last year.
- 2.7 The most popular methods chosen by the children for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour were more activities for young people, more work between the police and young people and help for those committing crime to stop them re-offending.

- 2.8 On the whole the children felt that there were few activities for them to do outside school currently. In particular they would like to see more sporting activities, skate parks, bike tracks and activities for their age group, as many current activities are focused on teenagers. CCTV was seen as a good method of improving feelings of safety.
- 2.9 Appendix B contains details of the comments made by each school in the discussions which took place around the questions. These comments focus predominantly on public confidence and improving services.

3 FULL RESULTS

Confidence Levels

- 3.1 The national confidence measure was put in place by the previous government and was based on the percentage of people who think that the police and council are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter in their area. Although this measure has now been removed by the Home Office, public confidence is still seen as a priority by the Force and Authority, and confidence in policing is routinely measured through a variety of consultation methods.
- 3.2 The confidence question was simplified in Crucial Crew to 'Do you think the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour' with options of yes, no and don't know.
- 3.3 Overall 56% of the children felt that the police and council did a good job, which is a slight increase on last year's results of 54%. Confidence levels ranged from 50% in NPT4 to 65% in NPT2.
- 3.4 Confidence levels within neighbourhood sector areas remained largely similar to last year's consultation, apart from in NPT2 where confidence had risen considerably from 56% in 2010 to 65% in 2011.
- 3.5 Confidence levels displayed in the children fell well below results obtained from adults through the Local Public Confidence Survey, which showed 73% confidence levels Forcewide and 70.5% in Middlesbrough for interviews covering April 2010 to March 2011. However, both the wording of the question and the methodology used for the two consultations are different, so results cannot be directly compared. The children were also considerably less sure of the roles of the police and council than adults, with a relatively high proportion of 'don't know' answers.
- 3.6 The children felt that the police and council could do a better job by having more visible police and street warden patrols, quicker response times, dealing more proactively with incidents as they occur and providing better feedback on actions taken. These reasons are broadly similar to those mentioned by adults who have been surveyed. The children also felt that punishments for offenders should be harsher. Table 3.1 below shows the full

Table 3.1 Do you think the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour?

	% of responses		
	Yes	No	Don't Know
Overall	56(54)	26(27)	18(19)
NPT1	56(57)	29(30)	15(13)
NPT2	65(56)	17(30)	18(14)
NPT3	54(53)	31(24)	15(23)
NPT4	50(50)	26(27)	24(23)

Crime

- 3.7 The children were asked to pick which three types of crime most affected them from the following list:
- House Burglary
 - Car Crime
 - Drug Dealing
 - Robbery
 - Criminal Damage
 - Racist Incidents
 - Violence
 - None of these
- 3.8 Overall across the whole of Middlesbrough the top three crime concerns were house burglary (17%), violence (16%) and drug dealing (15%). Violence and house burglary were also top concerns in 2010, but last year's children had been more concerned by criminal damage than by drug dealing.
- 3.9 House burglary was a greater concern this year than in 2010. Although crime levels have continued to fall in this financial year, there have been rises in house burglary, and many of the children reported having experienced burglary themselves in recent months.
- 3.10 The top crime concerns remained similar across the geographical groupings, with house burglary being the top concern in all areas apart from NPT4. Robbery was a particular concern in NPT2 and the children in NPT3 were more concerned by criminal damage than those from other areas.
- 3.11 Racist incidents were a particular concern in NPT1, and many of the children from all areas reported either seeing or experiencing racism. The children were generally unaware of the methods to report racist incidents. Table 3.2 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.2 In your opinion what 3 types of crime most affect you?

Crime Type	% of responses				
	Overall	NPT1	NPT2	NPT3	NPT4
House Burglary	17%	17%	16%	18%	16%
Car Crime	9%	7%	9%	9%	10%
Drug Dealing	15%	15%	16%	16%	14%
Robbery	12%	12%	15%	10%	12%
Criminal Damage	14%	14%	13%	16%	13%
Racist Incidents	11%	15%	10%	10%	10%
Violence	16%	17%	14%	15%	17%
None of these	6%	3%	7%	6%	8%

1st concern – red, 2nd concern – amber, 3rd concern – green

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 3.12 The children were asked to pick which three types of anti-social behaviour most affected them from the following list:
- Noisy neighbours or loud parties
 - Teenagers hanging around the streets
 - Rubbish or litter lying around
 - Off road motor bikes
 - Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles
 - Racism
 - People using drugs
 - People being drunk or rowdy in public places
 - Begging
- 3.13 Overall across the whole of Middlesbrough the top anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around (17%), and jointly vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage, noisy neighbours and litter (13% each). These top concerns remained the same as in last year's consultation with the exception of litter which was less of a concern in 2010.
- 3.14 Teenagers hanging around was the top concern across all geographical groupings. Other concerns remained broadly similar across the different areas, with a wide spread of concerns with similar ratings. Table 3.3 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.3 In your opinion what 3 types of asb most affect you?

ASB Type	% of responses				
	Overall	NPT1	NPT2	NPT3	NPT4
Noisy neighbours	13%	15%	13%	11%	11%
Teenagers	17%	16%	16%	18%	22%
Vandalism	13%	13%	11%	13%	14%
Drug using	11%	11%	12%	12%	8%
Drunk/rowdy people	12%	13%	12%	12%	10%
Rubbish/litter	13%	10%	12%	13%	17%
Off road bikes	8%	5%	11%	9%	8%
Begging	5%	6%	5%	5%	3%
Racism	8%	11%	8%	7%	7%

1st concern – red, 2nd concern – amber, 3rd concern – green

3.15 Appendix A contains a ward analysis which compares the results of this consultation with children to the priorities identified by neighbourhood policing teams in their ward priority plans. In general the priority plans tend to focus more on anti-social behaviour issues than on crime whereas the children were specifically asked about crime priorities so their answers reflect this. The anti-social behaviour concerns expressed in the priority plans are broadly similar to those expressed by the children, with the main focus being on youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drinking and drugs. House burglary was identified by both children and adults in some areas, which perhaps reflects the slight rises in this crime category over the past few months. The adults were generally more concerned by road safety issues such as off road motorbikes and illegal parking, and the priority plans in some areas identified crimes such as metal theft and prostitution which were not on the options given to the children in the consultation.

3.16 The children identified racism as a key concern in some areas, whereas racism was not listed as a priority in any of the priority plans. Many of the children had first hand experience of racism and there was some anecdotal evidence of racial tensions between BME and non BME groups in some of the discussions held around this subject.

Experience of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

3.17 After identifying what the crime and anti-social behaviour concerns were in their area, the children were asked what their main reason was for thinking that these things were a problem, with the following options:

- I have been a victim
- Someone I know has been a victim
- I have seen it taking place
- I have seen it happening on the TV

- I have heard other people talking about it
- I don't think there is a problem

3.18 Overall across the whole of Middlesbrough the most popular answer was that they had seen crime and anti-social behaviour taking place. Although television was an influence, in general the children based their views on personal experience either through seeing incidents, knowing people who had been victims or being victims themselves. Table 3.4 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.4 Why do you think crime or asb is a problem?

Reason	% of responses				
	Overall	NPT1	NPT2	NPT3	NPT4
Been a victim	18%	21%	13%	18%	16%
Know a victim	16%	14%	15%	20%	15%
Seen it	29%	26%	37%	28%	29%
Seen it on TV	18%	19%	16%	17%	19%
Heard talk	12%	13%	12%	11%	13%
Not a problem	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%

3.19 The children were asked whether they had been a victim of crime within the last year. Overall, 36% of the children questioned stated that they had been victims of crime. This ranged from 34% in NPT1 and NPT3 to 42% in NPT4. Table 3.5 below shows the full responses to this question:

Table 3.5 Have you been a victim of crime within the last year?

	Yes
Overall	36%
NPT1	34%
NPT2	35%
NPT3	34%
NPT4	42%

Partnership Working

3.20 The children were asked what they thought the police and partners should do to stop crime and anti-social behaviour and make people feel safer. The most popular choices were more activities for young people to do outside school (28%), police officers working with young people (20%) and help for those committing crime to stop them re-offending (20%). Children in NPT2 felt particularly strongly that more work was needed between the police and young people. Many of the children stated that they didn't see their local teams coming into their schools. In some cases the teachers stated that the

local officers did actually come into school regularly, but for many groups the teachers agreed with the children.

- 3.21 On the whole the children felt that there were few activities for them to do outside school currently. They would like to see more sporting activities, such as football. Skate parks and bike tracks were also popular suggestions. The children felt that there was a gap in provision for their age group, with many facilities only being for the use of older children, i.e. teenagers. As many of the children felt fearful or intimidated by older children they would prefer separate activities and play areas to their older counterparts.
- 3.22 Many of the children felt that more CCTV would help make them feel safer.

N'hood Sector	Ward	Schools Consulted	NHP Priorities	Children's Crime Priorities	Children's ASB Priorities
NPT1	Ayresome	Archibald, Whinney Banks	ASB, off road bikes	Violence, criminal damage, racism	Teenagers, vandalism, rubbish
	Gresham	Sacred Heart, Newport, Ayresome	Drug dealing, drug using, ASB and street drinking	Violence, house burglary, drug dealing	Noisy neighbours, teenagers, drunk/rowdy people
	Linthorpe	Linthorpe	ASB	House burglary, robbery, drug dealing	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, drug using
	Middlehaven	Abingdon Road	Prostitution, lead theft from roofs	House burglary, racism, drug dealing	Racism, drunk/rowdy people, teenagers, vandalism
	Park		No priorities set		
	University	Breckon Hill	Burglary, cycle theft	House burglary, violence, drug dealing	Noisy neighbours, drunk/rowdy people, teenagers, racism
NPT2	Beckfield		Vehicle crime, ASB, theft of cable and manhole covers		
	North Ormesby & Brambles Farm	North Ormesby, Brambles Farm	ASB, criminal damage	Robbery, drug dealing, house burglary	Drug using
	Pallister	Berwick Hill	Fire setting, ASB, drug activity	Drug dealing, criminal damage, robbery	Rubbish, off road bikes, noisy neighbours
	Park End	St Pius, Park End	Off road bikes, fly tipping, ASB, thefts from gardens	House burglary, drug dealing, violence	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, vandalism, drunk/rowdy people
	Thorntree	Thorntree	ASB	Drug dealing, violence	Drunk/rowdy people, noisy neighbours, off

					road bikes, racism
NPT3	Acklam	Newham Bridge	Burglary	Drug dealing, criminal damage, violence	Teenagers, vandalism, noisy neighbours
	Kader		ASB, burglary		
	Brookfield	St Clares	ASB	House burglary, criminal damage, violence	Teenagers, vandalism, rubbish, noisy neighbours
	Beechwood	Beechwood	Drug dealing, ASB	House burglary, drug dealing, robbery	Teenagers, drug using, off road bikes
	Clairville	St Josephs, St Edwards, Marton Grove	Drug dealing, burglary, ASB	House burglary, drug dealing, violence	Teenagers, rubbish
	Ladgate	St Thomas Moore, Marton Manor, Easterside	Illegal parking, youth ASB	Criminal damage, house burglary, drug dealing	Teenagers, drug using, rubbish
NPT4	Coulby Newham	Rosewood	ASB, underage drinking	House burglary, criminal damage, violence	Rubbish, off road bikes, noisy neighbours
	Hemlington	Viewley Hill, St Gerrards	ASB	Violence, criminal damage, drug dealing	Teenagers, vandalism, drug using
	Marton	Captain Cook	ASB, criminal damage	House burglary, robbery, violence	Teenagers, rubbish
	Marton West	Lingfield	ASB, criminal damage, drug using, youth ASB	Drug dealing, car crime, violence	Rubbish, teenagers, vandalism
	Nunthorpe	St Bernadette, Chandlers Ridge, The Avenue	ASB	Violence, house burglary, drug dealing	Teenagers, rubbish, vandalism
	Stainton & Thornton	Hemlington Hall	ASB	Violence, house burglary, drug dealing	Teenagers, vandalism, noisy neighbours

Children's Comments – By School Alphabetically

Abingdon

Many of the children had personal experience of racism but were unaware of True Vision or how to report racism to the police or other agencies.

Archibald

Agencies should do more to tidy up the area, i.e. pick up litter and remove broken glass.

Would like more visible police patrols.

Problems with people being drunk and rowdy on an evening which the group did not feel were being dealt with.

House burglary, car crime and bike theft were all high in this group.

Problems with older children encouraging younger children to smoke/drink etc.

Ayresome

Problems with off road bikes.

Problems with drug users near the school who frighten the children.

Would like more visible patrols from both the police and street wardens.

Would like to see harsher punishments for offenders.

Beechwood

Would like more visible police patrols and a quicker police response to incidents.

Would like more activities for young people – football, general sports clubs, youth clubs for 10 to 12 year olds, police running activities for young people.

Breckon Hill

Would like a quicker response from police and more visible patrols from police and street wardens. Like to see police out on bikes.

Would like play streets where they can play out safely and a place for young people to 'hang out' so they are not on the streets.

Captain Cook

Would like more visible police patrols and more CCTV.

Would like a building for young people to 'hang out' so they aren't on the streets.

Chandlers Ridge

Would like separate parks for younger children and older children and more parks generally.

Grove Hill

The children felt that the local police and street wardens witnessed incidents happening but didn't take action.

There are issues with drug users, fights and off road bikes on the fields which they didn't feel were being dealt with.

There was very low confidence in the police from this group.
There have been a number of community projects running locally which have all now ceased – the children would like more of these projects.
When discussing racism the children felt that BME people could 'get away' with being anti-social towards white people as any retaliation would lead to being branded racist. The teacher present confirmed that this was a problem for the children in the school.

Hemlington Hall

Would like a quicker response from the police and more visible patrols.
Felt that anti-social behaviour was being dealt with well in the area.

Holmwood

The children felt that they weren't taken seriously when they reported incidents.
Would like more big attractions, a swimming pool with slides and free swimming for children.

Lingfield

Would like more visible patrols from the police and street wardens and more CCTV.
Would like more activities for young people - better playgrounds, and more general clubs/activities both for teenagers and 10 and 11 year olds.

Linthorpe

Confidence in the police and council was low partly due to the bad appearance of the area – graffiti, drug users, broken glass.
Good recycling facilities.
The children reported a beggar camping in Acklam Woods which made them feel unsafe.
Would like to see a quicker response from the police and more action taken by both the police and street wardens when incidents are reported.

Newham Bridge

Would like all weather football pitches and more street wardens.

Park End

Would like a quicker response from police, more visible police patrols and more CCTV.
More action taken against people dropping litter.
Problems at Penrith Road shops with young people wanting adults to buy them alcohol.
The children knew the name of their local police officer – this was the only school to know their local officer's name.

Rosewood

Would like a quicker response from police and more street wardens.

Would like more activities for young people – more sports clubs, youth clubs, after school football club.

St Clares

Bike theft a big issue for this group.

Problems with teenagers hanging around the local shops.

Would like more CCTV and more community cohesion, i.e. Neighbourhood Watch, neighbours working together to start clubs.

St Edwards

The police don't always come when called, and need to respond more quickly.

Lack of feedback after incidents are reported is also an issue.

Would like to see harsher punishments for offenders.

St Gerards

Police don't always attend incidents when called.

This group felt that communities should play a bigger part in community safety and that people should take responsibility for the facilities provided, i.e. treat facilities better and not vandalise them.

St Josephs

Problems with drunk people in parks on an evening when there is a lack of visible policing.

Would like a quicker response from police and a more visible presence.

Would like more activities for young people - Go Karting track, skate park, dirt track for bikes, more activities for 9 to 12 year olds, such as youth clubs, more activities with the police.

Thorntree

Would like more CCTV to feel safer.

Would like more activities for young people - skate park, youth club for 10 and 11 year old age group and updated play facilities in Thorntree playground.

Viewley Hill

Lack of visible policing, and continued problems with anti-social behaviour.

Whinney Banks

The police deal with anti-social behaviour well and street wardens are visible.

Although the local police do visit the school the children would like to see them more often.

The new community centre is mostly for older children – more activities for younger children needed.