



BRANTHAM SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey was circulated via social media to Brantham residents and outlined the following goals:

“Brantham Parish Council would like to understand how safe people feel in our village to help us make informed decisions about how we can support our residents going forward. We would appreciate it if you could take five minutes to complete this short questionnaire that will give us a useful insight into how local residents feel. Please note that any personal information you provide will be stored securely and all data will be anonymised for analysis. Thank you for your time.”

SUMMARY:

Overall Safety Perception:

- 93% feel somewhat or very safe at home.
- 76% feel somewhat or very safe when out in Brantham.

Top Safety Concerns (ranked by priority):

- 1) Antisocial behaviour
- 2) Road safety
- 3) Walking alone, particularly for women and near the decoy pond.

Suggested Improvements:

- Increased CCTV and police presence.
- Improved street lighting and safe crossings (especially on the A137).
- More activities and spaces for young people.

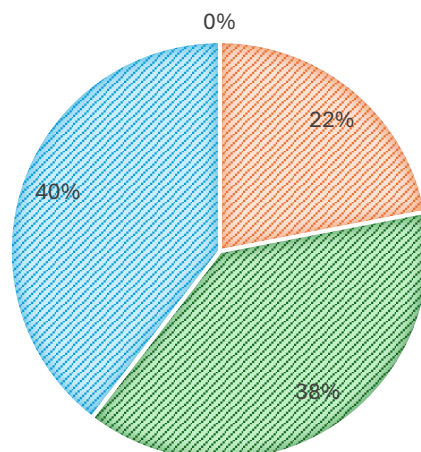
Additional Feedback:

Many comments focused on the rise in dog-related incidents, traffic speeding (especially on Factory Lane and the A137). This further supports Cllr Osben’s proposal for BPC to investigate safety crossings.

The lasting impact of Anita’s death on community confidence is evident. Several residents also voiced frustration over limited policing and suggested environmental and infrastructure changes to foster a greater sense of safety.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

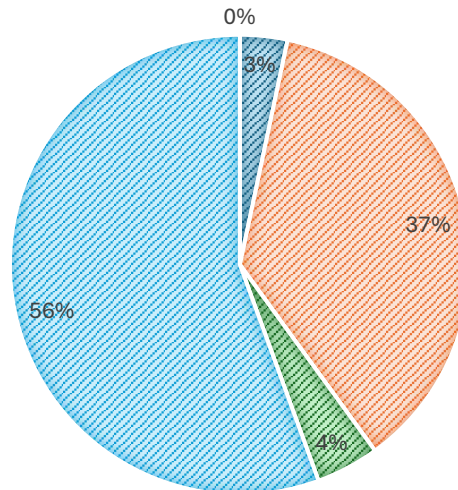
■ Under 21 ■ 22-35 ■ 36-54 ■ 55 or over ■





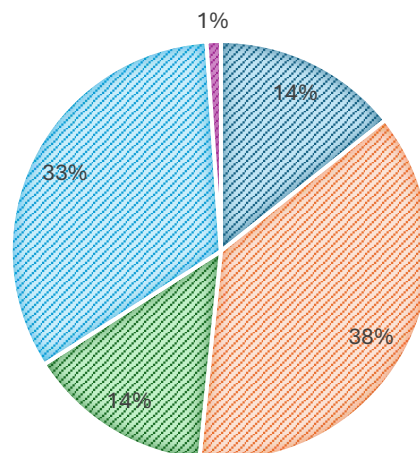
HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL IN YOUR HOME?

■ Neither safe nor unsafe ■ Somewhat safe ■ Somewhat unsafe ■ Very safe ■ Very unsafe



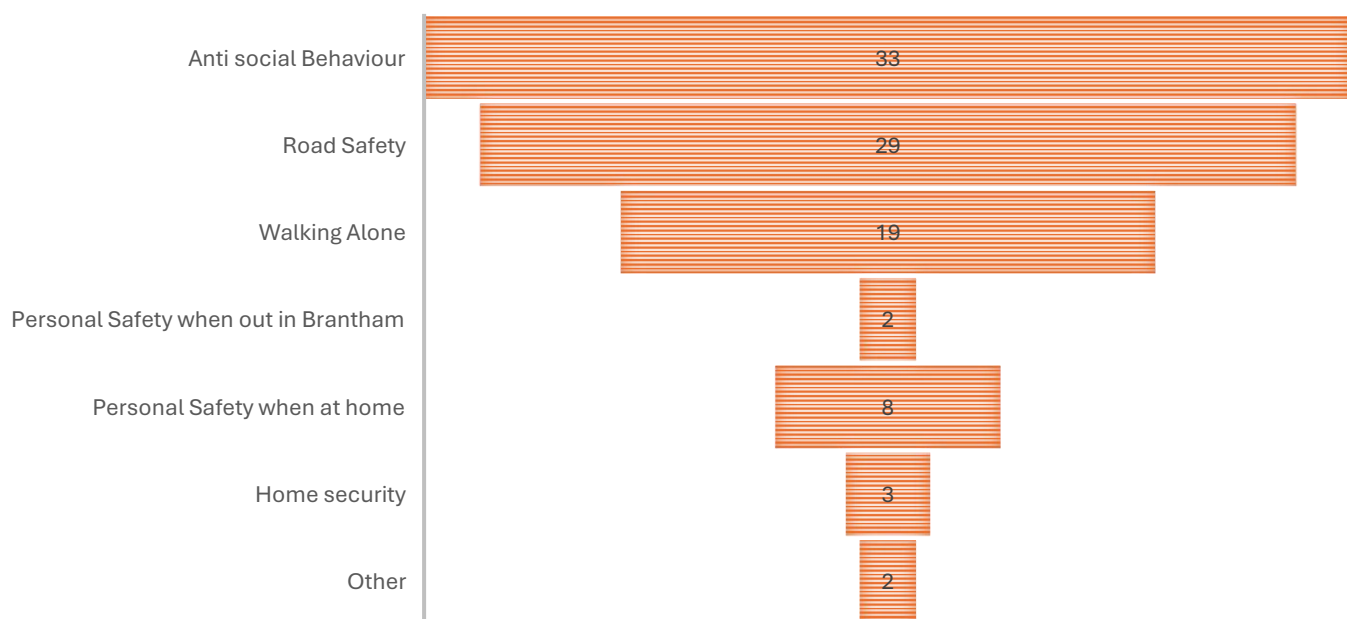
HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL WHEN OUT IN BRANTHAM?

■ Neither safe nor unsafe ■ Somewhat safe ■ Somewhat unsafe ■ Very safe ■ Very unsafe





NUMBER 1 SAFETY CONCERN ABOUT LIFE IN BRANTHAM



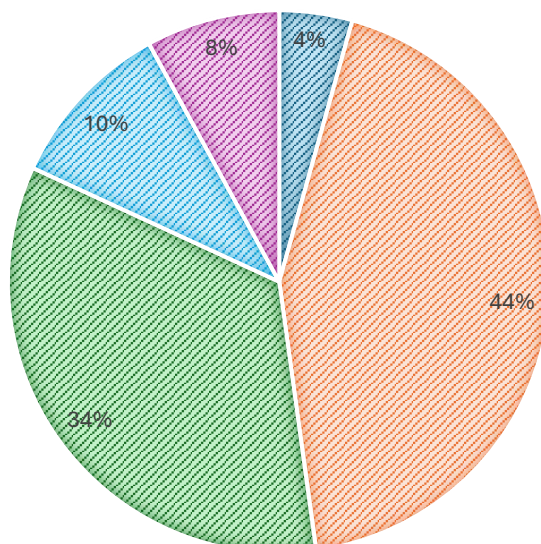
Safety Concern ranked results:

	Antisocial Behaviour	Road Safety	Walking Alone	Personal Safety when out in the village	Home Security	Personal Safety at Home	Other
1 st choice	33	29	19	2	8	3	2
2 nd Choice	27	14	20	18	10	5	2
3 rd choice	16	11	17	26	17	8	1
4 th choice	10	17	13	28	10	16	2
5 th choice	6	14	3	15	35	21	2
6 th choice	4	10	23	5	15	38	1
7 th choice			1	2	1	5	86



WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL SAFER IN BRANTHAM?

■ Group meet ups/walks ■ Increased police presence; ■ More CCTV ■ Nothing ■ Other



The following comments were received at the end of the survey:

A pedestrian crossing of some sort would go along way to make me feel safer for myself and children on the A137. Some sort of CCTV around the decoy pond if it has not yet been installed. Too many unruly dogs off lead, plus last years attack mean it feels less safe around there.

A zebra crossing on the main road or a lollipop crossing during school times would make me feel safer for my family

Dogs off leads - should be restricted areas only.

Excessive speeds and increased traffic volumes are an accumulating danger to road users and pedestrians alike. The lack of 30mph signage and lack of continuing police presence only adds to this long standing major issue. The 30mph restrictions and Double White lines continue to be ignored DAILY. The A137 through Brantham is a mecca for speeding cars, lorries and especially on Sundays and Wednesdays, motorcyclists who think they are competing in the Isle of Mann TT Races. Brantham will NEVER be safe until ANPR Cameras and speed restriction signage are prominently displayed. The by product of monitoring traffic offences via ANPR, is also a great benefit in the tracking of other criminal activities. A Double Whammy.

Factory lane definitely needs some form of traffic calming/ slowing (e.g speed humps/sleeping policemen) as the construction & factory traffic travel far too fast on occasion plus almost every evening there cars & motor bikes & motor scooters using it as a race track. Also, every day there is more broken glass & takeaway rubbish in the lane & the pull ins along there quietly.

Felt very safe until recently when I heard there was a dog attack over decoy pond. Three young men allowed their dogs to set upon a small dog which speaks volumes. As a woman who walks my dog alone it's really put me off going there. Also sometimes it can get a bit lonely over there so more police patrols would be good specially since the murder.

Generally feel incredibly safe in Brantham either alone or with others. Few issues of anti social behaviour recently with teens on mopeds but not caused concern.

Have lived in village for 50 years and never felt uneasy until sadly the murder took place



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Hearing illegal motorbikes on fields and dog attacks near the decoy pond makes you concerned who is moving into the area

I do think that ASB in Brantham has increased but not sure how this can be efficiently remedied.

I feel very safe in Brantham

I think strategic cameras could be used to capture who is coming in and out of the village via car/bike. I genuinely believe most of the anti-social things i see happen are committed by people not even from Brantham. It's almost a haven for anti-social because there's so little CCTV here to catch anyone doing wrong

I would love to see increased speed surveillance through the village and a zebra crossing opposite Poppy Fields. I walk my children to nursery/school daily and the speed at which some drivers come through the village is abhorrent and dangerous.

I'd say increased police presence but the police are absolutely useless.

I'm not sure I'm entirely happy about the skate park and worry this could bring more issues to the village

I've lived in the village for 34 years, it's no longer a village. The new build developments have caused anti-social behaviour and noise we never had, litter everywhere and the on-road parking is a joke and dangerous

Last murder in Brantham was 1875. Don't panic.

More lighting, cutting hedgerows, limiting places to hide

Motorists speeding through the village is my greatest safety concern and I would like to see measures put in place to tackle this, such as active speed cameras, more digital 'slow down' signs and time restraints for lorries and larger vehicles.

My cat was killed in our own garden by two dogs running free. These dogs had been previously suspected of attacking farm animals. This was reported to the police but without proof they were powerless. I think the law is the problem as many irresponsible owners still get away with this. Cameras everywhere seems a sad solution

My main concern is the A137 when walking lorries are so close to you when they pass and it is very busy when trying to cross the road

Police are non present and do not attend unless a speeding. That's why we are in a state sorry

Poo

Q7, Other, better street lighting in some areas

Regarding the current trial of the man accused of murdering Anita Rose - were the parish or anyone in the village made aware there could be an escaped prisoner on the run? If not perhaps I future the community officer could make residents aware.

Safe crossing on brantham hill

Safer crossings on A137

Scared to walk my dog by myself, especially down to decoy pond. I live on the stour view estate. We have heard of dog attacks where owners have them off lead, young people being approached by older men, and of course the awful incident that occurred last summer. It's a huge area of space with no safety measures in place

Since that poor lady was murdered in Brantham, I haven't been out on my own. I have to wait for my husband whenever I want to walk the dog or go to the shops, I don't feel safe anymore

Some of the driving around the village (high speed and little consideration of pedestrians) makes me very aware of the risk of walking along pavements and crossing roads. I also fear for my Father's safety when he crosses the A137 to walk his dog. Anti social behaviour and the tragic death of Anita Rose last summer have also made me feel far less safe to walk in the village on my own, particularly at quieter times of day (eg., walking to the station early in the morning).

The occasional Police/PCSO presence would make the locals feel cared for. It would be reassuring knowing that there could be random patrols. If there's never any policing standards will slip for some portions of society. Although with budgets and living so close to a town with high police needs I doubt there will be enough boots on the ground to spare one for the surrounding villages.



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The speeding in the village is now out of control, I would like to see traffic calming measures as other villages have- more digital signs, more speed signs, speed cameras etc

The Village is not the problem it is the some of the residents who are anti social, with no respect for the area or the residents that are the issue. The whole fabric of society is breaking down. There is no sense of community unless you are part of the clickes in the Village. Parking is a nightmare now that you cannot park at the leisure centre. The area is a constant building site. Parish council are of no use. I believe if it was abolished it would not be missed. Whenever you ask for help it never seems to be their remit.

There are visual speed signs near the Brantham Bull and Brantham Hill but this does not stop people speeding. I think a couple of speed cameras would be more effective.

There have been a number of youths on electric bikes tearing up the fields, a recent dog attack and people smoking weed during lunch time by the decoy pond. There will soon be an accident on brooklands road with the number of potholes. I'm not sure how we will attract people to live in this area or the new build site with these issues

There should be some form of crossing on Ipswich Road between Slough Road and Palfrey Heights. Lollipop patrol in this area for school start and end times

To many dog attacks as well

We have an issue with dogs off lead and owners not being able to see them or owners not in control. Also,since the murder walking on your own feels uncomfortable.

Young people need more to do to do here. There is a void for teenagers. A youth club once a month at BLC is no good. Scouts too young. What is left for them to do when they meet friends. There is no space for then to meet so they hang around and are a 'nuisance'. I like to think most of the time they aren't deliberately being a nuisance they are just 'bored' as nothing in the area for them to do. Maybe survey the young people in the area who are excluded from adult surveys and child surveys and who are inbetweeners. Speak to the ones that cause the problems and work out a resolution with them, rather than talking around/ about them please.