

## H&I: our views of PCSOs

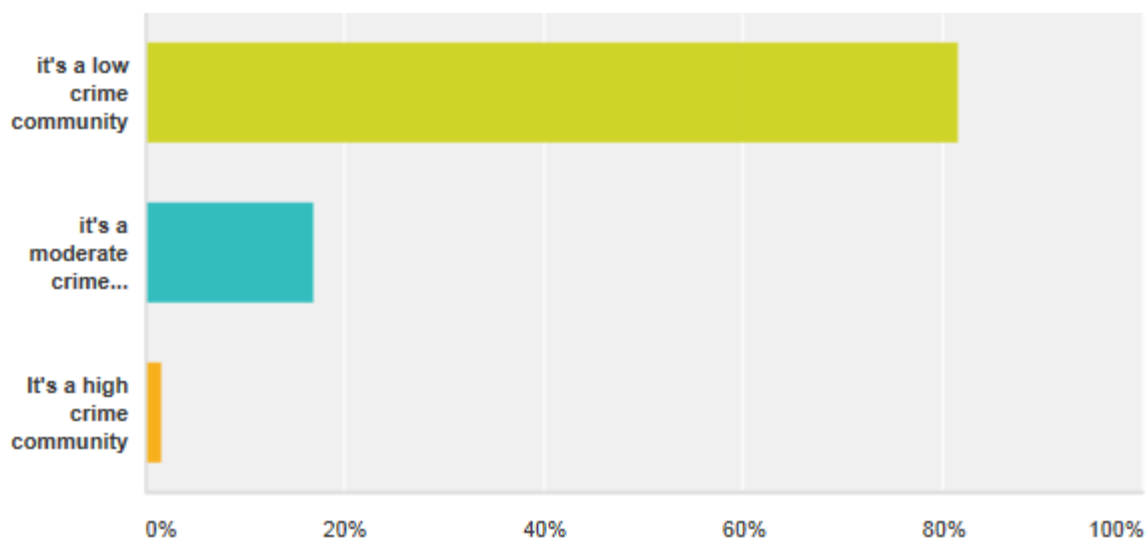
Survey of opinion in Histon and Impington  
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# We think that H&I is a low crime community

## What is your preception of crime in Histon & Impington

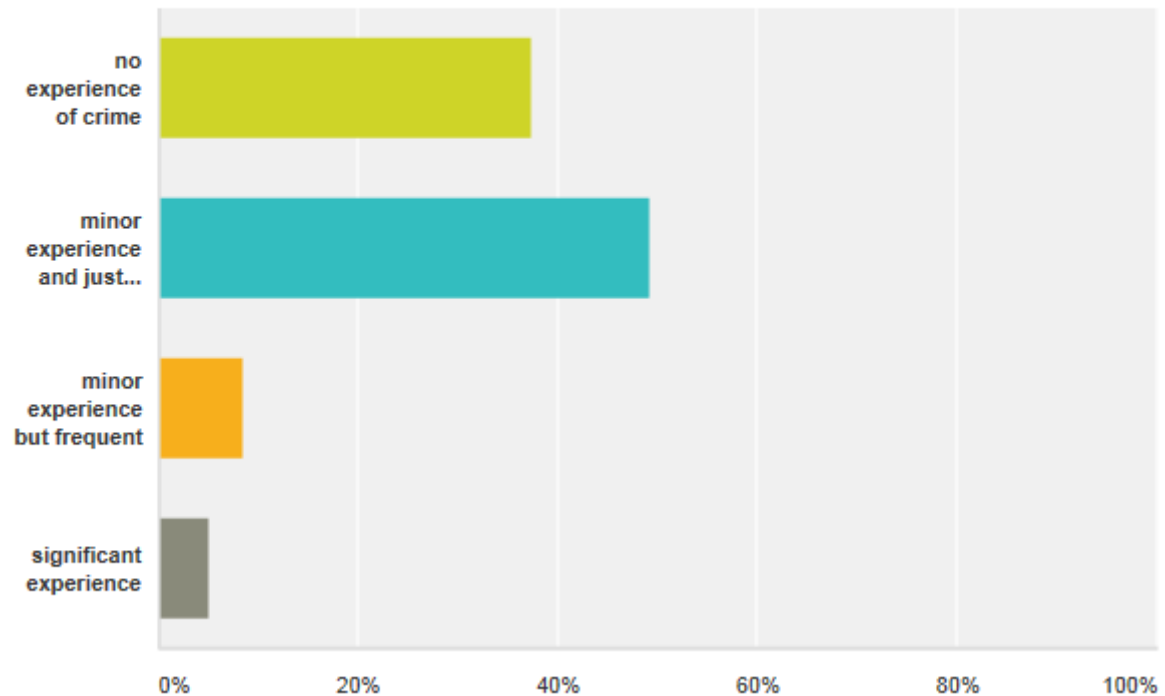
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# We've had some but not much experience of crime

## Do you have any personal experience of crime in Histon & Impington

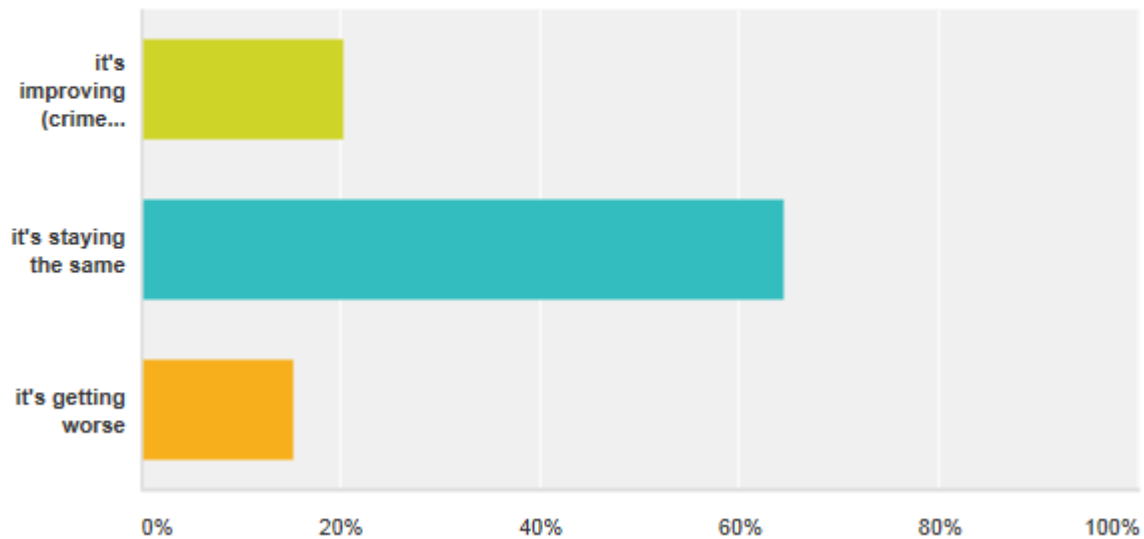
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# We don't think crime is getting worse

## What do you think is the trend of crime in Histon & Impington

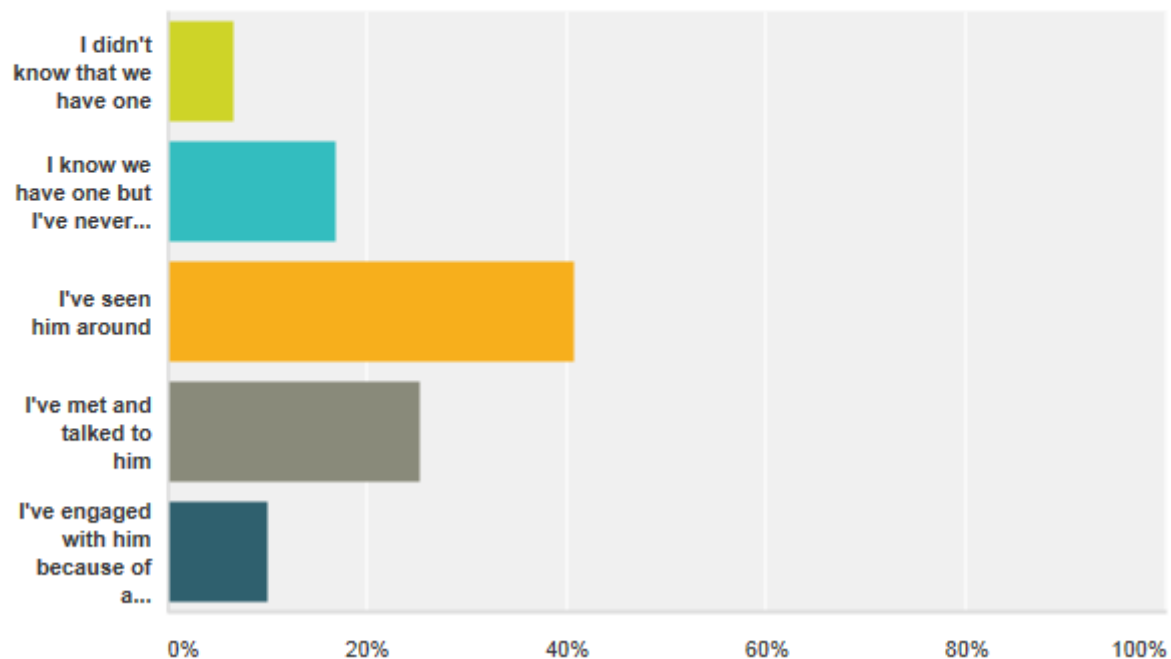
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# We know about our PCSO; we've seen him around

## What do you know about the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) in our community

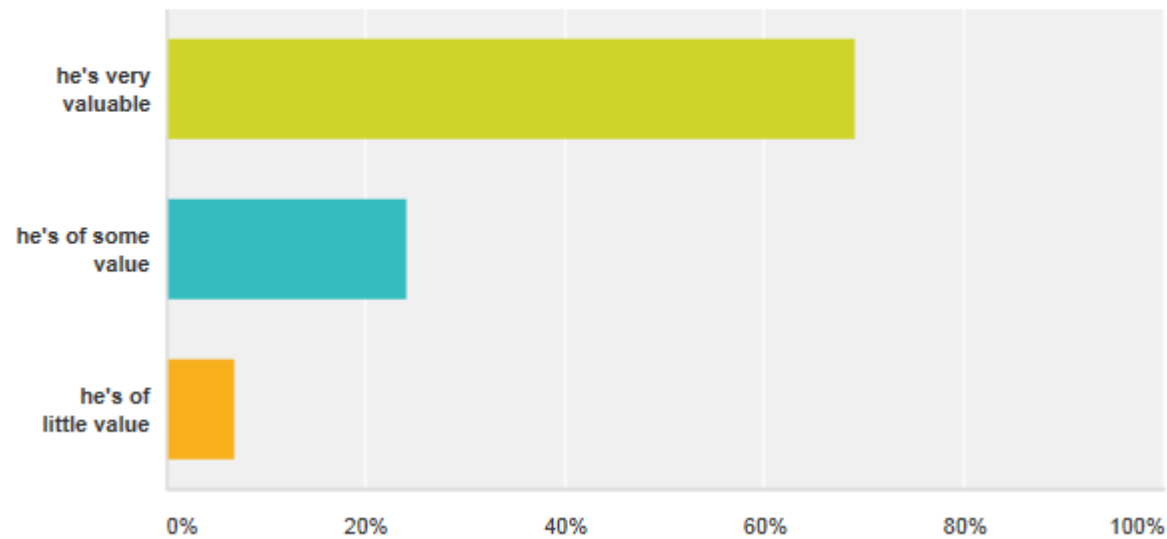
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We reckon that he does a pretty good job ...

**What do you think about the PCSO in our community?**

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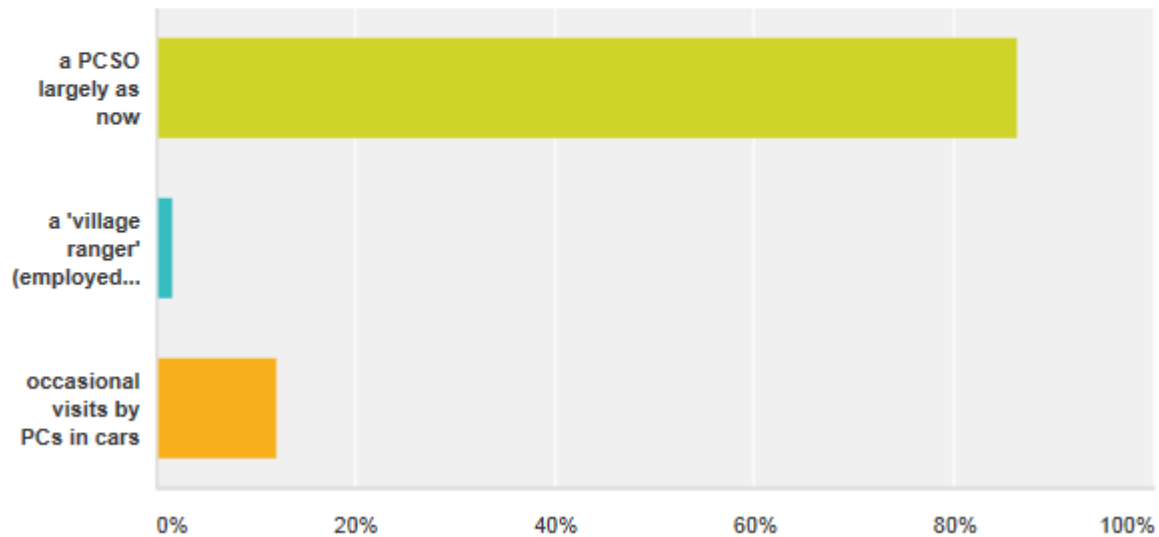




... and we'd like to keep him

### Which of the following alternatives do you think is the best way to police our community?

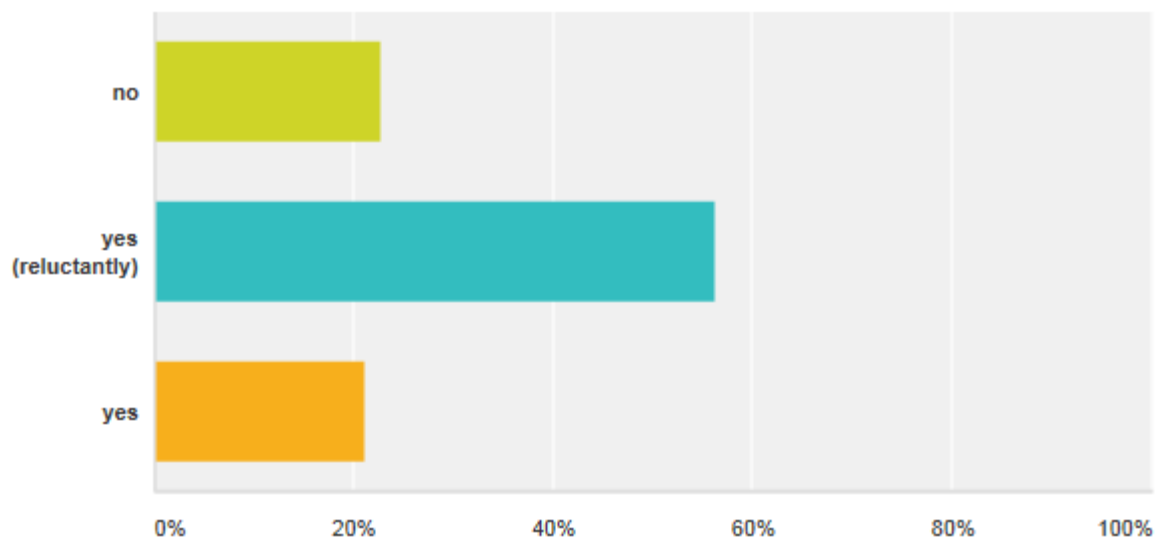
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We're not sure we should pay but if we must then maybe ...

**would you be willing to pay £20/household/year to retain a PCSO in Histon & Impington?**

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## There have also been lots of supportive comments

Policing should be funded by central government. It should not be a question of which communities can afford to purchase the service.

Having a PCSO in the community is reassuring for the elderly and venerable. I would like them to work varied times, such as 6.00pm to 2.00 am 1 week say in 3.

I believe that the frequent presence of the PCSO (out of a car) helps to deter and detect crime in our village

PCSO invaluable in our village especially around the schools. PCSO being 'visibly seen' around is very important as a 'deterrent'

PCSO "Feet on the ground" with detailed local knowledge, to combat the type of "low level" crime problems seen in our village cannot easily be improved upon!

PCSOs are a valuable asset to the community. They have local information and are a part of the community in a way that conventional PCs cannot be these days.

## Two final points to bear in mind

- A PCSO today fills the role of what people remember as the ‘beat bobby’.
  - They engage with the community, they solve problems/prevent crimes and they are visible.
  - As a result
    - crime is reduced;
    - the perception of crime is also reduced; and
    - community confidence in the police is increased
- PCSOs also do a lot of work which fully warranted PCs would otherwise do. If we didn’t have them we’d need a lot more PCs