

# DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP EREWASH - OCTOBER 2002 SURVEY REPORT OF RESULTS ON SAFETY CAMERA QUESTIONS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The November 2002 survey was sent to 995 members of the Citizens Panel, of which 728 responded. This gives us a response rate of 73.17%.
- 1.2** The main aim of the survey was to find out residents' views on safety cameras. A section was also included on Derbyshire County Council Highways and Transport Services, Libraries and Derbyshire Police Community Safety. This report analyses the answers to the question on safety cameras.
- 1.3** The age/sex structure of the respondents is summarised in Table 1 below

**Table 1**

<b>Age</b>	<b>All respondents</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
16-24	30 (4.1%)	7 (2.0%)	23 (6.1%)
25-34	111 (15.2%)	45 (13.0%)	66 (17.3%)
35-44	141 (19.4%)	73 (21.1%)	68 (17.8%)
45-54	147 (20.2%)	71 (20.5%)	76 (19.9%)
55-59	90 (12.4%)	44 (12.7%)	46 (12.0%)
60-64	76 (10.4%)	39 (11.3%)	37 (9.7%)
65-74	101 (13.9%)	49 (14.2%)	52 (13.6%)
75+	32 (4.4%)	18 (5.2%)	14 (3.7%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>728</b> (100%)	<b>346</b> (100%)	<b>382</b> (100%)

## 2. RESULTS

### 2.1 Question 1 - Do you drive a motor vehicle?

2.1.1 Over three quarters of respondents (79.3%) drive a motor vehicle, 15.3% do not drive and the remaining 5.4% can drive but don't. Whilst 89.3% of male respondents drive only 69.8% of female respondents drive.

### 2.2 Question 2 - Does your occupation require you to drive?

2.2.1 The panel was offered 11 responses to this question and asked to cross one box only.

2.2.2 680 out of a total of 728 respondents ticked one of the 11 options given. Table 2.2 below shows the results, they are expressed as a percentage of 680.

Table 2.2

Vehicle	% of all respondents	% males	% females
No	61.2	48.5	73
Own car	24.7	26.5	23
Company car	8.1	14	2.6
Own motorbike	0.3	0.6	0
Company motorbike	0.1	0.3	0
Own van	0.9	1.8	0
Company van	3.1	5.8	0.6
Company truck	1.2	2.1	0.3
Company bus/minibus	0.4	0.6	0.3

### 2.3 Question 3 - Which newspaper are you most likely to read?

2.3.1 The panel was offered 4 responses to this, many choose more than one type of newspaper so the results have been interpreted as whether or not the individuals read each type of newspaper.

2.3.2 The results given in Table 2.3 below are expressed as a percentage of 668 for all respondents, of 319 for males and 349 for females.

Table 2.3

Newspaper	% all respondents	% males	% females
National Tabloid Paper e.g. The Sun	48.2	49.8	46.7
National Broadsheet e.g. The Times	20.4	24.8	16.3
Local Paper	17.8	15.7	19.8
Local Free Press	13.6	9.7	17.2

## **2.4 Question 4 - Which Radio Station are you most likely to listen to?**

**2.4.1** The panel was offered 4 responses to this question and again many ticked more than one box so results have been interpreted as whether or not the individuals listened to each type of radio station.

**2.4.2** The results given below in Table 2.4 are expressed as a percentage of 693 for all respondents, as a percentage of 332 for males and 361 for females.

**Table 2.4**

<b>Radio Station</b>	<b>% all respondents</b>	<b>% males</b>	<b>% females</b>
National non commercial e.g. Radio 1 to 5 etc	46.6	52.1	41.6
National commercial e.g. Virgin, Classic FM etc	8.8	6.9	10.5
Local non commercial e.g. Radio Derby etc.	22.8	21.7	23.8
Local commercial e.g. RAM FM, Gem etc	21.8	19.3	24.1

## **2.5 Question 5 - Have you ever been caught driving over the speed limit?**

**2.5.1** Almost one in four of the respondents (23.4%) have been caught driving above the speed limit and 76.6% have not. But males were much more likely to have been caught driving over the limit with 35.4% having been caught compared to only 12.4% of females

## **2.6 Question 6 - Have you noticed any safety cameras in your area?**

**2.6.1** Over nine in ten of the respondents (91.8%) have noticed safety cameras in their area and 8.2% have not noticed any in their area. 95% of males had noticed safety cameras compared to 88.8% of females.

## **2.7 Question 7 - Do you think there are too many cameras in Derbyshire?**

**2.7.1** The majority of respondents 75.4% believe that there are not too many cameras in Derbyshire and 24.6% think there are too many. A greater percentage of males (35.2%) than females (14.6%) thought there were too many cameras

## **2.8 Question 8 - Which area do you think safety cameras are more useful?**

**2.8.1** 85.4% of respondents think safety cameras are more useful in urban areas (Towns/Cities). Only 14.6% thought they were more useful in rural areas (Countryside). The opinions of males and females again differed slightly with a greater percentage of males (89.5%) saying that cameras were more useful in urban areas compared to 81.5% of females.

## **2.9 Question 9 - Do you think safety cameras spoil the countryside?**

**2.9.1** Over a quarter of the respondents (26.9%) feel that safety cameras spoil the countryside but 73.1% said they don't. The opinions of males and females again differed with a greater percentage of males (34.5%) saying that cameras spoil the countryside compared to only 19.9% of females.

## **2.10 Question 10 - Which areas do you think would be safest to drive in?**

**2.10.1** 29.6% of respondents thought Urban areas were the safest to drive in while 70.4% believe rural areas are safest to drive in. A greater percentage of females (34.4%) than males (24.4%) thought urban areas were safer.

## **2.11 Question 11 - Did you know that the locations of all Derbyshire's safety cameras are available to the public?**

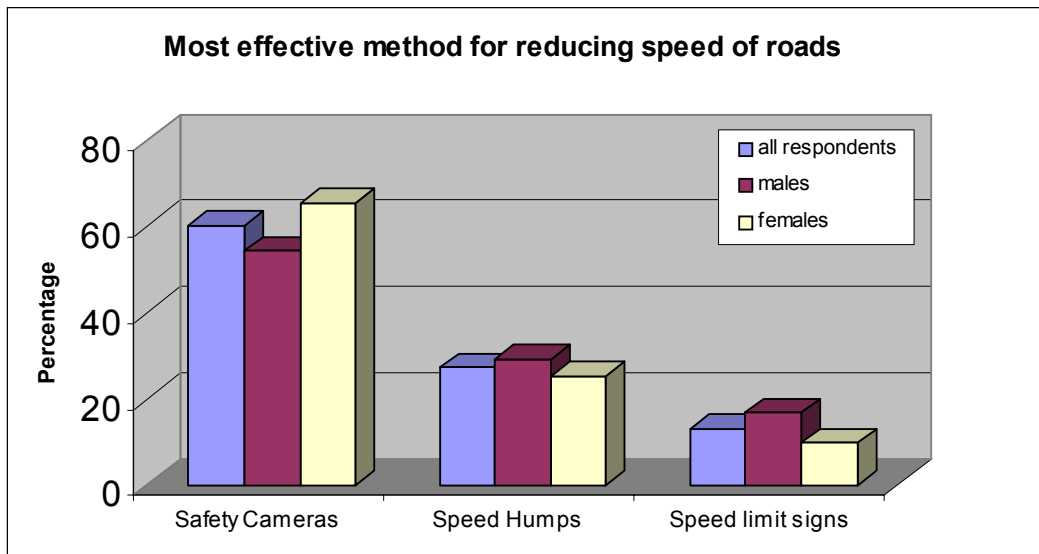
**2.11.1** The majority of respondents (82.7%) were not aware that location information is available to the public. Only 17.3% knew that they could access this information. 19.7% of males knew that the locations were available compared to only 15.1% of females.

## **2.12 Question 12 - What do you think is the most effective method for reducing speed of roads?**

**2.12.1** The panel was offered 3 responses to this question.

**2.12.2** 706 out of a total of 728 respondents ticked one of the 3 options given. Figure 2.12 below shows the results, they are expressed as a percentage of 706 in the case of all respondents, as a percentage of 336 for males and 370 for females. 27.1 % of respondents thought that speed humps were the most effective method for reducing speed of roads, 59.9% thought cameras were and only 13% chose speed limit signs. The opinions of males and females differed considerably; over half of the male respondents (54.2%) thought safety cameras were the most effective method compared to 65.1% of females. Over a quarter of the females (25.1%) thought speed humps were most effective compared to about one in ten (29.2%) of males. 16.7% of males chose speed limit signs compared to just 9.7% of females.

**Figure 2.12**



**2.13 Question 13 - Should safety cameras be clearly visible or hidden?**

**2.13.1** 82.5% of respondents are in favour of visible safety cameras, only 17.5% would prefer hidden ones. More males (86.3%) than females (79.1%) believed that cameras should be clearly visible.

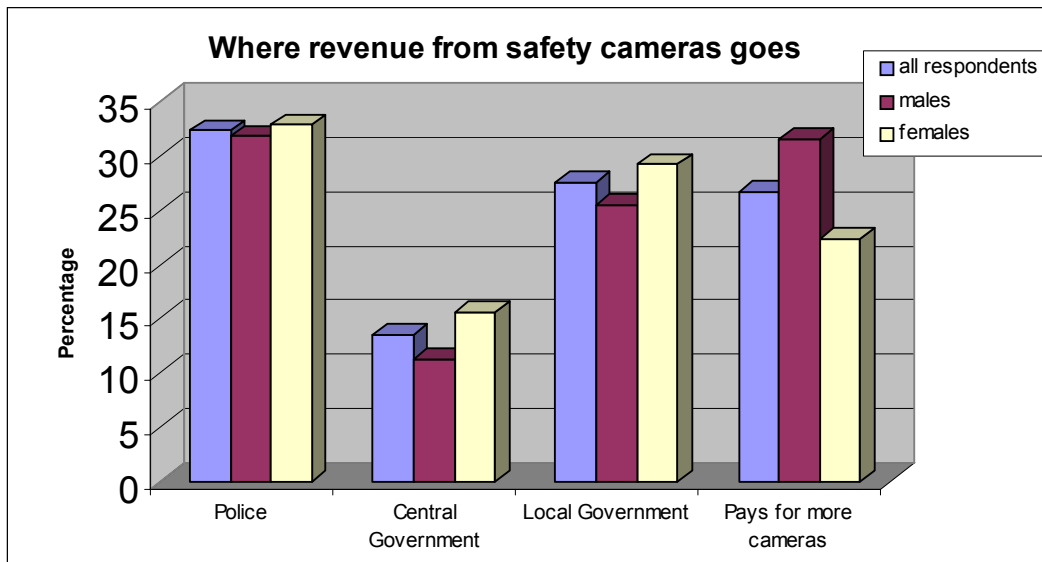
**2.14 Question 14 - Where do you think revenue generated from safety cameras goes?**

**2.14.1** The panel was offered 4 responses to this question.

**2.14.2** 703 out of a total of 728 respondents ticked one of the 3 options given. Figure 2.14 overleaf shows the results, they are expressed as a percentage of 703 for all respondents or as a percentage of 337 for males and 366 for females.

**2.14.3** Almost a one in three of the respondents (32.3%) believed that the revenue from cameras went to the Police while almost equal percentages, 27.5% and 26.7% believed revenue went to Local Government or pays for more cameras respectively. Only 13.5% thought that revenue went to Central Government. Comparing males and females similar proportions thought revenue went to the Police, Central Government and Local Government but nearly a third of males (31.5%) believed revenue funded more cameras compared to only 22.4% of females.

**Figure 2.14**



**2.15 Question 15 - What do you feel is an appropriate speed for the following area?**

2.15.1 The results are available below in Table 2.15 .1 all figures are expressed as percentages of respondents choosing this option. Tables 2.15.2 and 2.15.3 given the figures for males and females respectively.

**Table 2.15.1 – all respondents**

	Town/City	Residential	Rural	Schools	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
20mph	20.1	27.1	0.8	82.0	0.3	0.1
30mph	72.7	66.0	14.7	17.7	0.4	0.1
40mph	6.9	6.8	40.7	0.3	4.8	0.3
50mph	0.3	0.1	25.2		14.2	1.3
60mph			15.8		38.0	8.5
70mph			2.5		36.3	42.2
80mph			0.1		6.0	47.5

**Table 2.15.2 - males**

	Town/City	Residential	Rural	Schools	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
20mph	19.7	26.1	0.6	83.6		
30mph	74.7	67.2	9.7	16.4		
40mph	5.6	6.7	37.2		2.0	
50mph			26.7		10.8	
60mph			22.0		35.0	5.6
70mph			3.5		43.7	35.8
80mph			0.3		8.5	58.7

**Table 2.15.3 - females**

	Town/City	Residential	Rural	Schools	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
<b>20mph</b>	20.5	28.1	1.1	80.6	0.5	0.3
<b>30mph</b>	70.9	64.9	19.4	18.8	0.8	0.3
<b>40mph</b>	8.1	6.8	44.0	0.5	7.3	0.5
<b>50mph</b>	0.5	0.3	28.3		17.4	2.5
<b>60mph</b>			10.1		40.8	11.2
<b>70mph</b>			1.6		29.3	48.2
<b>80mph</b>					3.8	37.1

**2.16 Question 16 - Do you think that excessive speed is the biggest factor in road collisions?**

**2.16.1** 64.8% of respondents thought speed was the biggest factor in road collisions, 35.2% disagreed with them. More females (71.0%) than males (29.0%) believed that excessive speed was the biggest factor.

**2.17 Question 17 - Safety cameras are an easy way to make money out of motorists?**

**2.17.1** There was a very split response to this question, 55.9% agreed with the above statement and 44.8% disagreed. More males (65.6%) than females (46.8%) agreed with the statement.

**2.18 Question 18 - Safety cameras are meant to encourage motorists to stick to the speed limits, not punish them?**

**2.18.1** The majority of respondents (85.7%) agreed with this statement, 14.3% disagreed. A higher percentage of females (90.6%) than males (80.4%) agreed with this statement.

**2.19 Question 19 - Fewer accidents are likely to happen on roads where safety cameras are installed?**

**2.19.1** 75.1% of respondents thought accidents were less likely and the remaining 24.9% disagreed. A higher percentage of females (81.6%) than males (68.1%) thought that fewer accidents would happen in areas with cameras.

**2.20 Question 20 - Cameras mean that dangerous drivers are now likely to get caught?**

**2.20.1** This was another quite split response with 57.0% of respondents agreeing with the statement and 43.0% disagreeing. Fewer males (52.2%) than females (61.4%) believed this statement to be true.

**2.21 Question 21 - The use of safety cameras should be supported as a method of reducing casualties?**

**2.21.1** 87.8% of respondents agreed that safety cameras should be supported and only 12.2% felt that they should not. 82.8% of males and 92.4% of females agreed that cameras should be supported to reduce casualties.

**2.22 Question 22 - The primary aim of safety cameras is to save lives?**

**2.22.1** 74.2% of respondents agreed with the above statement, the remaining 25.8% disagreed. A higher percentage of females (80.0%) than males (67.8%) agreed with this statement.

**2.23 Question 23 - There are too many safety cameras in our local area?**

**2.23.1** The most widely held opinion of the respondents (75.8%) was that there are not too many safety cameras in our local area. 24.2% feel there are too many. A higher percentage of males (33.7%) than females (15.5%) believe there are too many cameras in our local area.