

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

25 June 2015 at 7.00 pm
Conference Room, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks

AGENDA

Membership:

Cllrs. Abraham, Barnes, Mrs. Bosley, Dr. Canet, Esler, Hogarth, Krogdahl, Lake, Maskell,
Pearsall, Raikes and Rosen

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5. Referrals from Cabinet or the Audit Committee (if any)		
6. Role of the Advisory Committee and Key Challenges	(Pages 1 - 2)	Hayley Brooks Tel: 01732 227272
7. Visit Kent - 2015 Priorities Presentation by Cheryl Parker, Head of Development, Partnerships and Funding at Visit Kent		
8. Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Annual Report - Presentation	(Pages 3 - 4)	Kelly Webb Tel: 01732227474
9. Work Plan	(Pages 5 - 6)	

EXEMPT ITEMS

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ROLE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND KEY CHALLENGES

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee – 25 June 2015

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Hogarth

Contact Officer(s) Hayley Brooks Ext. 7272

Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee: That the report be noted.

Introduction

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide details of the role of the Committee and the areas of responsibility including the key issues and challenges facing those areas.
- 2 The Terms of Reference are listed below and there will be a short presentation explaining the relevant service areas.

Terms of Reference

- 3 The following terms of reference are taken from the Council's Constitution.
 - a. The Advisory Committee shall undertake policy initiation and development;
 - b. The Advisory Committee shall consider such other matters as are referred to it by the Portfolio Holder;
 - c. At the request of either Cabinet or the Audit Committee carry out specific research and development projects and to submit recommendations to Cabinet;
 - d. The Advisory Committee shall develop and approve its annual work plan ensuring that there is efficient use of the Committee's time; and
 - e. The Cabinet Member be requested to provide a report to each meeting outlining their activities since the previous meeting and any decisions they intend to take in the following three months.
- 4 Within the areas of responsibility of: Economic Development, Business Continuity, Regeneration, Town Centres, Tourism, West Kent Partnership, West Kent Leader

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Programme, Community Grants, Community Plan, Community Safety, Youth, Parishes.

- 5 The Cabinet Advisory Committee to ensure that there is mutual respect and cooperation with all other Committees within the Council.

Key Implications

Financial

None.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Appendices

None.

Background Papers:

None.

Lesley Bowles

Chief Officer Communities & Business

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - ANNUAL REPORT

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee – 25 June 2015

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Hogarth

Contact Officer(s) Kelly Webb Ext. 7474

Recommendation: That a presentation on the Annual Report be received and the Annual Report noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Community Safety Manager will present an overview of the Annual Report highlighting statistics and projects that the Community Safety Partnership have been involved with over the last financial year 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

Conclusions

That a presentation highlighting key aspects contained in the report be received.

Appendices

Appendix A – Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership - Annual Report 2014-15*

(*This has not been printed and is accessible on request or via the website/internet published version of this agenda)

Background Papers:

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership - Annual Report 2014-15

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Chief Officer Communities & Business

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Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership



Annual Report 2014-15

Produced by: Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership

May 2015

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Introduction

Background

Community Safety Partnerships were set up under the 1998 Crime & Disorder Act. Their purpose is to bring together all of the agencies in an area who can have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. In Sevenoaks District, the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership undertakes this role. Co-ordinated by the Council, its membership includes the Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, Kent County Council, the Probation Service, Housing Associations and others. A full list of partners is given on page 18 of this report. One of the Partnership's functions is to undertake an annual strategic assessment which identifies current and future community safety issues using evidence, consultation and analysis. It then puts in place a multi-agency action plan aimed at tackling the identified priority issues.

Annual Report

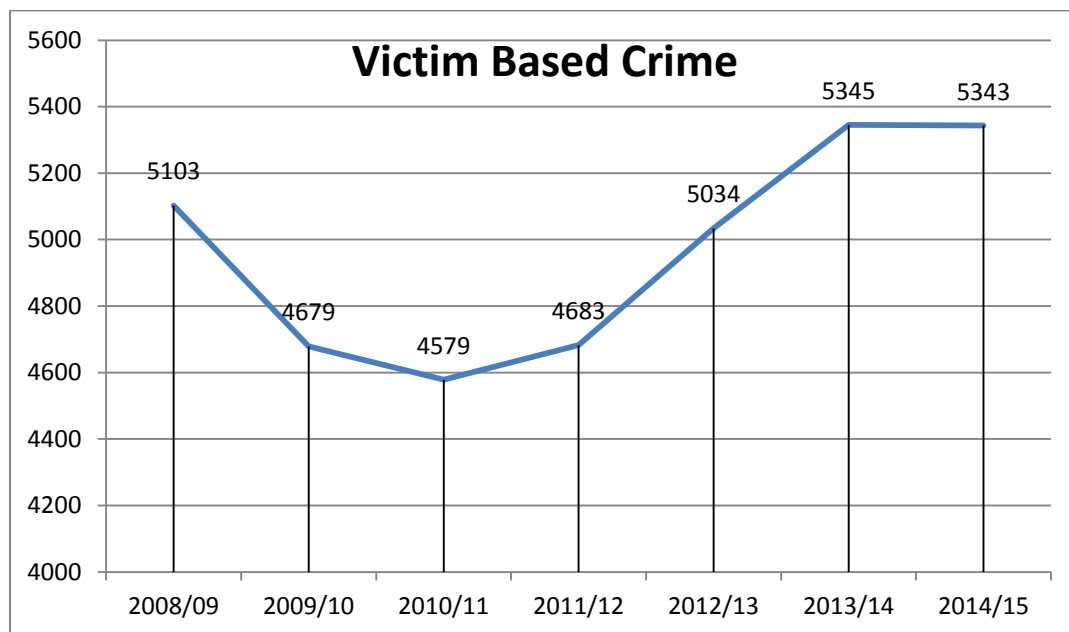
This Annual Report looks at what the Partnership and the Community Safety Unit (CSU) achieved over the last financial year (1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015). The Partnership has 3 key aims. They are to:

- Reduce and detect crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
- Strengthen community involvement

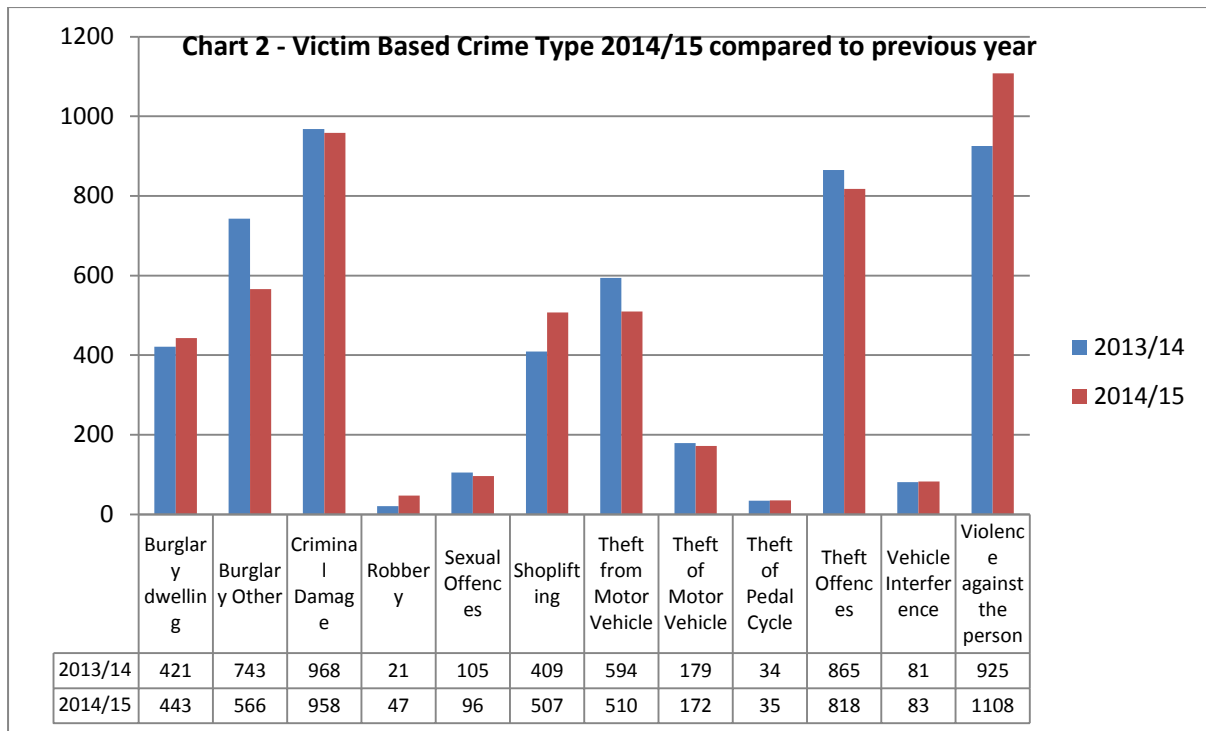
Progress Against Crime Targets

In April 2013, the police changed the way they monitored crimes to focus on victim-based crime. This meant that the number of monitored crime types reduced from 15 to 12. The crimes no longer monitored were Fraud and Forgery, Drug Offences and Other Offences. During 2014-15 Sevenoaks District had the 3rd lowest number of recorded victim based crimes in the County. The graph below details victim-based crime statistics for the District over the last seven years.

Chart 1 – Victim based crime figures for the Sevenoaks District over a 7 year period.
(drug offences, fraud and forgery and other offences are not included)



The following Bar chart shows the breakdown of victim based crime types 2014/15 compared to previous year.



Victim based crime decreased in 2014/15 by 2 crimes.

The CSP looks at crime trends on a daily and monthly basis and works together to address specific crime types to help reduce the crime figures.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 was implemented on 20th October 2014.

The Act replaces nineteen pre-existing measures with six new measures for tackling anti-social behaviour and providing protection for victims and communities.

The community trigger and community remedy will empower victims and communities, giving them a greater say in how agencies respond to complaints of anti-social behaviour and out-of-court sanctions for offenders.

A summary of the new powers are below:-

Civil Injunctions - This is a civil order for anyone over the age of 10yrs old. A civil rather than criminal standard of proof is required – it is awarded on balance of probabilities that the person has engaged or is threatening to engage in behaviour capable of causing nuisance and annoyance. Can prohibit individuals from engaging in certain behaviour and can require them to engage in positive interventions.

Criminal Behaviour Order - Issued by any criminal court against a person who has been convicted of an offence to tackle the most persistently anti social individuals who are also engaged in criminal activity. The court must be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that they have engaged in behaviour that has caused or likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress and that the Order will help prevent them from engaging in such behaviour.

Dispersal Power - The dispersal power is a flexible power which the police can use in a range of situations to disperse anti-social individuals and provide immediate short-term respite to a local community. The Council is not able to use this power. There is no statutory requirement to consult the local council with the new dispersal power, but the authorising officer may consider doing so in some circumstances.

Must specify the area to which it relates and can determine the time and the route to leave the area by.

Community Protection Notice - To stop a person, business or organisation committing anti-social behaviour which spoils the community's quality of life. Behaviour has to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the locality, be of a persistent or continuing nature and be unreasonable. It imposes requirements to stop doing specified things, requirements to do specified things and a requirement to take reasonable steps to achieve specified results. A written warning has to be issued informing the perpetrator of the behaviour, requesting them to stop and the consequences of them continuing.

Public Spaces Protection Order - Designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space.

Behaviour has to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the locality, be of a persistent or continuing nature and be unreasonable. Restrictions and requirements set by the council after consultation with Police, PCC and other relevant bodies. Can be blanket restrictions/requirements or targeted against certain behaviours/times.

Closure Power Notice - To allow the Police or Council to quickly close premises which are being used, or likely to be used, to commit nuisance or disorder. To be used if the following has occurred or will occur if power not used – nuisance to the public or disorder near premises. Can be served out of court but cannot prevent owner or occupants accessing premises.

Closure Power Order - To allow the Police or Council to quickly close premises which are being used, or likely to be used, to commit nuisance or disorder. To be used if the following has occurred or will occur if power not used – disorderly, offensive or criminal behaviour, serious nuisance to the public or disorder near the premises. Needs to be applied for through the courts after Notice has been served. Can close a premise for up to 6 months and can restrict all access.

Community Remedy - The Act requires each local policing body (and therefore not the Council) to prepare a community remedy document for its area with a list of actions to be carried out by a person who has:-

Engaged in anti-social behaviour or has committed an offence; and is to be dealt with for that behaviour or offence without court proceedings The community remedy document will be used by the police as part of the existing process for delivering community resolutions.

It is proposed that this will give victims of low-level crime and anti-social behaviour a say in the punishment of perpetrators out of court.

Community Trigger - The trigger can only be progressed if at **least three incidents** of anti-social behaviour is reported to the relevant bodies within the previous six months.

The anti-social behaviour **must be a repeat of the same or similar incident**. The incidents **must have been reported within one month** of taking place.

In Kent, it is being adopted as one policy, but with adaption to local needs. The application for the trigger will be considered by the Community Safety Unit at its daily tasking meeting to decide whether or not the trigger threshold has been met at which point the Community Trigger application will be validated and a review will be initiated.

Since the new Act has been in place there have been no community triggers raised. A Criminal Behaviour Order was served on a 14 year old male from Swanley in April 2015 after a number of court adjournments. This order was achieved by the multi agency approach of Police, Sevenoaks District Council and West Kent Housing.

Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The CSU is located within the District Council's Communities & Business Team at Argyle Road, Sevenoaks. There has been a reduction of Police based within the CSU and we have 5 Police Officers including a Sergeant. Of the other 5 officers, 2 are part time. The KCC Community Warden Supervisor, Troubled Families Project Manager and the Business Crime Reduction Co-ordinator are also based within the CSU.

The CSU works closely with other Council teams – Communities & Business, CCTV, Environmental Health, Licensing, Social Housing, Benefits and Revenues and Contact Centre.

The CSU meets every morning to go through the previous 24hours ASB reports, Concern Calls and community safety issues from Police, SDC, Wardens, Housing Associations and other partners. 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 the CSU dealt with **1050** reports with all informants receiving feedback on actions where possible and **108** Risk Assessments carried out on repeat and vulnerable victims.

A new policing structure came into place on 24 June 2014. It merges Neighbourhood and Central Response to create larger District Policing Teams. There will be 5 x Insp, 10 x Sgts and an increase from 38 PCs to 65. All officers parade centrally at Swanley before being deployed across the District, which is intended to provide more effective supervision and briefing of staff.

The Chief Constable wants to retain the District Policing Model and give ownership to District Commanders to develop 24/7 local policing. The CSU will take on responsibility for the management of PCSOs.

The CSU will also have an additional Local Community Policing Team (CPT) which can be deployed to tackle local issues within the District. The CPT are based in Swanley but can be tasked by the CSU.

Predictive Policing (Pred Pol) is a Kent Police initiative and continues to be part of the daily meeting process within the CSU. Pred Pol identifies twice a day the locations most likely to be affected by crime and anti-social behaviour during the next few hours. They are small locations where officers and partners can spend up to 20 minutes doing high visibility patrolling to disturb crime patterns. There are 20 locations day and evening and these go to the daily briefing so that Police and partners know where to patrol.

The CSU also arranges Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs) where Police, council, partners and residents look at an area to see what improvements can be made. Issues raised can be graffiti, litter, fly tipping, under aged drinking and the perception of young people gathering and causing anti-social behavior.

The Troubled Families Project Manager and Family Intervention Project (FIP) workers are also working at the CSU on the three year project which worked with a cohort of families to help reduce crime, reduce school non-attendance and gain employment.

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Strategy & Action Plan 2014-15

The 2014-15 Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan put in place 50 actions to address the eight priorities identified in the strategic assessment. They were:

- ASB incl Environmental Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Vehicle Crime
- Burglary Dwelling & Burglary Other than Dwelling
- Young People's Issues
- Road Safety
- Substance Misuse
- Theft including Shop Lifting

Different partners led on each action and key partners provided detailed monitoring information to the SDCSP at the end of each quarter. The Partnership uses a traffic light system to measure progress as follows:

- Green – on target to be achieved
- Amber – in some danger, requires remedial action
- Red – unlikely to be achieved

At the end of 2014-15, 93% of the success measures were green and 86% of the actions were green.

Below is a summary of work the CSP has done to address the 8 priorities.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) including Environmental Crime

The SDC ASB Officer has worked on 141 reports of anti social behaviour from residents. This is a decrease of 11 calls compared to the same period last year.

The Officer continues to chair the ASB Task Group monitoring and working with individuals identified as causing ASB across the District. This can involve working with approximately 15-20 people to offer support and take enforcement action where necessary. The Troubled Families Project also links into this meeting and there is joint working with the programme manager.

Recorded incidents of ASB to Kent Police in Sevenoaks District, 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015, is the lowest in the County, at 2,066 incidents. This is a 3.7% reduction (80 reports) compared with the previous year.

Task and Finish Groups have been established to provide intensive intervention by Partner Agencies for areas or vulnerable people when a number of reports have come in through the CSU Daily Tasking meetings. During 2014-15 there were 11 Task and Finish Groups set up of which 7 were completed and 4 are ongoing.

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PACT (Partners & Communities Together) Panel meetings are set up in Swanley, Edenbridge and New Ash Green. The Panels consist of Partner Agencies including the District Council, Police, Housing Associations and local Town or Parish Councils as well as businesses and residents. Activities include youth projects, community litter picks, and joint walkabouts with local housing officers and community wardens to tackle environmental issues.

Four **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)** were completed this year and action plans put in place as a result. These have taken place in Swanley, New Ash Green, Edenbridge and Bat and Ball Train Station. The action plans include tasks to deal with the issues that have been raised. The EVA's are attended by Councillors, residents, partner agencies including businesses and various SDC departments.

Mobile CCTV has been deployed to target ASB and criminal damage. The CSP did have 3 cameras, but one was destroyed by vandalism. They were deployed in Sycamore Drive, Swanley; Greatness Lane, Sevenoaks and Azalea Drive Swanley.

CSU Initiatives - With funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and other agencies. The CSU works with communities and partners to fund up to 8 projects that will reduce crime; the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour; create cleaner and safer environments or support victims of crime and vulnerable people. Partners can bid for this funding for physical/environmental improvement projects where particular crime or anti-social behaviour issues have been identified. Funding is allocated according to the level of actual crime reduction likely to be achieved. These projects also enhance community involvement with local communities and businesses. This year projects included:

CCTV cameras for Bright Sparks Nursery	To address the anti-social behaviour coming from the Convent site in Swanley
Community Notice Board – Bat and Ball Station	Following on from an EVA it was felt this community board would help residents feel safer on information on local Police stations and contact details.
Dog Fouling Initiatives (Dog Bags) & Dog Signs	Match Funded - High Concern for local communities – Animal Welfare Officer attending local events with Town and Parish Councils and West Kent Housing giving out information and dog poop bags
Renewal of airtime for Mobile CCTV	Yearly renewal contract for sim card for the Mobile CCTV Cameras
Selecta DNA/Property Marking Kits	For PCSOs and Community Wardens to help protect residents property where they have been a victim of burglary
Crime Reduction Gadgets	For PCSOs and Community Wardens to help repeat and vulnerable victims and the North Kent Crime Prevention Panel for town and village days/fetes

Burglary Dwelling & Burglary Other Than Dwelling (BOTD)

The Police have continued to run ‘**Op Weymouth**’ which started in January 2013. The operation involves targeting both Burglary & Vehicle Crime. This involved specific offenders being targeted as well as offering advice and information to local residents and repeat and vulnerable victims.

Street Briefings have worked well around our higher crime types (Burglary/Vehicle Crime). This is a quick turn around of visible policing, engaging with the local community. For example if a burglary occurs in a street, residents are invited to attend a street briefing either that evening or following day so that Officers can offer reassurance, crime reduction devices and collate evidence if any is offered by residents.

Property marking kits, which have been funded by the CSP, have been distributed at a number of events and to repeat and vulnerable victims. KCC Community Wardens and PCSOs have visited repeat victims and offered a property marking service; a sign is also placed in windows so that potential offenders are aware that items are property marked.

The CSP has held **6 days of action** with Kent Police and KCC Community Wardens, West Kent Housing, Kent Rescue Fire Service and Moat Housing as well as other partner agency’s in New Ash Green Town Centre; Swanley Town Centre; Hale Lane Otford; Spittals Estate, Edenbridge and Sevenoaks Town Centre, in identified locations to inform residents and communities how they can protect against specific crime types and anti-social behaviour.

Articles about protecting your property and out-buildings have also been publicised through InShape, Community Safety Newsletter and Twitter. Neighbourhood Watch & E-Watch provide regular **information & home security** advice to residents on a weekly basis.

At the year end, Burglary Dwelling had increased by 5%, an increase of 22 crimes (443 in total) during the year. However, there had been a decrease in Burglary other than Dwelling (eg sheds, outbuildings) offences by 24%, a decrease of 177 crimes (566 in total). Burglary remains a priority during 2014/15.

Vehicle Crime

The use of false number plates to commit crime continues to be tackled by the ‘Safe Plate’ schemes. There have been **46 Safer Plates Events** delivered by Police Community Support Officers across the District where tamper proof screws have been fitted, free of charge, to prevent the theft of number plates.

A leaflet providing information on Vehicle Crime has been produced and is available on the District Council website. It has also been delivered to areas where there has been a report of Vehicle Crime.

There was a decrease in Theft of Motor Vehicles of 4%, or 7 crimes (172 in total) during the year. There was also a decrease in Theft from Motor Vehicles of 14% or 84 crimes (510 in total).

Young People's Issues

E-safety campaigns were delivered by SDC to deliver key messages to local schools and parents about keeping safe on the internet. This has mainly been directed at primary age children. A poster competition was held in January 2015 and the winners were presented with Book Tokens and certificates on Tuesday 11 February (National Internet Safety Day).

On 4 June 2014 the Portfolio Holder and Community Safety Manager gave a presentation on the work that SDC had been involved with around E-Safety in the District at the Kent Community Safety Conference.

West Kent Extra has been working closely with younger people to reduce negative attitudes and behaviour by providing learning activities, crime prevention projects, a Buddy Scheme and Reflection Scheme.

KCC provide the **Duke of Edinburgh** and other accredited programmes to support the transformation and progress of younger people in Sevenoaks District.

Swanley Youth Centre is open and runs activities 5 nights a week; **CXK WKE** and **House in the Basement** deliver programmes in other parts of the District.

Reform Restore Respect (RRR) is a District based charity which provides anti crime workshops to schools across the district and 1:1 work with individuals who need intensive advice and support. Between 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, 9 workshops were delivered in schools. RRR have also worked on presentations around bullying and racial diversity. The first anti bullying workshop was held at Edenbridge primary school.

The **SDC Sports Activation Project 2014-15** took part in 11 community events across the North West parishes of the District including Eynsford, Horton Kirby and South Darenth, Fawkham and Hartley, West Kingsdown and New Ash Green, where various activities were offered including archery, dance, boccia, multi-skill coaching to local young residents.

Overall over 400 participants took part. There were 7 different sport programmes for children and young people (netball, archery, table tennis, street dance, ballroom and Latin dance, fitness class for mums and babies, football coaching) over the May 2014-March 2015 period with over 250 participants in total. All of these programmes have already been set up to run from April 2015. The project built new strong relationships with local primary schools, parish councils and various sports clubs. This helped raise awareness of local clubs for young residents who would like to take on different sports, (Kemnal table tennis club, Kingsdown Racers football club).

Road Safety

Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) delivered **road safety sessions** at Knole Academy on speed and wearing seatbelts, using a crashed car for visual effect.

4 multi agency **road operations** have been held by the Police, KCC Community Wardens and Kent Fire Rescue Service across the District. Drivers who were caught speeding by the Police were given an educational package at the roadside by KFRS and Community Wardens instead of penalty points. Over 45 drivers per session were stopped and the majority took on the 30 minute educational session, others had penalty notices issued.

We conducted 4 **Speed Watch** volunteer sessions over the year and have 134 trained volunteers, the highest number of volunteers in Kent. We secured funding from the Police for 2 more speed boards and now have 6 in total which are constantly out on loan with the volunteers raising awareness of road safety. Speed Watch Groups are proactive in: Bayham Road, Sevenoaks; Noah's Ark; Chevening; Brittain's Lane, Sevenoaks; Edenbridge; Crockenhill; Westerham; Bessels Green and White Hart Estate, Sevenoaks.

KCC's **Operation Zig Zag**, an education programme aimed at parents and others who park around school gates, has been offered to schools across the District.

Domestic Abuse

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 there was 1150 reports of Domestic Abuse to Police an increase of 189 (19.6%). However repeat victims have seen a decrease of 279 to 262 repeat victims (17 crimes 6%)

A successful **Domestic Abuse Conference** was held in November 2014. Chaired by the District Council's Community Safety Portfolio Holder, the conference focussed on Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, Support Services for Male Victims and Police Domestic Abuse Notices and Orders. It was then followed by workshops to update the current action plan. It was attended by approx. 50 front line workers. The conference is held annually and will next be held in November 2015. Feedback was extremely positive and new actions are being taking forward from this by the Domestic Abuse Working Group, who meet on a quarterly basis.

The Domestic Abuse Voluntary Support Service (DAVSS) was set up in the District in 2010 and supports any victim of Domestic Abuse who seeks help. Volunteers are trained to a high level to deal with all aspects of Domestic Abuse. They support victims including helping them through any court proceedings. The IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) service provided by DAVSS looks at high risk cases through the MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). The Partnership works closely with DAVSS and helps to fund the service. DAVSS is one of the projects that receive Police & Crime Commissioner funding through the Partnership. During the year, DAVSS supported 143 victims of domestic abuse (59 more than same period last year) in the Sevenoaks District. There were 205 calls to the helpline, a reduction of 60 calls compared to the same period last year.

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The Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme (CDAP) has been operating since July 2007 covering West Kent. The programme is a 29 rolling week programme covering 9 modules to help men and their partners tackle their abuse. The women and children are supported by a Woman's Support Worker. 3 men from Sevenoaks District attended the course in 2014-15. CDAP is one of the projects that receive Police & Crime Commissioner funding through the Partnership.

The Partnership organises a **One Stop Shop** for Domestic Abuse support and advice in Swanley. In 2014 due to lack of people attending it was decided to move the venue to Sevenoaks Library. This happened in November 2014 and is a weekly drop in. Since November 11 adults have attended, helping 15 children.

The Freedom Programme has been designed to help women who have been a victim of or are affected by domestic abuse. It is a 12 week programme which runs for two hours each week in various locations across Sevenoaks District. Programmes were delivered in Swanley, Sevenoaks and 2 evening programmes both in Sevenoaks. The programme was attended by 32 women who are suffering/survived domestic abuse. Freedom Programme is one of the projects that receive Police & Crime Commissioner funding through the Partnership.

The Partnership has a **Domestic Abuse Working Group**, made up of key workers who are able to have an impact on Domestic Abuse. It updates its action plan annually following the conference to ensure that it is focussing on the issues that are important.

The ISVA Service (**Independent Sexual Violence Advisor**) –ISVA support is specific to people who have been sexually assaulted or raped, not necessarily related to Domestic Abuse. The service also offers impartial advice from a variety of sources, where they remain independent from their Agency Policies and Guidelines. The ISVA service offers emotional support and practical advice. ISVA is one of the projects that receive Police & Crime Commissioner funding through the Partnership

Substance Misuse

The Kenward Trust provides **sessions within schools** and **detached** work to help young people understand the facts about substance misuse and help those misusing drink or drugs to change their behaviour. They run a number of initiatives using a mobile unit and interactive and visual tools to engage young people about the dangers of substance misuse, so that they will make informed and responsible choices. They are also targeted to attend "hot spot" locations through the CSU daily briefings to work with young people and identify and address substance misuse issues.

With PCC funding through the Partnership, Kenward Trust has worked with 362 young people (236 male and 126 female) this financial year in addition to their work in schools. They have also been tasked to work in over 25 locations that have been highlighted by the CSU in response to community concerns over drugs and alcohol.

CRI, commissioned by the Kent Drugs and Alcohol Service, provide **early intervention services**. This includes **breakfast clubs and specialist rehabilitation services**. They also undertake home visits to those with children and mobility issues.

KCA, is commissioned by the Kent Drugs and Alcohol Service for young peoples services. This includes a lot of work around legal highs and preventative work. In January KCA provided a workshop for professionals around Legal Highs.

Kent Community Alcohol Programme is a joint venture between Police, the Partnership and Trading Standards and works to limit underage sales of alcohol and tobacco. This is currently running in Swanley and Hextable.

A Substance Misuse Conference was held in November as part of Alcohol Awareness week. Approx. 40 front line workers attended. There were two inspirational speakers who spoke about their recovery from alcohol addiction. There was also an update from Kent Fire & Rescue Services on how they tackle drug and alcohol issues. A workshop was held afterwards and the Substance Misuse Action Plan was updated. The Substance Misuse Task Group meets twice a year.

Theft including Shoplifting

The Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) has 32 business members across the District. The partnership runs the Shopsafe and Pubwatch schemes and is looking to expand to include a Safer Socialising Initiative.

The scheme has banned 16 individuals over the period. CCTV, the CSU, business partners and the Police have worked together to help catch shoplifters and ban repeat offenders.

From 1 March – 31 April there were 1451 reports of Business Crime to the Police. This is an increase of 111 (8.2%) from the previous year.

A joint event with North Kent Crime Reduction Panel was held across the District in the winter to address purse thefts.

Work of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership 2014-15

The Partnership month by month

In addition to the daily work of the Partnership and CSU, the following new projects and successes took place.

April 2014

- Predictive Policing has been in place for one year. It is an intelligence led computer programme that uses an algorithm to direct officers to zones where specific crime types and ASB is most likely to occur. Sevenoaks CSU has been praised for taking this forward in the daily briefings and for having the most outcomes across Kent. KCC Community Wardens also use Pred Pol as part of their daily routine.
- An EVA was held in Spittals Cross in Edenbridge and was attended by the Assistant Chief Constable as part of the Police's Day of Action.
- The first evening Freedom Programme was held at Spring House, Sevenoaks in April and 6 women attended.

May 2014

- The Bluewater Safety Shop combines Sevenoaks District, Dartford and Gravesend services for residents visiting. Sevenoaks CSP and the Council have a good presence there and have offered support services for the District.
- The CSU were trained on Themis an ASB Sharing database with Police and KCC Wardens. This promotes better information sharing on ASB cases.
- E-Safety talk to all years with Portfolio Holder at Anthony Roper School, Eynsford

June 2014

- The CSU held their Development Day in Brands Hatch in order that the CSU look at the new anti-social behaviour legislation. It was delivered by the Home Office and was well-received by all partners. From this a work group was been set up so that policies can be put in place so that all partners know how to take forward all injunctions that the Act covers.
- On 23 June, Kent Police changed the way they worked across Kent. This included for Sevenoaks District, more Police Officers and more Sargeants looking after teams of Police that will now cover the area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is now a response unit based at Swanley Station.
- KCC Community Wardens identified repeat victims of Burglary or who were vulnerable, this was followed by crime prevention / reduction work e.g., application of SmartWater resources and other support designed to mitigate the likelihood or exposure to further criminal activity. Funding for this was provided by the CSP

July 2014

- Continued good use of the schemes radio's by the night time and day time economy users communicating incidences to the towns CCTV control room has resulted in many arrests by police and include drunk driving, criminal damage and shop lifting offences. These were all highlighted on Social Media and in the CSP Newsletter
- A student from Valence school came into the CSU for a day of work experience. The student learnt about the CSU and Partnership working especially with the Police and KCC Community Wardens.
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- E-safety questionnaires were given to all parents that attended the Family Fun Days across the summer. On average 75 families attended the Family Fun Days over 20 days.
- Funding was received from Kent Police for 2 speed boards for the speed watch campaign.

September 2014

- Social Media Training was held for all partners to show how we can work in Partnership across Social Media and enhance community information.
- There were a number of Reform, Restore, Respect workshops in schools across the District. They have been delivered in Secondary and Primary schools.
- DAVSS delivered the DAY programme for young people on healthy relationships at Orchards Academy

October 2014

- The PCC Youth Commissioner visited the Sevenoaks District on Monday 20th October. Where she : Met with Chief Executive and Portfolio Holder for Housing & Community Safety, as part of the Portfolio Holders briefing, Met with CSU Staff. Visited House at Edenbridge with lunch at the Youth Café, meeting young people and discussing local projects with West Kent Extra. Visited Swanley detached youth work/hub to discuss work there, visit to Town Centre and skate park to discuss outreach/detached work with Shane Mochrie-Cox or Jane Relf, KCC Youth Services and John Shanley from Kenward Trust Substance Misuse Youth Worker. Visited Swanley Police Station to meet Insp Robert Slade, Sgt Nicky Futers and Community Policing Teams to discuss policing and young people across the

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District. Met with Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust and House in the Basement with young people to talk about their projects and attended Westerham Youth Club with Jane Relf from KCC Youth Services

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- 12 people were trained as Freedom facilitators to help deliver the programme across the District.

November 2014

- Op Nero which addresses anti-social behaviour had a Partnership all out day in Pred Pol Locations to work with local communities on concerns such as speeding, dog fouling and fly tipping.
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December 2014

- There have been a high number of Task & Finish Groups over the year. These are set up to address repeat and vulnerable victims that come through the Daily Tasking and need a more in depth Partner approach. There are usually 2-3 meetings and actions are taken forward by partners.
- KCC Community Wardens in partnership with the CSU delivered the Trading Standards 'Scammer' project which involves Warden engagement with Sevenoaks District residents repeatedly targeted by scam activity (using 'Suckers list' provided by Metropolitan Police).
- Sevenoaks District CSP has funded a number of DNA Selecta property marking kits; 100 kits have been allocated to KCC Wardens and PCSOs operating across Sevenoaks District to extend Wardens' endeavours in supporting repeat / vulnerable victims of acquisitive crime

January 2015

- The Community Safety Partnership Development Day was held where the 2015-16 Action Plan was drafted through the Strategic Assessment Report.
- Strategic Assessment completed.

- E-Safety Poster competition was held through the month of January to promote the e-safety rules. There were over 100 entries received and they were judged by the Chairman, PCC Youth Commissioner and editor of the Chronicle. The award ceremony was held on 10 February on Internet Safety Day.

February 2015

- A crime prevention booklet 'Advice and Guidance for the Prevention of Customer Theft' has been produced and distributed to members for shop staff and retailers. The booklet gives practical advice on how to recognise and deal with possible shoplifters and includes advice on assisting vulnerable members of the public. In order to promote the scheme and generate new member's retailers in the Sevenoaks High Street were visited.
- Quality of Life surveys were delivered by local PCSOs and the ASB Officer to residents in Swanley. These surveys identify local concerns and needs for agency's to tackle.
- There has been a number of Safeguarding Training across the Council for all staff, chief officers and the volunteer sector on Children and Vulnerable Adults.

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The Strategic Assessment was completed in January 2015 using data supplied by a variety of agencies. Based on this, our new 2015/16 Community & Safety Strategy & Action Plan will prioritise the following issues:

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Young People's Issues
3. ASB incl environmental crime
4. Substance Misuse
5. Road Safety incl speeding
6. Burglary
7. Vehicle Crime
8. Theft including shoplifting

Efforts will continue to promote community safety and help people to feel safer through existing local PACTS (Partners and Communities Together panels), feedback from the CSU and Community Awareness days. We will be looking to do more community events through the District in 2015/16.

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Glossary

- **ASB** – Anti-Social Behaviour
- **BCRP** – Business Crime Reduction Partnerships
- **BOTD** – Burglary Other Than Dwelling
- **CRI** – Crime Reduction Initiative (Substance Misuse Services)
- **CSP** – Community Safety Partnership
- **CSU** – Community Safety Unit
- **KCAP** – Kent Community Alcohol Partnership
- **KFRS** – Kent Fire & Rescue Service
- **KCC** – Kent County Council
- **MARACs** – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- **PACT** – Police And Community Together
- **PCC** – Police & Crime Commissioner
- **PCSOs** – Police Community Support Officer
- **SDC** – Sevenoaks District Council
- **TFMV** – Theft From a Motor Vehicle
- **TOMV** – Theft Of a Motor Vehicle
- **YOS** – Youth Offending Service

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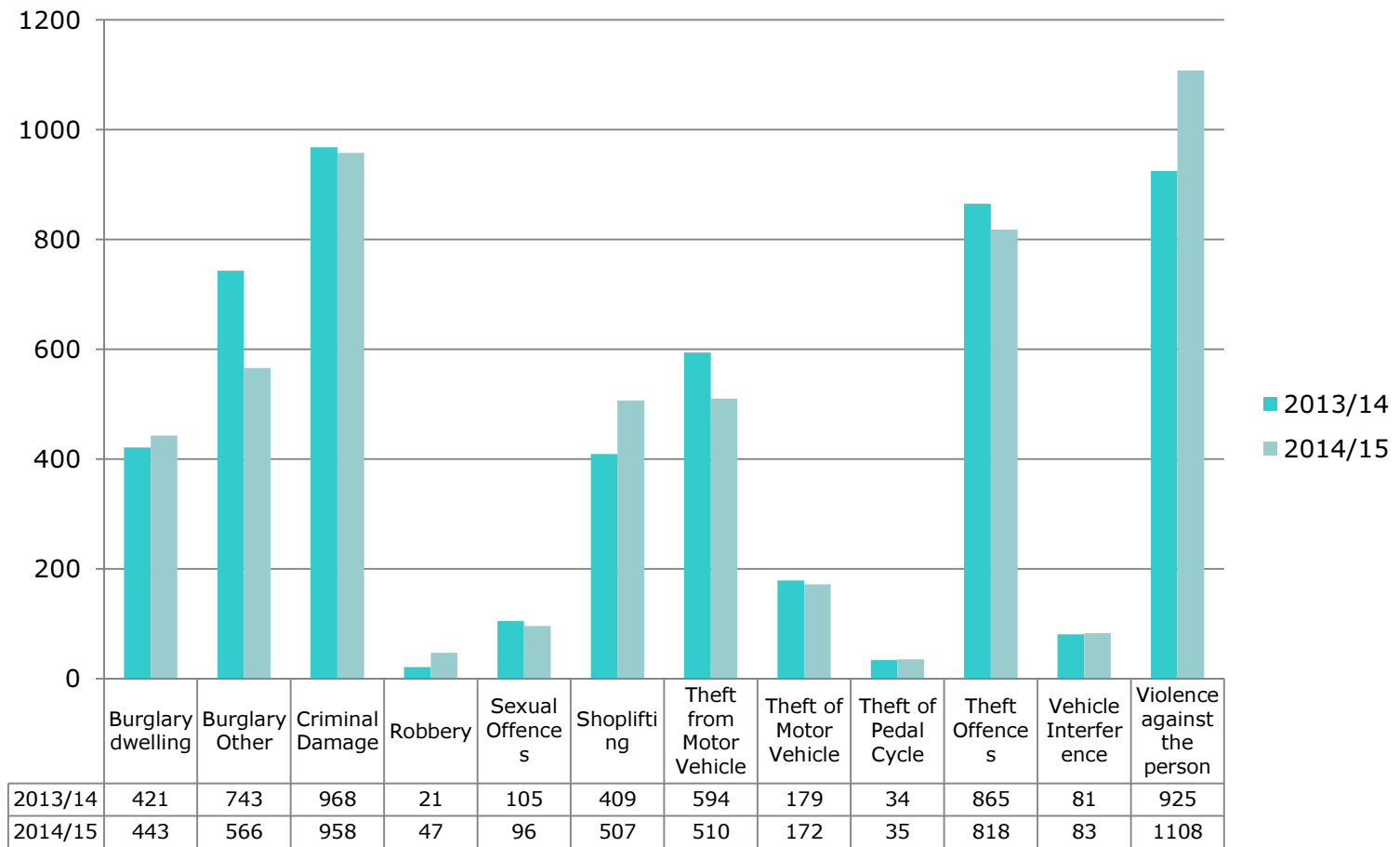
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Overview of Report

- The Annual Report looks at statistics and projects that the Community Safety Partnership have been involved with over the last financial year 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015
- It addresses the work that the Partnership has done against the priorities identified from the Strategic Assessment

Sevenoaks District Crime Statistics 2014/15 v 2013/14



CSU

- The CSU meets every morning to go through the previous 24hours ASB reports, Concern Calls and community safety issues from Police, SDC, Wardens, Housing Associations and other partners.
- 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 the CSU dealt with **1050** reports with all informants being feedback on actions where possible and **108** Risk Assessments carried out on repeat and vulnerable victims.

CSU continued

- A new policing structure came into place on 24 June 2014. It merges Neighbourhood and Central Response to create larger District Policing Teams and coverage 24/7.
- The CSU also arranges Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs) where Police, council, partners and residents look at an area to see what improvements can be made. Issues raised can be graffiti, litter, fly tipping, under aged drinking and the perception of young people gathering and causing anti-social behavior.

CSP Action Plan

- The 2014-15 Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan put in place 50 actions to address the eight priorities identified in the strategic assessment
- At the end of 2014-15, 93% of the success measures were green and 86% of the actions were green.
- The next few slides show actions and statistics against the priorities

Anti-Social Behaviour incl Env Crime

- **The SDC ASB Officer** has worked on 141 reports of anti social behaviour from residents. This is a decrease of 11 calls compared to the same period last year.
- The Officer continues to chair the ASB Task Group monitoring and working with individuals identified as causing asb across the District. This can involve working with approximately 15-20 people to offer support and take enforcement action where necessary. The Troubled Families Project also links into this meeting

ASB Cont

- **Recorded incidents of ASB to Kent Police** in Sevenoaks District, 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015, is the lowest in the County, at 2,066 incidents. This is a 3.7% reduction (80 reports) compared with the previous year.
- **Task and Finish Groups** have been established to provide intensive intervention by Partner Agencies for areas or vulnerable people when a number of reports have come in through the CSU Daily Tasking meetings. During 2014-15 there were 11 Task and Finish Groups set up of which 7 were completed and 4 are ongoing.

ASB Cont

CCTV cameras for Bright Sparks Nursery	To address the anti-social behaviour coming from the Convent site in Swanley
Community Notice Board – Bat and Ball Station	Following on from an EVA it was felt this community board would help residents feel safer on information on local Police stations and contact details.
Dog Fouling Initiatives (Dog Bags) & Dog Signs	Match Funded - High Concern for local communities – Animal Welfare Officer attending local events with Town and Parish Councils and West Kent Housing giving out information and dog poo bags
Renewal of airtime for Mobile CCTV	Yearly renewal contract for sim card for the Mobile CCTV Cameras
Selecta DNA/Property Marking Kits	For PCSOs and Community Wardens to help protect residents property where they have been a victim of burglary
Crime Reduction Gadgets	For PCSOs and Community Wardens to help repeat and vulnerable victims and the North Kent Crime Prevention Panel for town and village days/fetes

Burglary Dwelling & Burglary other than Dwelling

- The Police have continued to run '**Op Weymouth**' which started in January 2013. The operation involves targeting both Burglary & Vehicle Crime. This involved specific offenders being targeted and advice and information to local residents.
- Street Briefings have worked well around our higher crime types (Burglary/Vehicle Crime). This is a quick turn around of visible policing engaging with the local community.
- The CSP has held 6 **days of action** with Kent Police and KCC Community Wardens, West Kent Housing, Kent Rescue Fire Service and Moat Housing as well as other partner agency's in New Ash Green, Town Centre, Swanley Town Centre, Hale Lane Otford, Spittals Estate, Edenbridge and Sevenoaks Town Centre

Burglary cont

- **Property marking kits**, which have been funded by the CSP, have been distributed at a number of events and to repeat and vulnerable victims.
- KCC Community Wardens and PCSOs have visited repeat victims and offered a property marking service; a sign is also placed in windows so that potential offenders are aware that items are property marked.

Vehicle Crime

- The use of false number plates to commit crime continues to be tackled by the 'Safe Plate' schemes. There have been 46 **Safer Plates Events** in the District by Police Community Support Officers across the District where tamper proof screws have been fitted free of charge to prevent the theft of number plates.
- A leaflet providing information on Vehicle Crime has been produced and is available on the website. It has also been delivered to areas where there has been a report of Vehicle Crime.

Young Peoples Issues

- **E-safety campaigns** were delivered by SDC to deliver key messages to local schools and parents about keeping safe on the internet. This has mainly been directed at primary age children. A poster competition was held in January 2015 and the winners were presented with Book Tokens and certificates on Tuesday 11 February (Internet Safety Day).
- On 4 June 2014 the Portfolio Holder and Community Safety Manager did a presentation on the work that SDC had done around E-Safety in the District and the Kent Community Safety Conference

Young People cont

- **Swanley Youth Centre** is open and runs activities 5 nights a week; **CXK WKE** and **House in the Basement** deliver programmes in other parts of the District.
- **Reform Restore Respect (RRR)** is a District based charity which provides anti crime workshops to schools across the district and 1:1 work with individuals who need intensive advice and support. Between 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, 9 workshops were delivered in schools.

Road Safety

- 4 multi agency **road operations** have been held by the Police, KCC Community Wardens and Kent Fire Rescue Service across the District. Over 45 drivers per session were stopped and most took on the 30 minute education session, others had penalty notices issued.
- We conducted 4 **Speed Watch** volunteer sessions over the year and have 134 volunteers, the highest number of volunteers in Kent. We managed to get funding from the Police for 2 more speed boards
- Speed Watch Groups are proactive in: Bayham Road, Sevenoaks; Noah's Ark; Chevening; Brittain's Lane, Sevenoaks; Edenbridge; Crockenhill; Westerham; Bessels Green and White Hart Estate, Sevenoaks.

Domestic Abuse

- 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 there was 1150 reports of Domestic Abuse to Police an increase of 189 (19.6%). However repeat victims have seen a decrease of 279 to 262 repeat victims (17 crimes 6%)
 - A successful **Domestic Abuse Conference** was held in November 2014. The conference focussed on Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, Support Services for Male Victims and Police Domestic Abuse Notices and Orders. It was then followed by workshops to update the current action plan. It was attended by approx. 50 front line workers.
- The Partnership funded 5 Domestic Abuse projects

Substance Misuse

- **The Kenward Trust** provides **sessions within schools** and **detached** work to help young people understand the facts about substance misuse and help those misusing drink or drugs to change their behaviour.
- With PCC funding through the Partnership, Kenward Trust has worked with 362 young people (236 male and 126 female) this financial year in addition to their work in schools. They have also been tasked to work in over 25 locations that have been highlighted by the CSU in response to community concerns over drugs and alcohol.

Training for professionals was provided by KCA on Legal Highs and DUST (Drug use Screening Tool)

Theft Incl Shoplifting

- The Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) has 32 business members across the District. The partnership runs the Shopsafe and Pubwatch schemes and is looking to expand to include a Safer Socialising Initiative.
- The scheme has banned 16 individuals over the period. CCTV, the CSU, business partners and the Police have worked together to help catch shoplifters and ban repeat offenders.

From 1 March – 31 April there were 1451 reports of Business Crime to the Police. This is an increase of 111 (8.2%) from the previous year.

CSP/CSU projects

- The full Annual Report is available on the website and on the members portal a general summary is below:-
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