



Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Annual Report

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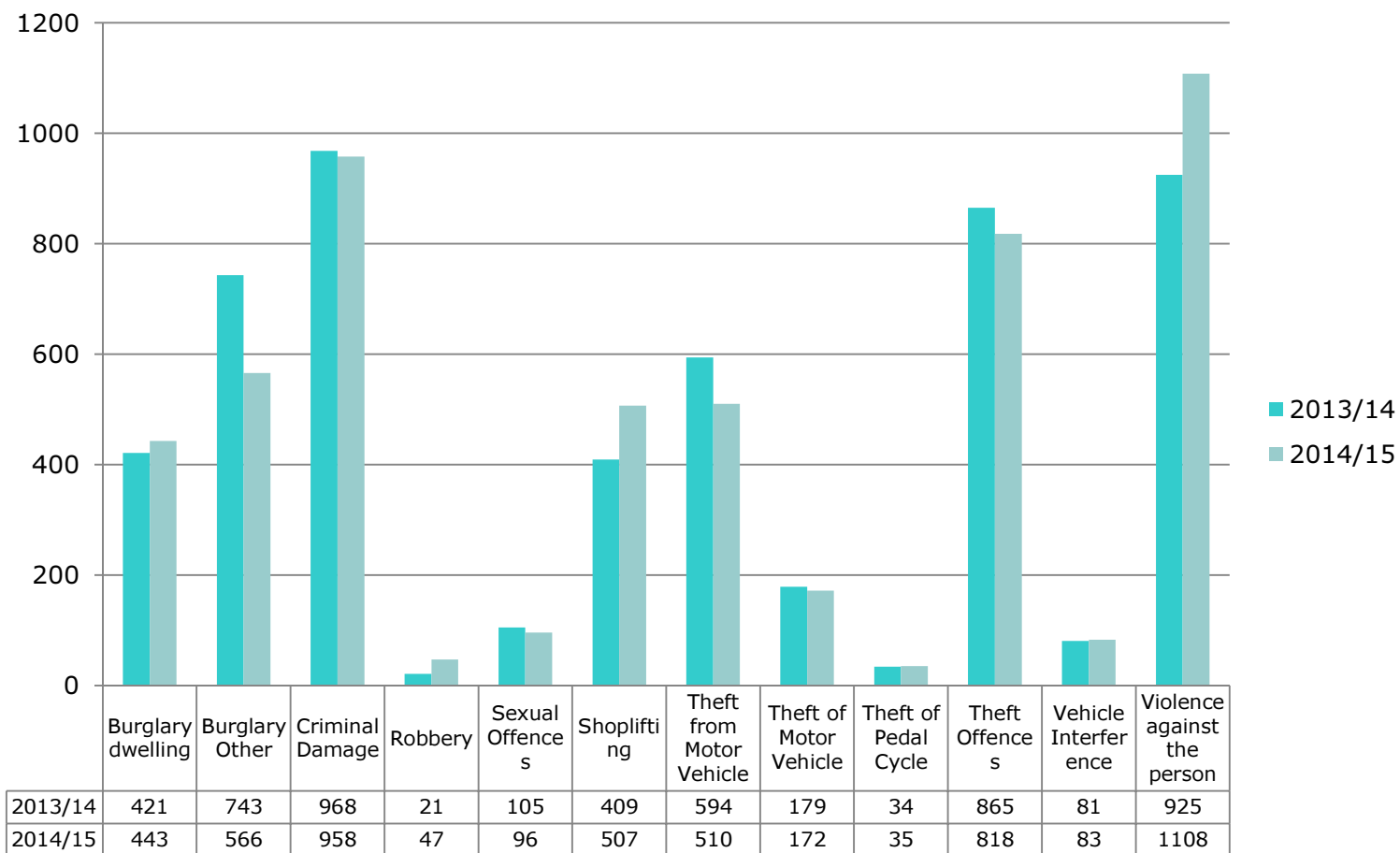




Overview of Report

- 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:-
- 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.
- Various partnership presentations delivered across the District (including community groups, schools) on a variety of issues including scam awareness, cold caller / rogue trader activity, e-safety themes, road safety.



CSP/CSU Projects cont

- Residents meetings were held at Swanley Station and Ryewood, Dunton Green to tackle anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Meetings with partners and residents proved very effective in addressing local concerns.
- Dementia Training and subsequent project development. Launch of Warden-developed Dementia Café in Hartley on 7th August
- The PCC Youth Commissioner visited the Sevenoaks District on Monday 20th October.
- The New ASB Powers were effective from 20 October. For SDC we did an article in In-Shape on all the powers focussing on the Community Trigger. A web link was set up for reporting a community trigger and a leaflet on the new powers.



CSP/CSU Projects cont

- Alcohol Awareness Week took place between 17th and 21st November. There were specialised events that took place during this week including detached work, license visits and a conference DUST Training was also held for partners for 30 professionals.
- Road Safety Week took place in November. All residents went out with the boards for a Speed Watch day in that week. Sevenoaks District has the highest number of volunteers across Kent.
- 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.



CSP/CSU Projects cont

- The Community Safety Unit has applied for their first Criminal Behaviour Order application on a 14 year old from Swanley. Court date was set for April after some adjournments. The order was granted in April 2015.
- At the end of Phase 1 of the Troubled Families Project. The target for Sevenoaks District was to work and help turn families around was 102 families. In fact the programme worked with 115 which is 113% turnaround.
- There were a number of Speed Watch training sessions held across the year with 30 more volunteers being recruited.



Thank you