

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership



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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.

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

2018 Strategic Assessment

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.

The 2018 Strategic Assessment will include a comprehensive analysis of crime and other data. This will identify local needs for 2019/20 to help the Partnership put in place its annual priorities. It will be published early in 2019.

Annual Report

This Annual Report looks at what the Partnership and the Community Safety Unit (CSU) have achieved over the last financial year (1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018). The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership **achieved 92% of actions** the Community Safety Strategy Action Plan during 2017/18. This built on their success during 2016/17 when they achieved 85% of actions in their Action Plan.

Anti-Social Behaviour including environmental crime

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 was implemented in 2014. The Act replaced 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 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 based on the balance of probabilities that the person has engaged or is threatening to engage in behaviour capable of causing nuisance and annoyance. A Civil Injunction 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, this Order aims 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 is 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.

The Police must specify the area to which it relates and can determine the time and the route by which people must leave the area.

Community Protection Notice - This Notice is to stop a person, business or organisation committing anti-social behaviour which spoils the community's quality of life. The 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 - This is designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space.

The 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 are set by the Council after consultation with Police, PCC and other relevant bodies. There can be blanket restrictions/requirements or they can be targeted at certain behaviours or times.

Closure Power Notice - This allows the Police or Council to quickly close premises which are being used, or likely to be used, to commit nuisance or disorder. It can be used if nuisance to the public or disorder near the premises has occurred or will occur if the power is not used. The Notice can be served out of court but cannot prevent the owner or occupants from accessing the premises.

Closure Power Order - This allows the Police or Council to quickly close premises which are being used, or likely to be used, to commit nuisance or disorder. It can be used if disorderly, offensive or criminal behaviour, serious nuisance to the public or disorder near the premises has occurred or will occur if the power is not used. The Order needs to be applied for through the courts after a Closure Power Notice has been served. It 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 are 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, a single policy has been adopted, but with adaptation to local needs. Any 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.

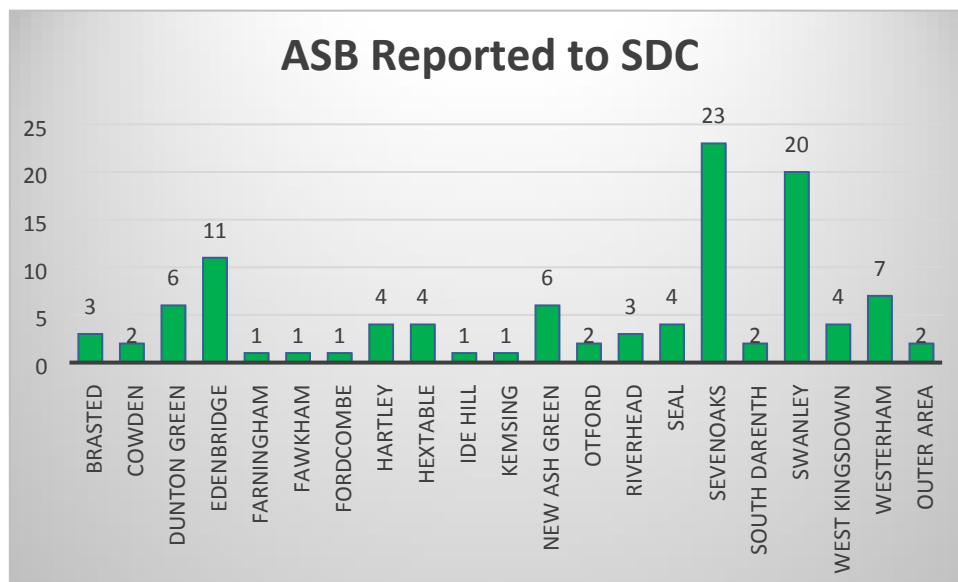
Between April 2017 - March 2018 the legislation has been used as follows:

No community triggers have been raised

1 x Criminal Behaviour Order was served on an individual in October 2017

9 x Community Protection Warnings were served
 5 X Community Protection Notices were issued
The SDC ASB Officer has worked on 108 reports of anti-social behaviour from residents. This is an increase of 15 calls compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1 shows the areas where calls have been received. The highest number of calls were concerning nuisance reported about groups of young people and neighbour nuisance.



The ASB Task Group in September 2017 became a Community MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). The Community MARAC is designed to address medium and high risk victims, offenders and problem locations. The areas of work covered are:

- ASB incl Disputes & Environmental Crime
- Hate related incidents
- Mental Health concerns
- Persistent offenders of crime and Disorder
- Vulnerable victims and locations including Child sexual exploitation, human trafficking and modern slavery and gangs
- Vulnerable adults and young persons
- Substance Misuse
- Low to Med risk Domestic Abuse

The meetings are chaired by the CSU Police Sargent and Vice Chair is the Community Safety Manager.

The number of recorded incidents of ASB to Kent Police in Sevenoaks District, 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018, is the lowest in the County, at 1619 incidents. This is a 12.4% reduction (231 reports) compared with the previous year.

PACT (Partners & Communities Together) Panel meetings are set up in Swanley, Edenbridge, West Kingsdown and New Ash Green. The Panels consist of Partner

Agencies including the District Council, Police, Housing Associations and local Town or Parish Councils, businesses and residents. Activities include youth projects, community litter picks and joint walkabouts with local housing officers and community wardens to tackle environmental issues. A new PACT for Westerham was set up in December 2017 due to a rise in anti-social behaviour and burglary. A meeting was held with partners and local organisations and an action plan was implemented.

There were two **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)** this year, in areas identified by local task and finish groups.

Mobile CCTV has been deployed to target ASB and criminal damage. The CSP has 5 cameras. They were deployed in Azalea Shops, Swanley; Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks; Moultain Hill, Swanley and Caxton Close, Hartley. The cameras are monitored by the CSU.

Safeguarding

Gang Training was delivered in by 'Reform Restore Respect' and Kent Police, attended by 50 people. A further training session was held by the KCC Community Safety Team in February 2018 for front line workers. Over 30 people attended the training.

In May 2017 the CSU set up a gangs Working Group addressing issues at Bat and Ball Station and Swanley White Oak area. Agencies including British Transport Police, Housing Associations, Rail Enforcement Officers, youth workers, Kenward Trust, Kent Police, SDC and local Town and Parish Council representatives. The group are looking at young people who are being influenced to deal in drugs and cause ASB in the areas. Work has been done on the trains and in those specific areas reported, ensuring the safeguarding of young people.

Prevent - The Counter Terrorism and Security Act received Royal Assent on 12 February 2016, placing the Prevent Programme on a statutory footing. Part 5 of the Act (Chapter 1 s. 26-35) places a general duty on all specified authorities to, when exercising their functions, have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

It came into effect for local authorities in June 2016 as part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy, Contest. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting extremism. It addresses all forms of terrorism but continues to prioritise according to the threat posed to national security.

The three specific objectives of Prevent still stand and focus on:

1. Challenging the ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it;
2. Protecting vulnerable individuals to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
3. Supporting sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

The Community Safety Partnership developed a Prevent action plan, which was one of the first in Kent and has been seen as good practice by Kent Police. It is monitored at the Strategic Partnership meetings.

Members of the Community Safety Team were trained to deliver Home Office approved Op Wrap 3 Prevent Training.

In October 2017 we delivered Prevent training to 30 new staff members. This followed the training of 318 people in the previous years. The CSU received 3 Prevent Channel Panel referrals this year. All were discussed at the multi-agency panels, with no further outcome, but support was given. All referrals were aged under 18.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking is also a duty for Local Authorities who must ensure that we safeguard anyone reporting that they have suffered the above. On 16th June the Community Safety Partnership held training attended by over 35 people, to enable them to spot signs and report using the correct process.

There have been proactive days of actions addressing modern slavery and human trafficking and all nail bars and car washes in the District were visited over a number of days.

CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation). Work has been ongoing and has been linked into the gangs work. CSE day was in March 2018 and the CSU did a lot of online social media messaging. The Community Safety Manager is the CSE Champion for the Community Safety Partnership and the District Council. Our partner agencies also have CSE Champions within their own organisations.

Young People. In September 2017 Kent Police changed the way they work and delivered their 'New Horizons' approach. This created dedicated PCSO roles, one of which is a Vulnerable Young People's Officer. Their role is to liaise with schools around safeguarding young people, addressing CSE and vulnerable young people. This officer sits within the CSU. The CSP links with the Kent Children's Safeguarding Board and the Community Safety Manager sits on 3 of the Board's sub groups for Safeguarding Leads, Online Safety and the Threats, Risks and Vulnerabilities group.

Vulnerable Adults There have been a number of safeguarding referrals for older people and vulnerable adults. Again there is a dedicated PCSO for Vulnerable Adults and this role started in September 2017. The role is looking at all concerns for adults and repeat victims. In May 2018 a Rogue Traders/Scams Task Group was set up to help stop vulnerable adults becoming victims of theft.

Road Safety

2 multi-agency road operations have been held by the Police, KCC Community Wardens and Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) 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 15

drivers per session were stopped and the majority took on the 30-minute educational session. Others had penalty notices issued.

Speed Watch volunteer training is now provided by Kent Police on line. 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. Speedwatch is co-ordinated by the CSU.

Domestic Abuse

Between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 there were 1865 reports of Domestic Abuse to the Police. This was an increase of 399 reports (27%) compared with the previous year.

Domestic Abuse Training was held in May to help front line workers to make referrals to the Freedom Programme and Recovery tool kit initiative. Around 40 people attended.

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 Domestic Abuse MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). The Partnership works closely with DAVSS and helps to fund the service for low and medium risk cases. During the year, DAVSS supported 185 victims of domestic abuse in the Sevenoaks District, of which 5 were male victims. There were 125 calls to the helpline, an increase of 14 calls compared to the same period last year.

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 tackle their abuse. The women and children of perpetrators are supported by a Woman's Support Worker. 2 men from Sevenoaks District attended the course in 2017-18.

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. There were 4 programmes delivered in Swanley, Sevenoaks and Edenbridge and New Ash Green. Two evening programmes were also held, both in Sevenoaks. The programme was attended by 33 women who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. Trainers were trained to deliver the Recovery Tool Kit and the first session for women was held in Westerham in September with 7 attending.

The Partnership has a multi-agency **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 annual conference to ensure that it is focussing on the issues that are important.

The ISVA Service (**Independent Sexual Violence Advisor**) provides support 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. The ISVA service offers emotional support and practical advice to anyone and any age. There were 12 referrals between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018. ISVA is still supported by the CSP, but is now funded by the Police & Crime Commissioner.

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 tasked through the CSU daily briefings to attend “hot spot” locations to work with young people and identify and address substance misuse issues.

With PCC funding through the Partnership, Kenward Trust has worked with over 400 young people this financial year in addition to their work in schools. They have also been tasked to work in over 12 locations that have been highlighted by the CSU in response to community concerns over drugs and alcohol.

CGL (Change, Live, Grow), 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.

Addaction is commissioned by the Kent Drugs and Alcohol Service for young people’s services. This includes work around legal highs and preventative work.

Organised Crime Groups

Criminals behind organised crime often intimidate and create fear, which is intended to prevent the local community reporting what they see. Often the criminals behind this don’t even have to try hard to do this - instead relying on word of mouth and reputation. Over the past year, Organised Crime has seen a more targeted approach by Partnerships. There are two OCGs within the Sevenoaks District. A new monthly meeting started in October 2017 to address OCGs and serious crime. The most common crime types associated with these groups is organised theft.

Repeat Locations and Victims

Repeat Victims and Locations become a priority throughout 2017-18 through the CSU daily tasking’s and Police data. Many calls have been received

from the same areas and Task and Finish Groups have been set up.

Mental Health

The CSP had identified Mental Health as an issue especially around frequent and repeat callers. The complexity of cases where mental health is involved means that the CSP has to look at each case individually to make sure that the right enforcement and support has been put in place.

A mental health action plan was developed. Actions that have been taken forward are training for staff on mental health, Community MARACs being set up to find the right support for those who need it, a successful funding bid was made to the Police & Crime Commissioner. In May 2018 the Partnership was granted £11,666 for mental health drop in services.

Police & Crime Commissioner Funding (PCC)

The PCC funded Sevenoaks District CSP £31,107 and KFRS gave £3500 towards Partnership projects. The table below sets out what the Partnership agreed in March 2017 to spend the funding on.

Organisation:	Project Name:	Proposed Full Year Funding	Actual First Half Funding	Proposed Second Half Funding
Kenward Trust	Substance Misuse Youth Worker	£12,000	£ 6,000.00	£ 6,000.00
CDAP	CDAP – Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme	£1,500	£ 1,500.00	£ -
SDC Community Safety Unit	CSU Initiatives	£11,500.00	£ 5,750.00	£ 5,750.00
DAVSS	Medium Risk DA Victims	£ 6,107.00	£ 3,050.00	£ 3,057.00

The CSU Initiatives spent the £11,500 on the following: -

- KFRS Motorbike Skills Day
- Grant for Photo booth Sevenoaks Town Council Youth Day
- Dog Poop bags
- Grant for Street Art Mural Competition
- Dunton Green Parish Council Match funding for CCTV
- Supply and install commando socket MDK008 - Mobile Cameras
- Digital Sunset Film & Challenge - E-Safety
- Reform Restore Respect
- Purse Minder Bells
- Shed alarms

- Card Protectors

Police - New Horizons

In September 2017, Kent Police launched New Horizons, a change in the way Police deliver daily services. Its aim was to robustly deliver a wider breadth of community engagement, to have specialist roles for PCSOs (Missing Children, Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Intervention Adults & Youth Engagement) that would sit within the CSUs. New Horizons will provide across the County:-

- A Detective Superintendent for Local Policing to improve service delivery to victims of crime and reduce harm to our communities
- An Additional 100 staff embedded into local policing to enhance the response to Vulnerable adults; children and victims of DA
- Dedicated gang's teams for each Division, in partnership with Community Safety Units, to tackle harm caused by gangs
- 210 PCSOs dedicated to community policing, 90 Specialist PCSOs dedicated to proactive work in communities to reduce harm to potentially vulnerable people
- New Localised safeguarding teams and community liaison officers providing a specialist service to children and adults vulnerable to abuse & exploitation

Over the first 9 months New Horizons has been working well, especially with the dedicated PCSOs bringing their concerns to the daily briefing and being able to be tasked by partner agencies.

During 2017/18, following a visit by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Kent Police changed the way it records crime leading to a significant increase in recorded crime across the County. Over the year, Victim Based Crime went up by 32% (1888 crimes) to 7712 across Sevenoaks District. However, the District had the second lowest recorded crime across Kent, an improvement compared with the previous year when the District had the third lowest crime.

Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The CSU is located within the District Council's Communities & Business Team at Argyle Road, Sevenoaks. There are 3 Police Officers including a Sergeant, 3 dedicated PCSOs addressing Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Adults and Vulnerable Young People. The KCC Community Warden Supervisor and the Business Crime Reduction Co-ordinator are also based within the CSU.

The CSU will also have access to 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.

The CSU works closely with other Council teams - Communities & Business, CCTV, Environmental Health, Licensing, Social Housing, Benefits and Revenues, Planning Enforcement, Planning, Building Control and the 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. There have been **653** daily tasking's from 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018. All actions have been taken forward and dealt with and all residents/customers have been updated on the action taken, apart from those who approached the CSU anonymously or have said that they do not want feedback.

A lot of the cases have been complex, requiring a partner agency response. Many have been repeat callers dealing with such issues such as mental health, neighbour disputes, harassment in the community and nuisance bikes (motor and pedal). There have been over 500 follow up visits and calls made by partner agencies (Police, SDC, Community Wardens and Housing Associations) to all the residents who have reported issues and concerns. The other actions have been followed up but have either been reported back to organisations, town and parish councils or they have been anonymous so unable to feedback on actions taken.

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 behaviour.

The CSU also provided a variety of community events with partner agencies, where either a night of action has taken place organised by Police or weekend/evening community safety events as follows:

Over 15 nights of proactive policing in New Ash Green, Westerham, Sevenoaks Town, West Kingsdown and Swanley

Community Events in Hextable, New Ash Green, West Kingsdown, Hartley and Swanley

North West Kent Crime Prevention attended 15 locations across the District including Leigh, Edenbridge, Fawkham, Chiddingstone, Swanley, Otford, Seal, West Kingsdown and Eynsford mainly supporting local town and parish council events.

Speed watch had another successful year with 2 more groups setting up, making Sevenoaks District one of the most successful districts. The CSU has 6 speed boards that residents can borrow and then report their findings to Kent Police. Over 1500 vehicles have been reported and owners, especially repeat offenders, will have received letters. Kent Police have followed this up by doing speed checks in repeat locations.

Following articles in InShape over 2000 shed alarms, 1000 card protectors and 1000 timer switches have been given out to residents.

Task and Finish Groups have been established to provide intensive intervention by partner agencies when a number of reports have come in through the CSU Daily Tasking meetings relating to specific areas or to vulnerable people. During 2017-18 there were 9 Task and Finish Groups set up of which 7 were completed and 2 are ongoing.

Young People - Around 2000 local school children took part in a challenge to turn off their phones and devices in the evening before they go to bed. Government Minister, Sajid Javid MP, launched the Digital Sunset Challenge on 5 February at Sevenoaks Primary School with the help of Year 6 pupils a day before National Safer Internet Day.

The scheme encourages young people to switch off their electronic devices before bedtime to help develop a lifetime of good digital habits. The scheme invites school children and their families to put smart phones away early in the evening and, during the Challenge week, make a note of the time they stopped using their devices, when they went to bed and how they felt the next day.

The Community Safety Manager, PCSOs and Community Warden attended assemblies at 19 participating schools taking part in the Digital Sunset Challenge. The assemblies were fun and engaging and the schools rolled it out across the whole school. One school delivered in house. The primary schools that took part were:-

Solefield	St Bartholomew's	Penshurst	The Granville
St Thomas	Weald Community	Crockenhill	Churchill Primary
Fawkham	Sevenoaks Prep	Crockham Hill	Radnor School
Sevenoaks	St Katherine's	West Heath	St Boltolphs
Edenbridge	Seal		

The Digital Sunset Challenge was founded by Cllr Anna Firth and local writer and journalist Linden Kemkaran and was funded and supported by the Council and the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership.

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. In December 2016 they were awarded a 5-year contract across the District to deliver youth work.

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; KCC also deliver detached youth work that is highlighted through the CSU daily briefings. They have visited over 20 locations visiting on a weekly basis to the areas.

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 2017 and 31 March 2018, 8

workshops were delivered in schools. RRR have also worked on presentations around bullying and racial diversity.

Work of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership 2017-18 by month

The Partnership month by month

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

April 2017

- Stalking Conference jointly held with Sue Dunn and Trisha Burnell at the Stag Theatre (Plaza Suite) for West Kent. Over 100 people attended.
- Task & Finish Groups took place this quarter for Caxton Close, Hartley; Greatness Park, Sevenoaks; Convent of Mercy; Oakview Stud Farm and West Kingsdown.
- A multi-agency visit was held at the Former Convent of Mercy site and Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) issued an enforcement notice on the site for the fire alarm system to be installed properly after the last one had failed. Prohibition Notices were served.
- Using a the shopsafe radio a report given out by a High St member regarding a suspicious female who had stolen a pair of jeans with an accomplice waiting outside the shop. The broadcast was heard by other shop members and using descriptions the pair were tracked by CCTV at the rail station, where the female was arrested and the male was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

May 2017

- Wardens are continuing their work with vulnerable people. This includes victims of crime, residents with mental health issues including dementia. There were 352 information referrals to the Public Protection Unit at KCC.
- Substance Misuse Conference addressing Cannabis and legal highs was held at SDC with 50 attendees.
- Freedom Training for survivors of Domestic Abuse was also held in May.

June 2017

- New Anti-Social Behaviour Officer was appointed
- The District was the only area in Kent to have a mounted (horse) officer. The Officer has been in post for 3 weeks and has been going to New Ash Green. This is a Special Constable who has volunteered in our area.
- A Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery Training session took place on 16th June.
- At the Police Awards Rose Biggs, a local resident, received the Highly Commended Award for community safety for her services in Edenbridge including organised litter picks and Brasted Community Speed Watch were

the overall winner for their contributions to reducing speed in their area and educating drivers.

July 2017

- Meeting was held with residents and Community Safety Manager and CSU Sgt in St James Road to tackle drug issues and speeding.
- Edenbridge EVA was held to discuss unlicensed music event venues. Letter distributed to all businesses to request that they protect their properties from further unlicensed music events.
- Visit to Convent of Mercy site regarding breach of Planning Enforcement Notices.

August 2017

- Proactive working relationship between Community Wardens and SDC ASB Officer facilitates sharing of pertinent information and supportive actions e.g., in response to issues raised in Hartley, West Kingsdown, New Ash Green, Swanley and Westerham.
- DAVSS had been successful in a 3-year funding bid from Violence Against Women charity to help survivors, to set up a peer group and self-support group. There will also be a drop in group and a link in with GPs across West Kent.
- West Kent Housing were granted an ASB injunction and exclusion against an individual who was upsetting neighbours with their behaviour.

September 2017

- A Talking Letters You Tube video went live highlighting ASB, how to report it and what actions partners take.
- Connect 5 Training for mental health awareness took place on 15th September with 11 attendees.
- The first Community MARAC Meeting was held on 20th September. This is a new initiative in order to incorporate medium and high risk victim, offenders and problem locations. 30 professionals attended.
- Site visit with Kent Cllrs and Swanley Town Cllrs looking at various locations in Swanley to address fly tipping, motorbikes and ASB.

October 2017

- Good work between members of shop safe, PCSOs and CCTV staff has led to arrest and later exclusion of prolific shoplifters travelling to the District from Orpington.
- Serious Crime and Tactical Crime Group was set up in October to address Organised Crime Groups (OCG) and crime trends. It is the only one in Kent to be chaired by Local Authority rather than the Police.
- Multi-Agency meeting with representatives from NatWest Bank regarding fraud and protecting residents.

- Meeting in Hextable with a Community Warden, Hero Officer and a vulnerable resident who was hoarding and not taking general care and causing issues for neighbours.

November 2017

- Community Safety Manager was invited to the Police Star Board chaired by Assistant Chief Constable to talk about Organised Crime Groups and the work that Council and partners have undertaken to address crime and other issues.
- Male in Edenbridge who resides in a mobile home was reported to SDC for causing ASB, screaming and shouting at night and disturbing residents. The ASB Officer visited with PCSO Humphreys and Julie Barry (District nurse), a safeguarding referral was made to Adult Social Services and as a result. T, the male was admitted to hospital, then to a nursing home and is in much better health.
- Gangs meeting going from strength to strength with mapping being done of individuals who are potentially dealing and causing local crime in the area
- Meeting was held with residents, licensing, Police and District Cllrs to discuss Eureka where there are concerns of ASB and drink driving when people are leaving the venue. Next meeting is with owners.

December 2017

- There was a Crime Reduction Event held in West Kingsdown Pavilion on 14th December. The Community Safety Manager, local PCSOs and North West Kent Crime Prevention Panel attended.
- Safeguarding Train the Trainer training was completed by Community Safety Manager to facilitate delivery of Safeguarding Training for SDC and partner agencies.
- Mental Health Group is working well with many actions completed, bidding for drop in centre in the northern parishes has been submitted.

January 2018

- Strategic Assessment was completed.
- The Community Safety Partnership Development Day was held when the 2018-19 Action Plan was drafted through the Strategic Assessment Report.
- New PACT meeting starts in Westerham to tackle ASB, Drug Concerns, Criminal Damage and shed break-ins.

February 2018

- Internet Safety Day took place with 19 schools taking part in the Digital Sunset Challenge. Assemblies delivered by Cllr Firth, PCSOs Humphreys and Fry and KCC Wardens Steve Grange & Paul Sharrad.
- CSU coffee morning was held for SDC Members to meet with partner agencies. Agencies there were CCTV, Env Health, Police, SDC CSU Team and Moat Housing. 12 members attended.

- The ASB Officer coordinated a Community Event in Hartley on 14th February. This involved West Kent Housing, KCC Community Wardens and the local PCSOs. The event was organised after receiving a number of reports of young people causing regular ASB issues.
- Fly Tipping Enforcement Officer have been proactive across the District with 2 prosecutions and 6 pending.

March 2018

- There have been 2 Environmental Visual Audits in Hever Road, West Kingsdown and New Ash Green.
- The CSU hosted a school placement who went out on visits with Housing Associations, PCSOs and Community Wardens attending PACTs, delivering warning letters and meeting the Youth Justice Team in Gravesend.
- The ASB Officer has distributed Neighbourhood Quality of Life Surveys throughout the year to hotspot locations across the District.
- CCTV worked with Police, Business Crime Reduction Partnership and CSU on a number of arrests on shoplifting, violence against the person, domestic abuse, drugs, criminal damage, speeding including drink driving.

Alongside all the above the CSU held their quarterly PACT meetings in Westerham, West Kingsdown, New Ash Green, Edenbridge and Swanley. There were also monthly ASB Task Group (changing to Community MARACs), Domestic Abuse Working Groups, Daily Taskings, Oak View Stud Farm and Convent of Mercy site.

The CSU also attend County meetings on Reducing Reoffending, Prevent, Kent Community Safety Managers, Safeguarding Leads, Threats Risks and Vulnerabilities, Online Safeguarding and Offender Management monthly meetings.

The CSU is very proactive on Social Media and our Twitter account has 572 followers and 4044 tweets have been submitted up to end of March 2018.

Future Developments

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The Strategic Assessment was completed in January 2018 using data supplied by a variety of agencies. Based on this, our new 2017-18 Community & Safety Strategy & Action Plan will prioritise the following issues:

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Organised Crime groups
3. ASB incl environmental crime
4. Substance Misuse
5. Mental Health
6. Safeguarding incl Prevent, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, Gangs and Child Sexual Exploitation

7. Acquisitive Crime

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.

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Glossary

- **ASB** - Anti-Social Behaviour
- **BCRP** - Business Crime Reduction Partnerships
- **BOTD** - Burglary Other Than Dwelling
- **CSE** - Child Sexual Exploitation
- **CSP** - Community Safety Partnership
- **CSU** - Community Safety Unit
- **FGM** - Female Genital Mutilation
- **KFRS** - Kent Fire & Rescue Service
- **KCC** - Kent County Council
- **MARACs** - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- **OCGs** - Organised Crime Groups
- **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