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2012 Strategic Assessment and the 2013/14 Action Plan.

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Sevenoaks District

Community Safety Partnership

Annual Action Plan 2013 - 2014



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Action Plan 2013-14

Introduction

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership brings together all of the agencies in the District who can have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. A list of partners is set out on page 21. 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

Each year the Partnership, in common with all of the Community Safety Partnerships in Kent, undertakes an assessment of crime and disorder in the District, using data provided by partners and feedback from residents. The assessment identifies the priority issues for the next year using the following rationale for each community safety type:

- Whether there is significant community concern
- Whether there is an increasing trend
- Whether it contributes to a high volume of crime
- The level of harm it causes
- How well it is performing compared with other parts of Kent and similar partnerships nationally
- Whether the Partnership can add value to the work

This Action Plan identifies where we can best work together to achieve results.

Priority Issues for 2013 – 2014

The Strategic Assessment undertaken during the autumn of 2012 has identified 8 priorities for the Partnership to tackle during 2013-2014. The data referred to in this Action Plan is based on the Strategic Assessment, which uses data between October 2011 and September 2012. Trends in the identified priorities continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis and the first monitoring will be available in July 2013.

The 8 priorities, in no particular order, are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (including Fly-Tipping)
- Burglary (including Burglary Other than Dwelling)
- Theft Offences (including Shoplifting, Theft of Metal and Theft Offences)
- Substance Misuse
- Young People's Issues
- Vehicle Crime (Theft of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Motor Vehicles)
- Domestic Abuse
- Road Safety

Although the Partnership's main focus will be the 8 priorities, it will continue to monitor and plan for trends in crime and other community safety issues and address them through the Community Safety Unit's daily briefings and other tasking arrangements in order to reduce recorded crime.

During 2011/12, Sevenoaks District had the 2nd lowest recorded crime in the County. However there was an increase in crime compared to the same period last year (April-March) with the number of crimes increasing by 309 crimes or 6% to 5,350.

Many Districts are now seeing increases in crime and the challenge for the Sevenoaks District for 2013/14 will be to remain one of the lowest crime areas in the County and to counter any upward trend.

The Action Plan

The following pages set out the overall targets for the Community Safety Partnership and an action plan is linked to each priority. The action plan does not include details about the numerous activities already undertaken by partners, town and parish councils, the voluntary sector and others as part of their day to day work, but highlights activities in addition to core work, which partners will undertake throughout the forthcoming year. All priorities include actions around public perception.

Funding and monitoring

Funding for the actions included within the Action Plan is available from a number of sources, including partners' own budgets, Home Office funding which is allocated to district Community Safety Partnerships by Kent County Council, Choosing Health funding and other small amounts of funding from a variety of sources, for example the Kent People's Trust. Regular monitoring will take place to ensure that individual projects continue to deliver positive results as well as value for money and that this Action Plan is on target.

Equalities

In preparing the action plan, issues such as equality and diversity were considered to ensure that everybody feels safe in the District.

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – ACTION PLAN 2013-14

SUCCESS MEASURES

All recorded crime:

All Crime reduced by 1% compared with the previous year

Anti-Social Behaviour

An improvement in behaviour achieved in 80% of cases accepted by the Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group.
75% of Anti-Social Behaviour victims satisfied with action taken.

Young People's issues

Intervention projects and positive media for young people to be maintained
The number of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time to be reduced.

Burglary

Number of dwelling & non dwelling (shed, commercial/retail premises) burglaries to be reduced by 2%

Vehicle Crime

Number of Vehicle Crimes (Theft of vehicles and Theft from vehicles) to be reduced by 2%

Theft offences & handling stolen goods (incl shop lifting, theft of metal & metal offences)

The number of businesses participating in the Safer Town Scheme to be increased by 10 %
The number of exclusion/banning notices issued to be increased by 10%

Speeding incl Road Safety

Communities in areas where speeding has been identified as a top 3 priority involved in a range of speeding initiatives.

Substance Misuse

Substance Misuse Action Plan to be 85% on target

Domestic Abuse

The number of repeat incidents & repeat victims of Domestic Abuse to be reduced by 2%
Domestic abuse action plan to be 80% on target

Anti-Social Behaviour (including flytipping & graffiti)

The number of incidents of ASB recorded by the Police in Sevenoaks District, April 2012-March 2013 is the lowest in the County, at 2,505 incidents. This was a 4.1% increase (103 reports). At ward level, Swanley White Oak, Swanley St Mary's and Swanley Christchurch recorded the highest levels of ASB incidents.

Reports of **Anti-Social Behaviour** to the District's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer showed a decrease of 71 calls (31.5%) compared to the same period last year. A total of 154 reports were received April 2012 – March 2013.

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour made to the District Council's Environmental Health team encompass a wide range of issues. Overall there has been a 7% decrease in the total number of incidents compared to last year. A particular concern is dog fouling. Dog fouling has also been flagged up as a particular concern at Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

Fly Tipping - The fly capture database shows that there was a 26.7% decrease in the number of fly-tipping incidents compared to same period last year. This is a reduction of 75 incidents. However, Sevenoaks District residents are more worried about fly-tipping than those in any other District across Kent.

Graffiti - Requests to the District Council for graffiti to be cleaned fell by 31% from 32 in the previous period (April 2011 – March 2012) to 22 in the present period. Graffiti and fly tipping have been added to this year's Action Plan as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour priority.

| | Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| | Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) | | | | |
| 1.1 | Use education, positive media and work with local communities to reduce the number of noise complaints | Housing SDC Env Health | CSU Police | March 2014 | Use of existing resources |
| 1.2 | Involve local communities more actively in finding solutions to ASB including through PACT Panels. Ask PACT Panels to identify any improvement in community safety in their areas over the past year so that good practice can be shared. | Exec Group | ASB Co-ordinator CSU PACTs Local Champions | On going | Use of existing resources |
| 1.3 | Work with families through the Troubled Families Project | KCC SDC Locality Board | All | On going | Troubled Families – Payments by Results Use of existing resources |
| 1.4 | Reduce Fly Tipping by 5% and improve public perception through positive media | SDC Direct Services | CSU | March 2014 | Existing resources |
| 1.5 | Maximise the use of the Probation Service's Community Payback scheme. At least 4 initiatives to take place across the District | CSU | Probation | March 2014 | Negative cost because of the value of the work undertaken. |
| 1.6 | Undertake monthly Environmental Visual Audits (EVA) across the District in conjunction with local businesses and residents. Identify areas where EVAs relating to fly-tipping, littering and graffiti are needed. Implement an action plan for each EVA which should be at least 80% completed. | CSU T&CG | KCC Highways, Police, Housing, Town & Parish Councils | March 2014 | Existing resources and Safer & Stronger funding KFRS |

Young People's Issues

There has been a reduction in the number of youth offenders (under 18 years) within the Youth Offending Service (YOS) in Sevenoaks for the second consecutive year falling by 11.9% to 104 offenders. 0.9% of the total youth population (aged 10-17) within the District are recognised as youth offenders. This is a decrease from 1% on last year's figures and is lower than the Kent average of 1.3%.

The breakdown in offenders by gender continues to show that the majority of offences are committed by males. However the variation has seen an increase, with 86.5% now accounting for male offences compared to the previous years 77%.

Sevenoaks District has seen a reduction in the number of first time entrants (FTEs) by 21%, with 58 new individuals registered by the Kent Youth Justice System which is the second best performance figure in Kent.

In contrast to the overall reduction in the number of young offenders, the total number of offences committed by young people within Sevenoaks District has actually increased by 2.3% (50 additional offences).

The three most common offences committed by young people in Sevenoaks during the same period were Violence against the Person, Theft and Motoring Offences.

There is anecdotal evidence that bullying and cyber bullying are issues for young people.

| | Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---------------|---|
| YOUNG PEOPLES ISSUES | | | | | |
| 2.1 | Maximise value of Power Project & 8-12's Project (early intervention projects), enabling them to support targeted families | YOS | All Partners | On going | Safer & Stronger Funding WK Extra |
| 2.2 | Undertake targeted work with 14-19yrs olds to assist in their transition to work | KCC KIAS | Local Children's Trust Board Schools Businesses | March 2014 | Local Children's Trust Board |
| 2.3 | In Partnership provide diversionary activities for young people | Local Children's Trust Board KCC Youth | All partners | Sept 2013 | Current resources |
| 2.4 | Implement the Olympic legacy relevant for young people (eg obesity, citizenship, drugs and alcohol, equality & diversity) | SDC | All Partners | March 2014 | Current resources and Safer and Stronger funding Legacy Funding |
| 2.5 | Continue programmes for cyber bullying and education for young people and parents | KCC Youth Police | Schools Children's Centre | On Going | Early Intervention Grant YOF Local Members Grants |
| 2.6 | Raise awareness of safety issues including sexual health and risk-taking behavior | KCC Public Health | KCC Youth Services Local Children's Trust Board All Partners | On Going | Existing resources |

Burglary

Burglary Dwelling has seen the most dramatic change with a 45% increase in recorded offences (312 to 453 burglaries) from the previous year's figures which represents the second highest increase in the County (Tunbridge Wells 71%).

As a result of this increase Sevenoaks has dropped to 12th in the County ranking and 13th highest (out of 15) in its Most Similar Group (MSG).

Burglary Other than Dwelling has also witnessed a spike in reported offences. This year has seen an additional 120 cases (722 totals) which is a 20% increase on the previous year. Although there has been a general increase across the County, the rise found in Sevenoaks is noticeably higher than the 3.6% in Kent.

Sevenoaks has now moved its County ranking from 3rd highest to 2nd highest increase (Tunbridge Wells 21%)

| Priority Action | | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------|
| BURGLARY | | | | | |
| 3.1 | Use Tasking & Co-ordination Group (T&CG) to plan and co-ordinate campaigns to encourage residents and businesses to protect their property. Work with partner agencies to increase campaign coverage, eg In Shape and schools using child friendly leaflets | CSU | Police Business Crime Reduction Partnership | On going | Existing resources |
| 3.2 | Give security advice alongside fire and safety multi purpose initiatives | KFRS | All Partners | June 2013 | Existing resources |
| 3.3 | Work with Parish Clerk forum to disseminate information | KFRS | All Partners | April 2013 | Existing resources |
| 3.4 | E Newsletter and Neighbourhood Watch to make a positive impact and give home security advice. Continue with Social Media | Exec Group T&CG | All Partners | June 2013 | Existing resources |
| 3.5 | Proactively manage cohort of PPOs to reduce risk of offending in the District. Increase liaison with partner agencies. | Offender Management Unit | Police CSU | June 2013 | Existing resources |
| 3.6 | Task North West Kent Crime Prevention Panel and Police Mobile Unit to specific locations. 10 per year | CSU | Police SDC | On going | Existing Sources |
| 3.7 | Smart Water for farm/horse tack | NHW | KCC Wardens | On going | Existing Sources |

Vehicle Crime

Thefts from motor vehicles (TFMV) has seen a noticeable increase. With an additional 80 reported thefts (17% increase totalling 545), the rise in Thefts from Motor Vehicles is higher than the Kent average increase of 15.5%. However, this rise has been across Kent and as a result Sevenoaks has dropped from 10th highest to 6th in its Kent ranking, but has risen to 14th in its MSG.

Thefts of motor vehicle (TOMV) have also seen a surge in Sevenoaks District, and it's also important to note thefts have risen continually each year for the last three years.

Thefts have increased by 14% (28 additional reports compared to last year totalling 225 offences), and is ranked highest in Kent.

While Sevenoaks has seen increase in thefts of motor vehicles, every other District within Kent apart from Canterbury (2.9% increase) saw a reduction of TOMV and Kent reduction was 9%.

| | Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
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| VEHICLE CRIME | | | | | |
| 4.1 | Use business newsletter to encourage security around vehicles | CSU Economic Development | Business Crime Reduction Partnership | April 2013 | Existing resources |
| 4.2 | Develop KFRS car theft training programme | KFRS | | June 2013 | Existing resources |
| 4.3 | Task North West Kent Crime Prevention Panel and Police Mobile Unit to specific locations and implement Safer Plates scheme. 10 per year. | CSU | Police SDC | On going | Existing Sources |
| 4.4 | Improve Mobile CCTV deployment | Police | CSU | March 2013 | Existing resources |
| 4.5 | Proactively manage cohort of PPOs to reduce risk of offending in the District. Increase liaison with partner agencies. | Offender Management Unit | Police CSU | June 2013 | Existing resources |

Theft Offences (including Shoplifting)

Theft offences have seen a significant drop with decreased rates of crime and improved rankings for Sevenoaks in 2012-13.

General theft saw 15% reduction from the previous year (132 fewer thefts totaling 742 offences), on the same level of Kent reduction average of 16.7%. Sevenoaks continues to have the best ranking in Kent per 1000 population

This marks a change from a three year increase between 2009 and 2012.

Shoplifting

Sevenoaks has also seen a significant decrease in the number of shoplifting offences, a reduction of 16% (62 crimes) from 395 to 333 compared to same period last year (April – March 2011-12).again with a higher than average reduction than the rest of Kent.

| | Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
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| Theft offences + handling stolen goods (including Shoplifting, Theft of Metal and Theft offences) | | | | | |
| 5.1 | Develop and expand the Business Crime Reduction Partnership across Sevenoaks District to include Safer Socialising | BCRP | CSU Economic Development | June 2013 | Existing resources |
| 5.2 | Target repeat offenders of acquisitive crime through the Offender Management Unit | Probation Police BCRP | CSU | April 2013 | Existing resources |
| 5.3 | Identify trends and reduce repeat victims of all thefts | T&CG | All Partners | June 2103 | Existing resources |
| 5.4 | Positive reporting in the media of arrests | Police | All Partners | On going | Existing resources |
| 5.5 | At least 3 multi-agency operations to address increasing trends of theft, eg metal and fuel | CSU | All Partners Safer School | March 2014 | Existing Resources |

Road Safety incl Speeding

There are currently 9 Partners and Communities Together (PACT) panels in the District. PACT action plans are updated on a regular basis. Speeding vehicles is the most consistently identified priority for local people.

Local roads under the responsibility of KCC have seen a 2.3% decrease in the total number of Killed and Seriously Injured over the past three years. However, when figures for Highways Agency roads, which include major trunk roads, i.e. M25/A21 are included the results see an overall increase of 4%(19 additional cases totaling 493) across the District. This increase is at odds with the Kent average decrease of 7.2%. Sevenoaks District is currently positioned 10th in the County ranking.

| | Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
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| Road Safety | | | | | |
| 6.1 | Minimum of 4 Speed Watch Training initiative to be delivered by Kent Police and District Council | CSU | PACT Town & Parish Councils | March 2014 | Existing resources |
| 6.2 | Minimum of 4 Multi-Agency events to address speed enforcement | Police KFRS | CSU All Partners | March 2014 | Existing resources |
| 6.3 | Continue to roll out OP Zig Zag, an operation to deter parking outside schools, where it is reported by communities as a problem | KCC CSU | SDC - Parking Police Schools | March 2014 | Existing resources |
| 6.4 | Education on road safety to be delivered through schools including Pedestrian and Cycle Safety | KFRS Police | CSU | June 2013 | Existing resources KFRS |
| 6.5 | Arrange activities around national road safety campaigns | CSU | KFRS | December 2013 | Existing resources |
| 6.6 | Report Outcomes and Successes through Social Media | CSU | All Partners | March 2014 | |

Substance Misuse

Between April 2012 – March 2013, there were 143 recorded drug offences in Sevenoaks District. This represents an increase from the previous year of 10%. This increase is compared with a county-wide increase of 1.3%. Despite this, Sevenoaks District remains the lowest in Kent for recorded drug offences. It ranks 1st lowest in its MSG.

Kent has seen a steady increase of alcohol related hospital admissions over the past ten years and alcohol remains the most common substance for those seeking treatment. According to the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT) there are an estimated 30,432 dependent drinkers and 17,410 binge drinkers in the County.

The trend for alcohol admissions in Sevenoaks has risen at a similar rate to those in Kent but overall levels have remained lower than the average admission rate and this year has the lowest overall number of admissions in Kent.

| Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| SUBSTANCE MISUSE | | | | |
| 7.1 | Structured early intervention projects identified for local needs to improve uptake of Recovery Board interventions | CRI Substance Misuse TG | Kenward Trust KDAAT KCC Youth Services Domestic Abuse Group | On going Existing Budgets |
| 7.2 | Preventative and early intervention youth work to address identified local needs and improve well-being of young people | KCA Substance Misuse TG Kenward Trust | KDAAT KCC Youth Services Early Intervention Team | On going Choosing Health CSP Alternative funding |
| 7.3 | Use a partnership approach to address underage drinking where it is reported by communities as a problem | Trading Standards | Landlords/Off License Substance Misuse Task Group KDAAT | June 2013 Existing budgets |
| 7.5 | Access to an identified substance misuse worker for the CSU to facilitate individual needs and training | CRI KCA CSU | Kenward Trust KDAAT Early Intervention Team Domestic Abuse TG | June 2013 Existing budgets |

Domestic Abuse

Sevenoaks has the lowest rates of Domestic Abuse in Kent. However, there has been a marginal increase between April 2012 – March 2013 in both the number of incidents and the number of repeat victims.

There have been an additional 60 incidents (735 totals) of domestic abuse within Sevenoaks District which represents a 9% increase from the previous year. This is marginally more than the 6% increase across Kent. Domestic Abuse is historically under-reported and the Partnership encourages victims to report. The increase in numbers could be interpreted positively with more people reporting domestic abuse to the Police.

Sevenoaks District has also seen an increase in the number of repeat victims for domestic abuse with 18.5% more (83 reports, totaling 531) recorded cases. Although above the Kent average of -4.1% Sevenoaks still has the lowest rates per 1000 population. The percentage of repeat victims in Sevenoaks has seen a minor increase from 11.8% to 13.1% which is still below the Kent average of 17.4%.

| | Priority Action | Lead Agency | Other Partners | By When | Funding |
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| DOMESTIC ABUSE | | | | | |
| 8.1 | Raise awareness and sign post to services through the West Kent Directory and the CSP website, particularly targeting repeat victims | CSP Domestic Abuse Task Group | All Partners KCC Youth Services | On going | Existing resources |
| 8.2 | Improve the use and understanding of MARAC through multi agency training to increase referrals and reduce repeat victims | Domestic Abuse Task Group | All Partners Police | May 2013 | Existing resources |
| 8.3 | Continue to support local funded programmes such as CDAP, ISVA, Freedom, DA Drop In Centre & Youth project. Work to increase numbers attending these programmes | Domestic Abuse WG | All Partners | March 2014 | Existing resources |
| 8.4 | Actively support attendance at DA Forums, annual DA Conference and seasonal/national campaigns | DA Working Group Exec Group | Substance Misuse TG | On going | Existing resources |
| 8.5 | Support, review and monitor the footfall of the District DA one stop shop and improve access to legal services | DA Working Group | All Partners | June 2013 | Existing resources |

GLOSSARY:

BCRP – Business Crime Reduction Partnership

CCTV – Closed Circuit Television

CDAP – Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme

CSP – Community Safety Partnership

CSU – Community Safety Unit

EVA – Environmental Visual Audit

KCC – Kent County Council

KDAAT – Kent Drug & Alcohol Action Team

KFRS – Kent Fire & Rescue Service

MSG – A Group of Partnerships thought by the Home Office to have similar characteristics and used for benchmarking purposes.

PACT – Partners and Communities Together

SDC – Sevenoaks District Council

T&CG – Tasking and Co-ordination Group – monthly meeting to plan response to trends

YOS – Youth Offending Service

Membership of the Community Safety Partnership and contact details

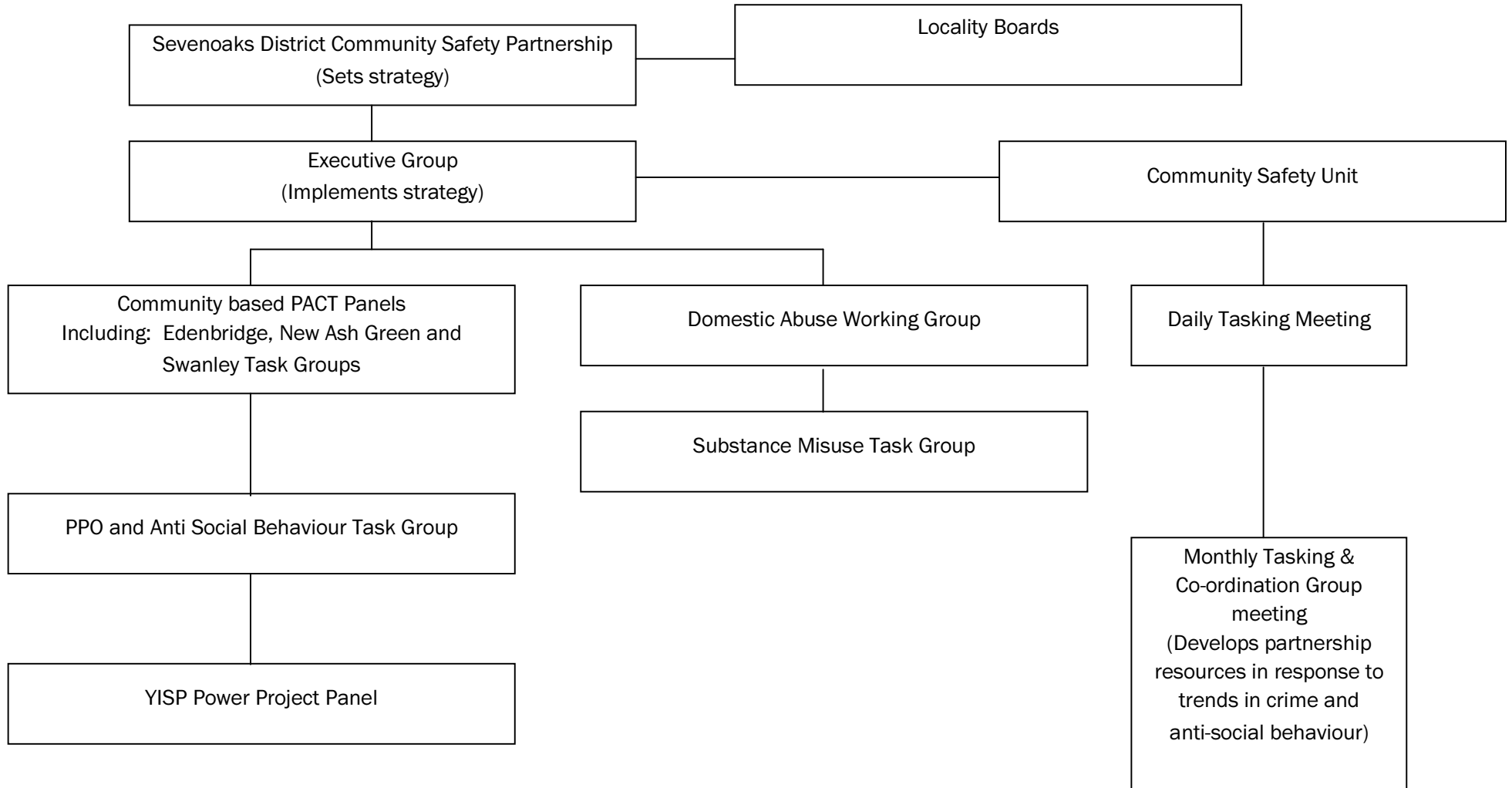
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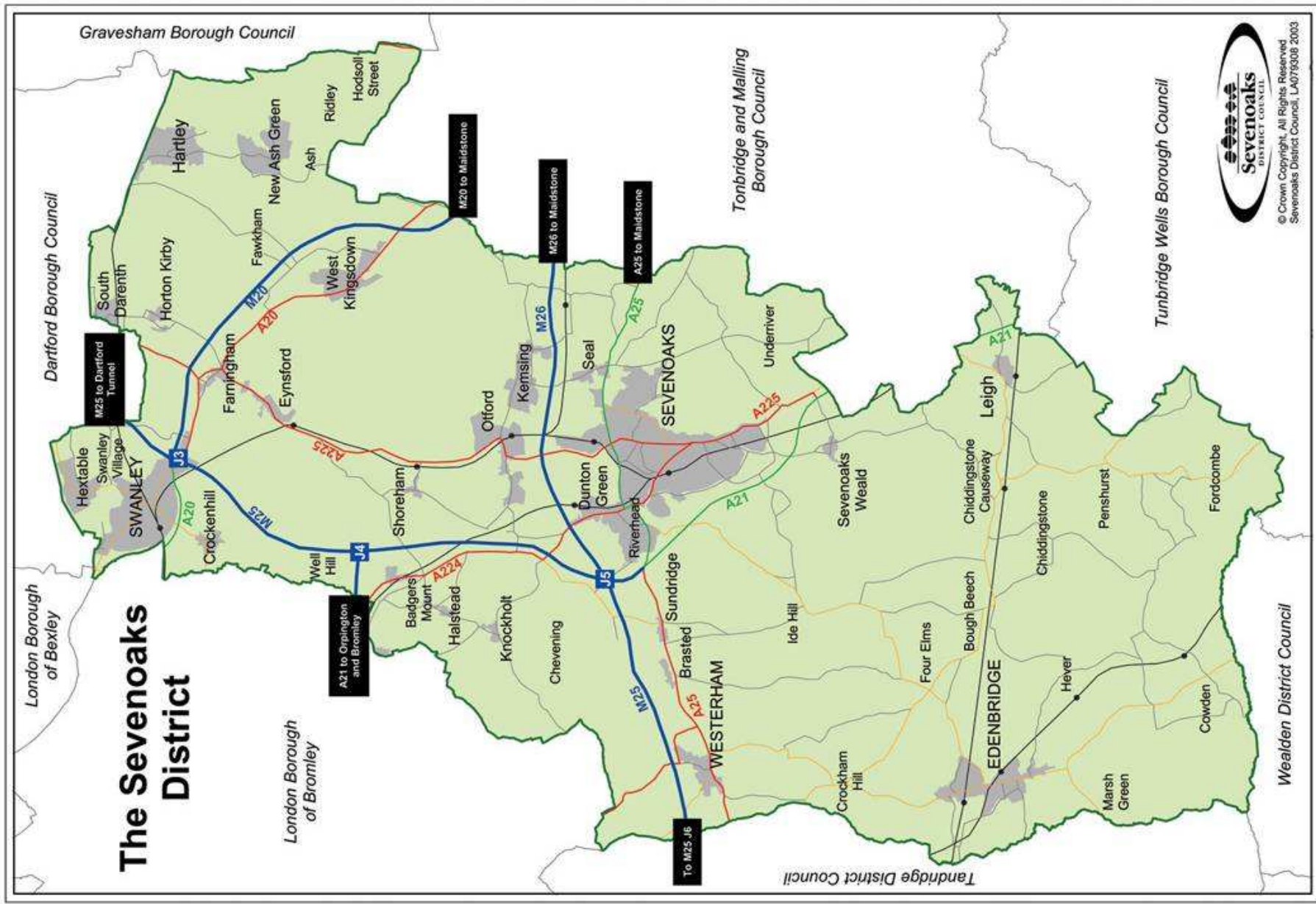
Terms of Reference

The Partnership's terms of reference are to:

- Undertake periodic reviews of community safety in the District and disseminate the findings to the public
- Develop a yearly strategy and action plan to tackle community safety
- Monitor and report progress in meeting the agreed targets and actions
- Secure resources and funding from parent organisations and others for projects to address agreed shared priorities in the Community Safety Action Plan
- Act as a forum for discussion of topical local community safety issues and agree follow up actions if appropriate
- Promote community safety in the District in conjunction with other local organisations and bodies
- Co-ordinate and maintain an overview of all activities relevant to community safety in the District.

Structure of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership





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Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership



Strategic Assessment 2013-14

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Introduction

The Aim of this Strategic Assessment

This is the strategic assessment produced for the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership for the period October 2011 to September 2012 and puts in place the priorities and planned activities for the 2013-14 Partnership Plan.

The purpose of this strategic assessment is to provide knowledge and understanding of community safety issues to the members of the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership. This will be done through intelligence analysis and will identify the emerging priorities by considering the patterns, trends and shifts relating to crime, disorder and substance misuse. Additionally, it will include a performance assessment of how far the partnership has achieved its previous priorities and an update of those issues that the local community consider to be priorities.

The Background of Strategic Assessments

In 2006, a review of the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Police Reform Act 2002 led to a series of recommendations to strengthen and extend existing requirements through the experience gained from partnership working. This resulted in a new set of national minimum standards which came into force in August 2007.

The 1998 Act included the requirement to produce a detailed crime and disorder audit through consultation with key agencies and the wider community and to use the findings to identify strategic priorities and take action to address them. The new national standards placed a legal obligation on responsible authorities to comply with the specified requirements, one of which was the creation of an annual strategic assessment in place of the previous 3 yearly audit.

The strategic assessment would identify current and possible future crime, disorder and substance misuse issues from sound evidence and robust analysis. The introduction of strategic assessments hoped to move partnerships toward a more intelligence-led business planning approach. It was also hoped that by removing the need to produce a three year audit and replacing it with the requirement to produce a strategic assessment at least yearly, that partnerships will improve their understanding of problems and their potential causes and also respond more effectively to the communities they serve.

Who Produced this Strategic Assessment?

The Strategic Assessment has been produced on behalf of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership by Chris Goddings, in consultation with the Partnership's Executive Group using data and analysis supplied by the relevant agencies, through the Kent Partnership's Central Support Team. The structure of the Strategic Assessment is based on a template used throughout Kent.

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Methodology

Data collected for this Strategic Assessment relates to the time period October 2011-September 2012 unless otherwise stated.

The main body of this assessment is broken down into four sections.

Part one looks at contextual information such as Population, Diversity and Unemployment.

Part two gives a brief overview of Crime, ASB, Disorder and Substance Misuse issues affecting the Sevenoaks District. This includes an analysis of trends since the previous assessment.

Part three is 'The In-Depth Analysis', which will first look at the emerging partnership priorities with recommendations for the Sevenoaks District 2013-14 Strategy & Action Plan. Then it will further analyse the priorities and give greater detail on the scope of the problem, including the scale of the problem, reasons for changes in levels and the suggested cause of the problem including the relevance of location, time, the offender or the victim.

Following this further analysis, after going through a priority selection process, a final list of recommended partnership priorities for the upcoming year will be produced.

The views and priorities of the local community have been gathered through the Kent Crime and Victimisation Survey (KCVS) and the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) process.

Part four looks at a broader range of issues including those that are important across the County, and those that have previously been priorities in the Sevenoaks District.

Part One - Sevenoaks District Contextual Information

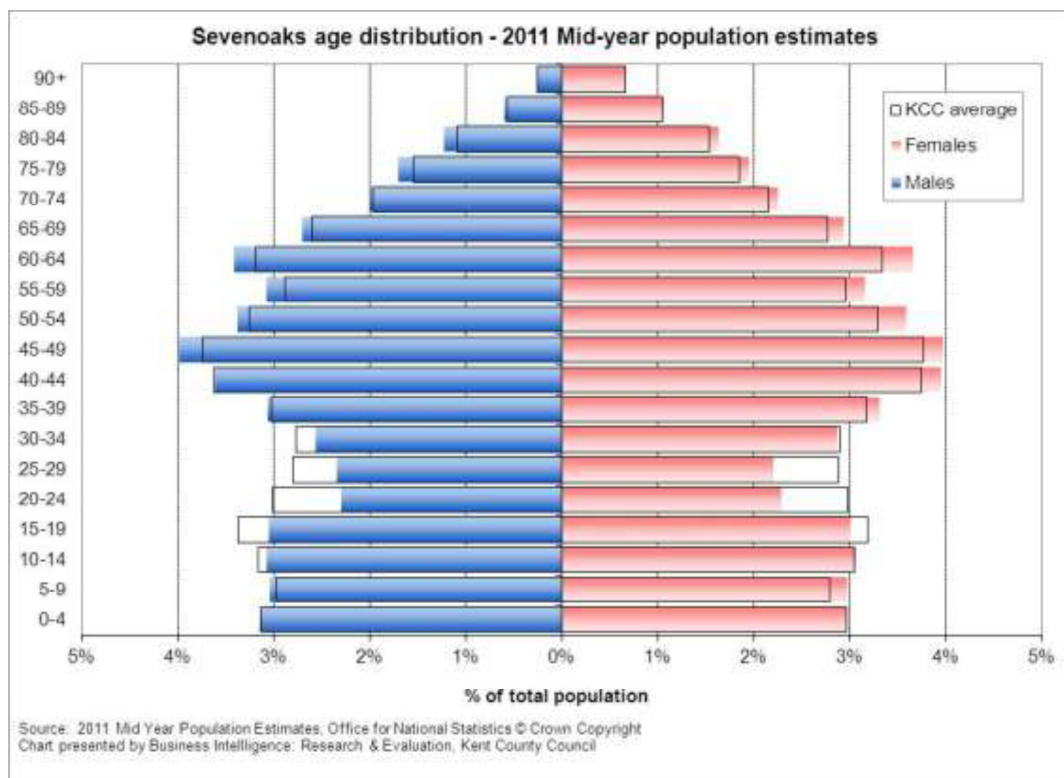
Population profile

The latest population figures for mid-2011 estimate that there are 115,400 people living in Sevenoaks District¹. This population size ranks Sevenoaks District the 7th most populated Kent local authority district area.

49.9% of the District's population live in urban areas with the remaining 50.1% living in the surrounding rural area and settlements². 22% of the District's total population live in the Sevenoaks area urban whilst 18% of the total population live in the Swanley urban area.

The age profile of the District's population is shown in Chart 1. Overall Sevenoaks District has a very similar age profile to the county average. The District has a slightly higher proportion of people aged 40 and older, and a smaller proportion of teenagers and those aged 20-30 compared to the KCC average.

Chart 1



Over the last 10-years Sevenoaks District's population has grown by 5.1% (an additional 5,600 people)³. This is the lowest rate of growth of any Kent district. The population of the District is forecast to grow at a slower rate over the coming years with current

¹ 2011 Mid-Year Population Estimates, Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright)

² 2011 Lower Super Output Area population estimates (experimental), Office for National Statistics, aggregated to 2011 ward level population estimates by Research & Evaluation, Kent County Council

³ 2001 census to 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright)

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forecasts suggesting a 0.1% growth over the next 15-years⁴. This rate of growth is considerably lower than the county average (10.9%) and places Sevenoaks District as the slowest growing Kent local authority district area. This forecast is based on KCC's assessment of the district authority's future housing targets as at June 2011. Such targets will be subject to changes as district authorities develop their Local development framework.

Ethnic profile

91% of the District's population is of white ethnic origin with the remaining 9% being classified as of Black Minority Ethnic (BME) origin⁵. The proportion of the District's population classified as BME is lower than the County average of 11%.

Deprivation

The Indices of Deprivation 2010 provide a measure of deprivation at both district and sub-district (Lower Super Output Area) level, relative to other areas in England⁶.

Table 1 presents the national and county rank of Sevenoaks District based on the 2010 Index and also shows how the rankings have changed since the 2007 Index⁷.

In 2010 Sevenoaks District was ranked as the least deprived district in Kent (ranked 12 out of 12 districts, with the most deprived being ranked 1). Nationally, Sevenoaks ranks 276th out of 326 local authority districts in England.

The county rank of Sevenoaks District has remained the same between 2007 and 2010. On the national ranking, the District has moved down by 6 positions from 270th in 2007 to 276th in 2010. This indicates the District's level of deprivation has increased, relative to other areas in England.

⁴ KCC Strategy forecasts (Oct'2011). Research & Intelligence, Kent County Council

⁵ 2011 Census data (KCC)

⁶ Indices of Deprivation 2010, Department for Communities and Local Government

⁷ Based on the indicator 'national rank of average score'

Table 1: National and county rank of Kent districts based on the 2007 and 2010 Indices of Deprivation (table displayed based on 2010 rank)

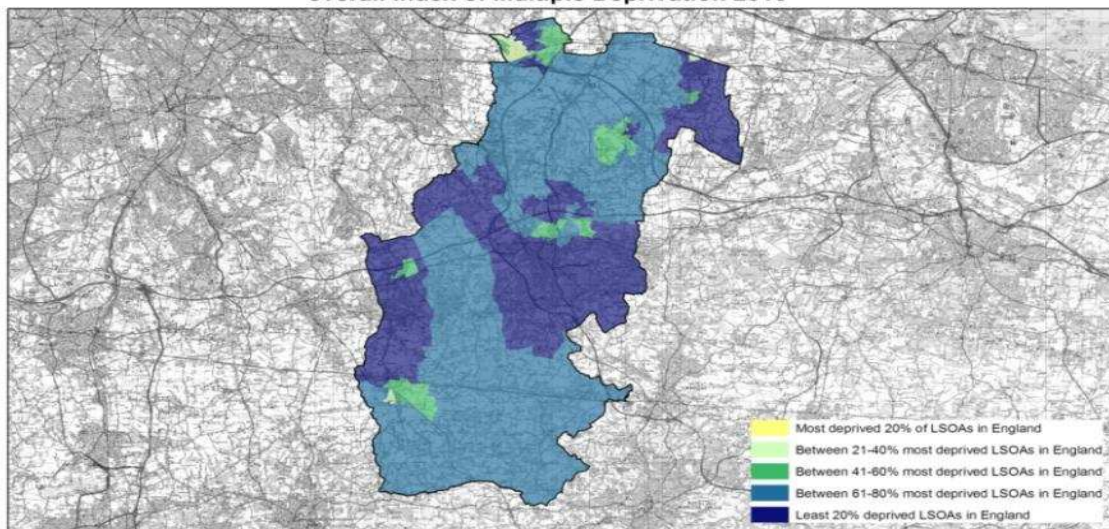
| LA CODE | District | 2007 Index | | 2010 Index | | Change in rank* | |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | National rank (out of 326) | KCC rank (out of 12) | National rank (out of 326) | KCC rank (out of 12) | National position | KCC position |
| 29UN | Thanet | 60 | 1 | 49 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| 29UL | Shepway | 114 | 3 | 97 | 2 | 17 | 1 |
| 29UM | Swale | 108 | 2 | 99 | 3 | 9 | -1 |
| 29UE | Dover | 142 | 5 | 127 | 4 | 15 | 1 |
| 29UG | Gravesham | 132 | 4 | 142 | 5 | -10 | -1 |
| 29UC | Canterbury | 180 | 7 | 166 | 6 | 14 | 1 |
| 29UD | Dartford | 170 | 6 | 175 | 7 | -5 | -1 |
| 29UB | Ashford | 206 | 8 | 198 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 29UH | Maidstone | 225 | 9 | 217 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| 29UQ | Tunbridge Wells | 250 | 10 | 249 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 29UP | Tonbridge & Malling | 256 | 11 | 268 | 11 | -12 | 0 |
| 29UK | Sevenoaks | 270 | 12 | 276 | 12 | -6 | 0 |

* A minus change in rank illustrates that a district has moved down the rankings and is therefore now less deprived relative to other LAs in England
 Source: Indices of Deprivation, Communities and Local Government

The levels of deprivation vary across the District. Whilst there are no areas in Sevenoaks District within England’s top 20% deprived, there are areas that are within England’s top 20-40% deprived and in contrast there are other parts within England’s least 20% deprived of areas. More detail is shown on Map 1.

The greatest levels of deprivation are found within the Swanley area. Neighbouring some of the most deprived areas in the District are areas with relatively low levels of deprivation.

Map 1 Deprivation Rank of areas within Sevenoaks based on the overall Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010



Source: Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010, Communities and Local Government (CLG)
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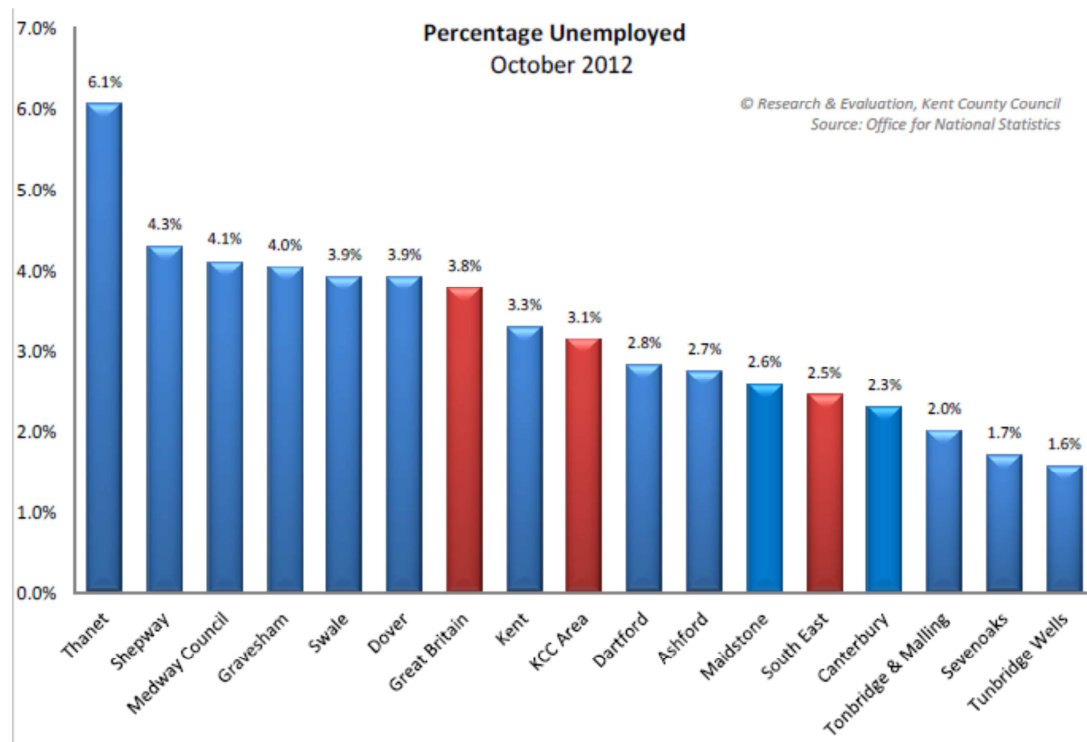
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Unemployment

Sevenoaks District's unemployment rate is currently 1.7%. This is considerably lower than The County average of 3.1% and lower than the national average of 3.8%.

As shown in Chart 2, in October 2012, there were 1,195 unemployed people in the District. This is a 1% reduction (12 fewer people) since September 2012 and an 8.8% reduction (108 fewer people) since October 2011.

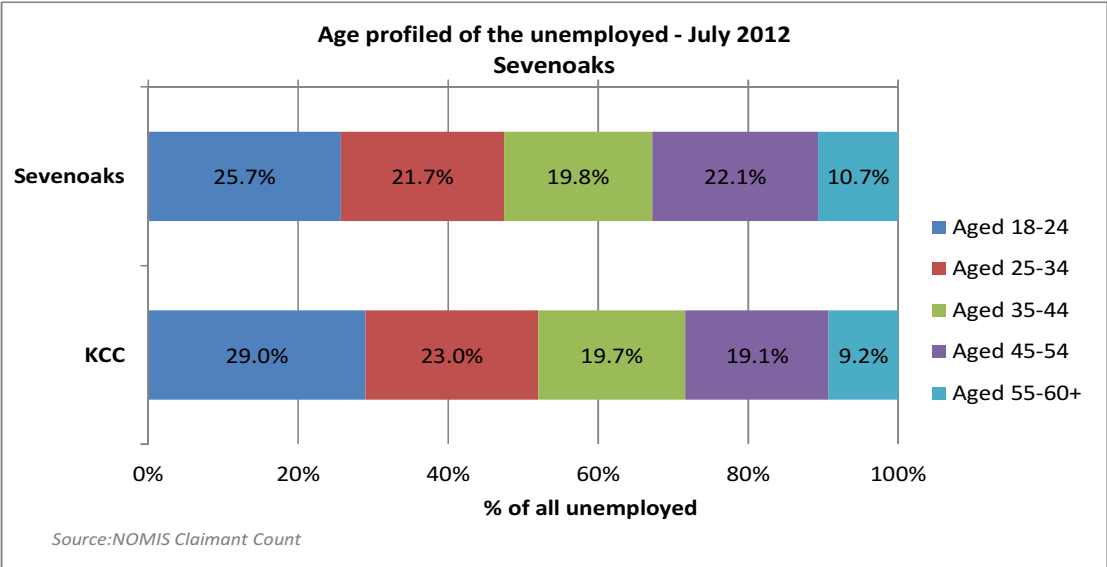
Chart 2



Unemployment rates vary across the District. The lowest unemployment is in Leigh & Chiddingstone Causeway where 0.7% of the working age population are unemployed. The highest rate is in Swanley St Mary's ward where 4.5% of the working age population are unemployed.

The majority of those unemployed are aged 18-24 years old. This is a pattern seen locally and nationally. In Sevenoaks, 18-24 year olds account for 25.7% of all of those unemployed and in the KCC area the proportion is 29%. More information is provided in Chart 3.

Chart 3: Age profile of the unemployed



Part Two – Overview of crime in the District

Pages 10 to 14 look at 18 community safety issues to identify trends and performance. This will help the Partnership to determine its priorities going forward.

Overall crime within Sevenoaks District has dropped from 5,058 (October 2010 - September 2011) to 5,031 (October 2011- September 2012). This is a reduction in Total Crime of 0.5% and 27 fewer offences. Although the crime rate has dropped, Sevenoaks District still only has the second lowest overall crime rate in the County. The categories and percentages are shown in Charts 4 and 5

Chart 4

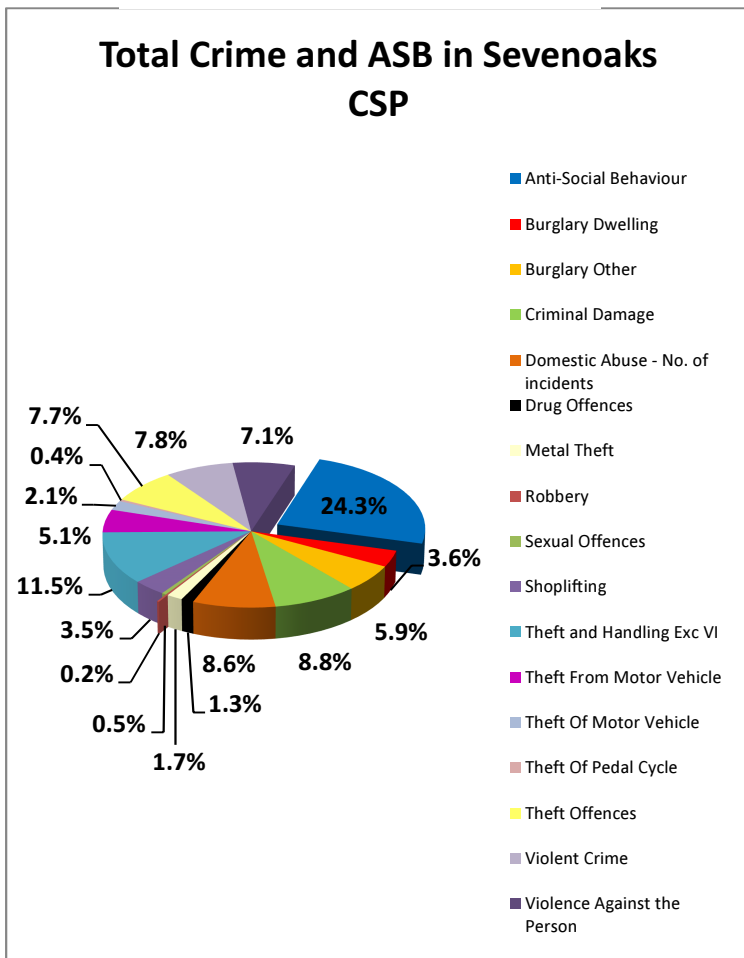
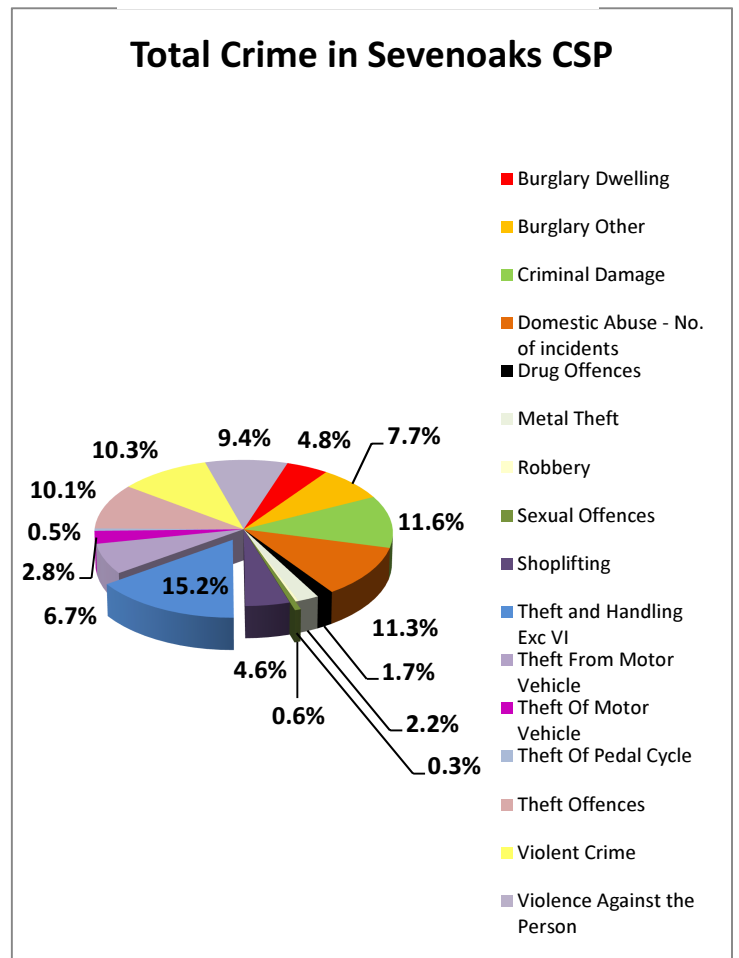


Chart 5



Although the overall levels of crime have fallen within the District over the past year there has been a fluctuation, in specific crime types with large increases and reductions to be found that do not match the trend found elsewhere in the County. The issues in the above charts will be examined to provide a greater understanding of where changes in levels of crime have taken place.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour accounts for the largest recorded offence when compared to crime in the District. There has been a reduction in the number of reports to the District's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. The total number of calls received by the Council between October 2011 and September 2012 is 190. This is 27 fewer calls than the same period last year, when 217 calls were received.

This is in contrast to incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded by Kent Police who saw an additional 54 (2.2%) reports compared to the previous year. This increase is counter to the Countywide average decrease of 3.6%. Despite this Sevenoaks District still remains the lowest District in the County for reports of Anti-Social Behaviour.

As the most prominent community issue in the Sevenoaks District, Anti-Social Behaviour (including environmental issues) will continue to be a priority for the CSP.

Burglary

Burglary in Sevenoaks District has seen an increase in both 'Dwelling' and 'Other' offences over the past year. Although individually these offences only account for a small percentage of total crime in the District (3.6% and 5.9% respectively), when compared to the rest of the County, Sevenoaks District ranks poorly 8th and 10th (12th being highest placed). This is largely due to the 36% increase in offences which is significantly higher than the County average increase of 17%.

Burglary Dwelling and Burglary Other will remain a priority for the CSP.

Criminal Damage

Criminal Damage within the District has seen a successful reduction year on year since 09/10. This year's decrease of 5.8% (56 fewer offences – down to a total of 903) is below the County average of 11.9% and Sevenoaks District still retains its first place ranking.

Violent Crime

Violent Crime April – Sept 2012 saw an increase of 9% 58 crimes.

The main reports of violent crime are Incidents of domestic abuse. Domestic Abuse continues to increase in Sevenoaks District and at a higher rate than the County average. Per 1,000 population, the District has the lowest rate of domestic abuse incidents and repeat victims in the County. 22.8%, of victims are repeat victims. This is the 6th highest in the County.

Domestic Abuse will continue to be a priority for the CSP. An in-depth analysis is given on page 11.

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Drug Offences

Reported offences of substance misuse to Kent Police have marginally increased this year with an additional 7 cases (5.6%). Despite the increase Sevenoaks District remains one of the best performers in the County but has fallen from first to second place in overall rankings. This will continue to be a CSP priority under Substance Misuse

Metal Theft

This marks the first year of recorded data for metal thefts across the County with Sevenoaks District having 171 reported offences between October 2011 and September 2012. Specific data on the types of thefts taking place is limited, but in comparison to the rest of Kent, Sevenoaks District is currently 11th (of 12) highest number of thefts.

Although these thefts only account for 1.7% of overall crime in the District, the severity of the ranking indicates that Metal Theft should be closely monitored and the Community Safety Partnership should devise methods to tackle any increases and reduce the current total.

The CSP has been targeting this through its current Strategy and Action Plan. The only scrap dealer merchant in the District was regularly visited and many cross border initiatives have taken place and especially with the Metropolitan Police. Boot fairs and markets were targeted, advice was given and some arrests were made.

Robbery

Robbery has seen a minimal increase from 20 offences to 24. These figures remain comparatively low when compared to the rest of Kent and Sevenoaks District is ranked 2nd best in the County.

Sexual Offences

There has been a slight increase in Sexual Offences within the District over the past year with an additional 8 recorded offences, bringing the total to 50 (19% increase).

Although this increase is contrary to the Kent average decrease of 4.5%, the District still records considerably lower figures year on year when compared to the rest of the County. Sevenoaks District retains 1st place ranking in the County and Most Similar Groups (MSG).

Theft incl Shop Lifting

Levels of Theft and Handling of Stolen Goods have remained fairly consistent within Sevenoaks District over the period 2009-2012, with minor increases and decreases each year. This year saw a reported decrease of 16.2% to 1191 offences which is greater than the County decrease of 7.8%. The size of this decrease means Sevenoaks District ranked 1st (lowest) in the County and 2nd lowest in its MSG.

General Theft Offences have also seen a decrease of 18.4% within the District (790 offences compared to 968 in the previous year), which also means that Sevenoaks District is ranked 1st (lowest) in the County.

Shoplifting has seen a 4.6% increase compared to the previous year. This has been a rise of one off incidents, partly blamed on the economic situation. Sevenoaks District continues to have the lowest recorded number of shoplifting offences in the County.

British Transport Police have reported a 9.1% increase in Theft Offences across Sevenoaks District stations, compared with a county wide decrease of 23.3%. Although Sevenoaks District is ranked 10th highest in the County, reported figures are still generally low with less than 25 reported thefts across all stations over the last year.

Vehicle Crime

Reported figures for vehicle offences (Speeding Vehicles, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Theft from a Motor Vehicle and Pedal Cycle Theft) are relatively low, accounting for only 7.6% of the total crime recorded in the District

However at County level these figures put Sevenoaks as one of the worst performing areas in Kent. Sevenoaks District is placed only 11th (12th being highest) for Theft of Motor Vehicle after a 6.3% rise, compared with a County decrease of 12.1%. Similarly, Thefts from Motor Vehicle ranks Sevenoaks only 10th (12th being highest) with a 7.3% rise which is more than the County increase of 1.4%. Vehicle crime remains a priority for the Community Safety Partnership.

Pedal Cycle Thefts do not reflect the above trend. Sevenoaks District ranking 1st (lowest in county) in the County and the Most Similar Group, having had a 25% reduction compared with last years figures.

The annual crime figures identified as priority issues by Kent County Council are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Sevenoaks District Annual Crime Figures (Kent Police)

| Category | Oct 10 -Sept 11 | Oct 11 - Sept 12 | Difference | Percentage | Per 1K Population | County Position |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| All Crime | 5058 | 5031 | -27 | -0.5% | 44.1 | 2 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 2449 | 2503 | 54 | 2.2% | 21.9 | 1 |
| Burglary Dwelling | 275 | 374 | 99 | 36.0% | 7.8 | 8 |
| Burglary Other | 554 | 604 | 50 | 9.0% | 12.6 | 9 |
| Criminal Damage | 959 | 903 | -56 | -5.8% | 7.9 | 1 |
| Domestic Abuse - No. of incidents | 824 | 886 | 62 | 7.5% | 7.8 | 1 |
| Domestic Abuse - No. of repeat victims | 190 | 202 | 12 | 6.3% | 1.8 | 1 |
| Domestic Abuse - % of repeat victims | 23.1% | 22.8% | -0.3% | -1.1% | | 6 |
| Drug Offences | 126 | 133 | 7 | 5.6% | 1.2 | 2 |
| Metal Theft | 0 | 171 | 171 | 0.0% | 1.5 | 11 |
| Robbery | 20 | 24 | 4 | 20.0% | 0.2 | 2 |
| Sexual Offences | 42 | 50 | 8 | 19.0% | 0.4 | 1 |
| Shoplifting | 398 | 359 | -39 | -9.8% | 3.1 | 1 |
| Theft and Handling Exc VI | 1422 | 1191 | -231 | -16.2% | 10.4 | 1 |
| Theft From Motor Vehicle | 490 | 526 | 36 | 7.3% | 4.6 | 10 |
| Theft Of Motor Vehicle | 208 | 221 | 13 | 6.3% | 1.9 | 11 |
| Theft Of Pedal Cycle | 56 | 42 | -14 | -25.0% | 0.4 | 1 |
| Theft Offences | 968 | 790 | -178 | -18.4% | 6.9 | 1 |

Part 3 - Community Safety Issues 2013 - 2014

3.1 In addition to looking at crime trends, the Partnership has considered wider issues. These include County priorities and those issues known to be important to people in the Sevenoaks District.

3.2 Each issue has been subject to a scanning process as set out below.

The data that was made available to Sevenoaks District Council was collated and analysed. Each of the selected issues was graded using the following criteria:

- Perception of Community Concern
- Level of Harm / Impact on the Community
- Volume
- Trend Over Time
- Performance compared to Districts/County/Most Similar Group
- Partnership Contribution

Each of these criteria has been scored using a scoring system based on these values: 0 (No evidence/impact), 1 (low impact/problem), 3 (Slight impact/problem), 5 (serious impact problem).

Table 3 below shows the outcomes of the scanning process as described above. The Partnership has prioritised the top 8 of these issues for further analysis and action during 2013/14.

Table 3 - Sevenoaks District Community Partnership Ranking

| Community Safety Issue | Community Concern | Trend Increase | Volume | Level of Harm | Poor Performance comparison | Partnership Contribution | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Anti-Social Behaviour* | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 24 |
| Burglary | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 24 |
| Vehicle Crime | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 24 |
| Road Safety | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| Substance Misuse | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Youth Issues | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| Domestic Abuse* | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| Shoplifting | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| Repeat Offenders | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 16 |
| Criminal Damage | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| Vulnerable Adults | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Fires | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | - | 3 | 11 |

* County Community Safety Agreement priorities

The following sections of this Strategic Assessment provide a detailed analysis and summary of each of the identified existing and emerging priorities across Sevenoaks District.

Anti-Social Behaviour (including Environmental Issues) ↑

Evidence shows that Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) remains one of the priority issues within Sevenoaks among residents and continues to rank highly in reported figures when compared to other issues and recorded crime within the District.

It is important to note that reported calls of ASB to the Police may or may not have also been reported to other partners so trying to establish a standardised total is difficult.

Despite the high priority of ASB, Sevenoaks District currently has the lowest levels in the County.

Chart 6

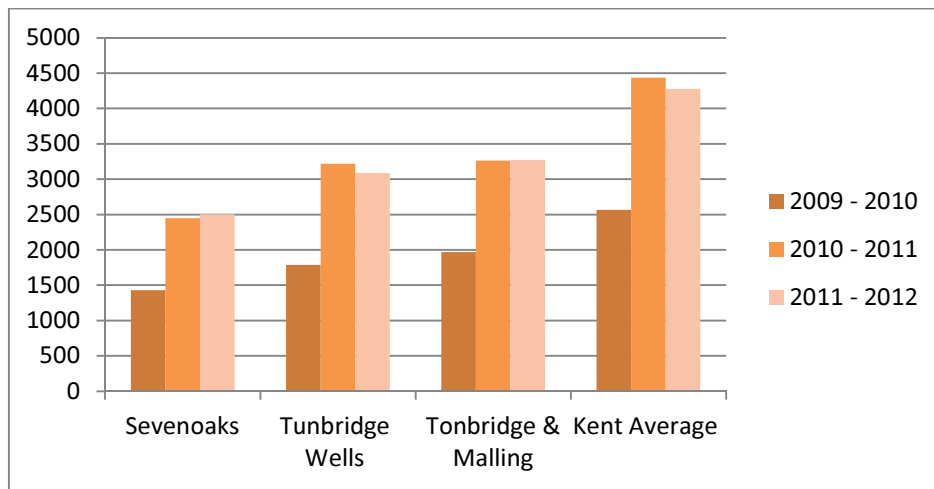


Chart 6 - Levels of Anti-Social Behaviour between the three best ranking areas in Kent (Source: Kent Police)

It is clear that the number of reports of anti-social behaviour have increased significantly since 2009/10. This is mirrored across the County and may reflect the introduction of the 101 Police non emergency number across Kent meaning that people find it easier to report. As demonstrated in chart 6 Sevenoaks continues to maintain low levels of ASB even with a 2.2% increase this year which is against the County decrease of 3.6%.

Sevenoaks District Council has received 190 calls regarding ASB between October 2011 and September 2012, which represents a decrease of 14.2% compared to the previous year.

The most prominent ASB issues reported across the District are:

- Intimidation / Harassment
- Neighbour Nuisance
- Noise
- Rowdy Behaviour

The wards with the highest number of calls are from Swanley White Oak, Swanley Christchurch and Swanley St Marys.

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Fly Tipping has seen a year on year decrease but still remains one of the most prominent issues according to residents. Reports to the Environmental Team at SDC saw 618 cases of fly tipping between October 2011 and September 2012.

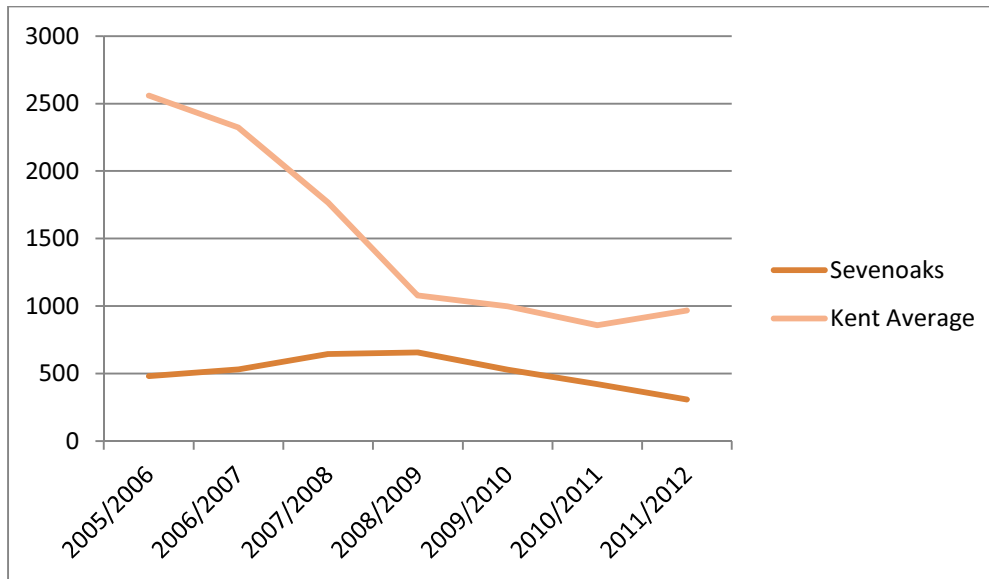


Chart 7 - Fly capture data (Source: DEFRA)

Chart 7 shows fly tipping data collated by DEFRA. DEFRA data shows that there were 309 reported cases of fly tipping between 2011-2012 which is a 26.7% decrease on the previous year and a 53% reduction from its peak in 2008-2009. The chart shows an average rather than factual figure due to irregular data submitted to the Environment Agency.

Abandoned Vehicles have also seen a steady decrease from previous years with 90 vehicles reported to SDC and 7 of them removed. The low proportion of vehicles removed is because many vehicles have either been declared SORN (Statutory Off Road Notice) and parked off-road, or the owner has come forward voluntarily to remove the vehicle. In a similar trend to the fly tipping data, there has been a 29% decrease in reported abandoned vehicles compared to last year.

Graffiti reports to the Council have fallen dramatically during the current period with 29 recorded incidents which is a 64% reduction compared with 80 reports last year.

Priority Ranking

Anti-Social Behaviour scored a total of 24 in last years strategic assessment and scores 24 again this year. As such, Anti-Social Behaviour remains a key priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Community Concern | | | | 5 | |
| Trend Increase | | | 3 | | |
| Volume | | | 3 | | |
| Level of harm | | | 3 | | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | | | | 5 | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | |
| TOTAL | | | | | 24 |



Current Partnership activities addressing this priority:

- Monitor and respond to ASB through the monthly ASB task group and report back on outcomes from daily tasking
- Local community payback schemes
- "Grimebuster" weekly graffiti project
- Promotion of Neighbourhood Watch and West Kent Watch
- Environmental visual audits
- PACT Panels (current and new ones identified)
- Neighbourhood Police Training
- Responding to reports of anti-social behaviour , acknowledgement within 2 working days and full reply within 25 working days of initial report
- Use of mobile CCTV cameras to deter anti-social behaviour, monitored by Tasking & Co-ordination Group
- PCSOs and Wardens reporting abandoned vehicles and dumped rubbish
- Fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling
- SDC/KCC abandoned vehicle process and vehicle surrender scheme
- Supporting Swanley White Oak action group
- Supporting Neighbourhood Respect agreements

Recommendations

- Continue to use PACT to identify key community concerns relating to anti-social behaviour
- Continue to use PACTs to prioritise hotspots
- Continue to target fly-tipping hotspots
- Continue to publicise the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Unit
- Continue to target through the CSU daily briefings repeat and vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour
- Use daily tasking to target ASB hotspots
- Continue to use EVA in areas where environmental community safety issues are identified.
- PCSOs and wardens to continue to report abandoned vehicles and dumped rubbish.
- Continue to promote vehicle surrender processes.
- Continue to promote Neighbourhood Watch and e-watch
- Continue to use CSU Twitter account to update residents, businesses and partners of community safety issues including ASB
- Continue working with Probation's Community Payback scheme
- Targeted work through the troubled families to identify vulnerable families
- Use the ASB Task Group to educate, support and use enforcement of perpetrators of ASB
- Continue to make referrals to the YISP Panel
- Increase the use of cameras to deter and reduce fly tipping

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Burglary

The data provided for this year's strategic assessment shows that there has been an increase in burglary offences across Kent over the past year of 17.5%. In Sevenoaks District the rise in burglary offences is significantly higher than the County increase of 36%.

Burglary Dwelling has seen the most dramatic change with a 36% increase in recorded offences from the previous year's figures which represents the third highest increase in the County (Ashford 97%, Tonbridge & Malling 51%). The number of offences rose from 275 to 374. As a result of this increase Sevenoaks District has dropped to only 8th best in the County ranking and 12th in its MSG.

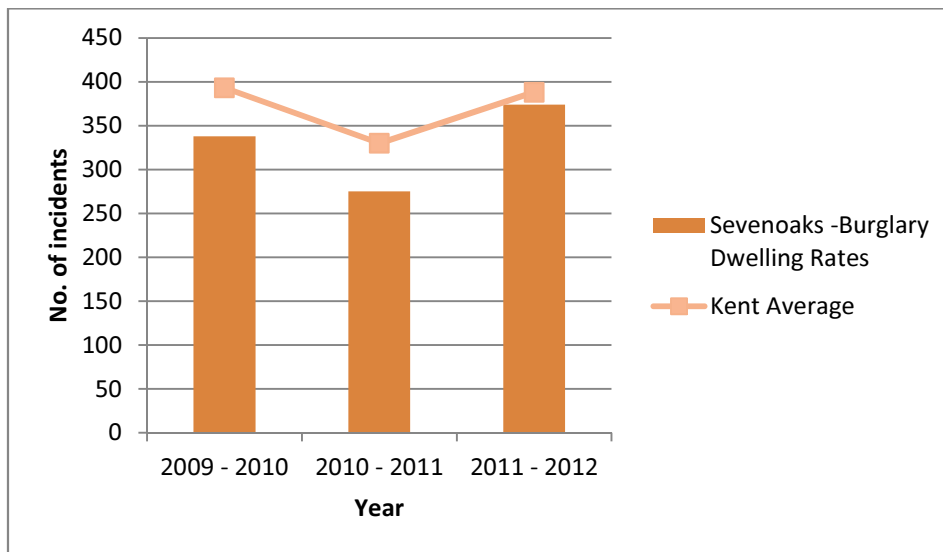
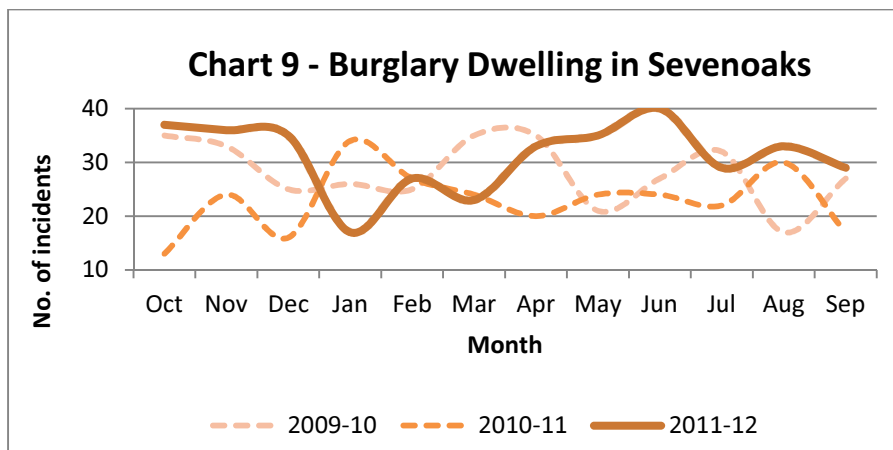


Chart 8 - burglary dwelling, Sevenoaks District still remain slightly lower than Kent average despite a significant increase this year (Source: Kent Police)

This upturn marks an end to the three year trend where burglary dwelling rates had decreased within the District and had been predicted to decrease again this year.

When taking an in-depth look at monthly figures it is noted that there was an initial improvement before an uncharacteristic peak between May and June.



Source: Kent Police

It will be important to monitor future monthly rates. At present burglary dwelling rates have reduced to within expected levels but future analysis will be required to determine there is an on-going increase or if this was a minor anomaly.

Burglary Other Than Dwelling has also witnessed a spike in reported offences with a second consecutive rise in the past three years. This year has seen an additional 50 reports (604 total) which is a 9% increase compared with the previous year. Although there has been a general increase across the County, the rise found in Sevenoaks is noticeably higher than the 3.6% average in Kent.

Wards that experienced the highest burglary offences for the 2011-2012 period are as follows:

- Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge
- Ash
- Sevenoaks Kippington
- Halsted, Knockholt and Badgers Mount

Priority Ranking

Burglary scored a total of 22 in last year's strategic assessment and scores 24 this year. As such, Burglary remains a key priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | | 5 | |
| Trend Increasing | | | | 5 | |
| Volume | | | 3 | | |
| Level of harm | | | | 5 | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | | | 3 | | |
| Partnership can add value | | | 3 | | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | | 24 |



Current partnership activity addressing this priority:

- Prolific & Priority Offenders scheme, identifying prolific offenders
- No Cold Calling Zones, where cold callers are not encouraged
- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Partnership media campaigns around specific crime types
- Community events to raise awareness of the importance of home and shed security
- Advice about rogue traders
- Tasking & Co-ordination Group prioritising Burglary initiatives

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Recommendations

- Continue media releases and targeted campaigns, particularly during summer and busy shopping periods.
- Multi-agency town centre prevention advice such as the use of purse chains, should also be considered and utilised to increase awareness.
- Link National and local campaigns around specific crime types such as Oil Thefts, Metal Thefts, Fraud and shed/garage breaks
- Research and Development officers to continue to regularly liaise with BT's Crime Intelligence Unit with regard to theft of telephone cable in order to monitor and investigate the problem.
- Initiatives targeted in rural areas such as saddle marking, oil thefts from farm land and expensive garden equipment/power tools.
- More NHW initiatives such as Country Eye
- Link with Police Operations such as Op Weymouth (Jan 2013 – May 2013)
- Standard agenda item on the monthly T&CG meeting

Vehicle Crime (TFMV & TOMV) 

Theft from a Motor Vehicle has seen a noticeable increase this year both at District and County level.

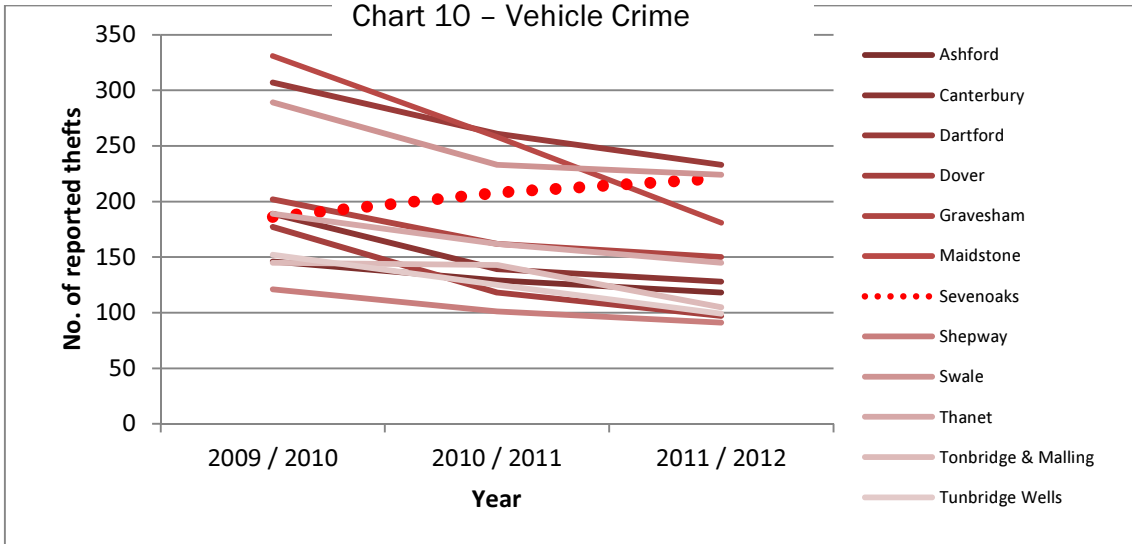
With an additional 36 reported thefts (7.3%), this shows Sevenoaks as only one in five other districts to have an increase in theft from a Motor Vehicle. This prominent rise is also higher than the Kent average of increase of 1.3%. As a result Sevenoaks has dropped to 10th in its Kent ranking and remains 12th in its MSG.

From monitoring the monthly data for the past three years it's apparent that there are noticeable trends for when thefts are likely to occur. A high proportion of thefts often occur during the months of December – February and again in August after a continual drop in theft between May and June. These trends appear to be unique to Sevenoaks but the evidence suggests that there is a clear pattern emerging.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle has also seen a surge in Sevenoaks District, and it is also important to note thefts have risen continually each year for the last three years.

Thefts have increased by 6.3% (13 additional reports compared to last year) and the District ranked 11th in Kent, which is the District's worst ranking when compared to all other categories of crime.

More significantly, while Sevenoaks District has seen a growth in Thefts of a Motor Vehicle, every other area within Kent has seen a decrease every year for the last three years.



At the current rate Sevenoaks will account for the highest amount of thefts in Kent by 2014(Source: Kent Police)

Theft of a Pedal Cycle has a seen the completely opposite effect and had a 25% decrease (14 fewer), from 56 to 42. Sevenoaks ranks 1st (best) in the County and 1st (best) in its MSG for its rate of theft of pedal cycle. For the current financial year to September 2012, at ward level Sevenoaks Town and St John's ward recorded the highest volume of theft of pedal cycle with 4 recorded offences.

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Priority Ranking

Vehicle Crime scored a total of 18 in last year strategic assessment and scores 24 this year. As such Vehicle Crime is a key priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | 3 | | |
| Trend Increasing | | | 3 | | |
| Volume | | | 3 | | |
| Level of harm | | | | 5 | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | | | | 5 | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | | 24 |



Current Partnership activity addressing this priority:

- Publicity
- Tasking and coordination monthly meetings
- Identify Priority & Prolific Offenders
- DNA Selecta Marking scheme and Safer Plates Scheme, deterring theft of number plates
- Vulnerable Vehicle Scheme, identifying vehicles with items on display
- PACT Panels
- Social networking advising how to look after vehicles through text messages and tweets

Recommendations

- Tasking & Co-ordination Group to consider targeted activity in response to identified trends
- Continued use of the safe plates initiative
- Continuation of Neighbourhood Watch initiatives such as DNA Selecta and UV Pens
- Advice given through community events, community engagement, e-watch, twitter, face book page and front counter screen
- Looking at repeat locations and tasking of mobile CCTV where possible
- Standard agenda item on monthly T&CG meeting
- Work with National Trust and other organisations linking in with Beauty Hotspots
- Link in with Police Ops such as Op Weymouth (Jan2013 – May 2013)
- Reminder of taking valuables with you on back of car park stickers
- Partners to address hot spot locations
- CSU to write to car owners who have left valuables on display

Road Safety (including of speeding) 

Throughout Sevenoaks there are major trunk roads i.e. M25/A21 which facilitate the majority of traffic through the District. As a result figures for Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs) fluctuate depending on the area that is being assessed.

Roads under the responsibility of KCC have seen a 2.3% decrease (493 incidents) in the total number of casualties over the past three years but when figures for Highways Agency roads are included the results see an overall increase of 4% across the District.

This increase is at odds with the Kent average decrease of 7.2%, which means Sevenoaks is currently positioned only 10th in the County ranking.

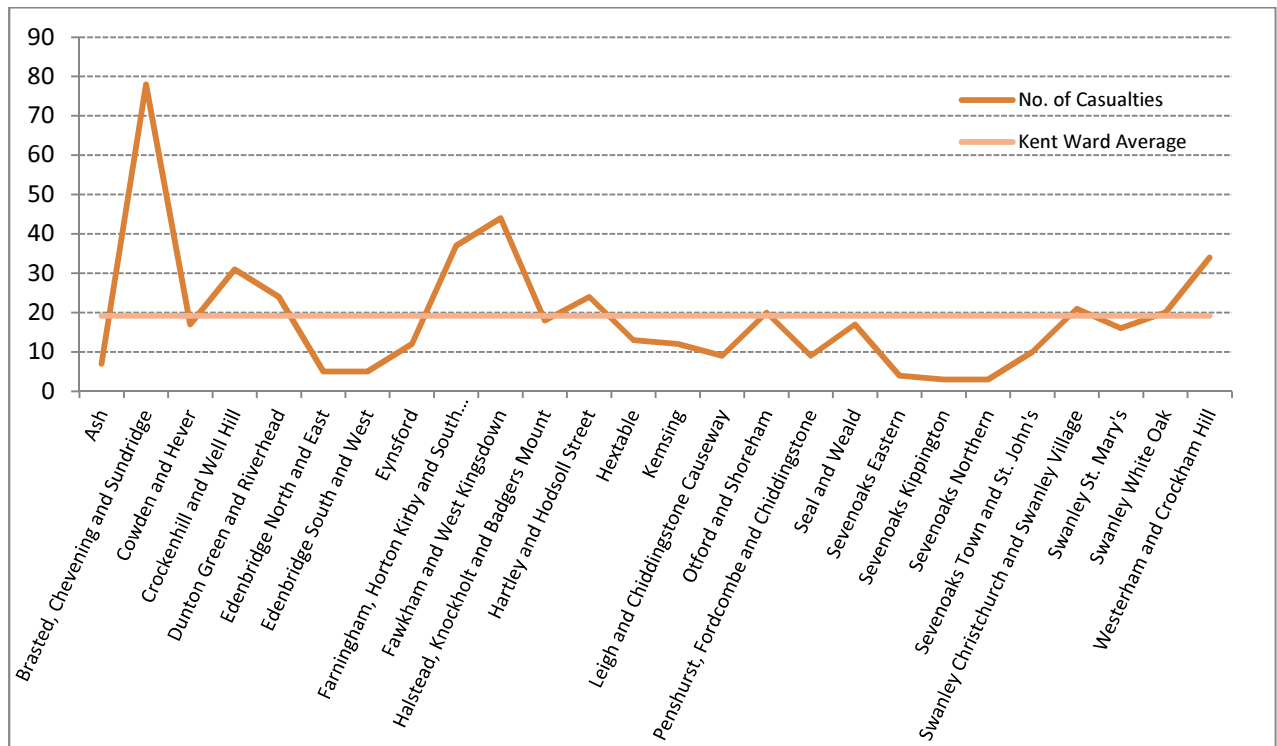


Chart 11 - Wards located close to motorway junctions have seen higher than average number of accidents (Source: Jacobs)

At ward level, Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge had the highest count of RTA casualties in Sevenoaks with a figure of 78 and ranks 11th highest of all wards in the KCC area. From the above chart it's clear to see that the wards displaying a higher than average casualty rate are those within close proximity to the junctions of the M25 (Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge) and M20 (Farningham, Horton Kirby and South Darenth). Where there are no major roads or motorways, the majority of wards can be seen to have a lower than average casualty rate.

There was a 57% decrease (19 reports) in casualties aged 16 or under in 2011 compared to 2010. This was still the lowest number of child casualties recorded by a District or Borough in Kent and Sevenoaks is ranked first in this category.

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In contrast there was an 88% increase in pedal cycle casualties between the 2004-08 baseline average and 2011 (15 to 29) and Sevenoaks has the highest number of KSI pedal cycle casualties in Kent.

Speeding and perception of speed is a high concern for residents across the District and has featured in all PACT Panel's action plans. Speed Watch training has worked well in the District with residents being trained by Kent Police to monitor the speed of vehicles passing through their community..

Priority Ranking

Road Safety scored a total of 16 in last year strategic assessment and scores 20 this year. As such, Road Safety remains a key priority for the forthcoming year. PACT Panels

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | | 5 | |
| Trend Increasing | | | 3 | | |
| Volume | | 1 | | | |
| Level of harm | | | 3 | | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | | | 3 | | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | 20 | |



Current Partnership activity addressing this priority:

- Carmageddon – activity aimed at demonstrating the effects of reckless driving
- Speed watch
- Operation Zigzag – activity aimed at discouraging drivers from parking outside school entrances
- Working with landowners to reduce off road-nuisance
- Daily and monthly tasking and coordination
- National Road Safety Week

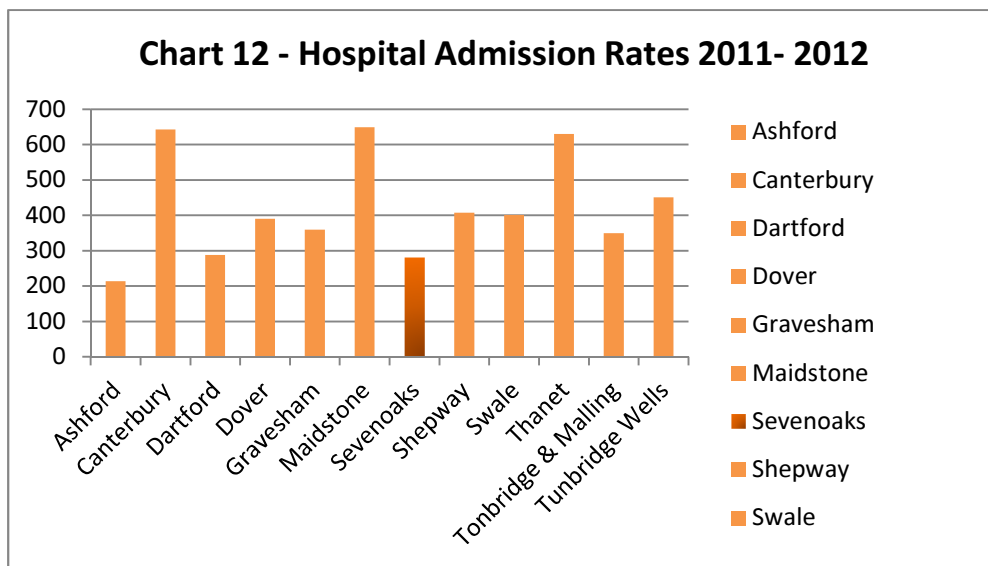
Recommendations

- Continue to target top road casualty wards for Carmageddon operations
- Continue to offer Speed watch to resident's where speeding is identified as a priority
- Identify areas through the new predictive policing model and through the CSU
- Neighbourhood officers to undertake speed enforcement within their areas
- Work with KCC regarding Operation Zig Zag
- Link with national and local campaigns incl Road Safety Week
- Work with Fire Service to do work in schools and on License to kill promotional activity

Substance Misuse 

Between October 2011 and September 2012 there were 1.2 recorded drug offences per 1000 population in Sevenoaks District. This amounted to a total of 133 offences which represents an increase from the previous year of 5.6%. This increase is against a county-wide decrease of 10.7%. Despite this, Sevenoaks has a lower rate per 1,000 population than most of the County and ranks 2nd. It ranks 1st in its MSG.

For the current financial year to September 2012, at ward level, Swanley St Marys ward had the highest volume of Drug Offences, ranking 18th highest ward in the County out of approx. 800 wards, with a rate of 2.19 per 1,000 population while the Kent average is 2.0.



From June 2011 to May 2012 there were a total of 281 hospital admissions for mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use (including alcohol and drugs) in the District. This is the second lowest figure in Kent. The highest numbers of admissions in the District were found in the following wards:

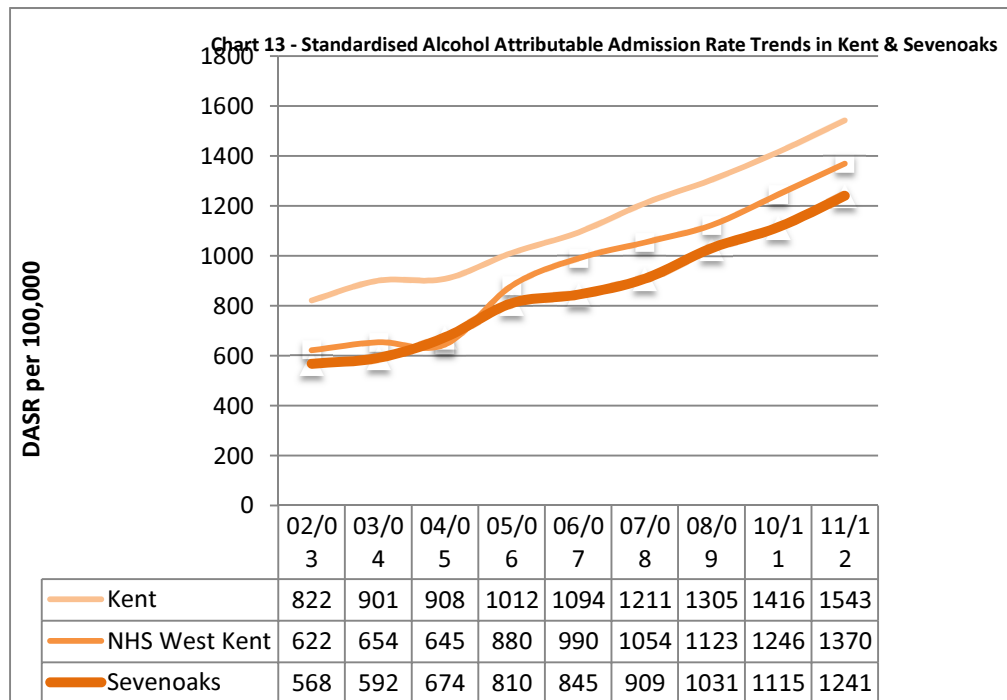
- Swanley White Oak (33 cases)
- Edenbridge South & West (23 cases)
- Swanley St Mary’s (20 cases)

Alcohol

Kent has seen a steady increase of alcohol related hospital admissions over the past ten years and alcohol remains the most common substance for those seeking treatment. According to the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT) there are an estimated 30,432 dependant drinkers and 17,410 binge drinkers in the County.

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Alcohol admissions in Sevenoaks have risen from 1,115 to 1,241. Overall levels have remained lower than the average admission rate and this year has the lowest overall number of admissions in Kent.



This year Sevenoaks District has seen a 10.2% increase on the previous year's alcohol admission rate. This increase is one of the largest increases in the County (only Dartford 17% and Gravesham 19% have seen a greater increase).

When looking at these admission rates in greater detail the rate for men is much higher per 100,000 population than for women which is consistent with County figures. There is also an identifiable peak in the age of those being treated; alcohol users between 20-24 and 40-50 have a significantly higher admission rate than any other age group.

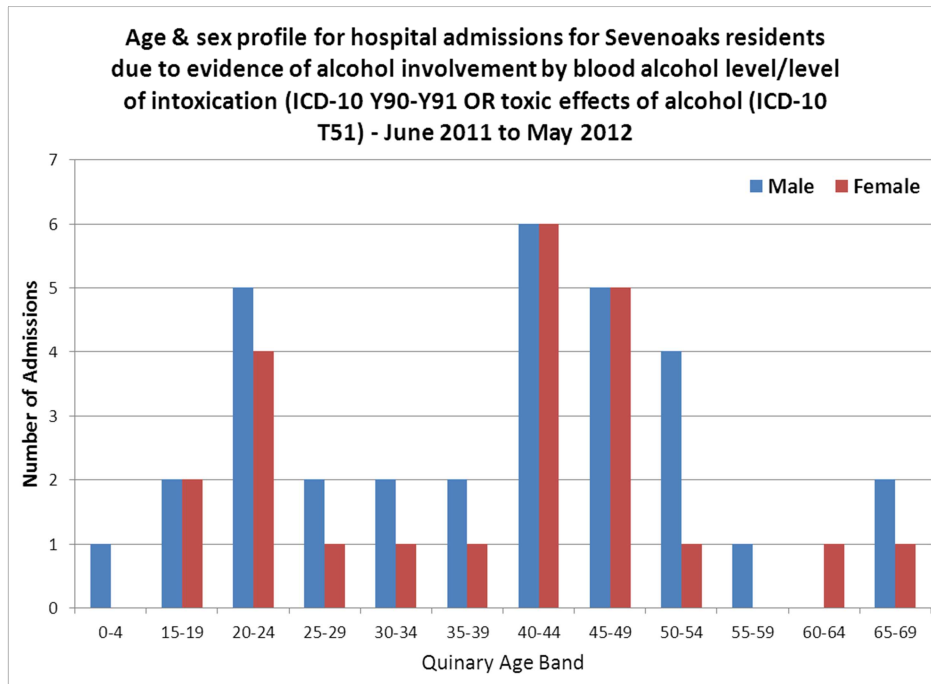


Chart 14 - Age & sex profile for District hospital admissions from alcohol - Source: NHS

In Kent, adults accessing services for alcohol misuse make up less than half of the client population, and yet estimates of dependant drinkers are considerably higher than estimates of the number of dependant drug users. KDAAT surmises that although drug and alcohol services in Kent are working effectively, they appear to be meeting a greater proportion of the need for drug services than for alcohol services. Now that there is greater flexibility around the use of funding for alcohol treatment services, this is being addressed through the commissioning of integrated drug and alcohol services.

Priority Ranking

Substance Misuse scored a total of 18 in last years strategic assessment and scores the same again this year. As such substance misuse remains a key priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | 3 | | |
| Trend Increasing | | | 3 | | |
| Volume | | 1 | | | |
| Level of harm | | | 3 | | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | | 1 | | | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | | 18 |



Current partnership activity addressing this priority:

- Enforcement of premises doing most harm to communities, including Safer Street operations
- Sensible drinking campaigns
- Alcohol clinics
- Kent Community Alcohol Project in Edenbridge, Swanley & Hextable – a multi-agency approach to reducing under age sales of alcohol and street drinking

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- Restorative Approaches training
- Young person's substance misuse worker (detached youth work and intervention in schools)
- Alcohol Awareness week (Government campaign)
- Substance Misuse Task Group Action Plan addressing enforcement, education and support around substance misuse
- Addressing proxy sales around the District (purchase of alcohol by adults on behalf of underage drinking)
- Link with Domestic Abuse incidents

Recommendations:

- Continuation to increase numbers of people accessing substance misuse services.
- Continue to monitor the need for KCAP in other parts of the District.
- Continue alcohol clinics in Swanley and Otford.
- Police, Wardens and PCSOs to continue to gather intelligence on underage and proxy sales at every opportunity.
- Continue Young People's Substance Misuse worker
- Continue work with Sevenoaks District Health Action Team
- Collate and publish West Kent Substance Misuse directory of services
- Cross working with Domestic Abuse Working Group
- Update Drugs in the Workplace policy
- Alcohol Awareness Week 2013/14 (Home Office will release date)
- Drugs worker to attend Domestic Abuse one stop shop

Youth Issues

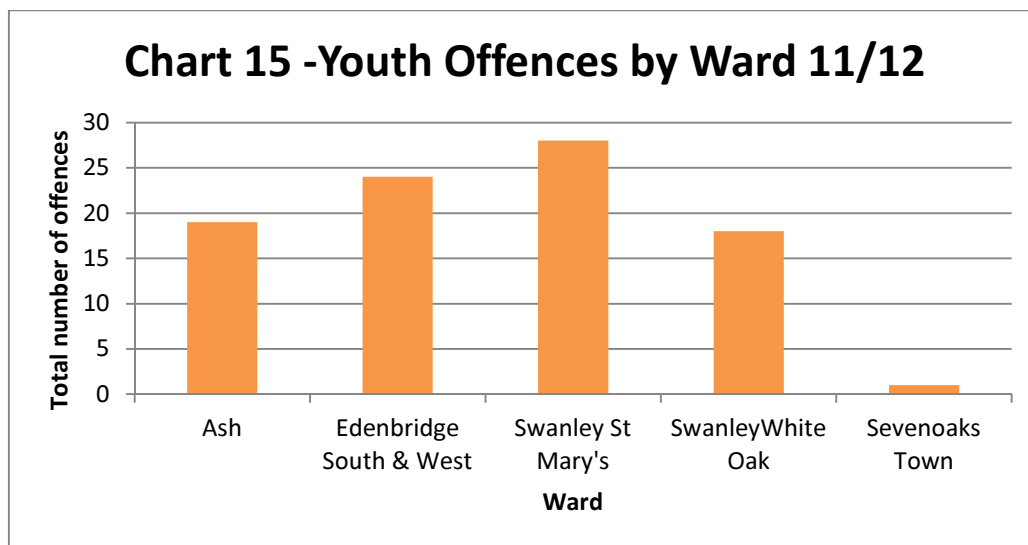


There has been a reduction in the number of youth offenders (under 18 years) within the Youth Offending Service (YOS) in Sevenoaks for the second consecutive year falling by 11.9% to 104 offenders. 0.09% of the total population within the District are recognised as youth offenders. This is a decrease from 1% on last year's figures and is lower than the Kent average of 1.3%.

The breakdown in offenders by gender continues to show that the majority of offences are committed by males. However the variation has seen an increase, with 86.5% now accounting for male offences compared to the previous years 77%.

Sevenoaks District has seen a reduction in the number of first time entrants (FTEs) by 21%, with 58 new individuals registered to the Kent Youth Justice System which is the second best performance figure in Kent.

In contrast to the overall reduction in the number of young offenders, the total number of offences committed by young people within Sevenoaks District has actually increased by 2.3% (50 additional offences). This increase accounts for 5.2% of all offences committed within Kent



(Source: Kent Youth Offending Service)

When distinguishing the location of the offences, Ash Edenbridge and Swanley account for the highest proportion of crimes committed.

The types of offences most frequently committed by young people between June 2011 and June 2012 were as follows:

- Theft and Handling Stolen Goods
- Violence against the Person
- Criminal damage

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These particular types of offences have also witnessed an increase when compared to last years figures: Theft & Handling Stolen Goods has risen by 41% (18 offences), Criminal Damage 45% (9 offences) and Public Order offences 33% (5 offences). There have been reductions in Motoring offences and offences of Violence against the Person.

Not in employment, education or training (NEET)

Compared to last years figures the number of young people recorded as NEET in Sevenoaks District has decreased to 81 (3.4% from 3.6%). This is significantly lower than the Kent average of 5.9% and the national average of 5.8%.

Schools

Fixed term exclusions have seen a continued reduction within schools in the Sevenoaks District. In the 2011-12 academic year 47 fewer pupils received fixed term exclusions which is a 13% improvement on the previous year and the total of 401 excluded pupils is the lowest number found in Kent.

The wards of Ash (48) and Swanley St Mary's (35) had the highest number of fixed term exclusions – both of which are also an increase on their previous year's figures.

There has also been a decrease in the number of permanent exclusions this academic year (2011-12) with a 45% reduction (5 total exclusions) which is the second lowest figure in Kent.

The data provided for bullying incidents across Kent is not consistently recorded so only speculative analysis would be deduced from the results and is not therefore included in the Assessment. However, anecdotally, this would seem to be an issue for some young people.

Trading Standards

Targeting of retailers has led to three test purchases for alcohol with an underage volunteer and all premises refused the sale. No license reviews, penalty notices or warnings have been issued.

Priority Ranking

Youth Issues scored a total of 18 in last year's strategic assessment and scores 17 this year. As such, Youth Issues remain a key priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | | 5 | |
| Trend Increasing | | | | 5 | |
| Volume | | 1 | | | |
| Level of harm | | 1 | | | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | 0 | | | | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | | 17 |



Current partnership activity

- Restorative justice projects
- Safer Schools Partnership
- Anti-bullying projects to include cyber bullying
- Services developed in Children's Contact Centres and the Harvey Centre (Swanley)
- PACT (young people attending PACT meetings)
- Sevenoaks Summer Activity Programme through VAWK and West Kent Extra
- 8-12s project through West Kent Extra
- Power Project
- Anti-Social Behaviour Tasking Group
- Community Safety Unit daily and monthly tasking and coordination
- Community Payback schemes
- Detached Youth Work
- Link with the Try Angle Awards
- Roll out Domestic Abuse (sexual respect) programme within secondary schools across the District

Recommendations

- Refer children and young people in need of support to the Common Assessment Framework process.
- Troubled Families Project – a new project focussed on families with complex needs
- Continue and monitor Power Project referrals.
- Continue the 8-12s project through West Kent Extra.
- Investigate the potential for further intergenerational projects in priority wards identified in this assessment.
- Continue with detached youth work across the District
- Continue to roll out Domestic Abuse (sexual respect) programme within secondary schools across the District
- Work with KCC Youth Service and town & parish councils on their summer schemes
- Implement a Judo project in the District
- Sencio Youth Project – to increase youth provision in leisure centres

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Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse has seen a marginal increase between October 2011 and September 2012 for the number of incidents and the number of repeat victims. Despite this increase Sevenoaks still maintains the lowest ranked in the County.

There have been an additional 62 incidents of domestic abuse within Sevenoaks District which represents a 7.5% increase from the previous year. This is substantially more than the 1.3% increase across Kent, yet per 1000 population Sevenoaks has the lowest rates of abuse in Kent. This could also be interpreted positively with more people reporting domestic abuse to Police.

Comparably Sevenoaks has observed a similar increase in the number of repeat victims for domestic abuse with 6.3% more (12 reports, totalling 202) recorded cases. Although above the Kent average of 2.1% Sevenoaks has the lowest rates per 1000 population.

The percentage of repeat victims in Sevenoaks has seen a decrease from 23.1% to 22.8% which is still below the Kent average of 24% that has increased very slightly. Despite Sevenoaks' improved performance it still only ranks sixth in Kent.

It is important to remember that these figures are only representative of domestic abuse that was reported to the Police and is widely understood that domestic abuse is still under reported.

The following figures provided by the Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategic Group provide an estimation for the number of unreported abuse case across Kent.

| Year - 2010/11 | Number |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Estimated prevalence (females) | 54,773 |
| Police domestic abuse reports | 22,000 |
| Charges | 1296 |
| MARAC (high risk) cases | 764 |

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) meet regularly to deal with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse. There are 6 MARACs covering the 13 District or Boroughs in Kent.

Table 4 shows the number of referrals to each MARAC compared with the total number of incidents.

| MARAC | Districts | Total Incidents 11/12 | MARAC Referrals 11/12 |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Medway | Medway | 4248 | 233 |
| North Kent | Dartford | 1377 | 92 |
| | Gravesham | | |
| South Kent | Dover | 4326 | 181 |
| | Shepway | | |
| | Ashford | | |
| East Kent | Canterbury | 4332 | 200 |
| | Thanet | | |
| Mid Kent | Maidstone | 3824 | 137 |
| | Swale | | |
| West Kent | Tonbridge & Malling | 3108 | 113 |
| | Tunbridge Wells | | |
| | Sevenoaks | | |
| | | 21,215 | 956 |

Table details the total number of domestic abuse incidents per MARAC (Source: Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group)

Priority Ranking

Domestic Abuse scored a total of 18 in last year's Strategic Assessment and scores 17 this year. As such, Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | 3 | | |
| Trend Increasing | | | 3 | | |
| Volume | | | 3 | | |
| Level of harm | | | 3 | | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | 0 | | | | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | | 17 |



Current Partnership activity addressing this priority:

- Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme (CDAP) – support and assistance to men wishing to stop the cycle of abuse
- MARAC
- Area briefings and daily briefings to raise awareness of high risk offenders with Neighbourhood teams.
- Neighbourhood Teams to deliver DA service to call outs to DA incidents

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- Domestic Abuse Action Plan
- Freedom programme
- Independent Sexual Violence Advice Service
- Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop Swanley
- Annual DA Conference held for front line workers in Sevenoaks District
- Week of campaigns through National DA week (usually November)
- Partnership contributed towards funding of DAVSS for all victims of Domestic Abuse
- Respect programme for young people in schools

Recommendations:

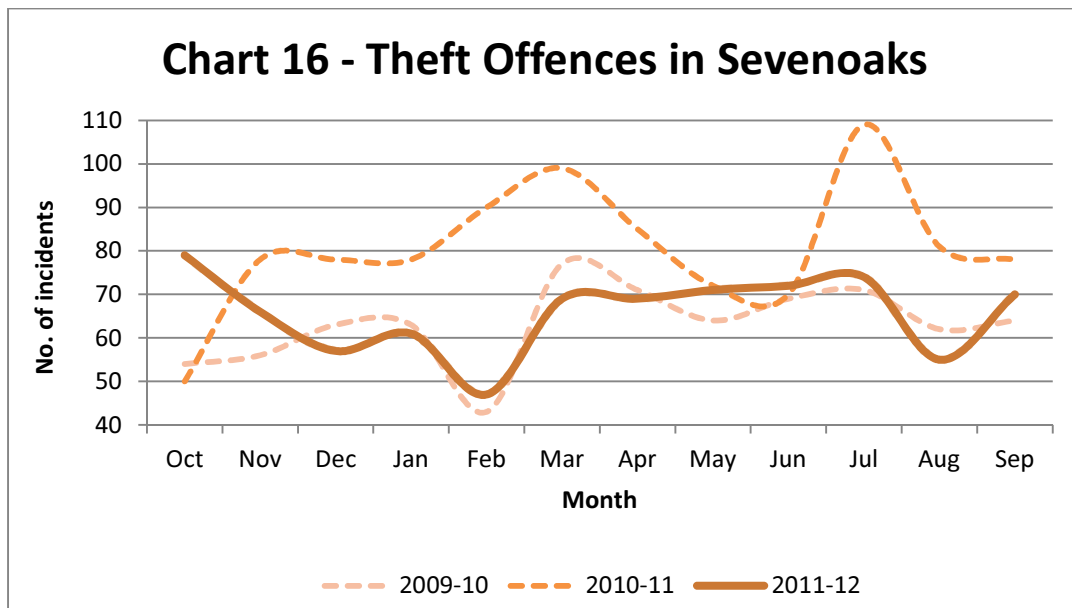
- Continue the Community Domestic Abuse Programme
- In line with the Domestic Abuse, Children's report recommendations:
- Continue where possible funded projects (ISVA, Freedom, North Kent Women's Aid, DAVSS)
- Make the links with Substance Misuse (mainly alcohol)
- Update the West Kent Directory
- Continue training of MARAC and making referrals
- DA One Stop Shop Swanley to go weekly and more services involved
- Continue Domestic Abuse (sexual respect) programme for young people in secondary schools
- Hold annual conference and campaign at certain times eg Christmas, sporting events and National DA week
- Update and make sure targets are achievable in the Partnerships DA Working Group Action Plan
- Continue referrals and attending MARAC
- Set up Freedom Steering Group
- Attend Kent DA Forums

Theft Offences (focussing on Shoplifting) 

Overall theft offences have seen a significant drop across the board with decreased rates of crime and improved rankings for Sevenoaks in each category.

The shift in volume has seen the level of offences reduce to a level of crime similar to the 2009-10 period. This marks a change from a three year increase between 2008-2011, with 2010-11 displaying the largest increase (28%) recently recorded.

General theft saw an 18.4% reduction from the previous year, a notably higher reduction than the 11.1% found across Kent. Sevenoaks continues to have the best ranking in Kent per 1000 population.



At ward level Sevenoaks Town and St Johns accounted for the highest proportion of theft with 41 separate offences.

Theft and Handling of Stolen Goods

As expected there has been a similar decrease in recorded offences for theft and handling of stolen goods. A 16.2% reduction from (1422 to 1191) compared with the previous year’s figures was a greater improvement than the Kent average of 7.8% and Sevenoaks District retains the first place ranking in the County.

Metal Theft

There are no figures from previous years available for comparison purposes. Data from Kent Police shows that levels of metal theft are fairly consistent across the County. However Sevenoaks is currently in the lower tier of performers with 171 reports (highest being 201 and the lowest 85). As such Sevenoaks District is currently ranked 11th (12 being highest) in Kent and this requires careful monitoring by the CSP.

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Shoplifting

Sevenoaks District has seen a decrease in the number of shoplifting offences, again with a higher than average reduction than the rest of Kent.

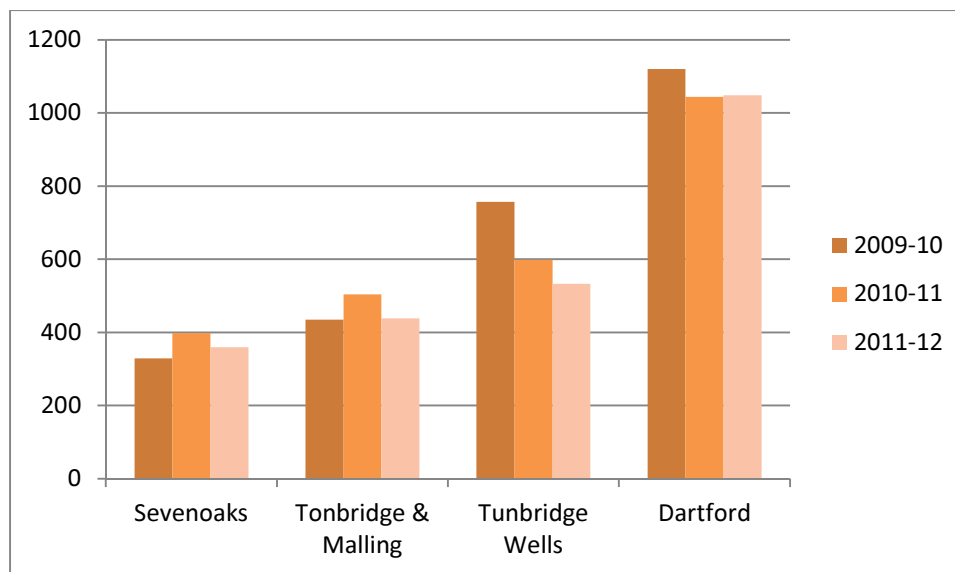


Chart 17 - The rate of shoplifting in neighbouring boroughs demonstrates Sevenoaks District low levels despite a significant increase during 2010-11. (Source: Kent Police)

Shoplifting has decreased by 39 offences (-9.8%), from 398 to 359 during 2011-2012. This rate of decrease is greater than the County's decrease of 3.2% and Sevenoaks is currently ranked 1st (best) in the County.

As with the previous year's strategic assessment, despite Sevenoaks' relatively good performance when compared to the rest of Kent, combined theft offences account for the largest proportion of crime in Sevenoaks accounting for over 25% of all recorded offences.

Priority Ranking

Theft scored a total of 20 in last years strategic assessment and scores 17 this year. As such, Theft remains a key priority for the forthcoming year.

| Rationale | None | Low | Med | High | |
|---|------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Community Concern | | | 3 | | |
| Trend Increasing | | | 3 | | |
| Volume | | | 3 | | |
| Level of harm | | | 3 | | |
| Poor Performance compared to MSG/County | 0 | | | | |
| Partnership can add value | | | | 5 | Grand Total |
| TOTAL | | | | | 17 |



Current Partnership activity addressing this priority:

- New Safer Towns Partnership Co-ordinator to be employed and relaunch of scheme
- Work with CAB around debt
- Community events around purse dipping
- Working with security companies to deter thefts
- Attend boot fairs/markets
- Work with PPOs

Recommendations:

- Continue with promotion of the Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP)
- Continue community events
- Accreditation of BCRP
- Police Mobile Unit and NWKCPP to attend village and fete days
- Joint operations at boot fairs/markets
- Information around loan sharks and pay day loans
- The CSP produce a leaflet for residents regarding their own property and worked specifically with repeat and vulnerable residents and businesses.

Part four - Conclusion

This Strategic Assessment sets out the priorities that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) should focus on and identifies the issues that should be considered in developing the 2013-14 action plan.

1. The Community Safety Partnership endorses the priorities set out below, as discussed through this Assessment.
2. Will consider targeted activities in specific geographical areas.
3. Will review current service provision in the light of current needs to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.
4. Consider targeted awareness-raising activities for specific crime types.
5. Continue to review activity on a regular basis to ensure appropriate and proportionate resourcing.

Levels of recorded crime in Sevenoaks District have seen an overall reduction in the last year with a few notable increases in specific types of offence. Where new trends in particular types of crime and anti-social behaviour have been identified, recommendations have been made by Sevenoaks Community Safety Partnership to help address the priorities identified for the forthcoming year.

The Sevenoaks District CSP agreed priorities for 2013 are as follows:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Burglary
- Vehicle Crime
- Road Safety
- Substance Misuse
- Youth Issues
- Domestic Abuse
- Theft (Focusing on Shoplifting)

Glossary

- ABA – Acceptable Behaviour Agreement
- ANPR – Automated Number Plate Recognition
- ASB – Anti Social Behaviour
- ASBO – Anti-Social Behaviour Order
- BCUs – Basic Command Units
- CDRP – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- DA – Domestic abuse
- KCAP – Kent Community Alcohol Partnership
- KCC – Kent County Council
- KCVS – Kent Crime Victim Survey
- KDAAT – Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- KF&RS – Kent Fire and Rescue Service
- LAA – Local Area Agreement
- LCTB – Local Children’s Trust Board
- MARACs – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- MSG - Most Similar Group- a group of local authorities with similar characteristics
- NEET – Not in Employment, Education or Training
- PACT – Police And Community Together
- PCSOs – Police Community Support Officer
- PCT – Primary Care Trust
- PDUs – Problematic Drug Users
- SDC – Sevenoaks District Council
- SORN – Statutory Off Road Notification
- TFMV – Theft From a Motor Vehicle
- TOMV – Theft Of a Motor Vehicle
- YOS – Youth Offending Service

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