

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership



Annual Report 2018-19 - DRAFT

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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 includes a comprehensive analysis of crime and other data. This identifies local needs for 2019/20 to help the Partnership put in place its annual priorities and action plan. It was published early in April 2019 and our priorities for 2019-20 are:-

- Domestic Abuse
- Serious & Acquisitive Crime (including Organised Crime Groups, Emerging Trends, County Lines)
- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Safeguarding (including Prevent, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation), Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children)
- Substance Misuse
- Doorstep Crime and Scams including Cyber Crime
- Road Safety

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 2018 - 31 March 2019). The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership **achieved 96% of actions** in the Community Safety Strategy Action Plan during 2018/19. This built on their success during 2017/18 when they achieved 92% of actions in their Action Plan.

COMMUNITY SAFTY PRIORITIES FOR 2018/19 - PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY

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.

Between 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2019 the legislation has been used as follows:

No community triggers have been raised

1 Criminal Behaviour Order is still being monitored since it was put in place in October 2017

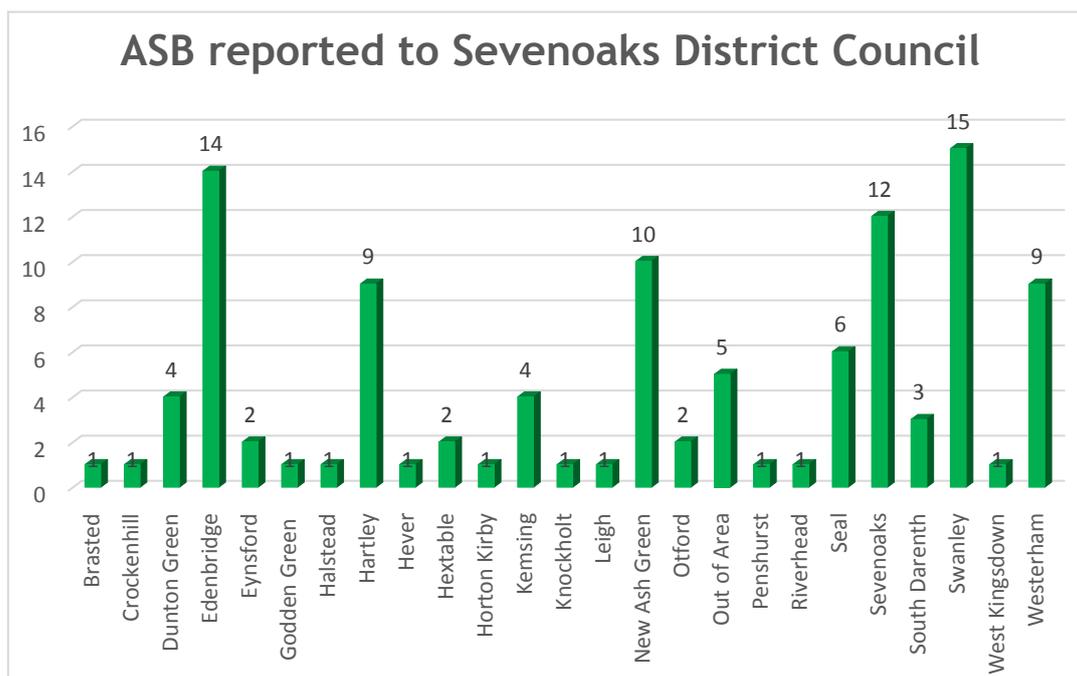
13 Community Protection Warnings were served

1 Community Protection Notice was issued

1 Closure Order was put in place

The SDC Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officer has worked on **108** reports of anti-social behaviour from residents. This is exactly the same number as the same period last year. These calls are separate to those that come into the CSU daily briefing. The ASB Officer has made **58** joint visits with partner agencies (Police, Wardens, Housing, Fire) in the period and attended **27** Community events.

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 including 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, modern slavery and gangs
- Vulnerable adults and young persons
- Substance Misuse
- Low to Medium Risk Domestic Abuse

The meetings are chaired by the CSU Police Sargent and Vice Chair is the Community Safety Manager. This group has been in place for over a year and on average deals with 20 cases per month, of which 92% are removed within 6 months due to changed behaviour. This change is due to support and education as well as enforcement action taken.

Arising from the Community MARAC 24 ASB warning letters and 15 ABA's (Anti-social Behaviour Agreements) have been served.

The number of incidents of ASB recorded by Kent Police in Sevenoaks District, 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019, is the second lowest in the County, at 1427 incidents. This is a 11.8% reduction (192 reports) compared with the previous year (1619 incidents).

PACT (Partners & Communities Together) Panel meetings are held in Swanley, Edenbridge, West Kingsdown, Westerham 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 other actions to tackle local priorities. This can include Environmental Visual Audits which are joint walkabouts with residents, police, local housing officers and community wardens to tackle environmental issues.

There were three **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)** this year, in areas identified by local groups.

Mobile CCTV has been deployed to target ASB and criminal damage. The CSP has 7 cameras (2 new ones were bought this financial year in March 2019 and 2 were sent to be fixed). They were deployed in Sycamore Drive and Azalea Drive, Swanley, Over Minnis, New Ash Green, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks and Caxton Close, Hartley. The cameras are monitored by the CSU. In May 2018 seven

Officers of the CSU were trained in using the cherry picker and harness so that we could put up the cameras in house for a more responsive approach.

Westerham Town Council also bought their own mobile CCTV.

Safeguarding

Gang Training for front line workers was delivered in April 2018 and February 2019 by Junior Smart from St Giles Trust funded by Kent County Council, attended by 32 people in April and 45 people in March.

Throughout the time period (April 2018-March 2019) we have undertaken a number of patrols on train lines from Swanley to Bat and Ball and into Sevenoaks Station to deter any potential offenders coming into the District especially around drug dealing. This has been a joint operation with British Transport Police (BTP), Police, Kenward Trust, SDC and KCC Youth Officers. This has proved really successful in talking to young people using the railway about their concerns, whilst also addressing ASB and substance misuse issues.

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.

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;
3. Supporting sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

The Community Safety Partnership developed a Prevent action plan. Ours was one of the first in Kent and has been seen as good practice by Kent Police. It is monitored and reviewed at the Partnership meetings on a quarterly basis.

On 26 October 2018, KCC delivered Prevent training to 40 front line workers from the Partnership including staff members from SDC. This followed the training of 358 people in the previous years. The CSU received 2 Prevent Channel Panel referrals this year. All were discussed at the appropriate county-based multi-agency panels, with no further outcome, but support was given. All referrals were of people aged under 18.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking legislation confers a duty on Local Authorities who must ensure that we safeguard anyone reporting that they have suffered the above.

In November 2018, the CSU undertook proactive action to address modern slavery and human trafficking by visiting all nail bars and car washes in the District over a number of days. There has been an increase in calls from residents in the District, where they believe modern slavery is taking place. We have made 4 multi-agency

visits to locations in response to reported concerns and have dealt with any issues arising. The visits revealed signs of modern slavery or human trafficking and all those concerned had passports. We did however give housing advice to them and serve prohibition orders on property owners as they were house of multiple occupancy.

CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation). Work has been ongoing and has been linked into the gang's work. CSE day was in March 2019 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 is based within the CSU.

Continuing through 2018-19 the dedicated PCSO has visited schools to address CSE and online bullying at Knole Academy, Parkwood Hall, Trinity, Orchards Academy and West Heath School.

Tuesday 5 February 2018, was National Internet Safety Day. This year our main focus was on Sexting and Online bullying with secondary schools. This was done in Partnership with Kent Police and followed a teaching plan designed by Child Net. We visited secondary schools and delivered 3 sessions regarding sexting and the consequences of receiving and sending photos, consent and the law. This was received really well by Year 9/10/11 students.

Alongside this we delivered the Digital Sunset Challenge again for Primary Schools. The Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, attended on Monday 4 February to launch it at St Pauls Primary School in Swanley. The Community Safety Manager delivered a further 6 primary schools and Cllr Firth delivered 2 and 3 parent sessions across that week. It was shown on KMTV news and had good coverage in the local newspapers and Social Media.

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 we set up a Rogue Traders/Scams Task Group to help stop vulnerable adults becoming victims and repeat victims of fraud/theft. This group also looks at fraud on line for young people. Some of the actions we are taking forward are: -

- Set up a vulnerable person's database
- Workshops in schools and youth groups
- Audit of existing services
- Memo minders for repeat victims
- Online fraud training

The Council's Communities & Business team also manage a directory of services available to assist residents of the District.

Domestic Abuse

Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 there were 2,157 reports of Domestic Abuse to the Police. This was an increase of 292 reports (15%) compared with the previous year. The increase is always looked as a positive that victims are phoning in and reporting Domestic Abuse and that services can be put in place. Sevenoaks District has the lowest number of reports in West Kent.

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) 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 189 victims of domestic abuse in the Sevenoaks District, an increase of 4 compared with the previous year. There were 8 male victims, an increase of 3. There were 262 calls to the helpline, an increase of 137 calls compared to the same period last year.

The Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme (CDAP) 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 2018-19.

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. 4 programmes were delivered in Swanley, Sevenoaks and Edenbridge and West Kingsdown, attended by a total of 32 women.

Two evening programmes were also held, both in Sevenoaks. The programme was attended by 16 women who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse.

Recovery Tool Kit sessions follow on from the Freedom Programme and we ran an evening and a day session. 22 women attended the programme.

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 350 young people this financial year in addition to their work in schools. They have also been tasked to work in over 8 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 (OCGs)

Criminals behind organised crime often intimidate and create fear, which is intended to prevent the local community reporting what they see. Often the criminals 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, both of which have had numerous visits from partner agencies and action has been taken such as: -

- Eviction
- Criminal Behaviour Order
- Civil Injunction
- Prohibition Order
- Several arrests

This has disturbed some of the offending behaviour.

The Serious Crime & Tactical Group is a monthly multi-agency meeting chaired by the Community Safety Manager to address OCGs and serious crime. The most common crime types associated with these groups is organised theft.

Mental Health

The CSP 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. One of those actions was to set up a crisis drop in service in the northern parishes. The CSP received funding from Matthew Scott, Police & Crime Commissioner, Cllr Michael Horwood, KCC Member and Sevenoaks District Council through the Local Strategic Partnership. This enabled the CSP to establish a working relationship with CAB and North Kent Mind.

On Friday 25 January 2019, a soft launch was held for the Mental Health Crisis Drop in Service based at CAB Offices in Swanley and opened by the Cllr Pat Bosley, Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council. The service officially opened on Saturday 23 February.

The service runs on two nights every week.

Thursday evening 4pm-6pm for young people (14-18)
Saturday evening 7pm-9pm for adults

Mental Health has been incorporated into the Community MARAC and a number of mental health cases have been raised and through partnership working specific services have been put in place.

Acquisitive Crime includes Burglary and Vehicle Crime

Burglary

In April 2017 Burglary categories were changed to Burglary Residential and Burglary Business and Community so this is the first year that we have been able to compare figures. There were 764 reports of Burglary Residential an increase of 44 (6%) compared to the same period previous year. However, there was a decrease of Burglary Business and Community compared to the same period last year. There were 219 reports, a decrease of 84 (27%)

The Police have continued to run 'Op Cocoon' This operation involves targeting both Burglary & Vehicle Crime. This involves specific offenders being targeted as well as offering advice and information to local residents and repeat and vulnerable victims.

Street Briefings have worked well around acquisitive crime (Burglary/Vehicle Crime). This is a quick turnaround of visible policing, engaging with the local community. For example, if a burglary occurs in a street, residents are invited to attend a street briefing either that evening or following day (Op Cocoon) so that Officers can offer reassurance, crime reduction devices and collate evidence if any is offered by residents. There were 43 Op Cocoon interventions from 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017.

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

The CSU sent out over 800 shed alarms to residents following information in InShape Magazine and in response to identified trends.

Vehicle Crime

The use of false number plates to commit crime continues to be tackled by the ‘Safe Plate’ schemes. There have been 8 Safe Plates Events delivered by Police Community Support Officers and North West Kent Crime Prevention Panel across the District where tamper proof screws have been fitted, free of charge, to prevent the theft of number plates.

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

There was a decrease in Theft of Motor Vehicles of 6.1%, or 15 crimes (229 in total) during the year. There was also a decrease in Theft from Motor Vehicles of 16% or 94 crimes (494 in total).

Police & Crime Commissioner Funding (PCC)

The PCC funded Sevenoaks District CSP £34,218 and KFRS gave £3500 towards Partnership projects. The table below sets out what the Partnership agreed in March 2018 to spend the funding on.

Organisation	Project Name	Amount
DAVSS	Support for Medium & High Risk Victims - Domestic Abuse	£8,000
Kenward Trust	Youth Diversionary & Targeted Youth Project against substance misuse	£12,000
Kent Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme	Support 3 males through the CDAP Programme	£2,218
Sevenoaks CSU	Mobile ASB Camera	£6,000
Sevenoaks CSU	Internet Safety Day 2019	£2,000
Sevenoaks CSU	Shed Alarms	£1,000
Sevenoaks CSU	Memo minders to address rogue traders	£1,000
Reform Restore Respect (RRR)	Gang Youth Project/Bullying	£2,000

Police - New Horizons

Kent Police's New Horizons, was launched in September 2017. New Horizons was to deliver the 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 provided the below 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

In September 2018 there was an annual review of New Horizons in which the Police looked at their performance from the above strategies put in place. There has been a number of key successes, more information into the CSU regarding Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Adults and Young People, dedicated officers to deal with specific safeguarding issues and a quicker response time in dealing with vulnerable and repeat victims.

We have seen an increase of two PCSOs to our District as stated by Chief Constable in 2017 and they were recruited in March 2019.

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. In 2017/18, Victim Based Crime went up by 32% in the District. However, with the recording being in place for now over a year we are able to compare the number of recorded crimes during 2018/19 with the 2017/18 figures. Although crime has gone up across the County, Sevenoaks District has had the lowest increase. From 1 April 2018- 31 March 2019 there have been 7745 victim based crimes reported, an increase of 33 crimes (0.4%). Across the County the increase has been 10.7 %.

Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The CSU is located within the District Council's Communities & Business Team at Argyle Road, Sevenoaks. There are 4 Police Officers including a Sergeant, 3 dedicated PCSOs addressing Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Adults and Vulnerable Young People. The Council's Community Safety Manager, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator and Community Safety Officer as well as the KCC Community Warden Supervisor and the Business Crime Reduction Co-ordinator are also based within the CSU.

The CSU also has 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 across the District.

The CSU works closely with other Council teams - Communities & Business, CCTV, Environmental Health, Licensing, Social Housing, Revenues and Benefits Planning Enforcement, Planning, Building Control and the Customer Solutions Centre.

The CSU meets every morning to go through the previous 24 hours' ASB reports, Concern Calls and community safety issues from Police, SDC, Wardens, Housing Associations and other partners. There have been **613** daily taskings from 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019. 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 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 have not expected 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:

Community Events were held in Westerham, Hartley, New Ash Green and Swanley, the North West Kent Crime Prevention attended 12 locations across the District including Leigh, Edenbridge, Fawkham, Chiddingstone, Swanley, Otford, Seal, West Kingsdown and Eynsford mainly supporting local town and parish council events. Speedwatch had another successful year with 1 more group setting up, making Sevenoaks District one of the most successful districts. The CSU has 6 speed boards that residents can borrow and then report the registration numbers of

speeding vehicles to Kent Police. Over 1000 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 and PCSOs have delivered some of the letters to drivers.

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 in partnership with town and parish councils.

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 2018-19 there were 7 Task and Finish Groups set up of which 4 were completed and 3 are ongoing.

In addition to the Task & Finish group actions the CSU Sargent organised over 8 nights of proactive policing in the following areas - New Ash Green, Westerham, Sevenoaks Town, West Kingsdown and Swanley. This is with local Policing Teams, KCC Community Wardens and SDCs ASB Officer to address anti-social behaviour.

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 25 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 2018 and 31 March 2019, 15 workshops were delivered in schools. RRR have also worked on presentations around bullying and racial diversity.

Work of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership 2018-19 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 2018

- Community Safety Manager was made an Online Champion for the Council and CSP
- New Anti-Social Behaviour Officer was recruited
- Lizzy Yarnold Bus Tour was really successful across the District and visited a number of schools and Swanley Market on 18th April
- Frontline training around Gangs was held by St Giles Trust

May 2018

- The District Council was successful in obtaining a 3 month Closure Order for the former Convent of Mercy site in Swanley due to the ongoing ASB there. This deterred the activity on the site, people living w were affected by a prohibition order relating to the condition of the site and failure to take forward a comprehensive fire alarm system, breaches of planning as well as building control. This was a success for the Council and one of the first used across the County.
- Sevenoaks District Council hosted training on Environmental Crime on 9th May and -on Traveller Nuisance on 10th May. Frontline staff attended from all over the Country, as well as local partners.
- The CSU was awarded a Team Contribution Award from Kent Police on our continued work around Oak View Stud Farm.
- Cherry Picker Training took place on 7th and 18th May. Members of the CSU, both Council and Police officers were trained over 2 days to use the Cherry Picker in order to deploy Partnership mobile CCTV cameras over the district.
- Matthew Scott, Police and Crime Commissioner approved a funding bid for Mental Health Crisis Drop in Service and awarded the CSP just over £11k

June 2018

- The Community Safety Manager and Officer attended the Kent Police CSU Away Day on 27th June. The Community Safety Manager gave a presentation regarding Partnership working and successes
- The Community Safety Officer attended a meeting regarding parking affecting residents living near Sevenoaks Primary School on 18th June.
- The Big Sing was held at the Stag Theatre on 21 June. This event was organised by Sevenoaks District Council via the Chairman and it was hosted by Cllr Pat Bosley to address mental health and how singing groups can improve people's mental health. 17 choirs attended.

July 2018

- Operation Mali took place during the summer and targeted scooter based crime and ASB. This was a real issue particularly in Kemsing. Three significant arrests were made for offences ranging from drugs possession to theft of motor vehicle.
- Visit to Brokehill Golf Club site to discuss ongoing ASB and motorbike nuisance with developers. This has now been reduced by developers protecting their land more effectively.
- Drug activity seen by CCTV is now notified to Pubwatch members which allows the pub staff to refuse service and eject possible offenders. This has been a successful action in deterring many drug users from using the town's pubs.
- Community Safety Officer attended a Housing Event in Leigh to promote the Safer Shops initiative.

August 2018

- Proactive working relationship between Community Wardens and SDC ASB Officer in response to issues raised in Hartley, West Kingsdown, New Ash Green, Swanley and Westerham.
- Community Safety Officer attended a Domestic Abuse event at Hope Church to present on what the Partnership does.
- The District Council were granted a further 3 month extension to the Closure Order at the former Convent of Mercy site
- New community based activities were organised and supported by Wardens across Sevenoaks District, intended to counter social isolation. They included Hartley Singers, NAG 'Simply Singing' (launched 25.09.18); New Ash Green Community Hub (03.07.18); Swanley SILK (06.07.18); Westerham community event (23.08.18); BEAMs (disability support) in Otford (26.09.18)
- Sevenoaks District Council became White Ribbon Accredited. This shows that the Council and CSP are dedicated to stopping violence against women and girls.

September 2018

- PCSOs held Safe Plate events with the North West Kent Crime Prevent Panel in attendance.
- Police Cadets started in Swanley run by Insp Nick Finnis (now A/CI Finnis), also supported by the PCSO for Young People, local PC and a Special. There are currently 21 cadets on the programme. They won the Community Safety award at the Making It Happen Awards in Feb 2019, for their volunteering work
- Worked with partner agencies to address a landlord, with regard to treatment of their tenants and the community concern around the tenants
- Community Safety Manager attended an OCG Workshop held for Police staff to talk about how Councils and Partners can get involved.

October 2018

- Safeguarding Training took place on 1 and 5 October. Alongside this Prevent training by KCC took place on 26 October.
- Jackie West, Community Warden received a Kent Dementia Alliance Award (05.10.18) recognising the support she provides to those living with dementia. In addition, residents, along with invited guests, held an 'Extra Mile' evening event in Hartley (27.10.18) acknowledging Jackie West's contributions to community life in Hartley, as well as the highly valued support she provides individuals
- Community Safety Manager was invited to lunch with the Archbishop of Canterbury in Tonbridge to talk about CDAP and Freedom programmes and how the CSP tackles Domestic Abuse

November 2018

- SDC and CSP took part in OP Eden, Major Emergency Plan. The day was well attended and showed how partners can work together.
- Held a stand at the launch of the pop up café to celebrate Prince Charles 70th Birthday in Dunton Green
- Convent of Mercy was successfully handed over to the owners who had been granted an injunction against the occupier of the site. Court dates were also set for March 2019 for court cases led by Planning.

December 2018

- Dark Web Training (access to illegal substances) was delivered by Addaction on 17th December, with 37 attendees.
- The Community Safety Manager and Acting Chief Inspector attended a meeting to discuss residents' concerns regarding parking in Bradbourne Vale Road, with KCC members, SDC and residents.
- Community Safety Manager attended Serious Organised Crime Panel, hosted by Assistant Chief Constable and Chief Executives of Border Agency, Prison Service and KCC regarding OCGs

January 2019

- The Community Safety Partnership Development Day was held when the 2019-20 Action Plan was drafted based on the Strategic Assessment Report.
- The Mental Health Crisis Drop in Service had a soft launch and was opened by Cllr Pat Bosley, Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council
- Good collaborative working between Pubwatch members and CCTV operators has resulted in further Pubwatch exclusions of disruptive members of the public. This generally involves use of drugs, violence and anti-social behaviour. This sends a strong message and helps to deter further incidents.
- The Chief Constable visited the District in January and met with members of the CSU, Council Staff and members and went on patrol with a PCSO

February 2019

- Internet Safety Day was 5th February. Sexting was the main topic covered in workshops in secondary schools. Also the Community Safety Manager gave Digital Sunset presentations in St Pauls Primary, Shoreham Primary, Dunton Green Primary and Walthamstow Hall Primary Schools. Cllr Firth delivered assemblies and parent sessions.
- The 'Making it Happen' Awards took place in Sevenoaks, the evening was a great success and held at St Nicholas's church
- The ASB Officer was part of two late evening patrols in New Ash Green and Hartley to try and tackle issues of young people causing ASB.
- The Mental Health Crisis Drop in Service opened, with young people nights on Thursday and adults on Saturday

March 2019

- 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.
- SDC's Fly Tipping Enforcement Officer has been proactive across the District over the financial year, taking forward a number of fly tipping investigations and prosecutions.
- Swanley PACT visit to CCTV was held on 4th March.
- The ASB Officer held a Community Event in Hartley along with partner agencies and invited the local residents to attend and discuss their community Safety issues
- Trial started for Convent of Mercy site, but was then rescheduled until July 2019
- 6 site visits took place Jan - March - Eureka, West Kingsdown, Bat n Ball, Sevenoaks, Morley's Farm, Weald, Livery Yard, Horton Kirby, Hever Road Traveller's Site and Wildernesse Farm, Hever

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 Community MARACs, West Kent 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 increased by 80 followers to 652 followers and over 7000 tweets have been submitted up to end of March 2019.

Future Developments

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The Strategic Assessment was completed in January 2019 using data supplied by a variety of agencies. Based on this, our new 2019-20 Community & Safety Strategy & Action Plan will prioritise the following issues:

- Domestic Abuse
- Serious & Acquisitive Crime (including OCG, Emerging Trends, County Lines)
- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Safeguarding including Prevent, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation, Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children)
- Substance Misuse
- Doorstep Crimes and Scams including Cyber Crime
- Road Safety

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
- **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