



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

AT 6.00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Named Substitutes**

2. **Declarations of Interest and Whipping Arrangements**

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.

3. **Review of the work of North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership 2022-23 (Pages 7 - 80)**

4. **Cabinet Work Programme**

The latest version of the Cabinet Work Programme will be published in a Supplementary Papers pack once it has been published on 1st February 2023.

5. **Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme (Pages 81 - 82)**

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Review of the work of North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership 2022-23

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) for the financial year 2022-23.

2. Background

2.1 NWCSP has been in existence since May 2013, following the merger of the three district CSPs in Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest. The Community Safety Teams that support and administer the Partnership continue to sit within the respective local authorities.

2.2 Local authority representation on NWCSP is fulfilled through a number of positions. Bromsgrove District Council's Elected Member representative is Councillor Margaret Sherrey, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Environmental Services. Sue Hanley, the Council's Deputy Chief Executive is Chair of NWCSP and Judith Willis, Head of Community and Housing Services is Bromsgrove District Council's Responsible Authority representative on the Partnership. The Council's Community Safety Manager, Bev Houghton provides support to NWCSP and manages the Council's Community Safety Service.

2.3 Scrutiny arrangements for the CSP remain unchanged with local authorities having a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of its local CSP, under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

2.4 Alongside the relationship the Council has with the CSP, there is also a direct role in holding the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to

account through the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP). Bromsgrove District Council's representative on the PCP is Cllr Helen Jones. The most recent West Mercia PCP meeting was held in November 2022 and the public papers can be accessed here: [West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - Wednesday 23rd November 2022 11.00 am](#)

3. Current Position

3.1 North Worcestershire CSP Plan 2021-24

NWCSP has a statutory duty to produce a three-year rolling plan outlining how the Partnership intends to address key crime and community safety priorities, as identified through its annual strategic assessment.

The strategic assessment gathers research, evidence and intelligence from national and regional sources, as well as drawing on professional expertise of those working locally. It is designed to be a point of reference and guide to resourcing community safety initiatives working with partner agencies across the area.

Informed by the strategic assessment, the Community Safety Partnership Plan sets out the priorities that the CSP will focus on for a 3 year period. Due to the disruption of Covid-19 and partner agencies prioritisation of community support during the pandemic, the Community Safety Partnership Plan was delayed slightly and has since been agreed for 2021-24.

The North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership plan focuses on the following priorities for the year as follows: -

- I. **Reducing Violence and Abuse:** including violence in public places, sexual offending, domestic abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- II. **Reducing Theft and Acquisitive crime:** including shoplifting, thefts and burglaries
- III. **Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour, Damage and Nuisance:** including criminal damage, environmental issues and deliberate fires/arson
- IV. **Protecting vulnerable communities:** including reducing targeted harassment and threatening behaviour motivated by Hate
- V. **Reducing Offending and Reducing the Harm caused by Drug and Alcohol Misuse** are cross cutting themes which impact on all priorities

The North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-24 can be found at **Appendix 1**

3.2 John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

John Campion was first elected as West Mercia PCC in May 2016 and, following the postponement of national elections due to the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, was re-elected for a second term in May 2021.

The PCC has a duty to co-operate with all CSPs in his geographical area to reduce crime and disorder. There is also a reciprocal duty on CSPs to collaborate with the PCC and both bodies must have due regard for each other's priorities within their respective plans. The PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan 2021 – 2025 can be read here: - [Safer West Mercia Plan \(westmercia-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk)

In November 2021, the Commissioner also appointed two new Assistant PCCs. Paul Middlebrough and Nicola Lowery work closely to represent the PCC within communities across West Mercia, with portfolios that includes rural, business and cyber-crime, victims' services and commissioning. [Assistant PCC's Will Reflect The Voice of Communities - West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner](#)

In September 2022, Marc Bayliss (former Leader of Worcester City Council) was appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner's for West Mercia following Tracey Onslow's decision to step down after six years in the role.

CSPs work closely with the Deputy and Assistant PCCs as part of the West Mercia PCC's model of commissioning crime reduction activity. Established commissioning areas include CCTV improvement, the coordination of Data Analysis support and consolidation of funding for Integrated Offender Management across the force area. More recently the PCC released a tender for delivery of a Hate Crime Support service across West Mercia, which won by Victim Support West Mercia. The PCC also opened a Fly Tipping fund that CSPs could bid into to support private landowners to address environmental crime issues. This commissioning model has led to more PCC funding being provided at a West Mercia force level to deliver activities in these key thematic areas.

PCC's CCTV Capital Fund: Back in 2017-18 the PCC allocated significant funding to develop and upgrade CCTV across the West Mercia force area. NWCSP first received an allocation of £195,000 of grant funding for improvements to the area's CCTV scheme. The CSP, on behalf of the three Local Authorities, used this capital contribution to modernise the CCTV infrastructure that serves the three district areas. This upgrade introduced Internet Protocol Recording with greatly improved technological capabilities for digital processing. The whole CCTV scheme now has enhanced digital capability, improved image quality and a greater capacity to expand the scheme and/or link up to other digital systems across the region.

The funding amounts involved made this project the most ambitious undertaken by the CSP and the project was also match funded by the three District Councils with additional revenue, capital and in-kind support. A total amount of £339,000 of CSP funding was allocated to the project up to March 2020.

In 2020-21 the PCC allocated an additional amount of £65k capital funding towards CCTV and a further 65k of capital funding was awarded to NWCSP in 2021-22. The Project Team implemented spending proposals agreed by the CSP which have continued to enhance the capability and capacity of the

CCTV Monitoring Scheme and improve the technological aspects of the Monitoring Centre and cameras which will have benefits for years to come. Details of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 allocations can be found in **Appendix 2** and a further funding allocation of £20,000 has been given to NWCSP for 2022/23.

PCC's Fly Tipping Fund: In Sept 2021, the PCC released a £100K grant fund available over 2 years in order to work with CSPs to address the problem of fly-tipping on private land. The grant fund was launched with a closing date for applications on the 4th October. The PCC's Office approved 5 applications – one each for North Worcestershire, South Worcestershire, Telford & Wrekin, Herefordshire and one West Mercia wide bid (for a SmartWater tyre tagging scheme) allocating the total £100K funding pot - [West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner to invest £100k to tackle fly-tippers and introduce tyre-tagging scheme](#)

The NWCSP allocation of £22,000 is supporting the work of a new NW District Council Fly Tipping Prevention Group and the grant funding is being managed by the three district council environmental services teams in order to: -

- a) Develop a land owners' charter across North Worcestershire reflecting guidance of best practice amongst land owners as set out by the National Flytipping Prevention Group (NFPG).
- b) Introduce a co-ordinated prevention and enforcement scheme which will include:
 - the use of covert CCTV (to be managed by the Councils)
 - signage
 - target hardening advice from the Councils
 - following up on any evidence gathered from fly tipped waste and/or captured on CCTV and issue Fixed Penalty Notices or prosecute.
- c) Establish and manage a network of landowners who are signed up to the charter where best practice, convictions and information can be shared.

3.3 NWCSP core grant funding from the PCC 2022-23

In addition to the CCTV Capital Grant and the Fly Tipping Fund, NWCSP is allocated an annual ring-fenced amount from the PCC of £139,250 for 2022/23 and details of the CSPs agreed project spend can be found in **Appendix 2** alongside details of other grant funding drawn down by the Council's Community Safety Team on behalf of Safer Bromsgrove.

The progress of these grant funded projects is reported quarterly to the PCC and other grant funders and at the end of the financial year there is a requirement to provide a comprehensive evaluation of all the funded projects. This includes a full breakdown of project expenditure and the outputs/outcomes that the funding has achieved.

3.4 Local Delivery, Key Projects and Progress

Local delivery of community safety projects and initiatives falls under the remit of the Community Safety Operational Groups. The Safer Bromsgrove group is a multi-agency partnership forum chaired by the Council's Community Safety Project Officers. The activities and interventions of the group are supported by the Community Safety Team and other council service areas such as Environmental Services, the Town Centre Manager and WRS.

Alongside coordination of the CSP sub-groups, the Community Safety Team also monitor and respond to district community safety issues, co-ordinating local operational delivery with wider partners. The team is often a first point of contact for residents and partners with concerns about local crime and disorder issues and our officers are able to call upon other community safety partners when solutions to local concerns require a multi-agency response.

Bromsgrove Community Safety Project Officers

Community Safety Project Officers Dave Rischmiller and Sarah McIntosh work on behalf of the Council and NWCSF, delivering a variety of community safety projects and initiatives across the District. The wider team are also available to provide information, support and guidance to residents, council colleagues, external partners and elected members on a variety of crime prevention and community safety concerns and issues. **Appendix 2** provides an update on the key community safety project activity that has taken place in 2022/23.

3.5 ASB, Problem Solving and Partner Engagement

ASB in Bromsgrove

Following the presentation of the Council's updated ASB Policy in June 2020, Elected Members requested that an update on activity to address ASB issues be presented at the annual Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Panel.

Attached at **Appendix 3** is a brief overview of reported ASB in North Worcestershire and Bromsgrove to date.

Use of ASB Tools and Powers

Working with our partner agencies there are a number of tools and remedies available when dealing with cases of ASB. Support is provided throughout each process with referrals to other organisations made as and when it is appropriate.

Agreements, Warnings and Formal Notices - The Council, the Police and Social Landlords can issue verbal and written warnings to address unacceptable behaviour and reinforce that ASB will not be tolerated in our communities. The Police, Council Service Areas and Social Landlords can also issue Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) to remind residents of their obligations under their tenancy/lease or the rule of law and the warnings set out the specific clauses, conditions or legislation that has been breached. When issuing warnings, partners clarify the issue, advise the individual that

their behaviour is being monitored and warn the individual or business that further enforcement action will be taken if their anti-social behaviour continues.

To date **one CPW** has been issued by Environmental Services to address the issue of waste deposited or accumulated on land in Blackwell. A previous warning issued in 2021, relating to a disused premises on the High Street in the Town Centre was not followed which led to a more formal Community Protection Notice being served. After initial compliance with the requirements of the Notice, there was no ongoing commitment to maintain the necessary standards, so this is now being pursued by BDC's Legal Services for breach of a CPN which is a criminal offence.

Three CPWs have been issued by Community Safety Officers, two of which progressed to a more formal Community Protection Notice. **A further CPW** was issued by a local housing association with support and guidance from the Community Safety Team and on another two occasions the threat of a CPW was sufficient to resolve various issues in cases of neighbour nuisance.

Very often a warning about the potential use of enforcement measures helps to solve the problem and the Community Safety Team regularly provide advice and support to other community safety partners in the use of various measures under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014. For example, advice was provided on how to deal with a resident fishing hand grenades from a canal using magnets and advice was given to a Housing Association regarding preventing a resident preying upon elderly neighbours for loans.

A case study detailing the effective use of the ASB Tools and Powers can be found at **Appendix 4**

Community Trigger/ASB Case Review - A Community Trigger/ASB Case Review is a process that was introduced as part of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 and provides a facility for victims of ASB to request a review of their reported case, if they feel that no action has been taken. Relevant agencies have to come together to review their responses to the reported problem and identify if there is any further action that can be taken.

In 2022-23, the team received **2** Community Trigger applications in Bromsgrove for issues relating to disruptive neighbour nuisance. In addition a Community Trigger from 2021 continued into 2022 and helped to support and reassure a young female victim who was suffering harassment from an intimidating older male while she was at work in the Town Centre.

The ASB Case review process is owned by NWCSF and is administered by the Council's Community Safety Team. As laid out in the 2014 Act, there are a number of timescales that need to be met to ensure that the applicants receive timely responses to their concerns.

Requests for Service - The Community Safety team keeps an overview of local ASB activity and provides advice and guidance on ASB Enforcement to various services and partners with enforcement capabilities. The team also

coordinates and funds membership of a nationally recognised consultancy network which provides access to a leading ASB Barrister to ensure that any information and guidance shared is accurate and up to date with current legislation and practice.

The team receives a number of calls for advice and assistance from other council service areas and partner agencies requiring expertise in implementing crime & ASB prevention measures, problem solving processes and community safety interventions to assist in resolving complex issues and cases.

Requests for support and information are received from members of the public, Elected Members, voluntary and community groups and other external agencies and can include complaints about neighbourhood issues, concerns around domestic abuse, use of illegal substances, home security, personal safety and environmental crime concerns.

3.6 Communications and Social Media Campaigns

The Community Safety Team has supported various national and local campaigns throughout 2022 to promote key safety messages and the work of NWCSP.

Projects that are led by the Community Safety Team such as the Respect Programme, Nominated Neighbour and Hate Incident Reporting were regularly promoted and annual national campaigns such as ASB Awareness Week, Hate Crime Awareness Week and the Domestic Abuse White Ribbon campaign were supported (as shown in **Appendix 2**)

A number of other campaigns were also supported throughout the year, including:

- Ask for Angela
- Young Citizens Challenge
- National Safeguarding Week
- Loan Shark Awareness
- Drowning Prevention Week
- Child Exploitation Awareness Day
- Mental Health Awareness Week

The main social media platform used by Bromsgrove Community Safety is Twitter using **@SaferBromsgrove** for local issues, **@nworccsp** (across North Worcestershire) and **@NWHateIncident** (for hate crime awareness projects and campaigns).

The **@SaferBromsgrove** Twitter account has **627 followers** to date and throughout the year the Twitter posts promoting the campaigns and events were **seen by 15,546 people** with **2,412 direct engagements** across North Worcestershire.

Alongside these campaigns, the team also raises awareness of wider community safety issues and keeps residents informed of work delivered by our partners such as the Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub, the Starting Well Partnership, BDHT, GET SAFE, Pubwatch, Women's Aid, HW Fire & Rescue Service and West Mercia Police.

Community Safety awareness messages and projects are also promoted via the District Council's Facebook page and up-to-date information about Community Safety projects and general crime prevention work is available on the RBC website and on NWCSP website at [North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership \(nwcsp.org\)](http://North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (nwcsp.org))

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the progress made by the North Worcestershire CSP be noted.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1: NWCSP Plan 2021-24

Appendix 2: NWCSP Project Review 2021-22 Presentation

Appendix 3: ASB in Bromsgrove - Data Report 2022-23

Appendix 4: ASB Tools & Powers – A Case Study

Appendix 5: Tibberton Court Project Promotional Booklet

6. Background Papers

West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - [Committee details - West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](http://Committee details - West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - Worcestershire County Council (moderngov.co.uk))

PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan 2021-25 - [Safer West Mercia Plan \(westmercia-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://Safer West Mercia Plan (westmercia-pcc.gov.uk))

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Partnership Plan 2021-24

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FOREWORD

I am pleased to present North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership's (NWCSP) Community Safety Plan for 2021-24. It outlines our priorities over the next three years and the actions we will take to address them.

NWCSP is committed to building on the progress made in recent years and will continue to drive down crime and disorder across Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest. Our partnership is innovative and full of people who are passionate about creating a safe environment for our communities.

Our aim for this plan is to continue to build safer, stronger and more confident communities whilst navigating and adapting to the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 global pandemic.

We will do this by working together to decrease crime, improve community safety and address the threats, harms and risks associated with criminality; and at the same time implementing and responding to the requirements and regulations necessary to support our communities to move toward post-Covid recovery.

In the following pages, we have captured the areas of work that we will focus on as a partnership and the actions we will take to achieve our aims. I hope by reading this plan, you will see how NWCSP works together toward these aims, for the benefit of all who live, work in and visit our towns and villages.

Sue Hanley
Chair of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership

INTRODUCTION

This partnership plan has been prepared by NWCSP to help set out its community safety objectives and aims for 2021-24 in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Since the first national lockdown implemented in March 2020 Covid-19 has continued to pose significant challenges to public agencies, local businesses and voluntary & community sector organisations as they work to support, protect and maintain services to our local residents.

Our partners continue to meet the ongoing challenges of redesigning processes and altering ways of working to provide services that are Covid-safe for both customers and employees alike and this has meant significant change, at an extraordinarily quick pace. Despite this, there also remains a consistent level of customer service and support offered by all partner agencies whilst adapting to and working within the various restrictions and requirements of national Coronavirus policy and regulation.

Both individually and collectively, Community Safety Partnership members are managing the effects of this unprecedented situation, constantly adapting service delivery and working practices in order to continue to support customers and clients, many of whom have been deeply affected by the many and sometimes life-changing consequences of the coronavirus pandemic.

Whilst the long term effect Covid-19 will have on crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour is unknown; this Partnership Plan is intended to inform residents, parish and town councils, and other stakeholders including the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner of the specific community safety actions NWCSP will carry out during the forthcoming years.

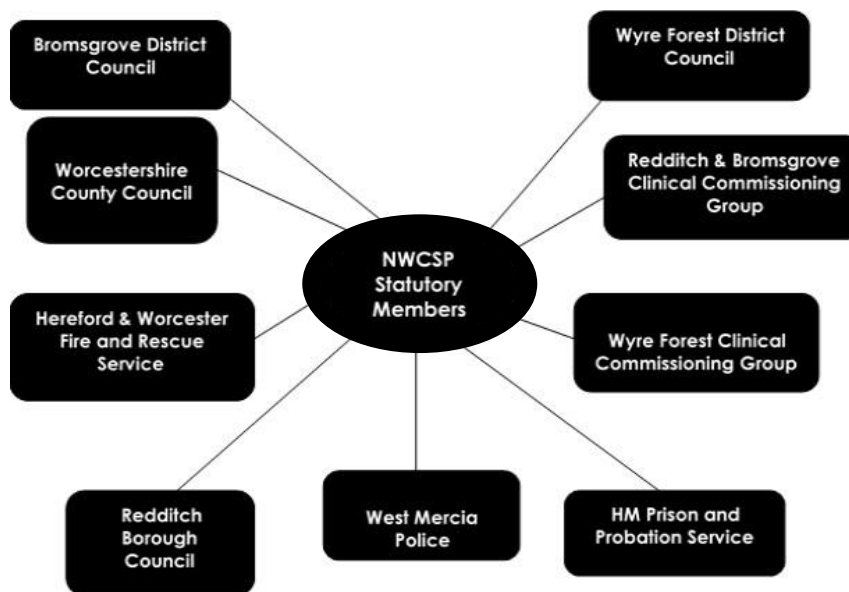
The Partnership vision for North Worcestershire is: -

‘to keep North Worcestershire a safe place to live, work and visit’.

NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (NWCSP)

NWCSP is a strategic partnership, bringing agencies together to reduce crime and offending in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The Partnership is made up of the following statutory organisations, together with a wider range of local agencies such as victim support services, housing associations and voluntary & community sector organisations. NWCSP aims to provide added value to the individual partnership agencies' day to day functions; working together to reduce the risks and harms associated with crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.



NWCSP could not achieve its objectives without help from the public. It is the responsibility of everyone to play their part in helping to make themselves and their communities safer. Anyone can contribute to crime reduction and prevention by reporting crime and disorder when it happens; supporting criminal justice agencies by providing information and intelligence about offences that have taken place; and by taking responsibility for personal safety and the safety of others, particularly the most vulnerable in society.

For ideas on other ways to get involved, please visit www.nwcsp.org

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

The Partnership has a statutory duty to produce an annual Strategic Assessment which provides the data and evidence for proposed community safety activities and actions, as set out in the Partnership Plan. The Strategic Assessment also provides the framework for the CSP to measure performance and progress towards meeting its agreed outcomes for each of the community safety priorities.

Usually the Strategic Assessment collates the latest information and data, detailing recent levels of crime and ASB. This allows the CSP to consider the current position and assess any changing circumstances or emerging issues that could require multi-agency approaches or interventions. However, this year Covid-19 has had a significant effect on crime figures and data reporting.

Following a report by the Office for National Statistics Centre for Crime and Justice (ONS) released on 3rd Feb 2021, statisticians stated that:

“The coronavirus pandemic and related lockdown restrictions have resulted in fluctuations in the level of crime experienced in England and Wales. Data from the survey [Telephone operated Crime Survey for England and Wales 2020] showed decreases in crime at the start of the pandemic, with rises seen over the summer months, specifically in theft, following the easing of lockdown measures, with overall crime now back at pre-lockdown levels of January to March 2020. There were also fluctuations in police recorded crime, but total recorded offences for July to September 2020 were below that seen in the same period in 2019.”

[ONS - Crime in England and Wales: year ending September 2020](#)

In light of the challenge of 2020/21 crime data, the Partnership has also utilised Strategic Assessments and other CSP data products from previous years to inform priority setting for the refreshed Partnership plan. Alongside this, certain other considerations are also taken into account, such as:

- Level of harm – the impact offences have on victims and wider communities.

- Community concern – the level of priority that local residents attribute to a particular offence.
- Partnership added value – the extent to which multi-agency working can enhance the ability of agencies to tackle a particular pattern of offending behaviour.

This year's priority setting has also been developed with due regard to:

- Existing and emerging national priorities
- NWCSP's statutory duties and obligations
- West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Plan – Safer West Mercia
- Policing priorities included in the West Mercia Force Control Strategy
- Worcestershire Safer Communities Board's Community Safety Agreement

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

John Champion was re-elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia on 6th May 2021. Mr Champion's focus will be on increasing the number of police officers on the streets and ensuring they are visible and accessible to communities. He has also prioritised the fight to reduce crime, bring criminals to justice and spend the public's money on efficient and effective policing. The PCC will be producing a new Police and Crime Plan, which will set out the strategic aims and priorities for his second term in office.

The PCC has a duty to co-operate with CSPs to reduce crime and disorder and there is a reciprocal duty on CSPs to collaborate with the PCC. The PCC and the CSP must also have regard for each other's priorities within their respective plans. PCC's vision has focused on four key areas:

- Building a More Secure West Mercia
- Reassuring West Mercia's Communities
- Putting Victims and Witnesses First
- Reforming West Mercia

This North Worcestershire CSP Plan has been developed to ensure that it aligns with the PCC's vision for policing across West Mercia and will continue to support the aims and objectives of the next West Mercia Police and Crime Plan.

Serious Violence Statutory Duty

In July 2019, the Government announced plans for a new legal duty on public bodies to prevent and tackle serious violence. The new 'public health duty' will cover the police, local councils, local health bodies such as NHS Trusts, education representatives and youth offending services.

The Home Office's intention is that the duty will ensure that relevant services work together to share data, intelligence and knowledge to understand and address the root causes of serious violence including knife crime. It will also allow those services to target their interventions to prevent and stop violence altogether.

The Government intends to amend the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that serious violence is an explicit priority for Community Safety Partnerships, by making sure they have a strategy in place to tackle violent crime.

At the time of writing, NWCSP is still waiting for further information about what this new duty will mean in practice for the Partnership and will respond accordingly to any requirements emerging from the government's Serious Violence Strategy and any related legislation.

Delivering the Partnership Plan

The key to delivering North Worcestershire's priorities is effective and strong partnership working, as no individual agency alone can deliver the objectives of the CSP.

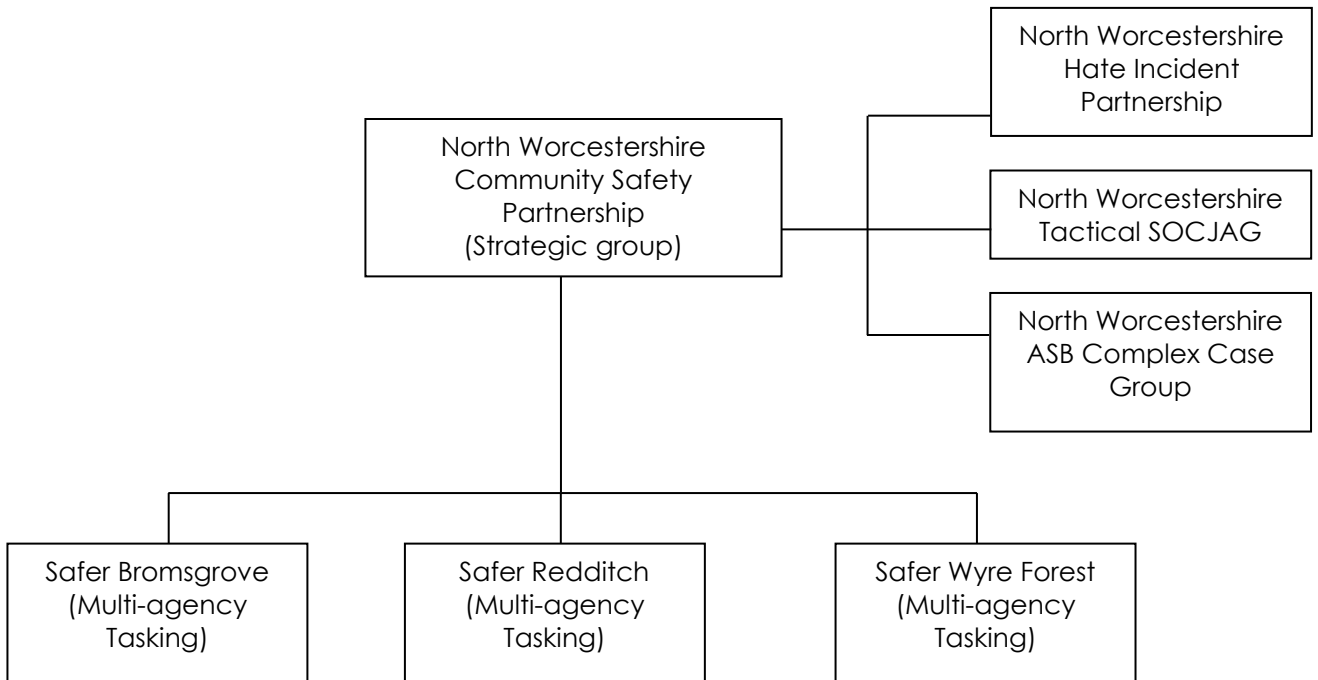
As a partnership we will set and monitor performance indicators that reflect the priorities, in order to measure progress toward the Partnership's delivery outcomes. We will measure and assess our activities a minimum of four times a year to check that we are achieving positive outcomes and making progress toward the aims of the plan.

Effective crime reduction relies on understanding what and where our problems are. This enables us to direct partnership resources efficiently and effectively – to the right place at the right time. Crime trends and patterns are regularly monitored and NWCSP receives regular reports from key officers to enable collective monitoring of actions, performance and outcomes.

The Partnership consists of senior managers from the statutory Responsible Authorities alongside co-operating organisations and the Elected Councillors with responsibility for community safety, from each of the member Local Authorities. To provide oversight of the work of the Partnership, Elected Councillors hold community safety specific scrutiny committees which inspect the Partnership's performance. West Mercia's PCC is the public's elected representative for all policing matters and as such Community Safety Partnerships and the PCC have a duty to collaborate and pay due regard to each other's action plans. In fulfilling this duty, the PCC maintains strong links with each of the Community Safety Partnerships within the West Mercia force area.

Operational delivery of the partnership plan is carried out by a number of community safety sub-groups and forums. Safer Groups in each of the district areas are the core delivery arm of the CSP, where much of the on-the-ground activity is developed and undertaken. These groups co-ordinate partnership activity at an operational district level to solve current and emerging local problems.

NWCSP Structure



OUR PRIORITIES

Partners use the Strategic Assessment and other sources to assess and prioritise the key crime and disorder issues that require multi-agency action within the Partnership's area of focus. When setting and reviewing CSP priorities consideration is also given to the local Policing objectives in the area. Partnership priorities are reviewed regularly and refreshed annually to ensure the CSP is always focused on addressing the issues that affect local communities the most.

The following priorities have been agreed by partners for 2021/22:

Priority	Aim: To Reduce/Prevent
Violence and Abuse	Public Place Violence
	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
	Child Sexual Exploitation
Theft and Acquisitive Crime	Theft from Stores
	Burglary, Doorstep Crimes & Scams
	Rural & Business Crime
ASB, Damage and Nuisance	Neighbourhood Nuisance
	Criminal Damage
	Environmental Problems and Deliberate Fires
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	Criminal Exploitation, County Lines & Modern Slavery
	Violent Extremism
Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs & Alcohol	
Reducing Reoffending	

A summary of the type of activity the Partnership will undertake to address these priorities is provided below.

Priority: To Reduce Violence and Abuse

Public Place Violence - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Work with local businesses, regulatory services and public health to develop further understanding and intelligence around public place violence; particularly related to the Night-time Economy as town centres and licensed premises move toward post Covid recovery.
- Respond to and implement any requirements emerging from the government's Serious Violence Strategy and any related legislation.
- District Safer Groups to develop and co-ordinate specific actions and initiatives in response to local public place violence issues.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Through MARAC and commissioned Domestic Abuse services, continue to develop and improve agency responses to high risk victims.
- Work with Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support services to develop and promote initiatives that focus on increasing reporting, early help and education.
- Increase and promote training opportunities to ensure all services are able to identify and offer support to customers at risk of or experiencing Domestic Abuse or Sexual Violence.
- Work with services to ensure all victims are able to access the right support to meet their needs, including male victims, victims from Black Asian and Minority Ethnic communities and victims of historical sexual violence.
- Through Drive, the Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme work with services to reduce offending and prevent risk and harm.
- Respond to any legislative requirements emerging from the Domestic Abuse Bill 2020 and the Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2021-2024.
- Implement learning and recommendations from Domestic Homicide Reviews

Child Sexual Exploitation - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Support and expand the community safety Respect Programme in partnership with local schools to continue to provide therapeutic support to young people at risk of exploitation.
- Promote and deliver training and awareness raising to ensure parents, support workers and service providers are able to identify and support young people vulnerable to exploitation.
- Through work with schools, the local Respect Programme and other providers, to ensure children and young people have access to education on healthy relationships.
- Work with the Children's Safeguarding Partnership to promote Get Safe, the countywide safeguarding approach to addressing issues of Child Exploitation. [GET SAFE = **G**angs, **S**exual **E**xploitation, **T**rafficking, **M**odern Day **S**lavery **A**bsent or **M**issing, **F**orced Marriage, **C**riminal **E**xploitation]

Priority: To Reduce theft and acquisitive crime

Theft from Stores - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Work with partners such as the North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration (NWEDR) Unit, business networks and retail partnerships to identify opportunities for crime prevention, improving store security and improved data collection and analysis.
- Work with Integrated Offender Management (IOM) partners in the criminal justice system, to ensure prolific and persistent offenders are brought to justice.
- Work with commissioned Drug and Alcohol services and IOM to promote support options and interventions to reduce reliance on theft to support addictions.

Burglary, Doorstep Crimes and Scams - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Raise awareness of criminality and provide residents with the tools and information to protect their homes and property.
- Offer support, information and advice to Burglary victims to reduce the risk of re-victimisation.
- Promote and expand the CSP's Nominated Neighbour scheme to encourage residents to look out for and protect the most vulnerable members of their local communities.
- Promote the PCC's SmartWater Village Scheme and the Police We Don't Buy Crime initiative to support a co-ordinated approach to protecting local rural areas.
- Raise awareness of scams, fraud and cyber-crime, focusing on the most vulnerable and those most at risk of being targeted.
- Deliver seasonal initiatives to raising awareness and provide advice to the public on how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of these crimes.
- Targeted joint-agency work to engage with and raise the awareness of residents/communities in areas where issues such as scams and distraction burglary are more prevalent (e.g. elderly residents).

Rural and Business Crime - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Promote the PCC's SmartWater Scheme and the Police We Don't Buy Crime initiative to support a co-ordinated approach to protecting local businesses communities and rural areas.
- Support and promote business community and rural area networks, such as Farm Watches and Business Links, providing crime prevention information and sharing intelligence to prevent victimisation.
- Support West Mercia PCCs Business and Rural crime strategies and work with local affected communities to understand and address the issues they are facing.

Priority: To reduce antisocial behaviour (ASB), damage and nuisance

Neighbour Nuisance - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Promote and utilise the powers and legislation available to the Police, Councils and other partners to tackle ASB and nuisance.
- Raise awareness of support services and provide residents with pathways to raise concerns and request action i.e. Tenancy Panels, Complaints processes, Community Trigger/ASB Case Review etc.
- Offer support, information and advice to vulnerable victims of ASB victims to reduce the risk of continued re-victimisation or escalation.
- Respond to any legislative requirements emerging from the Social Housing White Paper 2020 in relation to ASB and Safer Homes & Neighbourhoods.
- North Worcestershire ASB Complex Case Group to develop and co-ordinate specific actions and initiatives in response to local concerns about ASB issues.

Criminal Damage - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Utilise improved CCTV capabilities across North Worcestershire to identify and take action against perpetrators.
- Utilise and support the work of established Detached Youth Work teams in each district area to engage with young people in local neighbourhoods at risk of becoming involved in ASB and criminality.
- Make use of opportunities for community resolution and restorative justice with offenders to repair damage in public spaces.

Environmental Problems and Deliberate Fires - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Promote and utilise the powers and legislation available to the Councils, Regulatory Services and other partners to tackle environmental problems and crimes.
- Publicise environmental crime prosecutions and enforcement action taken against offenders in order to prevent and deter further offending.

- Work with partners to improve data collection and shared intelligence around environmental problems and deliberate fires in order to identify patterns of behaviour and target resources more effectively.
- Raising awareness of the dangers of fire raising and deliver fire safety messages within local communities.

Priority: Protecting Vulnerable Communities

Reducing Hate Crime and Targeted Harassment - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Through North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership continue to raise awareness of hate crime in all its forms, providing appropriate support information and increasing opportunities to report incidents securely and safely.
- Offer support, information and interventions to vulnerable victims of Hate Incidents/crimes to reduce the risk of continued re-victimisation or escalation.
- Increase and promote training opportunities to ensure all services are able to identify and offer support to customers at risk of or experiencing Hate Crime and Targeted Harassment.

Reducing Criminal Exploitation, County Lines & Modern Slavery - Summary of CSP Activity:

- Through North Worcestershire Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG) continue to raise awareness of organised crime and exploitation across agencies and with the public.
- Support and engage with the SOCJAG and MATE processes to identify areas of concern, share intelligence and take joint action to disrupt Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) operating in our areas.
- Further develop our knowledge and understanding of criminal exploitation, county lines and modern slavery locally, including areas and communities that may be more vulnerable to targeting by criminals.
- Raise awareness and provide support and information to services, businesses and organisations likely to come into contact with those vulnerable to exploitation.

Preventing Violent Extremism- Summary of CSP Activity:

- Through Worcestershire Prevent Strategy Group to raise awareness of Prevent and organisations statutory duties under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (as amended)
- Support and engage with the Channel Process and ensure that support is available for young people and vulnerable adults at risk of radicalisation. SOCJAG and MATE processes to identify areas of concern, share intelligence and take joint action to disrupt Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) operating in our areas.
- Further develop our knowledge and understanding of terrorism and risks of radicalisation locally, including areas or communities that may be more vulnerable to targeting by extremists.

Cross Cutting Themes

Reducing the Harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol and Reducing Re-offending remain cross cutting areas of work for partners that impact on all CSP priorities. NWCSP works closely with Public Health and Commissioned Drug and Alcohol Services and is also represented on the Worcestershire Reducing Reoffending Strategy Group.

NWCSP activity in these areas as part of the plan will include:

- Support and encourage joint Police and Licensing Team visits to licensed premises in North Worcestershire to ensure adherence to licensing conditions and to encourage the responsible sale of alcohol as premises move toward post Covid recovery.
- Support and facilitate the referral of vulnerable individuals at risk of exploitation to local support services to safeguard them against harm e.g. risk of cuckooing of a vulnerable tenant's property due to substance dependency.
- Use of enforcement powers e.g. Criminal Behaviour Order, to take action against identified persistent offenders engaging in ASB where behaviour is alcohol-related.
- Support and resource targeted outreach work delivered by youth workers to engage with young people at risk of drug or alcohol-related ASB.

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- Promote use of Dispersal Orders and Community Protection Warning letters/Notices for those individuals repeatedly involved alcohol or drug-related crime.
- Continue work with Integrated Offender Management (IOM) partners in the criminal justice system, to ensure offenders are brought to justice.
- Seek to publicise prosecutions and enforcement action taken against offenders, where appropriate, in order to prevent and deter further offending.
- Make full use of both permanent and deployable CCTV camera systems in our district areas to deter offending behaviour, capture evidence and improve public safety.
- Share intelligence through the district Safer Groups and other CSP sub-groups to help bring offenders to justice.

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Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Service
www.hwfire.org.uk

Bromsgrove District Council
www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

Redditch Borough Council
www.redditch.gov.uk

Wyre Forest District Council
www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Worcestershire County Council
www.worcestershire.gov.uk

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group
www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk

NHS Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group
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HM Prison and Probation Service
www.gov.uk

Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company
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North Worcestershire **Community Safety Partnership**

Review of the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2022/23

Bev Houghton
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February 2023

NWCSP Responsible Authorities

- **West Mercia Police**
- **Bromsgrove District Council**
- **Redditch Borough Council**
- **Wyre Forest District Council**
- **Worcestershire County Council**
- **Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service**
- **The Probation Service**
- **Redditch, Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest – Integrated Care Board (replacing Clinical Commissioning Groups)**

NWCSP Priorities

The following priorities were agreed by partners for 2021-24

Priority	Aim: To Reduce/Prevent
Violence and Abuse	Public Place Violence
	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
	Child Sexual Exploitation
Theft and Acquisitive Crime	Theft from Stores
	Burglary, Doorstep Crimes & Scams
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New & Emerging Initiatives

In April 2021 **the Domestic Abuse Act** received royal assent and statutory guidance was issued in July 2022. Section 84(4) of the 2021 Act requires relevant agencies exercising public functions, to have regard to the Domestic Abuse statutory guidance in the exercise of those functions. Some organisations e.g. Housing Authorities also have specific statutory duties to safeguard victims of domestic abuse.

[Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance](#) - This statutory guidance sets standards and promotes best practice for those **responsible authorities with statutory duties to support and assist victims of domestic abuse.**

In line with the guidance, an upper tier domestic abuse partnership board has been established at county level and a **Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Strategy** has been developed which focuses on the key strategic responses of prevention, provision of services, partnership, pursuing perpetrators and criminal justice.

The Worcestershire Strategy can be found here - [Domestic Abuse | Worcestershire County Council](#)

New & Emerging Initiatives

On the 28th June, the Government introduced a number of law changes as part of the **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022**. The PCSC Act 2022 focuses on; an overhaul of sentencing laws to make streets safer, ensuring serious violent and sexual offenders spend longer behind bars, implements measures to help cut crime and better protect the public and equips the police with the powers and tools they need to combat crime.

Draft guidance placing a new duty on specified authorities to address Serious Violence was issued by the Government on the 9th June 2022. The draft guidance aims to support specified authorities and PCCs in the exercise of their functions in relation to the **Serious Violence Duty**; as laid out in the PCSC Act 2022.

[Serious Violence Duty: Draft guidance for responsible authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/serious-violence-duty-draft-guidance-for-responsible-authorities)

The Serious Violence Duty guidance sets out how the PCSC Act 2022 amends the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and places a requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to formulate and implement a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence.

Worcestershire CSPs are currently working together to establish how best to exercise this duty in a consistent and collaborative manner across the partnership areas of operation.

New & Emerging Initiatives

On 15th June 2022, the government announced their vision for establishing **Combating Drugs Partnerships** in local areas as part of the next phase of their 10-year strategy to **reduce supply and demand for illegal drugs**.

[Guidance for local delivery partners - Combating Drugs Partnerships](#) - provides the framework for how partners in each locality in England should work together to reduce drug-related harm in their area, with each Combating Drugs Partnership appointing a single Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) to act as chair and take responsibility for reporting back to central government.

Locally, discussions are underway to establish the Combating Drugs Partnership that will cover the Worcestershire area. West Mercia Partners have agreed that the PCC will be the Senior Responsible Officer for a new Combating Drugs Partnerships which will be aligned to Integrated Care Board boundaries: [Integrated Care Board - Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System](#)

The PCC has announced £100,000 of additional funding to support the work of the Partnerships and further details on the Combating Drugs Partnership will be shared as the structures and local strategies develop.

NWCSP Core Funding - 2022/23

Area of Benefit	PCC Grant
West Mercia CSP Analyst Team (Top Sliced)	£20,000
West Mercia Integrated Offender Mgt. (Top Sliced)	£ 5,000
West Mercia Hate Crime Project (Top Sliced)	£11,000
West Mercia Crimestoppers Initiative (Top Sliced)	£ 1,700
Bromsgrove Youth Outreach	£13,534
Bromsgrove Tasking Projects	£10,649
Redditch Youth Outreach	£13,534
Redditch Tasking Projects	£13,650
Wyre Forest Detached Youth Team	£20,000
Wyre Forest Tasking Projects	£10,183
NW Domestic Homicide Reviews	£20,000
Total	£139,250

Safer Bromsgrove – Tasking Fund 2022/23

Projects To Date	Amount
Bromsgrove Pubwatch Insurance	£316.20
Home Security Products	£621.50
New Fencing at Tibberton Court	£794.00
Contribution to Mobile Metal Detector (Knife Arch)	£2,245.00
Fence Removal and Replacement at Shawfield Lane	£1,950.00
Mallard - ASB Consultancy & Network Subscription Contribution	£499.50
College of Policing Event for Planning Services Contribution	£375.00
Total	£6,801.20

CCTV - Funding between Apr 2020 and Mar 2022

Allocation	PCC Grant
Install 1 x new camera and pole in Sanders Park and upgrade of 9 cameras in Bromsgrove District	£32,135.57
1 additional camera on Town Hall roof and upgrade of 24 cameras in Redditch Borough	£48,403.41
Upgrade of various cameras in Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport	£36,458.00
Monitoring centre equipment and signage for the benefit of Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest areas	£12,766.60
Total Grant Allocation	£130,000.00

NWCSP was allocated a further £20,000 capital for CCTV for 2022-23

CCTV - Funding for 2022 / 2023

Area of Benefit	PCC Grant
Purchased additional moves of the 9 existing re-deployable cameras and associated signage	£17,152
Contribution towards a new camera at Worcester Road to support surveillance of the NTE	£ 1,500
Purchased a digital sign in system to improve processes for the Monitoring Centre	£ 1,350
Total	£20,000

Community Safety Project Updates

2022-23



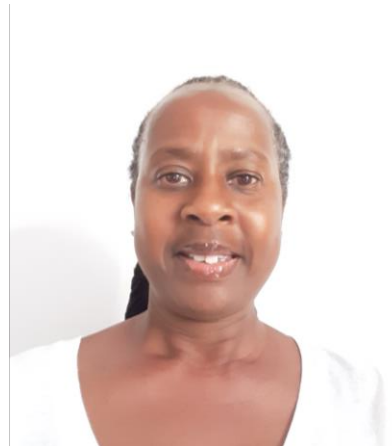
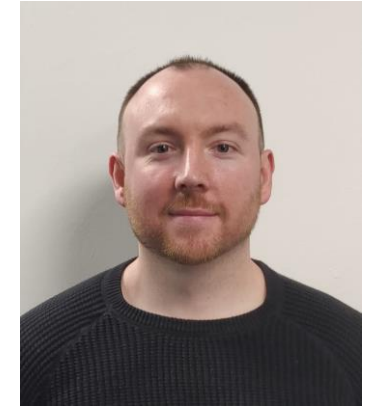
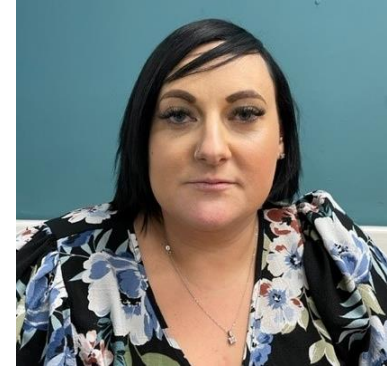
RESPECT PROGRAMME

The Respect Programme provides community safety awareness sessions as part of school PHSE drop down days and bespoke classroom sessions on a number of subjects such as recognising and reporting hate crime, understanding healthy relationships/domestic abuse, the dangers of substance misuse and promoting respect and community responsibility.

The programme also provides a therapeutic mentoring scheme which provides weekly support and guidance sessions to young people at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.

2022-23 saw the cohort that the Respect Programme works with expand further. The team received between 40 to 60 referrals each half term, with our team of mentors holding around 185 open cases at any time.

The referrals into the programme continue to increase in complexity with support required for young people who are at a high level of need and are at risk of becoming involved in criminality, both as potential victims and potential perpetrators.



Following a year on year increase in referrals to the Respect Programme, we have been very fortunate to be able to expand our current team of experienced, qualified youth mentors. We now have 10 mentors who support the delivery of the Respect Programme

The Empowering Young People Programme

This CSP funded project provides an 11-week programme of arts and crafts, issue-based activities and interactive workshops addressing issues such as life skills, confidence building and self-esteem work.

The project is now entering its sixth year and goes from strength to strength with tailored sessions delivered to groups of young people based on their specific needs. During this year the program have had more of a focus on male groups which have been successful in tackling some of the standard male stereotypes. Content delivered over the year has included a focus on ASB, County Lines, CSE, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Hate Crime Awareness

Over the year (2022/23) 6 Empowering Young People programme have been delivered, taking place in both school and community settings.



Friday Night Diversionary Sessions

The Friday Night sessions evolved from the ASDA Car Park Diversionary Project over 12 months ago. The sessions work with some of the harder to reach young people and over the past year the group has grown to a point where 100 young people were attending. Due to the complexity of needs of the young people in the group, it has now been separated into two groups with the older teens attending on a Friday and the younger age groups attending a new Thursday session.

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The sessions have hosted workshops by the County Drug and Alcohol team, NHS Sexual Health and the Police and the Friday Night Session has been held up as an example of best practice for working with harder to reach young people in the community. This has led to key funders attending the sessions to capture the young people's experiences. At a recent session one of the young people handed in a knife they had been carrying, demonstrating the real behavioural change this programme is encouraging in young people lives.



Thursday Night Diversionary Sessions

The Thursday Night session was established in November 2022 to relieve some of the pressure of the number of attendees at the Friday night session.

This sessions is targeted at those who are in Year 8 and 9, many of whom are also in the harder to reach category. Having more time and space to engage with this younger audience has enabled youth workers to bring about real behavioural change in the young people attending.



Youth Outreach

The Youth Hub and Reach Out Bromsgrove work with the Community Safety Youth Workers to deliver outreach and detached sessions across the district.

The youth teams patrol two to three times a week depending on the weather, and this successful engagement work with young people out in the community directly led to the two diversionary sessions being established on Thursday and Friday evenings. At the height of the summer, outreach youth workers engaged with between 600 – 800 hundred young people per month.

The outreach teams are now seen as a model of best practice across the county and discussions are being held to reshape the delivery of youth provision across Worcestershire, as a result of the achievements of these youth workers.



The Bromsgrove Listening Service



The Community Safety Team has worked with the Anglican Churches to establish a volunteer Listening Service for young people requiring lower-level support and intervention. The Listening Service is now in its sixth year. The service is well established in Bromsgrove High schools and there are currently 8 young people being supported.

During this school year the programme has been extended to the middle schools in Bromsgrove, currently sessions are also being held in St Johns Middle School and Parkside Middle School



Bromsgrove Youth Hub CiC

The Bromsgrove Youth Hub was established as a partnership project led by the Community Safety Team, the YMCA and Bromsgrove Churches Together.

The Hub is now an independent Community Interest Company (CIC) in its own right and provides support and activities for young people, offering a space to socialise safely.

The Hub also offers a tailored programme of sessions such as mental health support, open access youth club and free music and art therapy classes. It also provides signposting and ad-hoc support as part of its drop-in and outreach work.

Community Safety has been working very closely with The Hub to support local young people. The Community Safety Team supports the Hub in responding to reports of youth ASB and provides funding and guidance to put processes in place in order to support young people facing additional challenges due to the after effects of the pandemic.





Senior Youth and Community Worker

The Community Safety Team have been working with Young Solutions - Worcestershire to secure county-wide Big Lottery funding. The Youth Scape programme focuses on Outreach Work, Mentoring and Diversionary Activities and this successful bid has secured a 3-year Reaching Communities grant for Worcestershire which has provided £23k of funding for Bromsgrove Youth Hub.

Bromsgrove Youth Hub has used this funding to recruit a part-time youth worker who will provide a long-term focused approach on youth outreach, empowering young people and one to one mentoring for young people across the district.

YOUNG CITIZEN'S CHALLENGE



In 2022, Young Citizen's Challenge returned to being delivered in person and was held at the Bromsgrove Police and Fire Station between 23rd - 27th May.

Partners such as the Community Safety Team, West Mercia Police, Fire & Rescue, Safer Roads, SARA (Water Safety) and Western Power attended and provided key safety messages to groups of students. During the week 895 Year 5 students from a range of schools from across the District were engaged.



During 2022-23, the Community Safety Team has supported a number of Youth & Community Voluntary groups with various funding applications. These bids have helped to secure the future of some of the local support projects most needed by young people in our communities.

- Reach Out Bromsgrove secured £10,000 worth of funding from the Big Lottery to support outreach and detached youth work sessions.
- The Youth Hub was granted £10,000 of Big Lottery funding to support ongoing work at the youth centre.
- Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire funded the Friday night diversionary sessions with a grant of £11,000.
- A Big Lottery development grant has provided the Youth Hub with £59,645.80 to further develop their infrastructure
- Music Youth have funded the Youth Hub with a grant of £18,230, and David Morgan Trust awarded a grant of £13,000 to further develop the diversionary music offer for young people locally
- Through the partnership working with Young Solutions, the Youth Hub has been given a three year Youth Scape grant of £69,000
- The Youth Hub has been successful with a grant through Street Games for £20,000 to support with sports diversionary sessions for harder to reach groups of young people
- The Youth Hub has been successfully awarded a grant from Worcestershire Community Foundation for £9,250 to support development of a social action project.

In total through partnership working, an additional **£220,125.80** of funding has been awarded in the district to support youth diversionary activities and projects.

Tibberton Court – Safer Streets Project

Following a site visit by the Community Safety Team and Ward Member Cllr Michael Thompson, this confined area within Charford was identified as a prime location to implement a partnership estate improvement project. A team of partners led by Community Safety Project Officers began the project in 2020, and due to delays caused by Covid restrictions, the project progressed through 2021 and 2022 with substantial improvements being made to the built environment using the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

The project concluded in November 2022 with a presentation event, after which partners toured the area to review the changes and delivered to each household a booklet outlining the changes that had been made (**Appendix 5**). As a consequence, incidents of ASB affecting this location have significantly reduced, as has demand upon agency resources.



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The experience of the Tibberton Court project provided an estate enhancement model that can be transferred to other similar locations. The next project was delivered in Wythall, starting in September 2022.

Shawfield - Wythall

Concerns were raised through Safer Bromsgrove around an increase incidents of youth ASB and criminal activity on the Shawfield Estate in Wythall.

The Community Safety team undertook a Environmental Visual Audit at the location and made recommendations using the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). The project has already seen improvements at the location, with a reduction in the reports of ASB.





18th to 24th July 2022

For this national week of focus on ASB, the Community Safety Team organised a programme of events incorporating a media campaign that ran throughout the week and community events. These commenced with a stand in Redditch at Arrow Valley on 17th July. Following that, a stand at Bromsgrove Market on Tuesday 19th July saw Community Safety Officers join partners including the Police and Housing Providers to provide advice on measures to address ASB and discuss with residents their experiences and concerns about ASB locally.

Both an internal and external communications took place with articles in the Orb, the local press and messages were shared daily via social media. These matched the daily themes suggested by the national organisers www.resolveuk.org.uk and on the 19th July, particularly promoted the Community Trigger / ASB case review process.

Also during the week, the team promoted its own ASB Tools & Powers training event, designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of partners in using the legal measures available to address ASB in communities. The training course took place on 22nd September and had received substantial attendance from partners.



White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign Nov - Dec 2022

In 2022 Safer Bromsgrove was able to move back to in person delivery for the annual campaign. Partners hosted a community stand on the high street in Bromsgrove and led to direct support for two victims of domestic abuse being provided by the attending support agency. Information and signposting to recovery services was also provided to two survivors who had approached the stand.

Alongside the face to face event, the team also had a strong social media campaign, engaging with local sports teams and the full 16 Days of Action were supported by our partners and the local press.

Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022



North Worcestershire
Hate Incident Partnership

**Hate Crime
Awareness Conference**
14th October, 10am - 1pm
at Parkside, Bromsgrove

Guest Speakers

AZEEM RAFIQ

Inspiring anti-racism campaigner
and former professional cricketer
at Yorkshire County Cricket Club.



NAUGHTY BOY

Award-winning music producer
Shahid Khan, aka Naughty Boy.



RT. HON. STUART LAWRENCE

Coach, Motivational speaker and
brother of Stephen Lawrence.

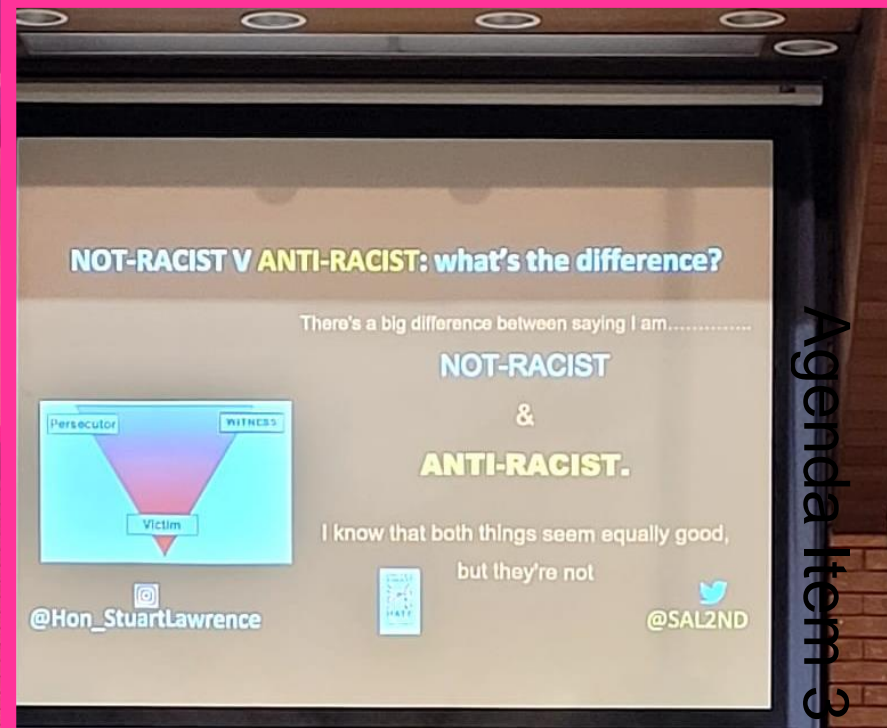


Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022 took place between the 10th and 16th October. The Community Safety Team supported this national campaign with an in-person conference on the 14th October 2022 with guest speakers, the Rt Hon Stuart Lawrence, Naughty Boy and Azeem Rafiq

As part of the Hate Crime Awareness campaign, the Team works throughout the year with a range of partners to monitor hate crime and hate incident reporting. The Hate Incident Partnership reviews reports of incidents and crimes to ensure they are actioned appropriately with the consent of the victim. Partner agencies and those reporting are supported to try to achieve an agreed resolution in order to prevent further incidents.



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Planning Consultations



Community Safety Project Officers David Rischmiller and Sarah McIntosh are qualified, College of Policing trained Designing Out Crime (DOC) Officers. Using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) methods, they review planning applications to make appropriate crime prevention and security recommendations, with the aim of making future developments less vulnerable to crime and disorder.

In 2022-23 officers examined 38 applications across Bromsgrove and Redditch, totalling 1607 residential units, 4 Commercial Units and 130 Sq.m of commercial development. Of these, **21 applications related to Bromsgrove** covering 1412 residential units. For example, DOC advice was provided on large scale developments at Brockhill East (cross-border), Phase 1 Perryfields and at Whitford Road (370 dwellings).

As part of wider development of this area of work the team have organised a Designing Out Crime Conference on 8th February 2023 for Planners, Elected Members, Partner Agencies and the Police.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

This scheme aims to protect vulnerable residents from door step crime and rogue trader offences and it continues to be a successful local initiative.

Across Bromsgrove and Redditch the scheme now has 131 active members but the team would like to see an increase in numbers in Bromsgrove. Promotion of the scheme is carried out at all public engagement events the team attends and also through the Ageing Well Forum.

Since its inception the scheme has been rolled out to Wyre Forest and is supported by Police SNT's who assist in delivering the project. Now vulnerable adult groups are resuming their regular resident meetings, Community Safety Officers are re-engaging with these groups to provide personal safety information and crime prevention advice including promotion of the Nominated Neighbour scheme. The team also monitors and circulates information on current scams targeting residents, the most recent being an insulation scam highlighted by Private Sector Housing



Safe Places Scheme

The Safe Places Scheme has been relaunched since Covid restrictions were lifted

Safe Places give the elderly, people with a disability, illness or learning difficulty, or anyone who feels in danger, a range of safe places where they can go to for help if they feel they are being bullied, abused or harassed while out and about.

All Safe Places are identified by a Safe Place sticker and the organisations employees receive training, so that they are able to give reassurance and help people contact appropriate support, as needed.

A directory of the Safe Places in Redditch can be found here:

Directory of Safe Places

Business	Address	Image
Coffee #1	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4LU	
Age UK	80 Mason Road Headen Cross B97 5DQ	
Barclays Bank	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4LU	
Connect	11 Everham Walk B97 4EX	
Emmanuel Church	The Ecumenical Centre 11 Everham Walk B97 4LU	
Kingfisher Reception	Kingfisher Shopping Centre Walkers Street B97 4LU	
Palace Theatre	Abbeville Street B99 5AL	



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ASB in North Worcestershire and Bromsgrove

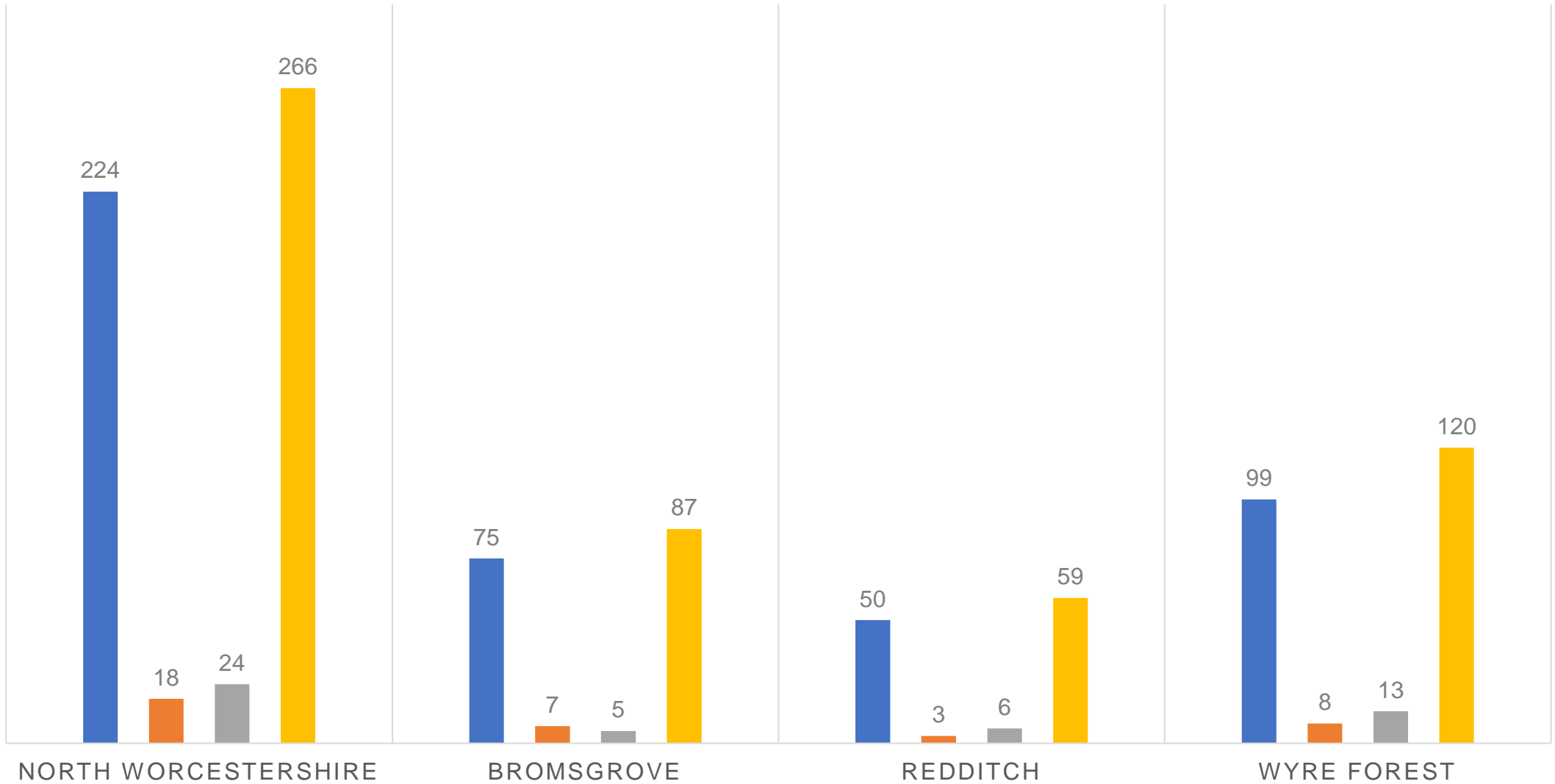
Data Review 2022-23

Reported ASB in Bromsgrove by Ward

	2022-23 to Dec		2021-22		2020-21		2019-20	
Ward	22/23 Total	% Change	21/22 Total	% Change	20/21 Total	% Change	19/20 Total	% Change
Total	997		2,096		3,681		2,188	
Sanders Park	147	14.7%	196	9.4%	210	5.7%	214	9.8%
Perryfields	123	12.3%	172	8.2%	273	7.4%	167	7.6%
Aston Fields	66	6.6%	96	4.6%	164	4.5%	132	6.0%
Bromsgrove Central	61	6.1%	130	6.2%	141	3.8%	164	7.5%
Rock Hill	57	5.7%	99	4.7%	207	5.6%	120	5.5%
Cofton	46	4.6%	108	5.2%	220	6.0%	76	3.5%
Belbroughton And Romsley	43	4.3%	94	4.5%	217	5.9%	88	4.0%
Rubery South	42	4.2%	93	4.4%	173	4.7%	104	4.8%
Charford	34	3.4%	73	3.5%	102	2.8%	111	5.1%
Drakes Cross	34	3.4%	76	3.6%	130	3.5%	54	2.5%
Barnt Green And Hopwood	33	3.3%	113	5.4%	165	4.5%	70	3.2%
Wythall West	30	3.0%	90	4.3%	101	2.7%	49	2.2%
Slideslow	28	2.8%	40	1.9%	79	2.1%	54	2.5%
Hagley West	26	2.6%	73	3.5%	145	3.9%	77	3.5%
Catshill South	25	2.5%	100	4.8%	163	4.4%	83	3.8%
Sidemoor	24	2.4%	41	2.0%	87	2.4%	44	2.0%
Tardebigge	23	2.3%	39	1.9%	127	3.5%	45	2.1%
Lowes Hill	22	2.2%	38	1.8%	141	3.8%	68	3.1%
Hill Top	20	2.0%	67	3.2%	127	3.5%	66	3.0%
Catshill North	18	1.8%	82	3.9%	142	3.9%	108	4.9%
Wythall East	16	1.6%	42	2.0%	108	2.9%	38	1.7%
Avoncroft	15	1.5%	42	2.0%	107	2.9%	64	2.9%
Hollywood	12	1.2%	30	1.4%	46	1.2%	18	0.8%
Marlbrook	11	1.1%	29	1.4%	64	1.7%	35	1.6%
Lickey Hills	10	1.0%	12	0.6%	26	0.7%	18	0.8%
Alvechurch Village	9	0.9%	30	1.4%	59	1.6%	34	1.6%
Alvechurch South	8	0.8%	38	1.8%	58	1.6%	42	1.9%
Norton	7	0.7%	17	0.8%	32	0.9%	15	0.7%
Hagley East	4	0.4%	24	1.1%	49	1.3%	25	1.1%
Rubery North	3	0.3%	12	0.6%	18	0.5%	5	0.2%

REPORTED ASB IN NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE BY TYPE DECEMBER 2022

■ Nuisance ■ Environmental ■ Personal ■ Total



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Use of ASB Tools and Powers – A Case Study

In April 2018, a multi-agency meeting was held by the Head of Environmental Health for Birmingham City Council to identify possible solutions to a long standing ASB problem. The case involved the misuse of off-road vehicles on private land on the Bromsgrove side of the West Hills, Hopwood boundary with West Heath.

This issue had created substantial concern and regular noise nuisance for residents. There had been confrontations with local ramblers using the right of way across the land and substantial demand had been placed on policing teams on both sides of the border, alongside Elected Members and council officers for a number of years. In 2018, a petition of 106 names was submitted and the local MP had been involved on multiple occasions to try and seek a resolution. In some cases, there had been a considerable impact on the physical and mental health of some of the residents.



Evidence of off-road vehicle use



Unauthorised Access point from A441



Resident's image of vehicles being off-loaded

BDC Community Safety Project Officer, Dave Rischmiller attended the multi-agency meeting and identified that the use of ASB legislation in the form of the Community Protection power could be an appropriate resolution for the situation and took responsibility for progressing this. An initial site visit highlighted that access to the land was being gained through four breaks in the hedgerow boundary of the land. Despite an initial letter to the landowner, followed by a CPW then a CPN they continued to ignore any requests to communicate to resolve the problem.

Prior to initiating prosecution for breach of the CPN, which is a criminal offence, Dave Rischmiller identified and directly contacted the Senior Head of Property Management of the Landowner bringing to his attention to the impending prosecution. He was advised that due to the lack of response, the option to appeal had expired and there was the potential of an unlimited fine, works carried out in default as well as substantial negative publicity.

Recognising that the Council was taking the matter very seriously on behalf of local residents, it was made clear that their neglect had left them with few options other than to secure their boundary. The landowner then moved quickly to communicate and initiated the necessary works as required in the original CPN. This notice also obliges them to regularly inspect the works for effectiveness and maintain them as necessary as an ongoing commitment.

Residents were kept informed throughout the process and were very happy with the outcome of the case. This study shows that robust and efficient use of appropriate ASB powers can bring to an end years of nuisance suffered by a large number of residents. This use of ASB legislation was also very effective in reducing considerable repeat demand on various public agencies, allowing them to divert their time and efforts to addressing other issues.

The Future

Our partners hope that residents will now build on these environmental improvements and come together to help maintain the area, creating local guardians and building on the community spirit shown throughout the project.

Our police colleagues and other partners have committed to providing regular community engagement events at the location, delivering key messages around home security and personal safety as a legacy of the improvement works in this area.

Get in Touch

If you would like to get in touch about setting up a residents' group or to provide feedback on the project, please contact us using the details below.

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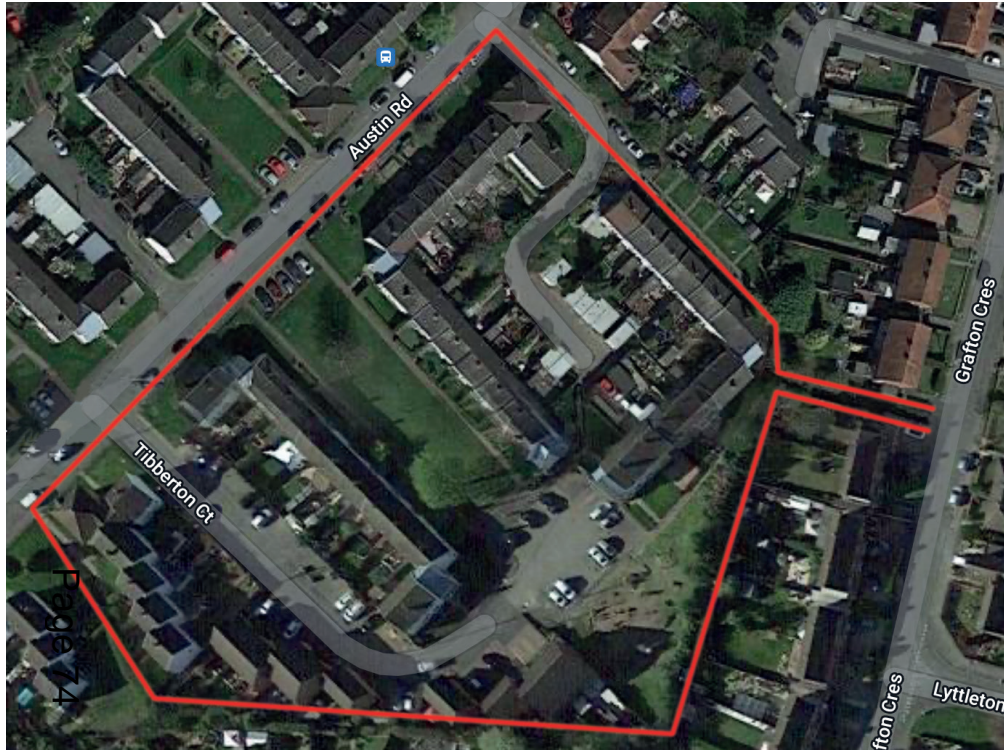


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Introduction



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In August 2020 Project Officers from the Council's Community Safety Team visited Tibberton Court in response to concerns raised by residents, through their Ward Member Councillor Michael Thompson.

The visit included discussions with local residents and identified a number of environmental issues that were enabling anti-social behaviour and crime. It was clear that there was an opportunity for multi-agency partnership working to put in place some long-term improvements to the area.

Garage Removal



The garages were demolished and open spaces for vehicles were created. The area now appears cared for and more people are using the parking facilities, increasing natural surveillance and deterring nuisance behaviour and fly-tipping.

After



Garage Removal



Before

Unused garages had been boarded up creating an unsightly appearance of a derelict and uncared for location. Fly-tipping was a regular problem at the site and the area was rarely used for its intended purpose as a car park.

Organisations came together at the regular Safer Bromsgrove meeting and agreed their support for a Capital Project to carry out these improvements. The aim was to reduce opportunities for anti-social behaviour and crime and partners also wanted to collaborate with residents to create an area that felt safe and looked after, building on the community spirit already in the neighbourhood.

Local residents were fully involved in the planning and design of the improvements, with Officers calling on householders to discuss the proposals. A drop-in event was held using the Mobile Police Vehicle and surveys were conducted with residents to ensure that the correct works were identified to solve the problems that people were most concerned about. The main landowner and housing provider, Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT) carried out most of the works and the Safer Neighbourhood team for Charford secured a small West Mercia Police grant to support the project.

Unfortunately Covid restrictions extended the original plan from 12 months plan to two years but finally all of the works are complete. It is now time to highlight the improvements, review the impact of the changes in the community and continue discussions with residents to see what else can be taken forward in the future to keep the area safe and secure.



Removal of Seating Area



The gap between the fencing and the slabs created an 'unofficial' seating area that encouraged loitering and nuisance. 'Den' areas had also been made in the hedgerow.

Before



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Alleyway Improvements

Agencies worked closely with the homeowner to carry out clearance work and install new fencing to protect the hedge boundary. This removed opportunities for nuisance, loitering and littering and would allow for better maintenance going forward. The tree growth was cut back to improve the lighting along the footpath and a temporary CCTV camera was installed for a 12-week period to monitor the area.



After



After



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Alleyway Improvements



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Before



The alleyway from Grafton Crescent was a well-used route for residents, however vandalised and inadequate hedging had created areas for loitering and litter traps. The single street lamp was partially obstructed by tree growth, reducing feelings of safety when using the footpath.

Removal of Seating Area

New fencing was installed which removed the opportunity for loitering and secured the hedgerow.



After



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Improved Perimeter Fencing

From Grafton Crescent into Tibberton Court there was an area of unsightly, damaged fencing. This gave access to the rear of properties in Grafton Crescent, resulting in fly-tipping into these gardens. Other boundaries had old Heras fencing in place that had vegetation growing through it.



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Before



The Play Area



After



The play area was cleared of all equipment and enclosures, removing opportunities for nuisance and damage and resulting in an accessible space that is open for general use and play.



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The Play Area



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Before



The Play Area had been closed due to vandalism and safety concerns, however some young people still managed to gain entry causing nuisance, litter and further damage. The general impression was of an unsightly, dangerous and uncared for location.



Improved Perimeter Fencing



New fencing improved the overall appearance of the area, with regular litter picks and maintenance reducing littering and fly-tipping.



After



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Removal of Litter and Fly-Tipping



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Before

The area looked uncared for, which in turn led to routine fly-tipping and excessive litter in this area and generally across the Court.



Removal of Litter and Fly-Tipping

Bromsgrove District Council and BDHT have worked together to develop environmental patrol patterns, regularly monitoring the area for littering and fly tipping. Issues are now picked up and dealt with quickly, resulting in fewer incidents and providing an area that looks clean and looked after.



After



After

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME

2022-2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board considers and agrees the work programme and updates it accordingly.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Subject	Additional Information/Contact
8 th February 2023	North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership	Bev Houghton, Community Safety Manager
13 th March 2023	Bromsgrove 2040 Vision – pre-scrutiny	Ostap Paparega, Head of Economic Development & Regeneration, NWEDR
	Bromsgrove Town Centre Regeneration - Land at the Dolphin Centre - pre-scrutiny	Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive Officer
	Replacement Street Signs – overview item	Kevin Hirons, Environmental Services Manager
	Enforcement – Fly tipping – overview item	Guy Revans, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services
	Mould and damp issue – BDHT update	Amanda Delahunty, Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager
	Electric Chargers in the District	Guy Revans, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services
	Climate Change Strategy Cabinet Portfolio Holder Update	
	Working Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme	
TBC – Additional meeting		
17 th April 2023	Overview and Scrutiny Board – Annual Report 2022-2023	Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Board Councillor C. Hotham
	Working Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme	

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Outstanding items for 2022 – 2023 with no assigned date

2022/2023

- Decarbonisation of the Council Fleet – due for consideration not before April 2023
- Strategic Transport Assessment

Task Group Proposals