



# North Worcestershire **Community Safety Partnership**

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

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# **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
	Rural & Business Crime
ASB, Damage and Nuisance	Neighbourhood Nuisance
	Criminal Damage
	Environmental Problems and Deliberate Fires
Protecting Vulnerable Communities	Hate Crime & Targeted Harassment
	Criminal Exploitation, County Lines & Modern Slavery
	Violent Extremism
Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs & Alcohol	
Reducing Reoffending	

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£139,250</b>

# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,801.20</b>



# 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
<b>Total Grant Allocation</b>	<b>£130,000.00</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,000</b>

# Community Safety Project Updates

2022-23

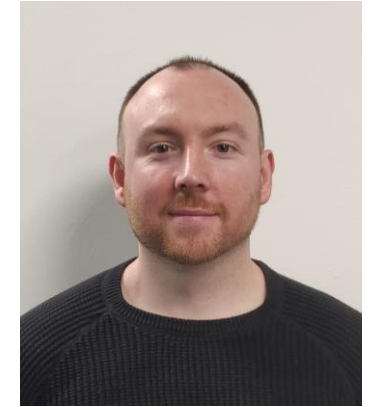
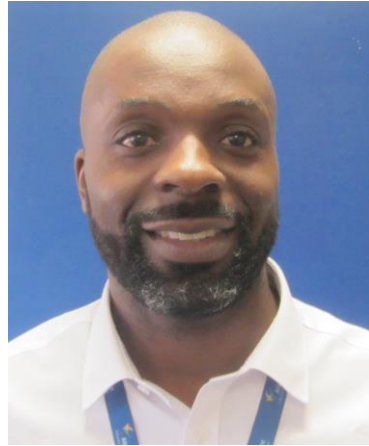


The Respect Programme provides community safety awareness sessions as part of school PHSE drop down days and bespoke classroom sessions on a number of subjects such as recognising and reporting hate crime, understanding healthy relationships/domestic abuse, the dangers of substance misuse and promoting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

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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 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.







**18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> July. Following that, a stand at Bromsgrove Market on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.resolveuk.org.uk) and on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



**UNITED AGAINST HATE**  
North Worcestershire Hate Incident PARTNERSHIP



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.



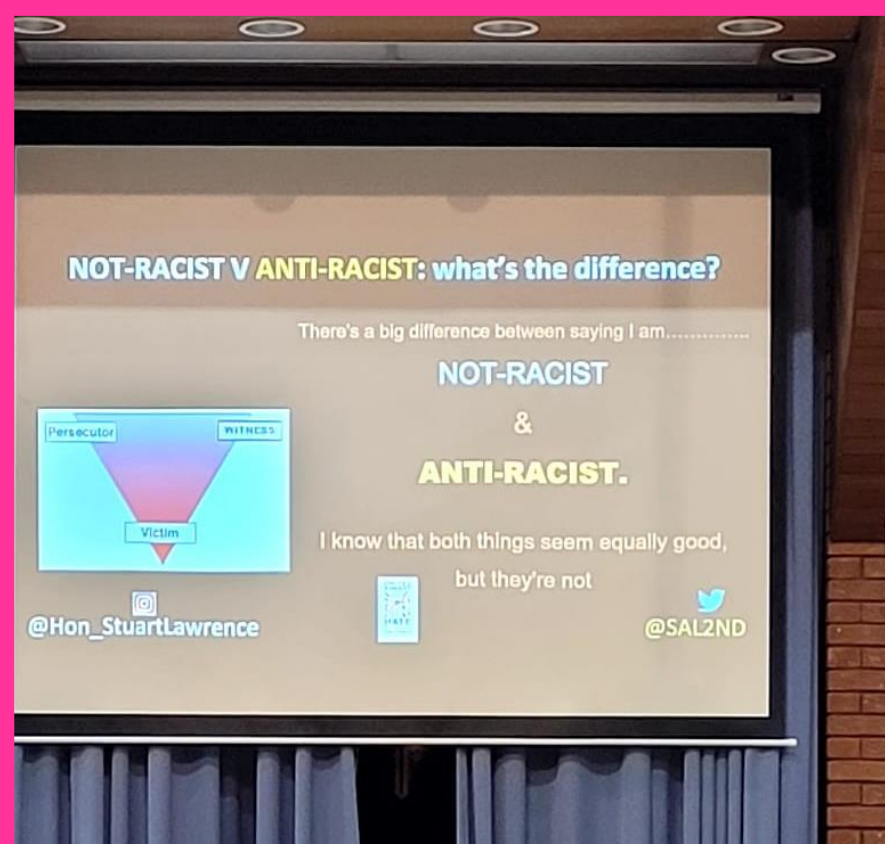
### RT. HON. STUART LAWRENCE

Coach, Motivational speaker and brother of Stephen Lawrence.



Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022 took place between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October. The Community Safety Team supported this national campaign with an in-person conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4PU	
Age UK	80 Mason Road Headless Cross B97 5DQ	
Barclays Bank	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4PU	
Connect	11 Everdram Walk B97 4EX	
Emmanuel Church	The Ecumenical Centre 11 Everdram Walk B97 4PU	
Kingfisher Reception	Kingfisher Shopping Centre Walkers Street B97 4PU	
Palace Theatre	Assemble Street B99 5AL	

