



North Worcestershire **Community Safety Partnership**

Community Safety Partnership Review
January 2025 – February 2026

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)**



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North Worcestershire CSP Priorities

- Public Place Violence & Serious Violence Duty
- ASB, Nuisance and Environmental Issues
- Shoplifting and Neighbourhood Crime: defined as domestic burglary, robbery (against the individual/household), theft from a person and vehicle crime.
- Protecting Vulnerable Communities including Hate Crime & Targeted Harassment, Domestic Abuse & DHRs, Sexual Violence
- Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG)

West Mercia PCC Ring-fenced Grant to NWCSP for 2025/26

Allocated to the NWCSP	2025/26 Amounts	<i>Allocation</i>
Contribution to WMP Partnership Analyst Team	£20,000	<i>PCC Top Slice</i>
Contribution to West Mercia IOM	£1,000	<i>PCC Top Slice</i>
Contribution to West Mercia Hate Crime Project	£10,383	<i>PCC Top Slice</i>
Top Sliced Total	£31,838	
NW DHR Support	£30,000	<i>DHR 39, DHR 40, DHR 41, DHR 43</i>
R.U.N Our Space CIC – DA Project Continuation and Expansion	£33,000	<i>DA Advocacy & Support across Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest</i>
Bromsgrove Allocation	£5,340	<i>Bromsgrove District Support</i>
Redditch Allocation	£5,330	<i>Redditch District Support</i>
Wyre Forest Allocation	£12,330	<i>Wyre Forest District Support</i>
Total North Worcs and District Allocations	£86,000	<i>Total NW District Allocation</i>
Total NWCSP funding	£117,838	<i>Total PCC Ring-fenced Grant</i>

Safer Bromsgrove – CSP Funding 2025/26

Funded Projects	Amount
R.U.N Our Space CIC – Bromsgrove allocation from NW Domestic Abuse Advocacy & Support Project	£19,000.00
Safer Bromsgrove Contribution to UKSPF Community Infrastructure Event - The Real Women Project taking place on 14 th Feb 2026	£2,412.00
Safer Bromsgrove Contribution: To improve security at the Youth & Community Hub including CCTV cameras and an Electronic Sign-in System	£2,945.00

The Right Path Serious Violence Youth Project – Worcestershire

Using Serious Violence Duty (SVD) funding allocated to Worcestershire, NWCSP and SWCSP have commissioned the West Midlands youth mentoring and support organisation “The Right Path” to deliver intensive 1:1 mentoring that is specifically designed to support and guide young people who are at greater risk of criminalisation, those not accessing education and those at risk of permanent exclusion.

The project operates on a referral basis, and details of the service have been circulated widely to Community Safety partners, schools and youth organisations across Worcestershire.

The Right Path project continues to receive regular referral from the Police Intervention & Prevention Officers, School DSLs and Youth Workers. Since April 2025, **21 young people** have been seen by the project. Referrals continue to include complex concerns and there are strong links between the project and other safeguarding forums, for example Prevent for risks around extremist language, fascination with violence and expressing language from Incel culture. Each young person receives an individual evaluation and next steps report from the Mentor and work is underway to gather data on pre and post intervention offending and suspect roles.

Addressing NWCSP Funding Priorities

- **Public Place Violence & Serious Violence Duty**
- **Protecting Vulnerable Communities**
- **Serious Organised Crime (incl. CCE / CSE / County Lines / Knife Crime Awareness)**

Home Office SVD Funding - £60,141

Redeployable Camera Scheme

Since figures were last provided in January 2025, there were 24 new applications for the use of redeployable cameras across Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest which were installed or are pending further information or action to support installation. There are 5 current deployments of cameras across the areas of Redditch and Wyre Forest and two pending requests for Bromsgrove District.

The CCTV Team will always look to find ways to approve an application when it is received and reasons why installations do not progress include:

- No suitable mounting/power source/point available
- Significant privacy concerns
- RIPA required
- The requirement for camera is no longer an issue since the application was submitted.

Applications that are successful are installed to combat ASB, suspected drug activity, vehicle crime and vandalism.

Before each camera is installed a consultation document is posted to all surrounding properties covered by the proposed camera view. Consultation responses were invited through a press release and social media however the response to these consultations is typically minimal.

Redeployable CCTV

Pending Deployments in Bromsgrove

No.	Location	Installation Date	Proposed Removal Date
TBC	Sidemoor - King George Play Area	In Consultation Phase	
TBC	Catshill - Milton Road play area ('Birdcage')	In Consultation Phase	

Community Safety Project Updates

2025-2026



We have a well-established team of experienced and qualified youth mentors who support the delivery of the Respect Programme across Redditch and Bromsgrove schools.



The Community Safety Respect Programme is a therapeutic mentoring scheme which provides weekly support and guidance sessions to young people at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.

From Sept 2024 to Feb 2026 the team of Respect Mentors have supported **over 250 young people**

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 serious risk of being affected by criminality, both as potential victims and potential perpetrators.

The most serious cases are being referred to the Serious Youth Violence Project called The Right Path.

Bromsgrove Youth Hub CIC

The Bromsgrove Youth Hub is an independent Community Interest Company (CIC) which provides support and activities for young people, offering a space for young people to socialise safely. The original concept was established as a partnership project led by the BDC Community Safety Team, the YMCA and Bromsgrove Churches Together.

The Hub 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.

Safer Bromsgrove works closely with The Hub to support local young people, and the Hub supports the partnership by responding to reports of youth ASB and providing advice, guidance and signposting to statutory processes in place to support young people facing additional challenges.





Designing Out Crime

The Community Safety team coordinate and carry out Environmental Visual Audits and Crime Risk Surveys at locations across the district which are experiencing crime and ASB issues.

Site visits during 2025/26 include:-

- Bromsgrove Town Centre - Bus Station
- Bromsgrove Town Centre - Rooftops and Rear Access points
- Bourne Avenue, Catshill
- Bromsgrove Allotment Sites
- St Chads Park, Rubery
- Car Park sites

Sanctuary Assessments

Sanctuary support is offered to survivors of domestic abuse to assess and assist them to remain in their home rather than having to flee. This is achieved by providing a professional assessment of the security improvements necessary to make the home environment safe and secure.

Community Safety Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs) are available to conduct Sanctuary assessments which could enable survivors of domestic abuse and their children to remain in their homes and close to family, friends and work. This undoubtedly improves their safety, reduces fear of reprisals and minimises the disruption to their lives.

During 2025 the Community Safety Team dealt with **29 requests** for home security assessments for the purposes of Sanctuary.



Planning Consultations



The Community Safety team has a College of Policing qualified, Designing Out Crime Officer (DOCO) who reviews planning applications and makes appropriate crime prevention and security recommendations. The aim of this process is to create residential developments that are less vulnerable to crime and disorder

During the reporting period, the Community Safety DOCO scrutinised **32 planning applications**. 9 of these were in Bromsgrove comprising a total of 237 residential units.

The R.U.N Project - Bromsgrove

The R.U.N project has received funding from Safer Bromsgrove for local domestic abuse projects for over 3 years. Starting as a small grassroots support service, the project is coordinated by a community volunteer who is herself a survivor of domestic abuse.

After being commissioned to carry out a research project in Bromsgrove and Redditch looking into the experiences of victims and survivors of abuse, the R.U.N project has now successfully expanded and has been become a registered Community Interest Company called R.U.N Our Space.

This expansion allows the group to continue to provide safe community spaces for women, many from minority ethnic communities, that have survived domestic abuse, violence and harassment and are experiencing poor mental health, isolation and low self-esteem as a result.

In Sept 2025 R.U.N Our Space submitted a successful bid for DA funding from NWCSF, to widen its reach and deliver outreach services to Redditch and Wyre Forest whilst maintaining its core base in Bromsgrove. This increased funding allows the project to create a team of female leaders, working together to develop the project's range of services and expand its delivery further.

R.U.N Our Space provides support services for women, particularly those from minoritised communities who are disproportionately affected by domestic abuse, sexual violence, hate crime, targeted harassment and isolation.

R.U.N. Our Space

R.U.N. Our Space CIC provides safe, supportive environments for women who have been affected by domestic abuse, poor mental health, isolation and low self-esteem.

R.U.N. Our Space is dedicated to establishing a vibrant and inclusive Community Hub for women and our unique approach, informed by lived experience, delivers bespoke programmes and advocacy services.

R.U.N. Our Space is about creating a sense of belonging, connection, a system of sharing resources and community by Women for Women.

R.U.N. Our Space is a multifaceted space offering direct and ongoing support after crisis provision has ended. We then step in to provide ongoing assistance throughout the transition period, helping women re-engage with the community while on a journey of healing and self-development.

Our initiatives include:

We Are More

Every First and Third Monday of the Month.
11 am to 1 pm
Destination Zone
Bromsgrove High Street, B61 8ES

A regular meet-up for Women providing emotional support, activities such as arts & crafts, creative writing, music etc., move-on assistance and personal development guidance.



Journey After

Monday to Friday
11 am to 5 pm
At pre-arranged community locations
Accessed by referral process to:
recovery.united.network@gmail.com

Tailored individual support, advocacy, and help with training, career and educational progression. Volunteering and job opportunities can be identified and pop-up taster sessions called "This Woman's World" are on offer.

Women Who Lead

Support for Women's Grassroots Community Projects, assisting with networking, setting up a CIC, identifying useful local provision, collective collaboration, and co-production opportunities.

Contact by email:
recovery.united.network@gmail.com

Javina Greene - Founder and Director
Tel: 07497 082 543
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R.U.N Our Space is supported and funded by



Community Safety Engagement Events 2025

Attending events and engaging with local communities provides valuable opportunities for officers to meet with residents, pass on crime prevention information and advice and find out about community concerns and fears.

In 2025 officers attended events including:

- HoW College Freshers' Fair
- Scam Awareness events with Barclays
- Police and Fire Station Open Day
- Police SNT events
- Hagley Home Instead event
- Primrose Hospice events
- Worcestershire Health Bus Outreach



Vulnerable and Older Person Project



The Community Safety Team manage the Nominated Neighbour scheme, which aims to protect vulnerable residents from doorstep crime and rogue trader offences. This continues to be a successful local initiative, which we continue to roll out further to our residents. Across the two districts **179 members** have been signed up since the inception of Nominated Neighbour.

Managed through Safer Bromsgrove, the Vulnerable and Older Person project, aims to establish specific Nominated Neighbour areas across the district, the aim of which is to give a clear messages to those that might want to prey on our residents that these areas are protected and are no-go locations for that type of crime.

This targeted project brings together a range of partners and volunteers to improve the safety and security offer to older and vulnerable residents including resources, information and direct support to protect them from crime.

Resources for Older and Vulnerable Residents

A further strand of the project was to establish a central collection of resources that are available to protect older and vulnerable residents. This needed to be accessible for those residents who have their own access to the internet but also promoted and targeted toward their concerned relatives and friends and contributions sought from relevant partner agencies.

Specific pages on the Council's website were created which provide information on preventing doorstep crime; on scams and fraud protection awareness, on home and personal security matters and plus a wealth of other information relevant to those residents.

Promotional cards have been produced, and these are widely distributed at events and with partner agencies.

Concerned about?

- Doorstep Crime
- Fraud & Scams
- Home Security & Personal Safety

Turn over for details of online resources for older & vulnerable residents.



[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/
vulnerableresidents](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/vulnerableresidents)



[www.redditchbc.gov.uk/
vulnerableresidents](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/vulnerableresidents)

or call the Community Safety Team 01527 534187

Alvechurch Nominated Neighbour Area

Alvechurch was selected as a pilot area to see if it was possible to comprehensively roll-out Nominated Neighbour to all older and vulnerable residents in a targeted location. To promote the pilot a partnership working group was established including Ward Councillors, the Police and local active volunteers.

Three promotional events were held in Alvechurch at the Picnic in the Park in May, at the Village Hall in June and at The Lounge in September.

The pilot highlighted how ambitious the aim was with only a total of 7 residents eventually signing up to the Nominated Neighbour Scheme. This was less than originally hoped but valuable feedback and experience was gained.

The intention in 2026 is to seek out other Bromsgrove locations to actively promote Nominated Neighbour, most likely will be rural villages where there are active local community organisations to provide support. Promotional material has already appeared in the CALC Parish Council's Bulletin.



Nominated Neighbour Scheme Feedback

Mrs A has had no cold callers since the scheme. Prior to this she was constantly harassed by people calling her door which made her feel vulnerable. She couldn't speak highly enough of the scheme and the positive difference it has made.

Voicemail response; "I'm absolutely thrilled with the scheme. I haven't had a single cold caller"

Mrs C felt the sign on her door was a deterrent, on one occasion she had someone at the door who saw the sticker and went away. She commented she felt safer with having that on. After 6 months Mrs C has not had any cold callers and is sure the scheme has worked for her.

Very positive feedback from Mrs B who recognised the Nominated Neighbour name straight away. She had a good understanding of the scheme and was so pleased with the way she was signed up to it and how it completely stopped cold callers at her address.

Mrs E had a lot of trouble with unwanted callers in the past, she said it was constant as she is at busy location by the school, but she has had no unwanted callers since the sticker was put in the window.

Mr F who is 90 years old states the scheme has worked very well. He used to get several callers offering to cut his tress etc but since the scheme he hasn't had any such callers.

Mrs G has had no callers since the scheme was introduced. Previously had issues with bogus callers trying to obtain cash from her. Her daughter states the scheme has worked brilliantly and gives both her and her mother peace of mind.

NWCSP Funded Knife Poles

In February 2025 NWCSP purchased new knife detecting poles, alongside the existing knife arch, to assist Police colleagues with crime prevention and knife detection operations.

Training on how to use the new systems has been delivered to Police SNT officers and the new poles will further enhance the police's ability to take dangerous weapons off the streets.

The pole was deployed at Bromsgrove Train Station in November 2025 as a part of Operation Sceptre, the national policing operation to tackle knife crime.



Annual White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign

25th Nov to 10th Dec 2025

This annual campaign features various community events and social media promotion, with the 16 Days of Activism keenly supported by our partners and the local press.

This year the Community Safety team, the Police, Domestic Abuse professionals and volunteers hosted an awareness raising stand in Bromsgrove Market to support the campaign and promote the work of support services.

Alongside this in-person promotional activity which took place on the 2nd December, the team also had a strong social media campaign, engaging with local organisations and businesses throughout the full 16 Days of Action.



National Hate Crime Awareness Week – 11th to 18th Oct 2025

Safer Bromsgrove Social Media Campaign

Safer Bromsgrove @SaferBromsgrove · 12 Oct 2025
Learn to recognise what hate crime is
nwcsp.org/help-and-advic...

Have you experienced or witnessed a hate crime? Do you know someone else who has?
If so, report it...

UNITED AGAINST HATE
North Worcestershire Hate Incident PARTNERSHIP

A hate crime is when someone commits a crime against a person because of their disability, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, religion, or any other perceived difference. It doesn't always include physical violence.

Using offensive language or harassing someone because of who they are, or who they think they are, is also a crime. The same goes for someone posting abusive or offensive messages online.



Safer Bromsgrove @SaferBromsgrove · 16 Oct 2025
North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership works to raise awareness of hate crime, ways to report it reporting and support for victims of hate crime. #stophateuk. Recognise & Report hate crime! nwcsp.org/help-and-advic...

HATE DOESN'T BELONG HERE

Report Racism

Racism Hurts

REPORT IT
www.report-it.org.uk

Stop Racism towards Gypsy, Roma or Traveller communities. REPORT IT!



Safer Bromsgrove @SaferBromsgrove · 13 Oct 2025
NW Community Safety Partnership supports National Hate Crime Awareness Week and partner agencies work hard throughout the year to promote hate crime reporting, awareness and education in communities.
#stophateuk
nwcsp.org/help-and-advic...
Report it!

The only thing necessary for the triumph of crime is for good people to do nothing.

You have an opportunity to do something through contacting CrimeStoppers.

CrimeStoppers.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

Safer Bromsgrove @SaferBromsgrove · 11 Oct 2025
It is National Hate Crime Awareness Week this week
#stophateuk
Recognise Hate Crime & Report it!
youtu.be/WUYWRLu01PU?si... via @YouTube

7-24-30 NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

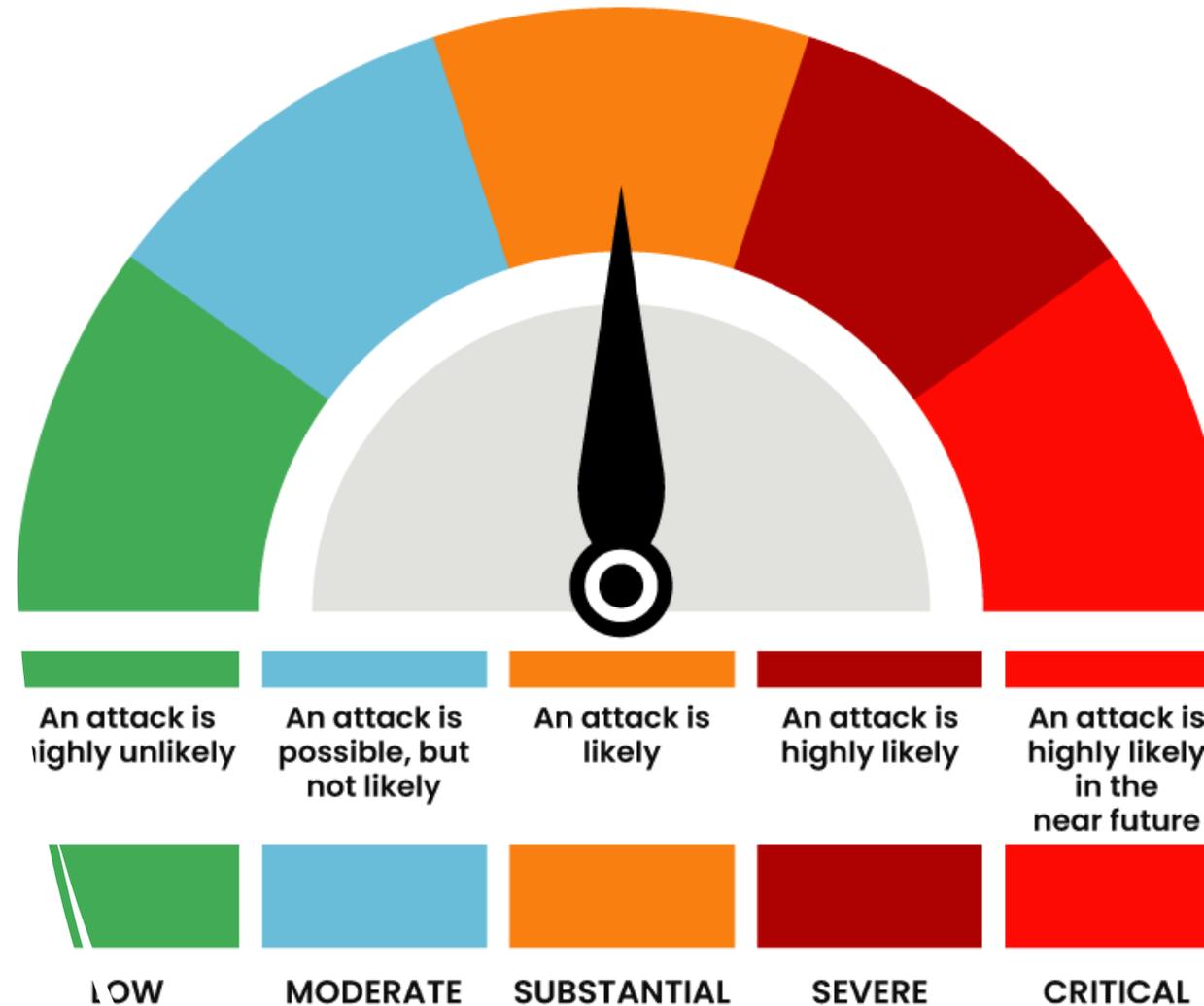
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PROTECT

PROTECT is one of the four strands of the UK's Anti-Terrorism strategy CONTEST. Its aim is to strengthen the defences of public places, infrastructure, borders, and transport to make them less vulnerable to attack.

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law, is due to come into force in April 2027 placing statutory responsibilities on those responsible for certain premises and events to consider how they would respond to a terrorist attack. This will include Local Authority premises.

Through its experience and skills, the Community Safety Team is closely involved in developing the Council's approach to PROTECT and the team's DOCO is providing advice and guidance to CLT and working with countywide and West Mercia wide partners to access PROTECT training, identify risks, develop strategies in order to support the Council in complying with the forthcoming legislation.



Mallard ASB Consultancy Membership

For the last 5 years the Community Safety Team has commissioned Mallard ASB Consultancy to support council's services with advice and guidance on appropriate and efficient use of ASB tools and powers.

In 2024-2025 officers from WRS, Housing Services, Private Sector Housing and Environmental Services had an opportunity to attend specialist training delivered by the consultancy.

Training courses cover wide range of topics, including:

- Streetscene and Patrolling FPN
- Waste Crime and Scrap Metal
- Caravan Licencing Procedure
- Crime and Criminal Investigations
- Community Protection
- Renters Rights Bill



David Armstrong, LL.B. (Hons), NLP M.P, D Hyp, ISCH, GQHP.

David is widely known within the public sector as “the Wig”.

David is a founder member of Mallard Consultancy Ltd. He is a highly experienced advocate and Barrister (having finally retired from practice in 2024). He has worked in both the private and public sector and, in his early career as a solicitor, was employed by a large metropolitan local authority for 10/11 years as their Head of Litigation. David has prosecuted many precedent cases for public bodies and has also taken action on behalf of and trained many RSL's in civil actions to combat nuisance.

[Consultancy - Mallard](#)

Safe Places Scheme

The Safe Places Scheme gives 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 for help if they feel they are being bullied, abused or harassed while out and about.

All Safe Places are identified by this sticker, and the organisation's employees receive training so that they can give reassurance and help people contact appropriate support, as needed.

A full directory of the Safe Places in Redditch is available here:- [Safe Places | Our Way Self Advocacy](#)



WCC Youth Services Funding

The Community Safety Team continues to co-ordinate and manage the commissioning of the WCC District Youth Services Fund in Bromsgrove. This fund supports local youth providers to deliver activities and initiatives that give young people a safe place to meet and be supported by trusted adults.

Local Commissioned Organisations are:

- **The Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub**
£27,282 to provide Open Access / Detached / Targeted Sessions.
- **Waseley Hills Youth Club / Sport P&E**
£10,000 to provide Open Access Sessions
- **YMCA**
£3,069 to provide Open Access / Targeted / 121 Sessions
- **Woodrush Youth & Community Centre**
£10,000 to provide Open Access Sessions