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# Minutes

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Held at:

Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone

Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2023

- Present: Councillors James Butcher, Bridget Chapman, Laura Davison (Chair), Anita Jones, Alan Martin, Elaine Martin, Connor McConville and John Wing (Vice-Chair).
- Apologies for Absence: Councillor David Godfrey.
- Officers Present: Scott Butler (Community Safety Specialist), Ewan Green (Director of Strategy and Resources), Jyotsna Leney (Health, Wellbeing and Partnership Senior Specialist), Susan Priest (Chief Executive) and Karen Weller (Environmental Protection Senior Specialist), Andrew Rush (Chief Officer Place & Regulatory Services), Jake Hamilton (Committee Services Officer) and Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer).
- Others Present: Inspector James Wyles (Kent Police), Sam O'Connor (Home Start Shepway), Rebecca Button (KCC), Councillors Rebecca Shoob and Mike Blakemore.

#### 22. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 23. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023 were submitted, approved, and signed by the Chair.

#### 24. Minutes of the Finance and Performance Sub-Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2023 were submitted, approved, and signed by the Chair.

#### 25. Cabinet Member updates

In accordance with the Constitution Councillor Rebecca Shoob, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness provided the Committee with a verbal update which included the following:

- The Councils housing stock and its current progress on retrofitting.
- An update on the Council Housing Repairs Contract.
- Procurement update in relation to Lifeline365.
- It was confirmed that the Council had just concluded its tenant's satisfaction survey, which the results will hopefully be coming to Overview and Scrutiny in January 2024.
- An update on Housing Strategy, the HRA Business plan (which will be coming to Overview and Scrutiny in November 2023), Housing Waiting List and Homelessness (20 verified cases of rough sleepers) and (35 cases currently in temporary accommodation) the team are also working with private landlords to try and make their accommodation available to the Council.
- Cost of Living Crisis, the Council is working with other authorities to put the case to Government addressing the current crisis.

Following Councillors Rebecca Shoobs update, members raised several points, including the following:

- What is the status of the Council's Housing Waiting List?
- The temporary accommodation figures quoted, are they families housed within the district or outside?
- Where can residents/members get information regarding the current Lineline365 situation?

Councillor Rebecca Shoob, responded to points raised by members:

- The Council has roughly 1500 individuals currently on the Housing waiting list. The Council is aware of its need for more housing.
- The 35 cases placed in temporary accommodation are individuals being supported regardless of where they are.
- Councillor Shoob will provide the committee with information on where residents/members can find more information regarding Lifeline365 at a later date.

Councillor Mike Blakemore, Cabinet Member for Community and Collaboration also provided the Committee with a verbal update which included the following:

- An update of meetings attended throughout the district and places visited, such as the community hubs, Cycle Shepway.
- KCC workshops and the Launch of "Move Together".
- The Councils success in procuring Safer Streets funding from Kents Police and Crime Commissioner.
- An update regarding the new community policing model.

- Health and Wellbeing Councillor Blakemore, advised the Committee of the current health measures which are declining within the district. Folkestone and Hythe District has been ranked 84 out of 317 local authorities.
- Folkestone Library Councillor Blakemore wrote to KCC regarding the closure of the library. KCC responded by confirming that they could not afford to carry out the repairs needed and were looking elsewhere for funding. However, it was suggested that a meeting is due to take place where residents would discuss the future aspirations for Grace Hill.
- Councillor Blakemore also advised the Committee that he wrote to the leader of KCC regarding the proposed cuts to youth services.
- An update on the Mobile Food service.

Following Councillors Mike Blakemore update, members raised several points, including the following:

- What is the current progress on the shared prosperity funding?
- With the remaining funding is the council looking to introduce new projects or support the current projects?
- What is the current progress on Warm Spaces?

Councillor Mike Blakemore and Officers responded to points raised by the Committee:

- There are two parts to the shared prosperity funding, the Council is in year two of three. Current initiatives include, the Mobile Food Van, which is now on the road, cookery classes with aims to support individuals in becoming self-sufficient.
- The Council had to submit an investment plan to UK SDF, which outlines the outcomes and targets. However, potential future projects include community gardens.
- Warm Spaces, the Council is currently in the process of asking community organisations, and then the information will be collated and shared on the Councils website.

#### 26. Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership Plan Update

Mr Scott Butler, Community Safety Specialist introduced the report (OS/23/04) and explained that Members would receive a presentation which included updates from some of the Community Safety Partnership.

The report/presentation provided the committee with an update on the Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP), its priorities, activities, CSP action plan, PREVENT and statistical data including, Crime within the District, deprivation, Fire and Hospital Alcohol Data.

Please see link to the current CSP three-year plan:

https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/downloads/file/1097/community-safetyplan-2021-2024

Inspector Wyles of Kent Police, provided the Committee with an update which included:

- Kent Control Strategy.
- NHP Model, which was piloted in Folkestone Town Centre. This model detailed the new community policing structure, which included the following teams:
  - Child Centred Policing Team (CCPT).
  - Neighbourhood Task Force (NTF).
  - o Beat Team
  - Rural Task Force (RTF), and
  - Prevention Hub
- Multi-Agency Targeted Operations, including:
  - Violence against woman and girls (VAWG)
  - o OP Sentry (Road safety in the district)
  - o OP Piglet (Tackling organised cooking oil theft)
  - OP Assist (Environment & Waste Crime)
  - OP Chinook (NTF response to targeted area of concerns)
  - OP Sceptre (Tackling Knife Crime)
  - OP Drummer.
- My Community Voice.

Following the presentation members raised the following points:

- Noticeable differences in Police presents with the new NHP community policing model.
- How is Kent Police tackling hate crime within the community?
- Prospects of youth clubs closing, will potentially result in higher crime. Is there any support within the CSP to keep these youth clubs open?
- Why is the crime data (as seen in the presentation) presented by wards?
- Could Kent Police or the CSP run more engagement sessions, encouraging residents on the correct reporting procedures.
- Has CSP priorities change from offending to re-offending?
- Can the keys on the CSP Action Plan be explained?
- Will the integration of the migrant community action plan be shared?
- Can officers expand on "Improving prospects for youths" and Taxi safety (as seen on the action plan)?
- Will the CSP plans be coming to Overview and Scrutiny?
- Can we have a verbal update from KCC and Home Start Shepway on their current activities?

Officers responded to several points raised by members, including:

- How to tackle hate crimes are discussed regularly in meetings, including those with CSU and multi-agency meetings concerning Napier Barracks which includes work with the voluntary sector and projects with organisations such as friends or Napier.
- CSP does not receive much direct funding, however, the partnership is always looking to seek further funding where possible. The Partnership would support fund raising projects for the youth club closures.
- The crime data is collated by the analytical team; however, the committee's feedback will be passed onto the team.
- The police recognise under reporting, the high demand on 101 call centres and that the online reporting mechanisms may not be suitable for everyone.
- CSP priorities have not changed when it comes to offending, it will continue to tackle offending. However, the partnership is also working with the probation service to try and tackle re-offending.
- The keys on the action plan are for office use only, it is to help officers keep track on the status of projects.
- The integration of migrant community action plan is ongoing. The CSP are having discussions with other agencies and the information pertaining to the action plan is sensitive and therefore cannot be shared with the Committee.
- Improving prospects for youth is diversionary work. Identifying and diverting youths from criminality.
- The CSP is working to support taxi's, with the potential to utilise Taxi Driver Knowledge regarding crime (i.e., drugs, sex working/brothels).
- With regards to whether the CSP plan will be coming back to this committee. It is for the Corporate Leadership Team to decide.
- KCC and Home Start Shepway officers updated the committee with their recent activity, including, the one stop shop supporting victims of domestic abuse, the Safeguarding Road Show, which brings awareness of domestic abuse, prevent and knife crime to youths within school settings and domestic abuse champions:
  - <u>https://www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk/latest-news-articles-advice/become-an-end-domestic-abuse-employer-champion/</u> (Employer Form).
  - o <u>https://forms.office.com/e/yW2R3mfjpu</u> (Employee Form).

The Committee resolved to receive and note report OS/23/04 and the Community Safety Partnership updates.

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## FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

# **Community Safety Partners**

Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Community Safety Unit (CSU) works together to drive multi-agency practices to achieve the best outcomes for the community.

Our Community Safety Partnership consists of 6 statutory partners as well as over 40 other key agencies who form the CSU.

















As statutory requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Police Reform Act 2002, the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) exists to ensure partners collaborate to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

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- Working together to make the district a safe place to work, live and enjoy;
- Reducing anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder;
- Building stronger communities.

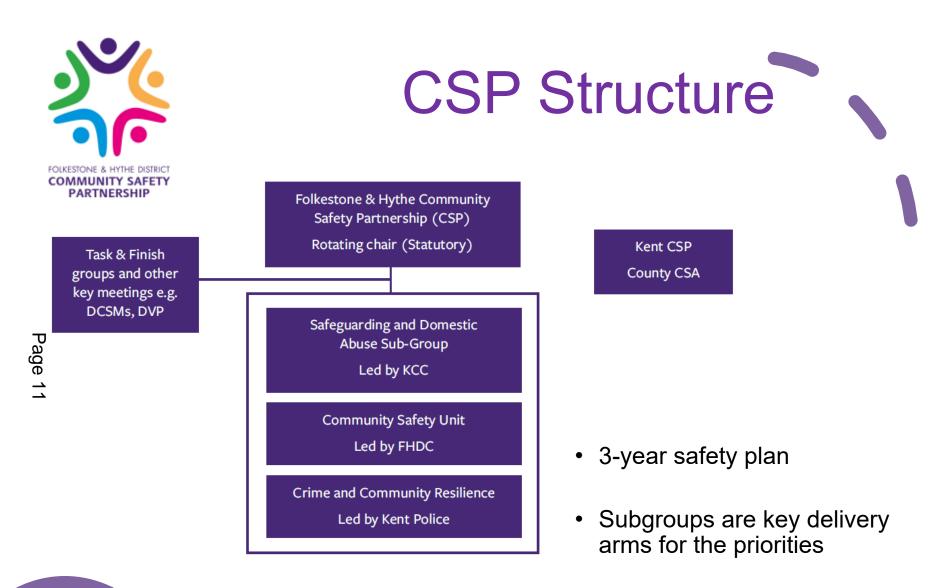
We identify local priorities by monitoring crime patterns, developing an annual strategic assessment, consultation with communities and partners. These are set by the Community Safety Partnership, and published in the Community Safety Plan

# FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN

1 April 2021 - 31 March 2024







 CSU is the operational arm of the CSP

# **Subgroup Chairs**



# Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse

Rebekah Button, Integrated Family Service Manager, Kent County Council Sam O'Connor, CEO, Home-Start Shepway

# Crime and Community Resilience

DI James Wyles, CSU Inspector, Kent Police Garry Scott, Senior Probation Officer

# **Community Safety**

Scott Butler, Tara Liam,

Community Safety Specialist, FHDC Community Safety Officer, FHDC

# **CSP** Priorities



# Community Safety Partnership priorities – 2024

#### Safeguarding & Domestic Abuse Subgroup

- Domestic abuse
- Mental health
- Drugs and alcohol
- Safeguarding children and adults
- District Contextual Safeguarding
- Meeting (DCSM) Children
- Missing children

## **Cross Cutting Themes**

Violence Reduction – Including VAWG & PREVENT awareness

Heath & Wellbeing

#### Young People

#### Crime & Community Resilience

- Modern slavery and human trafficking
- Cuckooing, gangs, county lines and criminal exploitation
- Fraud
- Financial and acquisitive crime
- Drug dealing
- Integrated Offender Management
- Hate/mate crime
- Prevent strategy
- Violence reduction
- Serious and organised crime (SOC) and Organised crime groups (OCGs)
- District Vulnerabilities Panel (DVP)
   adults
- Reduce Re-offending

Delivery of some of the activities that the CSP is responsible for occurs through a range of multi-agency meetings and task and finish groups.

#### **Community Safety Unit**

- Anti-social behaviour
- Public Spaces Protection Order
- Environmental crime/environmental health
- Town centres
- Licensing
- Events
- Hotspot locations
- Substance misuse
- Diversionary activities
- Housing
- Homeless
- High risk adults and young people
- Community triggers
- Prison releases
- Community protection warnings and community penalty notices
- Unauthorised encampments

# Brief 'Strategic Assessment' Overview



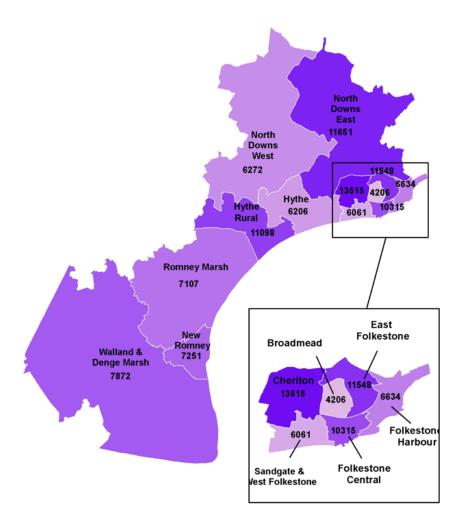
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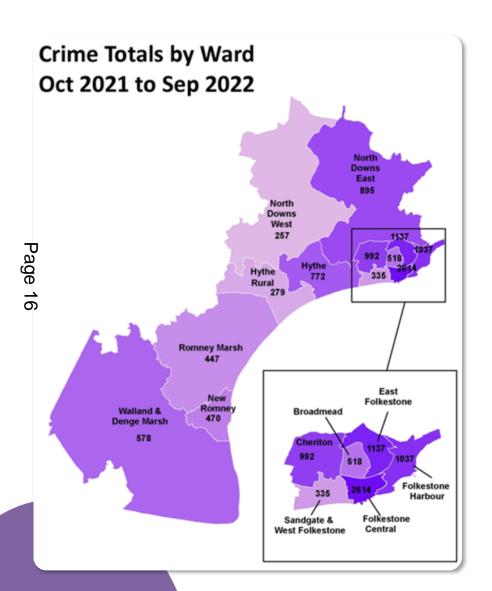
# Population

Folkestone urban area is home to **47.77%** of the total population **15.55%** of the district's residents live in Hythe urban area

The remaining **36.68%** live across the remaining sub urban and rural areas.

## Population by Ward: 2021



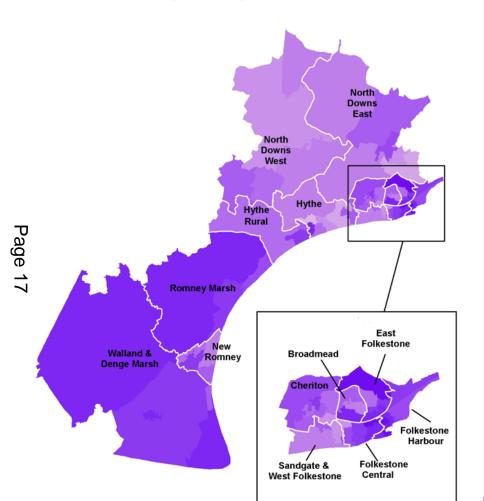


# **Crime Data**

The graph shows a total of all crime for each ward in the Folkestone & Hythe district between 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2022.

Folkestone Central ward has the highest total crimes with 2614

North Downs West has the least total crimes with 257.

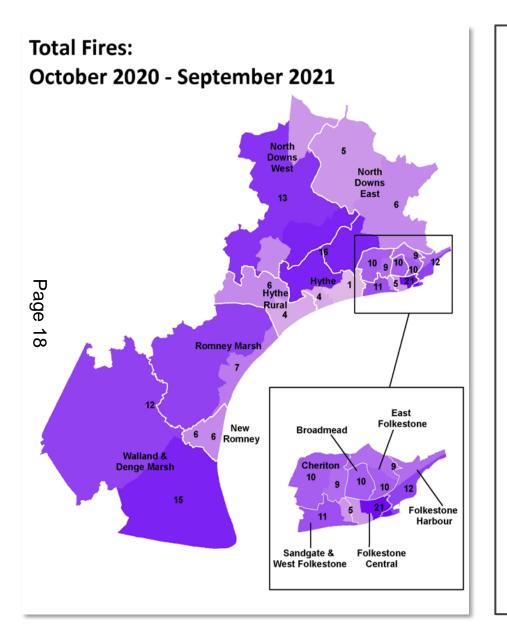


### Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019

# **Deprivation** Data

On the national ranking, Folkestone & Hythe has moved up by **17** positions from **101**<sup>st</sup> in 2015 to **84**<sup>th</sup> most deprived in 2019, which indicates that the level of deprivation in Folkestone & Hythe has **increased**, relative to other areas in England.

Folkestone & Hythe's unemployment rate is currently **3.9%** which is higher than the county average of **3.2%** and the national average of **3.7%**.



# Fire Data

Map shows the number of fires recorded by ward

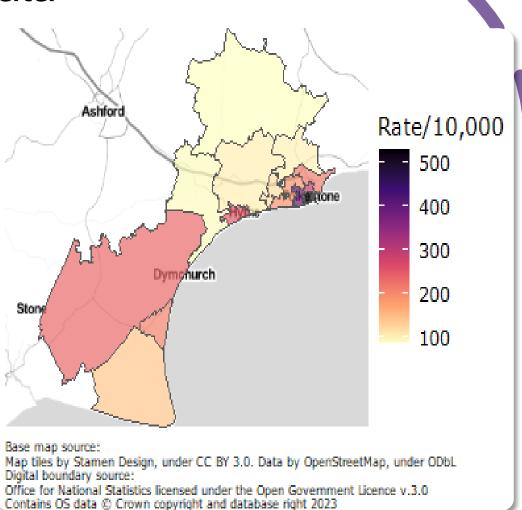
The Ward boundaries are the historic Wards.

it is not a surprise to see that some of the darker areas are the same as those areas of higher deprivation.

# **Hospital Alcohol Data**

The map shows emergency admissions for alcohol, count of admissions by patient MSOA, 2021/22 all ages.

Again, we can compare the hospital alcohol admissions directly correlate with deprivation.



# Community Safety 2023/24



#### Community Safety Partnership 2023-24 Action Plan

		Sub Group Overarching themes	Community Safety, Reducing Offending, Safeguarding Young People, Tackling Violence, Health & Weilbeing		
Project Title	Lead	Partner Agencies	Activity/Actions	Update	RAG
Gale Spaces	FHDC CSU	All Agencies	To expand the Safe Gauce Project across Foliations Town, incorporating new and existing partners, adding value to the Ask Angela NTE. Town with Partners, Pastors offering visibility and engagement, and KCC Wardens to provide similar. Licencing - tasks and NTE awarness rating. Licence premises have knowledge/barining of ads paces.	Hestia, Ralbow Centre, F51, Gouth Kent Mind, Folkestone Harbour, Pharmacies and additional retail outlets at Bouverie Flace are all Interested - Training by HomeOtart to follow.	
Safety Map	FHDC & Kent Police CSU	All Agencies	Development of Safe Routes / Mapping of CCTV and lighting / Utilizing Leveling Up comfor funding - include SBEN / Safe Spaces / Defis & Emergency Trauma Packs - SECAM contact? BHF - defis map	Included in SSFS Application	
Safer Summer Programme	PHDC & Kent Police CBU	All Agencies	POP up hubs - Boat races, Water safety, RNLI & NCI , Air show, PRIDE, CHARIVARI Camival 15/7, NTE, PGPO awareness, Fire station Open Event, CAMBER Rave overflow Thetroobery awareness and Police enforcement - Multicultural Festival AUG	Compete	
Cafer Winter Programme	FHDC & Kent Police CSU	All Agencies	National Bafeguarding Week, 16 Days of Action, Winter Weil Event, CHRISTMAD, Halloween, NY, Warm Spaces.	NHS are doing Winter Well events at Dover and Thanet, and do not have capacity to come to Folkestone this year.	
OP CHINOOK	FHDC & Kent Police COU	All Agencies	Mull agency drop in area of high concern to undertake housing assessments, property standards, tackle rouge landlords, fire safety, litter picking, street cleansing, youth engagement. Heid quartery across the district.	2 complete - Moore Close & The Stade Hawkinge - Autum Lydd - Winter	
Local Engagement Meetings (LEMs)	FHDC & Kent Police CSU	All Agencies	Quarterly Community Conversations, across the district to provide feedback and hear concerns from locals.	27th July F51 Hawkinge Lydd	
Youth Roadshow Yr. 9s	Rebecca Button & COPT	All Agencies	Touring Readshow to schools to educate on health iffestyles, relationships, social media impact, Vru, PREVENT, consent, alcohol.	7 /8 Ochools completed -	
Safety in Action Yr. 6s	SALUS & COPT	All Agencies	Young Person Dafety event - Water Dafety - travel / transport / positive triendship groups / social media etc.	Planned for March '24	
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Targeted Operations		PHDC / KP	enforce dog control PSPO and dog Control PSPO. Pledge to continue patrolling and to issue PPNs for Environmental Crime. Support 4 areas in the district. Host 6 pop ups over the year.		
OP Ledger			Response to accosting and sexual assault linked to VAWG Priorities.		
OP PIGLET		KP FHDC	Tacking Cooking oil theft	Otil receiving reports of Oil theft - Fly tip occurred on Pound Way	
OP ASSIST	Andrew Clarke		Waste Crime, Vehicle stops, Rural Crime		
	James Wyles	Vest Balles			
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Community Training & Signposting

Licensinglutean	Briony Williamson		awareness programmes on drinking habits	Schedueid for winter safety package with lift of patrols in line with 93 funding.	
Heista	Jo Martins		drop in to engage with 1-1, groups, men's group, services users doing out of hours/ dad unlimited - DA champion trainer		
PREVENT			Pledge that our PREVENT community officer engages with all that is done through the CSU in terms of events and promotes awareness through leaflets and CSU attendance.		
Folkestone Haven			Continue diversionary peer activities to support alternative things to do rather than being on the streets. Provide 121s. Mental health support to high risk adults.		
Improving digital skills/knowledge	Doris	Digital Kent	Raise awareness to other organisations of what training and/or services are available within the digital technology - Linked to ADB reporting and My Community Voice.		
Supporting vulnerable people	Lindsey (PON)	FH OP surgeries	Working with police and partners to identify and protect the most vulnerable in the community		
Improve MH outcomes	Diane	FCS Training Theraples	Chare information on NHC Talking Therapies to ensue organisations have up to date information. Reciprocal updates from partner agencies where necessary		
	Amelia Greensil	Forward Trust	Have funding across East Kent to deliver The Forward Trust Housing service across the district. Substance abuse and Housing - will share info once know more.	AWAITING CONFIRMATION	
	NO		Happy to share. Considering a cadet programme - currently exploring safeguarding before go-		

Partner Traini

Partner Training					
one you	Kirsty Heath		DA training		
Heista	Jo Martins/ Duncan Husk		Sub group and DA training		
Border Force			Awareness training to any partners and acting as a point of contact for intelligence / partners.	Delivered and ongoing	
PREVENT development	Darah	ICB/Prevent	Integrate PREVENT learning protected learning for primary care		
Folkestone Haven			Continue diversionary peer activities to support alternative things to do rather than being on the streets. Provide 121s, Mental health support to high risk adults.		
P Community Nurse	Linzy Clarke		Looking for individuals for support, referral through GP surgery's	Bring into DVP	
Railway safe space	Lindsey	OE Trains	Keep agencies informed of when disused railway stations could be potentially used as safer spaces. Licencing to keep relevant people informed of when new safe spaces come online	VAWG events being held at both train stations	
Members Training	Jyotsna/Jess	PHDC	Train newly elected councillors in the following: Community Dartey Unit, Community Dartey Partnership, Including PriceTex and Prevent.		

## Local Engagement Meetings (LEMs)

#### Safety Campaigns

- Safeguarding School Roadshow
- Safe NTE focus
- Safe Summer / Winter campaigns
- PSPO enforcement
- Joint operations

#### **CSP** Forums

# FOLKESTONE Safer Streets



Our funding application was for Folkestone Central Ward (LSOA Shepway 014C). This area was chosen due to the crime data and statistics which met the funding requirements.

#### Total funding confirmed £335,546.64

The funding will seek to target and reduce sexual offences / accosting's, stalking and harassment, violence against the person, retail theft, ASB, theft from motor vehicle / vehicle interference, burglary (commercial), theft from the person and drug offences, alongside the secondary crime type of criminal damage.

Project delivery will include:

- → Upgrading the Folkestone Town Council CCTV network,
- Upgrade and re-connect 5 deployable CCTV cameras,
- Upgrade the Folkestone Area Partnership Against Crime (FAPAC) radio network,
- Window wraps for empty shop fronts,
- Active Bystander Training, VAWG Training and Contextual Safeguarding Training,
- Youth Outreach to tackle ASB,
- Map and Signpost Safe Routes,
- Graffiti and litter removal,
- Develop a Safe Taxi Scheme and safety improvements to the taxi ranks,
- Support the Urban Pastors,
- Establish a new Neighbourhood Watch area and promote messaging systems,
- Promote Holli Guard App.

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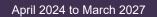
Project Delivery Stakeholders: PCC, Kent Police, KCC, Rising Sun, Home Start, Urban Pastors, FHDC CSU, Licensing, FAPAC, Folkestone Town Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Bouverie Place, and NSL.

# CSP 24-27 Year Plan

- Currently being drafted for CLT
- Same foundations as current
   Plan
   Removal of 'Coronavirus and
  - Removal of 'Coronavirus and withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Brexit)'

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- More emphasis on supporting young people, health and wellbeing.
- Inclusion of Safer Streets project, with best practice being used across district.



# Crime & Community Resilience

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# **Control Strategy**



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# NHP Model

# **Prevention Hub**





#### **CCPT – Blended**

- Prevention and early intervention with young people
- Engagement with schools and higher education
- No Problem solving with partners
- Dealing with repeat
   victim/offender/location
- Identifying vulnerability and exploitation
- Youth outcomes

#### **NTF - Blended**

Enhanced problem solving

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- "Drag and drop" into high harm
- Supporting Beat Officers
- Visible targeted activity
- Seasonal demand/county operations
- Working collaboratively with the community, partners and internal departments to reduce harm through problem solving

#### **Beat Team**

- Visible and accessible
   presence
- Local ownership of problems/repeat/high harm
- Supporting seasonal demand NTE and VAWG
- Retail crime
- ASB
- Problem solving with partners
- Local engagement/meetings

#### **Prevention Hub**

- Problem solving with partners (enhanced strategic level)
- Expert level support to all officers – ASB/Licencing/OSARA
- Oversight of NTE
- Licensing
- Designing Out Crime
- MCV
- Offender management



# Multi Agency Targeted Operations

- Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)
  - Op MARSEILLES: Over-arching OSARA Plan
  - Op LEDGER: Tackling Accosting
  - Hybrid Event at Folkestone Police Station 26/04/2023
  - Walk and Talk 07/07/2023, 20/10/23, 08/12/23
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  - Op SENTRY: Road Safety in the district
  - Op PIGLET: Tackling organised cooking oil theft
  - Op ASSIST: Environmental & Waste Crime (vehicular)
  - Op CHINOOK: NTF Response to targeted areas of concerns
  - Op SCEPTRE: Tackling knife crime





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# Crime data

Profound reduction in retail theft in Town Centre Wards (Harbour and Central)

Folkestone Central Ward: Folkestone Harbour Ward: -18.7% in financial year, -13.9% in rolling year -80% in financial year, -57.1% in rolling year

Significant reductions in all crime over the financial, with notable reductions in vehicle crime (TFMV -83% in Central Ward)

Folkestone Central Ward:

-25% victim-based crime, -3% crime against society -22% all crime -22% victim-based crime -17% all crime (+19% crimes against

The increase in crime against society in Harbour ward is driven by a 133% increase in drug possession but this arises from proactive policing and significant increase in stop and search drug finds.

Significant reductions in ASB Folkestone Harbour Ward: -10% in financial year, -11% in rolling year Folkestone Central Ward: -75% in financial year, -126% in rolling year



# Protecting people susceptible to radicalisation

The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The objectives of Prevent are to: tackle the ideological causes of terrorism. intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation. enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

Section 36 CTSA 2015 sets out the duty for local authorities to ensure that there is a local panel in place to assess, and to provide support for, people **susceptible** to being drawn into terrorism.1 For the purpose of this guidance, the term 'Channel' refers to the local authority-led support and the duty as set out in CTSA 2015. In England and Wales, this duty is met through 'Channel panels'.

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