



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT
**COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**

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Introduction



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Scrutiny function of the OSC



Legislation

- The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - statutory responsibility for local authorities, police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities.
- Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and implement crime reduction strategies following an analysis of crime trends in their areas
- The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced scrutiny arrangements in the form of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, as well as introducing a number of amendments to the 1998 Act.

Scrutiny function

- Additional requirements on the scrutiny function were set out in The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which stated options for meeting frequency (at least 12 monthly, co-opting members etc.)
- Aim is to hold to account those who are responsible for tackling crime and disorder in a local area and scrutinise the work of the CSP.

Scrutiny function of the OSC



Scrutiny function

- The 2009 regulations more explicitly stated the joint delivery of statutory duties by partners and recommended that the powers of local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees encompass the work of CSPs.
- This is the effect of sections 19 and 20 of the 2006 Act. The 2009 Regulations supplement the provisions in section 19 as to the exercise of a committee's functions.

Overview and scrutiny will receive:

- An overview of key priorities
- Hear from the leads of each CSP subgroups including previous and proposed project / community engagement for 2022/2023 period
- Committee Feedback

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.



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CSP Structure



- Plan is 3 yearly
- Sub groups are key delivery arms for the priorities
- CSU is a key operational arm and the plan also gives examples of the work of the CSU.

Whilst the CSU is non – statutory but enables the statutory functions to be delivered as well as ensuring the Council’s s11 responsibilities are met – this is to ensure all council departments have regard to community safety (cross section of officers)

CSP Priorities



- A Strategic Assessment is compiled annually to show progress for the Partnership against priorities, along with identification of emerging issues and recommended priorities for the next 12 months.
- The priorities for 21-24 for the CSP were identified taking into account the findings from a Strategic Assessment document that is produced each year (restricted).
- A series of cross cutting themes have also been identified which are key initiatives that will support the delivery of all of the priorities

CSP Priorities



Community Safety Partnership priorities – 2021-24

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
- COVID Recovery
- Reducing offending

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

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

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.

Sub Group Chairs



- **Community Safety**

Scott Butler

Community Safety Specialist, FHDC

- **Safeguarding and DA sub group**

Rebekah Button

Kent County Council

- **Crime and Community Resilience**

DCI Keith Taylor

Kent Police

Committee Feedback



As part of the Committee's considerations it would helpful to have feedback on:

- Current Priorities
- Proposed actions
- Opportunity for questions

Community Safety Update

6 months April – September 2022

Community Safety Update



April 2022

Safeguarding Conference at Leas Cliff Hall,

- over 600 young people attended
- Substance use / Mind and Body by We are with You
- 'Is it Worth it Road Tour' – Amelix
- Positive Relationships & Consent by Homestart
- National knife imagery evaluation with the University of Sheffield & Kent Violence Reduction Unit
- The Sports Trust ran self-awareness sessions and showcased the F51 Skate/BMX Park in Folkestone.
- The difference between snitching and reporting by Crime stoppers / Fearless.
- How to recognise examples of extremist behaviour online - Prevent
- Mental health support and guidance by Young Mind
- The Conference ended with performance by the yr13's at Brockhill Park School.



Community Safety Update



April 2022

NTE Engagement



- Distributed lollipops to tackle anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance reports regarding people shouting as they leave NTE venues. Linked to Best Practice to calm clubbers.
- Received well by venues, and customers in addition late night noise complaints dropped.

PSPO Consultation

- The activities which are prohibited or required by this Order are:
 1. Control of anti-social alcohol consumption in a public place
 2. No use of intoxicating substances in a public place
 3. No urinating, spitting or defecating in a public place
 4. No begging
 5. Control of anti-social street entertainment
 6. Control of unauthorised street fundraising and marketing
 7. Control of unauthorised camping
- Fixed Penalty Notices under the Public Space Protection Order remain the same at £100 or a fine of up to £2,500 on summary conviction.



Community Safety Update



May 2022

Community Safety Partnership event

- The Community Safety Partnership event was held at the recently opened F51 Skatepark in Folkestone on 25 May.
- The event was well attended with over 20 partner agencies coming together to collaborate and build the community safety plan and projects within it.



Violence Against Women & Girls agenda (VAWG) Walk and Talk

- On 24th May, the Community Safety Team along with partner agencies engaged with the local community.
- The team provided advice and information on personal safety including handing out whistles and personal alarms to those leaving work and to young people out and about socialising
- The officers walked along Folkestone town centre to Payer's Park and down along the seafront hitting the Coastal Park.



Community Safety Update



May 2022

Op Sunshine [Henosis]

- The monthly Ops continue and on 27 May FHDC CSU, licencing and environmental enforcement joined with police and patrolled the hot spot areas of Folkestone.
- Op the officers engaged with businesses, local homeless people and locations with ASB
- Completed some door knocks to residents in an area where issues have been raised,
- Flyers through doors how and what to report to the council and police.

Emergency Response Trauma Packs

- Local Authorities are working with Kent Police to support and distribute the Emergency Trauma Pack scheme across Kent.
- The scheme works with businesses, partners and communities to provide access to the equipment and skills necessary to deal with significant life threatening injuries following serious and major incidents.



Community Safety Update



June 2022

Folkestone Festival



- The Community Safety Unit had an exhibition stand to promote general safety information with a focus on how to report issues in the local area. The team shared details about safety apps and handed out a variety of safety leaflets
- Lifeline365 were also on hand, the service has been helping and supporting residents and their families to remain independent in their own homes
- The police also supported the officers by answering queries from members of the public. It was a very busy day with many people walking past and chatting to the team.

Detached Youth Engagement



- Community Support Officer Lexie Foord has been working with Detached youth providers
- Attending engagement events, supporting young people, being a positive role model and being able to retrieve very useful intelligence from young people to support the role of the CSU
- Links to the District Contextual Safeguarding Meeting (DCSM)

Community Safety Update



July 2022

Pride Event

- Folkestone Pride was held on 23rd July on The Leas where there was a picnic and performances celebrating the wonderful community and diversity in our district.
- There was a festival walk and the Community Safety Unit had a stand where the team wearing their Pride wrist bands engaged with over 200 people. Discussions covered personal safety in the community including topics such as violence against women and Girls. Safety whistles were handed out and the team promoted safety apps.
- The team handed out Spikey Bottle Stoppers and provided advice about safer socialising. Spikey's fit inside the top of your bottle and there is a small hole in the centre for a straw to slide through. This helps prevent drinks from being spiked in bars, pubs and at parties and this brightly coloured plastic glows in UV light.
- Team members also handed out leaflets about mental health support services.
- There were also discussions about how and where residents could report concerns.



Community Safety Update

July 2022

Gaming Bus

- The Prevent team alongside Kent Police Officers and Folkestone & Hythe Youth Hub looked at countering hateful extremism and spreading awareness around gaming safely online.
- There were around 30 children who boarded the bus and the team engaged with over 65 people about hate and extremism

Violence Against Women & Girls agenda (VAWG)

- On 20th July a walk and talk took place with representatives from Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Police and Home-Start Shepway.
- The representatives walked through Folkestone town between 4.00pm to 6.00pm handing out information about personal safety and safer socialising



Community Safety Update

August 2022

Folkestone Air Display

- The Community Safety Unit had a joint stand with Environmental Enforcement
- The Community Safety Team handed out information about staying safe in the district when out at night. The team also promoted safety apps such as: live 360, holly guard and shared information about adult and child mental health services available to residents. The team also covered how and where members of the public can report issues.



Folkestone & Hythe Youth Hub Festival

- On 30th August, the Community Safety Unit had a stand on the grounds of Mundella Primary Playing Field supporting KCC Youth Hub.
- This was an interactive festival for the whole family to enjoy with games, music, and karate amongst other activities to celebrate the end of the reconnect funding through school holidays



Community Safety Update



September 2022

New Team Members

- Scott Butler has taken over as Community Safety Specialist Officer
- Tara Liam is the new Community Safety Officer
- Lexie Foord continuing as the Community Support Officer.



Welcome event for Ukrainians

- Over 100 people attended the welcome event held at the Creative Folkestone Quarter house.
- This was an opportunity to meet the Ukrainians and their hosts and offer guidance on jobs skills, nursery placements over a cuppa and cake.



Community Safety Planned Actions

6 months October 2022 – March 2023

Community Safety Planned Actions



October 2022

Trading Standards Operation

Working in partnership with HMRC, Thanet District Council, Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Kent Police the raids took place on retail premises in Thanet and Folkestone as part of the ongoing national Operation CeCe

Op Assist

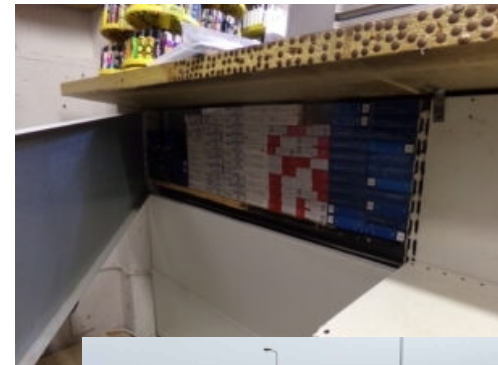
Environmental Enforcement, CSU work alongside Police Rural Taskforce and CPT to disrupt the illegal transfer of waste. Another 3 FPNs have been issued during the joint operation in October to the collection of FPNs and seized vehicles this year.

Visits to areas and individuals of concern

CSU officers attend many safeguarding meetings discussing vulnerable people, locations and receive complaints from residents. We have been proactive this month in getting out and visiting those we discuss to understand the needs and be in a better position to support and design out the concerns.

Halloween

CSU officers handing out advice and leaflets leading up to Halloween, plus joint patrols between detached youth workers, CSU team and Police PCSOs that evening



Community Safety Planned Actions



November 2022

Winter Well Event

- 12th November CSU joining NHS to deliver 'Winter Well' community safety campaign in Folca building 10-2

National Safeguarding Week

- 21st -27th November
- 25th November online conference 10:45am -16:45pm
- DA in a tech society and we have an exciting online conference based on Home Office funded research, the increasing ways that digital technologies are being used by domestic abuse perpetrators to monitor, threaten, and humiliate their victims

Operation Sceptre

- National Week of Action to Tackle Knife Crime

CSU Training Event / Op Henosis

- CSU training opportunity with Border Force prior to street based community engagement

Neighbourhood Engagement Meeting

- Proposed evening Neighbourhood Engagement Meeting - quarterly (24th November tbc)



Community Safety Planned Actions



December 2022

16 Days of Action - Domestic Abuse

World Cup Safety

- Domestic Abuse Awareness
- Alcohol consumption safety / Driving

Christmas Safety

- Domestic Abuse awareness
- NTE Christmas parties
- VAWG Awareness

Community Safety Planned Actions



Jan – March 2023

Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings (NEMs)

- FHDC & KP CSU want to pick these back up now Covid has passed.
- 4 / year (quarterly), in 4 key areas across the district (1 / year in each location) proposed locations:
 - Folkestone
 - Hythe
 - Marsh Towns
 - New Romney-Lydd
- We would provide a district wide update with local impact.
- We would invite key partners along to assist our messaging, campaigns, and show partnership working. KCC wardens, KFRS & Border force etc.

Planned Safety Campaigns

- Safe Schools Parking / Speed watch (BRAKE)
- Safeguarding School Roadshow
- Safe NTE focus
- Safe Beaches
- PSPO enforcement
- Continued joint operations

CSP Forums

- 11th January 2023, 13:00 - 15:00, CSP Meeting - Virtual (Kent Police)
- 8th March 2023, Time TBC CSP Annual Planning Event In-Person (All)
- 5th July 2023, 13:00 - 15:00, CSP Meeting - Virtual (KCC)
- 4th October 2023 13:00 - 15:00, CSP Meeting - Virtual (FHDC)



Community Safety Planned Actions



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