

Folkestone & Hythe District



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Kent Control Strategy 2022/23



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“A safe place to live, work and visit.....” (Kent MVVP)

- Folkestone & Hythe District compares favourably to other districts within East Kent, and has consistently had the lowest volume of ‘immediate’ calls for the last 6 months compared with the other East Division districts (Ashford, Canterbury, Dover and Thanet).
- Folkestone and Hythe District has also performed consistently in regards to maintaining the lowest recorded victim based crime figures for the last 6 months across East Division (Noting there was a peak in August, but that was followed by a decline into September)
- Folkestone and Hythe District has performed well in terms of ‘suspect interviewed rate’ with the highest Divisional figures for July, August and September.
- This is reflected in our Victim based crime ‘solved rate’ for the FY being the highest on East Division, and 4th out of the 13 districts within Kent Police

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We have also seen;

- Decline in Domestic Abuse offence volume for FY
- Highest Suspect Interviewed Rate for Domestic Abuse in East Division for FY & 2nd highest charge rate (currently being beaten by 0.1%!)
- Highest 'Suspect interviewed rate' for Hate Crime on East Division and 2nd highest across the force for FY
- Highest Robbery charge rate across East Division districts for FY
- 2nd highest Burglary Residential charge rate for East Division Districts across FY
- Highest solved rate across the force for Possession of weapons for FY

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We've had successes;

- **OP HOLLAND** – following a disturbance involving youths from across East Kent in Folkestone 17/05/2022 detectives charged 5 individuals with attempted murder and possession of weapon offences. This case is within the court process.
- **OP TANGO** – following a particularly violent assault in Dymchurch at the start of January 2022, a suspect was detained, charged, remanded and in early October, convicted of Attempted murder. To be sentenced 21/12/2022.
- **OP NAPLES** – serious assault in Folkestone 6th October, resulting in death – 2 individuals charged and remanded
- **Vehicle crime** – On 21/20/2022 we charged and remanded a prolific recidivist offender for multiple offences of TFMV, Dangerous Driving etc (total 17 offences) – charged and remanded into custody.
- These are just a few examples we focus our activities around those who have the greatest impact on communities focussing on victim based crime, repeat victims, repeat suspects and repeat venues and using a problem solving partnership approach to manage them

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“By working with the public and partners, we will provide a first class policing service”

We work closely with:

- Social Services
- Homelessness charities e.g. Sunflower House lunch club / Rainbow Centre / Porchlight
- Mental Health charities / organisations / services, e.g. The Haven, Ash Eton
- Victim support
- Refuge
- IPAG
- Residents associations
- IDVA
- KFRS / SECamb / Coastguard / RNLI / NCA / Border Force
- Schools / youth clubs / organisations
- Community leaders / groups / representatives
- Probation
- Council representatives / Housing providers
- SIA doorstaff
- CCTV
- Trading Standards



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- Partnership Approach:
 - **Serious and Organised Crime Panel** – Monthly meeting lead by CSU Insp and attended by multiple partner agencies. Tackling Organised Criminal Networks, County Lines Networks, Gangs, Series/Cluster Crimes - ***Feeds into Serious and Organised Crime Board (Divisional Meeting)***
 - **District Vulnerability Panel** – Monthly meeting to discuss and manage vulnerable victims and repeat locations using partnership approach. Focusing on victims of Domestic Abuse, Hate/Mate Crime, Cuckooing etc. – ***Feeds into Protecting Vulnerable People Board (divisional meeting)***
 - **Violence Reduction Unit** – Working with partner agencies to manage Knife Crime, Serious Violence & our Young Criminal Groups
 - **OP ENGAGE** – Ensuring that vulnerable people within the community get appropriate support from partner agencies.

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Activities completed:

- Safer summer – patrolling regime around 'hot spot' areas during peak times. Consideration of utilising police powers where appropriate for stop search / dispersal orders.
- Good use of CPW's / CPN's to enforce against repeat locations / individuals.
- Knife Sweeps / Knife Bins / Weapons Arch / wand deployment – joint activities with BTP / CDL&G Team.
- Continued monitoring of CDL activity /scanning for threat & links with Met Police / BTP **Op OROCHI**.
- Op Aident deployments, Op Drummer support (Trading standards), County Lines focussed activity weeks
- **Intelligence gathering!**

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Activities planned / ongoing:

- **Op Aident** deployments (MSHT & CSE, brothels / exploitation of workers etc)
- **'Grip Funding'** has enabled for additional resources to be focussed within 'hotspot areas' (Folkestone Central & Harbour wards), specified patrolling and additional activities being conducted within these areas.
- **Op Mundial** (World Cup)
- **Op Marseille** – VAWG – ongoing work throughout the Autumn and Winter season especially as nights draw in and social activities pick up over the festive season – additional resources, training SIA doorstaff to recognise and deal with 'signs' that something isn't right, promoting ask for Angela / 'Best Bar None' scheme (3 new premises signed up over the summer, 6 identified to improve working practices).
- **Community engagement events;**
Coffee with a cop' / Walk and Talk events / Local Engagement Meetings / Mirroring of successful football events in Thanet? / My community voice
- *New* **Harm Intervention Tool** – enables us to micro analyse data for repeat service users, repeat suspects and repeat venues, and to examine how they have been dealt with / justify greater focus or work with partners to support and manage issues more appropriately via other agencies

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Challenges ahead;

- New Chief Constable ??
- New Modelling / re-structure – Neighbourhood policing review
- Impact on communities & service
- Safer Winter – town centre focus and proactive Night Time Economy patrolling, looking at licensing, Vulnerability and ASB, knife arch deployments
- Current Crime trends – TFMV, Shoplifting, Cooking Oil Thefts

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Thankyou



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