

REPORT NO. 1

**REPORT TO THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL (IN ITS CAPACITY AS
CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE)
MEETING OF 30th June 2022**

Status: For Discussion

Title: Community Safety Partnership – Annual Review

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Where from: Harborough District Community Safety Partnership

Where to next: Harborough District Community Safety Partnership

Objective: To review the Community Safety Partnership's contribution to reducing crime and disorder in Harborough as set out in the Community Safety Plan.

1. Outcome sought from Panel

1.1 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the performance of the Community Safety Partnership in reducing crime and disorder in 2021/22.

2 Background

2.1 The CSP was set up under [Sections 5-7 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998](#) and is made up of statutory services who need to work together to protect our local communities from crime and disorder, and to help people feel safer. These include:

- Harborough District Council
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Office of the Leicestershire Police & Crime Commissioner
- Leicestershire County Council
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue

2.2 The Responsible Authorities work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. They work out how to deal with local issues like anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and Hate Incidents. They annually assess local crime priorities and consult partners and the local community about how to deal with them.

- 2.3 CSPs were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. There are about 300 CSPs in England and 22 in Wales.
- 2.4 Leicestershire is a two tier area which means there is one CSP for the County (Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board) and one for each of the 7 District/ Boroughs. Harborough district's CSP is called 'the Harborough District Community Safety Partnership' (which can be found on Twitter @HarbCSP). Harborough District Council leads and administrates the CSP on behalf of the 'Responsible Authorities' listed in 2.1.

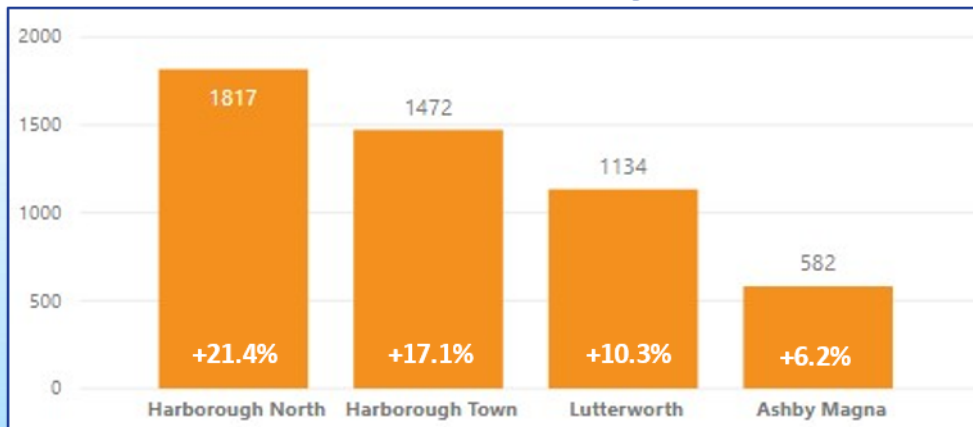
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- 2.5 Although there has been an increase in overall crime during 2021/22 there had been a large decrease in the previous year due to Covid.
- 2.6 Overall crime in Harborough saw an increase in the Current year to date (YTD) to 5005 (Apr 21– March 22) of +15.6% compared to the Previous YTD 4330 (Apr – March 21). However the overall increase from April 19-March 20 of 4894, was only 2.3%.

Harborough North showed the largest percentage increase 21.4% and Broughton Astley the smallest at 6.2%. – see Appendix D for map of beat areas.

Across all crimes and anti-social behaviour Harborough's crime rate is below Leicestershire as a whole and below England's rates for this period

1a. YTD Beat Area Comparisons



The number at the top of each bar on the bar chart shows the volume of all crimes occurring in each beat area between the current YTD (April 2022-March 2022). The percentage at the bottom of each bar chart shows the percentage change in total crimes in each beat area from the current YTD compared to the previous YTD (April-March 2021).

The Harborough North beat is seeing the highest percentage increase of +21.4% in the number of crimes recorded. No beats are seeing a decrease.

Three year crime comparison

Performance Measure	Year 2021/22	Year 2020/21	Year 2019/20
Total Crime	5005	4330	4894
Burglary	280	284	513
Vehicle Crime	348	378	712
Violence with injury	615	515	392
Violence without injury	1280	1044	1062
Public Disorder	652	491	347
Domestic Violence with injury (included in VwI figures)	225	205	93
Criminal Damage	581	500	479

Shoplifting	177	↓	179
Hate Crime	123	↑	116
ASB reported (Police Data)	574	↓	783
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ASB incidents across Harborough District have generally seen a gradual decline with a few small fluctuations throughout the current YTD. There has been a -26% decrease in the total number of ASB incidents in Harborough in this period back to pre-covid levels.

2.7 Harborough District Community Safety Partnership (HDCSP) had 3 key aims for the 2021/22 period which was year 2 of current 3 year plan. These are outlined below.

Cross cutting priorities

- To prevent and raise awareness of the effects of substance misuse
- To increase community engagement and cohesion across the District and reduce fear of Crime.
- Encourage the legitimate sharing of information between agencies.

People

Understanding the causes of violence and coercive behaviour to provide support and interventions for vulnerable individuals and families.

Focussing on:

- Domestic Abuse - in particular to work to reduce incidents of violence with injury. Identifying those at risk and use interventions to reduce the risk.
 - Exploitation* - County Lines and Cuckooing
 - Serious Violent Crime – Violence with injury
 - Racial Hate crime
- * Exploitation includes all types of grooming including– CSE, County Lines and Radicalisation.

Places

Working with communities to reduce crime and ASB by utilising available powers and resources in a targeted way.

Focussing on:

- Anti-social behaviour – including Neighbour disputes and Recreation Areas
- Illegal drug use - including Nitrous Oxide/ Cannabis use in residential properties
- Road safety – Speeding
- Night Time Economy Recovery plan

Property

To help support and advise our communities on taking personal responsibility, by promoting good practices and using partnership resources to reduce property based crime.

Focusing on:

- Rural Crime – including theft, damage and trespass.
- Theft from motor vehicles
- Burglary
- Criminal Damage and arson
- Cybercrime and scams

2.8 To support the delivery of priorities, the CSP secured £36073 from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner. An Action plan to spend these funds was agreed and delivered – Appendix A

2.9 Funds were also secured under Safer Streets 2 and Safer Streets 3 Government schemes. See more details in Appendix A & B

2.10 A Domestic Abuse Link Worker has been employed for a period of 2 years to ensure we meet our Statutory requirements under the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021 using new funding from the Government of £33k per year.

3 Points for discussion

- To discuss the performance of the CSP,
- For Members to ask questions of HDC officers and partners on work areas

4 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes

4.1 The partnership actively considers equalities when developing priorities and commissioning services to ensure support for most vulnerable in the community. Supporting vulnerable people is also a key priority as per the Highlight Report.

5 Impact on Communities

5.1 Crime, disorder and road safety issues are consistent concerns for communities. Harborough District Council and its partners are therefore working to keep the areas we live in both safe and harmonious. This is an ongoing priority of the Partnership and individual agencies.

6 Legal Issues

6.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced a requirement for local authorities to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken by Responsible Authorities in relation to the discharge of their crime and disorder functions. The responsibilities of the Crime and Disorder Committee are delegated to the Communities Scrutiny

Panel (Part 3 Section B of the Constitution), which has a duty to review or scrutinise decisions of an actions by the Community Safety Partnership.

- 6.2 The new Anti-Social Behaviour, Police and Crime Act 2014 have consolidated and simplified the powers available to the Police and Local Authorities and in some cases Registered Social Landlords
- 6.3 Local Authorities now have a Statutory Duty as part of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. The Prevent strategy is a key part of the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. A yearly Prevent Action Plan is produced and updated.
- 6.4 The new DA Act 2021 places a statutory duty on Tier One local authorities to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children within refuges and other safe accommodation. Part 4 of the 2021 Act introduces a new statutory duty on local authorities which places clearer accountability on local areas to ensure the needs of victims within refuges and other forms of domestic abuse safe accommodation are met in a consistent way across England.

7. Resource Issues

- 7.1 Administration of the CSP is carried out by the Community Partnerships Team with HDC being the lead authority.
- 7.2 The work of the CSP is resourced mainly through a £36073 grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner as well as aligning and targeting mainstream resources of statutory partners; mainly the Police, Harborough District Council, Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire County Council.
- 7.3 £5,000 of this fund goes towards the salary of a Community Safety Officer.
- 7.4 In partnership with the OPCC we have also received funding through the Government Safer Streets fund (2&3).

8. Community Safety Implications

- 8.1 Delivery against the Three Year Plan is having a positive impact on reducing crime and disorder within the Harborough area.

9. Carbon Management Implications

- 9.1 No direct implications. The partnerships consultation strategy places more emphasis on electronic communications and less on printed leaflets/ promotional material etc. This reduces paper, postage etc. Less crime will reduce the number of visits to sites of reported incidents.

10 Risk Management Implications

10.1 Overall reductions in resources for the CSP and within CSP partners.

11 Consultation

11.1 The Three Year plan is subject to a consultation period with all responsible authorities on the Community Safety Partnership having the opportunity to contribute.

Previous report(s):

Community Safety Partnership: 2014/15 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership, 11 June 15

Community Safety Partnership:2015/16 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership 30 June 2016

Community Safety Partnership:2016/17 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership 6 July 2017

Community Safety Partnership:2017/18 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership 28 June 2018

Community Safety Partnership:2018/19 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership June 2019

Community Safety Partnership:2019/20 Annual Review, Scrutiny Leadership October 2020

Community Safety Partnership: 2020/21 Annual Review, Communities Scrutiny panel Sept 2021

Appendices:

A. Action Plan 21/22

B. Annual Review 21/22

C. Quarter 4 report 21/22 for OPCC

D. Map of beat areas