



Harborough District  
**C**ommunity **S**afety **P**artnership

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2021/22

# PRIORITIES 2021/22

In March 2020 the Harborough CSP set the 3 year strategic plan through consultation with the public and partners, the priorities were refreshed for the period 2020-2021 as below.

## People

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

Focussing on:

Domestic Abuse

Exploitation\*

Serious Violent Crime

Racial Hate Crime

## Places

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

Focussing on:

Anti-social behaviour

Illegal Drug Use

Road Safety

Night Time Economy

## 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

Theft from motor vehicles

Burglary

Criminal Damage and Arson

Cybercrime

## Cross cutting priorities

- To prevent and raise awareness of the effects of substance misuse
- To increase Community Engagement across the District.
- Encourage the legitimate sharing of information between agencies.











\*Exploitation includes all types of grooming including- CSE, County Lines and Radicalisation.


This annual report looks at the achievements during the 2021-22 period of this plan.

## CRIME SUMMARY 2021/22

Although there has been an increase in overall crime during 2021/22 of +15.6%, there had been a large decrease in the previous year due to Covid. Harborough North showed the largest percentage increase 21.4% and Broughton Astley beat the smallest at 6.2%. Main rises were in violent crime and public order, with decreases in burglary and vehicle crime.

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. 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

Performance Measure	Year 2021/22	Year 2020/21	Year 2019/20
<b>Total Crime</b>	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	361
Hate Crime	123 	116	61

ASB reported (Police Data)	574 	783	537

## Action Plan highlights

### People

#### Domestic Abuse

This year we funded work with the Jenkins Centre for work with perpetrators of Domestic Abuse in the Harborough area, this Countywide project will also run in 2022/23.

We also continued to fund a dedicated JADA + worker for Harborough for 20 hours a week, giving specialist domestic abuse support for children and young people who have lived with and experienced domestic abuse.

The new Domestic Abuse (DA) Act received royal assent in April 2021. The act places a duty on tier one local authorities (the county council) to provide accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe

accommodation. It also provides clarity over governance and accountability, requiring tier two councils (district councils), to co-operate with the lead local authority.

The district council achieved additional funding to recruit to a Domestic Abuse Link worker for 2 years to help prepare the council to meet the requirements for the Domestic Abuse Housing Accreditation (DAHA) accreditation, part of the new Act, by March 2023, which will improve the housing sectors response to domestic abuse survivors. This post will work with Housing Services, Community Safety and Safeguarding to provide a linked service to victims and survivors of domestic abuse

We also ran our usual Domestic Abuse campaigns at Valentines and White Ribbon Day. As part of the White Ribbon

campaign we worked with local Hair and Beauty businesses to raise awareness of the signs of Domestic Abuse and gave leaflets and information about ways to seek help.



### Protecting vulnerable people

In regard to protecting other vulnerable people in the district the CSP also ran campaigns in support of a number of appropriate weeks of action such as the Unseen campaign for modern day slavery, Anti-slavery Day awareness,

various safeguarding messages during safeguarding month, CSE stop campaign, County Lines Awareness week, sexual abuse awareness week, No More awareness week, alcohol awareness month/week to name a few.

### Community Safety Road Shows

Roadshows were offered to all secondary schools in the district during March and April, these included an assembly delivered by the AAA Foundation (<https://www.aaa4success.co.uk>) around things such as knife crime, county lines, victim awareness, emotional wellbeing, ASB, consequential thinking & taking responsibility to name just a few. They have real, lived experiences & have young people who have come out of vulnerable lifestyles who deliver these powerful programmes & workshops. The second half was a marketplace approach with stands and activities throughout the day from Community Safety partners such as Police, Fire Service and our own ASB Teams. We also continue to send our termly newsletters to senior schools and promoted the knife crime workshops in the schools Easter term newsletter - last

year The Kibworth School, Brook House and Welland Park Academy took part.



already have PSPO's to confiscate alcohol when it is causing anti-social behaviour.



## Places

### Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

After consultation with partners and the public the CSP added a further public space protection order to our deterrents across the district - this time the PSPO is a condition on all public spaces across the district and it is to prohibit the misuse of psychoactive substances.

Psychoactive substances also known as legal highs are of concern to the community, their misuse often leads to large amounts of paraphernalia also being left around such as nitrous oxide canisters. These new powers allow the police and council staff to give a fixed penalty notice (FPN) to anyone found using these substances. Our parks

### ASB

At the start of 2021, the end of another lockdown saw increased issues in our public spaces as these were the first places to become social areas.

Complaints in many parks resulted in extra patrols including the community safety team to give advice and monitor levels of groups in parks with the aims of dispersal. Mobile CCTV was utilised in some of the parks in the short term and additional funding to replace cameras in Little Bowden with a permanent solution. The local impact team were commissioned to work in these areas with young people during this time. The number of warning letters for anti-social behaviour have increased on last year. A pilot at HDC has seen changes in the Community Safety Team creating a joint



enforcement team with Environmental Services to deal with all ASB including fly-tipping.

Throughout the year number of awareness campaigns around respect and tolerate have been run and overall ASB has decreased on the previous year by 26%.



## Rural Crime

We held our annual rural crime event in person again this year at South Kilworth Golf Club and had around 40 attendees plus speakers from a number of agencies. There was an introduction from local policing team and the Rural Crime Team, and then a presentation from the LFRS about their new Fire

A local initiative with the police has create a better customer journey for reporting cannabis smells from neighbouring properties, with the use of Community Protection Notices.

Safety Booklet for Farms. The PCC - Rupert Matthews, was also in attendance. There were stands around the room for event attendees to engage with the NFU, Crimestoppers, HDC's Environment Team Community Safety and Data Tag .

There have been a few issues for rural communities this year that the partnership has focused on, these include:

- operation Clock was launched across the border with Northants to prevent the Haystack fires seen across the district in previous year - although we are still to identify any individuals the number of incidents did not increase on last year and established a new initiative between police and fire for farm yard visits to prevent the risk to this crime.
- Misuse of footpaths - due to the ongoing pandemic at the start of the

year, local footpaths and land has been misused as more people took to the countryside - a campaign was run reminding communities of the countryside code, including footpath rights, sheep worrying from dogs and good conduct on other people's land. - fly grazing - repeated offences of individuals entering fields not owned by them to leave horses in to graze. A couple of operations have been established to try and identify the owners of these horses to take appropriate measures to reduce damage and reassure communities.

### Acquisitive crime

Burglary and Vehicle crime incidents continued to decline in the past year and are well below pre covid rates. Campaigns included theft from van awareness, "Would he Nick it" and "Lock it or Lose it".

### Safer streets



We have been successful in securing funding with the Police and Crime commissioner as part of the safer street's initiatives 2 and 3 in our area. £108,000 amount of funding was secured to increase the security of homes in the Lutterworth area. 24/7 Locksmiths carried out security improvements in 468 homes. In addition 155 additional vehicle/bike security packs were distributed worth £13,000. Additional CCTV was also funded under the scheme in Lutterworth. Under the Violence Against Women and Girls funding we received monies to help increase CCTV in two parks across the district, Welland Park and Warwick Park, Kibworth. A behavioural change campaign was also produced with posters challenging male behaviour has been implemented across parks in the district.

### Cyber crime

Covid made more people than ever swap to the internet for shopping, banking, entertainment and socialising. Throughout the year the CSP has not only been raising awareness about staying safe online (safer internet day) but raising awareness about the various and many online scams during the covid pandemic. The CSP ran campaigns about online holiday fraud, romance fraud, general phishing scams, courier scams, Christmas shopping and Black Friday.

### Night time economy

Various pubs and bars across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are taking part in the "Ask for Angela" initiative to help you feel safer while out and about. Staff at participating venues have been trained to recognise the discrete safe word, 'Angela', alerting them to a problem. The member of staff can then offer to call a taxi for you, provide a safe place for you to contact a friend, or help you to leave the venue if you are feeling unsafe due to someone else's actions, words or behaviour.

So, if you don't feel safe, if your date isn't who they said they were, or if things just don't feel quite right, go to the bar and ask for Angela.

