

**Harborough District
Community Safety Partnership
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Three Year Plan**



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*Harborough District Community Safety Partnership aims to maintain low levels of crime
and promote safe and strong communities'*

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Foreword

I would like to welcome you to our Community Safety Plan 2011-2014

Harborough is a delightful area in which to live and work and the Community Safety Partnership has worked hard to ensure that this continues. We have concentrated on the areas that matter to you and I hope that this gives you confidence that all the agencies that make up the Partnership are working together to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the Harborough District.

I am delighted with the successes the Partnership has achieved in the last year – four hundred less complaints about antisocial behaviour than the previous year and a reduction in violent crime. However we are not complacent and know that we will need to continue to work together to ensure that Harborough remains a safe place to live and work.

In putting together this plan we have listened to what you have told us concerns you most. We have also drawn on the knowledge of the agencies that make up the Partnership in addition to the knowledge of the local community. We are convinced that it is only by working together with our partners and the community can we make a real difference.

We will make sure that all the work carried out by the Community Safety Partnership reduces disadvantage, discrimination and inequalities of opportunity and promote equality in terms of the people it serves, the partners it works with and the service it delivers. An equality impact assessment has been carried out in respect of this plan

Many agencies, some statutory, some non-statutory and others from the voluntary sector, make up the Harborough Community Safety Partnership. I would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work in achieving our successes last year and I look forward to working with them again in the coming year

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1. Introduction

Despite Harborough being one of the safest places to live there is a perception that that crime and the fear of crime is high even though the chances of being a victim of crime are relatively low.

The Partnerships aim is to reduce the crime and changing the perception that rates are high within our area. The Partnership will be working to increase the feelings of safety and well being throughout our community.

2. Harborough District - Context

Harborough is the largest of the Leicestershire Districts, encompassing an area of over 230 square miles; over a quarter of the County. Projections from the latest ONS population data (2008) suggest that there are at present 83,900 people residing in the Harborough district. Census figures indicate there were 30,849 households recorded in the District in 2001. The area is rural and just over 35% of the population inhabit the two main towns of Market Harborough (21,916) and Lutterworth (9,350) (*Mid-2007 Population Estimates ONS*). There are four smaller towns with populations of over 3,000 - Broughton Astley, Kibworth, Fleckney and Great Glen - and over 80 villages with a population of less than 3,000, many with less than 1,000 residents. Although Market Harborough and Lutterworth act as the main market towns of the District in terms of shopping and accessing key services, it is likely that some residents, particularly those of the villages in the North of the District, rely on Leicester due to its proximity.

Harborough's population is due to increase over the next 20 years and trends suggest that the biggest increases will occur amongst the older age groups.

Harborough's population is generally well-educated. 2001 Census results showed that 23.07% of all 18-74 years olds are educated to degree level or equivalent. This is the highest value of all the Leicestershire Districts. Similarly, at 22.68%, the proportion of people with no qualifications is the lowest in the County.

Residents are generally affluent and the mean income for households within the District stands at around £38,000; the highest District mean in Leicestershire (*Leicester & Leicestershire Economic Assessment*). Despite the relative affluence both residents and businesses alike have been affected by the recession. Indications of these effects include an increase in those seeking some form of benefit assistance, a rise in requests for mortgage advice and a higher number of private sector properties becoming vacant.

The crime rate is low and it follows that residents feel safe and are generally satisfied with both their home and the state of the District.



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The Community Safety Plan set out the priorities for the Partnership for the next three years in tackling and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour for our area.

Every three years we are required to produce a community safety plan. The plan is reviewed every year so it is in effect a rolling plan. In order to produce the plan we collate all the information we have gathered from consulting the community and all the information from partners. We use a strategic assessment to help us prepare our plans and set the community safety priorities for Harborough. The strategic assessment includes information on:

- The analysis of levels of crime within the area
- Any changes in crime since the last strategic assessment
- Information from the community on what they consider to be a priority

Our plan is revised annually and the priorities may be changed to take account of what we have achieved, new problems and changes within our community. Our first Community Safety Plan was agreed in 2008 and covered the period 2008 – 2011. In preparing this Plan we have reviewed the previous Plan and analysed the changes over a period of time.

The role of the Community Safety Partnership is to ensure that levels of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour are reduced and that communities feel safe.

Our Partnership Plan links with other key plans including:

- Leicestershire DAAT Adult Drug Treatment Plan
- Leicestershire DAAT Young People's Substance Misuse Treatment Plan
- Leicestershire Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy
- Leicestershire Together Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Safer Communities
- Harborough District Council's Corporate Plan
- Harborough Sustainable Community Strategy Plan

4. The Community Safety Partnership

The Partnership is made up of a wide range of agencies. These agencies are required by law to be members. These are known as the responsible authorities and are:

- Harborough District Council
- Leicestershire Police
- Leicestershire Police Authority
- Leicestershire Fire Authority
- Leicestershire County Council
- NHS Leicestershire and Rutland
- Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Trust

Other key agencies which contribute to the Partnership include:

- Leicestershire Youth Offending Service (Leicestershire County Council)
- Leicestershire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) (Leicestershire County Council)
- Leicestershire Youth Services (Leicestershire County Council)
- Street Pastors
- Lutterworth Town Council
- Seven Locks Housing
- Voluntary Action South Leicestershire,

Each responsible authority agrees to:

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- Participate in the strategic development, performance management and delivery of the partnership priorities
- Ensure that the priorities set out in the Community Safety Plan, where relevant, are incorporated into their own plans so that resources will be made available to deliver the priorities
- To ensure attendance and involvement in the Partnership to ensure that it can be effective
- To share information in accordance with the Data Sharing Protocol signed by each of the responsible authorities for the purpose of preventing crime and disorder
- To make sure that the duty to reduce reoffending is fulfilled by their organization
- To make sure that their organization gives the Partnership full support

The Role of Each Partner

- **Harborough District Council**

The District Council is the lead authority responsible for smooth operation of the Partnership. The Council has a duty to work locally in partnership with other public services as the responsible authority.

The Council's Community Safety Team support and encourage partners to be effective. They work with the community to involve them in reducing crime and antisocial behaviour. They also work with schools to educate young people about the consequences of anti social behaviour. The Team also records all incidents reported to the council, following the tiered approach. The Team is responsible for issuing warning letters, advice and guidance both to offenders and victims. It also is responsible for drawing up anti social behaviour contracts and monitoring them and drawing up intervention plans to change behaviour

The Council also safeguards and improves public health and safety within the Harborough District. It will deal with such things as licensing, noise nuisances and abandoned vehicles. Enforcement duties include parking contraventions, fly tipping, litter dropping and dog fouling.

The Council is represented on the Partnership by an elected member – who is also the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement.

- **Leicestershire Police**

The police role is to reduce and detect crime and antisocial behaviour and to promote safety. The Police also offer crime prevention advice

- **Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Trust**

The Probation Trust carries out detailed assessments of offenders. They advise courts as to what may be an appropriate punishment. They are responsible for those offenders who are given a community sentence and they also work with offenders to educate them about the effect of their offending.

- **Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service**

The Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service works to prevent road traffic accidents and also educates about the effects of deliberate fires. It is responsible for the work of the Prince's Trust in Leicestershire in working with young people and also runs schemes to help young people at risk of offending.

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The Fire & Rescue Service is represented on the Partnership by a member of the Fire & Rescue Authority, who is also an elected member.

- Leicestershire Police Authority

This is an independent body which oversees the Police for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Authority consults widely across the force area to find out people's views on police and takes these into account when setting the budget and deciding on objectives.

- NHS Leicestershire and Rutland

The Primary Care Trust (PCT) can help in the reduction of crime through a number of initiatives such as alcohol issues, domestic abuse, mental health problems and anti social behaviour. They also treat casualties in accident and emergency who have sustained injuries as a result of crime and disorder.

- Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire Drug and Alcohol Action Team

This is a small team which works across the county to reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol

Leicestershire Youth Offending Service

The Youth Offending Service carries out assessments of young people, prepares intervention plans and supervises young people who received a community sentence. Impact, which is part of the Youth Offending Service works with young people to educate them about the effect of their behaviour.

Leicestershire Youth Service

Provides positive activities for young people, encourages them to participate in these activities and promotes youth councils

An elected member sits on the Partnership to represent the County Council.

We hope this gives a greater understanding of the work of some of the agencies involved in the partnership.

5. Setting Our Priorities 2011 – 2014

Through the work we have done in gathering information and carrying out our strategic assessment we have identified the following priorities:

1. Serious acquisitive crime including burglary

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2. Anti social behaviour and criminal damage – continue to reduce anti social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest level of incidents.
3. Violent crime
4. Road traffic accidents and speeding
5. Reoffending – reducing reoffending (With a focus on families with complex needs)

We also have cross cutting priorities and these are:

6. Alcohol and substance misuse – reducing substance related crime and disorder
7. Vulnerability – Protecting the most vulnerable in communities, particularly in those areas with the highest level of incidents.
8. Confidence – increasing user satisfaction with local crime and disorder services

6. Priority One - Serious acquisitive crime including burglary

Why is this a priority?

Domestic burglary has a devastating effect on victims especially victims of distraction burglary. The overall level of crime has fallen within the Harborough district with one exception – burglary.

Burglary other than Dwelling is still a problem although it has not increased substantially. Thefts from businesses largely relates to shoplifting, the main hotspot being Harborough town centre. Where businesses in rural areas have been burgled this often has a very significant effect due to the high value of the items stolen.

Theft from motor vehicles has remained a problem. The main item stolen is number plates.

We have also seen an increase in the number of high value vehicles being stolen.

Although the rates of acquisitive crime are not high when compared to other areas, it can undermine people's confidence in how safe they feel in their area.

Drug misuse is a priority because we know that this is one of the drivers of acquisitive crime

Aims

- To reduce levels of burglary throughout the Harborough District
- To reduce levels of theft from vehicles and theft of vehicles throughout the Harborough District
- To provide support to victims especially those who are vulnerable
- To reduce levels of all other acquisitive crimes
- To reduce the likelihood of being a victim of acquisitive crime
- To reassure our community that Harborough is and remains a safe place to live and work

Objectives

- Identify hotspots for acquisitive crime
- Work effectively with the media to highlight successes
- Provide crime prevention information and raise awareness of serious acquisitive crime using community forums and events
- Work with partners to identify vulnerable victims
- Ensure that analysis is carried out to identify repeat victims
- Carry out seasonal campaigns to raise awareness
- Work with partners to improve the security of elderly or vulnerable victims

How will we measure success?

- We will have a target to reduce acquisitive crime and we will measure progress on a monthly basis.

Lead Agency

The lead agency for this priority is Leicestershire Police.

Vulnerable victims will be the responsibility of the Harborough District Council.

7. Priority Two – Anti Social Behaviour & Criminal Damage

Why is this a priority?

When we consulted the community at various forums it was clear that the main concern was anti social behaviour.(ASB) Amongst the concerns raised were:

- People feeling unable to use facilities in their parks because of the behaviour of other users
- Complaints about excessive noise
- Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour especially between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.
- Rubbish being set alight
- Underage drinking

In the last year we have recorded over 2,000 incidents of antisocial behaviour. Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour can have a drastic effect on the quality of life for victims. For this reason alone anti social behaviour must be a priority for the partnership

When we have investigated complaints of anti social behaviour it has become clear that alcohol is often involved. There are many complaints of criminal damage where alcohol is involved. Criminal damage itself accounts for a significant proportion of all crime in the Harborough district

Aims

- To reduce the number of recorded incidents of anti social behaviour
- To reduce the number of recorded incidents of criminal damage
- To reduce the number of recorded incidents of arson
- To increase the community's confidence that anti social behaviour and criminal damage are being dealt with effectively
- To reduce alcohol related anti social behaviour

Objectives

- Encourage the reporting of anti social behaviour
- Ensure that we deal with reports effectively and efficiently and also keep all those making reports informed
- Identify offenders
- Educate offenders about the effect of their behaviour
- Work with schools in the Harborough district about the effects of anti social behaviour, criminal damage and arson and the consequences of being involved in such behaviour
- Work with partners to provide diversionary activities for young people
- Focus on tackling antisocial behaviour, criminal damage and arson in identified hotspots
- Educate young people about the effects of excessive alcohol misuse
- Use the Designated Public Place Order to seize alcohol from those behaving in an anti social manner
- Ensure that the partnership works collectively to reduce anti social behaviour, criminal damage and arson throughout the Harborough district
- To work effectively with the media to publicise successes and increase confidence
- Early Identification of vulnerable victims and to ensure that help and support is offered.

How will we measure our success?

- To reduce the recorded number of incidents of criminal damage
- To increase satisfaction rates on how anti social behaviour is dealt with

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The Lead Agency

Harborough District Council will be the lead agency for this priority.

In order to achieve success the Council will work closely with the Leicestershire Police, and the Leicestershire County Council.

8. Priority Three – Violent Crime

Why is it a priority?

The main incidents of violence against the person happen in Market Harborough town centre at weekends and often involve alcohol. Whilst the number of incidents is not high when compared to other areas it does affect people's perceptions of whether or not they feel safe in the town centre during evenings.

Domestic abuse is widely under reported and has a devastating effect on families. It is estimated that only 40% of such incidents are reported to the police.

The rural nature of a lot of the Harborough district often means that it is difficult to access services.

Alcohol is often a feature in violent incidents and it can have an impact on individuals, families and the wider community. It can impact on health and economic well being of both perpetrators and victims.

Aims

- To reduce the levels of violent crime
- To reduce the number of alcohol related violence
- To use the powers under the Designated Public Place order when appropriate
- To increase reporting particularly of hate crimes and domestic abuse
- To increase confidence that Harborough town centre is safe to visit at night
- Ensure that licensed premises are operated in accordance with the terms of their licence

Objectives

- To promote safe levels of drinking through awareness campaigns
- To raise awareness of the support available to those reporting domestic abuse
- To encourage the reporting of domestic abuse
- To encourage the reporting of hate crime
- To ensure that those reporting hate crime are supported
- To ensure that we identify those who are vulnerable and they are supported
- To identify repeat offenders and repeat victims
- To carry out targeted work to reduce alcohol related violence in Harborough town centre
- Target preventative work at the night time economy
- To educate young people about the effects of domestic violence and hate crime

How will we measure success?

- Reduction in Town Centre Violence
- Domestic Abuse Forum to provide information.

The Lead Agency

The lead agency for this priority is the Leicestershire Police.

The Police will work closely with Harborough District Council and the Leicestershire County Council Hate Incident Monitoring Project

9. Priority Four – Road Traffic Accidents

Why is it a priority?

There has been an increase in the number of road traffic accidents which have led to fatalities or serious injuries. As a partnership we believe that feelings of safety are important when travelling about the district as well as at home.

One of the concerns which came up repeatedly when asking for your views was speeding. We know from all the information we have that speeding is one of the causes of road traffic accidents. Traffic speeding through rural areas affects the safety of residents.

The Harborough district has seen an increase in the number of people killed or seriously injured as a result of road traffic accidents. For this reason we have decided that the reduction of road traffic accidents must be one of our priorities

Aims

- To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured as a result of road traffic accidents
- To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured as a result of road traffic accidents
- To raise public awareness about the effects of speeding

Objectives

- To identify through analysis those areas where speeding is a persistent problem
- Where a persistent problem has been identified to put measures in place to address it
- To ensure that the Harborough Road Safety Group identifies those areas with the highest number of road traffic accidents
- To identify funds available to the Road Safety Group to make roads safer
- To ensure that the Road Safety Group has a programme of education in place to raise awareness of the consequences of using mobile phones whilst driving, speeding and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol

How will we measure success?

- Fire & Rescue to provide

The Lead Agency

The lead agency for this priority is Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

The Fire & Rescue Service will work closely with Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire County Council

10. Priority Five – Reoffending

Why is it a priority?

The statutory changes to Community Safety Partnerships which came into effect on 1st April 2010, included a new duty to “formulate and implement a strategy to reduce re-offending by adult and young offenders”.

Reducing re-offending among those local adults who are subject to supervision within the community is likely to impact favourably (and significantly) in ALL of the priority areas of activity identified by the Community Safety Partnership.

Aims

- To have systems and processes in place to enable the reduction in reoffending rates within the Harborough District.

Objectives

- Have systems in place for monitoring local trends in reducing reoffending against local targets, profiles or expectations
- Explore discernable local trends in reoffending
- Achieve a profile analysis of the offenders considered most likely to reoffend.
- Achieve an analysis of the *criminogenic needs* of the local persons deemed most likely to reoffend, *mapped against* a parallel analysis of local support structures
- Establish and maintain ongoing links with the local Probation team to facilitate two-way exchange of information

How will we measure success?

- Reduce the overall rate of local reoffending.

The Lead Agency

The Lead for reoffending will be the Harborough District Council supported by Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Trust and the Leicestershire Police.

11. Delivering the Priorities

In order to make sure we deliver on our priorities we draw up detailed action plans. These set out what needs to be done to deliver the priority, how it will be done, the time by which it will be done, who is responsible and how we will measure our success.

Progress against action plans is monitored and is reported to the Strategy Group



12. Performance Management

We are committed to working in partnership as it is the best and most efficient way to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in Harborough. The Home Office produced “The Hallmarks of Effective Partnership Working” and we measure our effectiveness against these hallmarks. This is done annually and we are measured against each of the hallmarks to see where we can improve our effectiveness.

13. Involving the Community

It is essential that we understand your concerns and that they are reflected in our priorities.

We make use of several existing forums and other consultations to find out your views such as:

- Community Forums

We attend these meetings throughout the district twice a year. We explain the work of the partnership and ask for your views. We also provide information sheets so that we can record any concerns in writing

- CRAVE

This is a detailed survey carried out by Leicestershire Police on behalf of the police and local authorities. We use the analysis to identify areas where there are particular concerns

- Leicestershire Police Priority Setting Questionnaire

We use the results of this questionnaire to identify concerns in particular areas. We work with the police and partners to address these concerns

- Not in My Neighbourhood Week

This is an annual campaign to raise awareness of crime prevention. This involves partnership working and provides opportunities for partners to speak to members of the public.

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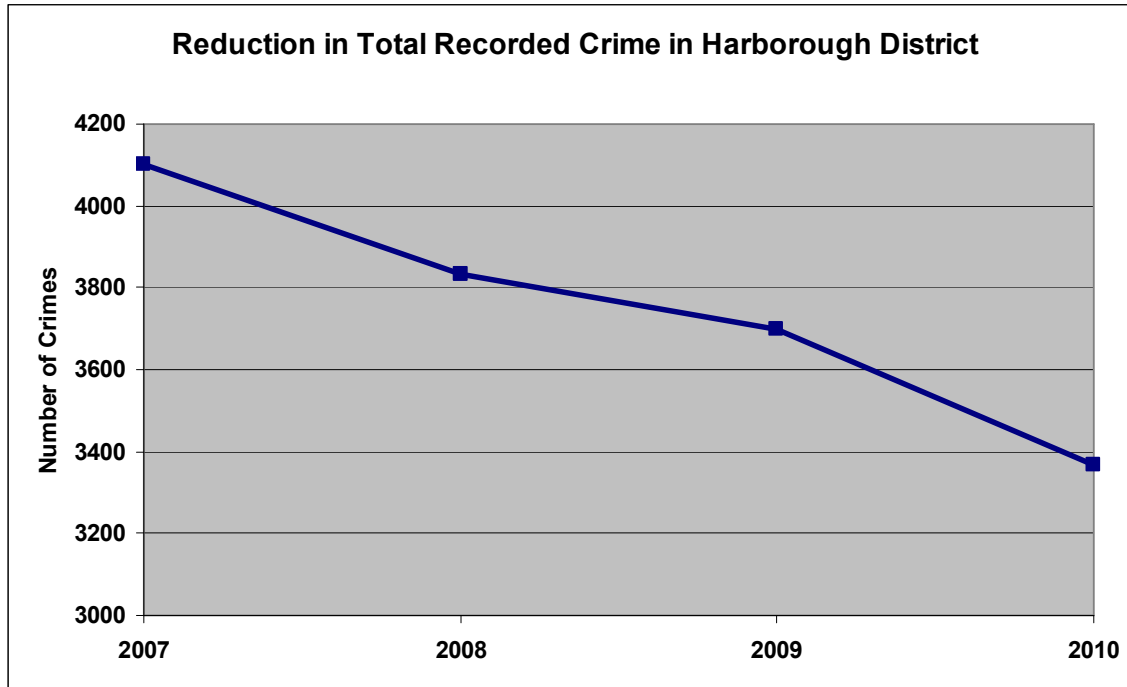
- Public events

On several occasions throughout the year we have awareness campaigns in Lutterworth Town Centre and Market Harborough town centre. These are attended by partners who give members of the public the opportunity to raise concerns.

Appendix A – Achievements to Date

Appendix A

How did we do?



Our previous plan for 2008 to 2011 outlined six priorities.

1. Prevent and reduce crimes of violence
2. Prevent and reduce anti social behaviour and criminal damage
3. Reduce levels of house burglary, vehicle crime and thefts from person
4. Reduce burglary from commercial premises, shops and business related vehicle crime
5. Address substance misuse – drugs and alcohol
6. Increase confidence in local communities

Priority One – Violence

- **We said** we would reduce violent crime in town centres by 15% by 2011.
- **We said** that we would increase domestic violence reports to the Police by 3% (as it's under reported)
- **We said** that we would increase the reporting of Hate Crime by 5%.

Outcomes:

- Violence in town centres – The number of assaults (with less serious injury) have reduced from 326 to 261. (Down 4.4%)
- Domestic violence reports – the number of cases reported to the Police increased from 955 to 984. (X%)
- Hate Crime – the number of Hate Crimes reported had increased from 14 to 33. (X%)

Priority Two- Anti Social Behaviour

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- **We said** that we would reduce anti social behaviour by 5% and reduce the number of hot spots from five to three.

Outcome

- The number of anti social behaviour cases have reduced from 2528 to 2058. (Down 18 %) There are now less hot spot areas within the District.

Priority Three – Domestic Burglary, Vehicle Crime and Thefts from the Person

- **We said** that we would reduce burglary by 3%.

Outcome

- Theft from the person has reduced from 61 cases to 43. (Down 29 %)
- Burglary of dwellings have increased from 205 to 222. The target on this occasion was not met.
- Thefts from vehicles reduced from 344 to 343.

Priority Four – Commercial Burglary and Business Related Crime

- **We said** that we would deal with thefts from lorries.(in the Lutterworth area)

Outcome

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Priority Five – Substance Misuse

- **We said** that we would launch a series of initiatives to raise awareness and provide support.

Outcome

- Safe Drinking messages were relayed to the community using a variety of methods (including text messages). The Drink Safe Stay Safe campaign was used to increase awareness. More recently a new alcohol drop in support service has been introduced on a temporary basis.

Priority Six – Increasing Confidence

- **We said** that we would increase confidence by 3%

Outcome

- Latest figures to be inserted when available.