



Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel

Tue 3 Dec
2024
6.30 pm

Oakenshaw Community Centre,
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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Craig Warhurst (Chair) Claire Davies Andrew Fry	Joanna Kane Rita Rogers
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1. Apologies and Named Substitutes

2. Declarations of Interest and of Party Whip

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and / or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests, and any Party Whip.

3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023 (Pages 5 - 16)

4. Review of the work of North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership from March 2024 to date (Pages 17 - 64)

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Wednesday, 1st November, 2023

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Joanna Kane (Chair), and Councillors Imran Altaf, Andrew Fry and Timothy Pearman.

Also Present:

Councillor Lucy Harrison – Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services

Officers:

Bev Houghton and Judith Willis

Democratic Services Officers:

Mat Sliwinski

1. APOLOGIES AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lovell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest nor of party whip.

3. TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2022

The minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 were submitted for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

Chair

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4. **NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE ON WORK IN REDDITCH 2022-23 INCLUDING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) ACTIVITY**

The Community Safety Manager provided a detailed presentation updating Members on the work of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) in Redditch Borough.

The following was highlighted for Members' consideration:

- Local authority representation on the NWCSP consisted of the Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services, the Council's Interim Chief Executive and the Community Safety Manager. Local authorities had a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of its local Community Safety Partnership, under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. There was also a direct role for the Council in holding the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to account through the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP).
- The NWCSP produced a rolling three-year plan that was refreshed annually through a strategic assessment, which gathered research, evidence and intelligence along with professional expertise of those working locally. The current priorities informed by the strategic assessment were:
 - Reducing Violence and Abuse
 - Reducing Theft and Acquisitive Crime
 - Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour, Damage and Nuisance
 - Protecting Vulnerable Communities
 - The Partnership also focused on two cross cutting themes that impacted across the four priority areas, namely Reducing the Harm caused by Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Reducing Re-Offending.
- The NWCSP Plan 2021-24 was now in its last year and a new community safety action plan would be developed for 2024-27.
- Regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Members were informed that since 2017 the PCC had allocated significant funding as part of its CCTV Capital Fund to develop and upgrade CCTV across the West Mercia force area. The NWCSP used its funding allocation to upgrade and enhance the CCTV scheme across its area. No further CCTV capital funding for 2023-24 would be provided as the funding priorities of the PCC had now changed.

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- NWCSP had been allocated an annual ring-fenced amount from the PCC of £139,250, with spend breakdown of that fund spend by NWCSP detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- In 2023-24 new funding would be made available by the Home Office via PCCs to support Community Safety partners in Implementing the Serious Violence Duty, as laid out in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022.
- It was clarified that local delivery of community safety projects fell under the remit of the Community Safety Operational Groups. The Safer Redditch group was a multi-agency partnership chaired by the District Police Inspector. Appendix 1 to the report provided an update on the key community safety projects that had taken place in 2022-23.
- Tools and powers used in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) cases within the Borough were detailed. It was reported that in 2022-23, 15 Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) had been issued by Council service areas. 8 CPWs were issued by Planning, with one of the CPWs issued by Planning progressing to a Community Protection Notice (CPN) – a breach of which was classed as a criminal offence. 7 CPWs were issued by Environmental Services.
- No ASB Case Reviews (formally Community Triggers) were carried out in Redditch in 2022-23. It was reported that work needed to be done to promote this tool so that the public and elected members were aware of how to apply for the process, and when it could be used.
- It was explained that a Community Trigger/ASB Case Review was introduced as part of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 and was a facility available to victims of ASB to request a review of their reported case, if they felt that no action had been taken. It was clarified that the Community Trigger/ASB Case Review was not a complaints process but a review and action planning process. Any complaints about individual agencies identified as part of the ASB Case Review should be routed through the relevant partners complaints procedure. Members were informed that CPWs were effective in deescalating situations that could become more serious.
- With regards to the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) proposed for Redditch Town Centre, it was noted that the statutory public consultation on the proposal ended on Sunday 29th October and this proposal, including the results of the consultation, would be submitted before the Executive Committee at its meeting on 5th December.

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- It was reported that the Community Safety Team was a small coordinating team that received calls for advice and support from numerous sources. Between September 2022 and August 2023, the Team received 19 requests from Residents, 13 from Elected Members, 24 from Partner Agencies, and 52 Requests from Internal Service with most requests relating to domestic violence, multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) and sanctuary queries including home security assessment.
- It was highlighted that within Redditch Council there were two fully qualified Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs) who provided specialist advice and guidance as it pertains to the built environment.
- One of the responsibilities of the NWCSP was to reduce fear of crime and raising awareness in communities was part of that. The Community Safety Team worked to promote key community safety and crime reduction messages and promote the work of NWCSP members. This was mainly done through social media campaigns. Some examples of these campaigns were Ask for Angela (NTE Safety Campaign), Domestic Abuse 16 Days of Action and the Nominated Neighbour Scheme.

Following the presentation of the main report, the Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services was invited to address the Panel and in doing so thanked the Officers for providing a thorough report. She added that Redditch was lucky to have the specialist Community Safety Team and the Design Out Crime Officers and with this support the work of the Partnership continued to make a real difference to Redditch residents. The Portfolio Holder commented that despite the excellent work by the Partnership it was felt more emphasis still needed to be placed on the impact of crime on victims, which was the approach that she would champion.

Members were keen to understand further some of the areas highlighted within the report. These areas were as follows:

- Promotion of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP). It was felt that there needed to be a greater promotion of NWCSP among elected members, council staff, and the public. It was noted that whilst it was difficult for the small Community Safety Team to devote many resources to publicity work there would soon be more regular briefings including to other service managers as a starting point.

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- Formulation of the NWCSP Plan. It was explained that the Plan was refreshed annually and priorities of the NWCSP were established through interrogation of crime and ASB data. Data from the West Mercia Police Partnership Analyst was assessed, combined with local, regional, and national surveys (such as Redditch Community Survey / the National Crime Survey of England and Wales, etc). Police intelligence and local knowledge was also used to formulate the NWCSP priorities. An annual refresh of the Plan allowed amendments and additions to be made, if necessary. This was particularly useful when dealing with emerging crimes and issues.
- Elected Member involvement in formulating the NWCSP Plan. The draft Plan was circulated to all Members who could comment and request changes to the Plan. In addition, Members could submit comments and suggestions to the Community Safety Team at any time.
- Breakdown of crime incident figures per ward. Officers noted that data provided to the NWCSP from the Police was restricted. The authorised and sanitised data (i.e. not containing confidential information) on crime across Redditch was available to view via police.uk website (areas corresponded with West Mercia Police boundaries). In addition, the Council's corporate performance dashboard included some community safety data and metrics such as on anti-social behaviour incidents by ward. Members could also request that a specific topic be scrutinised in more depth by the scrutiny panel as was done by this Panel at this meeting in relation to County Lines Drug Activity.
- West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Fly Tipping Prevention Fund. It was reported that this was a three-year fund which was available to private landowners only. It was noted that at the next meeting of NWCSP there would be a final report around funding for tackling fly tipping and notes from that meeting could be shared with Members.
- Domestic Violence Support – local and regional support agencies and whether support was provided across boundary areas. Officers reported that nationally the funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) was very specific in terms of only allowing funding to be utilised within administrative boundaries (such as county and local authority boundaries). Support provided by some Domestic Violence agencies was restricted to specific boundaries, for example county-wide or district specific delivery and this did create challenges in providing support where cases crossed geographical areas.

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There were, however, local reciprocal arrangements between support agencies which enabled victims of domestic violence, for example, to receive support from a service outside of their normal place of residence.

- Some Members expressed concern about the domestic violence support provided in cross-boundary cases and reported that as part of their casework there had been a case where the victim had been treated badly by the local support agencies and wanted to go elsewhere. Members also reported that there was a taboo associated with reporting domestic violence in BAME communities and the support agencies needed to be better equipped to be able to offer meaningful assistance to people from these communities.
- Officers responded that some survivor-led support groups were in place, such as the Lived Experience Advisory Group, where people could offer feedback on their experience of using local support agencies and offer improvement suggestions. However, there were very few BAME-led groups. Work was being developed to ensure that there were more domestic violence support groups led by persons from these communities.
- Members were asked to report any issues with equality of access to support services directly to Community Safety Manager.
- Process of undertaking a Community Trigger/ASB Case Review. Officers explained that this was implemented when a person felt no action was being taken on a case that had already been opened. The numbers fluctuated in Redditch with some years seeing around three to four case reviews and in other years there were none. It was noted that in many cases rather than there being no action being taken, individuals triggered case reviews because they were unhappy with certain actions. However, as long as the application criteria were met, an ASB review had to be undertaken.
- It was noted that the case review was generally successful in resolving ASB issues and it involved inviting the applicant to a case review meeting to share their experiences directly with the agencies involved. Following this there is a discussion between partner agencies to identify solutions to tackle the ASB issue.

Following the overview report discussion in respect of the work of the NWCSP, Officers provided further information on the work of the Partnership, the Community Safety Team and partners in 2021-

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2022. During this presentation Members' attention was drawn to the following:

- The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 provided statutory guidance in respect of standards and best practice for Responsible Authorities with statutory duties to support and assist victims of domestic abuse. As a result of this guidance a domestic abuse partnership board had been established at County level and a Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Strategy had been developed.
- Changes to the law as part of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSS) Act 2022 focused on the overhaul of sentencing laws and measures to equip the police with more powers and tools to combat crime. The Serious Violence Duty, as laid out in the PCSS Act 2022, placed a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to formulate and implement a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence. Worcestershire CSPs were currently working together to establish how best to exercise this duty in a consistent and collaborative manner across Worcestershire.
- It was noted that as part of the Government's vision to reduce supply and demand for illegal drugs, there were now discussions underway to develop local strategies through the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Combating Drugs Partnership which covers Redditch Borough.
- Details of the NWCSP core funding allocation from the PCC was provided, in addition to funding for Safer Redditch Tasking Group for 2022-23.

Details of specific community safety programmes delivered by NWCSP were provided as follows:

- The Respect Programme – this programme delivered bespoke one-to-one mentoring, classroom sessions and whole school assemblies. The mentoring programme provided weekly sessions to young people who had been referred to the scheme as they were at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime. Members were informed that there had been 30-60 referrals each half term and there were 155 open cases at any one time. The programme was now able to expand its current team of qualified mentors, following year-on-year increases in referrals. It was noted that Redditch was one of only two areas in Worcestershire to have such mentor project.

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- Community Safety Enhanced Youth Support Workers – in 2021-22 a three year Public Health Grant of £83k per annum for Redditch had been received from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). This had been extended for a further year from the Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Public Health ring-fenced grant. The funding had been used to provide dedicated youth workers in Redditch.
- The Empowering Young People Programme - This was an 11-week programme of arts and crafts, issue-based activities addressing life skills, confidence building and self-esteem work. Some topics that had been covered over the previous year had been ASB, County Lines Drug Dealing and Hate Crime Awareness. It was reported that 5 EYP programmes had been delivered in 2022-23.
- Redditch Youth Outreach - Community Safety Team were working in conjunction with a local youth provider UP Foundation to deliver outreach and detached youth work across the Borough. Through these outreach patrols, at the height of summer, youth workers were engaging with up to 200 to 250 young people per month.
- Youth Scape Project in Redditch – Following a successful bid by Young Solutions Worcestershire to the Big Lottery fund for countrywide Youth Scape project, the Community Safety Team hosted the project for Redditch, working with the local youth provider Your Ideas to provide a youth worker post for three years. Through this project, a new youth club had been established in Woodrow Community Centre with well over 30 young people attending each week. With regard to the Your Ideas youth centre in Bengrove Close in Woodrow, Members noted that it was only through cross-party work to allow a significant upgrade to the centre, that it was still able to operate as initially the planning application for this was recommended for refusal.
- The Young Citizens Challenge – The Annual Redditch and Bromsgrove Young Citizen's Challenge (YCC) was held at the Bromsgrove Police and Fire Station from 22nd to 26th May. The initiative offered all year 6 students from Redditch and Bromsgrove the opportunity to take part in a series of challenges and take quizzes on what to do in various situations, where they might be exposed to different risks.
- Support from Community Safety Team to several voluntary youth providers with funding applications. In 2022-23 the Team provided support to multiple organisations, helping them secure grant funding for important youth projects.

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- The Nominated Neighbour Scheme had continued throughout 2022-23. This scheme was available to vulnerable residents across Redditch. It was reported that there were now 137 residents enrolled in the scheme.
- Planning Consultations – Two Officers within the Community Safety Team were College of Policing qualified Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCO). This qualification meant that they were able to review planning applications and make crime prevention and security recommendations. In 2022-23, these Officers examined 34 applications, 22 of which related to Redditch developments.
- Crime Risk Surveys – The Community Safety Team had carried out 32 Home Security Assessments, of which 19 were Sanctuary assessments at the properties of the high-risk victims of domestic abuse.
- Redditch Town Centre Environment Visual Audit – A sub-group of Safer Redditch had been set up to look specifically at issues within Redditch Town Centre. The Group had made recommendations for changes to the local environment that were designed to reduce incidents of ASB.
- Operation Sceptre – Knife Crime Awareness Campaign which took place from 15th to 21st May 2023. During the week, members of the public were encouraged to hand-in unwanted knives to prevent them from getting into the wrong hands and being used in crime. NWCSF supported a number of operations to prevent knife crime throughout the year.
- ASB Awareness Week - took place from 3rd to 9th July 2023 in Redditch, including the opportunity for Community Safety Officers, the Police and Housing Providers to discuss with residents their experiences and concerns about ASB locally.
- Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023 – The Conference took place on Thursday 19th October with a focus on disability. The About Face Theatre Group delivered acting performances which engaged the audience, asking key questions about what residents with disabilities and special educational needs could do to seek help if they were experiencing hate crime. Different scenarios were enacted on stage taken from real life experiences.
- Annual White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign – This campaign was currently being planned and was due to take place from 25th November to 10th December 2023.
- Safe Places Scheme – this scheme was designed to offer people with a disability, illness or learning difficulty, or

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anyone else who felt in danger a safe place. It was somewhere they could go to for help if they were feeling bullied or harassed while out and about. Members noted that publicity about the scheme seemed to have dropped off and Officers reported that it was a relatively small charity that ran the project and it needed support with ongoing publicity and promotion. This would hopefully now happen with the funding streams available.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

5. COUNTY LINES DRUG ACTIVITY - AN UPDATE ON PREVENTION STRATEGIES

The Community Safety Manager provided an overview of the activity undertaken by local agencies in Worcestershire to tackle and disrupt county lines drug activity.

The definition of county lines was provided and the process of how this crime was undertaken was explained to Members. It was reported that various agencies coordinated their work to tackle county lines gang activity and there were national, regional, and local responses. Multiple organisations were involved in coordination and delivery of prevention strategies in Redditch.

It was explained that on a regional and local level the tackling of county lines drug activity was led by the West Mercia Police County Lines Team (CLT). The Team worked to the Four-P Plan to Pursue offenders, Prevent victimisation, Prepare agencies and organisations for action, and Protect communities and neighbourhoods. It was reported that the main aim of the County Lines Team was to obtain, submit, receive and review intelligence to target individual drug lines.

The process for targeting county lines was explained and it was noted that once a line holder was arrested, and the phone taken out of circulation, a message would be sent to all the drug users in the phone to notify them of drug support agencies for them to contact. It was noted that this was a new system designed to play a preventive role. When children were being identified as involved in county lines gang, then referrals were made to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), the Police Child Exploitation team and GetSafe (multi-agency support and protection for children and young people at risk

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of criminal exploitation in Worcestershire) – the use of the NRM had not been required in the Redditch area to date.

The details of initiatives to target and prevent county lines drug activity were given including the West Mercia Police's Neighbourhood Crime Fighting Team (NCFT), County Lines – Weeks of Action (intensification weeks), and the County Lines – Protect, Prevent and Prepare Strands.

Details of recent actions and interventions undertaken by the North Worcestershire County Lines Team were provided and it was highlighted that there were several recent successes in catching County Lines drug offenders.

Details were also provided to Members on the reporting mechanisms for raising a county lines activity concern, particularly in cases where a child might be involved.

Following the presentation, Members asked for clarification with respect to a number of areas as follows:

- Mode of operation of county lines – It was explained that past victims report that county lines gangs are operated like a business with different levels of operation. There is also psychological element whereby 'employees' at the bottom of the operation are threatened with violence and become too afraid to report. It was noted that county lines gangs were also shifting their tactics, for example, with the gangs now more often targeting young people from relatively affluent areas/neighbourhoods than was the case before.

The Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services addressed the Panel and in doing so thanked the Community Safety Manager for bringing this topic for discussion by the Panel and, through the presentation, for providing some reassurance to Members that much work was done to tackle county lines activity at the regional and local levels.

In concluding this item, Members placed on record their thanks for the work of the Community Safety Team and the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

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The Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm
and closed at 8.28 pm

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Review of the work of North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership from March 2024 to Date

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) for the period March 2024 to date.

2. Background

- 2.1 NWCSP has been in existence since May 2013, following the merger of the three district CSPs in Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest. The Community Safety Teams that support and co-ordinate the work of the Partnership are employed by the respective local authorities.
- 2.2 Local authority representation on NWCSP is fulfilled through a number of positions. Redditch Borough Council's Elected Member representative is Cllr Monica Stringfellow, Portfolio Holder for Community Services & Regulatory Services. Sue Hanley, the Council's Chief Executive is the Chair of NWCSP and also acts as the RBC Responsible Authority representative on the partnership. The Council's Community Safety Manager, Bev Houghton provides co-ordination support to NWCSP and manages the Council's Community Safety Service.
- 2.3 Scrutiny arrangements for the CSP remain unchanged with local authorities having a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of its local CSP, under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 2.4 Alongside the relationship the Council has with the CSP, there is also a direct role in holding the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to account through the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP). Cllr Monica

Stringfellow is the RBC Representative Member on the PCP. The most recent West Mercia PCP meeting was held on 6th November 2024 and the agenda and associated papers of the meeting can be accessed here: [West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - Wednesday, 6th November, 2024 11.00 am](#)

3. Current Position

3.1 North Worcestershire CSP Plan 2024 - 27

NWCSP has a statutory duty to produce a three-year rolling plan outlining how the Partnership intends to address key crime and community safety priorities. This is identified through an annual strategic assessment which is based on research, evidence and intelligence from national, regional and local sources.

At its planning meeting in February 2024, the NWCSP reviewed and agreed its new priorities for the following three-year period. The Partnership Plan sets out the priorities that the CSP will focus on for a 3-year period, with an annual refresh to capture any emerging issues and trends. The NWCSP priorities for period April 2024 to March 2027 are : -

- **Public Place Violence & the Serious Violence Duty**
- **ASB, Nuisance and Environmental Issues**
- **Shoplifting and Neighbourhood Crime:** Neighbourhood Crime is defined as domestic burglary, robbery (against the individual/household), theft from a person and vehicle crime.
- **Protecting Vulnerable Communities including Hate Crime & Targeted Harassment, Domestic Abuse & DHRs and Sexual Violence**
- **Serious Organised Crime via a Joint Action Group (SOCJAG)**

Alongside these local priorities NWCSP works closely with South Worcestershire CSP, through the countywide Safer Communities Board (SCB), to identify and address countywide issues. Through Worcestershire SCB, the two statutory CSPs collaborate on key countywide projects and initiatives to ensure district area input and delivery is considered and implemented. These Worcestershire-wide activities and interventions include:-

- Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- Prevent Strategy Group [Counter Terrorism]
- Protect (& Prepare) Board [Counter Terrorism]
- Safeguarding Children Partnership & GETSAFE [Child Exploitation]
- Adult Safeguarding Partnership & Adult Exploitation Group
- Reducing Reoffending Group & Integrated Offender Management
- Substance Misuse Oversight Group / Combatting Drugs Partnership

3.2 John Champion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

First elected in 2016, John Champion was re-elected for a third term as West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in May 2024. The PCC has a duty to co-operate with all CSPs in his geographical area to reduce crime and disorder; and there is a reciprocal duty on CSPs to collaborate with the PCC.

Both bodies must have due regard for each other's priorities within their respective plans. The PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan 2021–2025 can be read here: - [Safer West Mercia Plan \(westmercia-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk)

At a West Mercia PCP meeting on 25th July, Marc Bayliss was re-confirmed as the Deputy PCC after first taking up the role in September 2022. NWCSP works closely with the Deputy PCC and the OPCC Team via a West Mercia Crime Reduction Board and the CSPs are actively involved in the West Mercia PCC's commissioning model for crime reduction activity. Over the last few years this model has seen more funding being provided at a West Mercia force level to deliver activities in key thematic areas.

Established force-wide commissioning areas include the co-ordination of Crime & ASB Data Analysis support for the five West Mercia CSPs, consolidation of funding for Integrated Offender Management across the force area, activity to address rural, business and cyber-crime and the force-wide commissioning of victim's services such as Crimestoppers, Victim Support and most recently force area activities to raise awareness of Hate Crime interventions.

In 2023-24 new funding was made available by the Home Office via PCCs to support Community Safety partners in **Implementing the Serious Violence Duty**. As a CSP member, the Council has requirements in regard of the Serious Violence Duty as laid out in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022. In statutory guidance published in June 2023, the Act outlined how key specified authorities (of which the Council is one) should exercise their functions in relation to the Duty and the Home Office allocated limited funding to all policing areas to support this process.

The statutory guidance sets out how specified authorities should work together to deliver the requirements of the Serious Violence Duty (SVD) in order to prevent and reduce serious violence within a defined area. In preparation for the full requirements of the PCSC Act, Partners agreed that local co-ordination of SVD activities would be delivered at a countywide level, with the Worcestershire Safer Communities Board and the two statutory Community Safety Partnerships in the North and South of Worcestershire working together to address Serious Violence.

Home Office funding allocations for SVD interventions in Worcestershire totalled **£50,599** and the definition of Serious Violence that all West Mercia partners are operating under can be found in **Appendix 1**. Details of the Youth Violence Intervention project that NWCSP and SWCSP have implemented using the Home Office SVD grant for Worcestershire are also provided.

3.3 NWCSP Ring-Fenced Grant from the PCC 2024-25

Alongside the PCC's force-wide commissioning, NWCSP is allocated an annual ring-fenced amount from the PCC of £139,250 to identify and address

local issues at a district level. The details of the NWCSP agreed project allocation for 2024/25 can be found in **Appendix 1**.

The progress of these local grant funded projects is reported quarterly to the PCC and other grant funders and at the end of the financial year there is a requirement to provide a comprehensive evaluation of all the funded projects. This includes a full breakdown of project expenditure and the outputs/outcomes that the funding has achieved.

In addition to the annual ring-fenced grant, the PCC also allocated additional Safer Communities funding to NWCSP. This funding has been allocated by the Partnership to complement the ring-fenced grant and address identified issues that are of most concern and/or are having a detrimental effect on our local communities. Details of this additional one-off funding allocated by NWCSP is outlined in the annual NWCSP Project Review in **Appendix 1**.

3.4 District Delivery, Key Projects and Progress

Local delivery of community safety projects and initiatives falls under the remit of the Community Safety Operational Groups. The Safer Redditch group is a multi-agency partnership chaired by the District Police Inspector and the activities and interventions of the group are supported by Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams, the Community Safety Team, other community safety partners and council service areas such as Place Teams, Regeneration Officers and Licensing.

Alongside supporting the CSP sub-groups, the Community Safety Team also monitor and respond directly to local community safety issues, co-ordinating operational delivery with partners. The team is often a first point of contact for residents and community groups with concerns about local crime and disorder issues and officers are able to call upon other community safety partners when solutions to these concerns require a multi-agency response.

Community Safety Project Officers Rich Waterhouse and, until recently, Sarah McIntosh work on behalf of the Council and NWCSP delivering a variety of community safety projects and initiatives across Redditch. The wider team are also available to provide information, support and guidance to residents, council colleagues, external partners and Elected Members on a variety of crime prevention and community safety concerns and issues. The annual CSP Project Review at **Appendix 1** provides a more detailed update on community safety project activity that has taken place from March 2024 to date.

3.5 ASB, Problem Solving and Partner Engagement

As part of the implementation of the Council's ASB Policy in June 2020, Elected Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board asked to receive an update on activity to address ASB issues as part of the annual Crime & Disorder Scrutiny process.

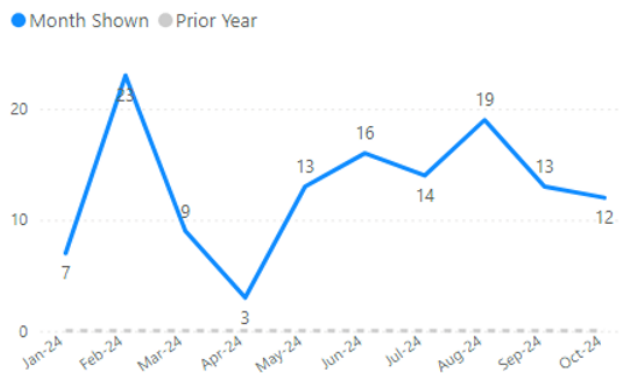
Use of ASB Tools and Powers

Housing Tenancy led ASB Actions

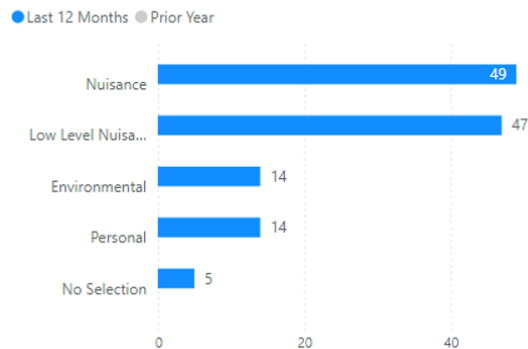
The Council's Neighbourhood and Tenancy team manages its ASB cases on a new case management system implemented in January this year. To date Housing-led enforcement outcomes for ASB include:

- 4 - Injunctions
- 6 - Possession Claims

Tenancy ASB Cases by Month - 2024



Tenancy ASB Cases by Type - 2024



WRS – ASB Enforcement on behalf of Planning and Environmental Services

At Executive on 9th January 2024 it was recommended that a Business case be pursued with the intention to bring together the enforcement functions within Environmental Services and Planning to be delivered within the Shared Regulatory Service provided by WRS. This includes a number of enforcement functions which previously formed part of the reporting of the use of ASB Tools & Powers to Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Panel.

Since the new arrangements came into effect on the 1st June the team have been setting up systems and recruiting staff. One investigation

has been carried out for Fly-Tipping and Side Waste in the Town Centre and a warning letter issued.

West Mercia Police-led ASB Activity

Since the introduction of the Redditch Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in January 2024, the Police have issued 10 notices requiring persons to leave the designated area and 5 Community Protection Warnings for street drinking.

There is one prosecution continuing for a person who refused to leave the designated area.

The District Police Inspector has also provided a brief report giving an overview of Police-led ASB and Crime actions to date at **Appendix 2**.

Community Safety Team Interventions

One ASB Case Review (formally called Community Trigger) was carried out in Redditch in 2024. This related to an ongoing neighbour dispute between two tenants of different Housing Associations. Actions included joint visits from Landlord and Police Officer, issuing of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to both parties, increased Police patrols and offer of mediation which was declined by both parties.

Calls to the Community Safety Team for service and support

The team receive a number of calls for advice and assistance from other council service areas and partner agencies who require crime prevention expertise and advice. The team co-ordinate problem solving processes in order to implement crime & disorder and ASB prevention measures and often these community safety interventions assist in resolving long-standing complex issues and cases.

Requests for support and information are received from members of the public, Elected Members, voluntary and community groups and other external agencies and can include complaints about neighbourhood issues, concerns around domestic abuse, use of illegal substances, home security concerns, personal safety and environmental crime issues.

Between March 2024 and November 2024, the Community Safety Team received 92 requests for service, in addition to project work in Redditch, these included:

- 40 Sanctuary assessment requests.
- 7 Home security assessments for victims of burglary or other vulnerability
- 15 Crime prevention surveys
- 30 advice and signposting

3.6 Communications and Social Media Campaigns

The Community Safety Team has supported various national and local campaigns in the period from March 2024 to date, promoting key community safety messages and the work of NWCSP. Projects that are directly led by the Community Safety Team such as the Respect Programme, Nominated Neighbour and Hate Incident Reporting are regularly promoted.

This year a new Community Hero Initiative was organised by the Community Safety Partnership to recognise the work of communities and individuals in addressing ASB. The requests for nominations and the subsequent award ceremony awareness were promoted widely on social media and in local press. The ceremony took place the 11th July and more details about the event can be found at **Appendix 3**. National ASB Awareness week takes place between 18th–24th Nov 2024 when publicity and communications around the ASB Community Hero Awards will be re-circulated as part of that campaign.

A number of other national and local campaigns were supported throughout the reporting period, including:-

- Personal and community safety work with students in schools
- Supporting local Community Days organised by schools and other partners
- Nominated Neighbour - raising awareness of the tactics of rogue traders
- Supporting the Pride Month events across North Worcestershire
- Operation Sceptre and other Knife Crime awareness events and activities carried out by the Police
- International Human Rights Day
- Loan Shark Awareness
- International Women's Day
- Child Exploitation Awareness Week
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Young Citizens Challenge
- Delivering talks to community groups about home security and scam awareness

The Community Safety team also uses social media to raise awareness of community safety issues and keep residents and partners informed of work being delivered by partners, via our X (formally Twitter) account **@SaferRedditch** and via the Councils' own Facebook pages.

The Community Safety Partnership's work is also widely promoted across North Worcestershire using other CSP X accounts such as **@nworccsp**, **@NWHateIncident** and **@SaferBromsgrove**.

Community Safety awareness messages and projects are also promoted via the Borough Council's Facebook page and information about Community Safety projects and general crime prevention work is available on the RBC website and on the NWCSP website at [North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership \(nwcsp.org\)](http://NorthWorcestershireCommunitySafetyPartnership(nwcsp.org))

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that the progress made by North Worcestershire CSP be noted.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1: NWCSP Project Review for 2024 – Presentation

Appendix 2: Police SNT update on ASB activity

Appendix 3: ASB Community Heroes Awards

6. Background Papers

West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - [Committee details - West Mercia Police and Crime Panel - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

PCC's Safer West Mercia Plan 2021-25 - [Safer West Mercia Plan \(westmercia-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

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Community Safety Partnership Project Review 2024

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NWCSP Responsible Authorities

- **West Mercia Police**
- **Bromsgrove District Council**
- **Redditch Borough Council**
- **Wyre Forest District Council**
- **Worcestershire County Council**
- **Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service**
- **The Probation Service**
- **Redditch, Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest – Integrated Care Board (replacing Clinical Commissioning Groups)**

Serious Violence Definition

Following consultation and discussion, this definition has been agreed by all five Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to represent serious violence within the counties of Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

West Mercia's definition of Serious Violence:

Violence, both physical and sexual, causing lasting psychological or physical harm, or where lasting harm was intended. This includes offences where there is an inherent threat of physical harm, such as county lines or offences involving use of an offensive weapon, blade or pointed article or any corrosive substance.

To include:

- Violence with injury resulting in serious harm, with a threshold of Section 20 GBH
- Homicide including attempt murder
- Serious sexual harm – rape and sexual assaults
- Robbery
- Violence, including threats and aggravated offences, involving use of an offensive weapon, blade or pointed article or any corrosive substance
- Violence, including threats and aggravated offences, involving use of a firearm
- Offences with a county lines marker
- Violence with injury marked as domestic abuse
- Violence with injury marked as hate crime
- Modern slavery offences



The Right Path Serious Violence Youth Project – Worcestershire

Using the Serious Violence Duty funding allocated to Worcestershire, NWCSP and SWCSP have commissioned the West Midlands youth mentoring and support organisation “The Right Path” to deliver intensive 1:1 mentoring that is specifically designed to support and guide young people who are at greater risk of criminalisation, those not accessing education and those at risk of permanent exclusion.

The project operates on a referral basis and details of the service have been circulated widely to Community Safety partners, schools and youth organisations across Worcestershire.

£50,599

Addressing PCC / NWCSP Funding Priorities

- **Public Place Violence & Serious Violence Duty**
- **Protecting Vulnerable Communities**
- **Serious Organised Crime (CCE /CSE/ County Lines/Knife Crime Awareness)**

NWCSP Core Funding 2024/25

Project	Grant Amount
West Mercia CSP Analyst Team (Top Sliced)	£20,000
West Mercia Integrated Offender Mgt. (Top Sliced)	£ 1,000
West Mercia Hate Crime Project (Top Sliced)	£10,838
West Mercia Crimestoppers Initiative (Top Sliced)	£ 2,000
Bromsgrove Detached, Outreach & Mentoring Youth Work	£13,000
Bromsgrove Tasking Projects	£11,472
Redditch Detached, Outreach & Mentoring Youth Work	£17,000
Redditch Tasking Projects	£12,470
Wyre Forest Detached Youth Team	£15,000
Wyre Forest Tasking Projects	£16,470
NW Domestic Homicide Reviews	£18,000
'Cut It Out' Domestic Abuse Awareness Training	£ 4,000
Total	£139,250

Additional Safer Communities Funding 2024/25

Proposed Projects	Amount
<p>Bromsgrove & Redditch Domestic Abuse Recovery & Support Project</p> <p>In response to DARD (formally DHR) recommendations and concerns about gaps in existing delivery, the funding has commissioned a research professional to undertake a local mapping exercise and gap analysis in Bromsgrove and Redditch. This will identify exactly what local Domestic Abuse services are available and how accessible they are particularly, for diverse and minority communities. The project will also identify any geographical areas where additional support is required. In return for project engagement, small pots of funding will be made available to local grassroots organisations that run Domestic Abuse support activities and interventions for victims and survivors at a neighbourhood level.</p>	<p>£33,334</p>
<p>Bromsgrove & Redditch Small Area Improvement Project</p> <p>Defined local areas have been identified for crime risk assessment and implementation of various target hardening, designing out crime interventions and local area enhancements. Initial scanning of the areas identified the locations to be prioritised for interventions with approximately £5,000 to £10,000 per area allocated to each small area improvement replicating the model of the previous Safer Streets 2 project in Woodrow. Redditch also has an additional £20,000 allocated through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to increase the number of areas that could be improved.</p>	<p>£33,333</p>
<p>Wyre Forest ASB & Environmental Project</p> <p>Will provide additional resources to the existing WFDC team to address environmental crime and ASB, with a particular focus on community engagement and education. The funding will aim to deliver more preventative activity, rather than reactive enforcement, including work with schools and local communities.</p>	<p>£33,333</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>£100,000</p>

Safer Redditch – Tasking Fund 2024/25

Funded Projects	Amount
<p>Redditch Self Defence Youth Engagement Project – To provide support to young people and their families identified by professionals as being at risk of offending. The project will provide positive activities and help the young people referred in to make more positive lifestyle choices. Self Defence/Boxing training will be offered, with participants welcome to bring household members to train with if necessary. This can aid training and support students with anxiety issues. 2 free weekly sessions will be offered to any young person aged 13 to 19 and mentoring and guidance will also be offered during training.</p>	£4,900
<p>Contribution to purchase of 2 x Knife Poles for use at operations and interventions to tackle serious violence, knife crime and county lines. This will now provide a mobile Knife Detection facility in each area within the NWCSP areas</p>	£6,750
<p>Crime prevention resources, materials and communications</p>	£ 890
<p>Total</p>	<p>£12,470</p>

Redeployable Camera Scheme

Redeployable cameras funded by the NWCSP grant between 2020 and 2023 are installed in areas of concern following an application and suitability assessment process coordinated by the CCTV Monitoring Centre team.

The CCTV Team always look to find ways to approve an application when it is received and reasons why installations may not progress include:

- No suitable mounting/power source/point available
- Significant privacy concerns
- RIPA required
- The requirement for a camera ceases to be a concern.

Applications that have been successful have been installed to combat ASB, drug taking, vehicle crime and vandalism.

Before each camera is installed a consultation document is posted to all surrounding properties covered by the proposed camera view. The response to these consultations is typically minimal, however, the process is a statutory requirement to comply with CCTV Codes of Practice.

District	No	Location	Install Date	Removal Date
RBC	908	Arrow Valley Country Park, by playground	20/02/2024	Now Permanent
RBC	912	Icknield Street Drive, Car Park (Redditch Skate Park)	24/09/2024	17/12/2024
RBC	914	West Avenue, Smallwood	18/07/2024	10/10/2024

Community Safety Project Updates

2024



The Community Safety Respect Programme provides community safety awareness sessions as part of school PHSE drop down days and bespoke classroom sessions on various subjects such as recognising and reporting hate crime, understanding healthy relationships/domestic abuse, the dangers of substance misuse and promoting respect and community responsibility.

The programme also provides a therapeutic mentoring scheme which provides weekly support and guidance sessions to young people at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.

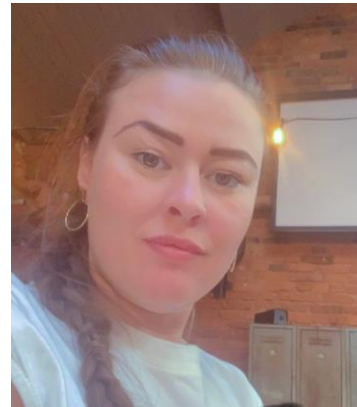
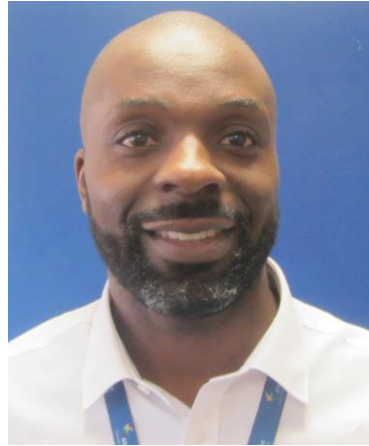
2024 saw continued growth in referrals to the service. The team receive between **40 to 60 referrals** each half term, with our team of mentors holding around **200 open cases** at any time.

The referrals into the programme continue to increase in complexity with support required for young people who are at a high level of need and are at serious risk of being affected by criminality, both as potential victims and potential perpetrators.



Following year-on-year increases in referrals to the Respect Programme, we have been very fortunate to be able to expand our current team of experienced, qualified mentors.

We now have a well-established team of youth workers who support the delivery of the Respect Programme across Redditch and Bromsgrove



Community Safety Enhanced Youth Support Workers – Redditch

In 2021/22 the Council's Community Safety Team were successful in obtaining a 3-year Public Health grant of £83,837 pa from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). This was then extended for a further year (2024-25) from the WCC Public Health Ring-fenced grant.

This funding has been used to provide dedicated youth workers in Redditch, working in partnership with Young Solutions Worcestershire. The focus for the youth workers is to provide outreach/detached support in identified areas of concern, to deliver Empowering Young People group work sessions and provide one to one mentoring to local young people at risk of being victims or perpetrators of crime and who have been detrimentally affected by the Coronavirus Outbreak.



Redditch Youth Outreach

The Community Safety Team also works with local youth provider The UP Foundation to deliver outreach and detached youth sessions across the Borough.

Up Foundation youth teams patrol local neighbourhoods twice a week, depending on the weather. At the height of summer, workers engage with between 200 to 250 young people per month. This outreach delivery complements the Enhanced Youth Support team, who also deliver two sessions a week.

The Community Safety Youth Outreach Teams are now being seen as a model of best practice across the County. The achievements of these teams in delivering this type of on the ground, responsive youth provision directly led to discussions around reshaping the delivery of youth provision across Worcestershire. This has now been implemented through the Worcestershire District Youth Services Fund which is managed via the Community Safety Team in Redditch.



In May 2024, the Annual Redditch and Bromsgrove Young Citizen's Challenge (YCC) was held at the Bromsgrove Police and Fire Station from 20th – 24th May

YCC offers all Year 6 students from Redditch and Bromsgrove the opportunity to take part in a series of scenarios and take quizzes on what to do when exposed to different risks in various situations. Each partner-led session promotes experiential learning as each scenario is interactive and designed around student participation.

Alongside the Community Safety Team, partners such as the Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Safer Roads Team, SARA (Water Safety) and Western Power were in attendance to get across personal safety messages to Year 6 students. Community Safety Partners engaged with 843 young people throughout the week.

YOUNG CITIZEN'S CHALLENGE



Nominated Neighbour Scheme

The Nominated Neighbour Scheme aims to protect vulnerable residents from doorstep crime and rogue trader offences and continues to be a successful local initiative.

148 vulnerable residents are now signed up to the scheme, which is further promoted with partner agencies including Trading Standards and Age UK. Several presentations and promotional events have been delivered this year and during these events there have been over 125 positive engagements with residents who directly received advice and information about keeping safe from scams, rogue traders and other doorstep crime offences.

Training has also been provided to internal and external partners including Police to further extend the delivery of the scheme. The Community Safety team also monitors and circulates information on current national, regional and local scams that may target Redditch residents.



Planning Consultations



Until recently, the Community Safety team had two College of Policing qualified, Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCO) who can review planning applications, making appropriate crime prevention and security recommendations with the aim of making future building developments less vulnerable to crime and disorder

During the reporting period, the Community Safety team scrutinised 27 planning applications. 9 of these were in Redditch comprising totals of 339 residential units and 2112 SqM of commercial space.

Crime Risk Surveys 2024



Home Security Assessments

The Community Safety team has carried out 40 Home Security Assessments at properties of residents vulnerable to crime with many households receiving upgrades and improvements to the physical security of their homes.

Some security assessments were made following discussions about the safety of domestic abuse victims held at MARAC meetings. Other assessments were carried out at the request of community safety partners such as the Police and other Council services such as the Neighbourhood & Tenancy team.

Domestic Abuse support including Sanctuary and MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference)

The Community Safety MARAC Officer attends the multi-agency conference which is a nationally recognised process for managing high risk domestic abuse cases. Vulnerable residents who are assessed as being at high risk of serious harm from a partner, ex-partner or a family member are referred into the MARAC process for the purpose of coordinating safeguarding activities across all organisations that can offer support and assistance. During 2024, 88 high risk and vulnerable Redditch residents were safeguarded via the MARAC process.

Designing Out Crime



The Community Safety team carry out Environmental Visual Audits and Crime Risk Surveys at locations across the borough that are experiencing crime and ASB issues. During 2024, the team have completed 13 crime prevention surveys and environmental visual audits.

These surveys detail an overall strategy and specific interventions that can reduce criminal opportunities in areas where crime and the fear of crime are having a significant impact on the community.

Site visits carried out during 2024, some of which have led to improvements through the CSP funded Small Area Improvement Scheme include:-

- Sandhurst Close
- Icknield Street Drive Car Park
- St George's underpass
- Arrow Valley Lake

Sandhurst Close – Before:



An overgrown area between Sandhurst Close, Church Hill Centre shops and the local schools was providing cover for drug use and associated ASB. This was causing fear of crime in the community, particularly amongst elderly residents who were afraid to use the adjacent footpath to access local shops and the bus route. This area has now been transformed into an open green space, and it has been reported that the community safety problems have been eradicated.

Sandhurst Close – After:



NWCSP Funded Knife Arch at Redditch Train Station



05/03/2024

Supporting West Mercia Police's Op Forefront

10/05/2024

Supporting national Operation Sceptre (knife and weapon education and zero tolerance week)

13/05/2024

Required for Operation Sceptre presence.

NWCSP Personal Safety Event 18th May 2024



The Community Safety Team worked with key partners to host a personal safety event on the 18th May.

The team were joined by Spikes Bikes who gave out cycle safety advice and provided bike security marking.

The CSP also commissioned a Street Theatre company to engage with members of the public in a fun and informal way about personal safety and securing their property, issuing Crime Risk 'Red Cards' to people who were spotted with insecure or exposed property.

Crime Risk Red Card

**Leaving valuables on show is
an open invitation for thieves
to steal them, they may
distract you to do this!**



Refugee Week 2024

The Community Safety Team supported partners at a community event at the Redditch Library on 29th June 2024.

This event provided security information and raised awareness of safety measures to members of our Ukrainian and other refugee communities.

Arrow Valley Lake Green Fayre 7th July 2024

This event provided the Community Safety team with the opportunity to speak with residents about community safety issues and provide information and guidance on how to secure their personal property.



RBC Housing Summer Roadshows

Throughout Summer 2024 the Community Safety team supported housing colleagues with their Resident Roadshows.

Residents were provided with community safety information and crime prevention advice including the promotion of the Nominated Neighbour Scheme to provide protection against Rogue Traders and Doorstep Scams.

16/07 – Crabbs Cross
18/07 – Church Hill
19/07 – Batchley
15/08 – Town Centre
19/09 – Woodrow

13/09 – Winyates
19/09 – Abbeydale
20/09 – Matchborough
26/09 - Lakeside



Annual White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign 25th Nov to 10th Dec

The 2024 White Ribbon campaign is currently underway and features various community events and social media promotion during the 16 Days of Action, all supported by community safety partners and local voluntary organisations.

On 6th December, the Community Safety team and partners will again host a publicity stand in Kingfisher Centre to support the campaign and promote the work of Domestic Abuse support services.

Alongside this in-person promotion, there will also be a strong social media campaign throughout the 16 Days of Action against Domestic Abuse.










Safe Places Scheme




The Safe Places Scheme gives the elderly, people with a disability, illness or learning difficulty, or anyone who feels in danger; a range of safe places where they can go for help if they feel they are being bullied, abused or harassed while out and about.







All Safe Places are identified by this sticker and the organisation's employees receive training so that they can give reassurance and help people contact appropriate support, as needed.

A full directory of the Safe Places in Redditch is available here:- [Safe Places | Our Way Self Advocacy](#)



Directory of Safe Places 		
Redditch		
Coffee #1	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4HJ	
Age UK	85 Mason Road Headless Cross B97 5DQ	
Barclays Bank	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4HJ	
Connect	6 Evesham Walk B97 4EX	
Emmanuel Church	The Ecumenical Centre 6 Evesham Walk B97 4HJ	
Kingfisher Reception	Kingfisher Shopping Centre Walford House B97 4HJ	
Palace Theatre	Alcester Street B98 8AE	

Redditch Borough Council	Town Hall Walker Stanz Square	
Shoppobility	Kingfisher Shopping Centre Kingfisher Walk B97 4HJ	
St Stephen's Church	Church Green B97 4DY	
The Library	15 Market Place B98 8AR	
Where Next Hub	Unit 24 Millsborough House Ipsley Street B98 7AL	
Where Next Nurseries	Wellesbourne Close Easemore Road B98 8ER	
Wilkinson	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4HJ	
Batchley Support Group	21/21a Salters Lane Batchley B97 6JY	

Head of Wellbeing	9 George Walk B97 4HB	
Youth & Community Enterprise	The REDI Centre, South Street, B96 7DQ	
Nesta' Café	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4HJ	
Bono Tea Room	Kingfisher Shopping Centre B97 4HJ	
British Heart Foundation	3 Market Place B98 8AA	
The Wetherspoons Pub	Unicorn Hill, B97 4QR	

WCC Youth Services Funding

The Community Safety Team co-ordinates and manages the commissioning of the WCC Youth Services Fund in Redditch. This fund supports local youth providers to deliver activities and initiatives that give young people a safe place to meet and be supported by Trusted Adults.

Local Commissioned Organisations are:

Your Ideas

- £7,500 for Joining It UP, Detached / Targeted / 121 Provision
- £9,793 for Art Club – Open Access, Spectrum Blue, Targeted Provision
- £9,793 for The Vibe, Open Access Provision

Unlocking Potential Foundation CIC

- £7,500 for UP Mentoring Provision
- £9,793 for Open Access Provision

YMCA - £1565 for Open Access / Targeted / 121 Provision

RYCE - £11,470 for Open Access / Targeted / 121 Provision

Arrow Vale Academy Youth Centre - £5000 for Open Access / Targeted / 121 Provision

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Subject Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Panel Police Report – Redditch

West Mercia Police have been asked to provide a Police report for the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny panel. The report will focus on four main themes.

- Overview of Crime and ASB within Redditch Borough.
- Anti-Social Behaviour interventions.
- Recent successes.
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) overview.

Overview of Crime and ASB

The district year-to-date figures surrounding the crime type/s that impact our communities the most, from November 2022-September 2024 are contained below;

Public Order Offences – reduction of 5%
 Personal robbery - reduction of 29%
 Shoplifting offences – no change.
 Anti-social behaviour – reduction of 10%

Appendix A details the detail of the volume of the crimes and percentage difference.

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

The below ASB interventions for the Local Policing area (LPA) from the 1st November 2023 - 30th September 2024 are contained below;

ASB STAGE 1	30
ASB STAGE 2	2
CAWN	5
CBO (CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER)	3
COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE	15

COMMUNITY PROTECTION WARNING	36
DVPN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION NOTICE	3
DVPO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER	17
INJUNCTION - NO POWER OF ARREST	2
NON - MOLESTATION ORDER	30
RESTRAINING ORDER	3
SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION ORDER	20
SEXUAL RISK ORDER	2
ASB CIVIL INJUNCTION (WITH POWER OF ARREST)	2
Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Order (STRO)	2

Recent Successes

West Mercia Police work in close partnership with a range of agencies to reduce the impact of Anti-social behaviour. A few examples of recent successes that have reduced the impact of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour on our communities are contained below;

West Avenue, Glover Street, Mount Street and Marsden Road – Drug related ASB.

West Mercia Police have worked in close partnership with the community safety team and the monitoring centre on this issue. A number of re-deployable CCTV cameras were used to detect and deter crime in this area.

In April and July of 2024, seven drug warrants were executed within the Redditch area linked to disrupting drugs supply by the “Madz line”. This resulted in four arrests being made, £10,000 worth of cash has been seized, a taser and a small amount of illegal drugs being located.

Three subjects have been charged and are pending trial at Crown Court in January 2025.

Retail Crime Action Plan.

As part of the retail crime action plan, a Redditch Town Centre team was created which has one Sergeant, four Police Constables and three Police Community Support Officers (two in post, one awaiting to be recruited who will start in November 2024).

Some recent successes are detailed below;

- Arrest of a suspect for twelve thefts at a retail premises with Redditch Town Centre and other shops within the West Mercia Police. The total value of the thefts was recorded as £11,975.12 and the suspect was arrested, charged and pending trial in November 2024
- Four members of a shop theft group from Coventry were identified by the local team and arrested for four thefts with a value of £3827.78. The suspects were charged and remanded and pled guilty at court.
- Two West Midlands based offenders committed three thefts to the value of £1610.50. They were charged, remanded and sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment

Hate Crime

A family have been targeted where on at least six occasions the suspect had smeared dog mess on the door handle and windscreen of their vehicle that was parked on the footpath. The victim/s believe that this was a racially motivated attack and following an investigation by the police, the suspect was caught and admitted causing the damage.

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

Since 1st May 2023, West Mercia Police launched hotspot patrol within two areas of Redditch Town Centre, namely Unicorn Hill and Market Place. In total there have been a total of 543 proactive high visibility patrols recorded in this area as part of our ongoing commitment to increased visibility in the area.

West Mercia Police have worked with a number of partners to address some of the complex individuals that cause anti-social behaviour which includes.

- Joint visits with MAGG outreach worker.
- Joint visits with the outreach worker/s from Cranston.
- Seizing and removing alcohol from problematic street drinkers.
- A success Home Office bid via the hotspot fund worth £22,000 for Police Officer/s overtime for Redditch Town Centre to assist with additional visibility within Redditch Town Centre until March 2025.
- A pending funding bid to the Home Office hotspot fund for an additional CCTV camera within Redditch Town Centre.
- Five persons have been issued Community Protection Warnings linked to ASB within the PSPO.
- Ten persons have been dispersed from Redditch Town Centre following reports of anti-social behaviour.
- Four arrests linked to officer visibility around the PSPO for linked offences (public order offences, criminal damage, assaults etc)

This work is currently tracked and monitored via the Redditch Town Sub-group which feeds the partnership work into Safer Redditch which is part of the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership. The portfolio holder, Cllr Monica Stringfellow, attends Safer Redditch to ensure there is appropriate oversight.

Author: Inspector Richard Field

Date: 4th of October 2024.

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Redditch

Public Order	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2022 - 2023	14	12	11	11	16	12	11	14	5	10	5	121
2023 - 2024	10	8	13	3	7	16	11	18	12	11	6	115
Difference	-4	-4	2	-8	-9	4	0	4	7	1	1	-6
% Difference	-29%	-33%	18%	-73%	-56%	33%	0%	29%	140%	10%	20%	-5%

Personal Robbery	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2022 - 2023	4	2	4	2	8	6	13	6	4	6	3	58
2023 - 2024	8	5	2	3	3	3	5	4	3	5	0	41
Difference	4	3	-2	1	-5	-3	-8	-2	-1	-1	-3	-17
% Difference	100%	150%	-50%	50%	-63%	-50%	-62%	-33%	-25%	-17%	-100%	-29%

Shoplifting	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2022 - 2023	38	34	52	41	47	98	81	60	79	63	65	658
2023 - 2024	47	32	43	40	77	70	92	70	62	76	51	660
Difference	9	-2	-9	-1	30	-28	11	10	-17	13	-14	2
% Difference	24%	-6%	-17%	-2%	64%	-29%	14%	17%	-22%	21%	-22%	0%

ASB	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2022 - 2023	115	61	98	106	109	100	129	112	112	105	88	1135
2023 - 2024	75	70	68	69	101	95	124	112	119	122	66	1021
Difference	-40	9	-30	-37	-8	-5	-5	0	7	17	-22	-114
% Difference	-35%	15%	-31%	-35%	-7%	-5%	-4%	0%	6%	16%	-25%	-10%

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Appendix 3

ASB Community Hero Event

11th July 2024



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The Community Safety Partnership hosted a Community Hero Awards Event to recognise those people in our local communities whose actions go above and beyond to reduce ASB in our neighbourhoods.

Awards were available in the four categories:

- ❖ Youth Award
- ❖ Business Award
- ❖ Community Award
- ❖ Extra Mile Award

Internal and external communications took place with articles on the Orb, in the local press and messages shared via social media. The event will also be revisited in the communications and promotion of ASB Awareness Week - 18th Nov to 24th Nov. Daily themes have been suggested by the national organisers www.resolveuk.org.uk and the Community Safety Team have planned a daily social media campaign in support of the event.



ASB Community Heroes Community Category

Winner: Your Ideas Youth
& Community Project



Highly Commended:

Batchley Support Group

Reach CIC

Wallop Boxing Club





ASB Community Hero Youth Category

Winners:

Delroy Thompson – Up Foundation
(Award collected by his sister, Jennifer Miller)

Jade Parker – Your Ideas Youth & Community Project



ASB Community Heroes Business Category

Winners: Kingfisher Security



ASB Community Heroes Extra Mile Category

Winner: Pete Martin
Redditch Self Defence and
Youth Engagement

