



North Worcestershire **Community Safety Partnership**

2020/21 Review of the Community Safety Partnership

Bev Houghton
Community Safety Manager
September 2021

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 Clinical Commissioning Group
- Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group

NWCSP Priorities

The following priorities have been agreed by partners for 2021/22:

Priority	Aim: To Reduce/Prevent
Violence and Abuse	Public Place Violence
	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
	Child Sexual Exploitation
Theft and Acquisitive Crime	Theft from Stores
	Burglary, Doorstep Crimes & Scams
	Rural & Business Crime
ASB, Damage and Nuisance	Neighbourhood Nuisance
	Criminal Damage
	Environmental Problems and Deliberate Fires
Protecting Vulnerable Communities	Hate Crime & Targeted Harassment
	Criminal Exploitation, County Lines & Modern Slavery
	Violent Extremism
Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs & Alcohol	
Reducing Reoffending	

CCTV - Additional PCC Funding for 2020/21

Area	PCC Grant
Install 1 x New Camera and Pole in Sanders Park	£19,075.81
Upgrade of 4 x Cameras at Woodrow Centre, Redditch	£7,974.48
Upgrade of 4 x Cameras at Redditch Town Centre	£13,097.88
Upgrade of 3 x Cameras in Bewdley	£15,048.81
Upgrade of 4 x in Stourport	£8,800.00
Bromsgrove, Redditch, Wyre Forest Signage	£1,003.02
Total	£65,000

NWCSP has been allocated a further £65,000 for CCTV for 2021-22 and proposals are being developed by the CCTV Project Team

Allocation of NWCSP Core Funding - 2021/22

Area of Benefit	PCC Grant
West Mercia CSP Analyst Team (Top Sliced)	£20,000.00
West Mercia Integrated Offender Mgt. (Top Sliced)	£ 5,000.00
Bromsgrove Projects	£29,084.22
Redditch Projects	£31,083.55
Wyre Forest Projects	£33,083.23
North Worcestershire Projects	£21,000.00
Total	£139,250.00

Community Safety Project Updates

2020-21 (To Date)

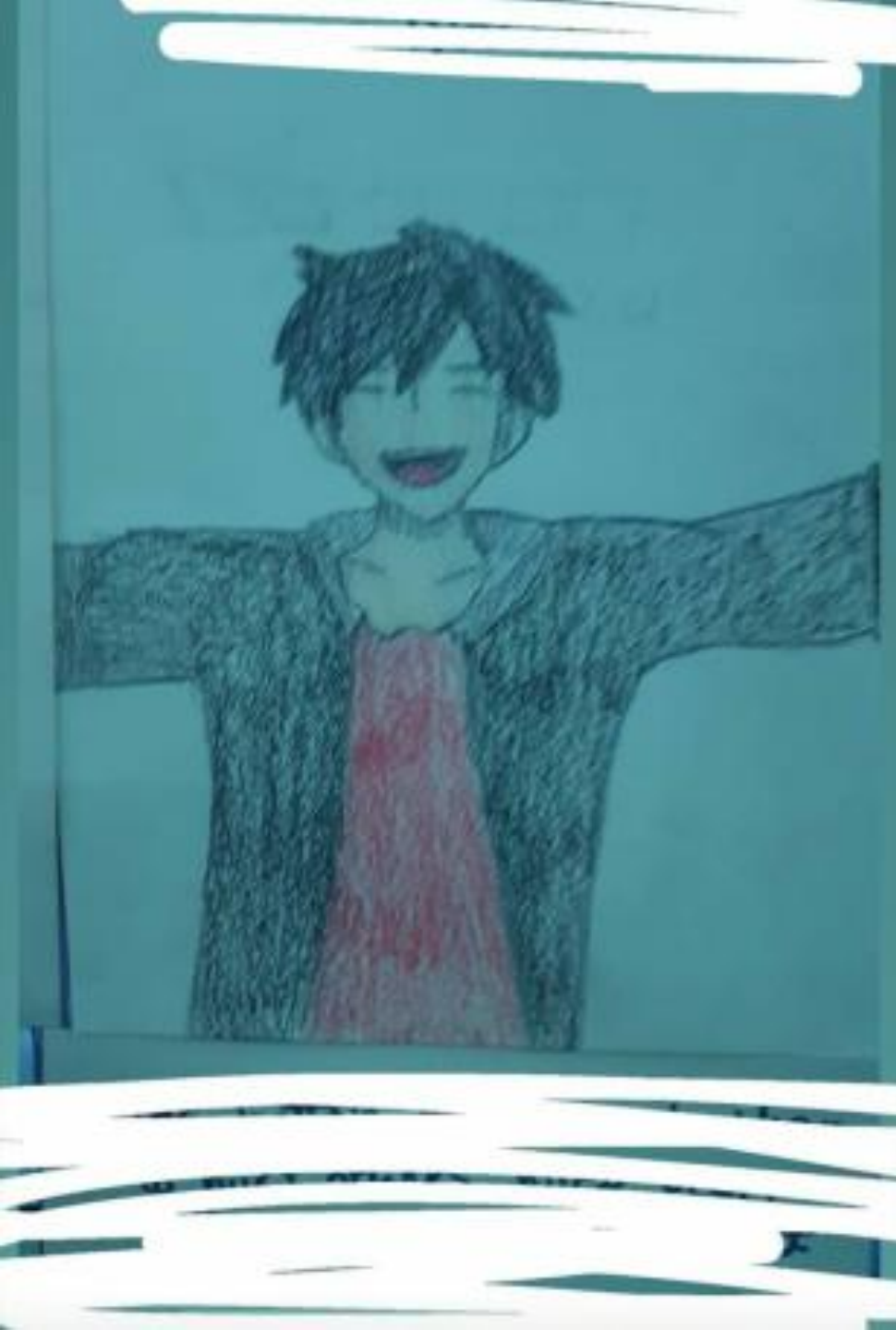


The Respect programme provides community safety awareness sessions as part of school PHSE drop down days and bespoke classroom sessions on a number of subjects such as recognising and reporting hate crime, understanding healthy relationships/domestic abuse, the dangers of substance misuse and promoting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

During the lockdown restrictions in 2020, PHSE Drop Down Days and Classroom sessions were postponed. However the Respect Programme adapted very quickly, changing its mentoring delivery method to online sessions. With the support of schools, the programme was able to continue by providing online support sessions to 75% of its existing participants using video hosting platforms.

Between September 2020 and July 2021, the programme received **186 referrals** for 1 to 1 support through the therapeutic mentoring sessions. Mentors were able to re-establish face to face contact from September 2020, enabling all these young people to be seen in face to face sessions. Unfortunately further lockdowns in the winter months of 2020-21 meant a return to online sessions for another period of time.



The Empowering Young People Programme

This CSP funded project provides an 11-week programme of arts and crafts, issue-based activities and interactive workshops addressing issues such as life skills, confidence building and self-esteem work. The aim of the project is to support at-risk young people to develop healthy personal relationships and raise awareness of the risks associated with CSE and County Lines.

Since September 2020, three separate groups have been delivered in a Redditch High School. The sessions initially began as face to face delivery within the school, but with a further lockdowns in Nov 2020 and Jan 2021, sessions went on to be delivered remotely with the young people being seen on a one to one basis. This programme has proved to be very successful with the school already requesting future sessions in the new term.

Empowering Young People Programme

Tutor evaluation data highlighted that: -

Overall the young people found the course beneficial and enjoyed attending the sessions, where they felt safe and comfortable. They felt that they had become more aware of risks including alcohol and unhealthy relationships. The group also felt that the sessions helped with mental health issues and with making decisions about the future. Some have commented that their confidence and general wellbeing has improved.



Youth Outreach and Detached Youth Work



This CSP funded project provides a team of trained, outreach/detached youth workers who engage with and support young people involved in or at-risk of becoming involved in on-street ASB.

During lockdown, the detached youth teams were allocated key worker status and this allowed them to resume on street patrols. This was extremely beneficial for at-risk young people, struggling with the impact of Covid 19 and the team had over 1000 individual on-street engagements.

Redditch Youth Outreach

In September 2020, NWCSP commissioned detached youth work delivery by the Unlocking Potential Foundation, a Community Interest Company formed in 2015. The UP Foundation regularly patrol key locations and public spaces in Redditch as well as providing positive sporting and energy expending activities for young people.

The UP Foundation works with young people to help them believe in themselves, learn new skills, move away from unhealthy and anti-social behaviours helping them identify ways to make positive progress in their lives. The team began the detached/outreach programme in September 2020





Redditch Youth Outreach

NWCSP is currently working with the Up Foundation to identify funding that can support additional diversionary activities and group work sessions such as DJ workshops and sports activities, which through the outreach work can then be used to divert young people off the streets and into positive activities.

The team engage with groups of young people and community members, utilising information and data from the Community Safety Team and the Police. The team work with young people, partners and businesses to address concerns in local areas and to gain insight into what interventions might be needed to promote change. This is as well as being a positive role models and trusted adults in the community.



Youth Outreach

Our Youth Workers have been able to make regular contact and build relationships with some of the hardest to reach young people. Establishing these trusted relationships and discussing what affects young people's thoughts, feelings and behaviour has led the youth workers have set up diversionary sessions such as multi sports activities and music projects alongside and targeted therapeutic support sessions.



Virtual Decisions Knife Crime Project

Delivered by Round Midnight Ltd, a Birmingham based theatre in education company

Virtual_Decisions is a one-of-a-kind, innovative, exciting VR in Education program that is helping to support thousands of young people who are at risk of criminal exploitation.

By wearing a VR headset, each participant is placed in a real world scenario where they are faced with multiple dilemmas in which they must make a choice. Each choice results in various outcomes, showing that every action has a consequence. The production uses real world actors aged 14 – 25 to give authenticity to the piece.

Following the immersive 8 minute VR film, a creative arts workshop then explores the issues raised in more depth. Through discussions and drama exercises the young people are able to reflect on their own personal journey within the VR and compare it to that of others, making it a user led – and user shared – experience.



[Virtual Decisions - Round Midnight](#)



YOUNG **CITIZEN'S** *CHALLENGE*

The Young Citizen's Challenge is usually delivered in partnership with the police and fire service and is held at the Bromsgrove Fire station in May. In May 2019 the week engaged with over a 1000 young people from Year 6, and delivered key safety messages around fire safety, water safety, personal safety and stranger danger.

Due to the national lockdown restrictions, the 2020 event had to be cancelled. Instead the Fire Service developed the Safe Zone Project, an educational website created to provide the key safety messages that would normally be covered during the Young Citizens Challenge. The content can be accessed via this link: <https://www.safe-zone.uk>.



Safer Streets is a £430,000 crime-fighting project to improve the security and safety of EVERY home in Woodrow Centre, Ombersley Close, and Rushock Close.

Safer Streets Fund 2021/21

The West Mercia Police/Redditch Borough Council partnership bid was one of only 50 successful project applications and the amount awarded was **£431,185.**

The funding will be used to deliver a programme of targeted security improvements, focusing on a Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) within the neighbourhood area of Woodrow, which covers Rushock Close, Ombersley Close and Woodrow Centre residential flats.

The funding will be used to provide the following improvements

Enhanced Door Security

Window Lock Upgrades

CCTV Upgrades

Improved Fencing

Landscaping

Improved Street Lighting

Alley Gating

Property Marking

Home Security Products

Neighbourhood Watch

Community Development Projects



An official launch of the project has been scheduled for Friday 24th Sept where John Campion, West Mercia PCC and Redditch Community Safety Portfolio Holder, Cllr Nazir have will be in attendance. A request has also been submitted for the new West Mercia Police Chief Constable, Pippa Mills to attend if scheduling allows.

A multi-agency project development team meets fortnightly to co-ordinate and deliver the actions of the project.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

The Nominated Neighbour scheme, which aims to protect vulnerable residents from door step crime and rogue trader offences, continues to be a successful local initiative.

To date over 120 Residents have signed up and the Covid-19 restrictions provided an opportunity to fully evaluate the scheme with every resident signed up to the scheme being contacted to assess its success. The evaluation identified that not one member of the scheme had any issues with cold callers since signing up to the initiative.



Home Security Assessments

Between Sept 2020 and August 2021, the Community Safety Project Officer carried out 32 Home Security Assessments at the properties of vulnerable residents with many households also receiving upgrades and improvements to the physical security of their properties. Some security assessments were made as a result of discussions about the safety of domestic abuse victims held at MARAC meetings. However, others were carried out at the request of other community safety partners and council service areas such as the Police and the Neighbourhood and Tenancy Teams



Domestic Abuse Support and MARAC

Between September 2020 and August 2021, Community Safety Project Officer Richard Waterhouse has assisted in protecting **75 vulnerable and high risk victims** of domestic violence across Redditch.

Richard attends the local MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) which is a nationally recognised process for managing high risk Domestic Abuse cases. Vulnerable residents assessed as being at risk of serious harm from an intimate partner or family member are referred into MARAC for the purpose of coordinating safeguarding activities by all organisations that can offer support and assistance.

Richard is the council's single point of contact for the MARAC process, in line with nationally recognised best practice for individual agencies to have a designated MARAC officer. In addition to attending meetings and providing appropriate information to the process, as a qualified crime reduction officer, Richard also carries out home security and sanctuary assessments for these high risk tenants.

Alongside MARAC Richard also liaises with DAPP (Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel) which aims to work with high risk perpetrators of domestic abuse to stop their offending.

Planning Consultation



Community Safety Project Officers Dave Rischmiller and Sarah McIntosh are College of Policing trained Designing Out Crime Officers and can review planning applications to make appropriate crime prevention and security recommendations with the aim of making future developments less vulnerable to crime and disorder

In 2019/20 advice was provided on 10 planning applications (320 residential units, 2 commercial units)

In 2020/21 advice was provided on 20 planning applications (820 residential units, 23 commercial units)

It is important to note that as well as the social impact of crime and disorder, there is also an environmental impact. Research conservatively estimates the carbon cost of crime within the UK to be in the region of 6,000,000 tonnes of CO₂ per annum. This is roughly equivalent to the total CO₂ output of 6 million UK homes. Effectively designing out crime at build or refurbishment stage therefore delivers additional environmental benefits

Hate Crime Awareness Week



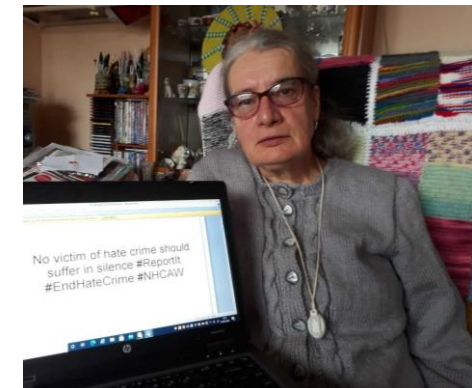
In October Hate Crime Awareness Week 2020 was promoted by a social media campaign which linked both the national and local messaging encouraging residents to report hate crimes and hate incidents.

2020 Hate Crime Awareness Conference

Due to the national lockdown restrictions, the Hate Crime conference was held as a webinar with guest speakers, Kriss Akabusi MBE - Olympian and World, European and Commonwealth Athletics Champion. Rt. Hon. Stuart Lawrence – Coach, Motivational Speaker and brother of Stephen Lawrence. With a special message of support from Frank Bruno MBE who was unable to take part due to ill health.

The remote conference was attended by over 100 people, who were made up of a mixture of local residents and partners.

During HCAW local partners sent in key messages which were shared on social media to promote the “Report It” message.



White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign Nov - Dec 2020

*It happened at a young age when he hurt me it was scary.
I said sorry it wasn't enough though 'cause apologies
aren't enough.*

*Chorus: I'm not invisible anymore 'cause I let you hurt me.
He has got the same size fist as my heart.*

*He hit me one time and I could have got away,
He wouldn't let me go so I tried to not go
Because my pain is so hard.*

#WhiteRibbonDay #NoExcuseForAbuse



Due to the national restrictions, 2020/21 saw the Community Safety Team design a Social Media campaign which was supported by local schools, our partners and the local press.

There were messages shared across the 16 Days of Action and the voices of young people were captured throughout the campaign to show their thoughts and feelings about Domestic Abuse and unhealthy personal relationships.



ASB Focus Group

This is a quarterly forum chaired by David Rischmiller, in the Community Safety Team. The group brings together a range of partners who deal with ASB including Police, Housing Associations, Private Housing providers, Environmental Officers and Planning Enforcement.

Rather than specific case management the aim of the forum is to encourage and support professionals in tackling complex ASB issues and to share national and local good practice.

The Community Safety Team supports professionals, advising them in the use of ASB tools & powers such as Community Protection Warnings and Notices.