



North Worcestershire **Community Safety Partnership**

Review of the work of the Community Safety Partnership in 2021/22

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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)**

NWCSP Priorities

The following priorities were agreed by partners for 2021-24

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	

New & Emerging Initiatives

In April 2021 **the Domestic Abuse Act** received royal assent and statutory guidance was issued in July 2022. Section 84(4) of the 2021 Act requires relevant agencies exercising public functions, to have regard to the Domestic Abuse statutory guidance in the exercise of those functions. Some organisations e.g. Housing Authorities also have specific statutory duties to safeguard victims of domestic abuse.

[Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance](#) - This statutory guidance sets standards and promotes best practice for those **responsible authorities with statutory duties to support and assist victims of domestic abuse**.

In line with the guidance, an upper tier domestic abuse partnership board has been established at county level and a **Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Strategy** has been developed which focuses on the key strategic responses of prevention, provision of services, partnership, pursuing perpetrators and criminal justice.

The Worcestershire Strategy can be found here - [Domestic Abuse | Worcestershire County Council](#)

New & Emerging Initiatives

On the 28th June, the Government introduced a number of law changes as part of the **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022**. The PCSC Act 2022 focuses on; an overhaul of sentencing laws to make streets safer, ensuring serious violent and sexual offenders spend longer behind bars, implements measures to help cut crime and better protect the public and equips the police with the powers and tools they need to combat crime.

Draft guidance placing a new duty on specified authorities to address Serious Violence was issued by the Government on the 9th June 2022. The draft guidance aims to support specified authorities and PCCs in the exercise of their functions in relation to the **Serious Violence Duty**; as laid out in the PCSC Act 2022.

[Serious Violence Duty: Draft guidance for responsible authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/serious-violence-duty-draft-guidance-for-responsible-authorities)

The Serious Violence Duty guidance sets out how the PCSC Act 2022 amends the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and places a requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to formulate and implement a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence.

Worcestershire CSPs are currently working together to establish how best to exercise this duty in a consistent and collaborative manner across the partnership areas of operation.

New & Emerging Initiatives

On 15th June 2022, the government announced their vision for establishing **Combating Drugs Partnerships** in local areas as part of the next phase of their 10-year strategy to **reduce supply and demand for illegal drugs**.

[Guidance for local delivery partners - Combating Drugs Partnerships](#) - provides the framework for how partners in each locality in England should work together to reduce drug-related harm in their area, with each Combating Drugs Partnership appointing a single Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) to act as chair and take responsibility for reporting back to central government.

Locally, discussions are underway to establish the Combating Drugs Partnership that will cover the Worcestershire area. West Mercia Partners have agreed that the PCC will be the Senior Responsible Officer for a new Combating Drugs Partnerships which will be aligned to Integrated Care Board boundaries: [Integrated Care Board - Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System](#)

The PCC has announced £100,000 of additional funding to support the work of the Partnerships and further details on the Combating Drugs Partnership will be shared as the structures and local strategies develop.

CCTV - Funding between 2020 and 2022

Allocation	PCC Grant
Install 1 x new camera and pole in Sanders Park and upgrade of 9 cameras in Bromsgrove District	£32,135.57
1 additional camera on Town Hall roof and upgrade of 24 cameras in Redditch Borough	£48,403.41
Upgrade of various cameras in Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport	£36,458.00
Monitoring centre equipment and signage for the benefit of Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest areas	£12,766.60
Total Grant Allocation	£130,000.00

NWCSP has been allocated a further £20,000 capital for CCTV for 2022-23 and proposals are being developed by the CCTV Project Team

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

NWCSP Core Funding - 2022/23

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
West Mercia Hate Crime Project (Top Sliced)	£11,000.00
West Mercia Crimestoppers Initiative (Top Sliced)	£ 1,700.00
Bromsgrove Projects	£24,183.33
Redditch Projects	£27,183.33
Wyre Forest Projects	£30,183.34
NW Domestic Homicide Reviews	£20,000.00
Total	£139,250.00

Community Safety Project Review

2021-22



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.

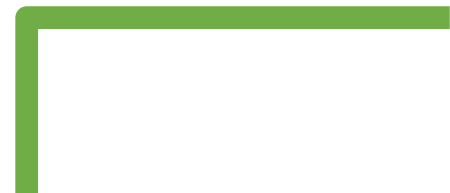
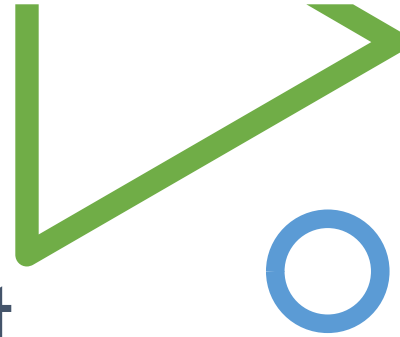
2021-22 saw the Respect Programme return to providing face to face sessions in all schools and this year also saw the largest growth in the referrals to the service. The team received between **30 to 60 referrals** each half term with our team of mentors holding around **135 open cases** at any time.

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 risk of becoming involved in criminality, both as potential victims and potential perpetrators.

Community Safety Enhanced Youth Support Workers

In 2021/22 the Council's Community Safety Team were successful in obtaining a 3-year Public Health grant of £117k pa from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)

This funding allowed the team to appoint two full time youth work posts working in partnership with Young Solutions Worcestershire. The focus for the youth workers is to provide outreach/detached support, deliver Empowering Young People group work sessions and provide one to one mentoring to young people at risk of being victims or perpetrators of crime.



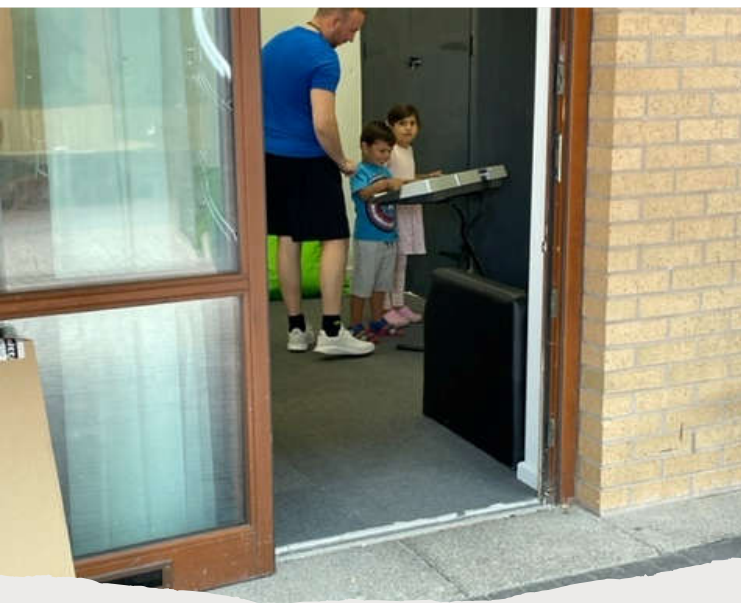
Volunteer It Yourself (VIY) Project

The VIY programme combines DIY and volunteering, challenging young people to help repair and refurbish community facilities while learning vocational trade skills on the job. As a result this helps the young people become more employable in the construction sector

During delivery of the VIY construction project in Redditch, 12 Entry Level 3 City & Guilds Accreditations were awarded in Carpentry, Health & Safety and painting & decorating

The initiative helps young people to learn DIY and trade sector skills and to consider a career in the construction and building industry and the Community Safety team are working with other voluntary and community agencies to develop further projects across the Borough





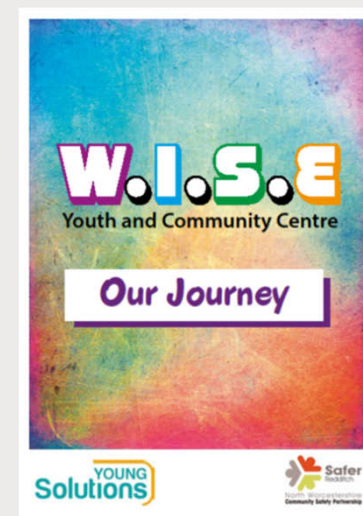
The Launch of W.I.S.E Youth Centre

(Wear smiles, Ignite souls, Serve & Encourage)

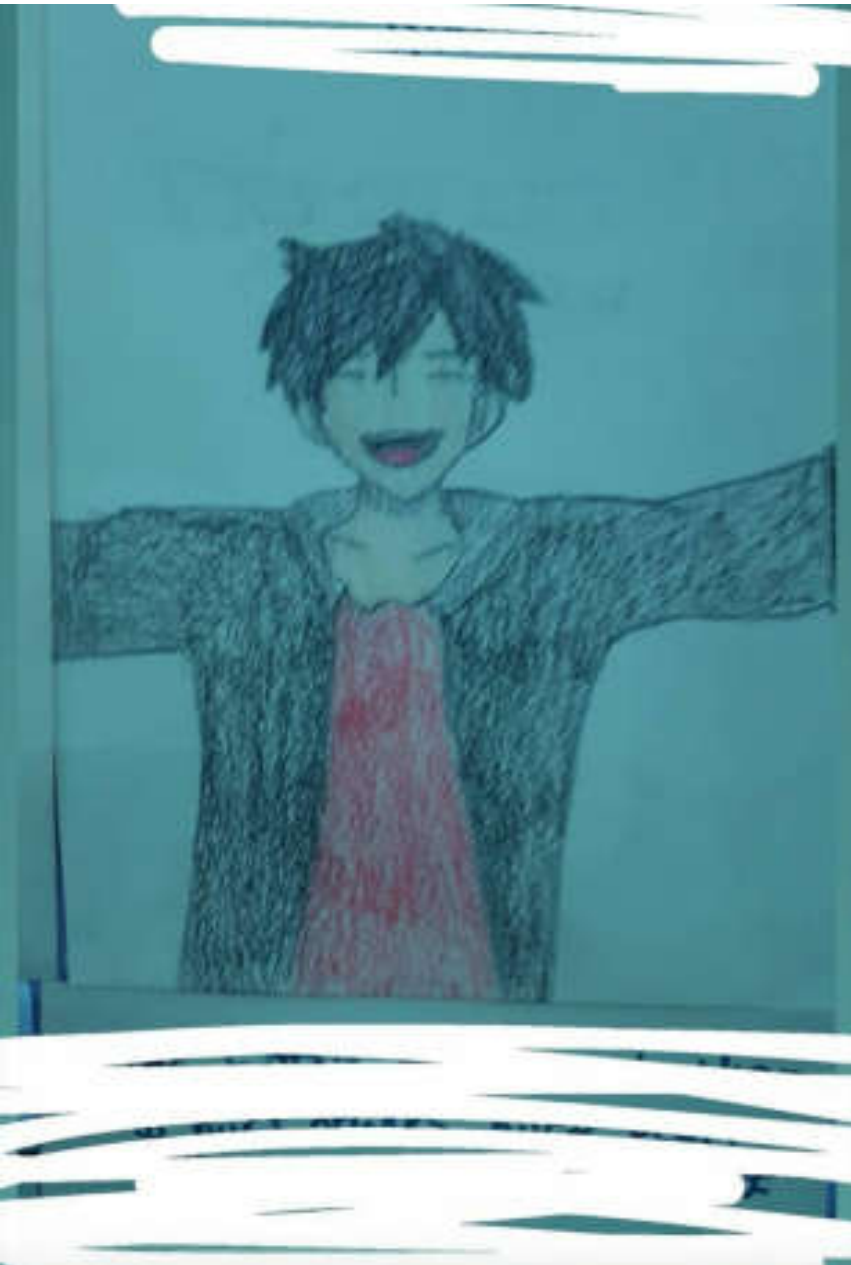
W.I.S.E Youth Centre located at Market Walk in Redditch Town Centre, officially opened its doors to on Monday 15th August

The VIY renovation project began on July 18th and was delivered in partnership Young Solutions Worcestershire and the Safer Redditch Group.

The project took 20 days to complete and the work was carried out by 17 youth volunteers identified by local youth providers.



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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 project is now entering its fifth year and goes from strength to strength with tailored sessions delivered to groups of young people based on their specific needs. Content delivered over the year has included a focus on ASB, County Lines, CSE, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Hate Crime Awareness

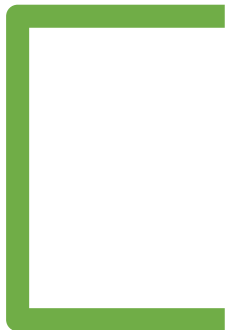
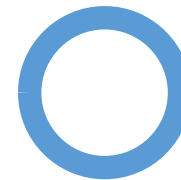
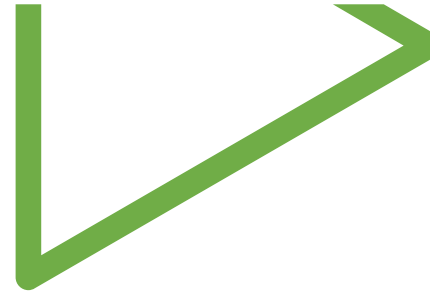
Over the year (2021/22) 8 Empowering Young People programmes have been delivered, taking place in both school and community settings.

Youth Outreach

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

Up Foundation youth teams patrol local neighbourhoods two to three times a week depending on the weather and at the height of the summer, workers can engage with between 200 to 400 hundred young people per month.

The Community Safety Outreach Teams are now being seen as a model of best practice across the county and discussions are being held to reshape the delivery of youth provision as a result of the achievements of this type of youth provision.



In May 2022, Young Citizen's Challenge returned to being delivered face to face and was held at the Bromsgrove Police and Fire Station from 23rd - 27th May

Key partners such as the Community Safety Team, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Safer Roads Team, SARA (Water Safety) and Western Power were in attendance to get across key safety messages across to Year 6 students. Across the week Community Safety Partners engaged with 856 young people.

The Safe Zone package, developed by the Fire Service, was also promoted as part of Young Citizen's Challenge week: <https://www.safe-zone.uk>.



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.

As a result of the successful project the Office of the PCC is looking into the potential to commission delivery of the project across West Mercia.



[Virtual Decisions - Round Midnight](#)

During 2021-22, the Community Safety Team has supported a number of Youth & Community Voluntary groups with funding applications. This is with a view to securing the future of some of the local support projects most needed by young people in our communities.

- Supported by a Community Safety Project Officer, Young Solutions Worcestershire was awarded £10,000 of Big Lottery funding to support targeted youth work which will now be delivered through the W.I.S.E Youth Centre
- Working with Community Safety and the Leisure Team, Young Solutions was granted £4,755 to support local summer holiday activities through the Worcestershire County Council HAF Funding
- Again working with Young Solutions, the Community Safety Team has been successful in securing a three-year Reaching Communities grant from the Big Lottery. This funding will provide £20,000 per year to the Borough and will be used to support youth delivery through local providers, Up Foundation and Your Ideas
- The Community Safety Team has been supporting the YMCA by providing Enhanced Youth Support Officers to help with the delivery of the Abbeydale Youth Club
- Community Safety Officers are working closely with the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) officers in Abbeydale and Woodrow since they started in post, to co-ordinate activities and initiative designed and developed by local communities

Safer Streets 2 Woodrow

Safer Streets 2 – Woodrow is a £430,000 crime-fighting project to tackle neighbourhood crime in the Woodrow area in Redditch.

The Home Office funded scheme supported multiple works to improve the safety and security of every home in Woodrow Centre, Ombersley Close and Rushock Close.

This Safer Streets – Woodrow electronic photo booklet highlights the many security improvements that were put in place by partners during 2021/22:

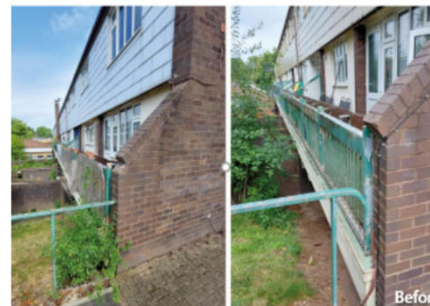
[Safer Streets Woodrow - redditchbc.gov.uk](https://redditchbc.gov.uk)



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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.

124 vulnerable Redditch residents have now been signed up and during the Covid-19 restrictions the scheme was fully evaluated, with every beneficiary being contacted to assess its success. The evaluation identified that not one scheme member had issues with cold callers since signing up to the initiative. Many stated that they had previously experienced multiple cold calls and all participants stated that the scheme made them feel safer in their homes. There were many examples where residents had seen someone approach their door, but on seeing the Nominated Neighbour notice and the caller had walked away without attempting to make contact with the resident.

Since its inception the scheme has been rolled out to Wyre Forest and is supported by Police SNT's who assist in delivering the project. With Covid restrictions lifted, many vulnerable adult groups are now resuming their resident meetings and Community Safety Officers are re-engaging with these groups to provide personal safety information and crime prevention advice including promotion of the Nominated Neighbour scheme. The team also monitors and circulates information on current scams targeting residents, the most recent being an insulation scam highlighted by the Private Sector Housing Team.



Planning Consultations

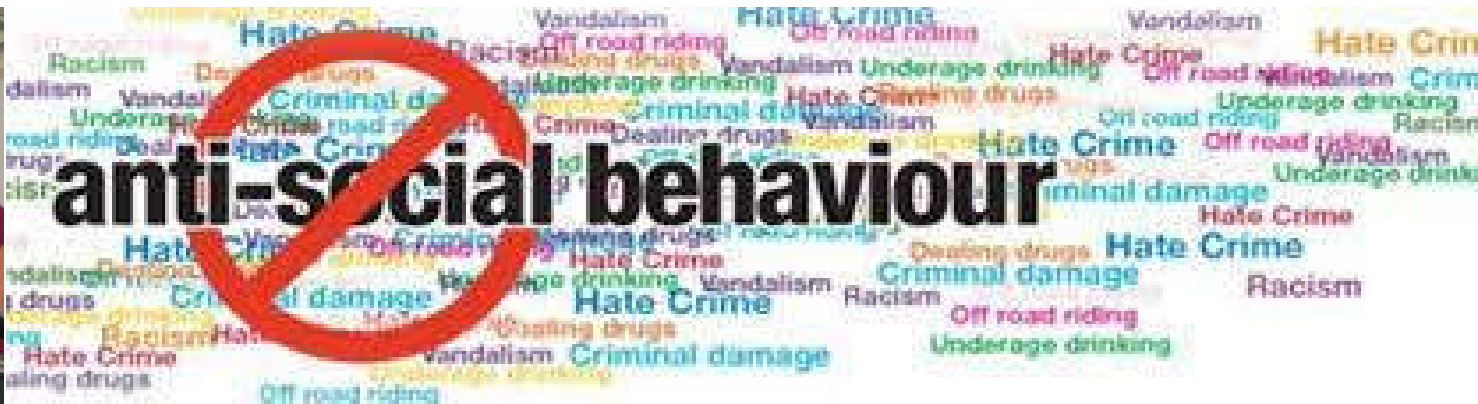


Community Safety Project Officers David Rischmiller and Sarah McIntosh are qualified, College of Policing trained Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCO)

Using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) methods, they 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 2021-22 officers examined 34 applications totalling 1052 residential units, 10 Commercial Units and 1961 Sq.m of commercial development

23 of these applications related to Redditch Borough, covering 688 residential units and 1 commercial unit



ASB Awareness Week 18th to 24th July 2022

The Community Safety Team organised a programme of events to publicise the National ASB Awareness Week and encouraged a focus on the issue of ASB including a media campaign that ran throughout the week.

Events commenced with a stand at the Redditch Green Fair and Lions Funday at Arrow Valley on 17th July where attendees were canvassed on their experience of local ASB. Following an engagement stand at Bromsgrove Market on Tuesday 19th July, officers then joined partners including the Police and Housing Providers at an ASB dop-in session Redditch Town Centre on the 21st July where advice on measures to address ASB was provided.

Both an internal and external communications campaign was conducted with articles in the Orb, in the local press and messages shared daily via social media. These matched the national daily themes suggested by the national organisers www.resolveuk.org.uk and, particularly on the 19th July, promoted the Community Trigger ASB case review process.

Also during the course of the week, the Community Safety Team promoted its ASB Powers training event, designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of partners in using legal tools and powers available to address ASB in communities. The training course will take place on 22nd September and has already received substantial sign-up from partners



Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022



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**Hate Crime
Awareness Conference**
14th October, 10am - 1pm
at Parkside, Bromsgrove

Guest Speakers

AZEEM RAFIQ

Inspiring anti-racism campaigner
and former professional cricketer
at Yorkshire County Cricket Club.



NAUGHTY BOY

Award-winning music producer
Shahid Khan, aka Naughty Boy.



RT. HON. STUART LAWRENCE

Coach, Motivational speaker and
brother of Stephen Lawrence.



Hate Crime Awareness Week in 2021 was held between the 10th and 14th October, which the Community Safety Team supported with community information stands in each district and an in-person HCAW Conference focusing on the theme of Racism.

In addition to promoting the annual Hate Crime Awareness Week campaign, the Team works with a range of partners to monitor hate crime and hate incident reporting and the Partnership reviews reports to ensure they are actively investigated and victims are supported.

Partner agencies and those reporting incidents are advised on the best ways to try and achieve a resolution and prevent further incidents occurring.



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Safe Places Scheme

The Safe Places Scheme has been relaunched since Covid restrictions were lifted

Safe Places give 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 to for help if they feel they are being bullied, abused or harassed while out and about.

All Safe Places are identified by a Safe Place sticker and the organisations employees receive training, so that they are able to give reassurance and help people contact appropriate support, as needed.

A directory of the Safe Places in Redditch can be found here:

Directory of Safe Places		
Coffee #1	Highgate Shopping Centre 01927 4912	
Age UK	10 Market Road Highgate Centre 01927 5052	
Burton's Bank	Highgate Shopping Centre 01927 4912	
Convent	14 Cornhill Walk 01927 4912	
Emmanuel Church	The Commercial Centre 14 Cornhill Walk 01927 4912	
Kingfisher Reception	Highgate Shopping Centre Highgate Road 01927 4912	
Police Theatre	Abchurch Street 01927 5412	



White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign

Nov - Dec 2022

*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



The 2022 campaign is currently being planned and will feature various community events and social media promotion, with the 16 Days of Action again being supported by our partners and the local press.

Media from the 2021 campaign:

[White Ribbon UK](#)

[Redditch on the frontline of drive against domestic violence - The Redditch Standard](#)

[Domestic abuse campaign launches in Redditch | Redditch Advertiser](#)

[Wear a ribbon: speak out against domestic abuse - redditchbc.gov.uk](#)