



North Worcestershire **Community Safety Partnership**

Community Safety Partnership Project Review 2024 - 2025

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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)**

North Worcestershire CSP Priorities

- Public Place Violence & Serious Violence Duty
- ASB, Nuisance and Environmental Issues
- Shoplifting and Neighbourhood Crime: 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, Sexual Violence
- Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG)

West Mercia PCC Ring-fenced Grant to NWCSP for 2025/26

Allocated to the NWCSP	2025/26 Amounts	<i>Allocation</i>
Contribution to WMP Partnership Analyst Team	£20,000	<i>PCC Top Slice</i>
Contribution to West Mercia IOM	£1,000	<i>PCC Top Slice</i>
Contribution to West Mercia Hate Crime Project	£10,383	<i>PCC Top Slice</i>
Top Sliced Total	£31,838	
NW DHR Support	£30,000	<i>DHR 39, DHR 40, DHR 41, DHR 43</i>
R.U.N Our Space CIC – DA Project Continuation and Expansion	£33,000	<i>DA Advocacy & Support across Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest</i>
Bromsgrove Allocation	£5,340	<i>Bromsgrove District Support</i>
Redditch Allocation	£2,330	<i>Redditch District Support</i>
Wyre Forest Allocation	£15,330	<i>Wyre Forest District Support</i>
Total North Worcs and District Allocations	£86,000	<i>Total NW District Allocation</i>
Total NWCSP funding	£117,838	<i>PCC Ring-fenced</i>

Community Safety Project Updates

2024-2025



We have a well-established team of experienced and qualified youth mentors who support the delivery of the Respect Programme across Redditch and Bromsgrove schools.



The Community Safety Respect Programme is a therapeutic mentoring scheme which provides weekly support and guidance sessions to young people at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.

In 2024-2025 the team of mentors saw **221 young people**

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.

The most serious cases are being referred to the Serious Youth Violence Project called The Right Path.

The Right Path Serious Violence Youth Project – Worcestershire

Using Serious Violence Duty (SVD) 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.

The Right Path project continues to receive regular referral from the Police Intervention & Prevention Officers, School DSLs and Youth Workers. Since April 2025, **21 young people** have been seen by the project. Referrals continue to include complex concerns and there are strong links between the project and other safeguarding forums, for example Prevent for risks around extremist language, fascination with violence and expressing language from Incel culture. Each young person receives an individual evaluation and next steps report from the Mentor and work is underway to gather data on pre and post intervention offending and suspect roles.

Addressing NWCSP Funding Priorities

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

Home Office SVD Funding - £60,141

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.

The scheme has been well established in Redditch and there are **169 vulnerable residents signed up** to the scheme (increase of 14 comparing to last year). Several events were held with vulnerable adult and OAP groups to promote the scheme and provide advice to residents about door-step scams and staying safe:

- Older Persons Forum
- Carers Careline Event
- Various Care Provider Companies
- Ibstock Close OAP Sheltered Housing Scheme
- Bereaved OAP Group @ The Bridge Church, Headless Cross
- Probus OAP Group, Bromsgrove Road



Multi Agency Day of Action Against Rogue Traders

Redditch Advertiser's post



Redditch Advertiser

16h · 🌐

'Operations like this are vital in protecting our communities'



**Multi-agency
crackdown on rogue
traders in Redditch**

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On Tues 28th October 2025 officers from the Police, Trading Standards and RBC Community Safety Team carried out an operation, targeting rogue traders in Redditch.

Tradesmen who were seen working at various properties were spoken to and checked to ensure that all paperwork was in order. The team checked that householders were being provided with correct information and quotes prior to any works taking place and that they were genuine businesses.

Residents were also spoken to ensure they had received correct paperwork from the tradesmen and that they were satisfied with any works being carried out.

The Community Safety Team has developed and promoted a range of website resources to support older and vulnerable residents

<https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/residents/keeping-safe/older-and-vulnerable-residents/>

Concerned about?

- Doorstep Crime
- Fraud & Scams
- Home Security & Personal Safety

Turn over for details of online resources for older & vulnerable residents.



**[www.redditchbc.gov.uk/
vulnerableresidents](https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/vulnerableresidents)**

**or call the Community
Safety Team 01527 534187**

Community Safety Community Engagement Events

Redditch Car Show on 17/05

Police and Fire Station Open
Day on 28/09

HoW College Freshers Week
on 8/09

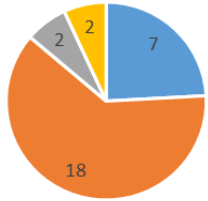


HoW College Freshers Week – Sept 2025

Young People's Safety Survey

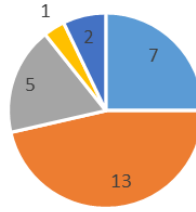
Do you feel safe in your local area?

I feel safe outside in my local area during daylight



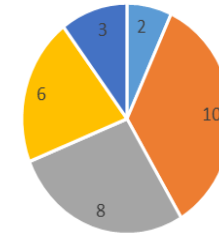
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My local area (within a 15min walk) is safer than other areas in Redditch



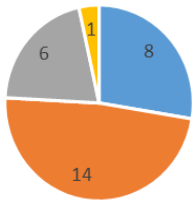
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I feel safe outside in my local area after dark



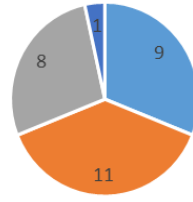
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I feel people from different backgrounds get on well in my area



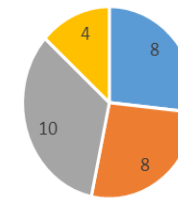
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I am treated with dignity and respect in the community



■ I agree strongly
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Having CCTV helps me feel safe when I'm out in public



■ I agree strongly
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Planning Consultations



The Community Safety Team has one College of Policing qualified, Designing Out Crime Officer (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

In 2024-25 Community Safety team scrutinised **25 planning applications, 16 of which were in Redditch.** These comprised of a total of 824 residential units and 5070 Sq.m of commercial space.

Notable non-residential developments that received DOCO comments were the new Digital Innovation Centre planned for the old Police Station site and the new first school that is part of the Foxlydiate development.

Significant residential developments that received comments were the Foxlydiate cross-border development of 217 homes in Webheath, a new care home of 98 units on the old HoW College building site in Albert Street and a 72-unit residential development on the old Clive Works in Edward Street.

Crime Risk Surveys 2024-25



Home Security Assessments

The Community Safety team has carried out **54 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 or other council service areas such as the Neighbourhood & Tenancy team.

Not only does this vital work help to keep the residents safe in their homes, it also helps people feel safer. To date there have been no reports of secured properties being compromised.

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

Richard Waterhouse, the Council's designated MARAC Officer attends the regular 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 MARAC. The purpose of the process is to coordinate safeguarding activities across all organisations that can provide support and assistance to victims and survivors.

During the reporting period, **117 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 Site Surveys at locations across the Borough that are experiencing crime and ASB issues. During 2024-25, the team completed **20 crime risk surveys and environmental visual audits**.

These surveys provide detailed crime prevention actions and interventions that can reduce opportunities for crime, disorder and ASB in areas where community safety concerns and fear of crime are having a significant impact on the local community. In addition to recommended environmental improvements in crime risk surveys, mobile CCTV cameras can be deployed as part of the overall partnership problem solving plan. Mobile CCTV has been used at the following locations:

- Northleach Close, Church Hill
- Tenacres Lane, Winyates
- Lodge Park Play Area
- Heronfield Close, Church Hill
- Haresfield Close, Southcrest
- Well Close, Hunt End
- Astwood Bank Park
- Pioneer Close, Enfield
- Icknield St Skate Park, Matchborough
- Arrow Valley Play Park



Northleach Close, Church Hill Residential Parking Area

Between November 2024 and February 2025 there were several incidents of criminal damage to vehicles, parked overnight in a residential parking area in Northleach Close.

9 vehicles had car windows smashed in a specific location in the close and residents were fearful of parking in this area.

The Police SNT requested assistance from the Community Safety Team and residents had expressed concern about the situation to the MP for Redditch.

Before:



After:



Community Safety arranged an EVA with residents, Police Tenancy Officers and Environmental Services on Weds 5th Feb 2025.

Subsequent works which included landscaping, the addition of a new streetlight and installation of a temporary CCTV camera, eliminated further incidents and the car parking area is now safer to use.

Tenacres Lane, Winyates

Report from a concerned resident via their local councillor:

"I am very concerned about drug dealing being conducted out in the open on Tenacres Lane at the junction of Woolhope Close. This is being done in broad daylight. This junction is only 200 yards from Tenacres First School and in the middle of a residential housing estate.

People are actually sitting on the kerb and waiting for drug dealers to turn up in their cars, a bit like waiting for a bus. They are also pulling up in their cars, getting out and going to the dealers' car to swap money and drugs".



Before and after showing landscape work to improve surveillance for the CCTV camera situated opposite the junction.



A multi-agency site meeting was held which resulted in landscaping work and installation of a temporary CCTV camera.

"...Within a week of receiving this residents' email, thanks to Richard's proactive response, we have a date for CCTV installation and permissions in place; the necessary landscaping works to create a line of sight were completed within a day by the ever-efficient Les Strawbridge; two suspects have been arrested, evidence seized, with a third suspect identified and being sought; and the resident has been updated and reassured".

Ward Member

NWCSP Funded Knife Poles

In February 2025 NWCSP purchased new knife detecting poles to assist Police colleagues with knife crime prevention and detection operations alongside the existing Knife Arch.

Training on the new system has been delivered to Police SNT officers who will be using the pole as part of the forthcoming Operation Sceptre in November.

This new technology produced by Metrasens will further enhance the police's ability to take dangerous weapons off the streets.



Mallard ASB Consultancy Membership

For the last 5 years the Community Safety Team has commissioned Mallard ASB Consultancy to support council's services with advice and guidance on appropriate and efficient use of ASB tools and powers.

In 2024-2025 officers from WRS, Housing Services, Private Sector Housing and Environmental Services had an opportunity to attend specialist training delivered by the consultancy.

Training courses cover wide range of topics, including:

- Streetscene and Patrolling FPN
- Waste Crime and Scrap Metal
- Caravan Licencing Procedure
- Crime and Criminal Investigations
- Community Protection
- Renters Rights Bill



David Armstrong, LL.B. (Hons), NLP M.P, D Hyp, ISCH, GQHP.

David is widely known within the public sector as “the Wig”.

David is a founder member of Mallard Consultancy Ltd. He is a highly experienced advocate and Barrister (having finally retired from practice in 2024). He has worked in both the private and public sector and, in his early career as a solicitor, was employed by a large metropolitan local authority for 10/11 years as their Head of Litigation. David has prosecuted many precedent cases for public bodies and has also taken action on behalf of and trained many RSL's in civil actions to combat nuisance.

[Consultancy - Mallard](#)

Annual White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign

(Annual 16 Days of Action - 25th November to 10th December)

The 2024 White Ribbon campaign **#ItStartsWithMEN** featured 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 2024, the Community Safety team and partners hosted 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 was also a strong social media campaign throughout the 16 Days of Action against Domestic Abuse.

This year the theme of the **White Ribbon 2025** campaign is...

#WeSpeakUp – Together we can prevent violence against women and girls.

The Community Safety Team & Partners will be hosting a community engagement stand on Tues 25th Nov from 11am to 3pm inside Kingfisher Centre, next to Chopstix.

White Ribbon 2024



National Hate Crime Awareness Week – 11th to 18th Oct 2025

Safer Redditch Social Media Campaign

Safer Redditch @SaferRedditch · Oct 12
Learn to recognise what hate crime is
nwcsp.org/help-and-advice...

Have you experienced or witnessed a hate crime? Do you know someone else who has?
If so, report it...



North Worcestershire
Hate Incident
PARTNERSHIP

A hate crime is when someone commits a crime against a person because of their disability, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, religion, or any other perceived difference. It doesn't always include physical violence.

Using offensive language or harassing someone because of who they are, or who they think they are, is also a crime. The same goes for someone posting abusive or offensive messages online.

Safer Redditch @SaferRedditch · Oct 16
North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership works to raise awareness of hate crime, ways to report it reporting and support for victims of hate crime. [#stophateuk](https://www.stophateuk.com). Recognise & Report hate crime! nwcsp.org/help-and-advice...

REPORT IT
www.report-it.org.uk

Stop Racism towards
Gypsy, Roma or Traveller communities.
REPORT IT!

Safer Redditch @SaferRedditch · Oct 11
It is National Hate Crime Awareness Week this week
[#stophateuk](https://www.stophateuk.com)
Recognise Hate Crime & Report it!
youtu.be/WUYWRLu01PU?si... via @YouTube



[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
17 24 30 National Hate Crime Awareness Week (1184819) www.nationalhcaaw.org.uk
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Safer Redditch @SaferRedditch · Oct 13
NW Community Safety Partnership supports National Hate Crime Awareness Week and partner agencies works hard throughout the year to promote hate crime reporting, awareness and education in communities.
[#stophateuk](https://www.stophateuk.com)
nwcsp.org/help-and-advice...
Report it!

*The only thing necessary
for the triumph of crime
is for good people to
do nothing.*

You have an opportunity to do
something through contacting
Crimestoppers.

CrimeStoppers.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

What do residents think about Community Safety work

"We used to suffer with anti-social behaviour at the side of the house. That's now stopped thanks to the alley gate and the lights. Me and my children feel much safer now." (*Ombersley Close resident*)

"It's a lot better now everything has been cut back and the new lights make it much lighter that I can see into the car park. It feels much safer, and I can use my child's pushchair on to the path now." (*Rushock Close resident*)

"I really wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind service and support. I really want you to know that I whole heartedly appreciate the work you have put in to keeping me and my children and our home safe. You have gone above and beyond in securing safety work and in keeping me updated with what will be happening next" (*Domestic Abuse victim*)

Thankyouuuu so much for what you did today truly appreciated your help. The stickers are on the door and the monitor is in the porch telling my mom to put the chain on before opening the door. Once again thankyouuuu for going above and beyond for my mom n dad it's a massive weight lifted off my shoulders. Have a lovely evening xxx

Monday, 17 Feb • 10:29

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](#)



WCC Youth Services Funding

The Community Safety Team continues to co-ordinate and manage the commissioning of the WCC District 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 - £1,565 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