

Annual Review of Community Safety

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What is Community Safety?

Community safety is about feeling safe whether at home, out and about, or at work.

It relates to quality of life and being able to pursue the fullest benefit from domestic, social and economic lives without fear or hindrance from crime and disorder.

It therefore touches on a wide range of issues and is affected by the work of different teams and partner agencies.

Community Safety Statutory Requirements

Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

- Community Safety Partnership - work with partners to reduce crime and ASB
- Responding to Community Triggers
- Managing Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Prevent / Channel – identify & support those at risk of being drawn into terrorism
- National Referral Mechanism – report instances of modern slavery
- DA support and awareness when the DA Bill receives Royal Assent in 2021

Non-Statutory Activity

- Public realm CCTV
- Get Connected – tackling serious violence and youth exploitation
- Awareness raising campaigns

Context of Community Safety in 2020

COVID – 19

- Restrictions on face to face work
- Prioritising the community welfare response
- Moving JAG and CHaRMM to virtual platforms
- Responding to summer peak in ASB

Establishing a Reigate & Banstead Community Safety Partnership

- Enables a local focus
- Development of a local CSP plan
- Building strong local partnerships that can collaborate on issues of Community Safety

What we said we would do in 2020

Planned Action	What we achieved
Review the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership to ensure its efficiency and effectiveness	New Reigate & Banstead Community Safety Partnership established
Support an alternative giving campaign to reduce risk of serious organised crime associated with begging	Paused due to COVID but will pick up once restrictions have sufficiently reduced
Prepare a report for Executive on the options for CCTV	Report delivered and political decision reached, rationalisation project has started
Prepare for new statutory requirements as a result of new legislation (DA Bill 2020)	Working closely with SCC colleagues and RBBC services so we are ready for the Bill as it passes through the House of Lords

What we said we would do in 2020 cont.

Planned Action	What we achieved
Delivering the RBBC Community Safety Action Plan	Community Safety have delivered against the priorities in the plan and will develop the plan further as part of the new Reigate & Banstead CSP.
Increase attendance at CHARMM and JAG meetings	Attendance has increased and the virtual platform has been welcomed. Average attendance at JAG is 16 (increase of 4) and average attendance at CHaRMM is 17 (increase of 5)

Anti-Social Behaviour

Location

- JAG multi-agency problem solving approach
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)
- Appropriate resource allocation

Offender

- CHaRMM multi-agency problem solving and response
- Links with RMM considering vulnerable young people
- Enforcement powers such as Community Protection Warnings (CPW)

Victim

- Support when ASB reported
- Community triggers
- Access to coaching support of victims of ASB

Case Study – Reigate Priory Park

Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fires, gatherings, damage and disorder during the summer• Local residents and members of the public raising concerns• Welfare and safeguarding issues apparent
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convened a specialist Joint Action Group (JAG)• Worked with Surrey Fire and Rescue Services (SFRS), Police, local community group, local shops, JET, Licensing, Green Spaces, YMCA• Regular visits by the SFRS, use of police dispersal powers, engaged with young people, alcohol licence checks undertaken• Regular police patrols• Joint litter engagement patrols
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction in ASB reports• Engagement and safeguarding of young people• Fire education provided• Tightening of licence obligations• Enhanced links with Reigate Action Group• Greenspaces staff felt supported• Reduced calls of service and complaint to Council and Police• Closer liaison with Reigate College

Case Study – Cannabis Community Protection Notices

Concern

- Cannabis fumes impacting neighbours' comfort with opening windows during warm weather and Covid restrictions

Action

- Contact with complainants and partner agencies, written evidence obtained via Police
- Prepare evidence and issue Community Protection Warnings / Notices to identified persons

Outcome

- 8 cases were reported to RBBC
- 3 cases resulted in the issue of warning notices
- The 5 other cases were resolved by early intervention.
- Clearly indicated that RBBC would prosecute if the warnings were breached
- Provided details of services if recipient wanted support relating to drug use
- All warnings issued were adhered to
- Follow up with complainants to ensure their concerns were dealt with and that they are not being victimised at all

Case Study – Public Space Protection Order

Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current Redhill PSPO established in 2017 required a full review by the Council and Ward Councillors for the area it covered• This process was a legal requirement requiring public consultation
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A full public consultation process was carried out• Local businesses and stake holders in the effected areas were canvassed• The YMCA advertised the survey to allow young people voices to be heard• Police and council data was reviewed in relation to use of the powers
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following public consultation and review of data a new PSPO established for Redhill to run from 2020-2023• Feedback from the consultation was acted on providing clearer wording focused on anti-social cycling and eye level signage in the PSPO zone.• The order supports a number of options available to tackle ASB within Redhill• Use of the order was recorded as 17/18=30, 18/19=48, 19/20=15* Covid effected

Domestic Abuse

- Provide financial support to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services and Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid
- 2 further Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) commissioned
- Supported local & national DA awareness raising campaigns (e.g. Ask for ANI)
- Sharing issues and discussing good practice through the East Surrey Domestic Abuse Working Group

Serious Organised Crime (SOC)

Through awareness and partnership working we tackle:

- County Lines Drug dealing – Remains a threat despite Covid
- Economic begging- Community Protection Warning processes used on persistent beggars but Covid has decreased the frequency of visits
- Slavery- Continued awareness raising and understanding
- SOC briefings for staff and Members.

Prevent

- PREVENT is a national policy and procedure to identify concerns of people being drawn into terrorism
- In early 2020, finished implementing the recommendations of the independent review of our Prevent compliance.
- Continued attendance at county wide Prevent Management meetings
- Continued effective dialogue with local communities through Community Development Network meetings, which since Covid have been held virtually

What next?

In 2021 we will:

- Develop the Reigate & Banstead Community Safety Partnership and adopt a new Community Safety Partnership priorities plan that will show outcome measures
- Implement the CCTV rationalisation project over the year
- Ensure the learning highlighted through Domestic Homicide Reviews is captured and disseminated
- Continue to adapt in responding to a global pandemic
- Continue to support victims of Domestic abuse
- Continue to tackle ASB perpetrators and support victims
- Continue to promote and use Serious Organised Crime briefings via our JAG process
- Ensure we are working in accordance with our Prevent Policy