

Annual Review of Community Safety

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Reigate & Banstead
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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.

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Borough Commander

Demands, Issues and Trends in Reigate and Banstead

The Reigate and Banstead Specialist Neighbourhood Team (SNT) concentrate on chronic issues focusing on:

Protecting the vulnerable

Targeting prolific offenders

High harm crimes and crimes which have a serious impact on the community

Engaging with hard to reach communities



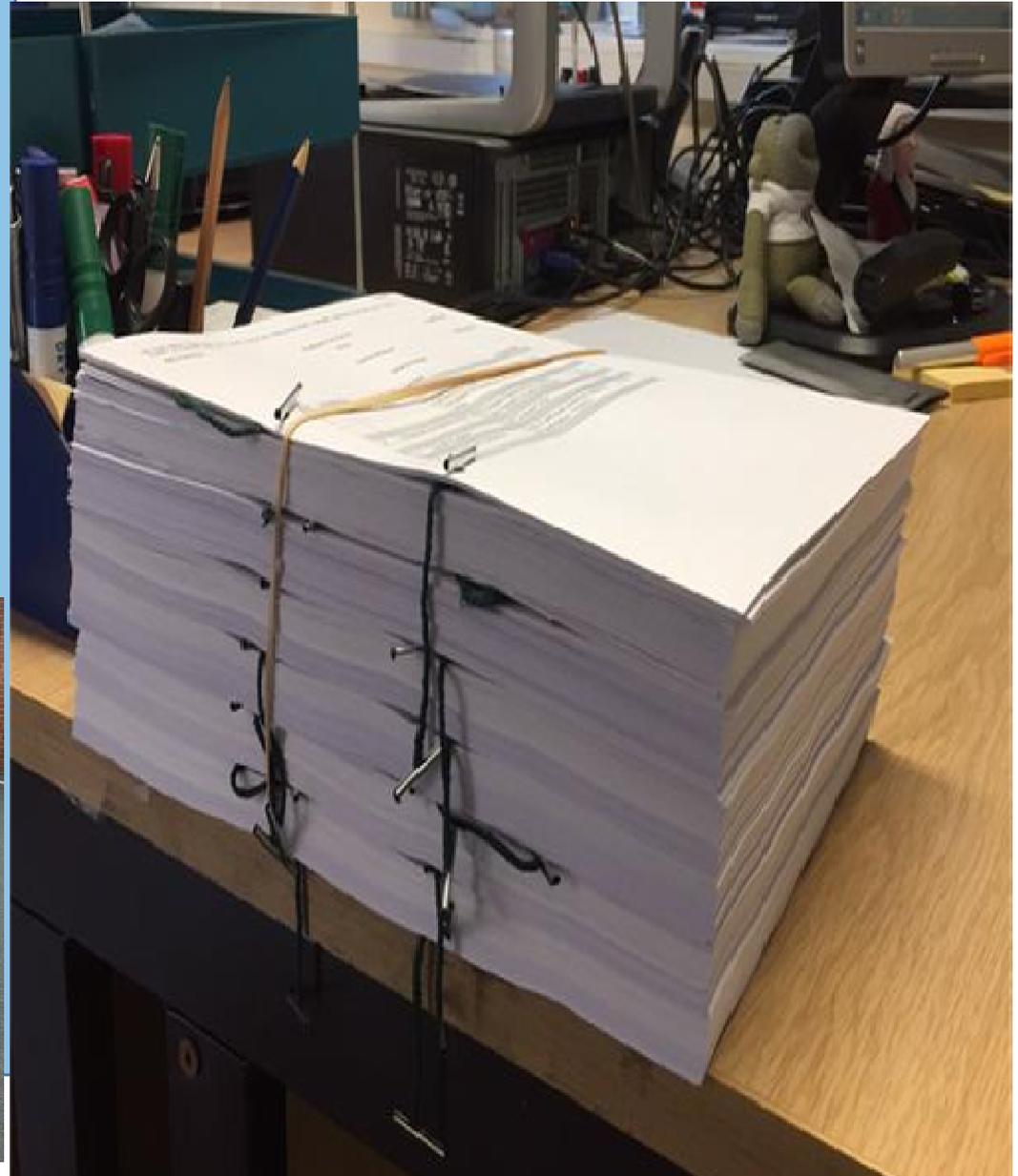
Crime – Prevention and Investigation

- Drug related criminality
- Burglary
- Damage

Engagement – Schools/Colleges, elderly, minority, disability, local communities

ASB – Working in Partnership

- Youth ASB, drug related criminality, ‘cuckooing’, begging, domestic abuse, mental health



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

Non-Statutory Activity

- Tackling domestic abuse*
- Public realm CCTV
- Get Connected – tackling serious violence and youth exploitation
- Comms campaigns

Community Safety Priorities

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Serious Organised Crime
- Prevent

Achieved by

- Delivery of our Community Safety Action Plan
- Work with partners to create strong, safe and welcoming communities
- Work with the Police, Surrey County Council and other organisations to tackle crime and the causes of crime, and to raise awareness of hidden crime such as domestic abuse
- Work with partners to continue to deliver more effective joint enforcement activities to respond to and reduce anti-social behaviour across the borough

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Dealt with through CHaRMM and JAG meetings
- Support and enforcement
- Review of Community Triggers
- Close partnership co-operation and problem solving approach

Notable Achievements

- Speedier resolutions
- Appropriate targeting of aggressive begging
- Support given to vulnerable people
- ASB Week campaign
- CCTV infrastructure review
- PSPO reviews

Domestic Abuse

- Support of national and local campaigns
- East Surrey Domestic Abuse Working Group
- Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Close working with East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS)

Notable Achievements

- “The Best We Can Be” event at The Harlequin Theatre
- “Ask Me”
- DA Awareness week

Serious Organised Crime (SOC)

RBBC like other boroughs is at risk from Serious and Organised Crime concerns, through awareness and partnership working we tackle:

- County Lines Drug dealing
- Economic begging
- Slavery

Notable Achievements

- SOC briefing meetings as part of the JAG process
- Initial briefing delivered to 115 staff and Members
- Increased use of Partnership Intelligence process
- Appropriate interventions with economic begging teams targeting the borough
- Modern Slavery awareness campaign

Prevent Duty

- PREVENT is a national policy and procedure to identify concerns of people being drawn into terrorism
- All Councils must have a Prevent Policy in place
- The policy supports venue hire, training, reporting of concerns, contact with our communities, use of IT

Notable Achievements

- Prevent Duty Health Check completed
- Upgraded Prevent Policy document almost complete
- RBBC now represented on the county-wide Prevent Executive Group
- Knowledge update supporting Prevent referral processes for staff
- Updates delivered to communities via Community Development Worker meetings

What Next?

In 2020 we will:

- Review our current Community Safety Partnership to ensure its efficiency and effectiveness
- Support an alternative giving campaign to reduce risk of serious organised crime associated with begging
- Prepare a report for Executive on the options for CCTV
- Prepare for new statutory requirements as a result of new legislation (DA Bill 2020)
- Promote use of the National Referral Mechanism procedures within RBBC

- Continue to progress the RBBC Community Safety Action Plan
- Increase membership of CHARMM and JAG meetings
- Continue to maximise opportunities to work in partnership to tackle community safety issues