

CHILTERN AND SOUTH BUCKS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN

2017-2020

YEAR 1

Working together for a Safer Chiltern and South Bucks



Introduction

Vision

Working together to make Chiltern and South Bucks a safe place to live, work and visit

Community Safety involves us all. It affects young and old, men and women, minority groups, special interest groups, the business community, the voluntary sector, victims and offenders, in fact everyone who lives, visits or works in the District.

This plan runs from 2017-2020 and sets out the activities of the Chiltern and South Bucks Community Safety Partnership to create two safer districts.

Community Safety describes the work of partnerships to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime as well as work connected to community cohesion and the prevention of violent extremism.

It does not include a multitude of work already being undertaken by partnership agencies, town and parish councils, voluntary organisations and others as part of their day-to-day business.

Background to the plan

Crime & Disorder Act 1998

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act placed a duty on the responsible authorities (the police, police authorities, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities and Primary Care Trusts) to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder.

Partners

The following organisations are members of the Chiltern and South Bucks Community Safety Partnership

- Buckinghamshire County Council including Public Health
- Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Buckinghamshire Youth Offending Service
- Chiltern District Council
- South Bucks District Council
- Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group
- Paradigm Housing Group
- L&Q Housing Association
- Thames Valley Police
- National Probation Service
- Thames Valley Rehabilitation Service

The Partnership also works closely with the Town and Parish Councils and with many other voluntary organisations including Thames Valley Crimestoppers and Victim Support.

Links to other Plans and Strategies

- Chiltern District Council Key Objectives 2016 – 2020 – we will work towards safe, healthy and cohesive communities
- South Bucks District Council Key Objectives - we will work towards safer and healthier local communities
- Countywide Domestic Abuse Strategy and Thames Valley Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Safer Bucks Plan - The Buckinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2017 - 2020
- Chiltern's Community and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2019
- South Bucks Community and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2019
- Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021
- Joint Sustainable Community Strategy 2016-2026

The CSP is also closely involved with the Chesham Wellbeing Project and promoting Prevention Matters.

Achievements

The Partnership has already made some solid achievements in working together to reduce crime in what is already a low crime area:

- Improved consultation with local residents through Have Your Say and engaging with Town and Parish Councils and Councillors in identifying neighbourhood priorities on a quarterly basis.
- Targeted crime reduction campaigns including a focus on vehicle crime, burglary, child sexual exploitation and domestic abuse.
- Publicity campaigns using a variety of ways to communicate with residents so many will know how to reduce the chance of becoming a victim of crime.
- All burglary and burglary non-dwelling victims contacted and sent crime reduction advice, a UV pen and SelectaDNA (for burglary victims only).
- Parents evenings to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation.
- We have worked with a number of community groups to increase activities for young people, with a considerable decrease in ASB in hotspot areas where we have provided diversionary activities.
- In partnership with Thames Valley Police, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils has employed a Community Integration Officer to support and assist in diversity and community relations and report on community tension across both Chiltern and South Bucks.

All crime in Chiltern and South Bucks increased by 8.7% when compared to the previous year (2015-16). (7,763 crimes in 2016-17 and 7,140 crimes in 2015-16.)

Up to date information about crime and disorder continues to be available via:

- www.police.uk - National and local crime statistics and policing information.

Priorities

Buckinghamshire Community Safety Partnership and Thames Valley Police produce an annual strategic assessment to highlight the most significant community safety issues from the previous 12 months, together with evidenced up and coming trends likely to affect the Partnership in the following year.

The Partnership has used the Strategic Assessment to identify the following priorities for Chiltern and South Bucks:

- Reduce domestic burglary and theft from vehicles
- Vulnerability and safeguarding (including child exploitation, exploitation of people - modern slavery, forced labour, scams)
- Tackling violence in the community and domestic violence and abuse.
- Improving community resilience
- Tackling fear of crime through effective communication

Following the setting of the priorities, Chiltern and South Bucks CSP developed action plans against each priority to help shape the vision for making Chiltern and South Bucks a safer place to live, work and visit.

Reduce domestic burglary and theft from vehicles

Target	Reduce burglary dwelling offences when compared to 2016-17. Reduce theft from motor vehicle offences when compared to 2016-17.
Definition	Burglary dwelling involves any successful or attempt to break-in to a residential property including residential sheds and garages. Theft from motor vehicles involves anything stolen including catalytic converters, registration plates, parts of the vehicle or any property stolen from within it.
Outcomes	Reduction in burglary, including distraction Reduction in theft from vehicles

What is the problem in the Chiltern and South Bucks area?

When comparing the time period 2015-2016 to 2016-2017.

- It is reassuring to see there is a continued reduction in burglary (8.7%) and theft from vehicle offences (17.1%) in Chiltern District. However, South Bucks has seen an increase in both burglary (37.9%) and theft from vehicles (30.2%)
- There has been an increase in Violence against the person (VAP) of 9.5% across both Districts in 2016-17 (from 1,393 to 1,526 crimes)

ACTION	LEAD	UPDATE	LAST UPDATED	RAG STATUS
Predictive burglary and vehicle crime operations at peak times throughout the year - in particular - focusing on school holidays and wintertime.	Thames Valley Police	Wintertime burglary campaign (peak seasonal trends analysis - PSTA) has been planned in partnership between TVP and the CS Team. Street briefings to be planned in identified peak roads, fake tv simulators purchased and NHW promoted)	September 2017	
CSP to deliver targeted crime prevention initiatives in identified hotspots - particularly focusing on burglary, vehicle crime and burglary non-dwelling.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	Garden centre events held in Spring to offer garden tool marking and crime reduction advice. Clear car campaign carried out in Country Park car parks across South Bucks	September 2017	
Maintain cross-border liaison to help identify offenders from other areas who may be committing offences in this area	Thames Valley Police/ Probation	The cross-border analyst continues to identify offenders working across Herts/ Bucks/ Met and Surrey.	July 2017	
Reduce repeat victims of burglary and vehicle crime by increasing support to victims through advice, home surveys, and property marking schemes such as SelectaDNA where appropriate	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	Ongoing	July 2017	
Provide appropriate crime reduction advice to as many residents as possible via various methods of communication.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	World Café event held in Chesham with 75 residents attending. A virtual community forum for Chesham and surrounding villages held in July 2017 and this will be rolled out across both Districts due to its success. Amersham/ Chalfonts/ Missenden virtual forum took place in September 2017. Date for South Bucks planned in October,	September 2017	

Using the Communications Calendar, organise events throughout the year focusing on particular crime types. E.g. shed breaks/ garden centre events in Spring.		Ongoing	July 2017	
Work with Head Ranger from Bucks Country Parks to carry out clear car campaign.	CS team/ TVP	Clear car campaign carried out in Black Park in July 2017.	July 2017	

Improve Community Resilience

Target	Work in partnership to make communities more resilient to rogue traders and scams through supporting each other – particularly those who are vulnerable, the elderly etc. Ensure town and village centre shops are welcoming to all by encouraging the establishment of a Safe Place scheme and setting up dementia friendly communities.
Definition	Community resilience is the sustained ability of a community to utilize available resources (e.g. energy, communication, food, etc.) to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations
Outcomes	<p>Street Associations set up and functioning well –residents looking out for each other</p> <p>Increase in participation in local community led planning by finding new ways to involve, consult and engage especially with “hard to reach groups” (e.g. the rurally isolated, minority ethnic communities and young people)</p> <p>Increase in the number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes</p> <p>Increased partnership working with Trading Standards to raise awareness of scams and rogue traders – particularly using street associations.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for older people that enable them to raise issues and concerns which are important to them.</p> <p>Support the development of community cohesion activities across Chiltern, enabling communities to develop respect and understanding of each other reducing the risk of individuals resorting to extremism.</p> <p>Safe Place schemes are used by elderly and vulnerable residents when required.</p> <p>intergenerational projects taking place between young and older residents through Community Cards</p>

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Community Cards- rollout to all Yr 6 pupils.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team/ TVP in partnership with local Primary Schools.	2017 community cards ended in June 2017 with 29 schools taking part. Evaluation completed and planning for 2018 has begun.	September 2017	Yellow
Safe Place Scheme – continue to promote through agencies/ charities who work with anyone who may need support for independent living.	CS Team/ BCC and TVP	New logo and leaflet designed. All schemes were refreshed during Aug/ Sept 2017. Safe Place re-launch taking place in Chesham and Burnham in October 2017.	Sept 2017	Yellow
Support the establishment of Street Associations across both Districts	CDC/ SBDC/ Trading Standards	Working closely with Trading Standards to identify particular roads/ individuals. Little Chalfont looking to set one up soon.	Sept 2017	Yellow
Develop a courier fraud/ rogue trader scam campaign	CDC/ SBDC/ TVP/ Trading Standards	Not started yet.	Sept 17	Red
Consider the implementation of the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme.	TVP/ CDC/ SBDC/ Town & Parish Councils	Report written and will be going through District Committee meetings in October 2017.	July 2017	Yellow
Buckinghamshire Resilience Network to be established for businesses to include information on cyber resilience.	BCC	Improve the approach, service provision and collaboration around cyber/ digital crime.	Sept 2017	Red

Vulnerability and Safeguarding

Target	Safeguarding - including child exploitation, modern slavery, forced labour, fraud, scams and cyber-crime, community integration and Preventing Violent Extremism.
Definition	Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse involving coercive control and sexual abuse of anyone under 16 (or under 19 if a Looked After Child). Modern Slavery is defined as the condition in which one person is owned as property by another and is under the owner's control, especially in involuntary servitude. Fraud and identity theft involve anyone who has been scammed / ripped off or conned. Community Cohesion enables people to live in harmony with one another. Preventing Violent Extremism is part of the Government's CONTEST Strategy and the aim is to stop radicalisation, reduce support for terrorism and violent extremism and discourage people from becoming terrorists.
Examples	Providing an environment for young people to enjoy, stay safe, be healthy and make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing, facilitating community participation, engagement and action to develop sustainable communities.
Outcomes	<p>Increase the opportunities for older people to live healthy and active lives through the provision of information, advice and assistance</p> <p>Identify communities at risk of deprivation, identify their needs and improve access to services including community safety, education and learning, welfare, and housing assistance.</p> <p>Assist families and individuals access support services to prevent a crisis intervention</p>

What is the problem in the Chiltern area/South Bucks area?

- We need to improve intelligence flows between the public and the police particularly focusing on child exploitation, extremism, rogue traders and modern slavery concerns.

ACTION	LEAD	UPDATE	LAST UPDATED	RAG STATUS
Chelsea's Choice Play to be rolled out across Bucks in October 2017 to Year 8 and Year 9 pupils.	CS Manager/ TVP Safeguarding Lead	All Schools have been invited to take part in 2017. Dates take place in October.	July 2017	

Support the Independent Advisory Group (IAG), produce tension monitoring reports and Community Impact Assessments as necessary.	CDC and SBDC Community Integration Officer	The IAG has been refreshed with new members and is now meeting quarterly.	July 2017	
To develop Hotel Watch across Chiltern & South Bucks including storyboards for reception and cleaning staff.	CS Officer and TVP Sgt Steve Box	Test purchasing took place in September in two hotels in South Bucks – both failed and will be offered further training. Another operation is planned late 2017/ early 2018.	Sept 2017	
To work closely with the CSE Sub Group (of the BSCB) including awareness raising campaign – aimed at young people/ parents/ carers and professionals/ businesses (inc. hotels)	CS Manager and LPA Safeguarding Inspector	Ongoing	July 2017	
Ensure effective communication with the elderly/ vulnerable – in particular raise awareness of Think Jessica’s scam campaign	CS Team/ TVP	Ongoing	July 2017	
To raise awareness of modern slavery and the National Referral Mechanism and develop a victim pathway.	CDC/ SBDC/ BCC/ OPCC	Multi-agency training took place during July/ August 2017. Internal staff and Councillor training taking place October 2017.	July 2017	
To support and implement the Countywide Modern Slavery and Exploitation Action Plan	BCC/ District Councils/ OPCC/ Adult Mental Health	Action Plan live and overseen by the Exploitation Task & Finish Group	Sept 2017	
Develop and implement the Prevent Action Plan in line with the Prevent legislation	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team and TVP	Ongoing – working closely with the Countywide Prevent Network.	July 2017	

Bring together Community Safety Partnerships across Thames Valley to produce a Thames Valley wide Cyber Strategy, including shared resources.	BCC	Cyber Crime Plan drafted and making its way through the CSPs across the Thames Valley	Sept 2017	
Bucks wide Adult Exploitation Strategy to be developed to include modern slavery, radicalisation, fraud, mate crime. To focus on development of a victim service, training of frontline staff, improving intelligence and tackling perpetrators.	BCC	Strategy written and has been sent to CSPs for comments. To be taken to SSBPB for approval in November 2017.	Sept 2017	
Development of a local Bucks service for victims of modern slavery	BCC & TVP	Funding bid not successful. Bucks CC working with the OPCC to jointly fund service for the county	Sept 2017	
Development training approach for exploitation into frontline agencies.	BCC	Over 250 people trained as of Sept with further dates in place for the Autumn.	Sept 2017	
Establishment of a Bucks Anti-Slavery Network	TVP & BCC	Group implemented and, as of October, this is being amalgamated with the Adult Exploitation Strategic Partnership. Update ToR drafted for first meeting of the Bucks Anti-Slavery and Exploitation Network. (Bucks A-SEN)	Sept 2017	

Tackling Violence in the Community and domestic abuse

Target	Reduce violence against a person offences when compared to 2016-17.
Definition	Violence against a person is any offence where harm could be caused to an individual, whether this is mental or physical harm. Community violence can be defined as exposure to intentional acts of interpersonal violence committed in public areas

	by individuals who are not intimately related to the victim. Common types of community violence that affect youth include individual and group conflicts such as bullying or harassment including online.
Outcomes	Reduced repeat incidents of domestic abuse
	Better understanding of community violence – e.g. locations/ days & times of the week etc

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Reduce alcohol related violent crime through effective monitoring and enforcement of alcohol licence conditions.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Licensing Team	Ongoing	July 2017	
Support and deliver where appropriate the Countywide Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy.	BCC/ TVP/ CDC/ SBDC/ Chiltern CCG	Ongoing – working closely with the Countywide Domestic Violence and Abuse Board	July 2017	
Undertake data analysis to get a greater understanding into the increase of violence against a person	BCC & CDC/ SBDC	Strategic Assessment 2017 starts in August 2017 with a particular focus on violence against a person.	Sept 2017	
Evaluate the Domestic Abuse Engagement Worker's outcomes	TVP/ BCC/ CDC/ SBDC/ Women's Aid	Meeting monthly to discuss achievements and outcomes and ensure the post is effective. Evaluation of first year has been drafted, awaiting performance figures.	Sept 2017	
Support night-time economy events in Chesham Town Centre, and Revolutions, Beaconsfield when required.	TVP/ Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team and Licensing Team	Ongoing as and when required.	July 2017	
Continue to support the Ask for Angela campaign within licensed premises to reduce sexual	CDC/ SBDC/ Licensing	Working closely with a PCSO to raise awareness of this initiative – including promotion at fitness clubs etc.	Sept 2017	

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Reduce fear of crime through effective communication

Target	To continue to improve communication with the public through a variety of methods including newsletters and Twitter.
Definition	Fear of crime refers to the fear of being a victim of crime as opposed to the actual probability of being a victim of crime.
Examples	Falling crime rates but increase in fear, disparities in fear of crime among different communities, fear of crime from media stories, problems with London news stations broadcasting in Chiltern & South Bucks highlighting gangs and murders.
Outcomes	Reduce the fear of crime amongst all Chiltern and South Bucks residents.
	Increase positive communications with residents and increase the audience for our messages.
	Communicate the realities of crime to members of the public.

What is the problem in the Chiltern/South Bucks area?

- Residents in Chiltern and South Bucks have relatively high fear of crime for the amount of crime that actually takes place – a survey carried out in 2016 it was highlighted that night-time economy (alcohol related violence in town centres) was a concern.

ACTION	LEAD	UPDATE	LAST UPDATED	RAG STATUS
Hold focused community events and Neighbourhood Forums such as crime reduction surgeries and community safety events where residents can meet the partnership and receive practical advice	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team/ TVP	This year a World Café event in Chesham was held with 75 residents attending. We also held a virtual community forum for Chesham and the surrounding villages in July 2017. Due to its success we will roll this out across both Districts. Amersham/ Chalfontons/Missenden virtual forum took place in Sept. South Bucks forum planned for October.	Sept 2017	
Effectively use local publications to publicise the work of the CSP.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	Continue to send articles to local newsletters across both Districts.	Sept 2017	

Effectively communicate the realities of local crime to address perception issues.	TVP and Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	Continue to send articles to local newsletters across both Districts.	Sept 2017	
Increase the number of residents signed up to Thames Valley Alert and/ or Neighbourhood Watch especially in areas with lower numbers/ schemes. Use Movers and Shakers to help market to the Asian community.	TVP/ Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	Ongoing	Sept 2017	
Make use of all existing technology and media including Twitter and Facebook to increase the audience reached by our messages.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team	Ongoing	Sept 2017	

Glossary

Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) - Crime where items are stolen including domestic burglary, theft of and from vehicles and robbery.

Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (ASBAG) - a multi-agency group which meets weekly and looks at ASB data and picks up on any common cases with a view to assigning a lead agency (if appropriate) increasing efficiency and partnership working.

Criminal Damage - When a person 'who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another, intending to destroy or damage any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged. It includes damage to property e.g. broken windows and car mirrors.

Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) - Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between people who are aged 16 or over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality)

Strategic Assessment - A document produced analysing the level and patterns of crime, changes in the levels and patterns of crime and why these changes have occurred.

Thames Valley Alert - A system to enable police to keep residents informed of crime trends in local neighbourhoods.

Contact us and accessing the plan

Contact us

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Accessing the plan and further information

The Community Safety Partnership Plan can be downloaded at:

www.chiltern.gov.uk/communitysafety

www.southbucks.gov.uk/community_living/crime_prevention/community_safety

Paper versions will be available on request, please contact the Community Safety team.

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