

CHILTERN AND SOUTH BUCKS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN

2017-2020

YEAR 3



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 Districts.

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.

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

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 Community Forums 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 rural crime, Hidden Harm, scams (Op Gauntlet) 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.
- 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.

All crime (excluding fraud) in Chiltern and South Bucks increased by 15.1% when compared to the previous year (2017-18). (9,906 crimes in 2018-19 and 8,604 crimes in 2017-18)

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 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 and cyber-crime)
- 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 2018-19. Reduce theft from motor vehicle offences when compared to 2018-19.
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 2017-18 to 2018-19:

Chiltern:

- Theft from motor vehicle offences increased from 312 in 2017-18 to 385 in 2018-19.
- Burglary dwelling offences increased by 11.1% from 261 in 2017-18 to 290 in 2018-19.

South Bucks:

- Theft from motor vehicle offences increased from 481 offences in 2017-18 to 708 in 2018-19.
- Burglary dwelling offences increased slightly by 4.4% from 272 in 2017-18 to 284 in 2018-19.

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			
CSP to deliver targeted crime prevention initiatives in identified hotspots – particularly focusing on burglary, rural crime, vehicle crime and burglary non-dwelling.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team			
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			
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			
Using the Communications Calendar, organise events throughout the year focusing on particular crime types. E.g. shed	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team			

breaks/ garden centre events in Spring. Bike marking events during National Bike Week etc.				
Clear car campaign to be carried out at regular intervals in Country Park car parks across South Bucks. (Langley Park, Black Park & Denham Park) in partnership with the Head Ranger and TVP.	CS team/ TVP			

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.	223 schools across both Districts currently collecting stickers in order to win a trip to Legoland.		
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			
Support the establishment of Street Associations across both Districts	CDC/ SBDC/ Trading Standards			

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.

Support the Independent Advisory Group (IAG), produce tension monitoring reports and Community Impact Assessments as necessary.	CDC and SBDC Community Safety Team			
To facilitate Hotel Watch training across Chiltern & South Bucks in partnership with Willow Project	CS Officer and TVP NH Officer Steve Box			
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 Sergeant			
To carry out test purchasing with hotels and taxis to ensure they are aware of procedures if any concerns are raised.	CS Team/ Licensing Team and NH Officer Steve Box			
Ensure effective communication with the elderly/ vulnerable – in particular raise awareness of Think Jessica’s scam campaign	CS Team/ TVP			
To raise awareness of modern slavery and the National Referral Mechanism and develop a victim pathway.	CDC/ SBDC/ BCC/ OPCC			
To support and implement the Countywide Modern Slavery and	BCC/ District Councils/ OPCC/			

Exploitation Action Plan	Adult Mental Health			
Develop and implement the Prevent Action Plan in line with the Prevent legislation	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team and TVP			
Support the delivery of the Thames Valley wide Cyber Strategy and action plan	BCC			
Support the delivery of Op Gauntlet focusing on phone scams to a variety of groups and organisations	TVP/ Trading Standards/ CS Team			
Arrange Savvy Safety workshops which aims to help older people access computers and internet by attending a one to one session with a young volunteer	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team and TVP			
Establish a Vulnerable Tenancy multi-agency group to address issues such as cuckooing, risks to tenancy, drug and alcohol and mental health.	District Council Housing and Community Safety, TVP, RSLs			
Offer multi-agency safeguarding training to RSLs (Paradigm and Hightown Housing) following successful day with L&Q Housing	CS Team			

Support for hoarders in area from Bucks Fire and education to other agencies on the importance of recognising them and ways to support	Bucks Fire			
Support to local residents with Safe and Well visits from Bucks Fire that are tailored to an individual's needs, relating to not only fire safety but also their health and lifestyle choices	Bucks Fire			

Tackling Violence in the Community and domestic abuse

Target	Reduce violence against a person offences when compared to 2018-19.
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

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

When comparing the time period 2017-18 to 2018-19:

Chiltern:

- The number of violence against a person (VAP) offences recorded by Thames Valley Police increased by 31.3%. 1,278 offences compared to 973 the previous year.

South Bucks:

- The number of violence against a person (VAP) offences recorded by TVP increased by 35.6%. 1,241 offences compared to 915 the previous year.

For both Districts, the figure for recorded VAP offences is expected to increase again this year with an improvement in the way in which crime is being recorded. It is interesting to note that the demand for service does not increase in line with the increase in reports. For further information please visit - <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/publications/thames-valley-police-crime-data-integrity-inspection-2017/#summary-of-inspection-findings>

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Support and deliver where appropriate the Countywide Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy and DVA Action Plan	BCC/ CS Team			
To support the DVA Champion's Network training pool and encouraging professionals and community representatives to join up.	BCC/CS Team			
Support Knife crime campaigns e.g. Op Sceptre and knife arches	TVP			
Lead on Domestic Homicide Reviews	CS Team			

Support the tour of AlterEgo's County Lines performance into a majority of secondary schools	OPCC / BCC ESAS			
Host and publicise 2 full day training sessions for up to 80 practitioners (40 + 40) on serious youth violence	OPCC / CS Team	Will be delivered by Reach Every Generation		
Work with Crimestoppers' Fearless worker to identify locations and groups for youth violence workshops	OPCC / CS Team / BCC	Fearless worker currently being recruited		
Engage with Bucks YOS on EIYF detached youth work and schools work, identifying where local services can support or signpost young people	OPCC / YOS / County and District services			

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 – in a survey carried out in 2016 it was highlighted that night-time economy (alcohol related violence in town centres) was a concern.

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Hold focused community events and Neighbourhood Forums such as crime reduction surgeries, community forums and community safety events where residents can meet the	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team/ TVP			

partnership and receive practical advice				
Effectively use local publications to publicise the work of the CSP.	Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team			
Effectively communicate the realities of local crime to address perception issues.	TVP and Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team			
Work with Area Co-ordinators to establish new Neighbourhood Watch schemes.	TVP/ Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team			
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			

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 monthly 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

To find out more about Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Community Safety or to get involved in the Chiltern and South Bucks Community Safety Partnership contact:

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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/communitysafety

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

Further information on Community Safety and crime prevention can be found at:

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Free internet access is available in the main Chiltern District Council customer services section – please call **01494 729000** if you require any further information and to double check opening times.