

Date: 23 November 2022



**To: Members of the Joint Community Safety
Partnership Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

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Dear member,

There will be a meeting of the **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** in the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub on **THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022 at 6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

Yours sincerely

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A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS
2. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chairman decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive verbally from members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's code of conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. **This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the agenda.**

4. BLABY AND HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (Pages 1 - 42)

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Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Joint Community Safety Partnership
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

1 December 2022

Wards affected: All wards in Blaby District and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough

Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership Update

Report of: Director Community Services (Hinckley and Bosworth)
Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager (Blaby)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update Scrutiny on the current focus, successes, performance and challenges of the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Scrutiny notes the content of this report.
- 2.2 That the partnership continues to provide the joint Scrutiny Commission with annual Community Safety Partnership update reports.
- 2.3 That scrutiny notes the successes and challenges for the Community Safety Partnership along with the key proactive initiatives and campaigns that have been undertaken.

3. Background to the report

- 3.1 The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 provides the framework for the establishment of Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's). Membership must include the "Responsible Authorities" as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The responsible authorities on the local CSP are Blaby District Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service, Integrated Care Boards and Probation.
- 3.2 The CSP has a current 3-year Community Safety Strategy 2020-23

which is available at *Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020-23*.

The priorities in the strategy have been developed using information and data about crime and disorder issues across the district and borough and take into account the issues local people consider to be of most concern.

- 3.3 Action plans have been developed for 2022-23 to ensure delivery of the Community Safety Strategy and are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.4 External funding to assist in the work of the CSP primarily comes via the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner's (OPCC) Partnership Locality Fund. The Partnership Locality Fund (PLF) is currently confirmed by the OPCC on an annual basis. This enables the partnership to commission and recommission services and initiatives that enable it to meet objectives set in the Community Safety Strategy and contribute to the aims of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland *Police and Crime Plan*.
- 3.4.1 The current funding awarded for 2022-23 to the CSP is £92,146, the split per district and borough is as follows; Hinckley and Bosworth £49,573, Blaby £42,573.

4. Areas of Focus for the Partnership

- 4.1 The Community Safety Partnership continues to deliver a wealth of work around three key areas of focus within the Community Safety Strategy:

Protecting and Supporting People

Reducing Offending and Re-offending

Improving Community Confidence (cross cutting theme)

- 4.2 The Serious Violence Duty, a new legal duty to support a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence, is due to commence in early 2023.
- 4.2.1 Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act (PCSCA) 2022 requires specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence that occur in the area, the causes of that violence (so far as it is possible to do so), and to prepare and implement a strategy for preventing, and reducing serious violence in the area. The specified authorities are defined as: Police (Chief Officers of Police), Fire and Rescue Authorities, Integrated Care Boards, Local Authorities (including 'youth offending teams') and Probation Services.
- 4.2.2 Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) has also been amended to ensure that serious violence is an explicit priority for Community Safety Partnerships, and they have a strategy in place to explicitly tackle serious violence.

- 4.2.3 The partnership has a dedicated serious violence plan, at Appendix 1 and is working closely with the local Violence Reduction Network in preparation for the new duty.
- 4.3 The Domestic Abuse Act received royal assent in April 2021. The partnership and local authorities have worked to ensure that we meet the requirements of this Act and continue our work and commitment to providing support to all victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

5.0 Successes

5.1 Protecting and Supporting People

- 5.1.1 The partnership continues to work to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse. The Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth domestic abuse outreach services provide emotional and practical support for adult victims/survivors of domestic abuse. The services work on a one-to-one basis with service users and via group programmes which help to enable survivors to move on from their experiences. Therapeutic work is also delivered with children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse.

	1 st April 21 – 31 st March 22	1 st April 22 – 30 th Sept 22
Victims/ Survivors supported via outreach service	174	92
Number of domestic abuse group programmes completed	10	4
Number of children affected by domestic abuse receiving therapeutic support	74	21

The partnership has also worked jointly with other districts, boroughs, and agencies across Leicestershire to provide a perpetrator programme across the county. This is the first time a perpetrator programme has been available in the borough and district. These programmes are delivered by FREEVA (Free from Violence and Abuse) and look to break the cycle of abuse by helping perpetrators change their behaviours.

We continue to have an active joint Domestic Abuse Forum which drives forward work around domestic abuse. The forum gives local agencies, statutory and non-statutory, the vehicle to network and work together to improve local responses. The forums are held quarterly.

The Department of Levelling Up Communities and Housing (DLUCH- formerly MHCLG) has allocated funding to county councils and district councils to support their work in the duty placed on them via the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. District and borough councils received in the region of £33K per annum

each in 2021/22 and 2022/23. Locally Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council have pooled their funding to provide two posts across the area. The first post works within council homelessness teams as a link worker, working directly with domestic abuse victims/survivors, ensuring they get the appropriate help and support and that their housing needs are met. The second post works to enhance our response to domestic abuse, making sure policies and procedures, training, data recording etc are best practise. This post is supporting our work towards DAHA (Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance) accreditation. The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance's (DAHA) mission is to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of standards and an accreditation process.

The partnership has developed a healthy relationships workshop for young people. This is offered to educational establishments and other young people groups. Our young person engagement figures are detailed in 5.2.2. Leicestershire police have a dedicated domestic abuse response team (DART).

- 5.1.2 The 'Keep Safe Place Scheme' offers a safe refuge for anyone who is upset, scared, or distressed whilst out in their community. This scheme started in the busy shopping areas but has now been expanded into other areas of the borough and district. The partnership audits, reviews, and trains safe places to ensure an effective scheme is in place. The number of venues and links to access a list of venue locations and more information are provided below:

	Number of Safe Places	Link to list of venues and more information
Hinckley and Bosworth	20	<i>Keep Safe Places Hinckley and Bosworth</i>
Blaby	8	<i>Keep Safe Places Blaby</i>

- 5.1.3 The 'Ask for Angela Scheme' has been significantly expanded over the last 18 months. This scheme enables people who might feel uneasy on a date or night out in pubs or clubs to discretely approach staff and request assistance. Staff at participating venues have been trained to recognise the discrete safe word, 'Angela', alerting them to a problem. The member of staff can then offer to call a taxi, provide a safe place whilst people contact a friend, or help people to leave the venue if they are feeling unsafe due to someone else's actions, words, or behaviour. We now have 50 participating venues across the borough and district. More information and details on venues taking part in the scheme can be found on www.leicestershire.gov.uk/AskforAngela
- 5.1.4 The CSP has also done a significant amount of work over the last 18 months raising awareness of scams, particularly on social media and directly with key community groups who are particularly vulnerable to scams. The partnership has a close working relationship with trading standards and actively responds to emerging scams and individual cases. We have been actively promoting

the Friends Against Scams scheme, a national trading standards initiative, which aims to get out messages about how to spot scams to members of the community. More information about the scheme can be found at <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

- 5.1.5 In 2021-22 the CSP significantly expanded the message in a bottle scheme. The bottle contains a form for individuals to fill in their name, medications, allergies, and emergency contact details. Once completed the form is stored in the bottle in the fridge. Emergency services continue to check for these on attendance. Over 5000 bottles were distributed to the community via agencies, GPs, health services and voluntary sector organisations in 2021-22.
- 5.1.6 The CSP has worked closely with licensed venues to raise awareness of spiking. Spiking is when someone puts alcohol or drugs into another person's drink or body without consent. The most common way is by adding drugs or extra alcohol to a drink. Needle spiking is where drugs are injected with a syringe. Inputs have been given at Pubwatch meetings, posters handed out to licensed premises, drink protection devices given out to night-time economy users and advice given to night-time economy stakeholders on how to respond effectively to incidents.
- 5.1.7 Victims of crime across the county are offered victim support. The CSP locally also offers a home safety scheme to people who feel vulnerable in their own home, this may be due to fear of crime due to increased incidents nearby or they feel at threat for other reasons such as domestic abuse. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue service offer free 'Home Safety Checks'. These checks focus on fire safety but also look at wider safety in the home and make referrals to other agencies to ensure the individual gets all the help they need to be safe in their own home. From April 1st 22- end Sept 22 the service has completed 954 Home safety checks in Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby. Referrals from partners has assisted in targeted visits to the most vulnerable and in need. Over 400 of these visits have been recorded as over 65 years in age and/or people with disabilities.
- 5.1.8 Regular promotion of services available for hate crime has taken place to encourage people to report and seek help. A CSP hate crime awareness campaign took place alongside National Hate Crime Awareness Week in October, with a communications campaign, a drop-in surgery, work in schools and some dedicated communications with licensees.

5.2 Reducing Offending and Re Offending

- 5.2.1 The CSP has effective partnership structures to enable effective problem solving to tackle issues relating to offending and reoffending. Partnership structures include monthly Joint Action Groups (Hinckley and Bosworth), People and Places Forum (Blaby) and Tactical Groups in both areas. These structures identify emerging threats and put in place solution focussed and holistic actions for individuals and place. The partnership works to tackle issues from a prevention perspective and uses a tiered approach for anti-social behaviour. Actions are taken to ensure individuals have appropriate

support and powers and tools are used where appropriate to tackle issues. Early intervention work has continued to be a key part of the Partnership's role ensuring that, wherever possible, vulnerabilities of individuals are identified and addressed early before escalation occurs. Work with vulnerable victims, witnesses and perpetrators has taken place daily, appropriate referrals made and close work with partner agencies has helped to ensure appropriate support is in place.

	Active cases April 1 st 22- end Sept 22	ASB Enforcement April 1 st 22- end Sept 22
Blaby People and Places Forum	17	1 Community Protection Notice 1 Community Protection Warning 1 Community Protection Notice breach prosecution
Hinckley and Bosworth: Adult Joint Action Group (JAG)	14	5 closure orders 1 injunction 13 Community Protection Warning letters 2 Community Protection Notices 9 Anti-social behaviour contracts
Youth Joint Action Group	9	

Note: active case figures above are only for cases at our JAG / People and Places structures which manage the highest risk cases.

- 5.2.2 Prevention and awareness work in schools and other young people settings has been delivered on topics such as exploitation, drugs and alcohol, safe driving, knife crime, mental health, anti-social behaviour, and healthy relationships. In 2021-22 the partnership engaged with over 4000 young people and between 1st April 22 – 30th Sept 22 we have already engaged with 1247 young people.
- 5.2.3 The CSP has successfully delivered 11 campaigns between 1st April 22 – 30th Sept 22 and have a further 5 campaigns running up to the end of December 22. Campaigns focus on raising awareness, increasing reporting, reducing offences of emerging threat and seasonal crime trends, and ensuring people know how to access support.
- 5.2.4 The partnership continues to commission specialist youth outreach and diversionary provision including a mentoring programme via Streetvibe Young People's Service. In 2021- 22 Streetvibe engaged positively with 1043 young people in hot spot areas for anti-social behaviour and between 1st April 22 – 30th Sept 22 have engaged with 873 young people.

In Hinckley and Bosworth work has continued with Leicester City in the Community who continue to deliver a sports outreach project, running 2 sessions a week from Green Towers and an engage mentoring programme at Redmoor Academy. Police attend sessions to build positive relationships with young people.

- 5.2.5 Both areas have seen significant increases in Pubwatch attendance over the last 12 months and the groups are going from strength to strength.
- 5.2.6 Dedicated work to engage rural communities and tackle rural crime has increased. The team dedicated to rural policing has expanded and a new rural officer for the Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby policing area is in place- PC Mike Statt. The partnership has provided funding support for rural crime target hardening initiatives. A strategic rural crime meeting across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is attended by the partnership.
- 5.2.7 The partnership secured £122,000 of Home Office funding for Hinckley Town Centre via the Safer Streets initiative enabling 8 new CCTV cameras, graffiti removal, 6 new retail radios, target hardening security upgrades to 266 properties, vehicle/bike locks to 155 residents and 2 new ANPR cameras for the town centre area. The funding also enabled 2 new CCTV cameras in Clarendon Park.

This year the partnership has been successful in a joint Safer Streets bid across Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth. It was awarded £67,000 to help them to continue their work in tackling anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls. The funding will help deliver specialist training to licensees and staff in local venues to 'spot the signs' and to call out inexcusable behaviour to address unwanted sexual and violent behaviour towards women and girls, CCTV improvements and a range of measures to tackle youth antisocial behaviour including educational campaigns and enhanced youth outreach activities and mentoring.

5.3 Serious Violence Prevention

- 5.3.1 The partnership has formulated a serious violence prevention action plan attached at Appendix 1. The partnership uses the Strategic Needs Assessment and local Extent and Nature of serious violence reports from the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) to effectively inform local strategic CSP Planning. The partnership uses consultation with young people and adults to inform its plans.
- 5.3.2 The partnership has developed close effective working with the VRN to maximise outcomes at a local level.
- 5.3.3 Work has taken place to build on existing good relationships with schools, including the development of a Youth Joint Action Group (Youth JAG) in Hinckley and Bosworth. The Youth JAG runs monthly and is a partnership forum where, in collaboration with schools and partners, we work jointly towards positive outcomes for young people.

- 5.3.4 Targeted work has taken place in hotspot locations such as parks and the town centre at peak times, which are school finishing times and the early hours of Sunday morning for the night-time economy. An ongoing dedicated police operation has resulted in park sweeps and the knife arch being deployed in the night-time economy.
- 5.3.5 Mentors in Violence Programme (MVP) is a peer mentoring programme run by the VRN that gives young people the chance to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin violence and bullying. It addresses a range of behaviours and uses a 'by-stander' approach where individuals are not looked on as potential victims or perpetrators but as empowered and active bystanders with the ability to support and challenge their peers in a safe way. The MVP is now being delivered in 3 schools in Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby and work is underway to increase the number of schools involved.
- 5.3.6 The CSP has communicated any community grant schemes available to local voluntary and community sector organisations to enable any community grant schemes to best support work around violence prevention at a local level.
- 5.3.7 We have developed robust structures to partnership manage any issues relating to the night-time economy. These include weekly night-time economy updates and problem solving where required, effective Pubwatch schemes, effective operational work between CCTV, Police and licensees, the use of night-time economy marshals set up and funded by the partnership and a dedicated ongoing joint operational plan. As detailed in 5.2.7 some future bystander training for night-time economy staff on violence and sexual violence will be delivered, this will take place in the first 3 months of 2023.

5.4 Communications and Engagement

- 5.4.1 The CSP has continued to increase promotion of its successes and key messages via its CSP Newsletters, which are produced 3 times a year. The latest CSP Newsletter is attached at Appendix 2.
- 5.4.2 Neighbourhood link continues to be used as a communication method with the community. The number of users continues to rise. Updated figures show an increase of 211 sign ups during quarter 2. There are now 10,160 users across the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth neighbourhood policing area.
- 5.4.3 The partnership has been consulting with the public to gain their views on crime and anti-social behaviour. The consultation ran from September to November 4th, 2022. To ensure the consultation was delivered in a robust way and reached as many people and communities as possible a consultation plan was put in place and delivered against. A dedicated consultation with young people was delivered alongside the broader consultation. The results will be analysed during November to inform our new CSP plans and strategy in 2023.

6.0 Performance

- 6.1 The partnership works actively in specific locations, targets known offenders, proactively identifies and supports vulnerable people and works with local people to build confidence and satisfaction with the way we deal with crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 6.2 The effectiveness of the CSP is measured against performance indicators around crime and antisocial behaviour figures and against the partnership action plans. Data is both quantitative and qualitative in nature. Performance is also fed back to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for all the projects and initiatives in the action plans that receive funding from the OPCC.
- 6.3 All of the partnership action plans are reported on to the Community Safety Executive Board on a quarterly basis.
- 6.4 All projects commissioned by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for 2022-23 are on target. Performance returns are submitted to the OPCC.
- 6.5 The statistics below include the period before the pandemic. This is to show the impact of the pandemic and the effect on crime reports since the ending of Covid restrictions. Total crime figures are showing a slight increase since pre-Covid, but lower than the national 15% average increase.

During the pandemic, there were fewer reported burglaries, vehicle crime and crimes related to the night-time economy which can be attributed to lockdown measures. Conversely reports of domestic abuse increased over the same period and remain above pre-covid levels. This is reflected in national trends and is thought partly due to increased awareness and promotion of reporting mechanisms.

Hate crime reports have also seen an increase over the pandemic and remain at an increased level. Again, this is reflected in national reporting statistics. Again, an increase in awareness and reporting mechanisms through both local and national campaigns has also influenced these numbers. It is worth noting that although reports have increased, the actual number of offences is relatively low.

- 6.6 Police Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Statistics:

CSP Area	Hinckley and Bosworth							
Time Period	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	4 Year Trend	2021 to date	2022 to date	Yr to Date Trend
Total Crime	7072	6950	6441	7153	→	3738	4023	↑
Violent Crime	2176	2199	2565	2813	↑	881	928	→
Domestic Abuse	1166	1191	1566	1701	↑	653	673	→
Domestic Burglary	475	413	205	212	↓	89	164	↑
Burglary (Business)	216	240	89	104	↓	27	54	↑
Vehicle Crime - Theft From	679	677	326	273	↓	111	199	↑
Vehicle Crime - Theft of	223	204	163	141	↓	65	141	↑
Antisocial Behaviour	927	798	953	698	→	421	442	→
Hate Crime	104	93	122	178	↑	91	110	↑
CSP Area	Blaby							
Time Period	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	4 Year Trend	2021 to date	2022 to date	Yr to Date Trend
Total Crime	6126	5988	5473	6385	→	3307	3505	→
Violent Crime	1671	1795	2104	2424	↑	740	692	→
Domestic Abuse	1035	1053	1369	1469	↑	624	581	↓
Domestic Burglary	471	425	241	258	↓	105	191	↑
Burglary (Business)	116	150	73	64	↓	27	44	↑
Vehicle Crime - Theft From	970	740	406	371	↓	180	181	→
Vehicle Crime - Theft of	177	164	113	147	→	75	91	→
Antisocial Behaviour	851	796	889	642	→	389	373	→
Hate Crime	60	86	129	150	↑	78	84	→

- 6.7 It should be noted that some rises in recorded crime are attributed to changes in recording practices such as violence against the person offences whereby all common assaults are now reviewed and often re-classified as actual bodily harm. In addition, over 2000 police officers have had data integrity training to improve upon crime classification. Improvements in data integrity are also attributed to the Dedicated Decision Makers (DDMs) who review crime classification and have been in place at Leicestershire police since 2019
- 6.8 Leicestershire Fire and Rescue (LFRS) Statistics:
LFRS provide detailed quarterly reports to the Community Safety Partnership Executive Board. Below is an overview of the headline statistics for the period April 1st -30th Sept 22:

No fatalities recorded in either district or borough from the result of fire.

Non fire incidents; road traffic collisions (RTC's) amount to 1 fatality and gain entry incidents amount to 4 fatalities.

Primary fires for this period amount to 113 incidents, of which 30 are recorded as dwelling fires (this also includes road vehicle fires).

Secondary fires have increased by 73.5% due to the extreme temperatures experienced during July and August. Many protracted incidents meant fire crews were committed for long durations. This amounts to nearly 100 additional incidents compared to the same period the previous year.

Total amount of incidents attended for all incident types during this period is recorded as 828 emergency responses.

As well as attending incidents LFRS support the business community by monitoring known commercial risks within the district and borough and identifying new emerging risks. This leads to the production of detailed plans and pre-determined responses to these premises.

7.0 Current Challenges and Emerging Threat

7.1 In summary the CSP faces the following performance challenges:

7.2 Keyless Car Theft continues to be a challenge and we saw increased offences over the summer period. Across the neighbourhood policing area (NPA) we have provided significant numbers of 'blocker' pouches to discourage this as a mode of theft. We have also, through campaigns, social media and volunteers, pushed messages regarding using blocker pouches. There have been significant arrests which have impacted on reductions of offences recently, but the road network makes Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby particularly susceptible to cross border criminality which can be difficult to plan for or to predict. The local neighbourhood police work closely with Warwickshire Police to tackle cross border criminality.

7.3 Whilst knife crime is not prevalent in our area it is seen as an ongoing threat. As such we have processes in place to ensure that we are aware of persons who habitually carry knives, are versed on trends and groups that cause us harm and we do a significant amount of work via our serious violence prevention work detailed in 5.3.

7.4 Due to recent exceptionally hot weather over the summer Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service saw an unprecedented demand for services. On the 19th August 2022 LFRS experienced such a high volume of emergency incidents related to the weather, a major incident was declared due to the lack of available fire resources within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Mutual aid was requested from neighbouring fire and rescue services. LFRS are seeing a major increase in incident types of gain entry, the origin of these incidents can be from concerned relatives, neighbours and carers in addition to EMAS and medical health professionals. These are a combination of medical incidents, mental health, bariatric patients, and suicides.

- 7.5 County Lines continues to be an ongoing threat. County Lines is a very serious issue where criminal gangs set up a drug dealing operation in a place outside their usual operating area. Gangs will move their drug dealing from big cities to smaller towns to make more money. This can have a significant effect on the community who live there and bring with it criminal behaviour. Local Police working in partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Blaby District Council and Leicestershire Police Intelligence Services have an operation to target offenders and to safeguard victims in this arena.
- 7.6 The community safety funding landscape has seen significant changes over the last several years. Currently dedicated funding for the work of the Community Safety Partnership comes from the Police and Crime Commissioner in the form of a Partnership Locality Fund.
- 7.7 Our communities and the needs of our communities are constantly changing. There is an increasing shift to the complex nature of some of the problems that we have to deal with, in particular in that they more often involve mental health and substance misuse issues.
- 7.8 CSP partners continue to see high demand for services.
- 7.9 The Community Safety Partnership continues to work in partnership to tackle a wide variety of issues and has increasing statutory responsibilities via the new Serious Violence duty due to commence in 2023. The current strategy runs until April 2023 and work is underway to formulate a new strategy for 2023-26.
- 7.10 The current cost of living crisis may affect local crime pressures and demands on wider services.

8. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

- 8.1 To be taken in open session.

9. Financial implications [CS]

- 9.1 Community Safety Partnership funding awarded to Hinckley and Bosworth for 2022-23 is £49,573 and for Blaby is £42,573. The Community Safety Partnership has also received £67,000 of Safer Streets funding.

10. Legal implications [ST]

- 10.1 Legal implications are covered in the report

11. Corporate Plan implications

- 11.1 This report relates to priority ambitions of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2022-25, namely:
- People

- Place

12. Consultation

- 12.1 Relevant partners and stakeholders were consulted in the formulation of this report.

13. Risk implications

- 13.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.
- 13.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.
- 13.3 The following significant risks associated with these report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks

Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Performance Risks identified as challenges under Section 7 of this report	Performance risks are managed on a regular basis via tactical groups and action plans are in place.	RB/RH

14. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

- 14.1 The Community Safety Partnership delivers robust consultation with the community, partners, and stakeholders in the formulation of its strategy and plans.
- 14.2 The Community Safety Partnership uses data and intelligence to inform its work.
- 14.3 The impact on rural areas of the borough and district has been addressed within the Partnership's action plans 2022-23.

15. Climate implications

- 15.1 Work will be delivered to limit carbon impact where possible, for example virtual methods of engagement and paperless systems.

16. Corporate implications

- 16.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data protection implications
 - Voluntary sector
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Background papers: Appendix 1 –Partnership action plans 2022-23- available on request from Community Safety Teams
Appendix 2 – Partnership newsletter also available at CSP Autumn Newsletter 2022

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Councillor L Phillimore (Blaby)

APPENDIX 1 – Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership Action Plans 2022-23

Supporting and Protecting People Plan- Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership 2022-23				
Theme	Action	Owner	End Date	Short, Medium and Long-term Impact Measures
Community Involvement	Continue to expand the Friends against Scams initiative with communities	BDC/HBBC/LFRS	Mar-23	Community more aware of signs of scams, how to reduce chances of becoming a victim and how to report No. of awareness initiatives completed
	Deliver training and awareness to partner employees, community, and licensed businesses to ensure they are aware of signs of exploitation and how to report #knowthesigns	Police	Mar-23	Increased understanding of signs of exploitation. Increased reporting of potential exploitation cases Vulnerable people are safeguarded No. of training events/ attendees No. of campaigns No. of awareness events
Establishing the Conditions (contextual prevention)	Actively engage in work to meet requirements of the DA Act	County/BDC/HBBC	Mar-23	Statutory duties are met Improved services for victims and perpetrators
	Actively engage in work to meet requirements for DAHA (Domestic Abuse in Housing Accreditation)	BDC/HBBC	Nov 2022	Improved services for victims
Preventing the Onset (primary prevention)	Provide therapeutic services for children who have been affected by domestic abuse, one to one and group work.	BDC/HBBC	Mar-23	Outcome star data. No. of individuals accessed one to one and group work
	Deliver a programme of awareness on healthy relationships with young people in schools	BDC HBBC	Mar-23	Improved understanding of consent, healthy relationships in young people No of sessions delivered No of young people engaged

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	Provide home security and fire safety check schemes for vulnerable people	BDC HBBC LFRS	Mar-23	Vulnerable people are / feel safer in their own homes Enables vulnerable who feel at risk to remain in their own homes Safety rating before and after fitting No. home safety referrals No. fire safety checks
	Work with health partners to educate front line carers/ home help to spot the signs of scams and raise awareness of prevention against scams, particularly with the elderly and vulnerable.	Trading standards /ICB	Mar-23	Vulnerable people are protected from scams No. of awareness/ training sessions delivered to front line community health staff
Intervening Early to Halt Progression (secondary prevention)	Raise awareness with young people and parents re: signs of exploitation and how to access help	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Parents able to educate young people Young people recognise warning signs early on Peers can spot the signs of exploitation
	Provide a local domestic abuse outreach service for adult female victims of domestic abuse, Ensure appropriate signposting for male victims to countywide services.	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Improved safety for victims Improved Outcomes for victims No. of referrals to outreach No. of group programmes delivered Qualitative outcome statements from service users
Reducing Impact and Recurrence (tertiary prevention)	Deliver Recovery Groups for victims of DA and commission perpetrator programme for perpetrators of DA	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Improved safety for victims. Reduce offences of domestic abuse.

Reducing Offending and Reoffending Plan Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership 2022-23				
Theme	Action	Owner	End Date	Short, Medium and Long-term Impact Measures
Establishing the Conditions (contextual prevention)	Ensure communities are robustly consulted on plans	CSP Tactical Group	Dec 22	Evidence of community voice built into local plans.
	Ensure young people's views are embedded within commissioning decisions	CSP Tactical Group	Dec-22	Evidence of young people voice built into local plans. Reduction in young people involved in ASB/Crime and disorder
Preventing the Onset of Primary Prevention	Deliver a programme of ASB and crime prevention and awareness work for young people at both secondary and primary level	HBBC/BDC/Police	March 2023	YP are aware of what it is and the consequences. No of school sessions delivered Awareness evaluation scores
	Commission specialist youth outreach and diversionary provision including mentoring programme based on local identified need	CSP Tactical Group	March 2023	Reduction of first-time entrants into criminal justice system No of young people engaged with No of programmes delivered
	Work with Leicester City in the Community to support delivery of Premier Kicks Programme	Police/HBBC	March 2023	ASB reports are reduced Positive outcomes for young people No of ASB incidents reported No of young people attending
	Increase membership of Pubwatch	BDC	March 2023	Improved response to issues from licensees
	Deliver a programme of local and national campaigns relevant to local needs	BDC/HBBC/Police	March 2023	Increased awareness of crime prevention Increased reporting Increased awareness of support services Increased awareness of community safety themes Increased awareness of signs to spot

Intervening Early to Halt Progression (secondary prevention)	Continued development of Youth JAG	BDC/HBBC	Mar-23	Evidence of joint working and joint initiatives with schools
	Effective problem solving via JAG/PPF to enable partnerships to tackle issues relating to offending and reoffending. Encouraging JAG/PPF to be supportive environments and consider “causes of causes” in problem solving approaches	BDC/HBBC/Police	Mar-23	Impact: people dealt with at JAG/PPF achieve positive outcome and reduce offending Measure: No of referrals
	Work effectively to improve engagement with our harder to reach communities	BDC/HBBC/Police	Mar-23	Improved engagement with neighbourhood link in hard to reach communities
	Work effectively to improve engagement and reduce offending in our rural communities	BDC/HBBC/Police	Mar-23	Improved engagement with neighbourhood link in rural communities
	Expand and embed “Ask for Angela” and other campaigns that target improving safety and reducing offending within the NTE	BDC/HBBC/Pubwatch	Mar-23	Increased safety in the NTE Reduced offences within the NTE
	Targeted work in ASB hotspot locations to engage with young people, tackle issues and prevent escalation	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar-23	Young people are diverted from ASB
Reducing Impact and Recurrence (tertiary prevention)	Identify emerging threats throughout the year via Tactical groups and JAGS and put in appropriate actions to tackle	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar 2023	There is an appropriate response to issues in the area
	Deliver Safer Streets funded initiatives	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar-23	The objectives of the bid are met – the safety of women and girls in the NTE increases, young people are aware of the impacts of ASB and crime and young people are diverted and supported away from involvement in crime and ASB
	Commission and install a CCTV system for Blaby Village centre and Narborough Train Station	BDC	Mar-23	

Serious Violence Prevention Plan for Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership 2022-23				
Theme	Action	Owner	End Date	Short, Medium and Long-term Impact Measures
Data Sharing and Analysis	To access and use the serious violence dashboard to inform strategic and operational planning	Rachel Burgess/ Rebecca Holcroft	Sept 22	Improved use of resources in tackling serious violence. Data driven initiatives and projects to prevent and reduce serious violence.
	Use LLR Strategic Needs Assessment and local Extent and Nature of serious violence report from VRN to effectively inform local strategic CSP Planning	CSP Tactical Group	Sept 22	Improved use of resources in tackling serious violence. Reduction in serious violence.
Community and Young Person Involvement	Work closely with local VCS arrangements to enable local community grant schemes to best support work around violence prevention	HBBC/BDC/VCS Hubs	Mar 23	VCS involvement evidenced. Community grants used for prevention. Reduction in young people involved in Serious Violence
	Effective consultation and engagement with the community to inform serious violence strategies and plans	CSP Tactical Group	Dec 22	Evidence of community voice built into local plans.
	Ensure young people's views are embedded within serious violence plans	CSP Tactical Group	Dec-22	Evidence of young people voice built into local plans. Reduction in young people involved in Serious Violence
Establishing the Conditions (contextual prevention)	Build on existing good relationships with schools, including continued development of Youth JAG	CSP Tactical Group	Mar-23	Evidence of joint working and joint initiatives with schools
	Work to ensure CSP can meet statutory duty to be placed on it by the imminent serious violence duty	CSP Tactical Group	Mar-23	Complete self-assessment tool from VRN and work to identify areas for improvement Serious violence strategy in place by April 2023
	Engage wider partners, such as business partners, in work and initiatives to tackle violence	CSP Tactical Group	Mar-23	Evidence of joint working Reduction in Serious Violence.
	Continue close effective working with VRN to maximise outcomes at a local level	CSP Tactical Group	Mar-23	Evidence of work with VRN VRN supported interventions at a local level

	Endeavour Model allowing early intervention and identification of issues and holistic partnership approach to tackling crime and ASB	HBBC	Mar-23	Intervention numbers, case studies. Reduction in young people involved in Serious Violence
	Continue to develop trauma informed practises within CSP	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	No of staff/partners trained Trauma informed programmes Trauma informed practise evidence
	Continue positive work with Night-time Economy partners that focusses on long term change, incorporates Purple Flag themes and challenges social norms	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Reduction in NTE violence Evidence of social norm/ bystander approaches Evidence of positive partnership working with NTE partners
Preventing the Onset (primary prevention)	Deliver schools prevention and awareness work on healthy relationships, mental health, ASB, knife crime and exploitation	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar-23	No of young people engaged and impact measures. Reduction in young people involved in Serious Violence
	Increase membership of key NTE schemes such as Pubwatch, Ask for Angela	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar-23	No of venues actively involved Prevention and early intervention re: violence in NTE
	Deliver bystander training to NTE partners re: VAWG	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Training delivered. No's attending training. Feedback from training. Reduction in serious violence in NTE.
	CSP officers support Mentors in Violence Prevention alongside secondary schools to enable local support	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Number of schools actively engaged in programme and evidence of officers trained/ supporting programmes. Reduction young people involved in Serious Violence
	Commission specialist youth outreach provision and mentoring programme	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	No young people engaged via outreach and mentoring. Wellbeing impact measures for mentoring. Reduction in young people involved in Serious Violence
	Provide a Therapeutic Children's service for children and young people affected by domestic abuse	HBBC/BDC	Mar-23	Health and wellbeing outcomes via outcome star. No young people one to one, no young people group work. Reduction in young people involved in Serious Violence
	Work with Leicester City in the Community to support delivery of Premier Kicks programmes	Police/HBBC	Mar-23	Serious violence reports are reduced Positive outcomes for young people No young people attending, case studies.

	Raise awareness and build knowledge of school pastoral leads in relation to exploitation and serious violence via the youth JAG	HBBC	Mar-23	Agenda items on youth JAG.
Intervening Early to Halt Progression (secondary prevention)	Work in collaboration with schools to identify individuals of concern at an early stage and work jointly towards positive outcomes for young people	HBBC	Mar-23	Number cases via youth JAG and joint working on cases.
	Develop a mechanism with schools to identify individuals of concern at an early stage and work jointly towards positive outcomes for young people	BDC	Mar-23	Impact: Positive outcomes for young people Measures: mechanism is put in place
	Effective partnership problem solving via the JAG/PPF to enable partnership to tackle issues relating to violence and to ensure holistic partnership approach for individuals of concern.	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar-23	Number of cases. Case studies. Reduction in people involved in Serious Violence.
	Targeted work in hotspot locations (parks)/ at peak times (school finishing times) by beat teams to engage with young people, tackle issues and prevent escalation.	Police	Mar-23	Evidence of targeted work. Reduction in numbers of young people involved in Serious Violence
	Effective liaison with licensees and Pubwatch to proactively tackle violence in the NTE	HBBC/BDC/Police	Mar-23	Evidence of joint working and joint initiatives with licensees. Reduction of violence in NTE
	Collaborative work between CCTV, Police and Licensees to ensure CCTV is used to its maximum effect to ensure timely responses and effective enforcement of violent crime in the NTE	HBBC and BDC licensing/Comm Safety/police/	Mar-23	Evidence of joint working and positive enforcements where required. Reduction of violence in NTE
Reducing Impact and Recurrence (tertiary prevention)	Domestic abuse perpetrator programme-specialist provision for perpetrators of domestic abuse to help change their violent behaviour.	OPCC/BDC/HBBC	Sept 22	No perpetrators engaged. Outcome data post service.
	Provide a dedicated domestic abuse outreach service for victims of domestic abuse - one to one work and group work programmes that aid recovery going forward	BDC/HBBC	Mar-23	No engaged via outreach and group work. Case studies and feedback post group work.

Communications and Campaigns	Support campaigns around behaviour change in respect of violence making local use of VRN campaign assets - for example, the 'We don't carry campaign' and 'Make a Stand Campaign'	CSP Tactical Groups	Mar-23	Evidence of support. Statistics on reach.
	Dedicated ASB campaign – social norm – via safer streets funding	CSP Tactical Groups	Mar-23	Evidence of support. Statistics on reach/ outcomes.
	Deliver campaigns that promote reporting of violence	CSP Tactical Groups	Mar-23	Evidence of delivery. Statistics on reach.
	Deliver campaigns that promote support available for victims	CSP Tactical Groups	Mar-23	Evidence of delivery. Statistics on reach.

CSP e-newsletter



Safer communities

Community Safety Partnership e-newsletter autumn 2022 edition

Welcome

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, which will keep you up to date with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer.

The CSP brings together a collection of people and organisations that have a real commitment to do everything in their power to have a positive impact on reducing crime, the fear of crime and to work closely alongside local communities in bringing about a sense of safety for all.

The CSP has published a three-year Community Safety Strategy which is available for download at <http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk> and www.blaby.gov.uk

If you have your own community networks or magazines please feel free to pass on this newsletter or print articles from it.

Joint Chairs of the Community
Safety Partnership



Cllr Les Phillimore



Cllr Michael Mullaney

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Community Safety Consultation is now live

If you're over 16 and live in Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland a Community Safety Survey is live until October 28th 2022 that gives you the chance to have your say on crime and anti-social behaviour in your area.

In Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth the Community Safety Partnership will use resident's views from this survey to inform the Crime and Community Safety Priorities for the area for the next three years, 2023-2026 ensuring a focus on issues that are of most concern to our residents.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Joint Chair of the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership said: "It is important that as a Partnership we are addressing the issues that are of most concern to the people of Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby. We would really like to encourage residents to get involved and give their opinions so we can focus on what local people feel are important to them."

The survey can be accessed on the following link www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNNPJMY or by scanning the QR code.



Paper copies of the survey can be picked up from the following places:

The council offices at Hinckley Hub or requested from Community Safety on 01455 238141.

A number of community buildings including the community houses in Earl Shilton, Barwell and Wykin.

Blaby District Council reception in Narborough, or call 0116 272 7725.

Please feel free to share widely with your networks.

Partnership awarded £67,000 Safer Streets Funding

Blaby District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have been awarded £67,000 to help them to continue their work in tackling anti-social behaviour. Working together as part of a joint community safety partnership, supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Leicestershire Police, funding has been secured as part of a 'Safer Streets' bid.

The funding will be used to enable the councils to continue improving public places and ensuring that the night-time economy is safer for women and girls.

The Safer Streets Fund is a Home Office fund which enables PCCs and local authorities to bid for investment in initiatives that have been proven to prevent neighbourhood crime.

The funding will help deliver specialist training to licensees and staff in local venues to 'spot the signs' and to call out inexcusable behaviour to address unwanted sexual and violent behaviour to women and girls; CCTV improvements and a range of measures to tackle youth antisocial behaviour including educational campaigns and enhanced youth outreach activities and mentoring.

The projects will be delivered in locations across Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth where there have been increased reports of youth antisocial behaviour or violence against women and girls.

Cllr Les Phillimore, Joint Chair, Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership said: "Everyone has the right to feel safe in their local area. We hope these improved measures will make our public spaces and venues safer and give increased confidence to women who rightly want to feel comfortable on a night out.

"This funding is excellent news and will enable us to enhance our work in reducing anti-social behaviour. The work will involve working positively with young people in our area via a diversion and mentoring initiative and I want to express my thanks to everyone involved in developing and securing the grant funding."

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner Rupert Matthews said:
“This is wonderful news for the communities of Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth and will fund a variety of new safety resources to increase public confidence when using our public spaces, especially among women and girls.

“We know that preventative measures such as enhanced CCTV can deter crime and violence and reduce the fear of crime. Alongside proactive training for night-time staff and educational work with young people, this funding will ensure problems are tackled at the earliest opportunity before they escalate or cause future harm.

“Keeping people safe is a top priority and I am determined to reduce the risks and threats that not only impact on safety but cause fear and uncertainty. I am grateful to our local authority partners for helping to secure Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland the money it deserves to make a difference.”

Safety initiative highlights perils of drink and drug spiking

Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby community safety teams, along with Hinckley police, are promoting a campaign aimed at the dangers of spiking.

Talks have been given at Hinckley and Blaby Pubwatch meetings and posters distributed to more than 50 licensed venues across Hinckley, Blaby, Burbage, Earl Shilton & Barwell.

The posters are part of a national response to recent issues involving spiking, specifically incidents involving needle spiking or spiking through drinks.

Spiking is when someone puts alcohol or drugs into another person's drink or body without consent. The most common way is by adding drugs or extra alcohol to a drink. Needle spiking is where drugs are injected with a syringe.

Spiking can make someone extremely vulnerable and ill and have a long lasting effect on their life and wellbeing.

There are several reasons why someone might spike someone else, to rob them or to assault them physically or sexually, for example.

Symptoms might start to come into effect within 15 minutes and can last for several hours. They can include:

- Feeling sick
- More drunk than expected
- Feeling confused or disorientated
- Feeling sleepy
- Having hallucinations
- Loss of balance or co-ordination

What you can do if you or someone you are with suspects being spiked:

Go to a safe place – have a trusted person with you.

Keep a close eye on anyone who has had their drink spiked.

Call an ambulance if their condition deteriorates in any way (for example, if they lose consciousness).

Contact police as soon as possible after a suspected incident of drink spiking.

For further information or a copy of the poster please contact the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council community safety team on 01455 238141 or Blaby District Council community safety team on 0116 272 7725



Partnership working helps reduce town centre crime

Partnership working between Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, the police, retail venues & licensed premises and Hinckley BID is working well to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Hinckley town centre.

With additional CCTV cameras installed across the town, secured from the Home Office Safer Streets fund and retail radios linked into the CCTV room, offences are identified early and tackled by the police to enable positive outcomes.

A few examples of recent incidents that were caught on camera which led to arrests include:

- A group of young people were captured on CCTV spray painting graffiti on the children's play equipment in Argents Mead, an investigation is taking place in relation to this matter which has found numerous locations where further graffiti has been sprayed painted some of which is around the Town Centre. From the CCTV the main perpetrator has been identified by the Beat Team and ongoing work is being carried out to identify the others.
- A young male ingested a cake laced with cannabis which resulted in him receiving emergency medical attention. Three young people were identified by the Beat Team as being the persons concerned in supplying the male with the drugs. Whilst the CCTV footage was being reviewed by the police one of the males was seen on live footage cycling through the town centre, police were able to locate the male and arrest him. The investigation into the offence was dealt with swiftly by the CID Team at Hinckley who have subsequently dealt with all three males.
- In the early hours of the morning a group of three people set fire to the photo booth and children's ride in The Crescent which consequently damaged one of Costa Coffee's windows, they also set fire to the ATM at The Coventry Building Society, a wheelie bin in Granville Park and attempted to set fire to the play equipment in Argents Mead.



From CCTV the Beat Team quickly identified and arrested the 3 persons who are believed to have been responsible. Investigations are still ongoing.

Cllr Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety said: "Whilst we would prefer not to have to waste time and resource on this type of crime and anti-social behaviour the use of CCTV and working closely with our partners is proving successful. My thanks to all involved."



Police Sergeant James Cross, Beat Sergeant for the Town Centre added: "Over the last 12 months we have been working closely with our partners to improve communication and sharing information. Without doubt this has been embraced by all and with real-time updates via the CCTV operators we are reaping the rewards."

"People should be thinking twice before they commit a crime in the town centre as it is more than likely that they will be seen, identified and quickly arrested."

New commander for Blaby & Hinckley NPA

A new inspector is overseeing the Blaby & Hinckley Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Steve Palmer has replaced Inspector Jamie Osborne in overseeing the patch which stretches from Glenfield to Hinckley – including Narborough, Stoney Stanton and Market Bosworth.

Insp Palmer – a former deputy NPA commander for East Leicester – became NPA Commander in August. Insp Osborne, who became NPA commander in August 2020, is moving to a new role in local policing and partnerships.



Insp Palmer joined the Army at 16 years old, serving 14 years with the Royal Engineers before becoming a police officer in 2007, starting his career working in Blaby District.

He said: “I am delighted to be the Area Commander for Hinckley and Blaby, the area where I started my policing career 15 years ago.

“I look forward to using all my experience to build a strong policing team that works together with partners and our communities to make our area safer, putting the public first in all that we do.”

Section 59 Warning Signs placed across the district

Residents across the Blaby District have reported to both the council and the police about issues of vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner, particularly mopeds and e-scooters. E-scooters are against the law to ride on a public road or pavement as they are classed as motorcycles as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and means that they must abide by the same traffic legislations as mopeds and motorcycles.

The issue was discussed at Blaby's Tactical Operations Group which is attended by Blaby District Council staff as well as partners from Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire Fire & Rescue.

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 refers to vehicles being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress, or annoyance to members of the public.

The Police can issue a warning against both the driver and the vehicle which lasts for 12 months. If the vehicle is again witnessed driving in an anti-social manner, the vehicle can be seized.

Using the Police Locality Funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner, it was agreed through the Tactical Operations Group to purchase Section 59 signs to be placed in locations identified through the complaints received.

The signs act as the warning which means if the vehicle is witnessed being driven in an anti-social manner, it can be seized immediately which enables the police to act much quicker to address the issue.



Cllr Les Phillimore, Joint Chair, Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership said: "It's excellent news that we have been able to work with our partners to respond so quickly to this spate of anti-social behaviour. By putting up these signs it highlights to the users of our parks and open spaces that we are taking positive and proactive action."

To report vehicles driving in an anti-social manner, contact the police online at www.leics.police.uk or call 101. To report to Blaby District Council Community Safety Team online, visit www.blaby.gov.uk/ASB or call 0116 272 7725

Community houses back up and running

After the stop-start of the groups during Covid19, we are very pleased to say we are back up and running and welcoming back old and new members to the projects.

The week starts with the men's cooking group in Burbage and the craft group in Desford and continues throughout the week with further cooking and craft sessions as well as knitting, crocheting, mindfulness, support sessions plus much more. You can now find the community house staff working in venues in Newbold Verdon, Ratby, Desford, Groby and Burbage alongside the bases in Earl Shilton, Wykin and Barwell.

Whether you want to learn a new skill, make friends or just create time for yourself, you can join our friendly groups as and when you want, no commitment needed, affordable and local.

For more information contact Rachel, Shirley or Militza on (01455) 255942 or 255942, 07969 916620

Email: earlshiltoncommunityhouse@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

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Bid to halt rogue drivers from blocking access roads

Agencies have joined forces to tackle irresponsible parking which prevents refuse lorries and Emergency Fire Appliances from gaining access to properties within parts of Hinckley.

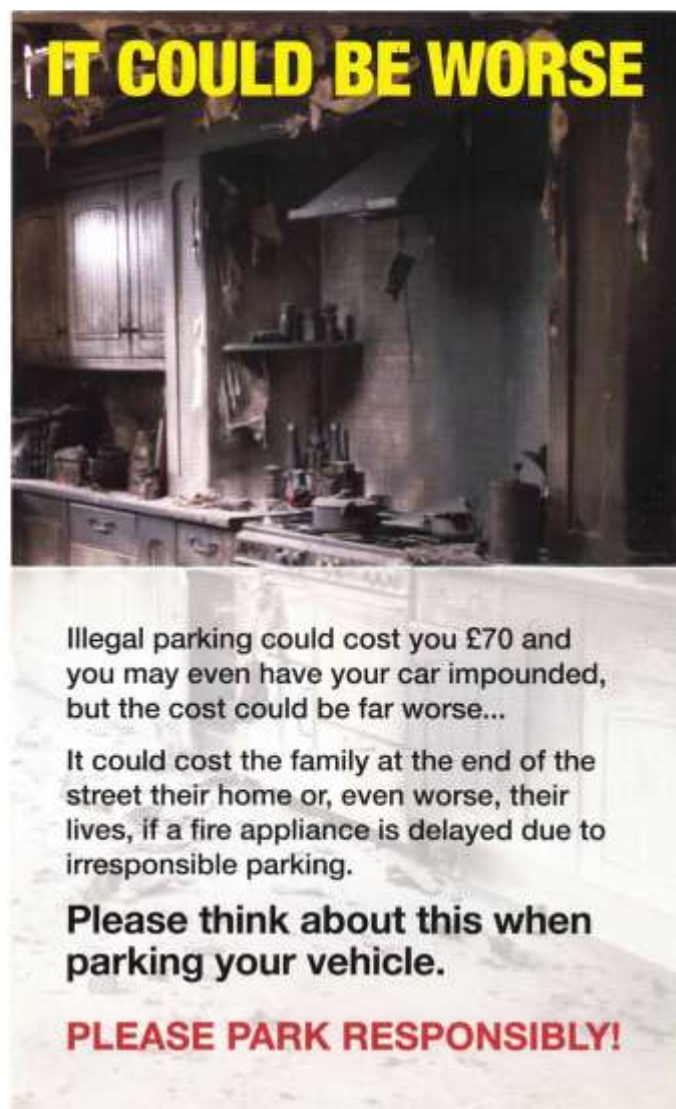
Recently, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service (LFRS), Hinckley Police and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's community safety team & the recycling/ refuse team came together to target vehicles parked irresponsibly on Manor Street, Bunneys Meadow and on the junction of Princess Road and Clarence Road.

With vehicles causing an obstruction in places, access to the streets was not possible, also it was often dangerous for the lorries and emergency appliances to reverse out of streets which are sometimes quite long and narrow .

LFRS have since ticketed vehicles that were causing an obstruction with advisory notices. The 'fake notices' explain that if there was an incident that needed an emergency response an appliance would be unable to get through and this could cause danger to life! Since the campaign was launched the parking in these areas has improved significantly with drivers parking more responsibly allowing access to properties.



'Fake parking ticket'





Wayne Gale, Station Manager for Hinckley & Bosworth added: “ In the event of an emergency seconds count, if we cannot gain access to streets, fire crews have to carry kit and run hoses out for long distances leading to a delay in our response.”

“Please think..could a fire appliance get through in the event of an emergency when parking your vehicle”



Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby Domestic Abuse Outreach Services and Children & Young People's Services Update

The Hinckley & Bosworth domestic abuse team have now delivered the new Healing Together trauma informed group, created by Innovating Minds. They have delivered this group work with protective parents and their child and on a child only basis. The Blaby Children's Service have delivered the group to children in two schools. All groups have been well received with positive feedback given afterwards.

A further offer of the Healing Together Group is being organised for later in the year.

The programme itself, looks at how children (and safe adults) can understand what emotions they are feeling and are given techniques to be able to calm their body and brain to feel safe. Sometimes both children & adults do not take the time to acknowledge the emotions we are experiencing or why, nor have the resources to be able to cope with them. The group explains about some of these feelings and emotions; of which we all experience but we don't always know how to cope with. The group where a protective adult attended with a child, also helps both the adult to be able to support their child and the child to know that they can talk about what they are feeling, encouraging healthy attachment and ongoing emotional resilience.

The outcomes from the children were that before they attended their group, they found it difficult to know whether they felt sad, angry or something else; that when they were upset, they could not distinguish whether they were sad, scared or angry. Most of the children said that if they were upset or angry, they will try to hide this and did not recognise that their bodies feel different when they are upset about something.

After attending the group the children said that they were more able to understand what they were feeling, how it affected their bodies, things that they could do and be able to communicate this to their parent.

The adults learnt to acknowledge their emotions and feelings and how they impacted on their wellbeing. The adults all agreed that the group has helped them to be able to understand both their own feelings and be better able to recognise this in their children, be on the same page, and enabled to put techniques in place together.

For more information or support please contact the Hinckley & Bosworth Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on 07966202181 or the Blaby District Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on 0116 272 7637

Here are some messages from children and a parent regarding the group

The group helped me to talk about my feelings, all my feelings - good and bad.

It showed me ways to help calm my body with breathing, pressure point and smells. I liked that it was a small group, it helps others feeling different and to be able to talk about this and how normal all feelings are



I have found this group extremely helpful for both myself and my child. It has helped us both recognise our feelings and shown us ways to calm ourselves down in stressful situations

I would recommend this group to someone else because I learned to be able to take a breath and be able to do things while in school. It has helped me understand my feelings, be able to express them in different ways, found different way of dealing with what I am feeling AND THAT I KNOW IT'S OKAY TO FEEL ALL THESE FEELINGS

Detached youth work

Following reports from residents of anti-social behaviour involving young people, Blaby District Council commissioned Streetvibe Young Peoples Service to carry out detached youth work sessions.

The Community Safety Team started receiving complaints from concerned residents regarding young people gathering on parks in Narborough, Littlethorpe and Blaby, causing a nuisance by littering, leaving broken glass and underage drinking.

Streetvibe Young Peoples Service was commissioned to engage with young people and offer informal education, support, and advice. Deployed to the 'hotspot' areas every Friday evening from the beginning of April, the team have so far engaged with almost 300 young people across the three locations.

The topics of littering and drinking were discussed across the various sessions. The team spoke about the dangers of alcohol and about staying safe, and the consequences leaving broken glass in the park could have on others, for example children playing and dog walkers.

Streetvibe workers reported that they had received positive responses overall, from those that engaged and that they had witnessed no anti-social behaviour from the young people during the sessions, saying the majority of groups spoken to cited they were just 'chilling with their mates'.

Blaby District Council Community Safety Team Leader, Carol Parker said; "Detached youth work is recognised as an effective method of engaging with young people, offering informal education, advice, and support. The Streetvibe team are excellent at building these positive relationships and feeding back to us when they capture the voices of our young residents".

Streetvibe are also out and about in Hinckley & Bosworth providing detached youth work in areas where young people are congregating on the streets, in shopping areas or in parks. The team are currently out twice a week in Hinckley town centre engaging and interacting with young people as well as providing 1-1 mentoring. Since April the team have carried out more than 30 detached youth sessions, engaged with over 400 young people and carried out mentoring with 2 young people.



Our pledge to help protect you from scams

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have made a pledge and signed up as a Friends Against Scams Organisation. The following short video on the Friends Against Scams website online learning page www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/hinckley-bosworth will show you the different types of scams and how to spot and support a victim.

With increased knowledge and awareness, people can make scams part of everyday conversation with their family, friends and neighbours, which will enable them to protect themselves and others.

A number of elderly people within the Borough have been victims of fraud where someone has claimed to be a police officer from the London area.

In the majority of cases victims have been contacted by fraudsters claiming their bank cards have been cloned and to verify that their cards haven't been compromised they are asked to purchase high value jewellery or gold which suspects then arrange to be collected by a courier. The fraudsters sound very plausible and tell the victims not to inform anyone of their contact. In one recent report, the elderly victim suffered complications of a mini-stroke during the incident due to the stress. This highlights the physical and mental harm that is caused on these elderly victims who are being coerced by the fraudsters.

There are various different scams used in an attempt to take money from the elderly and vulnerable.

In some cases, the victims have been contacted and informed that an attempt was made to access their bank account fraudulently. The fraudsters asked the victim to transfer the money in their account to another bank account they provide details for.



We know the people who are the most likely to be targeted might not have social media so we are asking people to share this information with elderly or vulnerable friends or relatives to make them aware. They should be advised that police officers would never contact them in this way. If they are called they should disconnect the call straightaway and report the incident to the police using another telephone, as on some occasions calls can remain connected.

For more information on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of scams, please visit [friends against scams \(friendsagainstscams.org.uk\)](http://friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

- Citizens advice: [check if something might be a scam \(citizensadvice.org.uk\)](http://citizensadvice.org.uk) or call the citizens advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 11 33
- Action Fraud: to report fraud if you have been scammed, visit [Action Fraud's website \(actionfraud.police.uk\)](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

Remember to contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

Test Purchases in Blaby

A test purchase is when Camelot, Trading Standards, the police, or another public body employ an underage customer who will visit your bar or shop and try to purchase age-restricted goods. This is to check that they are complying with the law. Business owners can face fines of thousands of pounds if they are found to be selling restricted items underage.

Listed below are examples of products whose sale is controlled by age restriction.

Alcohol

Cigarettes, tobacco, shisha and other smoking based products

E Cigarettes and Vaping Products

Fireworks - sparklers, party poppers, caps, cracker snaps

Dangerous chemicals - cigarette lighter fuel, glue, aerosols

Acids

Certain DVDs, Blu Rays and computer games

Dangerous Weapons - air weapons, crossbows, knives

Lottery tickets and scratch cards

Petrol

Bookmakers

Sunbeds

Age restricted Goods

ITEM	MINIMUM AGE	MAX FINE
 Knives, Blades, Razors and Box Cutters	18	£5,000
 Alcohol	18	£5,000
 Cigarettes, Tobacco, Pipes & Papers	18	£2,500
 Solvents and lighters, including refills (containing butane)	18	£5,000
 Fireworks	18	£5,000
 Spray Paints	16	£2,500
 Lottery Tickets & Scratch Cards	16	£5,000
 DVD's and Computer Games	15 12 5+	£2,500

Following reports of young people drinking alcohol in Blaby District parks the Police and licensing colleagues have recently carried out test purchases on 10 licensed premises across the district. This involved a 16 year old male attempting to buy alcohol to test if the premises were following rules about requesting identification proving age. All 10 premises passed which was extremely positive and reassuring.

If you have concerns that a premise is selling restricted items to underage customers, you can contact Leicestershire Trading Standards <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards>

Police crackdown on cycling in pedestrian area

Hinckley & Bosworth's Community Safety team, Hinckley Police and the Road Safety Partnership have joined forces in a bid to stop people cycling down Castle Street in Hinckley town centre.

PC Darren Measures said: "There has been a large number of 'near misses' as Castle Street is on a steep hill so the cyclists gather speed as they cycle down during the day which can be very busy with shoppers walking on the street and on certain days this is restricted more with market stalls which causes a number of complaints. Whilst we recognise cycling is environmentally friendly and good for your health we must also recognise both the safety of the pedestrians and the cyclists on Castle Street"

Castle Street is a pedestrianised zone where cycling is prohibited the Order came into force in 2003 which was made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the 'no cycling' sign is clearly signposted in both directions.

PC Darren Measures added: "A large number of the perpetrators are young people who are travelling to and from school or are just out with their mates, we have put out social media messages, worked with local schools, put stencilling on the floor in Castle Street to try and get the message across but unfortunately it is still happening".

With the promotion of the flyer this will help promote awareness and to actively encourage cyclists before entering Castle Street to dismount and walk their bike through the street. It is hoped the situation will improve, and enforcement action will not need to be taken against those that continue to cycle within the pedestrian area.

Did you know? ...
Castle Street in Hinckley is a **pedestrianised zone** which means that you are **not allowed to cycle** on Castle Street.

 These **NO CYCLING SIGNS** are on Castle Street, Hinckley

This means ...
That it is **against the law to cycle on Castle Street**. The Highway Code for cyclists, rule 69 states: 'You must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals'.

You must ...
Get off your bicycle and walk it through Castle Street.

Why is this? ...
A pedestrian zone protects pedestrians walking in the town centre from being involved in an accident with vehicles and bicycles.

What if I am stopped by the Police? ...
If you are stopped while riding your bicycle, you may be given a warning by an officer and your details will be recorded. If you are stopped a second time you may be given a **Fixed Penalty Notice** (on-the-spot fine) of **£50**.

Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership
Road Safety Partnership
Leicestershire Police

Hate crime on the increase

Hate crimes have continued to rise in the last year, according to new statistics and within Hinckley & Bosworth & Blaby NPA they have increased by 13.7% in the last 12 months. There have been large increases in racial hate crimes (rising by 25.7%) and hate crimes against the transgender community (50%)

However, crimes committed against people due to their religion, sexual orientation or disability have fallen.

A hate crime is anything that targets a person for their race, ethnicity or nationality, for their disability, their gender or sexual orientation, or their religion, faith or beliefs. Hate crime not only harms its victims, but it also harms their families and communities.

A hate crime can include verbal abuse, intimidation, threats, harassment, assault and damage to property.

Both Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby Community Safety teams continue to support local initiatives that tackle hate crimes.

These include:

- Carrying out diversity workshops in primary schools to help children understand how people are all different and unique.
- Raising awareness of hate crime in partnership with the police at events eg at a recent pop up shop in the Britannia Centre in Hinckley
- Promotion of the national campaign hate crime awareness week
- Visiting and speaking to local community groups to help educate and promote community safety initiatives
- Promote the Keep Safe Places scheme. Places across the borough where anyone can go if they feel upset, scared or in need of help. The safe spaces are available in shops and other public areas to help people to deal with any incidents that take place when they are out and about. For a listing visit www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/keepsafeplaces
- Support hate crime reporting centres located within the community where an individual can report a hate crime. Places can be found at www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/hatecrimereportingcentres

Councillor Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council said: "We all have the right to go about our lives without the fear of being abused, threatened or attacked just because of who we are. Sadly, however, we know some individuals ruin the lives of others by inflicting hate.

"Being on the receiving end of hateful abuse can be a deeply traumatic experience and can have a huge impact on your life so it is easy to understand why some people feel they cannot report it. However with the education and people knowing that there is support and help available we will continue to do all that we can to stamp hate out".

Hate crime and hate incidents can be reported online by visiting:

<https://www.leics.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/hco/hate-crime/how-to-report-hate-crime/> or by calling 101.

For more information contact Community Safety at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 238141 or Blaby District Council on 0116 272 7725.

Anti-social behaviour awareness week 2022

ASB is targeted every day by Hinckley Police and Hinckley & Bosworth's Endeavour team with the national campaign putting it in the spotlight.

Each day of the awareness week centred on a set theme, these were empowering communities, best practise, partnership and local delivery and the impact of ASB on young people. The types of activity planned by Neighbourhood Policing Officers, PCSO's and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council included meeting members of the community during dedicated 'Patch Walks' and raising awareness on social media. This provided an ideal opportunity to provide education and literature about ASB, how to report it and patrols of areas where it is known to take place.



During a recent patrol of Clarendon Park, where there has been a reported increase in ASB, thefts, attempted breaks from properties near to the park, the police were joined by colleagues from HBBC's Endeavour team ASB Officer Les Clark, Councillors David Bill, Kevin Lynch, Linda Mullaney and Ann Pendlebury. Local residents were spoken to and offered reassurances that the issues were being proactively monitored, identified perpetrators dealt with accordingly and give them the opportunity to discuss their fears. It proved a very worthwhile event for all involved.

If you have **any concerns** about ASB in your area, witnessed ASB or are a victim of ASB please do not hesitate to report it to the police on 101 or 999 (In an emergency) or Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 238141.

