

Blaby District Council

Joint Community Safety Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title of Report	Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety (CSP) Partnership Annual Update
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1. What is this report about?

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

This is the annual report from the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) as required by the terms of reference for the CSP.

2. Recommendation(s) to Scrutiny Commission

- 2.1 That Scrutiny acknowledges the content of this report and the current focus, performance, achievements and challenges of the CSP.
- 2.2 That the CSP continues to provide the joint Scrutiny Commission with annual Community Safety Partnership update reports.

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 This is the annual report from the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership as required by the terms of reference for the CSP.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

- 4.1.1 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.

- 4.1.2 The CSP has a current 3-year Community Safety Strategy 2023-26 which is available at [Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth CSP Strategy 2023-26](#). 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.
- 4.1.3 Action plans are developed and refreshed annually to ensure delivery of The Community Safety Strategy. The action plans for 2025-26 are attached at Appendix A.
- 4.1.4 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](#). The current funding awarded for 2025-26 to the CSP is £104,104 the split per district and borough is as follows; Hinckley and Bosworth £51,217, Blaby £52,887.
- 4.1.5 This report highlights the current position in terms of focus, performance, achievements and challenges of the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership.

4.2 The Current Focus of the Partnership

- 4.2.1 The Community Safety Partnership continues to deliver a wealth of work around three key areas of focus within the Community Safety Strategy 2023-26: Protecting and Supporting People, Reducing Offending and Re-offending and Preventing and Reducing Serious Violence.
- 4.2.2 The Partnership is currently working with partners to refresh priorities for a new Community Safety Strategy for 2026-29. Strategic needs assessments have been completed to highlight key areas for consideration and community consultation has taken place with adults and young people to ensure that community voice is considered alongside data, intelligence and partner knowledge.
- 4.2.3 The Partnership continuously seeks to increase our focus on prevention and early intervention to stop crime and disorder from happening in the first place, thereby reducing the multiple and far-reaching human, economic and societal impacts.

4.2.4 The partnership focusses on using evidence-based approaches in our strategic and operational work. The partnership works actively in specific locations at specific times, 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.

4.2.5 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.

5 Performance

5.1 The effectiveness of the CSP is measured against performance indicators around crime and antisocial behaviour 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. Progress against the partnership action plans is overseen by the Community Safety Executive Board on a quarterly basis.

5.2 Crime and Antisocial behaviour Statistics

Blaby District									
Time Period	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	5 Year Trend	2024/25 to date	2025/26 to date	Yr to Date Trend
Total Crime	5473	6385	6849	6853	6703	↔	5743	5238	↓
Violent Crime	2104	2424	2390	2263	2229	↓	1907	1870	↓
Domestic Abuse	1369	1469	1122	1133	1070	↔	870	860	↓
Domestic Burglary	241	258	413	381	397	↔	355	243	↓
Burglary (Business)	73	64	78	91	53	↓	44	50	↑
Vehicle Crime - Theft From	406	371	353	399	343	↓	276	200	↓
Vehicle Crime - Theft of	113	147	187	185	166	↓	144	120	↓
ASB sentinel			294	202			203		
Antisocial Behaviour calls							2826		
Hate Crime	129	150	157	132	144	↔	124	125	↔

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough									
Time Period	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	5 year Trend	2024/25 to date	2025/26 to date	Yr to Date Trend
Total Crime	6441	7153	7763	7516	7235	↓	5839	5630	↓
Violent Crime	2565	2813	3009	2864	2788	↓	2209	2227	↑
Domestic Abuse	1566	1701	1299	1350	1221	↓	979	1021	↑
Domestic Burglary	205	212	331	328	342	→	289	264	↓
Burglary (Business)	89	104	98	122	122	→	105	113	↑
Vehicle Crime - Theft From	326	273	339	351	329	→	282	177	↓
Vehicle Crime - Theft of	163	141	268	257	201	↓	184	180	↓
ASB sentinel			517	488			387		
Antisocial Behaviour calls							2933		
Hate Crime	122	178	193	144	140	↓	102	108	↓

Points of Note:

The trend for overall crime is down nationally and force wide. This downward trend is also reflected locally, year to date figures show a force wide reduction of 9.9%, locally we have seen an 8.1% reduction for Blaby District and an 11.7% reduction for Hinckley and Bosworth borough.

Other areas of crime are showing downward or static long-term trends as can be seen from the tables above. Year to date trends are in the majority downward and positive and where increases have been seen these are not high-volume increases.

Shoplifting has seen increases nationally, year to date we have seen some increase locally with a 7.6% rise averaged across the Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA). An ongoing policing operation, Op Detect, has enabled improved relationships with retail premises in the Hinckley and Bosworth area, leading to more confidence in reporting of shoplifting which has subsequently led to more reports. This increase in reporting has allowed the Op Detect team to detect more shoplifting offences and deter offenders from entering stores using court orders. After the initial increase in the first part of 2025/26 in the number of reported theft store offences Hinckley and Bosworth are now seeing the benefits of this work with a reduction in theft stores in Quarter 3 of this year. A similar operation for Blaby District area started in Summer 2025 and is still in the phase of increased reporting, recording and dealing with the suspects meaning that in Quarter 3 of 2025/26 we are still seeing a 1.9% rise on theft stores offences although the rate of rise is coming down. There have been some excellent results around offenders who have been imprisoned after the teams have been able to charge dozens of offences for certain individuals, allowing the courts to give lengthier sentences and put court orders in place to keep offenders away. It is

expected that offences will continue to fall as the offenders become aware of the strong stance and sentencing.

ASB Enforcement:

The below details case figures for cases managed at our JAGs (Joint Action Group) / People and Places structures which manage the highest risk cases.

	Active cases April 1 st 25- end Jan 26	ASB Enforcement April 1 st 25- end Jan 26
Blaby People and Places Forum	27	12 Advice Letters 30 Warning Letters 2 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts 5 Community Protection Warnings 1 Community Protection Notice
Hinckley and Bosworth: Adult Joint Action Group (JAG)	17	11 Antisocial Behaviour Contracts 159 Advice Letters/Verbal 2 Civil Injunctions 3 Closure Orders 4 Community Protection Notices
Youth Joint Action Group	12	11 Community Protection Warnings 92 Written Warnings

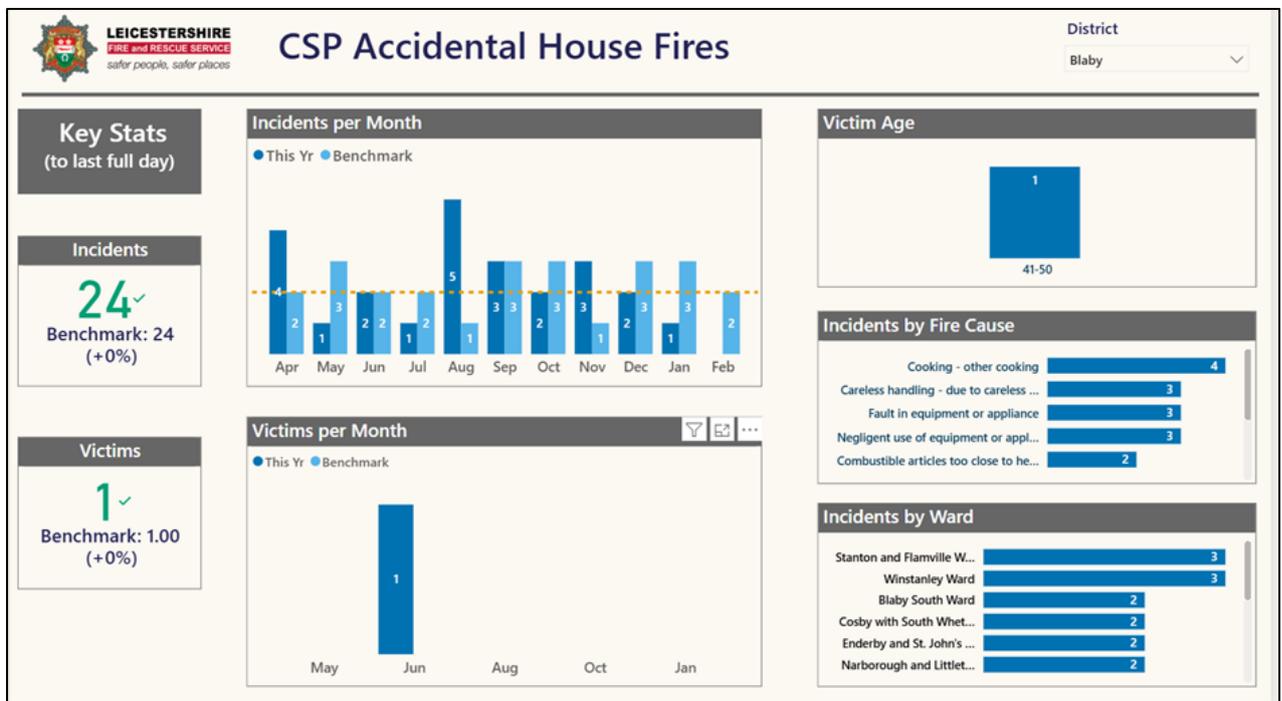
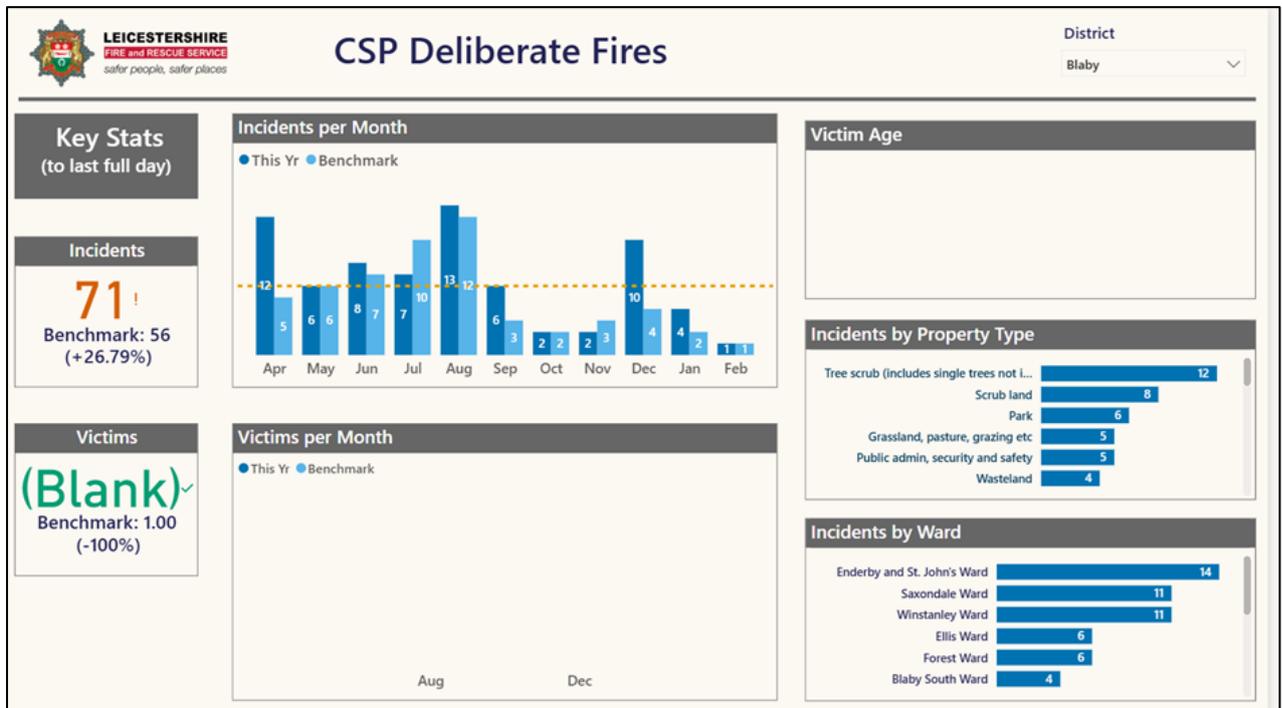
Since late 2024 the CSP have been providing smart doorbell cameras to give out to those who are the high-risk victims of ASB/crime. This helps reduce risk, increases feelings of safety and provides potential evidence. Referrals to the scheme are managed via the above partnership structures. From April 2025- end January 2026 18 smart doorbells have been provided to high-risk victims.

ASB Case Recording:

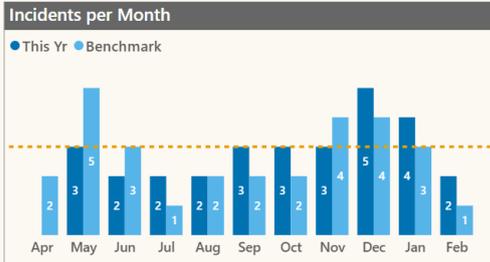
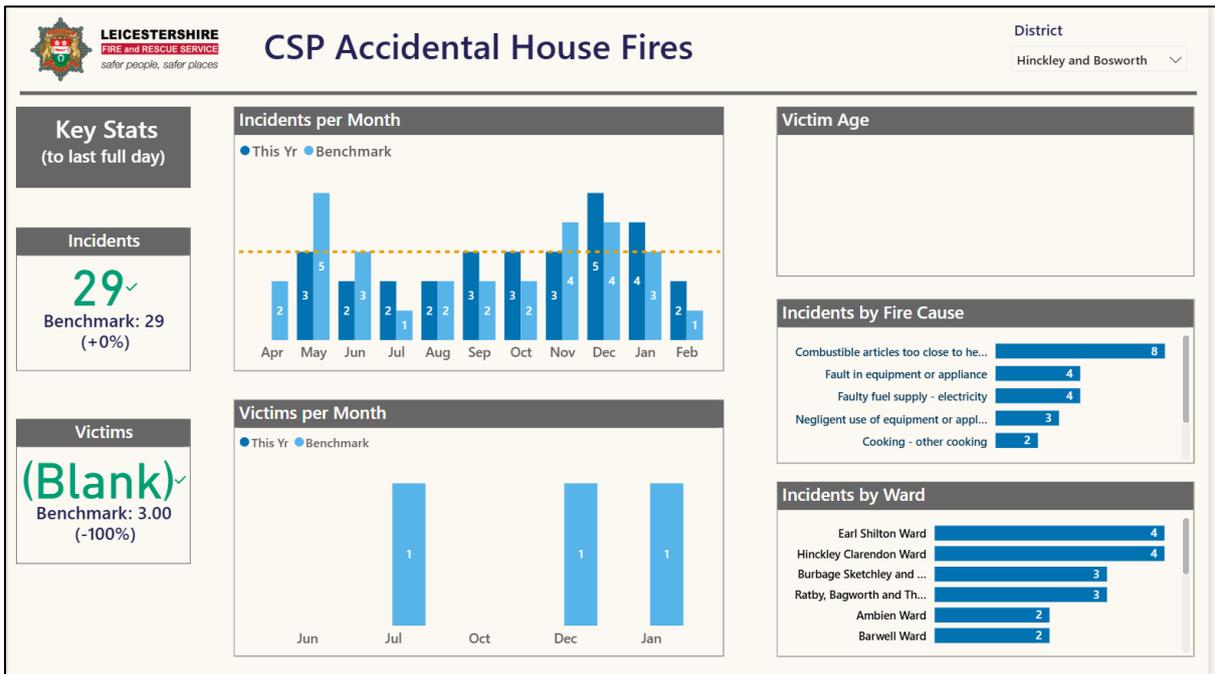
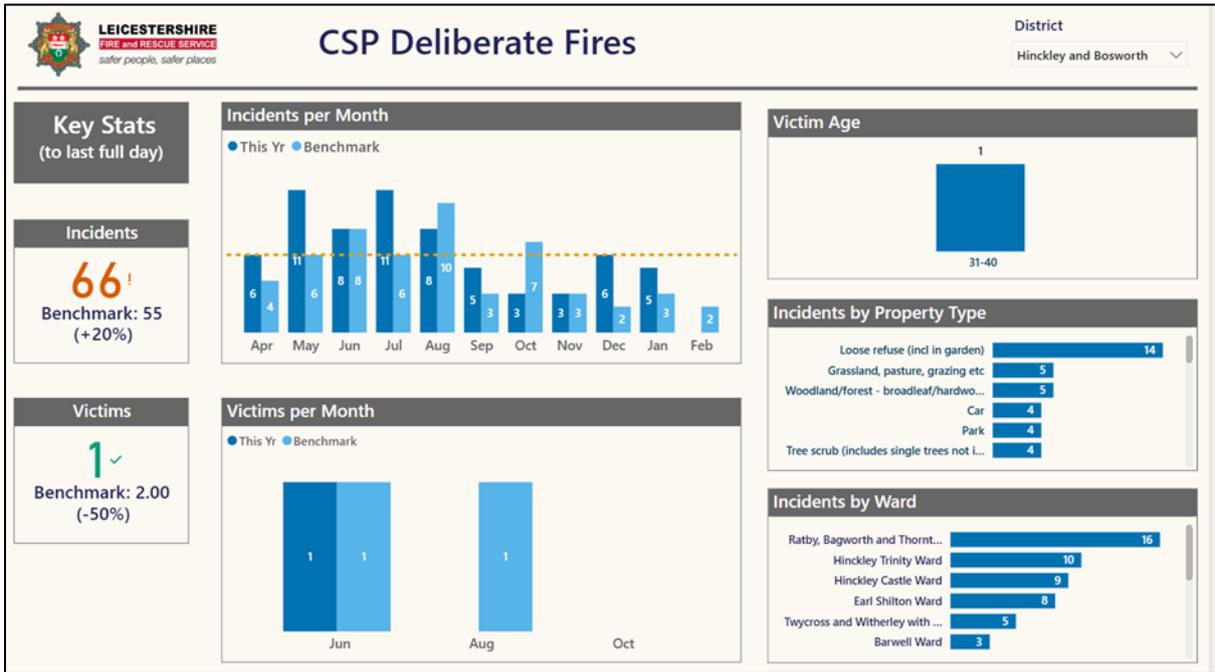
During 2025 a new multi- agency case management reporting system began introduction across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland which is now being used by the police and local councils. Due to the changes data is not available for this report but data will be available for the end of the financial year, although work needs to be done to consider its comparability to previous years. The new system going forward will give us increased partnership working opportunities and data analysis opportunities.

5.3 Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) Statistics

Blaby



Hinckley & Bosworth



5.4 Serious Violence

The CSP has an excellent working relationship with the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and continue to work effectively to ensure compliance with the Serious Violence Duty.

Data shows decreasing trends in serious violence across Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby when comparing 2024 calendar year to 2025 calendar year, see table below:

	Hinckley & Bosworth	Blaby	Hinckley Bosworth Blaby Comb
All SV	-8.5%	-9.5%	-8.9%
Public Place SV	-1.1%	-13.3%	-6.3%
Violence involving Under 25s	-9.8%	+3.8%	-4.5%

Note: the 3.8% increase in violence involving under 25's in Blaby relates to a small volume increase of 3 offences. However, despite the only minor rise in incident numbers there will be a targeted intervention on positive engagement with this age group moving forwards within Blaby District Council, with a specific focus on reducing incidents of violence.

Local serious violence strategic needs assessments are used to inform our strategy and dedicated Serious Violence Plan which shows the wealth of work taking place to prevent and reduce serious violence and is provided at Appendix A. We continually use data to inform our operational responses.

The CSP have worked with the VRN and other agencies on the VRN community driven campaign 'Voices against Violence' designed to empower residents, organisations, and partners to take action against violence by recognising that violence is preventable. More information on the campaign can be found at [Voices against Violence](#)

The last two years have seen increased dedicated police patrols in serious violence and anti-social behaviour (ASB) hotspots. Local officers conduct these patrols on foot, wearing high-visibility uniforms to maximise their presence in the area.

Government hotspot funding has provided police staffing and resources to add extra patrols to ASB and serious violence hotspots. This centralised team focused on government designated ASB and serious violence hotspots, which included Hinckley Town Centre and Fosse Park. This was enhanced over the summer by the government's 'Safer Streets Summer' initiative, detailed further at 5.8 of this report. This saw an uplift of 3 officers across both areas and a dedicated focus on the ASB / serious violence hotspots across both areas. Their work also frees up the neighborhood staff to concentrate on their beats. The reaction from

people and businesses in Hinckley Town and Fosse Park has been very positive, with better engagement, and an increased satisfaction level.

Op Sceptre is the dedicated police operation to raise awareness and tackle knife crime. This year’s focus locally has been targeted at raising awareness via schools and young people’s settings. The Hinckley and Bosworth policing team ran targeted test purchasing in shops where there had been intelligence on them selling knives to younger people. These test purchasing operations did not see any underage knife sales.

Knife Crime awareness in schools is delivered with the police and partners who attended Bosworth Academy to raise awareness with a knife arch which 500 students entered through on their way into school, with a 100% pass rate.

The Solomon Theatre group were also commissioned to deliver their knife crime awareness production “Skin Deep” across colleges in the Blaby District.

5.5 Domestic Abuse

The partnership continues to work to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse and meet our duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

The Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth council’s 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 2025 – 31 st January 2026
Victims/ Survivors supported via outreach service	270
Number of domestic abuse group programmes completed	15
Number of children affected by domestic abuse receiving therapeutic support	138

Listening to the needs and wishes of survivors and then using this to shape the service has led to changes that have ensured better outcomes for survivors. Service users are supported in sharing decision making and goal setting to put in place a plan of action they need to move forward. This year survivors from the domestic abuse outreach service survivor led coffee mornings created an innovative display which aimed to raise awareness of domestic abuse, this was exhibited at the annual

Partnership Networking Event and then as a full shop window display in Hinckley Town Centre. Close work has also taken place with Project Echo, an innovative project delivered by Safelives which spans Bolton, Leicestershire and Sheffield and aims to transform responses to domestic abuse by ensuring survivor voices are at the centre of design and delivery of policies and services to enable survivors to feed back their voices around their experiences and expertise.

The CSP leads a Domestic Abuse Forum which brings together key stakeholders across the borough and district to ensure wider partners are working together, enabling collaboration, forward planning, and networking to continually improve responses to domestic abuse.

In November the CSP supported the national White Ribbon Campaign with 16 days of local action, raising awareness of domestic abuse and the support available for survivors. A successful annual domestic abuse partnership networking event took place at Hinckley Hub within the 16 days of action to enable partners to come together to network on our local provisions and response to domestic abuse, 71 partners were in attendance.

Male members of the Senior Leadership Team and other staff members at Blaby also made the White Ribbon pledge with the aim of becoming ambassadors. A campaign calendar for 2026 has been established to embed values and move beyond awareness to behaviour change. There will also be monthly topics including deconstructing gender norms and accountability and allyship.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) provides 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 receive in the region of £33K each per annum. Housing plays an important role in domestic abuse, where housing uncertainty can be used by perpetrators to control and coerce survivors. A lack of safe, secure and high-quality housing can put people experiencing domestic abuse at risk of homelessness and therefore hesitant to speak out. Locally Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council use their MHCLG funding to provide a specialist domestic abuse post within their housing options teams. The posts work on domestic abuse related housing options cases to enable survivors of domestic abuse to access specialist support services and to access safe accommodation. This ensures that survivors who may find themselves homeless and need access to secure accommodation are supported by an officer who has knowledge around domestic abuse to support them effectively. The officer works closely with our Domestic Abuse Outreach Services ensuring a streamlined service around practical and emotional support for survivors.

The CSP has, since 2024, been running a scheme to provide target hardening packs for domestic abuse survivors. This target hardening is

used alongside appropriate risk assessments. The packs include items such as window alarms, personal alarms, solar lights, alarmed door wedges etc. There is also access to ring doorbells for appropriate cases. From April 2025 – end Jan 26 the Partnership have provided target hardening for 54 survivors.

Domestic abuse is a local policing priority; daily scrutiny is provided of live demand and suspects outstanding. This is then fed through to dedicated officers to progress enquiries. The Domestic Abuse Resolution Team (DART) is a central resource working with local policing. Key areas of business include the creation of problem management plans and identification of high threat relationships. Individuals that are suitable are signposted to local outreach teams through this process. There is investment in local supervisory set ups which includes Crime and Performance Managers. These supervisors provide additional scrutiny for domestic abuse demand, outstanding suspects, arrest rates, investigative positive outcomes and local training.

There are 9 neighbourhood police areas (NPAs) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and our NPA, which combines both Blaby District and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, is the most populated NPA. It has the second largest land mass to cover and one of the highest levels of demand on the staff who work there, particularly around calls regarding domestic abuse (this varies month to month). The NPA are continually working smarter regarding how they deploy resources, resources are finite and are sometimes outstripped by the high demand. A recent trial of Local Video Response (LVR) has enabled officers in the area to deal with domestic abuse (and other matters) expeditiously. The remote nature via video link allows for early contact and relevant safeguarding/ support. Force wide, early indications suggest enhanced victim satisfaction through this contact method. This method is only used in certain circumstances; it does not replace the need for officers to attend to avert risk or where face-to-face meetings are requested; more officers are being trained in this during 2026. Locally we monitor and drive forward investigations around domestic abuse, it is one of the main focuses of the management team on a daily basis to get the best service to victim- survivors

5.6 **Rural Crime**

The Rural Policing Team continue to tackle issues that matter most to the rural community. They link in with local neighbourhood policing teams for knowledge and support and they are in regular contact with the local National Farmers Union and members of the rural community via the dedicated rural WhatsApp groups. The WhatsApp groups continue to be well thought of, not only allowing participants to share information regarding suspicious incidents, but they also allow Police to share team results and reach out for information to resolve live incidents.

The team continue to hold Hub meetings throughout the year with multiple partner agencies such as the RSPCA and Environmental Agency, of which countywide CSP's are invited and attend, and the team continue to work closely with those partner agencies outside of the meetings to carry out warrants and deal with local issues.

The CSP has recently provided funding for hare coursing signs which will provide a visible deterrent and public reassurance in rural hotspot areas, alongside funding for trail cameras which can be placed in outdoor rural areas for monitoring grounds and evidential data capture of rural crimes and fly tipping. Funding for and use of air tags has been secured. These are placed on items that could be stolen and increase recovery opportunities.

5.7 **Retail/Business Crime**

Local police, the borough and district councils, Hinckley Business Improvement District (Hinckley BID) and Fosse Park continue working closely with partners and businesses to reduce and detect crime in retail and hospitality centres. The use of retail radios, the DISC system (which allows timely sharing of information between police, CCTV and businesses), dedicated police spree offending teams (Op Detect), CCTV cameras and close working with businesses has yielded excellent results with arrests and property recoveries. This approach has resulted in high success rates in the detection of retail theft; well above the Leicestershire Police average.

Theft occurrences in Hinckley Town Centre and Fosse Park are a focus for the dedicated Op Detect team. The Op Detect team comprise of a dedicated team of officers assigned to spree offenders and they continue to be, in part, responsible for an increase in positive outcomes achieved. This approach of using a dedicated team targeting policing of spree and repeat offenders in areas of high crime has seen outcomes across several crime areas. The Op Detect team are currently realising theft store detection rates of 69.8%. The Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA) has a 2-year theft store detection rate of 33.7 % with a previous 2-year theft store detection rate of 22.9%, showing a positive longer-term trend in increasing theft store detection rates. Fosse Park detection rate currently sits at 30.6% (compared with 14.4% over the same previous time period last year) and Hinckley Town Centre and Greater Hinckley have a two-year detection rate of 44.8%.

For the wider beat locations, multiple retail related problem management plans are in place to assist the businesses involved with reducing retail crime. This includes consideration to target hardening, CCTV coverage, product placement and easy to use crime reporting packs.

The Hinckley BID retail watch DISC ((which allows timely sharing of information between police, CCTV and businesses) system has over 97 regular users. The DISC system has more recently been introduced at Fosse Park and is being utilised effectively, with the database, intelligence and communication between stores and sharing of images steadily increasing.

73 retail radios continue to be deployed in Hinckley Town Centre and the CSP have used funding to support the purchase of retail radios and the DISC system to ensure its ongoing development and use. Various successes can be attributed to retail radio and the efforts of partners, all of which have been shared locally on various communication channels. The CSP have more recently been successful in securing additional funding to replace and upgrade the retail radio scheme in Hinckley Town Centre which will future proof the system for several years to come.

Retail crime packs have been created to allow stores to effectively report offences to local police in a timely manner. It is hoped this reporting mechanism will further improve crime recording standards and outcomes.

During 2025, Safer Streets Summer and Winter Government initiatives, detailed in Section 5.8, commenced in Hinckley Town Centre and Fosse Park which has seen an uplift (3 PCs) dedicated to these locations.

Op Storefront, a proactive policing operation, combining both high visibility and plain clothed officers, has been completed on various dates throughout the year with high success. Various disposals for theft stores, including arrests and numerous out of court disposals.

In 2025, the CSP was successful in gaining OPCC funding for 20 body worn cameras working alongside the Hinckley Business Improvement District to distribute free to Hinckley town centre retailers. Body-worn cameras offer retailers clear, evidence-backed benefits: they deter aggression, de-escalate conflict, protect staff, support prosecutions, increase evidential opportunities and reduce losses. Rising retail violence in the UK makes them an increasingly valuable part of initiatives and strategies to tackle retail crime. Recently at Sainsbury's Hinckley, body worn video coverage from staff enabled the charge and remand of an individual for eight theft store offences at that location.

CSP funding has also been agreed to improve the Wi-Fi connection for CCTV in Blaby precinct used to detect and deter business crime and funding has been agreed for some geofencing work to be undertaken to deter individuals in these locations and raise awareness.

An additional funding bid has also been submitted by Blaby to undertake some target hardening works to a location where vehicles accessing a pedestrian zone have been used to ram retail spaces.

5.8 Safer Streets

The Safer Streets Summer Initiative was a national, Home Office-backed programme (30 June–30 September 2025) focused on reducing town centre crime, antisocial behaviour, and retail theft through highly visible policing and strong partnership working. It operated across more than 500 town centres in England and Wales. Local hotspot areas were identified across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, and Hinckley Town Centre was identified to be part of the initiative.

This attracted funding for extra policing in Hinckley Town Centre over the Summer 2025 period. Locally, much of the work enabled in Hinckley Town Centre was also replicated at Fosse Park, Enderby via our dedicated retail crime work operation, Op Detect.

The CSP formulated and delivered a dedicated action plan for the initiative, which included actions around increased high visibility patrolling, police and council enforcement, community engagement activities, youth outreach engagement and diversionary activities. Some key initiatives included 3 extra PC's dedicated to Hinckley Town Centre and Fosse Park, youth outreach in Hinckley Town Centre throughout August via the county youth IMPACT team, a 6-week summer sports programme at Green Towers ran by Leicester City in the Community, a What's on This Summer Brochure detailing activities available for children and young people in Hinckley and Bosworth over the Summer period, new PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) signs erected in Hinckley Town Centre and surrounding areas to be visibly clearer about no alcohol related anti-social behaviour, healthy holiday school session in the Hinckley School and CSP partners engaging at town centre events such as Bike Spectacular, Hinckley Pride, Feast Hinckley and Snap Dragon Children's Festival. The Safer Streets Summer team started at Blaby in June 2025, their focus being on spree crime, particularly theft stores and due to sheer numbers the main focus was Fosse Park, however there is still some focus on smaller local supermarkets. Regular attendance at meetings of the businesses at Fosse Park is also contributing to an improved relationship.

There are some good results around offenders who have been imprisoned after the teams have been able to charge dozens of offences for certain individuals, allowing the courts to give lengthier sentences and put court orders in place to keep offenders away. The reaction of businesses has been very positive; they are seeing the benefit of reporting these issues and seeing the results of putting numerous offences before the courts at once.

Due to the success of the summer initiative, the government launched the Winter Safer Streets initiative through December and January to reduce town-centre crime, shop theft, antisocial behaviour, and night-time-economy harms. Locally, we used this to build on the Safer

Streets Summer Initiative and focus on high-visibility policing, hotspot patrols, and coordinated partnership actions. The CSP had a dedicated action plan with a focus on high visibility, hotspot policing, prevention and awareness work in schools, youth outreach, dedicated work in the nighttime economy over the Christmas period (detailed in Section 5.9) and dedicated communications campaigns.

5.9 Night-time Economy

The CSP has continued a wealth of work to make the night-time economy safer. We continue to have robust structures to partnership manage any issues relating to the night-time economy. These include effective operational work between CCTV, Police and licensees, effective Pubwatch schemes and the use of night-time economy marshals at key times.

Over the last year the CSP has provided night-time economy marshals in Hinckley Town Centre and Blaby to work alongside the police to deescalate issues and keep people safe on key nights during August bank holiday weekend, key events such as Oktoberfest and the Tin Hat Fair, and over the several key dates over the Christmas period. This saw a decrease in reporting of issues to the police and an increase in residents' reassurance.

During December 2025 partnership work was carried out with the council's community safety and the police visiting licensed premises to promote anti-violence campaigns, no drink driving, anti-spiking resources and 'Ask for Angela' (www.leicestershire.gov.uk/AskforAngela).

Throughout the year joint visits have been completed within the town centre and in other areas across the borough. The police take a proactive approach to licensing and NTE policing. A dedicated police officer looks after all licensing for the borough, reviewing all new applications in terms of change of DPS (Designated Premises Supervisor), new premises and TEN's (Temporary Event Notices). The police continue a high level of licensing compliance visits, for example in the last quarter alone (between Oct 1st – 31st Dec 2025) they conducted 110 visits to licensed premises to check license compliance in Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby.

5.10 Prevent

The Prevent Duty was established by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and places a duty on specified authorities to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.' The Prevent Duty guidance assists statutory partners to understand how to comply with the Prevent Duty.

Both local authorities have mandatory training for staff and have refreshed their local Prevent plans in 2025. We have now received the new Home Office training packages for frontline staff and a training plan is in place to deliver.

Section 5 of the Prevent Duty guidance (2023, as amended in January 2024), subsection 85 states, "It is important for specified authorities to identify and consider opportunities to disrupt those who seek to radicalise others into conducting terrorism- related activity or supporting terrorism, or who perpetuate extremist ideologies linked to terrorism. This may mean having policies in place that, where appropriate, limit radicalising influences (including online), or ensure that facilities are not used inappropriately." Both local authorities have put in place venue hire policies and guidance to respond to this guidance and have shared this with Parish Councils.

Over several years Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth councils have acted as district leads for Leicestershire on county and regional prevent groups and continue to do so. We have also recently been involved in developing a collaborative East Midlands training offer to safeguard neurodivergent children from the risk of radicalisation.

5.11 **Hate Crime**

Hate Crime is an area of crime that is under reported and has a significant impact on the victim. The CSP works hard to raise awareness of hate crime and to ensure that people are aware of how to report it. Seven designated hate crime reporting centres operate across the borough and district, enabling residents to report incidents in person. The locations are publicised on the councils' websites. The area also has 18 accredited Keep Safe Places in Hinckley and Bosworth and 9 in Blaby district, providing a safe refuge for individuals who feel upset, scared, or distressed while out in the community. This scheme is supported by the CSP and a number of businesses.

In addition, diversity workshops are delivered to key stage 2 pupils in primary schools to increase their understanding of what constitutes a hate incident or hate crime, the impact that it has on victims, and how to identify who their trusted adult is if they are experiencing or witnessing any form of hate crime or hate incident.

During 2025 the CSP engaged in the development and launch of a Hate Crime Hub, called Speak Out Space. This is a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Initiative which provides a central repository for information and guidance regarding hate crime for professionals and the community. <https://speakoutspace.co.uk/>

5.12 Children and Young People

The CSP continues to engage with high numbers of young people via prevention and awareness work in schools and other young people settings. Work has been delivered on topics such as exploitation, substance misuse, safer driving, knife crime, mental health, diversity, anti-social behaviour, and healthy relationships. In 2024-25 the partnership engaged with 4796 young people via awareness and prevention work in educational and other young people settings. Between 1st April 25 – 31st Jan 26 we have already engaged with 3424 young people.

In 2025 Streetvibe Young People's Services, who we had worked in partnership with to provide youth outreach for a decade, ceased to trade. During summer 2025 the CSP worked to find a new voluntary sector partner to work with to provide a youth outreach service locally. The partnership now commission specialist youth outreach via [Young Leicestershire](#). Since commencing delivery in September 2025 Young Leicestershire have had 448 positive engagements with young people in hotspot areas for anti-social behaviour.

Work has continued with Leicester City in the Community who continue to deliver a sports outreach project, running weekly from Green Towers and Brockington College. Police attend sessions to build positive relationships with young people and there are other enrichment activities such as tournaments and visits. From 1st April 2025- 31st Jan 2026, there have been 855 attendances by young people at sessions.

A dedicated partnership Youth Joint Action Group (JAG) is in place in Hinckley and Bosworth to partner problem solve and offer early intervention and prevention for young people. The Youth JAG has just been refreshed to ensure it continually improves in delivering positive outcomes for young people.

Mentors in Violence Programme (MVP) is a peer mentoring programme run by the Violence Reduction Network 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 currently being delivered in 2 schools in Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby.

During 2025 the police have developed and launched a new prevention and awareness schools offer called Pol-Ed. The CSP are working in conjunction with this offer to ensure all prevention and awareness work is joined up and no duplication takes place.

The police YEO (Youth Engagement Officer) is a key member of the neighbourhood policing team. They act as the police lead for the Youth

JAG to ensure all local partners are aligned with regards to policing activity. They engage with a high number of young people each year through their work in schools and other young people settings. Some key topics they cover with young people include online awareness, knife crime awareness and county lines. They also complete lunch time drop-in sessions, children's home visits and various partnership and cadet events across the policing area.

5.13 **Community Engagement**

Two CSP community safety consultations have been run in the last few months; one focussed on the views of young people and the other for adults. Response rates were statistically viable and are currently under analysis with results expected imminently. These results will be used to inform our strategic and operational responses.

Work has taken place to increase the number and focus of partnership community patch walks. The patch walks focus on hotspot areas for council housing maintenance concerns and/or reported antisocial behaviour (ASB). They operate as a multiagency initiative, with partners conducting door knocking within the targeted neighbourhoods to gather community voice, offer advice, support, or signposting to relevant services. Partners involved include Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, the police, local elected members, Leicestershire County Council teams, alongside a range of borough council staff such as Tenancy Management Officers, ASB officers, Community Safety, and Housing Repairs teams. A robust process is in place to ensure residents are provided with follow up information and appropriate referrals. 5 partnership community watch walks have been completed in Hinckley and Bosworth since April 1st, 2025, with another one planned for March 2026. The Blaby Resident Support officers have supported various local community events from estate action days and the veteran's coffee mornings to attending warm spaces meetings and parish events where they provide home safety items.

The CSP successfully delivered over 20 campaigns in 2024-25 which focussed on raising awareness, increasing reporting, reducing offences of emerging threat and seasonal crime trends, and ensuring people know how to access support. A similar amount of campaign work will be delivered during 2025-26. The CSP has also continued to attend a variety of community events.

The CSP has increased its use of targeted and geofencing campaigns. Geofencing allows us to target messages to people in a particular area. This has meant that we have been able to better ensure our campaign messages are reaching the right audience. These campaigns have had consistently high reach numbers, for example via this mechanism our Safer Streets Summer messages had 235,905 views and 621 likes.

Leicestershire Police work to a common engagement standards framework, this satisfies the government requirement for engagement both face to face and online. They publish (as a minimum) 3 months' worth of face-to-face engagement, this could include Cuppa with a Copper, beat events, attendance at other events where they are there to engage rather than enforce. It also includes regular updates on the Leicestershire Police website around priorities that they have been told about by the public via neighbourhood link surveys, these are updated monthly in a 'you said, we did' format. Regular engagement on social media also goes down well with regular video updates from the NPA commanders, which have created good engagement on social media.

6.0 Challenges and Opportunities

In summary the CSP faces the following challenges and opportunities:

- 6.1 Road Safety continues to be a concern for the public. Early in 2025 the partnership set up quarterly dedicated partner road safety meetings to look at partnership actions around reducing road traffic collisions, education, inconsiderate parking and speeding. Spikes we saw in road traffic collisions in 2024-25 have decreased.
- 6.2 Continued cost of living pressures has the potential to influence increases in shop theft and other acquisitive crime. The significant amount of work taking place to tackle shoplifting is detailed in 5.7.
- 6.3 County Lines continues to be an ongoing threat. Local Police working in partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Blaby District Council and Leicestershire Police Intelligence Services continually monitor and respond to disrupt any county lines that may impact on our area.
- 6.4 Burglary and vehicle crime continues to be a challenge. 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. The CSP continue to fund burglary target hardening packs which are distributed to victims of burglary and those in the near vicinity of a burglary. Packs include things such as window and door alarms, CCTV stickers, light timers etc
Residential burglary year to date compared to the previous year has seen good reductions across both areas as can be seen in section 5.2 of the report. There was a small upturn in these numbers in January 2026 in Hinckley and Bosworth, but these have now dropped off again.
Theft from motor vehicle year to date compared to the previous year (which includes theft from vans and theft of things attached to vehicles like number plates and cat convertors) has also seen significant reductions across both areas (see section 5.2 for more detail). This year

we have not seen the usual spike in theft from vans we normally expect in the autumn.

Theft of Motor vehicle year to date compared to the previous year has seen small reductions across both areas. Generally, theft from vehicle has shown a reduction since high points in 2022-23, which we believe to be in part due to advances in keyless entry technology at that time.

6.5 The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 (Martyn's Law) received Royal Assent on 3 April 2025 and is expected to come into force no earlier than April 2027. Work has begun locally to ensure compliance by 2027.

6.6 The Crime and Policing Bill is currently at the House of Lords Committee Stage, which began on 10 November 2025. The Bill aims to strengthen police powers, tighten protest laws, and expand measures to tackle antisocial behaviour, exploitation, and serious crime across England and Wales.

6.7 Dedicated funding for the CSP comes solely via the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner. Funding is only confirmed on an annual basis, which can make it difficult to plan and commission longer term projects.

7.0 Relevant Consultations

7.1 Relevant partners have been consulted in the formulation of this report.

7.2 Annual public consultation takes place and is considered in strategy and action planning.

8.0 Significant Issues

8.1 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Inequalities and Climate Local and there are no areas of concern.

9.0 Environmental impact

9.1 There are no Net Zero impacts

10. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

10.1 There are no costs associated with this report

11. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

11.1 There are no risks associated with this report

12. Other options considered

12.1 There are no alternative options to consider.

13. Appendix

13.1 Appendix A – Community Safety Partnership Action Plans

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