

South and Vale Community Safety Partnership

Rolling annual plan 2014 -15



**Confident and
safer communities**

**SOUTH AND VALE COMMUNITY
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

INTRODUCTION

South and Vale Community Safety Partnership

Under the umbrella of the South and Vale Community Safety Partnership (CSP), a wide variety of local agencies are working to maintain low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. From anti-social behaviour and enviro-crime action to crime prevention and police enforcement, drug treatment services and alcohol safety campaigns, we are focused on ensuring that residents feel and stay safe.

The South and Vale CSP was created in accordance with the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which established the principles of partnership working. The partnership involves officers representing:

- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- NHS Oxfordshire
- Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
- Thames Valley Police (TVP)
- Thames Valley Probation Service
- Sovereign Vale Housing Association
- Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Soha Housing Limited
- Public Health

We have two 'operational', multi-agency sub groups which help to deliver the CSP objectives across both districts:

South and Vale Nightsafe – Nightsafe is a multi-agency programme of communication, education and partnership working to reduce incidents of alcohol related crime. The Nightsafe scheme runs in Wantage, Abingdon, Henley, and Didcot. Nightsafe is also being rolled out in Thame with 10 premises signed up, bringing the total number of premises signed up to the scheme in South and Vale to 56.

South and Vale Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination - JATAC brings together a wide range of agencies working in South and Vale to tackle community safety problems that can't be resolved locally due to their complexity and scale.

Working with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner

Our CSP supports the work of the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and we have a dual responsibility to take into account each others priorities when setting our own. The CSP receives funding from the PCC to support its projects.

The partnership's annual rolling plan

Following the successful delivery of its 2013/14 plan, the CSP has refreshed its objectives for 2014/15. We are focussing our work on the strategic objectives in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-17:

1. to cut crimes that are of most concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities
2. to protect the visible presence of the police and partners to cut crime and the fear of crime and to reassure communities

3. to protect the public from harm arising from serious organised crime and terrorism
4. to communicate and engage with the public in order to cut crime and the fear of crime and build trust and confidence with our communities
5. to work with criminal justice partners to reduce crime and support victims and witnesses
6. to ensure policing, community safety and criminal justice services are delivered efficiently and effectively

We have developed these objectives to provide a local perspective by reviewing the following sources of information:

- Oxfordshire Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2014
- Thames Valley Police Local Delivery Plan 2014-15
- The district councils' residents surveys
- Thames Valley Police neighbourhood crime data 2014-15

We have agreed a number of practical actions to address the objectives, along with specific measures to help us understand the difference they are making to local residents and communities.

There are also a number of broader community safety indicators in the Plan to show us the overall direction of travel in terms of reducing crime and the fear of crime in South and Vale.

As well as working together to deliver this Plan, the CSP will also review its performance on a quarterly basis, agree any remedial action necessary and also provide an annual report to the district councils' scrutiny committees.

SOUTH AND VALE CSP ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013/14

In South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, there was a 0.2 per cent reduction in crime between 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Superintendent Andy Boyd (South and Vale Local Police Area Commander) commented that “whilst this is a modest decrease, it should be viewed in the context of our success in reducing crime by over 38% in the last ten years. There were, last year, over a 1000 less victims of crime than there were two years ago”.

2013/14 has been another busy year for the South and Vale CSP, which has been successfully operating as a single Partnership since April 2011. By joining together two district CSPs into one, we have been able to pool resources and expertise and reduce the number of meetings that officers have to co-ordinate and attend.

Here are some examples of the activities that the CSP supported in the last financial year:

- We funded the South and Vale dedicated outreach service for victims of domestic abuse which supported 49 vulnerable residents in 2013/14.
- We co-ordinated a local, multi-agency response to reports of anti social behaviour received by the police, district councils and housing associations. This helped to ensure that victims received the right level of support from the right agencies at the right time. For example, we funded and managed the installation of Guardcams to help prevent anti social behaviour and provide victims with reassurance

Project in focus – DAMASCUS outreach project for young people in Abingdon

We funded DAMASCUS, a youth project, to provide detached outreach work in South Abingdon. They worked with a core group of 13-17 year olds who could be potential mentors to their peers and ran a number of activity sessions (for example, football practice sessions and a Christmas lunch) to engage with young people and the wider community.

“Our on the streets engagement has been extremely successful – we have identified and had positive engagement with various ‘disengaged’ groups from South Abingdon” (*Dr Rita Atkinson MBE, Trustee Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project*)

“It’s been great having them come and meet us on the street – they are all pretty sound and I’m looking forward to doing the young leadership stuff” (*a teenager involved in the project*)

“it’s been great seeing them on the streets – always friendly and say hello – I am keen to get involved with the community events and get to know the kids” (*a community resident*).

- Didcot TRAIN received funding from the CSP to provide outreach support and activities for vulnerable young people in the town – hundreds of young people benefited from their work in 2013/14.
- We funded a small repairs scheme for elderly and vulnerable residents to prevent repeat incidents of domestic burglary or domestic abuse. Over 110 repairs were carried out between April 2013 and March 2014, ranging from fitting reinforced doors to protect domestic abuse victims to installing security lights and door chains.
- Through JATAC, the CSP funded rural crime packs to help the police provide a rapid response to rural crime. The packs include things like dog chip scanners, fuel dipping kits

and contacts for fly-tipping enforcement. We also funded a Crime Reduction Advisor who supported victims of crime in rural areas, and gave advice at a rural crime conference hosted by the CSP in November.

- Run as a joint initiative through Nightsafe, a test purchase operation focusing on off licences was carried out across both districts over the summer. 68 premises were tested and 79 per cent passed. Premises that passed the first test purchase operation were visited by the district council licensing team and signed up to the Nightsafe scheme. For the 14 that failed, they received follow up visits from the community safety team and police licensing officers and were given training, advice about refusing sales and licensee support packs.

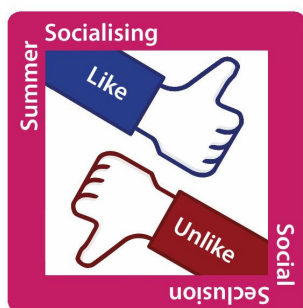
Project in focus - Nightsafe alcohol safety campaign 2013

During the summer, Nightsafe ran a successful campaign to highlight the consequences of excessive drinking, reminding pub goers of the risks if they behave in an anti-social manner.

The 'Summer Socialising, Social Seclusion' campaign saw beer mats and posters distributed to pubs throughout South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

The beer mats acted as a reminder to drinkers that behaving anti-socially could result in them being banned from local pubs and town centres, potentially running the risk of them spending a summer alone while others enjoy themselves.

The campaign received positive press coverage and feedback from local pubwatch groups.



- To help prevent burglaries in a 'hot spot' area of Henley, the CSP funded 100 Smartwater kits through JATAC. Our Crime Reduction Advisor and Neighbourhood Police Teams gave them to vulnerable and elderly residents to protect their belongings and Soha provided a further 86 kits for their tenants. In addition, we also funded two smartwater signs that have been put up in the area to deter burglars.

Our plans for 2014/15

TO CUT CRIMES THAT ARE OF MOST CONCERN TO THE PUBLIC AND TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Reducing anti social behaviour

Direction of travel indicators:

- number of ASB incidents reported to the police and district councils
- levels of criminal damage reported to the police

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
1	Support and deliver diversionary activities for young people in hot spot areas	Number of young people engaged in CSP funded activities and outcomes	CSP team
2	Help to reduce ASB by monitoring the top ten repeat victims through JATAC	Average time taken to close top ten ASB repeat cases	TVP
3	Help to reduce ASB by monitoring the top ten medium and high risk ASB cases through JATAC	Average time taken to close top ten ASB medium/high risk cases	TVP

Tackling local priority crime

Direction of travel indicators:

- levels of domestic burglary reported to the police
- levels of night time economy related violent assault reported to the police
- levels of burglary non dwelling reported to the police

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
Reducing domestic burglaries and violence			
4	Help vulnerable victims of domestic burglary in hot spot areas by running projects to design out crime	Residents' satisfaction with projects Number of domestic burglaries in relevant hot spot areas (pre and post project)	CSP team, CRA
5	Support the development of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	Number of new Neighbourhood Watch schemes Number of 'Days of Action'	TVP, Soha and Sovereign Vale
6	Continue to support crime reduction initiatives by funding a Crime Reduction Advisor (CRA)	Outcomes of specific CRA led domestic burglary initiatives Number of surveys completed (non rural)	CRA

Promoting a safer night time economy			
7	Investigate introducing the purple flag scheme in South and Vale through Nightsafe	Project specific measures to be confirmed	CSP team
8	Explore running a Community Alcohol Project in the Vale through Nightsafe	Project specific measures to be confirmed	CSP team
9	Continue promoting Nightsafe and working with licensed premises in our market towns to reduce alcohol related crime and disorder	Number of Nightsafe initiatives identified through Pubwatch engagement and outcomes	District council licensing teams
10	Support local street pastor schemes and run a South and Vale networking event	Attendee feedback from event	CSP team
Tackling rural crime			
11	Look to secure funding for further ANPR cameras across the districts	Funding secured	TVP
12	Support the development of Countrywatch Schemes	Number of new Countrywatch schemes	TVP
13	Continue to support rural crime reduction initiatives by funding a Crime Reduction Advisor (CRA)	Outcomes of specific CRA led rural crime initiatives Number of surveys completed (rural)	CRA

Reducing domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation (CSE)

Direction of travel indicators:

- levels of domestic abuse reported to the police
- number of high risk cases referred to IDVA for support

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
14	Contribute to the OSCP work to develop effective and co-ordinated domestic abuse services across Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley, ensuring that residents in South and Vale are fairly represented	Report to the CSP on how South & Vale have contributed to the development of the county domestic abuse review and the Thames Valley domestic abuse Concordat	DC and OCC
15	Fund and promote a dedicated domestic abuse outreach service in South and Vale	Number of cases referred to the service, by location and referral agency Number of referrals to IDVA from the service Number of cases closed by the service Average waiting time for service users Service user feedback	CSP team

16	Fund small works sanctuary scheme to support victims and children affected by domestic abuse	Number of domestic abuse small works carried out Average cost of domestic abuse small works carried out	CSP team and CRA
17	Help to reduce domestic abuse by monitoring the top repeat domestic abuse cases through JATAC	Number of positive interventions brought about through JATAC	TVP
18	Set up task and finish groups in hot spot areas to deliver local solutions to support vulnerable young people	Project specific outcomes	CSP team
19	Support the work of the police schools liaison officer to promote protective behaviours amongst young people	Number of young people attending 'Life Matters' event Attendee feedback from event	TVP
20	Explore opportunities for CSP funded projects to help address risky behaviours and promote positive attitudes amongst young people regarding relationships	Number of SLAs which include requirement Project specific outcomes	CSP team
21	Understand how the CSP can best support the Oxfordshire perpetrators programme to help prevent domestic abuse	Increased understanding amongst CSP partner agencies about how they can link into any perpetrator programmes in South and Vale	CSP team

TO PROTECT THE VISIBLE PRESENCE OF THE POLICE AND PARTNERS TO CUT CRIME AND THE FEAR OF CRIME AND TO REASSURE COMMUNITIES

Supporting the South and Vale multi agency ASB team

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
22	Raise awareness amongst partner agencies of new ASB legislation via CSP/JATAC	Effective implementation of new legislation – thresholds set, processes agreed.	ASB Team (TVP & CSP team), Soha and Sovereign Vale
23	Agree processes for implementing partnership aspects of new ASB legislation		
24	Inform residents and other interested parties about the new ASB legislation		

TO COMMUNICATE AND ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO CUT CRIME AND THE FEAR OF CRIME AND BUILD TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

Direction of travel indicator:

- public perception of the fear of crime measured by district councils' residents surveys

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
25	Bring together communication lead officers from all partner agencies to share community safety related communication plans and identify common community safety messages/campaigns for South and Vale	Number of joint community safety publicity campaigns run Campaign specific outcomes	To be confirmed
26	Give hard to reach groups a voice by a) helping to develop the membership of the police Independent Advisory Group b) engaging with Neighbourhood Action Groups through quarterly meetings c) promoting community safety initiatives through the Embrace newsletter	Number of new members joining the IAG Number of community safety messages included in Embrace newsletters	a) TVP b) TVP, CSP team c) District councils, CSP team

WORK WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS TO REDUCE CRIME AND SUPPORT VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

Integrated Offender Management

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
27	Support and develop projects that utilise the services of the Thames Valley Probation Community Payback Scheme in South and Vale	Number of Community Payback projects and outcomes	Probation and CSP team
28	Inform the CSP of the outcomes of the Probation reorganisation and identify opportunities for joint working	To be confirmed	Probation

Support for victims and witnesses

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
29	Fund small repairs to enable vulnerable people to feel and stay safe in their own homes	Number of properties secured by the small repairs scheme Service user feedback	CSP team
30	Support victims of and witnesses to hate crime in South and Vale by promoting the different reporting options available	Levels of hate crime recorded by the police Number of hate incidents reported to SHUK by hate strand, incident type and location	CSP team

Tackling drugs and alcohol

Direction of travel indicators:

- Number of drug and alcohol users starting/leaving structured treatment in South and Vale, with the number and percentage who have successfully completed the treatment
- Number of drug users accessing needle exchange services in pharmacies in South and Vale

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
31	Support the delivery of the countywide alcohol and drug strategy to help ensure that drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services are accessible to people who live and work in South and Vale	Report to the CSP on how South & Vale have supported the delivery of the alcohol and drug strategy	Public Health

To protect the public from harm arising from serious organised crime

Ref.	CSP action	Action specific measures	Lead agency
32	Support a multi-agency approach to tackling serious organised crime	Number of disruption activities undertaken for relevant projects	TVP

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