



Bracknell Forest Community Safety Partnership Plan

2025 to 2028

Vision

Everyone has the right to be free from being a victim of crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB), to feel safe and to choose their own lifestyle.

Everyone also has the responsibility to take reasonable steps to avoid becoming a victim of crime, not to cause harassment or distress to others and to respect differences in others.

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Background to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan

CSPs must, by law, prepare a 3-year plan which sets out how it plans to reduce crime and disorder in the area. They must refresh the plan each year.

Bracknell Forest CSP's Plan is managed by the CSP Steering Group which is made up of Police, Council, Fire, Probation and Health. It has a lot of smaller groups too which focus on locations, people or types of crime.

You've said that having a safe and place to live is important to you and your families. This plan reflects this by focussing on areas of crime and disorder that you have said is most important to you.

All our work in this plan is checked quarterly. There is also an annual public meeting each year where our progress is scrutinised by residents and councillors.

Process

The Bracknell Forest CSP undertakes a strategic assessment of local crime and disorder as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2011.

The strategic assessment considers the following local data:

- Volumes and trends of crime and ASB
- Forecasts/projections of crime and ASB
- Consultation with the statutory and wider membership of the CSP
- Consultation with residents and businesses
- Emerging issues of national concern
- Priorities of key partners including the Thames Valley's Police and Crime Commissioner

A strategic assessment was completed in 2024, and the following priorities have been identified and agreed by the CSP and the community.

2025 - 2028 Strategic Priorities

Priority 1: Crime and antisocial behaviour hotspots

Priority 2: Town centre crime and antisocial behaviour

Priority 3: Domestic abuse

Priority 4: Serious violence

Priority 5: Hate crime and disorder

Priority 1: Crime and antisocial behaviour hotspots

Priority driven by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12% percentage increase in antisocial behaviour queries received by the council compared to last year.• An increase in ASB reported to police compared to last year.• Antisocial behaviour in parks and other open spaces can be problematic, especially in the spring and summer.• There are often complex and challenging issues that need a group of partners to come together to resolve.• Hotspots impact whole communities.• Resident feedback.
Our aims:	<p>To work together to resolve issues at locations that are impacting the community.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug dealing and public drug use• Antisocial vehicle use• Noise that is not normal household noise• E-scooter/e-bike use
Lead:	The Partnership Problem-Solving Sub-Group (PPSG) of the CSP and the Antisocial Behaviour in Parks and Open Spaces group

To achieve our aims, we will:	Our expected outcomes are:
Make sure that residents know the various ways to report antisocial behaviour and crime.	Accurate profiles of crime and antisocial behaviour across the borough. The CSP can only respond to ASB and crime if we have evidence of it happening.
Actively promote referrals from partners into the CSP's Partnership Problem-Solving Groups where partners come together to jointly resolve issues.	Complex, stubborn and challenging issues addressed with a range of powers, expertise and resource.
Prevent and respond to antisocial behaviour committed by the same people.	Repeat offenders are supported into diversionary or preventative activities or are managed through existing groups.
Hold business premises responsible for antisocial behaviour taking place on their property.	Locations that are reinforced and fortified against antisocial behaviour.
Work with police and housing to issue civil and criminal orders e.g. community protection notices and criminal behaviour orders to stop antisocial behaviour and crime.	Effective use of powers to stop nuisance and criminal behaviour.

Priority 2: Town centre crime and antisocial behaviour

Priority driven by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levels of recorded shoplifting, antisocial behaviour and crime have increased compared to last year.• Antisocial behaviour can escalate into more serious criminal behaviour if not addressed.• The town centre is the social hub of the borough which attracts many millions of visitors each year. We need to make sure that it is a safe and economically viable centre for all to enjoy.• The Police and Crime Commissioner has launched a Retail Crime Strategy for the Thames Valley in recognition of regional trends of increased retail crime. We want to participate in that in Bracknell Forest.• Resident feedback.
Our aims:	<p>To work together to report, prevent and address crime and disorder in the town centre.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoplifting• Antisocial behaviour• Public order• Criminal damage• Violence• Petty crime
Lead:	The Town Centre Partnership Problem-Solving Sub-Group of the CSP.

To achieve our aims, we will:	Our expected outcomes are:
Work to make sure all incidents of shoplifting are reported to police by retailers and that they complete the police shoplifting packs which provide evidence.	Police will have a clear picture of those retailers affected and by whom, then they can respond accordingly.
Work to make sure all incidents of antisocial behaviour are reported to police by retailers, the Lexicon and BFC Ambassadors.	Police will have a clear picture of the nature of antisocial behaviour taking place, who is involved as well as specific locations so that an appropriate response can be put in place.
Prevent and respond to antisocial behaviour committed by the same people.	Repeat offenders are supported into diversionary or preventative activities or are managed through existing groups.
Make sure that police and Lexicon security work together to prevent criminal damage and public order through patrolling, capturing evidence and information-sharing.	Fewer victims of criminal damage and public order and increased feelings of safety.
Actively promote referrals from partners into the Town Centre Partnership Problem-Solving Group where a group of partners come together to jointly resolve issues.	Complex, stubborn and challenging issues addressed with a range of powers, expertise and resource.

Priority 3: Domestic abuse

Priority driven by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Findings from a 2024 domestic abuse needs assessment.• There were over 2,500 reports of domestic abuse to police in Bracknell Forest last year - one of the highest crime types recorded in our borough.• By law, Councils must help victims and children where there is domestic abuse.• Witnessing domestic abuse as a child can contribute to a higher risk of being violent as an adult. We need to stop this cycle.• Resident feedback.
Our aims:	To work together to address domestic abuse and reduce the harm it causes.
Lead:	The Domestic Abuse Executive Sub-Group of the CSP.

To achieve our aims, we will:	Our expected outcomes are:
Share information about services that can support victims of non-physical abuse e.g. emotional, psychological and economic abuse.	Improved awareness of non-physical domestic abuse, how to recognise it and examples of it.
Develop culturally appropriate, inclusive awareness campaigns that focus on the unique needs of communities that don't contact services as much as others e.g. victims who are male, older adults, disabled and from ethnic minority communities.	Improved engagement from these groups due to feeling that services and campaigns are inclusive and consider their needs and the support that they need in their way.
Police to consider the use of a Domestic Violence Protection Notice and Order at all appropriate incidents.	Additional protection for victims as well as space to access support. Perpetrators are effectively managed.
Share information with residents and professionals about the domestic violence disclosure scheme (also known as Clare's law).	People at risk of violence or abuse can be made aware of a history of offending where there are concerns or where the police need to share this with a resident.
Improve data collection across domestic abuse services.	Better service planning as well as resources that are allocated where they are needed most.

Priority 4: Serious violence

Priority driven by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knife crime and other types of violence have devastating consequences on lives in the short and long-term.• Fear of violence stops people going out into the community and this can make them less healthy.• We need to support young people early towards positive behaviours as violence can affect their future.• By law, CSPs must do work to stop the most serious types of violence.• Resident feedback.
Our aims:	To work together to prevent and respond to serious violence across all ages.
Lead:	The Serious Violence and Exploitation Strategic Sub-Group of the CSP.

To achieve our aims, we will:	Our expected outcomes are:
Share the 'Fearless' campaign with children which shows them how they can report 100% anonymously to Crimestoppers if someone they know is not safe.	Increased knowledge and confidence in children to share concerns 100% anonymously with Crimestoppers.
Make sure that children and their families know of all the youth activities that are available and how to access them.	Increased access to safe spaces and trusted adults to support children and involve them in activities, sport and hobbies.
Support schools to respond to any suspected weapon carrying and emerging gang culture evidence through the Wise Up Programme (including creative arts) which will work with children and parents to make positive change.	Children who are suspected of carrying weapons and/or displaying gang culture behaviour and their parents are supported to understand the culture more and what it could involve as well as the children being encouraged into other activities, sport and hobbies.
Offer an 'ACT Now' supportive intervention within 90 minutes of notification by police that a child has been arrested for violence.	Children are diverted away from further violence and are supported to not re-offend.
Respond effectively to referrals into child violence and exploitation safeguarding processes (MACE and Makesafe programmes).	Children are supported and safeguarded against violence and exploitation.
Respond effectively to referrals into the adult violence and exploitation safeguarding and management process (SAVE).	Adult victims are supported and safeguarded against violence and exploitation. Adult offenders are effectively managed against committing violence and exploitation.

Priority 5: Hate crime and disorder

Priority driven by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent civil unrest in the UK and fear of being targeted has deeply affected the psychological well-being of many individuals.• Hate crimes have taken place in Bracknell Forest, targeting people and groups in the community.• While there is strong community cohesion in Bracknell Forest, we want to make sure it remains this way by exploring ways to build stronger, more inclusive communities.
Our aims:	To continue to monitor reported hate crimes as well as to identify community tension indicators that arise and work with partners to prevent them from escalating.
Lead:	The CSP and the Community Cohesion and Engagement Partnership (CCEP).

To achieve our aims, we will:	Our expected outcomes are:
Make sure that community tension indicators are shared with partners as appropriate so that we can work jointly with them to prevent them escalating e.g. graffiti, social media posts	An established network of key stakeholders who share community tension indicator information regularly so that a response can be put in place when required.
Work with communities to build trust to encourage reporting of hate crime incidents.	An improved understanding of barriers to reporting as well as what may increase confidence to do so.
Monitor hate crime incidents reported to police to understand the nature of them and whether any specific communities are being targeted.	Weekly monitoring of all hate crime reported to police to understand trends, volumes, type as well as specific targeting and experiences.

Boards and strategic plans that link with the CSP Plan



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