

# **East Hampshire Community Safety Action Plan 2008 to 2011**



**East Hampshire  
Community Safety Partnership**

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## ***Introduction***

Many agencies and organisations work together to tackle crime and disorder. This partnership is known as the East Hampshire Community Safety Partnership (or CSP). The following agencies and organisations are represented on the East Hampshire Community Safety Partnership Steering Group.

East Hampshire District Council
Hampshire County Council
Hampshire Constabulary
Community First East Hampshire
Hampshire Primary Care Trust
Hampshire Fire and Rescue
DRUM Housing Association
Petersfield Housing Association

In 2007 the Community Safety Partnership reviewed crime and disorder across East Hampshire. We looked at crime which had been reported between April 2006 and September 2007. This review known as a strategic assessment will be repeated every six months. The strategic assessment highlighted our targets and this action plan shows how we will address those. The action plan will be reviewed every year to make sure we are focusing on the right issues.

## ***Objectives***

Between April 2008 and March 2009 the Community Safety Partnership hope to achieve the following targets (in no particular order):

- Reduce the fear of crime
- Reduce the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse by 5%
- No increase in violence in a public place
- Reduce criminal damage including arson by 10%
- Reduce anti social behaviour (reduction of 5% for rowdy and inconsiderate calls and reduction of 5% for vehicle related nuisance calls)
- Reduce the number of first time entrants into the youth justice system aged 10 – 17
- Reduce the re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders by 21%

Drugs and alcohol impact on many areas of crime and so we will consider this in all targets and also focus on how we can improve research and communication in everything we do.

### ***How will performance be measured and monitored?***

Performance will be monitored every month through the Tasking and Coordinating Group where it will make use of police records and data collected by other partners. This group will then report to the Community Safety Partnership every three months. This quarterly meeting is attended by key partners and is chaired by a nominated District Councillor. The Community Safety Partnership will look at each priority in turn using the performance measures shown on this action plan.

The baseline will be the total number of recorded crimes in each crime type between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2008 compared to 1st April 2008 and 31st March 2009

### ***How does the action plan work?***

This document sets out how we will achieve each of our targets.

The tables below show what the current situation is in East Hampshire and what we aim to do. It then describes how we will do this (the action), how that action will be measured, who is taking ownership of that action (the lead) and when they will have completed this (the timescale).

### ***How will we engage with our communities?***

It is important that we give regular feedback on this action plan. For example are we on track to achieve our targets? Are we getting better or worse? Have we done what we said we would?

We will engage with our communities and give feedback in the following ways:

- The Community Safety Team will attend at least 8 community forums per year and give updates on what has been achieved. The Community Safety Team will also be able to listen to concerns from communities and provide feedback.
- The Community Safety Website will be launched in April 2008 and will provide regular updates and contact details.
- Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch and other organisations will receive a monthly bulletin. This will also be published on our website each month.
- Police will hold regular Safer Neighbourhood meetings giving local residents an opportunity to discuss any issues.

- Local residents will be encouraged to attend community priority meetings and high profile walkabouts known as Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)
- The Community Safety Team will update Parish and Town Councils through the East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils and the wider Parish and Town Council meetings.

## 1. Reduce the fear of crime

The current situation	Residents in East Hampshire generally feel safe during the day but not as safe as they would like to feel after dark. East Hampshire is a very safe place but the fear of crime is disproportionate to the actual likelihood of becoming a victim of crime. We need to reduce the fear of crime so that communities feel happier and safer in East Hampshire  In the 2007 East Hampshire Resident's Survey - 28% of people were afraid of crime after dark
Aim	Reduce the fear of crime
Action 1.1	We will determine the nature and extent of the fear of crime across East Hampshire. This will be done by collating the results of community safety surveys, mirror survey, DRUM housing association survey and Hampshire Constabulary survey. This will help us understand what causes the fear of crime and identify areas where this is a particular issue. The report will include recommendations on how we can reduce the fear of crime.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report should be completed to the satisfaction of the Community Safety Partnership</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	Report to be satisfactorily completed by September 2008
Action 1.2	We will deliver a campaign to reduce the fear of crime based on the findings of the East Hampshire report. The type of campaign will depend upon the results of the fear of crime research. The campaign could include positive news stories, Make A Difference days, environmental visual audits, quick removal of graffiti, fly tipping, and abandoned vehicles
Measure of success	<p>We will reduce the number of people who think the following (taken from the new place survey) are problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinking about your local area, how much of a problem are teenagers hanging around on the streets – “a fairly big problem” or “a very big problem”</li> <li>• Thinking about your local area, how much of a problem are vandalism, graffiti, and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles – “a fairly big problem” or “a very big problem”</li> <li>• How much of a problem are noisy neighbours or loud parties?</li> <li>• How much of a problem is rubbish or litter?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much of a problem are people using or dealing drugs?</li> <li>• How much of a problem are people being drunk or rowdy in public places?</li> <li>• How much of a problem are abandoned or burnt out cars?</li> </ul> <p>NB we do not yet have a baseline for this or details of the frequency of updates as it is being determined nationally</p>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	Campaign to be delivered from October 2008

## 2. Reduce repeat victims of domestic abuse

The current situation	<p>Between October 2006 and September 2007 there were 697 incidents linked with domestic abuse in the East Hampshire District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current or former partner;</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse is hugely under reported.</li> <li>• Nationally one in four women and one in six men experience domestic violence and abuse at some time in their lives</li> <li>• 25% of all recorded crime is domestic violence and abuse</li> <li>• 9 times out of 10, children witness and/or experience violence</li> <li>• On average a woman is assaulted 35 times before she seeks help</li> <li>• 64% of women mental health patients admitted to hospital have histories of domestic violence and abuse</li> </ul>
Aim	We will reduce the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse by 5% by March 2009
Action 2.1	The Police will take positive action against perpetrators of domestic abuse (this means that the police should always arrest even where the victim doesn't want this to happen)
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of reports of domestic abuse per month</li> <li>• Number of arrests for domestic abuse per month</li> <li>• Number of sanction detections for domestic abuse per month</li> <li>• A reduction in repeat victims of domestic abuse per month</li> </ul>
Lead	Police Performance Sergeant
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 2.2	Those seriously at risk of domestic abuse will be identified and measures put in place to reduce the risk of them becoming a repeat victim. This is through the MARAC process (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). This could include the Sanctuary Scheme where victims are helped to improve security in their home and working with IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor).
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of victims managed through MARAC per quarter</li> <li>• A reduction in repeat victims whilst under MARAC</li> </ul>
Lead	MARAC Coordinator

Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 2.3	In more serious circumstances, victims will be offered an escape through a refuge to reduce the chances of them being a repeat victim
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of victims given a place in the refuge per quarter</li> </ul>
Lead	Women's refuge
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 2.4	The outreach officer will work with high risk victims of domestic abuse in the community, advising them, supporting them and wherever possible trying to reduce the risk of them becoming a victim again
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of outreach cases per quarter</li> </ul>
Lead	Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 2.5	The Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) will support victims at very high risk through the court process to increase their confidence and reduce the likelihood of them becoming a repeat victim.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of high/very high risk victims supported per quarter.</li> </ul>
Lead	Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009

### 3. *Have no increase in violence in a public place*

Current situation	<p>Violence in a public place (which includes shouting and swearing, not just physical assaults) accounted for 24% of all crime in the East Hampshire District.</p> <p>Such incidents are often linked to alcohol and the night time economy</p>
Aim	We aim to have no increase in violence in a public place
Action 3.1	We will determine the nature and extent of violence in a public place across East Hampshire. This will be done by mapping the incidents and reporting on times of day, days of the week, type of incident and whether it was alcohol related.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report should be completed to the satisfaction of the Community Safety Partnership</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	To be agreed by the Community Safety Partnership following the results of the fear of crime study
Action 3.2	We will deliver a campaign to ensure we do not have an increase in violence in a public place. The type of campaign will depend upon the findings of the East Hampshire report.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will monitor the number of violent incidents in a public place prior to the campaign compared to number of incidents during the campaign (the baselines and timescales will be determined once the report has been done)</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	To be agreed by the Community Safety Partnership following the results of the fear of crime study
Action 3.3	The police will take robust action against perpetrators of violence in a public place
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of violence in a public place reports per month</li> <li>Number of sanction detections for violence in a public place per month</li> </ul>
Lead	Police Performance Sergeant

Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 3.4	We will research and report upon alcohol related nuisance and disorder across East Hampshire with a view to obtaining more Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs). This will include consultation under the Home Office guidance
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete report and consultation to the satisfaction of the Community Safety Partnership</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	October 3rd 2008

#### 4. Reduce Criminal Damage including arson

Current situation	Criminal Damage accounts for 24% of all offences in East Hampshire and is often linked with alcohol and the night time economy
Aim	We will reduce criminal damage by 10% by March 2009
Action 4.1	We will determine the nature and extent of criminal damage across East Hampshire. This will be done by mapping the incidents and reporting on times of day, days of the week, type of incident and whether it was alcohol related.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report will be completed to the satisfaction of the Community Safety Partnership</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	To be agreed by the Community Safety Partnership following the results of the fear of crime study
Action 4.2	We will deliver a campaign to reduce criminal damage. The type of campaign will depend upon the findings of the East Hampshire report.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of criminal damages prior to the campaign compared to number of criminal damages during the campaign (baselines and timescales to be decided once the report has been done)</li> <li>Number of presentations in schools regarding the consequences of criminal damage (including which school and which year group)</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	To be agreed by the Community Safety Partnership following the results of the fear of crime study
Action 4.3	The Police/PCSOs and ACSOs will take robust action against perpetrators. Community priority areas will be identified where criminal damage is an issue needing more than the police to resolve.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reduction in the number of criminal damages per month</li> <li>The aims and objectives of community priority areas will be agreed from the start. The measure of success is the number of priority areas closed per quarter which achieve their objectives</li> </ul>
Lead	Police

Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 4.4	We will develop a joined up approach between the Crime Prevention Design Advisor and EHDC over plans for ten plus flats/houses so that crime and disorder reduction is considered in the initial planning application
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A crime and disorder reduction section will be included in the application process</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	October 2008

## 5. Reduce Anti-social Behaviour

Current situation	Between October 2006 and September 2007 there were 2584 incidents of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour and 589 incidents of vehicle related nuisance reported in East Hampshire District. There is a link between anti social behaviour and alcohol and the night time economy
Aim	We will reduce anti social behaviour (Rowdy and Inconsiderate incidents by 5% and Anti Social Driving incidents by 5%)
Action 5.1	Young people aged between 8 to 13 years on the cusp of offending will work with YISP (Youth Inclusion Support Panel Caseworker)
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of successful YISP cases closed per quarter and why it was successful</li> </ul>
Lead	Youth Inclusion Support Panel Caseworkers (YISP)
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 5.2	Young people aged between 13 to 17 years on the cusp of offending will work with the Prevent and Deter officer
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of successful Prevent and Deter cases closed that quarter and why it was successful</li> </ul>
Lead	Prevent and Deter Officer
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 5.3	The Police, PCSOs and ACSOs will take robust action against those behaving anti socially and community priority areas will be identified where anti social behaviour is an ongoing issue needing more than police to resolve.
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reduction in the number of rowdy and inconsiderate calls and vehicle related nuisance</li> <li>The aims and objectives of community priority areas will be agreed from the start. The measure of success is the number of priority areas closed per quarter which achieve their objectives</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009

Action 5.4	<p>The following will be considered where appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASBOs</li> <li>• Dispersal Areas</li> <li>• Crack House Closures</li> <li>• Acceptable Behaviour Agreements</li> <li>• Test purchase operations</li> <li>• Designated Public Place Orders</li> </ul>
Measure of success	The number of ASBOs, dispersal areas, crack house closures, acceptable behaviour agreements, test purchase operations and designated public place orders per quarter
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 5.5	We will write to parents and guardians of young people found behaving anti socially (including wrong time wrong place letters). This should include information on the dangers of drugs and alcohol where relevant
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of letters sent per month and in which areas.</li> <li>• Number of those stopped twice where police hand delivered the letter</li> <li>• Number of those stopped more than twice and action taken</li> </ul>
Lead	Community Safety Team
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009.
Action 5.6	Youth services will engage with young people in an outreach capacity, specifically in community priority areas
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of young people engaged with in community priority areas.</li> </ul>
Lead	Youth Services
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009

**6. Reduce first time entrants into the youth justice system aged 10 – 17 and reduce the re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders by 21%**

Aim	Reduce the number of first time entrants into the youth justice system aged 10 to 17  Reduce the re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders by 21%
Reason	It is estimated that 20% of people commit 80% of crime. The provision of intervention and support programmes for priority and prolific offenders or those on the cusp of offending has a positive impact on the overall crime reduction targets. Between October 2006 and September 2007 there were 307 drug offences reported. East Hampshire had 194 admissions for mental and behaviour disorders due to substance misuse. 26% of offenders were classed as under the influence of drugs and alcohol
Action 6.1	Deliver on the three strands of the Priority and Prolific Offender (PPO) Strategy (Catch & Convict, Resettle & Rehabilitate, Prevent & Deter) through the East Hampshire scheme called Project Rhino
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance measured via project Rhino through J Track. Number of convictions 12 months prior to joining the scheme and number of convictions every 6 months they are on the scheme</li> <li>• Reduction of 21% in number of convictions</li> </ul>
Lead	PPO Manager
Timescale	April 2008 to March 2009
Action 6.2	Develop a guide of alcohol and drug related services in East Hampshire and Hampshire County to include contact details, what that service offers, what age group and how to refer. Then promote this guide so that Drs, parents and other relevant agencies are aware
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of the guide will be delivered through the DARG (Drug Alcohol Reference Group)</li> </ul>
Lead	DARG (Drug Alcohol Reference Group)
Timescale	September 2008
Action 6.3	Deliver talks in schools on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. This should

	include information for parents
Measure of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of presentations given in schools (including name of school and year group)</li></ul>
Lead	DARG (Drug Alcohol Reference Group)
Timescale	November 2008

## ***Acronyms used in this action plan***

ACSO	Accredited Community Safety Officer
CREW	Crime Reduction Environment Week
CST	Community Safety Team
CTCG	Community Tasking and Coordinating Group
DAAT	Drug Alcohol Action Team
DARG	Drug Alcohol Reference Group
DIP	Drug Intervention Programme
EVA	Environmental Visual Audit
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
LAA	Local Area Agreement
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
PSA	Public Service Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
YISP	Youth Inclusion Support Panel
YOT	Youth Offending Team

## ***How the priorities fit with national and local indicators***

### **Reduce the fear of crime**

- NI17 (perceptions of anti social behaviour PSA 23)
- NI41 (perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem PSA 25)
- NI 42 (perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem PSA 25)

### **Reduce repeat victims of domestic abuse**

- NI 32 (Repeat incidents of domestic violence) PSA 23 (Make Communities Safer)

### **Have no increase in violence in a public place**

- NI 15 (serious violence crime rate PSA 23),
- NI 20 (assault with injury crime rate PSA 25)
- NI 32 (repeat incidents of domestic violence PSA 23)
- National Community Safety Plan 2008 -11
- Crime Strategy (Cutting Crime: A New Partnership 2008 – 11)
- Saving Lives Reducing Harm Protecting the Public and Action Plan for tackling violence 2008 - 2011
- Hampshire Alcohol Strategy 2006/09

### **Reduce criminal damage including arson**

- NI 33 (Arson incidents HO DSO)

- Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) 2 Target 31/3/09

### **Reduce anti social behaviour**

- NI17 (perceptions of anti social behaviour PSA 23),
- NI21 (Dealing with local concerns about anti social behaviour and crime by the local council and police),
- NI24 (Satisfaction with the way the police and the local council dealt with anti social behaviour HO DSO),
- NI2 (Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over decision making and the delivery of services)
- Hampshire Alcohol Strategy 2006/09