



COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 19th March 2024

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Communities Scrutiny Committee**, which will be held at:

Council Chamber - Civic Offices
on **Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00 pm**

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Mr W Marshall

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE: 6.00PM

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

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3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on this agenda.

5. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To agree the notes of the meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 5 March 2024 (to follow).

6. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 4 - 6)

To consider, comment and propose any amendments to the Work Programme, for consideration and approval by The Overview and Scrutiny Committee,

7. BRIEFING ON SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY

To receive a briefing from Jim Pearson, Violence & Vulnerability Unit, on Serious Violence Duty.

8. PRESENTATION FROM THE DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR EPPING FOREST AND BRENTWOOD (Pages 7 - 16)

To receive a report from Inspector Jonathan Main, Epping Forest and Brentwood Community Policing Team on current policing and crime issues in the district

9. BI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL-FUNDED POLICE OFFICERS (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the six month report on the work and range of operations of the Council's funded Police team.

10. EPPING FOREST COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT, ANNUAL REPORT, SAFER STREETS NINEFIELDS END OF PROJECT REPORT AND CSP PLAN ON A PAGE (Pages 21 - 53)

To consider the Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership Annual Strategic Assessment, Annual Report, Safer Streets Ninefields End of Project Report, Partnership Plan on a Page and Glossary.

Please note the Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership Annual Strategic Assessment is a restricted document and will be published as a separate appendix to the agenda.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that this is the last meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee for this municipal year.

Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24
Chairman: Councillor A Patel

	Item	Date	Progress/Comments	Lead Officer
27 June 2023				
1	Resident Involvement Strategy	27 June 2023	Introduction and approval to progress to Cabinet C/F from Stronger Communities Select Committee Work Programme: Recommended to Cabinet	Surjit Balu
2	Housing Repairs Value for Money	27 June 2023	Value for Money (Exempt Report)	Andrew Small
		26 Sept 2023	Update from Strategic Director	
26 September 2023				
3	Housing Allocation Scheme	26 Sept 2023	12-month review of the Housing Allocation Scheme	Surjit Balu
4	Annual Lettings Report	26 Sept 2023	To scrutinise allocations and lettings performance for 22/23 C/F from Stronger Communities Select Committee Work Programme 2022/23	Surjit Balu
5	Safer Streets	19 March 2024	<i>C/F from Stronger Communities Select Committee Work Programme.</i> MOVED- to align with the dedicated police and community safety meeting.	Caroline Wiggins
6	Landlord Compliance Policies Fire Safety Policy Gas and Heating Policy	26 Sept 2023	To review compliance policies that are a regulatory requirement and form part of the Council's wider organisational commitment to driving a health and	Surjit Balu

	Item	Date	Progress/Comments	Lead Officer
	Lift Safety Policy Water Safety Policy Electrical Safety Policy		safety culture amongst staff Status and contractors.	
7	Asset Based Community Development – Community Champions	26 Sept 2023		G Wallis
16 January 2024				
8	Qualis Property Solutions Performance Reporting	16 Jan 2024	Presentation on Housing Repair Performance (Qualis)	Surjit Balu / Ben Johnson (Qualis)
9	New item Home Ownership	16 Jan 2024	Pre- Cabinet scrutiny	Surjit Balu
10	New item Older Person Strategy	16 Jan 2024	Pre – Cabinet Scrutiny	Surjit Balu
11	New item damp and mould policy on the forward plan	16 Jan 2024	Pre- Cabinet Scrutiny	John Taphouse
12	HRA Business Plan	16 Jan 2024	Pre- Cabinet Scrutiny	Surjit Balu
5 March 2024				
13	Housing Asset Management Strategy	5 March 2024	NEW ITEM Pre cabinet scrutiny	Surjit Balu John Taphouse
14	Customer Services (Overall satisfaction)	5 March 2024	To receive an update on improvements to this Key Performance Indicator. Deferred to 5 March	Susan Lewis
15	Epping Forest Health and Wellbeing Strategy	5 March 2024	Annual Report Deferred to 5 March	Gill Wallis Fabrizio Ferrari
16	<i>Annual Housing performance report</i>	<i>Next Municipal Year</i>	<i>Report on annual housing KPI's including compliance around the Building Safety Act</i> POSTPONED to align with end of year data collection	<i>Surjit Balu</i>
17	<i>Tenant Satisfaction Measures</i>	<i>Next Municipal Year</i>	POSTPONED Survey commissioned postponed to align with reporting period.	<i>Surjit Balu</i>

	Item	Date	Progress/Comments	Lead Officer
19 March 2024				
18	Presentation from the District Commander for Epping Forest and Brentwood		Annual Report	Caroline Wiggins
19	Community Safety Partnership		Annual report and review of the district Strategic Intelligence Assessment	Caroline Wiggins
To be consider in the next municipal Year 2024/25				
	Housing Repair Value for money	tbc	Recommendation item 8 minutes 27 June 2023 Further work to be undertaken/ annual benchmarking commissioned and reported to this scrutiny.	

Stronger Communities Select Committee

Epping Forest

Date: 19th March 2024

Unit: West LPA

Contact: Inspector Jonathan Main

Policing Structure

Policing Structure

- Two Community Policing Teams (CPT) based at Loughton Police Station comprising of 2 Sergeants, 5 Constables, and 8 PCSOs.
- Town Centre Team comprising of 7 constables.
- Epping Forest District Council fund the Community Safety Team (CST) comprising of 1 Sergeant and 2 Police Constables.
- There is a dedicated rural officer who is shared between Epping Forest and Brentwood (based in Brentwood)
- Two Children and Young Persons Officers (CYP)
- Community Safety Engagement Officer (CSEO)
- Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
- Local Policing Team (LPT) is based at Loughton Police Station. 24/7 cover comprising of 5 Inspectors, 5 Sergeants, and 50 Police Constables.





Help people



Keep people safe



Catch criminals



How we work

WE ARE PROFESSIONAL

- How we behave
- How we learn
- How we lead
- How we work
- How we look

WE LEARN AND DEVELOP

- We innovate
- We attract
- We develop
- We support

WE ARE SKILLED, EQUIPPED & ENABLED

- We are data driven
- We use technology
- We are agile
- We are efficient and effective, and we protect our environment

WE VALUE DIFFERENCE

- We are inclusive
- We respect people
- We build community trust & confidence
- We are anti-discrimination

WE ARE COLLABORATIVE

- With other forces
- With our partners
- With communities
- With each other

Our priorities

Prevent, Respond & Investigate to get the best outcomes for communities



RAPE & SERIOUS SEXUAL ABUSE



DOMESTIC ABUSE



DRUG & ALCOHOL DRIVEN VIOLENCE



CHILD ABUSE & EXPLOITATION



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



HATE CRIME



BURGLARY & ROBBERY



SERIOUS & ORGANISED CRIME



DEATH & SERIOUS INJURY ON THE ROADS



STALKING & HARASSMENT



BUSINESS FRAUD & CYBERCRIME

Main effort

Victims

Violence

Vulnerability

Visibility



Delivering Community Priorities

- Tackling crime
- Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls
- Vehicle crime
- Burglary
- ASB
- Engaging with victims and those affected by Domestic abuse
- Working with young people
- Volume crime community impact



Partnership work

- Op Yeoman – community safety event
- Op Make Safe and Op Henderson – raising awareness to spot the signs of child exploitation and trafficking



Debden ASB: issues, actions taken and outcome

How was it identified:

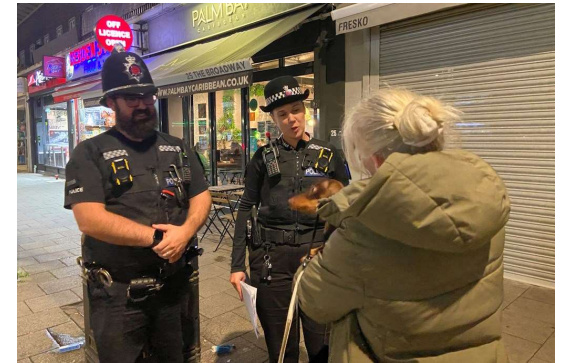
- Shopkeepers and members of the community initially came forward in April 2023 in relation to antisocial behavior and theft on Debden Broadway.
- The area was then identified as receiving extra funding from the PFCC for ASB hotspot patrols.

Action taken:

- Targeted patrols from CPT, TCT and CST, in addition to Op Dial
- The Business Crime Team put communication structures in place for the shopkeepers to notify each other of those involved in ASB and shoplifting.
- Prolific offenders drug tested in custody for trigger offences so they can be required to complete drug treatment programs.
- Regular patrols of the area has been posted on social media, coupled with advice on how to report ASB if seen.

Success:

- Significant reduction in issues in the area.
- The shopkeepers are working together to report offenders.
- Positive outcomes – prolific offenders have been given criminal behaviour orders.



Community Engagement

- Contact with our faith centres
- Youth engagement
- Working with the Independent Advisory Group
- Fraud prevention
- Dementia cafes

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Performance – Rolling 12 months to January 2024

Top Level		Offences				Solved Outcomes				Solved Rates %		
Crime Type	% DA 2024	2023	2024	# diff.	% diff.	2023	2024	# diff.	% diff.	2023	2024	% pt. diff.
Anti-Social Behaviour (incidents)	-	1487	1039	-448	-30.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Crime (excl. Action (NFIB) Fraud)	16.2	10368	9926	-442	-4.3	1099	1140	41	3.7	10.6	11.5	0.9
- State Based Crime	5.6	1637	1536	-101	-6.2	519	473	-46	-8.9	31.7	30.8	-0.9
- Victim Based Crime	18.2	8731	8390	-341	-3.9	580	667	87	15.0	6.6	7.9	1.3
Violence Against the Person	36.5	3814	3514	-300	-7.9	347	363	16	4.6	9.1	10.3	1.2
Sexual Offences	25.7	253	230	-23	-9.1	22	21	-1	-4.5	8.7	9.1	0.4
Robbery	0.9	114	117	3	2.6	9	10	1	11.1	7.9	8.5	0.7
- Burglary	2.9	507	595	88	17.4	19	22	3	15.8	3.7	3.7	-0.1
Criminal Damage inc. Arson	12.3	966	787	-179	-18.5	57	60	3	5.3	5.9	7.6	1.7
Racial/Religiously Aggravated Offences	1.3	153	151	-2	-1.3	25	30	5	20.0	16.3	19.9	3.5
Hate Crime HO Definition	3.3	255	270	15	5.9	34	44	10	29.4	13.3	16.3	3.0
Domestic Abuse	100.0	1774	1609	-165	-9.3	150	154	4	2.7	8.5	9.6	1.1



Public Perception Survey Results

Question	Year ending Sept 2022	Year ending Sept 2023	comparison	Change
Confidence in local policing (% strongly/tend to agree)	59%	57%		-2%
Importance of a regular uniformed police presence in the area (% very important)	66%	72%		+6%
Essex Police understand the issues that affect your community (%strongly/tend to agree)	48%	48%		0%
Essex Police are dealing with crime and ASB (%strongly/tend to agree)	36%	37%		+1%
Confidence in receiving a good service from Essex Police (% very/fairly confident)	66%	64%		-2%
Police in this area are doing a good/excellent job	70%	68%		-2%
Feel crime and ASB have become more of a problem in your area in the last 12 months	36%	37%		+1%
Feel informed about what the police are doing in my local area (%very/fairly informed)	36%	36%		0%

↑ significant increase ↓ significant decrease

Questions?





SCRUTINY



Report to Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 19 March 2024

Portfolio: Regulatory Services (Cllr K Williamson)

Subject: Bi-Annual Report on the work of the Council-funded Police Officers

Officer contact for further information: C Wiggins (01992 564122)

Democratic Services Officer: L.Kirman email: democraticservices@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Communities Scrutiny Committee receives a six-month report on the work and range of operations of the Council's funded Police team.

Report:

The funded police team continue with the following primary functions:

1. Support functionality of Epping Forest District Council
2. Provide 'added value' to the district in supporting the Community Policing function
3. Targeted action against criminality in the district

By the end of 2023 the police team had accepted and completed 46 tasking requests during that year. For January/February of 2024, ten taskings have been accepted or continued, the tasking log is included in the Appendix but some highlights from the last 6 months are as follows:

- Supported on many warrants, evictions, and visits where without police presence there was the potential of threat, harm and risk to EFDC employees/contractors. Some of these have required ongoing visits to ensure that subjects have not returned to addresses and has even resulted in arrests being made. We also have done many one-off attendances for events/engagement that would have been unlikely to be facilitated by CPT, such as a recent visit to Chigwell Colts Youth Football team where the team stayed for a training session to engage with staff and children. We also covered a range of festive events over the Christmas period to provide high visibility policing for public reassurance and engagement.
- 2 separate Op-Makesafe deployments, April and October. This operation consist of a police officer in plain clothes entering a hotel with a police cadet (under 18 years of age) and trying to book a hotel room, while the cadet shows clear signs of exploitation such as not talking and looking worried and the officer tries to pay in cash and provide no ID. On both occasions 4 hotels were visited, and after the first operation training was provided to the hotels. This resulted in a huge improvement in their response when the second operation was run, with 3 of the 4 hotels completely refusing to allow any booking without identification and one of the hotels even calling police. Further training is being provided in January with CST supporting EFDC on this.
- Targeted patrols at a number of separate locations across the year – Ongar, Waltham Abbey, Debden, Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and more – in relation to specific reports

around anti-social behaviour and crime. These have generally consisted of additional high visibility patrols and using police powers and tactics to disrupt activity. We have also become the main policing team to support and lead on hate crime investigations occurring at our 2 asylum seeker hotels, as well as coordinating public reassurance actions to any reported concerns.

- Conducted a joint operation with EFDC Environmental team to carrying out waste carrier checks on vehicles, targeting 3 static sites across the district which resulted in an estimated 60 vehicles being checked. Outside of this tasking we have conducted a considerable amount of patrol hours to rural locations and fly tipping hotspots to deter offending and reassure residents living in areas outside of our main towns.
- Supported the wider CPT with patrols and engagement at synagogues due to rising tensions in the middle east, and as part of this also attended the holocaust memorial event in Loughton to reassure our Jewish community and prevent an increase in anti-semitic incidents.
- Attended several professionals' meetings and ASB case reviews, providing police information and evidence to help with ongoing cases and concerns and safeguard vulnerable persons. We have also continued to support many other non-frontline work such as evidence preparation of police incidents and crime reports to support an EFDC breach of CBO that is currently at court, and identified police body worn footage that evidenced a breach.
- Attended an EFDC event with other blue light services aimed at encouraging staff to volunteer for Emergency Responder Training to support on major incidents.
- Taken the lead role in planning and deployment of several operations targeting seasonal spikes such as burglary, hot spot trends such as vehicle crime, and even a large deployment involving Essex Operational Support Group and MET Gang Unit to provide additional resourcing for a funeral that was being held in our area for a MET Gang nominal where there was concerns about violence and weapons. Week of 19th Feb was "Op-Stronghold" which is an intensification week around town centres, ASB related to this areas and local crime trends that plague our high streets. PS Fitt did the planning for the week, which utilised all CPT and Town Teams, and consisted of various activities such as high visibility patrols, engagement events, business engagement, etc. Activity also linked in with BTP, who joined us on 3 days across the week to conduct patrols around Debden Broadway and the tube station.
- CST have taken a more local ownership of the Police Op-Dial patrols as well as having a current tasking for issues in Debden. We have ensured that EFDC staff conducting patrols regularly know what days Police are doing patrols and are put in touch with them and arranging for returns to be fed back to EFDC. As part of the work in Debden we have also supported a visit from the PFCC, and arranged for officers to be filmed on patrol for a video produced by the Association of Police Crime Commissioners publicising the ongoing work.

Whilst the priority remains to focus upon the first two primary functions there have been a number of quality 'self-generated' activities in the last 6 months. Some highlights of the pro-active work that has been conducted by the team this year include:

- In one week in October the team assisted in the searching of 4 different high risk missing persons, which ranged from an 8 year old child to an 80 year old man with dementia. Amazingly it was CST that located 3 of those 4 missing persons, 2 of them were in the same day within 2 hours of each other, and without our support these cases all could have had far more serious outcomes.
- We became aware of intel surrounding a motorcycle which had consistently failed to stop for police and was suspected to be involved in criminality. The vehicle was located by PC AMNER whilst single crewed, the suspect attempted to escape, whereby he was tackled from the moving motorcycle by PC AMNER. Once off the bike, the suspect has violently resisted PC AMNER (alone at the time) until he was subdued and arrested for multiple offences. The suspect had been previously unknown and the arrest led to his identification and then linked him to numerous offences.
- During Op-Claymore in November, which is a cross border operation targeting all sorts of criminality, the CST themselves arrested x2 males for dwelling burglary following an ANPR activation, assisted with 3 more arrests for theft of motor vehicle following a pursuit and decamp, on a stop an search of another person an OBD reader and other tools were found and they arrested the male for theft of motor vehicle/going equipped, and ended the night assisting the pursuit of a stolen motorbike which resulted in another arrest.
- The team attended an emergency incident whereby a male was having a suspected heart attack in public, they were the closest unit with a defibrillator. However, the device was ultimately not needed as they started CPR and the male amazingly started to breathe again, and then paramedics took over. The team then went on emergency response to the male's home address to inform his wife as she could not be reached, and then blue lighted her to hospital so she could be with her husband. The male is recovering well in hospital and is expected to make a full recovery, and he would simply not be alive today if not for the actions of officers on scene. Attending officers are receiving awards later in the year for their actions on that day.
- While conducting patrols the CST located two stolen motorbikes, stolen the same day. The bike thief was chased from one of the bikes on foot and caught by the team. Further checks showed this male to be one of the most prolific motorcycle thieves in the area, already wanted for several other offences. The suspect was arrested at the scene and later charged and remanded into custody.
- In the last 6 months the team have identified themselves or assisted on 6 live "chop shops", arrested suspects and recovered hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of vehicles. The 2 funded officers alone have made 21 arrests in the last 6 months for an array of offences from theft to weapons and recovered a significant quantity of stolen vehicles and property.

The Essex Police YTD figures key figures below:

Offence Type	District	Diff	Force	Diff
Theft of Motor Vehicle	-11%	-70	+17.9%	+896
Burglary (residential)	+4.9%	+20	+6.8%	+339
Theft from a Vehicle	+4.5%	+20	-3.5%	-224
Personal Robbery	+0.9%	+1	+0.5%	+7
Anti-social behaviour	-24%	-336	-33%	-7,288
All Crime	-4.8%	-502	-6.4%	-10,569

*Essex Police: Performance Summary to February 2024 – 12 month rolling data

Reason for decision: N/A

Options considered and rejected: N/A

Consultation undertaken: N/A

Resource implications: None

Legal and Governance Implications: N/A

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications: N/A

Consultation Undertaken: N/A

Background Papers: N/A

Impact Assessments: N/A

Risk Management: N/A

Equality: N/A



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Report to Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 19 March 2024

Portfolio: Community & Partnerships, Cllr. Smruti Patel

Subject: Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership Annual Strategic Assessment, Annual Report, Safer Streets Ninefields End of Project Report and CSP Plan on a Page

Officer contact for further information:

Caroline Wiggins – Directorate Specialist - Regulated Services

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To consider the attached Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership Annual Strategic Assessment, Annual Report, Safer Streets Ninefields End of Project Report, Partnership Plan on a Page and Glossary.

Report:

Community Safety Partnerships are required to complete an annual Strategic Assessment which is used to direct and guide their activities, under the requirements as responsible authorities, of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

A strategic assessment should include

- an analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse in the area.
- an analysis of the changes in those levels and patterns since the previous strategic assessment.
- an analysis of why those changes have occurred.
- the matters which the responsible authorities should prioritise when each are exercising their functions to reduce crime and disorder and to combat substance misuse in the area.
- the matters which the persons living and working in the area consider the responsible authorities should prioritise when each are exercising their functions to reduce crime and disorder and to combat substance misuse in the area.

Together with the Strategic Assessment the CSP has produced an Annual Report which is available for consideration, this details some of our performance highlights over the past year.

An End of Project Report on our Safer Streets Project at Ninefields had also been provided. This has been one of our most comprehensive pieces of partnership work carried out in the district and demonstrates how we have worked collaboratively with Epping Forest Health and Wellbeing Board to deliver a project to improve the health and wellbeing of residents utilising a multi-agency “whole systems approach” recognising that health and wellbeing is affected by a wide range of factors.

The CSP Plan on a Page provides information at a glance on the planned delivery of Epping

Forest CSP going forward in 2024-25.

Reason for decision: There is no decision related to this Report.

Options considered and rejected: N/A

Consultation undertaken: N/A

Resource implications: N/A

Legal and Governance Implications: N/A

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications: N/A

Consultation Undertaken: N/A

**Background Papers: CSP Strategic Assessment, Annual Report, Safer Streets
Ninefields end of project report and Plan on a Page**

Impact Assessments: N/A

Risk Management

Equality:

Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2024



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Epping Forest District Community Safety Partnership Foreword

This year I have taken on the portfolio for Community Health and Wellbeing and with it the opportunity of being elected Chair of the Community Safety Partnership. It has been excellent to be part of such a well-established partnership and be part of the great work that has been happening across the district. Witnessing fundamental partnerships that have formed in a bid to help residents feel safer in the communities that they live, work and visit.

Collaborative working with statutory and voluntary partners is a strength of the partnership and in the last eighteen months the biggest initiative the CSP has ever led as a partnership is The Home Office Safer Streets Initiative. In August 2022 working closely with the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner we were fortunate to be awarded £338,000 of Home Office funding, in addition to this EFDC provided match funding of £169,000. Focused on Ninefields in Waltham Abbey the project has seen improved CCTV, Street lighting, landscaping, fly tip campaigns, new secure bin stores, a new children's playground and youth education and provision. Various teams across the Council as well as external partners have worked together to make the project a great success and make a real difference to the residents.

This year, we have run successful operations around Child Sexual Exploitation in the district. Education and early intervention is vital to ensure we are safeguarding the young people that live and visit our district. Early intervention for young people is something that I am passionate about, we have educated our communities to look out for the signs to ensure children remain safe. We have also been working with young people giving them key messages on keeping themselves safe, messages have delivered through the annual crucial crew event, which this year, returned to a classroom-based scenario rather than the previous two years of holding it online.

Going forward into 2023-24 our priorities will change in line with the emerging community safety trends and will be:

1) Working to reduce ASB in public places with an emphasis on:

- Youth nuisance
- Improved partnership visibility
- Designing out crime

2) Working to drive down serious acquisitive crime focusing on:

- Burglary
- Robbery
- Theft of motor vehicle

3) Supporting vulnerable people

4) Continuing effective partnership working, in order to meet emerging local threats and issues.

The strategic priorities will enable us to continue to protect our most vulnerable residents, detect and deter crime and work effectively with our partners, continuing to share vital

information. The CSP is in an excellent position to deliver community safety initiatives that really matter and can make a difference to the district's residents.



Cllr. Smruti Patel

Community Safety Partnership Chair

Community Safety Partnership

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced Community Safety Partnerships to provide a multi-agency response to crime and the fear of crime within communities. They support the work of the police and other statutory agencies and are widely considered as the most effective approach to finding joint solutions to local community safety issues.

In Epping Forest District the responsible authority group is made up of;

Essex Police

Epping Forest District Council

Essex County Council

Essex Fire and Rescue Service

The Probation Service

The Community Safety Partnership has a statutory responsibility to:

- reduce crime and disorder
- protect the community

- reduce reoffending
- combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances
- help people feel safe

However, the delivery of the community safety agenda is not restricted to the agencies identified as responsible authorities. The partnership includes and works with other agencies and voluntary sector groups including Neighbourhood Watch, Crimestoppers and Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF).

The work of the CSP does not replace the work of the police or the day-to-day business of the organisations involved, instead it is a channel for agencies to work together, delivering against agreed priorities, co-ordinating resources, achieving efficiencies and value for money.

The Strategic Board of the partnership meets on a quarterly basis and much of the work emanating from the CSP is undertaken and led by the various departments in the Council including the Community Resilience Team and the Community and Wellbeing Team.

Strategic Assessment

Each year the CSP is required to produce a Strategic Assessment (SA) about crime and disorder levels in its area. This will be circulated with the CSP annual report.

CSP Budget 2023-24

Organisation	Funding received
Police Fire Crime Commissioner (PFCC) - core funding	£19,268
Epping Forest District Council Community Safety Budget – Match Funding	
Sanctuary Scheme	£2,500
Violence & Vulnerability	£2,000
PFCC’s Office Op Minerva	£10,000
Home Office/PFCC – Safer Streets Budget (2022-23-24)	£336,000
EFDC Safer Streets Match Funding – 2022-23	£169,000
Overall total	£

Local Profile

Epping Forest district is a mixture of rural and urban areas and stretches northward from its boundary with Greater London right into the heart of rural Essex.

Covering an area of 131 square miles, the key population centres are the commuter towns of Loughton, Chigwell, and Buckhurst Hill, as well as the market towns of Epping, Waltham Abbey and Ongar. Some areas of the district have relatively good transport links with both the M11 and M25 motorways running through the area. Mainline railway networks run south to London and the Central Line tube has eight stations in the district. However, in rural areas there are accessibility issues for some without private transport, especially in outlying villages.

Performance Summary Highlights

Engagement

This is a highlight of some of the work that the Community Safety Partnership has completed this year.

Operation Community

Essex Police Launched Operation Community in April which is a monthly day of activity and action across all 10 policing districts, delivering enhanced neighbourhood policing community engagements and crime prevention. The operation is proactive, bringing all teams, officers, staff, partners and volunteers together. It centres on engaging and listening to all our communities and taking positive, proactive steps with our partners to deliver community safety action, responding to the public, preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, and investigating all concerns to achieve the best outcomes for our communities.



Through community meetings a main theme identified by the police was speeding concerns in rural communities, and therefore several of the monthly deployments have been tailored towards addressing this concern. Over the year a number of speed check days have been conducted in Sheering, Roydon, Nazeing, Dobbs Weir, Epping Green, Epping Upland, Theydon Bois, Ongar, Fyfield. These have resulted in numerous tickets being issued to offenders, as well as driving awareness courses, and in less serious cases education/advice given.

On one of the deployments in Roydon a vehicle was stopped as it was visibly in an unfit state due to a smashed windscreen, when stopped it had bald tyres and numerous other defects, and no MOT. The vehicle was seized due to being in an unroadworthy condition. The driver was also conveying passengers in the boot of his car, had no licence or insurance, and so was prosecuted for multiple offences.

On another deployment in Nazeing a police vehicle picked up a stolen vehicle tracker activation which was located with assistance of NPAS and a chop shop was located with a recently stolen high end Mercedes inside awaiting to be dismantled.



These deployments have not all been speeding related – they have also been used to target ASB concerns in Debden, Waltham Abbey and Ongar, with additional patrols and engagement stalls being conducted by Police and EFDC to provide a joint approach to tackling the reported concerns. The deployment in September was the final one of the year (due to Halloween and Christmas operations taking over the following months)



and was the “big bang” event to finish off 2023, with multiple deployments throughout the day targeting key priorities such as domestic violence, hate crime, burglary, robbery, wanted offenders, ASB, sexual offences, organised crime, VAWG, night time economy and drug and alcohol violence. Epping Forest District had support from all teams within the West of Essex Police as well as CSP, and across one single day:

- 64 hours of foot patrol in robbery hotspots of Waltham Abbey, Chigwell, Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Epping with 20+ victims spoken to.
- 575 speed checks in rural areas, 11 persons processed for excess speed.
- 2 arrests during plain clothed robbery patrols of tube stations for possession of class A drugs and imitation firearm.
- 3 domestic violence perpetrators located and arrested.
- ASB engagement stall at Chapel Road assisted living accommodation.

- Hate crime stall on Epping High Street which identified new racist graffiti offences that were swiftly removed.
- 62 college students spoken to by child abuse officers around consent and sexual offences, with 50 personal alarms being issued.



- ANPR deployment resulted in 1 arrest, a cloned vehicle seized, a stolen motorbike recovered, 3 speeding tickets, and assisted at an incident where a police officer was being assaulted.
- “Walk with Us” stall in the evening at Loughton Tube Station providing safety advice and items to the public and completing safety questionnaires. Over 75 people spoken to and 23 questionnaires completed.
- 8 checks at licensed premises, resulting in licensing officer conducting follow up visits at 2 locations due to positive cocaine wipes when testing.

Crucial Crew

Crucial Crew is an interactive safety and health and wellbeing initiative based around key life skills that targets Year 6 pupils to prepare for secondary school. Crucial Crew teaches children how to tackle dangers and challenges they may encounter in everyday life and helps prevent them, in a very interactive way, becoming involved in crime. It also supports the health and wellbeing of students through physical activity, nutrition and addressing mental health.

This year, the Community and Wellbeing Team invited 6 primary schools year 6 students. There were a total of 199 children across the three days.

There were six different scenarios for the children:

- Essex Highways: Road Safety
- Red Balloon Foundation: Online Safety
- Mind in West Essex: Mental Health
- Safer Places: Relationships
- Youth Unity: Nitrous Oxide
- EFDC: Fitness & Nutrition

Following feedback from providers and schools the project was deemed very successful and the project was highlighted as extremely beneficial to the pupils. This is the first year since 2019 that Crucial Crew has returned to its original format. Feedback from schools is that they prefer this format.

Awareness weeks

ASB awareness week

This year, Epping Forest District Council joined a national campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) and keep people in Epping Forest safe. Resolve, the national organisation for ASB and community safety, lead the campaign each year. The aim of the campaign is to bring all agencies in the community together to help tackle anti-social behaviour in communities.

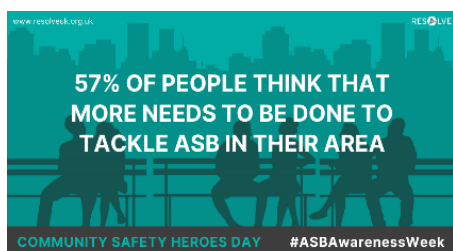
Running from July 3 to 9, **ASB Awareness Week 2023** aimed to encourage communities to take a stand against ASB and highlight the actions that can be taken by those experiencing it.

Epping Forest District held community safety days at locations across the district:

Monday 3rd July 2023 The Broadway, Debden

Tuesday 4th July 2023 Buckhurst Hill

Wednesday 5th July 2023 Ninefields, Waltham Abbey



Results from the days include:

- Hate crime advice given
- Crime prevention materials handed out
- Proactive clearance of graffiti in all areas
- Individuals that were wanted arrested by the police
- Door knocking, giving residents leaflets on how they can report anti-social behaviour and Crimestoppers.

Hate crime awareness week

Hate crime awareness week was from Monday 16th October 2023. This year the hate crime awareness stall was on Epping High Street. This location was picked due to a spate of racial graffiti on the high street. The event was attended by members of the public, advice was given on what hate crime is and how to report it should you be a victim of a hate crime. During the week the Essex Police Hate Crime officer was offering free training to all members of the community.



Community Engagement events

Broadcast Junior

Broadcast junior is an interactive workshop presented by Arc Theatre, the workshop tackles current issues that young people may face, such as; chatting online, TikTok dares, going to meet people alone, current social media platforms and their dangers, coercive behaviour, sexting and grooming. The workshop also covers where to seek help and support should you need it.

In 2023 the workshops were delivered to years 5 & 6's within Waltham Abbey funded by the Safer Streets Project. 434 pupils saw and engaged with the workshop. The feedback was excellent with one statistic being "95% of the children said they would change the way they use technology after seeing Broadcast Junior".

In January 2024, 14 schools (1034 pupils) across the district will be receiving the workshop for their years 5 & 6 students.

Stay safe and well

Stay Safe and Well events (aimed at the older community) consist of presentations from partners, such as Police, Fire, Ambulance, Pharmacists and Crimestoppers. Health checks and vaccinations are offered to people that are attending. Attendees have an opportunity to visit the partner stalls to gather more information about staying safe and an interactive performance 'School for Scammers' is presented to give attendees information on how not to be scammed and to help prevent them becoming victims of fraud.

This year, Stay Safe and Well events were held at Limes Farm, Chigwell, Debden and Buckhurst Hill, with 2 more booked for 2024. All events were extremely successful attracting over 150 attendees. Feedback from the event included that, after attending over 94% of the audience felt more confident about keeping safe at home and 96 % felt that the theatre production had given them more knowledge to avoid being scammed in the future.

Youth Clubs

Limes, Chigwell

Youth Unity commenced working with EFDC to provide a youth club at Limes Farm, Chigwell in 27 January 2023. They began the club with 4 young people attending on the opening night. This now has reached more than 30 young people attending each Friday evening. They listen to the needs and requirements of the young people to adapt what resources and activities are needed, such as, boxing, basketball, football, computer games, arts and crafts, cookery. They also apply diversionary activities such as anti-bullying and social media advice. They work with the local police, who have attended sessions to engage with the young people. They work in partnership with other organisations such as the local Limes Farm Community Group, Chigwell Parish Council, and Rev'd Lorraine Smart of St Winifreds Church, Chigwell. The vicar supports them weekly by attending the club and working with young people who wish to do quieter activities. The Limes Farm Community Group received Active Essex funding to carry out a Let's Cook programme with a group of the young people, teaching them to cook affordable meals for their family and were able to take the equipment, such as an air fryer, home at the end of the programme.

Youth Unity have been proactive in applying for funding to ensure the sustainability of the youth club and have received funding from the CSP, Active Essex, Chigwell Parish Council and are awaiting an outcome on their VVU funding application.

The Youth Club gives local young people a regular place to go to on Friday evenings, which makes the area a safer and nicer place for the residents to live.

Ninefields, Waltham Abbey

Ninefields youth group runs every Thursday evening during term time with an average of 10-15 young people attending weekly. During 2023 the young people had many diversionary activities provided for them: The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust come in a deliver a session on first aid, how to use a defibrillator, the recovery position and what to do in life saving

situations. Essex police delivered a session on knife crime, anti-social behaviour, criminal behaviour and how to report a crime. 3 Self-defence classes were delivered where young people were taught how to defend themselves and what is illegal to carry as a form of self-defence. Baloo the ex-police dog paid a visit to help promote mental wellbeing and encourage discussion around disability. A 6-week food education project funded by Active Essex was delivered where young people learnt to cook healthy and cost-effective meals. At the end of the course the young people took their air fryers and equipment home. Six boxing sessions were delivered by Youth Unity.

In addition to the Thursday youth club, Essex Youth Service support a youth club at the same location on a Tuesday. Essex Youth Service and Zinc Arts have sought funding for a further youth provision in Waltham Abbey near Highbridge Retail park. This will enable the young people in that area to have access to a youth hub.

Sheering Parish

Due to reports of anti social behaviour and drug use/ dealing, Essex Youth Service will be delivering outreach in the Sheering village and Lower Sheering area. The youth service will be supporting Zinc Arts to set up a Youth Hun at Sheering village hall. The youth hub will be due to start on 26th February 2024

Essex Youth Service will continue to run the outreach project until the youth hub is created- and beyond if necessary. The club will run on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays and will be open to year 7 and above. The Youth Service will arrange to support with staffing, for a table tennis and table football. Funding has been received from Asda for resources and food.

North Weald

Essex Youth Service have been working closely with the North Weald neighbourhood watch lead regarding concerns of ASB and drug & Alcohol use in the area.

Essex Youth Service has been working with Zinc Arts to set up a youth provision in the area. There has been a proposal submitted to North Weald Council for support with the youth provision. Zinc Arts has received a small amount of funding, they will be delivering a cooking project in the Queens village Hall with the support of Essex Youth Service staff and resources. Other funding options have been explored, the Youth Service are awaiting confirmation.

Prevention

Crimestoppers Zones

Epping Forest District was the first in the county to introduce Crimestoppers Zones. There are currently three zones in the district, Limes, Chigwell, Ninefields, Waltham Abbey and Oakwood Hill, Loughton. The aim of the zones are to focus on promoting Crimestoppers as a means of reporting in a concentrated area. In all three zones there have been numerous leaflet drops, social media campaigns including targeting advertising, road signs with Crimestoppers details on and various community engagement days.

The below chart show data of how many reports Crimestoppers received pre and post installation of the zones.

	2022	2023
Limes, Chigwell	8	15
Ninefields, Waltham Abbey	71	86
Oakwood Hill, Loughton	7	10



Sanctuary Scheme

The Sanctuary scheme is a victim-centred service installing security measures in and around properties to enable households at risk of domestic abuse to live safely in the property of their choice. Many victims of domestic abuse are reluctant to move home, away from their support networks. To move often means their children have to change schools and leave their friends. Sanctuary schemes aim to make it possible for victims to remain in their own home and feel safe.

The Sanctuary scheme in Epping Forest District supports all residents regardless of their housing tenure.

Safe Partnership are commissioned by Epping Forest District Council to deliver the Sanctuary scheme for the district.

Safe Partnership was founded in 1987 by John McCarthy and has been working hard to help victims of domestic and sexual abuse in England and Wales

On behalf of Epping Forest CSP they secure the homes of victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable victims of crime.

Feedback from a local resident that have used the Sanctuary scheme;

"I was referred to an officer to discuss the opportunity of me accessing the Sanctuary Scheme due to being at threat of violence from a neighbour. The officer passed my details to them, and I was contacted very quickly. Within a few days the representative from Sanctuary visited my home. First, he discussed any potential entry weakness points, and we agreed what protection measures would suit my property and need. He installed security alarms on all windows that could be easily accessible to an intruder. He also fitted more locks and protection on my front door. He took his time to walk around my whole home and made other suggestions of what we

could do to protect our home. We had recently bought and installed an alarm system, so he didn't need to support us with that. I am extremely thankful to EFDC and the Sanctuary Scheme. The measures put in place in my home has increased our feelings of safety hugely".

Referrals to date:

Year	Referrals
2021/2022	19
2022/2023	18

Safer Streets

In August 2022 Epping Forest District Council was successful in a bid to the Home Office for £338,000 Safer Streets round 4 which was match funded by Epping Forest District Council with £169,000.

The project focuses on the environment, increased CCTV, diversionary activities, healthy relationships, community safety and bin store improvements.

Details of the original bid and progress updates are available to access here: [Safer Streets funding for Ninefields estate - Epping Forest District Council \(eppingforestdc.gov.uk\)](https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/safer-streets-funding-for-ninefields-estate)

[Ninefields Estate safer streets project - Epping Forest District Council \(eppingforestdc.gov.uk\)](https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/ninefields-estate-safer-streets-project)

We were able to deliver the CCTV element of the project at a reduced cost and were able to utilise the savings identified to improve lighting in the area in Autumn 2023. This issue had been highlighted in conversations with the local community during engagement days. These improvements will contribute towards improving the feelings of safety within the area.

The Safer Streets end of project report will be available in March 2024 and will outline all achieved through the project.

Child criminal and sexual exploitation (CCE &CSE)

Operation Makesafe

Operation Makesafe has been active as a national operation for several years, as an initiative designed and implemented to help owners and employees within the hotels and hospitality sector identify potential victims of child exploitation and, to understand how to appropriately report concerns to the police to ensure intervention prior to any child or young people coming to harm.

In Epping Forest it has have implemented in response to police and partner agencies identifying that child exploitation related crimes are being committed at hotels across the county.

A plain clothes officer will go into a hotel with a police cadet requesting a room for a couple of hours. During the interaction with the hotel staff clear and obvious signs are given that the young person is involved in sexual exploitation. The operation is based on the hotel's response to the situation. A full debrief is given on the night to the hotel and all staff are welcomed to come to the training sessions to learn more about the signs to spot and what to do if they come across anyone that looks like they are being exploited.

During 2023 there has been two operations that have run, with more planned for 2024.

Operation Henderson

Operation Henderson is a joint initiative being run by the Essex Safeguarding Children Board, Southend Safeguarding Children Partnership and Thurrock Safeguarding Children Partnership, British Transport Police, Essex Police, the Violence and Vulnerability Unit, Greater Anglia, C2C, TfL, The Railway Children, The Children's Society, Social Care and local councils. It aims to raise awareness of the vulnerability of young people to exploitation and abuse at stations and transport networks in parts of Essex.

Research and local data have shown transport networks are used by vulnerable young people who may be at risk of sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation and trafficking. Young people often gravitate towards stations because they are traditionally busy, anonymous places that also provide some form of shelter and access to food and drink. Bus and rail networks can also be used by offenders to traffic young people for the purpose of sexual and criminal exploitation.

On Friday 13th October 2023 partners in Epping Forest came together for the operation. The operation was held at Loughton tube station. 75 people were engaged with, which includes, taxi drivers, bus drivers and commuters. Highlights from the operation include:

- Posters with reporting details put in local businesses.
- 16 Year Old Female was given a CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) Card.
- Taxi Drivers were provided with reporting stickers for Taxis and were going to increase this by provided them to another taxi office in the local area.
- Spoke to many groups of young people who advised they don't always feel safe travelling on train. Officers gave them the BTP text number.
- QR code was given to all members of public where they could find out further information and how to report concerns of CSE
- Information provided initiated conversations around child exploitation between members of the public.

Enforcement

Op-Sceptre



Op-Sceptre is a national operation to target knife crime offences across the country, and consists of a week of action led by police but utilising partners to achieve positive outcomes, conduct proactive work, and enforcement of offences. There have been 2 deployments across the year, one in May and one November, and the following activities were conducted across the weeks:



- Test purchase operations in shops utilising police cadets to try and obtain knives.
- Market trader checks to ensure that items being sold conform to legislation around prohibited weapons.
- Knife arch operations at tube stations and busy footfall areas.
- ANPR deployments targeting suspect vehicles.
- Targeted foot patrols concentrating on areas with recent knife crime offences.
- Weapons sweeps.
- School/college talks.
- Engagement stalls.
- This also linked in with “Op-District” run by the community policing team whereby college students on public services course work with the police for the week and provide information to residents around knife crime legislations. They then return and collect any surrendered items or weapons that people want to have disposed off.

All of these activities resulted in the surrender/finding of hundreds of weapons, hours of additional joint patrols and engagement, several arrests and intel reports being submitted.

Op-Claymore

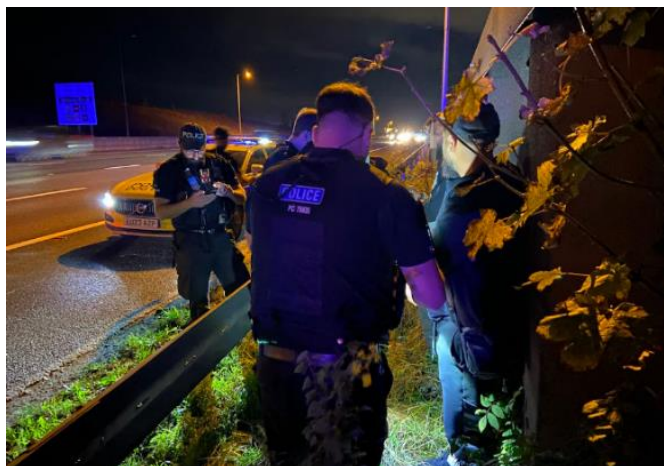


Operation Claymore is Essex Police-led but also involves officers from Hertfordshire, the Met and the National Police Air Service (NPAS). The cross-force team track down vehicles believed to be involved in crime using hits from automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras, with a particular focus on areas in and around Harlow and Epping Forest. They are supported by specialists from our Dog, Roads, and Community Policing teams, as well as

the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU).

Highlights of the most recent deployment included the arrest of three men after a Bentley Bentayga stolen from Cambridgeshire was pursued and stopped on the M11, and two men being arrested after the pursuit of a stolen Toyota Aygo in Harlow ended in the occupants crashing and attempting to escape on foot. There were also arrests for theft of a motor vehicle, drug driving, going equipped to steal, possession of class B drugs, and ABH.

Over the course of the night, officers arrested 14 persons for an array of offences, conducted 13 stop searches and recovered nine lost or stolen vehicles. The EFDC Community Safety Team took part in the most recent operation and were personally responsible for the arrest of 2 males for burglary and assisted to locate 3 other males who made off and were arrested for theft of motor vehicle



PC Baggley of CST assisting in the search and arrest of a burglar

offences. They also conducted a stop search on a male who had in his possession specialist items for stealing motor vehicles and arrested him for going equipped, before ending the night assisting to locate a suspect who had fled from a stolen motorbike after a pursuit.

This is the ninth time the three forces have worked together on Claymore with the operation leading to 67 arrests, 130 stop searches, 32 vehicle seizures and the submission of 100 intelligence reports.

SAFER STREETS END OF PROJECT REPORT

March 2024



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A bid to the Government, supported by Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Epping Forest District Council in May 2022 aimed to address crime and anti-social behaviour in Paternoster Ward, Waltham Abbey – the most deprived ward in the district.

The bid was successful, resulting in £338,000 from the Home Office, boosted by a further £169,000 from Epping Forest District Council.

The aim of the project was to improve the health and wellbeing of residents utilising a multi-agency “whole systems approach” recognising that health and wellbeing is affected by a wide range of factors. Serious violence, driven by county lines and drug dealing together with exploitation of vulnerable adults/children was a major concern. Closure Orders had been sought and applied to several properties in the ward. Recruitment of local children into gangs was also a major concern along with child exploitation.

Environmental crime, including rampant fly-tipping coupled with criminal damage contributed to a sense of neglect and was creating fear among residents. In fact public engagement revealed high fear of crime, prevalent antisocial behaviour, and reluctance to report crime for fear of reprisals.

02. KEY TOPICS

Key topics highlighted in the bid:

- **Neighbourhood crime**
e.g., burglary, robbery, vehicle crime
- **Anti-social behaviour**
e.g., littering, fly-tipping, drug dealing
- **Safety concerns for women and girls in public places**
- **Serious violence, gang activity, and county lines operations**
- **Cuckooing**
Exploitation by drug dealers targeting vulnerable people
- **Child exploitation**
- **Hate crime**
- **Environmental crime**
- **Reluctance to report crime**
- **Youth provision and early education intervention**

03. WISH LIST



Bin store redesign

Bin store redesign to deter crime and anti-social behaviour, replacing fencing with freestanding units and metal filigree work to prevent unauthorised access.

Welcome signs and Wayfinder boards

Welcome signage and Wayfinder boards to enhance resident ownership.



CCTV

Rapid deployment CCTV cameras to increase surveillance of fly-tipping alongside community campaigns.

Improvement to Abbots Reserve

Improvement to Abbots Reserve to make it more of an attraction for the community



Youth engagement and education

Youth engagement and education, including diversionary activities to address youth nuisance and exploitation.

03. WISH LIST



Children's playground

New children's playground to improve health and wellbeing in the area.

Community Safety Days

Community Safety days with multi agency partners tackling all aspects of safety.



Improved lighting

Solar panelled lighting has been installed throughout the area to improve lighting.



04. ACHIEVEMENTS

Partnership working between Epping Forest District Council, Essex Police, residents and local community groups has been at the heart of the Safer Streets initiative.

The biggest spend of the project was a new children's playground costing £100,000 closely followed by £90,000 on CCTV.

Static CCTV cameras in the play area and a further 10 mobile cameras to target changing hot spots

Improved bin stores to reduce anti-social behaviour, vandalism, and flytipping

Youth club for older children with self-defence sessions, first aid, boxing and healthy eating workshops

Parents' awareness session focussed on knife crime, gangs, and violent crime

Community safety days supported by key partners

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera to identify vehicle and environmental crime

Crimestoppers Zones introduced to encourage people to share information to Crimestoppers anonymously

Improved signage and navigation to create a sense of community

Waste amnesty days to clean up the area and deter fly-tipping

Bleed kit bought and sited on wall outside the leisure centre

Metal detectors purchased to help with knife sweeps

04. ACHIEVEMENTS

'Broadcast Junior' delivered to all year 5 and 6 students at four of the local primary schools. Broadcast junior focussed on educating the young people on healthy relationships.

'Josh's story' delivered to all year 5 and 6 students at four of the local primary schools. Josh's story focussed on education around county lines, exploitation and grooming.

21 new solar lights installed across the area to improve feelings of safety.

Improvements to abbots reserve to make it more of a community attraction

Reinstating the community allotment, making it a feature for the whole community to enjoy

Overgrown bushes cut back to increase natural surveillance

Youth outreach work with Youth Unity and Red Balloon Foundation

05. FEEDBACK

Talking to local residents it is clear that most are aware of the work that has taken place in the ward. They particularly focussed on the benefits of the new children's play area, CCTV and lighting. These are some of their comments:

Certainly justified to spend this money. Gets kids away from computers and outdoors. ”

“ New playground has more equipment for young children. Really grateful for the space and investment.

New lighting and cameras is good as are the litter bins, but they are always overflowing. ”

“ Dog poo, broken glass and teenagers congregating let down what has been achieved.

I've watched all this going on, planting, lighting, CCTV cameras, I think it's a great improvement. ”

“ New planting is excellent. Now we need to get back to community litter picking.

Leisure Centre Manager Chris McCarthy said:
I've been here 5 years and this investment has certainly improved things for the community. A playground, improved CCTV and lighting were what people asked for, all of which the project has delivered. ”

Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership (CSP) PLAN ON A PAGE 2024/25

Priorities

1. Working to reduce ASB in public places with an emphasis on:

- Youth nuisance
- Improved partnership visibility
- Designing out crime



- Local Action Group
- ASB awareness week
- Safer Streets
- Youth Projects- Ninefields, Limes, Ongar, Sheering, North Weald and Epping

2. Working to drive down serious acquisitive crime focusing on:

- Burglary
- Robbery
- Theft of motor vehicle



- Fortnightly Police Tasking
- CCTV
- Gangs awareness #consequences
- IOM MACC meetings
- Phoenix Futures- Horizons project

3. Supporting vulnerable people



- Hate crime incident reporting centre
- Missing and Child Exploitation Group (MACE 1&2)
- Independent Advisory Group (IAG)
- Essex Safeguarding Adults Board
- Essex Safeguarding Child Board
- Senior person Safety awareness day
- Crucial Crew
- West Stay Safe
- J9 training
- Sanctuary scheme
- Phoenix Futures- Vulnerable Adults Service
- Broadcast Junior
- Multi Agency Hubs

4. To continue effective partnership working, to meet emerging local threats and issues



- Local Action Group
- Community Safety Partnership meeting
- EF Health and Wellbeing Board & Action Groups
- West Essex Children's Partnership Board
- Weekly partnership tasking

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACPO – Association of Chief Officers

ADF – Accidental Dwelling Fires

ANPR – Automatic Number Plate Reader

ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour - Definition

BCS – British Crime Survey

BTP – British Transport Police

CAFCASS – Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Services

CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

CBO – Criminal Behaviour Order

CCTV – Closed Circuit television

CIA – Community Impact Assessment

CIN – Child in Need

CJ – Criminal Justice

CN – Criminal Networks

CPN – Community Protection Notice

CPTED – Crime Prevention Trough Environmental Design

CPW – Community Protection Warning

CQC – Care Quality Commission

CSPs – Community Safety Partnerships

CTLP – Counter Terrorism Local Profile

DA - Domestic Abuse

DASH – Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence Risk Assessment

DHRs – Domestic Homicide Reviews

DPPO – Designated Public Place Order

DTTO – Drug Treatment and Testing Order

DVD – Domestic Violence Disclosure Order

DVLA – Driver and Vehicle Licencing Agency

ECFRS – Essex Fire & Rescue Service

EFCSP – Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership

FPN – Fixed Penalty Notice

FOI – Freedom of Information
HIRC – Hate Crime Reporting Centre
GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation
GIS – Geographic Information System
GTRET – Gypsy Traveller Rural Engagement Team
HJBA – Honour Based Abuse
IAG – Independent Advisory Group
IDVA – Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
IOM – Integrated Offender Management
ISA – Information Sharing Agreement
KPI – Key Performance Indicator
KSI – Killed or Seriously Injured
LAC – Looked After Children
LSOA – Lower Super Output Area
MAPPA – Multi-Agency Public Protection Agreements
MARAC – Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MACE – Missing and Child Exploitation
MSHT – Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking
MISPER – Missing Persons
MIT – Major Investigation Team
MOSOVO – Management of Sexual and Violent Offenders
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
MV – Management Vetting
NACRO – National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders
NCDV – National Centre for Domestic Abuse
NCIS – National Criminal Intelligence Service
NICE – National Institute for Clinical Evidence
NIM – National Intelligence Model
NPAS – National Police Air Service
NPPV – Non-Police Personnel Vetting
NPS – The National Probation Service
NRM – National Referral Mechanism

NTE – Night-Time Economy
OCG – Organised Criminal Gang
OIC- Organised Immigration Crime
CIC – Child in Care
PACE – Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
PFCC – Police Fire and Crime Commissioner
PNC – Police National Computer
PO – Public Order
POCA – Proceeds of Crime Act
POLSA – Police Search Advisor
RAM – Risk Assessment Matrix
RIC – Remand in Custody
RJ -Restorative Justice
RUI – Released Under Investigation
SAG – Safety Advisory Group
SIA – Semi Independent Accommodation
SERP – Safer Essex Roads Partnership
SETDAB – Southend Essex Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board
SA – Strategic Assessment
SAR – Subject Access Request
SARC – Sexual Assault Referral Centre
SCD – Serious Crime Directorate
SLA – Service Level Agreement
SOCO – Scenes of Crime Officer
SPOC – Single Point of Contact
SPO – Stalking Protection Order
YOS – Youth Offending Service
VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls