

## **Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership**



Annual Report 2020-21

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## Introduction

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### Background

Community Safety Partnerships were set up under the 1998 Crime & Disorder Act. Their purpose is to bring together all of the agencies in an area who can have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. In Sevenoaks District, the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership undertakes this role. Co-ordinated by the Council, its membership includes the Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, Kent County Council, the Probation Service, Housing Associations and others. A full list of partners is given on page 18 of this report.

The Partnership has 3 key aims. They are to:

- Reduce and detect crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
- Strengthen community involvement

### 2020 Strategic Assessment

One of the Partnership's functions is to undertake an annual strategic assessment which identifies current and future community safety issues using evidence, consultation and analysis. It then puts in place a multi-agency action plan aimed at tackling the identified priority issues.

The 2020 Strategic Assessment includes a comprehensive analysis of crime and other data. This identifies local needs for 2021/22 to help the Partnership put in place its annual priorities and action plan. It was published early in April 2021 and our priorities for 2021-22 are:-

Domestic Abuse including stalking

- Serious & Acquisitive Crime (including Organised Crime Groups, Emerging Trends, County Lines)
- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Safeguarding (including Prevent, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation), Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children)
- Substance Misuse
- Doorstep Crime and Scams including Cyber Crime

### Annual Report

This Annual Report looks at what the Partnership and the Community Safety Unit (CSU) have achieved over the last financial year (1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021).

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership **achieved 97% of actions** in the Community Safety Strategy Action Plan during 2020/21.

## COVID-19 Impact

The Pandemic is having a huge impact on the community and partner organisations and changed the way we worked over this past year and will continue to do so.

The first lockdown happened on 23 March 2020 just as we were coming up to the end of the last financial year. In the first 3 days of lockdown the CSU continued to operate from their offices in Argyle Road and helped Sevenoaks District Councils People and Places Team who was working with Care in our Community to help get all the processes in place for the request for help scheme. In between attending Police businesses and patrolling the Town Centres, police colleagues helped SDC produce over 1400 volunteer lanyards that were sent out in 3 days.

The daily briefings continued firstly via a conference phone call, but within 2 weeks and with Police approval MS Teams was set up. Reports continued to come into the Council, Housing Associations, Community Wardens and Police. We were still able to continue a co-ordinated approach in helping residents reporting crimes, anti-social behaviour and community safety concerns. Many of which were regarding neighbour and noise nuisance, breaches of Covid-19 guidelines and mental health concerns.

Police and SDC staff have continued to operate from the CSU albeit on a rota basis with less people in the office. All monthly meetings continued via MS Team platforms.

Visits to residents and site visits also continued throughout the pandemic, in a safe way for staff and residents.

The CSU also helped with the delivery of business packs. PCSOs and SDC staff visited every shop in the four Town Centres delivering welcome back business packs this was done in June and December 2020.

Commissioned services were able to be delivered. DAVSS continued with all of their services apart from face to face during lockdown periods. However they extended their telephone hour's service from 8am-1pm to 8am-4pm and will continue to keep these times going forward. They also delivered training to more volunteers in July 2020. All other funded projects were able to be delivered whether via a media platform such as MS Teams or Zoom.

All detached youth work was able to continue. Kenward Trust delivered throughout the year as well as West Kent Extra. KCC Youth Teams were able to do some street based work, but also did a lot of work online holding sessions and promoting mental health services via Facebook, Twitter & Insta Gram.

There were over 1000 calls relating to Covid-19 breaches, some of these were picked up under ASB as neighbour nuisance. Where breaches were evidenced, warning letters and fines were given out to residents and businesses.

The Annual Report will highlight areas that have been affected by Covid-19 and how partners have adapted and delivered on services.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES FOR 2020/21 – PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY**

### **Anti-Social Behaviour including environmental crime**

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 was implemented in 2014.

The Act replaced nineteen pre-existing measures with six new measures for tackling anti-social behaviour and providing protection for victims and communities.

**Between 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021** the legislation has been used as follows:

- No community triggers have been raised
- 0 Criminal Behaviour Order served but 4 CBO applications are awaiting court dates.
- 71 Community Protection Warnings were served
- 18 Community Protection Notice was issued
- 1 Community Protection Notice Breach that has been heard at court and defendant was convicted.
- 0 Closure Order
- 22 Warning Letters specifically for vehicle use were issued because of repeat calls generated by the Sevenoaks Town Car Park

In September 2020, following a restructure of the People and Places Team, the Anti-Social Behaviour Post was deleted, this was after a resignation of the Officer after a long period of sickness. All ASB cases continue to be dealt with mainly by the Community Safety Officer and supported by Health & Communities Manager.

The Police in the CSU also helped by attending visits and delivering letters on the Partnerships behalf. There were 97 reports of anti-social behaviour from residents. This is the same number as compared to the same period last year. These calls are separate to those that come into the CSU daily briefing.

The highest number of calls were concerning nuisance reported about groups of young people, neighbour nuisance and parking.

The Community MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is designed to address medium and high risk victims, offenders and problem locations. The areas of work covered are:

- ASB including Disputes & Environmental Crime
- Hate related incidents
- Mental Health concerns
- Persistent offenders of crime and Disorder
- Vulnerable victims and locations including Child Sexual Exploitation, human trafficking, modern slavery and gangs
- Vulnerable adults and young persons
- Substance Misuse
- Low to Medium Risk Domestic Abuse

The meetings are chaired by the CSU Police Sargent and Vice Chair is the Community Safety Officer. This group consists of KCC Adult and Children's Services, Youth Offending Team, Probation, Housing Associations, Mental Health Services, Schools and Health Groups. On average the group discusses around 20 cases per month, of which 92% are removed within 6 months due to changed behaviour. This change is due to support and education as well as enforcement action taken.

**The group have issued 25 ASB Warning Letters, 9 ABA's and 5 ABA Breach Letters**

**The number of incidents of ASB recorded by Kent Police** in Sevenoaks District from 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021, was 2690 and is the second lowest level of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the county. Compared to previous year there has been a 68% increase (1088 reports). Coronavirus has had a big impact on crime and ASB and has contributed to the decreases and increases. Certain crime types have seen a decrease such as shoplifting, vehicle crime and burglary linked in with lock down measures. ASB saw a big increase with people causing ASB by breaking Covid guidelines with some large gatherings in Towns and Beauty spots.

**Op Mint ASB at Local Beauty Spots & Nitrous Oxide** was a partnership operation and was set up due to the increases of people starting to gather in local beauty spots causing ASB and use of Nitrous Oxide canisters. This started in May with excess amount of people visiting Knole Park and coming from outside the District to visit such as London, Surrey and other parts of Kent, this was during lockdown

when Government measures were in place. Following these reports into the daily tasking and regular Police patrols to Knole and surrounding beauty areas such as Chipstead Lakes, Vine, Playing fields in Westerham, Kemsing Recreation Ground, Enfield Road, Penshurst Place to address issues a weekly Task & Finish group was set up on and continued until end of mid November 2020 to incorporate Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Although police resources are lower than what they used to be and PCSOs cover wider areas. Over 30 locations were identified by partners, Town and Parish Councils and residents where ASB was being reported. All partners were tasked to visit/patrol the sites this included SDC Officers, KCC Community Wardens, KCC Youth Team, West Kent Extra Youth Team, Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service and Kenward Trust who delivered a substance misuse youth service especially at Chipstead Lakes and The Vine.

The Vine and Sevenoaks Town Centre saw a big increase of young people gathering drinking excessively, drug use and causing ASB. Police ran joint operations most weekends over the time period with British Transport Police to deter young people from Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Redhill and South London attending locations.

We conducted a number of site visits with landowners and worked well with them to help secure their land.

The CSU updated all Town & Parish Councils and Councillors on the operations.

Actions taken were:-

Wildlife Cameras in place at some locations and CCTV signs

Extra Patrolling

Detached Youth Work

Substance Misuse Youth work

Film for parents

Kent Fire & Rescue Service Patrolling

Warning Letters issued either sent or hand delivered

Names and Car registrations collated and all owners written to regarding their behaviour.

In February 2021, the Health & Communities Manager attended the Landowners Forum to work with them in spring and summer 2021 due to the Governments Road Map as lockdown eases. A spring/summer action plan has been developed including promoting the countryside code of conduct alongside a communications strategy on this. Working with SDC Communications Team we have developed a number of posters for landowners and Town & Parish Councils to help remind visitors to parks/beauty spots to be respectful in parking, litter and adhere to Covid-19 guidelines. A weekly meeting with partners has been set up to address all the actions.



**PACT (Partners & Communities Together) Panel** meetings are held in Swanley, Edenbridge, West Kingsdown, Westerham and New Ash Green. The Panels consist of partner agencies including the District Council, Police, Housing Associations and local Town or Parish Councils, businesses and residents. Activities include youth projects, community litter picks and other actions to tackle local priorities. This can include Environmental Visual Audits which are joint walkabouts with residents, police, local housing officers and community wardens to tackle environmental issues.

There was one **Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs)** this year, in New Ash Green identified by a local groups.

**Mobile CCTV** has been deployed to target ASB and criminal damage. The CSP has 7 cameras. They were deployed across the District.

## Safeguarding

**Prevent** - The Counter Terrorism and Security Act received Royal Assent on 12 February 2016, placing the Prevent Programme on a statutory footing. Part 5 of the Act (Chapter 1 s. 26-35) places a general duty on all specified authorities to, when exercising their functions, have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

The three specific objectives of Prevent still stand and focus on:

1. Challenging the ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it;
2. Protecting vulnerable individuals to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support;
3. Supporting sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

The CSU received 2 Prevent Channel Panel referrals this year. All were discussed at the appropriate county-based multi-agency panels, with no further outcome, but support was given. All referrals were of people aged under 18.

There were two Prevent Training Events with one specifically on COVID and how this is being used by Far Right Groups to promote protests. This was delivered by KCC Prevent Team to partnership agencies over MS Teams in January 2021.

**Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking** legislation confers a duty on Local Authorities who must ensure that we safeguard anyone reporting that they have suffered the above.

There has been joint visits with SDC Private Sector Housings Team, Planning Enforcement and Police where they believe modern slavery is taking place in properties. We have made 3 multi-agency visits to locations in response to reported concerns and have dealt with any issues arising. The visits revealed no signs of modern slavery or human trafficking and all those concerned had passports. We did however give housing advice to them and serve prohibition orders on property owners, as they were house of multiple occupancy.

Modern Slavery training took place in March 2021 ran by KCC for over 30 people from partner agencies.

**CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation).** Work has been ongoing and has been linked into the gang's work. CSE day was in early March 2021 and the CSU did a lot of online social media messaging. The Community Safety Manager is the CSE Champion for

the Community Safety Partnership and the District Council. Our partner agencies also have CSE Champions within their own organisations.

**Young People.** In 2020-21, the dedicated PCSO was unable to visit as many schools throughout the year due to Coronavirus, but when schools were open they visited them to address ASB, CSE, Safeguarding, Alcohol and Drugs and online bullying. They also attended a number of primary schools across the District and attended anti-gang workshops run by RRR (Reform Restore Respect).

Tuesday 9 February 2021, was National Internet Safety Day. Due to children being at home instead of visiting schools with a presentation on “fake news” and how to report concerns we produced and online assembly for teachers to deliver and adapted them for primary and secondary schools.

In March 2020 in partnership with KCC and West Kent Extra set up the Sevenoaks District Youth Assembly Forum, this followed an action at the Young Persons conference in November 2019. 5 Young people came forward and helped set this up, they thought of the name, designed a logo and had an action plan to address the priorities of young people. In June 2020 we held a soft launch with Cllr Lesley Dyball. The Forum have their own twitter and Insta Gram account. They have conducted a survey which has gone out to schools to get young people’s priorities. They also organised and led on the annual conference that was held via Zoom in November 2020.

**Vulnerable Adults** There have been a number of safeguarding referrals for older people and vulnerable adults. Again, there is a dedicated PCSO for Vulnerable Adults. The role is looking at all concerns for adults and repeat victims. One of the main safeguarding referrals is around self-neglect and victims of fraud (especially rogue trading). There are a number of support services in place and referrals receive a multi-agency approach as they are referred through to the Community MARAC process, which is also comforting for the resident, as they know that the issues are being listened to.

In January 2021 we delivered Loan Shark training to over 50 participants and over 2 sessions this was delivered by Birmingham City Council who cover our area!

**Mental Health** has been incorporated into the Community MARAC and a number of mental health cases have been raised and through partnership working specific services have been put in place.

Mental Health and especially through COVID-19 and the pandemic a lot of services were held on line. West Kent & North Kent Mind delivered a number of 1:1 and group sessions over Zoom. They also released a lot of information and a tool kit on how to address mental health over Social Media. It is hoped that group sessions will start again following the Road Map.

Mental Health reports have seen an increase across the County through the pandemic. Release the pressure has been widely advertised. In August 2020 Sevenoaks District Council trained officers to become Mental Health First Aiders and have promoted Mental Health services through the Council and to partner agencies.

**Domestic Abuse**, Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 there were 2,408 reports of Domestic Abuse to the Police. This was an increase of 145 reports (6.4%) compared with the previous year. The increase is always looked as a positive that victims are phoning in and reporting Domestic Abuse and that services can be put in place. Sevenoaks District has the lowest number of reports in West Kent and the County.

**Domestic Abuse Training** was held by Look Ahead in February 2021, they delivered MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) to over 40 people from various agencies and DASH (Domestic Abuse Stalking & Harassment) has been arranged for June and July 2021 as this training has to be done on a face to face basis.

**Domestic Abuse Voluntary Support Service (DAVSS)** supports any victim of Domestic Abuse who seeks help. Volunteers are trained to a high level to deal with all aspects of Domestic Abuse. They support victims including helping them through any court proceedings. The IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) service provided by DAVSS looks at high risk cases through the Domestic Abuse MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). The Partnership works closely with DAVSS and helps to fund the service for low and medium risk cases. During the year, DAVSS supported **295** victims of domestic abuse in the Sevenoaks District, an increase of **8 (2.7%)** compared with the previous year. There were 13 male victims, a reduction 3. There **1644** calls to the helpline, a significant increase of 688 (72%) calls compared to the same period last year.

**The Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme (CDAP)** is a 29 rolling week programme covering 9 modules to help men tackle their abuse. The women and children of perpetrators are supported by a Woman's Support Worker. 2 men from Sevenoaks District attended the course in 2020-21. The sessions continued via a one to one Service and then in a group format over Zoom.

**The Freedom Programme** is designed to help women who have been a victim of or are affected by domestic abuse. It is a 12-week programme, which runs for two hours each week usually at various locations across Sevenoaks District, but this year all on Zoom. We delivered 5 3 day programmes and 2 evening programmes, attended by a total of 74 women.

**Recovery Tool Kit** sessions follow on from the Freedom Programme and we ran and 1 evening and 1 day session again by Zoom. 32 women attended the programme.

## Substance Misuse

The Kenward Trust provides sessions within schools and detached work to help young people understand the facts about substance misuse and help those misusing drink or drugs to change their behaviour. They run a number of initiatives using a mobile unit and interactive and visual tools to engage young people about the dangers of substance misuse, so that they will make informed and responsible choices. They are also tasked through the CSU daily briefings to attend “hot spot” locations to work with young people and identify and address substance misuse issues.

With PCC funding through the Partnership, Kenward Trust has worked with 1755 young people from 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021. Over the lockdown period Kenward Trust saw large numbers of young people since the easing of lockdown. Main areas Chipstead Lake, Vine, Greatness and New Ash Green. Chipstead Lake has seen very large numbers of young people especially over the hot weather where we engage young people who are swimming and causing some antisocial behaviour and causing local residents issues. Main substances that were used as being Nitro oxide, cannabis and alcohol.

The teams worked with young people to educate on social distancing especially around not sharing substances like cans of alcohol and bottles, cannabis joints and cigarettes. Kenward Trust spoke about the risks this could lead to by taking the virus home to parents and grandparents and maybe shielding or are at risk. Alcohol became easy to Access due to parents have been more alcohol at home over the period of lockdown. This led to young people finding it easy to get hold of alcohol. But the main age group could buy alcohol as they were over the age of 18. Cannabis is increasing again. Kenward Trust went back into schools at the beginning of October. Kenward Trust released a film and resource pack for schools and parents regarding substance misuse.

CGL (Change, Live, Grow), commissioned by the Kent Drugs and Alcohol Service, provide early intervention services. This includes breakfast clubs and specialist rehabilitation services. They also undertake home visits to those with children and mobility issues.

Addaction is commissioned by the Kent Drugs and Alcohol Service for young people’s services. This includes work around legal highs and preventative work.

## Acquisitive Crime incl Organised Crime Groups (OCGs), Emerging Trends and County Lines

OCGs are criminals behind organised crime often intimidate and create fear, which is intended to prevent the local community reporting what they see. Often the criminals don’t even have to try hard to do this - instead relying on word of mouth and reputation. Over the past year, Organised Crime has seen a more targeted

approach by Partnerships. There were two OCGs within the Sevenoaks District, which are the same as previous years, however, due to the great partnership work these were reviewed by Kent Police and they removed the status of an OCG. However these 2 sites are still monitored at the monthly Serious Crime & Tactical Group, which is a monthly multi-agency meeting to address OCGs and serious crime. The most common crime types associated with these groups is organised theft.

### **Acquisitive Crime includes Burglary and Vehicle Crime**

There were 330 reports of Burglary Residential a decrease of 309 (48.4%) compared to the same period previous year. There was also a big decrease of Burglary Business and Community compared to the same period last year. There was 115 reports, 144 less reports (55.6%)

The CSU sent out over 480 personal torches alarms to residents following information in InShape Magazine and in response to identified trends.

### **Vehicle Crime**

There was also decreases in Theft of Motor Vehicles of 27.9%, or 90 crimes (233 in total) during the year and Theft from Motor Vehicles of 25% or 147 crimes (423 in total).

### **Doorstep Crime and Fraud incl Cyber Crime**

A new database had been set up, but due to Coronavirus there was a delay in starting this as the analyst was put on other KCC duties. KCC are now asking payment into this database and have offered options, we are awaiting the outcome of this.

The KCC Community Wardens have been inspirational in leading the way forward in gathering information, making the relevant referrals and working with the banks to make sure that any victim of a scam is protected.

The CSU are working hard in reinforcing to residents about scams and are working with Action Fraud to tackle this.

## Police & Crime Commissioner Funding (PCC)

The PCC funded Sevenoaks District CSP £34,218, the same as the previous year towards CSP projects. The table below sets out what the Partnership agreed in March 2020 to spend the funding on.

Organisation	Project Name	Amount
DAVSS	Support for Medium & High Risk Victims - Domestic Abuse	£10,000
Kenward Trust	Youth Diversionary & Targeted Youth Project against substance misuse	£12,000
Kent Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme	Support males through the CDAP programme	£3,000
Sevenoaks CSU	Internet Safety Day Feb 2021	£1,000
Sevenoaks CSU	CSU Crime Reduction initiatives	£1,000
ACE Programme	Children Programme Tackling DA	£3,493
Reform Restore Respect (RRR)	Gang Youth Project/Bullying	£2,225
Protection Against Stalking	Training sessions on Cyber crime and stalking	£1,500

## Community Safety Unit (CSU)

The CSU is located within the District Council's Communities & Business Team at Argyle Road, Sevenoaks. There are 3 Police Officers including a Sergeant, 3 dedicated PCSOs addressing Domestic Abuse, Vulnerable Adults and Vulnerable Young People. The Council's Health & Communities Manager, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Community Safety Officer as well as the KCC Community Warden Supervisor and the Business Crime Reduction Co-ordinator are also based within the CSU.

The CSU also has access to an additional Local Community Policing Team (CPT) which can be deployed to tackle local issues within the District. The CPT are based in Swanley but can be tasked by the CSU across the District.

The CSU works closely with other Council teams - People & Places, CCTV, Environmental Health, Licensing, Social Housing, Revenues and Benefits Planning Enforcement, Planning, Building Control and the Customer Solutions Centre.

The CSU meets every morning to go through the previous 24 hours' ASB reports, Concern Calls and community safety issues from Police, SDC, Wardens, Housing Associations and other partners. There have been **885** daily taskings from 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020; this is an increase of 285 compared to previous year. All actions have been taken forward and dealt with and all residents/customers have been updated on the action taken, apart from those who approached the CSU anonymously or have said that they do not want feedback.

A lot of the cases have been complex, requiring a partner agency response. Many have been repeat callers dealing with issues such as mental health, neighbour disputes, harassment in the community and nuisance bikes (motor and pedal).

There have been over **816** follow up visits and calls made by partner agencies (Police, SDC, Community Wardens and Housing Associations) to all the residents who have reported issues and concerns. The other actions have been followed up but have either been reported back to organisations, town and parish councils or they have been anonymous so have not expected feedback on actions taken.

**Task and Finish Groups** have been established to provide intensive intervention by partner agencies when a number of reports have come in through the CSU Daily Tasking meetings relating to specific areas or to vulnerable people. During 2020-21, there were 21 Task and Finish Groups set up a rise of 3 more than last year

In addition to the Task & Finish group actions the CSU Sargent organised 6 nights of high visibility policing in the following areas - New Ash Green, Westerham, Sevenoaks Town, Hartley, West Kingsdown and Swanley.

This is with local Policing Teams, KCC Community Wardens and SDCs ASB Officer to address anti-social behaviour. There was also over **50** site visits conducted by the CSU to various locations across the District.

### [Work of Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership 2020-21 by month](#)

#### **The Partnership month by month**

In addition to the daily work of the Partnership and CSU, the following projects and successes took place.



## April 2020

- Regular patrolling of hotspot areas including Knole Park.
- All meetings moved onto virtual platform MS Teams so that CSU can continue to deliver important actions
- We had skeleton staff in the office to be able to take calls. Whilst we were not going out and completing house visits during this quarter. We were still working with our partner agencies to address community concerns.

## May 2020

- Community Wardens continue to deliver on safeguarding referrals which have increased for them, making home visits and working with banks to protect the most vulnerable.
- Op Mint was set up and weekly meetings were held with partners to address ASB and Nitrous Oxide
- Edenbridge and Swanley PACT meeting were held virtually via TEAMS.

## June 2020

- Police have been carrying out regular patrols and working with British Transport Police to deter a number of young people coming into Sevenoaks Town where ASB has been reported on the Vine.
- Over 20 locations were visited and 8 site visits took place to address ASB
- The Community Safety Officer held a Zoom meeting with Halstead Parish Council to discuss their concerns of nuisance motorbikes accessing the Former Broke Hill Golf Club site.
- Consultation discussions took place with KCC regarding their Doorstep Crime project.

## July 2020

- Soft Launch was held of the Sevenoaks District Youth Assembly Forum.
- Signage was sought for areas such as Penshurst Place, Chipstead Lakes and Enfield Road working with the land owners where people have been swimming in private lakes or rivers by trespassing on private land.
- The Community Safety Officer attended the Former Broke Hill Golf Club site along with the Crime Prevention PCSO, members of the Parish Council and landowner to discuss preventative measures that can be put in place to tackle the nuisance motorbikes accessing the land

- The Community Safety Officer attended an OSARA Rave Plan meeting organised by Kent Police. This was to highlight potential Rave sites within the District that may be targeted by Rave organisers.

### August 2020

- Night time economy has re-commenced during this period with no reported issues or incidents
- Joint operation on vehicles at Hever Road, Edenbridge & visit to Oak View Stud Farm
- The Community Safety Officer attended a professional's meeting to discuss a vulnerable resident causing a number of issues for their neighbour's due to their complex medical needs.
- The Community Safety Officer attended the CSU PCSOs Sergeant's interview to represent the Community Safety Manager.
- The Community Safety Officer along with the Crime Prevention PCSO attended rural locations to meet with landowners to discuss their concerns regarding ASB increase on the land due to lockdown restrictions.

### September 2020

- Freedom and Recovery Tool kit - Domestic Abuse Support Programmes was held via Zoom with over 10 ladies participating on each programme
- Neighbourhood questionnaires was sent to an estate in Crockenhill
- The Community Safety Officer attended an OSARA meeting to discuss ASB issues in Edenbridge organised by Kent Police.
- The Community Safety Officer attend Manse Way, Swanley with the Crime Prevention Officer to discuss and install wildlife cameras in resident's gardens following reports of ball bearings being fired.
- The Community Safety Officer visited a resident to discuss reports being received regarding their behaviour.

### October 2020

- Site Visit to Eureka's in Fawkham to address Covid concerns
- Community Protection Warnings served to KCC and Receivers to address fly tipping on Barnfield Park/Attwood Field

### November 2020

- The Youth Conference was held via Zoom on 17 November, where 5 schools attended and was facilitated by young people that are members of the Sevenoaks District Youth Assembly Forum

- Op Mint came to an end and was really successful. Lockdown 2 also started at this time
- The Community Safety Officer attended the Domestic Homicide Review 38 Terms of reference meeting.
- The Community Safety Officer and Community Safety Manager attended the LOR Disorder meeting arranged by Southeast Rail regarding ASB at railway stations in the Sevenoaks District.

## December 2020

- Four Town Centre Ambassadors were appointed to work in Westerham, Sevenoaks, Swanley & Edenbridge. This funding was granted by Central Government until 31 March 2021. This is to help high streets reopen safely and to advise people visiting on any covid restrictions, making sure that they feel safe shopping.
- Delivered welcome back packs to some shops across Sevenoaks, Swanley, Westerham and Edenbridge

## January 2021

- Although we could not have our usual Development Morning. Partners helped draft 2021-22 Action Plan was drafted based on the Strategic Assessment Report.
- Prevent Training was delivered via MS Teams
- Loan Shark Training was delivered

## February 2021

- Tuesday 9 February 2020, was National Internet Safety Day. Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership (CSP), produced an assembly for teachers in primary and secondary school. Over 20 primary schools took this up and 2 secondary schools.
- Had an Unauthorised Traveller Encampment at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, this is the first one the CSU took the lead on, Notices were issued and due to crime associated with the group. Police were able to issue a Sect 61 for them to move on
- MARAC Training was delivered via Zoom

## March 2021

- Modern Slavery was delivered by KCC via MS Teams
- Discussions took place with Partnership agencies regarding the restriction lifting phases.

- The Community Safety Officer attended the Sevenoaks Town Council Youth Forum.

Alongside all the above the CSU held their quarterly PACT meetings in Westerham, West Kingsdown, New Ash Green, Edenbridge and Swanley. There were also monthly Community MARACs, Serious Crime & Tactical Group, West Kent Domestic Abuse Working Groups and Daily Taskings.

The CSU also attend County meetings on Reducing Reoffending, Prevent, Kent Community Safety Managers, Safeguarding Leads, Threats Risks and Vulnerabilities, Online Safeguarding and Offender Management monthly meetings.

The CSU is very proactive on Social Media, our Twitter account has increased by 102 followers to 929 followers, and over 7000 tweets have been submitted up to end of March 2021

## Future Developments

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The Strategic Assessment was completed in December 2020 using data supplied by a variety of agencies. Based on this, our new 2021-22 Community & Safety Strategy & Action Plan will prioritise the following issues:

- Domestic Abuse including stalking
- Serious & Acquisitive Crime (including OCG, Emerging Trends, County Lines)
- Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Safeguarding including Prevent, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation, Vulnerable Adults and Protecting Children)
- Substance Misuse
- Doorstep Crimes and Scams including Cyber Crime

Efforts will continue to promote community safety and help people to feel safer through existing local PACTS (Partners and Communities Together panels), feedback from the CSU and Community Awareness days.

## Glossary

- **ASB** - Anti-Social Behaviour
- **BCRP** - Business Crime Reduction Partnerships
- **BOTD** - Burglary Other Than Dwelling
- **CSE** - Child Sexual Exploitation
- **CSP** - Community Safety Partnership
- **CSU** - Community Safety Unit
- **KFRS** - Kent Fire & Rescue Service
- **KCC** - Kent County Council
- **MARACs** - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- **OCGs** - Organised Crime Groups
- **PACT** - Police and Community Together
- **PCC** - Police & Crime Commissioner
- **PCSOs** - Police Community Support Officer
- **SDC** - Sevenoaks District Council
- **TFMV** - Theft from a Motor Vehicle
- **TOMV** - Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- **YOS** - Youth Offending Service