

Folkestone & Hythe District Community Safety Partnership Plan



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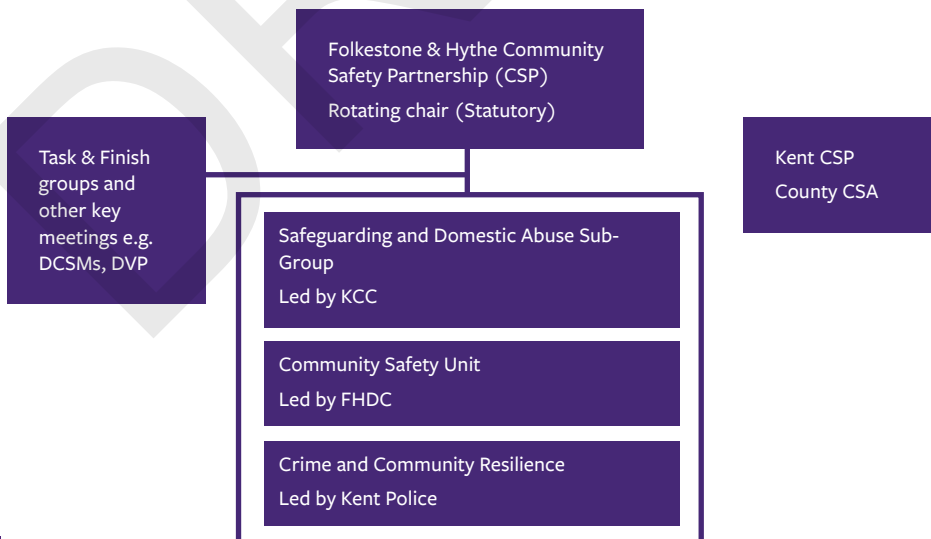


Introduction

Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory body bringing together public sector agencies and voluntary and community organisations to tackle safeguarding concerns, abuse, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and to reduce crime and re-offending.

The Community Safety Partnership is overseen by an executive group, comprising senior managers from the responsible authorities. Sub-groups are responsible for the priorities of the CSP.

The CSP creates a partnership plan for three years which is reviewed annually. The plan is informed by a strategic assessment which is created each year using analysis from intelligence. This identifies the emerging priorities by considering the patterns, trends and shifts relating to community safety.



District Profile

The district has a population of 109,800 according to the most recent data in the 2021 Census.

The Folkestone urban area is home to 48% of the total population whilst 16% of the district's residents live in the Hythe urban area. The remaining 36% live in the more rural areas, including Romney Marsh and Lydd.

The age profile of the population shows that the district has an older age profile compared to the county average, with a greater proportion of people aged over 50 than the average for the Kent County Council (KCC) area.

On the national ranking, the district is 84th out of 317 local authority districts according to data from the Office for National Statistics.

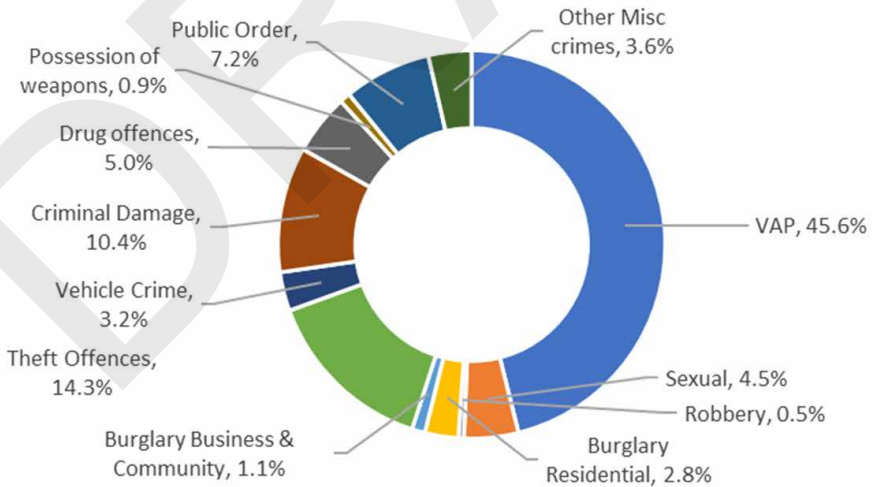
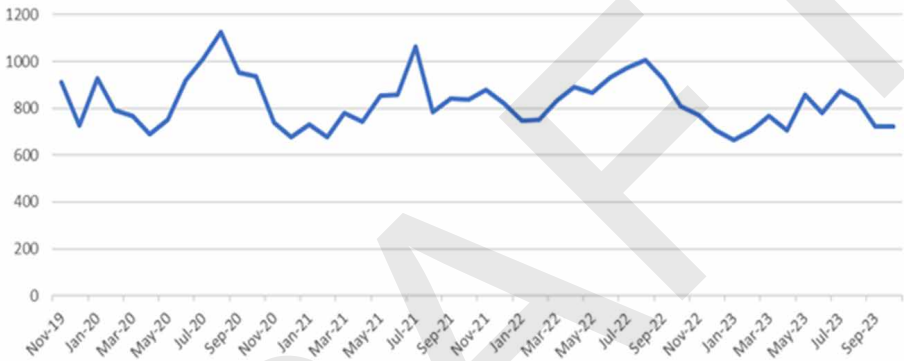
Levels of deprivation vary across the district, with areas in England's top 10% of the most deprived. However, other areas are recorded as the least deprived.

The greatest levels of deprivation are found within the Folkestone town area - Folkestone Harbour, East Folkestone and Folkestone Central wards.

The unemployment rate is currently 3.9% which is higher than both the county average of 3.2% and the national average of 3.7%.

District Crime Profile

The three-year trend of recorded crime in Folkestone and Hythe shows consistent peaks in recorded crime in the summer months, with a significant reduction in this peak shown in 2023.



Legislation

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides the police, local authorities, and other local agencies with powers that they can use to respond quickly and effectively to antisocial behaviour.

Domestic Abuse

Serious Violence Duty

Prevent Strategy

Police and Crime Commissioner Priorities

The CSP is committed to working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and aligns its priorities with the PCC's.

- Working with residents, communities, and businesses the CSP aims to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour in areas including:
- Tackling violence against women and girls
- Protecting people from exploitation and abuse
- Combatting organised crime and county lines
- Being visible and responsive to the needs of communities
- Preventing road danger and supporting Vision Zero
- Protecting young people and providing opportunities

 More information on Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's website kent-pcc.gov.uk

CSP Priorities



Safeguarding & Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse

Mental health

Drugs and alcohol

Safeguarding children and adults

Young People & Places

Missing children



Crime & Community Resilience

Reducing offending and reoffending

Modern slavery and human trafficking

Serious and organised crime

Cuckooing, gangs, county lines and criminal exploitation

Fraud, financial, acquisitive crime

Drug offenses

Integrated Offender Management

Hate crime

Prevent strategy

District Vulnerability Panel – Adult



Community Safety Unit

Anti-Social Behaviour

Public Spaces Protection Order

Events

Hotspot locations

Substance misuse

Diversionary activities

Housing & Homelessness

High risk adults and young people

Community triggers / ASB Reviews

Prison releases

Unauthorised encampments

Environmental crime / health

Licensing



Cross Cutting Themes

Violence reduction, including Serious violence and violence against women and girls (VAWG)

Health & wellbeing

Young People

Safer Streets Project



CCTV Cameras

Creating a stronger network and monitoring of CCTV across Folkestone

Acquiring re-deployable cameras to tackle ASB



ASB and Crime Prevention

Upgrading Folkestone Area Partnership Against Crime (FAPAC) radio network

Creating window wraps and display boards to occupy empty shop frontage and units



Education Programmes

Active Bystander Training

Rising Sun and Homestart joint Violence Against Women and Girls training package

Contextual safeguarding training - In Plain Sight



Safer Parks

Installing gates on alleys

Mapping and signposting the 'lit routes' across the town

Updating the Emergency Trauma packs in key locations

Removing graffiti and litter, working with the Folkestone Town Sprucer team



Public Guardianship

Promoting a safe taxi scheme

Establishing a funded contract with private security to provide taxi marshals

Urban Pastors patrols across designated areas in both day and nighttime economies

Creating a new Neighbourhood Watch area

Promoting the Hollie Guard App as an easy method to report and raise concerns

CSP Delivery

Local Engagement Meetings (LEMs)

Each quarter the CSP holds meetings for the community to engage and receive updates about the CSP and report anti-social behaviour concerns and issues in the local area and across the district.

It is an opportunity for two-way communication, accountability and for agencies to direct resources to areas of need.

'Ask for Angela' Safe Spaces

Anyone that is feeling unsafe or worried can approach employees in organisations and businesses taking part in the scheme and 'Ask for Angela'. Staff will recognise that this is a code-phrase, and that the person requires help and possibly a place of safety. Retailers and organisations taking part will display a sticker in their window.



 Full list of participants can be found on folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community-safety/safe-space

Safety In Action

Advice and guidance for pupils in the last year of their primary education.

#R U Ok Roadshow

Multi-agency roadshow touring the district's secondary education schools providing valuable advice, guidance, and safety information for year 9 students.

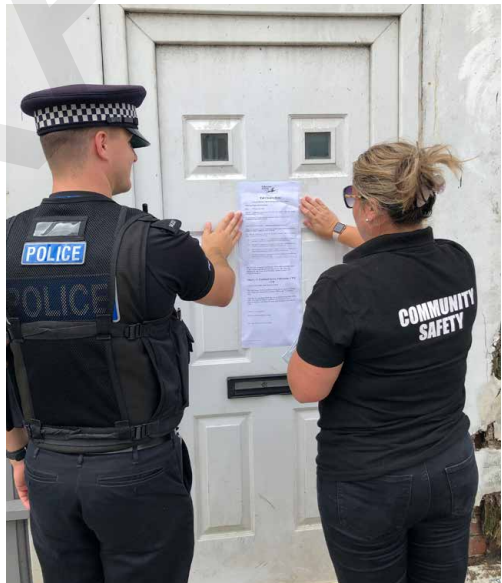
Messages from agencies include advice about substance use, online safety including the Violence Reduction Unit Commitment Pledge, positive relationships and the 'hope not hate' campaign by the Prevent team.

The agencies supporting the roadshows include: We Are With You / Violence Reduction Unit / Prevent, report radicalisation or extremism / Home Start Shepway / Kent Police / Kent County Council Youth Services / NHS Schools / Kent County Council safeguarding / Folkestone & Hythe District Council Community Safety Unit

Online Training packages

Engagement and Signposting

Our Community Safety pop up stand can often be found at district events. CSP officers promote safety campaigns and signpost to information. Targeted engagement events are scheduled for VAWG awareness, a stand at Bouverie Place, Folkestone, was organised during National Adult Safeguarding week.



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