Partnership Plan

1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020
Our vision
The Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) aims to build safer, active and more engaged communities.

Working with the private, public and third sector, and with the help of local people, we will deal with issues of crime and anti-social behaviour.

We want to inspire people to form united neighbourhoods and support health and wellbeing in the district.

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FOREWORD

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The Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is pleased to present this refreshed Community Safety Plan covering the period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020. This plan sets out the ambitions of the CSP for the year ahead and describes how we will tackle priority areas of work.

We are mindful of the many challenging pressures facing our partners as they deliver their services. The work of the CSP is diverse and challenging with everyone involved having an equal role to play in ensuring our district is a safe place to live, work and enjoy.

From safeguarding young people drawn into risk taking behaviour to supporting vulnerable members of our community. Combating drug and alcohol addiction and reducing re-offending and anti-social behaviour. We keep our communities feeling secure by tackling the causes of crime and disorder.

To achieve this the CSP has put in place this plan to tackle specific priority issues. We want to help achieve the goals of key strategic plans such as:

• The Police and Crime Plan ‘Safer In Kent’
• The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan 2017 – 2021
• The Kent Police Control Strategy
• Folkestone and Hythe District Council Corporate Plan
• The Kent Community Safety Agreement
• The Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy
• The Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy.

This year, following a public consultation, we will introduce a new Public Spaces Protection Order. This, together with new services and projects will help support Community Safety work.
The many public sector and voluntary groups delivering key activities are reflected in this plan. A strong partnership developed through the daily work of the Community safety unit.

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour remains a high priority. We continue to work as a partnership to make our district a safe place where people wish to work, live and visit.

This plan seeks to promote a holistic approach, with a greater emphasis on prevention and harm reduction.

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Visit the website for more information on the CSP including partnership updates and activities [https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety)

**INTRODUCTION**

Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory body bringing together a number of public sector agencies to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reduce re-offending.

We revise this plan every year using information from a range of organisations in a restricted strategic assessment. This ensures that we take in to account current issues when deciding the activities undertaken by the CSP. We also consider local emerging issue and new legal requirements.

Key issues identified from information provided in the 2019 Strategic Assessment are:

- The top five crimes reported in Folkestone & Hythe match the top five most reported crimes Kent wide.
- There has been a 27% increase in Violent Crime reports, and a 62% increase in Crimes against Society. See footnote at page 25.
- Folkestone & Hythe has the largest community of Learning Disability (LD) clients in Kent.
- In many of the comparisons featured in the Strategic Assessment, Folkestone & Hythe is either in line with the Kent county average, or below it.
The CSP is made up of Responsible Authorities. Some members are voluntary and others are required by law.

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In addition, there are many agencies that support the Partnership and the Community Safety Unit teams including:

- East Kent Drug and Alcohol Services
- Forward Trust
- Kent Addaction
- East Kent Mediation
- Kent Community safety Partnership
- F&H Local Children’s Partnership Group
- East Kent Housing
- County PREVENT
- Folkestone Area Partnership Against Crime

We are all working together to prevent and reduce crime and disorder and improve community cohesion by maximising resources and using targeted action groups.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION**

Key legislation that applies to CSPs is cited below:

**The Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

This gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities.

**The Police and Justice Act 2006**

Introduced scrutiny arrangements in the form of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee.

It also introduced a number of amendments to the 1998 Act including the addition of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and substance misuse within the remit of the CSP strategies. Reducing reoffending was subsequently added by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007

Set out further revisions to the 1998 Act. For two tier authorities such as Kent, the statutory Community Safety Agreement was introduced.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

Introduced directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to replace Police Authorities in England and Wales. This brought with it a requirement for the PCC to have regard to the priorities of the responsible authorities making up the CSPs and for those authorities to have regard to the police and crime objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

The legislation also brought with it a mutual duty for the PCC and the responsible authorities to act in co-operation with each other in exercising their respective functions.

Domestic Homicide Reviews

The requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect on 13th April 2011.

In Kent and Medway it was agreed that these would be commissioned by the Kent Community Safety Partnership utilising pooled funding on behalf of the local CSPs including Medway.

The process is managed, coordinated and administered by the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST).

Updated statutory guidance from the Home Office released in December 2016 strengthened the role of the CSP in the DHR process. It brought in additional requirements in order to meet the required standard and now includes suicides.

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Received royal assent on 13th March 2014. The Act introduced simpler more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour to provide better protection for victims and communities.

This includes a new Community Trigger responsibility to give people a greater say in how agencies respond to a complaint. It also allows for the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs).

Safeguarding

Between 2014 and 2016 a number of pieces of legislation were introduced to provide authorities with additional tools, powers and statutory duties to tackle community safety and safeguarding issues.

This includes:
- The Care Act 2014
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (and subsequent amendments in 2019)
- Serious Crime Act 2015
- Modern Slavery Act 2015
• Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

This introduced a range of duties including new reporting, referral and decision-making mechanisms. Staff awareness requirements and impacts on contract management to be included in the everyday work of relevant organisations.

More recently statutory guidance was introduced regarding inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in ‘Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018’.

Some Key Partnership Challenges:

Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC)

In response to the Government’s national Serious Violence Strategy, the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launched a year-long study in 2018 into the challenges around reducing violence.

Partner agencies have been challenged to look at opportunities to address this issue including the causes and possible solutions.

Funding provided by the PCC to Community Safety Partnerships 2019/20 now has a particular focus around tackling violence.

Transformation of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

There are currently eight CCGs within the Kent and Medway area. A Sustainability & Transformation Partnership is in place across health and social care for Kent and Medway and is currently leading on some elements of Strategic Commissioning.

Further transformation of the commissioning landscape will take place during 2019/20.
Folkestone & Hythe Demographic and Economic Summary

Population Profile

The latest population figures from the 2017 mid-year population estimates show that there are 111,400 people living in the Folkestone & Hythe District.

This population size ranks Folkestone & Hythe District the 3rd smallest Kent local authority district.

- 63% of the district’s population live in urban areas
- 37% live in the surrounding rural area
- 48% of the total population live in Folkestone
- 15% of the district’s residents live in Hythe

The age profile of the Folkestone & Hythe population is shown in the chart below. Folkestone & Hythe has an older age profile compared to the county average, with a greater proportion of people aged 50 and over.

![Age distribution chart]

Presented by Strategic Commissioning - Analytics, Kent County Council
Over the last 10 years Folkestone & Hythe population has grown by 7.2% (an additional 7,500 people). This is the third lowest rate of growth of any Kent district.

The population of the district is forecast to grow at a slower rate over the coming years with current forecasts suggesting a 13% growth between 2017 and 2037. This is the 3rd lowest rate of growth expected for any Kent district and a growth rate that is lower than that of the county average (19%).

**Ethnic profile**

- 94.7% of Folkestone & Hythe residents are of white ethnic origin
- 5.3% of residents are of Black Minority Ethnic (BME) origins

The proportion of Folkestone & Hythe population classified as BME is lower than the county average of 6.3%.

The largest ethnic group in Folkestone & Hythe is White British, with 90.8% of residents from this ethnic origin.

Within the BME population, the largest ethnic group is Other Asian (accounting for 2.5% of all residents), which can be attributed to the Ghurkha regiments and their families.

The second largest ethnic groups are White and Black Caribbean mixed, White and Asian mixed and Indian ethnic groups (each accounting for 0.4% of all residents).

**Deprivation**

The English Indices of Deprivation 2015 provide a measure of deprivation at both district and sub-district (Lower Super Output Area) level, relative to other areas in England.

The Table below presents the national and county rank of Folkestone & Hythe based on the 2015 Index and shows how the rankings have changed since the 2010 Index.

In 2015 Folkestone & Hythe District was ranked as the third most deprived district in Kent (ranked 3 out of 12 districts, with the most deprived being ranked one).

Nationally, Folkestone & Hythe ranks 113th out of 326 local authority districts in England. This rank places it within England’s most deprived half of authorities.

The county rank of Folkestone & Hythe has moved down one place between 2010 and 2015.

On the national ranking, Folkestone & Hythe has moved down by 16 positions from 97th in 2010 to 113th in 2015. This indicates that the level of deprivation in Folkestone & Hythe has reduced, relative to other areas in England.

**National and County rank of Kent districts based on the 2010 and 2015 Indices of Deprivation (table displayed based on the 2015 rank)**
Levels of deprivation vary across the District with parts of Folkestone & Hythe within England’s top 20% of deprived areas. Other parts of the district are within England’s 20% of least deprived of areas.

The greatest levels of deprivation are found within the Folkestone area.

Next to some of the most deprived areas of Folkestone & Hythe are areas with relatively low levels of deprivation. The least deprived areas of the district are found in Hythe.

### HORIZION SCANNING

Using PESTLEO existing and future issues that could impact on communities and may need to be considered as part of community safety plans are shown below:

**Political:**

- Ongoing Brexit issues and potential ‘no deal’
- Any relevant Election issues

**Economic:**

- Impact of Brexit on the economy
- Public sector budget cuts
- Commissioning of services and securing new funding sources
- Roll out of Universal Credit
- Increased minimum wage
- Housing and infrastructure development

**Social / Demographic:**

Many issues identified relate to safeguarding and supporting the most vulnerable members of society including:

- Domestic abuse
- Preventing violent extremism
- Child sexual exploitation
- Human trafficking/modern slavery
- Unaccompanied asylum seeking children and looked after children
- Organised crime groups
- Urbanised street gangs
- County Lines
- Psychoactive substances
- Hate crime
- Mental health (including dementia)
- Ageing population
- Social isolation

**Technological:**
- Cyber-crime and cyber-enabled crime
- Online safety
- Increased availability and use

**Environmental (and Geographical):**
- New developments e.g. Otterpool Park, Princes Parade
- Extreme weather events e.g. flooding
- Impact of Brexit on transport routes

**Legislation:**
Recent legislation introduced a range of statutory duties and opportunities including:
- Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014
- Counter-terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Serious Crime Act 2015
- Psychoactive Substances Act 2016
- Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016
- Policing and Crime Act 2017
- Homelessness Reduction Act 2017
- General Data Protection Regulations
- Counter-terrorism and Border Security Act

Upcoming legislation includes:
- Domestic Abuse Bill

**Organisational:**
- Public sector restructures
- New ways of working (e.g. service commissioning, multi-agency hubs, increased collaboration)
- Increased support from volunteers
- Impact of Brexit on business continuity

**KEY ACTIVITIES DELIVERED DURING 18/19**
The Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership delivered many proactive and innovative projects throughout 2018/19.

These have been delivered in many different ways including:
- CSP subgroups
- multi-agency task and finish groups
- other funded projects.

Key activities that have been delivered include:

**Mental Health Conference**

In April 2018, the subgroup organised a Mental Health Conference. The conference sought to explore the way mental health affects individuals through all stages of life, from birth to older persons, ‘A Journey through Life’.

The conference heard from speakers on the subject of mental health. There were also stallholders who could provide further information and support.

The conference was aimed at professionals from the district and from the wider county area.

With 350 attendees and lunch provided by the students from East Kent College we were able to reach a significant number of people.
The ‘One Stop Shop’ Drop In weekly service for domestic abuse victims is a multi-agency provision consisting of:
- solicitors
- domestic abuse workers
- police
- KFRS
- benefits agency
- a health visitor

Who are all available to offer advice and support to victims of domestic abuse.

The Drop In is every Wednesday from 12.30 to 14.30 at the Folkestone Early Years Centre. We have also set up a ‘One Stop Shop’ on the Marsh the last Thursday of the month.

A breakdown of the attendees to the Folkestone & Hythe Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop and the Lydd Rural One Stop Shop can be found below.

The data period for this information is July 2017 to June 2018 for the Folkestone and Hythe One Stop Shop. The data period for the Lydd Rural One Stop Shop is May 2018 to September 2018 as this is the first date that it operated.

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Delivery of training sessions and communication campaigns:

The Community Safety Partnership has a key role to play in upskilling partnership staff to understand a large range of issues impacting on communities. As well as working with the communities themselves.

**Gangs Training**

In January 2019 we held a one-day training event to raise awareness of gangs and child exploitation for professionals. This enabled us to work with and safeguard young people in our community.

Our key contributors were St Giles Trust and Excelsior Safeguarding CIC. There were 150 professionals in attendance who found the event informative and appreciated the power of speakers discussing their own personal experiences.

**Small Change Big Difference Campaign**

At the end of 2018 we launched our Small Change Big Difference campaign in partnership with Kent-based charity, Porchlight.

This campaign has been promoted in a variety of ways, including a feature article in the local papers, social media and the district magazine, Your District Today.

Porchlight provides a range of services to give homeless people the best chance of moving on to live independently. It helps people to recover from the trauma of homelessness and gives them the practical and emotional support they need to see that a brighter future is possible.

**Youth Conference - #RUOK**

Following on from the overwhelming success of the 2016 Youth Conference we organised another Conference on 9th May 2019.

We again tailored this for our Year 9 pupils across the district. The conference focused on various safeguarding themes including:

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Gangs and County Lines
- Online Safety
- Emotional health
- Positive relationships
The conference took place in Folkestone and there were over 800 13 and 14 years olds in attendance, plus school staff. The conference consisted of a mix of presentations and interactive sessions.

**Border Force Campaign**

Folkestone & Hythe District Community Safety Partnership were chosen as the pilot for this campaign. We have been used as the best practice example for other authorities and CSPs.

This campaign started in Kent in May. The campaign supports projects Pegasus and Kraken. These are joint law enforcement operations to tackle both maritime and aviation border crime across the United Kingdom and Kent. It also supports the Police’s Don’t Ignore It, Share it campaign.

**Adult Safeguarding Week**

As part of Adult Safeguarding Week in October 2018 we set up a stall, alongside the Health Bus, to raise awareness of adult abuse including financial, doorstop and physical abuse. It also covered spotting the signs and what to do if you think someone is being abused.

We were joined by a multi-agency team including trading standards, Fire, Police and Community Wardens.

As part of this week we held dementia training for taxi drivers in Folkestone. This was to help them understand what dementia is, how to spot the signs and what to do.

**Safety in Action**

The subgroup funded a part of this year’s Safety in Action Day for Year 6 children. We asked for the inclusion of training on positive relationships as well as themes that addressed all areas of safeguarding.

The feedback from both the schools and parents was that this event was very positive and they were glad they chose to send their children and the lessons learned were invaluable.

There were over 500 children in attendance from 17 schools.
Multi-Agency Operations

The Community Safety Partnership delivers numerous multi-agency operations such as:

**Operation (OP) ARIEL**
Is a monthly high visibility presence to engage with local businesses and residents to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour across the district.

**OP LION**
Happens quarterly and targets hot spot areas to reassure residents and deal with any anti-social behaviour issues.

**OP XENAPHON**
Has brought justice back to the residents of Pavilion Court by working closely with the landlords. It has led to the creation of a ‘partnership hub’.

Partners such as the Police, Fire service, probation and Forward Trust can now work with the residents reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

**OP OCELOT**
Targets the spike in violence and anti-social behaviour which often occurs during school holidays. We have been able to direct CSU patrols and partners of the CSP to areas of repeat offences and known ‘flash points’.

**OP HALOGEN**
Is a quarterly day of action in and around the two main train stations in Folkestone.

Knife detection arches and dogs are deployed alongside officers trained to identify and help vulnerable missing children used by gangs.

**OP GRENADIER**
Uses partners and the dedicated police town centre team and Community Policing Team assets to carry out law enforcement key areas.

Community workshops, engaging diverse communities, youth services and the volunteer sector have made huge progress to build bridges and reduce reoffending. This operation has renewed focus on Folkestone town centre and helped reduce retail crime, homelessness and begging.
Ongoing partnership response to serious organised crime

The Serious and Organised Crime Group meeting has been in place since early 2018.

This group has shared information on a number of Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) and undertaken disruption activity, which has seen a reduction in the number of OCGs in the district during 2018/19.

Organised Crime Groups, emerging and existing crime series, gangs, counter terrorism and prevent matters are discussed. Actions are given and received with partners held to account.

Community Safety Unit meetings:

These meetings continue to be held weekly. The Community Safety Unit continues to provide support to high risk victims of anti-social behaviour, whilst ensuring a coordinated response is given to all victims.

During 2018 this response has also included ensuring that those with additional vulnerabilities are protected from further exploitation such as cuckooing.

One successful partial closure order came about from these weekly CSU meetings along with one full closure order.

The Community Safety Unit continues to cover any anti-social behaviour complaints made to the council as well as community tensions, environmental issues and events and other priorities.

CSE Peer Trainers

The subgroup joined with Canterbury Christchurch University to write a ‘Train the Trainer’ package for Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and positive relationships.

This is a peer to peer learning programme, where a small number of sixth formers will be trained to deliver these topics to their younger counterparts alongside school staff.

The reasoning behind this is that young people feel freer to ask questions to someone closer in age, rather than their teacher, and this will open new lines of communication for these sensitive topics.

The first training session was held at Canterbury Christchurch University where a group of 20 students from a local secondary school joined 20 students from Dover to hear from lecturers and professors about CSE, criminology, forensic data analysis and social media.

The next step is to work with the school staff and students to begin to deliver to other students and begin training the next year.
Positive Choices

Due to the success of the Positive Choices Programme the subgroup has continued to support the initiative.

A number of young people from the programme have benefited from the extra support given through family coaching and one on one sessions.

The group has discussed expanding the remit of the programme if funding is available.

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CSP PRIORITIES 2019/2020

F&H CSP Priorities 2019 / 2020

A Strategic Assessment is compiled annually to show progress for the partnership against its current priorities. The assessment also identifies emerging issues and recommended priorities for the next 12 months.

The priorities for 2019/20 for the CSP were selected by members of the partnership taking into account the findings from the strategic assessment.

A series of themes have also been identified which are key initiatives that will support the delivery of these priorities.

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### Kent Police Strategy and Priorities 2019

#### Safer in Kent 2017-2021: The Plan on a Page

**Leadership:**
Strong ethics, transparency and integrity at all times

**Guiding principles:**
- People suffering mental ill health need the right care from the right person
- Crime is important no matter where it takes place
- Vulnerable people must be protected from harm

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**My priorities, for the Chief Constable to deliver are to:**
- Put victims first
- Fight crime and anti-social behaviour
- Tackle abuse, exploitation and violence
- Combat organised crime and gangs
- Provide visible neighbourhood policing and effective roads policing
- Deliver an efficient and accessible service

**As the Police and Crime Commissioner, I will:**
- Hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of Kent Police’s priorities
- Enhance services for victims of crime and abuse
- Commission services that reduce pressure on policing due to mental health
- Invest in schemes that make people safer and reduce re-offending
- Make offenders pay for the harm that they have caused
- Actively engage with residents in Kent and Medway

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**Opportunities for the future:**
- Calling for more criminal justice powers for Police and Crime Commissioners
- Lobbying for a fairer funding settlement for Kent
- Further collaboration with other organisations
- Oversight of the police complaints process
- Developing new crime prevention and diversion practices
- Backing volunteering

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Further details on how these priorities will be achieved are shown on the following pages, including a summary of the issues and actions to be taken.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be providing a grant to the Community Safety Partnership to support the delivery of this plan, which must in turn support the delivery of their priorities, with a focus on reducing violent crime.
Diagram taken from the Kent Community Safety Agreement – April 2019
This diagram not only includes the priorities and cross-cutting themes for the Kent wide Community Safety Agreement. But also shows priorities identified by the Police and Crime Commissioner, reflecting the need for Community Safety Partnerships and the Police and Crime Commissioner to have due regard for each other’s priorities.

Several of the identified priorities already have existing multi-agency partnership arrangements in place that are ensuring a coordinated and strategic approach across organisations.

These arrangements can be further enhanced with links to the Kent Community Safety Agreement and, where necessary, suitable co-operative arrangements. Joint interventions can be established to deliver shared priorities or issues.
DELIVERY OF PRIORITIES 2019/2020

<table>
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<th>SUB-GROUP - KEY OUTCOMES</th>
<th>ACTIVITIES TO TACKLE THE ISSUES</th>
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| SAFEGUARDING AND SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE | • The subgroup are completing their action plan around Domestic Abuse, including the introduction of Domestic Abuse champions within agencies.  
• We are planning for the Safeguarding Adult Awareness week in October 2019 to continue to raise awareness within the wider community.  
• A Domestic Abuse awareness day is planned for October 2019. To include Twitter and Facebook feeds, along with local radio and tour around the District. |

Led by KCC  
6 weekly sub-group
- We have started planning a ‘Toxic Trio’ conference in March 2020. This is to raise awareness and develop strategies to work with families where there are issues of domestic abuse, mental health and alcohol and substance misuse. This will look at the impact of living with these issues and how those with adverse childhood experiences can move into their adult lives.

- The National Internet Awareness day in February 2020 will look at online safety and will see us joining with local agencies and schools. We will raise awareness about staying safe online.

- We will continue to provide training and raise awareness around all aspects of safeguarding and supporting vulnerable people.

| COMMUNITY SAFETY | • The Community Safety Unit (CSU) is well established and seeks to support higher risk victims of ASB and to tackle ASB in hotspot locations. Enforcement action is led by the CSU. The CSU also focuses on tackling youth related ASB and seeking to engage young people in services and diversionary activities.
| Led by FH&DC | • The Community Safety Unit will continue to support a number of vulnerable individuals that may be exploited through cuckooing or other means.

| Weekly sub-group | • The CSU will concentrate work on key focus areas, where there is a high level of crime and ASB. We will seek to increase engagement and reporting from residents so that all issues can be understood and tackled.

| | • There will be the continuation of a number of operations such as OP Ariel and OP Lion.

| | • The Community Trigger process will be managed through the CSU and allows victims of ASB to raise concerns with the way in which their reports of ASB have been handled by partner agencies.

| | • One of the main community safety subgroup aims will be for the district to not only be a safe place but an environmentally friendly one where people want to live, work and visit.

| | • The CSU will deal with ASB complaints and issues as they arise.

| | • This subgroup will develop preventative and diversionary activities to reduce incidents. Tackling ASB focuses on its
The weekly multi-agency CSU meetings will continue to take place every Tuesday hosted by Folkestone & Hythe District Council to deal with issues of ASB. When required ‘task and finish’ groups will be set up from these meetings to deal with a specific issue that requires a multi-agency targeted approach.

The subgroup will deliver Le Sailing Voyage 2019 Project. Which will give 30 Year 9 students from Secondary Schools in the district the opportunity to form friendships, break down international barriers. It will act as a reward for ‘grey ghost’ children who may not normally have these opportunities. The young people will be taken on a Tall Ship leaving Folkestone over to Boulogne on a five day journey. After three residential weekends with 30 other French children they will attend the biggest festival in France.

The CSU subgroup group will work in partnership with The Kenward Trust – to deliver sessions to young people who are believed to be at risk or vulnerable at all district secondary schools.

The CSU subgroup will set up a task and finish group for emerging town issues and PSPO enforcement.

The CSU will collate data around the PSPO.

**CRIME AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

Led by Kent Police

6 weekly subgroup

- This subgroup will focus on the delivery of Partnership response to Serious Organised Crime. Tackling crime has also been a long standing priority for the CSP.

- The subgroup will focus on the delivery of updates to professionals and partners on the local/district context of Counter Terrorism and PREVENT, CSE and Modern Day Slavery.

- The Serious Organised Crime Panel will continue to meet to share information and seek to disrupt Organised Crime Groups.

- Further work will take place on educating young people on staying safe. Additionally information sharing between partners on those at risk of being drawn into violence or gangs will continue to take place to ensure that they are supported.
The CSP will continue development of partnership response to gangs.

There is also a need to ensure that the town centre is a safe environment to enjoy at all times.

High Harm Crime continues to be a priory for the CSP – this includes hate crime and burglary.

The subgroup will continue to seek to support awareness raising of hate crime as well as increasing cohesion between communities. The partnership response to High Harm crime will continue.

POLICE & CRIME COMMISIONER FUNDED PROJECTS 2019/2020

The Community Safety Partnership will receive £31,744 for the financial year 2019 - 20. Funding is through the Police and Crime Commissioner’s budget. It will be used for a number of partnership projects listed below.

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<th>Project Title</th>
<th>Organisation</th>
<th>CSP Priority</th>
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<td><strong>Toxic Trio Conference</strong></td>
<td>F&amp;H Community Safety Partnership - CSU</td>
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<td><strong>Urban Pastors</strong></td>
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<td>Crime &amp; Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety</td>
<td>Raising Awareness &amp; Public engagement</td>
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<td><strong>Shape Up</strong></td>
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<td>Substance Misuse</td>
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<td><strong>New Romney Youth Hub</strong></td>
<td>Project Salus</td>
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<td><strong>Aspire Outreach</strong></td>
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NEW PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Parts of the District are covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which provides key agencies with an additional tool to tackle anti-social behaviour. PSPOs were introduced following the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

They were developed to deal with a specific nuisance in a particular area that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those in the local community.

A PSPO can prohibit specified activities in a restricted area, or can require certain actions to be taken by persons carrying out specified activities in that area.

The PSPO that was in place in the district to address antisocial behaviour covered Folkestone and Cheriton as well as parts of Seabrook and Sandgate. It was introduced to address the issues of drinking in an open space, begging and sleeping in an open space.

In response to a range of concerns that had been raised by local residents and businesses proposals to use PSPOs more widely across the district were put forward in a comprehensive public consultation that took place between 26 November 2018 to 21 January 2019.

The proposals were to introduce bespoke PSPOs in specified geographical areas to cover 7 measures:

Measure 1: Anti-social alcohol consumption
Measure 2: The use of intoxicating substances
Measure 3: Urinating, spitting or defecating
Measure 4: Begging
Measure 5: Anti-social street entertainment
Measure 6: Unauthorised street fundraising and marketing
Measure 7: Unauthorised camping

The PSPO process and the results of the consultation are detailed in committee reports of the District Council which can be found at: https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO

The new PSPOs will be in place during the summer of 2019. The application of the PSPO has been set out in a series of working protocols for each measure.

The PSPO will be used in a proportionate and responsible way. We will always initially use intervention activities including engagement, education, sign posting and referrals to services, outreach work, introduction of projects and initiatives to address issues before any enforcement or warnings are considered.

Signage can in itself act as a deterrent and in many circumstances the PSPO may not be the appropriate tool to use. Alternative legislation will be used in these cases.

Agencies will work together in partnership through the Community Safety Unit, and ongoing multiagency operations, to implement the PSPO.

OVERVIEW OF POLICE RECORDED CRIME

Victim based crime and crimes against society* make up total recorded crime. All total crime figures published by Kent Police reflect these and are comparable for all time periods.

It is important to note that in April 2017, the Home Office changed recording practices for burglary offences and as such burglary data prior to this is not comparable with burglary data after.

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<th>Type of Crime</th>
<th>Nov 16 - Oct 17</th>
<th>Nov 17 - Oct 18</th>
<th>Difference</th>
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<tr>
<td>Victim-Based Crime</td>
<td>7923</td>
<td>9537</td>
<td>1614</td>
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<tr>
<td>Violence Against The Person</td>
<td>3572</td>
<td>4566</td>
<td>994</td>
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<td>Homicide</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Most Serious Violence</td>
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<td>76</td>
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<td>Violence WITH Injury</td>
<td>1137</td>
<td>1198</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Violence WITHOUT Injury</td>
<td>1768</td>
<td>2212</td>
<td>444</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Sexual Offences (All)</td>
<td>364</td>
<td>443</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>154</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Other Sexual Offences</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>289</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Robbery (All)</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Robbery (Business)</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>-3</td>
<td>-33%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Robbery (Personal)</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Theft Offences</td>
<td>1780</td>
<td>2059</td>
<td>279</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Burglary (All)</td>
<td>555</td>
<td>719</td>
<td>164</td>
<td>30%</td>
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Top Crimes ranked across Folkestone & Hythe

The below table indicates the top 12 crime types reported within Folkestone & Hythe District, and how each rank compares to the Kent wide picture.

The top five crimes reported in Folkestone & Hythe match the top five reported crimes across the whole of Kent.

The other seven crimes reported as part of the top 12 in Folkestone & Hythe match that of the Kent wide picture, albeit in a slightly different order. The only exception to this is the crime type ‘Sexual Offences (All)’, which is the 12th most reported crime in Folkestone & Hythe but does not feature in the top 12 for Kent.

Top 12 reported crimes for Folkestone & Hythe compared with Kent rank

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<tr>
<th>Type of Crime</th>
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<th>Kent Nov 17 - Oct 18</th>
<th>Rank</th>
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<tr>
<td>Victim-Based Crime</td>
<td>9537</td>
<td>1st</td>
<td>166445</td>
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<tr>
<td>Violence Against The Person</td>
<td>4566</td>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>77002</td>
<td>2nd</td>
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<tr>
<td>Violence WITHOUT Injury</td>
<td>2212</td>
<td>3rd</td>
<td>36251</td>
<td>3rd</td>
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<tr>
<td>Theft Offences</td>
<td>2059</td>
<td>4th</td>
<td>33215</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Crimes Against Society</td>
<td>2025</td>
<td>5th</td>
<td>31415</td>
<td>5th</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Order Offences</td>
<td>1254</td>
<td>6th</td>
<td>21575</td>
<td>8th</td>
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The below graph shows the levels of the top 12 recorded crimes in Folkestone & Hythe as reported across all District, Borough and City councils.

Folkestone & Hythe do not have the highest level of Crime County wide for any of the top 12 categories.

*The Home Office Counting rules have now separated crimes against society and included categories of miscellaneous crimes against society and other crimes against society. This has impacted on the how the data is interpreted. Miscellaneous crimes now include for example bail offences, certain types of fraud and forgery, dangerous driving etc.
Breakdown of Crime and ASB by Ward

The below table presents totals for all crime, across all wards of Folkestone & Hythe. The further tables in this section display the breakdown of each crime type, over the individual months for the data period.

This shows that Folkestone Harvey Central and the cluster of Folkestone wards around this area still have the highest rates of crime across the District.

Crime rates across the majority of rural and outer lying areas fall below the average recorded levels for the District.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council anti-social behaviour statistics

The below table shows incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

Some categories, such as graffiti and animal related problems, have higher reports than the previous years, however the overall number of reports has dropped.

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<tr>
<td>Animal Related Problems</td>
<td>340</td>
<td>403</td>
<td>471</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intimidation/Harassment</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nuisance Behaviour</td>
<td>149</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rowdy Behaviour</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Criminal Damage/Vandalism</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drug/Substance Misuse/Dealing</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vehicle Related Nuisance</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Litter/Rubbish</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graffiti</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>124</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>696</td>
<td>760</td>
<td>716</td>
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| Hate Crime                  |

Hate crime is an issue in Kent that is continuing to increase. Folkestone & Hythe had a total of 218 hate crimes reported to Kent Police between the periods of October 2017 and October 2018, for perspective this is a +64 numerical increase, or a +41.6% increase.

In comparison, from October 2017 to October 2018, Kent, as a whole has seen 4233 hate crimes being reported. This is an increase of +1400 crimes being reported which is an increase of +49.4% increase over the last year.

Folkestone & Hythe specific breakdown of hate crime can be seen below.

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Race</th>
<th>Disability</th>
<th>Religion/ faith/belief</th>
<th>Transgender</th>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Sexual Orientation</th>
<th>Age</th>
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<td>Folkestone &amp; Hythe</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kent</td>
<td>3236</td>
<td>585</td>
<td>208</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>114</td>
<td>606</td>
<td>84</td>
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As can be seen from the above graph and table, the most prominent Hate crime reported is regarding race, with disability being the second most reported and sexual orientation being the third most reported.

These three categories match that of the top three reported in Kent over the same period.

The percentage increase for the previous data period of October 2017 – October 2018 has fallen from +49.6% to +41.6%.

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**SUMMARY**

The Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership faces significant challenges over the coming year due to ongoing financial pressures and increased resource requests.

Despite this, we have seen an increase in support from all members. This ensures that community safety remains at the forefront of our work to support health and wellbeing.

This is reflected in the move to more current and relevant themes that can affect communities. There are also some areas of work that target potential future issues.

The Partnership is supported by the Community Safety Unit. The daily police briefings and weekly multi-agency partner briefings have seen significant pieces of work being undertaken, particularly around “hot spot” locations and supporting at risk and vulnerable individuals.
Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour is everyone’s business. All the agencies involved in the Community Safety Partnership are committed to making the District safe. We provide high quality services in an efficient and effective way.

Our aim is to tackle the crimes that are committed most frequently and which have the most impact on communities.

Partners are also working hard to enable victims to feel able to report detrimental behaviours and crimes.

In the coming year we will work with communities to understand their issues and what additional support the Community Safety Partnership can provide.

We will continue to work closely with our partners including, the South Kent Coast Health and Well Being Board (undergoing review), Local Children’s Partnership Group, Mental Health groups and many others.

GLOSSARY

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<td>Anti-social behaviour</td>
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<td>CCG</td>
<td>Clinical Commissioning Group</td>
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<td>CIN</td>
<td>Children in Need</td>
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<td>CP</td>
<td>Child Protection</td>
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<td>F&amp;HDC</td>
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<td>KCC</td>
<td>Kent County Council</td>
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<td>KSSCRC</td>
<td>Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company</td>
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<td>LAC</td>
<td>Looked After Children</td>
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<td>MARAC</td>
<td>Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (DA)</td>
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<td>IOM</td>
<td>Integrated Offender Management</td>
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