

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at:	Remote meeting
Date	Tuesday, 6 October 2020
Present	Councillors Miss Susan Carey, Gary Fuller, Peter Gane, Michelle Keutenius (Vice-Chair), Connor McConville, Terence Mullard, Patricia Rolfe, Rebecca Shoob (Chairman) and John Wing
Apologies for Absence	None
Officers Present:	Andy Blaszkowicz (Director of Housing and Operations), Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Ewan Green (Director of Place), Mrs Jess Harman (Community Safety Specialist), Jyotsna Leney (Community Services Manager), Tim Madden (Director of Transformation and Transition), Susan Priest (Chief Executive), Andrew Rush (Regulatory Services & Corporate Contracts Lead Specialist), Charlotte Spendley (Director of Corporate Services), Karen Weller (Environmental Protection Senior Specialist) and Jemma West (Committee Service Specialist)
Others Present:	Councillors Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee, David Monk and David Godfrey, Insp. Andy Brittenden (Kent Police), Nick Wilkinson (KCC), Rebekah Button (KCC), Caley Walden (Violence Reduction Unit), Mick Dennis (Kent Fire and Rescue Service)

21. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Rebecca Shoob made a voluntary declaration as a Director of Otterpool Park LLP which is mentioned in Agenda Item 5 (The District Council's Potential Office Relocation) as a potential site for relocation. Councillor Shoob remained in the meeting and took part in discussions on this item.

22. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020 were submitted and agreed. The Chairman confirmed that her electronic signature could be added to the minutes.

23. **Changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Report OS/20/08 set out a proposed work programme for Overview and Scrutiny work, which had been put together with the assistance of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS). The report also set out proposals for the creation of a Finance and Performance Scrutiny Sub-Committee, including its terms of reference and membership. Approval was also sought for the proposed meeting dates, and adoption of a "Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Member's protocol" and its subsequent submission to Cabinet.

The Chairman, Councillor Shoob, highlighted areas of the report; the work programme, proposed membership of the sub-committee, proposed dates and the protocol.

The Chief Executive, Dr Susan Priest, thanked members for the work carried out in achieving the work programme and creation of the sub-committee.

(Councillor Peter Gane joined the meeting and apologised for his late entry due to technical issues)

Members noted the following:

- Assurances given that performance management and service delivery would be topics to be scrutinised.
- Flexibility to add items to the work programme would be accommodated.
- Cabinet members to attend meetings where topics within their relevant portfolios are discussed.
- Items scrutinised at the sub-committee will be reported back to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, date frequency has been designed to ensure this occurs.

Members took the opportunity to thank the Chairman, officers and Mr Ian Parry at the Centre for Public Scrutiny for the work carried out.

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Michelle Keutenius and

RESOLVED:
That report OS/20/08 is received and noted.

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Miss Susan Carey and

RESOLVED:
That the Scrutiny work programme is adopted and implemented as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report, until the next annual meeting of the Council.

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Michelle Keutenius and

RESOLVED:

That the Workplan is submitted to the next available extraordinary meeting of the Council for endorsement.

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Connor McConville and

RESOLVED:

That a Finance and Performance Scrutiny Sub-Committee is created with the terms of reference as set out at appendix 1 of the report and appoint five Overview and Scrutiny Members to the Sub-Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

Proposed by Councillor Michelle Keutenius
Seconded by Councillor Gary Fuller and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Connor McConville is elected as Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

(Voting: For 7; Against 0; Abstentions 2)

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Michelle Keutenius and

RESOLVED:

That the meeting dates are agreed for Overview and Scrutiny and its Sub-Committee meetings, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Michelle Keutenius and

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet/Overview and Scrutiny Member's protocol is adopted, as set out at appendix 2 of the report, and to submit it to Cabinet for its approval.

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

24. The District Council's Potential Office Relocation

The committee received a brief presentation on the proposed scope of work to provide a customer access point from a central location and a new civic facility for the district in order to reduce the council's operational carbon footprint and operating costs.

The Leader introduced this item. Dr Priest then referred to the presentation slides that had been circulated with the agenda, highlighting areas for discussion and views sought from the Committee on:

- Reduce carbon footprint
- Pandemic Impacts
- Travelling costs
- Regeneration
- Access to all; especially those who are digitally excluded.

Overall members agreed this was a positive step forward for the future. Comments for consideration were wide ranging and included the following:

- Consideration should be given to an initial public consultation to engage residents and seek their views.
- A possible joint venture with other public sector partners such as Folkestone Police, etc..
- Representation needed on the Marsh, bearing in mind poor transport links and unstable internet connections.
- Relocation to be carbon neutral looking at construction and transport links. Members felt it important to promote a greener district as a whole and encourage the use of public transport.
- Parish Councils and Libraries could be used as access points as well as providing and teaching digital skills. An example used is the collaboration of Sandgate Parish Council and Library which has been extremely successful.
- Face to face support is paramount for the most vulnerable, however members recognised that residents now expect services to be digitally available 24 hours a day.

25. Government Consultation on the Planning White Paper - 'Planning for the Future'

The Chairman reminded members that any comments need to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 7 October.

26. **Folkestone and Hythe Community Safety Partnership Plan Update**

This Committee, as part of its terms of reference, acts as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee and has an obligation to meet for that purpose once a year. In this respect a presentation was given to members, introduced by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee. She also introduced and gave sincere thanks to all officers and partners of the Community Safety Partnership.

The proposal is to now go forward with a three year Community Safety Partnership Plan which would be reviewed annually for 2021- 2024.

The presentation is attached to these minutes along with the 2020/21 Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Mr Ewan Green, Director of Place, introduced himself to members, he went on to say there have been many challenges faced since lockdown culminating in excellent outcomes.

Mrs Jess Harman, Community Safety Specialist, started the presentation and explained to members the role of the Community Safety Partnership and how this feeds into the County Community Safety agreement. Sub-groups also form part of the CSP, and Mrs Harman went through who leads these.

(Councillor Terry Mullard left the meeting)

As the lead for the Crime & Community Resilience and the Serious and Organised Crime Group, Inspector Any Brittenden talked to members about some of the work carried out; track and trace targeting repeat offenders; seizure of vehicles to disrupt further crime; funding secured for targeting county lines and dangerous weapons; test purchasing; targeting hate crime and domestic abuse.

He also mentioned the work carried out by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary who can provide valuable assistance at scenes of violence and emergency situations. Customer engagement is important and he advised of the uplift in town centre constables.

Rebekah Button, spoke next, with regard to the Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Sub Group. Rebekah is the KCC lead for this group. This group looks at raising awareness of vulnerable adults and young people's safety. This group works closely with CSP, Kent Police and the Violence Reduction Unit.

Caley Walden, Violence Reduction Unit Co-ordinator for Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, gave information to members on the work this unit carries out giving examples such as: Supporting youths, ensuring communities feel safe, intelligence profiling and test purchasing. Recent test purchasing for knives was carried out which raises awareness.

The Violence Reduction Unit is a new initiative funded by the Home Office.

Members noted the following:

- Traffic offences, there seemed to be an increased in speeding cars since lockdown. Insp. Brittenden advised all referrals are followed up. Members were reminded of Community Speed Watch.
- Anti-social behaviour incidences have increased since lockdown, reference was made to the incident at Greatstone and how this can be controlled in future.
- Local immigration priorities and resourcing. Understandably this is a very emotive issue, however actions are taken by Border Force and the Home Office. Kent Police are involved with regard to welfare processes and procedures.
- Local Engagement Meetings (LEM) were an excellent success and these have continued as Virtual Engagement Meetings (VEM). It was recognised that these provide good interaction however, resuming face to face meetings would be preferable.
- Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), a review is due in June 2021, followed by a consultation and new PSPO plan. Members were advised that the current PSPO is working well.

Overall members agreed that moving to a three year CSP plan is a good idea as it gives longevity although annual reviews would be undertaken. They also thanked officers and partners for the work carried out.

Mrs Harman was very grateful for the praise she, fellow officers, partners and Councillor Mrs Hollingsbee had received with regard to the work they do within the community.

27. **Exclusion of the Public**

Proposed by Councillor Rebecca Shoob
Seconded by Councillor Michelle Keutenius

RESOLVED:

To exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – ‘Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual’.

(Voting: For 9, Against 0; Abstentions 0)

(A short break was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and agreed, prior to the final item of business)

**PART 2
Exempt Information Item**

28. **PREVENT Update**

A presentation and update was given to members by Kent County Council's Prevent and Channel Strategic Manager. Members were reminded that Prevent gives guidance on the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Members noted that Prevent referrals can be made through KCC, also training will be available to officers and members on this subject.

The Chairman, on behalf of all members, thanked officers and guests for the work carried out.

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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT
**COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**

Introduction

Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee
Deputy Leader &

Cabinet Member for Communities, Lifeline,
Area Officers & Street Homeless

FHDC Place Directorate

Ewan Green, Director of Place

- Recognising the key role community safety plays in achieving our corporate ambitions and ‘place’ shaping.
- Promoting the role of community safety both internally and externally.
- Planning and resourcing for future service delivery.

Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership and Unit (CSU) works together to drive multi-agency practices to achieve the best outcomes for the community.

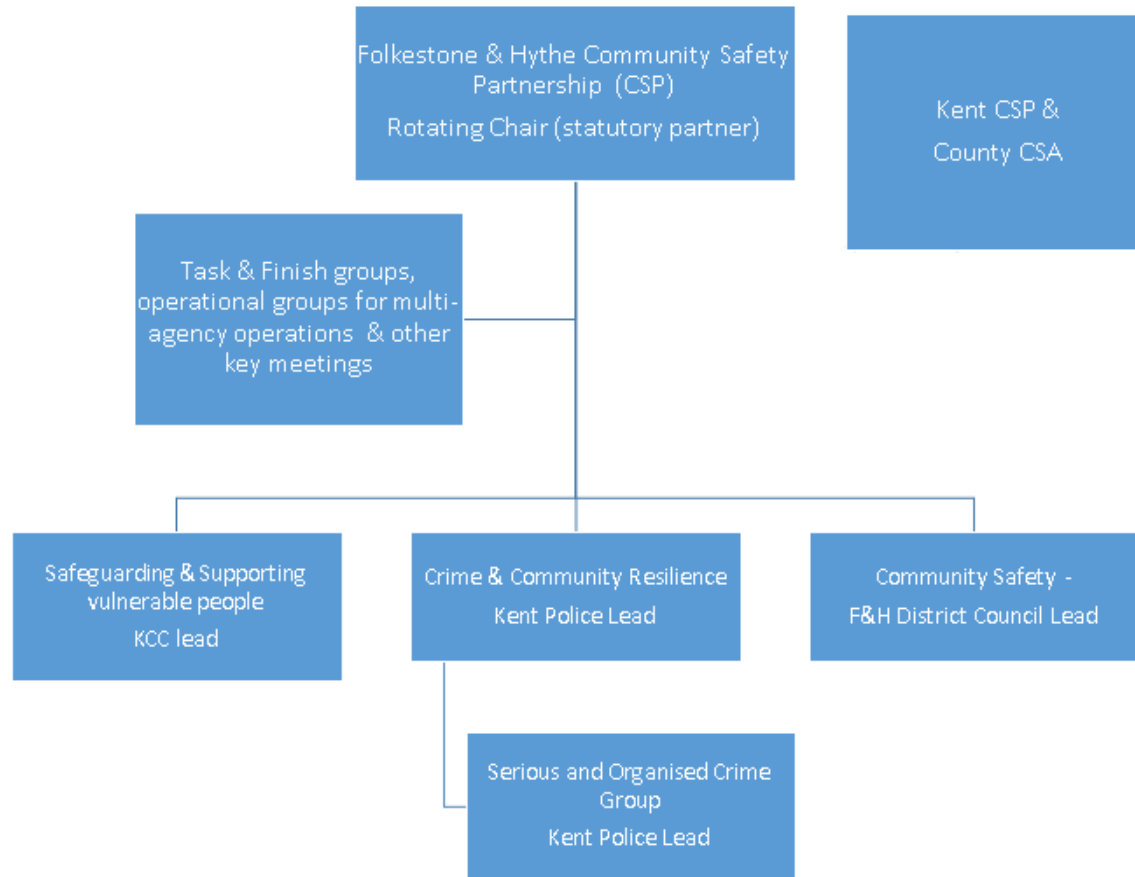
Our Community Safety Partnership consists of 6 statutory partners as well as over 25 other key agencies who form the CSU.



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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE 2020



CSP Priorities 2020/21

- A Strategic Assessment is compiled annually to show progress for the Partnership against priorities, along with identification of emerging issues and recommended priorities for the next 12 months.
- The priorities for 2020/2021 for the CSP were identified taking into account the findings from the Strategic Assessment.
- A series of cross cutting themes have also been identified which are key initiatives that will support the delivery of all of the priorities

		2020/2021 Priorities		
		Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Crime & Community resilience	Community Safety
Themes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking • Domestic Abuse • Mental Health • Missing Children • District contextual safeguarding – Children • District vulnerabilities partnership – Adults • Youth Diversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking • Cuckooing • Gangs County Lines • Criminal Exploitation • Fraud • Financial and acquisitive crime • Drug dealing • IOM/VISOR • Hate/Mate crime • Violence reduction • Serious and organised crime (SOC) • Organised crime groups (OCGs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour • Public Spaces Protection Order • Environmental Crime • Town centres • Public Realm • Licensing • Events • Hotspot locations • Substance misuse • Diversionary activities • Housing • Homeless • High Risk Adults & Young People • Unauthorised Encampments
	Cross Cutting Themes	Violence Reduction		Reducing Offending

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FUNDED PROJECTS 2020/2021

The CSP received £31,744 for financial year 2020 - 2021. Funding is pass-ported through the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget. This funding is being used for a number of partnership projects as listed below to help address the CSPs priorities.

To summarise, the grant is approved currently to the total of £24,225.00 which leaves a tactical pot of £7,518.85 for reactive spend throughout the rest of 2020/2021

Project Title	Organisation	CSP Priority	PCC Priority
One Stop Shop	Homestart	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Support Victims of Crime and abuse
Youth Safeguarding Bi-Annual Conference	F&H Community Safety Partnership - CSU	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety Violence reduction and reoffending	Tackle abuse, exploitation, violence, organised crime and gangs
Kent CDAP	Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CDAP)	Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Invest in schemes that make offenders pay for the harm they have caused.
OP Ring bell	Folkestone & Hythe CSP Crime and Community Resilience sub group	Crime and Community Resilience Community Safety	Fight crime, ASB & reduce re-offending
Urban Pastors	Cheriton Baptist Church	Safeguarding & Supporting vulnerable people Crime and Community Resilience Community Safety Violence reduction and re-offending	Invest in schemes that make communities feel safer and support the engagement of residents
Shepway Youth Hub	Folkestone Detached Youth Project	Safeguarding & Supporting vulnerable people Crime and Community Resilience Community Safety Violence reduction and re-offending	Tackle abuse, exploitation, violence, organised crime and gangs
Homestart DA Service	Children & Me	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Support victims of crime and abuse
Aspire Outreach	Global Generation Church	Safeguarding & Supporting vulnerable people	Support initiatives that reduce pressure on policing due to mental health

Community Safety Sub-Group Overview



Crime and Community Resilience Sub-Group

Kent Police - Inspector Andy Brittenden



Kent Police

Violence Reduction Co-Ordinator

Kent Police –Caley Walden



Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Sub-Group

KCC - Rebekah Button



Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking

Young Person's Community Safety Conference

Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan

Being creative online

District contextual safeguarding – Children

Youth Diversion

District vulnerabilities partnership – Adults

Toxic Trio Production



Domestic Abuse

Mental Health

Missing Children



Proposed 3 Year Plan

- 3 year plans are used by many other LA's.
- Benefits of a 3 year plan include:
 - stronger links to corporate priorities...taking a longer term approach.
 - more effective planning and resourcing.
 - better overall outcomes from projects and interventions.
 - focus on measuring success and continuous improvement.
- It is proposed that the CSP move to a 3 year planning cycle (with an annual review).
- This would begin with a new 3 year plan for 2021 - 2024.

Committee Feedback

As part of the Committee's considerations it would helpful to have feedback on:

- Current Priorities
- Proposal for a 3 year plan

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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT
**COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**

Partnership Plan

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

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, with the help of local people, we work together to deal with issues of crime and anti-social behaviour.

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

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FOREWORD



Councillor Jennifer Hollingsbee
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities
Folkestone & Hythe District Council

The Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is pleased to present this refreshed Community Safety Plan covering the period 1 April 2020 -31 March 2021. 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 visit.

From safeguarding young people drawn into risk taking behaviour to supporting vulnerable members of our community, to 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.
- Public Spaces Protection Order

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.

CONTACTING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Please email Jess Harman at – community.safety@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Visit the website for more information on the CSP including partnership updates and activities <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.

The Community Safety Partnership is overseen by an Executive Group, comprising of senior personnel from the responsible authorities and other agencies, including the voluntary and community sector. Sub-groups, addressing the agreed directions of action, which have been set up to deal with each priority. Each sub-group will have an action plan to address the objectives set by the Community Safety Partnership Executive.

We revise this plan every year using information from a range of organisations in a restricted strategic assessment.

The purpose of a Strategic Assessment is to provide knowledge and understanding of community safety issues to its members. This has been done through intelligence analysis to identify the emerging priorities by considering the patterns, trends and shifts relating to community safety. Additionally, it will include a performance assessment of how far the partnership has achieved its previous priorities and an update of those issues that the local community consider to be emerging priorities. The annual Strategic Assessment is central to the development of the Partnership Plan. We also work closely with other relevant agencies, the voluntary and community sector, the business sector and local residents

Key issues identified from information provided in the 2020 Strategic Assessment are: Please note the 2020 Strategic Assessment covers the period 1st October 2018 – 30th September 2019 for the 2020/2021 CSP Plan.

- The top 9 crimes reported in Folkestone & Hythe match that of the top 9 most reported crimes Kent wide.
- There has been a significant (+20% or more) increase in reports of the following crime types: Robbery, Vehicle Offences, Theft of Vehicle, Vehicle Interference, Theft from the Person, Arson, and Possession of Weapons Offences.
- Folkestone & Hythe has the largest number of community Learning Disability (LD) clients in Kent.
- In many of the comparisons featured in this 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.

Responsible Authorities		
Kent Police	Folkestone & Hythe District Council	Kent Fire & Rescue Service
Kent County Council (KCC) Public Health	KCC Specialist Children's Services	KCC Community Safety Unit
Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group	Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company	National Probation Service

In addition, there are many agencies that support the Partnership and the Community Safety Unit teams including but not limited to:

- East Kent Drug and Alcohol Services
- Forward Trust
- We are with you (formally Kent Addaction)
- East Kent Mediation
- Kent Community Safety Partnership
- Folkestone & Hythe Local Children's Partnership Group
- Housing teams
- Outreach providers
- 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 the Community Trigger responsibility to give people a greater say in how agencies respond to a complaint. It also allowed 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
- Children and Social Work Act 2017

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'. This followed the Wood Review in 2016 to improve the effectiveness of Local Safeguarding Children Boards and resulted in the formation of the Kent Safeguarding Children Multi Agency Partnership in September 2019.

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 has a particular focus around tackling violence.

LOCAL CONTEXT

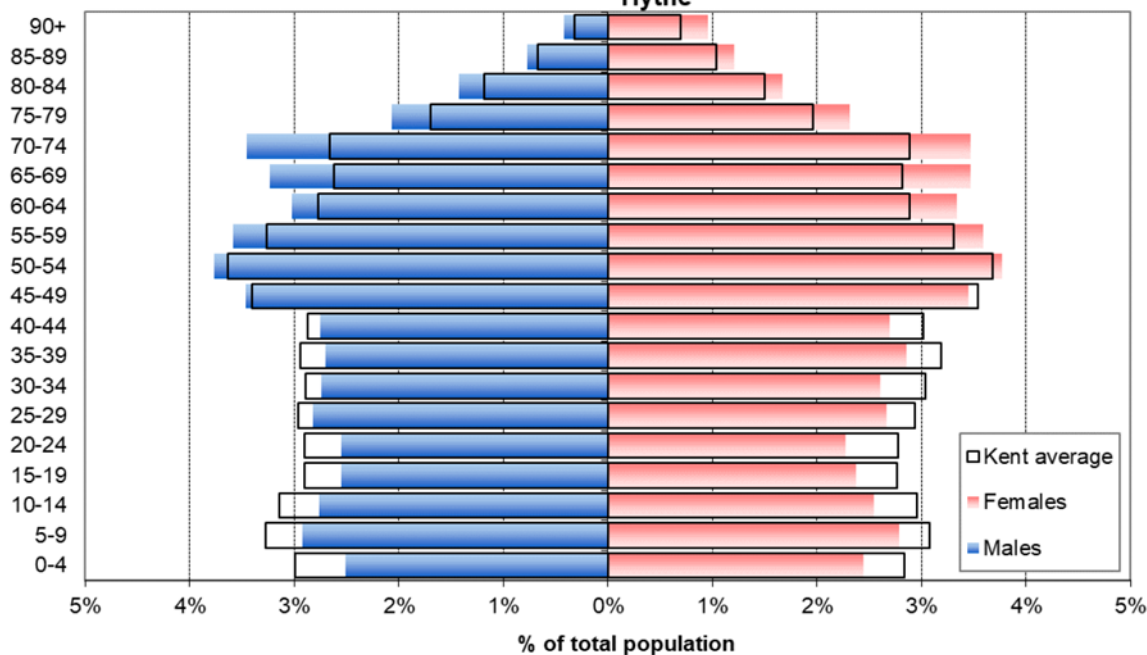
Folkestone & Hythe Demographic and Economic Summary

Population Profile

- The latest population figures from the 2018 Mid-year population estimates show that there are 112,600 people living in Folkestone & Hythe District. This population size ranks Folkestone & Hythe District the 3rd smallest Kent local authority district area.
- 63% of the district's population live in urban areas with the remaining 37% living in the surrounding rural area and settlements. Folkestone urban area is home to 47% of the total population whilst 16% of the district's residents live in Hythe urban area.
- The age profile of the Folkestone & Hythe population is shown in the below chart. Folkestone & Hythe has an older age profile compared to the county average, with a greater proportion of people aged 50 and over than the average for the Kent County Council (KCC) area.

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2018 Mid-year Population Estimates: Age distribution - Folkestone & Hythe



Source: Population Estimates Unit, Office for National Statistics (ONS). Presented by Strategic Commissioning - Analytics, Kent County Council

Over the last 10-years Folkestone & Hythe population has grown by 7.4% (an additional 7,800 people). This is the fifth lowest rate of growth of any Kent district. The population of the district is forecast to grow at a rate over the coming years with current forecasts suggesting a 13% growth between 2017 and 2037. This is the third lowest rate of growth expected for any Kent district and a growth rate that is less than that of the county average (19%). This forecast is based on KCC's assessment of the district authority's future housing targets as at October 2018. Such targets will be subject to changes as district authorities develop their Local development framework.

Ethnic profile

94.7% of Folkestone & Hythe population is of white ethnic origin with the remaining 5.3% being classified as of Black Minority Ethnic (BME) origin. 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 presence of 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 2019 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 2019 Index and shows how the rankings have changed since the 2015 Index.

In 2019 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 1). Nationally, Folkestone & Hythe ranks 84th out of 317 local authority districts in England. This rank places it within England's most deprived half of authorities.

The county rank of Folkestone & Hythe has remained the same between 2015 and 2019. On the national ranking, Folkestone & Hythe has moved up by 17 positions from 101st in 2015 to

84th in 2019. This indicates that the level of deprivation in Folkestone & Hythe has increased, relative to other areas in England.

National and County rank of Kent districts based on the 2015 and 2019 Indices of Deprivation (table displayed based on the 2019 rank)

Local Authority	IMD2015 - Rank of average rank		IMD2019 - Rank of average rank		Change in rank* 2015 to 2019	
	IMD2015 national rank (out of 317)	Kent Rank (out of 12)	IMD2019 national rank (out of 317)	Kent Rank (out of 12)	National position	Kent position
Thanet	35	1	34	1	1	0
Swale	87	2	69	2	18	0
Folkestone and Hythe	101	3	84	3	17	0
Dover	113	4	107	4	6	0
Gravesham	120	5	119	5	1	0
Dartford	167	6	145	6	22	0
Ashford	171	7	152	7	19	0
Canterbury	182	8	185	8	-3	0
Maidstone	203	9	188	9	15	0
Tonbridge and Malling	269	11	236	10	33	1
Sevenoaks	264	10	253	11	11	-1
Tunbridge Wells	271	12	273	12	-2	0

2015 IMD recast to 2019 local authority areas. (326 areas in 2015 and 317 areas in 2019)

* A minus change in rank illustrates that a district has moved down the rankings and is therefore now less deprived relative to other areas in England.

Source: The English Indices of Deprivation 2015 and 2019, The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Levels of deprivation vary across the district with parts of Folkestone & Hythe within England's top 10% deprived of areas and yet other parts are within England's least 10% deprived of areas. More detail is shown on the map below.

The greatest levels of deprivation are found within the Folkestone area, Folkestone Harbour, East Folkestone and Folkestone Central wards. Neighbouring some of the most deprived areas of Folkestone & Hythe are areas with relatively low levels of deprivation. The least deprived areas of Folkestone & Hythe are found in Hythe.

HORIZION SCANNING

PESTELO – Horizon Scanning for 2019/20

Political	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing political turmoil in central Government as a result of the uncertainty around Brexit General Election on 12 December 2019. Possible change in government. Potential Brexit date of 31 January 2020 PCC Elections May 2020 Council Elections May 2020 for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells (elected by thirds) County Council elections May 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections may result in possible changes in leadership and partnership arrangements Suspension of Government impacting the progress of legislation through parliament, i.e. Domestic Abuse Bill Option to expand PCC's remit to include Fire & Rescue and Ambulance Service. Future possible devolution – potential changes to structures and delivery if responsibilities devolved (Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016)
Economic	

<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing public sector budget cuts • Brexit – impact on UK economy and potentially localised issues • Awaiting confirmation of CS funding from the PCC for 2020/21. Possible changes if a new PCC is elected • Use of foodbanks remains high • Changes to commissioning of services and securing of new funding sources • Universal credit roll out to all areas by 2022, despite ongoing controversy from some • Age group with highest number of unemployment is 16-24 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn Budget Statement is on hold until after the General Election <p>Grant funding secured for Kent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Police awarded funding from the Government to open a Violence Reduction Unit (£1.16m) • Kent PCC awarded funding from the Home Office (£527,573) as part of the Early Intervention Fund to divert young people away from crime • North Kent - Serious Youth Violence Project (Supporting Families Against Youth Crime Fund) (£1.3m)
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Social / Demographic	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrorist threat level for the UK has downgraded from severe to substantial, the lowest level in five years • Growing threat of extreme right wing in Kent, potentially linked to EU Exit • Kent and Medway has been a Prevent priority area since April 2019 due to counter-terrorism threat in the area • Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) / Human Trafficking / Modern Slavery • Immigration / Syrian Refugees / Organised Immigration Crime & Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children • Increased care in the home – carers / support • Hate Crime increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign National Offenders • Emerging communities • Vulnerable Looked After Children (LACs) and Missing Children • Domestic Abuse inc. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) / Honour based violence • New Psychoactive Substances • Mental Health issues including: Suicide, Dementia, Schizophrenia, Self-Neglect • Homelessness / sofa surfing • Social Isolation • Gangs / Youth Violence / Organised Crime Groups / Serious Organised Crime / Knife Crime • High Rise Buildings (fire risk)
Technological	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyber Crime including: <i>eSafety; Child Sexual Exploitation; Grooming; Pornographic material; Sexting; Fraud; Scams; Trolls; Bullying; Hacking Personal Information; Spam; Surveillance; Identity Theft; Gambling; Illegal downloading; Violent content; Extremism; Unhealthy Body Image / Self Esteem (Self harm, eating disorders); Relationships (sexualised bullying); Privacy; Stalking /</i> 	<p><i>Harassment; Buying & selling drugs online</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse harassment / Tracker Apps • Surveillance / CCTV including drone stalking • Drones impacting on air travel • Social contact / education / support • Fast Broadband across the UK by 2020 • Increase in e-safety education including for parents • Partners can use social media to spread community safety messages
Environmental	

- New homes requirement across the county and associated infrastructure and utilities, plus demand on public sector services
- Growth and Infrastructure Framework (GIF) for Kent and Medway predicts £16.4 billion investment in infrastructure is required to unlock the growth potential (published 2018)
- Significant developments (i.e. The London Resort, Lower Thames Crossing etc.)
- Manston Airport Development still ongoing
- Borders / Channel implications for post Brexit – new measures or restrictions to be put in place
- Operation Stack / Operation Brock / Large scale and long term roadworks impacting on travel across the county
- Extreme weather events (i.e. flooding) –
- Rail and motorway links provide opportunities for travelling criminals

Legislation

Recently Enacted Legislation:

- Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill 2019
- Stalking Protection Act 2019
- Offensive Weapons Act 2019
- Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019
- Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR)
- Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018
- Policing & Crime Act 2017 (collaboration between services, mental health, CSE)
- Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 – transformation of homelessness services

Bills before Parliament 2019-20

- [Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill](#)
- [Domestic Abuse Bill](#)
- [European Union \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Bill](#)
- [Modern Slavery \(Victim Support\) Bill](#)
- [Policing Resources Bill](#)
- [Road Traffic Offences \(Cycling\) Bill](#)
- [Victims of Crime \(Rights, Entitlements, and Notification of Child Sexual Abuse\) Bill](#)
- [Well-being of Future Generations Bill](#)

➔ Possible new legal duty for CSPs and organisations to prevent and tackle serious violence (legislation yet to be drafted)

*[*Normal parliamentary processes on hold until government resumes – potential to impact the process of bills through parliament](#)*

Organisational

- Ongoing financial savings for public sector organisations leading to potential changes in structures and delivery
- Authorities moving to commissioning models including KCC
- Governance changes to commissioned services
- Possible future devolution of local government
- Use of volunteers is increasing across many agencies.
- Ongoing partnership working through the use and development of multiagency hubs
- Option to expand PCC's remit to include Fire & Rescue and Ambulance Service
- Regulatory inspections and audits
- Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) developed for health including CCG restructure across Kent and Medway
- Changes to Probation Services to commence April 2020
- Impact of Brexit on the day-to-day business of partner agencies (both in terms of staff and finances) – potential impacts linked to restricted travel across the County and management of any disruptions
- Kent and Medway has been a Prevent priority area since April 2019 due to counter-terrorism threat in the area.

KEY ACTIVITIES DELIVERED DURING 19/20

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:

Young Person's Community Safety Conference 2019

More than 900 students heard about the dangers of knife crime, drugs and gangs at the 2019 conference.

The event at the Leas Cliff Hall focused on the importance of emotional health and positive relationships and was targeted at Year 9 pupils. Students from secondary schools across Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh attended.

Presentations included a screening of Breck's Last Game, telling the story of 14-year-old Breck Bednar who was murdered by someone he met online. His mother Lorin LaFave was there to share her experience. There were also sessions on drug and alcohol awareness and how to stay safe.

There were some incredibly powerful presentations. This is the second time we have held a conference for our young people and the aim was to encourage them to think about their decisions and choices. It was an opportunity to talk about risk-taking behavior and how to stay safe and to look out for each other, and to tell someone if they are worried about a friend or a classmate



The conference was closed by Adrian Harper, Chief Executive of the office of Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner, who reminded young people of the importance of looking out for each other. He said: "This event was all about spotting issues before they become problems, and we all have a role to play in that. "We can all speak out if we are worried about a friend or a classmate and I hope that, after today, young people across the Folkestone and Hythe district will feel more confident in doing just that". It's vital to have these conversations with children of all ages, so they know that support is available if they are facing difficult choices or if they find themselves drawn into a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable."

Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop



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

whom 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. 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.

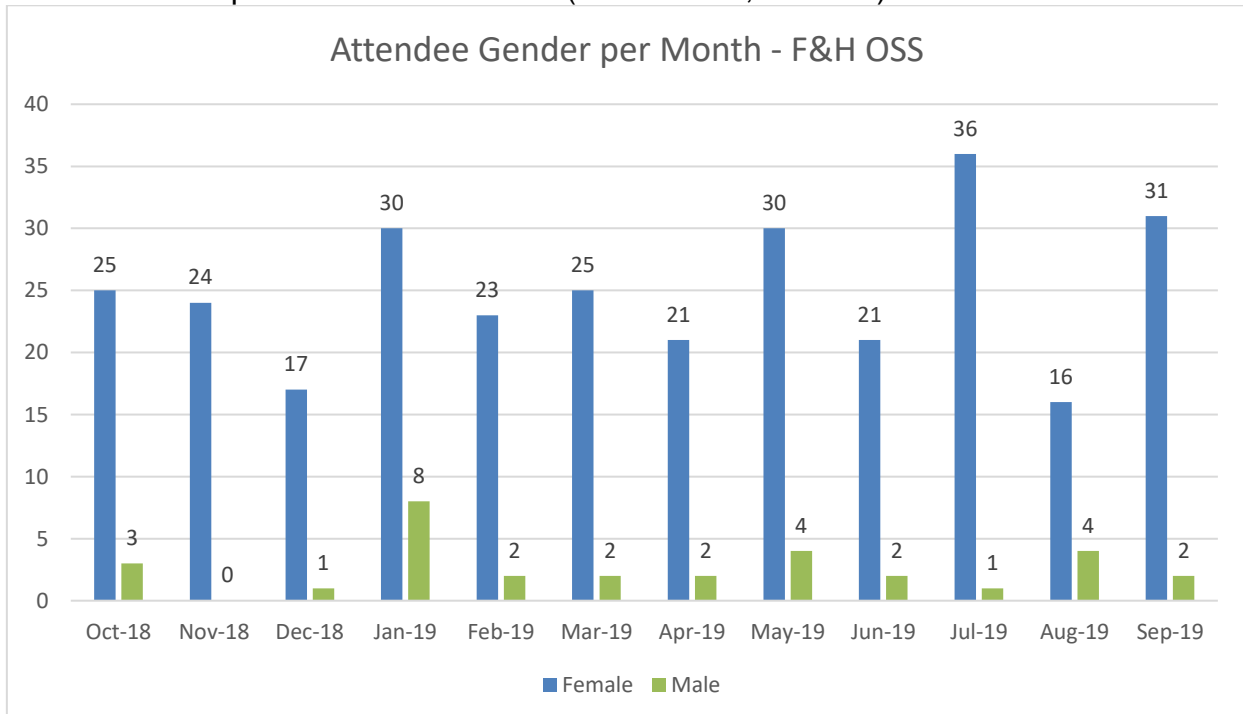
The data period for this information is October 2018 to September 2019 for the Folkestone and Hythe One Stop Shop.

The data for the Lydd Rural One Stop Shop only includes 5 months: October 2018, November 2018, January 2019, February 2019 and March 2019.

It is also worth noting that due to a lack of agencies attending the Lydd Rural One Stop Shop it has now been closed and will therefore not be featured in any future Strategic Assessments. Due to the lack of data from this year, it is not possible to effectively draw conclusions from the data and therefore no analysis has been conducted.

Folkestone & Hythe One Stop Shop

The total number of attendees to the Folkestone & Hythe One Stop Shop from 1st October 2018 to 31st September 2019 was 330 (299 Female, 31 Male).



Lydd One Stop Shop

Gender	Oct-18	Nov-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Total
Female	1	1	4	3	2	11
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number	1	1	4	3	2	11
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-25	0	0	1	0	1	2
26-39	1	1	3	3	0	8
40-59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 +	0	0	0	0	1	1

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.



Public Spaces Protection Order 2019 – 2021

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. It was renewed in June 2019 following an 8 week public consultation and is due for renewal in June 2021.

The 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 can be found at:

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/PSPO>

The PSPO has continued to 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.

Tall Ships 2019

Students from both sides of the Channel joined forces as part of a project promoting cross-border collaboration and building self-esteem.

The Tall Ships program, which culminates on July 7 with the youngsters setting sail on a five-day voyage for Boulogne from Folkestone Harbour Arm, arriving in time to join the French Festival of the Sea.



The scheme takes place every two years and is funded by Folkestone & Hythe District Council and Boulogne town council and aims to promote team-building and educational opportunities for the students involved.

A total of 60 13 to 15 year olds from schools across the district and in Boulogne take part in weekends of fun activities at Folkestone Sports Centre, including footgolf, archery, tobogganing, orienteering and water-based activities.

The Tall Ships project is something young people will always remember being part of, and it teaches them hugely valuable skills as well as giving them the opportunity to get to know students from another country.

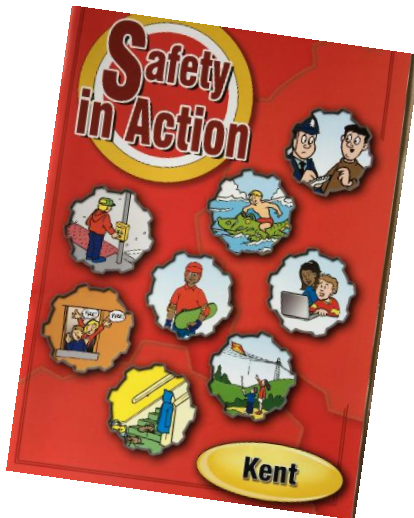
Small Change Big Difference Campaign

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.





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 600 children in attendance from 18 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. This OP has gone from strength to strength with more and more partners attending.



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.



in Folkestone.

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



OP TOBACCO

In partnership with the CSU OP Tobacco was run in partnership with Trading Standards to target premises selling illegal tobacco products. A large quantity of illegal cigarettes and tobacco has been seized in Folkestone town centre.

The raids – led by Kent County Council's Trading Standards team, and supported by Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) and Kent Police – were carried out this morning (26 September). They were assisted by sniffer dogs Maggie and Yoyo.



Officers found illegal cigarettes and tobacco smuggled into the country from Europe and Russia, as well as unlawful counterfeit products in two separate properties.

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 2019/20.



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 2019 this response has also included ensuring that those with additional vulnerabilities are protected from further exploitation such as cuckooing. There has also been intensive work carried out around ASB including a number of Closures orders.

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.

Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week – October 2019

An informative stall was run in Safeguarding Adults Awareness week on the 10th October in Bouverie Place, Folkestone Town Centre. The stall was supported by many CSP partners such as KCC, DA services. Kent Police, Community Wardens and more. Information was available on areas such as domestic abuse, trading standards, scams, hate crime, adult abuse, mental health, physical health, neglect and self-neglect.



CSP PRIORITIES 2020/2021

F&H CSP Priorities 2020 / 2021

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 2020/2021 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.

		2020/2021 Priorities		
		Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Crime & Community resilience	Community Safety
Themes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking •Domestic Abuse •Mental Health •Missing Children •District contextual safeguarding – Children •District vulnerabilities partnership – Adults •Youth Diversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Cuckooing •Gangs County Lines •Criminal Exploitation •Fraud •Financial and acquisitive crime •Drug dealing •IOM/VISOR •Hate/Mate crime •Violence reduction •Serious and organised crime (SOC) •Organised crime groups (OCGs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Anti-Social Behaviour •Public Spaces Protection Order •Environmental Crime •Town centres •Public Realm •Licensing •Events •Hotspot locations •Substance misuse •Diversionary activities •Housing •Homeless •High Risk Adults & Young People •Unauthorised Encampments
	Cross Cutting Themes	Violence Reduction		Reducing Offending

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.

Kent Control Strategy 2020/21



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

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:

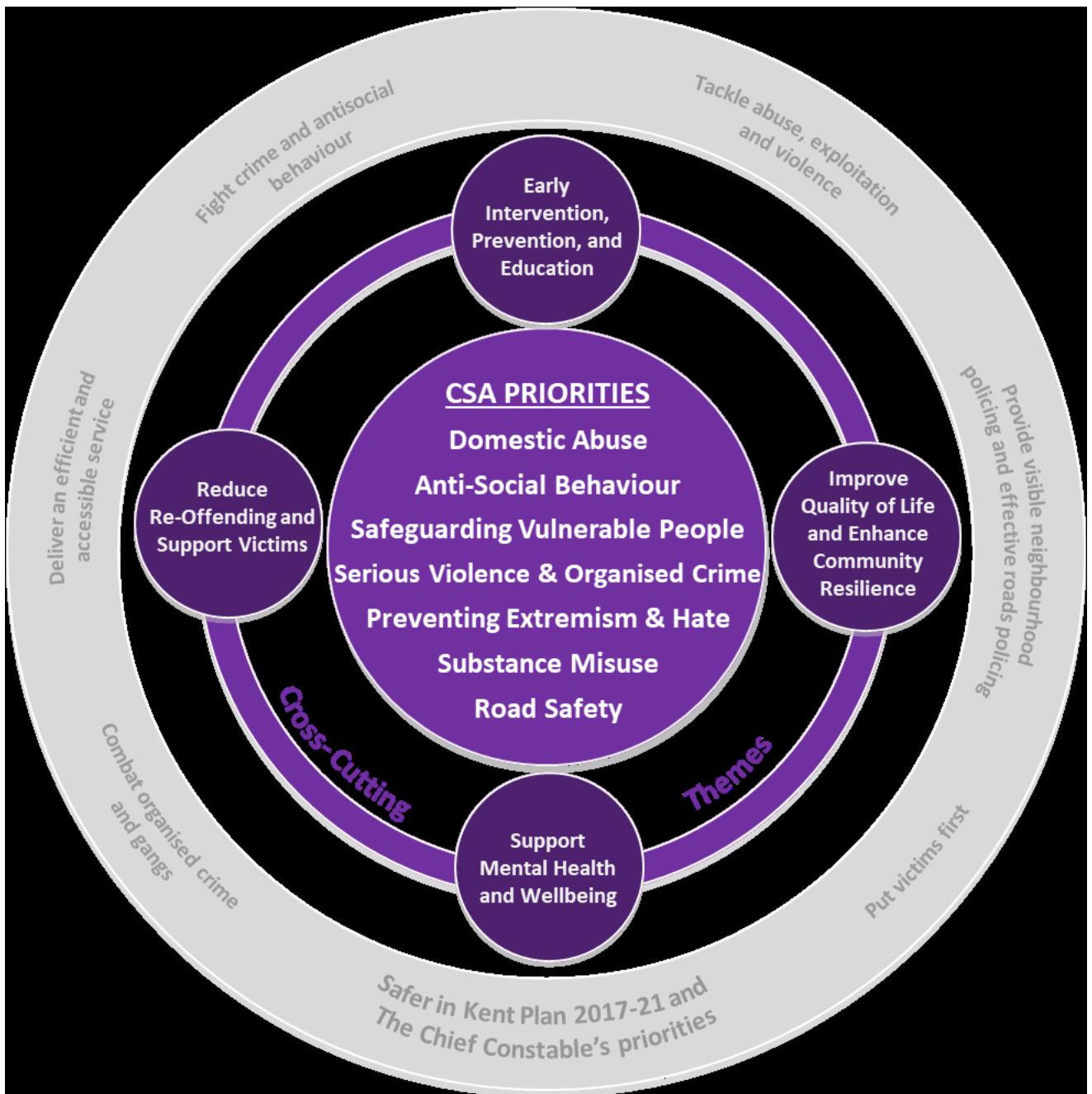
- Hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of Kent Police's priorities
- Enhance services for victims of crime and abuse
- Commission services that reduce pressure on policing due to mental health
- Invest in schemes that make people safer and reduce re-offending
- Make offenders pay for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

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

Version: Spring 2018

Diagram taken from the Kent Community Safety Agreement – April 2019



*Kent CSA priorities & themes (purple)
Chief Constable's priorities from the Safer in Kent Plan (grey)*

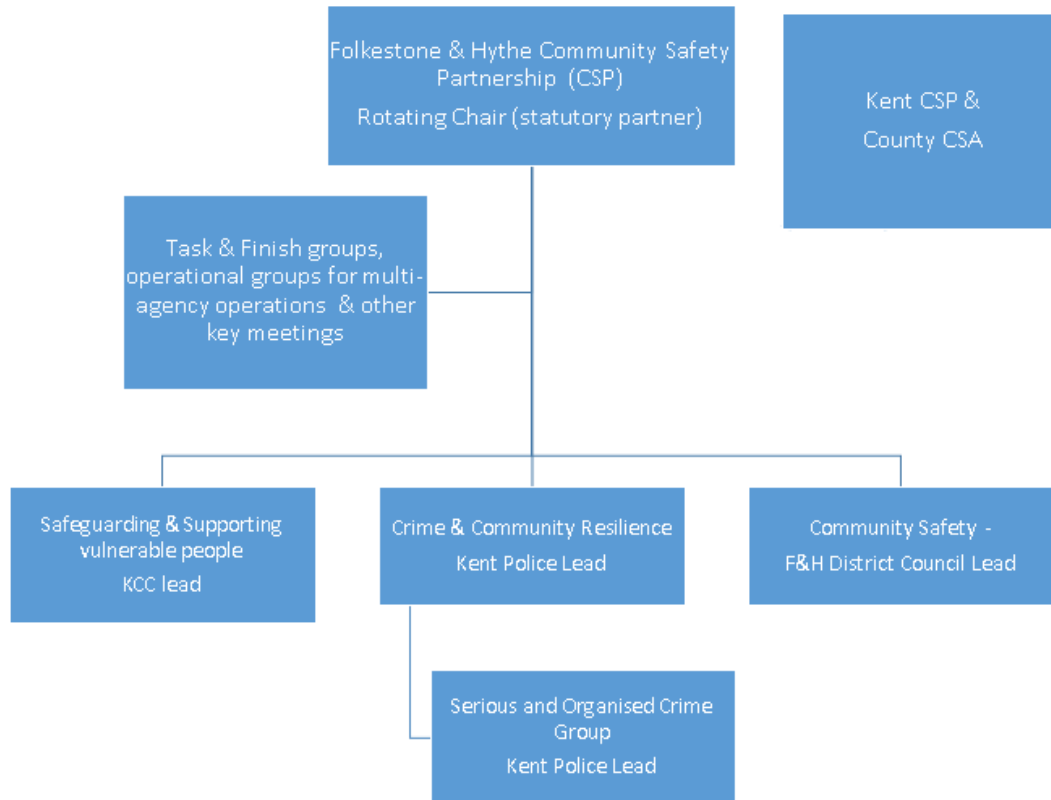
Note:

- Safeguarding Vulnerable People includes: *Child Sexual Exploitation, Scams, Cybercrime, Victims, Vulnerable People at Risk of Exploitation*
- Serious Violence & Organised Crime includes: *Organised Crime Groups (OCGs), Gangs, Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking, Violence Reduction*
- Preventing Extremism & Hate includes: *Preventing Violent Extremism, Counter-Terrorism, Hate Crimes, Brexit*

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.

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE 2020/2021



DELIVERY OF PRIORITIES 2020/2021

SUB-GROUP- KEY OUTCOMES	ACTIVITIES TO TACKLE THE ISSUES
SAFEGUARDING AND SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE Led by KCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subgroup are completing their action plan around Domestic Abuse, including the introduction of Domestic Abuse champions within agencies. Developing Principles of Practice within the District. • We are planning for the Safeguarding Adult Awareness week in October 2021 to continue to raise awareness within the wider community.

<p>6 weekly sub-group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Domestic Abuse awareness day is planned for March 2021. To include Twitter and Facebook feeds, along with local radio and tour around the District. • Delivery of a virtual 'Toxic Trio' conference in March 2021. 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 2021 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. • Close links and joint working with the Local Children's Partnership and supporting their priorities. • Planning for a Safeguarding Youth Conference for all Year 9 pupils in the District in March 2021
<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY</p> <p>Led by FH&DC</p> <p>Weekly sub-group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The Community Safety Unit will continue to support a number of vulnerable individuals that may be exploited through cuckooing or other means. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 prevention, taking positive action and protecting victims and witnesses. • 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.
<p>CRIME AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</p> <p>Led by Kent Police</p> <p>6 weekly sub-group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crime and Community Resilience Sub-Group will focus on the delivery of a partnership approach to tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. • Focus areas will be in line with the Kent Police Control Strategy. • Our Serious and Organised Crime Panel will continue to meet regularly to agree priorities and actions for dealing with most serious crimes (such as burglary and robbery), Organised Crime Groups, recidivist offenders, and crime series/clusters. • Joint work and operations with specialist Kent Police Teams will focus on County Lines Drug Dealing, Gangs/Young Criminal Groups, and Criminal Exploitation of the vulnerable.

- Our Violence Reduction Unit will support local delivery of education and awareness training on knife crime and gang culture, providing opportunities for diversion and intervention. We will work with our partners to identify the most vulnerable and prosecute those that exploit them.
- Hate Crime will remain a focus for enforcement and investigative activity. Working with our Hate Crime Investigation Team to support victims and target offenders and those that display intolerant or bigoted attitudes and behaviours.
- We will take a positive and proactive approach to domestic violence, providing support, protection and guidance to victims while pursuing all opportunities to put offenders before the courts
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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FUNDED PROJECTS

March 2020 – March 2021

The CSP receive £31,744 for financial year 2020 - 2021. Funding is pass-ported through the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget. This funding is being used for a number of partnership projects as listed below to help address the CSPs priorities.

To summarise, the grant is approved currently to the total of £24,225.00 which leaves a tactical pot of £7,518.85 for reactive spends throughout the rest of 2020/2021

Project Title	Organisation	CSP Priority	PCC Priority
One Stop Shop	Homestart	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Support Victims of Crime and abuse
Youth Safeguarding Bi-Annual Conference	F&H Community Safety Partnership - CSU	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety Violence reduction and reoffending	Tackle abuse, exploitation, violence, organised crime and gangs
Kent CDAP	Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CDAP)	Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Invest in schemes that make offenders pay for the harm they have caused.
OP Ring bell	Folkestone & Hythe CSP Crime and Community Resilience sub group	Crime and Community Resilience Community Safety	Fight crime, ASB & reduce re-offending
Urban Pastors	Cheriton Baptist Church	Safeguarding & Supporting vulnerable people Crime and Community Resilience Community Safety Violence reduction and re-offending	Invest in schemes that make communities feel safer and support the engagement of residents
Shepway Youth Hub	Folkestone Detached Youth Project	Safeguarding & Supporting vulnerable people Crime and Community Resilience Community Safety Violence reduction and re-offending	Tackle abuse, exploitation, violence, organised crime and gangs
Homestart DA Service	Children & Me	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Support victims of crime and abuse
Aspire Outreach	Global Generation Church	Safeguarding & Supporting vulnerable people	Support initiatives that reduce pressure on policing due to mental health

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.

Crime Category	Period		Change	
	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Nov 18 - Oct 19	Numeric	Percentage
All Crime	11562	11473	-89	-0.8%
Victim-Based Crime	9537	9741	204	2.1%
Violence Against The Person	4566	4562	-4	-0.1%
Homicide	1	0	-1	-100.0%
Most Serious Violence	76	91	15	19.7%
Violence WITH Injury	1198	1246	48	4.0%
Violence WITHOUT Injury	2212	2171	-41	-1.9%
Sexual Offences (All)	443	380	-63	-14.2%
Rape	154	113	-41	-26.6%
Other Sexual Offences	289	267	-22	-7.6%
Robbery (All)	96	123	27	28.1%
Robbery (Business)	6	17	11	183.3%
Robbery (Personal)	90	106	16	17.8%
Theft Offences	2059	2111	52	2.5%
Burglary (All)	719	643	-76	-10.6%
Burglary (Residential)	509	432	-77	-15.1%
Burglary (Business & Community)	210	211	1	0.5%
Shoplifting	873	928	55	6.3%
Vehicle Offences	430	526	96	22.3%
Theft from a Vehicle	337	368	31	9.2%
Theft of a Vehicle	93	158	65	69.9%
Vehicle Interference	48	99	51	106.3%
Theft from the Person	48	59	11	22.9%
Bicycle Theft	93	110	17	18.3%
All Other Theft Offences	1093	1073	-20	-1.8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1176	1297	121	10.3%
Criminal Damage	1141	1255	114	10.0%
Arson	35	42	7	20.0%
Other Crimes Against Society	2025	1732	-293	-14.5%
Public Order Offences	1254	922	-332	-26.5%
Possession of Weapons Offences	220	287	67	30.5%
Drug Offences	206	186	-20	-9.7%
Drugs (Trafficking)	59	50	-9	-15.3%
Drugs (Possession)	147	136	-11	-7.5%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	345	337	-8	-2.3%
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Offences	72	69	-3	-4.2%

Top Crimes ranked across Folkestone & Hythe

The below table indicates the top 12 crime types reported within the Folkestone & Hythe District, and how each rank compares to the Kent wide picture. The top 9 crimes reported in Folkestone & Hythe match the top 9 reported crimes across the whole of Kent. The other 3

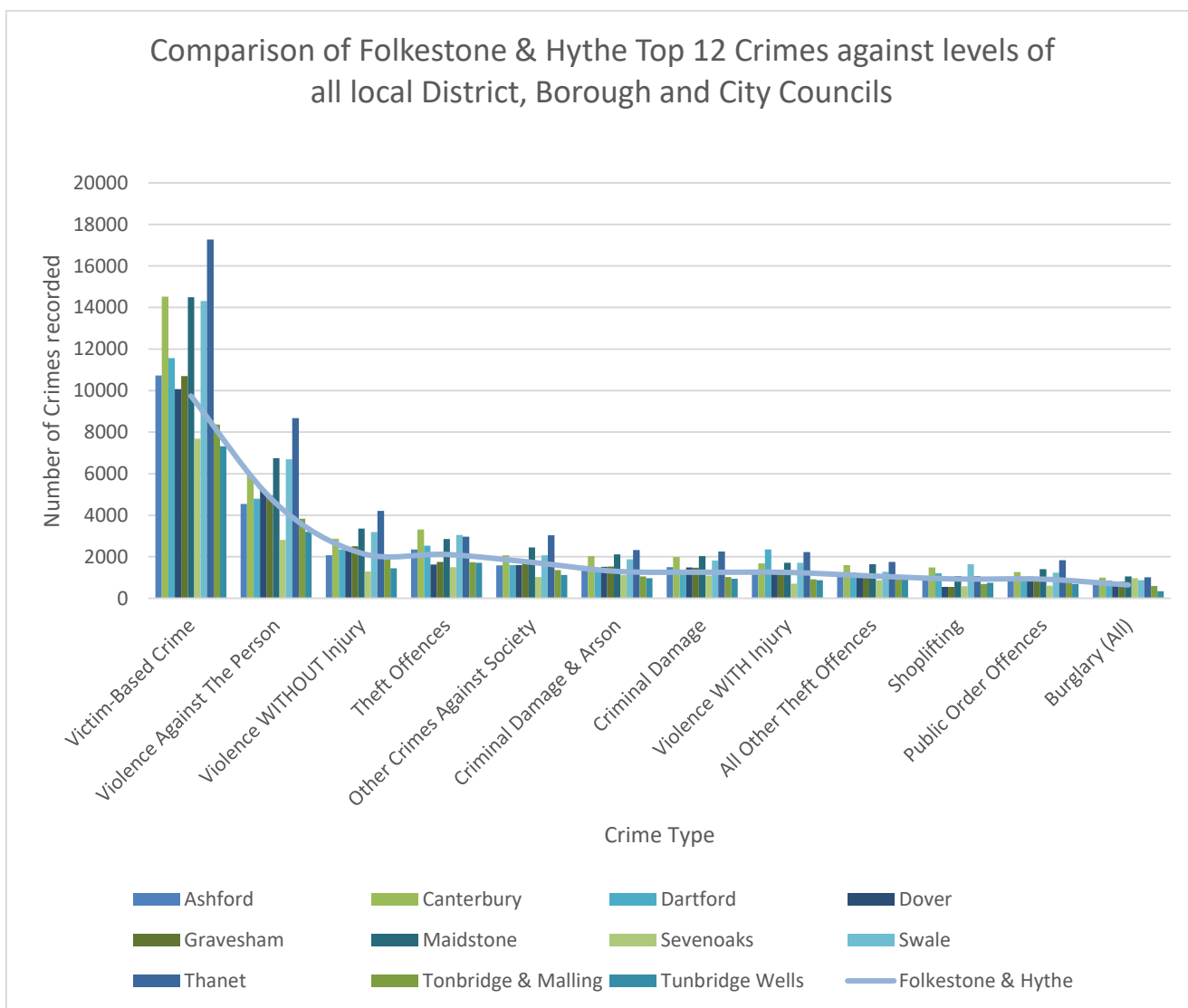
crimes reported as part of the top 12 in Folkestone & Hythe match that of the Kent wide picture, but in a slightly different order. The only exception to this is the crime type 'Burglary (All)', which is the 12th most reported crime in Folkestone & Hythe but does not feature in the top 12 for Kent.

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

*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.

Top 12 Crimes compared County wide

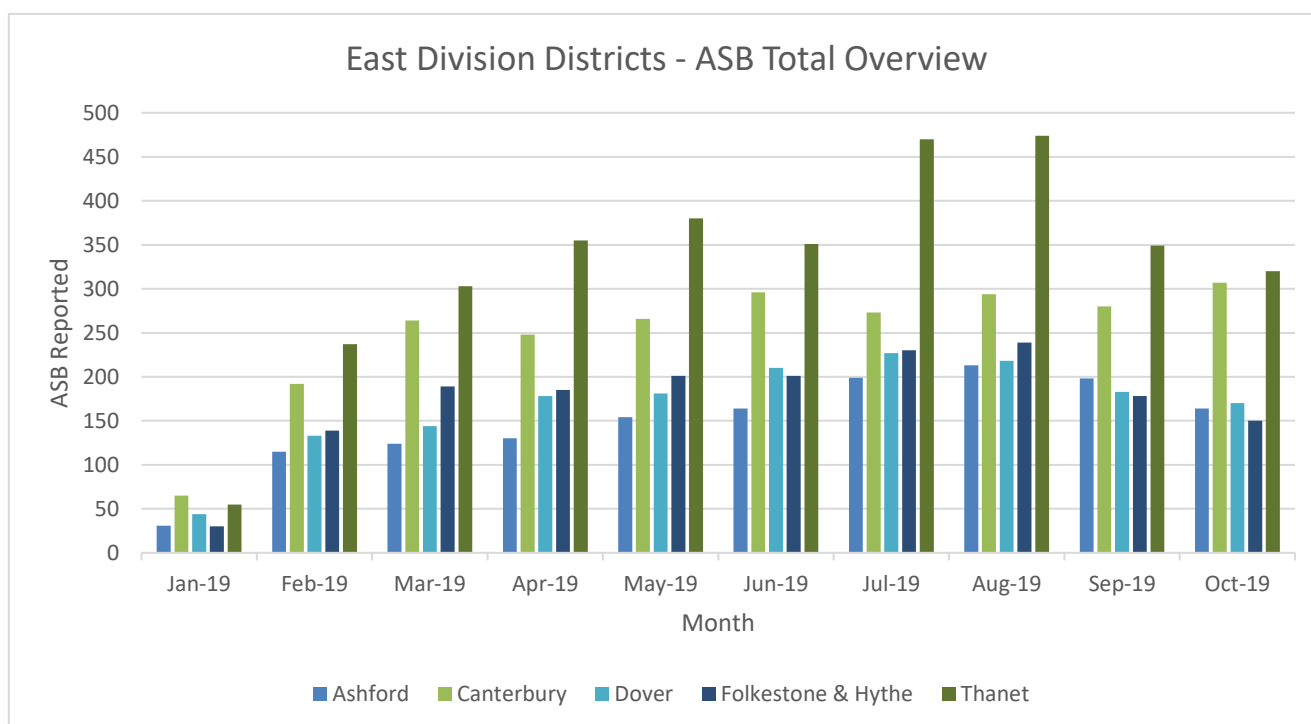
The below graph shows the levels of the top 12 recorded crimes in Folkestone & Hythe as reported across all District, Borough and City councils. As can be seen, Folkestone & Hythe does not have the highest level of crime countywide for any of the top 12 categories.



Breakdown of Crime and ASB by Ward

The below table presents totals for Anti-Social Behaviour, across all wards of Folkestone & Hythe, due to changes in systems used to record data, only partial data from January 2019 to October 2019 is available, and only for districts in the Kent Police East Division.

Anti-Social Behaviour Totals by Ward	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19
Folkestone Central	9	46	63	58	63	67	61	64	51	40
East Folkestone	3	16	18	18	27	23	36	26	27	27
Folkestone Harbour	5	17	24	26	19	25	37	42	21	14
North Downs East	2	12	14	20	15	13	20	24	19	21
Cheriton	4	7	15	11	18	20	14	19	10	15
Hythe	1	10	10	7	10	16	19	12	17	6
Walland & Denge Marsh	0	8	12	7	3	9	12	5	9	7
Broadmead	1	5	9	5	12	7	5	3	11	3
New Romney	2	6	12	5	11	5	3	0	2	7
Sandgate & West Folkestone	2	3	2	10	4	5	10	10	7	2
Romney Marsh	0	1	4	7	1	4	6	6	2	4
Hythe Rural	1	3	6	4	6	2	5	5	1	4
North Downs West	0	3	0	6	10	4	1	1	0	0
Unknown	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Folkestone Police Station	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0

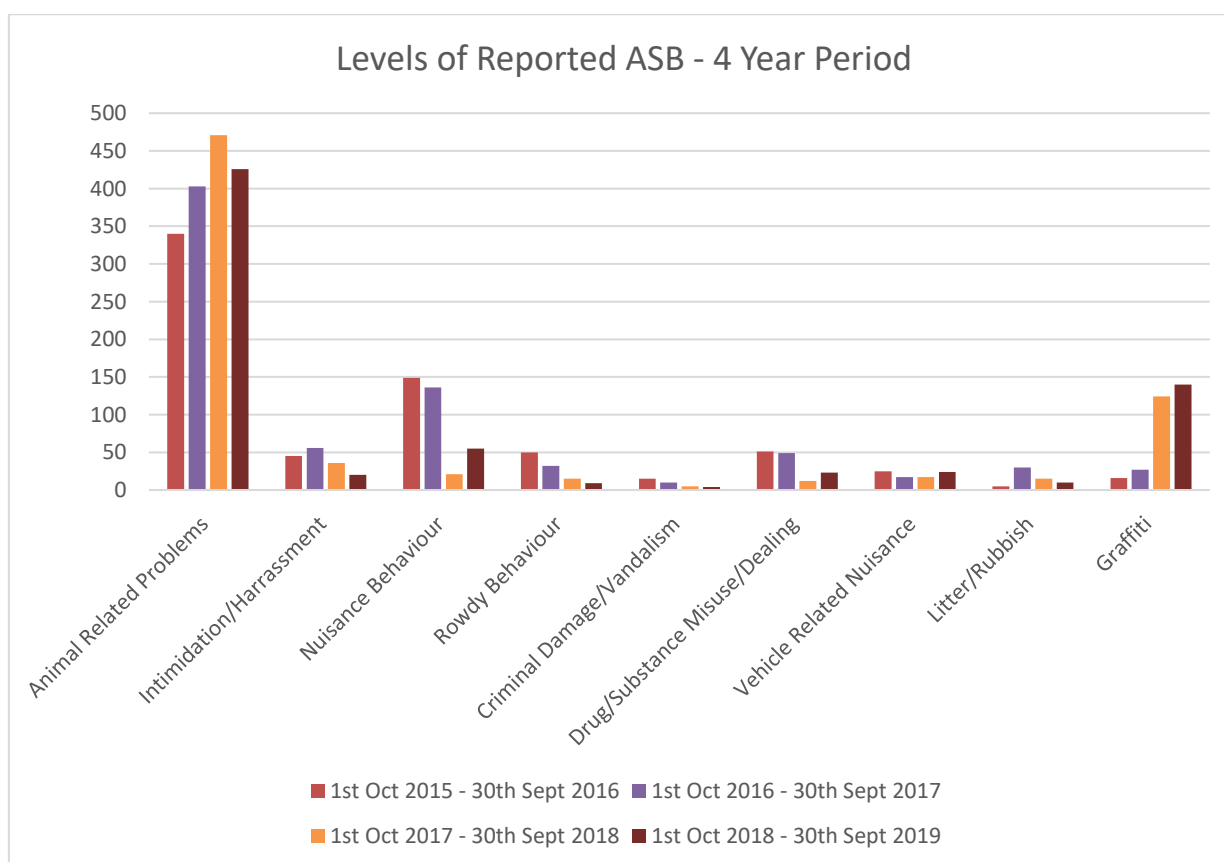


Folkestone & Hythe District Council anti-social behaviour statistics

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.

Job Types - ASB Categories	1st Oct 2015 - 30th Sept 2016	1st Oct 2016 - 30th Sept 2017	1st Oct 2017 - 30th Sept 2018	1st Oct 2018 - 30th Sept 2019
Animal Related Problems	340	403	471	426
Intimidation/Harrassment	45	56	36	20
Nuisance Behaviour	149	136	21	55
Rowdy Behaviour	50	32	15	9
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	15	10	5	4
Drug/Substance Misuse/Dealing	51	49	12	23
Vehicle Related Nuisance	25	17	17	24
Litter/Rubbish	5	30	15	10
Graffiti	16	27	124	140
Total	696	760	716	711



Folkestone & Hythe Performance Indicators – ASB - (Not Contact Centre Initiated)

The below tables indicate the level of ASB received through means other than the F&H Contact Centre, it gives some context to unrecorded volumes managed on a day to day/ongoing basis through multi-agency work as opposed to what is recorded e.g. by the Contact Centre etc.

PI Description	Time Period	Target	Actual	Reason for difference/Additional Notes
Number of ASB complaints received by the Council	Quarterly	No Target	No target 120 minimum per quarter	Ongoing weekly and daily ASB complaints
% of ASB complaints resolved by the Council	Quarterly	80%	80%	Most ASB complaints are resolved, those that cannot be are passed to other partners such as Kent Police and Housing Associations etc for resolving
Number of ASB complaints received and referred to other agencies	Quarterly	No Target	No target Around a quarter of the 120 received	Multi-agency partnership working means a number of ASB complaints are dealt with in a joint approach whilst some as described above are passed to single agency

Key Performance Indicators

KPI Description	Time Period	Target	Actual	Reason for difference/Additional Notes
Number of people engaged in Public Space Protection Order education and prevention activity	Quarterly	200	200	A number of multi-agency OPs took place in this period
Fixed Penalty Notices issued under the Public Space Protection Order	Quarterly	No Target	10	Preventative activity and other legislation such as CPWs were used
Number of young people engaged in ASB diversionary activities	Quarterly	100	100	Variety of projects, CSU involvement, MADAP etc

HATE CRIME

Kent

Hate crime is an issue in Kent that is continuing to increase. Folkestone & Hythe has had a total of 237 Hate crimes reported to Kent Police between the periods of October 2018 and October 2019. In comparison, in the data period of October 2018 – October 2019, Kent, as a whole, has seen 5,445 Hate crimes being reported.

Across Kent as a whole and in Folkestone and Hythe, there has been an increase on last years reported Hate Crimes. Folkestone and Hythe increased from 218 reported Hate Crimes in 17-18 (+19), and Kent increased from 4,233 reported Hate Crimes in 17-18 (+1,212).

Folkestone & Hythe

A Folkestone & Hythe specific breakdown of Hate Crime can be seen below.

Hate Crime	Folkestone & Hythe	Kent
Race (Ethnic) prejudice	138	3210
Religion/faith/belief prejudice	17	206
Gender prejudice	4	111
Disability prejudice (inc mental health)	42	586
Age prejudice	4	86
Transgender	3	178
Sexual Orientation	29	1068
Total	237	5445

As can be seen from the above 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 3 reported in Kent over the same period.

The percentage of Hate crimes in which the offender was charged (charge rate) in Folkestone & Hythe is higher than that of Kent as a whole. This can be seen in the below table:

Charge Rate Overview

Outcomes	Folkestone & Hythe	Kent	North Division	West Division	East Division
Charged	22	327	131	91	105
Charge Rate	10.6%	7.8%	7.2%	10.5%	6.9%

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

ASB	Anti-social behaviour
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CIN	Children in Need
CP	Child Protection
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CSU	Community Safety Unit
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DA	Domestic Abuse

F&HDC	Folkestone & Hythe District Council
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Adviser
KCC	Kent County Council
KSSCRC	Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company
LAC	Looked After Children
MARAC	Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (DA)
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
PSPO	Public Space Protection Order
SA	Strategic Assessment

