



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT
**COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**

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 collaborative help of communities it will deal with issues of crime and anti-social behaviour to help develop aspired and cohesive neighbourhoods, supporting the wider health and wellbeing agenda in the district.

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FOREWORD



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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 1st April 2019 -31st March 2020. In fulfilling its statutory responsibilities, the CSP is mindful of the many challenging pressures facing partner agencies as they deliver services in an ever more complex environment. From safeguarding young people drawn into risk taking behaviour to supporting vulnerable members of our community combating drug and alcohol addiction to ensuring prolific offending and antisocial behaviour, the work of the CSP is diverse and challenging with each partner agency involved having a role to play.

The CSP sees itself as a robust, resilient leader of delivery in prevention and keeping our communities feeling secure where all of our partners play an equal role in ensuring The District is a safe place to live, work and enjoy by tackling the root causes of crime and disorder issues.

To this end the CSP has put in place structures, projects and initiatives to tackle specific priorities that meet the ambitions of a number 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 and other agency plans and priorities e.g. the Kent Community Safety Agreement and other strategies such as the Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy and Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy.

This plan sets out the ambitions of the CSP for the year ahead and describes the delivery mechanisms and how priority areas of work will be tackled. This year will see the introduction of a new Public Spaces Protection Order following public consultation. This, together with new services and projects being commissioned in the area will help support Community Safety work.

The wide network of public sector and voluntary sector groups delivering key activities are reflected on in this plan and the strong partnership links with daily reactive work through the Multi—agency Community safety unit is also described.

This plan is revised annually through reviewing information provided from a wide range of organisations in a restricted strategic assessment, to ensure that current issues can be taken into account into the activities undertaken by the CSP.

We would like to reassure you that tackling crime and anti-social behaviour remains a high priority for the District. We continue to work as a partnership to make The District a safe place where people wish to work, live and visit. This Plan seeks to promote a more holistic approach, with a greater emphasis on prevention and harm reduction.

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

INTRODUCTION

Folkestone & Hythe 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.

This Plan is revised on an annual basis, through reviewing information provided from a wide Range of organisations in a restricted strategic assessment, to ensure that current issues can be taken into account into the activities undertaken by the CSP. It also takes into account local Emerging issue and new legislative requirements.

The below highlights key issues identified through the information provided in the 2019 Strategic Assessment:

- The top 5 crimes reported in Folkestone & Hythe match that of the top 5 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 number 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 District's CSP is made up of Responsible Authorities (those bodies for whom membership of the CSP is a statutory obligation) and voluntary members:

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
South Kent Coast 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 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 and Folkestone Area Partnership Against Crime to name but a few. All are working together to prevent and reduce crime and disorder and improve community cohesion through 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 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, as well as introducing 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 and 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 and brought in additional requirements in order to meet the required standard and now includes suicides.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: 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 including for example a new Community Trigger responsibility to give people a greater say in how agencies respond to complaint and provisions 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. Including the Care Act 2014, Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (and subsequent amendments in 2019), Serious Crime Act 2015, Modern Slavery Act 2015 and Psychoactive Substances Act 2016. These pieces of legislation 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:

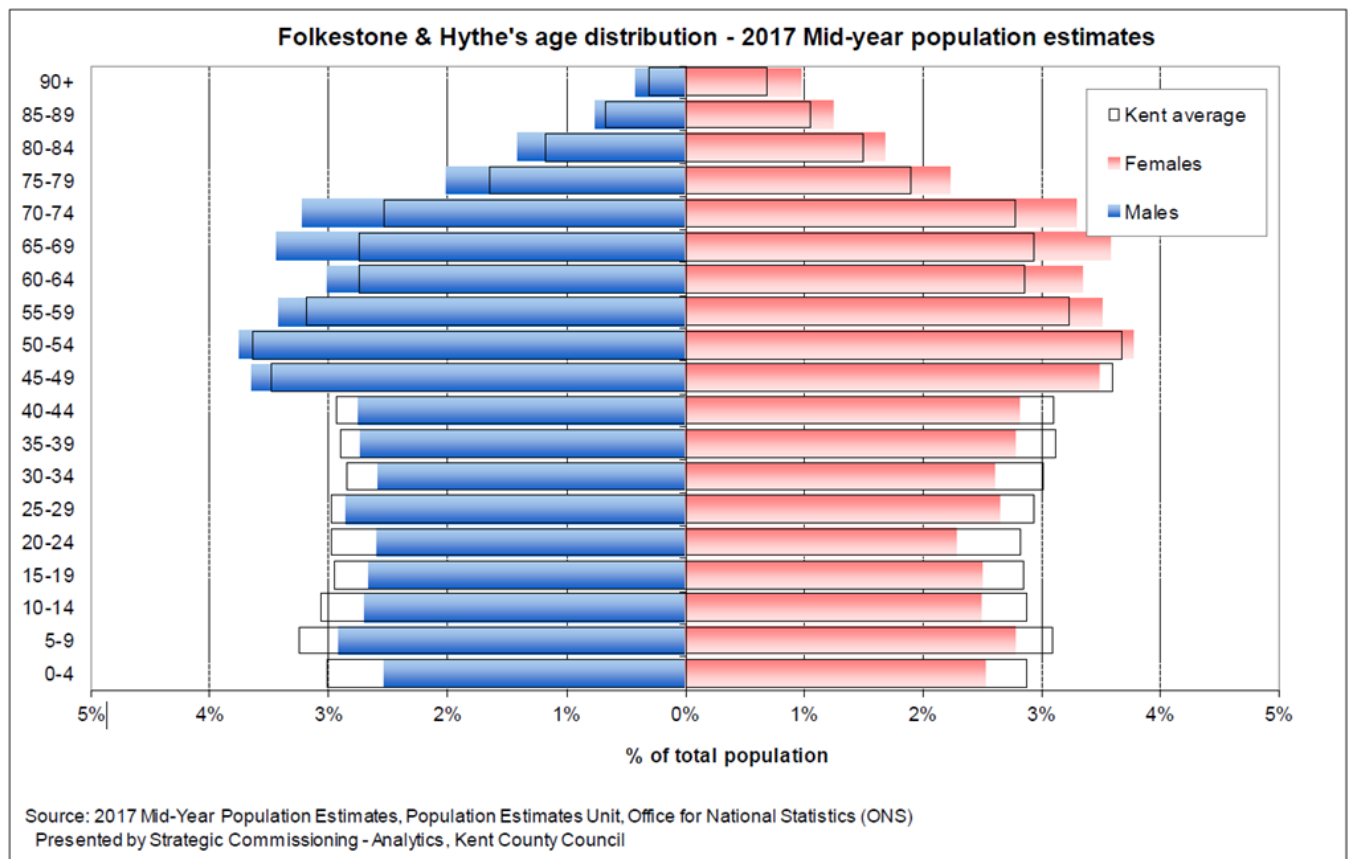
- **Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC):** In response to the Government's national Serious Violence Strategy, the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launched a year-long study in 2018 into the challenges around reducing violence and partner agencies have been challenged to look at opportunities to address this issue including causes and how it can be tackled. Funding provided by the PCC to Community Safety Partnerships 2019/20 now have 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.

LOCAL CONTEXT

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 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 48% of the total population whilst 15% of the district's residents live in Hythe urban area. 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 than the average for the Kent County Council (KCC) area.



Over the last 10 years Folkestone & Hythe population has grown by 7.2% (an additional 7,500 people)³. 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 an 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%). 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) 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 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 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 1). 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 1 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)

Authority	IMD2010			IMD2015			Change in rank* 2010 to 2015	
	IMD2010 national rank (out of 326)	Kent Rank (out of 12)		IMD2015 national rank (out of 326)	Kent Rank (out of 12)		National position	Kent position
Thanet	49	1		28	1		21	0
Swale	99	3		77	2		22	1
Folkestone & Hythe	97	2		113	3		-16	-1
Gravesham	142	5		124	4		18	1
Dover	127	4		126	5		1	-1
Dartford	175	7		170	6		5	1
Ashford	198	8		176	7		22	1
Canterbury	166	6		183	8		-17	-2
Maidstone	217	9		198	9		19	0
Sevenoaks	276	12		268	10		8	2
Tonbridge & Malling	268	11		274	11		-6	0
Tunbridge Wells	249	10		282	12		-33	-2

* 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 2010 and 2015, Communities and Local Government

Levels of deprivation vary across the District with parts of Folkestone & Hythe within England's top 20% deprived of areas and yet other parts are within England's least 20% deprived of areas. More detail is shown on the map below.

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

Using PESTELO 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 i.e. Otterpool Park, Princes Parade etc
- Extreme weather events, i.e. 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 (i.e. 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 to address its priorities. These have been delivered through many different forms such as CSP subgroups, multi-agency task and finish groups and through other funded projects. Key activities that have been delivered include the following:

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 who had experiences that had impacted them as well as stallholders with services that had further information on support. The conference was aimed at professionals from the District and those in the District then to the wider county. With 350 attendees and lunch provided by the students from East Kent College we were able to raise awareness to a significant number of people.



Domestic Abuse



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 and a health visitor being 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.

Folkestone & Hythe One Stop Shop

	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Total
Female	28	23	28	20	30	14	31	20	33	20	30	18	295
Male	3	3	2	1	5	4	9		1		2		30
Total	31	26	30	21	35	18	40	20	34	20	32	18	325
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-25	3	3	3	3	4	5	3	7	4	1	7	1	44
26-39	10	11	14	14	20	10	24	8	17	9	10	6	153
40-59	16	11	12	3	10	3	9	4	12	9	12	9	110
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Lydd One Stop Shop

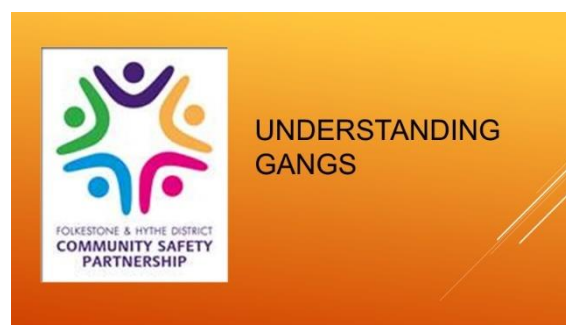
	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Total
Female	2	0	1	3	4	10
Male	1	0	1	0	0	2
Total number	3	0	2	3	4	12
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-25	0	0	0	0	2	2
26-39	1	0	2	2	0	5
40-59	2	0	0	1	0	3
60 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

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, along with raising awareness to Communities themselves.

Gangs Training

In January 2019 we held a one-day training event to raise awareness of gangs and child exploitation for professionals, in order to work with and safeguard the young people in our community. Our key contributors are St Giles Trust and *Excelsior Safeguarding CIC*. There were 150 professionals in attendance who found the speakers informative and made more powerful that they spoke from their own 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 has been across all media channels including a feature article in the local papers 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

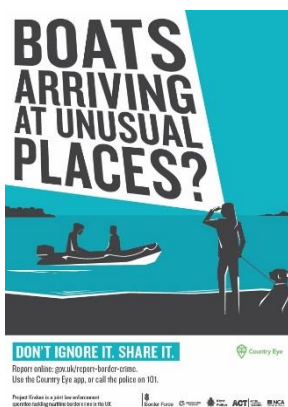
Following on from the overwhelming success of the 2016 Youth Conference we organised another Conference on 9th May 2019. We again tailored this for our Year 9 pupils across the district and centred on various themes of safeguarding including Child Sexual Exploitation,



Gangs, and County Lines, Online Safety, emotional health and positive relationships. The conference took place in Folkestone and there were over 800 13/14 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 to deliver this campaign and have been used as Best Practice to other authorities and CSPs.

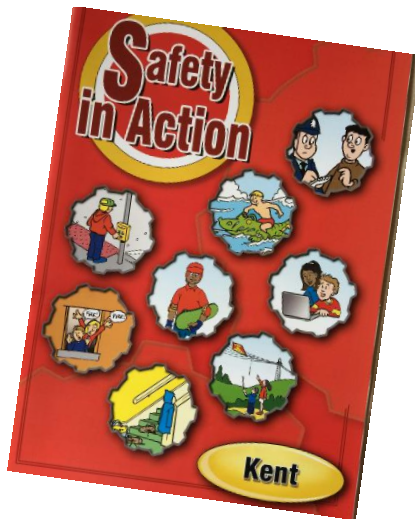
The new border security communication campaign, started in Kent in May. The campaign supports projects Pegasus and Kraken, joint law enforcement operations to tackle both maritime and aviation border crime across the United Kingdom and Kent Police's Don't Ignore It, Share it campaign.

Adult Safeguarding Week

As part of the Adult Safeguarding Week in October 2018 we set up a stall alongside the Health Bus, to raise awareness of adult abuse including financial, doorstep, physical; 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, to understand what Dementia is, 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 and asked for the inclusion of bespoke 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 as 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, a monthly high visibility presence to engage with local businesses, residents in the prevention of crime and ASB issues across the district.

OP LION is quarterly targeting hot spot areas, to reassure residents and deal with any ASB issues.



OP XENAPHON has brought justice back to the residents of Pavillion Court by working closely with the landlords and creation of a 'partnership hub'. Law enforcement and partners such as the Fire service, probation and Forward Trust can now work with the residents reducing crime and ASB.



and ASB which has always spiked during school holidays but the



creation of this OP has identified and directed CSU patrols and partners of the CSP to these 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 stop vulnerable missing children used by these gangs.

OP GRENADIER uses partners and the dedicated police town centre team and Community Policing Team assets to conduct law enforcement in these key areas. Community workshops, engaging diverse communities, youth services and the volunteer sector have made huge inroads to build bridges and reduce reoffending with this renewed focus on Folkestone town centre and its associated 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 and the Community Safety Unit continues to provide support to high risk victims of ASB, whilst ensuring a coordinated response is given to all victims. During 2018, this response has also included ensuring that for those that have additional vulnerabilities, that they 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. CSU continues to cover any ASB complaints which come into the council as well as Community Tensions, Environmental Issues and Events among 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, peer to peer learning programme, where a small number of 6th formers will be trained to deliver these topics to their younger counterparts alongside school staff. The reasoning

behind this is that the young people will feel freer to ask questions to someone closer in age as opposed to their teacher, and this will open new lines of communication for sensitive topics like these two especially. The first training session was held at Canterbury Christchurch University where a group of 20 students from one of the local secondary schools 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. There have been a number of young people worked with in the programme who have gone on to benefit from the extra support given through family coaching and one on one sessions. The group has discussed expanding the remit of the programme, but this will be determined through funding.



Welcome To The Positive Choices Project



In partnership with:
Shepway and Dover Mediation
Kent Police
Kent Probation and Family Champions/CSU

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, along with identifying 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 cross cutting themes have also been identified which are key initiatives that will support the delivery of all of the priorities.

Priorities			
Themes	Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Crime & Community resilience	Community Safety
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Children and Adult Safeguarding Adolescent Risk Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violence reduction Serious Organised Crime/OCG's/crime series Gangs/Cuckooing IOM Hate/Mate Crime Counter Terrorism & Prevent Human Trafficking/Modern Day Slavery County Lines Criminal Exploitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Social Behaviour Public Spaces Protection Order Environmental Crime Licensing Community Tensions Events Hot spots locations Diversions activities Drug and Alcohol misuse Town centre issues Vulnerable persons – including homeless, high risk
Cross Cutting Themes	Violence Reduction		Reducing Offending

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

The PCC 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 his priorities, with a focus on reducing violent crime.

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

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

Kent Control Strategy 2019



Exploitation

- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Exploitation of young people including child sexual exploitation (CSE)
- Cuckooing and exploitation of vulnerable children by gangs and county lines

Abuse & sexual offences

- Child Abuse, including child sexual abuse (CSA)
- Rape and serious sexual assault
- Domestic Abuse
- Adult Abuse

Serious violence

- Knife and gun crime
- Violence by gangs and county lines
- Aggravated burglary and robbery

High harm crime

- Burglary Residential Dwellings
- Hate Crime
- Artifice burglary and courier fraud

Terrorism and domestic extremism

- Foreign Harm
- Extreme right wing
- Public order relating to animal exports
- Threat posed by DAESH
- Prevent radicalisation

Child Centred Policing

Enablers

Digital and online crime

Mental Health

Drugs

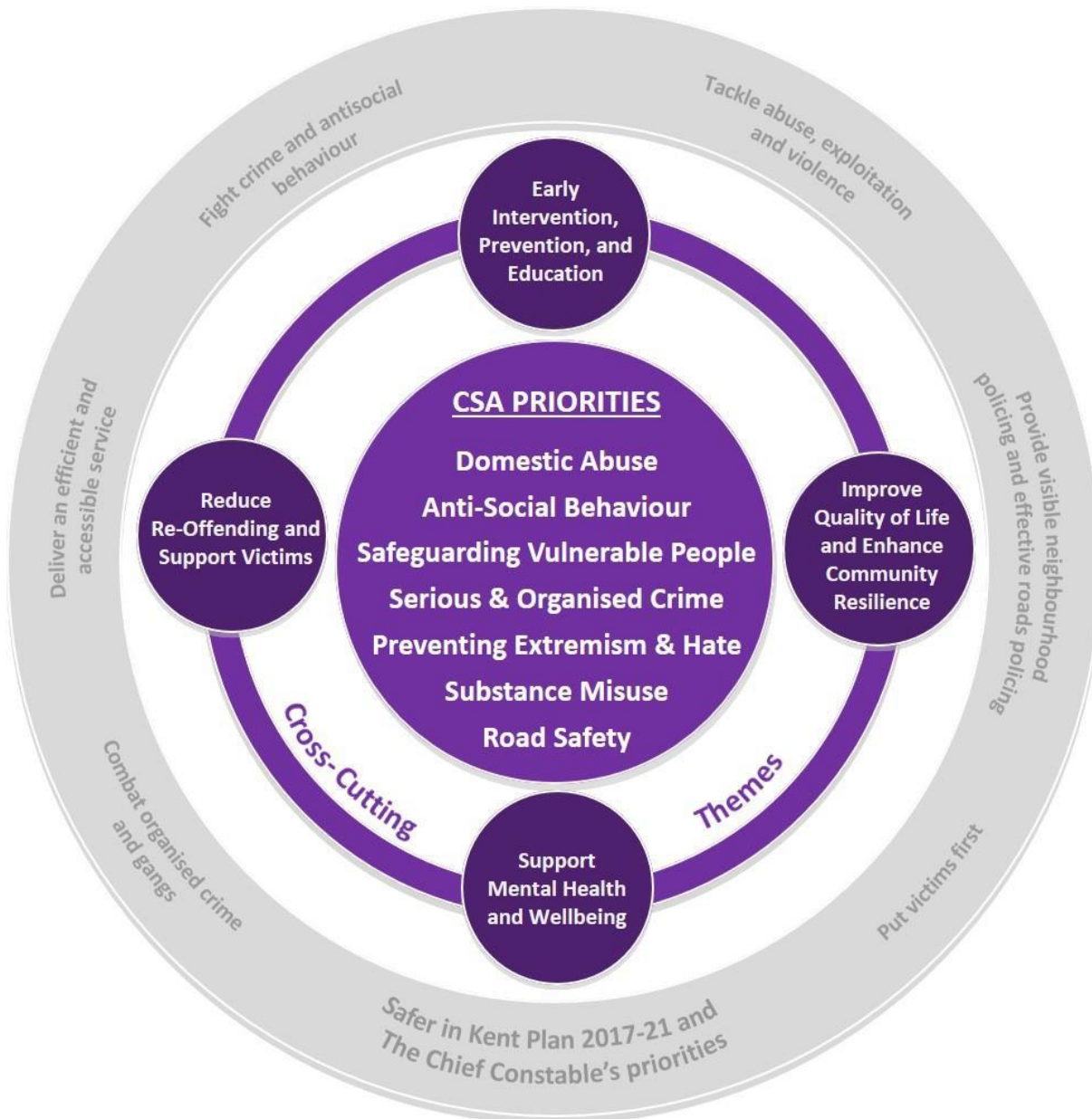
Serious and organised crime

Missing persons and looked after children

Intelligence development
What we need information on

- Criminals travelling into Kent – county lines, cross border burglaries, organised crime groups
- Gangs and county lines operating in Kent
- Suspected human trafficking and modern slavery locations, organisations and individuals
- Habitual carriers and suppliers of knives or guns
- 'At risk' victims of abuse, hate or exploitation
- Criminal activity funding and money laundering
- Grooming and exploitation of young people and vulnerable people
- Please refer to specific intelligence requirements for a wider range of what we need information on

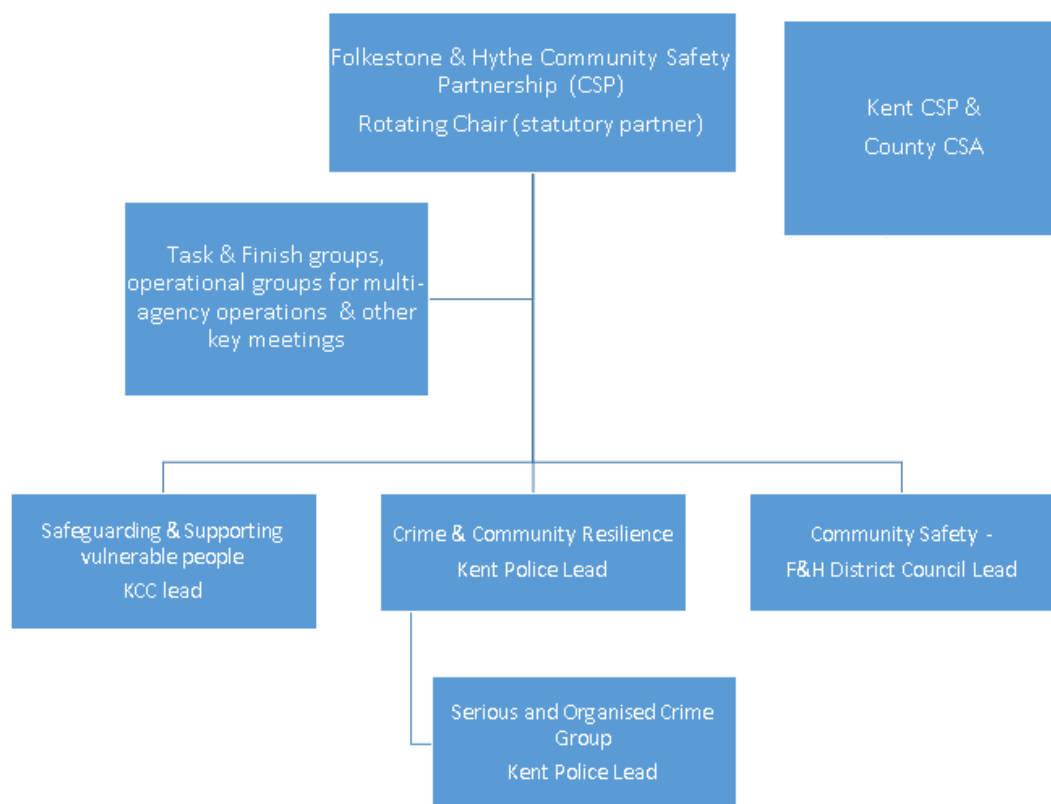
Diagram taken from the Kent Community Safety Agreement – April 2019



This diagram not only includes the priorities and cross-cutting themes for the Kent wide Community Safety Agreement but also shows those identified by the Police and Crime Commissioner, reflecting the mutual need for CSPs and the PCC 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 approach across organisations at a strategic level. These arrangements can be further enhanced with links to the Kent Community Safety Agreement and where necessary suitable co-operative arrangements and joint interventions can be established to deliver shared priorities or issues.

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE 2019



DELIVERY OF PRIORITIES 2019/2020

SUB-GROUP- KEY OUTCOMES	ACTIVITIES TO TACKLE THE ISSUES
SAFEGUARDING AND SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE Led by KCC 6 weekly sub- group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subgroup are completing their action plan around Domestic Abuse, including the rolling out of Domestic Abuse champions within agencies. • We are planning for the Safeguarding Adult Awareness week in October 2019 to continue to raise awareness to a wider audience and the community. • A Domestic Abuse awareness day has been planned for October 2019, to include Twitter, Facebook feeds, along with local radio and tour around the District.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have begun planning a 'Toxic Trio' conference in March 2020 to raise awareness and 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 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 to raise awareness that the online community can be informative, fun and exciting, but we need to be technology safe. • We will continue to train and raise awareness in all aspects of safeguarding and supporting vulnerable people, adults, children, young people and agencies working with our most vulnerable.
<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 against perpetrators of ASB 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, seeking 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. • A main Community Safety subgroup aim will be for the district to not only 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 occurring. Whilst 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 all district Secondary Schools the opportunity to form friendships, break down

	<p>international barriers and 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 5 day journey, after 3 residential weekends with 30 other French children to the biggest festival in France.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • 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 updating professionals and partners in the local/district context of Counter Terrorism and PREVENT, CSE and Modern Day Slavery. • The multi-agency 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 priority for the CSP – this includes hate crime and burglary. • The subgroup will continue to seek to support awareness raising of hate crime and increasing cohesion between communities and continue partnership response to High Harm crime



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FUNDED PROJECTS 2019/2020

The CSP will receive £31,744 for financial year 2019 - 20. Funding is pass-ported through the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget. This funding will be used for a number of partnership projects as listed below to help address the CSPs priorities.

Project Title	Organisation	CSP Priority	Theme
One Stop Shop	Homestart	Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Domestic Abuse
Toxic Trio Conference	F&H Community Safety Partnership - CSU	Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Mental Health
Kent CDAP	Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CDAP)	Safeguarding & Supporting Vulnerable People	Domestic Abuse
Multi-Agency Operations (Ariel, Lion, Halogen & Xenophon)	F&H Community Safety Partnership - CSU	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety	Anti – Social Behaviour
Urban Pastors	Cheriton Baptist Church	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting	Raising Awareness & Public engagement

		Vulnerable People Community Safety	
Shape Up	Gillingham Football Club	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Diversionary Activities
Risk It	Project Salus	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Substance Misuse
New Romney Youth Hub	Project Salus	Community Safety	Community engagement
Aspire Outreach	Global Generation Church	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety	Mental Health and ASB
Folkestone Detached Youth Project	Shepway Youth Hub	Crime & Community Resilience Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety	ASB
Breathe 4 Kids – Who Am I?	DC Breathe	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People	Mental Health
Purple Octopus - POP	Purple Octopus Project (CIC)	Safeguarding and Supporting Vulnerable People Community Safety	Mental Health
Bay NHW	St Marys Bay Neighbourhood Watch	Community Safety	Crime Prevention Initiatives

NEW PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Parts of the District are covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order which provides key agencies with an additional tool to tackle ASB. PSPOs were introduced following the introduction of The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to deal with a particular 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 being carried out 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, 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 exercise that took place between 26th November 2018 to 21st January 2019.

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

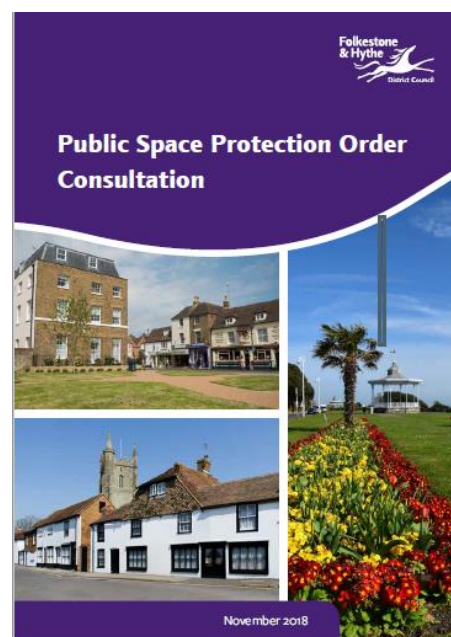
- Measure 1: Control of anti-social alcohol consumption in a public place*
- Measure 2: No use of intoxicating substances in a public place*
- Measure 3: No urinating, spitting or defecating in a public place*
- Measure 4: No Begging*
- Measure 5: Control of anti-social street entertainment*
- Measure 6: Control of unauthorised street fundraising and marketing*
- Measure 7: Control of unauthorised camping*

The PSPO process (including results of consultation) is detailed in key 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 approach and application of the PSPO by Authorised Officers of the relevant agencies has been set out in a series of working protocols for each measure.

The PSPO will be used in a proportionate and responsible way and will always involve at the outset intervention activities including; engagement, education, sign posting to services, referrals into services, outreach work, introduction of projects and initiatives to address the issues before any enforcement is considered through warnings and use of FPNs. Signage to be used can in itself act as a deterrent and in many circumstances the PSPO may not be the appropriate tool to use and alternative and more effective legislation will be used in these cases. Agencies will work together in partnership through the CSU and through ongoing multiagency operations to implement the PSPO



Most people drink responsibly



Alcohol may be confiscated to prevent anti-social behaviour.

You are in a Public Spaces Protection Order area. For more information please visit www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/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.

Type of Crime	Nov 16 - Oct 17	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Difference	% Change
Victim-Based Crime	7923	9537	1614	20%
Violence Against The Person	3572	4566	994	28%
Homicide	2	1	-1	-50%
Most Serious Violence	51	76	25	49%
Violence WITH Injury	1137	1198	61	5%
Violence WITHOUT Injury	1768	2212	444	25%
Sexual Offences (All)	364	443	79	22%
Rape	148	154	6	4%
Other Sexual Offences	216	289	73	34%
Robbery (All)	75	96	21	28%
Robbery (Business)	9	6	-3	-33%
Robbery (Personal)	66	90	24	36%
Theft Offences	1780	2059	279	16%
Burglary (All)	555	719	164	30%
Burglary (Residential)	225	509	284	126%
Burglary (Business & Community)	96	210	114	119%
Burglary (Dwelling)	107	0	-107	-100%
Burglary (Other)	127	0	-127	-100%
Shoplifting	726	873	147	20%
Vehicle Offences	369	430	61	17%
Theft from a Vehicle	278	337	59	21%
Theft of a Vehicle	91	93	2	2%
Vehicle Interference	67	48	-19	-28%
Theft from the Person	43	48	5	12%
Bicycle Theft	69	93	24	35%
All Other Theft Offences	985	1093	108	11%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1141	1176	35	3%
Criminal Damage	1110	1141	31	3%
Arson	31	35	4	13%
Other Crimes Against Society	1200	2025	825	69%
Public Order Offences	665	1254	589	89%
Possession of Weapons Offences	118	220	102	86%
Drug Offences	182	206	24	13%
Drugs (Trafficking)	45	59	14	31%
Drugs (Possession)	137	147	10	7%
Misc Crimes Against Society	235	345	110	47%

Racially/Religiously Aggravated Offences	71	72	1	1%
All Crime	9123	11562	2439	27%

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 5 crimes reported in Folkestone & Hythe match the top 5 reported crimes across the whole of Kent. The other 7 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.

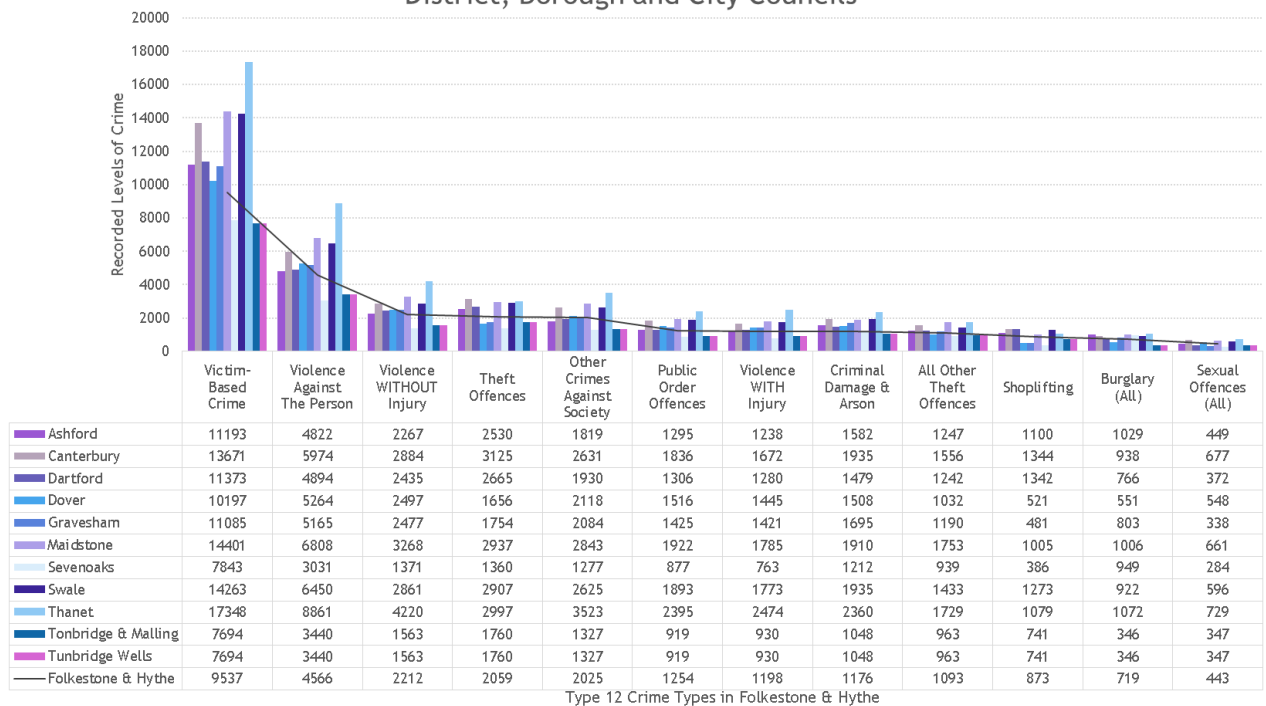
Top 12 reported crimes for Folkestone & Hythe compared with Kent rank

Type of Crime	Folkestone & Hythe		Kent	
	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Rank	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Rank
Victim-Based Crime	9537	1st	166445	1st
Violence Against The Person	4566	2nd	77002	2nd
Violence WITHOUT Injury	2212	3rd	36251	3rd
Theft Offences	2059	4th	33215	4th
Other Crimes Against Society	2025	5th	31415	5th
Public Order Offences	1254	6th	21575	8th
Violence WITH Injury	1198	7th	20628	9th
Criminal Damage & Arson	1176	8th	22744	6th
All Other Theft Offences	1093	9th	18343	10th
Shoplifting	873	10th	13048	11th
Burglary (All)	719	11th	11698	12th
Sexual Offences (All)	443	12th	7068	15th

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 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.

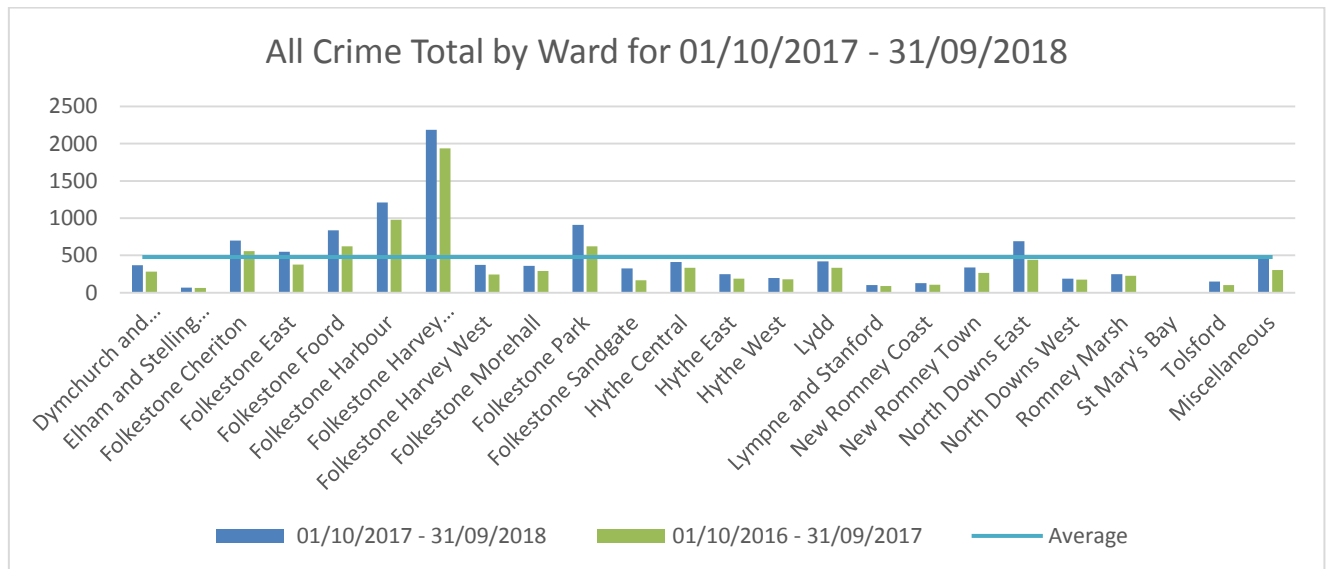
Comparison of Folkestone & Hythe Top 12 Crimes against levels of all local District, Borough and City Councils



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 of this strategic assessment.

All Crime Total by Ward for 01/10/2017 - 31/09/2018

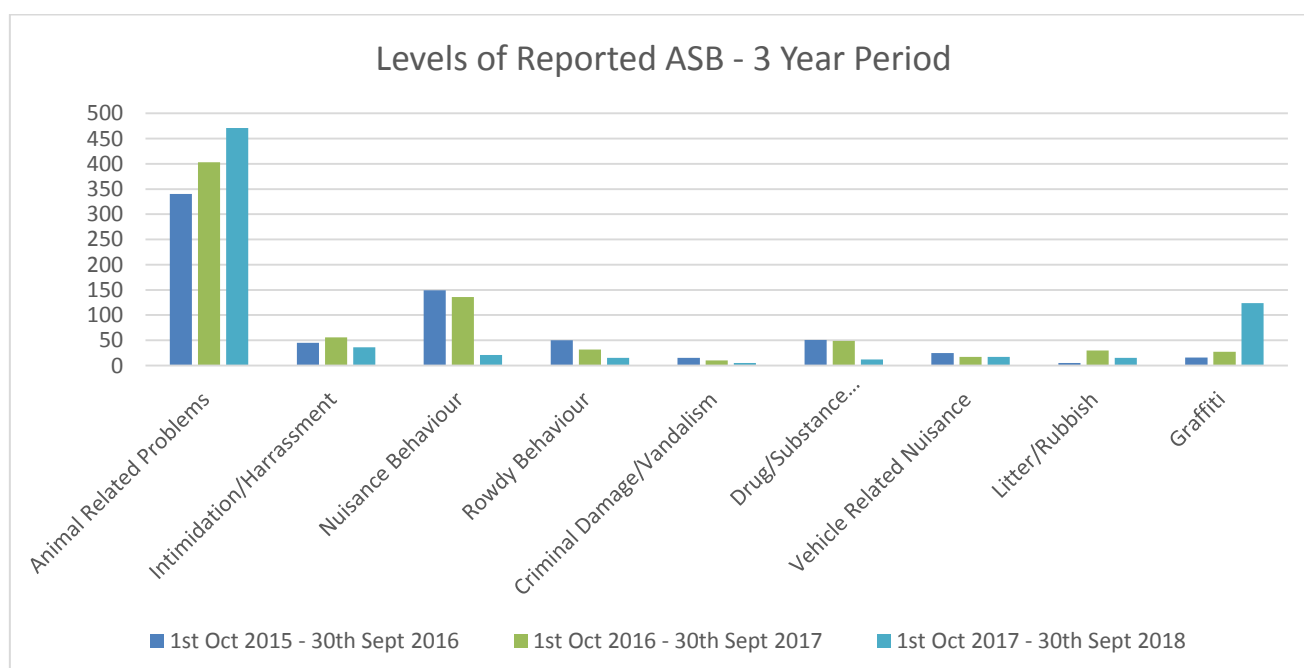


This shows that Folkestone Harvey Central and the cluster of Folkestone wards around this area still have the highest rates of crime across the District with crime rates across the majority of rural and outer lying areas falling below the average recorded levels for the District.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council ASB Statistics

The below table indicates the reported incidents of Anti-social behaviour to Folkestone & Hythe District Council. As can be seen from the totals, 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
	No. Jobs Raised	No. Jobs Raised	No. Jobs Raised
Animal Related Problems	340	403	471
Intimidation/Harassment	45	56	36
Nuisance Behaviour	149	136	21
Rowdy Behaviour	50	32	15
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	15	10	5
Drug/Substance Misuse/Dealing	51	49	12
Vehicle Related Nuisance	25	17	17
Litter/Rubbish	5	30	15
Graffiti	16	27	124
Total	696	760	716



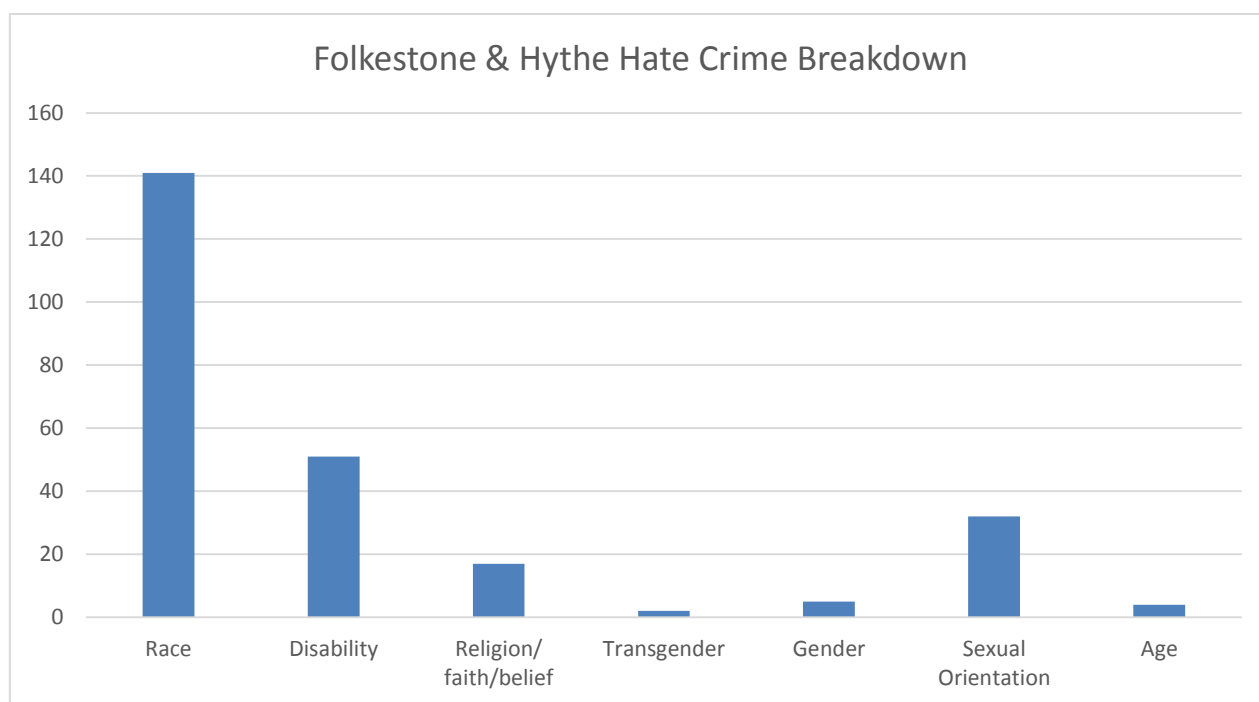
HATE CRIME

Hate crime is an issue in Kent that is continuing to increase. Folkestone & Hythe has 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, in the data period of October 2017 – October 2018, Kent, as a whole, has seen 4233 Hate crimes being reported, this is a numerical increase of +1400 crimes being reported. This equates to a +49.4% increase over the last year.

Folkestone & Hythe

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

Area	Race	Disability	Religion/ faith/belief	Transgender	Gender	Sexual Orientation	Age
Folkestone & Hythe	141	51	17	2	5	32	4
Kent	3236	585	208	97	114	606	84



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 3 reported in Kent over the same period.

It is worth noting that the percentage increase for the previous data period of October 2017 – October 2018 has fallen from +49.6% to +41.6%.

SUMMARY

The Folkestone and Hythe CSP faces significant challenges over the coming year against a background of ongoing financial pressures and increased resource requests. However, it has seen an increase in enthusiasm and support from all members to ensure that community safety is at the forefront of their work to support the wider health and wellbeing of all residents and communities in the district. This is reflected in the move from priorities around domestic abuse, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour to more stretching current and relevant themes that can affect communities. Included there are some of the areas of work that may not be currently significant in the District, but are important to recognise as potential factors that may occur and need to be considered.

The Partnership is supported by the Community Safety Unit, which is a virtual multi-partner agency flow of information, support and direction. 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 ASB is everyone’s business. All the agencies involved in the CSP are committed to making the District safe by providing high quality services in an efficient and effective way. An emphasis is on tackling the crimes that are committed most frequently and which have the most impact on communities. Partners are also working hard to increase the confidence in society so that victims feel able to report detrimental behaviours and crimes. More work will be undertaken in the coming year to work with communities to ascertain their issues and what additional work they would like the CSP to focus on. In addition, the CSP will continue to work closely with all other partnership bodies 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

