Community Safety is a priority for the Council and the communities of Derbyshire. This update is produced twice a year and aims to keep you in touch with DCC Community Safety news, performance against targets, and actions taken to tackle crime.

Community Safety Update

Locally, the priority areas for the County Community Safety Agreement (CSA) are informed by a joint strategic threat and risk assessment between the Safer Derbyshire Partnership, based at County Hall, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derby City & Neighbourhood Partnership. The outcome of this process in 2013 has been reflected in a new three year CSA 2014-2017. Priority areas are:

- Alcohol related harm
- Domestic violence
- Drugs
- Organised crime groups
- Safeguarding adults
- Safeguarding children
- Serious acquisitive crime/offender management
- Cyber Crime

The priorities in previous years included a key area of concern for all communities, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Whilst the threat around ASB remains, the risk has reduced due to the level of partnership working over a number of years. It is still essential to maintain support for this priority moving forward in order to continue to mitigate the threat.

The 2014 strategic threat and risk assessment process concentrated on Organised Immigration Crime, Human Trafficking and Exploitation (OICHTE). This enabled us to better understand the issues in Derbyshire and how partners can work together to reduce the risk around this area of work. It has been highlighted that the area of greatest concern in Derbyshire is in relation to labour exploitation. The countywide CSA action plan has been updated in 2015 to reflect this issue.

The CSA identifies how we will deliver against the priorities and progress will be monitored by the Derbyshire Safer Communities Board. The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, which includes community safety, is Councillor Dave Allen. He is supported by Cllr Julie Hill who is also the chair of the Safer Communities Board.

The Community Safety Unit has a project budget in order to facilitate community safety related activity and projects. Examples of these include the Derbyshire clean ups in partnership with Probation Community Payback, street lighting in locations experiencing crime and ASB, on license test purchasing, educational input to schools, diversionary activities and provision of training.

For more information on community safety projects and the budget please contact Sally Goodwin on 01629 538295.

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Domestic Abuse

New Providers Appointed:
Derbyshire County Council, in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, has successfully re-tendered for specialist domestic abuse support services across the County.

The range of services available to victims of domestic abuse and their families will continue to include emergency accommodation and community based support for females, males and children who have, or are, experiencing domestic abuse across Derbyshire. These specialist services will be delivered by a consortium of third sector organisations including Trident Reach, Derbyshire Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services, Crossroads Derbyshire and Derbyshire WISH.

In addition to these services there will be a Derbyshire domestic abuse advice line which will become the single point of access to all domestic abuse support services in the County. The advice line, which will be delivered by Action Housing Ltd, will be available 8am to 6pm and will be based alongside the County’s Children’s Services Starting Point early assessment team. The role of the advice line workers will be to undertake appropriate assessments enabling them to triage the calls based on risk and need and to ensure that victims and their families are referred into the most appropriate support service in a timely way. The workers will also be available to offer support and advice to third parties and professionals who may have queries in relation to domestic abuse.

The new contracts are due to begin on 1 April 2016.

For more information, please contact Lisa Morris on 01629 538482

Derbyshire Support and Advice for Men—(SAM) perpetrator programme:

Derbyshire Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Service (DDVAS) delivers a county wide voluntary perpetrator programme that assists men to stop their abusive behaviour towards their female partners.

The programme requires men to attend a group session of two hours, once a week for approximately six months. The group is facilitated by professionals and delivers a structured programme which addresses different forms of abusive behaviour. Groups are delivered weekly, at four locations across the county; Chesterfield, Ilkeston, Buxton and Swadlincote.

Referrals are accepted from a variety of sources, including self-referrals. The referring criteria is as follows: Males aged over 18 where either he or his female partner live in Derbyshire; Males who are using violent and abusive behaviour to their female partners; Males who have some recognition of their abusive behaviour and show some willingness to change it.

There is a dedicated women’s safety worker that will support women and families whose partners are on the programme. This support will include risk assessments and safety planning and will last for six months after the man has completed the programme.

For more information, please call the DDVAS team on 01246 551889.
Anti-social Behaviour

Special schools and Pupil Support centres benefitted from a range of workshops in 2014-15, which taught them how to ‘be brilliant’. The ‘Art of Brilliance’ workshops use interactive workshops to help teenagers avoid getting involved in anti-social activities including bullying and under-age drinking. The workshops use positive psychology techniques to help young people cope with peer pressure which can influence their decisions in a negative way. Nine special schools, three Pupil Support Centres and two mainstream schools took part the workshops where they learned how to take responsibility for their own behaviour, understand how it affects people around them, how to set goals and build self-confidence.

Some comments from students included:

“I learned to try and be the best person I can possibly be.” – Student – The Ripley Academy

“Take responsibility for your own actions.” – Student – Newhall Pupil Support Centre

“Everyone is important but you must take responsibility” - Student — Swanwick School & Sports College

The project has been running since 2012 and has worked with over twenty mainstream schools. Funding has been approved for 2015-16 and it is hoped that a further nine schools and educational settings will be able to benefit from the sessions.

For more information call Erin Bower on 01629 538220

Safeguarding Children

Child Sexual Exploitation “Say Something if you See Something” campaign

Derbyshire County Council Community Safety Team and our partners involved in the Derbyshire Safeguarding Childrens Board are backing a national campaign about Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) called “Say Something if you See Something”. The campaign is aimed at local authorities, organisations who work with young people as well as businesses including hotels, B&Bs, takeaways and taxi firms and provides advice about CSE.

Local businesses may sometimes see young people becoming involved in criminality, for example, shoplifting, vandalism etc. This behaviour should not always be seen as an act of anti-social behaviour, but should in some cases be seen as a vulnerability factor and an indicator that they may be involved in sexual exploitation.

The Government definition of child sexual exploitation says: “sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive something (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities”.

Businesses are being asked to display poster, detailing behaviours to watch out for and how to report any suspicions and concerns. A range of posters and leaflets have been produced for businesses and other organisations to display, share and distribute.

For more information, please contact Michelle Collins on 01629 538951
Safeguarding Adults
Keeping our Communities Safe and Healthy

A series of workshops took place in October, organised by Derbyshire County Council’s Community Safety Unit, where residents learned about how to stay safe and healthy. The free workshops were led by the council’s Community Safety team working with experts from a wide range of organisations. They were held during the October half term break at Chesterfield, Alfreton and Swadlincote libraries.

A wide range of other departments and organisations took part, including police, fire service, trading standards and adult care.

Organisations working in areas such as drugs, alcohol, domestic abuse, loan sharks, hate crime, cyber crime and healthy lifestyles also were involved in the day.

The Chesterfield event also included a series of talks and some activities outside the library such as the chance to have a go on a climbing wall, security marking of bikes by a police mobile unit and a special tent called ‘a smoke house’ from the fire service to show the dangers of smoke inhalation.

For more information, please contact Holly Walker– Riggott on 01629 538472

Counter Terrorism
Guidance and a short informative film on what to do in the event of a terrorist attack have been produced by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office.

Police and security agencies are working together to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.


The guidance recommends RUN, if you can, if you can’t run, HIDE and then, when you can, TELL the police what’s happening so they can get help there quickly to stop the threat. Also tell others of the threat so they don’t approach danger.

The intention of the film is not to unnecessarily scare the public but to ensure that they know what steps to take in the event of being involved in firearms or weapons attack. These are emotive subjects but experience shows by becoming more alert to surroundings and by planning and thinking ahead people have far greater chance of surviving.


Safer Derbyshire Partners:

Derbyshire Constabulary

Derbyshire Police have adopted a new ‘THRIVE’ grading and assessment tool. The police landscape is changing and demand for police resources is becoming ever more complex to manage.

Derbyshire Constabulary remains committed to delivering a high quality policing service to everyone in Derbyshire. When you consider this alongside the cuts to the force’s budget the police recognised the need to manage that demand in a more effective way. ‘THRIVE’ is helping to do that.
'THRIVE' is an assessment tool, used in conjunction with the National Decision Model. It is used to assess the potential threat(s) to the victim(s) and identify an appropriate response. It remains a specific policing priority for Derbyshire Constabulary to protect vulnerable people. ‘THRIVE’ seeks to better understand the vulnerabilities presented at the point of contact and ensure that the caller gets the most appropriate response in line with their needs.

From November 2, 2015, the Force contact management team started using the ‘THRIVE’ principles to apply a victim based approach to each call for service. They do this by assessing the threat, harm, risk, investigation opportunities, the vulnerability of each victim and what level of engagement may be required to resolve the issue. So when a call is made to Derbyshire Constabulary, they will be looking to establish:

- **Threat** – What is the threat to?
- **Harm** – What harm could come if the threat is realised?
- **Risk** – What is the likelihood of that threat being realised?
- **Investigation** – What are the potential lines of investigation?
- **Vulnerable** – Are there any vulnerabilities/wider vulnerabilities?
- **Engage** – Are we the best agency to deal? If so, how do we respond?

By using this principle and encouraging professional judgement the force are aiming to deliver a bespoke service to each caller which may mean signposting to a partner agency, for example in the case of a ‘safe and well check’, where another agency would be best placed to carry out this check.

The same ‘THRIVE’ principles will be applied when partners call for service.

For more information, call Inspector Nick Gamblin 01629 538484

**Crimestoppers**

The independent charity Crimestoppers helps make communities safer places to live and bring criminals to justice by giving people the chance to provide information about crime anonymously, are currently seeking a Volunteer Chair for Derbyshire.

In this exciting role you will be responsible for leading a successful Crimestoppers committee of volunteer members - representing and fulfilling the charity’s work and objectives across Derbyshire. Your role will include motivating, encouraging and supporting all volunteer members to deliver effective results in line with their experience, available commitment and overall aspirations.

You will also be responsible for the implementation and tackling of an annual business / action plan. You will need experience of delivering proposals and presentations at senior level meetings, and interpersonal network skills will be essential in liaison with other partners in order to achieve the stated objectives of Crimestoppers.

The time commitment required is subject to discussion but initially is likely to be a few hours week, plus chairing of quarterly meetings.

Reasonable out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed through committee raised funds.

For more information, please contact Sue Witts (Regional Manager) on 07834 789 015, or by e-mail to sue.witts@crimestoppers-uk.org
Trading Standards

Almost two million illegal cigarettes and 580kg of tobacco with a street value of at least £1m were seized recently, in one of the biggest trading standards hauls in the UK.

Derbyshire County Council’s trading standards team worked with police from Derbyshire and the East Midlands using sniffer dogs to inspect six units on a self-storage site in South Derbyshire. Other goods seized include 31,000 Viagra-type tablets worth £155,000, 60 items of counterfeit clothing including fake G-Star jeans and Barbour jackets worth £5,000 and 30 boxes of illegally stored display fireworks valued at £6,000.

One man from Derby has been questioned and bailed pending further enquiries. Several other enquiries are ongoing while officers continue to catalogue the seized goods. Officers also raided shops in Long Eaton, Newhall, Ripley and two in Ilkeston during the enforcement exercise in December 2015 where they seized a further 10,000 cigarettes and 15kg of hand rolling tobacco, mostly hidden in concealed panels.

Despite having no legal powers to close shops selling counterfeit tobacco the trading standards team has closed seven outlets over the last two years by working with shop landlords to remove problem tenants. This will prevent an estimated extra 400,000 packets of illegal cigarettes being sold in the county each year.

Officers have also successfully prosecuted 16 people for the sale or supply of illegal tobacco over the last 18 months and since 2013, including the latest seizure, have seized approximately 3.5 million cigarettes and 1.6 tonnes of tobacco.

The trading standards team works with the police, UK Border Force, HMRC, district and borough councils and other regional trading standards teams and regularly uses sniffer dog detection company Wagtail UK to carry out its programme of enforcement work.

Anyone wishing to report a suspected illegal tobacco seller can contact Crimestoppers anonymously at https://crimestoppers-uk.org/ or by telephone on 0800 555 111.

Community Safety Partnership’s

Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership

Police in Chesterfield joined forces with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service to hold a Christmas community safety event in Chesterfield town centre. The Chesterfield Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team and Community Safety Officers met with residents and shoppers on the 12th December and shared seasonal advice around crime prevention and safety. Shoppers were also able to pick up free purse chains to prevent their purses from being stolen.

For more information contact the Chesterfield Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101, or email chesterfield.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
Bolsover Community Safety Partnership
Shirebrook and Langwith Junction are now covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in an effort to tackle anti social behaviour in the area. The Order which places various restrictions on behaviour in the public spaces came into force 1 November 2015. Littering, drinking alcohol and urinating in public and congregating in alleyways are now banned. The PSPO, which replaces the current Designated Public Places Order (DPPO), was introduced following a spate of complaints relating to anti social behaviour, urinating in public, fighting and noise issues - often related to drinking – in and around Shirebrook, especially the Market Place. The introduction of the PSPO under Section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 imposes conditions or restrictions on people using the area including: • No consumption of alcohol in public • No unsealed vessels containing alcohol • No urinating in public • No littering • Not to congregate in groups of two or more persons within the alleyways which lead to Shirebrook Market Place. The Order gives the council and the Police greater powers to deal with individuals who break any of the conditions listed in this PSPO. Failure to comply will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice with a £100 fine or a conviction and fine of up to £1,000.

The Order can be viewed on Bolsover District Council’s website at www.bolsover.gov.uk

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership
Some of the latest news from the partnership is as follows:

- Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness raising Training has been provided to Taxi Drivers and Licensed Premises (two Sessions), SDDC Staff and fourteen x Councillors.

- Your Choice events held at William Allitt, Pingle and Granville Secondary Schools in November and December. Four Inspirational Speakers talked about the choices they made in life and the consequences some of those choices resulted in.

- Candle Lit Vigil held at the Town Hall on 2nd December to remember victims of Domestic Abuse. A White Ribbon Day event was held in the Town Centre on 26th November. Members of the public were encouraged to sign a pledge to take a stance against domestic Violence by signing a giant Wooden White Ribbon.

- A Consultation phase is taking place with regards to Public Space protection orders within the District. The orders will include prohibitions for dog owners on Parks and consideration is also being given which would enable Fixed Penalty notices to be issued if Anti-Social Behaviour is being committed in Parks and in the Town centre.

- Petrol Stations have received information packs to try to prevent people intentionally driving off without paying for their petrol (Bilking). This has become a major problem within the District with two or three incidents occurring each week.

For more information, call Chris Smith on 01283 595924

Safer Derbyshire Dales Partnership

- Derbyshire Dales have successfully prosecuted two men for fly tipping. A Peak District National Park Ranger and a police officer spotted the men attempting to dump large quantities of waste near to Stannage Edge. Chesterfield Magistrates Court ordered the men to pay £735 each in fines and costs. Anyone witnessing fly tipping in Derbyshire Dales should report it online at http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/streets-a-transport/street-care-and-cleaning/fly-tipping, or by contacting the environment hotline on 01629 761 215.
Training and courses available:
The Community Safety Unit develops and delivers a wide range of free community safety training for partner agencies in Derbyshire. Further information, and the booking forms for all the training courses on offer, are available at www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/training.

Community Safety Introduction
The 2.5 hour course scheduled for Tuesday 12th January or Wednesday 2nd March 2016 covers the changing national perspective, an understanding of how community safety is addressed in Derbyshire and how your role fits into community safety. It is useful for those new to community safety, elected members and staff linking to community safety.

For more information, call Ali Chandler on 01629 538473

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Training (MARAC)
The one-day course takes place on Thursday 21st January, Wednesday 9th March or Wednesday 27th April 2016 and is designed to give an insight into MARACs and how they support victims of the most serious cases of domestic abuse. The training will provide an understanding of the process, including risk assessment, action planning, what is expected of partners, professional judgement, how the MARAC is conducted and the importance of true multi-agency information sharing.

For more information, call Katya Bates on 01629 538495

Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)
The half-day WRAP training session, taking place on Monday 14th March, Thursday 14th April, Friday 22nd April or Thursday 3rd May 2016. It is aimed at frontline public sector workers to give them an introduction to Prevent, which is part of the Government’s counter terrorism strategy Contest, and is concerned with supporting and protecting those people that might be susceptible to radicalisation, ensuring that individuals are diverted away before any crime is committed.

For more information, call Ali Chandler on 01629 538473

Hate Crime Awareness training
A half-day training course scheduled on Tuesday 23rd February or Thursday 17th March 2016 aims to give participants an increased understanding of crime motivated by race, religion, sexuality, gender identity or disability. The course covers the national and Derbyshire context and will discuss the skills to help support people facing different forms of hate crime and how to strengthen individual, team and organisational practices.

For more information, call Ali Chandler on 01629 538473

Identifying Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) training
This half-day course takes place on Wednesday 27th January or Wednesday 2nd March 2016. It aims to give participants an increased understanding of what CSE is, how to identify potential CSE amongst young people and how to report any concerns. This training is aimed at all community safety partners but, if you are from a Children and Younger Adults setting, you should access training through Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board.

Become a member of the news alerts on www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk to keep up to date with what’s happening with Community Safety in Derbyshire