



Community Safety Partnership Plan 2018 – 2019

Reducing crime and keeping people safe, prioritising those most vulnerable in our community.

Introduction and Background

Lewes District extends inland from the Channel coast over the South Downs and into the Sussex Weald covering 292 square kilometres. Over one third of the area forms part of the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and around half is proposed to be included in the South Downs National Park.

Most of the District's 97,500 population live in the four main urban areas (Seaford, Newhaven, Peacehaven & Telscombe and Lewes). Around 14% live in the many villages, hamlets or isolated settlements. There are just over 42,000 households in the District, 31% are single person households and 24% are households with children. Around 88% of the housing stock is privately owned.

Lewes Community Safety Partnership Priorities for 2018 to 2019

The Lewes Community Safety Partnership has selected the following issues as their priorities for the year ahead, based upon crime data and importance placed on them by the public:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Reduce the number of people Killed or Seriously Injured on Lewes District's Roads
3. Proactively Respond to Emerging Threats and Priorities Based on Threat, Risk and Harm
4. Contributing to the Work of Agencies and Partnerships that have a Leading Role in Working with Victims and Offenders



Countywide Priorities

The Lewes Community Safety Partnership will work with the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership to take forward their 2017-2020 priorities, which are:

1. **Serious Organised Crime: Vulnerable victims of fraud and rogue trading associated with serious organised crime** – identify vulnerable adults at risk of fraud and rogue trading and develop targeted preventative support.
2. **Serious Organised Crime: Cybercrime** - begin to explore cybercrime with a focus on cyber bullying and online safety
3. **Serious Organised Crime: Vulnerable young people being exploited and recruited by organised crime groups** – explore further opportunities for partners to engage in early preventative work in relation to County Lines, organised crime and the exploitation of young people.
4. **Serious Organised Crime: Modern Slavery** – gain a better understanding of the risk of modern slavery.



Policing and Crime Objectives of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021)

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex has set four key strategic objectives which will also guide the Lewes Community Safety Partnership

1. Strengthen local policing

- Ensure local policing services are accessible;
- Provide effective specialist capabilities to support local policing;
- Maintain engagement in the delivery of local policing services to improve public confidence.

2. Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe

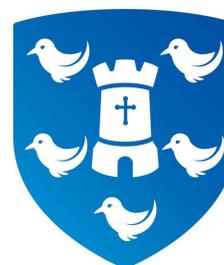
- Encourage and support local communities to prevent crime and disorder;
- Work with partners to reduce offending and reoffending;
- Catch criminal and prevent serious and organised crime and terrorism.

3. Protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse

- Commission high-quality services which support victims;
- Priorities access to services for vulnerable victims;
- Enhance our understanding and meet the needs of victims in Sussex.

4. Improve access to justice for victims and witnesses

- Ensure victims and witnesses have the most positive experience of the criminal justice system;
- Support vulnerable victims and witnesses;
- Maximise the use of technology to improve access to justice for all.



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Delivery of the Lewes Community Safety Partnership Priorities

The Joint Action Group is responsible for delivering the priorities listed on page 2 of this document. Each priority has been broken down into a number of objectives, as listed on the following pages.

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Appendix A

Priority 1 – Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is defined in the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) as acting: ‘in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator.’

Partners of the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership carry out on-going work to address anti-social behaviour in all its forms, including: dog fouling, fly-tipping, littering, nuisance neighbours, street drinking and careless or inconsiderate driving.

However, Anti-social behaviour is a key priority for residents in Lewes district and the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership has a leading role in addressing the impact that it has on our residents, businesses and visitors. It recognises that there are areas where we can work together to find long lasting solutions to more complex anti-social behaviour.

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| Priority: | Anti-Social Behaviour |
| Lead: | Sussex Police and Lewes District Council |
| Objectives: | |
| Engage with and support Town and Parish Councils in responding to geographically based anti-social behaviour through the Joint Action Group, based on Threat, Risk and Harm. | |
| Support the re-development of the Lewes District Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference and Problem Solving Group to coordinate multi-agency responses to cases of anti-social behaviour. | |
| Increase reporting of incidents of Personal ASB to encourage early intervention, utilising powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. | |
| Grant funding organisations that work with individuals, families and communities to reduce anti-social behaviour, focusing on youth related anti-social behaviour. | |

Performance Measure:

- **Increase In reports of Personal Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in performance year 2018/19 compared to 2017/18**

Priority 2 – Reduce the number of people Killed or Seriously Injured on Lewes District’s Roads

Road Safety is a key concern of residents in Lewes district.

The Lewes District Community Safety Partnership recognises that it has a leading role in making the district’s roads safer and that it needs to work closely with a range of different communities and groups to achieve its goal.

Secondly, it needs to reflect national and regional development and work closely with its neighbours in addressing this cross-county issue.

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| Priority: | Reduce the number of people Killed or Seriously Injured on Lewes District’s Roads |
| Lead: | East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service |
| Objectives: | |
| Identify Killed or Seriously Injured hotspots and implement initiatives to reduce incidents through the Joint Action Group | |
| Work with and support Town and Parish Councils and Community Groups to improve road safety across the district | |
| Work with the Wealden Road Safety Action Group to incorporate best practice and deliver behaviour change initiatives | |

Performance Measure:

- **Reduction the Number of Killed or Seriously Injured on Lewes District Roads in performance year 2018/19 compared to 2017/18**

Priority 3 – Proactively Respond to Emerging Threats and Priorities Based on Threat, Risk and Harm

The nature of crime continues to change and this presents a number of challenges to the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership.

There is a need to be able to support out most vulnerable and react to and address the concerns of the community, not only dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour but managing the perception of it.

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| Priority: | Proactively Respond to Emerging Threats and Priorities Based on Threat, Risk and Harm |
| Lead: | All |
| Objectives: | |
| Highlight emerging threats and priorities and deliver a multi-agency response through the Joint Action Group | |
| Review National policy and strategy and carry out research to identify areas that may have a future impact on the partnership and the communities it serves | |
| Develop the membership of the Joint Action Group to ensure it is best equipped to deal with emerging threats and priorities | |
| Proactively engage with the communities of Lewes district to address and identify local priorities and concerns | |

Priority 4 – Contributing to the Work of Agencies and Partnerships that have a Leading Role in Working with Victims and Offenders

There are a number of agencies across East Sussex that provide a broad range of support services to victims and offenders, across a number of different crime types.

Where the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership does not have a leading role in delivering these services, it can play a vital role in supporting its Members and other agencies and partnerships in raising awareness of these services.

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| Priority: | Contributing to the Work of Agencies and Partnerships that have a Leading Role in Working with Victims and Offenders |
| Lead: | All |
| Objectives: | |
| To increase awareness of the services available to victims and offenders through engagement events | |
| To provide training to frontline staff to increase awareness, encourage safeguarding and the reporting of offences | |
| Communicate with residents and businesses through channels such as social media and e-bulletins to promote the community safety message and change and challenge perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour in the district. | |

Performance Measures:

- **Increase in the number of Domestic Abuse Crimes reported to the police in performance year 2018/19 compared to 2017/18**
- **Reduction in the number of reports of Arson reported to the police in performance year 2018/19 compared to 2017/18**
- **Increase in the number of Hate Crimes reported to the police in performance year 2018/19 compared to 2017/18**