

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CSP

# Partnership Plan 2023-26















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# Introduction by the Chair Pear

Welcome to the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan for 2023-2026. This plan runs for three years, to be reviewed on an annual basis. The aim of the Partnership Plan is to set out the priorities and the key areas of work for the South Derbyshire CSP over the next three years. By working together, the CSP aims to reduce and prevent crime and disorder, tackle anti-social behaviour and reduce fear of crime in South Derbyshire.

The CSP has to prioritise where it focuses its activity and these priorities are identified using statistical data, local agency knowledge and public opinion.

The plan sets out the CSP's commitment to address the broader challenges and opportunities facing community safety over the next few years. It provides information on how the partnership has performed over the last year and gives an insight into the structure of CSP working in South Derbyshire and Derbyshire as a whole.

CSP's exist by law and were first introduced through the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 as a vehicle to address local crime and disorder issues. This provided a statutory responsibility for a CSP to be formed at each District or Borough Council, linked into a countywide structure.

CSP's consist of both statutory and voluntary members. Statutory members include: -

- South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC)
- Derbyshire County Council (DCC)
- Youth Justice Service (YJS) previously known as the Youth Offending Team (YOT)
- Derbyshire Constabulary
- Probation Services
- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS)
- Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Within South Derbyshire the local Community Voluntary Service (CVS), South Derbyshire CVS and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) are also key members.

The South Derbyshire CSP continues to work in an ever-changing landscape in respect to crime patterns and risk and threat areas.

Reducing crime and disorder year on year is becoming increasingly difficult, it is therefore ever important to utilise the knowledge and skills of partner agencies to develop projects or interventions, adopting an intelligence-led approach to minimise the impact of crime in our local communities.

The plan confirms that all the organisations within the partnership are committed to finding these solutions, and that the best way to do this is by working together. Councillor Rob Pearson, Chair of South Derbyshire CSP



## Statutory Responsibilities

#### **Prevent Duty**

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies ("specified authorities") to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". Specified authorities include Local Government, Criminal justice, Education, Childcare etc., Health and social care and the Police.

**Serious Violence Duty:** Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

The Serious Violence Duty was introduced as part of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act (PCSC Act) 2022, alongside Serious Violence Reduction Orders (SVRO's) and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) and forms a key part of the Government's wider programme of work to prevent and reduce serious violence.

Alongside the duty, the PCSC Act amends The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that tackling serious violence is an explicit priority for CSP's.

By taking a multi-agency approach to understand the causes and consequences of serious violence, focusing on prevention and early intervention, partners are required to work together to plan, share data and information, to generate evidence-based analysis of the problem and solutions and publish a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence in local areas.

#### The Domestic Abuse Act 2021

For local authorities, police and charities, domestic abuse is a problem that staff deal with daily. The Domestic Abuse (DA) Act 2021 gives police, local authorities, and the courts wider powers and greater accountability concerning protecting domestic abuse victims. In addition, a statutory definition of DA has also since been created, emphasising that DA is not just physical violence, but can also be emotional, controlling or coercive, and economic abuse.

Domestic abuse victims must be given priority concerning accommodation.

Extended powers granted to the police and the courts to fight domestic abuse.

#### **Domestic Homicide Review's**

The requirement for CSP's to conduct DHR's came into effect in 2011. A DHR is a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by: -

- (a) a person to whom he/ she was related or with whom he/ she was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or;
- (b) a member of the same household as him/ her, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.

In Derbyshire, the County Council lead on the coordination of DHR's. However there is reliance on local agencies to share information and participate as and when required.

#### **Modern Slavery**

The term 'Modern Slavery' captures a whole range of types of exploitation, including but not limited to:

- Sexual exploitation
- Domestic servitude
- Forced labour
- Criminal exploitation

Section 52 (A duty to notify) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires that where specified public authorities have reasonable grounds to believe that a person may be a victim of slavery or human trafficking, it must notify the Home Office.

# Derbyshire Boards and PCC Priorities

Derbyshire has mature partnership arrangements in place and partners are committed to addressing community safety issues.

Within Derbyshire there are eight District based CSP's. At a County level the Derbyshire Safer Communities Board (SCB) provides strategic leadership and direction. The Chairs of each CSP sit on the Board along with senior representatives from each of the responsible authorities and other key stakeholders.

These partnerships are required to undertake an annual assessment and formulate a Community Safety Agreement at a County level to address crime and disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and re-offending.

#### **Thematic Boards**

In order to ensure a strategic overview of all Community Safety statutory duties and priorities, a new structure of Community Safety Board meetings has been developed across Derbyshire. These meetings will ensure a robust response is given to any new policy, legislation or statutory guidance and will discuss and agree necessary resource to deliver workstreams in priority areas.

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner Priorities**

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC's) were created by The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and replaced Police Authorities. The Act and supporting legislation, outlines the roles and responsibilities of the PCC as well as the Chief Constable.

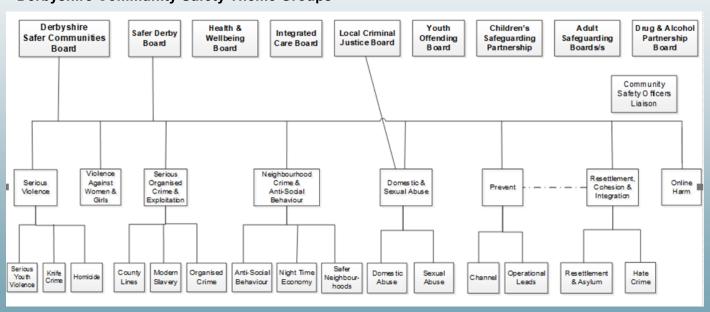
In November 2024 Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts , PCC for Derbyshire set her Police and Crime Plan (2024 -2029) to protect the people of Derby and Derbyshire. It puts the law-abiding citizen and victims of crime at the heart of everything they do. Her priorities included: -

The plan will be reviewed annually taking account of changing priorities to ensure it remains relevant.

#### **PCC Strategic Priorities**

- Serious Violence including Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Community Safety.
- Neighbourhood Policing
- BringingOffenders to Justice...
- Drug Dealing and Substance Misuse
- Supporting Victims and Safeguarding

#### **Derbyshire Community Safety Theme Groups**



# South Derbyshire CSP Priorities

The CSP receives monthly crime data from a Partnership Analyst, this shows a breakdown of crime figures for each crime type broken down to local areas. This data helps Partnership officers monitor where increases and decreases in crime have occurred, in what areas of the District they are occurring and put into place resources and measures to reduce any increases.

Over the last 12 months (Jan—Dec 2023) the biggest increases in crimes reported are Theft from a Person (38%), Serious Violence (22%), Residential Burglary (46%) and Personal Robbery (30%).

In terms of volume, the top three highest number of recorded crimes across South Derbyshire in 2023 (in descending order) were Rural Crime, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Anti-social Behaviour (ASB).

Countywide, VAWG was the number one most reported crime type during 2023 followed closely by ASB and then DA. There will be a continued focus on Domestic Abuse for the partnership over the duration of this plan

Since the serious knife offences that occurred in 2021 and the remaining fear of crime associated with those incidents, there will still be a focus on tackling serious violence and preventing knife crime in the District. There will also be a continued focus on working in partnership to reduce the fear of crime associated with certain open spaces and making these areas safer and more attractive for people to visit.

#### **South Derbyshire CSP Priorities**

Following a review of the previous priorities and taking into account the PCC's priorities, Strategic Assessment crime data (for 2023) and local intelligence, the SDCSP will continue to focus on the following local priorities for the duration of this plan (2023-2026), to be reviewed annually: -

#### **ASB and Safer Spaces**

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Youth ASB (Diversion, Early intervention, Enforcement)
- Nuisance Vehicles & Parking
- Targeting Persistent Offenders

#### Safeguarding and Vulnerability

- Hate Crime
- Modern Slavery
- Cuckooing and County Lines
- Substance Misuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Cyber Safety
- Supporting Victims

#### **Violence**

- Domestic Abuse & Serious Sexual Violence
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Serious Violence (e.g., Knife Crime)

#### **Acquisitive and Rural Crime**

- Vehicle Crime
- Rural Crime
- Burglary
- Business Crime

# Action Taken

Partners continue to work together and with the community to offer a diverse range of crime reduction and educational activities alongside public engagement events.

Over the past year the following work has been completed by the SDCSP in line with the CSP priorities identified in this plan.

#### **Anti-social Behaviour**

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was introduced following persistent ASB issues in Eureka Park, Swadlincote. The PSPO sends a clear message to perpetrators of ASB and gives both the Council and Police additional tools and powers to deal with any future ASB incidents.

55 x ASB Warning Letters and 6 x Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) were issued to individuals causing ASB in Swadlincote Town Centre.

Safer Spaces meetings are ongoing and continue to be held on a bi-monthly basis.

38 x Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's), 7 x Community Protection Notices (CPN's) and 2 x Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) were issued.

Police and Partner Tasking meetings continue to be held on a fortnightly basis to ensure that any hot spot areas and/ or problem individuals can be discussed and information shared as appropriate to collectively address any issues raised.

6x Area Forum (AF) Meetings were held in 2024-25 covering the whole of South Derbyshire. The meetings are split into the six Police Areas; Etwall, Repton, Melbourne, Swadlincote, Newhall and Linton. AF's are a great way for residents and Parish Councils to open dialogue with their local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and Council representatives regarding any issues they may have.

Joint work was completed to tackle off road bikes which were causing a regular noise nuisance in the Newhall/ Stanton area.

#### Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Case Review

Legislation requires that CSP's publish up to date information on at least an annual basis regarding Anti-social Behaviour Case Reviews (formerly known as the Community Trigger): -

The number of applications for ASB Case Reviews (2024-25) Two ASB Case Review applications were received in South Derbyshire.

The number of applications for ASB Case Reviews that did not meet the threshold (2024–25): One.

The number of ASB Case Reviews conducted (2024/25): One ASB Case Review was conducted.

The number of ASB Case Reviews that resulted in recommendations being made (2024/25): One ASB Case Review took place which resulted in recommendations being made.

Further information on ASB Case Reviews can be found on the SDDC website:

www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/crimeand-community-safety/anti-social-behaviour-casereview

#### **Organised Crime**

Assisted Police enforcement through supporting the purchase of additional Buddi trackers for prolific offenders.

Monthly Swadlincote Ops Panel Meeting (formerly known as Integrated Offender Management (IOM) meetings) continue to be held to review prolific offenders.

Supported the Rural Crime Team through provision of signage and sharing of information via social media.

#### Protecting those most at Risk

During 2023-24, 363 properties were secured through the CVS-run Safer Homes Scheme. This includes victims of Domestic Violence, Burglary and ASB.

## Action Taken cont.

Monthly multi-agency Children at Risk of Exploitation (CRE) meetings continue to be held.

National Knife Crime Campaign, Op Sceptre took place again in May and November last year highlighting knife crime and the impact it has on communities and victims. As part of the week long campaign, activity included; knife sweeps, searching parks and open spaces for discarded knifes and any other potentially harmful objects, amnesty bins were provided for the safe disposal of unwanted/ illegal knives and inputs were provided by the Police in schools and youth groups. In conjunction with Op Sceptre a newly created (first of its kind) board game, aimed at children of secondary school age was also launched. Specialist one to one and group support in respect to knife crime was also provided into schools by Danny Mondesir of Street Whyze Project CIC.

Liberation Day event was held in July promoting local services for residents aged 55 and over. The Police, Fire Service, PCC and South Derbyshire CVS were all in attendance.

Safe and Sound, Derbyshire's specialist child exploitation charity, continue to provide outreach support in key areas across Swadlincote and Newhall on a weekly basis. The service aims to encourage youth engagement, discussing topics such as ASB, safe sex, child exploitation and more.

In response to concerns raised by residents at Council Area Forum meetings and other public engagement events the CSP worked together to secure funding to purchase a new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipped vehicle.





## Crime Figures

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) remains the greatest crime and disorder concern for residents across Derbyshire however when comparing ASB figures with other areas of the County, South Derbyshire continues to have the second lowest recorded figures per 1000 population in 2023.

Anti-social Behaviour Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	Volume	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Trend <sup>2</sup>
Derby City	7,863	37.6	-13.1%
Chesterfield	3,006	35.0	-10.7%
Amber Valley	3,176	30.2	-7.2%
Erewash	2,593	27.7	-13.2%
Bolsover	1,672	25.2	-15.3%
High Peak	1,634	21.6	-25.0%
North East Derbyshire	1,701	19.9	-7.5%
South Derbyshire	1,695	19.5	-6.9%
Derbyshire Dales	1,004	16.4	-11.5%
County Council area	16,481	25.0	-12.0%
Force area	24,344	28.0	-12.4%

During 2023 Domestic Abuse (DA) figures for South Derbyshire remained forth lowest compared with the rest of the County. However, DA crimes are notoriously under reported and so the CSP must continue to help raise awareness around the various forms of DA and support services available.

Domestic Abuse Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	Volume	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Trend <sup>2</sup>
Derby City	5,933	28.4	-0.6%
Chesterfield	2,121	24.7	14.8%
Bolsover	1,512	22.8	8.5%
Erewash	1,994	21.3	1.5%
Amber Valley	2,016	19.2	15.3%
South Derbyshire	1,434	16.5	1.7%
North East Derbyshire	1,404	16.5	9.4%
High Peak	1,074	14.2	-1.6%
Derbyshire Dales	638	10.4	21.8%
County Council area	12,193	18.5	8.3%
Force area	18,126	20.9	5.2%

Countywide, Residential Burglary rates increased by 15% in 2023, returning to the level seen during 2020-21 but remaining lower than in the pre-pandemic year. The recent rise is thought to relate to the 'cost of living' crisis. Despite the overall rise, South Derbyshire was still second lowest compared with other areas of Derbyshire.

Residential Burglary Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	Volume	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Trend <sup>2</sup>
High Peak	337	4.5	7.3%
Derby City	884	4.2	21.4%
North East Derbyshire	334	3.9	25.6%
Chesterfield	315	3.7	-1.3%
Erewash	308	3.3	38.1%
Bolsover	176	2.7	2.3%
Derbyshire Dales	146	2.4	-17.0%
South Derbyshire	205	2.4	46.4%
Amber Valley	228	2.2	5.6%
County Council area	2,049	3.1	12.2%
Force area	2,933	3.4	14.8%

Whilst Vehicle Crime figures have increased marginally across the County in 2023, figures for South Derbyshire figures have reduced slightly compared with 2022.

Vehicle Crime Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	Volume	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Trend <sup>2</sup>
Derby City	1,550	7.4	4.4%
Bolsover	437	6.6	7.4%
South Derbyshire	528	6.1	1.9%
Erewash	489	5.2	10.6%
Chesterfield	428	5.0	-4.9%
Amber Valley	501	4.8	9.2%
Derbyshire Dales	222	3.6	41.4%
High Peak	266	3.5	-8.0%
North East Derbyshire	272	3.2	-26.5%
County Council area	3,143	4.8	1.6%
Force area	4,693	5.4	2.5%

## Crime Figures

Serious Violence figures in South Derbyshire rose slightly during 2023 but are still fairly low in comparison with other areas of Derbyshire.

Serious Violence Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	Volume	Rate 1	Trend <sup>2</sup>
Derby City	1,053	5.0	-11.2%
Chesterfield	307	3.6	9.6%
Erewash	262	2.8	15.9%
Amber Valley	234	2.2	9.3%
Bolsover	132	2.0	6.5%
South Derbyshire	162	1.9	21.8%
High Peak	123	1.6	-1.6%
Derbyshire Dales	97	1.6	47.0%
North East Derbyshire	119	1.4	4.4%
County Council area	1,436	2.2	12.0%
Force area	2,489	2.9	0.9%

Hate Crime figures for 2023 were the third lowest in the County per 1000 population, a slight increase on the previous year.

Hate crime Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	Volume	Rate 1	Trend <sup>2</sup>
Derby City	1,079	5.2	11.2%
Erewash	273	2.9	39.3%
Chesterfield	214	2.5	-7.8%
Amber Valley	260	2.5	9.2%
Bolsover	151	2.3	17.1%
North East Derbyshire	133	1.6	-14.7%
South Derbyshire	130	1.5	-10.3%
High Peak	104	1.4	-25.2%
Derbyshire Dales	73	1.2	1.4%
County Council area	1,338	2.0	2.4%
Force area	2,417	2.8	6.1%

The 'Rate 1' figures shown in the aforementioned tables are calculated based on the Rate per 1000 16+ population (2021 Census).



#### **Derbyshire & South Derbyshire CSP Meeting Structure**

#### **Derbyshire Safer Communities Board (SCB)** (Attended by Chair of CSP and SDDC Director) Responsibility is to ensure delivery of Community Safety targets and the Countywide Community **Derbyshire Community** Safety Agreement Safety Officers Meeting Sharing of Best Practice, info on new Legislation, **Derbyshire Theme Group Meetings x8** campaigns & initiatives (Serious Violence, VAWG, Serious Organised Crime and Exploitation, Neighbourhood Crime and ASB, Prevent, Domestic and Sexual Abuse, Resettlement, Cohesion and integration and Online Harm) South Derbyshire CSP **Strategic Group Meeting** Sets local plan, aligns resources and monitors performance Violence, Alcohol and **Domestic Abuse Action Anti-social Behaviour** Police -**Licensing Meeting (VAL)** Group (DAAG) (ASB) Partners Meeting **Performance Meeting Pubwatch Meeting** Multi Agency Risk Child at Risk of Police - Swadlincote **Exploitation Meeting Section Tasking Assessment Committee** (Swadlincote Area) (CRE) Meeting (NIM) (MARAC) Safer Spaces Meeting Swadlincote Ops Panel Meeting (previously known as

IOM)

#### South Division meetings – (Erewash, Derby City, South Derbyshire)

LOCB (Organised Crime) Serious Violence Tasking YJS Youth Justice Panel

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