



Faringdon mural project



Community Safety Partnership open day in Didcot

South and Vale Community Safety Partnership Rolling annual plan 2011 -12

INTRODUCTION

The South and Vale Community Safety Partnership was created in accordance with the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which established the principles of partnership working. The partnership involves officers representing:

- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- NHS Oxfordshire
- Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
- Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Oxfordshire Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)
- Thames Valley Police (TVP)
- Thames Valley Police Authority
- Thames Valley Probation Service
- Sovereign Vale Housing Association
- Soha Housing Limited.

The 2011/12 annual plan aims to address the national and local crime priorities of the South and Vale and sets out the way that we will engage with communities.

Once a year, the Community Safety Partnership is required to conduct a Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) to identify the priorities for the forthcoming year. We use this information to develop the annual rolling community safety plan.

Community engagement forms an important part of this process; ensuring our priorities reflect local concerns. To do this we have:

- monitored the results from the Oxfordshire citizens' panel survey
- consulted South and Vale citizens and asked for their views by conducting an online and face to face survey
- taken into account the priorities identified by Neighbourhood Action Groups and other community groups
- taken into consideration the equalities issues highlighted in the annual residents survey.

The South and Vale Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) have both approved a process to pilot a new partnership from the 1 April 2011, which will be coterminous with the newly formed local police area. This will enable the partnership to pool expertise, knowledge and resources to effectively tackle crime and disorder, and reduce the number of meetings that partnership officers and statutory members are expected to attend.

This document gives a brief overview of the CSP achievements in the South and Vale from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 and sets out the plan for the next year. It is divided into three categories of projects that together will help to make South and Vale safer places to live:

- projects that tackle concerns affecting the whole **community**
- projects that support **victims** or prevent people from becoming a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour
- projects that tackle **offenders** or those who are at risk of committing, crime and anti-social behaviour.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH AND VALE

For the three year strategy period 2008 to 2011, there's been an overall reduction in all crime in the South and Vale:

- in **South** there's been a 5.1 per cent reduction from 7369 crimes during 2008/9 to 6993 crimes during 2010/11
- in **Vale** there's been a 17 per cent reduction from 6046 crimes during 2008/9 to 5005 crimes during 2010/11.

Antisocial behaviour (ASB)

Residents are able to access web-based information of how to tackle ASB. This makes it easier for communities to report ASB and to take action against it.

Neighbourhood policing has been implemented and has acted to reduce the level of ASB in our communities by setting up Neighbourhood Action Groups, recruiting and deployment of Neighbourhood Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers.

Community Safety funding was targeted at areas where young people were highlighted as being involved in low/medium antisocial behaviour. This helped to engage young people in diversionary activities through outreach support and sporting activities.

The introduction of alcohol orders to prevent alcohol related ASB in Thame and Abingdon has helped to reduce the level of alcohol related ASB. It is a useful tool for police officers, particularly when they are managing public events such as the town fair.

Acquisitive crime (vehicle crime, burglary and robbery)

We have introduced a new joint tasking process in South to co-ordinate a partnership response to community safety issues (JATAC). We are currently developing this group to cover South and Vale.

The partnership funded and developed a small repairs scheme for elderly and vulnerable residents to prevent repeat incidents of domestic burglary. There were 207 referrals to the Anchor small repairs scheme last year. The range of work completed was varied for example, locks, door chains, lights and spy holes.

Managing offenders

Integrated Offender Management brings together the Probation Substance Misuse Team, the Drug Intervention Project and the Prolific and Priority Offenders team into one unit. This approach ensures prolific offenders, those tested positive for Class A drugs in police custody and those under Probation supervision with a Class A drug addiction could all be dealt with seamlessly, and the necessary targeted support provided.

Domestic abuse

The Independent Domestic Violence Advisor service provides support for high-risk victims. This complements the work of the South and Vale dedicated outreach service for victims of domestic abuse funded by the partnership.

There is a network of 130 frontline domestic abuse champions, who are trained to support victims and signpost them to help and support.

Drugs and alcohol misuse

We've implemented the Nightsafe scheme to tackle alcohol related disorder in Abingdon, Faringdon and Wantage. The basic principles of the scheme have been adopted in Didcot, Henley, Thame and Wallingford. This acts to promote a multi-agency approach to dealing with licensing issues.

We have improved access to drug and alcohol treatment in rural areas by introducing a mobile service offering advice, assessment, harm minimisation and health promotions for people with drug and alcohol problems. The bus visits fixed locations in the South and Vale www.smartcjs.org.uk

Road safety

The partnership has supported specific projects working with schools and communities that aim to deal with local road safety issues such as speeding and badly parked vehicles. Projects have particularly focused around schools and targeted the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

CCTV

The South and Vale control room monitors 92 cameras across the two district council areas. The district council's CCTV cameras are used in contributing to deterring crime, reducing fear of crime and increasing crime detection. During 2010/11, we monitored 1408 incidents and supported 115 arrests.



PROJECTS THAT TACKLE CONCERNS AFFECTING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

In 2011/12 we will:

1. continue to support a partnership approach to reducing antisocial behaviour, particularly where it is criminal or targeted at vulnerable victims
2. review the existing community safety action groups and extend the Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating (JATAC) group to include the new South and Vale area
3. continue to implement the Nightsafe scheme, by delivering alcohol awareness campaigns. Ensuring that we are using legislation effectively to tackle premises that contribute to alcohol related crime and disorder
4. improve community cohesion and reduce tensions by supporting the South and Vale Independent Advisory Group
5. develop a communications plan to ensure that we promote timely and relevant community safety messages to a wide audience using a variety of communication mediums
6. provide advice and support for community groups for example, Neighbourhood Action Groups, parish planning and street pastors schemes.

We will measure our success by monitoring the:

- levels of reported anti-social behaviour, including the number of repeat victims
- levels of fly tipping, graffiti, street cleanliness
- level of criminal damage reported to the police
- level of violent assault
- public perception of the fear of crime by equality group
- outcomes of the specific projects funded by the partnership.

PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT VICTIMS OR PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BECOMING A VICTIM OF CRIME OR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In 2011/12 we will:

1. work with the county domestic abuse steering group to promote initiatives that raise awareness, increase reporting and improve the detection rates of domestic abuse
2. provide additional support for victims and children affected by domestic abuse by funding a dedicated outreach service
3. review the pilot of the MANTRA hate crime system, which is a third party reporting and referral system to encourage reporting, and implement the system across South and Vale
4. provide practical support to victims of distraction burglary and rogue traders by continuing to fund a small repairs scheme for elderly and vulnerable residents
5. continue to run targeted seasonal crime reduction campaigns to raise awareness and provide information to those affected by crime
6. support the Oxfordshire County Council road safety team, to ensure that schools in the South and Vale have a statement on road safety education written within their school policy.

We will measure our success by monitoring the:

- number of cases referred to South and Vale domestic abuse outreach service
- levels of domestic abuse reported to the police
- reporting of domestic abuse, aiming to reduce the number of high risk cases that result in repeat victimisation
- levels of reported hate crime reported to the police and to the MANTRA system
- levels of domestic burglary, car crime and robbery
- number of properties secured by the small repairs scheme and outcomes of the support provided
- number of schools that have included a road safety statement within their school policy during 2010/11.

PROJECTS THAT TACKLE OFFENDERS OR THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK OF COMMITTING CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In 2011/12 we will:

1. work in partnership with the leisure services team and community groups to support local diversionary activities for young people to help prevent them from committing or becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour
2. continue to conduct intelligence led test purchasing operations to reduce underage sales of alcohol and underage drinking
3. propose the introduction of a designated public place order (DPPO) in Henley-on-Thames to reduce alcohol related disorder and promote the economic viability of the town
4. support the Integrated Offender Management programme including the Deter Young Offenders project
5. support the Oxfordshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team's prevention and early intervention agenda, including the dissemination of information and literature
6. support the Oxfordshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team to ensure that drug and alcohol misuse treatment services are accessible to people who live and work in South and Vale
7. support and develop projects that utilise the services of the Thames Valley Probation Unpaid Work Scheme in South and Vale
8. target vehicles that are speeding or dangerously driven or inconsiderately parked through Neighbourhood Action Groups, community groups, schools and neighbourhood policing teams.

We will measure our success by monitoring the:

- number of test purchase operations to prevent the sale of restricted goods to underage people conducted and the percentage pass rate
- implementation and outcomes of the Henley DPPO
- number of drug and alcohol users accessing treatment in South and Vale
- number of drug users accessing needle exchange services in pharmacies in South and Vale
- number of schools taking part in the Zig Zag parking scheme initiative concerning parking issues around school drop off and pick up times.

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