



Tough on crime for safer communities

Serving every community across Thames Valley



Police & Criminal Justice Plan

2021-2025



Recruiting more police officers, supporting neighbourhood policing, and focussing on driving down the crimes that matter most to the public.

- Neighbourhood policing
- Crime prevention
- Communication with victims
- Community speedwatch
- Low levels of burglaries
- Reducing rural crime
- Reducing serious violence inc. murder
- Community engagement
- Reducing neighbourhood crime & ASB
- Confidence in victims to report domestic abuse
- Proportionate use of stop and search
- Improving 101 & other contact
- Working with NHS on mental health

Strong Local Policing

Preventing crime and protecting communities



Cracking down on the threat from “county lines” drugs gangs to protect children from exploitation and abuse.

- Develop the work of the Violence Reduction Unit
- Reducing deaths from knife crime
- Increasing the number of disruptions and successful prosecutions for serious organised crime
- Serious organised acquisitive crime
- Preventing exploitation
- Ensuring regional resources support local investigations
- Early intervention to prevent young people becoming victims or perpetrators

Fighting serious organised crime

Protecting vulnerable people



Crime is changing and I will invest in the technology and resources the police need to protect the public online.

- Improving education and awareness to help the public
- Working with national and regional partners to develop a more effective national response
- Increasing confidence in reporting cyber and fraud offences
- Increasing the number of successful cybercrime and fraud outcomes
- Enhancing the expertise and capability within TVP and SEROCU to improve both prevention and investigation

Fighting fraud and cyber crime

Tackling modern crimes



**Supporting victims of crime,
bringing more criminals to
justice and reducing
reoffending.**

- Improving performance in dealing with crimes such as domestic abuse, rape & serious sexual offences
- Improving victim satisfaction and experience of the criminal justice system
- High quality support for victims of crime
- Increasing successful outcomes through the criminal justice system
- Reducing reoffending in the Thames Valley
- Supporting innovation in crime prevention and rehabilitation

Improving the criminal justice system

Reducing reoffending



Ensuring a fair but firm response to illegal encampments and reducing the effect on our communities.

- Ensuring that the police and local authorities establish (and keep under review) a clear strategy to respond to illegal encampments
- Reducing the number of illegal encampments across the Thames Valley
- Working with local authorities on the appropriate provision of sites
- Improving intelligence gathering and site security

Tackling illegal encampments

Enforcing a firm but fair approach with partners



- Rural crime
- Business crime
- Neighbourhood policing
- Road safety
- Fly-tipping and environmental crime

and many more

Future strategies

Preventing crime and protecting communities



- New fairer funding formula for the Community Safety Fund
 - Three-year deal guarantees more than £7.7m for local authorities
 - Spending in line with Police & Criminal Justice Plan and can be spread over three years (with agreement)
 - Distribution weighted by population, crime and non-crime (ASB)
- Increased analytical support
- Joint bids and commissioning opportunities such as Safer Streets funding
- Focus on prevention and anti-social behaviour
- Support for dealing with Community Trigger applications

Community Safety Partnerships

Preventing crime in partnership

- Fly-tipping on private land often left un-investigated and victims unsupported
- Funding available for local authorities to remove waste using existing contracts
- Local authorities use own powers to investigate and where possible prosecute
- Fine secured to be reinvested for future removals
- If successful seek to roll out across Thames Valley



Fly-tipping

Pilot scheme to tackle fly-tipping on private land



- Pilot running since April 2021
- Roll-out to existing groups from October 2021
- Promoted to new groups from Spring 2022
- Equipment and training provided

Escalation built into process to utilise neighbourhood teams, roads policing and highways authorities

Community Speedwatch

Working with communities to tackle speeding



- Net increase of 269 officers since Sept 2019 (headcount as at June 2021)
- Headcount at June 2021 4,519 – highest number of officers ever
- Uplift target 600+ (versus Sept 2019 baseline)
- Ambition to continue recruitment beyond Home Office 2023 target
- Funding to increase the recruitment of PCSOs
- Focus on Specials and other volunteers



Police Officer Recruitment

Increasing officer numbers and visibility



- Overarching name for PCC's work in providing support to victims of crime
- Provides free emotional and practical support to victims and witnesses of crime
- Receives referrals through from the police and partners as well as self-referrals
- Dedicated Victims First Team based at Berkshire Fire and Rescue HQ, near Reading

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- Cross-agency project led by PCC
- Thames Valley Police working closely with councils, youth offending teams and schools
- Intensive engagement and diversion
- Operational response
- More than £4m additional funding from Home Office
- Aiming to achieve long term reductions
- Thames Valley Together data project

Thames
Valley
Violence
Reduction
Unit



TACKLING SERIOUS VIOLENCE IN PARTNERSHIP

Violence Reduction Unit

Tackling serious violence in partnership



- £100,000 funding pot made available twice per annum
- Additional funding direct from the Community Fund
- Projects must support the priorities set out in the Police & Criminal Justice Plan
- Two levels of grant
 - Micro-grants - less than £1,000
 - Larger grants - more than £5,000



Thames Valley
COMMUNITY FUND

Community Fund

Formerly PPAF



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