

# SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN 2010 – 2011



## **Introduction**

Every year the Safer Stronger Communities Partnership is required to undertake a Strategic Assessment in order to ascertain which crime types have increased or decreased and to identify 'vulnerable' localities. The Assessment forms the basis of this delivery plan which sets out the work that will be undertaken to tackle crime, disorder and substance and alcohol misuse. Another key challenge for the Partnership is to ensure that the reductions seen in crime and disorder are translated into feelings of safety and confidence in towns, villages and communities across the County. The Partnership's key message is:

***'Making Shropshire Safe'***

## **Overall Performance**

Total recorded crime has been falling in all areas of Shropshire since 2004. Performance for October 2008 to September 2009 compared with the same period for 2007 to 2008 shows that all recorded crime fell by 10.54%; Domestic Burglary was down 17.01% and Theft from a motor vehicle was down 26.47%. Items stolen in domestic burglaries include cash, jewellery, computers, personal items such as car keys, house keys, wallets etc., and audio/video equipment including flat screen /plasma TV's, MP3 etc. Items stolen from vehicles include Sat Navs, vehicle parts, CD/Radios, Car Registration Number Plates and cash / credit / debit cards. Theft of a vehicle was showing no change between 2008 and 2009, but robbery was up by 7.89%. Overall, serious acquisitive crime has reduced by 18.68%. Criminal Damage was also down by 8.14%. Assault Less Serious Injury was down by 16.29%.

Reports of Anti Social Behaviour to West Mercia Police between October 2008 and September 2009 have increased by 2.49%, however it is difficult to verify why this increase has taken place as there is insufficient long term data to compare with previous years. The peak ages for ASB are 13 – 19 years old.

Other information included in the Strategic Assessment is derived from concerns raised by residents at PACT (Partners and Community Together) meetings. The meetings are broken down into areas based on North, Central and South Shropshire. The table shows that the majority of people are concerned about vehicles, both speeding and parking, young people gathering and Anti Social Behaviour.

**(Table 1)**

Shropshire	North Area	Central Area	South Area
VEHICLE RELATED - SPEEDING TRAFFIC	VEHICLE RELATED - SPEEDING TRAFFIC	YOUTH RELATED - YOUTHS INAPPROPRIATE GATHERING	VEHICLE RELATED - SPEEDING TRAFFIC
YOUTH RELATED - YOUTHS INAPPROPRIATE GATHERING	VEHICLE RELATED - CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY / INCONVENIENTLY	VEHICLE RELATED - SPEEDING TRAFFIC	YOUTH RELATED - YOUTHS INAPPROPRIATE GATHERING
VEHICLE RELATED - CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY / INCONVENIENTLY	ASB - OTHER	ASB - OTHER	VEHICLE RELATED - CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY / INCONVENIENTLY

Consultation undertaken by West Mercia Police through their Community Survey (see table 2) not only shows that speeding traffic and young people gathering are a concern, but that under age drinking is also a concern for residents.

**(Table 2)**

Rank	2009/2010(Q1)	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
1	Speeding Traffic	Speeding Traffic	Speeding Traffic	Speeding Traffic	Speeding Traffic	Speeding Traffic
2	Under Age Drinking	Under Age Drinking	Under Age Drinking	Under Age Drinking	Groups of people loitering or hanging around in public places	Vandalism or damage to property
3	Groups of people loitering or hanging around in public places	Groups of people loitering or hanging around in public places	Groups of people loitering or hanging around in public places	Vandalism or damage to property	Under Age Drinking	Under Age Drinking

### Priorities for 2010 – 2011

The reorganisation of local government means that Shropshire now has a single Safer Stronger Communities Partnership, which has merged with the Shropshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team, in order to deliver programmes and actions to tackle crime and disorder and drug and alcohol misuse. A number of strategic priorities identified by the Partnership will be co-ordinated on a Shropshire-wide basis. The main priorities are:

## **1. Reducing Offending & Re-offending**

It is estimated that in England and Wales with a combined population of 52 million, that just 100,000 people commit half of all crime, and that just 5,000 offenders commit almost one in every ten crimes. Reducing offending and re-offending through an Integrated Offender Management team (IOM) will be a key target for the Partnership. Under a strategic multi agency umbrella, Integrated Offender Management will bring together partners and agencies to prioritise intervention with a targeted cohort of offenders who cause the most crime and concern to their communities through their chaotic lifestyles and repeat offending. There are three strands to the IOM framework:

### ***Prevention***

To identify the most criminally active non- statutory offenders and provide appropriate interventions to reduce the likelihood of their re-offending and to work with both adult and young offenders (and their families) who are most at risk of 'falling into' a serious criminal career.

### ***Promoting compliance & reducing re-offending***

To identify those offenders causing the most serious problems in the community and most at risk of re-offending, irrespective of their position in the criminal justice system, and assess them according to a Red, Amber, Green (RAG) system in order to inform partnership activity around that offender.

### ***Enforcement***

If prevention and compliance fails, enforcement will be used.

## **2. Supporting Vulnerable People**

Supporting those people and families who are vulnerable, especially victims of domestic abuse, hate crime and anti social behaviour, by offering them help, and dealing with the perpetrator, through Partnership working. The Council and its partners play a central role in providing services that are fair and promote equality and positive relationships.

The Safer Stronger Communities Partnership also acknowledges the importance of having in place a robust action plan that aims to prevent violent extremism taking place in the County and improves community cohesion. This is not only focused on threats posed by global terrorism and extremist organisations but also the potential for unrest between communities to be created due to the influence of extreme views and ideologies.

## **3. Increasing Public Confidence:**

Both County-wide and local responses to crime and disorder will aim to increase public confidence through a multi agency approach not only to prevent crimes and anti social behaviour especially in vulnerable / problem localities, but also to raise awareness of what is happening in Shropshire to tackle crime, disorder and drug and alcohol misuse.

The Government recently launched the 'SAFE AND CONFIDENT NEIGHBOURHOODS STRATEGY: *Next Steps in Neighbourhood Policing*' which aims to build on much of the good work that has been undertaken by Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's to reduce anti social behaviour and tackle crime and disorder. Neighbourhood working in Shropshire is a key feature of this delivery plan, and the outcomes the Safer Stronger Communities Partnership wishes to achieve over the next twelve months. Local work to tackle the priorities identified in the strategic assessment, and respond to emerging issues/hotspots, are led through the three Area Community Safety Delivery Groups operating in the Northern, Central and Southern areas of Shropshire. The Safer Stronger Communities Partnership has moved to a 'Bronze' tasking approach which is an intelligence-led identification of community concerns which require prompt, effective, targeted action and joint action and problem solving with the community and other local partners to improve the local environment and quality of life within the community.

#### **4. Tackling Drug and Alcohol Misuse**

Shropshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) represents the element of the partnership that is tackling drugs and alcohol by increasing and improving access to effective drug and alcohol treatment to reduce the impact both drugs and alcohol have on acquisitive crime and alcohol related anti-social behaviour and violence. As part of the recovery agenda the DAAT are in the process of transforming local treatment services to ensure they meet local needs, with a greater emphasis on supporting families and supporting drug and alcohol service users to access a range of provision to improve employability.

##### ***Drugs:***

There are an estimated 1,061 problematic drug misuser's (PDU's) aged between 15 – 64 years of age in the county, this equates to 5.72 individuals per 1000 population. Problematic drug use defines the use of opiates (e.g. heroin, morphine, codeine) and/or crack cocaine (including injection of either drug). In Shropshire the majority of presentations at the Community Substance Misuse Team are for opiate use and aged twenty-five years plus. Information from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System suggests 762 local people have accessed effective drug treatment over the past twelve months. For a service user to be in effective treatment they must either be retained in treatment for 12 weeks from their triage date or discharged with a reason of 'treatment completed' or 'treatment completed drug free' within 12 weeks. Young people aged 18 and under whom access treatment services are more likely to present for the misuse of alcohol and stimulants.

Key activities to transform the treatment system over the next twelve months include:

- Redesign of prescribing services
- Development of Pharmacy services
- Service user and parent/carer empowerment and network development
- Treatment effectiveness and Quality Assurance

- Housing, employment, training and education
- Harm reduction
- Recovery agenda and move on from treatment

***Alcohol:***

Members of the public, local businesses and local agencies have consistently identified alcohol as a key local concern and priority for action. Analysis using national data suggests that Shropshire could be home to as many as 8,898 dependant drinkers, 10,678 harmful drinkers and 35,594 hazardous drinkers. Local data suggests that the areas of the county experiencing the most harm from alcohol are those in the most deprived quintile of areas in Shropshire. Young men aged 15-24 are also more likely to commit alcohol related crime or become a victim of alcohol related crime or be admitted to hospital as a result of assault.

Although Shropshire has made progress in developing responses to alcohol related harm over the last few years, it is recognised that there is still a long way to go. Effective partnership working is necessary in order to reverse current trends and reduce alcohol related crime, alcohol related mortality rates, and higher than average regular consumption of alcohol among young people. The transformation of the treatment system will ensure that effective treatment and brief interventions are available in a number of settings and this will be supported by a number of initiatives to tackle alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour which includes:

- Pilot Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme
- Community Alcohol Project
- Review of enforcement activity
- Parental guidance and support
- Helping young people make choices
- Social Marketing campaigns

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Theme	Action	Lead Partner / Partnership	Supporting Partners	Delivery Framework	Output / Outcome	Monitoring Tool	N.I.
<b>Serious Acquisitive Crime</b>	To tackle both theft from and theft of motor vehicles	West Mercia Police	Integrated Offender Management Team / Youth Offending Service / Area Community Safety Delivery Groups / CCTV Operators.	West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012; Bronze Tasking Area Community Safety Delivery Group	To reduce the rate of vehicle crime from 8.70 to 8.44 by March 2011.	Monthly report to the PMCG	16
	To reduce domestic burglary	West Mercia Police	Registered Social Landlord's / Private Landlords / Neighbourhood Watch / Area Community Safety Delivery Groups / Integrated Offender Management Team.	West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012; Bronze Tasking Area Community Safety Delivery Group	To reduce the rate of domestic burglary from 8.70 to 8.44 by March 2011	Monthly report to the PMCG	16
<b>Serious Violent Crime</b>	To reduce assaults	West Mercia Police	West Mercia Police / Shropshire Primary Care Trust / Shropshire Council	Shropshire Alcohol Strategy; Night Time Economy Action Plan; West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012	To reduce the rate of assaults less serious injury from 5.38 to 5.22 by March 2011	Monthly report to the PMCG	20

	To tackle domestic abuse	West Mercia Police / Registered Social Landlord's / Shropshire Primary Care Trust / Specialist Domestic Violence Court / Women's Aid / Independent Domestic Violence Advisor's.	Shropshire Domestic Violence Action Plan 2008 – 2011; West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012	Reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse from 21.9% to 20% by March 2011;	Quarterly report to the PMCG	32
<b>Reducing Re-Offending</b>	To reduce re-offending by targeting offenders	West Mercia Police / Probation / Drug Intervention Programme / Housing Providers / Youth Offending Service / Family Intervention Programme	West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012; Adult Treatment Plan 2010 – 11; Young Peoples Substance Mis-use Plan 2010 - 2011; Youth Justice Plan.	Reduce re-offending by 18% by March 2011;	Quarterly report to the PMCG	30
<b>Tackle Substance Misuse &amp; Alcohol Misuse</b>	To reduce the impact of drugs	West Mercia Police / Shropshire Primary Care Trust / Probation / Drug Intervention Programme / Youth Offending Team / Family Intervention Programme	West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012; Priority and Prolific Offenders Action Plan; Adult Treatment Plan 2010 – 11; Young Peoples Substance Mis-use Plan 2010 - 2011; Youth Justice Plan.	Increase the number of drug users in effective treatment	Quarterly report to the PMCG	40 & 115

	Safer Stronger Communities Partnership	West Mercia Police / Shropshire Primary Care Trust / Shropshire Council / Shropshire Youth	Shropshire Alcohol Strategy; Night Time Economy Action Plan; West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012	The rate of hospital admissions for alcohol related harm.	Quarterly report to the PMCG	39
<b>Creating strong and cohesive communities</b>	Safer Stronger Communities Partnership	Equalities Forum / Shropshire Council / West Mercia Police / Voluntary and Community Sector.		People who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (Measured through the Place Survey)	Bi-annual report to the PMCG.	1 & 2
<b>Building resilience to violent extremism</b>	Safer Stronger Communities Partnership	Equalities Forum / Shropshire Council / West Mercia Police / Voluntary and Community Sector.	PREVENT Action Plan 2010 – 2011	Raise awareness of the PREVENT agenda	Annual report to the PMCG	35
<b>Increase Public Confidence</b>	Safer Stronger Communities Partnership	West Mercia Police / Shropshire Council / Shropshire Fire Service / Courts / Probation / Area Community Safety Delivery Groups / Youth Offending Service / Local Criminal Justice Board / West Mercia Police Authority	Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Communication Strategy	Overall/general satisfaction with residents local area (Measured through the Place Survey)	Bi-annual report to PMCG	5

	To tackle anti social behaviour	Safer Stronger Communities Partnership	Shropshire Council / Registered Social Landlord's / West Mercia Police / Private Landlords / Shropshire Fire Service / Shropshire Youth / Area Community Safety Delivery Groups / Shropshire Youth / West Mercia Police Authority / Local Criminal Justice Board	Shropshire Alcohol Strategy; Anti Social Behaviour Delivery Plan; ASB Minimum Standards; West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012; Bronze Tasking Area Community Safety Delivery Groups Action Plan	To address anti social behaviour in local communities; support the victim and deal with the perpetrator; and increase confidence amongst residents that agencies are working together to tackle ASB (Measured through the Place Survey)	Bi-annual report to the PMCG	21
	To reduce criminal damage	West Mercia Police	Shropshire Council / Registered Social Landlord's / Private Landlords / Shropshire Fire Service / Shropshire Youth / Area Community Safety Delivery Groups	West Mercia Policing Plan 2009 – 2012; Shropshire Alcohol Strategy; Bronze Tasking Area Community Safety Delivery Groups Action Plan	To reduce criminal damage by 1% by March 2011.	Monthly report to PMCG	