


SAFER CRAWLEY PARTNERSHIP

Annual Review 2022/23

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Purpose of the Partnership

To reduce re-offending, tackle crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, alcohol and substance misuse and any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local community so that people in Crawley are safer and feel safer.

Statutory Partners

- Crawley Borough Council
- WSCC
- Sussex Police
- West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- Probation
- Sussex Health & Care

Other partners involved in the community safety partnership include:

- OSGPC
- Crawley Open House
- Crawley & Gatwick Business Watch
- CGL
- Audio Active
- Crawley Schools
- Town Centre BID

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2022/23 Priorities

- Violence Against Women & Girls
- Serious & Organised Crime
- Street Community
- Protecting Vulnerable Individuals
- Business Crime

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Review of 2022-23 Achievements & Challenges

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Funding for 2022/23

- Projects funded in 2022-23
 - Crawley Open House Outreach & Day Centre £30,000
 - Youth Advice Centre CSE Prevention £20,387
 - Audio Active Cypher Sessions and Equipment for Crawley sessions £30,000
 - Junior Citizen £5,300
 - Bike Marking £748
 - Crime Prevention Training £6,810
 - 6 Council Officers, 7 PSCOs


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Junior Citizen

- Over 1,600 children from Crawley's schools attended the two-week programme to learn key life skills for its 31st year.
- Following feedback from the event in 2022, the focus of this year's event shifted towards community safety.
- New sessions were introduced in; online safety, body image and exploitation.
- At the event, the largest youth survey ever conducted in Sussex was carried out seeking views of community safety from our young people so we can adjust and react according to their needs.
- Analysis of the feedback to conclude in Q4 of 2023/24 and will inform this year's SIA.




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Safer Schools

- The event saw 1,500 secondary school students attend The Hawth over two dates and was inspired by the Crawley Schools Pastoral Network Group.
- The event included a powerful presentation by ex-gang members working with St Giles Trust followed by a marketplace of services, clubs and local groups that promote positive lifestyles and support for young people.
- Attendees included Sussex Cricket Foundation, Crawley Town Community Foundation, Sussex Police, WCA, Youth Advice Centre, Audio Active, Barnardo's, West Sussex Early Help and Find it Out, Crawley Borough Council Play Service Outreach Team, Crawley Young Persons Council, Urban Dance and NHS - Let's Talk Crawley.
- The event is further supported by schools committing to assembly time and/or personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) lessons to further support the issues raised.



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Audio Active – Cypher Sessions

- Audio Active mentors delivered 8 taster sessions/ community cyphers across July and August focussed on engaging young people who may be presenting with risk factors with limited access to opportunities.
- Issues such as lack of structured activities or safe places to go, association with older young people known to services such as YOS, probation, lack of financial stability, drug taking and impulsivity.
- 1,500 young people reached across the borough through directed outreach and encouraged to attend substantive sessions, which reduced street-based anti-social behaviour in the area and provided pro-social diversionary activity for those not engaged with youth provisions.



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Audio Active – Group Sessions



- Based at Crawley Museum, sharing Crawley Film Initiatives space. The space was ideal as it is central and easy to access. Audio Active used funding to equip the space with a suite of music recording/production equipment which enabled them to launch the summer programme.
- Audio Active use a preventative and diversionary approach, targeting young people considered to be at risk of:
 - being exploited into criminality
 - involvement in gangs and youth violence
 - causing anti-social behaviour and wider criminality
 - alcohol and substance misuse
 - school absenteeism or permanent exclusion
 - risky and dangerous behaviours through association with risky groups and individuals
- The summer programme built strong pathways for enrolment in our new Crawley Evening sessions which started in Sep 2022. Many of the young people signed up and have gone on to attend weekly sessions building skills, confidence and new opportunities and performing at other events across Sussex.
- Young people went on to perform in HMV, and at an event at Tilgate, many of whom had never performed before.

"It was the proudest moment of my life. I was so shocked to see her up there I didn't think she would do it! I was crying and laughing at the same time. Things haven't been easy for us, she had not had opportunities to succeed in this way. I told all my family and friends, we honestly couldn't believe it. It was a day I'll never forget!" – Parent

"I've had a lot of anxiety in my life. I've written about that at the sessions it helps to get my feelings out and makes me feel a lot better" – Young Person

"At the Tilgate event, you could see how proud they were, they worked together as a team, the consistency of the weeks they had together over the summer, built trust, and helped them build important skills to work together and support each other" – Audio Active Mentor

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CSE Prevention - Youth Advice Centre



- Workshops:**
- Delivery of a workshop in secondary schools to female and non-binary students aged 13-16 on healthy relationships, self-esteem, boundaries and recognition of unhealthy/exploitative relationships. Exploitation.
 - A total of 36 sessions delivered to an average of 23 young people engaged per session across six schools that signed up.
- 1:1 Sessions:**
- 6-8 weeks of 1:1 support for young people who were experiencing difficulty within their relationships or are displaying early risk indicators of CSE.
 - 2-3 sessions with young people who were identified as needing support to manage healthy relationships, including friendship difficulties and managing healthy boundaries.
 - The support was offered through a combination of emotional support and psychoeducational support, delivered through a holistic support model. By the end of the sessions an evaluation of the young person supports needs has been done to signpost to relevant services do reduce risk of CSE + CCE going forward.

"We have been able to offer real time exploration of issues the young people are facing and give them space to explore this with their peers. By working with the young people in schools, we have enabled young people most at risk to be identified and referred the most vulnerable to our one-to-one service. Young people reported an increase in knowledge of what is healthy in relationships and how to begin to build boundaries. Young people have been able to better understand how their emotions relate to their behaviour and how these don't always match up. Young people have learnt more about themselves, their values and their aspirations and how to counter negative comments and labels." – Elinor Adie – Project Lead

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Priorities 2023/25



- Violence Against Women & Girls**
 - Existing and emerging issues, particularly related to misogyny
- Serious & Organised Crime**
 - Increase in violent crime in Crawley highlighted in the SIA
- Youth ASB**
 - Consistent issues regarding youth ASB which requires a partnership approach & strategic oversight
- Protecting Vulnerable Individuals**
 - Encompasses a range of issues including hate crime, cuckooing, and addiction-related offending.
- Cost of Living Related Crime**
 - Initial focus on business and acquisitive crime
- Drug-related Harm**
 - Drug demand survey

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Review of the SCP Funding Policy



- Introduction of a matrix for bids which are scored against priorities and agreed KPIs for the duration of the project/initiative.
- Applications *must* detail key deliverables/outputs/outcomes and how they will contribute to the Partnerships priorities.
- Once minimum score has been attained, this is referred to the Partnership for consideration.
- Mandatory attendance at SCP to report back on KPIs, progress and to report on any issues in delivery.

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Projects funded in 2023/24



- CCTV memorial Gardens
- Girls and Young Women Summer Workshop
- Crawley Youth Friday Night
- Audio Active – Shift ICC (mentoring)
- SID Youth (real talk)
- Safer Schools Event 2024
- Girls and Young Women (Feb 2024)
- Audio Active
- Youth Provider referral pathway

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Crawley PCSOs



- Bewbush and Gossops Green:** PCSO Vanda Lengyel
- Broadfield:** PCSO's Anna Urbanczyk and Bob Licence
- Furnace Green and Tilgate:** PCSO Steve West
- Ifield:** PCSO Dionne Watling
- Langley Green:** PCSO Natasha Denbeigh
- Maidenbower and Worth:** PCSO Riley Brown-Douglas
- Northgate and Three Bridges:** PCSO Suzanne Lydon
- Pound Hill and Forge Wood:** PCSO Dom Holland
- Southgate:** PCSO Ryan Hawker
- Town Centre, Manor Royal and West Green:** PCSO's Abs Ahmad, Jamie Chandler, George Gathern, Karen Angliss, Katie Edwards and Pieter Classens.

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Crime Data for Crawley



	01.10.22 – 30.09.23	01.10.21 – 30.09.22	01.10.20 – 30.09.21
Total Crime	12,150 (+14%) ↑	10,656 (+4.3%) ↑	10,219
Crimes with DA Flag	1,809 (-5.6%) ↓	1,916 (-2.1%) ↓	1,958
Stalking and Harassment	648 (+1.9%) ↑	636 (-50.0%) ↓	1267
Incidents with MH Flag	331 (+16.9%) ↑	283 (-8.7%) ↓	310

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Current Challenges and Emerging Issues



- County Drug Lines
- Knife Crime (Increase in weapons offences and possession of weapons)
- Youth-related Crime and Disorder
- Child Criminal Exploitation

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Clear, Hold, Build (Stronger, Safer Crawley)

Continually develop intelligence around serious and organised crime activity, within the Northgate area.

Identify and target those causing most harm through preventative and enforcement activity.

To divert offenders and those vulnerable away from being involved in crime and ensuring safeguarding is in place.

To increase the community ownership and positive activity within the locality.

To work more closely with statutory and community partners in the response to serious and organised crime.

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Clear, Hold, Build (Stronger, Safer Crawley)

Additional Funding of £79,000 to support activity to combat serious and organised crime.

2 Mobile CCTV Cameras installed have made an impact both on rates of crime and safety within the Gardens

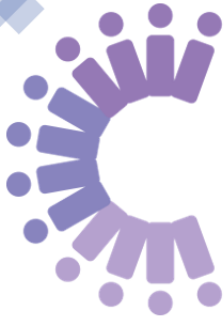
To date: 28 Stop and Searches, 27 arrests and 779 engagements at the 'Engagement Pod' to strengthen relationships and increase visibility.

2 Principal members of a significant organised crime group have been charged and remanded to court with significant custodial sentences expected.

Independent Assessment of Memorial Gardens has been carried out to identify design weaknesses that enable/support crime to exist with report expected in Q4.

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Questions

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