

Rushmoor Overview and Scrutiny – Community Safety Update

19th September 2024

Place Protection Team

- Community Safety (2 x officers, 1 x part time analyst)
- Licensing (6 x officers)
- Place Protection Officers (5 x patrolling officers, 2 x office)
- Maintenance (4 x officers)
- CCTV (via Runnymede)

Community Safety Team

- General enquiries e.g. customer, partner, Councillors
- Neighbour disputes, youth nuisance
- Co-ordination of cases with partner agencies including meeting coordination, case conferences etc
- Use of early intervention e.g. warning letters, home visits, education, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- Formal Tools and Powers for more serious cases e.g. CPN/W, Injunctions, Closures, PSPO
- Antisocial Behaviour Case Review
- Management of CCTV service via Runnymede BC
- Safeguarding and other duties statutory duties including domestic abuse, PREVENT, serious violence, Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Other joint working with colleagues from wider Place Protection Team and Council e.g. Housing, Environmental Health, Contracts
- Support and coordination for the Community Safety Partnership including Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews

Community Patrol Team update

- 5 patrolling officers employed working a shift pattern
- 1 vacancy currently held
- Recently completed Community Safety Accreditation Scheme course which allows officers to be granted certain police powers including:
 - *Request name and address*
 - *Issue Fixed Penalty Notice under Public Space Protection Orders*
 - *Confiscation of alcohol and other items*
 - *Directing of traffic*
- Currently waiting on Police Vetting process prior to accreditation cards being issued
- Current key focuses
 - *Fly-tipping*
 - *Abandoned vehicles*
 - *Antisocial behaviour hotspots*
 - *GRIP patrols*
 - *Dog fouling*

What has gone well

- Closure order – Basing Drive
- Detached youth work funding (OPCC, Safer Streets 5)
- Think Safe year 6 project
- ASB policy implemented
- OPCC funding for Yellow Brick Road “Legacy Project”
- Other funding from Safer Streets 5 used for summer arts project and environmental improvements to ASB/drugs hotspot in Aldershot

Current concerns for community safety team

- Farnborough Town Centre
- Neighbour disputes
- Mental health and housing issues
- Residential cannabis use

Community Safety 2024 Survey headlines

- Residents who live in Farnborough felt safer than Aldershot residents
- Issues most affecting all residents included drugs, drug users and dealing and street lighting after dark
- Parks where residents felt most unsafe were Manor Park and Municipal Gardens in Aldershot
- Respondents felt that crime levels were lower than in the 2023 survey
- 60% of respondents felt crime and ASB was at a low or very low level
- 22% of respondents had been a victim of crime or ASB in the last 12 months
- Victims of crime and ASB are reluctant to report due to feeling “nothing will be done”

Joint Overview and Scrutiny update – 9th September 2024

- Members from Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor Borough Council reviewed work carried out by partners against the four partnership priorities for 23/24
 - *Feelings of safety, serious violence, domestic abuse, antisocial behaviour*
- Questions focused on:
 - *Data, feelings of safety including benefits of uniformed patrol, the DISC retailer system, schools work, analytical support*
- The committee endorsed the work of the Safer North Hampshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership for 23/24

Partnership Plan

- Priorities for 2024/25 as identified by Strategic Assessment (available on RBC website - [Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership - Rushmoor Borough Council](#))
 - *Improving feelings of safety and health outcomes within the CSP area*
 - *Serious violence*
 - *Domestic abuse*
 - *Antisocial behaviour*
 - *Town centre engagement*

Contact the team

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