



Safer Stronger Partnership

2011 - 2014 PARTNERSHIP PLAN

OUR VISION

'TO BUILD A SAFER COMMUNITY'

OUR PRIORITIES

To Reduce: -

- **Crime – with particular reference to Residential Burglary & Acquisitive Crime; Harm Caused through Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol; Criminal Damage; Vehicle Crime; Violent Crime.**
 - **Anti-Social Behaviour**
 - **Re-Offending**
 - **The threat of Terrorism**
- and**
- **To Implement Localism legislation as appropriate**

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SPELTHORNE SAFER STRONGER PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011 – 2014

FOREWORD AND BACKGROUND

Nationally each Community Safety Partnership is required annually to undertake a strategic assessment of crime and disorder and to consult with the community about the areas of concern. This assessment is an analysis of crimes, including trends and projections linked to community feedback. This leads to emerging / draft priorities for action. Following the completion of the assessment a Partnership Plan has to be prepared setting out our agreed priorities. This is then followed by action plans which include funding allocations from the Partnership to help implement various schemes and initiatives.

Following the completion of an assessment, I have pleasure in launching our Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Plan for 2011 to 2014.

The Partnership is committed to playing a key role in reducing all aspects of crime and disorder, and our strategic assessment identified key priorities upon which to concentrate effort and resources. These priorities reflect the concerns of our community and are as follows:

Reduce: -

- Anti-social behaviour - especially anti-social use of vehicles
 - Crime - Those which are most significant to Spelthorne
 - Re-offending¹
- And
- Implement relevant sections of the Localism Bill, and the
 - Prevention of terrorism

The strategic assessment and this Partnership Plan relate specifically to the situation within Spelthorne and, whilst responding to national and county targets, it seeks to provide a local response that is relevant to the specific needs of the local community. Other aspects of crime and disorder, whilst not identified as priorities, will continue to be dealt with as appropriate by the relevant agency; e.g. Robbery.

The Partnership Plan is a rolling three-year plan that has to be refreshed annually. This process will be aided by the completion of annual strategic assessments, performance monitoring and stakeholder consultation. Feedback will be particularly welcomed from members of the community living and working within the borough.

Roberto Tambini
Chair of the SSSP Board

¹ This is a Government priority that we are required to adopt

INTRODUCTION AND GOVERNANCE

How We Currently Operate

The Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is known locally as the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP). It has a strong commitment and a good track record of tackling all aspects of crime and disorder, providing reassurance to local communities and of community engagement. The Partnership has established a Strategy Board which includes both statutory and non-statutory members. Statutory members are identified with an *

Strategy Board

This has responsibility to support the Implementation Group and Task Groups and monitor the overall implementation of the Strategy and detailed action plans; to approve the financial strategy; oversee funding arrangements, and to ensure that overall objectives and individual targets are met. The Board meets quarterly.

Spelthorne Borough Council*
Surrey Police*
Surrey Fire Authority*
NHS Surrey*
Surrey County Council*
Probation*
Police Authority*
Voluntary Action in Spelthorne (VAIS)
Environment Agency
Magistrates
A2Dominion Housing
Bronzefield Prison
South West Trains
Drug and Alcohol Action Team

Operational Management Group (OMG)

The Operational Management Group oversees the delivery of the Action Plans. It brings together the leads for each of the areas of work, identifies gaps in delivery, makes recommendations to the Board and evaluates the projects and the final spending. It meets quarterly, prior to the Board.

Spelthorne Borough Council
Surrey Police
NHS Surrey
Surrey Fire & Rescue Service
Spelthorne Age Concern
Domestic Abuse
Surrey County Council

Joint Action Group (JAG)

The JAG's primary role is to facilitate improved responses to localised crime and disorder issues by continually appraising local intelligence, monitoring incidents, as well as dealing with concerns relating to Anti-Social Behaviour etc. The JAG utilises geographical hot spotting which assists in recording patterns of crime thereby helping to create solutions at an operational level. Subsequently the JAG is able to provide a quick and effective localised response. This group meets monthly and membership is as follows: -

Spelthorne Borough Council – Community Safety plus various services Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Surrey Youth Justice Team, NHS Surrey, A2Dominion Housing Association, Neighbourhood Watch, SADAS, Surrey County Council.

Community Incident Action Group (CIAG)

The Group will address community safety issues that are caused by problem individuals and families that are disruptive to the community as well as locations that have become a cause for concern. This group meets monthly and membership is as follows: -

Spelthorne Borough Council – Surrey Police, NHS Surrey, Surrey Community Development Trust A2 Dominion Group, Surrey Youth Justice Service, Spelthorne Locality Team, Surrey Children’s Services, Surrey Youth Development Service, L&Q Housing Trust

Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPO) Management Panel

This group work closely together with a specific duty to prevent and deter new entrants to the criminal justice system, to catch and convict active criminals who cause most harm to our communities, and to help resettle and rehabilitate those offenders who want to turn their backs on a life of crime. This group meets monthly and membership is as follows: -

Spelthorne Borough Council, Spelthorne Police PPO Officer; Engage (Drug Intervention Programme); National Probation Service; Creating Futures Education and Employment Service; Youth Justice Service.

The Local Strategic Partnership (known as SPELTHORNE TOGETHER)

This Partnership is led by an Executive, which sets the strategic direction for the Partnership, and oversees the work of the theme groups, which carry out the action plan. There are five theme groups as follows: -

- Safer Stronger
- Children & Young People
- Health & Wellbeing
- Economic Development
- Housing, Infrastructure and Environment

Each of the theme groups contribute towards the holistic needs of the Borough through agreed action plans; Spelthorne Together produce a long term Community Plan (over ten years) bringing together a variety of agencies via the themed groups to deliver services and report directly to the Spelthorne Together Executive.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How We Consult

The Partnership uses a wide range of methods to engage with the local community. These include meetings such as forums and panels and written forms of engagement such as publications, surveys, newsletters and websites.

Neighbourhood Policing Panels

There are nine separate panel meetings at different locations across the Borough every six to eight weeks, based on neighbourhood policing areas. The Panels are informal meetings, giving residents the opportunity to meet amongst others their Police Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Specialist Officers and highlight the issues they are most concerned about in their community. The issues they raise will then be prioritised for the local policing team who will identify ways of dealing with them over the proceeding weeks; details of measures taken will be reported back at subsequent meetings.

Have Your Say Area Forum

These are open meetings for residents to find out more about issues of local significance, ask questions and air their views and concerns. There are six area forums in the Borough covering each of the main towns in Spelthorne.

Currently, each Have Your Say forum meets once a year (although there is the option to call extra meetings as appropriate). The first part of each meeting is given over to local ward issues, with Borough and County Councillors and other public service agencies present to answer specific concerns. The second part covers topics of Borough wide interest, with presentations and then a question and answer session. Surrey Police, Borough and County Councils and the Surrey NHS all regularly attend and present items. The format and frequency of Have Your Say forums is currently under review.

Face the People

There is statutory requirement for every Partnership to hold at least one of these events each year; the purpose of this is to raise the visibility of the Partnership, to update the communities in relation to progress in tackling crime and disorder, the activities that have taken place in the Borough, schemes undertaken etc and future plans. It will also take questions from the community in a public forum where on issues of concern. The uniqueness of this event is that the presenters are the most senior statutory representatives.

Partnership Action Days²

These are multi agency days which take place around the borough. They involve numerous agencies such as the Local Authority, police, NHS Surrey, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and the voluntary and community sector to name but a few, who work together to tackle issues highlighted for that particular area. Each day includes an opportunity for the public to meet and talk to officers from the police, fire, council and other partners; future events will develop a closer relationship with local school involvement.

² A one-day operation involving many partnership agencies working together to reduce crime and disorder, provide visible presence to increase reassurance and to provide crime prevention and other advice to residents. The key themes include engagement, awareness and enforcement.

THE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Current Key Priorities

Spelthorne is situated within the safest county in England and is a safe place within which to live, work or visit. The SSSP, whilst committed to making it even safer, acknowledges that the perception of some people is that the borough is not as safe as it actually is. **Overall crime was down 7% in 2009 and a further 5% in 2010.**

All Crime

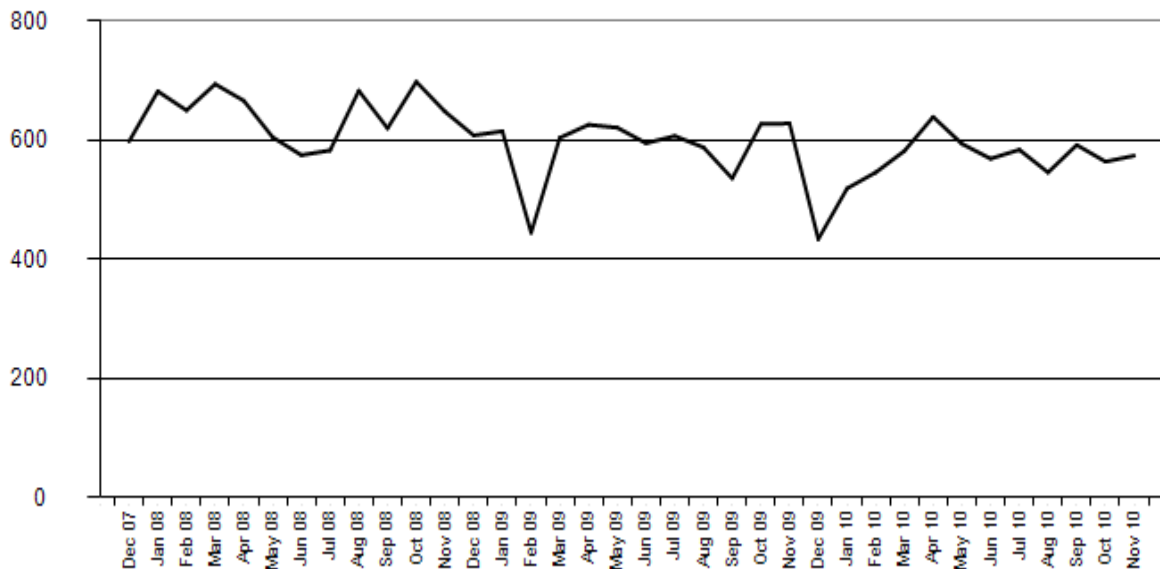
Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
7,191	Down 331 (5%)	6,860

Source: iQuanta 14-10-2010

The key priorities identified last year for 2010 – 2013 were, acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour, reduce reoffending and improve public confidence. Positive and significant reductions were made in the first three areas; in respect of confidence levels, this will be measured in the next Place Survey which is due to start in September 2010³ further details can be obtained via the strategic assessment document.

All Crime December 2007 – November 2010

iQuanta Volume Chart - Crimes
Surrey - Spelthorne CDRP
All Crime
01 Dec 2007 - 30 Nov 2010



³ The Place Survey was cancelled nationally by the Coalition Government in 2010

Below there is a summary of our performance around key priority areas for the period 1st October 2009 to 30th September 2010 against the performance in the previous year.

Burglary Dwelling

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 07 - 30 Sep 08</u>		<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>
496	Down 50 (10%)	446

iQuanta

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
446	Down 17 (4%)	429

Burglary Non Dwelling

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 07 - 30 Sep 08</u>		<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>
511	Down 82 (16%)	429

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
429	Down 40 (9%)	389

Acquisitive Crime⁴

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 07 - 30 Sep 08</u>		<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>
1,529	Down 62 (4%)	1,467

iQuanta Data

⁴ Acquisitive crime as defined by iQuanta includes- Theft from a person; theft in a dwelling; unauthorised theft or taking of a cycle; other theft and handling; shoplifting

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
1,467	Up 128 (9%)	1,595

Criminal Damage

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 07 - 30 Sep 08</u>		<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>
1,531	Up 57 (4%)	1,588

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
1,588	Down 276 (17%)	1,312

Source: iQuanta 14-10-2010

Theft from a vehicle

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 07 - 30 Sep 08</u>		<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>
727	Down 191 (26%)	536

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
536	Down 67 (13%)	469

Source: iQuanta 14-10-2010

Theft of a Vehicle

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 07 - 30 Sep 08</u>		<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>
264	Down 18 (7%)	246

Previous Year Ending Selected Month		Year Ending Selected Month
<u>1 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 09</u>		<u>1 Oct 09 - 30 Sep 10</u>
246	Down 75 (30%)	171

In summary, the assessment found that **crime in Spelthorne had seen significant reductions across all areas with the exception of acquisitive crime** (theft) which saw an increase of 9%.

Anti-social behaviour has also been identified through forums and a web based consultation as a priority; in quarterly surveys conducted by the police speeding motorists and anti-social use of vehicles have caused the greatest cause for concern; this is replicated in all other Boroughs within Surrey.

Over the last 3 years there has been an overall **reduction in ASB across the Borough from 6874 incidents** recorded during 1.10.07 – 30.9.08, 6365 incidents during the same period 2008 – 09 and **6272 incidents** for 2009 – 10; a total of 602 less incidents of anti-social behaviour suffered by our communities.

Analysis of the data shows that one of the key indicators 'rowdy & inconsiderate behaviour' had dropped from 3,400 in 2008 / 09 to 3,159 this year, a reduction of 241 incidents; the number of abandoned motor vehicles also dropped from 359 last year to 225 this year. Overall the volume of ASB incidents recorded fell from 6365 to 6272, a reduction of 93; the main increase was found within the number of vehicles causing a nuisance or used inconsiderately; this rose from 989 last year to 1162 this year.

The strategic assessment will be available at
http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/community___learning/communitysafety.htm

THE DRAFT KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2010 - 2013

Having undertaken a strategic assessment, our proposed priorities for 2011 – 14 are changed from the 2010 assessment and plan, they are now as follows: -

TO REDUCE: -

CRIME With particular reference to: -

Burglary and Acquisitive Crime
Harm caused through misuse of drugs & alcohol
Criminal damage including graffiti
Vehicle crime (theft of and theft from)
Violent Crime

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

To reduce the level of reported anti-social behaviour
(Particularly the anti-social use of vehicles)

RE-OFFENDING

(Statutory requirement)

Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders
Repeat incidents of domestic violence

THE THREAT OF TERRORISM

Protection against terrorist attack
Building communities resilient to violent extremism

And

IMPLEMENT LOCALISM LEGISLATION

To identify relevant elements for community safety and support their implementation

MEETING OUR PRIORITIES

The Partnership has a set of annual action plans to deliver against these priorities. These plans are S.M.A.R.T⁵ and monitored by the OMG, with overall performance monitored by the Partnership Board.

The Board has its own Financial Strategy with funding provided by - key partners, and the Government, although at the time of preparing this strategy, the details of funding to Community Safety Partnerships have not been published. Spending plans and support for individual schemes / projects are agreed annually in light of allocations received. A number of schemes operate across our Division⁶ and across the county; some funding is top-sliced in order to service these schemes.

THE FUTURE

The Partnership has a very strong record of success in helping reduce overall crime and disorder and in running numerous innovative Partnership schemes across the Borough. We are proud of our achievements but are determined to make best use of our resources in order to meet our vision for a Safer Borough.

In the current economic climate and with reducing budgets, the Partnership will seek to achieve even greater value for money in respect of our limited resources and will explore opportunities for maximising our funding e.g. sponsorship and identifying jointly funded initiatives and projects with our CSP neighbours.

⁵ Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time-bound

⁶ This is a police Division which consists of Spelthorne, Runnymede and Elmbridge.

OUR STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

The police and other responsible agencies are required by law to work together to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, alcohol, drug and other substance abuse and anti-social behaviour that impacts adversely on the environment. As of April 2009, there will be a new responsibility to reduce re-offending. In doing so the Partnership has a statutory requirement to:

- Undertake an annual strategic assessment of crime trends and reasons for the crimes that are occurring within their area
- Consult and engage with the community and develop and implement an annual three-year rolling Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Relevant legislation bringing statutory requirements for responsible agencies to work together in this way are as follows:

Crime and Disorder Act, 1998
Police Reform Act, 2002
Police and Justice Act, 2006

Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - as amended by Schedule 9, Section 4 of the Police and Justice Act 2006: "Without prejudice to any other obligations imposed upon it, it shall be the duty of each authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and the misuse of drugs and other substances in its area."

"This means that all authorities should take account of the community safety dimension in all of its work. All policies, strategies, plans and budgets will need to be considered from the standpoint of their potential contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder." (Home Office Executive Summary to Crime and Disorder Act 1998) 'Responsible Authorities' (as defined within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002) as relates to the Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership are:

- Spelthorne Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Constabulary
- Surrey Police Authority
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- Surrey NHS
- Surrey & Sussex Probation Service

A number of other cooperating persons or bodies are required to be part of the process of working to reduce crime and disorder within the partnership and these are also represented within the SSSP Board.

Section 115, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – establishes the power to disclose and use information for the purposes of resolving crime and disorder. The process for sharing information is set out in the Surrey Information Sharing Protocol.

Police and Justice Act 2006 and Statutory Instruments 1830 and 1831 of 2007 – Improvements and changes to partnership provisions are reflected within this new legislation. The statutory requirements form part of what are known as:

‘Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships’⁷

- Empowered and effective leadership
- Intelligence led business processes
- Effective and responsive delivery structures
- Engaged communities
- Visible and constructive accountability
- Appropriate skills and knowledge

Performance Monitoring

Each key priority that is identified within this plan contains a number of actions. These are designed to ensure that priority objectives are achieved. Targets have been set as an essential part of bringing about that achievement. Monitoring performance will be set against a series of agreed performance indicators. These indicators will be set against each key priority.

Crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour data and associated performance information will be collected by the Operational Management Group and presented to the SSSP Board at the quarterly meetings. This information will also be available to other bodies, including those with community representation, as appropriate. Annual reports will also be available for wider community consultative processes and transparency.

Other national, county and local plans, strategies and policies complement or impact in some way upon this Community Safety Partnership Plan; the more significant of these are as follows:

- National Community Safety Plan 2008 – 2011
- Cutting Crime: A New Partnership 2008 – 2011
- Saving Lives. Reducing Harm. Protecting The Public. An Action Plan for Tackling Violence 2008 – 2011
- Prolific and other Priority Offenders Strategy
- Drugs: Protecting Families and Communities – The 2008 to 2018 Drug Strategy and 2008 to 2011 Action Plan
- Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for England 2004
- Safe, Sensible, Social – The Next Steps in the National Alcohol Strategy 2007
- Community Safety Agreement for Surrey 2008 – 2011
- Spelthorne Community Plan 2005 - 15
- Corporate Strategy (Spelthorne Borough Council)
- Youth Offending Team Capability and Capacity Plan
- National Crime Strategy

⁷ Further information on this and other guidance is contained within ‘Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working’.

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/partnerships/partnerships001.htm>.