

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

- Surrey County Council is required to take account of crime and disorder in all the services it provides.
- One of the main financial contributions the Council makes towards the partnership is to help fund the Domestic Abuse outreach service covering Spelthorne. Along with funding from the Police and Borough Council this has meant that the outreach service can maintain its support for those individuals suffering abuse.
- Trading standards play an important part in community safety – the service aims to protect consumers and help responsible businesses to prosper. It is renowned for its pioneering work in exposing and dealing with problem traders, and for under-age drinking. It remains determined to be an effective deterrent to rogue traders and an ally to reputable businesses in Surrey. The “Buy with Confidence Scheme” has had continued success and provides an approved register of businesses, which have been thoroughly vetted and approved by Trading Standards to ensure that they operate in a legal, honest and fair way. 22 Businesses are now registered.
- Surrey’s Youth Justice Service is also a key player - it aims to prevent offending by children and young people, specifically those aged between 10-17 and works with young people and their families to reduce the risks associated with offending behaviour.
- The Council has pledged one million pounds to the Drive Smart campaign - a joint campaign with Surrey Police to encourage people to drive more considerately. A key achievement has been promotion of community speedwatch, with additional equipment purchased and roadside Education and Enforcement Days established. A recent initiative included a joint campaign by Surrey Police and County to stop motorists using hand-held mobile phones at the wheel – called Talk SMART.
- Surrey’s Youth Justice Service has worked on the development of community reparation, including a project encouraging those involved in ASB to work on old people’s gardens.
- Finally, County Councillors themselves have funded several community safety initiatives, including the purchase of police speed gun, money towards Spelthorne Neighbourhood Watch and Graffiti removal by young offenders.
- For next year, the County Council will continue to focus on the key concerns of residents.
- Will continue with Drive Smart and continue to work with young people in Stanwell and other areas linked with anti social behaviour.