

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership:

Making Thurrock Safer

A Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership



Strategy 2008/11

Summary Document

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Welcome

Welcome to the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership's strategy "Delivering Safer Communities". This strategy will cover the period April 2008 to March 2011.

The strategy has 4 aims:

- To reduce incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder
- To bring extra support and protection for the vulnerable
- To reduce death and injury caused through accidents and fires
- To create a safe community by promoting tolerance and good citizenship

This plan has been developed by Thurrock's Community Safety Partnership (formerly the Safer Thurrock Partnership), which includes Essex Police, Thurrock Borough Council, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, SW Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex Probation, Essex Fire Authority, Essex Police Authority, the Voluntary sector and Community representatives.

The Thurrock Community Safety Partnership is a programme board of the Shaping Thurrock Partnership which brings together the work of the Local Authority, the Police and many other partners to make Thurrock a safe place to live, work and visit.

Over the last 3 years crime in Thurrock has reduced by over 20%¹, which is one of the highest reductions in the country.

¹ British Comparator Survey Crime, Home office data Sept 2007

Local priorities

The new plan must concentrate on the national priorities: serious sexual crime, violent crime (including domestic violence, robbery of personal property and racially aggravated offences) and acquisitive crime (including vehicle crime and burglary). Theft from vehicle accounts for the majority of Thurrock's acquisitive crime problem. Locally we have also identified the need to concentrate on criminal damage, distraction burglary (bogus callers), fraud, deception, and shoplifting.

Community concerns

80% of local respondents list "preventing crime" as one of their priorities². Crime, for many people, appears to include a wide range of incidents, events, perceptions and even feelings. Local residents feel that crime and ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) is still a big problem in Thurrock. The survey also identified the need to increase communication across and within communities. Local people want to feel safe in their homes, walking to and from their homes, while travelling on public transport and while going about their daily lives.

Local people feel that neither the police nor other agencies respond promptly when they are called and that often their issues are not considered important enough to even merit a response.

The message for the Partnership is that although crime has fallen, people do not feel safer. The new plan has been designed to focus on those things that worry people the most and to work more closely with residents.

² Community consultation October 2006

Our planned Programme of Work: 2008 – 2011

To deliver these aims we will:

1. reduce incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder by:
 - Working with partners to stop and deter those who commit crime within Thurrock
 - Using enforcement activity against anti-social behaviour issues
 - Tackling vehicle crime, particularly in West Thurrock
 - Developing a surveillance plan, including CCTV
 - Looking at the environment to design out crime, e.g. street lighting
 - Engaging with the business sector
2. bring extra support and protection for the vulnerable by:
 - Working with young people to reduce crime e.g. education & prevention activities
 - Improving accessibility to services e.g. help lines and advice centres
 - Promoting support for victims of sexual violence, domestic abuse and hate crime
 - Working with schools on education in relation to domestic abuse, hate crime, & sexual violence
 - Linking to Healthier Communities and vulnerable adults
 - Continuing with our programme of drug and alcohol interventions

Our planned Programme of Work: 2008 – 2011

To deliver these aims we will:

3. reduce death and injury caused through accidents and fires by:
 - Reducing road accidents through prevention and education campaigns
 - Conducting home safety fire visits
 - Continuing with our programmes of firebreak and junior fire setters for young people at risk
 - Helping to identify safety issues in the home
4. creating a safe community by promoting tolerance and good citizenship by
 - Planning to reflect the changing community within Thurrock
 - Linking into the Community Involvement Board
 - Raising awareness of hate crime and increase reporting
 - Promoting a positive image of Thurrock through the Cleaner Greener agenda

In addition, we will work with the community to understand and address local concerns.

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