



Bracknell Forest **Community Safety Strategy** Working Draft

The Community Safety Partnership includes:

THAMES VALLEY POLICE BRACKNELL FOREST BOROUGH COUNCIL NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICE THAMES VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY THAMES VALLEY POLICE AUTHORITY HEALTH SERVICES; and a range of bodies from Business, Voluntary and Statutory Sectors

INTRODUCTION



Natasha and Jordan Foley launch the Bracknell Town Centre Safe Child Scheme on 27th May 2000. In the year ending 31st May 2001, it was responsible for reuniting 43 children safely with their parents. The Safe Child Scheme was one of many Community Safety achievements from the last Community Safety Strategy.

"Everyone has the right to feel safe" and all of us have a part to play in making Bracknell Forest safer. Increased Community Safety is achieved through joint effort – and that means local organisations, communities and individuals pulling together.

This joint effort happens in many ways. Every time you see the Bracknell Forest Community Safety Partnership logo, it is a reminder that local people are working together to combat nuisance, anxiety, crime and disorder in our Borough throughout the year.

We know that voluntary bodies, like Victim Support; or community schemes, like Neighbourhood Watch; or statutory services, like the Probation Service, already do much to make the Borough safer. Yet, if we concentrate on the issues that concern local people

and key Government priorities, we can make an extra difference when working together.

That is what the Partnership and this Strategy is all about. Local people have identified their concerns, for example 'Community Nuisance', and we have put them into this Strategy. These priority themes will be our joint focus for the next three years.

This is the second Strategy since the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act. It plays an important part in ensuring Bracknell Forest remains a vibrant economic and commercial centre with a good quality of life.

"By involving the whole community we will continue to make Bracknell Forest a safe and pleasant place in which to live and work."



The new 'Jigsaw' logo for the Community Safety Partnership is based upon the local Towns and Parishes in Bracknell Forest.

It symbolises the fact that different communities are all part of the joint solutions and problem-solving work of the Partnership.

The Community Safety Partnership makes a difference by encouraging individuals, organisations and communities to work together to make Bracknell Forest even safer.



Chief Superintendent
Adrian Becks
Area Commander
Thames Forest
Police




Gordon Mitchell,
Chief Executive



Bracknell Forest
Borough Council

2001 CRIME STATISTICS IN BRACKNELL FOREST

Vehicle crime has been the highest crime type in Bracknell Forest for the last five years. Regional and national figures show a similar trend. Vehicle crime also makes up the largest proportion of crime counted by the British Crime Surveys (1996-2000). However, vehicle crime in Bracknell Forest fell from 41% of all crime recorded in 1998 to about 33% in 2001. In the last year, Theft of Motor Vehicles has been cut by a third from the previous year's figures.

The number of incidents recorded for Disorder in Bracknell Forest fell slightly from 1,563 in 1999/2000 to 1,513 in the year to March 2001, showing a decrease of 3.2% over that year.

Although crime overall has risen in Bracknell Forest, this is mainly due to the rise in violent crime which results from more ethical and accurate recording methods. The number of robberies however remains low. In addition to the reduction in vehicle crimes, there has been a significant reduction in the number of domestic burglaries.

The rate of violent crime in Bracknell Forest of 7.2 violent crimes per 1,000 population was still well below the national average of 14 violent crimes per 1,000 population and below the Thames Valley average of 8.6 per 1,000.

There has been an apparent rising trend in Bracknell Forest for reported violent crimes compared to the last 'Crime Audit' in 1998. Changes in the recording practices used by the Police and encouragement to report these crimes can account for at least some of these rises. This is what the current Community Safety Strategy describes as 'hidden crime', which includes violence in the home.

The changes in the numbers of recorded crime is due in part to how the Government requires crimes to be recorded and in part to changes in criminal activity. The Community Safety Strategy has to remain flexible enough to be able to adapt to these changes.

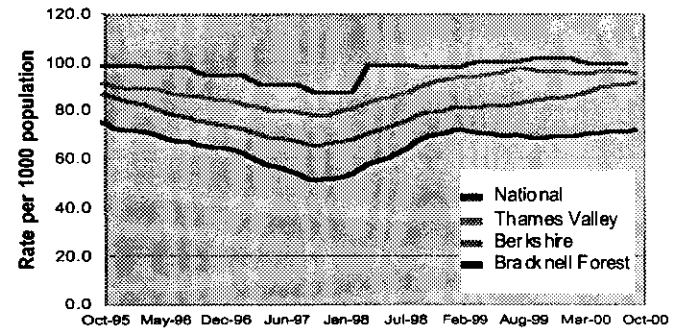
The Community Safety Partnership looks at all aspects of Community Safety, including road safety. In Bracknell Forest, the 'casualty to traffic flow ratio' - how many accidents happen compared to how much traffic is on our roads - has been lower in the Borough than in the country as a whole and progress has been made to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the Borough's roads.

During 2000/2001 a total of 473 casualties resulted from road accidents in the Borough. The figures for 2000/2001 (1999/2000 figures in brackets) were 4 (3) fatal road traffic accidents, 59 (62) 'serious' injuries and 410 (453) 'slight' injuries.

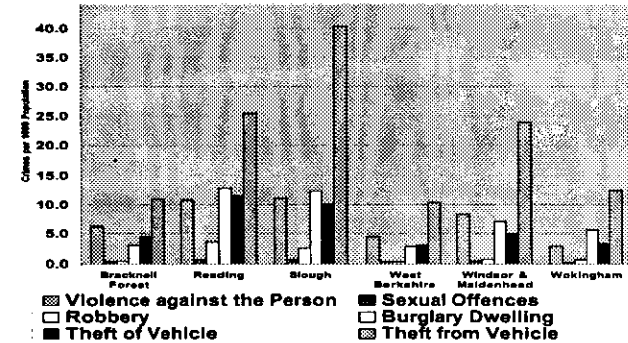
These crime figures formed part of extensive consultations to determine our priorities. Local people also considered other issues to be important, such as community nuisance and alcohol-related matters. As a result these have been included in the priorities in the Strategy.

From 1st April 2002 more categories of offences will be recorded as part of the new National Crime Recording Standard. This will have the effect of an apparent rise in recorded crime figures.

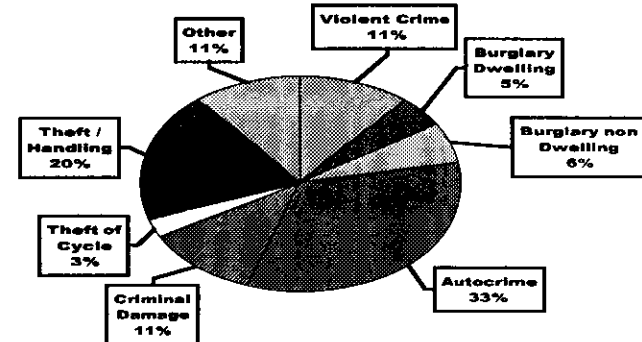
All crimes per 1,000 population in Bracknell Forest since October 1995 (Annual Moving Average)



Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (Comparisons with other CDRP's in Berkshire)



Crime by category for Bracknell Forest Apr '00 to Mar '01



BRACKNELL FOREST COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE



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Community Safety Strategy 2002-2005



Vision Statement

"By involving the whole community, we will continue to make Bracknell Forest a safe and pleasant place in which to live and work."

The Strategy runs for 3 years from April 2002. It focuses on priority action where organisations by working together can make a difference over and above what they already do as part of their usual responsibilities.

Action Plan

The following pages outline Objectives, Action Plans and Targets for our priorities for 2002-2005. Generally the targets only relate to the first year of the Strategy unless they are part of ongoing programmes. In those cases targets in years two and three are included. The

Action Plans for years two and three will be prepared annually based upon performance, emerging needs and consultation. Many of the Actions cut across more than one Priority Theme and reinforce work in other strategic plans and policies in the Borough of Bracknell Forest.

All of these are included under the umbrella of the Borough's developing Community Plan.

Targets will become more focused in subsequent years and will be based upon enhanced information and data.

Contents

Each section includes:

Priority Theme	(Community/Government)
What we want to do	(Our Objectives)
Why we want to do it	(Our Vision)
How we will do it	(Our Action Plan)
How we will measure success	(Our Targets)

Underpinning Principles

These principles will permeate the work:

- Developing "Restorative Justice"
- Promoting "Protective Behaviours"
- Improving "Information Sharing"
- Strengthening "Partnership-working"
- "Working with Businesses"

PRIORITY THEME : DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

OBJECTIVE ONE

LEAD AGENCY

Drug Action Team

What we want to do

We will address issues of drug use through education, enforcement and treatment by implementing a Drug Action Team Plan.

How we will do it

- a) Support the actions contained within the Drug Action Team Plan:
 - (i) To help young people resist drug misuse in order to achieve their full potential in society.
 - (ii) To protect our communities from drug related anti-social and criminal behaviour.
 - (iii) To enable people with drug problems to overcome them and live healthy and crime-free-lives.
 - (iv) To stifle the availability of illegal drugs on our streets.

Other Key Agencies

All Partners in the Community Safety Partnership

Why we want to do it

We want to ensure that levels of drug use remain low in the Borough and that we minimise levels of drug-related crime.

How we will measure success

- (i) Review and revise ways to increase the confidence of young people with addiction to drugs (particularly heroin and cocaine) to seek help. (This will result in earlier and increased reporting).
- (ii) Identify patterns of repeat drug-related offences to inform a targeted community response.
- (iii) To increase the number of drug users in drug treatment programmes by 35%.
- (iv) To develop effective intelligence sharing on illegal drug supply and demand to reduce access by young people to class A drugs.

NB These local measures will contribute to meeting the national targets summarised below.

National Targets By 2005: 1. Reduce the proportion of people under 25 reporting use of illegal drugs in the last month and previous year substantially, and to reduce the proportion of young people using heroin and cocaine by 25%; 2. Reduce the levels of repeat offending amongst drug misusing offenders by 25%; 3. Increase the participation of problem drug misusers, including prisoners, in drug treatment programmes which have a positive impact on health and crime by 66% by 2005; and 4. Reduce access to all drugs amongst young people (under 25) significantly, and to reduce access to drugs which cause the greatest harm, particularly heroin and cocaine, by 25%.

PRIORITY THEME : DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

OBJECTIVE TWO

LEAD AGENCY

Drug Action Team

What we want to do

We will address issues of alcohol-related crime and disorder.

How we will do it

- a) Further develop the Borough Pubwatch Scheme.
- b) Promote Proof of Age Scheme.
- c) Confiscate alcohol from under 18s in public places.
- d) Provide drug and alcohol awareness training for Youth Service Staff.
- e) Refer those arrested to Substance Misuse Reduction Schemes via the Arrest Referral Scheme.
- f) Link to the "Community Nuisance" and "Young People" initiatives.

Other Key Agencies

All Partners in the Community Safety Partnership

Why we want to do it

We wish to address public concern by reducing community nuisance stimulated by alcohol use.

How we will measure success

- (i) Double the number of Pubs in the Borough Pubwatch Scheme by April 2003.
- (ii) 100% of off-licences participating in Proof of Age Schemes.
- (iii) Increase in the number of confiscations from under 18s.
- (iv) 100% of Youth Service staff trained in drug and alcohol awareness.
- (v) An effective response to locations experiencing alcohol-related community nuisance.

PRIORITY THEME : YOUNG PEOPLE

OBJECTIVE THREE

LEAD AGENCY

**Bracknell Forest Borough Council -
Youth and Community Service**

What we want to do

We want to enable and encourage young people to play a role in developing a safer community.

How we will do it

- a) By continuing to work with Town and Parish Councils to jointly resource locally based youth-work opportunities.
- b) By ensuring effective consultation and involvement of young people through the Bracknell Forest Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) and Bracknell Forest Youth Forum.
- c) By involvement in the range of initiatives targeted at young people through the Connexions Service, the Youth Offending Team and the Police.

Other Key Agencies

Education, Voluntary and Community Sectors, Police,
Youth Offending Team

Why we want to do it

We want to ensure young people grow up in a safe community and that they can make a positive contribution.

How we will measure success

- a) The number of Town and Parish Councils jointly resourcing Youth Work opportunities.
- b) By monitoring the outcomes of the Youth Forum and other consultation programmes involving young people.
- c) Maintain and where possible increase the range of youth work activity in Connexions initiatives.

PRIORITY THEME : YOUNG PEOPLE

OBJECTIVE FOUR

LEAD AGENCY

**Bracknell Forest Borough Council -
Youth and Community Service**

What we want to do

We will develop specific provision targeted to meet the needs of young people who may become involved in criminal activity.

How we will do it

- a) By utilising the Infoactive Bus in existing and new venues targeting areas where young people are isolated or where anti-social behaviour occurs.
- b) By broadening the programme and range of activities offered to target young people who are unlikely to be engaged in existing provision.
- c) By developing daytime provision for young people (16+) including hard-to-reach groups.
- d) By piloting the accrediting of young people's achievement through non-school based learning.
- e) By identifying the Youth Service contribution to the Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) and citizenship programmes in schools.
- f) By co-ordinating school Summer holiday provision for young people aged 13-19.
- g) By recruiting, training and supporting a detached youth work team to develop work with young people in areas of identified community safety concern.
- h) By seeking approval to develop Restorative Justice schemes in schools to respond to discipline and inter-pupil disputes.
- i) By promoting links between parenting support agencies and families.

Other Key Agencies

Education, Voluntary and Community Sectors, Police,
Youth Offending Team

Why we want to do it

We want to reduce the likelihood of young people being drawn into patterns of anti-social behaviour due to lack of meaningful activity.

How we will measure success

- a) Increase in the number of venues where the Infoactive Bus operates.
- b) Increase in range of young people and programme of the Infoactive project.
- c) Measure the take-up of 16+ daytime provision by hard-to-reach groups.
- d) Implement a Borough-wide pilot scheme, which recognises young people's achievement in non school-based learning.
- e) By monitoring the extent of Youth Service contribution in PSHE and citizenship programmes.
- f) Delivery of a co-ordinated Summer holiday programme.
- g) Establish a well trained and supported team of detached youth workers who operate in targeted areas.
- h) The number of Restorative Justice interventions in schools (See objective 9).
- j) Develop and monitor links between parenting support agencies and families.

PRIORITY THEME : TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT

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LEAD AGENCY

**Bracknell Forest Borough Council -
Environment Department**

What we want to do

We intend to target areas where inappropriate driver behaviour causes accidents and alarm.

How we will do it

- a) By implementing the findings of the Northern Parishes Traffic and Safety Study.
- b) By implementing schemes to reduce conflict caused by on-street parking in residential areas.
- c) By implementing a programme of high visibility speed checks.
- d) By providing safe cycle routes/safe routes to school.
- e) By promoting young cyclist training schemes.
- f) By aiming to reduce casualties as identified in the Local Transport Plan.

Other Key Agencies

Police, Education Department, Community Groups, Licensees, Enforcement Agencies, Town and Parish Councils

Why we want to do it

We want to promote responsible attitudes to driving and parking and to encourage drivers to take responsibility for their behaviour.

How we will measure success

- a) Completion of phase 3 of the Northern Parishes Traffic and Safety Study.
- b) The number of on-street parking places created.
- c) Increase the number of high visibility police speed checks.
- d) Implementing 4 safe routes to school schemes.
- f) Increase the number of young cyclist training schemes being offered.
- g) Meet the casualty reduction targets set out in the Local Transport Plan.

PRIORITY THEME : TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT



LEAD AGENCY

**Bracknell Forest Borough Council -
Environment Department**

What we want to do

We will involve local communities in projects to improve the local environment each year.

How we will do it

- a) By promoting the Safe Child Scheme.
- b) By improving lighting in community areas.
- c) By increasing the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes by 25 each year.
- d) By encouraging voluntary involvement in Community Safety Schemes.
- e) By developing at least 5 joint initiatives with Town and Parish Councils.
- f) By working with local organisations.
- g) Promote community projects.
- h) By promoting a multi-agency response to the disposal of abandoned vehicles.

Other Key Agencies

Police, Education Department, Community Groups, Licensees, Enforcement Agencies, Town and Parish Councils

Why we want to do it

We wish to make our living and working environment even safer and more attractive.

How we will measure success

- ai) Increase the number of businesses involved in the Safe Child Scheme.
- aii) Increase the number of people trained in the Safe Child Scheme.
- b) Increase the number of improved lighting schemes.
- c) Increase the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes by 25 each year.
- d) Establish mechanisms for involving volunteers in Community safety schemes.
- e) Implement at least 5 new/sustained joint initiatives with Town and Parish Councils.
- f) Involve an increased number of organisations each year.
- g) Increase the number of community projects.
- h) Increase the numbers of abandoned vehicles removed and reduce the time taken to do so.

PRIORITY THEME : COMMUNITY NUISANCE, ANXIETY AND PERCEPTION

OBJECTIVE SEVEN

LEAD AGENCY

Police

What we want to do

We want to significantly reduce repeat criminal and nuisance behaviour in targeted hot spots each year.

How we will do it

- a) Target police resources to nuisance hot spots at key times.
- b) Remove graffiti from public property.
- c) Improve lighting and physical environment where this can significantly reduce anxiety.
- d) Involve young people in environmental schemes in targeted areas.
- e) Remove abandoned vehicles promptly.
- f) Provide support to vulnerable people through the Community Support Unit, "Supporting People initiatives" and Voluntary Sector Partners.
- g) Link with the 'Hidden Crime' priority.
- h) Improve perceptions of safety in Bracknell Town Centre.

Other Key Agencies

Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Community, Voluntary Sector, Youth Offending Teams, Town & Parish Councils, Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Why we want to do it

We believe everyone has the right to feel safe and that their quality of life should not be reduced by crime, disorder or community nuisance or anxiety about them.

How we will measure success

- ai) Comprehensive recording of instances of disorder and community nuisance will be established.
- aii) Reduction in the number of repeat incidents recorded in hot spots following targeted Police responses.
- b) Remove 100% of graffiti from public places within two working days
- c) The number of new Lighting/Environmental Improvement Schemes.
- d) The number of projects and young people involved.
- e) Remove abandoned vehicles in ten working days.
- f&g) Prepare an annual report on support provided to vulnerable people and partnership responses to Hidden Crime by the Community Support Unit, "Supporting People" initiatives and Voluntary Sector Partners.
- hi) Meet target 6 ai) and aii).
- hii) Encourage sponsorship of policing and the Town Ranger.

PRIORITY THEME : **COMMUNITY NUISANCE, ANXIETY AND PERCEPTION**

OBJECTIVE EIGHT

LEAD AGENCY

Police

What we want to do

We want to improve the availability of information about the risks of crime.

How we will do it

- a) Crime figures will be provided at Police Liaison Group Meetings.
- b) Crime figures will be made available to Borough Councillors.
- c) Crime figures will be made available to Parish and Town Councils.
- d) Press releases will provide information about changing crime patterns and trends.
- e) Provide information to community and business groups.
- f) Provide information for vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups.
- g) Establish at least one new community Police Point within the Borough each year.

Other Key Agencies

Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Community, Voluntary Sector, Youth Offending Teams, Town & Parish Councils, Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Why we want to do it

We want to provide the right information to enable people to undertake informed judgements and precautions to minimise the impact of crime and disorder on their quality of life.

How we will measure success

- ai) The number and geographical spread of Police Liaison Group Meetings.
- aii) The number of people attending Police Liaison Group Meetings.
- d) Increase the number of press releases/press stories providing crime data.
- e) Increase the number of presentations to Community/Business Groups.
- f) Provide an Annual Report as in 7f.
- g) Recruit and train sufficient volunteers to make each new Police Point fully operational.

PRIORITY THEME : HIDDEN CRIME

OBJECTIVE NINE

LEAD AGENCY

Social Services and Housing

What we want to do

We want to encourage the reporting of Hidden Crime and increase the amount reported.

How we will do it

- a) Introduce common reporting forms for Hidden Crime.
- b) Promote standard ways of reporting incidents.
- c) Promote a range of reporting centres.
- d) Undertake training for joint reporting centres.
- e) Establish a database collating incidents of bullying.
- f) Encourage Restorative Justice measures to resolve incidents of bullying.
- g) Examine incidents to develop preventative strategies.
- h) Ensure all schools have an anti-bullying policy and encourage the inclusion of Restorative Justice principles.

Other Key Agencies

Police, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Voluntary Sector, Community and User Groups

Why we want to do it

We recognise that victims of certain types of crime are isolated by the very nature of them. We want to create a situation where people in this position feel confident and secure in seeking the help they need.

How we will measure success

- a) Introduce common reporting forms in a pilot project by 1 May 2002.
- b) Collate details of the volume of reported incidents.
- c) Establish at least two reporting centres by April 2003.
- d) Train at least 20 people each year to oversee joint reporting.
- e) Establish the bullying database by 2003.
- f) Aim to resolve at least ten cases of bullying through Restorative Justice by 2004.
- g) Examined incidents and preventative measures will be incorporated into an annual report on support provided to vulnerable people as included in 7g.
- h) Audit school anti-bullying policies.

Definition of Hidden Crime

Hidden Crime includes racial, domestic, homophobic and religious abuse, bullying, stalking, bogus callers or other intimidation.

PRIORITY THEME : HIDDEN CRIME

LEAD AGENCY

Social Services and Housing

What we want to do

We want to make all organisations within the Community Safety Partnership more accessible to vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities

How we will do it

- a) Encourage participation in the Domestic Violence Forum, Berkshire Anti Homophobia Group, The Travellers Network, and groups tackling racism and supporting refugees.
- b) Record and increase the number of people and partners participating in these groups.
- c) Increase the involvement of hard-to-reach groups in the Community Safety Annual Conference.
- d) Undertake an audit of Equal Opportunities Policies of Partner Agencies.
- e) Monitor the number of convicted offenders completing Probation Programmes.

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OBJECTIVE TEN

Other Key Agencies

Police, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Voluntary Sector, Community and User Groups

Why we want to do it

We believe everyone should be treated fairly and have equal access to community safety.

How we will measure success

- a&b) Audit participation in the Domestic Violence Forum, Berkshire Anti Homophobia Group, the Travellers Network and groups tackling racism and supporting refugees.
- c) Monitor invitations and attendance by hard-to-reach groups at each Annual Conference.
- d) Complete the audit of Partners Equal Opportunities Policies by 2003.
- e) Record the number of convicted offenders completing Probation Programmes.

PRIORITY THEME : BREAKING THE CYCLE OF OFFENDING

OBJECTIVE ELEVEN

LEAD AGENCY

Youth Offending Team

What we want to do

We want to reduce the number of people being drawn into patterns of offending behaviour by collective intervention and support.

How we will do it

- a) Partners will identify up to five families/individuals each year where partners working together can reduce patterns of offending behaviour.
- b) Partners will work together and with the families/individuals to minimise the likelihood of re-offending.

Other Key Agencies

Probation Service, Police, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Voluntary Groups, Committee Volunteers

Why we want to do it

Criminality can be fostered by a variety of circumstances. We intend to design and target our work to provide a collective approach to reduce the chance of people re-offending.

How we will measure success

Reduction in number of arrests/reports by the Police.

Increased participation by families/individuals in Education/Youth Service Provision to 50%.

Increased participation by families/individuals in drug/alcohol diversion schemes from 32% to 50%.

Decrease in demands on Partner Agencies.

PRIORITY THEME : BREAKING THE CYCLE OF OFFENDING

OBJECTIVE TWELVE

LEAD AGENCY

Youth Offending Team

What we want to do

We want to increase the number of cases where victims will be involved in Restorative Justice solutions.

How we will do it

- a) By developing victim involvement in referral orders, and increasing victim involvement in Police Final Warnings and police reprimands involving young offenders.
- b) Use Community Punishment Orders* and Community Orders* to contribute to the safety and amenity of the Borough.

Other Key Agencies

Probation Service, Police, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Voluntary Groups, Committee Volunteers

Why we want to do it

Restorative Justice recognises that individuals and the community have needs and obligations. It requires a sensitive and constructive approach to victims' needs and those of their families, friends and the wider community.

How we will measure success

- ai) 13% of referral order panels will involve the victim at the initial panel meeting.
- aii) 60% of Police Final Warnings to young offenders will involve victim input.
- aiii) 95% of Police reprimands to young offenders will involve restorative justice.
- aiv) An increase to 10% from 5% of Police Final Warnings will involve restorative justice.
- a&b) We will monitor the number of Community Punishment Orders that:
 - reduce harm by crime or accident,
 - reduce the effects of crime,
 - put right the effects of crime.

* Community Punishment Orders require offenders to undertake projects or placements in the community for a period of time

* Community Orders are community-based sentences available to the Court which provide a series of tailored interventions aimed at addressing the cause and risk factors associated with an individual's offending behaviour

PRIORITY THEME : TACKLING CRIME – GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

OBJECTIVE THIRTEEN

LEAD AGENCY

Police

What we want to do

We will continue to reduce the numbers of residential burglaries and vehicle crimes.

How we will do it

- a) Target known offenders.
- b) Provide support and advice to repeat victims.
- c) Maximise the range and involvement of the Bobby Van scheme. (Rapid replacement locks and repairs).
- d) Use Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to provide information and advice.
- e) Work with the media to draw attention to high risk periods.
- f) Troubleshooting joint projects with partners.

Other Key Agencies

Youth Offending Team, Probation Service, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Victim Support

Why we want to do it

We want to meet the Government targets for the Partnership.

How we will measure success

Reduce domestic burglary (per 1000 households) by 15% each year.
Reduce vehicle crime by 8% each year.

- f) At least two troubleshooting projects each year.

PRIORITY THEME : TACKLING CRIME – GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

OBJECTIVE FOURTEEN

LEAD AGENCY

Police

Other Key Agencies

Youth Offending Team, Probation Service, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Victim Support

What we want to do

We want to encourage the reporting of Hidden Crime and reduce the true level of violent crime while supporting victims.

Why we want to do it

We want to improve the amount of hidden crime recorded and to meet Government targets relating to violent crime.

How we will do it

- a) Aim to obtain the true numbers of violent crime.
- b) Reduce the number of serious assaults and incidents.
- c) Reduce the number of alcohol and drug-related violent offences of disorder.
- d) Reduce the number of robberies of mobile phones and other personal property from young people.
- e) Reduce the number of robberies in commercial premises.

How we will measure success

We will reduce the number of robberies each year from a baseline of 55 in 2001/02.

A trend downwards in recorded violent crime by year 3 of the Strategy (excluding Hidden Crime categories).

National Government Priorities

Domestic Burglary, Car Crime and Violent Crime.

Priority Themes

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



YOUNG PEOPLE



TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT



COMMUNITY NUISANCE ANXIETY AND PERCEPTIONS



HIDDEN CRIME



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF OFFENDING

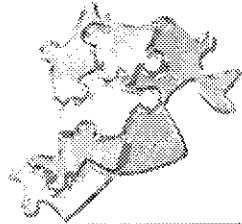


What we want to do

- 1 We will address issues of drug use through education, enforcement and treatment by implementing a Drug Action Team Plan.**
- 2 We will address issues of alcohol-related crime and disorder.**
- 3 We want to enable and encourage young people to play a role in developing a safer community.**
- 4 We will develop specific provision targeted to meet the needs of young people who may become involved in criminal activity.**
- 5 We intend to target areas where inappropriate driver behaviour causes accidents and alarm.**
- 6 We will involve local communities in projects to improve the local environment each year.**
- 7 We want to significantly reduce repeat criminal and nuisance behaviour in targeted hot spots each year.**
- 8 We want to improve the availability of information about the risks of crime.**
- 9 We want to encourage the reporting of Hidden Crime and increase the amount reported.**
- 10 We want to make all organisations within the Community Safety Partnership more accessible to vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities.**
- 11 We want to reduce the number of people being drawn into patterns of offending behaviour by collective intervention and support.**
- 12 We want to increase the number of cases where victims will be involved in Restorative Justice solutions.**

Government priorities

TACKLING CRIME



What we want to do

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Underpinning principles

DEVELOPING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



Restorative Justice recognises individuals and the community have needs and obligations. It requires a sensitive and constructive approach to victims' needs and those of their families, friends and the wider community.

PROMOTING 'PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS'



The two guiding themes in 'Protective Behaviours' are central to the Community Safety Strategy.

- 1 Everyone has the right to feel safe.**
- 2 There is nothing so awful or so slight that victims cannot talk with someone about it.**

IMPROVING INFORMATION SHARING



We will develop effective information exchange systems to inform our decisions, priorities, responses and future strategy.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WORKING



We will continue to make Bracknell Forest a safe and pleasant place to live and work by involving the whole community through effective partnership working.

WORKING WITH BUSINESSES

There are many opportunities to develop business involvement within the Community Safety Partnership. We recognise that expertise can be provided by and shared between business and other partners to strengthen our joint working.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

(PLEASE INDICATE YOUR VIEWS BY TICKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE SCALE)

	Totally disagree			Totally agree	
	1	2	3	4	5
■ I understand what the Strategy means to me and my community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ I know more about Community Safety since reading this information pack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ I think the priorities and objectives are the right ones for Bracknell Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ I think the Information Pack is easy to read	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ I can't be bothered to read the Information Pack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■ Please send me details of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes					<input type="checkbox"/>
■ Please send me details of the Police Liaison Group in my area					<input type="checkbox"/>

Name Telephone

Address Postcode

Thank you for completing and sending in this questionnaire. If you return it by 31st July we will enter it in a draw and you may win a VIP visit for two with Thames Valley Police.

Community Safety Manager

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