



Plan 2011 - 2014 (2012 Refresh)

Key facts about crime and disorder in Bracknell Forest

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Did you know that since April 1, 2011, the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has achieved the following:

- overall crime reduction of 17%
- reduction in burglaries of houses of over 24%
- reduction in cars stolen of over 33%
- reduction in violence of over 26%
- reduction in incidents of damage of over 15%
- reduction in sexual offences involving an under 18 of ?%
- reduction in ASB of over ?%

Vision

Everyone has the right to be free from being a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour, to feel safe and to choose their own lifestyle.

Everyone also has the responsibility to take reasonable steps to avoid becoming a victim of crime, not to cause harassment or distress to others and to respect differences in others.

Your safety is our key priority

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Introduction

The Bracknell Forest Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is required to conduct an assessment of crime, ASB and substance misuse within the Borough every year. It is also required to publish a three year plan, to be updated annually, of how it intends to make the community safer. This document is the 2012 refresh of the three year plan for 2011 – 2014.

Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour requires a careful balance between reducing recorded incidents, encouraging reporting and addressing the negative perceptions of those who believe crime and anti-social behaviour is worse than it really is.

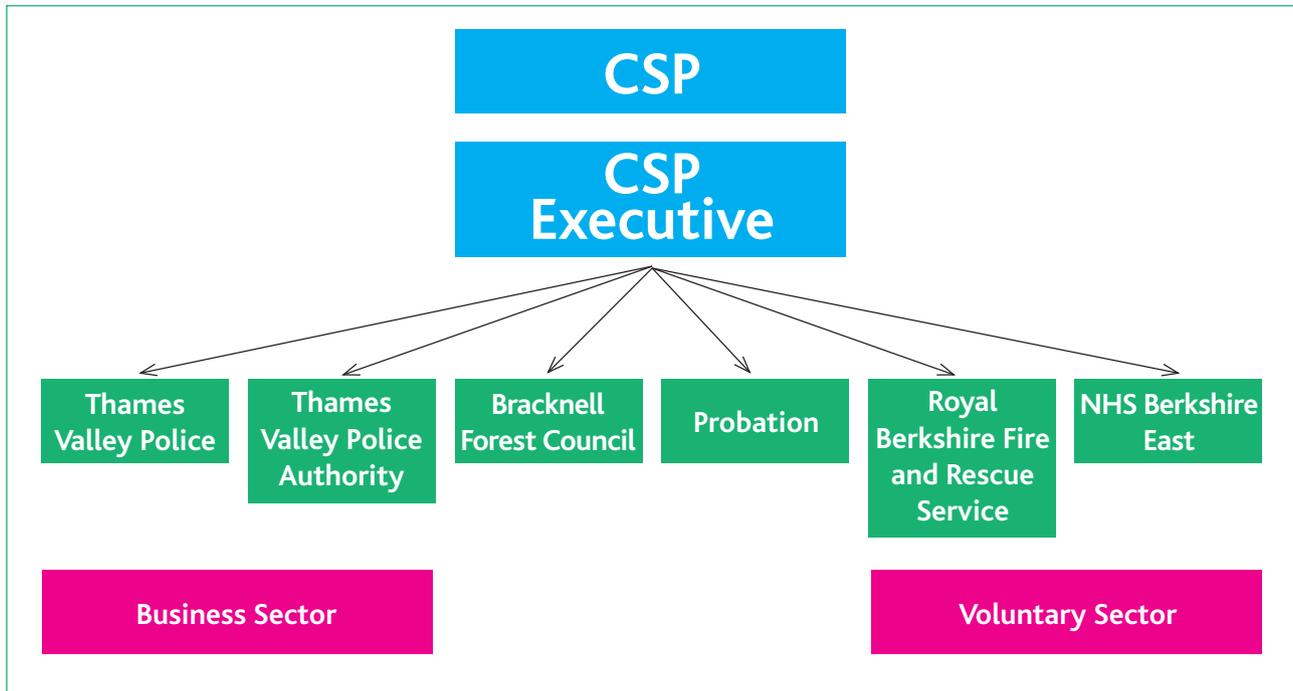
This plan will ensure that the issues that are of most importance in Bracknell Forest will be addressed while the low levels of recorded crime and anti-social behaviour that have been achieved will be maintained at their current low levels and, where possible, reduced further. This plan sets out clearly what the main objectives of the CSP are and what is to be done to achieve those objectives.

The Community Safety Partnership

The CSP is one of a number of theme partnerships that fall under the Bracknell Forest Partnership (BFP). This collaboration brings together agencies that deliver public services and their single purpose is to improve the quality of life for local people.



Every local authority in England & Wales has a Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The statutory members of the CSP are the Police, Police Authority, Local Authority, Health Service, Fire Service and Probation Service. Others who are also members include Victim Support, the voluntary sector, the business sector, Her Majesty's Court Service and the Crown Prosecution Service. The Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) and the Youth Offending Service (YOS) are also part of the CSP.



The CSP and its Executive meet quarterly to oversee timely and effective delivery of actions to reduce crime and disorder.

In any partnership, the various members bring different skills and resources. The success of the CSP is not only dependent upon the members working together in a spirit of co-operation but also on close working with the community which is vital to reduce crime & disorder. The successes enjoyed by the Bracknell Forest CSP are due to this strong partnership working and a shared determination to reduce the level of crime and disorder.

Measuring Success

The previous three-year CSP plan (2008 – 2011) identified burglary, auto crime and robbery as offences to be reduced. There was also a focus on anti-social behaviour (ASB) and violent crime. As a result, many of these offences are now at their lowest levels or in reduction. This has been achieved by the CSP working together to meet the needs of offenders who want to change their offending behaviour but need help with health, housing or employment. The partnership has also ensured that substance misuse offences are reduced or kept at a rate lower than many surrounding and neighbouring areas. ASB is recorded from a wide range of partners/sources and has been falling year on year.

This 3 year plan identified new challenges and priorities which became the focus of partnership work in 2011 and included domestic abuse, violent offences and serious sexual offences which had not reduced in line with other categories of crime. The following page sets out the process and identifies priorities for 2012.

Key Priorities

Each year, the CSP undertakes a strategic assessment to review performance and reconsider its priorities and targets. It is a partnership document and takes full account of the priorities of all the statutory partners, views of the community as well as current trends, volumes of crime and ASB categories and future projections. The priorities that are identified in this document inform the content of the CSP Plan which is refreshed each year. To view the 2011 Strategic Assessment, please go to:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-safety-partnership-strategic-assessment-2011.pdf

The three broad themes of the CSP are:

Theme 1: Crime

Theme 2: ASB

Theme 3: Fear of Crime and ASB

Under these three themes, the following priorities have been identified:

Theme 1: Crime

Priority 1:

Domestic Abuse (DA)

Priority 2:

Violent Offences

Priority 3:

Serious Sexual Offences

Priority 4:

Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC)

Priority 5:

Burglary of Non-Dwellings

Priority 6:

Thefts of Metal

Priority 7:

Damage Caused by Fire

Priority 8:

Class A and B Drug Use and Distribution

Priority 9:

Youth Crime

Theme 2: ASB

Priority 10:

All ASB

Priority 11:

Environmental ASB

Priority 12:

Nuisance ASB

Priority 13:

Personal ASB

Theme 3: Fear of Crime and ASB

Priority 14:

Level of fear of crime and ASB

These priorities were then analysed more closely and broken down into more specific sub-priorities:

DA

Reduce overall repeat incidents of DA

Reduce the percentage of children on Child Protection Plans (CPPs) where DA is a significant factor

Achieve the detection rate target for domestic abuse assaults with injury

Violent Offences

Reduce the number of incidents of total violence against the person

Achieve the detection rate target for total violence against the person with injury

Serious Sexual Offences

Prevent a rise in the number of incidents of sexual offences involving under 18s

SAC

Prevent a rise in the number of incidents of SAC

Achieve the detection rate target for SAC

Burglary of Non-Dwellings

Reduce the number of burglaries from non-dwellings

Thefts of Metal

Reduce the number of thefts of metal

Damage Caused by Fire

Reduce the number of primary deliberate fires

Reduce the number of secondary deliberate fires

Reduce the number of malicious false alarms

Class A and B Drug Use and Distribution

Increase the number of young people who successfully complete treatment

Increase engagement by under 25s who use mephedrone

Increase the level of disruption to drug dealing

Identify local problem crime groups and locations to enable disruption

Youth Crime

Reduce the re-offending rate of the Bracknell Forest local cohort of all young offenders

Reduce the re-offending rate of the Bracknell Forest local cohort of over 15 male offenders

Prevent a rise in first time entrants into the youth justice system

All ASB

Reduce all ASB as recorded by CADIS¹

Environmental ASB

Reduce all Environmental ASB as recorded by CADIS

Nuisance ASB

Reduce all Nuisance ASB as recorded by CADIS

Personal ASB

Reduce all Personal ASB as recorded by CADIS

Reduce IT-related ASB

Level of fear of crime and ASB

Establish the level of fear of crime and ASB

Further explanation around each priority is set out overleaf.

¹ Community Nuisance and Disorder Information System: a database, used in Bracknell Forest, to collate all recorded incidents of ASB in the borough.

Theme 1: Crime

Priority 1:

Domestic Abuse (DA)

Priority 1

Why is this a priority?

The level of domestic abuse incidents in Bracknell Forest remains unacceptably high and has serious consequences affecting both adults and children. National research also shows that there is a high level of under reporting.

What is our aim?

- To reduce overall repeat incidents of DA
- To reduce the percentage of children on Child Protection Plans (CPPs) where DA is a significant factor
- Achieve the detection rate target for domestic abuse assaults with injury

How will we measure success?

We will monitor incidents, percentages and rates as recorded by Thames Valley Police and BFC Children's Social Care on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings as well as at the Domestic Abuse Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce overall repeat incidents of domestic abuse by 2%
- Set a baseline to reduce the percentage of children on Child Protection Plans (CPPs) where DA is a significant factor
- Achieve the detection rate target of 50% for domestic abuse assaults with injury

How will we do this?

- Co-ordinate activity by partner agencies in medium-risk cases of DA
- Continue programmes to deter perpetrators
- Provide enhanced support to high-risk victims
- Use all media opportunities to raise awareness of DA and encourage reporting

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 2:
Violent Offences**

Priority 2

Why is this a priority?

Although levels of violent crime have reduced significantly since 2011, workplans are in place to reduce levels even further.

What is our aim?

- To reduce the number of incidents of total violence against the person
- To achieve the detection rate target for total violence against the person with injury

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents and detection rate as recorded by Thames Valley Police on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce the number of incidents of total violence against the person by 5%
- Achieve the detection rate target of 45% for total violence against the person with injury

How will we do this?

- Work closely with the community to monitor high-risk individuals and locations where violence is likely to take place
- Engage with the ambulance service to identify and resolve the disparity between incidents attended by the ambulance service and those reported to police
- Inform the community of the levels of crime
- Support a process of communicating with neighbourhoods
- Undertake a full analysis of non-domestic and non-Broadmoor offences

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 3:
Serious Sexual Offences**

Priority 3

Why is this a priority?

Although levels of serious sexual offending have reduced significantly since 2011, especially those involving under 18s, work plans are in place to reduce levels even further.

What is our aim?

- To prevent a rise in the number of sexual offences involving under 18s

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by Thames Valley Police on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve this aim.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Undertake work to prevent a rise in sexual offences involving under 18s above x incidents

How will we do this?

The CSP will participate actively with the work plans of the Children and Young Peoples' Partnership (CYPP) and Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

⁷ Offences committed in the previous 12 months

Priority 4:
Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC)

Priority 4

Why is this a priority?

Although the levels of serious acquisitive crime have dropped significantly since 2007, it is still the intention of the CSP to monitor levels of recorded incidents to prevent a rise.

What is our aim?

- To prevent a rise in the number of incidents of SAC
- To achieve the detection rate target for SAC

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents and detection rate as recorded by Thames Valley Police on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Undertake work to prevent a rise in SAC above 649 incidents
- Reduce burglary of dwellings by 5%
- Achieve the detection rate target of 18% for SAC

How will we do this?

- Ensure the IOM (Integrated Offender Management) model is targeted at those most likely to be involved in SAC
- Provide high profile visible policing in areas experiencing higher levels of crime
- Inform the community of the levels of crime
- Support a process of communicating with neighbourhoods

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 5:
Burglary of Non-Dwellings**

Priority 5

Why is this a priority?

Burglary of non-dwellings are burglaries of retail/office premises, sheds and garages. Incidents of this nature have been increasing recently in Bracknell Forest.

What is our aim?

- To reduce the number of incidents of burglaries from non-dwellings

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by Thames Valley Police on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve this aim.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce the number of burglaries of non-dwellings by 5%

How will we do this?

- Identify key stakeholders to engage in crime prevention activity
- Run Operation Larceny for every garage in a block
- Run Operation Lamplighter (cross-border activity)
- Identify outlets for stolen property
- Inform the community of the levels of crime

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 6:
Thefts of Metal**

Priority 6

Why is this a priority?

Over recent months, the price of metal has increased substantially, which has made it very desirable for criminals. Although this is a national issue, Bracknell Forest has seen an increase in this crime type, which can affect homes, churches, business premises and public buildings.

What is our aim?

- To reduce the number of incidents of thefts of metal

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by Thames Valley Police on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve this aim.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Undertake 12 metal theft operations across the borough

How will we do this?

- Ensure holistic partnership operations through partnership tasking
- Weekly visits to scrap metal dealers
- Maximise ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) capability with Wokingham
- Develop a protocol with neighbouring CSPs (Community Safety Partnerships) to tackle thefts of metal
- Identify vulnerable sites and develop response and protection plans
- BFC Licensing and TVP to conduct joint visits of scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators in the borough
- Inform the community of the levels of crime

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

Priority 7:
Damage Caused by Fire

Priority 7

Why is this a priority?

Aside from massive property damage, injury to victims in deliberate fires can be severe and even fatal. Therefore, reducing these incidents, as well as malicious false alarms, is considered a priority to keep all residents safe.

What is our aim?

- To reduce the number of primary deliberate fires
- To reduce the number of secondary deliberate fires
- To reduce the number of malicious false alarms

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service (RBFRS) on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce the number of primary deliberate fires to 30 incidents
- Reduce the number of secondary deliberate fires to 84 incidents
- Reduce the number of malicious false alarms to 20 incidents

How will we do this?

- Engage with schools to prevent forest fire arson
- Inform the community of the levels of crime and ASB

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 8:
Class A and B Drug Use
and Distribution**

Priority 8

Why is this a priority?

Illicit drug use is a catalyst for criminal behaviour and we believe that enforcement efforts to suppress drug taking and dealing is likely to reduce crime. Treatment for drug users, particularly young people, is also critically important so that their health and well being is safeguarded and so that they can become contributing members of society.

What is our aim?

- To increase the number of young people who successfully complete treatment
- To increase engagement by under 25s who use mephedrone
- Increase the level of disruption to drug dealing
- Identify local problem crime groups and locations to enable disruption

How will we measure success?

We will monitor engagement and treatment completion levels as well as the number of drugs warrants executed on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Increase the number of young people who successfully complete treatment by 5%
- Increase engagement by under 25s who use mephedrone by 5%
- Execute at least two drugs warrants per month
- Set a baseline of identified local problem crime groups and locations

How will we do this?

- Re-introduce rapid reaction protocols to deal with drugs and alcohol or ASB linked to dwelling houses
- Support a process of communicating with neighbourhoods

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 9:
Youth Crime**

Priority 9

Why is this a priority?

Although the levels of youth crime in Bracknell Forest have, and continue, to reduce steadily, the intention of the CSP is to continue to monitor these levels.

What is our aim?

- To reduce the re-offending rate of the Bracknell Forest local cohort of all young offenders
- To reduce the re-offending rate of the Bracknell Forest local cohort of over 15 male offenders
- To prevent a rise in first time entrants into the youth justice system

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the rate of recidivism as recorded by the Youth Offending Service (YOS) on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

We will also monitor the numbers of young people entering the youth justice system for the first time on an annual basis using Police National Computer (PNC) data.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Undertake work to prevent a rise in first-time entrants into the youth justice system above x entrants

How will we do this?

- Deliver local youth justice services in accordance with National Standards
- Implement the recommendations from the HMI (Her Majesty's Inspectorate) Probation Core Case inspection (April 2011)
- Work in partnership with Bracknell Forest Council Children's Social Care to deliver interventions for young offenders designed to reduce the risk of re-offending
- Develop the YOS Prevention Service to provide interventions for young people who are at risk of offending and entering the youth justice system for the first time

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Theme 2:
Anti-Social Behaviour**

**Priority 10:
All ASB**

Priority 10

Why is this a priority?

ASB can include behaviour such as noise, graffiti, abandoned cars and threatening behaviour which can leave people feeling intimidated, angry or frightened. Bracknell Forest CSP works with all its partners to reduce levels of ASB so that residents' quality of life remains good.

What is our aim?

- To reduce all ASB as recorded by CADIS

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by CADIS on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve this aim.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce all ASB by 3%

How will we do this?

- Using CADIS, monitor locations, volume and time of ASB and apply partnership solutions
- Inform the community of the levels of ASB
- Support a process of communicating with neighbourhoods

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

Theme 2:
Anti-Social Behaviour

Priority 11:
Environmental ASB

Priority 11

Why is this a priority?

The category of 'environmental' ASB deals with incidents where individuals and groups have an impact on their surroundings including natural, built and social environments. It is a priority for the CSP because it is about protecting various environments and enabling people to enjoy private and public spaces.

What is our aim?

- To reduce all environmental ASB as recorded by CADIS.

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by CADIS on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve this aim.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce overall Environmental ASB by 3%

How will we do this?

- Using CADIS, monitor locations, volume and time of ASB and apply partnership solutions

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 12:
Nuisance ASB**

Priority 12

Why is this a priority?

'Nuisance' captures those incidents where an act, condition, thing or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, offence or suffering to the local community rather than to individual victims. It is a priority for the CSP because it incorporates incidents which interfere with public interests including health, safety and quality of life.

What is our aim?

- To reduce all nuisance ASB as recorded by CADIS

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by CADIS on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve this aim.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce overall Nuisance ASB by 3%

How will we do this?

- Using CADIS, monitor locations, volume and time of ASB and apply partnership solutions

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

**Priority 13:
Personal ASB**

Priority 13

Why is this a priority?

The category of 'personal' ASB is designed to identify incidents that are perceived to be deliberately targeted at, or have an impact on, an individual or group rather than the community at large. Personal ASB is a priority for the CSP because it incorporates incidents that have an adverse impact on individuals' quality of life.

What is our aim?

- To reduce all personal ASB as recorded by CADIS
- To reduce IT-related ASB

How will we measure success?

We will monitor the number of incidents as recorded by CADIS on a quarterly basis at the CSP Executive meetings and put in place any actions required to achieve these aims.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Reduce overall Personal ASB by 3%
- Set a baseline to reduce IT-related ASB

How will we do this?

- Using CADIS, monitor locations, volume and time of ASB and apply partnership solutions
- Increase awareness to prevent people from becoming victims of internet-related ASB

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve these aims next year. More specific target setting will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

Theme 3:

Fear of Crime and ASB

Priority 14:

**Establish the level of fear of crime
and ASB**

Priority 14

Why is this a priority?

The level of recorded crime in Bracknell Forest continues to fall and reports of ASB continue to fall year on year. Despite this, there is still a perception among many within our community that they are unsafe.

What is our aim?

Our aim is to ensure that people have a realistic understanding of the levels of crime and disorder within the borough so that their fear does not become disproportionate. At the same time, we want to encourage people to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their neighbours and their property.

How will we measure success?

Undertake a telephone based survey of 750 individuals within Bracknell Forest and produce an analytical report of the levels of fear of crime and ASB in the borough.

What will we aim to achieve this coming year?

- Publish the full report on the BFC website.
- CSP to agree actions to improve perceptions.

How will we do this?

- Undertake a survey to establish the level of fear of crime and ASB
- Promote good news stories, crime reduction figures and messages of reassurance through a variety of media and fora
- Support a process of communicating with neighbourhoods

What will we aim to achieve next year?

Work will continue to further improve this aim next year. More specific target setting, based upon the results of the survey, will take place in the 2013 refresh of this plan.

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