



East & Mid Devon Community
Safety Partnership

East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015-18

Aim - The Community Safety Partnership (CSP), will work together to make both East and Mid Devon safe places in which to live, work and visit.

Identifying New Priorities 2015-18

The CSP uses analytical data gathered within the Devon Strategic Assessment and the Devon and Cornwall Peninsula Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment to help identify key trends and hotspots of crime and disorder. It was acknowledged within both reports that crime in general is falling year on year but there are different types of crime coming to the fore such as cyber-crime and fraud, and others where recent media exposure has increased public confidence to report, such as domestic and sexual crimes.

In addition to the above analytical reports the CSP has taken into account feedback from members of the public via various forms of consultation such as 'Have Your Say', Neighbourhood Assessments and feedback received at Local Action Group meetings. In January 2015 a consultation workshop was held with representatives from partner agencies to look at localised community safety issues and possible solutions.

As a result of assessment and consultation our priorities for the next 3 years will be as follows:-

- **Domestic, family and sexual abuse**
- **Substance misuse**
- **Anti-social behaviour**
- **On-line Safety & Scams**
- **Crime Prevention, including rural crime and Prevent** (anti-extremism and radicalisation)

The CSP will be looking to provide initiatives, interventions, training, and safety messages in order to raise public and professional awareness and thereby the prevention of crimes relating to these priority areas.

The Local Action Groups (LAGs) and the thematic groups will tailor their own action plans to localised activities in these key areas.

All communities across East and Mid Devon will continue to receive a high standard of support from agencies within the CSP, and will be encouraged to contribute in order to achieve these objectives.

An overview of the CSP

Objective

Agencies will work in partnership to reduce incidents of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour whilst improving public confidence to report incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour and knowledge of crime prevention measures to improve resilience.

About the CSP

The structure of the Partnership is similar to that of most others and meets the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 *“to work together to reduce crime, disorder and fear of crime locally, in order to improve quality of life and to create a safer living and working environment”*.

Members of the Partnership Steering Group from statutory agencies include:

- Chief Executive of East Devon District Council
- Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council
- Police Commander for Exeter, East and Mid Devon
- Safer Devon Partnership's Lead Officer
- Senior Officer from NEW Clinical Commissioning Group
- Senior Officer from Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company
- Senior Officer from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Other agencies and elected members from both councils are also invited to attend in order to forge and maintain good local working relationships.

The Steering Group meets every 2 months to monitor, oversee and support the work of the Action and Thematic Groups.

Local & Thematic Action Groups

Each main town in East & Mid Devon has a geographically based Local Action Group (LAG), which is responsible for the town and its rural communities. In East Devon there are four namely, Axe Valley (Axminster and Seaton), Honiton, Exmouth and finally Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary. In Mid Devon there are three namely Exe (Tiverton), Creedy (Crediton), and Culm, (Cullompton).

LAGs which are unique to East and Mid Devon in the Devon and Cornwall area were established to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and community safety issues within those localities. They comprise local officers, some of which are from the statutory organisations mentioned above, but also may include elected members and representatives from the voluntary and business sectors.

In addition there are several thematic groups that look to address issues of domestic and sexual abuse, drug and alcohol issues and keeping safe on-line. Each of the LAGs and thematic groups has objectives and action plans which link directly to the Partnership Plan.

Funding

The CSP receives a small amount of funding from the Safer Devon Partnership and this is distributed to the LAGs and theme groups in order to support local work. Often it is not the large expensive projects that prove to be the most beneficial to local areas but smaller sums can 'seed fund' a project or help support a local initiative.