



Harborough District  
**Community Safety Partnership**

*'Harborough District Community Safety Partnership aims to maintain low levels of crime  
and promote safe and strong communities'*

# **COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN**

**2008 - 2011**

## Foreword

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The primary purpose and our *vision* of the Community Safety Partnership to keep Harborough District a safe place to live work and visit.

Everyone has a right to feel safe as they go about their daily lives and this can be achieved by all of us playing our part in tackling issues of crime and disorder.

The Community Safety Partnership brings together a collection of people and organisations that have a real commitment to do everything in their power to have a positive impact on reducing crime, the fear of crime and to work closely alongside local communities in bringing about a sense of safety for all.

This 3 year plan continues to build upon the previous successes of the partnership by setting out some tough challenges with regard to crime and disorder issues that have been identified as being of most concern. There no doubt will be high expectations along the way that often outstrip available resources so we will need to call upon the benefits of working in partnership to find innovative and sustainable ways of bringing about solutions to local problems.

The aims, objectives, priorities and key actions set out in this plan are based upon a comprehensive assessment of crime and disorder issues across the district and reflect the views of what local people consider to be of most concern. I am confident that this plan, with the increased involvement of local people, will make a positive contribution in making that extra difference to the quality of people's lives throughout the district.

Together we shall continue to maintain safer and stronger communities.

Cllr Paul Dann  
Chair



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## Abbreviations

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APACS	Assessment of Policing and Community Safety
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
BAC	Business Against Crime
BCU	Basic Command Unit (Police)
HDCSP	Harborough District Community Safety Partnership
CSO	Community Safety Officer
DAAT	Drug and Alcohol Action Team
DA	Domestic Abuse
DV	Domestic Violence
DVIRP	Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project
LAA	Local Area Agreement
LPU	Local Policing Unit
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PPO	Prolific & Priority Offenders
SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
WALL	Womens Aid Leicestershire and Leicester
YOS	Youth Offending Service

## Introduction

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Harborough District is a relatively safe and prosperous place to live, work and visit.

Much work, including that of this Partnership, has been done over the past years to reduce crime and disorder. Nevertheless, we recognise that there is no room for complacency and will continue to tackle issues of crime and disorder that impact on our community

To continue to provide direction the partnership has developed this 3 year Community Safety Plan for 2008 to 2011. A Strategic Assessment has recently been undertaken which included an analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder, analysis of any changes and also reflected the views from local communities on matters that they needed to be prioritised. Through this process and by taking account of countywide community safety priorities contained within the Local Area Agreements, priorities for the District of Harborough have been identified and will form the basis for the delivery of this plan.

### This Plan

- Sets out the Partnership's priorities for 2008 - 2011.
- Sets out the Partnership's expectations of partner members.
- Shows how performance will be measured.
- Will be used to communicate with and engage communities.
- Will be used to tackle short, medium and long term priorities and alignment with Local Area Agreement.
- Includes a strategy to tackle crime and disorder in the area.

Because new emerging trends can arise, a strategic assessment will be completed annually and priorities reviewed. Both the Strategic Assessment and 3 years Community Safety Plan are available on Harborough District Council's website [www.harborough.gov.uk](http://www.harborough.gov.uk)

## **Our Vision and Mission**

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The Partnership *aims* to maintain safe and strong communities.

Our *mission* is to work collectively together to tackle those issues of crime and disorder of most concern. Our work together is driven by a desire to help local people feel safer; become more involved with reducing crime and the fear of crime; Support the most vulnerable people within our communities and to engage with those most at risk of offending. Our activities will be focused and co-ordinated by the agreed objectives and performance measures set out in this plan and based upon the National Intelligence framework of Prevention, Intelligence and Enforcement.

## **Contribution from Partners**

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We are a Partnership of statutory, non-statutory, voluntary, other organisations with links to local people throughout our community.

- Partnership members will recognise that successful partnership working is based upon trust, co-operation between partners, the community they serve and will encourage such an approach in addressing issues of crime and disorder.
- Partnership members will aim to consistently provide a clear and transparent picture of activity so as to strengthen partnership working and increase confidence of local communities.
- Partnership members will constantly monitor the impact of partnership activity so as to maintain a high level of integrity at all times.
- Partnership members will ensure fair and equal access to services and support irrespective of race, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability.
- The Partnership will be visible, accessible and accountable to its community for the decisions and actions it takes on their behalf.

### **Each statutory partner agrees to**

- Participation in the strategic development, performance management and delivery of the partnership's priorities and actions.
- Incorporate priorities and actions from the community safety plan as relevant into their own plans and therefore provide appropriate mainstream resources to deliver these priorities and actions.
- Provide appropriate attendance to and involvement in the partnerships delivery structure to enable it to function effectively.
- Share data and information in accordance with the Leicestershire County Information Sharing Protocol for the prevention of Crime & Disorder to the benefits of the communities of Harborough. Ensure their duties to consider the impact of their actions on Community Safety under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 are fulfilled by their organisation.
- Ensure the Partnership receives full support from their organisation.

### **Harborough District Community Safety Partnership members:**

Leicestershire Primary Care Trust  
Leicestershire Police Authority  
Leicestershire and Rutland Fire and Rescue Service  
Leicestershire Constabulary  
Leicestershire Probation Service  
Harborough District Council  
Leicestershire County Council  
Drugs and Alcohol Action Team  
Leicestershire Youth Offending Service

Active involvement is encouraged from Town and Parish Councils, the Local Criminal Justice Board, Neighbourhood Watch, South Leicestershire Voluntary Action and a range of community groups, schools and colleges and the business sector.

### **Harborough District Council will:**

- Together with all Partnership members authorities undertake a strategic assessment, leading to the production of the 3-year Community Safety Plan ensuring that the Plan and its targets reflect the areas of concern highlighted by the strategic assessment.
- Co-ordinate the annual strategic assessment processes, ensuring all Partnership members are involved.
- Involve other partners and the wider community, including resident groups in the consultation process.
- Provide the financial management and reporting on behalf of the HDSCP.
- Involve departmental services e.g. environmental health, parks and public spaces, as part of the Partnership's deliver structure relation to specific issues identified by the Themed Forums & Joint Action Group.
- Co-ordinate the performance management of working Forums of the HDCSP and any initiatives funded through the Partnership.
- Provide the secretarial support and co-ordination of the HDCSP Core Management Group, Forums and any associated Task and Finish project groups.
- Consider all policies, strategies, plans and budgets for any influence with the potential contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder.
- Support local crime reduction initiatives and projects.
- Take account of community safety dimension in all its work.
- Provide the operational and administrative centre.
- Share all appropriate data with Partner members.
- Complete an equality impact assessment for the Plan and all new plans and structures to ensure equal opportunities are taken into account at each annual review.

### **Leicestershire Police Authority:**

- Provide a strategic view of Policing.
- Oversee Basic Command Unit funding for the Partnership.
- Provide a scrutinising and supporting role.
- Work on joint consultation opportunities.
- Provide expertise and knowledge

### **Leicestershire Constabulary will:**

- Work with partner agencies to reduce opportunities for offending within the core crime categories of dwelling burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime.
- Work with partner agencies to promote Neighbourhood Policing and Neighbourhood Management
- Facilitate resources such as Neighbourhood Teams including principle beat officers, police community support officers, community coordinator and volunteers.
- Work with partner agencies to reduce the opportunity for incidents of anti-social behaviour that impact upon the residents and visitors to the District.
- Provide a source of expertise and knowledge.
- Provide financial resources based on fair and proportionate access to BCU funds and other relevant funding secured by the South Area Basic Command Unit.

### **Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will:**

- Ensure that the Harborough District Community Safety Partnership receives the full support of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.
- Share data and information in accordance with the Guidance for Effective Partnerships for the benefit of the communities within Harborough.
- Raise awareness levels of issues applicable to the risk and realisation of accidental fires in the home and deliberate fire setting in the District;
- Contribute to the identification of the priorities of the District in support of Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service's strategic aim of Achieving Excellence in Prevention and Protection;
- Provide education and raise awareness levels in respect of fire and other emergencies by informing, involving and engaging the partnership;

- Contribute to priorities and supporting the objectives applicable to road safety and the reduction of killed and seriously injured;

**Leicestershire County and Rutland Primary Care Trust will:**

- Provide appropriate data on hospital admission to A & E units relating to injury through domestic abuse and alcohol.
- Engage collaboratively in health education concerning drugs and alcohol abuse.
- Provide expertise and knowledge.

**Leicestershire County Council will:**

Lead on countywide co-ordination and delivery of community safety, including Local Area Agreement priorities, domestic violence and hate incidents. LCC will also support local partnership planning and delivery and provide appropriate input to partnership work from County Council services including, adult social care, children and youth services, youth offending service, trading standards and transport services.

**Leicestershire Probation Service will:**

- Participate in arrangements concerned with the prevention of crime, or with the relationship between offenders and their victims or the community at large.
- Ensure supervision of convicted offenders, especially repeat and dangerous offenders, including those released from prison on licence
- Provide relevant information and perspectives for risk assessment and management, reparation, developing the fear of crime strategy, crime prevention planning.
- Play a key role in the new youth offending teams, by helping them tackle youth crime.
- Provide expertise and knowledge.

**Housing Associations will:**

- Contribute appropriate data to assist in strategic assessments and planning.
- Provide proportional resources to ensure participation across the agenda and delivery towards priorities.

- Engage in the Forums and working groups relevant to housing and tenant's issues.

**Town and Parish Councils will:**

- Ensure local focus of the Plan through input into the annual strategic assessment.
- Find out about community safety problems and concerns in their areas.
- Draw up and implement effective local action plans.
- Support local crime reduction initiatives and projects.
- Contribute to setting the priorities for the Plan.
- Source of local information and intelligence.

**Neighbourhood Watch Associations will:**

- Raise the crime and disorder safety awareness of the public.
- Share information with the partner agencies with aim to prevent crime and disorder.
- Contribute to the statutory strategic Assessment.
- Initiates local crime reduction initiatives and projects in partnership with Leicestershire Constabulary and the Partnership.
- Encourages residents' participation in local crime reduction initiatives and projects.

## Cross Cutting Themes and Links with other Plans

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When analysing crime and disorder a number of themes have been identified as cutting across many crime types and the range of behaviour under the disorder agendas.

These include

- Drugs and Alcohol
- Violence with injury
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Young people
- Victims of crime
- Prolific and Priority Offenders
- Communities
- Respect
- Vulnerable people
- Quality of Life issues
- Equalities
- Behaviour adversely affecting the environment
- Criminal Justice
- Hate Crime

This Plan, while mainly dealing with crime and disorder does not sit alone, the following are existing plans all aimed in their own way to address many of the cross cutting themes highlighted.

These include

- Probation Service's Offender Management Plan
- Local Strategic Partnership with its implementation structures at Market Harborough, Lutterworth and Broughton Astley
- Leicestershire's Children and Young People's Plan
- Local Criminal Justice Board Action Plan
- Local Policing Plan
- Drugs Alcohol Action Team - Treatment Plan
- Youth Offending Services - Annual Youth Justice Plan
- Harborough District Council's Anti Social behaviour Policy
- Harborough District Council's CCTV Strategy
- Harborough District Play Strategy

## **Local Area Agreement**

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The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is a 'contract' between central government and local authorities to deliver a series of services in the area. Funding is provided with the condition that the services are delivered with agreed outcomes. For the purposes of this Plan community safety outcomes fall under the Safer and Stronger Communities part of the agreement. At the time of publication of this Plan the LAA outcomes are yet to be agreed and confirmed.

Leicestershire County Council coordinates the LAA on behalf of all relevant public services within Leicestershire.

## **Neighbourhood Policing**

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Neighbourhood Policing - Leicestershire Constabulary has made a commitment that every Beat / Neighbourhood should have at least one local beat Police Constable and Police Community Support Officer. They will endeavour to become a familiar figure to local people and know the local crime trends and concerns of their communities. The partnership intends to utilise them fully as a hub of effective partnership working and building upon them to establish good integrated Neighbourhood Management involving all the agencies and volunteer groups. This will include plans for co-location in terms of "One Stop Shops" and regular joint surgeries.

## Priorities

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The following are the priorities determined from the strategic assessment through data analysis, interpretation and based on what the communities in Harborough District have told us.

Performance against priorities will be measured by a local performance management framework detailed here. It is also subject to external scrutiny through the new Government Assessments of Policing and Community Safety (APACS) arrangements. Accountability for delivering this plan is also with the communities of Harborough District through the elected members of Harborough District Council in their role as community leaders within its scrutiny processes.

The APACS performance framework is intended to monitor and assess the crime and community safety work of the police and their partners in England and Wales.

Set out below are the priorities for the next three years. They are not in any priority order for delivery but some will have short, medium or long term objectives. There will be a review each year to make sure they are still relevant.

The Community Safety Partnership in developing this set of priorities has included objectives and key actions that underpin each priority to determine whether the strategy is successful.

In preparing the targets we will take into account both national and local priorities, strategies and plans that link into the aims of this Community Safety Plan. Working Forums operate within the Partnership structure. An operational action plan will be developed by the each of the working Forums. Operational action plans will include targets to ensure action is taken to deliver in a timely manner the objectives and key actions set out in this Plan.

Reference to the relevant cross cutting themes is also shown. Limited available resources will dictate responses to those priorities giving our communities the most problems.

The priorities are shown in the following tables, in an outline summary, to enable the content of full operational action plans to be developed.

<b>Priority ONE - Violent Crime/Wounding/Domestic Abuse/Hate Crime</b>
<p><b>Why is it a priority?</b></p> <p>The strategic assessment shows that violent crime is higher compared to similar areas. Wounding and assaults make up 22% of all recorded crime. Violence has a significant impact on the health and the quality of life of those affected, therefore it is a high priority. This is a local priority too due to the higher level of town centre crime.</p> <p>Domestic violence and abuse is a priority because of its considerable and damaging impact on victims, regardless of status within the community. Hate Incidents have a negative impact on those victimised by reason of age, ethnic origins, sexual orientation, disability.</p>
<p><b>Objectives -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To prevent and reduce crimes of violence.</li> <li>2. Reduce re offending.</li> <li>3. Increase reporting of domestic abuse.</li> <li>4. To monitor the levels of Hate Incidents.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Term -</b> Short, Medium and Long</p>

<p><b>Cross cutting themes</b> Alcohol and Drugs misuse, Victims, Business Crime, Communities, Young People</p>
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Key Actions	Lead Partner & Support Partners
1. Reduce violent crime where linked to alcohol and night time economy in town centres.	<b>Police</b> , Harborough District Council Licensing, PCT, Pub Watch
2. Increase the levels of domestic abuse reporting.	<b>Domestic Abuse Forum</b>
3. Domestic Abuse - Reduce the incidence of repeat victimisation through positive action for both victims and perpetrators.	<b>Police</b> ,
4. Jointly monitor incidents of domestic abuse and take co-ordinated action where appropriate.	<b>Police</b> WALL.

<p>5. Assess the needs of the district for domestic abuse support provision.</p>	<p><b>Domestic Abuse Forum</b> Police, District Council, Leics County Council.</p>
<p>6. Continue to develop effective domestic abuse reporting systems in the District to include all partners. 7. Deliver an education awareness programme in the district, including support to young people.</p>	<p><b>Domestic Abuse Forum.</b></p> <p><b>Harborough District Council</b> <b>All Partners</b></p>
<p>8. Jointly monitor levels of hate incidents and take action where appropriate.</p>	<p><b>Leics County Council Hate Monitoring Service,</b> <b>All Partners.</b></p>

<b>Priority - TWO</b>
<b>Anti Social Behaviour and Criminal damage</b>
<p><b>Why is it a priority</b></p> <p>Criminal damage is a priority, it figures at a consistently high volume compared with all other crime, there are significant costs involved for victims too. Anti social behaviour is highlighted across the District as of continuing concern for local people. With seasonal trends it is more frequent in larger towns and villages with the most frequent reports concerning rowdy people.</p>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To prevent and reduce anti social behaviour.</li> <li>2. To re assure communities that effective action is being taken to address anti social behaviour.</li> <li>3. To increase levels of the social inclusion for young people.</li> <li>4. To ensure that actions of partners are both co-ordinated and information led.</li> </ol>
<b>Term - Medium and Long</b>

<p><b>Cross Cutting Themes</b></p> <p>Youth, Communities, Alcohol, Respect, Victims, Drugs Abuse, Behaviour, Adversely affecting the environment, Vulnerable people, Neighbours.</p>
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<b>Key Actions</b>	<b>Lead Partner &amp; Support Partners</b>
1. At 5 hot spot locations implement sustainable solutions (Market Harborough town centre, Welland Park, Broughton Astley, Lutterworth, Thurnby/Scraftoft and Fleckney)	<b>Harborough District Council;</b> Police, Fire Service, Youth Offending Service, Youth Service, Parish & Town Councils, Community Groups, Trading Standards.
2. Deliver education awareness programme throughout the district (including arson)	<b>Police,</b> Harborough District Council, Fire Service, Youth Offending Team Education Service.
3. Provide a variety of activities for young people throughout the year, including holiday periods.	<b>Police,</b> Council, Fire Service, Youth Service, To include Cultural Services at HDC.
4. Identify young people at risk both as victims and offenders and take co-ordinated preventative action where appropriate.	<b>Youth Offending Service,</b> Police, Harborough District Council, PCT, Community Groups / Neighbourhood Watch, Pub watch.
5. Ensure coordination of service	<b>Harborough District Council -</b>

between agencies to maximise effectiveness.	All partners
6. Communicate and engage with youth & communities to enable access to services and participate in the delivery of services.	<b>HDC, PCT, VASL, Rural Forums</b> District Youth Forums, Police.
7. To make full use of legislation in confronting ASB including Dispersal Powers, Exclusion Zones, Warning Letters, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders taking the established tiered approach.	<b>Police,</b> Harborough District Council, Housing Associations, Youth Offending Service.
8. Further improve the methods of recording and monitoring ASB in the district.	<b>Harborough District Council, Fire Service, Registered Social Landlords, Housing Associations.</b>
9. Develop improved support and feedback for victims and witnesses of ASB by establishing a communications strategy.	<b>Police,</b> HDC.
10. To support young people (as asb offenders) and their families to change behaviour.	<b>Youth Inclusion Support Panel,</b> Police, HDC, Youth Offending Service.
11. Implement rural community based arson reduction and environmental improvement projects.	<b>Leics Fire Service, HDC.</b>
12. Implement cross generational schemes/initiatives to increase levels of young/older people social acceptance in community.	<b>HDC, VASL, Youth Service, Educational Services.</b>

**Priority THREE -****Acquisitive Crime; Domestic Burglary, Vehicle Crime and Thefts from Person****Why is it a priority?**

Vehicle crime because of its negative impact on a larger number of people. It represents 16% of the total property related crime.

Although remaining low and consistent in numbers domestic burglary has a huge impact on victims. Also distraction burglary has a devastating effect, particularly on those who are most vulnerable.

**Objectives -**

1. To maintain the levels of burglary to at least to the low levels of 2007.
2. To promote and involve Neighbourhood Watch in burglary prevention initiatives.
3. To reduce the rate of vehicle crime offences in line with current Police targets.
4. To reduce the low rate of thefts from person (purse snatching).
5. Develop joint initiatives with the other three Partnerships based in South Leicestershire - Hinckley and Bosworth, Blaby and Oadby and Wigston.

Term - Medium and Long

**Cross Cutting Themes**

Alcohol misuse, Drugs misuse, Victims, Design of the built environment, Businesses, Older and vulnerable people

<b>Key Actions</b>	<b>Lead Partner &amp; Support Partners</b>
1. Engage Neighbourhood Watch schemes in burglary prevention initiatives.	<b>Police</b> Neighbourhood Watch
2. Increase crime prevention advice and support with respect to dwelling burglary for vulnerable communities.	<b>Police</b> , Trading Standards Neighbourhood Watch Harborough B Safe
3. Undertake specific burglary prevention campaigns at peak times of the year.	<b>Police</b> Media officers.
4. Cross border cooperation between neighbouring CDRPs (including Leics, Northants and Warks) to carry out burglary prevention initiatives.	<b>Community Safety team at Harborough District Council.</b> South Leics CDRP Partnership Group.
5. Expansion of No Cold Calling Zones to deter door step crime.	<b>Harborough District Neighbourhood Watch</b>
6. Action specific vehicle crime	<b>Police</b>

campaigns at peak times / locations.	Harborough District Council
7. Cross border cooperation (including CDRPs, Leics, Northants, Warks, West Mids and Truckpol).	<b>Police</b>
8. Target harden 'problem' vehicle crime locations (to include Magna Park and area).	<b>Police</b> , Harborough District Council Magna Park estate management company.
9. Targeting of handlers and outlets of stolen property.	<b>Police</b>

**Priority FOUR -**

**Business Crime, Burglary at commercial premises, thefts from shops, arson, criminal damage, business related vehicle crime/plant sites.**

**Why is it a priority?**

Crimes against non domestic property have risen by 18% between 2005 and 2007. The strong economic viability for an area strengthens collective resolve against crime. Employment rates, business growth and trade are significant factors that enable a community to withstand crime and disorder.

Overall the strategic assessment shows business crime as low compared with similar areas. There are some pockets of crime across the District. Criminal damage was shown as the most significant worry for the business sector.

**Objectives**

1. To prevent and reduce the levels of criminal damage.
2. To re assure business communities that effective action is being taken to address business related crime.
3. To establish Business Against Crime schemes to ensure collective action.
4. To enhance consultation and engagement with business communities .
5. To identify key strands within business crime for targeting.
6. To reduce the level of repeat victimisation where achievable are taken by everyone as part of a business partnership approach.

**Term - Medium and Long**

**Cross Cutting Themes**

Repeat/prolific and persistent offenders, Communities, Alcohol, Respect, Victims, Drugs Abuse, Behaviour adversely affecting the environment.

<b>Key Actions</b>	<b>Lead Partner &amp; Support Partners</b>
1. Provide crime prevention advice and support at identified vulnerable premises	<b>Police</b>
2. Identify fire threat locations and ensure appropriate joint preventative action is undertaken	<b>Fire Service Community Safety.</b> South Leics CDRP Group.
3. Research links between anti social behaviour, criminal damage and night time economy crime and disorder to identify and implement interventions.	<b>HDC, Police, Pub Watch</b>
4. Survey town centre businesses to establish true crime pattern and concerns for businesses.	<b>HDC, Police, Harborough Against Retail Crime</b>

**Priority - FIVE****Drugs Misuse****Why a priority**

Drugs misuse causes considerable suffering not only to those taking illegal drugs but for their families too. Burglary is often driven by drug user 'habit.' It is estimated that there were 40 drug users in Harborough District accessing treatment during the year 2006 to 2007. Access to treatment and support for families is vital.

**Objectives**

1. Reduce drug related acquisitive crime.
2. Further develop the drugs and alcohol litter finds reporting system.
3. Contribute to the county wide increase in the number of drug users in effective treatment.
4. Promote the Crime stoppers telephone number to encourage the community to report suspected illegal drugs suppliers and routes thereby increasing the opportunity to seize class A drugs.

**Term** - Medium and Long

**Cross Cutting Themes**

Young people, Communities, Respect, Victims, Drugs Abuse, Behaviour adversely affecting the environment.

Key Actions	Lead Partner & Support Partners
1. Review and re launch the drugs/alcohol litter finds scheme.	Harborough District Council
2. Provide information at community events and publicity initiatives.	DAAT Harborough District Council
3. Promote crime stoppers at events, in publications and the media.	All Partners
4. To provide drugs and alcohol awareness for young people.	<b>Education Services</b> , Youth Service HDC, DAAT, Police

## Alcohol Impact on Crime and Disorder

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The Partnership will address the problems surrounding excessive alcohol drinking under the national Alcohol Harm Strategy. We know locally that violence in town centres, anti social behaviour, vandalism and domestic abuse is affected by too much alcohol consumption. Empty beer cans are left in parks and open spaces causing litter and danger. Alcohol consumption by the young is of particular concern.

We will try and strike a balance between sensible social drinking by the majority and binge drinking by the few.

Key objectives contained in the 3 year plan are supported by Action Plans that detail initiatives, time scales, funding arrangements, lead body and measures of success.

The Government's new Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy, Safe, Sensible, Social (SSS) published in 2007 makes the case for joined-up action at local level to tackle alcohol-related harm.

Alcohol misuse affects individuals, families and the wider community whilst placing a huge burden on our health and social care systems and the criminal justice system.

The Leicestershire Alcohol Strategy will contribute towards this Plan, the Children and Young People's Strategic plan 2007-10 and the Local Area Agreement.

Reducing alcohol related harm requires commitment and effort from everyone - including Harborough District Council, the PCT, local health services, the Police, schools, Social Services, licensees, parents and drinkers.

The Core Management Group via its Drugs and Alcohol Forum will work to ensure that the multi component themes of the strategy are implemented.

A local Alcohol Harm Reduction Action Plan is to be produced and developed in association with the Community Safety Partnerships based in South Leicestershire.

## Behaviour Adversely Affecting the Environment

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A person's surroundings have direct impact on their quality of life and their feelings of physical and emotional wellbeing are directly affected by their perception of their surroundings. An untidy area can have a negative impact on the community's perception that anti social behaviour and low level crime is a problem.

As well as the major environmental factors - air quality , global warming, and industrial pollution: there are many smaller but localised factors that on a personal scale have a greater influence on peoples day to day lives, these including littering, dog fouling, abandoned and nuisance vehicles, graffiti and fly tipping.

The negative factors include:

- Increase in anti-social behaviour
- Negative feelings about those responsible locally for their environment
- Low self-esteem and feelings of alienation
- Reluctance to use public spaces
- An increase in cost of collecting and correctly disposing of litter and other items abandoned
- Regeneration of an area is made more difficult
- An increase in the rat population from discarded foodstuff

This Plan is to improve Local Environmental Quality (LEQ)

- To encourage the appropriate use of relevant powers, where needed and in particular the new amended powers commenced through the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- To encourage the responsible use of Fixed Penalty Notices from issuing through to enforcement
- To use a multiagency approach in the work of education, prevention and awareness
- Planned joint working initiatives within Schools concerning Anti-Social Behaviour
- Clear information sharing protocols.

Key Actions include:

- Juvenile Education Initiatives and Prevention work
- Reduce Fly-Tipping
- Increase Fly-Tipping Education
- Implement Dog Control Orders following the relevant consultation
- Reduce Dog Fouling

These actions will be led by Harborough District Council's Enforcement Team.

## Performance Management

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This Plan sets out a Performance Management Framework that will, over the next 3 years, monitor how well the partnership carries out and delivers those things for which it has a responsibility. It will include reviewing current performance, take into account factors that affect future performance and make decisions that enable future performance to be better than it might otherwise be.

A robust performance framework is essential to ensure that the partnership is both focused and effective in delivering better outcomes for local communities.

The Partnership's Core Management Group, which comprises representatives of the statutory agencies, will be responsible for monitoring crime performance monthly and undertake a strategic review, on a quarterly basis, of progress against priorities and determine any support measures needed to ensure successful outcomes.

The activities of the Partnership will take a structured approach to problem solving and use crime pattern analysis, community feedback, use information from research and make reference to what works and under what circumstances. Actions will be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time limited.

A lead person for each key objective will coordinate performance through action plans, review progress on a quarterly basis and report to the Community Safety Manager to enable review by the Core management Group.

The lead person will be the chair of each of the Forums operating under the Partnership structure. A schedule will provide for the reporting to the Core Management Group on a rolling three months arrangement.

Each Priority will have its own action plan, as will the cross cutting themes of alcohol abuse and behaviour adversely affecting the environment.

Each action plan will include an action to evidence how the work is involving the community in the delivery processes.

The operational action plan format will be:

**Sample**

<b>Harborough District Community Safety Plan Operational Action Plan 2008 - 2009</b>				
<b>Priority one - Violent Crime/Wounding/Domestic Abuse/Hate Crime</b>				
<b>List Objectives 1. 2. 3.</b>				
<b>Key Action</b>	<b>Tasks to deliver key action</b>	<b>Outcome Target Performance measure. Quarter report date</b>	<b>Name of task owner</b>	<b>Progress</b>

## **Community Engagement and Strengthening Communities**

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Safer communities are stronger communities and vice versa.

Local communities are often willing to engage with local service providers when they see visible efforts being made to address community problems and especially when they have a say in how those problems should be tackled.

Often local people have a very good knowledge of the underlying causes and regularly become aware of the issues before they come to the notice of local agencies. This reinforces the fact that effective working together between local communities and service providers will not only provide greater opportunity to find sustainable solutions to local problems but may also install a greater willingness on their part to become more actively involved in the welfare and safety of their own community.

Engagement with communities with a focus on public involvement in identifying problems and prioritising action is at the core of the Partnership. Community spirit, cohesion and down to how well neighbours interact with each can all lead to improvements in the levels of anti social behaviour and low level crime.

In order to ensure we consider the needs of all parts of the community we place Equalities and Fairness at the heart of our Community Safety activities, and this Plan. The Partnership will work closely with the District Council's diversity and equal opportunities offer to ensure that we consider the effect that a person's race, gender, sexuality, age, disability, and religion or belief can have when it comes to personal safety.

Key Objectives will be:

- To encourage community involvement in identifying local problems and implementing local solutions, through for example Have Your Say meetings, Harborough Youth Forum and other community groups.
- To increase community confidence in the work of all the organisations representing the Partnership to a level where the public are helping to set priorities.
- To develop and implement a Partnership Communication Strategy that promotes the profile and work of the partnership, informs communities as to what action has been taken and highlights the success or otherwise of the Partnership reaching its targets.

- To break down barriers and mutual suspicions that exist between different community groups like young and old, travellers & settled community including the encouragement of neighbourliness.

In November 2007 we met with the business groups in the area to launch Business Against Crime. Again during November the Partnership came together during National Not in my Neighbourhood Week, when we held three days of action in the village of Thurnby.

The Partnership will engage with the communities in Harborough in the following ways

1. Hold a Partnership Network event every six months.
2. During 2008 we plan to engage further with the business community by rolling out the Business Against Crime Scheme.
3. We are actively looking into ways that the Neighbourhood Watch networks can be formally linked to the work of the Partnership.
4. To help communities become stronger and safer a Street Parties programme is scheduled to be introduced during the first year of the Plan.
5. Members from the Partnership attend the regular Have Your Say meetings, open to the public, any issues where the Partnership can make a collective effort to address crime and disorder are addressed.
6. In June 2008 the Partnership will be out and about again during the National Not in My neighbourhood Week.
7. A pilot Community Safety Action Group has been established in Broughton Astley. Consisting of 12 residents the group can make a real difference by becoming involved with local problem solving. The Partnership members with support from the Broughton Astley Parish Council will be encouraging and supporting this community focussed approach to community safety.
8. We take every opportunity to publish the work of the Partnership through local media and will use public events to further raise the profile of the Partnership.
9. Work in Partnership with young people through the District Youth Forum.

## Partnership Development Plan

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Harborough District Community Safety Partnership will work towards the National Standards for Partnerships. The range of standards and work towards implementing the standards will be available within another document called the Partnership Development Plan 2008. This will be a working document and will be available on the website [www.Harborough.gov.uk](http://www.Harborough.gov.uk) under Community Safety.

### Summary

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This Plan sets out the priorities that are causing our communities the most concern. It also highlights themes and crimes that are hidden from view such as drugs abuse, domestic abuse and hate crime. How safe people feel is often based on an individual's perception, it is this perception that is usually influenced by what is seen in local neighbourhoods. Whether visible or out of sight addressing crime and disorder is challenging due to many constituent parts. When seeking solutions to problems the active involvement of local people can make substantial difference not only in increasing the levels of reassurance and but reducing fear of crime too.

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