



THANET **COMMUNITY**
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COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Thanet Community Safety
Partnership

Last reviewed 2023

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FOREWORD

As Chair of the Thanet Community Safety Partnership Executive group, I am pleased to present the Community Safety Plan for 2023 – 2026.

Thanet is a unique place to live, work and visit, both because of its geographical situation in the East of the County as well as the rich and varied demographic of people who call the three main towns and surrounding villages their home. The district is visited by thousands of visitors every year, who come to experience everything the area has to offer, from its miles of beaches to the many attractions and sites of cultural importance that form part of its history. This huge local variance of population makeup and culture, in addition to national trends such as the current economic climate and the effects of Covid 19 for the last two years, present the Community Safety Partnership significant challenges as well as exciting opportunities when we work together to make Thanet a community that is not only safe, but also a place that is constantly developing and improving.

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is made up of several agencies, who have a statutory responsibility under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to work together to tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in the district. Each agency must consider these responsibilities in all of their policies, activities and processes. This means, that in all service delivery, there is a need to consider the likely impact upon crime and disorder on the Thanet Community.

The Thanet CSP consists of Thanet District Council, Kent Police, Kent County Council, Kent Fire and Rescue, Kent Probation and the Clinical Commissioning Group. All these agencies work together under the CSP banner to achieve the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act and to take the lead in developing our overarching aims. In addition to these key agencies, the partnership can also co-adopt and work with other agencies who work within the Community. These include for example, the Department for Work and Pensions and the Domestic Abuse Forum.

Over the last three years, the CSP has made big strides forward in working together to tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and improve our communities. Work around safeguarding vulnerable persons, tackling Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking, prioritising Violence Against Women and Girls in our community, targeting County Line drug gangs, developing the night time economy as a safe place for all, and providing support and development for hard to reach communities, are just some of the examples of work the CSP has conducted.

This new Community Plan sets out the CSP's priorities for the next three years in the Thanet District. It provides the overall framework for the partnership to focus its activities when addressing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in terms of targeting offenders, safeguarding vulnerable people and improving district safety and cohesion.

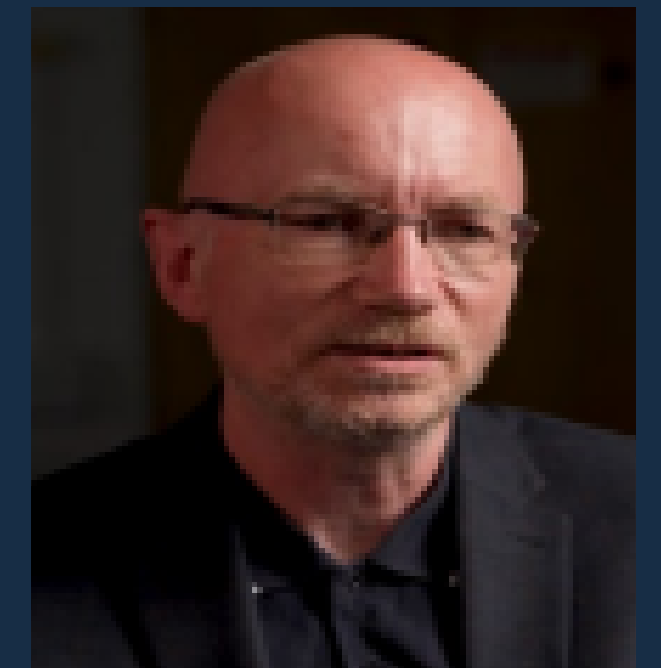
As a partnership, we are fully committed to working together to achieve these aims and make Thanet a Safer place to live, work and visit.



Chief Inspector Ian Swallow
Thanet District Commander
Kent Police

VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT (VRU)

The Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has worked closely with the Thanet CSP since the VRU was established. Thanet is a district which has a number of challenges linked to risks of serious violence but has also led around a strong multi-agency response that coordinates the work of partners to keep the community safe. There has been some excellent work offering street based youth work and community sport which has helped to engage young people in positive activities, and the VRU and CSP are currently working with young people to hear from them about the places where they don't feel safe. This is a good example of how Thanet CSP are putting into practice a Public Health approach to violence prevention, and how the funding that the VRU can provide can be used at a local level to target places of concern and make them safer. The VRU are pleased that Thanet CSP have set a priority of 'Reducing Serious Violence and Harm' and will continue to work closely in the district to support the partnership approach to violence prevention.



Mark Powell

Violence Reduction Unit Director
Kent And Medway

THANET DISTRICT



Thanet has 19 miles of stunning coastline which attracts thousands of visitors year on year.

On the Isle of Thanet there is so much visitors can see and do. Some of the most popular attractions are; the iconic amusement park Dreamland, the Turner Centre or the only Royal Harbour in the UK. Thanet is a place with so much to enjoy. Thanet has a retro vibe, you can visit a string of boutiques or grab a bite to eat in one of the delicious local restaurants, cafes or bistro.

Thanet is full of art and culture and is located close to London and the channel ports, the resorts are ideal for a day trip, a relaxing short break or a longer fun-filled holiday at the coast.

What is the Community Safety Partnership?



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Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006, requires responsible authorities to consider crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment) and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substance in the exercise of all their duties, activities and decision-making. This means that in all policies, strategies and service delivery, there is a need to consider the likely impact on crime and disorder. The partnership has to assess local needs on an annual basis and produce an action plan that sets out how they are going to do this.

The Community Safety Partnership is overseen by an Executive Group, composed of senior personnel from the responsible authorities and other agencies, including the voluntary and community sector. Sub-groups, addressing the three agreed directions of action, have been set up to deal with each priority. Each sub-group will have an annual action plan to address the objectives set by the Community Safety Partnership Executive, and is reviewed through the year for any emerging issues.



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Membership

Thanet District Council - Providing services to people who reside, work and study in the Thanet district.

- **Kent Police** - Serving and protecting the people of Kent
- **Kent County Council** - Kent County Council governs most of the county of Kent in England. It is the upper tier of elected local government, below which are 12 district councils. The individual districts also have parish and town councils.
- **Kent Fire and Rescue Service** - This is the statutory fire and rescue service for the administrative county of Kent and the unitary authority area of Medway.
- **Kent Probation** - Is a statutory criminal justice agency with more than 100 years of experience of working with offenders on community orders and licenses. The Probation Service aims to protect the public and reduce reoffending by delivering the orders of the courts and by helping offenders to reform their lives
- **NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board**- Comprises a group of dedicated healthcare professionals responsible for deciding what NHS services are provided, by whom, and where. By listening to and responding to the views and needs of the population, help people to manage their own health and well-being and be proactive partners in their care so they can live happy, independent, and fulfilling lives; adding years to life and life to years.

The partnership can also co-adopt members and these include the Department for Work and Pensions and the Domestic Abuse Forum. We also work closely with other relevant agencies, the voluntary sector, the business sector and local residents.



Kent Fire & Rescue Service



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Kent Police

Kent County Council



Department for Work & Pensions

National Probation Service



NHS

Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group

Oasis
Working to end violence and abuse.

Accountability

The partnership has to consult with its stakeholders to ensure local concerns are incorporated. We publish an annual perception survey at the start of each new year to get opinions from the public about their perception of crime and anti-social behaviour in their local area to ensure our priorities improve.

Each year, for the duration of the Community Safety Plan, the Partnership will carry out a Strategic Assessment. The purpose of a Strategic Assessment is to provide knowledge and understanding of community safety issues to its members. This has been done through intelligence analysis to identify the emerging priorities by considering the patterns, trends and shifts relating to community safety.

Additionally, it will include a performance assessment of how far the partnership has achieved its previous priorities and an update of those issues that the local community consider to be emerging priorities. The annual Strategic Assessment is central to the development of the Partnership Plan. We also work closely with other relevant agencies, the voluntary and community sector, the business sector and local residents. The Thanet Community Safety Partnership is committed to working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and aligns its priorities with them.



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The strategic assessment carried out in 2023 identified three priorities:



The priorities are overviewed by the Executive group and scrutinised regularly, where in-depth horizon scanning is undertaken.

PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE





REDUCING SERIOUS VIOLENCE AND HARM

- Knife Crime
- Assaults
- Domestic Abuse
- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Gang Violence
- Mental Health
- Poverty and Unemployment
- Exploitation
- Diversionary Activities
- Sexual Offences
- Safeguard Adults
- Safeguard Young People
- Disruption of Crime
- Burglary Dwelling
- Hate Crime
- Cyber Crime
- Complex Fraud
- Street Robbery
- County Lines
- Organised Crime Groups
- Serious Organised Crime
- Drug Dealing
- Prevent



PEOPLE

- Building Young People's Resilience
- Building Adult Resilience
- Domestic Abuse
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Serious Financial Crime
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Fraud
- Reducing Offending/Reoffending
- Radicalisation
- Cuckooing
- Modern Day Slavery
- Rehabilitation of Offenders
- Rehabilitation of Substance Misuse
- Supporting Victims of Crime
- Supporting Families
- Health Inequalities
- Homelessness
- Challenging Deprivation



PLACES

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Open Spaces
- Town Centres
- Housing Conditions
- Substance Misuse
- Human Trafficking
- Modern Day Slavery
- Diversionary Activities for Young People
- Environmental Crime
- Events
- Mental Health
- CCTV
- Unauthorised Encampments
- Safe Spaces
- Designing Out Crime
- Improper Use of Land
- Target Hardening
- Fly Tipping
- Transient Population Management
- Trafficking
- Night Time Economy
- High Harm Locations

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Thanet's population is approximately 141,819. This is a growth of 6.2% over the last 10 years.
- Thanet continues to have an older age profile with 54.9% of Thanet being over 40. Of this 54.9%, 54% are over 60. The population age bracket in Thanet is 80+, followed by 20-29.
- Kent has a 3.2% unemployment rate, with Thanet being ranked as the District with the highest levels of unemployment within Kent. 5.8% of Thanet's working-age individuals are unemployed.
- 90.3% of Thanet's population is White British. The remaining 9.7% of Thanet is populated by those in other ethnic groups. White - 95.5%, Asian - 1.9%, Mixed - 1.6%, Black - 0.7%, Other - 0.3%.
- Thanet has a relatively even split of men to women, with 51.5% being female, 48.5% being male, 0.08% being trans female, 0.08% being trans male, 0.06% being non-binary and 0.04% being all other gender identities.
- Thanet is the most deprived District in Kent and the highest ranking Lower Super Output Area. Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards continue to be ranked as the most deprived in Kent.

CRIME



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All Crime

Thanet has 41 more crimes reported per 1,000 people than the Kent Police average. Thanet has the highest levels of crime in the County when compared to the other Districts in Kent. 21/2022 number of crimes in Thanet - 12,235

From March 2019, Thanet has been higher than the force average and Thanet most similar group average, for 'all crime'

Serious Violence

Specific types of crime such as homicide, knife crime, robbery, and gun crime, and areas of criminality where serious violence or its threat is inherent such as in domestic abuse, sexual offences, gangs, county lines, and drug supply.

An increase in public confidence in reporting crime, improvements in recording practices, partnership working and the introduction of new crime types will all have had an effect on statistics.

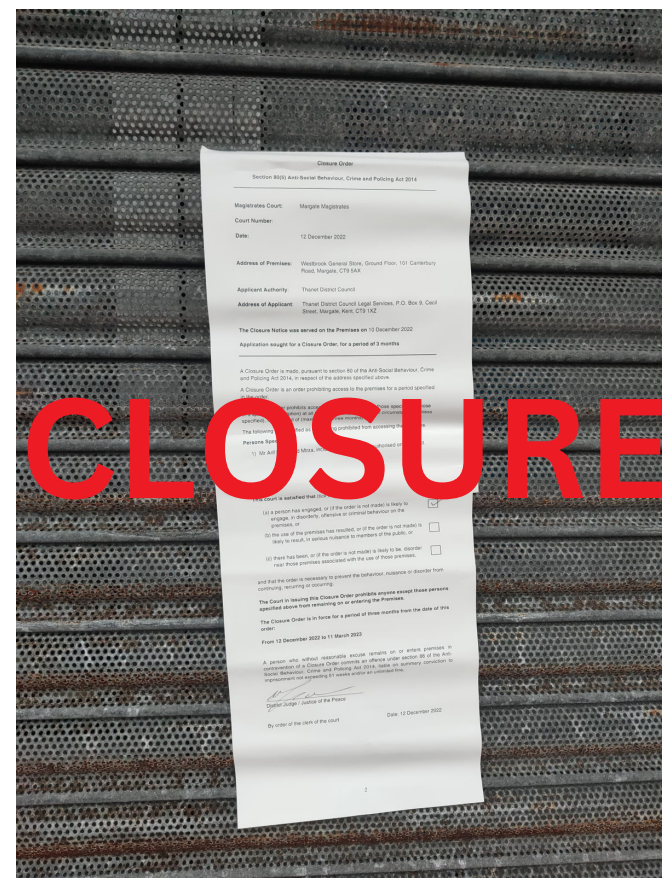
Underlying Themes - People

This will include targeted work on each of the sub-topics utilising diversionary activities, and maximising legislation for those who are prolific in their negative behaviours—positive community engagement to aid reassurance within the Thanet district. Work with businesses and partners to support making Thanet residents safe and supported and free from threat and harm.



Underlying Themes - Places

TCSP will work together to make Thanet a safe space to live by doing visual audits on local open spaces, continue to work with other agencies on contextual safeguarding, support those with substance abuse access services, providing resilience building activities for women and girls, work with licence premises, create safe spaces, all to make Thanet a safe space to live and visit.



Underlying Themes - Reducing Serious Violence and Harm

The partnership will work together to run operations to reduce the amount of knives on the streets of Thanet. Put initiatives in place to reduce violence against women and girls, put in place diversionary activities for young people and support those who require it for their mental health, by working with statutory agencies, stakeholders and the voluntary sector. Work with partners to maximise legislation around violent crime and support programme that reduce offending and reoffending.



BREAKING THE CYCLE



Key Activities and Achievements

Complaints to the Community Safety Unit for the periods of 2017 - 2020 and 2020 - 2023



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Premises closed for selling illegal tobacco

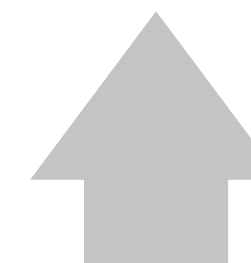
ASB complaints 

1,820 to 1,863

Community Protection Notices

Increased from

34 to 74



Community Protection Warnings

Reduced from

174 to 132

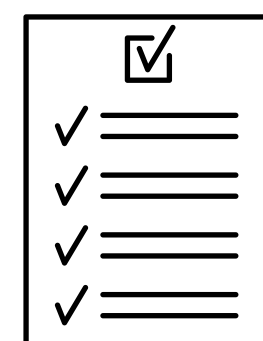


Fixed Penalty Notices

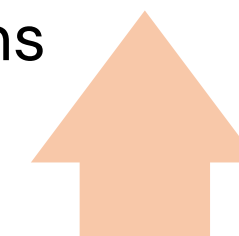
Increased 43 to 89



Community Triggers



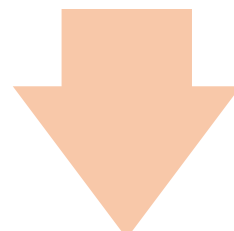
Increased from 10 to 15 applications



Threats to Staff

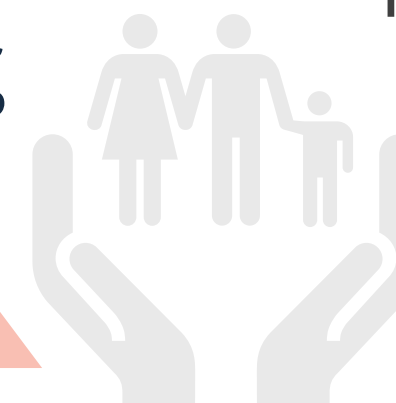
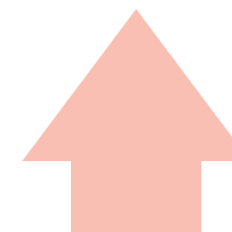
Reduced from 9 to 1

STAFF



Safeguarding

Increased from 492 to 694



Community Protection Notice Breaches

Reduced from

7 to 2



Agency Priorities



Engagement Feedback

Violence Against Women and Girls Survey



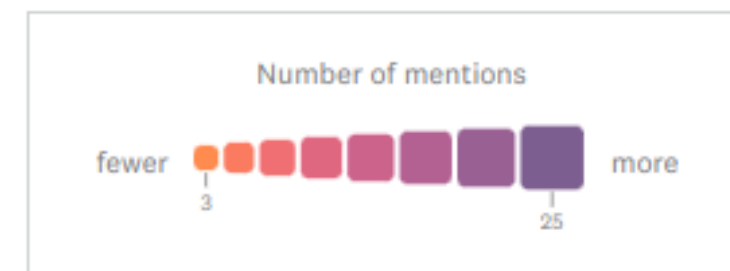
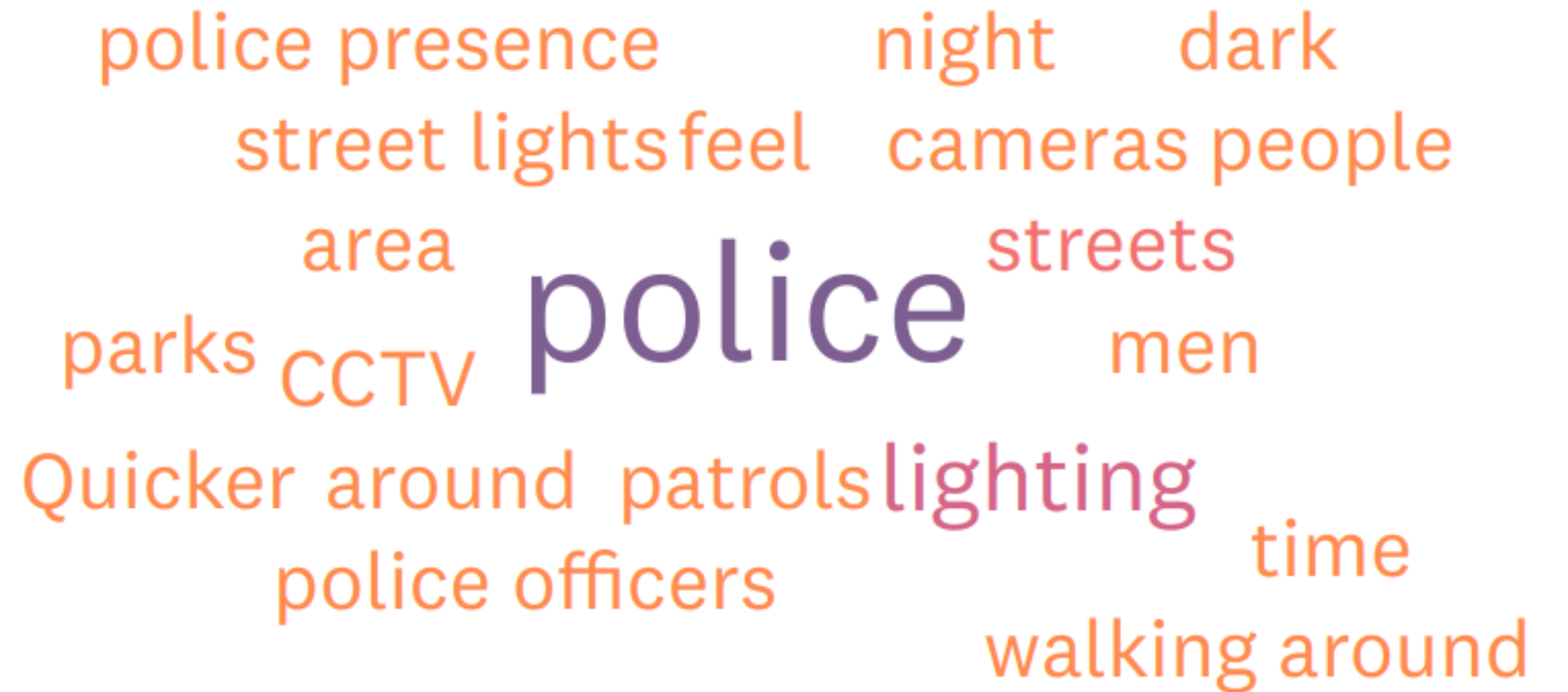
The Violence Against Women and Girls Survey was used on engagement days by The Thanet Community Safety Partnership

Results on how safe residents feel in Thanet

- 70% of Thanet residents feel safe in the daytime
- 42% of Thanet residents feel unsafe at nighttime



Comments collated from the Violence Against Women's Survey on how Thanet could be made safer:



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



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Ongoing scrutiny and monitoring:		
	Activity	When?
1.	Identify future challenges (data review)	Annually in January
2.	Stakeholder consultation (annual perception survey)	Annually in January
3.	Refresh community safety plan	Annually in March
4.	CSP Executive group scrutinise CSP action plan	Annually in March
5.	Action plan delivery	Annually (April to March)

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?



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We hold regular Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings which are community-led in each of the 4 main towns, 4 times a year in the Thanet District. To find your nearest meeting with information on dates and venues please go to the Thanet District Council website: www.thanet.gov.uk

If you want to subscribe to our email distribution list, simply send us an email: community.safety@thanet.gov.uk

We are also on social media:



Facebook: @thanetcommunitysafetypartnership



Twitter: @thanetCSP



Instagram: @thanetCSP

Useful Contacts

• Thanet District Council	01843 577000	• National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 200 0247
• Kent Police	101 (in an emergency 999)	• Margate Probation Service	01843 348300
• Kent Fire and Rescue Service	01622 692121	• Orbit South Housing Association	0800 678 1221
• Kent County Council	03000 414141	• Sanctuary Housing Association	0800 131 3348
• We are with you	01634 298580	• Southern Housing Association	0300 303 1773
• Eastern & Coastal Kent NHS Patient advice and liaison service	01227 783145	• Town and Country Housing Association	01892 501480
• Kent Probation	01622 617 430	• Porchlight	0800 567 7699
• Hyde Housing Association	0800 3 282 282	• Victim Support	0808 168 9276
• Forward Trust	01843 233 600	• Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
• Kent Community Rehabilitation Company	01622 688858	• Multi-agency Task Force	01843 577536