

# Cherwell Community Safety Partnership Plan

**2017 – 2021**

“To recognise always that the test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.”

Robert Peels ninth principle of policing 1829

# LPA Commanders Foreword



I join the partnership at a time of change with a new chairman with a fine pedigree in community safety, representing Cherwell at the County wide partnership and the police and crime commissioners' panel. Thames Valley Police have just completed a force-wide restructure and implemented a new policing model, which

puts the right officers in the right places at the right times. This includes dedicated Neighbourhood teams who are intelligence led and take a problem solving approach to identify solutions.

Our commissioner has published his new plan for the next three years and I have determined our priorities based on his plan and our local needs. I have chosen residential burglary, domestic abuse, drugs supply and child sexual exploitation. These may seem simplistic and obvious, but they are all interwoven into the most serious threats to our community.

Alcohol and substance abuse are sometimes precursors to all of the above and these offences are the most damaging to our vulnerable children and adults alike. The long term emotional impact of these crimes is significant and should not be

underestimated. Victims of burglary often have their confidence in their security shaken, Victims of

Domestic Abuse often suffer long term abuse before reporting to the Police and young people are sexually exploited after grooming with illicit substances.

Working with our partners in councils, health and other agencies including importantly our third sector we aim to tackle these issues using our new policing model. Problem solving is the key to this model and we will problem solve at the local level. Problem solving means what it says, understanding and solving problems to achieve long-term or permanent solutions, getting to grips with the real and pressing issues that impact on where you live and work.

We want you to take part in these problem solving groups working with us to make your community safer and help protect those who are vulnerable.

**Superintendent Mark Johns**

# Chairman's foreword



Welcome to the Cherwell Safer Communities Partnership business plan which is the rolling plan that delivers the Police and Crime Commissioners priorities for Cherwell for the next three years.

It sets out how the responsible authorities, such as the police, county council, probation, health and fire service, will work together to tackle crime

and disorder across Cherwell to make our district a safe place to work live and visit.

We do this by identifying local community safety priorities, through the commissioners policing plan, strategic assessments and the priorities local to Cherwell identified by our partners.

I welcome our new Local Police Area Commander Superintendent Mark Johns and look forward to a collaborative successful partnership. It is clear that in our current financial climate that we as partners have to work collaboratively and need to make the best use of our resources and to maximise the impact of our limited resources.

Recent events nationally have brought safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children to the fore. It

is important that we have strong engagement with other countywide partnerships, such as the safeguarding boards and the Health & Wellbeing

Board. Keeping our communities safe is everybody's business and partnership working is the spring board of success.

Our priorities; child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, drugs supply, residential burglary, young

people and anti-social behavior, reflect our intention to protect vulnerable

adults and children by tackling offending and working with our community to keep them safe.

The Police and Crime Commissioners plan is critical to our work as it provides the 'vision' for us to focus our intentions and Cherwell is committed to supporting this vision. We are pleased that once again the commissioner is continuing his financial support to the partnership and we will continue to spend wisely delivering those priorities in his plan.

Finally as Peel said the 'police are the public and the public are the police', we need you to be the eyes and ears of our community, together we can make a difference.

**Councillor Kieron Mallon,  
Chairman**

**Community Safety Partnership**

# Cherwell District Council's demographics



## Cherwell

Named after the River Cherwell which flows through it, the district is located between London and Birmingham, at the most northern point of the South East region, where it meets the West Midlands and East Midlands.

Cherwell borders Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, West Oxfordshire, Aylesbury Vale, South Northamptonshire and Stratford on Avon districts. The M40 passes through Cherwell and there are good rail connections to both London and Birmingham.

The district is growing with over half of the population living in the principal centres of Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington. The remainder live in more than 70 smaller

settlements. Cherwell's population has increased significantly over the past 20 years and this trend are set to continue with the population predicted to reach 155,650 by 2021.

The population of Cherwell is continuing to age, with the number of residents aged 60 and above predicted to increase by over 7,000 between 2011 and 2021. By 2021, nearly a quarter of Cherwell's population will be aged 60 or over.

One of key priorities is to work with partners to help ensure the district remains a low crime area.

## What is the role of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)?

The CSP develops and implements strategies in tackling crime and disorder. This includes anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending.

The CSP acts as a network to bring people together for the benefit of communities across all of Cherwell District.



## Who is involved with the CSP?

There are seven statutory partners that make up the CSP. Their contribution to the CSP's work links to their relevant plans/strategies as set out below:

- **Cherwell District Council**  
– Anti Social Behaviour Policy
- **Oxfordshire County Council**  
– community safety agreement
- **Thames Valley Police**  
– 2017–2021 Police and Crime Plan
- **Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service**
- **National Probation Service**  
– Reducing Re-offending Strategy
- **NHS Clinical Commissioning Group**  
– Quality and Safeguarding Strategy

Many other organisations form part of the CSP and support each other in the community to deliver our shared aims and objectives for Cherwell. These include registered social housing providers and the voluntary sector infrastructure organisation.

## Why do we have a three year plan?

Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 a number of statutory obligations must be met by the responsible authorities at the local Community Safety Partnership. This includes formulating and implementing a Community Safety Plan, informed by a Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA).

This looks at crime and disorder statistics and reflects the views of local communities who have guided us on what the top issues are in Cherwell. From this the priorities are set.

The plan is refreshed annually to reflect changes in objectives, legislation and the districts' priorities. 2018 will see further work to support the most vulnerable through initiatives like Safe guarding Children in Banbury programme.

New initiatives to reduce ASB, drug abuse', domestic abuse and alcohol related disorder provide an opportunity for your CSP to make Cherwell even safer.

Changes in the partnership landscape also require a regular review of our plans.

## Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley

In May 2016 a new Police and Crime Commissioner was elected in Thames Valley.

Their role is to hold the Chief Constable to account and set the policing priorities and budget each year. Police and Crime Commissioners replaced the former Police Authorities.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames valley Police has put in place a new Police and Crime Plan setting out the things the police will focus on over the coming 12 months.

### The priorities of the Police and Crime Plan are:

- Vulnerability
- Prevention and early intervention
- Reducing re-offending
- Serious organized crime and terrorism

Vulnerability	Prevention and early intervention	Reducing re-offending	Serious organized crime and terrorism
Mental Health	Road Safety	Gangs and Knife Crime	Public Awareness
Criminal Justice Experience	Cyber Crime	Domestic Violence Perpetrators	Dare to Share
Hidden Abuse	Peer on Peer Abuse	Substance Abuse	Prevent Violent Extremism
Elder Abuse	Hate Crime Technological Surveillance	Offender Management	Exploitation of Vulnerable People
Multi Agency safeguarding Hubs (MASH)	Female Genital Mutilation		

This CSP plan links up with the Police and Crime Plan priorities, in particular those relating to the district priorities.

The partnership structure of the CSP make it an ideal forum to support commission aims. The Commissioner

intends to use the county forum as a platform to secure funding to support initiatives, that reach across the county and are sustainable.

## This is what we have achieved over the last 12 months:

Business Area	What we achieved
ASB	<p><b>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)</b> introduced December 2016. To date there have been 13 fixed penalties issued for drinking and begging. Numerous warnings and three targeted day time interventions. The order has received some media attention and the feedback has been supportive.</p> <p>With regard to Police reported ASB Signal Crime and repeat callers are closely monitored and problem solving initiatives are put in place by the neighbourhood officers in conjunction with the police ASB officer to address these issues. Overall satisfaction for service received by Victims in Oxfordshire stands at 88.5 per cent.</p> <p>Four out of the six neighborhoods’ in Cherwell have had <b>a reduction in ASB</b> in the last 12 months.</p>
Young People	<p><b>Conditional Youth Cautions</b></p> <p>Partnership arrangements are in place between the Youth Justice Service and Thames Valley Police to deliver <b>Conditional Youth Cautions</b> to prevent first time entrances to the criminal justice system. To date the Youth Justice service has worked with 37 young people referred by Thames Valley Police for a Conditional Youth Caution of which 13 were from the Cherwell/West Oxon areas.</p> <p>Success rate taking to account those we have worked within Cherwell/North Oxfordshire since January 2015 is 52 per cent.</p> <p><b>Cherwell youth activators</b></p> <p>Recreation and Sport Activator initiative from April 2016 – June 2016 has <b>engaged 2,115 young people</b> in positive activities across the district, visiting 20 different park and informal youth settings.</p> <p><b>12 young people engaged</b> in the Recreation and Sport Activator <b>leadership scheme</b> helping to sustain opportunities in voluntary youth settings.</p> <p>Sanctuary Housing and Sport England <b>funding has been secured</b> for another year to deliver additional sessions in Brighter Future Wards in Banbury under the <b>‘Activate Banbury’</b> initiative, delivering <b>four bespoke sessions a week</b> for 8–16 year olds in Ruscote and Neithrop wards.</p> <p>July 2016 – Feb 2017 the Recreation and Sport Activator initiative has <b>engaged 4,850 young people</b> in positive activities and alternative sports sessions across the district focusing on hard to reach young people and challenging communities.</p> <p>The Activator initiative has delivered <b>six road show style events</b> across the district bringing together youth organisations and key stakeholders working with young people to showcase opportunities for young people in the district.</p>

CSE	<p><b>Barnardos</b></p> <p>Two group programmes completed of six and four weeks with one group of Year 10 males and one mixed group of 16 plus at Meadowbrook and The Foyer.</p> <p>North Oxford Academy – <b>six sessions of one to one work</b> with vulnerable boy (15 years) who was groomed online. Completed: grooming, staying safe online, drugs and alcohol bullying, anger management. At the last session the male student said he was “in a good place”. During sessions did written work on identifying dangers, minimising risk, what to look for on the internet.</p> <p>Meadowbrook – <b>four sessions of group work</b> with two boys (15 years). Resource used: Real Love Rocks, topics covered included consent, grooming, sexting, porn, relationships. During sessions boys identified risks and positive behaviours.</p> <p>Banbury Foyer – <b>four week group session</b> with young males.</p>
SCIB	<p>SCIB – <b>Safeguarding Children In Banbury</b>. Is collaboration between Primary/Secondary Schools and other partners such as TVP/LCSS/CDC in Banbury to coordinate and deliver consistent messages around key safeguarding themes. One theme will be delivered each term by all schools in the group at the same time for maximum impact. Themes for next year are Substance Abuse/CSE/Cyber Safety.</p> <p>The group will work to identify suitable inputs for use by schools and where applicable arrange training sessions for schools to increase Teachers capacity and confidence to deliver more of these inputs and at a younger age.</p> <p><b>A training day for teachers</b> was held on 5 July with Paul Newman the Schools Officer and Marc Borja from Aquarius and provided them with a number of inputs on a wide variety of topics that could be used by teachers in both Primary and Secondary Schools. Membership list attached. The idea is to get Primary Schools doing inputs earlier and doing it in such a way that Secondary School can build on the work they have done when the pupils move up.</p> <p>The Head from Hill View School has taken an action away over the summer to write up a SCIB document pulling together aims, contacts and how propose to achieve this. And is also going to create a survey monkey to measure knowledge of parents before and after delivery of themes.</p> <p>In September 2017 we are going to have a competition in those schools who want to participate to design a SCIB logo.</p> <p>Banbury and Bicester College have indicated they may be able to get some of their students to do a publication at the end of the year detailing the work of the SCIB group.</p> <p><b>Three objectives to be used:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I know how to keep myself safe from...</li> <li>• I know how to keep my child safe from...</li> <li>• We know how to keep our community safe from ...</li> </ul>
Have Your Say day	<p>On 3 March 2017, a <b>‘Have your say’ event</b> was held in Cherwell District Councils chamber, which was very popular, being opened by the elected member and portfolio holder, Councillor Tony Ilott and attended by MP Victoria Prentis. Eight schools sent teams to compete in delivering a community safety initiative and the winner was the Warriner school. Small prizes were allocated to the winners and a cup.</p>
Vulnerable Adults Meeting	<p>This is a partnership meeting which is led by Cherwell District Council and TVP. The aim of the meeting is to <b>identify adults at risk of exploitation</b> and in particular those being exploited by Organised Crime Groups looking to supply controlled drugs. The aim being to identify support available to these adults and get them re-engaged with organisations that can help them such as Turning Point.</p> <p>The Police will also look to <b>offer help to vulnerable individuals</b> and target those offenders who are exploiting these adults. As a result of this partnership working Police have been able to use Closure Order Powers to safeguard vulnerable adults and prevent offenders using their addresses. Since January 2017, 25 Closure Orders have been used across Cherwell. Op Reacher in March 2017 and Op Refresh in July 2017 saw multiple addresses being subjected to drugs warrants and offenders being arrested. Following the execution of these warrants Closure Orders were used to protect vulnerable people in their addresses.</p>

## What are the new priorities?

The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership strategic assessment completed with Thames Valley Police in 2017, identified the priorities for the County Community Safety Agreement and CSP 2018–2021 plan. The Police and Crime Plan priorities and their relationship to our plan are illustrated below.

The CSP regards these priorities as ‘Business Areas’. The six Business Areas will each be led by an individual member.

They will be accountable to the CSP for ensuring the delivery and achievement of the outcomes and targets.

The table below sets out the six Business Areas with details about each.

Business Areas
<b>Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)</b> Supporting priority: Community Partnerships
<b>Young People</b> Supports Police Ethics and Reform
<b>CSE</b> Supports Vulnerability and prevention and Early Intervention
<b>Burglary</b> Supports Reducing Re-offending
<b>Drugs</b> Supports Serious Organized Crime and Terrorism
<b>Domestic Abuse</b> Supports Reducing Re Offending and Vulnerability





Your involvement in this work can be through volunteering your time to local groups including **Neighbourhood Watch**, supporting your parish council to deliver community safety activities, sharing information with your local police officer or councillor, or just keeping a watchful eye out for problems in your area and reporting them promptly.

**Your CSP will also:**

- Actively involve, support and work with voluntary sector
- Work in partnership to tackle crime involving children and young people
- Build resilient communities, confident in their ability to address local crime and ASB issues ensuring that public participation and engagement is built into the heart of everything that public services do to keep our communities safe
- Tackle anti-social behaviour to increase perceptions of safety and reduce fear in our communities whilst ensuring victims of anti-social behaviour are satisfied with our response

## Delivering the new Business Areas

The six new Business Areas; Anti-social Behaviour, Drugs, Burglary, CSE, Domestic Abuse and Young People will each have an identified lead officer. Each business lead will be supported by key people from relevant partner organisations who can help deliver the actions to achieve the outcomes and targets set.

A number of activities will be set for the next 12 months, based on statistics, geographical information, resources available and other related factors.

Working groups will also be set up to specifically work on projects and obtain any funding available to them.



## Engaging local people in our work

As a CSP, we recognise that whilst we have a good oversight of issues in this part of the county, it is only part of the picture. The views of local people, local businesses and community groups are very important to the CSP, not only in telling us whether we are achieving what we have set out to do, but also in working with us to deliver a safer Cherwell. Your participation is essential.



Each of the CSP's partner organisations carry out a range of engagement and consultation activities and a lot of valuable information is gathered from these to help shape the activities of the CSP. These include PCSOs chatting to members of the public on their concerns about safety and healthcare workers talking to patients in their own homes.

Find out more about community safety, including the work of the CSP online at [www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk).

Here you will find useful information about staying safe, contact details of support agencies including **Neighbourhood Watch** and the performance framework showing how things are progressing.

## Performance management

To support the delivery of this plan, the CSP has developed a performance framework which identifies the outcomes, targets, actions and resources required in each area.

It also gives the board important information such as budget spend, risk control and how projects are progressing. The board will use this framework at its meetings to determine priority actions are on track and the plan outcomes will be achieved.

The involvement of local residents has played a key part in our achievements so far. Please help us to continue this.

**Contact your Community Safety Team** with the issues that matter to you.

## Be connected to Community Safety - A-Z

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** 08457 697 555
- **ChildLine** 0800 1111
- **Crimestoppers** 0800 555 111
- **Drink line** (free help and advice on alcohol related problems) 0800 917 82 82
- **Cherwell District Council** Safer Communities Team 01295 227989
- **Environmental crime** can be reported to Cherwell District Council by accessing the councils web site:  
[www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1641](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1641)
- **FRANK** (advice and information on drugs and alcohol) 0800 776600
- **Oxfordshire County Council, Fire & Rescue Service**,  
Banbury Fire Station,  
Cope Road Banbury OX16 7EH  
[www.facebook.com/Oxfordshirefireandrescueservice/#](http://www.facebook.com/Oxfordshirefireandrescueservice/#)  
[www.365alive.co.uk](http://www.365alive.co.uk)  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-risk-management-plan](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-risk-management-plan)
- **Oxfordshire County Council, Clinical Commissioning Group**  
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/>
- **Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adult Board**  
[www.osab.co.uk/public/reporting-concerns/](http://www.osab.co.uk/public/reporting-concerns/)
- **Oxfordshire Childrens Safeguarding Board**  
[www.oscb.org.uk/reporting-concerns/](http://www.oscb.org.uk/reporting-concerns/)
- **Thames Valley Police**  
non emergency 101  
[www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/)
- **National Probation Service**  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-probation-service](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-probation-service)  
01869 255300
- **Registered Social Housing** - for a list of social landlords operating in Cherwell  
[www.cherwell.gov.uk/housing](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/housing)
- **Community Safety Teams**  
[www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1382](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1382)  
[www.cherwell.gov.uk/media/pdf/t/o/ASB\\_Policy\\_March\\_2017\\_v2.pdf](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/media/pdf/t/o/ASB_Policy_March_2017_v2.pdf)
- **Victim Support**  
[www.victimsupport.org.uk/](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/)
- **Victims First**  
Supporting victims across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.  
[www.victims-first.org.uk](http://www.victims-first.org.uk)

## For more information

If you would like more information about the partnership plan and action plans 2017–2021, please contact the Community Safety Teams at:

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