

Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership

Strategy and Action Plan



2022-2025

Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the police, local authorities, key partners and organisations to work together to develop and implement local crime reduction plans. Before developing such plans, they must identify key local crime and disorder priorities through consultation, and by analysing crime and disorder levels and patterns in the area. Together with Lancashire Police, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, offender management services, Lancashire Fire and Rescue service, health, voluntary and community sector organisations the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is the representative body through which each agency discharges its Crime and Disorder duties. The result is this three-year Strategy, with yearly action plans based upon an assessment of partner and other, qualitative and quantitative, data including community concerns to provide an accurate picture of local community safety priorities. We are guided by the police and crime plan for Lancashire produced by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner:

OPCC priority Areas

- Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour
- Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime
- Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery
- Targeting Dangerous Drivers

Strategy

The CSP works co-productively with all partners and the wider community to identify concerns. Concerns are raised, shared and assessed within the quarterly meetings to enable the partners to identify appropriate working groups to develop solutions. The partnership is responsible for ensuring that all information is up to date and regularly reviewed, information sharing protocol is robust and reasonable measures are taken to deal with presenting concerns.

Partners include:

- Ribble Valley Borough Council- CSP, housing, licensing, environmental health, elected members and benefits
- Lancashire Police- Ribble Valley neighbourhood and rural policing teams
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
- Lancashire County Council- County Councillor, Partnership Officers, schools, Children and Families Wellbeing Services, Targeted Youth Services and social care services
- NHS Health services- Ribblesdale Community Services, GP surgeries and NHS safeguarding colleagues

- Community and Voluntary Services
- HM Prison and Probation Service/ Child and Young People's Justice Services
- Department for Work and Pensions

Current priorities

Our priorities are identified using the police and crime statistics, fire statistics, and other data from Street Safe, ambulance service, Violence Reduction Network local profiles and LCC Made system. We also draw from local knowledge and lived experience reported via partners. We also consider the priorities reported via the Lancashire Police 'In the Know survey'. Current priorities also include the measures identified via the serious violence duty needs assessment completed in 2023/24 and the Prevent District Plan.

Areas for consideration 2022-2025

- Anti-social behaviour
- Road Safety
- Domestic abuse
- Protecting the older population

Additional areas for 2024/25

- Improvements to the opportunities offered to young people for the prevention of violence and diversionary activities
- Improvement to CCTV and lighting coverage
- Improvements to information sharing protocols
- Housing needs of offenders
- Prevent District Plan

Action Plan 2024-2025					
Date	Issue	Area	CSP members involved	Actions	Updates
April 2024	Improvements to the opportunities offered to young people for the prevention of violence and diversionary activities.	RV/ LCC/ Voluntary partners	Statutory and voluntary youth providers and services.	LCC, child and youth justice services to offer a wider provision of prevention education services. We Are With You to continue their provision in schools and be closely linked to the Community Alcohol Partnership and the youth panel.	LCC and Youth Justice services have improved their programme of support to be delivered 2024-25. The Champions Programme are now accepting referrals from the Ribble Valley and voluntary partners are also delivering diversionary activities with ongoing plans. Plans to explore the Crucial Crew as a police led activity for prevention education for primary schools. Update below.
April 2024	Improvement to CCTV and lighting coverage especially in rural areas.	RV/ Rural Parishes and police	RVBC Partnership Officer/ Police	Police led activity to increase the coverage of CCTV across the Ribble Valley with funding from the OPCC. Required for the prevention of serious organised crime and to meet the priorities of ASB related issues for parishes.	Funding secured, two parishes identified and secured to take part, two others interested and approval from the OPCC to use the funding for ANPR on the A59.
April 2024	Improvements to information sharing protocols.	RV	RVCSP	All partners continue to look at possible improvements to information sharing and check the appropriate protocols are in place.	Strong partnerships now in place. Information sharing continues to be improved. Improvements to multi-agency meetings across the partnership and East Lancashire. Issues with reporting and recording identified and resolved. New comms and social media strategy to support the role out of multi-agency activities.

April 2024	Housing needs of offenders on release from prison.	RV	RV/ HM Prison and Probation Services.	Improving the sharing of information around housing offenders on release from prison. Discussions completed with prison and housing support officers.	New multi-agency meeting in development to improve information sharing and reduce recidivism due to limited or poor housing options. RVBC Housing Needs officer has been included in the plans.
April 2024	ASB/ theft in hotspot areas	RV	Police/ RVBC	Continue to map and target hotspot areas to prevent and disrupt ASB and theft.	Op Centurion is providing additional officers to hotspot areas to tackle ASB and theft. Closer links have been formed between stores, schools, and police to deter theft and targeted police measures are in place to disrupt organised groups. ASB rates continue to fall in the RV.
April 2024	Prevent District Plan	RV	RVBC and RVCSP	Integrate the Prevent District Plan into the CSP action plan to ensure it is part of a partnership plan.	The Prevent District Plan is discussed at the RV CSP to identify any training needs for the partnership. The CSP Chair (an elected member) is the Prevent Champion. The district plan includes working closely with partners to complete a local assessment to support the creation of the local profiles as part of the LCC strategy and risk assessment. This has been completed for 2024/25. Community engagement and education plans and staff training plans are recorded in the plan.
April 2024	Continued plans to identify barriers to services and gaps in provision.	RV	RVCSP and community groups.	Community groups identified and involved.	Ongoing discussion to remind community and services that they can raise any concerns to put forward to co-produce solutions with the CSP. Some projects ongoing- transport, CCTV, early support for those with addiction related problems. Updates below.

July 2025	Improvements to the opportunities offered to young people for the prevention of violence and diversionary activities.	RV/ LCC/ Voluntary partners	Statutory and voluntary youth providers and services.	LCC, child and youth justice services to offer a wider provision of prevention education services. With You to continue their provision in schools and be closely linked to the Community Alcohol Partnership and the youth panel.	LCC Youth Services continue to develop their offer, Champions Programme is now taking referrals, other partners are actively identifying other providers, although this remains a challenge. The HAF programme remains successful, and we await the new offer. Active Lancashire now take referrals for the RV. Secondary schools now have a strong link to our local police and partners via the police led Youth Panel. A castle grounds upgrade project is incorporating the needs of young people who are involved in active participation. Crucial Crew successfully delivered a suite of educational messages to primary student and will be repeating the offer in 2025. Our local PC is developing a 'Mini Police' activity with local primary schools.
April 2025	Continued plans to identify barriers to services and gaps in provision.	RV	RVCSP and community groups.	Community groups identified and involved.	Gaps continue to be identified, previous work includes new referral organisations, accessing OPCC grants to solve problems such as an increase in rural CCTV, the RV Health and Wellbeing partnership has begun to look at health and wellbeing provision. LCC is developing a service directory to solve the issue of complex services that are hard to navigate. The RVBC website continues to be updated as a directory of community activities and 'report and support' page. Further training for Prevent has taken place, RVBC has increased the support for those

					<p>with experiencing domestic abuse with the support of our partners at HARV. Active Lancashire are now available to take referrals for those with complex needs. We are working with Inspire to develop workplace referral and support information for those with drug and alcohol addiction to be shared with the partnership. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service has updated and installed new throw lines in our water safety hotspots and have completed engagements in rural areas including lunch clubs and home safety checks. RVBC are now offering a new neurological grant to support those who need adaptations or equipment in the home. The local rural police are delivering cyber crime sessions to rural residents from the farming community and National Landscapes have worked to arrange specialist first aid courses for farmers. These have been very well received. The CSP is supporting applications to the new violence against women and girls fund to attempt to increase support further in the borough. Housing partners have worked closely with the police ASB problem solving command to ensure that they are up to date on all available civil and police orders in dealing with housing and ASB issues.</p>
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