

Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a duty on the police and local authorities to work together with key partners and organisations to develop and implement local crime-reduction strategies. Statutory agencies include Local Authorities, Police, Fire, Probation and NHS. Additional voluntary organisations include Inspire and With You- drug and alcohol misuse, Victim Support and HARV- Domestic Abuse and Citizen's Advice.

More recent legislation contributes to the community safety plans ensuring the inclusion of counter terrorism, serious violence, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse priorities. Other functions such as the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Review, Youth Panel and Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP), ASBRAC (Anti-social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference), Transforming Lives and Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) contribute towards meeting the objectives of the CSP.

This plan is created in partnership with Lancashire County Councils Community Safety Agreement, 2025-2028, needs assessment linked to the Community Safety Board and Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership:

[Strategic assessments and partnership plans - Lancashire County Council Council - Issue details - Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2025 - 2028](#)
[Isabstrategic-planfinal.pdf](#)
[working-well-with-children-and-families-pt-1-2-v6.pdf](#)

The strategy is also informed by the Police and Crime Plan priority areas. [The Police And Crime Plan - Lancashire Police Crime Commissioner](#)

Ribble Valley priorities dealing with the wider health determinants of crime and community safety can be found in the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Strategy on our Partnership's page on the website. The Integrated Care Board representatives attend both partnerships and ensure relevant information is shared from a health and safeguarding perspective between CSP's, hospital trusts and other delivery partners. They will promote training, provide advice and support and ensure the CSP considers vulnerable cohorts of people.

Achievements 2022-25

The partnership has worked together to deliver projects linked to key priorities. This has been achieved through shared resourcing, planning and funding from the Ribble Valley CSP provided by Ribble Valley Borough Council (RVBC).

Projects supported through funding:

Young people's preventative educational messages-

PC Molly Boast applied to the CSP and LANPAC to deliver Mini Police sessions in local primary schools. This involves multiple sessions delivered by police, and wider colleagues, to establish a strong link to young people in the area and increase resilience and confidence whilst gaining important safety advice.

PC Caroline Pemberton applied for funding to support the delivery of knife crime prevention talks in secondary schools.

The partnership has jointly introduced and promoted an online resource called Pol-Ed providing schools with consistent presentations and resources to share with young people.

Crucial Crew, delivered by Child Media, has delivered safety messages to children and young people from 13 primary schools organising a carousel of activities. Messages including fire and water safety, community and road safety, health related input and drug and alcohol awareness.

Rural and farming communities-

Rural Task Force officers requested bat detectors to support the investigation and prosecution of crimes associated with protected species, bike markers to undertake engagement events related to cycling and encourage more people to protect their property, quad bike alarms to help prevent the acquisitive crime experienced by the farming community and worked with RVBC and the CSP to access a grant from the Office of Police and Crime Commission (OPCC) to provide parishes with CCTV and increase the number of ANPR cameras in the area. RVBC has since provided a CCTV grant to parishes to extend the opportunity. Additional cameras support the prevention and investigation of travelling criminality through dark arterial routes in rural areas.

Rural Outreach sessions led by the Fire Service- Slaidburn, Downham and Bolton by Bowland. Working collaboratively with the LFRS community officer to link to community groups and lunch clubs. Joint attendance to lunch clubs by Trading Standards leading to an additional session being booked for Whalley at the local library. Shared community safety related literature with community groups and promoted via RVBC.

Lancashire Police Rural Task Force East attended multiple Young Farmers meetings to get to know the communities and create an opportunity for important messages to reach the farming community via the young people. The team is also attending the Auction Marts on a regularly basis working alongside the Field Nurses to be visible and provide support.

Training and research shared around Rural Domestic Abuse and specific vulnerabilities within this cohort. This will be used to inform our plans for support services and further work.

Water Safety-

The CSP contributed towards the costs of new throw lines and message boards for the fire service at key water safety points across the Ribble Valley. Key safety messages were shared with partners and the tourism industry. RVBC has actively worked with the Water Safety Partnership led by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services to ensure that we are knowledgeable and up to date with relevant information and guidance.

Nighttime Economy-

Business Watch/ Pub Watch- PC Molly Boast applied for funding to cover the first year of membership to Licensing SAVI to support premises to audit their knowledge and skills.

Pub Watch members were moved onto Schemelink online communication system with RVBC licensing officers and local police.

Jason Middleton- Trading Standards applied for plastic glasses to distribute to venues for the Christmas period to promote safety. They also delivered a project in the nighttime economy to target young adults encouraging responsible drinking.

The CSP covered the cost of drug dog's visits to venues in Clitheroe and Whalley.

Licensing Officers at RVBC and Lancashire Police have supported Longridge businesses to reinstate Pub Watch linking to resources and Schemelink.

Knives/Blades- Trading Standards

Over the past year we have been rolling out the Knife Responsible Retailer scheme to knife sellers in the county – more details can be found here - [Knives – Responsible retailer scheme - Lancashire County Council](#)

We currently have 274 shops/retailers (including online sellers) signed up to be responsible knife sellers. Of these - 35 are shops/retailers located in the Ribble Valley.

We test compliance every May & November during Operation Sceptre week and the last test purchasing we did in the RV (in November) there was no failures in the RV

ASB-

Additional CCTV in the Castle Grounds and improvements to the system, including programmed rotations and links to the police radio. Continued work to allow the CCTV system to be viewed at Longridge police station.

Lancashire Police completed a Design Out Crime report for the Castle Grounds.

Child Action Northwest outreach sessions to engage young people in the castle grounds over the summer period leading to over 40 additional young people engaging with the youth hub.

Planned upgrades to environmental health equipment to support the prevention and prosecution of community related issues such as dog fouling, fly tipping and ASB.

Stakeholder meetings with residents and responsible organisations to collectively support victims of ASB.
Joint meeting and training updates for housing officers/ neighbourhood officers dealing with ASB supported by the ASB Problem Solving Command.
PC Paddy Bowdich has worked closely with Preston officers to tackle and divert ASB from the Longridge area.

Road Safety-

Speed indicator devices for parishes.
Promotion of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership website and visit from the Head of Service to Parish Council Liaison.

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)-

Victim Support DA contribution to Lancashire County Council
Supporting OPCC applications to the VAWG and other funds by the Birchall Trust support of those experiencing sexual violence in rural areas, Road to Change perpetrator programme, The Knott Project drug and alcohol prevention, HARV Mia Fratinos BAME led project, Paladin personal safety tools, Empowered Voices IDVA training Red Rose Recovery, Safenet stalking training, SIS- Strength in Struggles Self Defence, Physical Empowerment and Sports for women.
Increasing the provision of temporary accommodation in the Ribble Valley and linking to support services such as Active Lancashire and Inspire.
Additional support from HARV to deliver risk assessments and refuge searches for residents presenting to the Housing Team.
Emergency Department Navigators in A&E departments throughout pan-Lancs work closely around awareness and prevention of VAWG.
Training and research shared around Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS), recent NFS conference held locally.

Community Connection-

Promoted the need for better public transport leading to extensive consultation and co-design with providers and community groups resulting in the reinstatement of the Hodder Valley bus service. Continuing consultation with LCC Transport, and the new combined authority, to negotiate further improvements to this and the school bus service as part of their new strategy. Further transport projects with the community and voluntary sector are also ongoing.

Scams/Doorstep Crime/Rogue Traders

We can provide resources and/or presentations in regards scams and rogue traders and are particular keen to work with the elderly or vulnerable people in our communities who are more likely to be victims. More information is here - [Scams and doorstep crime - Lancashire County Council](#) but this page is subject to a soon well overdue change.

We have a presentation that we have provided recently to groups such as Mothers Union, WI's, Probus groups and students.

We get monthly lists from the National Trading Standards Scams Team of possible victims in the Lancashire area (and we have had some in the RV) and make contact with victims offering advice, signposting to other agencies and sometimes returning intercepted monies

Multiple projects planned to support vulnerable people via the Health and Wellbeing Partnership 2025-2028. This can be found [here](#).

Priority Areas	LCC/ SVD/ National strategies	Actions	Lead organisation/ person	Partnership support	Due by/ completion date
Young people's educational messages- Community Safety	strategic-assessment-2025-final-feb-25.pdf ribble-valley-district-profile-2025.pdf water_safety_for_children__families_7mb.pdf 7mb_mfh_protocol_2023.pdf victims_in_their_own_right_domestic_abuse.pdf add-guid-prevent-homelessness.pdf Joint housing protocols for care leavers: good practice advice - GOV.UK	Evaluate existing prevention projects via schools and YP feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crucial Crew • Mini Police • Pol-Ed • Knife Crime • Every Action Has Consequences Determine where we can improve/ expand provision and make best use of investments. Develop a programme of events for schools incorporating key safety messages based on evidence.	RVBC/ PSHE Lead for LCC	Police/ LFRS/ Schools/ NHS/ With You/ CFWS	April 2026

<p>Drug and Alcohol prevention, group and one to one support in schools and youth groups.</p>	<p>Adult substance misuse treatment statistics 2023 to 2024: report - GOV.UK</p> <p>From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK</p> <p>The Tobacco and Vapes Bill 2024 - GOV.UK</p> <p>Pan Lancashire Arrangements for Self-Neglect and Hoarding</p>	<p>Work with ‘With You’ to determine when Ketamin education projects can be delivered in the Ribble Valley. Projected timeframe Spring 2026.</p> <p>Make best use of the Community Alcohol Partnership to access opportunities to increase provision. Share the Padlet with organisations wishing to deliver opportunities. Ribble Valley CAP Youth Services Directory</p> <p>Schools linked to Youth Panel and can access testing kit for vapes via the Lancashire Police ASB Problem Solving Command.</p> <p>Continue to develop relationships with Designated Safeguarding Leads in schools to encourage attendance at the Youth Panel.</p> <p>Fund the use of ‘drugs dogs’ across the Ribble Valley for a minimum of 3 years.</p>	<p>With You</p> <p>CAP</p> <p>Police</p>	<p>Police/ Schools/ RVBC H&W Partnership/ NHS/ Youth Probation Services</p>	<p>April 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2026-29</p>
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<p>Violence Against Women and Girls</p>	<p>Tackling violence against women and girls strategy - GOV.UK</p> <p>Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership - Domestic Abuse</p> <p>Lancs-VAWG-Public-Summary-Report-V1.0-1-1.pdf</p> <p>victims_in_their_own_right_domestic_abuse.pdf</p>	<p>Continue to promote the local domestic abuse support services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect and Respect- healthy relationships • HARV- support for DA • Victim Support- support for DA/ IDVA/ support for victims of crime • Other East Lancashire services – Emily Davidson Centre, Wish Centre... <p>Continue to increase the provision of support services in the RV via the OPCC grants for VAWG based on evidence of need including lived experience.</p> <p>Support the Ask Angela Campaign via Pub Watch Clitheroe, Whalley and Longridge.</p>	<p>Victim Support/ HARV/ RVBC</p>	<p>Pub Watch/ Police/ Support groups</p>	<p>2026-29</p>
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		Plan for VAWG/ White Ribbon week of action 2026-29.			
Preventing Serious Violence	Serious Violence Duty - GOV.UK LVRN-Strategy-Revised-May-23.pdf strategic-assessment-2025-final-feb-25.pdf Prevent duty toolkit for local authorities - GOV.UK Serious Violence Strategy - GOV.UK prevent_7mb..pdf ProtectUK Digital Toolkit ProtectUK lancashire-suicide-prevention-and-reducing-self-harm-strategy-and-action-2024-2029.pdf Suicide prevention strategy: action plan - GOV.UK Home Lancashire Prepared Lancashire Resilience Forum Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership - 7 Minute Briefings	<p>Fully engage with LCC and Violence Reduction Network strategies in tackling serious violence.</p> <p>Share opportunities for training and development.</p> <p>Apply the Contest strategy to ensure counter terrorism measures are followed and the Prevent, Prepare, Protect and Pursue duties are familiar and embedded into the procedures and policies of relevant organisations. This is done via the Contest Board, RV Prevent Action Plan, Resilience Forum, ACT approach, Event Security Advisory Group (ESAG) and LAsER – Local Authority Review Group for vulnerable sites.</p>	All statutory agencies.		Ongoing

<p>Preventing and Reducing ASB and Crime (including rural crime)/ Protecting vulnerable people.</p>	<p>Pan Lancashire Hate Crime Strategy 2022 2025 v2.indd</p> <p>Lancashire Ethnic Minorities Partnership.</p> <p>Police-Crime-Plan-Document-FINAL-accessible.pdf</p> <p>community-safety-agreement-2025-2028-plan-on-a-page.pdf</p> <p>ribble-valley-district-profile-2025.pdf</p> <p>Antisocial behaviour for Lancashire LG Inform</p>	<p>Rural Task Force and partners are attending the auction mart every six weeks to build relationships with the farming community.</p> <p>Review and apply the new updates to the ASB Review guidance.</p> <p>Transforming Lives- continue to develop links with social care and other organisations. CVS Social Care fund pilot.</p> <p>Develop the ASBRAC (anti-social behaviour risk assessment conference) meeting to ensure housing, RVBC, police, social care and probation are closely linked and working collaboratively applying powers available to them as appropriate.</p> <p>Continue to evaluate and improve the provision of CCTV where appropriate including RVBC CCTV and grants to rural parishes.</p>	<p>Rural Task Force/ CVS</p> <p>RVBC/ Police</p> <p>RVBC</p> <p>Police</p> <p>RVBC</p>	<p>Fire/ housing/ probation/ mental health services/ social care.</p> <p>RVBC/ housing/ social care/ probation/ NHS</p>	<p>April 2026</p>
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		<p>Improve the connection between the CCTV hub and Lancashire Police.</p> <p>Promote the use of Nice 2 Share.</p> <p>Develop connections with local businesses to provide support where appropriate to target specific areas via the Economic Development Lead and Pub Watch groups.</p> <p>Develop a communication strategy across the partnership for sharing key messages.</p> <p>Home fire safety checks and educational talks. Water safety messages.</p> <p>Support Citizen's Advice, the Foodbank and RABI to provide support in the right places.</p>	<p>RVBC/ Police</p> <p>RVBC/ Police</p> <p>All agencies.</p> <p>LRFS</p>		
Road Safety	road-safety-strategy-2025-2027.pdf	Police POP's in place for hotspot areas linking to the priority areas reported by the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership.	Police	LCC/ RVBC	Ongoing

		<p>Continue to promote the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership website for reporting. Promote the LCC website for reporting parking related issues.</p> <p>Share information with LCC Highways periodically to ensure they are aware of our priorities.</p>			
Communication and Engagement Plan		<p>Continue to share messaging across partners.</p> <p>Continue to develop opportunities to engage directly with residents and those with lived experience: Youth Council/ youth outreach Lunch clubs/ community groups Schools Existing networks/ partnerships Police training days/ victim voices</p>	All partners		Ongoing