

Somerset Community Safety Partnership Plan - Summary



**2008 – 2011
Update**

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Considerable success has been achieved over the last five years, in improving community safety in Somerset through significantly reducing burglaries, as well as deliberate and accidental fires. Over the next year of this Plan, we will be regularly monitoring our performance to ensure that we continue to improve the safety and security of people living, working and visiting Somerset.

Welcome to this brief summary of the Community Safety Plan which identifies the major community safety concerns in Somerset (approved by Somerset Safer Communities Group in April 2010) and lists how all of the partners are working to overcome them. We have identified these concerns through a detailed assessment of the evidence and statistics – the community safety Strategic Assessment. Equally as important, we have identified community priorities through listening to people's perceptions about their safety concerns, through a series of public consultation events in 2007.



This assessment has led the partnership to identify eight main priorities for the coming year:

- 1) Reducing the harm caused by drugs**
- 2) Limiting the damage of alcohol on our communities**
- 3) Preventing young people from entering the criminal justice system and reducing youth re-offending**
- 4) Safeguarding vulnerable people**
- 5) Making our communities feel safer and reducing anti-social behaviour**
- 6) Improving safety on Somerset's roads**
- 7) Prevention and protection**
- 8) Impact of recession**

Here are just a few examples of the work the partnership intends to carry out in relation to these priorities:

Reducing the harm caused by drugs

- ❑ One of the core areas of work is to encourage more users to enter effective treatment. This priority is also supported by actions to tackle drug-related crime.

Limiting the damage of alcohol on our communities

- ❑ Promoting education and awareness to promote safe and sensible drinking behaviour. Tackling alcohol-related crime, with particular emphasis on licensing and law enforcement through joint work between County Council, District Councils, the Police and other key stakeholders.

Preventing young people from entering the criminal justice system and reducing youth re-offending

- ❑ Restorative justice activities and interventions on the ground

Safeguarding vulnerable people

- ❑ Ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable for their abusive behaviour. Improving the impact of programmes for perpetrators and reducing further contact between perpetrators and victims.

Making our communities feel safer and reducing anti-social behaviour

- ❑ Enabling communities to feel safer and improve people's awareness of and satisfaction with the local agencies

Improving safety on Somerset's roads

- ❑ Raising awareness of road safety issues and providing safety training to road users.

Prevention and protection

- ❑ Partners to continue to contribute to the Somerset 'Prevent' strategy.
- ❑ Community Safety Partnerships to evaluate possible implications of Hinkley Point developments and plan appropriately.

Impact of recession

- ❑ Partnerships to monitor levels of metal theft in their localities devising plans to tackle any further increases. Also, work closely with retailers and 'Shop/Retail Watch' schemes to tackle the rise in retail theft.

The full Community Safety Partnership Plan is available to download from the Somerset County Council, Community Safety pages, website:

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