

# Mansfield Community Safety Partnership: Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026



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# Foreword

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Community safety and crime prevention is a substantial quality of life issue for all of our communities, as individuals and collectively. Delivering good community safety is multifaceted and is not just about tackling crime and disorder, but ensuring good health and wellbeing, suitable housing, safe neighbourhoods and positive economic and social regeneration, as well as community cohesion.

The delivery of our new community safety strategic plan, requires all stakeholders, partners and the communities across Mansfield to work towards shared objectives. We will work hard to maximise our effectiveness as a partnership, tackling not only the obvious impact, but also the underlying issues which drive crime and disorder within our communities.

The ability to report concerns in relation to crime and disorder issues is important, as well as how we respond to these issues, providing communities with the confidence that as a partnership we take these concerns seriously and provide feedback on the actions that have been taken.

This document outlines the partnership's commitment to community safety by way of a strategic plan for the next three years, identifying the actions we will take and what success will look like, so our communities across Mansfield can be assured that as a partnership, we will do all we can to build a safer, stronger, and more confident Mansfield.



Andy Abrahams  
Elected Mayor of Mansfield

# **The Mansfield community safety partnership vision**

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**Mansfield Community Safety Partnership will continue to work to maintain a safe and secure Mansfield.**

This vision will be realised through the following priorities:

- Create a thriving, vibrant and sustainable district
- Maintain strong, safe and resilient communities
- Provide a clean and welcoming environment

By working collectively we will achieve our priorities.

Crime, anti-social behaviour and their effects impact the quality of life, not only for the victims but also the wider community. It is imperative that we address issues in a timely, efficient and effective manner.



# What is the community safety partnership?

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The major aim of the partnership is to reduce crime, the fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug misuse and reducing re-offending. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places statutory duties on community safety partnerships to:

- **Produce a joint strategic intelligence assessment**
- **Prepare and implement a community safety plan**
- **Establish information sharing agreements**
- **Conduct domestic homicide reviews**

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 directs that we must have community safety embedded into our planning, policy and our operational day-to-day activity.

Our community priorities cannot be addressed in isolation. Reducing crime and improving community safety requires strong partnership working. The Mansfield Community Safety Partnership aims to deliver our priorities through local crime prevention work and by bringing together communities, the voluntary sector and relevant agencies to ensure that complex problems are addressed.

Our partnership comprises representatives from the following statutory and non-statutory agencies:

- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Mansfield District Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Mid-Notts Placed Based Partnership (PBP)
- Nottinghamshire Probation Trust
- Nottinghamshire Probation Service
- The business community
- Voluntary sector organisations
- Residents/community



# The strategic plan

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The Mansfield Community Partnership Strategic Plan (2023 – 2026) identifies how the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) plans to tackle local community safety issues that matter to the local community.

The plan is revised annually through reviewing information set out in the community safety strategic assessment and from information obtained from the annual community consultation, which ensures that current issues are taken into account and used to direct the CSP's strategy and actions.

This plan aligns with the priorities outlined in the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan (make Notts safe plan 2021-2025) and the strategic objectives of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. This ensures a collective approach to achieving the best possible results and outcomes for the people and communities of the Mansfield district.



# Legal framework and government policy

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**Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)** are a statutory feature of the network of partnerships that help to tackle crime and reduce reoffending and were set up under Sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

## **Police and Crime Commissioner**

We work very closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Nottinghamshire, Caroline Henry, who has an important statutory role in relation to community safety partnerships.

The mutual duty of PCCs and community safety partnerships is to cooperate, having regard to each other's priorities, as set out in the PCC's 'Make Notts Safe' plan and the CSP strategic assessments.

The commissioners plan has three simple objectives:

- Preventing crime and protecting people from harm
- Responding efficiently and effectively to community needs
- Supporting victims and survivors, witnesses and communities

## **Localism act 2011**

This legislation gives a clear signal that local authorities must work with local communities and neighbourhoods to find solutions to problems in their area and places the community at the heart of decision-making. It allows local authorities to work together with each other in new ways to drive down costs in designing and delivering services.

## **Offender rehabilitation act 2014**

This act ensures all offenders receive at least 12 months supervision in the community on release from custody. Crucially, this allows the Government and Community Safety Partnerships to begin tackling the unacceptably high reoffending rates within communities.

## **Anti-social behaviour, crime and policing act 2014**

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 is the legislation which guides what agencies can do in relation to anti-social behaviour.

The law sets out the following six preventative measures that can be used by agencies:

- Injunction
- Criminal Behaviour Order
- Dispersal Powers
- Community Protection Notices and Orders
- Public Spaces Protection Orders
- Closure of Premises

For local involvement and accountability, the 2014 Act also includes Community Remedy and the Community Trigger.

## **Nottinghamshire families outcomes plan**

This plan describes the approach to eligibility, targeting and measuring outcomes under the second phase of the government's troubled families programme. The plan draws together strategic priorities from across a range of public services and what Nottinghamshire County Council and partner agencies aim to achieve with each family.



## Care act 2014

The care act helps to improve people's independence and wellbeing.

## Nottingham Fire and Rescue - community risk management plan 2022-2025

This service plan sets out a number of strategic goals:

- Strategic goal 1 - We will help people stay safe from fires and other emergencies.
- Strategic goal 2 - We will improve fire safety in the buildings people live and work in.
- Strategic goal 3 - We will respond immediately and effectively to emergency incidents.
- Strategic goal 4 - We will continue to support, develop and diversify our professional workforce.
- Strategic goal 5 - We will continue our improvement journey to deliver an outstanding service.
- Strategic goal 6 - We will manage and invest in our service to ensure we are fit for the future.
- These goals are supported by the Mansfield Community Safety Partnership.





## Nottinghamshire prevent duty (contest)

The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk to the United Kingdom, its citizens, and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

CONTEST has four work strands:

1. **Pursue:** to stop terrorist attacks
2. **Prevent:** to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
3. **Protect:** to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
4. **Prepare:** to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

## Safer Nottinghamshire board

The priorities and cross-cutting themes agreed in January 2023 are:  
Priorities:

- Domestic Abuse
- Serious Violence (incorporating Young People at risk of offending and/or criminal exploitation, Sexual Violence and VAWG)
- Prevent
- High Harm Offences – slavery and exploitation
- Fraud and Cybercrime
- Cross-cutting Themes:
- Reducing Re-offending
- Substance Misuse
- Feelings of safety
- Priorities proposed as CSP led:
- Neighbourhood Crimes – robbery, burglary, vehicle crime and rural crime
- Antisocial Behaviour



## **Domestic violence, crime and victims act (2004)**

Domestic homicide reviews were established on a statutory basis under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). This provision came into force on 13th April 2011.

Strategic governance for domestic violence and abuse links to the national 'Violence against Women and Girls Agenda'.

MCP has overall responsibility for conducting a review when a domestic homicide has occurred. These themes provide focus to the sector's work in encouraging victims to disclose the abuse and in the longer term reduce repeat victimisation.

## **Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit**

The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is a partnership that brings together specialists from local government, health education, policing and criminal justice to work with communities to reduce serious violence and tackle its underlying causes.

The VRU takes a public health approach to reducing violent crime, focusing on what will make a difference to whole populations, communities and groups



# Since the last plan

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## **Projects funded by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Each financial year (1st April to 31st March) Community Safety Partnerships have the opportunity to bid for funding for community safety themed projects 2020 – 2021.

The PCC funding for 2020/2021 was split between four areas of business:

1. Youth intervention
2. Town centre ambassadors
3. Deployable CCTV
4. The GREAT Project (equation)

It should be noted that the COVID 19 Pandemic had an impact on each of the projects which caused them to be adapted and altered as the year progressed.



# Youth intervention

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The Youth Intervention Project was completed in partnership with the youth mentoring service, Switch-Up. This provided one-to-one mentoring and boxing coaching for a cohort of young people who were at risk of entering the criminal justice system. The boxing portion of the project was significantly hindered by the pandemic.

There were ten young people on the cohort who received one-to-one virtual and COVID compliant mentoring. These were identified through partnership work and the dedicated Mansfield Young Persons Panel.

Success stories include the identification of an adult male who was exploiting young people. This has led to multi-agency meetings in relation to safeguarding the young people involved, and the housing provider has commenced eviction proceedings against the male.

Five of the cohort have also been referred to the youth offending team's preventative team.

All of those within the project have continued to engage with services. An example of the project is as follows:

**Male A** – 16 years involved in anti-social behaviour in groups associated in the Forest Town area of the district. This male had no criminal history but was one of those names regularly discussed by police and other partners. His attendance at school was unsatisfactory and it was clear that his education was suffering as a result of his behaviour.

He was detained in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs. A Switch-Up caseworker was invited to be part of the interview and restorative justice meeting where the Switch-Up service was discussed.

The young male and his family agreed to be referred to this project. He subsequently engaged enthusiastically with the mentoring scheme and would appear to have embraced a new beginning. His school attendance improved significantly and his teachers believe he is now on course to complete his GCSEs. He is now considering college courses and is planning for future employment. This engagement also led to the male's mother approaching our caseworker who identified that there were parenting issues in relation to a sibling. Our caseworker supported the lady to obtain support with her parenting and the sibling was referred to both Switch-Up and the preventative youth offending team.

The male and his sibling have subsequently not been the subject of any police involvement and have not been involved in any further reported anti-social behaviour.



## **Town centre ambassadors**

These were deployed in between lockdown periods to provide community reassurance within the retail areas of the district. They provided gloves and masks to shoppers, together with government provided COVID advice.

## **Deployable CCTV**

Deployments were low for the year due to COVID-19, but required maintenance.

There were three deployments at ASB hotspots across the district. Cameras stayed on site for a three month period. The most significant deployment has been at a park on Ladybrook Estate where significant damage was being caused to play equipment. The deployment deterred further offences and provided potential evidence for the identities of the perpetrators.

## **The Great Project**

The GREAT Project enables primary school children to gain knowledge about healthy relationships, to explore what domestic abuse is and to know where to go for help and support.

The GREAT Project is delivered to year 5 & 6 pupils by facilitators trained by Equation. It is delivered in an age appropriate, fun and interactive way. Equation has delivered early intervention and awareness raising projects in primary schools since 2002. Equation developed The GREAT Project in 2010 based upon this experience, pupil and teacher consultation and an appreciation of the needs of pupils and schools.

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to deliver this project to students directly. The project was delivered to teachers and professionals via Microsoft Teams for this to be cascaded into schools upon the return to full attendance.



## **2021-2022**

The OPCC funding for 2021/2022 was split between two youth orientated schemes:

1. Switch-Up
2. Youth project in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council youth services

### **Switch Up**

The grant to Switch Up was to support up to 13 vulnerable local young people, all between 10 and 24 years of age. Candidates were identified based on a service provision criteria as follows:

- Living with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) or developmental trauma.
- NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) or in danger of becoming NEET, as well as presenting a risk of entering or remaining in the criminal justice system.

The young people were referred to the project by Mansfield District Council's community safety team in liaison with Switch Up.

Switch Up provided one-to-one mentoring to the young people, tailored to individual needs. In addition, most were provided with boxing tuition. This unique combination of activities anticipated outcomes including that the young people's physical and mental health would improve; they would be steered away from crime and antisocial behaviour into more positive activities; and they would move towards education, employment or training.

The project benefited 17 mentees between 1 April 2021 and 17 February 2022, all aged between 9 and 17.

312 hours of intensive one-to-one mentoring took place during this time period, plus 29 hours of boxing coaching. On average, mentees received 18 hours of mentoring each, with 66 hours being the most received by any one individual.

Positive feedback about Switch Up's support has been received from referrers and agencies working with the young people, indicating the impact that our services are making.

During the time period, food parcels, Christmas gifts, books and toiletries were distributed to the mentees as part of the high profile Christmas #SwitchUpFund appeal, supported by, amongst others, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, Nottingham City of Literature, Oakfield Construction and 200 Degrees Coffee.

### **Successes of this project include:**

ABC is 17 and lives with their mother and siblings, one of whom was also referred to the service. ABC was referred in February 2021 due to reported antisocial behaviour in the Mansfield District. The mother was concerned about ABC's anger as they were aggressive at school.

Mentoring began in February 2021 which led to ABC being involved in boxing sessions to help with confidence and self-esteem. The mentor supported ABC around drug awareness and regarding emotional development.

In July, the mentor supported ABC to transition from the Mansfield Community Safety Partnership contract to Switch Up's new employability programme (separately funded by the Youth Futures Foundation) to help with further employability skills, confidence and future career options. That month they successfully secured employment in the construction industry. The mentor helped ABC to apply and achieve a CSCS card. In August ABC received great GCSE results.



## **Youth project in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Services**

Due to increasing issues of ASB within Mansfield town centre and local parks, the partnership recruited a youth worker in those areas and at those times identified as persistent issues from local intelligence. The project targeted ASB and local issues involving young people aged 10–19 years of age.

Youth workers commenced engagement on the streets with local young people from February. This was carried out on three afternoon/evenings a week.

Individual projects were developed to target areas and young people highlighted by the Mansfield District Council's community safety team and other stake holders.

The youth workers focused on:

- Promoting existing youth provision available to young people.
- Engaging young people in positive activities.
- Contributing to local intelligence gathering.
- Referring young people to other agencies.
- Reducing ASB within the district.
- Targeting individuals for focused youth work interventions.
- Changing behaviour.



After school hours outreach by the youth workers in the evenings ensured that they were able to maximise engagement with as many young people as possible. The youth work sessions operated for up to 3 hours on each occasion, and the youth workers engaged with young people where they were gathering. The conversations were aimed at building effective relationships with young people to get a greater understanding of why they were gathering and what alternative activities they would like to do.

Young people were offered the opportunity to take part in bowling, Laser Quest and outdoor activities at the Mill Adventure Base.

From the interventions of the youth workers, it is clear that young people were not necessarily aware of how they are perceived when they gather in larger groups and the impact this may have on others within the community.





# 2022-2023

The OPCC funding for 2022/2023 was used for two projects:

1. Switch Up
2. Safer Oak Tree

## Switch Up

Once again Switch Up was again engaged to mentor 10-14 young people as in previous years. However, central to this year of funding was the Kefira Girls Group.

This was launched to support young women to come together and engage in a variety of activities. Switch Up are running a group exclusively for female teens and young women to provide a safe space where they can come together, make friends in a positive environment and to promote female empowerment and safety. Sessions will include bespoke workshops tailored to the group and enrichment activities to work on raising the group's aspirations and confidence. They are also be running sports activities led by their qualified and enthusiastic coaches. Each week they provide a meal and refreshments for the group.

The name 'Kefira' means 'young lioness'. Switch Up supports young women to empower themselves to make positive decisions towards their life choices. The principle objective is to give young women involved in dysfunctional situations insight, guidance and new experiences that may otherwise be inaccessible to them, with a view to limit, prevent and deter girls away from the all too tragic consequences.





# Safer Oak Tree project

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This project was centred on the Oak Tree Lane Estate and focussed on target hardening in respect of the following identified areas of vulnerability:

1. **Theft of and from motorcycles**
2. **Theft of pedal cycles**
3. **Arson**

Those involved in this partnership initiative were Mansfield District Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue and West Nottinghamshire college.

Two days of action were completed with over 250 houses visited by the fire and rescue service. Residents were offered fire prevention advice and properties assessed for fire safety hazards.

Fire officers visited local schools to complete educational inputs around fire safety and the dangers of fire setting.

A fire appliance has been wrapped in promotional material to advertise the initiative and its main message of fire and arson prevention. West Nottinghamshire College recommissioned a number of used pedal cycles which will be distributed to victims of cycle theft and pupils of local schools who have shown an improvement in their behaviour and a desire to move away from committing crime and anti-social behaviour.

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# The COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 Pandemic presented significant challenges for the Community Safety Partnership in relation to methods of working, as well as supporting and embracing the national public safety efforts.

Whilst crime and ASB fell, the partnership provided the following services related to the pandemic:

- Distribution of food parcels to those in need.
- Distribution of urgent prescriptions to vulnerable people.
- Reassurance patrols across the district.
- Patrols to ensure compliance with the COVID-19 regulations.



# Safer Streets 2 (2021-2022)

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This was a Home Office funded project, created with the objective of tackling local acquisitive crimes including car theft and burglary. The funding was obtained following a bid completed in conjunction with the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was centred across an area incorporating Mansfield Town Centre and residential areas to the north and south of it.

The particular strands of Safer Streets 2 were as follows:

## **Residential burglary**

A dedicated Burglary Reduction Officer (BRO) made contact with recent burglary victims/neighbours and undertook a risk assessments and produced bespoke improvement plan (gold, silver and bronze) interventions based on risk and vulnerability. A contractor then installed appropriate five lever door locks, window alarms, PIR lights and/or PIR activated Wi-Fi or 4G CCTV, toughened windows, doors or secure side gates as appropriate for individual resident's needs and vulnerabilities.

In a short time frame, this led to a reduction in the number of repeat victims in the project area.

## **Hi-visibility patrols and enforcement**

A dedicated Safer Streets team was created from local policing teams. Council neighbourhood wardens, who undertook high visibility patrols in and around the top 10 hot spots of the three crime types, targeted during peak times/days.

A list of top 10 crime and ASB offenders was created. These were targeted with a dedicated Nottinghamshire Police Operation Reacher Team. This prevented and detected offences and provided public reassurance.

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## **CCTV and ANPR monitoring**

Four additional fixed CCTV cameras were purchased along with ten ANPR cameras. These were installed in locations where there were monitoring gaps near to the top 10 identified hot spots. Two additional re-deployable 4G CCTV cameras were also moved around the hot spots. This led to a more complete coverage of CCTV and ANPR cameras across the main arterial routes of Mansfield.

The council prioritised the monitoring of all CCTV cameras close to the 30 hot spots identified and worked closely with the high visible police and warden patrols. This enhanced coverage and the additional intelligence led to a quicker policing response, preventing and detecting crimes.

## **Vehicle crime**

The Economic Value Added (EVA) report shows that the top 10 hot spots for vehicle crime were car parks either public or private. The project officers worked with owners of the car parks to provide crime prevention advice and an improvement plan for each car park. Where members of the public were the victims, the project provided target hardening support either with 4G CCTV, improved lighting, or other proportionate measures to attain park mark status. In other areas, owners at risk were provided with security devices, crime prevention advice and publicity to increase awareness.

Neighbourhood watches were developed in hot spot local communities to build resilience and natural surveillance. As a result of this initiative, five Mansfield car parks were awarded safer parking status: Park Mark.

## **Neighbourhood capacity building and resilience**

A baseline perception survey was undertaken for this bid, and an end of project survey will be undertaken to assess the changes.

At the start of this project, only 1% of respondents were involved in any neighbourhood watches or other community groups, but over 30% would like to get involved since.

A third sector community group (Mansfield Community and Voluntary Service) were commissioned to lead on this theme. They made contact with the respondents to build community capacity and resilience with neighbourhood watches or other community groups. Over 46% of females residing in the area felt unsafe or very unsafe after dark, compared to 27% of males. VCS held focus groups with these women and girls to consult on how to improve safety and feelings of safety.

**Neighbourhood Alert** is used very little, and since over 15% of those not wishing to get involved indicated that they would like to receive information on the project, the alert system and training for officers has been significantly bolstered.

## **Environment improvements – street lighting and image**

Street lighting across the project area was assessed and where appropriate updated. Obstructing trees were trimmed and the area was the subject of extra assessments with regard to waste and cleanliness. Eight new lighting columns were installed to upgrade lighting and CCTV capacity. 40 individual lanterns were upgraded.

## **Diversion**

**Change Grow Live** collaborated with the project in the designated areas, where their outreach team actively connected with individuals struggling with substance misuse. Their goal was to guide these individuals toward counselling and treatment services available through their substance misuse program.

# Safer Streets 4 (2022-2024)

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Safer Streets 4, a project funded by the Home Office spanning two years, is centered in Warsop, an area identified by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

At the heart of this initiative lies the core objective of reducing violence against women and girls (VAWG) and ensuring their sense of safety within our community. The project encompasses a range of strategies, including community education, offender management, CCTV enhancements, environmental improvements, and safety measures for the community. Specifically for Warsop, these efforts include:

- **CCTV Enhancements:** Five new cameras have been installed, while six existing cameras have been upgraded.
- **CCTV Refuge Help Points:** An innovative project enables vulnerable individuals to establish direct contact with a CCTV operator if they feel threatened. Two help points will be placed in Warsop, allowing people who feel unsafe to summon assistance while being under CCTV coverage.
- **Safe Spaces Accreditations:** Local businesses will receive tailored CCTV systems and training to identify their premises as safe havens for vulnerable individuals. Fourteen businesses have been selected through local visual surveys and consultation.
- **Safeguarding Application:** The project has procured 200 licenses for the Hollie Guard phone application, which will be distributed to women and girls in the community. Hollie Guard is a personal safety app that updates the user's precise location every 5 seconds in the event of an alert, serving as a personal alarm, deterrent, evidence collector, and more.

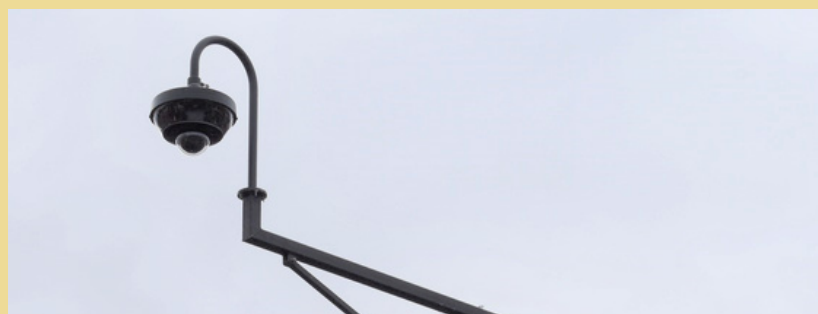
In the area, eight new fixed ANPR cameras have been installed, along with a mobile ANPR capability for the local policing team. This expansion enhances coverage along the main routes throughout the district, bolstering efforts in crime prevention and detection.

Furthermore, several community-focused training programs have been initiated:

- **Training for Healthy Relationships:** These programs aim to educate the community about building healthy relationships.
- **Safety Awareness Training:** Local groups and individuals will receive safety awareness training to enhance their personal safety.
- **Community Bystander Training:** This training equips individuals with the skills to respond safely and appropriately when witnessing or learning about harmful events.

Addressing anti-social behaviour in Warsop involves commissioning youth work and diversionary activities. These efforts are bolstered by partnerships with support services such as Switch Up, NIDAS, Women's Aid, Equation, CGL, and others, in collaboration with the ongoing community work led by Vibrant Warsop.

To ensure the well-being of high-risk and vulnerable individuals and families, a monthly multi-agency meeting has been established. This meeting serves as a platform for discussing and coordinating appropriate support interventions for those in need.





In response to safety concerns, we are implementing several measures to enhance community well-being:

- **Improved Lighting:** We are installing additional lighting in vulnerable areas and addressing environmental obstructions. Notably, The Carrs area will receive up to seven new lights, significantly improving safety. This project is currently in progress, and outcomes will be detailed in the next report update.
- **Community Training Programs:** We have commissioned various community training programs. These include sessions on fostering healthy relationships, safety awareness for local groups and individuals, and community bystander training. The latter equips individuals to respond safely and effectively when witnessing or learning about harmful events.
- **Anti-social Behaviour Mitigation:** To address anti-social behaviour in Warsop, we are investing in youth work and diversionary activities. Additionally, we have established new partnerships with community support services, such as Switch Up, NIDAS, Women's Aid, Equation, CGL, and others. These efforts are complemented by the ongoing community initiatives led by Vibrant Warsop.
- **Support for High-Risk Individuals:** We have initiated a monthly multi-agency meeting to ensure that high-risk and vulnerable individuals and families receive the necessary support interventions they require.

These comprehensive measures aim to create a safer and more secure environment for our community, and we will provide updates on our progress in the upcoming report refresh.





# PSPO renewal

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The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) empowers council officers and the police to address ongoing issues of anti-social behavior within the local community.

The recently updated PSPO, implemented in August 2022, maintains existing prohibitions such as street drinking and cycling restrictions in specific parts of the town center. Additionally, it continues to address issues related to begging, public urination, and dog fouling across various districts.

Furthermore, the order retains its authority to disperse individuals engaged in anti-social activities in public spaces and enforces leash requirements for dogs in public parks and play areas.

These regulations have been in effect as part of a district-wide PSPO since 2019. The authority has now extended its validity for another three years and introduced a new provision following consultation with the local community.

One notable addition involves banning off-road vehicles from accessing a piece of land near Oak Tree and Forest Town, commonly known as 'The Desert.' This land, adjacent to Eakring Road, is a favored route for hikers and dog walkers. However, it has long been plagued by persistent issues arising from off-road vehicles and motorcyclists using its sandy terrain. Offenders can now be issued fixed penalty notices to address this problem.

## CCTV

The Mansfield District Council (MDC) CCTV Suite currently oversees a network of more than 200 CCTV cameras, providing surveillance services not only to the district itself but also to various third-party users in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Data handling and management strictly adhere to the 12 CCTV Principles as outlined in relevant legislation.

In 2022, after a successful recruitment drive, the CCTV service now operates with a full complement of staff, including a dedicated CCTV Manager. With the easing of COVID-related restrictions in 2022, MDC is transitioning back to its regular operations. Consequently, a comprehensive review process has been initiated to facilitate a thorough analysis of risks and opportunities going forward.

# Domestic abuse housing alliance (DAHA)



**Over the last 12 months Mansfield District Council has been working to achieve the DAHA Accreditation which is seen as best practice in facilitating responses to Domestic Abuse.**

Domestic Abuse is predictable, and harm is preventable. Housing professionals and local authority teams as a whole are ideally placed to identify when domestic abuse is happening early and before abuse escalates to potential serious harm or homicide.

By embedding a domestic abuse response at every level the authority can respond effectively with interventions that prioritise survivor safety and hold perpetrator's to account.

The DAHA framework ensures survivors receive an effective, consistent and supportive response first time and every time. The values and principles underpin every element of the authority's response and are reflected through their policies, procedures, training and practice.

# **Rough sleeper action group (RSAG)**

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Individuals with multiple and complex needs can get caught within the gaps between different services that support their needs. Due to the complexity of the rough sleeper cohort they often find themselves unable to secure housing and many existing housing provisions are not available for them.

There are identifiable gaps in provision which prevent people from having suitable accommodation available to them and being able to sustain their accommodation. The RSAG was established as a forum within which discussions are had about access into accommodation and plans to facilitate access into accommodation.

The multi-organisational panel concentrates on three areas of business:

1. It provides an opportunity to discuss the most difficult rough sleeper cases where lack of joined up working and/or gaps in services prevents clients progressing into suitable accommodation.
2. It collates information from the cases discussed and uses established reporting processes within the organisations represented on the group so that learning from the group is used to change processes for those with multiple and complex needs.
3. It reviews case studies for suitability for Mansfield's Housing First pilot and screens out referrals that are seen as not suitable or where alternative accommodation/support is seen to be available.

# Serious violence duty

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As a result of this duty the police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, as well as specified health and criminal justice agencies will have to work together to identify and publish what actions they need to take collectively to reduce serious violent crime, including domestic abuse and sexual offences.

Educational authorities, prisons and youth custody agencies may also be required to work with those bodies as a result of this duty. The legislation grants these authorities the power to share data and information with each other for the purpose of preventing and reducing serious violence. It encourages authorities to place an emphasis on early intervention with young people in order to prevent them from becoming either a victim or perpetrator of serious violence in the first place.

Local areas can be flexible in deciding the geographical extent of their partnership and local areas will be encouraged to use existing multi-agency partnerships where possible. By ensuring that all of these authorities work together in this way, strategies can be put in place to effectively prevent and reduce serious violence and make communities safer.

This is not just a policing issue. To be successful in dealing with this threat, all relevant agencies need to focus on and be held accountable for preventing and reducing serious violence in their local area, targeting activity to the people and places most at risk. The new duty is key to achieving this.

The Mansfield Community Safety Partnership is currently working with partners to set our response to the duty.

The Violence Reduction Unit and OPCC lead on the 2024 Serious Violence Reduction Strategy via a readiness assessment. The legislation states that this must be published by January 2024.



# Modern day slavery

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Modern slavery exists in many forms in the UK, including trafficking into criminal activities like cannabis farming, sexual exploitation, domestic slavery or forced labour on farms, in construction, shops, bars, nail bars, car washes or manufacturing.

Whilst it is impossible to know the full extent of modern slavery in the UK, the Home Office **release data** to demonstrate the numbers of people referred to authorities. At the end of 2021 there were:

- 12,727 potential victims of modern slavery – the highest number of referrals since the records began in 2009
- 43% of all of these were children – meaning there were 5,468 potential child victims
- 31% of people referred were British nationals

In 2021, criminal exploitation was the most common form of slavery in the UK, followed by forced labour. Criminal exploitation is often driven by the cultivation and sale of drugs in the UK, especially by exploiting children. This includes British children forced into 'county lines' drug trafficking and Vietnamese nationals trafficked into forced labour in cannabis production.

The Mansfield Community Safety Partnership will continue to raise awareness of modern day slavery with a view to identifying victims and bringing perpetrators to justice.

# Cost of living crisis

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Since late 2021 the United Kingdom has been in the grip of what has been called a cost of living crisis. This has been described by 'The Big Issue' newspaper as a scenario in which the cost of everyday essentials like energy and food is rising much faster than average incomes.

This has been driven by both global and local factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the fuel crisis and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. While all residents of the United Kingdom will be affected by rising prices the impact is more substantially felt by those on low-incomes.

The rising cost of living has been associated with a reduction in wellbeing, including increased anxiety and worsening mental health. This, together with the COVID-19 pandemic, has placed an unprecedented strain on public services.

The rising cost of living threatens to push households into vulnerable positions, increasing health inequalities and worsening health and wellbeing. Healthcare leaders are concerned about the impact on local communities, patients and staff, and worry that soaring costs could cause a public health emergency.

The police service expresses ongoing concern about the direct correlation between rising living costs and increased poverty, which often results in a surge in criminal activity. This presents a significant challenge currently faced by law enforcement.

Community Safety Partnerships, in times of such crises, must be prepared to adapt to the continually shifting social landscape. Clearly, these circumstances will influence the development of our strategic plan moving forward.

**The local impact of the rising cost of living crisis is evident in Mansfield:**

Mansfield has experienced a heightened demand for food and fuel assistance due to the escalating cost of living. The Trussell Trust has witnessed a substantial uptick in requests for food bank parcels.

Simultaneously, attendance at six Mansfield food clubs has more than doubled, with each club now serving over 50 members per week, compared to an average of 25 in the past six months. Remarkably, this surge in attendance includes a significant number of working families seeking affordable food support.

Additionally, between April 2022 and March 2023, Mansfield District Council issued 271 emergency fuel vouchers to residents facing fuel crises. These vouchers were provided to those using prepayment meters who were either in emergency credit or had been disconnected and were unable to top up their meters.

# Police and fire data

## Crime and disorder

Crime and disorder can be judged against the available data for the last two complete reporting years (see appendix 1).

There is an increase in recorded crime of 20.77% (1770 offences) which can partly be attributed to the significant reductions seen during the COVID-19 pandemic (see Appendix 2).

All of the increases illustrated in Appendix 2 contribute to the cumulative rise in victim based offences of 24.45%.



## **Anti-social behaviour**

The decrease of 20.8% in anti-social behaviour is significant and places the Mansfield Community Safety Partnership in a positive position. This reduction is against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic but is also a reflection of the positive partnership working and interventions that have been conducted over the preceding years.

## **Fire and rescue**

See Appendix 3.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service place a strong emphasis on improving their understanding of communities so they can protect Nottinghamshire's most vulnerable and identify buildings most at risk of fire. This community first approach, in conjunction with partners, helps them to tailor their services to meet different needs and ultimately, save lives.

They continue to work closely with partner organisations to identify and support vulnerable people, helping them to stay safe from fire and other emergencies at home.

There are some factors which put people at greater risk of harm in their home. The CHARLIE profile helps the Fire and Rescue Service and community partners to identify people who are at a higher risk.

### **CHARLIE stands for:**

- Care and support
- Hoarding
- Alcohol
- Reduced mobility
- Lives alone
- Inappropriate smoking
- Elderly



The service trains partners in other sectors to raise awareness of fire risks in the home, including using the CHARLIE profile to help identify people who would benefit from 'safe and well visits'. In addition they share information between agencies to help identify high-risk individuals and communities.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service continue to scrutinise incident data with the aim to reduce these wherever possible.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service regularly reviews, compares and reports on incident data for the following areas with the ambition to drive these figures down to the lowest achievable levels;

- Accidental Dwelling Fires
- Deliberate Primary Fires
- Deliberate Vehicle Fires
- Deliberate Secondary Fires
- Number of RTCs
- Water Rescues
- Smoke Alarms (found in properties where fire has occurred)
- Serious Injuries or Death (caused by fire)



# Community consultation

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This data was gathered through an online survey conducted over a six-week period spanning January and February 2023.

The community consultation in the Mansfield district revealed the following key findings:

1. The majority of respondents, constituting 57%, expressed that they believed crime and anti-social behavior had worsened in the preceding twelve months. Only 27% felt it had remained the same, while a mere 5% reported an improvement. (For detailed statistics, please refer to Appendix 4.)

## **Headlines from the survey include:**

- The perception that levels of crime and anti-social behavior have deteriorated over the past year.
- Respondents identified well-established communities, supportive neighbors, and visible authority figures in the community as crucial factors in ensuring the safety of their area.
- Concerns were raised about drug-related issues and a lack of visible police presence, both of which were seen as contributing to the area's insecurity.
- Respondents believed that youth-related problems and substance misuse were primary drivers of crime and anti-social behavior.
- While respondents felt reasonably well-informed about topics like cybercrime, modern-day slavery, and child sexual exploitation, there was less awareness regarding preventing radicalization.
- The highest level of concern among respondents was related to drug use and distribution, disruptive and inconsiderate behavior, and domestic abuse.

# Our priorities

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## **PRIORITY ONE – Protect vulnerable people**

### **Objective:**

The partnership will minimise the threat, harm and risk to vulnerable people and communities.

### **We will:**

- Work collaboratively to ensure that domestic abuse continues to be socially unacceptable and the harm it causes to both victims and their families is reduced.
- Ensure timely and appropriate action is taken to prevent children from becoming exploited.
- Ensure effective preventative and enforcement programmes are in place.
- Support and deliver multi-agency awareness and prevention programs.
- Enhance awareness of violent extremism and hate crime.
- Work with other partners to obtain the best outcomes for those affected by domestic abuse and their families.
- Increase identification and support for young people involved with, or at risk of being involved with, crime.
- Enhance awareness of violent extremism and hate crime.

- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Mansfield.
- Support voluntary and other groups through identified commissioning and funding opportunities for the reduction of re-offending.
- Continue to improve home fire safety and awareness schemes throughout the district.
- Increased confidence of the public to report to the relevant agency – measured by annual consultation.

### **What does success look like?**

In the twelve months to the end of March 2021 there were 9010 victim based crimes reported to the police in the Mansfield District. This was a rise of 24.45%.

### **Success:**

- A downward trend in incidents that contribute to the victim based crimes category (excluding harassment and stalking).
- Communities and people are safer and feel safer.

## **PRIORITY 2 - anti-social behaviour**

### **Objective:**

Ensure our communities and people are protected by reducing re-offending and specifically targeting high areas of crime and antisocial behaviour within Mansfield district.

### **We will:**

- Prevent people, especially the young and most vulnerable, becoming engaged in criminal activity. We will break the chain that causes these groups to engage with those who exploit their vulnerabilities. We will focus on finding appropriate pathways out of anti-social behaviour including intensive support, education, diversion, housing and employment opportunities.
- Work with our partners and our extensive business community to address issues of antisocial behaviour and crime that occur within our crowded places and town centres, for example, Operation Abridge.
- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of ASB.
- Take a partnership approach to the use of appropriate enforcement powers.



- Continue to support primary and secondary school education initiatives locally and countywide.
- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Mansfield.
- Increase public visibility from all partners in those areas experiencing high levels of ASB. This is to be dynamic and intelligence led.
- Continue to engage proactively with those misusing both drugs and alcohol within the communities of Mansfield.

### **What does success look like?**

- Reduction in the number of victims of antisocial behaviour and reduction of incidents reported – reviewed annually.
- Ensure communities within Mansfield district feel safe - measured by public consultation.
- Reduction in the number of repeat victim's year on year in respect of anti-social behaviour.

## **PRIORITY 3 – Neighbourhood crimes (burglary, vehicle crime, robbery and rural crime)**

### **Objective:**

Ensure our communities and people are protected by reducing the neighbourhood crimes within the Mansfield district.

### **We will:**

- Engage fully in countywide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Mansfield.
- Take a partnership approach to the target hardening of areas subject to such crimes to reduce offences and the opportunity for offending
- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of neighbourhood crimes.
- Increase public visibility from all partners in those areas experiencing high levels of neighbourhood crimes. This is to be dynamic and intelligence led.

### **What does success look like?**

- Reduction in the number of victims of neighbourhood crime and reduction of incidents reported – reviewed annually.
- Ensure communities within Mansfield district feel safe - measured by public consultation.
- Reduction in the number of repeat victims year on year in respect of neighbourhood crimes.

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**The Pathway Project**

(Assistance for survivors of domestic abuse)

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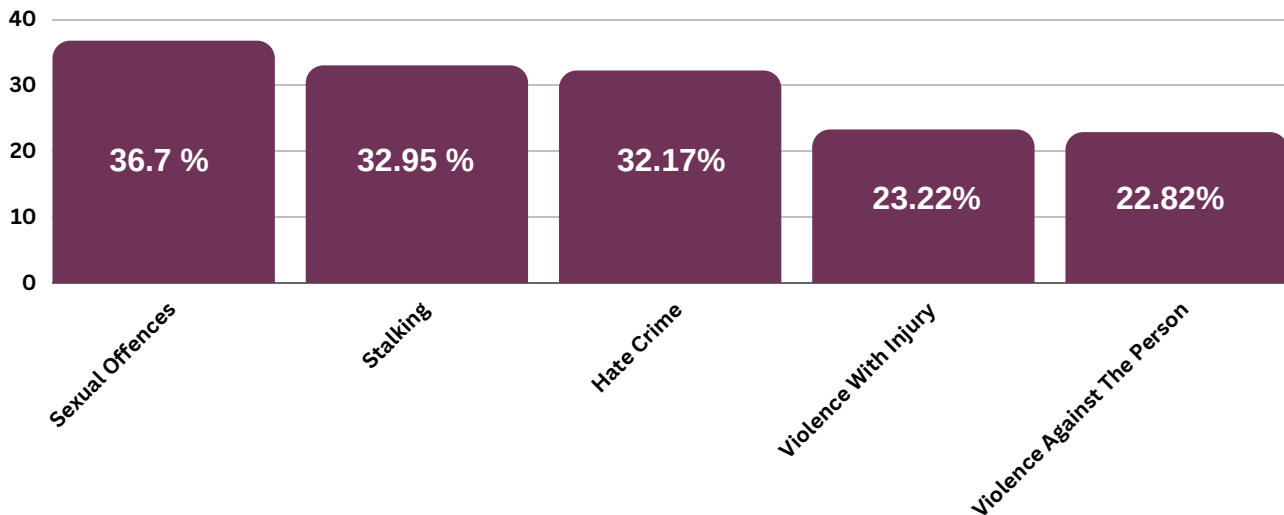


# Appendices

## Appendix 1

	Current 01/04/2021 & 31/03/2022	Previous 01/04/2020 & 31/03/2021	Volume Change	% Change	Target
All Crime	10,875	9,005	1,870	20.77%	Reduce
Victim Based Crime	9,010	7,240	1,770	24.45%	Reduce
Violence Against the Person	4,258	3,467	791	22.82%	Reduce
Violence With Injury	1,226	995	231	23.22%	Reduce
Stalking	117	88	29	32.95%	Reduce
Harassment	722	641	81	12.64%	Reduce
Robbery	65	61	4	6.56%	Reduce
Burglary	433	453	-20	-4.42%	Monitor
Hate Crime	189	143	46	32.17%	Reduce
Knife Possession	59	67	-8	-11.94%	Monitor
Sexual Offences	406	297	109	36.70%	Reduce
Rape	131	108	23	21.30%	Reduce
Theft From The Person	84	74	10	13.51%	Reduce
Theft of Motor Vehicle	181	181	0	0.00%	Monitor
Theft From Motor Vehicle	201	231	-30	-12.99%	Monitor
ASB	4,059	5,125	-10,66	-20.80%	Monitor

## Appendix 2

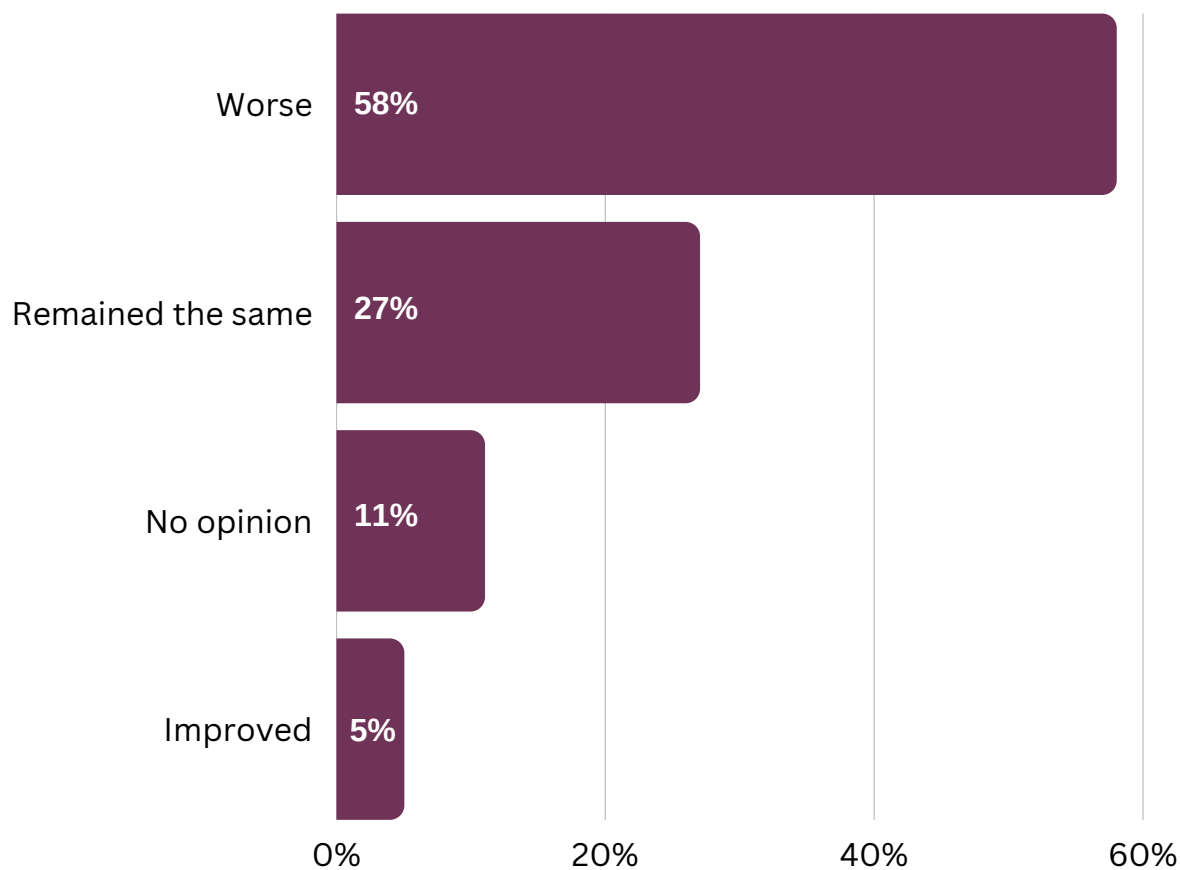


All of the above increases contribute to the cumulative rise in victim based offences of 24.45%

## Appendix 3

		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Building	Primary	14	7	14	7
	Secondary	1	2	2	0
	Total	15	9	16	7
Dwelling	Chimney	4	4	2	0
	Primary	50	40	63	44
	Total	54	44	65	44
Road Vehicle	Primary	19	17	18	17
	Secondary	1	1	0	2
	Total	20	18	18	19
Outdoors	Primary	13	16	22	33
	Secondary	260	223	289	340
	Total	273	239	311	373
Total		362	310	410	443

## Appendix 4



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