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## Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023



### Our Vision

Making Spelthorne safer by working in partnership to reduce the risk and harm of crime and anti-social behavior, focusing on protecting the most vulnerable within our communities.

### Our Priorities

#### To Reduce:

- Crime - with reference to Violent Crime, Residential Burglary; Domestic Abuse, Harm Caused through Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol; Vehicle Crime & Acquisitive Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Hate Crime
- Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Re-Offending
- The Threat of Terrorism
- The threat of criminal exploitation and cyber related crime

#### To Improve:

- Engagement with members of the public to help our communities become stronger.
- Water Safety

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## **Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Plan 2022-2023**

### **Foreword & Background**

Following challenging times during the Coronavirus Pandemic, a slow return to the new normal has seen problems arise such as increases in the cost of living, and interest rates and the associated fiscal crisis has placed significant strain on the communities within Spelthorne. This has also placed constraints on public sector funding making it more important than ever to work in partnership in an evidenced based way to keep our residents and those who visit and work in Spelthorne safe.

The Safer Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP) is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for the Borough of Spelthorne. The aim of the SSSP is to ensure the responsible authorities work together to reduce crime and disorder in Spelthorne. CSPs were set up under Section 5 - 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and are made up of representatives from the 'responsible authorities'. Historically the Partnership has been strong and has managed multiple Community Safety (CS) matters from major contingencies to acts of terrorism.

This document outlines the Partnership's commitment to Community Safety and has been written to reflect the needs of the community using local intelligence, recorded police crime data/analysis with particular attention to aspects highlighted in the Community Safety Survey which was conducted in January 2020. A new survey will be conducted during 2024.

This strategy represents a commitment to work in partnership to prioritise working with the most vulnerable within our communities to reduce crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) across Spelthorne.

The SSSP priorities for 2023/2024 are as follows:

#### **To Reduce:**

- Crime - with reference to Violent Crime; Residential Burglary; Harm Caused through Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol, Vehicle Crime & Acquisitive Crime.
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- Hate Crime

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- The threat of criminal exploitation and cyber related crime

**To Improve:**

- Engagement with our public to help make our communities stronger
- Water Safety

The strategic intelligence overview which is shown later in this document and refers to the police statistics relates specifically to the situation within Spelthorne. Whilst responding to targets specific to other agencies, it seeks to provide a local response that is relevant to the specific needs of the local community.

The Community Safety Strategy 2020 - 2023 is a rolling three-year plan that is refreshed annually. This process will be aided by the completion of annual strategic assessments / Intelligence assessments, performance monitoring and stakeholder consultation via the SSSP. Feedback will be sought from members of the community living and working within the borough, this will be achieved by a Community Safety Survey which will be conducted in 2024.

Other aspects of crime and disorder, whilst not identified as priorities, will continue to be dealt with as appropriate by the relevant agency.

**Will Jack**

Spelthorne Community Safety Officer

## **Introduction & Governance**

### **How we currently operate**

The Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is known locally as the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership (SSSP). It has a strong commitment and a good track record of tackling all aspects of crime and disorder, providing reassurance to local communities and of community engagement. The Partnership has established a Strategy Board which includes both statutory and non-statutory members.

### **Strategy Board (SSSP)**

The SSSP board has responsibility to support the Task Groups and monitor the overall implementation of the Strategy and to approve the financial strategy; oversee funding arrangements, and to ensure that overall objectives and individual targets are met. The Board meets quarterly.

Statutory members are identified with an \*

- Bronzefield Prison\*
- Spelthorne Borough Council\*
- Surrey Police\*
- Surrey Fire & Rescue\*
- Clinical Commissioning Group\*
- Surrey County Council\*
- Surrey & Sussex Probation Service\*
- A2 Dominion Group\*
- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner\*

**Tactical and Coordinating Group - (T&CG)**

The T&CG's primary role is to facilitate improved responses to localised crime and disorder issues and ensure the Community Safety Strategy priorities are managed by continually appraising local intelligence, monitoring incidents, as well as dealing with concerns relating to ASB. The T&CG utilises geographical hot spotting which assists in recording patterns of crime thereby helping to create solutions at an operational level. The T&CG also carries out a tasking and coordinating role with the Joint Enforcement Team (JET) employed by SBC, as a consequence, the T&CG is able to provide a quick and effective localised response. This group meets every 6 weeks.

**Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting (CHaRMM)**

Community Harm and Risk Management Meetings (CHaRMMs) will discuss and agree actions to reduce the negative impact that problem individuals and families have on Surrey's communities through their ASB. Using the expertise that exists on this multi-agency group, members will share information on high- risk cases and incidents and put in place appropriate risk management plans to address the behaviour of the perpetrator and reduce the negative impact on victims. This group meets every 6 weeks and membership is as follows :

- NHS Surrey
- Surrey Police
- A2 Dominion Group
- Surrey Targeted Youth Support (TYS)
- Spelthorne Locality Team
- Adult & Children's Services
- Catalyst Support
- Community Mental Health Team
- Supported Families Team

**Surrey Community Safety Forum**

The Surrey Community Safety forum is a monthly committee attended by all Community Safety Officers, Police, ASB Officers and Community Safety Partnerships across Surrey. It provides the opportunity to collaborate on new and emerging subjects and share a common strategy. The Forum also monitors the management of Community Trigger investigations throughout the county.

**Surrey Domestic Homicide Review Board**

This is a quarterly committee that is attended by all Community Safety Officers with overview from the Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) that monitors the ongoing Domestic Homicide Review investigations. This ensures that all investigations have the support required to complete the investigations efficiently and to a high standard. The committee benefits from a dedicated Domestic Homicide Review Coordinator, a post part-funded by Spelthorne Borough Council.

**Serious Violence Duty**

The Serious Violence Duty makes councils and local services work together to share information and target interventions to prevent and reduce serious violence.

Spelthorne is represented at the Serious Violence Operational Group led by Surrey County Council (SCC) and the OPCC.

Further information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-violence-duty>

**Surrey Water Safety Group**

The Surrey Water Safety Group is a county-wide committee that shares good practice in all aspects of water safety. The principle members are Surrey Fire & Rescue (SFR) with input from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS), Environment Agency (EA) and borough councils. The group seeks to coordinate the delivery of water safety education and assist at community events.

**High Harm Perpetrators Unit (HHPO) Management Panel**

This group work closely together with a specific duty to prevent and deter new entrants to the criminal justice system, to catch and convict active criminals who cause most harm to our communities, and to help resettle and rehabilitate those offenders who want to turn their backs on a life of crime. This group meets monthly and membership is as follows: -

- Spelthorne Borough Council
- Spelthorne Police HHPO Officer
- I Access
- National Probation service
- Job Centre Plus
- Youth Justice Service

**Other groups include:**

- Surrey Risk Management Meeting
- Surrey Drug & Alcohol Substance Misuse Panel
- Domestic Homicide Review Group
- Health & Wellbeing Board

**Community Engagement**

**How we consult**

The Partnership uses a wide range of methods to engage with the local community. These include meetings such as forums and panels and written forms of engagement such as publications, surveys, newsletters ,Community Safety Website and the use of Spelthorne Community Notice Boards.

**Social Media**

Recent engagement surveys in London by the Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams reveal that along with the above methods of communication there is a clear steer towards social media as a preferred communication method. With this in mind Spelthorne Borough Council along with Surrey Police have improved communication channels across several electronic platforms, streamlining the process to develop fast-time briefings and messages to keep the community we *serve* fully apprised of neighbourhood matters. This will continue as an effective two-way community intelligence tool with the Community Safety Team monitoring local community forums to establish up-to-date information.



**School and places of education**

Communication will continue with local schools and educational establishments. This was further enhanced by the Junior Citizen project managed by the Community Safety Team that sought to impart life-saving messages to children. Junior Citizen is now delivered through Surrey Schools via a digital project.

**Neighbourhood Policing Panels**

Police hold panel meetings at different locations across the Borough regularly, based on neighbourhood policing areas. The Panels are informal meetings, giving residents the opportunity to meet amongst others their Police Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Specialist Officers and highlight the issues they are most concerned about in their community. The issues they raise will then be prioritised for the local policing team who will identify ways of dealing with them *over* the proceeding weeks; details of measures taken will be reported back at subsequent meetings.

**Events of significant local interest**

These are open meetings for residents to find out more about issues of local significance, ask questions and air their views and concerns. These public meetings will be convened when a matter of significant public importance or interest within a local area arise.

**Partnership Action Days**

These are multi agency days which take place around the borough. They involve numerous agencies such as the Local Authority, Police, NHS Surrey trading standards, SFRS and the voluntary and community sector to name but a few, who work together to tackle issues highlighted in the target area. Each day includes an opportunity for the public to meet and talk to officers from the Police, Fire, Council and other partners; future events will develop a closer relationship with local school involvement.

## Police Crime Statistics 2023 – Strategic Intelligence Overview

### Total Notifiable Offences

| Rolling year                                       | Crime recorded   |                  |          |             | Solved*          |                  |          |             |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|  | Jul-22 to Jun-23 | Jul-21 to Jun-22 | # Change | %age Change | Jul-22 to Jun-23 | Jul-21 to Jun-22 | # Change | %age Change |
| <b>Spelthorne</b>                                  |                  |                  |          |             |                  |                  |          |             |
| Burglary - business and community                  | 72               | 84               | -12      | -14.3%      | 5                | 9                | -4       | -44.4%      |
| Burglary - residential                             | 279              | 293              | -14      | -4.8%       | 16               | 14               | 2        | 14.3%       |
| Criminal damage                                    | 939              | 845              | 94       | 11.1%       | 115              | 69               | 46       | 66.7%       |
| Drug offences                                      | 327              | 304              | 23       | 7.6%        | 219              | 223              | -4       | -1.8%       |
| Fraud and forgery                                  | 21               | 10               | 11       | 110.0%      | 4                | 2                | 2        | 100.0%      |
| Other criminal offences                            | 256              | 261              | -5       | -1.9%       | 60               | 59               | 1        | 1.7%        |
| Other sexual offences                              | 36               | 75               | -39      | -52.0%      | 18               | 12               | 6        | 50.0%       |
| Robbery  | 54               | 57               | -3       | -5.3%       | 1                | 2                | -1       | -50.0%      |
| Serious sexual                                     | 172              | 198              | -26      | -13.1%      | 27               | 24               | 3        | 12.5%       |
| Theft (other than vehicle) & handling stolen goods | 1,169            | 1,080            | 89       | 8.2%        | 99               | 65               | 34       | 52.3%       |

|  |       |       |     |       |     |     |    |        |
|--|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|--------|
| Vehicle crime (excluding interference) | 751   | 684   | 67  | 9.8%  | 17  | 5   | 12 | 240.0% |
| Vehicle interference and tampering     | 131   | 90    | 41  | 45.6% | 3   | 1   | 2  | 200.0% |
| Violence with injury                   | 772   | 762   | 10  | 1.3%  | 134 | 125 | 9  | 7.2%   |
| Violence without injury                | 3,298 | 3,052 | 246 | 8.1%  | 402 | 303 | 99 | 32.7%  |

**Spelthorne based on Year to Date from D10 June 2022 – June 2023**

## Flagged Offences

| Rolling year              | Crime recorded   |                  |          |             | Solved*          |                  |          |             |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|                           | Jul-22 to Jun-23 | Jul-21 to Jun-22 | # Change | %age Change | Jul-22 to Jun-23 | Jul-21 to Jun-22 | # Change | %age Change |
| Spelthorne                |                  |                  |          |             |                  |                  |          |             |
| Alcohol related           | 716              | 794              | -78      | -9.8%       | 234              | 220              | 14       | 6.4%        |
| Child abuse               | 138              | 187              | -49      | -26.2%      | 48               | 26               | 22       | 84.6%       |
| Child sexual abuse        | 51               | 95               | -44      | -46.3%      | 42               | 22               | 20       | 90.9%       |
| Child sexual exploitation | 1                | 14               | -13      | -92.9%      | 12               | -                | 12       | 0.0%        |
| Domestic abuse            | 1,194            | 1,108            | 86       | 7.8%        | 171              | 134              | 37       | 27.6%       |
| Drug related              | 288              | 287              | 1        | 0.3%        | 141              | 102              | 39       | 38.2%       |

## Hate Crime

| Rolling year                   | Crime recorded   |                  |          |             | Solved*          |                  |          |             |
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| Spelthorne                     |                  |                  |          |             |                  |                  |          |             |
| Hate crime: Disability crimes  | 21               | 34               | -13      | -38.2%      | 1                | -                | 1        | 0.0%        |
| Hate crime: Gender identity    | 14               | 8                | 6        | 75.0%       | 2                | 1                | 1        | 100.0%      |
| Hate crime: Racially motivated | 242              | 214              | 28       | 13.1%       | 32               | 26               | 6        | 23.1%       |
| Hate crime: Religion or belief | 21               | 16               | 5        | 31.3%       | 1                | -                | 1        | 0.0%        |
| Hate crime: Sexual orientation | 44               | 37               | 7        | 18.9%       | 4                | 5                | -1       | -20.0%      |
| Hate crime: Total              | 322              | 306              | 16       | 5.2%        | 38               | 31               | 7        | 22.6%       |

## Sub Groups

| Rolling year                     | Crime recorded   |                  |          |             | Solved*          |                  |          |             |
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| Spelthorne                       |                  |                  |          |             |                  |                  |          |             |
| Arson                            | 44               | 35               | 9        | 25.7%       | 2                | 3                | -1       | -33.3%      |
| Assault with injury EW           | 5                | 6                | -1       | -16.7%      | -                | 4                | -4       | -100.0%     |
| Assault with injury PC           | 15               | 21               | -6       | -28.6%      | 14               | 16               | -2       | -12.5%      |
| Assault without injury PC        | 60               | 53               | 7        | 13.2%       | 38               | 34               | 4        | 11.8%       |
| Common assault (excluding on PC) | 1,158            | 1,061            | 97       | 9.1%        | 104              | 98               | 6        | 6.1%        |
| Damage to dwellings              | 234              | 185              | 49       | 26.5%       | 28               | 16               | 12       | 75.0%       |
| Damage to other buildings        | 106              | 99               | 7        | 7.1%        | 20               | 10               | 10       | 100.0%      |
| Damage to vehicles               | 309              | 285              | 24       | 8.4%        | 31               | 19               | 12       | 63.2%       |
| Domestic burglary                | -                | -                | 0        | 0.0%        | -                | 2                | -2       | -100.0%     |
| Harassment                       | 1,568            | 1,409            | 159      | 11.3%       | 164              | 107              | 57       | 53.3%       |
| Malicious communications         | 293              | 315              | -22      | -7.0%       | 42               | 23               | 19       | 82.6%       |
| Murder & Attempted Murder        | 1                | 1                | 0        | 0.0%        | 1                | 1                | 0        | 0.0%        |
| Other damage                     | 246              | 241              | 5        | 2.1%        | 34               | 21               | 13       | 61.9%       |
| Other drug offences              | 1                | -                | 1        | 0.0%        | -                | -                | 0        | 0.0%        |
| Other fraud and forgery          | 21               | 10               | 11       | 110.0%      | 4                | 2                | 2        | 100.0%      |

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|---|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| Other serious sexual                      | 13  | 19  | -6  | -31.6% | 17  | 2   | 15  | 750.0%  |
| Other theft and handling                  | 548 | 535 | 13  | 2.4%   | 29  | 24  | 5   | 20.8%   |
| Other violence                            | 220 | 216 | 4   | 1.9%   | 54  | 41  | 13  | 31.7%   |
| Other violence with injury                | 1   | -   | 1   | 0.0%   | 2   | -   | 2   | 0.0%    |
| Other wounding                            | 734 | 714 | 20  | 2.8%   | 113 | 95  | 18  | 18.9%   |
| Possession of drugs                       | 224 | 213 | 11  | 5.2%   | 190 | 171 | 19  | 11.1%   |
| Rape                                      | 68  | 96  | -28 | -29.2% | 5   | 8   | -3  | -37.5%  |
| Robbery of business property              | 10  | 4   | 6   | 150.0% | -   | 2   | -2  | -100.0% |
| Robbery of personal property              | 44  | 53  | -9  | -17.0% | 1   | -   | 1   | 0.0%    |
| Serious wounding                          | 15  | 18  | -3  | -16.7% | 4   | 9   | -5  | -55.6%  |
| Sexual assault                            | 91  | 83  | 8   | 9.6%   | 5   | 14  | -9  | -64.3%  |
| Shoplifting                               | 392 | 276 | 116 | 42.0%  | 67  | 35  | 32  | 91.4%   |
| Theft from a vehicle                      | 488 | 472 | 16  | 3.4%   | 5   | 2   | 3   | 150.0%  |
| Theft from the person                     | 71  | 80  | -9  | -11.3% | 2   | 3   | -1  | -33.3%  |
| Theft in a dwelling                       | 34  | 45  | -11 | -24.4% | -   | 1   | -1  | -100.0% |
| Theft or unauthorised taking of a cycle   | 124 | 144 | -20 | -13.9% | 1   | 2   | -1  | -50.0%  |
| Theft or unauthorised taking of a vehicle | 263 | 212 | 51  | 24.1%  | 12  | 3   | 9   | 300.0%  |
| Trafficking in controlled drugs           | 102 | 91  | 11  | 12.1%  | 29  | 52  | -23 | -44.2%  |
| Vehicle interference                      | 131 | 90  | 41  | 45.6%  | 3   | 1   | 2   | 200.0%  |

## **The Control Strategy for Surrey Police 2022-2023**

### **The priorities are:-**

- Domestic Abuse
- Drug-Related Harm
- Fraud in support of Organised Crime
- Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime
- Organised Acquisitive Crime
- Serious Violence
- Terrorism and Aggravated Activism including Hate Crime
- Traffic Collisions resulting in death and serious injury
- Violence against Women and Girls

The Control Strategy intends to focus where we direct our time and resources as a priority, particularly for proactive activity. There are common themes to each of the areas listed above which are also important:

- Exploitation of vulnerable adults and children
- Information quality
- Cyber enabled Crime
- Organised Criminal Groups (OCGs) and their finances



**ASB Data**

| Rolling year                                    | ASB recorded     |                  |          |             |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|   | Jul-22 to Jun-23 | Jul-21 to Jun-22 | # Change | %age Change |
| <b>Spelthorne</b>                               |                  |                  |          |             |
| ASB01: ABND VEH NOT STOLEN OR CAUSING OBSTRUCTN | 113              | 124              | -11      | -8.9%       |
| ASB02: ANIMAL PROBLEMS                          | 8                | 14               | -6       | -42.9%      |
| ASB05: FIREWORKS - INAPP SALE /USE /POSSESSION  | 21               | 29               | -8       | -27.6%      |
| ASB06: MALICIOUS / NUISANCE COMMUNICATIONS      | 25               | 111              | -86      | -77.5%      |
| ASB07: NOISE                                    | 84               | 102              | -18      | -17.6%      |
| ASB09: LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA            | 49               | 74               | -25      | -33.8%      |
| ASB10: NUISANCE NEIGHBOURS                      | 175              | 168              | 7        | 4.2%        |
| ASB11: ROWDY BEHAVIOUR/NUISANCE                 | 896              | 875              | 21       | 2.4%        |
| ASB12: STREET DRINKING                          | 9                | 11               | -2       | -18.2%      |
| ASB14: TRESPASS                                 | 9                | 24               | -15      | -62.5%      |
| ASB15: VEHICLE NUISANCE/MISS USE                | 480              | 393              | 87       | 22.1%       |
| ASB16: ROWDY BEHAVIOUR/PERSONAL                 | 129              | 110              | 19       | 17.3%       |

## Key Priorities

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#### To Improve:

- Engagement with our public to develop stronger communities.
- Water Safety

### Domestic Abuse

The Domestic Abuse strategy has been updated to reflect the principles of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the following pledges have now been implemented:

- The SSSP will ensure that relevant advice will be advertised on Council websites with the contact details for all local and national support agencies.
- Seeking to educate partners and the community regarding key legislative changes e.g. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- The SSSP will comply with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Strategic Plan.
- The SSSP – Will ensure that Spelthorne Borough Council is represented on the Surrey Domestic Abuse Executive Group.
- Key messages will be shared on social media to encourage active reporting to provide a more proactive approach.

- Domestic abuse and Hate Crime are managed via the CHaRMM. Key partners are tasked with individual responsibilities to ensure that that Domestic Abuse survivors' needs are managed via this forum.
- The SSSP will ensure that our responsibilities are fully met regarding the management of Domestic Homicide Reviews and the requirement to co-operate with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner as outlined in the new legislation.
- The partnership will adhere to the principles of the Surrey Against Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- The SSSP will support the Surrey Police Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021.

### **Hate Crime**

Hate Crime is addressed via the tasking and coordinating group (T&CG) process. Spelthorne Borough Council and Surrey Police seek to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage reporting of such offences. This is managed via social media, the Council and Police web pages and local publications. Hate Crime Awareness week is also supported each year to educate the community.

### **Violence Against Women & Girls**

Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) is both a form of discrimination and a violation of human rights. Locally we have adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of violence against women, which defines violence against women as:

*'Any act of gender-based violence that results in or is likely to result in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women (or girls), including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty.'* (1993, Article 1)

The definition incorporates a wide range of abusive behaviour including physical, sexual, financial, emotional, and psychological abuse. We support the Surrey Police Violence against women and girls' strategy incorporating the 'Do the right thing' strategy. This seeks to educate men using the 'See it, Hear it, Say it' policy to address attitudes and behaviour that is threatening, demeaning, abusive or inappropriate.

Other activities include:

- Actively engaging in mapping areas where women and girls feel most vulnerable.
- Complete an annual safety public consultation identifying areas where people say that they feel unsafe.

- Supporting vulnerable victims through the CHaRMM process.
- Supporting police activity regarding SHPOs & DVPOs.

### **Counter Terrorism**

At present we work with Applied Resilience to address Counter Terrorism, Prevent and the Channel system to deter young people from the threat of radicalisation.

Section 36 of the CT&S Act sets out the duty on local authorities and partners of local panels to provide support for people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. In England and Wales, this duty is met through Channel panels.

Counter Terrorism is also managed through the T&CG process with links to the Borough Emergency Control Centre (BECC).

The borough benefits from overt measures to deter Counter Terrorism and identify Hostile Reconnaissance using a wide-ranging CCTV network of forty-six cameras. These cameras are monitored 24/7 365 days a year are monitored from the Safer Runnymede Control Centre.

### **Improving Water Safety**

Spelthorne Borough has 12 miles of River Thames frontage. The need for water safety measures is clear with accidents occurring every year due to the high volumes of people using the river both recreationally and commercially.

To combat this Spelthorne Borough Council, in partnership with Surrey Fire and rescue have erected 15 locked throwlines and 20 Throw-Rings at strategic points throughout the borough. Together with educational messages completed in partnership with the RNLI both on social media and at primary school level this forms the strategy for water safety throughout Spelthorne. The Community Safety Team are responsible for maintenance of equipment and ensuring training is conducted.

In 2022 'Riverwatch' was launched to address water safety concerns. This ongoing scheme will create a 'Neighbourhood Watch' for people who live, work and use the river for recreation. Community safety incidents will be fed back to the community as well as providing a conduit to report concerns.

In 2023 Spelthorne Borough Council have created new water safety signs to

discourage wild swimming by amateurs. The signs are currently being installed in strategic areas alongside our waterways. To date the new signs have received positive comments.

### **Meeting Our Priorities**

The Partnership has developed annual action plans to deliver against these priorities. These plans are monitored by the T&CG, with overall performance monitored by the Partnership Board.

### **Government Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan 2023**

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 the UK Government launched the anti-social behaviour action plan. Spelthorne Borough Council has incorporated this plan into the Community Safety Strategy to ensure that we are reflecting the priorities raised. Further information can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anti-social-behaviour-action-plan>

### **The Future**

The Partnership has a very strong record of success in helping reduce overall crime and disorder and in running numerous innovative partnership schemes across the Borough. We are proud of our achievements but determined to make best use of our resources to meet our vision.

In the current economic climate and with reducing budgets the Partnership will seek to achieve even greater value for money in respect of our limited resources and will explore opportunities of maximising our funding by identifying jointly funded initiatives and projects with our Community Safety Partnership neighbours.

### **Our Statutory Responsibilities**

The police and other responsible agencies are required by law to work together to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, alcohol, drug and other substance abuse and anti-social behaviour that impacts adversely on the environment and to reduce re-offending. In doing so the Partnership has a statutory requirement to:

- Undertake an annual strategic assessment of crime trends and reasons for the crimes that are occurring within their area.
- Consult and engage with the community and develop and implement a

three-year rolling Community Safety Strategy which is reviewed annually.

Relevant legislation bringing statutory requirements for responsible agencies to work together in this way are as follows :

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Police Reform Act 2002
- Police and Justice Act 2006

Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - as amended by Schedule 9, Section 4 of the Police and Justice Act 2006: **"Without prejudice to any other obligations imposed upon it, it shall be the duty of each authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment and the misuse of drugs and other substances in its area."**

**"This means that all authorities should take account of the community safety dimension in all of its work. All policies, strategies , plans and budgets will need to be considered from the standpoint of their potential contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder."** (Home Office Executive Summary to Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

'Responsible Authorities' (as defined within the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002) as relates to the Spelthorne Community Safety Partnership are:

- Spelthorne Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Police
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- Surrey NHS
- Surrey & Sussex Probation Service

A number of other cooperating persons or bodies are required to be part

of the process of working to reduce crime and disorder within the partnership and these are also represented within the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Board .

Section 115, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - establishes the power to disclose and use information for the purposes of resolving crime and disorder . The process for sharing information is set out in the Surrey Information Sharing Protocol.

Police and Justice Act 2006 and Statutory Instruments 1830 and 1831 of 2007 - Improvements and changes to partnership provisions are reflected within this legislation. The statutory requirements form part of what are known as: 'Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships'.

- Empowered and effective leadership
- Intelligence led business processes
- Effective and responsive delivery structures
- Engaged communities
- Visible and constructive accountability
- Appropriate skills and knowledge

### **Performance Monitoring**

Each key priority identified within this strategy contains several actions; these are designed to ensure that priority objectives are achieved. Targets have been set as an essential part of bringing about that achievement which will inform the T&CG process.

The Strategy is available on the Councils public web site and is updated by the Community Safety Team on an annual basis.

Crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour data and associated performance information is collected by the Community safety Team and presented to the Spelthorne Safer Stronger Partnership Board at the quarterly meetings, so that delivery can be monitored, and any lack of progress challenged. This information will also be available to other bodies, including those with community representation, as appropriate. Annual reports will also be available for wider community consultative processes and transparency.

Other national, county, and local plans, strategies and policies

complement or impact this Community Safety Strategy; the more significant of these are as follows:

- The Modern Crime Prevention Strategy 2016 (Gov)
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner: Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025
- Surrey Drug & Alcohol Strategy 2020-2023
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- Corporate Strategy (Spelthorne Borough Council)
- Surrey Police Strategic Plan 2022
- National Prevent Strategy 2019
- Surrey Against Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2023