

# Safer Derbyshire Dales Partnership Plan Summary 2008 – 2011

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## Vision Statement:

The Safer Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership will work together with local communities and partner agencies to keep the Derbyshire Dales one of the safest places in England to live, work and visit.

## Who we are

We are the Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership<sup>1</sup> and we were set up in 1999 to tackle and reduce crime and disorder in the Derbyshire Dales. The organisations that make up the partnership are listed on page 4.

## What we do

Up until 2008 we carried out an audit of crime and disorder in the Dales every three years to identify what crime and antisocial behaviour problems the district had. We then did local consultation to identify the crimes we needed to focus on and from this produced a 3-year strategy to reduce crime and disorder. From 2008 we will be carrying out an annual assessment of crime and disorder and the 3-year plan we produce will be revised and consulted on each year to make sure we are putting our efforts into tackling the right crime problems.

## Why we do it

The Crime and Disorder Act places legal responsibility on Crime and Disorder

Reduction Partnerships (CDRP's and Community Safety Partnerships CSP's) to produce a plan, in partnership with Drug and Alcohol Action Teams (DAAT), setting out how the partnerships intend to work together to reduce crime, disorder and misuse of drugs in their local areas.

## How we do it

Once we have identified what we are going to do in the strategy we devise and put in place activities that reduce the risk of crime and help us catch more criminals. For

### Derbyshire Dales District Key facts

- A large rural district (800 sq km)
- A very low population density of only 88 residents per square kilometre
- The population of 70,000 is evenly spread across the area
- There is a low ethnic minority population (0.7% of residents)
- People of retirement age make up 22% of the population
- Half the area is in the Peak District National Park, attracting 12 million tourists a year
- A third of the nation's population lives within 50 miles of the district
- Despite an affluent image, there are some pockets of rural deprivation
- The district is surrounded by major cities Manchester, Nottingham, Derby and Sheffield.

<sup>1</sup> The Crime and Disorder Act established Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships in England and Community Safety Partnerships in Wales. In Derbyshire we call our partnerships Community Safety Partnerships because we feel it is more inclusive.

example to reduce vehicle crime we have created 14 safer car parks so far, and to catch criminals we use Operation Python which is a joint Police and Partnership operation to help detect and prevent vehicle crime. We also used CCTV and ANPR to identify offenders and detect crime.

We work jointly with High Peak Community Safety Partnership to tackle and reduce crime across the whole of the B Division Police area.

Although we have had great success over the years, our partnership is not complacent. We aim to continue to be a high performing, responsive partnership, accountable to and working with our communities to keep the Derbyshire Dales one of the safest places in England to live, work and visit

### What have we achieved?

Our previous 3-year strategy ran from April 2005 to end March 2008. This what we set out to do and what we achieved.

Our target	What we achieved	How we did it
An overall 15% reduction in crime as measured by the British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes (BCS)	19.4% reduction in BCS Comparator Crime	All the initiatives listed below plus set up 11 Police and Partnership Safer Neighbourhoods Teams
To reduce Domestic Burglary by 30% from 166 crimes in 2003/04 to 116 by 2007/08	A 24.7% reduction in domestic burglary	Handyvan scheme fitted security measures and gave advice to vulnerable and at risk persons
To reduce Theft of Vehicles by 10% from 128 crimes to 115 crimes by 2008	A 22.7% reduction in theft of vehicles	Park Mark Safer Parking Scheme – 14 Safer Car Parks across the Dales Operation Python – Police and Partnership vehicle crime reduction initiative
To reduce Theft from Vehicles by 10% from 496 crimes to 446 crimes by 2008	A 41.9% reduction in theft from vehicles	Park Mark Safer Parking Scheme Operation Python – Police and Partnership vehicle crime reduction initiative. Awareness raising by Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT's)
A 10% reduction in Perception of Antisocial Behaviour by 2008	A 1.8% reduction in perception of antisocial behaviour (ASB) but a 9.68% reduction in ASB incidents	Employed an Antisocial Behaviour Officer and developed closer working between housing providers, schools and SNT's. Funded schools projects
A 16% reduction in Criminal Damage from 809 in 2003/04 to 680 by 2008	A 19.8% reduction in criminal damage	Safer Neighbourhoods Teams. Clean Ups Youth Diversionary Activities. Safer Communities Through Sport Project
A 5% reduction in deliberate secondary fires from 73 in 2003/04 to 69 by 2008	A 59% reduction in deliberate secondary fires	As for criminal damage
A 10% reduction in Woundings from 463 on 2003/04 to 417 by 2008	A 0.2% reduction in woundings	Police enforcement Operations, Pubwatch Schemes, CCTV cameras
To protect Domestic Violence victims from revictimisation	30+ Properties a year provided with urgent security measures	Handyvan scheme fitted security measures and gave advice
To target drug related crime	In 2007/08 there were 80 arrests for drug dealing in B Division, plus 330 for possession	Police and partnership operations

## **What the 2007 Strategic Assessment told us**

In 2007 we carried out a **Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA)** In order to understand the nature and levels of crime, disorder and drug misuse in the district. The Strategic Assessment set out:

- The level and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse;
- Changes in the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuses since the last Community Safety Audit in 2004, what has caused these changes and how we performed against our targets;
- Public priorities collected through a variety of mechanisms; and
- What we have been doing in the last three years to tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse in the Derbyshire Dales.

In common with the rest of Derbyshire, behavioural crimes such as violent crime are increasing or staying the same while acquisitive crimes, after going down significantly, are now beginning to rise. This indicates a need for continued action to keep acquisitive crime low and if possible to reduce it still further, and for further action to reduce behavioural crime. Antisocial behaviour and youth nuisance are also considered to be a problem. Environmental crime such as litter and fly tipping is also perceived to be an issue in some areas

The Safer Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership have met and exceeded the targets for **BCS Comparator Crime**. Derbyshire Dales has the lowest numbers and levels of crime in the administrative county of Derbyshire. This has remained the same for the past 4 years.

For **Criminal Damage** we have met and exceeded the target. Criminal damage is increasing in Derbyshire Dales, although we still have the lowest numbers in the county. Underage drinking (particularly in a public place) is a major reason for this.

**Perception of ASB** Not on Target – But Derbyshire Dales has remained with the lowest perception of ASB in the county (it has been the lowest throughout 2004 – 2007). Derbyshire Dales' respondents perceived less frequent occurrences of ASB than elsewhere and ASB incidents have reduced by almost 10%

**Secondary Fires** – The target was met and exceeded. There were 5 deliberate secondary fires in the current period, a decrease of 12 on the previous period. Nearly half of the deliberate secondary fires are caused by unknown persons, those that are known are split equally between youths (26% 10-17 years) and adults (28% over 18), a small number are caused by children under the age of 10.

**Violent Crime** – assault with injury – although we have the lowest numbers of woundings in the county we are not on target - Targeted and effective activities will be required to achieve the necessary reductions

## **Future Risk**

Ashbourne and Matlock Safer Neighbourhoods have the highest counts and rates of assault with injury within the Derbyshire Dales, these areas are slightly above average when compared with the county

**Domestic Burglary** - Not on target - Burglars from outside the District, combined with inflationary and interest rate pressures, need to be countered by actions if burglary rates are to fall. Still the lowest numbers of domestic burglaries in the county

### **Future Risk**

Matlock Safer Neighbourhood has the highest burglary rate and counts within the Derbyshire Dales however the rates and counts are relatively low compared with the county.

**Vehicle Crime.** Derbyshire Dales has the lowest numbers of thefts of and from vehicles in the county.

Whilst the level of thefts from vehicles is comfortably below target, the largest problem is thefts from vehicles parked on the street.

**Safer neighbourhoods** - From September 2006 to August 2007

23.4% of all crime in Derbyshire Dales was committed in the safer neighbourhood of Matlock with 14.3% in Ashbourne.

### **Our priorities for 2008 – 2011**

**Anti social behaviour** Tackle criminal damage and antisocial behaviour issues of greatest importance in our neighbourhoods, increasing public confidence in the local agencies involved in dealing with these issues, reducing fear of crime and anti social behaviour.

**Violent crime** **TARGET 12% Reduction by April 2011** Protect local communities and visitors from violent crime, particularly that which is alcohol or drugs related.

**Acquisitive crime** **TARGET 3% Reduction by April 2011** Continue to reduce acquisitive crime by identifying local areas suffering disproportionately and in partnership with the local community address issues of greatest priority.

### **How we plan to achieve them**

Action Plans have been developed by the Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group that detail our short, medium and long-term objectives to meet the aims.

Multi-agency Theme Groups will help to deliver the partnerships action plans. Safer Neighbourhood Teams will support them in this work. These multi-agency teams will engage with local communities so that they can influence the community safety priorities and contribute to the solutions in their neighbourhood. The Strategy Group will receive quarterly performance reports from the Theme Groups.

#### **Partners Include**

- Derbyshire Constabulary 'B' Division
- Derbyshire County Council
- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Derbyshire Police Authority
- Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust:
- Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
- Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- Derbyshire Youth Offending Service
- Dales Housing
- National Probation services Derbyshire
- Peak District National Park Authority