

## **Safer Runnymede Community Safety Strategy**

This strategy relates to all Agencies participating in the Runnymede Community Safety Partnership known as Safer Runnymede.

Refreshed 09/10 for the period commencing April 2010 – March 2011

The Partnership continues to operate using the two main processes known as Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) & the Joint Action Group (JAG).

The CIAG addresses problem individuals who have an impact on the community. The JAG addresses location specific problems or crime types of concern within the Borough.

All partners are committed to ensure relevant representatives attend these meetings which are chaired by the Borough Community Safety Manager with the Borough Police Inspector standing as Deputy. The Chair is allocated a small lump sum for each group to address identified problems without reference back to the partnership. Sums up to £5,000 can be confirmed by the Borough Community Safety Manager who will consult with partners as necessary. All spending is reported to the partnership.

There is evidence of a number of successes from both groups but the partnership is aware that more evaluation needs to be undertaken around projects.

A peer review of the CDRP was undertaken by the IDeA January 2010. There were many positive comments and their recommendations to improve the partnership will be considered & where possible incorporated into the processes of the Executive group, CIAG & JAG during the 2010/2011 period.

### **Summary of Key Findings for the Community Safety Strategy**

- That the current action plan is still appropriate and will be carried forward to the next period with only minor adjustment.
- Public confidence is generally increasing in the borough evidenced through Surrey Police customer survey data.
- Antisocial use of motor vehicles is the public's main concern. On the Highway Holloway Hill junction with A320 has been raised as one of the seven worst routes for motor cycle safety in the County.
- Crime in Runnymede continues to run at comparatively low levels.
- Serious acquisitive and serious violent crimes remain at a constant level.
- Incidents of Burglary Dwelling & non dwelling continue to rise.
- Auto-crime is still falling.
- Neighbour nuisance, shoplifting and pedal cycle thefts have increased.

- The number of calls to Police regarding suspicious callers has increased (whilst distraction burglaries have risen by 9 incidents over the year).
- An emerging increase in incidents of shop lifting and thefts by employees are unfortunately a sign of the current economic climate.
- Alcohol continues to be a major contributor in domestic violence incidents (72%).
- Deliberate fires (vehicular & other) are the key concern for Fire & Rescue, which are mirrored in the increase reports of abandoned vehicles and the continued high levels of reports for litter/rubbish in the ASB figures.
- Flytipping, Graffiti and Litter/ Rubbish figures dominate the reported ASB. A high percentage of litter & rubbish reports are discarded alcohol vessels in public areas.
- Of the 11 Boroughs Runnymede sits mid table for NEET's (not in education, employment or training) in the Borough with 44% of these young people noted as presenting with a learning disability or delay (not necessarily stated).
- 5% of the NEETs are already categorised as young offenders.
- Runnymede has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest figures from the truancy patrol reports in Surrey. Young people "hanging around" are key to many people's Fear of Crime levels.

The priority areas listed below have been divided into six sections however it should be noted that many sections are interlinked. For example Alcohol misuse is reflected in the Alcohol & Drug Misuse Category as well as Local Anti-social behaviour and disorder, Traffic matters and road safety and Under 18's as victims and offenders.

#### Alcohol & Drug Misuse

Partners need to work to develop data to improve future planning, and maximise enforcement opportunities.

- Work with A & E to produce statistics regarding alcohol related admissions.
- Strict management of licensed premises – Police & Borough licensing Officers to continue the good practices already established to make best use of the information from partners to manage licences. Working alongside Trading Standards who undertake test purchasing.
- Encourage membership of "Pubwatch" schemes.
- The Partnership will continue to work in consultation with communities around drug related issues and potential solutions. Ensuring there is a joined

up, visible, local response to tackle & prevent drug problems in Neighbourhoods.

#### Violent Crime

- The Partnership will continue to be represented at Prolific Priority Offenders Management Panel, Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference, and the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements meetings.
- The Partnership shall ensure that all Partners share information particularly in relation to serious violence, offences involving weapons, Domestic Abuse, Hate crime & serious sexual offences.
- The JAG will be notified by Police partners of any violent crime hotspots that emerge and a partnership approach will be used to resolve incidents.
- The Partnership will continue to support victims of Domestic Abuse by sharing information (through MARAC) and supporting an outreach service.
- The partnership will continue to develop and promote appropriate responses to hate crime.
- The Partnership will educate all frontline staff on their responsibilities to report unusual or suspicious activity in respect of terrorist and extremist activities.

#### Local anti-social behaviour and disorder

- Partners will encourage involvement of appropriate staff at JAG & CIAG
- Partners will encourage the reporting of all crime & disorder either directly online or through any of the partners who will ensure details are passed to Safer Runnymede. Members of the community will not differentiate between recorded crime and quality of life issues but partners will be responsible for recording incidents separately and providing the information to the appropriate organisations. Anti-social behaviour will be reported on line using the categories recommended by the Home Office. Quarterly statistics will be available for the Partnership
- The Partnership will receive quarterly reports from the JAG to ensure that Communities are supported and actions coordinated to address the concerns of local people.
- The Partnership will receive quarterly reports from the CIAG to ensure that partners are working together to identify individuals.
- The Partnership will support both the CIAG & JAG in order to resolve on going problems which are causing delays in delivering an appropriate service.
- The Partnership will support and promote inclusion projects across the Borough to encourage young people to stay in education.

#### Traffic Matters & Road Safety

- The partnership will support the Drive SMART campaign and encourage partner involvement in associated events.
- Develop and use opportunities to educate young people about driving, road use and appropriate behaviour e.g. “Safe Drive Stay Alive” campaign, Motorcycle projects and D of E related schemes.

- The Partnership shall support any actions which can be taken locally to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads within the Borough

#### Communications & Reassurance

- Partners will promote the Partnership website whenever possible.
- Partners will provide data for the Partnership website to Safer Runnymede who will ensure the links are in place.
- The partners will undertake a full Fear of Crime Survey to inform the next three year Strategy covering the period 2011-2014
- The Partners will promote the partnership at major local events (at least 3 per year)

#### Under 18's as victims and offenders

- Partners will engage with School Councils and Youth Councils to exchange ideas and encourage reporting of crime.
- Partners will promote the SMS text messaging system as an easy method of reporting concerns.
- Publicity material and campaigns will be designed to attract the younger resident as well as the older members of the Borough.

#### Key data sets used\*:

- The CSP's Runnymede Policing Forum public meeting.
- Geoff Berry Associates borough-wide survey and analysis.
- Surrey Police:
  - Panel meetings that are held 5 weekly in 8 out of 9 neighbourhoods
  - Surgeries that are held weekly on one neighbourhood and less frequently on others.
  - Street-a-week that are undertaken weekly on all neighbourhoods.
  - Surrey North crime series and annual crime trends analysis.
  - PPO & MARAC reoffending data
- Safer Runnymede BIM data and CCTV activity records.
  - ASB data.
  - JAG reports and other Public consultations
  - CIAG reports
  - CCTV activity.
- Surrey County Council – Commentary on data sets for County, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Elmbridge (most split down to individual Boroughs).
  - Road Traffic Accident casualties
  - Trading Standards test purchase & rogue trader information
  - Deliberate Fires and false alarms
  - School exclusions data
  - Truancy patrol data
  - Domestic abuse Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
  - DAAT data & Alcohol Needs Assessment August 2008 (PCT)
  - Drive Smart campaign
- Surrey Womens Aid quarterly reports

\*Consideration must be given to gaps in information, accuracy of data collection and recording, non comparable data sets, data collected over varying time scales, changes in way data has been recorded. data sharing and data protection protocols. Data sets available as at December 2009.