

ESCC Report on Hastings CDRP – December 2004

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1. Performance against Crime Reduction targets

- Total Crime reduced by 6.9% in the three years of the audit period
- Significant reductions have been achieved in Burglary, Car Crime(45%), Violent Crime and Criminal Damage
- Hastings CDRP is now ranked 89th re High Crime areas out of 376 CDRPs as opposed 40th in 2003
- Recorded crime is concentrated in the town centre and central St Leonards
- 3 out of every 10 crimes committed in East Sussex over audit period took place in Hastings

2. Progress towards Public Place Violent Crime PSA target

The Headline figures for Hastings show an overall reduction in Violent Crime in a public place of 4.4% from 2002/3 to 2003/4. This amounts to 77 incidents down to 1691.

This is against a 6.5% increase in PPV across Sussex Police Force Area. In the same year for instance, Hastings, neighbour Rother suffered 108 more incidents (an increase of 22.8%).

There is an overall reduction of all Hastings Violent Crimes of 3% from 2002/3 to 2003/4. This performance year is 80 less incidents down to 2668 in total.

3. Successful initiatives with a specific ESCC input

- Award winning Streets Ahead Project aimed at reducing crime against foreign students
- A Youth Mobile Service to engage with young people
- Detached Youth Workers deployed to 'hot spot' areas
- Racist Incident Caseworkers
- PSA Domestic Violence A&E specialist workers
- Baywatch
- Surestart

Other partnership initiatives include:

- Shopwatch
- Operation Cubit

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- A Drugs Fighting Fund for targeted proactive operations against drug dealers
- Substance Misuse Tenancy Support worker
- Car Crime Reduction Officer
- An Anti-Social Behaviour Worker Team
- Community Wardens scheme
- Police Community Support Officers
- SHP TV in 11 venues
- Policing priority area
- Supporting Neighbourhood watch
- Media strategy to deal with fear of crime issues
- HARPOS and HIPPO

4. Changes to membership/structure of CDRP

Richard Homewood, HBC, currently chairs the Safer Hastings Partnership which has over 30 regular attendees. As crime levels were so high up until recently the partnership has action groups for each specific crime category eg Burglary, Car Crime, Domestic Violence, Public Place Violent Crime, Anti Social Behaviour, Hastings Identification of Prolific and Priority Offenders (HIPPO), Youth Crime and Local Area Teams (LATS) in the 5 priority ward areas.

5. Other issues

- Beacon status for Action against Anti Social Behaviour – now a “Together” action zone, 25 ASBOs and 54 ABCs
- Due to receive a ministerial visit this year in relation to Identification of Priority and Prolific Offenders (HIPPO Scheme) – out of 19 original offenders identified and targeted 6 months ago, 7 are now imprisoned and a further 8 subject to ASBOs

. Priorities for 2005/8 emerging strategy

- Public Reassurance
- Targeting persistent and prolific offenders
- Violent Crime including Domestic Violence and Hate Crime
- Drug and Alcohol Misuse
- Anti Social Behaviour including Environmental Crime
- Burglary
- Vehicle Crime