



Crime and Disorder Committee

Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

Members of the Committee

Councillors: S Saise-Marshall (Chair), C Mann (Vice-Chair), A Berardi, V Cunningham, R Davies, S Jenkins, E Kettle, K Lee and J Mavi

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List of matters for consideration

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Part I

Matters in respect of which reports have been made available for public inspection

1. **Notification of Changes to Committee Membership**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
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To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 July 2024.
4. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable and non-registrable interests in items on the agenda.
5. **Policing Update** 6 - 17
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Part II

Matters involving exempt or confidential information in respect of which reports have not been made available for public inspection.

No reports to be considered.

Runnymede Borough Council

Crime and Disorder Committee

Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Committee present: Councillors S Saise-Marshall (Chair), C Mann (Vice-Chair), A Berardi, R Davies, S Jenkins, E Kettle, K Lee and J Mavi.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors V Cunningham.

In attendance: Councillors I Mullens and P Snow.

1 Notification of Changes to Committee Membership

There were no changes to committee membership.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2024 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor V Cunningham.

4 Declarations of Interest

There was no declarations of interest.

5 Policing Update

The committee noted the borough commander’s presentation on policing in the borough, which focussed on the borough priorities around tackling anti-social behaviour, preventing violence against women and girls, targeting high harm and persistent offenders, preventing burglaries and road safety.

Anti-social behaviour had continued to fall on an annual basis, and the figures for the three months up until 1 June had revealed fewer incidents than neighbouring Spelthorne and Elmbridge. Furthermore, it was believed that the borough’s highest type of anti-social behaviour – vehicle nuisance and misuse, owed largely to the proximity of the motorway connection and featured offenders passing through the borough.

The use of Community Protection Notices and Community Protection Warnings had increased as a tool to increase public protection, with court action available for breaching a warning.

Policing the general election and Euro 24 had been resource heavy. Whilst there had been few incidents of note there had nonetheless been an increase in hate crimes, which was linked to the current political landscape. Police remained actively pursuing those involved in those crimes.

Domestic violence teams continued to victims in the immediate aftermath of an incident to help build relationships, and incidents remained a key part of multi-agency meetings.

A recent innovation would result in the borough’s most wanted offenders having their

details shared on a Crimestoppers van that would be positioned in prominent parts of the borough.

A new policing structure and shift pattern was in place to target offenders meaning the neighbourhood team was working a late shift in Runnymede every Friday and Saturday where demand was highest.

The overall relative safety of the borough was emphasised given its population of around 85,000 residents. A member queried the cost of living crisis as a possible motive for an increase in burglaries, and whilst it was acknowledged that economic strains contributed to reports of theft of basic products, this would not be categorised as a burglary, and many such incidents have involved business burglaries involving theft of high value tools.

In response to a member query, the borough commander confirmed that he had productive, quarterly meetings the borough's neighbourhood watch coordinator, and talks were underway about increasing their engagement with Royal Holloway University.

The Committee were advised that dialling 999 remained the most appropriate course of action where an urgent police presence was required, however residents were signposted to the website for reporting antisocial behaviour. Responding to concerns about those residents without internet access, the borough commander would liaise with the neighbourhood watch coordinator with a view to distributing material to those residents.

The committee thanked the borough commander for his attendance.

6 **Appointment to Community Safety Partnership for 2024/25**

It was resolved that Councillor Jaz Mavi would be the Crime and Disorder Committee appointment to the Community Safety Partnership for 2024/25.

(The meeting ended at 8.02 pm.)

Chair

Runnymede Policing Update (Surrey Police – Inspector Ian Nash)

Synopsis of report:

To receive a report on policing in Runnymede (attached at Appendix A) provided by Surrey Police.

Recommendation:

None. This report is for information only.

1. Context of report

1.1 For the Committee to receive its regular policing update from Surrey Police.

2. Report

2.1 Inspector Ian Nash, the Borough Commander, will report to the Committee on policing in the Borough. His presentation is attached at Appendix 'A'

Runnymede Crime and Disorder Committee

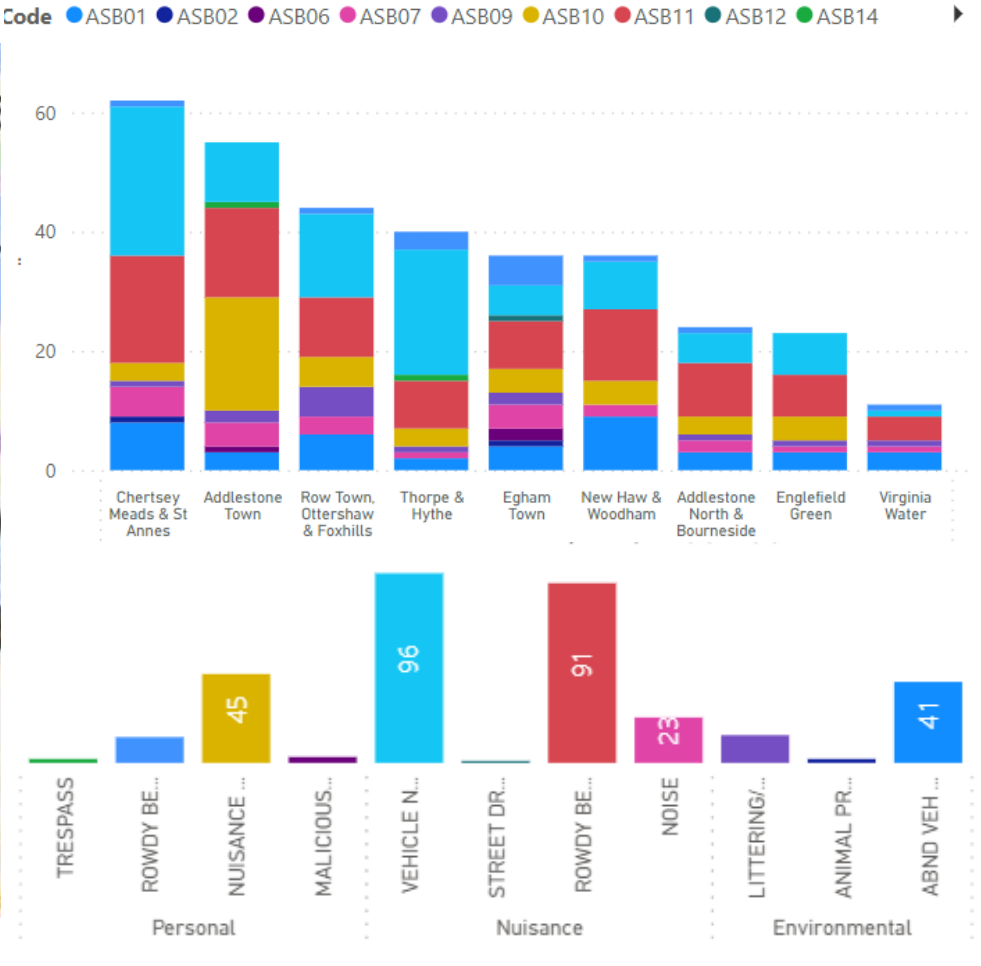
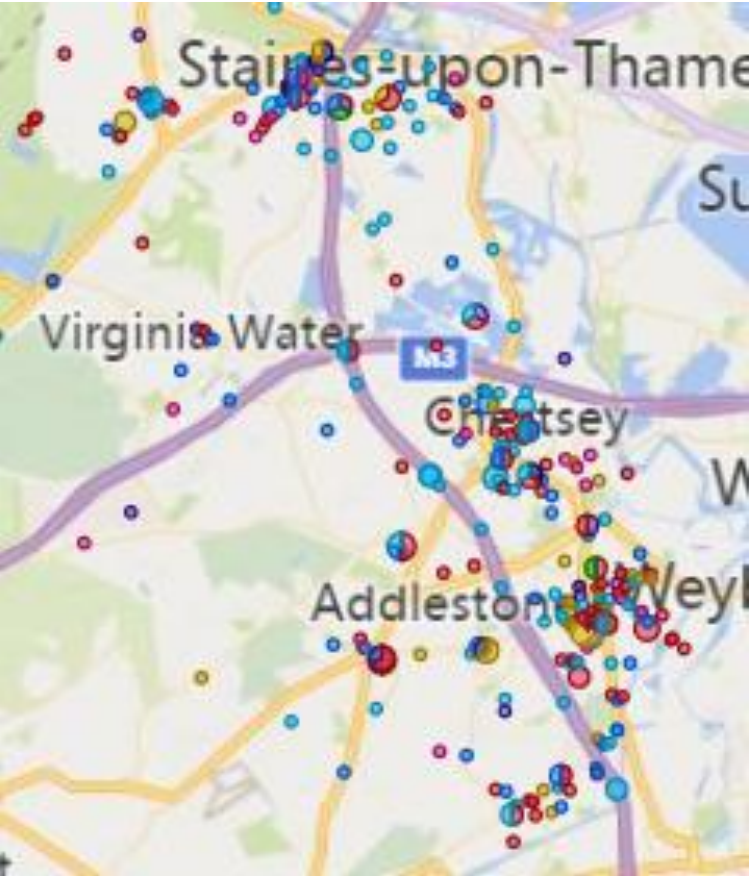
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Borough Priorities

- Tackling anti-social behaviour.
- Preventing violence against women and girls.
- Targeting high harm and persistent offenders.
- Preventing burglaries.
- Road safety.

Anti-social behaviour



Anti-social behaviour

- ❖ 27x CPW/CPNs issued (7 issued in 2023).
- ❖ Continued partnership work with Royal Holloway University dealing with issues as soon identified to prevent any escalation. Fresher's week managed and ongoing at time of report being written.
- ❖ Pooley Green Youth Project.
- ❖ ASB hotspot policing.

Preventing Violence Against Women & Girls

- ❖ Domestic violence victims visited that day or the next day by neighbourhood teams to build relationships.
- ❖ CBO obtained for a violent offender.
- ❖ Subject charged for numerous offences of exposure.
- ❖ Thorpe Park – Operation Shield deployed twice for the first time into this environment.

Targeting High Harm and Persistent Offenders

- ❖ Day of action with targets for shoplifting. Two individuals who were persistent offenders targeted – arrested and charged for theft offences on days of action.
- ❖ Operation planned with other borough neighbourhood teams to target areas on a rotational basis.
- ❖ Four subjects identified per month for targeting by numerous teams.
- ❖ Joint modern slavery operation.

Preventing Burglaries

- ❖ Hotspot areas for last year's burglary increases identified and prevention methods being put into place alongside strengthening of our enforcement methods.
- ❖ Subject charged and remanded this week for dwelling burglary in Chertsey.
- ❖ Subject charged and remanded for Virginia Water burglary with more charges being put to them.
- ❖ Subject linked to commercial burglaries in Chertsey.

Road Safety

- ❖ Day of action with specialist team. Four arrests made including three for driving whilst over the prescribed limit of drugs.
- ❖ Speed enforcement conducted at identified locations of harm.
- ❖ PCSO seizures of illegal electric motorcycles based on intelligence from the community.



Crime Statistics in Runnymede

Total Offences: Runnymede: -285 / Surrey: -150

Division Categories	North			
	Current	Previous	Change	%age
TNO	6,141	6,426	-285	↓ -4.4%
Domestic abuse	847	980	-133	↓ -13.6%
High harm	1,197	1,285	-88	↓ -6.8%
Violent DA	688	797	-109	↓ -13.7%
Violence with injury DA	163	217	-54	↓ -24.9%
Violence without injury DA	525	580	-55	↓ -9.5%
Hate crime	265	229	36	↑ 15.7%
Serious sexual	170	171	-1	↓ -0.6%
Rape	65	76	-11	↓ -14.5%
Child abuse	166	152	14	↑ 9.2%
Robbery	40	30	10	↑ 33.3%
Adult abuse	55	61	-6	↓ -9.8%
Burglary - residential	227	163	64	↑ 39.3%
Burglary - business and community	75	70	5	↑ 7.1%



Solved outcomes in Runnymede

Division Categories	North							
	Current	Previous	Change	%age	Current	Previous	Rate Change	
TNO	847	909	-62	↓ -6.8%	13.8%	14.1%	↓ -0.4%	
Domestic abuse	148	149	-1	↓ -0.7%	17.5%	15.2%	↑ 2.3%	
High harm	193	178	15	↑ 8.4%	16.1%	13.9%	↑ 2.3%	
Violent DA	117	125	-8	↓ -6.4%	17.0%	15.7%	↑ 1.3%	
Violence with injury DA	44	51	-7	↓ -13.7%	27.0%	23.5%	↑ 3.5%	
Violence without injury DA	73	74	-1	↓ -1.4%	13.9%	12.8%	↑ 1.1%	
Hate crime	44	36	8	↑ 22.2%	16.6%	15.7%	↑ 0.9%	
Serious sexual	19	11	8	↑ 72.7%	11.2%	6.4%	↑ 4.7%	
Rape	6	4	2	↑ 50.0%	9.2%	5.3%	↑ 4.0%	
Child abuse	30	18	12	↑ 66.7%	18.1%	11.8%	↑ 6.2%	
Robbery	7	10	-3	↓ -30.0%	17.5%	33.3%	↓ -15.8%	
Adult abuse	3	3	0	0.0%	5.5%	4.9%	↑ 0.5%	
Burglary - residential	6	13	-7	↓ -53.8%	2.6%	8.0%	↓ -5.3%	
Burglary - business and community	4	6	-2	↓ -33.3%	5.3%	8.6%	↓ -3.2%	

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Report title	Runnymede Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2024
Report author	Abi Marsh
Department	Community Services
Exempt?	No
Exemption type	Not applicable

Purpose of report:
For information.

Synopsis of report:
This report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Runnymede Community Safety Partnership (RCSP) throughout 2023/2024.

1. **Context of report**
 - 1.1 Annually, a report is provided to this Committee, and the Community Services Committee, documenting actions undertaken by the Runnymede Community Safety Partnership (RCSP). The report does not cover everything undertaken by the RCSP but covers actions relating to its priorities and gives an overview of areas of joint working.
2. **Report and, where applicable, options considered**
 - 2.1 The report is attached at Appendix 'A.'
3. **Policy framework implications**
 - 3.1 The Partnership's actions not only relate to each agencies' 'business as usual' but are also driven by priorities set out in the partnership plan.
 - 3.2 The need for a Runnymede Community Safety Partnership is a statutory duty set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police and Justice Act 2006.
4. **Legal implications**
 - 4.1 There is no legal obligation to provide an annual overview of the partnership's activities; it is a local arrangement.
5. **Equality implications**
 - 5.1 There are no specific equality implications within the context of this report. However, any activities undertaken will where necessary, have an Equality Impact Assessment completed.

6. **Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications**

6.1 None identified.

Background papers

None Stated.



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Community Safety Partnership

ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

This report provides information for The Runnymede Community Safety Partnership (RCSP) which is the statutory partnership under The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, with The Crime & Disorder Committee of Runnymede Borough Council having responsibility for the overview and scrutiny of Community Safety matters in the Borough.

In a Two-Tier Authority area such as Surrey, there is a requirement to have a County-level strategy group to add value and coordinate County wide activities on common themes. This role is fulfilled by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) following a merger with the Community Safety Board (CSB) in March 2020.

As part of the governance the HWBB are responsible for the development and delivery of a Community Safety Agreement (CSA). The Agreement's aim is to set out how the responsible authorities will work together to identify and address shared priorities in relation to reducing crime and disorder. The Agreement is flexible and will change as new policy and legislation is introduced and contributes to delivery of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which focuses on prevention and early intervention, and the following three priorities:

- Helping people live healthy lives.
- Supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of people.
- Supporting people to fulfil their potential.

The Community Safety vision for Surrey is to ensure that we;

- Protect our most vulnerable from exploitation.
- Protect our communities from harm.
- Empower our communities to feel safe.

The HWBB will develop an implementation plan, looking to work closely with Community Safety Partnership to support and guide them. The Agreement is not a document to hold the local partnerships to account but reflects their local priorities. It is expected the local Community Safety Partnerships plans will echo the agreement but maintain their localism.

This report documents aspects of the work performed within the Runnymede Community Safety Partnership. Much of what the service deals with must remain confidential as it involves Police operations and actions by other enforcement agencies however all partners are working together to address local problems and share information in accordance with the agreed County wide multi-agency information sharing protocol (ISP).

2. FUNDING

Runnymede Borough Council contributed £2900 to the Community Safety Partnership for use of the Joint Action Group (JAG) priorities and crime prevention materials. Additionally, £5,000 was contributed to the Surrey-wide central Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) fund, £2,909 towards Ecins which is the approved information sharing and case management platform, and £5,000 in contributions from the Youth Development Fund for the annual Junior Citizen event.

3. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Surrey's shared community safety priorities have been incorporated into the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as follows:

- Domestic Abuse (Priority One: Helping People Live Healthy Lives)
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Priority One: Helping People Live Healthy Lives)
- Prevent (Priority Three: Supporting People in Surrey to Fulfil their Potential)
- Serious Youth Violence (Priority Three: Supporting People in Surrey to Fulfil their Potential)
- ASB Strategy Group (Priority Three: Supporting People in Surrey to Fulfil their Potential)
- Tackling High Harm Crime will be delivered by the Serious and Organised Crime Partnership

The Runnymede Community Safety Partnership (RCSP) supports these priorities yet also set local priorities to ensure that the issues affecting the local area are at the forefront of the partnership's delivery plan. The RCSP identified three priority areas which will be the focus for 2023/25;

- Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) – Focus on promoting the StreetSafe reporting tool and responding to areas of concern.
- Antisocial Behaviour - Focus on environmental antisocial behaviour including littering, fly-tipping & noise nuisances and being cognisant to upcoming policy changes (Government ASB Action Plan).
- Water Safety – Focus on education around using bodies of water safely and appropriately.

4. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG)

Following the national VAWG strategy being released, it was determined that VAWG would be considered one of the priorities for the RCSP. It was agreed the StreetSafe reporting tool would be the primary focus, with reports brought to the Joint Action Group (JAG) for discussion amongst partners to identify any options available to address the causes of feelings of being unsafe. Unfortunately, despite a relatively good response rate when the StreetSafe reporting tool was first introduced, Runnymede reports have tailed off and due to changes in staff at Surrey Police, a new lead has only recently been identified.

As part of a refresh and to reinvigorate reports, agreement has been secured from Surrey County Council to place stickers displaying the QR code to the reporting tool on specified lamp columns around the Borough. Installation of these stickers has not yet started but will be a focus throughout 2024/25.

Whilst incidences of spiking are low within Runnymede, Runnymede Borough Council have provided reusable (metal) straws and 'spikey's' to Police so these could be given away at engagement events, helping to keep individuals safe whilst enjoying a night out.



5. DOMESTIC ABUSE

The RCSP continued to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse and support services available to victims along with mitigating further risk of harm to victims and families.

The Domestic Abuse Outreach service continued to be provided by YourSanctuary who received 677 referrals for the Runnymede area during 2023/24. 342 survivors accessed one-to-one support, 19 survivors accessed the Specialist Male Service and 65 survivors accessed Hope2Recovery.

The Hope2Recovery programme was introduced last year, and it is a 6-week programme for any adult that is experiencing or has experienced domestic abuse. It uses a trauma informed approach to enable participants to understand the dynamics of domestic abuse, why they have coped the way they have and how their parenting has been affected. The aims are for participants to understand the tactics that perpetrators use including coercive control, develop an understanding of the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, a better understanding of parenting and how it has been impacted by the abuse and then to enable future life plans based on safety for them and their children.

High risk cases are discussed at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Centre (MARAC) meetings held on a bi-weekly basis. MARAC meetings are where agencies share information to increase the safety of victims and agree a risk management plan. 143 cases were discussed for Runnymede residents

during 2023/24 of which 96 related to new cases with the remaining being repeat cases.

Surrey Police issued 3 Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPN) in Runnymede to perpetrators of Domestic Abuse to provide instant protection to victims in the aftermath of a Domestic Abuse incident. 3 Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO) were granted which prohibit the perpetrator from returning to the property and having contact with the victim for up to 28 days. This period allows the victim the opportunity to consider their options and get the support they need. The Government has recently closed consultation on new guidance documents related to the changes made to these powers when they become Domestic Abuse Protection Notices (DAPN) and Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPO).

6. DOMESTIC ABUSE RELATED DEATH REVIEWS

Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs), formerly known as Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), were established on a statutory basis under Section 9 of The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 and are carried out by the RCSP to ensure that lessons are learnt when a person has died as a result of domestic abuse.

During 2023/24, the RCSP received no new notifications of deaths in the Borough with links to domestic abuse however continued to progress reviews into 3 deaths which came to notice in 2022/23. All three case reviews are ongoing and will be published accordingly once finalised and approved by the Home Office.

7. PREVENT

Surrey County Council act as the strategic lead on Prevent delivery within Surrey although local authorities and their partners must still have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into extremism. Channel Panel meetings are held monthly, and the Prevent Executive Group (PEG) meetings are held quarterly, with Runnymede having representation at each as required.

The Channel process sits within the Pre-Criminal space prior to any illegal activity taking place so is predominantly a safeguarding mechanism which supports individuals who are vulnerable to radicalisation. The multi-agency panel is arranged and chaired by Surrey County Council with relevant agencies invited to attend on an individual case basis. Runnymede Borough Council therefore only has representation at the Channel Panel if the panel is discussing an individual from the Borough.

Whilst the Runnymede Borough Council Prevent strategy covers 2022/25, once this ceases, it is anticipated that Prevent will be embedded into the Council's Safeguarding Strategy as a single document.

8. SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME

Surrey Police and the RCSP work in partnership to address Serious Organised Crime (SOC) within the Borough. A local SOC profile has been produced by Surrey Police with intelligence provided from agencies. SOC and Organised Crime Groups (OCG) updates are provided to partners via an intelligence product at the Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOC/JAG) meetings.

These meetings take place quarterly and are an opportunity for partners to be briefed on what the Borough profile looks like, what intelligence gaps there are and for them to participate in developing intel around these gaps. When organised crime is identified, this is tackled by police and partners to pursue individuals robustly. These bring to bear the powers available to partners and bring to justice those involved in organised crime. We protect vulnerable victims of organised crime by recognising the signs of exploitation and support them away from risk. When we have disrupted organised crime, we will prevent it's return by tackling the underlying causes, look to design out opportunities for it to return and focus our resources to divert individuals away from organised crime, and we will be prepared for when serious organised crime does occur through raising engagement, education, training and awareness across each of our departments and services ensuring we have the resilience to respond.

Surrey Police, together with other forces, supported a national anti-knife crime campaign, Operation Sceptre in November 2023 which aimed to reduce the number of people carrying a weapon. Whilst knife crime remains low in Surrey, much of what does take place is related to drugs and gang activity - some of which spills over the border from London.

Numerous activities were undertaken to educate people around the consequences of carrying a knife and to enforce criminal legislation. Some of these activities included:

- Walk around local parks looking in areas for any potential knives or weapons.
- Community engagement with members of the public walking through the parks.
- Police visits to previous offenders and persons who may become offenders based on current intelligence to provide education and support.
- Test purchasing completed with the support of the Police Cadets who were sent into various shops to try to buy knives and see if they were challenged.
- Promoting of an amnesty knife bin located in Staines Police Station.

County Line drug dealing is also a priority for the force, recognising the harm it causes to communities and violence that follows County Lines. Runnymede SNT work alongside colleagues within our intelligence and proactive teams to identify and disrupt County Lines throughout the year. Throughout the previous year there has been disruption of a county line as well as further intelligence developed on those operating within other boroughs who maybe

using Runnymede to travel through to commit criminality. Target-hardening and further intelligence development activity has taken place to prevent this.

Education continues with our education establishments, including the Royal Holloway University of London and Strodes College. Students have been engaged with and information provided through partners such as Crimestoppers and Fearless to raise awareness of the signs of serious crime such as county lines and the consequences of being involved in it.

Catalyst continued to provide the cuckooing project. Catalyst received 8 referrals for the cuckooing project related to Runnymede residents. Of these referrals, 3 residents were deemed to be victims of cuckooing and 4 residents engaged with the support offered.

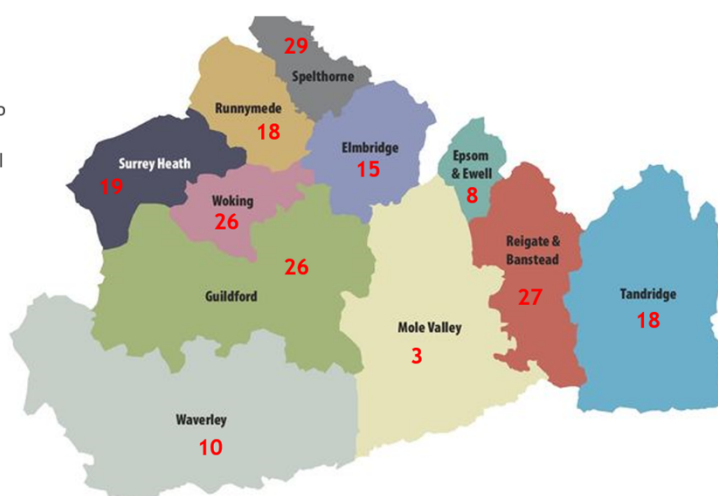
9. CHILD EXPLOITATION

Surrey County Council's Children's Safeguarding Board are the lead agency for Child Exploitation across the District and Boroughs. The role of the RCSP is to support the weekly Risk Management Meetings (RMMs) by tackling and preventing Child Exploitation.

The current number of children identified as being at risk of exploitation in Runnymede as of March 2024 is 18.

Surrey Picture – MARCH 2024

- > Total of 157 children on the Child Exploitation list
- > 51 of these children are considered to be Experiencing harm only 8 are girls
- > 15 of these children have confidential addresses due to risk.
- > 64 children of the total are girls
- > 13 children (8%) are under 14 years
- > Youngest child is aged 10
- > 17% are currently Looked After
- > Anecdotally it is recognised that sexual exploitation is under reported.
- > On average, around 100 children are reported missing every month The gender split is around 50/50



The RCSP is involved with local mapping meetings. These meetings are designed to look at how the partnership can disrupt exploitation and support children away from perpetrators. Surrey Children's Service are looking to strengthen this process, creating a 2nd tier of multi-agency meeting. This strategic Risk Management Meeting will look at how leadership can support intervention and disruption across Surrey, who are our most at risk children and who are the exploiters.

Surrey Children's Services are the lead agency for child exploitation and extra familial harms (risk outside the home) working closely in partnership with lead

agencies. The new Adolescent Safeguarding service across Surrey is being restructured and will align its services within the East, North and West decisions including a central hub. The new service will pilot a new Risk and Vulnerability Meeting (RVM) in the east starting July 2024 to replace the existing RMM. Findings from the pilot will inform the roll out of the RVM with the West and North areas across the year.

10. DOMESTIC BURGLARY

Domestic Burglary within the borough saw a further year of reductions, at 13% reduction compared to last year, with a total of 144 crimes recorded compared to 166 crimes in 2022/23.

Crime prevention advice on scams, distraction burglaries and general advice for securing homes and outbuildings continue to be provided through regular social media posts and 'In The Know' updates.

Reassurance visits were conducted to burglary victims and free Design Out Crime officer visits were offered.

11. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In Runnymede there are various avenues available to report antisocial behaviour (ASB). Most reports received by Community Safety are made via the online reporting system accessible on the Council website. This facility is available to all residents and where reports fall under the responsibility of another department, the report is forwarded on for consideration by that team. In most cases, these reports are also automatically shared with the local neighbourhood team at Surrey Police for awareness only. Incidents must be reported directly to Police to be recorded on their system.

At the start of this reporting year, work was undertaken to ensure reports of antisocial behaviour were being reported on correctly, and as such some data sets have been removed. This included reports recorded as 'non-ASB', 'street cleansing', and 'other'.

As such, comparison data from previous years data would not be a true reflection, therefore work has been undertaken to review these data sets to allow for alignment with only the current data sets.

	Previous ASB total	Adjusted ASB total
2022/23	2723	1830
2021/22	2603	1974
2020/21	2321	1822

Year on Year	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Abandoned vehicles	16	47	35	52
Begging	24	2	0	0
Damage to Council Property	51	40	23	11

Dog fouling	10	12	33	68
Drug/Substance misuse & Dealing	73	82	26	44
Fly-tipping	592	824	832	1032
Graffiti	6	23	48	62
Inappropriate vehicle use	113	71	23	19
Litter/rubbish (inc. glass)	201	237	201	170
Neighbour nuisance	239	115	83	117
Noise	310	325	227	293
Nuisance behaviour	148	171	144	132
Street Cleansing (inc. dead animals)	112	221	585	-
Unauthorised Encampments	39	2	3	6
Uncontrolled pets	0	23	152	154
Community Safety OTHER*	121	171	0	-
Customer services OTHER*	128	164	0	-
Environmental Health OTHER*	113	52	0	-
Housing OTHER*	25	21	0	-
Total	2321	2603	2723	-
ADJUSTED TOTAL (after removal of greyed out columns)	1822	1974	1830	2160

The number of reported ASB incidents to Runnymede Borough Council during 2023/24 increased by 18% (n330 reports) with the total number of reported ASB incidents concluding at 2160 compared to 1830 for 2022/23.

The top 3 reported types of ASB were (1) fly-tipping making up 48% (n1032) of the annual total of reports, (2) noise at 14% (n293) and (3) litter/rubbish (inc. glass) at 8% (n170).

Of note, there was a 24% (n200) increase in reports of fly-tipping compared to 2022/23 which is thought to be in part due to improvements made in recording measures since a new logging system was introduced.

Surrey Police saw a decrease of 6% (n82) in ASB reports for Runnymede with the total number of reported ASB incidents concluding at 1238 compared to 1320 for 2022/23.

In June 2023, Runnymede Borough Council played host to one of three ASB workshops led by the Police & Crime Commissioner & ASB Help, with the support of Mediation Surrey. This allowed residents voices to be heard with their experiences with antisocial behaviour.

The RCSP supported ASB Awareness Week in July 2023 by undertaking activities throughout the week. Each day a different department undertook joint patrols with Surrey Police. The departments who took part in these were, Community Safety, Housing, Environmental Health, Parking and Open Space.

These activities included patrols of hotspot ASB locations including parks and fly tipping sites, patrols around areas covered by the Public Space Protection

Orders (PSPOs), multiagency professionals meeting to discuss ongoing cases of ASB, and engagement events held across Runnymede.

The Support Coaching service hosted by Mediation Surrey continued to be provided to Surrey residents experiencing ASB and serious difficulties with their neighbours. The service runs free of charge for residents due to funding by the Police and Crime Commissioner. For Runnymede residents, 21 referrals for Support Coaching were received with 9 engaging, and 14 referrals for Mediation were received with 6 engaging.

Across the RSCP, enforcement tools from the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and additional enforcement tools, have been collated with details provided in [appendix A](#)

12. FLY-TIPPING

Environmental ASB continues to be prevalent within the Borough with 85% (n1837) of the reports received by Runnymede Borough Council being linked to issues such as abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, fly-tipping, graffiti, litter, noise, unauthorised encampments, and uncontrolled pets. This was an increase of 20% (n306) on overall environmentally linked reports compared to 2022/23 which totalled 1531 reports.

Runnymede Borough Council's Environmental Health Team continues to support the county wide Fly-Tipping Strategy and work alongside Surrey Police, the Environmental Agency and other District and Boroughs to tackle large scale deposits of waste onto both Council owned and private land as part of investigations into serious waste related offences as often the perpetrators offend across borders.

The Environmental Health team, with support from Community Safety, continued to deploy mobile cameras and deterrent signage especially in "hot spot" areas and utilise their powers under statutory nuisances where appropriate.

In November of 2023, the Community Safety team were successful in obtaining external funding for redeployable CCTV equipment, for the dedicated purpose of capturing Fly-Tipping offences. Locations for deployment are selected in consultations with partners through the JAG meetings, with 3 locations visited within 2023/24.

The Environmental Health team also participated in days of action and stop and searches.

13. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPOS)

There were two Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) available within the Borough throughout 2023/24. These orders related to;

- (1) Addlestone.

This order had 3 prohibitions related to groups, riding in a malicious or dangerous manner and wearing of face coverings. Considering public awareness and concerns following the global pandemic, any report linked to face coverings would be reviewed to determine whether the use of the covering was integral to the incident of antisocial behaviour or not.

(2) Englefield Green.

This order had 4 prohibitions related to groups, ball games, music from vehicles and psychoactive substances.

No breaches were identified for either of the PSPOs and following public and stakeholder consultation, it was agreed by the Community Services committee that these orders would be allowed to natural expire in June 2024 rather than seek to renew them.

14. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CASE REVIEW

Under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 residents can request a review of their ongoing antisocial behaviour (ASB) case via the Antisocial Behaviour Case Review (ASBCR) process, formerly known as the Community Trigger.

During 2023/24, 2 ASB Case Review applications were received. Both met the threshold for progression under the review process.

As part of recognised best practise, all case reviews conducted in Runnymede are done so through the support of an independent chair, with the position usually taken by an officer from within the Community Safety Team of another District/Borough or the ASB Unit Manager at Surrey Police.

Across Surrey, an agreement has been reached for all District & Borough's to utilise Ecins as a central platform for recording ASBCR's. This has no direct impact on residents other than a visual change to the request form but will allow for easier data extraction.

15. COMMUNITY HARM AND RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING (CHARMM)

Individuals experiencing or causing harm through antisocial behaviour or crime can be referred to the CHaRMM for multiagency risk management and problem solving to reduce the negative impact.

The meeting is attended by core members across the agencies made up from the Council, Police, Registered Social Landlords, Mental Health services, Drug and Alcohol services, Youth services as well as Children's and Adults Social care. Additionally, Family Support workers, Probation, Schools, and other support services may be invited to attend on a case-by-case basis. The members consider what actions need to be taken to address the negative behaviours with supportive interventions and progress to enforcement action if necessary. In some cases, due to the high risk of harm, enforcement action

will be taken without any supportive interventions being offered, however these are to be considered alongside the enforcement tools.

CHaRMM continues to be managed through Ecins which is a secure information sharing and case management platform which continues to evolve allowing users greater functionality. Ecins can be used to share information and case updates in a secure and timely manner for progression of multiagency cases. Each case has a designated owner who can grant or restrict permissions to ensure that only the appropriate professionals to have access to the case.

There were 15 referrals made to CHaRMM throughout 2023/24. Of these, 8 referrals were accepted for progression, 6 were declined and 1 was withdrawn. Quarterly case updates were provided to the RCSP.

The Runnymede CHaRMM continued to follow the Countywide CHaRMM framework, and Runnymede Borough Council fulfilled the role of both chair administrative duties for the meetings.

16. JOINT ACTION GROUP (JAG)

Areas experiencing problems or specific crime types causing concern can be referred to the JAG for multiagency risk management and problem solving to reduce the negative impact being experienced by the community.

Activities undertaken by the JAG are reported quarterly to the RCSP and the group holds a deployable CCTV unit. This was purchased by the RCSP in 2018 to aid in tackling ASB and crime. The unit records live images which are linked into Safer Runnymede. As the unit is not static, it can be redeployed to current hotspot locations, however there are limitations in where it can be used across the Borough due to the requirement for obtaining a licence from Surrey County Council and their policy for not granting licences of this nature for any column under 8 metres high.

The redeployable CCTV unit will only be placed in locations whereby the JAG members have agreed it is required or would be beneficial and in line with the agreed guidelines of use.

The Council again held a stall at the Addlestone Christmas Market to offer advice and free crime prevention goodies which included sliding door locks, property marking UV pens, personal attack alarms, high visibility and reflective bike stickers, purse bells, ice scrappers, and assorted items of literature such as the Vodafone digital parenting booklets and information on scams.

Various Community Days/Engagement events were attended throughout the year including the 'Person Place' event at Darley Dene School, 'Communities Together' at the Egham Orbit, 'Pop Up' event at Tesco's Addlestone, Clean up activity at Sandgates, Playground repainting at Gogmore Farm Park, and the underpass painting at Addlestone Moor.

In addition to this, in relation to Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) and Street Safe, self-defence classes were provided at low or no cost to the participants.

17. SURREY ADULTS MATTER

The Surrey Adults Matter (SAM) Scheme is the name given to Surrey's take on the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Network which aims to improve the lives of adults with severe multiple disadvantages including homelessness (or at risk of homelessness), mental ill health, drug and/or alcohol misuse, domestic abuse, and offending behaviour.

Within 2023/24 there have been 7 referrals for Runnymede based clients, 4 of which were accepted.

18. JUNIOR CITIZEN

Runnymede Borough Council continued to provide year 6 pupils from schools around the Borough free access to the annual Junior Citizen event. The event was held over a two-week period in November, with each school invited to take part in a half-day session.

A total of 19 schools attended the event with over 750 pupils. These schools were:

- Bishopsgate School
- Darley Dene School
- Holy Family Catholic School
- Lyne School
- Manorcroft School
- Meath School
- Ongar Place School
- Ottershaw C of E School
- Pycroft Grange School
- Sayes Court School
- St Anne's Catholic School
- St Ann's Health School
- St Cuthbert's Catholic School
- St Jude's C of E School
- St Pauls C of E
- Stepgates Community School
- TASIS
- Thorpe C of E School
- Thorpe Lea School

Additionally, ACS Egham, Hythe Community School, New Haw Community School, and The Clubhouse Project were contacted to provide an invite to attend.

The event was held at Thorpe Park, Chertsey who provided the venue free of charge along with refreshments and additional items provided by Tesco, Addlestone.

During the event, each agency delivered a 10-15 minute 'set' to the pupils to provide them with valuable skills related to Community Safety and Health & Wellbeing topics. The event was led by Runnymede Borough Council Community Safety and was supported by;

- Eikon
- Network Rail
- School Nurses
- St John's Ambulance
- The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)
- Runnymede Borough Council Community Development
- Runnymede Borough Council Depot

19. RESPECT THE WATER: WATER SAFETY

The annual water safety event, held as part of the Respect the Water initiative, was held in April at Virginia Water Lake by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. Supporting the event was the Crown Estate, the Council, Police, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Surrey Search and Rescue (SurSAR), Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Newfoundland Dog Display Team, Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) and South East Central Ambulance Service (SECAmb)

As part of the event a bankside rescue demonstration was held demonstrating how the emergency services rescue people close to the water's edge. During this demonstration, running commentary was provided with 3 types of rescues – throwline, tethered line, and hose inflation. A talk on Cold Water Shock and 'Float to live' was given alongside live casualties demonstrating the float aspect.

Next came the Newfoundland Dog Display Team demonstrating the 'Newfs In Action' with multiple dog rescue demonstrations.

A water rescue demonstration was also held demonstrating how emergency services undertake rescues further away from the riverbank. During this demonstration, running commentary was provided with 3 types of rescues – a single unconscious casualty by rescue sled, a single casualty by tethered swim and two casualties by throwline and reach pole.

In addition to the demonstrations, public 'Have-a-go' sessions were provided using the throwlines to rescue someone in the water and learn how to provide water related first aid.

20. CRIMESTOPPERS

Crimestoppers are an independent charity who can be contacted to report incidents of crime 100% anonymously.

During 2023/24, Crimestoppers working in partnership with Runnymede Borough Council agreed to instigate a Crimestoppers Zone in the Addlestone area of Surrey Towns with a view to increasing reports in this area. This followed on from activity undertaken in line with Safer Streets funding.

In introducing this Crimestoppers Zone, Crimestoppers signage, social media posts and letters were sent to residents informing them about the Crimestoppers zone & way to report.

Residents were invited to a community event on the 1st May which was opened by the mayor. Crimestoppers calling cards were handed out and the service explained to the residents.

REPORT ENDS

**Data table covering enforcement actions available to agencies within the
Runnymede Community Safety Partnership.**

Data requested submitted to Police, Council and Social Landlords however it is not mandatory for this information to be supplied and as such, only includes what has been shared.

		Total
1. Community Remedy	A) In total, how many Community Resolutions have been issued?	226
2. Community Trigger	A) How many Community Trigger applications received?	2
	B) How many Community Triggers met the threshold?	2
	C) How many review meetings conducted?	3
	D) How many cases resulted in recommendations?	2
	E) How many Community Triggers did not meet the threshold?	0
3. Community Protection Notice	A) How many Community Protection warnings have been issued?	36
	B) How many Community Protection Notices have been issued?	6
	C) How many CPN breaches resulted in a FPN?	0
	D) How many CPN breaches resulted in court action?	8
4. Public Space Protection Order	A) How many PSPO breaches recorded?	0
	B) How many PSPO 1st breach warning letters issued?	0
	C) How many PSPO 2nd breach warning letters issued?	0
	D) How many PSPO breaches resulted in a FPN?	0
	E) How many PSPO breaches resulted in court action?	0
5. Civil injunction	A) How many civil injunctions have been applied for?	3
	B) How many civil injunctions have been granted at court?	3
	C) How many breaches resulted in court action?	1
	D) How many breaches resulted in successful prosecution?	1
6. Criminal Behaviour Order	A) How many criminal behaviour orders have been applied for?	3
	B) How many criminal behaviour orders have been granted at court?	1
	C) How many breaches resulted in court action?	0
	D) How many breaches resulted in successful prosecution?	0
7. Dispersal Power	A) How many Dispersal orders were granted?	0
	B) How many dispersals instructions given?	0
	C) How many arrests made in relation to breach or failure to comply with instruction to leave?	0
8. Closure Power	A) How many closure orders applied for?	3
	B) How many 3-month initial closure orders granted at court?	2
	C) How many closure order extensions granted at court?	1
	D) How many breaches to closure order resulted in court action?	1
	E) How may breaches to closure order resulted in successful prosecution?	0
9. Absolute grounds for possession	A) How many absolute grounds for possession cases applied for?	2
	B) How many absolute grounds for possession cases granted a possession order at court?	2
10. Additional - Noise	A) How many noise cases related in the issuing of a noise abatement notice?	3
	B) How many noise abatement notices were adhered to?	3
	C) How many noise abatement notices were not adhered to and resulted in further action?	0
	D) How many noise abatement notices were rescinded upon appeal	0
11. Additional enforcement options	Interim injunction	1
	court undertaking	0
	Undertaking (directly to Council)	0
	Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)	1
	ASB Warning Letters	40