

# Safer Hartlepool Partnership



## Community Safety Plan

2021 - 2024

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## 1. FOREWORD

As Chair, I am pleased to present the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan for 2021 – 2024 on behalf of The Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP).

The Partnership Plan brings together our aims, ambitions and priorities for the next three years. We will work in Partnership to tackle the issues which impact on, and matter to local people.

The Community Safety Plan retains the strategic objective and priorities of the 2021/24 plan, reflecting the outcomes of the 2020 SHP Strategic Assessment and ongoing analysis of emerging issues across the Town. Utilising this data and information enables the SHP to deliver a holistic approach to address the priorities, with a greater emphasis on prevention and reducing harm.

The SHP has faced many new challenges in recent years, not least the difficult circumstances presented by the Coronavirus Pandemic. There has been a significant change in issues that are presented to partners to address, whilst also tackling substantial resource pressures. Important matters such as anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, domestic violence and responding to those members of our communities with specific vulnerabilities understandably take priority.

The SHP will continue to look at new and innovative ways of working collaboratively to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending, and most importantly, improving the quality of life for the people who live and work in and visit Hartlepool.

**Councillor Shane Moore**

**Chair, Safer Hartlepool Partnership**

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP) brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling crime and disorder in Hartlepool. As defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Partnership comprises members from each of the “responsible authorities”; Hartlepool Borough Council, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire and Rescue Service, The Probation Service and Hartlepool and Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group. In addition, a range of other stakeholders from the public and voluntary sectors are also represented and include Thirteen Group, Safe In Tees Valley and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

Our key role is to understand the kind of community safety issues Hartlepool is experiencing; decide which of these are the most important to deal with; and then decide what actions we can take collectively, adding value to the day-to-day work undertaken by our individual agencies and organisations.

We detail these actions in our Community Safety Plan. To help us do that we undertake a Strategic Assessment which analyses a range of detailed information that exists about crime, disorder, substance misuse, re-offending and other community matters that are affecting Hartlepool.

The outcomes of the assessment form recommendations about how to keep the Community Safety Plan priorities relevant.

In producing our plan we are also mindful of the pledges of the Police and Crime Commissioner in the Police and Crime Plan and the requirement to 'have regard' to the priorities established by this plan.







The community safety landscape continues to evolve and partners continue to face challenges in having to adapt the way services and initiatives are delivered. Since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, legislative changes have amended our focus, and also the statutory partners we work with, but the principles of working together remain at the heart of tackling crime and disorder.

The strategic objective of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership remains unchanged and is still as important as it ever has been:

***“To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit”***

### 3. LOCAL CONTEXT

Hartlepool is the smallest unitary authority in the North East region and the third smallest in the country comprising of some of the most disadvantaged areas in England. Issues around community safety can be understood by a number of contextual factors:

 <p><b>Population</b></p>	<p>Hartlepool's population has increased slightly over the past 5 years due, in part, to increasing migration levels.</p>	<p>This has led to Hartlepool's population becoming more diverse, with increasing numbers of BAME and white non-British residents.</p>	<p>Almost 1 in 5 of the population are aged 65+, whilst almost 1 in 4 are aged 18 or under.</p>
 <p><b>Unemployment</b></p>	<p>Unemployment rates in Hartlepool are above the regional average and double the national average.</p>	<p>The unemployment rate of young people aged 18-24 years remains above the national average.</p>	<p>Hartlepool has high rates of people incapable of work due to disability and ill health.</p>
 <p><b>Deprivation</b></p>	<p>Hartlepool has pockets of high deprivation where communities experience multiple issues: higher unemployment, lower incomes, child poverty, ill health, low attainment, poorer housing conditions and higher crime rates.</p>	<p>Hartlepool is the 25th most deprived local authority area out of 326 local authorities.</p>	<p>Inequality within Hartlepool is getting worse, with the gap between the most deprived and least deprived parts of the town widening since 2015.</p>
 <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b></p>	<p>There is a higher prevalence of long term health problems, including mental health.</p> <p>Alcohol related hospital admissions in Hartlepool are significantly worse than the regional and national rate.</p>	<p>The rate of drug-related deaths in Hartlepool is significantly higher than the regional rate and more than double the national rate.</p> <p>Hospital admission rates for violence are the third highest in the north east region.</p>	
 <p><b>Housing</b></p>	<p>Over half of the properties in Hartlepool are within the lowest 'Band A' Council Tax bracket.</p>	 <p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>Community safety problems are not evenly spread and tend to be concentrated in geographic hotspots, particularly in the most deprived wards in Hartlepool.</p>	

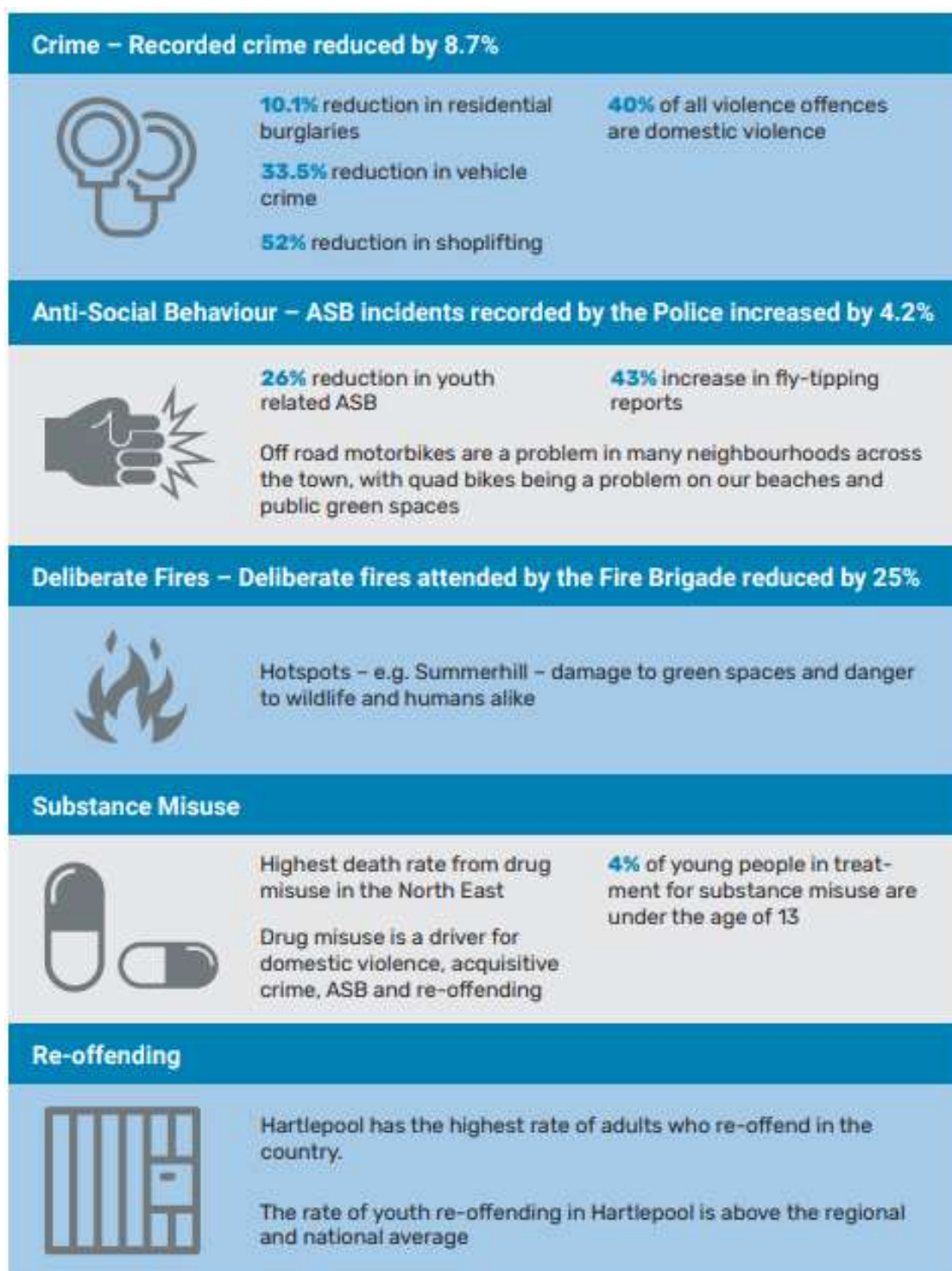
#### 4. SUMMARY OF THE 2020/21 PLAN

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic the SHP continued to focus on the priorities in the Community Safety Plan 2020-21 and some of the work undertaken to make Hartlepool a safe place for residents, workers and visitors included:-

Priority	Activity
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of early intervention, diversionary, educational and positive activities through the deployment of the Targeted Youth Outreach Team</li> <li>• Provision of home and personal crime prevention advice, target hardening and emotional support to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Co-ordination multi-agency “Days of Action” to target anti-social behaviour and environmental issues in hotspot locations</li> <li>• Development and delivery of multi-agency action plans to address unacceptable behaviour by adults and young people occurring in the Town’s parks and green spaces</li> <li>• Formation of working groups to specifically focus on fly-tipping, deliberate fires and nuisance vehicles.</li> </ul>
<b>Drugs and Alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of an integrated drug and alcohol treatment service, START – Supporting Treatment and Recovery Together</li> <li>• Successfully obtained 6 premise closure orders for residential properties concerned in the supply of illegal drugs</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic Violence and Abuse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of a Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board to assess the need for Domestic Abuse Support Services in Hartlepool and publish a strategy to meet assessed need.</li> <li>• Development of a “Grab Bag” project which enables our specialist domestic abuse support service, Harbour, to provide individuals fleeing abuse with basic essentials when they arrive at the refuge or other safe accommodation.</li> </ul>

## 5. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The Partnership conducts an annual assessment of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in Hartlepool to identify and address the community safety issues that impact upon and really matter to the local community. Key findings from the 2020 assessment are outlined below:





## 6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has a statutory obligation to engage and consult with the communities of Hartlepool about community safety priorities.

The annual Community Safety Survey is designed to assist the Partnership to:

- Gain a wider understanding of public perception of crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area;
- Understand what makes people feel safe and unsafe; and
- Understand which issues cause most concern

Analysis of the results of the survey conducted in 2020 highlighted that, although many residents perceive crime and anti-social behaviour to be a problem in their area, more than half of respondents said they had not been a victim of crime in the previous 12 months.

When asked about feelings of safety, most respondents said they feel safe being outside during the day and after dark. Those who said they felt unsafe stated this was due to poor street lighting, lack of police, suspicious people hanging around and people dealing drugs.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, an online Face the Public Event was held.



## 7. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2021-2024

Based on the findings of the 2020 Strategic Assessment and consultation with the local community and other stakeholders, the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's Strategic Objective 2021-2024 is: -

### **To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit**

## 8. PRIORITIES 2021 - 2022

As with any town, Hartlepool faces many challenges and must work within an environment of conflicting demands and limited resources.

The Partnership recognises that there are many issues that impact on the lives of some, or all, of Hartlepool's residents and continued efforts will be made by all Partnership members to address these in a focussed and effective manner.

Issues such as violence (particularly serious violence) and exploitation are significant in both the local and national context and the Partnership recognises the need to work both individually and collectively to address them.

However, the Partnership also recognises the benefits of identifying those issues that have the greatest impact on the town and the need to target resources and efforts to deal with them effectively and efficiently.

To do this, the Safer Hartlepool Partnership will continue to focus activity on three key priority areas – each of which contributes towards a wide range of community concerns. The three key priority areas for 2021-22 are: -

<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	By adopting an intelligence led problem solving approach, the Partnership will work to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the town by deploying resources and undertaking targeted activity to address the issues that cause concern for our residents and communities and negatively impact on their quality of life.
<b>Drugs and Alcohol</b>	Through targeted partnership working, focussed efforts will be made to reduce both the demand for, and the supply of, illegal drugs in Hartlepool. The Partnership will also work together to reduce the negative social, personal and health consequences caused by the misuse of alcohol in the town.
<b>Domestic Violence and Abuse</b>	The Partnership will work together to safeguard individuals and their families from domestic violence and abuse.

## 9. DELIVERING THE PLAN

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has the responsibility to deliver the priorities that are set out within this plan. The governance structure is outlined below. This chart outlines the Partnership delivery and reporting structure. Recognising its responsibility to reduce re-offending, the SHP sub groups will include re-offending as a specific area of focus. Performance monitoring will be undertaken on a quarterly basis to assess progress against key priorities drawn from the strategic assessment and identify any emerging issues.



## 10. MONITORING PERFORMANCE

Performance of the Community Safety Plan will be monitored by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership against a range of key performance indicators for each of the priorities which include:

Priority	Indicator
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB incidents reported to the Police
	Rate of ASB per 1,000 population
	Number of noise complaints received
	Number of fly-tipping reports received by the Council
	Number of Deliberate Secondary (F3) fires
	Number of Deliberate Vehicle Fires
Drugs and Alcohol	Drug Offences - Possession
	Drug Offences - Supply
	% of opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment
	% of non-opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment
	% of alcohol users that have successfully completed alcohol treatment
	% of young people that have successfully completed treatment
	Number of young people known to substance misuse services
	% of people dependent on alcohol and not in the treatment system
	% of people dependent on opiates or crack and not in the treatment system
Domestic Violence	Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police
	Rate of Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population
	Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse
	Rate of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population

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