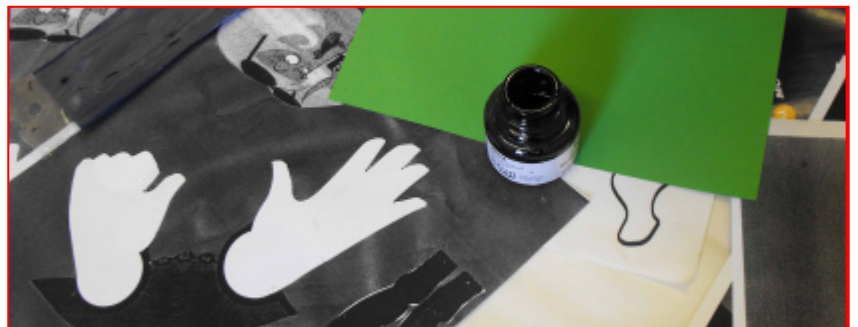


# Mansfield Partnership Against Crime

## Who we are, how we work and what we achieve



**Respect**  
for Mansfield

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Mansfield Partnership  
Against Crime

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# **Introduction**

Welcome to this booklet which has been produced by Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) to briefly explain what the Partnership is, who is involved, what it aims to achieve and how it works to succeed in these aims.

The booklet also shows what the Partnership has achieved and provides examples of its work. It concludes with a look at what has been planned and is now being delivered in 2012/13.

## **What MPAC is**

Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) is Mansfield's community safety partnership. It was set up by law under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and it does what for years people said organisations should do - work together to deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour, burglary, domestic abuse, vehicle crime and violent crime.

Partnership working means that expertise, information, resources and costs are shared, increasing efficiency and reducing costs.

## **Who is involved?**

MPAC involves a wide range of organisations, some of which are responsible authorities and others which play key roles within our communities.

The responsible authorities are:

Nottinghamshire Police  
Mansfield District Council  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service  
NHS Nottinghamshire County  
Nottinghamshire Probation Trust

Other members of the Partnership include:

Registered Social Landlords  
Nottinghamshire Women's Aid  
Elected Members  
Third sector organisations

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## **Our aim**

MPAC's aim is:

**“To work to make our communities safe and our residents feel safer”**

## **Our approach**

Our approach is to work together on a set of joint priorities. By sharing information, ideas, staffing and costs we can work efficiently and effectively.

The Partnership Plan which covers the period from 2012 to 2015 is at the centre of this approach. It sets out what our shared priorities will be, what actions we are going to take to address them and how we will know what effect we are having. Our priorities have been identified from the annual Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment - a multi agency analysis of crime and disorder.

Geographical action groups - covering what are known as Partnership Plus areas - with delivery plans have been developed, setting out the activity of MPAC over the coming year. We also have a number of themed action groups.

Copies of the MPAC Partnership Plan 2012 - 2015 can be viewed at [www.mansfield.gov.uk](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk)

## **Staying on track**

The MPAC Strategic Group provides local leadership for the Partnership, which is crucial to success in tackling the issues concerning our communities. The Strategic Group's purpose is:

To provide leadership for the partnership;

To develop a strategic vision and direction for MPAC that will enable a diverse range of agencies and bodies to work together effectively to achieve common goals;

To agree the focus and priorities for the MPAC Partnership Plan;

To ensure that the MPAC three year Plan is agreed and implemented, and that agreed partnership targets are met;

To undertake an annual review of the MPAC Partnership Plan;

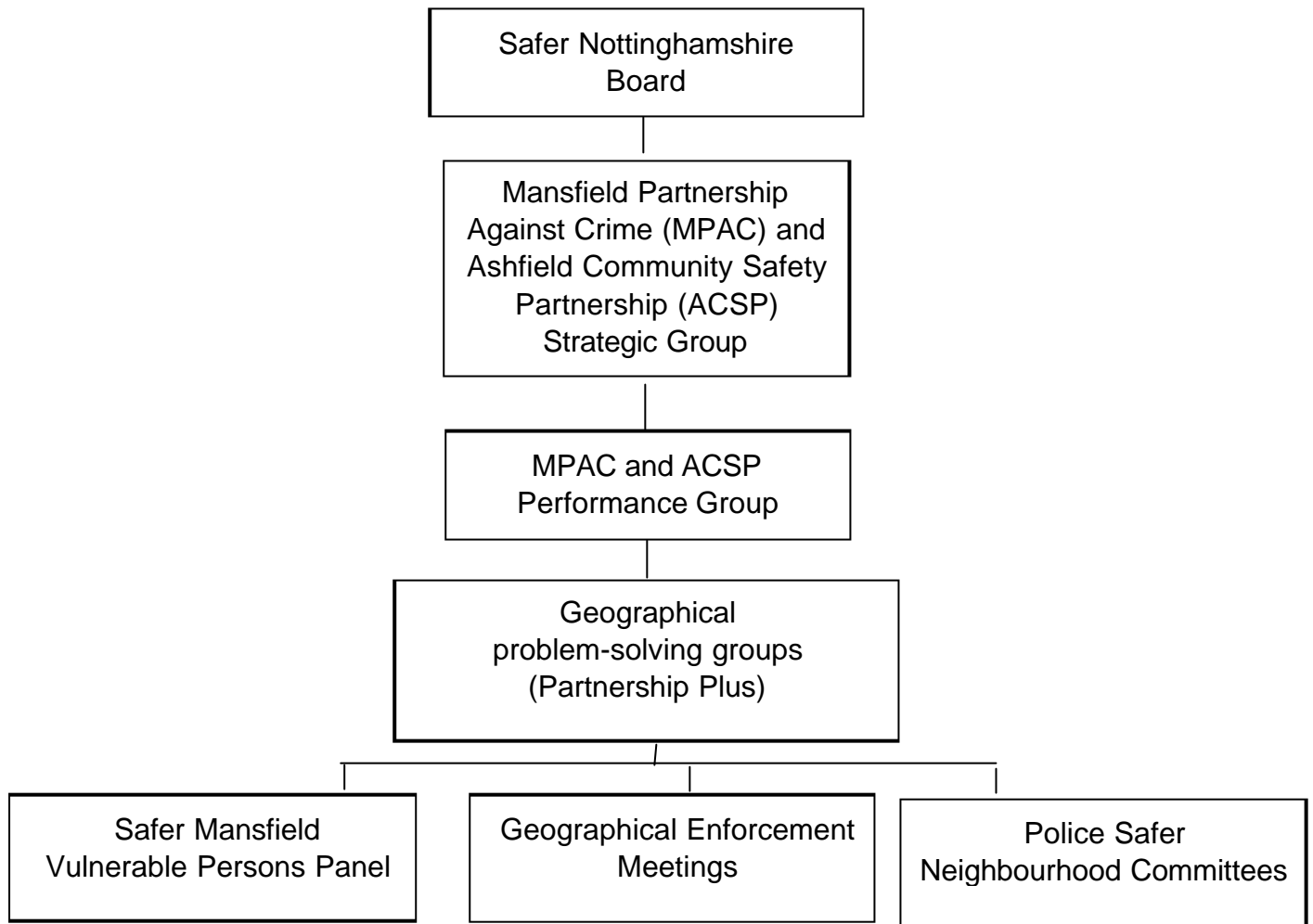
To hold the partners to account for the delivery of the Plan; and

To ensure an evidence-led and problem-solving approach within MPAC.

Each of the responsible authorities is required to be represented on the Strategic Group. In addition the Community Safety Portfolio Holder for Mansfield District Council is a statutory member.

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# **MPAC structure**



## **Our relationship with ACSP**

Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) and Ashfield Community Safety Partnership are the statutory Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) for each District. For some years, the two have worked jointly where appropriate in order to make best use of resources.

A review of support functions was undertaken to respond to likely reductions in resources for CSPs. This resulted in re-organisations managed by each authority which concluded with an agreement to share partnership posts across both areas.

Since July 1st, 2011 therefore, the two CSPs have one small dedicated team of officers providing support functions: Community Safety Officer; Analyst and Domestic Violence Co-ordinator.

This step has been a natural progression to achieving greater efficiencies increased by having joint performance and steering groups for the two partnerships.

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# **The areas and themes we cover**

The 2012/13 Strategic Assessment which we referred to on Page 4 moves towards geographic prioritisation, whereby thematic crime types for each geographical area can be addressed through an holistic action and delivery plan.

The thinking behind this is that causes of crime and disorder, as well as symptoms, can be addressed through this holistic approach and that, by focussing on the geographical areas that are suffering from the greatest impact of crime, the quality of life will improve.

Given current financial and resource concerns, this offers an efficient means of tackling crime; ensuring resources are targeted where they will have the largest impact on crime reductions and on communities.

## **Partnership Plus areas**

Community Safety funding which comes from the Home Office via the County Council is also given to the 15 areas in Nottinghamshire that it is felt will best benefit from a partnership approach to their issues.

These areas are called Partnership Plus areas and in Mansfield for 2012/13 we have five. They are: Carr Bank, Newgate, Oak Tree, Portland and Woodlands. Some of these include parts of the town centre

The map on the opposite page shows where the locations of these Partnership Plus areas.

We have action groups for these areas which meet regularly to plan, deliver and evaluate actions and projects. The groups focus on key crime types within the areas concerned.

The key challenges identified through our strategic assessment in Mansfield are: Violent Crime Domestic Abuse, ASB, Serious Acquisitive Crime, Drugs & Alcohol and Hate Crime.

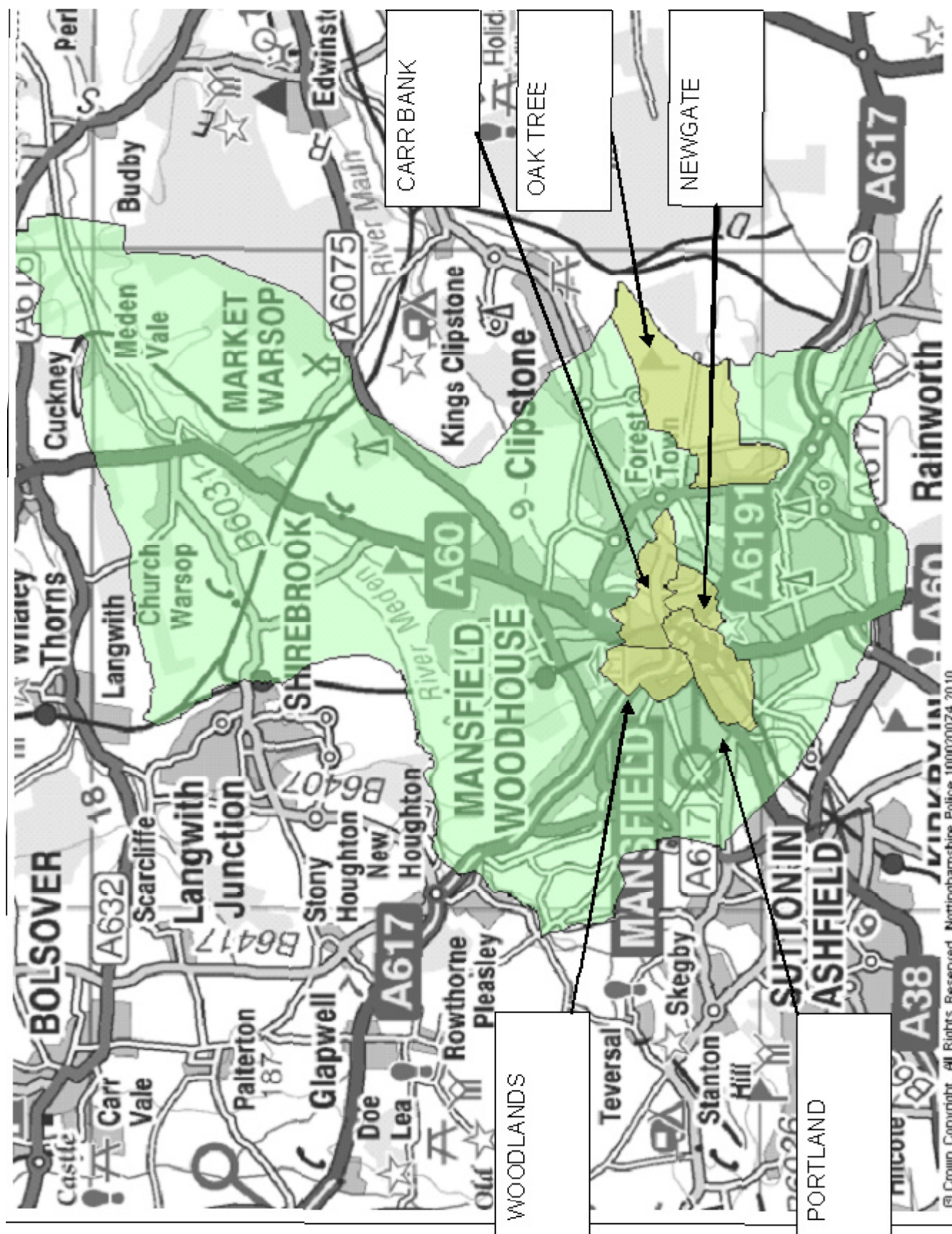
## **Other action groups**

In addition to the geographical groups, we have geographical enforcement meetings and the Safer Mansfield Vulnerable Persons Panel.

There is also an Ashfield/Mansfield Domestic Abuse Working Group and an Alcohol Implementation Group.



# Map showing our Partnership Plus areas



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# **Examples of our work**

The projects detailed on the next two pages are a very small sample of those delivered by MPAC's action groups and members over the previous year.

We aim to keep everyone up to date with our work and what it is achieving by producing newsletters, articles for partner publications and websites and press releases for the widest possible distribution.

## **Not Waving**

Priority: Domestic abuse

Not Waving is part of a three year funded programme supporting Young People aged 13 - 18yrs who have experienced domestic abuse either in their own relationships or within their family.

Part of this project, delivered by Nottinghamshire Independent Domestic Abuse Services (NIDAS) is to consult young people about the types of early intervention resources being taken into schools and education settings. To date, over 450 young people have been consulted in the Mansfield and Ashfield areas.

As part of this, a consultation event was held at The Old Library, Mansfield (photographed) in partnership with the Nottinghamshire County Youth Arts Team. NIDAS accepts referrals from partnership agencies as well as from young people, parent, guardians and carers.



## **Vulnerable Vehicle project**

Priority: Serious acquisitive crime

Vehicles left with sat navs, gym equipment, handbags and even a credit card on full view inside them were all discovered during an exercise to raise awareness about vehicle security.

A team of Mansfield District Council wardens and PCSOs took part in the Vulnerable Vehicle project. They visited the staff car park of an MPAC member, looked through the windows of the vehicles and recorded how many had been left with valuables on display.

The findings were quite shocking - 44 vehicles had been left with valuables on display.

After the exercise was completed a report was sent to all staff detailing what had been found. It pointed out: "Vehicles are far more likely to be targeted by offenders if they can see something in them they feel is worth taking. Staff were also asked to talk about the exercise with members of their family and friends.

A second survey carried out in the same car park revealed and the exercise is now being taken to the car parks of private sector organisations in the district.

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# **Examples of our work**

## **Diversiónary activities**

Priority: Anti-social behaviour

The Partnership has supported a wide range of diversionary activities designed to provide young people with positive things to do and to divert them away from anti-social behaviour.

Activities have included fishing (photographed) and quad biking, led by Nottinghamshire County Council's Youth Work Team as well as a project involving Mansfield Town Football Club under which two groups of 20 attend the Club on alternate weeks and take part in a range of activities designed to build their self-esteem, develop respect for themselves and others and stay fit and healthy. The project received funding from MPAC and the police and from Blue Square.

Suggestions of who should be offered places on MPAC diversionary schemes can and do come from schools, care workers, PCSOs, youth workers and from young people themselves.



## **Burglar alarm project**

Priority: Serious acquisitive crime

MPAC invested in burglar alarms and getting them fitted in properties in Partnership Plus areas of the district last year to good effect as our results show.

Police information was used to ensure that the alarms were fitted in the most appropriate places, Groundwork installed them and organisations that are members of the Partnership - including the District Council, County Council and Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service - helped to identify suitable recipients. Crime prevention leaflets were also been handed out in the areas concerned.

## **Street Pastors**

Priorities: Violent crime, anti-social behaviour



A drunken lady abandoned by her boyfriend in town and a girl found injured in the bus station are among the cases helped by Mansfield's Street Pastors during their first few weeks on the streets.

MPAC gave £13,000 to pay for the vetting, checking and training of the 30-plus volunteers currently involved. During their first six weeks the pastors spoke to and helped 280 people, gave first aid to nine and picked up over 100 broken glasses and bottles in town on Saturday nights. Their good work continues.



# What we have achieved

The table below shows some significant reductions made in Mansfield in 2011-12.

Indicator	Total in Baseline Year 2010-11 (What the target is measured against)	2011-12		2011-12 Year to Date Comparison (Apr 2010 - Mar 2011 compared to Apr 2011 – Mar 2012)	Actual volume reduction	Actual Percentage Reduction
		Target Percentage Reduction	End of year target figures			
Serious Acquisitive Crime	1228	-28.11%	958	-21.99%	-269	Over 5% of meeting target
Dwelling Burglary	343	-21.90%	264	-23.03%	-79	Better than target
Vehicle Crime	838	-30.10%	653	-22.08%	-184	Over 5% of meeting target
Robbery	47	-34.40%	41	-12.77%	-10	Over 5% of meeting target
Violence Against Person with Injury	1028	-24.70%	791	-23.05%	-237	Within 5% of meeting target
All Crime	8361	-15.90%	7231	-13.52%	-1123	Within 5% of meeting target
Anti Social Behaviour	7003	-10.00%	6465	-7.68%	-538	Within 5% of meeting

While the Red Amber Green (RAG) status might look disappointing, the actual numbers show that significant reductions were made. The targets set were extremely stretching and it is this that impacts on the RAG results.

## Key reductions

We have made a number of reductions in key areas over 2011-12. At the end of the financial year:

Serious Acquisitive Crime had seen significant reductions of 21.99%.

Dwelling Burglary had seen a 23.03% reduction on year to date.

We achieved a significant vehicle crime percentage reduction of 22.08%.

Dwelling Burglary and Robbery have been consistently under the most similar group (MSG) average for 12 rolling months, showing they are consistently performing better than their peers.

In April, May and June 2012 vehicle crime was also beneath the MSG average, showing a significant improvement in performance.

Violence against a Person with Injury has seen great achievements with cuts of 23.05% which is 237 less victims of violence in Mansfield.

Mansfield Town Centre was one of the Partnership Plus areas and figures show violence against the person crimes here in 2011/12 were down by 60 compared with 2010/11, representing a 15% reduction; and theft fell by just over 20% - from 572 to 457.

These results speak for themselves and demonstrate the success that we are having through a joined up partnership approach.

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# **What we are doing in 2012/13**

For each of the priority areas we:

- Have established monthly multi-activity problem solving groups in each of the priority areas;
- Are delivering initiatives from an agreed range of strategies and interventions to reduce crime as informed by our robust analysis and research.

The list below gives examples of what we are doing/plan to do for each priority in 2012/13. It is not exhaustive and we will change our activity to respond to problems as they arise.

## **Reduce Violent Crime**

Provide a high visibility police presence during key times and on key dates

Continue to support the Street Pastors project in Mansfield Town centre

Continue a triage project with East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS)

## **Reduce Incidents of Domestic Violence**

Deliver healthy relationships courses to secondary school pupils.

Work with GP practices to raise awareness of domestic violence and services. This will include delivering training to practice managers and providing literature to local surgeries.

## **Reduce incidents of Anti Social Behaviour**

Increase opportunities for and access to positive, diversionary activities for young people.

Improve involvement of community members through safer neighbourhood committees.

Support the Work Goals and future Opportunities programme which provides a range of tools and interventions to help targeted individuals move into work.

## **Reduce Acquisitive Crime**

Target harden vulnerable properties through delivery of security alarm scheme.

Deployment of capture van during key times and at key locations.

## **Reducing Drug and Alcohol Misuse**

Develop, deliver and performance manage a new local Alcohol Implementation Plan.

Deliver targeted publicity campaigns delivering key messages and support national campaigns.

Carry out joint targeted alcohol and drug enforcement visits/raids

## **Reduce Hate Crime Incidents**

Increase the detection rate for Hate Crimes and bring more perpetrators to justice.

Support victims through the Safer Mansfield Group.

Look out for these and keep up to date with news about our work through our newsletters, press releases, partner websites including that of Mansfield District Council and by talking to us at the events we attend.

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*Front cover images clockwise from top left:  
Mansfield Street Pastors at work in the town centre;  
Community engagement day, Newgate Lane School,  
Not Waving consultation day at Mansfield Library  
and young people's work exploring domestic abuse  
issues as part of Nottinghamshire Independent  
Domestic Abuse Services' work.*