

South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

Working together to make Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe safer



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What is a Community Safety Partnership (CSP)?

Community Safety Partnerships were set up as statutory bodies under sections of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and aim to bring agencies and communities together to tackle crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in the local community.

They are made up of a range of different agencies, some of which are statutory (required to be there by law) and some of which are voluntary or cooperating members. This includes social landlords and partners from the voluntary sector.

South Nottinghamshire was one of the first Community Safety Partnerships to be formed by the merger of 3 Community Safety Partnerships or CDRPs (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships) as they were previously known. The merger was formally approved by parliament in August 2009 and was between Broxtowe CDRP, Gedling CDRP and Rushcliffe CDRP. The merger took place to enable shared expertise and resources which would result in efficiency savings and continued improvements in reductions in crime and disorder.

What does South Nottinghamshire CSP do?

South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership co-ordinates community safety issues in the three boroughs of Rushcliffe, Broxtowe and Gedling.

Our Aim is:

“To work together in South Nottinghamshire to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for you and your community.”

We aim to achieve our aim by:

- Working with our partners and communities to find local solutions to local problems
- Reducing crime and the fear of crime in neighbourhoods throughout South Nottinghamshire
- Promoting Safer Communities
- Reducing the misuse of drugs and alcohol and the associated problems

Who is a member of South Nottinghamshire CSP?

The responsible authorities of the CSP are:

- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottinghamshire Police Authority
- Local Authorities (Broxtowe Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council)
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Nottinghamshire County (PCT). Currently in transition as a result of NHS reforms
- Nottinghamshire Probation Trust

The responsible authorities work together to develop and implement strategies to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safe. They work out local approaches to deal with issues including antisocial behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and re-offending.

They also work with others who have a key role, including community groups and registered local landlords. There are currently 310 CSPs in England, and 22 in Wales.

Each responsible authority contributes their own particular local knowledge, professional expertise and resources to ensure that the issues of most concern to local people are prioritised and addressed.

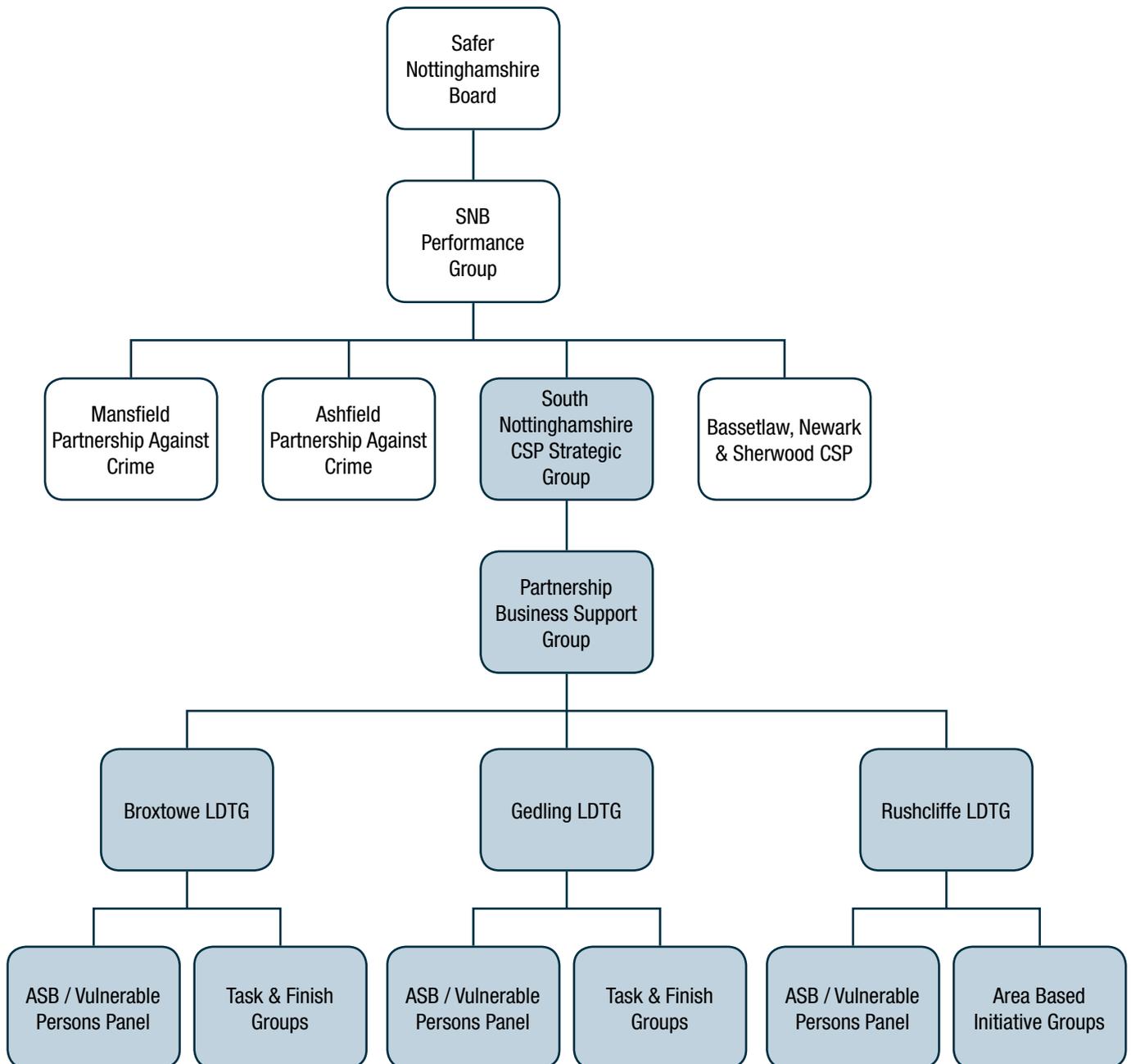
The partnership also contains members from the voluntary sector and community sectors. Other members of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership include:

- Registered Social Landlords
- Victim Support
- Women's Aid Integrated Services (WAIS)
- Broxtowe Women's Project (BWP)
- Midlands Women's Aid
- Elected Members
- Community members

Members meet at a strategic, business and tactical level under various different groups.



Our structure



Overview of the groups

On the chart above, the groups within the South Nottinghamshire CSP are shown in blue.

Safer Nottinghamshire Board or SNB

This group is attended by the chief executives / directors of the responsible authorities and has the aim of reducing crime and improving satisfaction of residents in the wider Nottinghamshire area

SNB Performance Group

This is chaired by an Assistant Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police and holds the Community Safety Partnership Chairs to account around performance and delivery issues. Chairs of all community safety partnerships within Nottinghamshire are represented at this group which is held on a quarterly basis.

South Nottinghamshire CSP Strategic Group

This group is chaired by the Chief executive of Broxtowe Borough Council and reports up to the SNB performance group. The members on this group are of a senior management / executive level. This group hold the South Nottinghamshire Performance Group (PBSG) to account and task this group with a range of strategic actions. This group are also responsible for making strategic level decisions on issues relating to the partnership and wider issues.

Partnership Business Support Group (PBSG)

This group reports to the South Nottinghamshire CSP strategic group and is responsible for managing the performance and finance of the partnership. This group has the authority to make business level decisions and members are of middle management level.

Local Delivery & Tasking Groups (LDTGs)

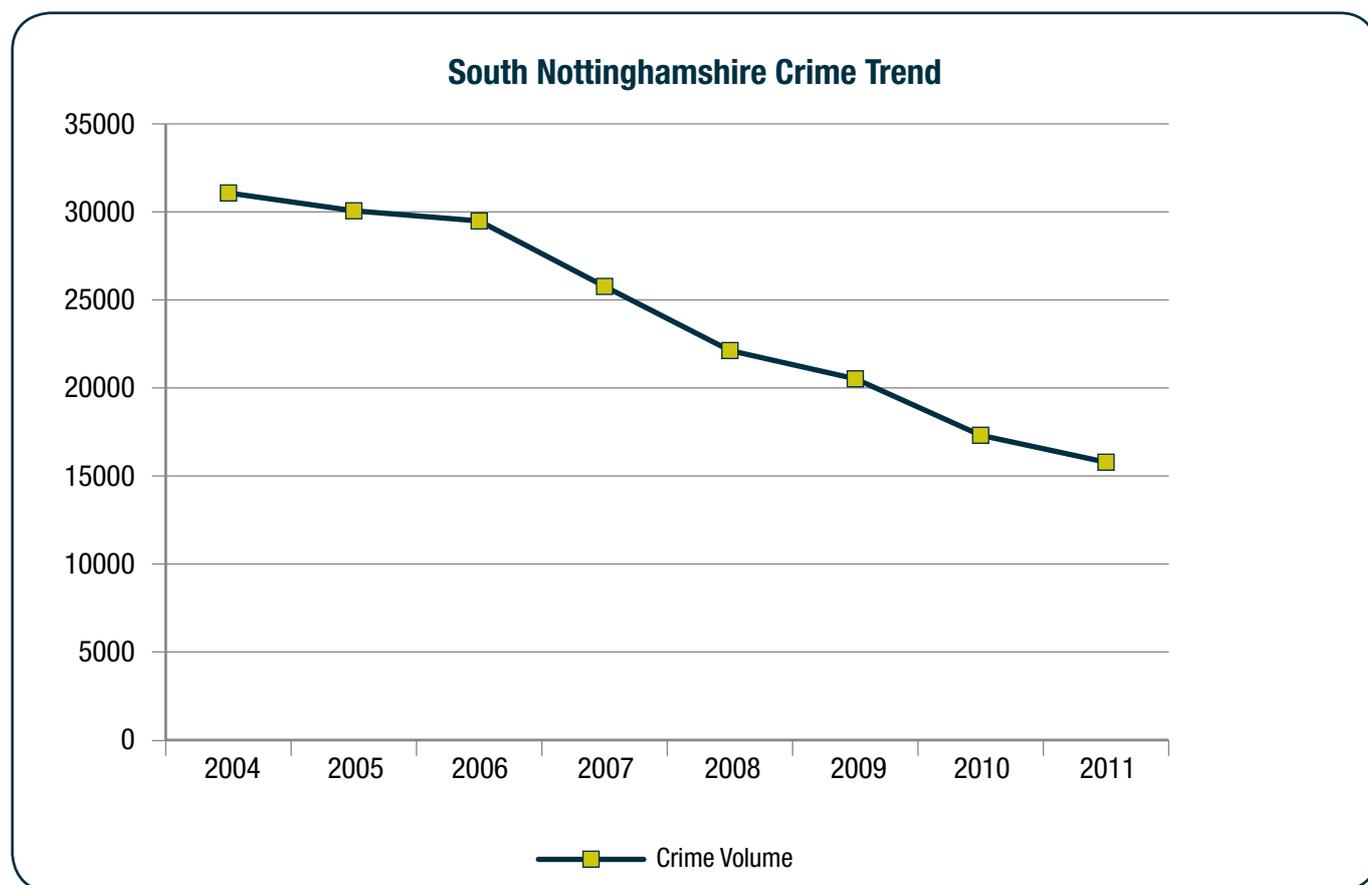
Each Borough has an LDTG and the same officer chairs all 3 of the groups making this a consistent approach. This group consists of officers directly involved in tactical delivery and this group meet on a monthly basis, meaning they can make decisions relating to tactical and operational need. They have varying budgets and have the authority to make decisions at a tactical level.

ASB / Vulnerable Persons Panel (VPP)

Each borough has a group of this nature and the aim of this group is to protect and support victims of Anti-Social Behaviour and vulnerable individuals and put action plans in place to prevent further incidents. This group also monitor and manage perpetrators of Anti-Social Behaviour, putting appropriate multi-agency actions in place to prevent further incidents.

What have we achieved so far?

The chart below shows the trend chart in South Nottinghamshire over the last 8 calendar years:



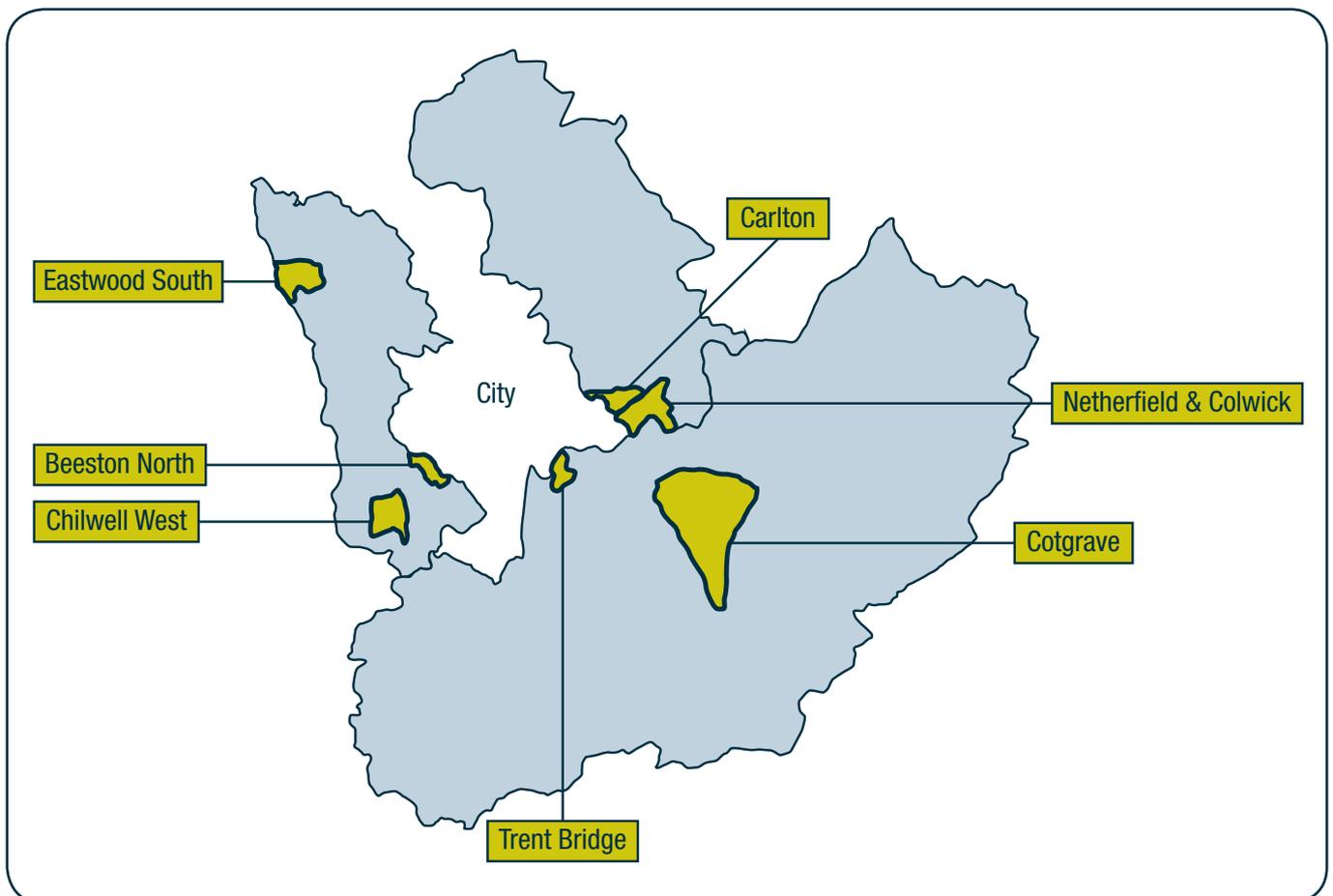
It can be seen that there have been consistent year on year reductions in crime levels in South Nottinghamshire and in 2011 crime levels were half what they were in 2004. In 2011 there was a 9% reduction on the previous year but the greatest percentage change was achieved in 2010, where there was a 16% reduction on the previous year.

What are we doing currently to address crime & disorder?

The Safer Nottinghamshire Board, which sits above the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership, have identified 7 themes that have a negative impact on the residents of Nottinghamshire:

- Serious Acquisitive Crime (this includes burglary of peoples homes, car crime and robbery)
- Violent crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Youth Issues (including youth crime)
- Hate Crime

An assessment of all wards within South Nottinghamshire was carried out in relation to these themes in October 2010 and the following areas were selected for targeted interventions in the 2011-12 period:



Why area based?

Work in these 7 areas is currently taking place to improve the quality of life for residents who have experienced higher than average levels of crime and disorder. We have focussed in the top areas because they account for a high proportion of all crime and disorder and so by reducing crime and disorder in the most problematic areas, we can have a greater impact on reducing all crime and disorder in the South Nottinghamshire area as a whole.

The level of funding for these areas has varied. 4 of the areas have been identified as some of the 'top 15' areas within the County for the combined 7 themes and so have received a sum of £44,500 directly from the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The other areas within South Nottinghamshire that have been adopted as priority areas have relied upon frozen funds from the previous year that have been carried over. The funding allocations can be seen below:

- Eastwood South (Broxtowe Borough): £44,500
- Beeston North (Broxtowe Borough): £13,000
- Chilwell West (Broxtowe Borough): £13,000
- Carlton (Gedling Borough): £44,500
- Netherfield & Colwick (Gedling Borough): £44,400
- Trent Bridge (Rushcliffe Borough): £44,500
- Cotgrave (Rushcliffe Borough): £26,000



What has money been spent on?

A problem profile has been completed for each area and this has highlighted the specific issues within each area. From this, actions plans have been developed and some of the activity has included:

- Targeting and monitoring repeat offenders – this also includes patrols of 'hotspot' areas of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Issuing Smartwater kits to victims of dwelling burglary to prevent them becoming repeat victims
- Supporting CCTV / ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) operations to prevent and detect crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Youth diversionary activity to prevent crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Underage drinking operations
- Supporting victims e.g. employment of a victim support worker dedicated to ASB victims in the Gedling Borough
- Awareness raising and crime prevention advice



Much more activity has taken place through mainstream activity through agencies working together under the Community Safety Partnership.

The crime reductions in these 7 areas have contributed to 40% of the overall reduction in crime in South Nottinghamshire in 2011-12. This shows that a geographical focus has had a significant impact on reducing all crime.

What about other areas?

All other areas within South Nottinghamshire continue to receive the same service from the various different agencies, safer neighbourhoods teams within the police are still present, crimes are attended, council services resume e.g. litter and graffiti removed, fires are still attended and work done to prevent them, offenders are still managed, drug and alcohol treatment is still available etc.

There is a Local Delivery & Tasking Group (LDTG on the structure chart) for each of the Borough areas and the aim of this group is to deal with tactical issues in the Borough area. The groups in the different areas have a varying budget and use this to respond to crime spikes / emerging issues in areas within the area. This covers all ward areas and not just the priority areas.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Group / Vulnerable Persons Panel also cover the whole of the borough and monitor repeat (or vulnerable) victims and perpetrators and put actions in place to reduce ASB and victimisation.

Examples of geographical focussed work

The Cotgrave ABI (Area Based initiative)

Cotgrave was the first areas within South Nottinghamshire to adopt a geographical based partnership approach. The problems in the area were scanned and analysed and it was apparent that repeat offending, youth offending and Anti-Social behaviour, domestic abuse and fear in the community (leading to poor community cohesion) and criminal damage were some of the key issues affecting the residents of Cotgrave. An action group was set up consisting of a wide range of agencies and the following actions were undertaken:

- Engagement with youths: This involved active engagement with and referrals into the Positive Futures programme, work in the local school, a programme in the local leisure centre and the development of a community facility (seen in the picture to the left)
- Reduce opportunities for criminal damage: This involved a gating order at a problem alleyway, a dog fouling campaign, demolition of problem garage sites and regular visual audits to ensure any problem sites are promptly responded to.
- Management of problem families / problem individuals / problem premises: This involved monitoring individuals through the ASB working group, adopting a sensitive lets process by the social housing provider in key locations and using warnings and enforcement around housing law in relation to problem families. The local police team have managed and monitored the top repeat offenders and worked with the housing provider in some cases to prevent that offender moving back to the area. Licence reviews have taken place and challenge 25 has been implemented to prevent underage drinking.
- Community engagement: This has involved members of the action group attending events and encouraging the community get involved in activities such as litter picking and improving the local park area.



Results

Cotgrave has moved from being a consistent top 10 ward for crime (in South Nottinghamshire) to now being ranked as the 22nd top ward (out of 71). There have been significant reductions in All crime, including youth crime and residents have reported many improvements in their local area. The improvements were also acknowledged by the Town Council and a range of agencies working in the area have all seen marked improvement.

All priority areas within South Nottinghamshire have a specific action plan which is designed to reduce problems that have been highlighted as occurring in that area.

Examples of thematic based work

In addition to the area based (geographical) focussed work, the Community Safety Partnership has also worked with partners and external businesses in relation to the following:

- Metal / scrap metal theft
- Drive offs from petrol stations without paying for fuel
- Domestic abuse
- Other burglary offences (including burglary of sheds and businesses)

In addition the CSP has supported bids from the police to patrol and the use of the capture car in hotspots for car crime and also dwelling burglary.

Members of the partnership have attended a range of locations and events to promote community safety messages and to raise awareness around crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

The work has resulted in reductions in metal thefts and drive offs from petrol stations without paying for fuel in the top locations and in one campaign alone over 500 members of the public received crime prevention advice and materials.



Planned work for 2012-13

The strategic Assessment process was repeated in October 2011 and the top areas within South Nottinghamshire and the County were highlighted for the same 7 themes. Improvements in Carlton and Trent Bridge wards have meant that they are no longer within the County top 15 and so not eligible for funding. Eastwood South and Netherfield & Colwick remain within the top 15 and so will stay as countywide priority areas.

The priority areas that South Nottinghamshire will work on in 2012-13 are:

- Eastwood South (Broxtowe) £18,000 Allocation
- Netherfield & Colwick (Gedling) £18,000 Allocation
- Trent Bridge (Rushcliffe) £20,000 Allocation
- Cotgrave (Rushcliffe) £15,000 Allocation

The Local Delivery & Tasking Groups and ASB / Vulnerable persons groups will continue to work to address borough-wide issues.

The Community Safety Partnership will have a lead officer for the 7 identified themes (Serious Acquisitive Crime; Violence; Domestic abuse; ASB; Alcohol & Drugs; Youth Issues and Hate Crime) and also a lead for Integrated Offender Management (IOM). These leads will link in with the leads at the Safer Nottinghamshire Board level to become the local experts.



The partnership will be set targets which are likely to be the same targets as the police are working to for 'All Crime' and specific types of crime.

The partnership also has a number of strategies including a strategic plan, Communications strategy, community engagement strategy and hate crime strategy. These documents as well as information on upcoming events and information of crime prevention, can be found on our website:

www.sncsp.gov.uk



Evaluation

All projects that are funded will be required to have a framework set up so that aims and objectives can be monitored and evaluated.

This will require projects demonstrating that activity can be directly linked to achieving community safety objectives.

Work is currently taking place to evaluate the effectiveness of activity that has taken place during the 2011-12 period. It is important that successful projects and activities, known as 'best practice', can then be shared across the CSP area and further afield so that there is a shared understanding of 'what works'. This will ensure that successful projects can be repeated in similar areas. An example of this is the repeated use of a capture car in areas that suffer from disproportionate levels of vehicle crime. Because this method has been used in the past and has proven to be successful in catching perpetrators it is being used again in different areas. There is evidence to suggest that this is a successful method and so spend in this area can be justified.

Regular updates on project monitoring will be required at the area based meetings / Local Delivery & Tasking groups.

Scrutiny

Agendas and minutes of the Strategic Group and Partnership Business Support Group will be made publically available on the website:

www.sncsp.gov.uk

Also on the website are a list of events and where these are open events there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and challenge the Community Safety Partnership on the work that is being done in their local area.

Rushcliffe Borough Council holds an annual scrutiny panel of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership. This gives Borough Councillors the opportunity to challenge performance outcomes and activity of the Community Safety Partnership. Broxtowe Borough Council has a rolling programme of partnership scrutiny and Gedling Borough Council is currently developing its scrutiny approach to community safety.



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Useful websites

South Nottinghamshire CSP	www.sncsp.gov.uk
Crimestoppers	www.crimestoppers-uk.org
Broxtowe Borough Council	www.broxtowe.gov.uk
Broxtowe Community	www.broxtowecommunity.co.uk
Broxtowe Women's Project	www.broxtowewomensproject.org.uk
Gedling Borough Council	www.gedling.gov.ukcommunity/communitycrimeprevention/
Gedling Community	www.gedlingcommunity.co.uk
Home Office	www.homeoffice.gov.uk/
Midlands Women's Aid	www.midlandswomensaid.org.uk
Neighbourhood Alert	www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk
NHS Nottinghamshire County	www.nottspct.nhs.uk
Nottinghamshire County Council	www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk
Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum	www.ndvf.org.uk
Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue	www.notts-fire.gov.uk
Nottinghamshire Police	www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/
Nottinghamshire Police Authority	www.nottspa.org
Nottinghamshire Probation Service	www.nottinghamshire-probation.co.uk
Police.uk	www.police.uk
Rushcliffe Borough Council	www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/communitysafety
Rushcliffe Community	www.rushcliffecommunity.co.uk
Stop Hate UK	www.stophateuk.org
Victim Support	www.victimsupport.org/

Acronyms

ABI: Area Based Initiative (Trent Bridge and Cotgrave are referred to as this)

ASB: Anti-Social Behaviour

CDRP: Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

CSP: Community Safety Partnership

LDTG: Local Delivery & Tasking Group

IOM: Integrated Offender Management

PCT: Primary Care Trust

PBSG: Partnership Business Support Group

RSLs: Registered Social Landlords (e.g. Spirita, de Montfort Housing)

SNB: Safer Nottinghamshire Board

SNBPG: Safer Nottinghamshire Board Performance Group

South Nottinghamshire: This area refers to a collection of the Boroughs of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe

VPP: Vulnerable Persons Panel