

SAFERSTREETS PROJECT 2023

You said the key issues are:

Burglary, anti-social behaviour, low feelings of safety, fly tipping, shop lifting

We did:

**Kirkby businesses sign up
to become Safe Spaces**

**As many as 18
businesses in Kirkby
town centre are now
Safe Space Accredited.**

The businesses located on Kingsway, Station Road, and Lowmoor Road have received 4G Ultra-High Definition CCTV cameras, signage, Passive Infrared Sensor lighting, and safeguarding training.



Vulnerable Adult Support

Scheme

The Vulnerable Adult Support Scheme (VASS) is made up of vulnerability, domestic abuse, substance misuse, crime, and anti-social behaviour experts. It has been established to save lives and divert residents away from criminality.



Shop radio system



15 businesses in Kirkby town centre have benefited from an innovative shop watch scheme.

New radio systems that link directly to the CCTV control room as part of the Business Crime Forum (Shop Watch) Radio Scheme. The radios can be used to warn other participating shops of an individual, or group, causing trouble and alert control room operatives so immediate action can be taken.

CCTV cameras

Five Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and mobile device been purchased and installed on key routes in Kirkby to enable detection of criminality, serious and organised crime, and drugs transport and supply.



Seven new CCTV cameras and two upgraded cameras have been installed in Kirkby town centre and on the Coxmoor Estate.

Two new Safe Point cameras have been installed in Kirkby town centre and on Welbeck Street. The state-of-the-art cameras allow users to instantly speak to the police control room in case of emergency.

Crime-ridden alleyways closed



Locked gates have been installed blocking access to three notorious alleyways on the Coxmoor Estate, Kirkby.

Under the PSPO, any person found entering the alleyways will be handed a Fixed Penalty Notice fine of £100.

Environmental Improvements

85 new signs featuring QR codes have been installed on lamp posts across Coxmoor Estate allowing people to report faulty lighting. 13 new street lights will be placed around Kirkby and Coxmoor Estate. A brand-new lighting plan has been commissioned for Holidays Hill park.



Burglary reduction



102 risk assessments have been completed on properties in Coxmoor that have been subjected to, or near, a burglary.

These properties have been offered free home security improvements such as a Ring doorbell, security lights, and extra locks. 25 properties have now been fitted with these devices funded by the Safer Streets programme.

Youth Work and Diversion



These programmes specifically target the underlying causes of crime and anti-social behaviour. The interventions are being delivered alongside a mentoring programme which helps to re-engage the young people with education, training, access support services as well as guiding them onto employment opportunities.

Working Together with

Local Residents

A new campaign has been launched as part of the Safer Streets initiative in Kirkby-In-Ashfield to encourage members of the community to help each other out and to celebrate those doing good deeds.

Called 'Better Together', the project is designed to increase community spirit, encourage community ownership and simply make people feel better. Everyone can get involved and benefit from Better Together, regardless of their age or abilities. Even just taking time out to have a quick chat with a neighbour or with other parents at the school gate can build valuable connections and trust. Anyone from Kirkby interested in finding out more about the Better Together scheme or wish to sign up can email b4tterttogether@gmail.com



Healthy Relationships programme

Healthy relationships is run by external provider Equation, they will be going into schools to deliver workshops to around 180 students around how safe women and girls feel, confidence to challenge perception, educating boys around language, attitudes and behaviours

Dear Residents,

This is a special edition leaflet to update you on what Ashfield District Council are doing across Kirkby to make your streets safer.

It was announced last year that Ashfield District Council and partners, were successful in their bid for £750,000 to the round four Safer Streets Fund with the Police and Crime Commissioner. A large proportion of the £750,000 funding will be used to reduce violence against women and girls, and tackle anti-social behaviour, residential burglary, and retail crime across Kirkby.

We have produced a leaflet to provide you with key updates being taken forward to show residents what we are doing.

The Council has an ambitious plan to improve Community Safety and we will continue to work with local residents and our partner agencies such as Nottinghamshire Police to make where you live safer.



Cllr Jason Zadrozny
– Leader of the Council



Cllr Helen-Ann Smith – Deputy Leader
and Community Safety Executive Lead



Caroline Henry – Nottinghamshire
Police & Crime Commissioner

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry said: “People in Ashfield are now genuinely safer – and hopefully they feel safer too – thanks to a range of projects that we are delivering as a partnership as part of the Safer Streets scheme.

“The projects that we have delivered – from Refuge Point cameras, to Safe Spaces in shops, a Shop Watch radio scheme and youth diversionary activities – are really innovative and are making a big difference to safety in public spaces.”

**The new projects will be implemented over
an 18 month period and focus on three key areas:**



Prevention

Environmental improvements, enhanced **street lighting**, deployable CCTV cameras, **Automatic Number Plate Recognition**, **gating off sites of anti-social behaviour**, vulnerable adult support scheme, and a **safe point camera**



Enforcement

Environmental crime operations, dedicated **anti-social behaviour** operations, **perpetrator management**, and **targeted Hi-Vis patrols**



Education

Educational sessions in schools, youth **diversionary activities**, domestic abuse and healthy relationship **workshops**, and crime **prevention interventions**