



## **Partnership Plan 2008/09**

### **What have we achieved?**

During 2008/09 we worked together with our partners and communities to achieve the targets and objectives set out in our Partnership Plan. Below is a summary of our main targets, actions and outcomes.

#### **Target 1. To educate motorists to drive and park more safely, and maintain low levels of those killed or seriously injured (KSI) on Surrey Heath's roads**

##### **Actions**

- Casualty reduction officers from Surrey Heath, Runneymede, Spelthorne, Woking and Elmbridge joined forces to carry out five seatbelt and mobile phone enforcement days in Surrey Heath.
- Continued to support the borough's Community SpeedWatches, funding two radar speed guns, 20 Speed Watch reflective jackets and four Speed Watch signs in 2008/09.
- Continued to promote the fire service's Safe Drive, Star Alive driver awareness scheme for young people.

##### **Outcomes**

- Seen a slight increase in those killed or seriously injured (KSI) in Surrey Heath from 34 in 2007/08 to 36 in 2008/09.
- Fatalities in Surrey Heath decreased from two in 2007/08 to one in 2008/09.
- In 2008 there were 528 KSIs in Surrey. This is a 43 per cent reduction compared to the average of 931 casualties for the period 1994 to 1998.

#### **Target 2: To reduce public place disorder in anti-social behaviour hotspots (Camberley Town Centre, Frimley, Old Dean and Heatherside)**

##### **Actions**

- Funded a further six electrical brackets for mobile CCTV cameras – bringing the total sites where CCTV can be deployed to 20.
- Funded two Taxi Marshals to work in Camberley Town centre on Friday and Saturday nights (this scheme ended in March 2009).
- Contributed funds for an ASB unit to reduce public place disorder and provide reassurance to residents.
- Supported a successful community-led Halloween Howler event in Heatherside on 31 October 2008.
- Implemented a targeted anti-vandalism campaign with double-sided postcards to encourage reporting and deter potential offenders.
- Continued to fund the Camberley Youth Café for young people aged 13-17, and support the SNAP club nights for young people aged 11-16.
- Agreed funds for a new Street Angels project for Camberley Town centre, which will begin in 2010.
- Funded a new Partnership livered van dedicated to local policing to enable a more efficient response to local issues - particularly around alcohol-based disorder.

##### **Outcomes**

- Been ranked Number 1 borough in the county for tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Saw nuisance behaviour on Halloween night 2008 halved compared to the previous year (from 14 reported incidents in 2007 to seven in 2008).
- Seen the SNAP club nights maintain capacity audiences of 500 young people per event.

- Seen total recorded incidents of criminal damage in the borough fall from 1,077 during 2007/08 to 957 during 2008/09.

**Target 3: To increase awareness of domestic abuse, and encourage victims to report incidents of domestic abuse**

**Actions**

- Ran a high profile publicity campaign during Surrey Domestic Abuse (DA) Awareness Week (20-24 October 2008).
- Continued to fund the multi-agency Sanctuary Scheme for victims of domestic abuse
- Continued to fund a DA outreach worker for Surrey Heath residents.

**Outcomes**

- Seen a small decrease in referrals to Surrey Women's Aid (SWA) from 239 in 2007/8 to 221 in 2008/9.
- Ran two workshops for Surrey Heath Borough Council staff and local voluntary sector partners, which increased the diversity of the source of referrals.
- Saw a 25% increase in referrals to SWA following DA Week (Oct-Dec 08), compared with the same period in 2007.
- Helped 12 families stay safe in their homes via the Sanctuary Scheme.

**Target 4: To deal effectively with environmental issues, including dog fouling, litter and fly tipping**

**Actions**

- Supported the establishment of a new multi-disciplinary e-team within Surrey Heath Borough Council, including a community warden, to educate residents and visitors about the consequences of littering with the power to serve on-the-spot fixed penalty notices.
- Funded a drugs litter poster and staff training on drugs paraphernalia.

**Outcomes**

- Seen a reduction in incidents of fly-tipping from 569 during the period 01/10/06 to 30/09/07 to 347 during the period 01/10/07 to 30/09/08.
- Seen a reduction of littering incidents from 211 during the period 01/10/06 to 30/09/07 to 77 during the period 01/10/07 to 30/09/08.
- Seen a reduction of complaints of graffiti from 49 during the period 01/10/06 to 30/09/07 to 30 during the period 01/10/07 to 30/09/08.
- Seen a slight rise in complaints about dog-fouling from 80 during the period 01/10/06 to 30/09/07 to 81 during the period 01/10/07 to 30/09/08.

**Target 5: To reduce levels of arson**

**Action**

- Mounted successful campaigns to combat countryside arson via the fire service's Arson Task Force.
- Via the Firewise scheme, fire service advisors worked with between 80 and 100 children, with over 200 visits to their homes, giving educational input to children and parents. The scheme aims to address fire setting behaviour and reduce the likelihood of children playing with fire in the future.
- Implemented a variety of arson reduction education programmes with local schools and businesses.

**Outcomes**

- Seen a 21.88% decrease in the number of deliberate secondary fires in Surrey Heath from 96 in 2007/08 to 75 in 2008/09; secondary fires are outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires (unless they involve casualties or rescues, property loss or five or more appliances attend) and include fires in derelict buildings.
- The number of deliberate primary fires in Surrey Heath fell by 31.03%, from 58 during 2007/08 to 40 during 2008/09; primary fires are fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fires involving casualties or rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances.
- Seen a reduction of 22.34% of deliberate secondary vehicle fires from 94 in 2008/09 to 73 in 2007/08.

- Seen a 25.32% decrease in total deliberate fires in Surrey Heath from 154 during 2007/08 to 115 during 2008/09.

**Target 6: To increase awareness and education about substance misuse, and reduce alcohol dependency**

**Actions**

- Ran a local campaign to support National Tackling Drugs Week (19-23 May 2008)
- Supported the Surrey Big Drink Debate with awareness events in Surrey Heath
- Funded Partnership officer training on drug awareness
- Ran a two-month campaign (Mar/Apr 08) in Camberley's Vue cinema to encourage safe, sensible drinking

**Outcomes**

- Seen the number of recorded drugs offences in the borough decrease from 208 in 2007/08 to 168 during 2008/09; 97% of recorded drugs offences during 2008/09 were detected.
- Continued to support Surrey Heath residents through drugs and alcohol treatment programmes

**Target 7: To maintain low levels of domestic burglary and vehicle crime**

**Actions**

- Ran several publicity campaigns to educate residents about how to protect their homes against thieves
- Increased targeted patrols in hotspot areas
- Ran a two-month campaign (Nov/Dec 08) in Camberley's Vue cinema magazine to raise awareness of theft from vehicles

**Outcomes**

- Seen a 26.6% decrease in vehicle crime from 507 reported incidents in 2007/08 to 372 in 2008/09.
- Seen a rise in domestic burglary of 19.9% to 241 recorded incidents during 2008/09 compared to 201 during 2008/09; reducing domestic burglary remains a top Partnership Plan priority for 2009/10.

Please note that in addition to the above actions, the partner agencies individually run and support a wide range of community safety initiatives and schemes, helping to keep Surrey Heath one of the safest places in the country to live, work and visit.

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