



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 16th March 2026

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership update
Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the work undertaken by the Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership.
Recommendations	That Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Community Safety Partnership performance information
Reason for Recommendation	To ensure that the Community Safety Partnership is addressing the right priorities in the right way in line with the Community Plan objective Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, improving community feelings of safety

1.0 Background

1.1 The existence of a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory requirement under Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (“the Act”), as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police & Justice Act 2006. There are a number of ‘Responsible Authorities’ that form the partnership. They are:

- i. The District Council(s)
- ii. The County Council
- iii. The Chief Officer of Police
- iv. The Fire and Rescue Authority
- v. The Integrated Care Boards

1.2 The Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood CSP (BNSCSP) meets on a quarterly basis with wider partners through the Joint Strategic Group (JSG). The chair of the JSG represents the CSP at the Nottinghamshire Safer Neighbourhoods Board and this role alternates between the two district councils on a biennial basis.

1.3 The CSP and its priorities are determined by statutory requirements set by government and localised priorities and requirements through the Safer Notts Board and related strategic groups.

2.0 Performance

- 2.1 Each month the CSP analyst produces a performance report based on all crime and a separate smaller report based on antisocial behaviour. This shows the comparative performance of the Community Safety Partnerships in the county (there are three) and each district. This shows the change in all crime/ASB compared to the same period last year as well as providing some more detailed analysis on the locations and causes of any hot spots.
- 2.2 The performance for All Crime for August 2025 – January 2026 when compared with the previous year is shown below:

	All Crime Volume: Aug '24 - Jan '25	All Crime Volume: Aug '25 - Jan '26	Volume Change	% Change
County	28,118	28,371	253	0.9%
Ashfield	4,951	5,136	185	3.7%
Mansfield	5,106	5,001	-105	-2.1%
Bassetlaw	4,673	4,698	25	0.5%
Newark & Sherwood	4,421	4,215	-206	-4.7%
Broxtowe	3,435	3,535	100	2.9%
Gedling	2,981	3,127	146	4.9%
Rushcliffe	2,551	2,659	108	4.2%

The table above illustrates that Newark & Sherwood experienced a 4.7% reduction in All Crime compared to a 0.9% increase in the county.

	ASB Volume: Aug '24 - Jan '25	ASB Volume: Aug '25 - Jan '26	Volume Change	% Change
County	6,808	5,775	-1,033	-15.2%
Ashfield	1,431	1,077	-354	-24.7%
Mansfield	1,177	1,142	-35	-3.0%
Bassetlaw	989	911	-78	-7.9%
Newark & Sherwood	943	930	-13	-1.4%
Broxtowe	945	675	-270	-28.6%
Gedling	764	611	-153	-20.0%
Rushcliffe	559	429	-130	-23.3%

The table above illustrates that Newark & Sherwood experienced an 1.4% reduction in ASB compared to an 15.2% reduction in the county.

*Source: Nottinghamshire Police Management of Information Crime & Outcomes Dashboard
Note that the figures in the table above may vary slightly from those below due to minor differences in data extraction*

- 2.3 As agreed at the previous committee the more detailed, ward-based data for crime and ASB is provided in Appendix 1.

3.0 BNS CSP Action Plan 26-27

As part of the BNS CSP Strategy a separate action plan for Newark and Sherwood is in operation with key activities that as a council we are working towards throughout the year. The action plan

has been reviewed and updated for activities for 26-27 and this is provided in Appendix 2 for members review.

4.0 DAHA

- 4.1 We continue to work through the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation process and have recently submitted all information for assessment against the Bronze criteria. We are now in the process of submitting all our evidence in support of the Silver criteria and gathering evidence for the final stage of Gold.
- 4.2 We have undertaken significant amounts of training across the council and training has also been provided to members. New internal Safeguarding Champions have been created to help teams signpost issues effectively, to complete good quality referrals and to continue to improve processes and support moving forward.
- 4.3 We hope to complete the full submission processes in the next few months in the hope that we will achieve gold accreditation later this year following full submission, assessment and interviews.

5.0 Domestic Homicide Reviews

- 5.1 The CSP is responsible for the undertaking of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). There are a number of changes that are due to take place and one is the change of name. They will be called Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs) and will encompass more deaths that are unexplained or relate to a suicide, but where Domestic Abuse history is noted. It is expected that this will result in an increase in the number of DARDRs that are required to be undertaken.
- 5.2 At present the BNS CSP has 11 DARDRs that are all in different stages, the table below details the current case load:

Op Name	Council Area	Status
Harpist	Newark and Sherwood	Report submitted to Home Office for review
Honeydew	Newark and Sherwood	Report to be signed off by CSP
Aslan	Bassetlaw	Panel meetings in progress
Orion Rose	Newark and Sherwood	CSP decision not a DHR being reviewed by Home Office
Okra Sky	Newark and Sherwood	Panel meetings in progress
Oceanview	Bassetlaw	Panel meetings in progress
Orion Ray	Bassetlaw	CSP Decision to proceed – Chair and Author to be appointed
Sargas Night	Bassetlaw	On hold – Pending Police Investigation

Huddle	Newark and Sherwood	CSP Decision to proceed – Chair and Author to be appointed
Hedwig	Newark and Sherwood	CSP Decision to proceed – Chair and Author to be appointed
Solana Drift	Newark and Sherwood	Pending CSP Decision

5.3 Significant work is being undertaken countywide to improve consistency of approach to all reviews, track all recommendations made within the reports and seek updates and outcomes, ensure a good spread of chair and authors are used across the county, create and use consistent templates and ensure strong representation is in place across all partners at the panels.

6.0 Community Safety Activities

6.1 Situational Crime Funding

This two-year funding from the OPCC is due to finish at the end of March 2027. This fund has already purchased bleed kits and knife wands and is funding better security at Sconce and Devon park to prevent unauthorised access and anti-social behaviour. This should be completed by March 2026 and the project will continue with the funding of the Safety Challenge in the summer of 2026 to all year 5 & 6 primary school children across the district.

Community Safety, Community Development and Environmental Services are also working on a plan of additional diversionary activities to take place on the park, to focus on conservation, wildlife habitat, raising environmental awareness, and safety.

6.3 Hotspot Funding Patrols

Funding for hotpot patrols has been continued for this year by the Home Office and is being monitored by the OPCC. For our area the key locations are small specific areas within Castle and Magnus and Devon wards. Again, these are area dictated to us by the scheme based on Police data. Our CPOs undertake additional patrols in those areas both during their duties and as part of overtime, which is funded by the scheme.

Since the last committee the following number of additional patrols have been undertaken by the CPO Team:

Month	Hours
August	32
September	30
October	20
November	32
December	28
January	32

6.4 Enforcement Activities

Over the course of the full year to date we have received 344 ASB cases that the team have and are dealing with. We have undertaken two closure orders, one on an NSDC property and one on

an owner occupier property. We have 5 injunctions in progress that the team are collating to take to court with 3 injunctions in place at present.

Enforcement action has also been undertaken on street drinkers which has resulted in enforcement warnings being issued to 8 individuals to control their behaviour with 6 of these progressing to notices.

The team remain incredibly busy with a large number of complex cases that require multi agency partners to be involved.

6.5 ASB Panel

In the last six months there have been 11 referrals made to the ASB Panel. The panel is made up of NSDC, Police, schools and key partners.

Of the 11 referrals made, all of the cases were males. 9 of these were from the Newark area, 1 from Farndon and 1 from Balderton.

6.6 CCTV

We continue to work through the CCTV replacement programme that was previously approved by this committee and Cabinet following the CCTV review undertaken in 2023. Some of our oldest cameras have been replaced and we continue to replace on average 10 per year.

The new CCTV control room is taking shape and will be due to take over from the partnership control room on the 1st April 2026.

6.7 Diversionary Activities/Education Programmes

Prison Me No Way - Sessions continue to be funded by NSDC and these have been taking place across Newark and Sherwood at secondary schools. Since the last report, Prison Me No Way has been delivered to 2-year groups within Suthers School, Fernwood, Newark Academy, and Magnus Academy, Newark (Jan and Feb 2026), and the Maple Project (alternative provision) (Dec 2025). Dukeries Academy, Ollerton, and Joseph Whittaker, Rainworth, are booked in for delivery in June and July 2026, respectively. The programme is due to continue into 26/27. Prison Me No Way continues to receive fantastic feedback from all schools that have taken part with the schools highlighting how engaged the students have been in the sessions, how thought provoking they are and how it emphasises the outcomes of behaviours and decisions.

Safety Challenge – The planning for the 2026 Safety Challenge is underway, which is funded by the Situational Crime Fund for Sconce and Devon and the new localities fund for Vicar Water. The event will take place again over the course of two weeks at both Sconce and Devon and Vicar Water with participation open to all primary schools.

Extreme Wheels - Following the success of the Extreme Wheels summer programme of events at Sherwood Avenue Park, Newark, and Edwinstowe Skate Park, we are currently liaising with the Extreme Wheels team to fund a programme of events throughout the district at suitable skate park locations.

Localities Funding 26-27 – Following the ending of the localities funding from the OPCC which we used to bid for every year to fund all our diversionary activities, a decision was taken to fund this programme moving forward by NSDC to ensure that we can continue to deliver these diversionary activities and that we have additional activities to referral children to take part in.

The new programme from April 26 is being developed and will include some of the above activities.

7.0 **Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

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Implications Considered			
Yes – relevant and included / NA – not applicable			
Financial	Yes	Equality & Diversity	N/A
Human Resources	N/A	Human Rights	N/A
Legal	N/A	Data Protection	N/A
Digital & Cyber Security	N/A	Safeguarding	N/A
Sustainability	N/A	Crime & Disorder	N/A
LGR	N/A	Tenant Consultation	N/A

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Financial Implications

- 7.1 A new £50k budget has been approved from 1st April 2026 to replace the external fund provided previously provided by the OPCC. Domestic Homicide Reviews and their associated costs remains high due to the numbers and these are funded through reserves as and when required.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None