

# Building stronger and safer communities

Derby Community Safety Partnership

Annual Plan 2009/10

**“ Our aim is to make sure Derby stays a safe city, one where people live together, respect each other and have a shared vision for their neighbourhood and their city. ”**

Throughout 2008/09, we have worked hard, along with our partners, to achieve this aim.

For example, we have:

- \* continued to develop Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Boards, with all 17 neighbourhoods in Derby now identifying local priorities and working on local solutions
- \* organised a range of events under our ‘Building bridges for our shared future’ programme, such as the One Arboretum festival, a photography project with children and parents from three primary schools, and the Essence of Islam open days, to bring people together
- \* run the Best Bar None accreditation scheme for a second year and supported other schemes, such as taxi marshals and street pastors, to reduce the impact of violent crime and alcohol-related disorder in the city centre
- \* continued to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour and crime through our youth inclusion programmes.

This work, and more, has helped us achieve the following:

- \* most people (77%) feel that their neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together
- \* a reduction in overall crime by 11%
- \* the majority (75%) of the problematic drug users living in the city are now accessing drug treatment – up from just 65% two years ago.

While there have been a lot of achievements in the previous year, 2009/10 will be one of our most challenging years to date. The ‘credit crunch’ and associated problems (such as rising unemployment) will impact on many areas of our work.

This plan outlines the problems that we are focusing our work on in 2009/10. If you want to know more about what we do or have any questions, please contact us – see the back page for details.

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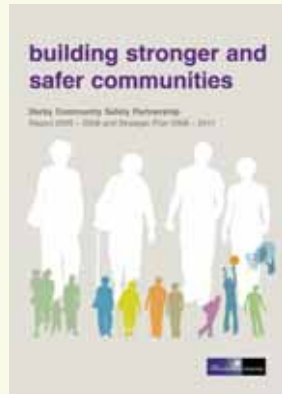
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## Setting our priorities

Last year, we published our Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011, which outlined our two key objectives for this period:

- \* Building stronger communities
- \* Building safer communities

Our focus for the coming year remains on achieving these objectives. Creating a city with stronger and safer communities is also one of the ambitions of Derby's Sustainable Communities Strategy 2009 – 2011 (the '2020 Vision'), and is central to Derby's Local Area Agreement – an agreement between the local council, its partners and central government to achieve a number of key targets.

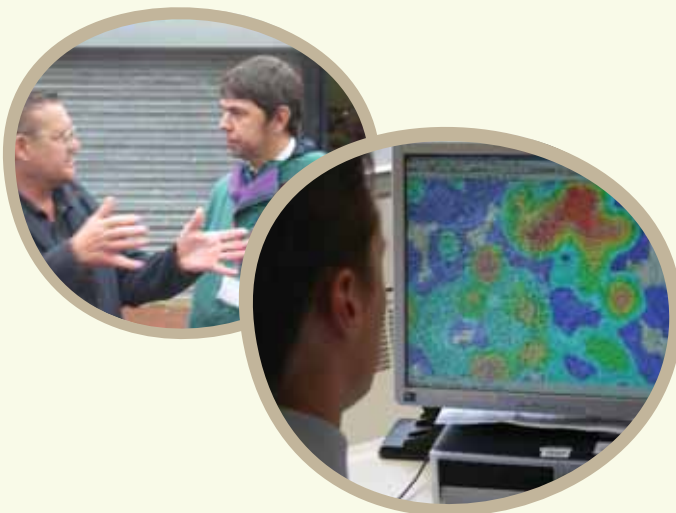


While we aim to organise our work as much as possible to tackle local priorities, there are some parts of our work that are set nationally. For example, much of our work with young people, as part of our Youth Offending Service, is required by law. Similarly, much of how we deliver our drug treatment services and priorities is set by the National Treatment Agency.

To identify local priorities, we carry out a 'strategic assessment'. This:

- \* analyses crime, anti-social behaviour, public perception and community cohesion
- \* looks at the impact of things like drugs and alcohol
- \* takes residents' views into account.

By doing this, we are able to identify the main problems that need to be tackled.



## Local issues to tackle in 2009/10

While we will continue to work towards delivering our three-year Strategic Plan, we have identified a number of issues we think need particular attention over the next 12 months. These are:

- \* What people think about crime and anti-social behaviour (public perception)
- \* Property crime (officially called 'acquisitive crime', such as burglary and robbery)
- \* Violent crime
- \* 'Gangs'
- \* Preventing violent extremism

## What people think about crime and anti-social behaviour

### The issue

- Many people feel that there are problems of crime and anti-social behaviour in Derby.
- Most people feel that they belong to their neighbourhood, but this varies by neighbourhood and is affected by things like people's age and background.
- Only one-third of Derby residents feel able to influence decisions about their local area.

### What are we going to do?

- Improve people's confidence, particularly in how we deal with anti-social behaviour.
- Increase the proportion of people who feel their neighbourhood is one where people from different backgrounds get on well together.
- Increase the proportion of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood.
- Increase the proportion of people who feel able to influence important decisions.

### case study

" The Trinity Baptist Church on Green Lane had several security issues that were making it an easy target for burglars. With help from our Crime Prevention and Anti-Social Behaviour Teams, two secure gates and some window grilles have been fitted. This has improved the church's security and the lead Elder at the church was so pleased he wrote in to say thanks, and offered the church's support for local projects, should we need it. "



People from across Derby took part in the Essence of Islam open days, held at Derby Jamia Mosque as part of our 'Building bridges' programme.

## How are we going to do it?

We will...

- continue to work with local people in their neighbourhoods to build stronger communities
- develop the work of our Community Cohesion Unit, for example, by running more activities to bring communities together
- carry out further activity to reduce crime and disorder
- carry on communicating with residents about the work we do, through newsletters such as SaferDerby and Your Derby, and through local newspapers and radio.

### We will also be developing some new work and improved ways of working.

We know that residents' perceptions – for example, views of problems in their neighbourhood or how much they feel involved in making decisions – vary depending on where they live. There are other reasons why people sometimes feel this way, but rather than treating everyone the same, we will be doing different types of work to fit the needs of different neighbourhoods and communities. We also need to help local residents get involved in key decisions that affect their neighbourhood.

Most local people don't necessarily want to know which organisation does what – they just want to know that things are being done. We plan to work much more closely with our partners in providing important information and messages across health, community safety, policing, fire and rescue and the Council.

We have also set up a group with other providers of services to identify problems that influence people's perception of crime such as litter and graffiti, and then quickly tackle the problem through, for example, neighbourhood 'clean ups'.

## Property crime (acquisitive crime)

### The issue

- Serious acquisitive crime (house burglary, robbery and vehicle crime) in the city has risen by 8% in the last 12 months.
- Robbery has been reducing, but the rate in Derby is still 18% higher than similar cities.
- House burglary has fallen by 61% since 2003/04, but has increased in the last year by 30%.

### What are we going to do?

- Stop the increase in house burglary.
- Continue to reduce the number of repeat burglaries – where homes are burgled more than once.
- Continue to reduce the number of robberies in the city.
- Keep vehicle crime at a low level.

### How are we going to do it?

We will...

- continue to improve home security through our specialist Crime Prevention Team, which has already secured over 10,000 homes in the city, by offering this service to every victim of burglary
- work closely with our Neighbourhood Teams to identify vulnerable homes and individuals and improve security to prevent burglary from happening in the first place.

We will also...

#### • make it difficult for criminals to operate

We will work with the Police to target burglars and thieves and increase our chances of catching them by improving security, using surveillance and other techniques. This will give a clear message that these crimes will not be tolerated in Derby. We will



also do more to target and disrupt the stolen goods market – that is people selling on stolen goods.

#### • make sure residents know how to keep their homes secure

Around a third of all burglaries happen because people leave windows and doors open or unlocked, so we need residents to play their part too. Many burglaries can be easily prevented, just by locking windows and doors. To support this, we will increase public awareness through crime prevention campaigns.

## Violent crime

Our focus on violent crime falls into two key areas: alcohol-related violent crime (particularly in the city centre) and domestic and sexual violence.

### Alcohol-related violent crime

#### The issue

- Violent crime represents almost a quarter of all crime in the city.
- Derby has a higher rate of alcohol-related violent crimes than similar cities.
- Derby has more alcohol-related hospital admissions than similar cities.

#### What are we going to do?

- Reduce the number of people assaulted due to alcohol-related violence, particularly in the city centre.
- Reduce the number of people admitted to hospital because of alcohol-related violence.
- Reduce the number of incidents of domestic and sexual violence linked to alcohol.
- Make sure Derby is a safe place for people to enjoy their leisure time and is a place free of anti-social behaviour linked to drinking alcohol.

#### How are we going to do it?

We will...

- prevent and calm circumstances where violent confrontations happen. We will continue to have taxi marshals working at key taxi rank points in the city to help make sure people get home safely
- support the street pastors. These are the volunteers who patrol the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights and offer help to those in need when they are out on the town
- work closely with our partners, particularly the Police, and Council's licensing team, to make sure that licensing decisions are properly considered and enforced. A new programme of under-age test purchases at off-licences will also be carried out
- work with 20 licensed premises in the city centre, to encourage responsible and safe drinking.



Know your limits campaign raising awareness of the unit contents in alcohol



We will also...

- **raise people's awareness of the effects of alcohol**  
One of the most important ways to reduce alcohol-related violence is to change people's drinking habits and the drinking culture. This won't happen overnight but, alongside our partners, particularly NHS Derby City, we will run educational and awareness campaigns on sensible drinking and the effects of alcohol on health.
- **improve alcohol treatment services**  
Throughout 2009/10, work will be going on to change and improve Derby's alcohol treatment services to make sure they are based on local needs. This will be supported by increased investment from NHS Derby City. Improved treatment services will help people to overcome their alcohol-related problems, such as ill health and violent behaviour.



Poster campaign combating alcohol-related sexual assaults

## Domestic and sexual violence

### The issue

- Domestic assault accounts for 16% of violent crime.
- Domestic assaults rose by 31% between 2006/07 and 2007/08.
- High rates of 'repeat victimisation' – 38% of people are victims of domestic violence more than once.
- The majority of victims are female and almost one-third of victims are between 18 and 24 years old.

### What we are going to do?

- Reduce the level and seriousness of domestic and sexual violence.
- Reduce repeat incidents of domestic violence.
- Work to prevent domestic and sexual violence-related murder.
- Increase the number of victims who go on with criminal prosecutions.

### How are we going to do it?

We will...

- continue to provide support to male and female victims of domestic and sexual violence through criminal and civil proceedings
- make sure we continue to have excellent working relationships with all local statutory and voluntary agencies (such as the Police, housing services and voluntary groups)
- work closely with Derbyshire Police to identify and support the most high-risk victims of domestic violence
- run publicity campaigns targeted at potential 'perpetrators', potential victims and the general public.



Advertising campaign highlighting the risks of kerb crawling

As well as continuing with this work, we will be developing new ways of providing services to those most at risk of violence including 'honour-based' violence, stalking and harassment. These include:

#### • The Family Justice Centre

Only the second of its kind in the country, the Centre will bring together, under one roof, services for female and male victims of domestic and sexual violence. This will include the Community Safety Partnership, Police, housing, and legal services. The agencies will work closely together to manage cases, keep victims safe and reduce risks they may face in the future. The Centre will also offer support to victims of stalking, harassment, 'honour-based' violence and forced marriage.

#### • Services for children and young people

We are developing joint services for children and young people affected by domestic violence within the family, to reduce harm and prevent long-term damage to their mental health and future well-being.



### case study

“ The main thing you want is to feel safe and be listened to. The Family Justice Centre will take the pressure off having to go to see lots of different services when you don't even want to leave the house...At a time when you want to take back control of your life, the last thing you need is appointments all over the place on different days of the week, you need to the services in one place. The Family Justice Centre should provide this for victims and families. ”

## Young people in groups and 'gangs'

### The issue

- A number of groups exist in Derby that could be called 'gangs'.
- Incidents have become more serious, for example, there has been an increase in the use of guns.
- The general public is becoming increasingly aware of 'Derby's gangs' and the impact they have on the city's reputation as a safe place to live in.
- Although figures show a reduction in anti-social behaviour, local people continue to raise it as a major concern.

### What are we going to do?

- Work with the communities where there are 'gangs' so that we can understand local concerns and inform local people of the work being done.
- Prevent increases in the number of 'gang-related incidents', and the seriousness of 'gang-related violence'.
- Divert those young people involved in 'gangs', or at risk of becoming involved, into other activities.

### How are we going to do it?

We are setting up a joint team to bring together and target the work to deal with 'gangs' in the city. It is made up of police officers, probation officers and youth workers, as well as housing officers, social workers and mediation staff. Some of the things the team will be doing are:

- supporting a city-wide community advisory group to find out more about community opinions and concerns, explain what is being done, and discuss possible responses. This group will provide an important link between the team and communities
- developing a programme of activity to prevent young people from getting involved in gangs and violence. This activity will be led by organisations such as Ozbox, Sporting Futures, and Enthusiasm, and will add to established work done by the Children and Young People's Department at the Council
- protecting the community by targeting 'gang members' with enforcement action through the courts, whilst giving support to help them get back on track. This activity will happen on a case-by-case basis with individuals.

We have made this a priority because we want to protect people in Derby's communities and protect Derby's reputation as a safe city. The problem is not on the same scale as many other cities and most young people are not involved in 'gangs'. The work of this joint team will help to keep it this way.

## Preventing violent extremism

### The issue

- Derby has been identified as having a significant problem linked to violent extremism.

### What are we going to do?

- Challenge violent and radical views and support those people who have moderate and more widely-held views.
- Disrupt those who promote violent and radical views, and also take action against the places where these views are promoted.
- Support vulnerable individuals who are being targeted and recruited to the cause of violent extremism.
- Increase the support available to our communities.

### How are we going to do it?

We will...

- get a better understanding of why Derby has this particular problem
- have discussions and build up relationships with those people who are willing and able to challenge those who hold and promote these extremist views
- support moderate faith leaders in promoting mainstream views
- engage with vulnerable individuals to make sure that they are supported in their day-to-day lives and don't get drawn into holding and following violent and extreme views.

**WHO DO YOU SEE?**

**A**  
A trouble-maker  
Someone who has no respect for their community?

**B**  
A pillar of the local community  
Someone who helps a community work better in high neighbourhoods?

**WHICH ANSWER DID YOU CHOOSE?**

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Derby City Council is proud to be a part of the Derby City Youth Strategy. We are committed to providing a range of services to support young people in Derby. Our Youth Services are available to all young people aged 13-19. We offer a range of activities, including sports, arts, and music. We also provide support for young people who are experiencing difficulties. For more information, please contact us on 01332 718814. Website: [www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)

**DERBY CITY COUNCIL**  
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[www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)

Campaign with Derby City Council highlighting the positive work and achievements of children and young people in Derby

## The big picture – broader issues that we will tackle

As well as these key issues, there are a number of broader issues that also need to be resolved.

Having excellent drug and alcohol treatment services are vital for us to be able to keep Derby a safe city. The misuse of drugs and alcohol is a common factor in anti-social behaviour and many crimes; as a result, it needs to be tackled to help reduce these problems.

Similarly, poor parenting – that is where parents can't cope with difficult behaviour in their children – is often a key factor in young people becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and crime. Our Youth Offending Service will continue to work with our partners, particularly the Council's Children and Young People's Department, to help improve the parenting skills of those families who need help. This links in with work to prevent and stop young people being involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.

At the heart of keeping Derby a city where people live together, respect each other, and have a shared idea of what they want for their neighbourhood is what we call 'community cohesion'. We will carry on working with individuals and groups in the city to make sure people understand one another, show respect, value what we have in common, and enjoy the diversity in the city.

While much of this plan talks about Derby as a whole, we recognise that needs and problems vary across neighbourhoods, so we will continue to work with local people to tackle local problems.

We are sure you will agree that these are difficult issues to tackle, and some may not be fully resolved by the end of 2009/10. However, we are confident that, by working with our partners and local residents, we will continue to make a difference.

### case study

“ Earlier this year, our Anti-Social Behaviour and Parenting Teams worked with a family where two children were getting involved in quite serious anti-social behaviour. Both young people were put on Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) which they breached. As a result of this, their parent received a Notice Seeking Possession from Derby Homes. This meant that if their behaviour did not stop, they could be taken to court and face eviction. The children had their ABC extended for a further six months.

In the last six months, there have been no complaints to the Police or Derby Homes about the family. The parent and son successfully completed a programme which they really enjoyed, and the daughter has been supported by a volunteer mentor for the last few months. ”



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