



Safer
Rother
Partnership



Rother Community Safety Plan 2008-11



Crime down 24.4%



A REDUCTION in crime and anti-social behaviour is something we all want to see in our community. We all want to feel safe in our homes, in our neighbourhoods and out on the streets.

The Safer Rother Partnership brings different agencies together to keep Rother a safe place to live, work and visit. Our statutory partners are:

- Sussex Police
- Rother District Council
- East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- Sussex Police Authority
- Hastings & Rother Primary Care Trust
- East Sussex County Council.

In the last three years, the work of the Safer Rother Partnership cut crime in our district by a massive 24.4%.

This included a 60% drop in domestic burglary, a 48% fall in theft of vehicle and a 47% reduction in theft from person. These massive drops in crime in Rother amount to 1,041 fewer victims in the 2007/08-performance year compared with the year we are measured against (2003/04).

This Community Safety Plan outlines the Safer Rother Partnership's targets for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour even further each year. Our target is to reduce total crime in Rother by another 10% by the end of March 2011.

The Partnership will focus on four key areas: violent crime; property crime; road safety;

and anti-social behaviour (including youth diversion). Under each of those themes, the Safer Rother Partnership will work to reduce the impact of the most prolific offenders and the fear of crime.

Our specific targets include:

VIOLENT CRIME

- To reduce public place violent crime.
- To increase the reporting of domestic violence.
- To reduce repeat incidents of domestic violence.

We will achieve this by using crime data to identify hotspot areas and the most effective ways to reduce public place violent crime in Rother.

We'll also run specific projects to tackle under-age drinking and alcohol-related violence.

In addition, our Violent Crime Action Group will monitor local needs regarding domestic violence and work to increase reporting of domestic violence incidents to the Police.

PROPERTY CRIME

- To reduce burglary other than dwelling.
- To reduce vehicle crime.
- To reduce burglary of households.

In order to achieve this, we will develop projects which have already proven effective, such as Beat the Burglar and Caravan Break, as well as using targeted initiatives to reduce theft from vehicles.



ROAD SAFETY

- To reduce the number of adults & children killed or seriously injured in road accidents in Rother.

The Safer Roads Group will focus on the key areas of drink-driving, motorbikes and safe driving by older and younger drivers.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- To reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB), including alcohol-related violent crime and criminal damage.

We will regularly review the impact of alcohol on public place violent crime, particularly among young people. We'll also continue to review licensing issues and ASB, as well as developing specific initiatives to tackle any problems identified.

PROLIFIC OFFENDERS

- To deliver the three strands of the Home Office Prolific & Priority Offender Scheme effectively to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour (including youth diversionary work).

We will continue our targeted work with those we have identified as prolific offenders and young people at risk of or involved in anti-social behaviour and crime.



FEAR OF CRIME

- To reduce the fear of crime and close the gap between perceptions and the reality of falling crime in Rother.

We will promote the work of the Safer Rother Partnership and its various projects to



tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, the causes of crime and the fear of crime.

In addition, we'll listen to what our residents tell us matters to them.

On the back of the 24.4% reduction we achieved over the last three years, a further 10% fall in crime is an ambitious target, and one which we can only achieve with your help.

There are a number of ways you can get involved and contribute to keeping Rother a safe place to live, work and visit.

Firstly, tell us what issues concern you. You can write to us at the address overleaf, fill in one of our surveys if it comes through your door or talk to us when you see us out and about at local events.

Or if you want to play an active role in making a difference in Rother, you can join one of the Neighbourhood Panels, which the Safer Rother Partnership supports with our Sussex Police colleagues. These run in every ward and you can find details of your local panel on Sussex Police's website, www.sussex.police.uk.

The various agencies making up the Safer Rother Partnership will continue to work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in our district.

With your help, we can make Rother even safer.



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