



Tough on crime for safer communities

Serving every community across Thames Valley



# Police & Criminal Justice Plan

2021-2025

Recruiting more police officers,  
supporting neighbourhood policing,  
and focussing on driving down the  
crimes that matter most to the public.

- Neighbourhood policing
- Crime prevention
- Communication with victims
- Community speedwatch
- Low levels of burglaries
- Reducing rural crime
- Reducing serious violence inc. murder
- Community engagement
- Reducing neighbourhood crime & ASB
- Confidence in victims to report domestic abuse
- Proportionate use of stop and search
- Improving 101 & other contact
- Working with NHS on mental health



## Strong Local Policing

Preventing crime and protecting communities

## Cracking down on the threat from “county lines” drugs gangs to protect children from exploitation and abuse.

- Develop the work of the Violence Reduction Unit
- Reducing deaths from knife crime
- Increasing the number of disruptions and successful prosecutions for serious organised crime
- Serious organised acquisitive crime
- Preventing exploitation
- Ensuring regional resources support local investigations
- Early intervention to prevent young people becoming victims or perpetrators



# Fighting serious organised crime

## Protecting vulnerable people

**Crime is changing and I will invest in the technology and resources the police need to protect the public online.**

- Improving education and awareness to help the public
- Working with national and regional partners to develop a more effective national response
- Increasing confidence in reporting cyber and fraud offences
- Increasing the number of successful cybercrime and fraud outcomes
- Enhancing the expertise and capability within TVP and SEROCU to improve both prevention and investigation



# Fighting fraud and cyber crime

Tackling modern crimes

## **Supporting victims of crime, bringing more criminals to justice and reducing reoffending.**

- **Improving performance in dealing with crimes such as domestic abuse, rape & serious sexual offences**
- **Improving victim satisfaction and experience of the criminal justice system**
- **High quality support for victims of crime**
- **Increasing successful outcomes through the criminal justice system**
- **Reducing reoffending in the Thames Valley**
- **Supporting innovation in crime prevention and rehabilitation**



# Improving the criminal justice system

## Reducing reoffending

**Ensuring a fair but firm response to illegal encampments and reducing the effect on our communities.**

- Ensuring that the police and local authorities establish (and keep under review) a clear strategy to respond to illegal encampments
- Reducing the number of illegal encampments across the Thames Valley
- Working with local authorities on the appropriate provision of sites
- Improving intelligence gathering and site security



## Tackling illegal encampments

Enforcing a firm but fair approach with partners



- Rural crime
- Business crime
- Neighbourhood policing
- Road safety
- Fly-tipping and environmental crime

and many more

## Future strategies

Preventing crime and protecting communities

- New fairer funding formula for the Community Safety Fund
  - Three-year deal guarantees more than £7.7m for local authorities
  - Spending in line with Police & Criminal Justice Plan and can be spread over three years (with agreement)
  - Distribution weighted by population, crime and non-crime (ASB)
- Increased analytical support
- Joint bids and commissioning opportunities such as Safer Streets funding
- Focus on prevention and anti-social behaviour
- Support for dealing with Community Trigger applications



## Community Safety Partnerships

Preventing crime in partnership

- Fly-tipping on private land often left uninvestigated and victims unsupported
- Funding available for local authorities to remove waste using existing contracts
- Local authorities use own powers to investigate and where possible prosecute
- Fine secured to be reinvested for future removals
- If successful seek to roll out across Thames Valley



## Fly-tipping

Pilot scheme to tackle fly-tipping on private land



- Pilot running since April 2021
- Roll-out to existing groups from October 2021
- Promoted to new groups from Spring 2022
- Equipment and training provided
- Escalation built into process to utilise neighbourhood teams, roads policing and highways authorities



## Community Speedwatch

Working with communities to tackle speeding

- Net increase of 269 officers since Sept 2019 (headcount as at June 2021)
- Headcount at June 2021 4,519 – highest number of officers ever
- Uplift target 600+ (versus Sept 2019 baseline)
- Ambition to continue recruitment beyond Home Office 2023 target
- Funding to increase the recruitment of PCSOs
- Focus on Specials and other volunteers



## Police Officer Recruitment

Increasing officer numbers and visibility

- **Overarching name for PCC's work in providing support to victims of crime**
- **Provides free emotional and practical support to victims and witnesses of crime**
- **Receives referrals through from the police and partners as well as self-referrals**
- **Dedicated Victims First Team based at Berkshire Fire and Rescue HQ, near Reading**



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**[www.victims-first.org.uk](http://www.victims-first.org.uk) 0300 1234 148**

- **Cross-agency project led by PCC**
- **Thames Valley Police working closely with councils, youth offending teams and schools**
- **Intensive engagement and diversion**
- **Operational response**
- **More than £4m additional funding from Home Office**
- **Aiming to achieve long term reductions**
- **Thames Valley Together data project**



**Thames  
Valley  
Violence  
Reduction  
Unit**

**TACKLING SERIOUS VIOLENCE IN PARTNERSHIP**

**Violence Reduction Unit**

**Tackling serious violence in partnership**

- £100,000 funding pot made available twice per annum
- Additional funding direct from the Community Fund
- Projects must support the priorities set out in the Police & Criminal Justice Plan
- Two levels of grant
  - Micro-grants – less than £1,000
  - Larger grants – more than £5,000



Community Fund

Formerly PPAF



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