

## Community Safety Grant 2014/15 –Annual Report: Dacorum Community Safety Partnership – April 2015

### 1. Executive Summary:

The Dacorum Community Safety Partnership received £29,324 Community Safety Fund from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for financial year 2014/15.

An accrual of £3,643 was brought forward from year 2013/15

Bids received are considered by the Joint Agency Group (Up to £1500) or Responsible Authorities Officer Group (Over £1500).

All bids are considered initially on how well they align with the priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment of the CSP which are below. Young people and the vulnerable are considered to be included across all priorities.

### Strategic Priorities 2014/15

*The Partnership is recommending the following priorities should be adopted for 2014/15 with Reassurance covering all categories.*

*Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage*

*Dwelling Burglary*

*Vehicle Crime*

*Alcohol Misuse*

*Drug Misuse*

*Managing Offenders/ Reducing Re Offending*

*It is important to stress that issues which are either*

*a) not identified as priorities or are*

*b) emerging*

*will not be ignored – they will continue to be monitored by the Partnership and dealt with on a proportionate problem solving basis.*

*An example of this would be “Protecting the Vulnerable” where although data can be difficult to gather, the Partnership is already supporting projects such as “Think Safe” which provides support to adults with learning difficulties.*

*Where data is available in relation to other categories of vulnerability this should be gathered and analysed as part of the problem solving process to determine future activity.*

## 2. Funding Allocation:

Project	Lead Agency	Strategic Assessment Priorities + Any Relevant information	Amount of Grant
<b>Scam Blockers</b> (Device to prevent scam telephone calls being made to vulnerable elderly victims)	Herts Trading Standards	Protecting the Vulnerable <i>Dacorum identified by T/Std as a high risk area for scams on the elderly</i>	£2064
<b>Swan Youth Centre, Berkhamsted – Youth Diversionary Activity</b>	Swan Youth Project	Diverting young people from crime	£1500
<b>Silver Street Meet</b> (Regular meetings in localities with elderly and other vulnerable residents)	Joint – Police/Trading Standards/HHSS/Fire & Rescue/Home Meals Service	Dwelling Burglary/Protecting the Vulnerable	£2402
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> 1 Letterbox Guards 2 Uniforms for Young Peoples Courses	Fire & Rescue/DBC ASB Team/Police	ASB/Criminal Damage/Protecting the Vulnerable(esp victims of Domestic Abuse)/Diverting young people from crime	£4246
<b>Hertswatch</b> (Replacement Signage)	Hertfordshire Neighbourhood Watch	ASB/Criminal Damage/Dwelling Burglary/Vehicle Crime	£500
<b>Think Safe Project</b> (Providing Safety Courses for adults with Learning Difficulties)	Herts CC Community Learning Disabilities Team/Herts Fire & Rescue/Dacorum Police	Protecting the Vulnerable	£1240
<b>Street Homeless Project</b> Targeted working to return street homeless to accommodation	Joint - Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter(Charity)/DBC ASB Team/DBC HousingTeam/Dacorum Police/SPECTRUM Drug & Alcohol Services	ASB/Alcohol Misuse/Drug Misuse/Protecting the Vulnerable	£1500
<b>Speed Indication Devices + Installation Costs</b>	Parish Councils & Neighbourhood Action Groups	Area of local concern-aligns with community speedwatch concept	£5960
<b>Preventing CSE</b> A drama production	Herts County Council Targeted Youth Support	Protecting the Vulnerable	£1300

for TYST service users (vulnerable) to raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation	<b>Team</b>		
<b>Taxi Marshalling Scheme</b> Funding has provided radios for marshals linking them to CCTV & Police	<b>DBC Licensing</b>	<b>ASB/Alcohol/Violent Crime/Protecting Vulnerable</b>	<b>£926</b>
<b>Cycle Lights</b> From October to April Herts RPU in Dacorum will be targeting youngsters working on newspaper delivery and providing cycle lights to them	<b>Herts Road Policing Unit</b>	<b>Road safety/Protecting Vulnerable</b>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>Young Homeless Starter Packs</b> TYST service users starting out on independent living often have no basics (cooking utensils etc) and these packs provide them with the essentials	<b>HCC TYST</b>	<b>Protecting Vulnerable</b>	<b>£1200</b>
<b>Dacorum Police Cadets Scheme</b> Funding provided for week course in Wales to develop leadership/team building skills	<b>Herts Police – Insp. Such</b>	<b>Youth Initiative</b>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>Rural Covert Surveillance Cameras</b> Covert Cameras (with relevant authorisation) to be located in identified hotspots	<b>Herts Police</b>	<b>Vehicle Crime/Flytipping</b> <i>Flytipping in Dacorum is increasing</i>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>Restorative Justice – Unpaid Work Provision.</b> HCC Youth Services responsible for delivery of young people's unpaid work provision	<b>Herts CC Youth Services – Nick Smith</b>	<b>Managing Offenders – Reduce Re Offending</b>	<b>£3858</b>

<b>CCTV linked bodyworn cameras.</b> For evidential use by ASB & Licensing officers	<b>J Guiton Dacorum Borough Council CCTV Manager</b>	<b>ASB/Alcohol Misuse</b>	<b>£4471</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£32967</b>

### 3. Meeting strategic objectives:

How are the priorities in the strategic assessment being met?

**The priorities are monitored and reported on at each monthly JAG meeting with updates provided by member agencies. Crime & ASB Figures are reported every month and any areas of concern are actioned. The funding provided is clearly aligned to Strategic Priorities**

How are your plans meeting the key principles set out in *'Everybody's Business' The Police and Crime Plan for Hertfordshire*

The funding table illustrates the scope of partnership working within Dacorum and that the needs of victims are clearly being addressed. Community Payback is used effectively in Dacorum (Offender Pays concept) and wherever possible joint working (e.g. Joint ASB Management meetings) is utilised to obtain value for money.

### 4. Evidence and evaluation:

- Provide evidence of approaches that have proven to have had a positive impact on crime and community safety.

**Think Safe Project, Safety of Vulnerable Victims – attendees have expressed an increase in their levels of confidence and ability to deal with situations they may encounter**

**Swan Youth Centre (Low youth crime and ASB in Berkhamsted)  
Essential equipment provided to TYST clients is part of the process of diversion from offending**

- Demonstrate how you have prioritised activity according to intelligence and risk.

**Funding for Covert Cameras for flytipping based on evidence from both police & local authority statistics**

**Funding for cycle lights (Road Safety) based on input from Herts Road Policing Unit.**

**Funding for telephone scam blockers based on intelligence from Trading Standards and Police**

- Demonstrate how you have used evidence-based working and how you have evaluated community safety activity.

It is always difficult to correlate CSP activity to reductions in figures but initiatives such as the Fire and Rescue Service extensive programme with young people appears to link directly to Dacorum having the lowest Arson rate in the county. Where local initiatives such as Swan Project take place, we see low youth crime incidents. Data will be examined to identify the effectiveness of initiatives such as Scam Blockers, Cycle Lights, and Covert Rural Cameras etc.

**As of 30th March the below illustrates Dacorum's position in the county compared to the other 9 Districts. This shows an improving performance and places the Borough in a strong position in comparison to the other districts.**

All Crime	5th
Residential Burglary	4th
Vehicle Crime	8th
Violent Crime	5th
Criminal Damage	6th
Anti Social Behaviour	5th

## **5. Conclusion:**

All funding received has been allocated to projects which the CSP believes contribute to both the Strategic priorities of the partnership and the key principles of the Police & Crime Commissioners' Police & Crime Plan.