



# THANET **COMMUNITY** **SAFETY** PARTNERSHIP

## Community Safety Plan 2020-23



# What is the Thanet Community Safety Partnership?

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**Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006**, requires responsible authorities to consider crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment) and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substance in the exercise of all their duties, activities and decision-making. This means that in all policies, strategies and service delivery there is a need to consider the likely impact on crime and disorder. The partnership has to assess local needs on an annual basis and produce an action plan that sets out how they are going to do this.

## Membership

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Thanet Community Safety Partnership is made up of...

- **Thanet District Council** - Providing services to people who reside, work and study in the Thanet district.
- **Kent Police** - Serving and protecting the people of Kent
- **Kent County Council** - Kent County Council governs most of the county of Kent in England. It is the upper tier of elected local government, below which are 12 district councils. The individual districts also have parish and town councils.
- **Kent Fire and Rescue Service** - Is the statutory fire and rescue service for the administrative county of Kent and the unitary authority area of Medway
- **Kent Probation** - Is a statutory criminal justice agency with more than 100 years of experience of working with offenders on community orders and licences. The Probation Service aims to protect the public and reduce reoffending by delivering the orders of the courts and by helping offenders to reform their lives
- **Clinical Commissioning Group** - Comprises a group of dedicated healthcare professionals responsible for deciding what NHS services are provided, by whom and where. By listening to and responding to the views and needs of the population, we aim to make the South Kent Coast a happier, healthier place in which to live.

The partnership can also co-adopt members and these include the Department for Work and Pensions and the Domestic Abuse Forum. We also work closely with other relevant agencies, the voluntary sector, the business sector and local residents.

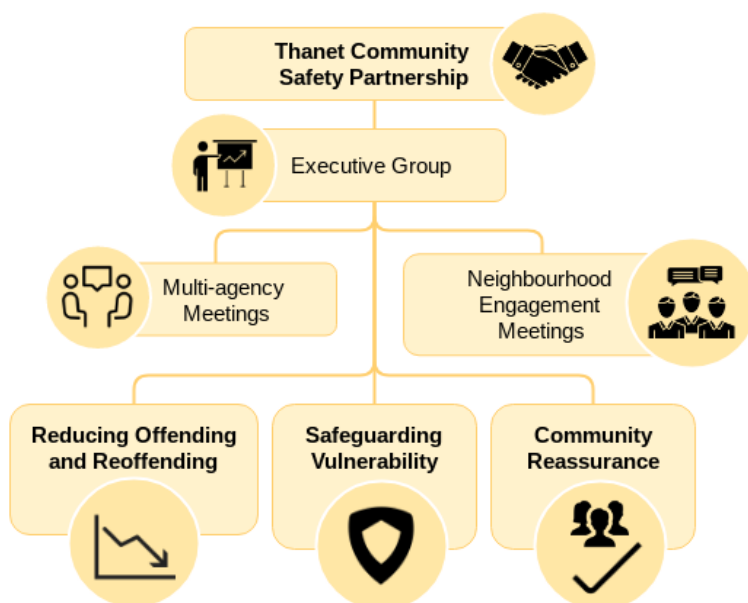


## Accountability

The partnership has to consult with its stakeholders to ensure local concerns are incorporated. We publish an annual perception survey at the start of each new year to get opinions from the public about their perception of crime and anti-social behaviour in their local area to ensure our priorities improve.

Along with this, annually the Partnership carries out a Strategic Assessment to provide knowledge and understanding of the local community and safety issues over the last year. The strategic assessment (annex 1a) carried out in 2020 identified three priorities; Safeguarding Vulnerabilities, Reducing Offending/Reoffending and Community Reassurance. The priorities are overviewed by the Executive group and scrutinised regularly.

## Partnership Structure



## Data

DEMOGRAPHICS	
Population	Thanet's population is approximately <b>141,819</b> . This is a growth of 6.2% over the last 10 years, and is 9.04% of the current Kent population.
Age profiles	Thanet continues to have an older age profile with <b>54.9% of Thanet being over 40</b> . Of this 54.9%, 54% are over 60. The population age bracket in

	Thanet is 80+, followed by 20-29.
<b>Faith</b>	<b>73%</b> of Thanet practices a variety of Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist faiths. The remaining 27% of Thanet's population practices no religion.
<b>Unemployment</b>	Kent has a 2.8% unemployment rate, with Thanet being ranked as the District with the <b>highest levels of unemployment</b> . 5.5% of Thanet's working age individuals are unemployed.
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>90.3%</b> of Thanet's population is White British. The remaining 9.7% of Thanet is populated by those in other ethnic groups.
<b>Gender</b>	Thanet has a relatively even split of men to women, with <b>52% being female</b> and <b>48% being male</b> .
<b>Deprivation</b>	Thanet is the <b>most deprived District in Kent</b> and the highest ranking Lower Super Output Area. Margate Central and Cliftonville West wards continue to be ranked as the most deprived in Kent. The District is ranked 30th out of the 343 most deprived Districts in England, and remains in the top 10% of deprived Districts in England.

TOURISM	
<b>% increase</b>	Visits to Thanet <b>increased by 8.6%</b> in 2017.
<b>Total visitors</b>	The District welcomed <b>4.2 million visitors</b> in 2017.
<b>Tourism value</b>	2017 welcomed a tourism value of <b>£319,692,000</b> .
Data for visitors to Thanet are only calculated every two years and figures for 2019 will not be published until the end of 2020.	

CRIME	
<b>Crime rates</b>	Thanet has <b>41 more crimes</b> reported per 1,000 people than the Kent Police average. Thanet has the <b>highest levels of crime in the County</b> , when compared to the other Districts in Kent.
<b>Common crime</b>	The most commonly reported crimes in Thanet are <b>violent and sexual</b> . Thanet has the <b>highest level of violent and sexual crime in the County</b> . Sexual crime has increased by 1.3% in 2019 compared to 2018, whilst violent crime has reduced by 2.7%.
An increase in public confidence in reporting crime, improvements in recording practices, partnership working and the introduction of new crime types will all have had an effect on statistics.	

## Underlying themes

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### Reducing Offending and Reoffending

This will include targeted work on the most prolific repeat offenders, putting in diversionary activities, maximising legislation to enforce against those who are prolific in their anti-social behaviour. A focus will also include violent crime (PCC priority), particularly in the nighttime economy and crime that has a high impact on the community.

Increased environmental enforcement throughout the district, Engaging with young people in diversionary activities to reduce Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), Tackling crime within the nighttime economy, supporting the multi-agency Integrated Offender Management, information sharing between agencies (GDPR compliant) to the best outcome of the community.



### Safeguarding Vulnerability

This will include initiatives/projects to help protect the most vulnerable in the district, including adults, and young people. Reduce the risk of violence, exploitation and abuse. Along with offering information and strengthening awareness for those affected by mental health and substance misuse. Working in partnership with the PREVENT process (Prevent, Protect, Prepare, Pursue), Child Exploitation: sexual exploitation, missing persons, gangs and ASB, Female Genital Mutilation, Radicalisation and modern day Slavery. Domestic Abuse. This will also include building resilience, educational programmes and promoting wellbeing and healthy relationships.

### Community Reassurance

This looks at and delivers reassurance to the Thanet community via Engagement Meetings, awareness days, information via social media and Thanet District Council website. This engagement will strengthen and support communities and allow the TSCP and the community to work together to build a communication stream and work together to deliver what is best for the community. A multi-agency approach is essential for residents of Thanet to feel safe, the multi agency approach will be with statutory partners, voluntary sector, 3rd tier agencies and the private sector. Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings to remain embedded in Thanet district for the community to raise ASB/concerns in their area, multi-agency Engagement days, youth engagement, raising awareness on safety, district information, national campaigns via social media. Community reassurance is a dynamic approach and can be reactive depending on the need for the district i.e. increase in violent crime, natural disasters.



# Horizon Scanning

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## Political

- A new Kent Police and Crime Commissioner is due to be elected in May 2020.
- General Election in December 2019 with a conservative government.
- Great Britain has completed the first half of the process of leaving the European Union. The process finalises in December 2020. Uncertainties on the impact on the country and how it will affect legislation, communities and funding.

## Environmental

- The environment is a priority within Thanet and is an ongoing concern, as informed from the annual perception survey.
- Thanet Local Plan has been published and 10,000 new properties are to be built in the next 10 years with accompanying infrastructure.
- Climate change is high on the political agenda and may impact Thanet directly from floods/severe weather to demonstrations.

## Social

- Homelessness continues to increase across the country. Thanet has a dedicated team to tackle homelessness and associated issues (drinking, drugs, unemployment and chaotic lives).
- The Homeless Reduction Act 2017 supports those with children who are at risk of homelessness.
- Thanet receives Out of Area child in care placements which has a possible detrimental effect in the child and the local community with some private foster homes being unregulated.
- Thanet has pockets of deprivation with Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) amongst it. The Multi-agency Task Force is in place to tackle these and improve quality of life in the district with targeted approaches.

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## Key Activities and Achievements 2017 - 2020

### Complaints to the Community Safety Unit: 2017 - 2020

A total of **2800** complaints have been made over the last 3 year period. Of this:

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL IN LAST 3 YEARS
Anti-social behaviour	<b>1,820</b>
ASB enforcement	<b>251*</b>
Safeguarding	<b>492</b>
ASB intel	<b>103</b>
Information requests	<b>70</b>
Fixed Penalty Notices	<b>43</b>
Community Trigger	<b>10</b>
Threats to staff	<b>9</b>
ASB closure	<b>2</b>

\*(ASB enforcement including 174 CPW, 37 CPN, 11 CBO, 7 CPN breach, 4 PSPO, 5 civil injunction and 2 closure order)

**Each project is directly embedded into one or more of the Community Safety Partnership priorities.**

<b>Projects run 2017 - 2020</b>	<b>78</b>
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## 2019-2020 PROJECTS

<b>GPS Trackers</b>	Given to vulnerable individuals who are known to go missing. The caregiver is able to track the location of the vulnerable person and bring them back to safety.
<b>Mediation Service</b>	Provides neighbour mediation for cases of anti-social behaviour and community tensions. Along with this the services provide coaching and support to victims to try and resolve differences prior to enforcement.
<b>Operation ZigZag</b>	Provides support, information and enforcement around nuisance parking in school locations. This includes early years, primary and secondary schools.
<b>Realise and Achieve</b>	Engagement with young vulnerable people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), or are at risk of becoming a NEET to encourage them to participate in education/training and to play a constructive role in the local economy.
<b>Thanet Bike Project</b>	Engagement project diverting youths away from anti-social behaviour and gang related offending with a view to emotional enrichment.
<b>Ask Angela</b>	Giving individuals in the night-time economy offering support, training and awareness raising for people who may find themselves in vulnerable situations.
<b>Hang 10</b>	Provides extensive outreach sessions to young people in the community in the evenings and is tailored to the emerging Anti-social Behaviour issues relevant to the district.
<b>Adult Safeguarding Week</b>	Provides outreach information sessions across the district to raise awareness of adult safeguarding. Both outreach and social media information given.
<b>Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings</b>	16 engagement sessions across 4 areas of the district. All members are able to speak with the Community Safety Partnership to discuss issues in their community and anti-social behaviour. Along with the community encouraged to help the community.



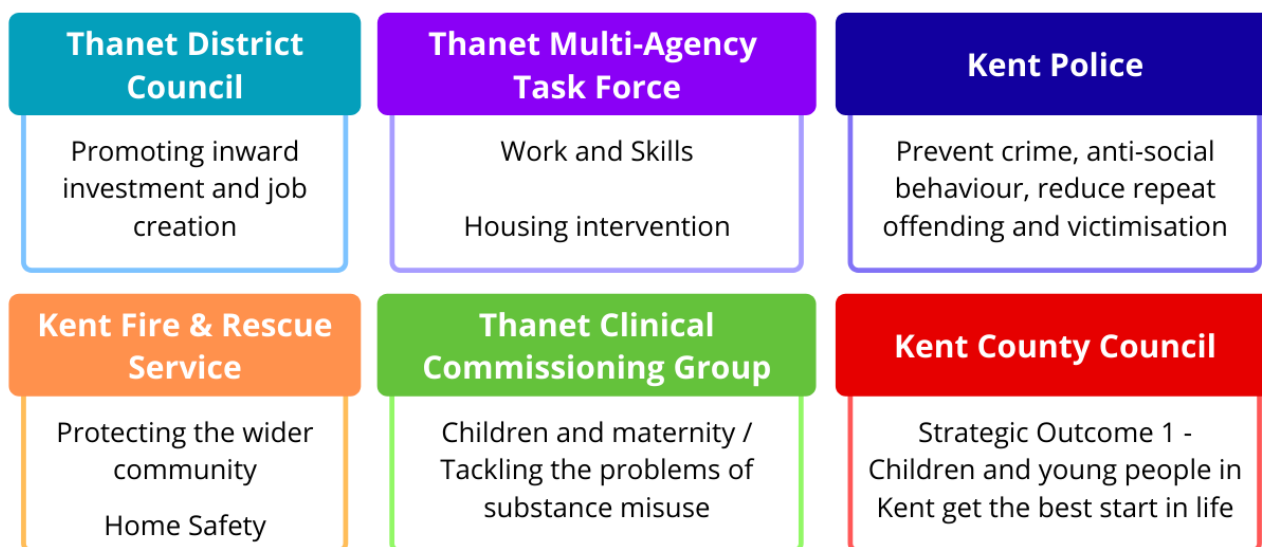
## THANET LEADERSHIP GROUP

One Team • One Voice • One Budget

### PRIORITY ONE

#### Giving the young people of Thanet the best start in life

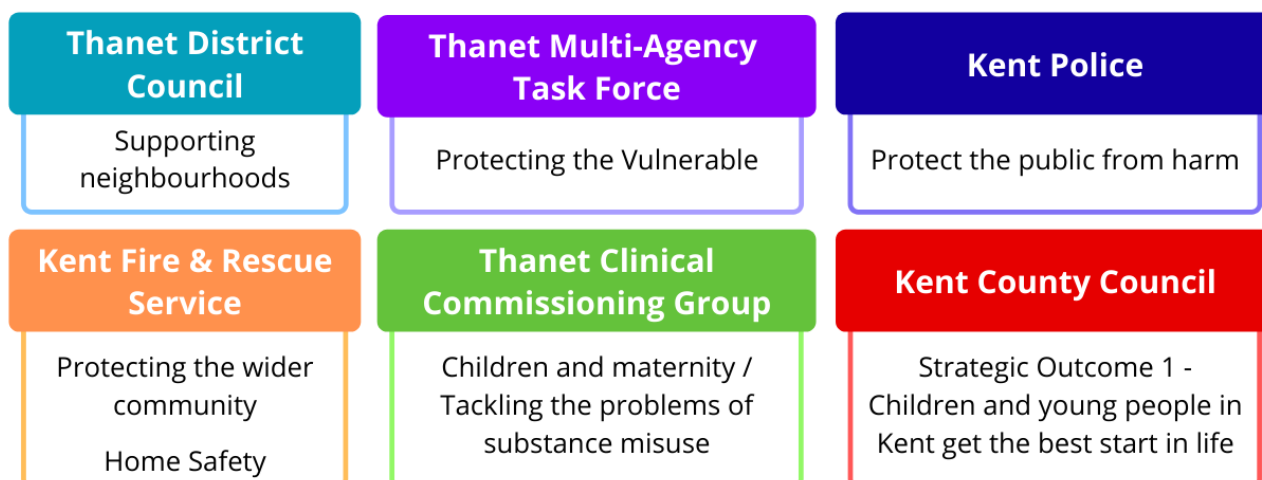
Education & skills provision is dynamic and flexible to the needs of young people and Thanet.  
Children in Care already in Thanet have the best start in life.



### PRIORITY TWO

#### Ensuring the safety of young people in Thanet

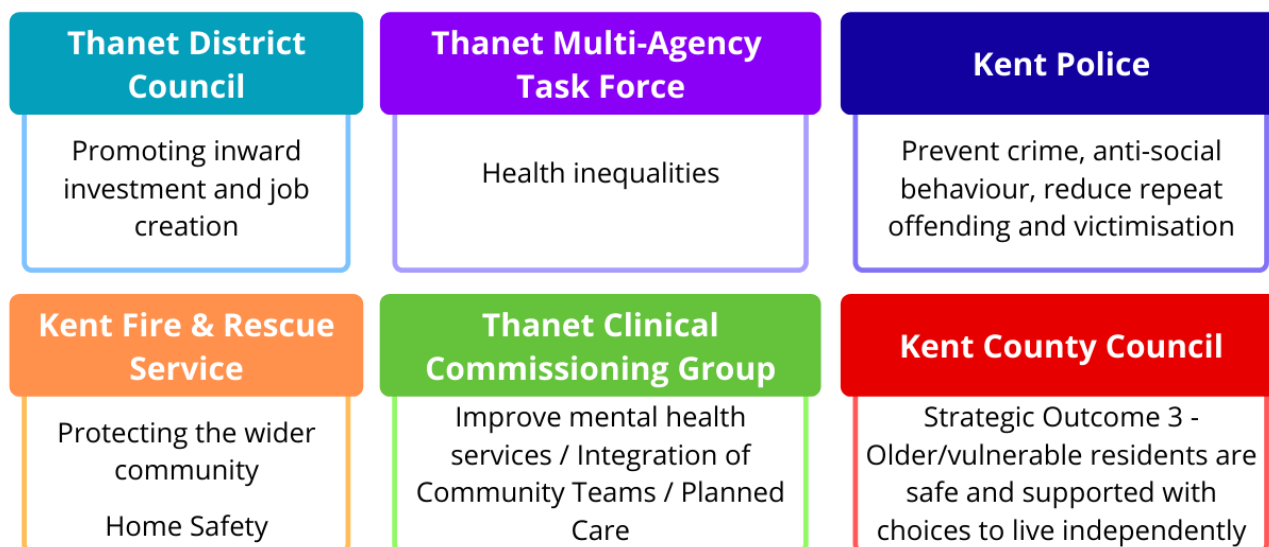
A pathway for Thanet children to thrive into young adulthood, safe from harm.  
Children in Care already in Thanet are kept safe and secure, whilst dissuading further placements.



## PRIORITY THREE

### Improved mental health of Thanet residents

Better, more integrated mental health provision and seamless transition from CAMHS to adults.  
Achieve a sustainable improvement in Thanet young people's mental health.



## Engagement Feedback

### Annual perception survey feedback 2020

- The annual perception survey was advertised in the local paper, Social Media, in Doctor surgeries, community groups and youth clubs, this created **553 responses**.
- Result on how feelings have changed - 56% of those who completed the survey felt that their feelings have not changed on how safe they feel in the community, 5% felt it had improved a little and 1% felt that it had improved a lot, 24% felt that it had deteriorated a little and 14% felt that it had deteriorated a lot. Along with this, the majority of those who completed the survey felt safer during the day than they do at night.
- The influencing perception of this was what was read on social media and what they had heard from friends or neighbours, as well as those who had witnessed a crime.
- The issues identified in the perception survey by Thanet residents is that of intimidating groups hanging around, nuisance parking, aggressive begging, drug and anti-social behaviour.
- Of the three identified priorities, **88% of individuals agreed** or strongly agreed with moving forward with these priorities; reducing offending/reoffending, safeguarding vulnerability and community reassurance.

## What happens next?

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Ongoing scrutiny and monitoring:		
Activity		When?
1.	Identify future challenges (data review)	<b>Annually in January (2021-2023)</b>
2.	Stakeholder consultation (annual perception survey)	<b>Annually in January (2021-2023)</b>
3.	Refresh community safety plan	<b>Annually in February</b>
4.	Action plan delivery	<b>Annually (April to March)</b>

## How can you get involved?

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We hold regular neighbourhood engagement meetings which are community-led in each of the 4 wards, 4 times a year in the Thanet district. To find your nearest meeting with information on dates and venues please go to the Thanet District Council website:

→ [www.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.thanet.gov.uk)

If you want to subscribe to our email distribution list, simply send us an email:

→ [community.safety@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@thanet.gov.uk)

We are also on social media:

Facebook: [@thanetcommunitysafetypartnership](https://www.facebook.com/thanetcommunitysafetypartnership)

Twitter: [@thanetCSP](https://twitter.com/thanetCSP)

## Useful contacts?

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Thanet District Council	01843 577000
Thanet Gateway Services	0845 824 7202
Kent Police	101 (In an emergency 999)
Kent Fire and Rescue Service	01622 692121
Kent County Council	03000 414141
KCA UK (formerly Kent Council for Addiction)	01634 298580
Eastern & Coastal Kent NHS Patient advice and liaison service	01227 783145
Kent Probation - Thanet Offer	01843 233050
Hyde Housing Association	01843 853203
We Are Here	01843 298355
Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team (KDAAT)	01622 221676
Kent Community Rehabilitation Company	01843 269997
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 200 0247
National Probation Service	01843 348300
Orbit South Housing Association	0800 678 1221
Sanctuary Housing Association	0800 131 3348
Southern Housing Association	0300 303 1773
Town and Country Housing Association	01892 501480
Porchlight	01843 853540
Victim Support	0808 168 9276
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Multi-agency Task Force	01843 577536
JobCentre Plus	0845 604 3719



**Kent  
Police**



**Kent Fire &  
Rescue Service**



# Addendum 1 (Covid-19)

14th October 2020

This addendum is being submitted due to the Covid-19 Pandemic that has affected the UK. The pandemic will have an impact on the TCSP plan in 2020 as it is expected to have an ongoing effect over the next few years.

The Covid-19 pandemic became apparent in the UK in the first quarter of the year. On March 23rd 2020 the country, as a whole, locked down. This means that only key workers that had been identified by the government could leave the house to carry out their duties. At this point those who were classed as medically vulnerable started to 'shield', which required those individuals to not leave their home for 12 weeks to prevent the spread of the virus and to keep the most vulnerable individuals in the community safe and not put pressure on the NHS.

To date there have been 634,920.00 cases of Covid-19 and 57,690.00 deaths with Covid-19 on the death certificate.

Currently Thanet is among the least infected in the country with 21.1 cases per 100,000.00. Thanet had 7k+ individuals that were medically shielding. As a local authority the emphasis is on us to provide support, information and help coordinate resources to support the most vulnerable in the district.

Schools across the country closed for 6 months. However, provision for the children of Key Workers was put in place. This affected GCSE and A level exams, which started a national outcry on the grades given.



The Local Authority is responsible for supporting the most vulnerable people in the district, local businesses and supporting the growth of the local economy, using all the resources available.

Due to the pandemic, TCSP project work will have to be adapted using government guidance, risk assessments and creative thinking.

Multi-agency working will continue, but this will be remotely in the vast majority of cases and will depend on the risk assessments, policies and procedures of partner agencies.

As priorities of partner agencies may now change due to the Covid-19 pandemic this 3 year plan will be a dynamic one and adapt to the needs of the community during this time.

The TCSP yearly action plan will reflect any changes in projects and document the adaptations needed on these projects.

