



Basingstoke
and Deane

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council community safety update

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Community Safety at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Improving safety is one of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's key priorities. The council aims to help to make people feel safer, reduce levels of antisocial behaviour and contribute to the wider Community Safety Partnership priorities of addressing crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour. Our community support team, including the community safety team and community safety patrol officers, work to enhance, encourage and support local communities to improve the quality of life of residents and help people feel safer. This newsletter aims to provide an overview of some of the work of the team and how we are contributing to these priorities.

Community Safety Patrol Officers

Community safety patrol officers (CSPOs) are employed by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and are accredited by Hampshire Constabulary. They wear a distinctive blue uniform and conduct high visibility patrols across the borough in order to tackle and deter antisocial behaviour affecting people and places.

CSPOs have a limited number of delegated police and council powers, such as the power to require people's name and address and to seize alcohol from persons under the age of 18. CSPOs can issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for environmental offences, such as littering and dog fouling and can issue warnings for antisocial behaviour. They work closely with local communities and partner agencies, such as the police and housing associations, to resolve issues.

As well as conducting patrols to deal with specific issues of antisocial behaviour, CSPOs also run campaigns throughout the year to tackle antisocial behaviour affecting residents of the borough.

There are 13 CSPOs, divided into two shifts, with each officer acting as the point of contact for a particular area of the borough (as shown in the map). CSPOs generally work until 9pm during the week and on Sundays and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. CSPOs are not a response service and do not have any powers to deal with drug offences. In these instances please contact the Police.

Community Safety Patrol Team – your area officer

The CSPO team tackles issues across the borough concentrating patrols in areas most affected by antisocial behaviour.



**Team Leader
David Mason**



**Senior CSPO
Kerri Swinfield**



**Team Leader
Martin Lee**



**Senior CSPO
Ashley White**



Louise Hall

Evingar,
Whitchurch,
Overton and
Laverstoke



**John
Dullingham**

Brighton
Hill, Hatch
Warren and
Beggarwood



**Paula
James-Bailey**

Popley,
Rooksdown,
and Sherborne
St John



Kerri Swinfield

Winklebury,
Manydown,
Oakley and the
Candovers



**Benjamin
Esprit**

Tadley,
Kingsclere and
Baughurst



**Samantha
Lowe**

Eastrop, Grove,
Old Basing, Upton
Grey, Bramley
and Sherfield On
Loddon



Harry Heath

Buckskin and
Kempshott



Charlie Tall

Norden and
Chineham



**Kayleigh
Shead**

South Ham,
Brookvale and
Kings Furlong



The designated point of contact for each ward is shown on this map.

**The CSPO team can be contacted by phone:
01256 844 844
or email: cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk**

The community safety team

Community safety is best seen as an aspect of our quality of life in which individuals and communities are protected from, equipped to cope with, and have increased capacity to resist, crime and anti-social behaviour (LGA definition).

Our community safety team directly contributes to helping local communities feel safer and helping to reduce levels of antisocial behaviour to improve residents' quality of life.

Some of the main functions of the community safety team include:

- coordination and administration of the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership, alongside our neighbouring districts of Rushmoor Borough Council and Hart District Council.
- overseeing the council's strategy to reduce antisocial behaviour and contribute to supporting a borough where all feel safe.
- managing and coordinating antisocial behaviour cases, considering informal and formal interventions to address antisocial behaviour using a range of tools and powers.
- providing advice and guidance to residents in relation to community safety or antisocial behaviour concerns.
- supporting community groups, events and initiatives which contribute to improving community safety.
- providing expertise to inform a variety of other council functions where community safety needs to be considered.
- providing detailed analysis of crime and antisocial behaviour trends for informing the community safety strategic assessment, problem profiling and other antisocial behaviour concerns.

The legal definition of antisocial behaviour is 'conduct which has caused or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person.' There are many different types of antisocial behaviour, from rowdy, threatening or intimidating behaviour, graffiti, vandalism and begging to environmental crimes, such as littering, fly tipping and dog fouling. The council will not tolerate antisocial behaviour and will use its range of powers to take the most appropriate action to address it.



Curbing antisocial drinking in the town centre

The council has introduced a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for the town centre area in order to take a firmer stance on alcohol-related antisocial behaviour. The order makes it an offence to drink alcohol after being required by an authorised officer not to do so. This enables authorised officers (community safety patrol officers, police constables and police community support officers) to require individuals to stop drinking and surrender any alcohol in their possession. If they fail to comply with the request they commit a criminal offence and could receive an on the spot fine of £100, or a £1,000 fine if convicted by a Magistrates' Court.

The order does not prevent members of the public drinking responsibly; for example, as part of a picnic or having a drink with friends. It is aimed at those who are causing a nuisance and preventing others from enjoying the area. The area for the new Public Space Protection Order includes the town centre, War Memorial Park, Eastrop Park, Glebe Gardens, Holy Ghost Cemetery and small sections of Brookvale, Norden and Eastrop. This is based on evidence of areas where alcohol-related antisocial behaviour has been reported to the police or the council and has had a negative impact on businesses, visitors or residents in the town.

Community Safety Partnership

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act acknowledges that the causes of crime and disorder are complex and varied and that achieving a reduction in this behaviour should therefore not be a matter solely for the police. As a result the act established Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) between the police, local authorities, the voluntary sector, local residents and businesses and made them jointly responsible for reducing crime and disorder.

In north Hampshire, one strategic Community Safety Partnership has been established to cover Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor with the aim of creating safer communities, reducing crime, and reducing the fear of crime in the area. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety Cllr Simon Bound represents Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on the CSP.

How to report antisocial behaviour and contact our community safety teams

If you are affected by antisocial behaviour, it is important that this is reported, so the relevant organisation, including the police, housing provider or the council is aware.

If you witness antisocial behaviour in progress, contact:

- **101 - in non-emergency situations or report online via the Hampshire Police website**
- **999 - in emergency situations, such as when a crime is in progress or there is an immediate risk to life.**

If you would like to discuss a case of antisocial behaviour

call 01256 844844.

The council's contact centre will direct you to the correct department depending on the nature of your concern.

You can also contact the community safety team by emailing

community.safety@basingstoke.gov.uk

or the community safety patrol team by emailing

cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk.