

West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership

There are a number of projects that have been supported previously by the West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) and, although funding is not sought to sustain these projects, officer support is given to them.

The purpose of this appendix is to demonstrate to the panel that successful projects need continuing support from partnership working and not just financial support. This support continues through identifying new funding streams and officer time.

Street Sports: Diversionary activities are a key method the partnership uses to engage with young people and also offer alternative activities in areas identifying high levels of anti social behaviour. Street Sports is one such project that was initially funded by the partnership but has now grown to cover the whole of the Forest Heath area offering free sporting opportunities to young people during key times. The partnership continues to support the scheme with providing up to date information in terms of intelligence and key areas of concern, ensuring the scheme is targeting the right areas.

Positive Futures: In the same way Street Sports covers Forest Heath we also support Positive Futures in the same way in other areas. Key partnership working has ensured successful implementation of a number of schemes across the west of the county.

On the Spot Van (Haverhill): Financial support has been given to this project which focuses on Haverhill (targeted support) to offer an alternative to sport based diversionary activities. The WSCSP continues to support this project and assists with evaluating and ensuring the van is moveable dependant on issues.

West Suffolk SOS Bus: Bus operates in Newmarket on a Saturday evening as well as one off events. This service is manned by volunteers. Financially supported initially, as well as pump prime funding during the set up and first 2 years. Officers now support the bus, through the steering group and provide a link to West Suffolk Night Time Economy meeting.

Town Pastors: Town Pastor schemes are now operational across West Suffolk and teams of volunteers on hand Friday and Saturday evenings offering advice and assistance to those who are vulnerable through drugs and alcohol. Financially supported initially, support now comes through officer support and links into the West Suffolk Night Time Economy meeting.

Countywide Schemes: Working with Suffolk Police Crime Reduction Officers and Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the partnership has supported, and continues to support various initiatives to reduce crime within the community. These include theft of domestic oil, metal theft awareness, burglary, vehicle crime and distraction burglary.

Alcohol Diversion Scheme: Financial support in 2012/13 was given to this scheme which is designed to deliver brief interventions to those receiving their first penalty notice for disorder, where alcohol is a factor. This is a joint scheme with Norfolk.

Tainted Love: The WSCSP have supported the development of an education project called Tainted Love for young people focussing on healthy relationships. This project through working in partnership has been delivered in schools and informal education settings such as youth clubs. As part of this project additional support has been supported and continues to be supported by the WSCSP such as mentoring.

Crucial Crew: Takes place across West Suffolk. Crucial Crew is a fun scenario based event that allows every Year 6 pupil to enjoy gaining information on a number of personal safety messages. Run in each area support is given through the Community Safety Officers and WSCSP

Partnership Teams: West Suffolk Night Time Economy Team operates and focuses initiatives to tackle night time economy issues. Statistics are shared at the meeting to ensure that issues are problem solved with up to date information and targeted solutions are proposed.

Fighting Fund: This fund was established a number of years ago to provide immediate needs to those who are moving through the recovery process from substance misuse and are in need of practical assistance to support their ongoing recovery. Community Safety Officers support the scheme by assisting referrals and ensuring paperwork is dealt with swiftly for maximum impact.

Support for REFUGE: WSCSP contributed to the purchase of a mini bus for use by Refuge. The bus will also be used during key holiday times to allow residents to go on family outings.