

**SAFER MELTON  
PARTNERSHIP**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN  
2017 – 2020**

*"WORKING TOGETHER  
TO TACKLE CRIME AND  
THE FEAR OF CRIME IN  
THE BOROUGH OF  
MELTON"*

## FOREWORD



**By Cllr Malise Graham MBE  
Partnership Chair**

The Safer Melton Partnership brings together a variety of statutory, non-statutory and voluntary organisations with a shared commitment to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the Borough of Melton. We believe that by working together and involving our local communities we can make a real difference in improving the quality of life for those living and working in the Borough.

The mission statement of our partnership is: *“to reduce crime and the fear of crime in Melton Borough on a sustainable basis through partnership working”*.

The 2014 – 2017 community safety strategy provided the partnership with some challenging targets and I am pleased to say we have worked collectively in successfully tackling most of the issues of crime in Melton resulting in a 12% reduction in reported crime over the last 3 years..

Through our approach to neighbourhood management, focusing on those areas most in need, the delivery of diversionary initiatives and designing early intervention projects we have seen sustained reductions in anti-social behaviour and common assaults.

The Partnership acknowledges that we need to remain focussed on effectively reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and supporting our community to ensure Melton remains a safe place to live and visit.

To ensure this the new three year plan for 2017 – 2020 again sets the partnership some tough challenges with regard to reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour. The priorities and key objectives set out in this plan are based upon an assessment of crime and disorder issues across the Borough and reflect the views of the community on matters that need to be prioritised.

I am confident that by working together on this plan, building on previous successes, we can make an even greater contribution to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in the community of Melton.

*Malise Graham MBE*

## INTRODUCTION TO MELTON

Melton Borough is an attractive rural area located in north-east Leicestershire and includes the market town of Melton Mowbray and more than 70 small villages. The town is about 28 kilometres from the surrounding cities of Leicester and Nottingham and the towns of Loughborough and Grantham.

The population for Melton Borough is 52,000. The majority (52%) live in Melton Mowbray and the remainder in the surrounding villages. Melton includes a small proportion of residents from a non-white ethnic background and has an ageing population.

Melton is host to a variety of unique tourist attractions including a weekly cattle market and the annual East Midlands Food Fair, one of the biggest food fairs in the country.

The reality of crime and anti-social behaviour levels recorded in the audits and strategic assessments correspond directly to the local perception of crime and strengthens the actuality that Melton is a safe place to live with low crime and disorder levels.



## **ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP**

The Safer Melton Partnership (SMP) formed as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which placed a statutory duty on the Police, Local Authority, County Council, Primary Care Trust, Police Authority, Probation Trust and Fire Authority to work together in order to develop and implement a community safety strategy designed to reduce crime and disorder within their local authority area. The partnership also engages with as many local agencies and voluntary groups as possible in order to achieve a truly community-based multi-agency approach to crime reduction.

## **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN**

Every three years the partnership is required to produce a three year community safety plan which is informed by an audit of crime and disorder and through consultation with the wider public.

The Safer Melton Partnership is required to produce a three year 'rolling' community safety strategy which is reviewed annually through a strategic assessment.

Each year the Partnership will prepare a Strategic Assessment to assist in revising the plan and the community safety priorities for Melton. The strategic assessment will include information on:

- ❖ Analysis of levels of crime
- ❖ Changes in crime since last strategic assessment
- ❖ Views from the community on matters that need to be prioritised

## **SETTING THE PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

This Community Safety Plan outlines the main priorities for the Partnership, with regard to crime, disorder and other aspects of safety for communities. For each priority the partnership has identified what we want to achieve and how we will work to achieve this. Communities themselves know the issues that affect them the most, and have a major part to play in making themselves as a community safer.

We have worked with communities and neighbourhoods to listen to their concerns and issues and these are reflected in the priorities.

## OUR APPROACH TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

Crime significantly harms communities creating a culture of fear and damaging the lives of some of our most vulnerable groups in society including young people, ethnic minorities and the elderly, often leading to social exclusion. The factors that contribute towards social exclusion can also be the factors that are associated in the development of crime and include poor educational attainment, unemployment, low income, poor housing, poor access to services, family breakdown and drug and alcohol misuse. The partnership recognises that effective crime prevention therefore involves tackling the root causes of crime and anti-social behaviour and only by understanding the joined up nature of these social problems can the partnership develop projects to effectively tackle crime and improve people's quality of life, allowing for their inclusion back into society.

This approach has led the Safer Melton Partnership to develop and support a number of innovative projects designed to tackle the causes of crime in a holistic manner and includes the Family Intervention Project, working with vulnerable adults and the Supporting Leicestershire Families Project . The SMP will work closely with Children Centres and the Melton Learning Hub in order to develop and support projects which will provide strong platforms to families and individuals, building life skills and ensuring those at risk are provided with appropriate support. Only in cases where individuals fail to engage or show a willingness to change their ways will enforcement techniques and tactics be utilised.

The Safer Melton Partnership wants to utilise the current working arrangements in the Borough of Melton in order to increase collaboration and information sharing that will help reduce crime and the impact of crime in the Borough. The partnership intends to use its existing resources and staff to work together at the Parkside Council Offices and Phoenix House. Staff from 20 different agencies work across these sites and we will continue this approach in relation to community safety during 2017 – 2020

We will continue to target hotspots where crime occurs and also people who commit crime and ensure where relevant that perpetrators are referred into Me & My learning services in addition to services they are already engaged with. The strategy is to try and get offenders to change their behaviour by being intensively engaged in proactive activities on a daily basis.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES 2017-2020**

Linked to OPCC 5 V's

Visibility, Victims, Vulnerability, Value, Viability

### **1. To reduce acquisitive crime**

- Reduce domestic burglary within the district
- Reduce theft from motor vehicles
- Support Rural Communities and reduce Rural Crime
- Support Rural businesses regarding crime and prevention
- Reduction of retail crime.
- Better use of Social Media to share initiatives

### **2. To tackle anti-social behaviour**

- Raise awareness and understanding of ASB
- Reduce incidents of ASB
- Promote our services & initiatives to alleviate the fear of ASB

### **3. Raise awareness of, and enforcement of the FATAL Four**

- Reduce incidents of Speeding,
- Reduce incidents Mobile phone use,
- Reduce incidents No Seatbelt
- Reduce incidents Drink and drug driving

### **4. To identify and support vulnerable individuals and families**

- increase the reporting of domestic abuse incidents
- Increase the reporting of Hate Incidents
- Raise awareness of Child Sexual exploitation
- increase awareness of the Prevent agenda
- Raise awareness of Modern Day Slavery
- Make use of the support groups already working in the borough with Vulnerable groups

### **5. Raise awareness of Cybercrime including**

- Online Fraud

- Online Child Sexual exploitation
- Cyber bullying
- Online radicalisation

## 6. Cross cutting Themes

To help create sustainable and cohesive communities  
 To increase public confidence (Telling people about what we are doing)

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to support the Safer Melton Partnership with funding of £20k in 2017/18

The Safer Melton Partnership must also contribute to those county-wide priorities agreed by Leicestershire County Council. Their priorities for community safety are to:

- Reduce offending and re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with families that need the most support: This will mean fewer people start offending and fewer people re-offend.
- Protect and support the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous repeat victims of crime and those affected by domestic abuse: This will mean the impact of crime and disorder on these people's lives is reduced.
- Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents with a particular emphasis on information sharing

<b>PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT</b>
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### Effective Partnership Structure

Safer Melton Partnership is committed to ensuring that the partnership is the most effective vehicle for delivering crime reduction in the Borough of Melton. Therefore the partnership has developed an improvement plan which incorporates the key aspects that underpin effective partnership working as identified in the 'hallmarks of effective partnership working' by the Home Office. This improvement plan will be revised annually and will be managed by the Community Safety Partnership.

### Delivering Priorities

Each of the priorities identified within this 3 year plan are supported by detailed action plans which outline appropriate initiatives, timescales, lead organisation

and measures of success. Each action plan will have a designated owner who's responsibility is to regularly monitor performance through an agreed performance management framework to ensure successful delivery.

### **Working Countywide**

By working with other partnerships and agencies as part of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Community Safety Programme Board the partnership aims to use resources effectively in order to achieve the best outcomes for those who live in, work in and visit Melton, and Leicestershire as a whole. Where possible the SMP also works closely with other partnerships across smaller areas on common issues.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community engagement is the process of involving people in decisions that affect them. Engagement covers a range of activities: promoting and communicating about the work of the partnership, offering opportunities for people to query actions and activities, reporting on progress and involving people in priority setting.

Safer Melton Partnership is committed to ensure the work of the partnership is informed by engagement with local communities.

## **EQUALITIES**

Safer Melton Partnership is committed to serving all members of its communities effectively, and ensuring that all actions and plans consider implications for a variety of different groups and sections of the community.

It will work to ensure people are not excluded or disadvantaged because of their Race, Disability, Gender, Age, Religion and belief, or Sexual Orientation.

In order to develop a better understanding of its communities and ensure that any negative consequences for a particular group or section of the community are eliminated, minimised or counterbalanced by other measures the Partnership will use relevant information from its partners to produce an Equality Impact Assessment for this Community Safety Plan.



## MAKE UP AND CONTRIBUTION OF PARTNERS

The Safer Melton Partnership is made up of a number of agencies, some of which are required by law to work together to reduce crime and disorder. The *statutory agencies* responsible for the work of the partnership are:

- ❖ Melton Borough Council
- ❖ Office of Police & Crime Commissioner
- ❖ Leicestershire Constabulary
- ❖ Leicestershire Police Authority
- ❖ Leicestershire County Council
- ❖ Leicestershire & Rutland County Primary Care Trust
- ❖ Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Authority
- ❖ Leicestershire & Rutland Probation Trust

Other *non-statutory* agencies who are involved and contribute to the work of this partnership include:

- ❖ Leicestershire & Rutland Probation Service
- ❖ Leicestershire Youth Offending Service
- ❖ Leicestershire Early Help Service
- ❖ Local Businesses – Pubwatch & SMART
- ❖ Melton Learning Hub/Voluntary Action Melton
- ❖ Melton Town Estate
- ❖ Melton Parish Councils
- ❖ Me & My Learning
- ❖ Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Associations
- ❖ ASRA Housing
- ❖ East Midlands Housing Association
- ❖ Demontford Housing Association
- ❖ Axiom Housing
- ❖ Muir Housing Group

Other relevant organisation and agencies also support the partnership in tackling crime and disorder in Melton.

## CONTRIBUTION OF PARTNERS

Each statutory partner within the Partnership agrees to:

- ❖ Participate in the strategic development, performance management and delivery of the partnership's priorities and actions.
- ❖ Incorporate priorities and actions from the Community Safety Plan, as relevant, into their own plans, and therefore provide appropriate mainstream resources to deliver these priorities and actions.
- ❖ Provide appropriate attendance to and involvement in the partnership's delivery structure to enable it to function effectively.
  
- ❖ Share data and information in accordance with the Partnership and Leicestershire County Information Sharing protocols for the prevention of Crime and Disorder to the benefit of the communities within the Borough of Melton.
- ❖ Ensure their duties to consider the impact of their actions on Community Safety under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 are fulfilled by their organisation.
  
- ❖ Ensure the partnership receives full support from their organisation