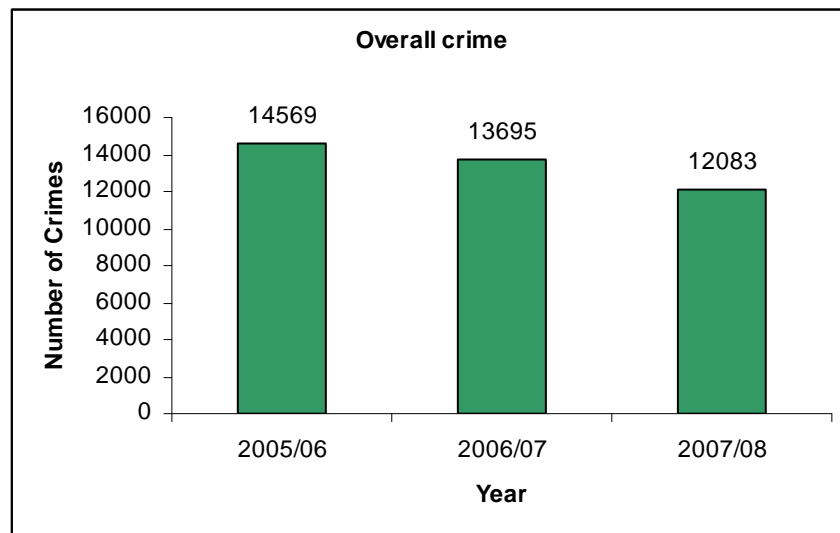




Crawley Community Safety Strategy Three Year Summary Review - April 2005 to March 2008

The Crawley Community Safety Strategy 2005-2008 sought to make Crawley a safer place for all. Its three strategic aims were to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime and reduce anti-social behaviour. Responsibility for delivering the strategy rested with the Crawley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP), comprising, amongst others, Crawley Borough Council, Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council, West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, Sussex Police Authority and West Sussex Primary Care Trust. These six partners have a duty to work together, and with local communities, to prevent crime and disorder, tackle substance misuse and anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment.

Between April 2005 and March 2008, overall recorded crime in Crawley CDRP area (which includes Gatwick Airport) went down nearly 18%, with 2,594 fewer crimes.



Domestic burglary went down nearly 20%, criminal damage went down 16%, vehicle crime went down 13%, public place violent crime went down 11% and fires started deliberately went down by nearly 40%. See end of this summary for specific figures.

In order to achieve these significant reductions, the Crawley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) created a number of small action groups focussing on specific priorities. What follows is a summary of the main activities, achievements and outcomes of those action groups in relation to the three strategic aims.

Aim 1 - Reduce crime

- Focussed their efforts on tackling domestic burglary, vehicle crime, public place violent crime, criminal damage, fires started deliberately, domestic violence and racist incidents.
- Targeted the most prolific and other priority offenders who committed the most crime or caused the most harm
- Worked in partnership with West Sussex Drug & Alcohol Action Team and Addaction on education, treatment and awareness raising initiatives and introduced a Criminal Justice Intervention Programme for offending misusers
- Secured several convictions against drug dealers and offending users
- Used detection equipment to deter drugs being taken into licence premises
- Used metal detectors to prevent weapons being taken into licensed premises
- Formed a new police Divisional Licensing Unit to better coordinate activity
- Launched the 'Enough is Enough', 'Think Safe - Drink Safe', 'Know Your Limits' and 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' safer drinking campaigns and initiatives
- Undertook a series of coordinated Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaigns
- Launched the Crawley Alcohol Arrest Referral Service (CAARS) to provide advice and support to those arrested for alcohol-related offences
- Undertook licence compliance visits to pubs, clubs, bars and supermarkets
- Carried out targeted test-purchases of underage liquor sales
- Installed 'Talking signs' in Council car parks providing vehicle security advice
- Deployed mobile CCTV cameras in hotspot crime locations across the town
- Devised and developed a bike theft reduction plan
- Opened a drop-in for those affected by someone else's substance misuse
- Formed the Crawley & Gatwick Business Watch (CGBW)
- Funded the National Business Information System to support Business Watch
- Received the Safer Business Award by Action Against Business Crime
- Operated the Crime Diversion Programme to reduce juvenile reoffending
- Established five 'No Cold Calling Zones' to tackle bogus callers and distraction burglars, especially those targeting the elderly and vulnerable
- Supported the work of the Crawley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Piloted the first men-only Domestic Violence Drop-In Centre in West Sussex
- Launched a service for the children of families affected by domestic violence.
- Launched a Sanctuary Scheme to enhance home security for victims of domestic violence and other hate crime so they can remain in their homes
- Published a directory of services for victims of domestic
- Launched the Worth Project at Crawley Hospital for victims of domestic violence and operated the Crawley Domestic Violence Drop-in Centre
- Established the Crawley Specialist Domestic Violence Court, received Home Office Accreditation and became part of the National SDVC Programme
- Appointed an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor to support the prosecution of perpetrators and provide advocacy services
- Launched the West Sussex Racist Incident Team
- Introduced new reporting and recording procedures for racist incidents
- Appointed a dedicated local Racist Incident Coordinator
- Supported the work of the Crawley Ethnic Minority Partnership
- Worked in partnership with Crawley Victim Support
- Introduced Police Community Support Officers at Gatwick Airport together with new security measures and design changes to reduce thefts
- Installed CCTV in Airport car parks to deter thefts and spurious crime reports
- Provided high visibility, security awareness patrols for passengers and staff

- Have reduced the number of shops landside at Gatwick Airport thus reducing opportunities to shop lift
- Halved the number of bag theft by introducing coin operated baggage trolleys

Aim 2 – Reduce the Fear of Crime

- Regularly distributed and promoted crime prevention, personal safety and road safety information, advice and literature
- Included articles and posters in Crawley Live on the work of the CDRP
- Produced a new crime prevention leaflet entitled '60 Ways To Stay Safe'
- Held a Safer Crawley Week in neighbourhoods and selected locations
- Used 'Pay and Display' car parking tickets to promote road safety messages
- Promoted Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 anonymous telephone number
- Introduced Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and street briefings
- Established two dedicated police Neighbourhood Specialist Teams
- Appointed two outreach workers to better understand, engage with and respond to young Muslim men and women on issues affecting them as part of a wider programme of work engaging with hard to reach communities
- Monitored community tensions and developed activities to manage these
- Secured 'Park Mark' re-accreditation for selected Council and Gatwick Airport car parks for minimum standards of safety for people and security for vehicles
- Launched new dedicated graffiti removal and intensive cleansing teams
- Launched a StreetCare Champion Scheme to improve the environment
- Formed a Local Action Team to tackle rubbish fires in the town centre
- Installed additional/enhanced street lighting in vulnerable areas
- Increased the number of Council/police-linked CCTV cameras from 35 to 40; resulting in 587 arrests being originated by the cameras, 3,269 arrests being monitored by CCTV and a total of 13,950 incidents being monitored altogether
- Installed standalone CCTV cameras at Mill Pond, Creaseys Drive and Waterlea Adventure Playgrounds, and at Milton Mount Memorial Gardens
- Provided funding to install CCTV in licensed cabs and taxis
- Installed an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system on the strategic road network in Crawley and around Gatwick Airport
- Increased the number of Council Community Wardens from 9 to 12 and achieved police accreditation providing them with additional powers to tackle anti-social behaviour and to seize and dispose of tobacco, and alcohol
- Launched the Leisure Ranger Service to patrol parks and open spaces
- Undertook joint briefing and tasking of Community Wardens and PCSOs

Aim 3 – Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour

- Formed an Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group and Action Team to deal with individual cases, share information and improve joint working
- Took into use a portable CCTV system to tackle neighbour nuisance issues
- Introduced new reporting and recording procedures for anti-social behaviour
- Produced a leaflet to provide parents and careers with information about anti-social behaviour and alcohol
- Obtained 15 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs)
- Obtained 6 Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- Obtained 3 Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions

- Agreed 65 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)
- Issued 303 warning letters and words of advice to parents about the anti-social behaviour of their children
- Formed a Local Action Team to address youth issues in Three Bridges area
- Delivered 'Fire-break' courses to young people at risk of social exclusion
- Approved arrangements for obtaining dispersal orders to deal with groups whose presence is causing harassment, intimidation, alarm or distress
- Opened a new skateboard park in Southgate Avenue and youth clubs in Broadfield, Bewbush and Three Bridges
- Undertook outreach work in neighbourhoods to address youth issues
- Launched a Friday Night Football League and a mini-moto project
- Formed the B-boyz diversion project for 11-14 year olds living in Bewbush who are either on the cusp of crime or anti-social behaviour and who would benefit from peer-group influence and community-based support
- Established the Active Crawley Team and appointed an Extreme Sports Officer
- Launched the West Sussex Action Against Bullying Strategy
- Issued fixed penalty notices for public order offences
- Introduced a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) to tackle alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods and across the town
- Launched the Supporting Parents of Teenagers (SPOT) project
- Ran a sport diversion programme with the Youth Offending Team
- Provided positive activities for young people including the Youth Achievement Awards, Global Rock Challenge and the Crime, Consequences and Citizenship (3Cs) Programme in local schools
- Launched the Safer Schools Partnership Programme in two local schools
- Supported the West Sussex Mediation Service
- Extended Operation Crackdown to include anti-social driving
- Deployed a mobile speed indicator device (SID) at high risk locations

Crime, disorder and other data

	04/05**	05/06	06/07	07/08	% diff***
Overall Crime	14,677	14,569	13,695	12,083	-17.67
BCS crimes *	6,127	6,738	6,228	5,437	-11.26
Burglary	342	336	312	276	-19.29
Vehicle crime	1,299	1,428	1,160	1,128	-13.16
Criminal damage	2,135	2,333	2,163	1,790	-16.15
Violent crime	2,601	2,994	2,849	2,502	-3.8
Public Place Violent Crime	1,826	2,075	1,873	1,619	-11.3
Deliberate Fires	352	284	287	213	-39.4
Domestic Violence incidents and crimes	1,214	1,177	1,277	1,293	+6.5
Racist Incidents	137	115	146	140	+2.18
Abandoned Vehicles removed	448	370	146	119	-73.4

(*** % difference from 04/05 to 07/08)

Source: Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and Crawley Borough Council.

(**04/05 police figures are taken from the 05/06 statistics published March 2006 which also provide the previous years figures, as the statistics published March 2005 were Crawley only and did not include Gatwick figures).

*BCS(British Crime Survey)	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Theft of	347	316	303	293	220
Theft from	905	983	1125	867	908
Vehicle interference	115	117	135	77	43
Domestic burglary	327	342	336	312	276
Cycle theft	199	231	239	231	237
Theft from person	322	395	671	555	475
Criminal damage	1852	2135	2333	2141	1785
Common assault	237	238	276	616	577
Wounding	1053	1268	1188	1053	823
Robbery	103	102	132	83	93
Total	5460	6127	6738	6228	5437

Source: Sussex Police

Perceptions about community safety and fear of crime

Question	2008	2006/7	2006	2005
% of respondents who believe Crawley is a safe place	35%		27%	32%
% of respondents who feel safe when out in Crawley during the day	84%	75%	82%	84%
% of respondents who feel safe when out in Crawley at night	28%	24%	31%	37%
% of respondents who think crime has increased over the last year	54%		69%	69%

Source: Crawley Borough Council various

During 2005/08, Government Office for the South East (GOSE) provided the Crawley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership with funding to help deliver its community safety strategy and we would like to thank them for this support and other advice.

For more information about crime and disorder in Crawley visit www.crawley.gov.uk/communitysafety and www.sussex.police.uk