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Introduction

SAFER SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

"The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) places a statutory responsibility on Derbyshire Police, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police Authority, Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and South Derbyshire District Council to work together in partnership to reduce crime and disorder.

The Act also requires the Partnership to produce a plan every three years to achieve a reduction in crime. This document is the third such plan to be produced by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership.

This Strategy brings together our partners from the public, private and voluntary sector to work with the local community to make South Derbyshire a safe place to live, work and play."

Councillor John Wilkins
South Derbyshire District Council

“ The District Council has placed the reduction of anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime at the top of its agenda and will support the Partnership to achieve this vision. ”

Chief Exec. Frank McArdle
South Derbyshire District Council

“ Local residents have expressed their fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and this Strategy provides a blueprint for how we will work together to reduce that fear and provide reassurance. ”

Tony Hurrell
Divisional Commander Derby Division

“ This Strategy and the annual action plans which will deliver it have been strongly influenced by the views of local people and their continued involvement will be crucial to its success. ”

Councillor Walter Burrows
Derbyshire County Council

“ We know crime, and especially fear of crime impacts on peoples health. We look forward to working with local people and partners to further reduce crime and fear of crime in South Derbyshire. ”

Nina Ennis
Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire PCT

“ This strategy is important because it reflects the priorities of people in South Derbyshire but what is of equal importance is that the plans to implement it are owned by both statutory and voluntary agencies working in the area. ”

Jo Smith
South Derbyshire CVS

“ Derbyshire Police Authority is proud to be a partner and fully endorses the new 3 year Strategy which seeks to further the improvements achieved so far. Although there are some challenging targets in the Strategy, we are confident that with the close working of the Police within the Partnership, these aims will be achieved to the benefit of the people living and working in South Derbyshire. ”

Brenda Hanks
Derbyshire Police Authority

“ The Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service corporate aim is ‘to make Derbyshire a safe place to live, work and visit’. It is through our support for the South Derbyshire Crime & Disorder Strategy that we continue to work with our partner organisations in order to drive down risk throughout the community. ”

Trevor Sherwin
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service



VISION

TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE WITH
A COMMUNITY IN WHICH IT IS SAFE TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY AND VISIT.

This vision for a safe South Derbyshire will be achieved through partnership working between the range of local authorities, police, health, other statutory bodies, voluntary sector organisations and the business sector. The community will also be encouraged to work alongside partners to reduce criminal and anti-social behaviour.

TO PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR VISION WE WILL NEED TO:



- Ensure that public, private and voluntary sector services are working together to meet the communities needs by:

Ensuring that Partnership members and others make the best use of staffing, resources and information to reduce crime and disorder through joint working and sharing a common vision.

- Take positive action to reduce the crime and disorder that has most effect on local people by:

Adopting a problem solving approach within a partnership structure to initiate work that reduces crime and disorder levels and the community's 'fear' of crime.

- Ensure that the work of the Partnership is high quality, value for money, reflects best practice and is planned to recognise community need by:

Adopting the principles of Best Value and constantly monitoring and evaluating the Partnership's work, whilst working in an innovative and enthusiastic manner.

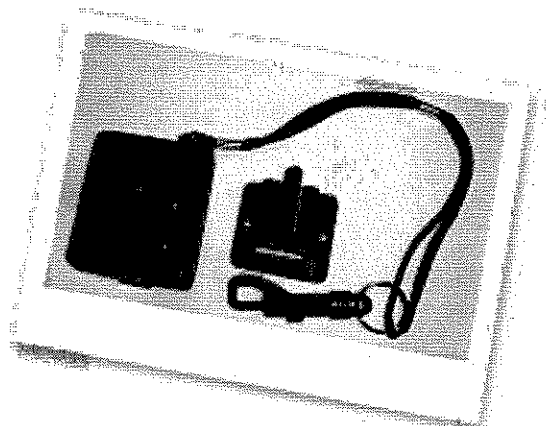
- Encourage all members of the community to understand and take responsibility for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in their community by:

Engaging local people in the work of the Partnership, providing information on crime in the community and educating people on crime prevention.

- Encourage communities, groups and individuals to become involved in the planning and development of services by:

Undertaking regular consultation with the community and encouraging their involvement in the Partnership's Action Teams and Strategic Groups.

“ I want my family to feel safe when they go out at night. ”



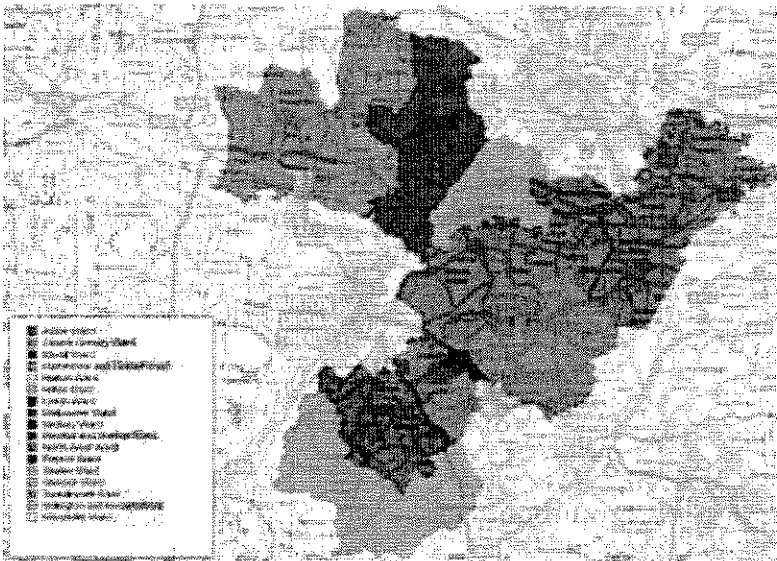
setting the scene

South Derbyshire covers an area of about 34,000 hectares (340 sq.km.) and has a population of 83,500 (Office for National Statistics 2001 Mid Year Estimate).

The District is bounded to the west by the town of Burton upon Trent and by the Rivers Dove and Trent, which form the county boundary with Staffordshire. In the north, it extends to the suburbs of the City of Derby while the northwest reaches away towards Ashbourne and the Peak District. On its eastern side, the District extends from the River Derwent to the east of Derby, south across the Trent and then along the Leicestershire border. The southern boundary is shared with Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire, formed in part by the River Mease.

The town of Swadlincote is the principal administrative and commercial centre. The rest of the District is mostly rural in character with areas of Green Belt between Swadlincote and Burton-upon-Trent and to the south east of Derby. Extensive tracts of countryside are interspersed with small villages and settlements, some of which (like Melbourne, Repton and Shardlow) are of historic value. Agriculture continues to be important throughout large parts of the district.

Most of the area to the south of the River Trent, including the town of Swadlincote, has been included within the designated area of the National Forest.



a safe community

The statistics below show that South Derbyshire is a very safe place in which to live, work and visit. Levels of crime are well below county, regional and national levels for burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime.

	South Derbyshire	Derbyshire	East Midlands	National
Burglary (per 100 households)	12.0	21.3	23.4	20.2
Vehicle crime (per 1000 population)	9.9	17.6	20.0	18.7
Violent Crime (per 1000 population)	10.9	18.1	18.1	16.9

There have been substantial decreases in burglary and vehicle crime over the past 3 years, while it should be noted that the British Crime Survey found that half of all reported violent incidents did not result in any injury to the victim.

These figures mean that people in South Derbyshire can park their car without being unduly worried it will be broken into, it means they can go out for the evening with a very low risk of being assaulted, it means they can sleep safely at night reassured that their home is very unlikely to be targeted by burglars.

audit to strategy

The South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Audit 2004 is a comprehensive audit of recorded information from organisations that enabled a proper assessment to be made of crime trends and disorder over the previous three years. The Audit also included findings from a number of surveys undertaken with local people. These included a Citizens' Panel of 726 people and a Youth Needs Survey of 2100 young people.

The Audit process also included a consideration of the strategies of other organisations to ensure that wherever possible organisations were working in a coordinated manner and not duplicating resources or missing the chance to work in partnership.

Strategies considered included the Derbyshire Constabulary Policing Plan, Community Strategy, Home Office Crime Reduction Plan, Youth Justice Plan, Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team Plan, Southern Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales Health Improvement Plan and Tackling Drugs To Build a Better Britain Strategy.

Following the publication of the Audit, the local community were asked what their views were on crime in South Derbyshire. This consultation took several forms:

“...need to provide better facilities to avoid repeat victimisation.”

- distribution of 5000 Audit leaflets across the District.
- South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Service organised a number of public meetings around the District and contacted specific groups such as the disabled, ethnic minorities and travellers.
- formal discussions with organisations in the Partnership.

The outcomes from this extensive consultation confirmed the selection of priorities for the Strategy and provided valuable information to be used in the Partnership's work over the next three years.

To ensure that this Strategy results in a reduction in crime, the priorities and the action plans need to be specific and direct rather than wide ranging and general. Consequently the number of priorities has been kept to a minimum and contains those issues that have the biggest impact on the community, i.e. property crime, anti social behaviour, violent crime and substance misuse.

A major issue that was identified in the consultation was the community's fear of crime, particularly violent crime.

“Would like to see more police on duty.”

PRIORITIES FOR 2002 - 2005

The Audit and the consultation process have led to the identification of the following priorities for the 2005-2008 Crime and Disorder Strategy:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (disorder and criminal damage)
- Fear of Crime & Community Reassurance
- Violent Crime (assault, robbery and domestic abuse)
- Property Crime (house burglary and car crime)
- Substance Misuse (alcohol and drugs)

The highlighted themes are also priorities in the Safer and Stronger Communities element of the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA). The work of the Partnership will contribute significantly to the delivery of the LAA outcomes. They will also contribute towards the Home Office's Public Service Agreement 2 (PSA2) that aims to reassure the public, reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, and build confidence in the criminal justice system.

Throughout these priorities there are several key issues, including: community engagement, victim support, prolific and other priority offenders and information exchange. These issues will be dealt with throughout the work of the Partnership.

delivering the priorities

The delivery of this Strategy will require the enthusiastic and committed support of both the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership and the South Derbyshire community as a whole. It has been designed to ensure that this support will be harnessed and developed. Already the Regional Crime Reduction Unit of the Home Office, Derbyshire Police, and South Derbyshire District and Derbyshire County Councils have pledged significant resources to the Strategy to carry on the already successful crime reduction work in South Derbyshire.

As well as resources, the other vital tool to fighting crime is information. This will be achieved through the use of information technology and the sharing of data between the partners, therefore the Partnership's Action Teams will be able to quickly identify the key issues, target offenders and support victims.

A further element of the successful delivery of the Strategy is effective communication between the various levels of the Partnership and with organisations, agencies and the community outside the Partnership. This element is crucial to ensuring that there is an effective use of the information identified above, the exchange of good practice and delivering the message to the community that crime is being reduced.

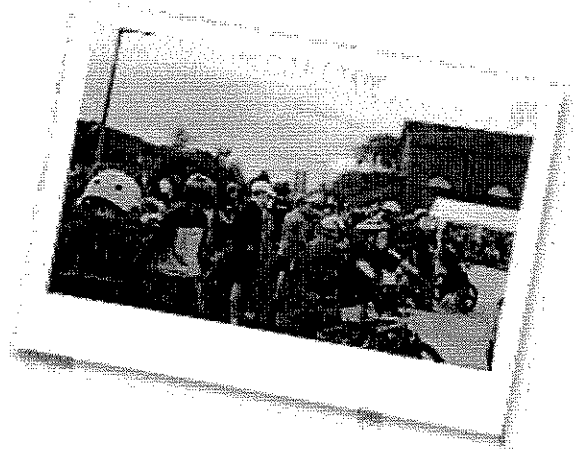
The fourth aspect of the delivery will be to use the experience and the successes of the past three years and continue the delivery of such initiatives as:

- Safer Homes - handyman service securing vulnerable peoples properties
- Burglar Alarm Installation - providing alarms in the properties of burglary victims
- Liberation Day - activities and crime prevention advice for older people
- Youth Engagement - activities and facilities that involve young people
- Neighbourhood Improvements - environmental and security works to protect communities and their facilities

Combined with these activities will be new work such as:

- Deployment of uniformed support officers / wardens across the community
- Citizenship and awareness raising in schools
- Targeting persistent offenders
- Domestic Abuse Services

Finally, the Partnership and the community need to know how the fight against crime is progressing and it is very important that reporting mechanisms are in place to monitor the progress of the identified objectives and targets set out in this Strategy. By regular monitoring and evaluation, the Partnership will be able to adjust and amend targets as necessary, keeping in touch with new issues that might arise and at the same time keeping communities informed.



anti-social behaviour

WHY A PRIORITY?

- Criminal damage has cost the people of South Derbyshire £2.5 million during 2003/4
- Criminal damage accounted for 22% of all reported crime in South Derbyshire during 2003/04
- The community identified that anti-social behaviour is a priority for action
- 12% of young people consulted (Youth Needs Survey 2004) stated that anti-social behaviour is a concern to them
- On a single day in 2003, there were 217 reports of anti-social behaviour in South Derbyshire
- Between April and November 2004, there were 2862 calls to the Police relating to anti-social behaviour

TARGET:

- To reduce criminal damage by 16% from 1140 to 960 by 2007/08
- To reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires by 5% from 217 to 206 by 2007/08
- To reduce Police calls for service by 5% from 4293 to 4078 by 2007/08
- To reduce the extent to which South Derbyshire residents think anti-social behaviour occurs in their neighbourhood by 10% by 2007/08 (based on Citizens Panel responses)



OBJECTIVES:

“ I’ve been done for drinking on the streets... ”

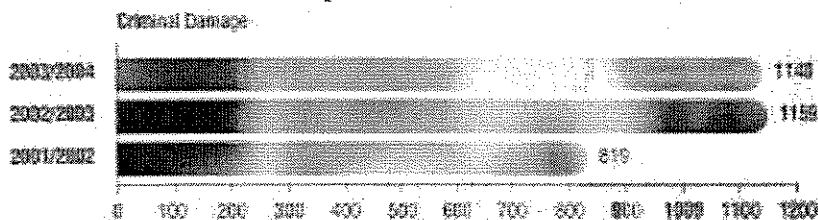
- To work with, and in, communities to reduce anti-social behaviour
- To use legislation, where appropriate, to tackle anti-social behaviour
- To gather and share data on anti-social behaviour to identify problem locations

ACHIEVED BY:

- Providing more opportunities for young people to be involved in activities which reduce the possibility for becoming involved in anti-social behaviour
- Using legislation to target individuals to reduce their impact on the community
- Improving the collection of information to target work to reduce anti-social behaviour
- Delivering the recommendations of the Youth Needs Survey (2004) through the Youth Engagement Through Sport Project
- Targeting prolific and priority offenders
- Supporting the establishment of local groups to solve local issues
- Increased uniformed presence to enforce low level legislation

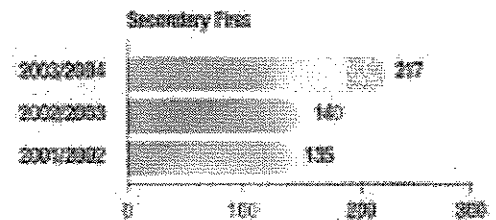
“ ...they can abuse you but you can’t say anything back.... ”

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CRIME STATISTICS -
CRIMINAL DAMAGE (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Constabulary - August 2004

SECONDARY FIRES (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service - August 2004

fear of crime & community reassurance

WHY A PRIORITY?

- Community consultation has revealed that the "fear of crime" is significantly higher than the likelihood of actually experiencing the crime
- 41% of respondents to a survey felt unsafe whilst walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark
- More than 40% of females living in rural areas expressed concern about being physically attacked, mugged or robbed
- Young people (13-19 years) identified that they do not take part in activity due to the 'fear of being bullied' (11%) and their 'fear for their personal safety' (10%)
- A lack of uniformed presence has been identified as an issue in the community consultation for the South Derbyshire Community Plan

TARGET (based on Citizens Panel responses):

- To reduce the number of South Derbyshire residents feeling a bit or very unsafe when alone in their home at night from 11% to 8% by 2007/08
- To reduce the number of South Derbyshire residents feeling a bit or very unsafe when travelling alone on public transport from 33% to 25% by 2007/08

OBJECTIVES:

- To reduce the "fear of crime" in the community
- To improve information sharing on crime and disorder
- To involve the community in crime prevention
- To increase the uniformed presence within the community
- To consult the community

ACHIEVED BY:

- Reassuring the community that South Derbyshire has low levels of crime
- Consulting with the community to ascertain their views
- Engaging the press and public in the fight against crime
- Improving the communication and exchange of information between the partners
- Promoting the work of the Partnership and exchanging good practice
- Increasing the visibility and local interaction of uniformed officers/wardens in the community
- Targeting prolific and priority offenders
- To develop a network of local community groups who can solve local issues



violent crime

WHY A PRIORITY?

- Violence against the person accounted for 18% of all reported crime in South Derbyshire during 2003/4 equal to 952 incidents of violent crime
- The community identified that violent crime is a priority for action
- The community identified a 'fear' of being a victim of violence
- Crimes of violence including domestic and racially motivated crime have cost the people of South Derbyshire £14 million during 2003/4

TARGET:

- To reduce violent crime by 10% from 952 to 857 by 2007/08

“ I've carried an offensive weapon and attacked someone with it. ”

OBJECTIVES:

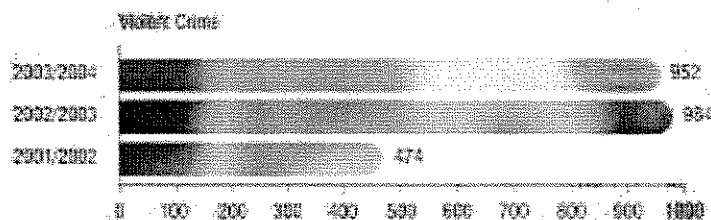
- To raise community awareness of cultural differences
- To encourage the level of reporting crimes of violence, including domestic violence, which remains highly under-reported
- To raise awareness of crime prevention to reduce the number of potential victims

ACHIEVED BY:

- Increasing the community's awareness of domestic violence, and the need to report such crime, and awareness of the existing services available to victims
- Improving and expanding upon the services available to victims of crime, particularly domestic abuse
- Using legislation to reduce the sale and consumption of alcohol in public places
- Working with local licensees to promote responsible drinking
- Improving the collection of information to target work to reduce crimes of violence
- Targeting prolific and priority offenders

“ I was beaten up and he got away with it
.....not enough evidence.... ”

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CRIME STATISTICS - VIOLENT CRIME (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Constabulary - August 2004
Inclusion: Assault, Robbery and Sexual Offences

property crime

WHY A PRIORITY?

- Dwelling Burglary has cost the people of South Derbyshire over £855,600 during 2003/04
- The community identified that burglary is a priority for action and that 'fear of burglary' remained a concern
- House burglaries accounted for 7% of all reported crime in South Derbyshire during 2003/4
- Crimes affecting motor vehicles cost the people of South Derbyshire £1,469,400 during 2003/4
- Crimes affecting motor vehicles accounted for 15.6% of all reported crime in South Derbyshire in 2003/4

TARGET:

- To reduce the number of house burglaries in South Derbyshire by 30% from 372 to 260 by 2007/08
- To reduce thefts of motor vehicles by 10% from 234 to 211 by 2007/08
- To reduce thefts from motor vehicles by 20% from 597 to 478 by 2007/08

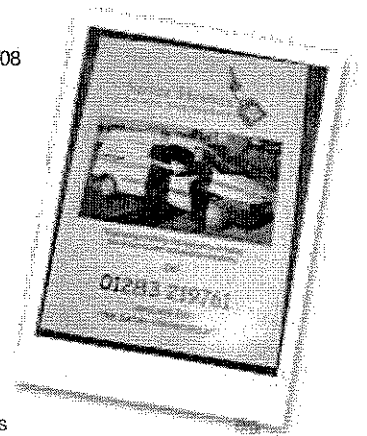
“...lots of burglaries in our area.
I leave the telly on at night.”

OBJECTIVES:

- To reduce house burglaries committed
- To raise awareness and reduce the number of potential victims
- To gather data on property crime and introduce crime prevention measures
- To reduce motor vehicle related crime

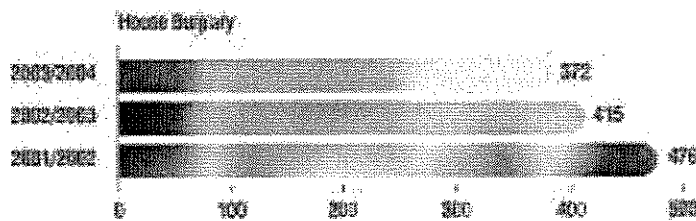
ACHIEVED BY:

- Developing effective methods for reducing the levels of burglaries
- Educating people in crime prevention and making it more difficult for property to be stolen or damaged
- Ensuring planning applications are considered in line with Secure by Design and Safer Places recommendations
- Improving the collection of information to target work to reduce property crime
- Working with car park owners to improve safety and security, particularly those in vulnerable locations
- Targeting prolific and priority offenders
- Supporting the establishment of local community groups to deal with local issues



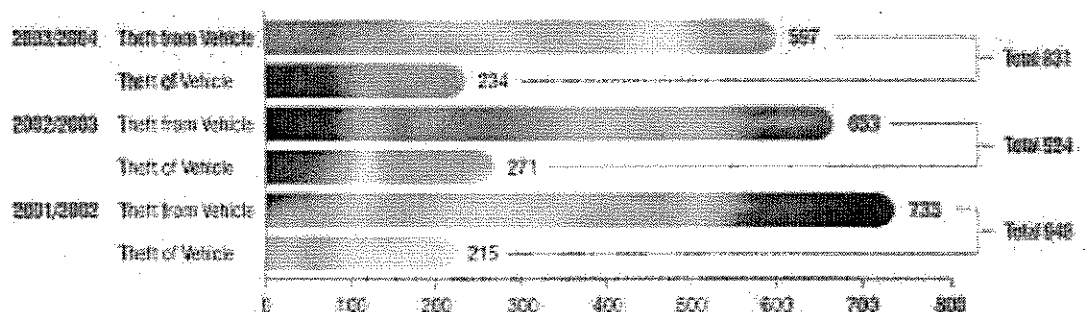
“Don't leave windows open...
I lock the house even when I am in the garden.”

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CRIME STATISTICS - HOUSE BURGLARY (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Constabulary - August 2004

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CRIME STATISTICS - MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Constabulary - August 2004

substance misuse

WHY A PRIORITY?

- There is little data available on the level of drug/alcohol use and related crime in South Derbyshire
- The community identified drug related crime as a priority for action
- It is perceived by local agencies that drug/alcohol referral and treatment services in South Derbyshire do not meet needs
- The 2004 Youth Needs Survey identified that 18% of young people will not take part in physical activity due to people using drugs or drinking alcohol nearby
- There is a recognised link between crime and anti-social behaviour and alcohol misuse
- Around two thirds of violent crime occur within 150 metres of a licensed premises

“ Drugs should be given a higher priority, an increasing number of crimes are drug-related. ”



“ Drug dealers on the street corners... ”

TARGETS:

- To reduce violent crime by 10% from 952 to 857 by 2007/08
- To reduce disturbances in licensed premises by 25% from 21 to 16 by 2007/08
- To reduce drugs offences by 15% from 64 to 54 by 2007/08

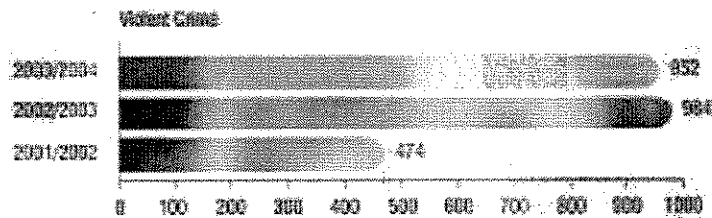
OBJECTIVES:

- To reduce the supply of drugs
- To reduce drug and alcohol-related crime and its effects on the community
- To provide support and treatment for people and their families with drug and alcohol problems
- To gather data on drug/alcohol misuse and related crime
- To reduce the use and fear of drug and alcohol misuse in areas young people want to socialise

ACHIEVED BY:

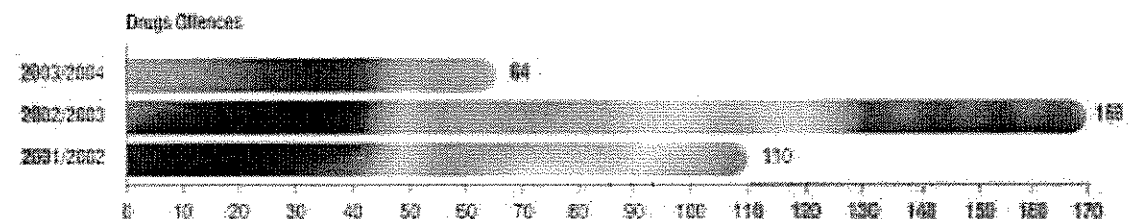
- Reducing the availability of drugs in the community
- Developing the community's ability to deal with the effects of drug use
- Improving access to referral and treatment services for drug and alcohol users
- Increasing and improving the information available on drug/alcohol use and related activity
- Developing a youth engagement programme in targeted areas
- Increased uniformed presence in public areas used for substance misuse
- Working with local licensees to promote responsible drinking
- Targeting prolific and priority offenders

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CRIME STATISTICS - VIOLENT CRIME (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Constabulary - August 2004
Includes: Assault, Robbery and Sexual Offences

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CRIME STATISTICS - DRUGS OFFENCES (April to March)



Data Source: Derbyshire Constabulary - August 2004

conclusion

Since its inception, the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership has made considerable progress. In the last three years we have seen many changes and developments in the way the partner agencies work together to build a safer South Derbyshire.

Much has been achieved with the 2002 - 2005 Strategy and this new strategy provides us with a clear framework to monitor and evaluate our progress towards tackling crime and providing protection and reassurance in the communities of South Derbyshire.

The Partnership accepts that this is not a final statement and we will continue to channel its activities to meet ever-changing needs and perceptions.

Your comments are welcome, either as an individual or as part of an organisation. It is essential for us to know about your views, and they will assist the Partnership in realising its aspirations.



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- Derbyshire Police Authority
- Derbyshire Probation Service
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