

Some useful telephone numbers

- Police, Fire or Ambulance - Emergencies only: **999**
- Stroud District Council - Community Safety Service: **01453 754276**
Email: community.safety@stroud.gov.uk
- For all non-emergency Police calls: **101**
Email: 101@gloucestershire.police.uk
- Street Lighting: **08000 514 514**
- Victim Support: **08 08 16 89 111**
- Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS): **0845 602 9035**
- Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre: **01452 526770**
Email: info@glosrasac.org.uk
- For consumer advice and to inform Trading Standards: **03454 04 05 06**
- Free Home Fire Safety Check: **0800 180 41 40**

Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy



2017-2021



**STROUD
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Stroud District Council is part of the Crimestoppers Ambassadors Programme. The Ambassadors Programme is designed to increase awareness of Crimestoppers via organisations and companies with staff and volunteers who are in day-to-day contact with those who are victims of crime, have committed crimes, are vulnerable individuals or simply have information on crime.

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PCC Objectives

Stroud District Community Safety Partnership

Parish
Cluster
Group

Stroud District
Domestic Abuse
& Sexual
Violence Group

Stroud District
Safer Estates Group
(inc Anti Social
Behaviour (ASB))

Stroud District
Health and
Wellbeing
Group

In 1998 the Crime and Disorder Act placed a legal obligation on the District Council, the Police, the Health Authority and the County Council to work together in reducing crime and disorder, and the fear of crime.

The Partnership's first strategy was written in 1999 and has been reviewed on a regular basis since that time.

The new strategy for 2017-2021 is aligned to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan (PCC), but also incorporates specific issues that cause concern to Stroud District residents. The PCC's office has contributed to Stroud

District Community Safety Partnership which delivers local initiatives, reflecting the objectives of the Commissioners plan. These are summarised overleaf. Stroud District Community Safety Partnership Strategy has direct links to the Health and Wellbeing Group, Safer Estates Group, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence and the Parish Cluster Groups. There are a number of cross cutting objectives that span these groups and focus on the specific aims for each. These include supporting older people, children and young people and the social prescribing agenda. Many partners have contributed to the formulation of the PCC objectives that are outlined opposite:

1. Accessibility and Accountability

To get the right resources to the right situation or problem first time, every time, on time and dealing with the matter appropriately and effectively. To realise the ideal of the local officer working in and with the communities of Stroud District.

2. Older But Not Overlooked

That older people need to feel and remain an active part of our communities whether they live in their own homes or are in residential care. That these members of our community should be part of the police beat with the local officer being visible and proactive with all vulnerable groups.

3. Young People Becoming Adults

To deliver sensitive, relevant and effective policing ensuring our young people become law-abiding, productive members of society. To ensure that the 'system' must work for them, not against them.

4. Safe Days and Nights For All

To better manage the Stroud District nighttime economy, with alcohol related crime and disorder being reduced. That everyone should be able to go out to our parks, pubs and streets without fear.

5. Safe and Social Driving

That people should be able to move around our communities in safety and with as much ease and convenience as possible. That the police will enforce the law when necessary, but we will all work to reduce offending and anti-social driving.

6. Safer Cyber

To ensure Stroud District is safer as people, commerce and other organisations increasingly live, trade and work on-line. It underpins personal safety, economic growth and prosperity, in urban and rural environments, by supporting people of all ages, organisations and businesses.

**Ultimately our objectives are aimed at reducing crime
and the fear of crime throughout Stroud District.**

**In the last 5 years (up to 2016), there have been 33% less recorded crimes
than in the previous 5 years**

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Community Safety Events

Coordinated by Neighbourhood Wardens, with support from Police Community Support Officers, the events target current crime and ASB within our communities. They include community clear up days and information events to assist with crime reduction.



Neighbourhood Wardens

work across the Stroud District. Acting as the eyes and ears of the community, our Wardens provide a highly visible presence. ASB, Abandoned Vehicles, Bogus callers, Home security, Crime prevention, Hate Crimes, Bullying, Litter, Fly tipping and Fly posting are just a taster of the facets they tackle which support communities and partner services. Follow us on twitter @sdc_wardens



Stroud Safe

run an Exclusion Scheme where members can issue 'Yellow Card' warnings to persons who misbehave in or near their premises. The scheme covers both day and night time economies, working to reduce shoplifting, theft, anti-social behaviour, alcohol related disorder, street drinking and begging; all of which affect businesses throughout the Stroud District.

In order to make the district a better place to live, work and visit for everyone the Council will continue to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) to people who carry out offences under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. This includes Dog Fouling, Littering and Fly Tipping.



Abandoned Vehicles

The Council has a duty to remove identified abandoned vehicles. Where these are found to be untaxed they are also reported to the DVLA.

Young Driver's Experience

allows young people of Stroud a chance to drive a car and learn about road safety and car maintenance.



Fly posting on traffic/road signs

We remove signs that cause distraction along the highway.



Careline supports 2100 customers throughout the District. It consists of a small pendant connected wirelessly to the Careline Unit which is connected to a 24hr Control Room.



We distribute a **Message in a Bottle** to vulnerable people. It is a scheme which enables them to put their essential information in a special bottle. This gives them peace of mind that it will be available to the emergency services in case of an accident or sudden illness. **Emergency Personal Information Card** is a credit card size card holding information on an individual that is accessible to emergency service in the event of an emergency - a mini version of Message in a Bottle.

The Valleys and Vale Neighbourhood Watch Association

gives any Community in the Stroud District the opportunity to start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.



Smart Water

continues to be available from police stations around the district for residents to mark their property. The Police and Neighbourhood Wardens are working to introduce Smart Water in targeted areas.

Volunteers

such as Special Constables and Street Pastors assist in a number of ways including in making people feel safe whilst enjoying the night time economy and helping to reduce the fear of crime and preventing Child Sexual Exploitation. Police Cadets play an active role in supporting community events throughout the district.

Paws on Patrol

Dog walkers spend a lot of time out and about in their community and are likely to notice when something out of the ordinary is happening. By joining Paws on Patrol, members are encouraged to record and report suspicious activity. This helps to reduce crime and tackle 'quality of life' issues such as fly-tipping, street lighting and litter.



The police and Neighbourhood Warden teams undertake targeted patrols when they become aware of ASB or crime hotspots. Often they will work together to maximise resources.



Stroud District Council (SDC) have supported young people having a voice and being heard since March 2000 when it created Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC). SDYC has representative membership from secondary schools and local youth forum groups, the latter of which SDC also facilitates.

Youth Voice

Significant recent development stems from SDC's youth work strategy that emerged in 2012 which has since evolved into further commitment to at least 2020. Benefits to young people, their communities and organisations include having a mechanism to voice their opinions and convey their ideas to influence changes; subsequently they are less likely to turn to anti-social behaviour or even violence, to express how they feel.



Active for Life

project aims to increase the physical activity level of older adults (over 50), across the Stroud District and beyond. The project does this by providing boccia, new age bowls and table tennis sessions in sheltered schemes and lunch clubs around the district. It also aims to identify and up skill older adults to become activators within their local communities. This project is working in partnership with PCC, Active Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group. For more information contact hwb@stroud.gov.uk



Empowerment is a cornerstone of youth work practice and through this particular type of work young people are trained and supported to become positive active citizens bringing about the aforementioned changes in the services young people receive. The training programme for this unique approach has been supported by the partnership for a number of years.

Sexting

Stroud Neighbourhood Policing Team, on behalf of the Stroud Partnership, are leading on a crime prevention training programme for year 8 pupils dealing with sexting, indecent images and sex offenders. The presentation explores possible scenarios and the consequences of sending such images, identifying who may be exploited by such images and the implications of those photographs being on the Web. Students are given wrist bands with the message: 'ONCE U PRESS SEND, WHERE WILL IT END?'

Hate Crime/Modern Slavery

A series of road shows are being undertaken spreading awareness around the issues of Hate Crime and Modern Slavery and how it impacts the residents of Stroud. Training will be given to all front line Stroud District Council staff to help them recognise the potential signs of people trapped in slavery and understand the mechanisms to report cases. This training will also be offered to all partnership agencies.

