

Community Safety Strategy – Action Plan 2024-2025 – End of year update

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Safer Streets & Night-Time Economy	The Safety of Women & Girls	<p>Summertime Policing Plan (East Lindsey)</p> <p>Includes: Op Coastline Op California Op Vicinity</p> <p>Project lead – Insp Parsons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation for Lincolnshire Police’s response to NTE policing on the coast. Includes VAWG, knife crime and recreational drug use. Use of the drugs itemiser to detect controlled substances (users and suppliers). Early engagement with the public and licenced premises. Op California – to combat the use of recreational drugs. Op Vicinity - response and investigations into reports of drink spiking in Lincolnshire. 	Summer 2024	<p>The same plan as the previous year was implemented, essentially separated out into 4 main operations, as detailed below. Plans were also put in place around specific premises that cause the most demand.</p> <p>Operation Songlark focuses on reducing caravan burglaries along the East coast. The operation is led by the Neighbourhood Policing Team supported by specialist investigation and proactive teams.</p> <p>Operation California targets the use of recreational drugs within the night-time economy in the coastal district. This initiative employs innovative tools like itemiser technology and knife arches to detect drugs and ensure public safety.</p> <p>Operation Coastline is an initiative to enhance safety in the night-time economy along the Lincolnshire coast. This operation focuses on addressing serious violent crimes, high harm assaults (GBH), knife crime, and violence against women and girls (VAWG).</p> <p>Operation Atlantis is aimed at improving coastal safety and emergency response efficiency, this operation involves collaboration with HM Coastguard, National Coastwatch Institution, RNLI, and East Lindsey District Council and in 2024 was led by Coastwatch with police supporting. It focuses on a reactive approach for locating missing persons on key beaches like Skegness Central Beach, Ingoldmells Main Beach, and Mablethorpe Promenade.</p> <p>Operation Stronghold/Define- tackles criminals travelling to and around the Coast using local policing recourse, traffic units and ANPR to locate and disrupt known offenders.</p>
		<p>Op Plotting Engagement Interaction Boards (Boston)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding secured from SV CPG Boards to be installed in Boston Market Place & Central Park to display public information aimed at 	Commences in Q4 23/24, installation by end of Q2 24/25	<p>The board in Central Park was installed on 5th December 2024. A comms plan has been put together to plan the messages to be displayed at different times throughout the year. Information is now being displayed and the first adverts are live.</p>

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		<div>Op Plotting</div> <div>Community Rangers</div> <div>Boston Town Centre, Red Lion Street, Market Place, West Street & Central Park</div> <div>Project lead Peter Hunn (BBC)</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding from the SV CPG (£122,500) for two rangers, their training, uniform, and SIA accreditation.Surveys show high levels of fear of crime in Boston.This will introduce capable guardians into areas lacking presence and bring together a multi-agency team to work proactively and reactively to tackle the root causes of the high-harm, high-crime hot spots.	Commences in Q4 23/24, and ends 31/03/2025	<div>The table provides a summary of activity for the Rangers since their introduction in April 2024.</div> <table><tr><th>Community Rangers - Monitoring Data between 1st April 2024 & 31st March 2025</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Number of people approached in relation to the PSPO</td><td>450</td></tr><tr><td>Number who complied with request for details (PSPO)</td><td>335</td></tr><tr><td>Number of people refusing to give details (PSPO)</td><td>94</td></tr><tr><td>Number of people refusing to surrender the alcohol (PSPO)</td><td>51</td></tr><tr><td>Number of pieces of intelligence passed to Police</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Number of occasions involved preventing escalation</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Number of shoplifting related incidents involved with</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Number of CCTV related activities</td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td>Number of witness statements produced</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Joint Patrols (PCSOs)</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Joint Patrols (with Environment Team/PCSO's)</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>PSPO Bird Feeding - Education (from 06/11/24-31/12/24)</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>965</td></tr></table> <div>The Rangers have also supported various events run by Boston Borough Council (e.g. the Ska & Reggae Festival) and operations such as Op Continents (a dedicated operation to tackle prolific shoplifters), and Op</div>	Community Rangers - Monitoring Data between 1st April 2024 & 31st March 2025	Total	Number of people approached in relation to the PSPO	450	Number who complied with request for details (PSPO)	335	Number of people refusing to give details (PSPO)	94	Number of people refusing to surrender the alcohol (PSPO)	51	Number of pieces of intelligence passed to Police	15	Number of occasions involved preventing escalation	15	Number of shoplifting related incidents involved with	8	Number of CCTV related activities	27	Number of witness statements produced	2	Joint Patrols (PCSOs)	4	Joint Patrols (with Environment Team/PCSO's)	4	PSPO Bird Feeding - Education (from 06/11/24-31/12/24)	8
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Safer Streets & Night-Time Economy					<p>Absence (a specialist task force on the lookout for children not at school or an education setting).</p> <p>During November and December 2024 the Rangers helped to educate the public about the new PSPO in respect of wild bird feeding controls in designated areas of Boston Town Centre.</p> <p>In March 2025 the Boston Town Board announced significant investment to support safety and security following consultation with local people. This includes development of the Community Rangers scheme to provide Community Safety Officers to engage with people and businesses in the town to provide assurance around safety and security. The officers will be employed by Boston Borough Council.</p>
		Op Plotting Environmental Changes (Boston) Project lead – Nichola Holderness (BBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding from the SV CPG. Aims to improve the scene, the feeling of safety and decrease ASB and crime. Community outreach programme (HMP North Sea Camp) reinstated. Focused contribution to the local community. 	Commences in Q3 23/24	<p>Project complete.</p> <p>80 hanging baskets and eight planters, put together by North Sea camp, were placed in Boston Town Centre. Eight of the hanging baskets were placed on the Municipal Buildings. Positive feedback received from the local community about the planters and how good they looked.</p>
	The Safety of Wome	Op Plotting Research (Boston) Project lead – Insp. Ian Cotton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding secured from SV CPG Research will review existing engagement methods and evaluate their usefulness and strength to identify best options for the diverse community as well as looking 	Q4 2023-24 Completion by 31 st March 2024	<p>The successful collaboration with the University of Lincoln is on-going, with them helping to set up residents' groups within the community, conducting focus groups, and seeking valuable funding for environmental improvement grants in hotspot areas such as West Street.</p>

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	The Safety of Women & Girls	<p>Op Plotting</p> <p>Community Engagement Officer (Boston)</p> <p>Project lead – Nichola Holderness (BBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding secured from the SV CPG (£37,500) The Community Engagement Officer will work across BBC & Lincs Police, and work alongside the Police Community Cohesion Officer. The role will help minority communities (in particular) understand UK customs and law through a targeted engagement programme. 	Commences in Q4 23/24, and ends 31/03/2025	<p>The Community Engagement Officer has undertaken a range of initiatives and engagement sessions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boston College and ESOL Students: aims to inspire students from diverse backgrounds to embrace the English language and local culture, fostering understanding and inclusivity. Market Stall Engagement with PCSOs, highlighting the importance of crime reporting. Engagement with Boston College: a series of 4–5 sessions starting in January 2025. Planned themes include: Personal and neighbourhood policing experiences, Community safety discussion with PCSOs, Community development insights with Tonic Health and youth projects. 22nd May: Exploring volunteering opportunities. Links with Romanian community advocate, who offered to share educational content and event details with the Romanian community via social media. Raised awareness about StreetSafe, for reporting unsafe areas. Domestic Abuse - Building new connections and address systemic challenges in supporting domestic abuse victims. ‘We Thrive Together’ event held on 13th December 2024 in collaboration with Volunteer Coordinator (council) and Customer Engagement Officer (Platform Housing) to host a community engagement event, focusing on Romanian, Bulgarian, Polish, English, and Lithuanian communities.

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					A bid submitted to the Serious Violence Core Priority Group (for Serious Violence Fund) to extend the Community Engagement Officer post to March 2026 was successful.
		Op Plotting CCTV in Hotspot areas (Boston) Lead – Andrew Haw (BBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5 new cameras are needed to cover gaps in Central Park/Red Lion Street/West St.Aims to identify crime/ASB suspects; intervene earlier via proactive monitoring; increase public feelings of safety, protect people from sexual offences, undertake intel-led stop checks.	Commences in Q1 24/25 with intended completion date by 31/03/2025	Gaps in CCTV coverage have been addressed with the installation of new cameras in Central Park, Wormgate, Strait Bargate and Wide Bargate. The Boston Town Board have outlined significant investment to support safety and security following consultation with local people. This includes committed investment of around £150,000 to fund the installation of new and additional CCTV in Strait Bargate, Wide Bargate, and Pescod Square. The exact locations for the new cameras will be chosen following an independent survey and will increase the Council’s existing CCTV coverage and monitoring capacity in the town.
		Purple Flag aspirations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working towards the elements that form Purple Flag.	2024-2025 & ongoing	A position statement was discussed at the October 2024 meeting. All agreed that whilst the CSP is supportive of the scheme it does not feel best placed to lead on this piece of work given the wider economic development aspect. The Towns Boards have been identified as a potential driver and will be approached to take the lead.
The Safety of Women & Girls		White Ribbon Day/16 days of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual day to end violence against women. Marks the start of the 16 days of action against domestic violence.	Nov/Dec 2024	Information was shared by the South & East Lincs Councils partnership and the White Ribbon flag was flown in South Holland and East Lindsey. Remaining white ribbons were distributed to Elected Members in Boston.

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Anti-Social Behaviour	<p>Safer Streets 5 Vehicle Nuisance arising from organised car meets (East Lindsey)</p> <p>Project Lead – Sgt Matt Johnson, Lincs Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous and anti-social driving will not be tolerated. • Partners will work together to create a safe environment amongst the coastal car parks. • Explore options for reducing vehicle nuisance in identified car parks in Skegness. 	By 31 st March 2025	<p>Project complete.</p> <p>CCTV cameras were installed in June 2024 at two locations in Princess Parade car park and one at North End Car Park.</p> <p>A press release was issued at the end of November 2024 publicising the enhancements being made to Seacroft Marsh in terms of fencing, gates interpretation panels and new signs. The measures aim to deter the area from being used anti-socially i.e. from quad bikes and other motorised vehicles as well as dog owners who fail to pick up after their pets.</p>
	<p>Public Spaces Protection Order restricting alcohol (Skegness)</p> <p>Project lead – Peter Hunn (BBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South & East Lincolnshire Council's Partnership are aiming to deliver a PSPO for Skegness subject to a robust evidence base and public consultation, and agreement through the democratic processes within the council. 	2024-25	<p>A piece of work was undertaken by the analysts at Lincolnshire Police to determine the evidence base for this proposal. Upon reviewing the information provided it has been agreed that there is insufficient evidence to progress adding restrictions relating to Alcohol to the existing ELDC PSPO.</p> <p>The figures that police have provided do not demonstrate that there is a serious issue with street drinking. There are clearly pockets of ASB because of where licensed premises are located, particularly on the coast. This is a different problem as the drink will have been purchased and likely consumed within the hostelry.</p> <p>Whilst it does not currently support the need for a PSPO in relation to alcohol in Skegness, the situation will continue to be monitored.</p>

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	Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASB hotspot policing element in Boston, Skegness, Mablethorpe, Louth Town Other elements TBC 	2024-25	<p>Hotspot patrols have taken place in several areas across the county. These have been well received by local communities with positive comments on social media about their presence. They have also been well received by partners undertaking the patrols. An evaluation of the scheme has been undertaken by Lincolnshire police.</p> <p>Government have confirmed that further funding will be provided for the hot spot policing to continue in 2025/6. The areas will be determined by ASB and Serious Violence in due course.</p> <p>In addition, SHDC and the Spalding Town Board have committed £40,000 to enhancing safety in Spalding town centre through a hot-spot policing programme. The funding will come from the Government's Plan for Neighbourhoods Initiative. The project, delivered in partnership with Lincolnshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner aims to tackle ASB and improve public confidence through additional dedicated high-visibility police patrols. This will run for a pilot period for an initial three-month period with further extension considered in due course.</p>
	RoadHoG Bus Boston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile youth church. Supports schools to deliver RE & Citizenship lessons. Creates a safe space 	2024-25	<p>The roadHoG bus had its first ever evening visit in Central Park, Boston with support from Lincolnshire Police & Boston Borough Council. They welcomed 31 young people onto the bus. Feedback was very positive. Further stops are planned.</p> <p>The roadHoG bus continues to provide a safe space for young people in school years 6-11 in Boston town centre and the surrounding villages.</p>

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Hate Crime	Partnership working to tackle Hate Crime and Hate Incidents across Lincolnshire. Lead – Det. C/I James Hoyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting held on 14th May 2024. High level actions identified. Further partners to be engaged. Improved data to be provided to districts. 	2024-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions have taken place at county level led by the force Hate Crime lead. They have focussed on increasing reporting, improving data quality and the potential to introduce a risk assessment for hate crime victims. - The South & East Council's Partnership raised awareness of hate crime and how to report it during Hate Crime Awareness week (12th to 19th October 2024). - District Community Safety leads have worked together to refresh the countywide Hate Crime Strategy for the period 2025-28.
Vulnerability & Safeguarding	Supporting the County Fraud Group in raising awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the county Fraud CPG in achieving the aim of tackling digitally enabled fraud & ID theft. 	2024-25	<p>Various campaigns and initiatives have been supported during 2024/25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising of the 'Friends Against Scams' training has been undertaken with staff, Elected Members and the public through the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership. • Crimestoppers campaign shared relating to energy theft. • Supported 'Scam Awareness Week' (21st to 27th October 2024). The theme was 'It pays to stay scam aware' with a focus on financial scams. Shared across social media and staff within the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership. • Supported Action Fraud's campaign '12 Frauds of Christmas' highlighting 12 fraud types to look out for. • Promoted Citizens Advice's scams awareness shopping scams 26th December 2024 – 1st January 2025. • Promotion of the 'Stop, Check, Ask' Toolkit which aims to protect TV Licensing customers from being scammed.

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	County lines/Cuckooing awareness raising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness across the partnership. 	2024-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training provided to SELCP staff in December 2023. A presentation was given by Lincolnshire Police at the June 2024 meeting of the South & East Lincs CSP. A briefing paper on Cuckooing (prepared by Lincs County Council) was also distributed to all Elected Members across the South & East Lincs Councils Partnership and to Service Managers to distribute to frontline staff.

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	<p>Domestic Abuse Officers across SELCP (Partnership-wide)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA Officers support staff in identifying Domestic Abuse and undertaking the necessary steps to safeguard and support victims. • Supporting the DA Partnership in achieving its aims. 	<p>2024-25</p>	<p>The SELCP Domestic Abuse Officers have supported staff across the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership in a range of ways over the last year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for staff on the support services available for victims of Domestic Abuse. The training was delivered by LDASS (Lincolnshire Specialist Domestic Abuse Service) and covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How victim / survivors can access support - Training professionals who want to be DA Champions - Links with Eastern European Communities. - SOLDAS (Formerly Boston Women's Aid) talked about the excellent work they are doing across Boston and South Holland. <p>The DA Officers have raised awareness about a range of topics during the year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controlling & Coercive behaviour to highlight that abuse is not always physical. Resources were shared to provide staff with up-to-date information about this type of abuse which became a criminal offence as part of the Serious Crime Act 2015 and came into force on 29th December 2015. - Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Awareness Day (7th November 2024) and provided support information. - Older people – who are one group in our communities who are unseen victims of Domestic Abuse. They outlined that older women stay in abusive relationships twice as long as younger women, increasing the chances of fatal violence. They also highlighted that once a woman reaches 60, the response from agencies and families to abuse is completely different. An article was shared highlighting the hidden scandal of older women killed by men (husbands, sons, and grandsons) as well as details of support services.
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The partnership also supports annual awareness campaigns including Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week, Hate Crime Awareness week and White Ribbon Day (an annual day to end violence against women which marks the start of the 16 days of action against domestic violence).

RAG Status**Behind Target****On target/Ongoing****Complete****Yet to commence**