

Braintree District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Action Plan 2026 - 2027



Priorities:

1 – Protect the vulnerable

- Safeguarding Individuals at Risk of Domestic Abuse (All Risk Levels)
- Preventing Stalking, Harassment and Coercive Control
- Protecting Individuals from Violence and Serious Harm

2 – Promote healthy relationships

- Sexual Harm Prevention & Safe Relationship Education
- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention & Behaviour Change

3- Promote online safety

- Preventing Online Fraud and Protecting Residents from Scams
- Protecting Children from Online Grooming and Exploitation

4- Build community resilience

- Preventing ASB and Supporting Resolution of Neighbour Disputes
- Reducing Substance Misuse and Drug-Related Harm in Communities

5 – Promote safety in our communities

- Reducing Shoplifting and Theft Against Individuals
- Preventing Burglary and Protecting Homes and Businesses

These priorities, together with the core responsibilities of the CSP - to reduce crime and disorder, reduce re-offending and combat misuse of alcohol and use of drugs – will form the basis of this year's Action Plan.

The CSP Action Plan supports the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex [Police and Crime Plan 2024-2028](#) and [Fire and Rescue Plan 2024 – 2028](#) which sets out the priorities and aims for keeping Essex safe using a partnership approach to prevent and reduce the harm caused by crime whilst targeting prevention and early intervention.

The plan also supports other key programmes of work including the *Essex Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy*, the government's *Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy*, and *Serious Violence Duty*, among others.



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Key theme / Project	Action	Desired Outcome	Accountable agencies	CSP Funding Required
Child Criminal Exploitation & Child Sexual Exploitation	Expand the Spot It Stop It scheme to improve knowledge and awareness and safeguard potential victims of child exploitation.	Increased awareness amongst staff and members of the public.	Braintree District Council	Yes
	Take part in Essex Child Exploitation Awareness Week to educate and engage our community on the importance of child exploitation.	Increased awareness amongst members of the public and staff.	Essex County Council Braintree District Council	N/A
Domestic Abuse	Work with secondary schools to become Domestic Abuse Informed Schools.	Increased awareness and confidence to help victims access support.	Braintree District Council Next Chapter	N/A
	Facilitate Domestic Abuse support and therapeutic programmes for victims and their families.	Increased support at a local level to help victims of Domestic Abuse.	Braintree District Council Next Chapter	N/A
	Support victims through the multi-agency Sanctuary Scheme .	Victims feel safer and can remain in their own homes.	Braintree District Council Essex Police	N/A

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Domestic Abuse	Participate in 16 Days of Action awareness campaign to support promotion of the countywide Compass Domestic Abuse Helpline, and Next Chapter services.	Increased awareness and signposting of support.	All partners	Yes
	Raise awareness of domestic abuse through targeted campaigns and days of action to improve understanding of support available and encourage help seeking.	Increased awareness and signposting of support.	All partners	Yes
Domestic Abuse	Raise awareness of domestic abuse through a targeted campaign and events during the 2026 World Cup football tournament to improve understanding of support available.	Increased awareness and signposting of support.	Braintree District Council Essex Police Next Chapter Eastlight Community Homes	Yes
Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse Awareness (J9) Training for Elected Members	To improve councillors' awareness and understanding of domestic abuse through the delivery of J9 training, enabling them to recognise the signs of abuse, respond appropriately to disclosures, and confidently signpost residents to specialist support services. The training will	Braintree District Council	Yes

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		strengthen safeguarding awareness, promote a consistent and informed response across elected members, and support early intervention for individuals experiencing domestic abuse.		
Violence Against Women and Girls	Support Safer Essex with development of a VAWG Strategy.	A coordinated, countywide VAWG Strategy is developed, informed by local intelligence and partnership working, to strengthen prevention, safeguarding, and support for victims.	Braintree District Council	N/A
	Conduct 'nights of action' around the night-time economy focusing on taxis and licensed premises.	The night-time economy remains a safe place for people to enjoy and travel to/from.	Braintree District Council Essex Police	Yes
Violence Against Women and Girls	Raise awareness of VAWG through a targeted campaign and events during the 2026 World Cup football tournament to improve understanding of support available.	Increased awareness and signposting of support.	Braintree District Council Essex Police	Yes
Young People & schools	Explore options for the delivery of 'Crucial Crew' to Year 6 pupils across the district on key topics such as healthy relationships, exploitation, drug and alcohol, road safety.	To promote community safety and awareness by addressing topics like anti-social behaviour, gang awareness and healthy relationships.	Braintree District Council	Yes

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Young People & schools	Deliver multi-agency educational inputs to primary and secondary schools that address both home safety and crime prevention topics in carefully designed and approved lessons.	Young people are better informed and more risk averse.	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service	N/A
	Deliver two '999 Football Tournaments' for Year 7/8 school children identified as vulnerable or at risk.	Young people have improved confidence and awareness of the range of multi-agency support available.	Essex Police	Yes
Young People & schools	Work with schools across the district in delivering Community Safety initiatives.	Raising awareness that criminalising young people in schools for low-level offences can hinder their development, while promoting early engagement with parents/guardians and supportive approaches to reduce behaviour and encourage positive change.	Schools – Behaviour and Attendance Partnership Essex Police Braintree District Council	N/A
Young People & schools	Detached outreach Team engagement	Outreach service to provide support, intervention and positive engagement to young persons. Disruption work to tackle new crime trends associated with young persons at identified hot sport areas.	Essex Youth Service Braintree District Council Town Councils	Yes

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			Libraries Essex Police Food Outlets	
Personal safety	Safe and Well Visits to offer residents personal safety advice and signpost them to appropriate support services.	Residents receive useful information and advice and can access relevant support services.	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service	N/A
Fraud & Cyber crime	Deliver a series of awareness events to offer residents advice.	Residents receive useful information and advice and their vulnerabilities are reduced.	Essex Police	Yes
People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Rough Sleeper Initiative - Mental Health Navigator post – to deliver interventions that support rough sleepers to improve their health and wellbeing and move towards securing accommodation.	Rough sleepers and people experiencing homelessness are given wraparound health and social care support to help and address their needs.	Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) Braintree District Council	Braintree District Council (part funded)
	Drug & Alcohol Street Support service.	People experiencing drug and alcohol misuse are provided with timely support within the Braintree District and routes into treatment through the Open Road service, reducing harm, improving health outcomes, and decreasing	Open Road	N/A

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		associated crime, ASB, and vulnerability.		
People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Person-Centred Criminal Justice Intervention	Individuals with complex needs encountering the criminal justice system receive early, person centred, and coordinated support, improving access to health, wellbeing, and specialist services and reducing the risk of reoffending.	Phoenix Futures	N/A
People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Continue to facilitate the Rough Sleeper Partnership.	Multi-agency meeting by bringing together various stakeholders, such as police, social services, healthcare providers, and local charities. The partnership will be able to provide comprehensive support to vulnerable individuals in areas such as housing, addiction services, or mental health support.	Braintree District Council – Housing	N/A
People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Provide 'Free Hot Meals' to the Homeless and Vulnerable	Providing free hot meals at a drop-in centre within the Braintree	CHESS Homeless	Funded through 'Cost of Living'

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		District who will support homeless and vulnerable persons as well as signpost relevant individuals to other support services that can deal with drug/addiction issues.		grant awarded by Braintree District Council.
Anti-Social Behaviour	Deliver the Safer Streets programme in Braintree with a focus on reducing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG), Anti-Social Behaviour and tackling crime trends in the Town Centre.	Facilitate the delivery of activities and projects to help tackle crime and disorder as well as improve peoples perception of safety with the identified Braintree Town Centre area.	Braintree District Council Essex Police	PFCC Funded
Anti-Social Behaviour	Targeted Anti-Social Behaviour Intervention Using Partnership Data	Partnership data is effectively used to identify and respond to anti-social behaviour hotspots, enabling targeted, proportionate interventions that reduce ASB, prevent escalation, and improve community safety and confidence.	Braintree District Council Essex Police Eastlight Community Homes	Yes
Anti-Social Behaviour	Support the Braintree District Pub Watch Scheme through regular engagement with licensed premises, information sharing and partnership working to prevent alcohol-related crime and disorder	Reduced alcohol-related ASB and crime within the night-time economy; improved safety for customers, staff and the wider community.	Braintree District Council Essex Police Licenced Premises	CSP part funding

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Anti-Social Behaviour	Delivery of a multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop to build partner knowledge, strengthen consistency in ASB responses and improve outcomes for victims.	To strengthen partnership capacity and consistency in responding to anti-social behaviour through the delivery of a multi-agency ASB workshop, improving understanding of ASB legislation, available tools and powers, and local processes. The workshop will promote a victim-focused approach, support early intervention, improve information sharing between partners, and contribute to more effective and proportionate management of ASB, helping to prevent escalation and build community resilience.	Braintree District Council	CSP part funding
Road Safety	Deliver regular 'Speed 100' checks in conjunction with Speed Watch at identified areas within the Braintree District	Enhance road safety by targeting speeding drivers. The checks aim to reduce speeding, prevent accidents, and promote safer driving habits. The initiative helps to ensure that roads are safer for all users, ultimately contributing to the reduction/elimination of all traffic fatalities and severe injuries.	Essex Police	CSP part funding
Road Safety	Essex Police to deliver Automatic Number Plate Recognition programmes throughout the Braintree District	Initiative run by Essex Police to provide real-time monitoring of vehicle movements, aiding in the swift identification of stolen vehicles, uninsured drivers, and suspects involved in criminal	Essex Police	N/A – Funded through UKSPF £10,000

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		activity. These setups support proactive policing by providing actionable intelligence, improving response times, and facilitating targeted interventions.		
Road Safety	Community Speedwatch	Enhance road safety by empowering volunteers to monitor and report speeding vehicles in their communities by seeking to improve driver behaviour through high-visibility roadside operations and educational efforts aiming to reduce road fatalities through safer driving.	Essex County Fire and Rescue	N/A
Road Safety	District-Wide Vehicular Nuisance Enforcement (PSPO)	A consistent, district-wide approach to tackling vehicular nuisance through the implementation of a PSPO, reducing anti-social behaviour, improving community safety, and increasing public confidence in enforcement.	Braintree District Council	CSP part funding
Community engagement & perceptions of community safety	Rural Community Engagement by delivering property marking kits to Farms within the Braintree district.	Essex Police through the Braintree District Community Safety Partnership to provide 'DNA Property Marking Kits' to farms within the Braintree District. Kits to be used on farm plant machinery and equipment.	Essex Police	CSP Funded
Community engagement &	Deliver Community Safety Engagement Days aimed at	For residents and organisations to come together to improve	Essex Police	Yes

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perceptions of community safety	engaging residents and raising awareness of local issues.	engagement with members of the public and awareness of services available. The aim is to encourage responsible behaviour and reduce incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour, littering etc. Involving residents directly will create a safer, cleaner, and more cohesive environment for everyone	Braintree District Council	
Community engagement & perceptions of community safety	Implementing 'Metal Detection Safety Arch' days at identified schools within the Braintree district.	Knife arches at schools enhances safety and security. Their presence acts as a deterrent, discouraging students from bringing weapons to school and enables the discovery and confiscation of any weapons, preventing potential incidents from occurring.	Essex Police	
Community engagement & perceptions of community safety	Community Engagement Essex Police (Schools, nurseries, youth groups)	Engagement with schools, nurseries, and youth groups is intended to build trust and develop positive relationships between young people and Essex Police. By engaging with children and young people in educational and informal settings, officers provide safety education, address concerns, and help promote reassurance and a sense of security.	Essex Police Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) Essex County Fire and Rescue	N/A

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