

Cotswold CSP Forward Plan - Progress Update (07/21-06/22)

Cotswold Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) action plan is dedicated to assisting the delivery of the priorities of the Gloucestershire Police Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan. In accordance with the duties specified in the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998, which in summary are; 'Local authorities must do all that they reasonably can in the prevention of crime and disorder'.

In addition to these duties the plan must have cognisance of the priorities of the Safer Gloucestershire Board, the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board. The priorities of these boards complement those of the police, especially those surrounding vulnerability and safeguarding.

Statutory members of the Cotswold Safer Communities Partnership:

- Cotswold District Council
- Gloucestershire Police
- Office of the Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner
- Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Gloucestershire County Council Departments (to include Public Health)

CCSP relies on a number of different data sources provided by the Police, CDC, Safer Gloucestershire, the OPCC, Inform Gloucestershire, Public Health Profiles as well as local data (e.g. GDASS referral rates).

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In addition to this CCSP shares intelligence and information amongst its partners.

Priority 1- Safe and Social Roads for all

Why is this a priority?

The rate of killed and seriously injured on roads in Cotswold is worse than the England average, although overall numbers remain low (2019 Public Health profile); major concern of Town and Parish Councils; police data on incidents to follow, Link with, support and complement OPCC/Safer Gloucestershire work. Safe & Social Roads is a priority for the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Plan, although this might change following the election of a new Police and Crime Commissioner. This priority needs a whole systems approach and is closely linked with CDC's emerging Sustainable Transport Strategy, Climate Action Strategy and Leisure Strategy all focussed on enabling more active travel and to reduce the amount of motorised vehicles on our rural roads.

Inputs (What do we need/invest in)	Outputs - Activity/Action	Progress Update/Delivered Activities
Police resources, potential external funding to enable more sustainable transport and active travel solutions, partnership work with OPCC and Safer Gloucestershire, Community engagement and involvement	<p>Regular speeding checks, mobile speed vans.</p> <p>Engagement with Town and Parish Councils on introduction of ANPR camera's and development of other local solutions such as local volunteer Speed watch groups. Identification of local hotspots.</p> <p>Support OPCC-led initiatives (tbc).</p> <p>Social media campaigns.</p> <p>Provide TPC's/communities with toolkits with information about measures they can take themselves to improve road safety locally</p>	<p>Cotswolds police continue to support and encourage Community Speed watch schemes up and down the district. Police attend various locations to support local groups and the Road Safety Team from the Constabulary provide wider support and advice. Local officers also undertake regular speed checks, as do officers from the Specialist Operations Team. There is a network of ANPR cameras around the county and Safer Streets Funding will provide more cameras, all aiming to improve road safety.</p> <p>The number of ANPR cameras in the district is steadily increasing. Numbers or locations cannot be published.</p> <p>The Cotswold district has 33 Community Speed Watch schemes, which is by far the biggest in the county.</p> <p>In autumn 2021 the Council has agreed a '20 is plenty where people are' motion: The Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agrees with and supports the UK Government's recent endorsement of The Stockholm Declaration, which stipulates in Resolution 11 that a council should "mandate a maximum road travel speed of [20mph] in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix...except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe"; • resolves to formally adopt Resolution 11. In practice, this means that the default speed limit on the Cotswold District's urban and rural residential streets will be 20mph, except on main roads where speed limits, if higher, must be both safe and appropriate; • calls on Gloucestershire County Council, as the Local Highways Authority, to consult the county's District Councils, Parish Councils and communities to identify all the roads which should adopt a 20mph speed limit no later than 30 April

		<p>2025 and to make significant progress towards realising these changes in tandem - establishing 20mph limits in identified places quickly if communities agree;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • calls on Gloucestershire County Council to provide the necessary funding, to achieve the goal of making our residents feel safe and be safe, across the Cotswolds <p>In September 2022 GRCC launches its refreshed CARS toolkit in all districts. The Cotswold CSP will be represented at the Cotswold District launch event in Northleach on 29th September 22. The Cotswold CSP will also raise awareness and share the toolkit locally.</p>
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Priority 2-Domestic Abuse

Why is this a priority?

Evidence shows that victims in rural areas take longer to report and have unexpected barriers to accessing support (National Rural Crime network Report "Captive & Controlled"). Police recorded crime data show an increase in offences flagged as domestic abuse-related during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. There has generally been an increase in demand for domestic abuse victim services during the coronavirus pandemic, particularly affecting helplines as lockdown measures eased; this does not necessarily indicate an increase in the number of victims, but perhaps an increase in the severity of abuse being experienced, and a lack of available coping mechanisms such as the ability to leave the home to escape the abuse, or attend counselling. Increasing the number of trained DA champions in the district can lead to more incidents being detected and more help and support offered to victims safely.

Inputs (What do we need/invest in)	Outputs - Activity/Action	Progress Update/Delivered Activities
Hidden Harm Project Officer (Full time post) working in partnership with Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Services (GDASS), Glos Police & CDC communications team GCC Early Help Partnership	<p>Grow Domestic Abuse (DA) Champions network.</p> <p>Develop and produce a bespoke champion training package for the Hair and Beauty industry.</p> <p>Develop training video to support teachers in partnership with GDASS.</p> <p>Strengthened links with the farming community via RAU, NFU & Young Farmers association.</p>	<p><u>Expressions of Interest, Champions Trained and Feedback</u></p> <p>GDASS received 35 expressions of interest from professionals wanting to attend the Champions Training. Each expression was assessed for suitability. 27 Champions have completed training.</p> <p>Those who were not trained were for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four people were better suited for the 'Community Leader' champion role - Two did not work in the Cotswolds - Five were health staff and were offered the GDASS Health Champion Training - Five did not attend one or both training sessions - Two were not able to make the provided training dates but would like to do the training in the future. <p>Of the feedback received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All participants rated the slide design, speakers skill and content a '4' or '5' out of 5. - When asked whether they felt they had a better understanding of the Champion role, every respondent said 'yes'. <p>Qualitative feedback examples:</p> <p><i>"Thank you for your clear and skilled leading of the training so far"</i></p> <p><i>"An Extremely well delivered course with trainers being very professional in their approach to the trainees"</i></p>

		<p><i>"Highlighting the rural setting good. Good to be reminded of chart of coercion. The section on perpetrators and YP useful. Over all this so far has been a way of getting GDASS more visible and what you can offer to our women has always been there but nice to have some faces to get to know you and have more contact and for you to get to know us too and the work we do."</i></p> <p>"A very enjoyable and well delivered course that has given me a better understanding of the work being completed for people who require this service"</p> <p>"Really good to meet you all properly, and see who is behind the scenes at GDASS. Feel that it has been really useful training and means that we're more joined up....in the work we're doing... with you...and I am more confident to ask for help and support if I'm not sure about something."</p> <p>The Cotswold DA Champions network and all planned activities had to be put on hold in June 2021 due to the relevant member of staff leaving.</p> <p>CDC has subsequently looked into a more sustainable way of delivering the champions network and has approached the other three rural councils (Stroud, Forest of Dean, and Tewkesbury) to explore partnership work.</p> <p>All councils have agreed to develop a 'Rural DA Champions Network' in partnership. All councils have secured funding to fund a two year post within GDASS to deliver training and maintain a network of champions in all four localities supported locally by each district council. Procurement of this new service is currently underway and it is hoped the 'Rural DA Champions Network' will launch in autumn 2022.</p>
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Priority 3-Crimes of Local Concern

Why is this a priority?

Cotswold District is one of the safest areas in the county. Gloucestershire is amongst the safest areas in England. Fear of crime however can impact on people's health and wellbeing, hence local crimes need to be taken seriously and tackled appropriately. Whilst fear of crime and perception of crime levels locally also need to be addressed. Crimes such as Burglary dwelling, Organised and Serious Crime, Rural Farm machinery theft and dog theft. These crimes have significant impact on victims and can cause community concern if not dealt with properly.

Inputs (What do we need/invest in)	Outputs - Activity/Action	Progress Update/Delivered Activities
Police will take the lead on investigating these offences. The CSP and other partners will assist with raising and sharing crime prevention advice, raising awareness of offences. As well as assisting in safeguarding of victims if appropriate.	<p>Police pro-actively target known and outstanding offenders. Local NH policing team conduct follow up visits. Partners and local elected officials to support.</p> <p>Continue to explore 'Crime Reduction Partnership' (similar to 'City Safe' in Gloucester/Stroud) in collaboration with OPCC. Working together with businesses involved in the day-time and night-time economies and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Develop crime prevention toolkit for communities</p>	<p>Cotswolds Police launched Op Vanguard in May 2022, which is a team of officers based in the Cotswolds and Stroud area. The team has a focus of pro-actively dealing with local crime waves, prolific offenders and organised crime groups. This team is supported by analytical and intelligence support as well officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT). NPT also carry out its core function of community contact, community building, listening to and responding to local concerns. NPT attend community meetings, seeking local information and concerns from local residents. Recent examples include drug warrants in Cirencester and pro-actively targeting prolific burglar's.</p> <p>Cotswolds police working with Cirencester Town Council have introduced 'Cirencester Safe Scheme', assisting commercial businesses to reduce shop lifting, ASB and begging.</p> <p>In September and October 2021 Cotswolds police received a number of calls from females reporting serious sexual assault after nights out in and around Cirencester. These reports included allegations of drink spiking. There were similar issues in other parts of the county. As a result the Constabulary worked with partners to highlight these issues and put in place measures to reduce the concerns. This included a launch event of the Flare App in Cirencester. Awareness was raised and reports reduced.</p> <p>Number of Community alerts has increased.</p> <p>More work around crime prevention toolkits and increased messaging to provide assurance to local residents about low levels of crime and Cotswold being a very safe area will be undertaken over the coming months.</p>

	<p>Increased messaging around local crime levels and the work of police and partners to give reassurance</p> <p>Encourage sign up to Community Alerts</p>	<p>Trading Standards (GCC)</p> <p>The role of the Trading Standards Service (TS) is to protect businesses and consumers in Gloucestershire from unfair competition, unfair trading practices or unacceptable levels of risk whether that be in relation to product safety or spread of disease amongst livestock.</p> <p>Some of the main areas they deal with are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business advice & support • Disease control & welfare in farmed animals • Protecting individuals against scams • Rogue traders, • Food Standards and allergens in food • Product Safety • The sale of age restricted items <p>Work done to protect business and consumers in the Cotswolds.</p> <p><u>Charity, second hand and Antiques Shops</u></p> <p>Visited the majority of 2nd hand, charity shops and antiques dealers across the Cotswolds. This was to offer advice and check the safety of electrical items, to ensure that furniture being sold met the legal safety requirements, ensuring the clarity of pricing.</p> <p><u>E-Cigarettes</u></p> <p>Have seen an upturn in complaints and intelligence received about people under the age of 18 buying nicotine containing disposal vapes. A letter and information was sent to all secondary schools in the Cotswolds. We also undertook a County wide covert operation using young people as volunteer test purchasers. This showed a disappointing result County wide with a failure rate of 20%. This included 8 visits across the Cotswolds. With 1 local failure. This shop has been visited by Trading Standards Officers and have been reminded of their legal responsibilities and signposted to the No Proof Of Age No Sale Scheme which provides training and information on all areas of underage sales for businesses and their staff and also provides documents and signs for use. We are able to extend</p>
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this offer to any business selling age restricted items who might benefit. A follow up survey will be conducted later this year and if we get shops selling for a second time then we will consider formal action which could include their licence being at reviewed and put at risk

Call Blockers

The Cotswold CSP paid for 5 call blockers. TrueCall Call Blocker are fitted by TS officers if we identify a consumer who is vulnerable and is being phoned by “scammers”. The system acts as a home receptionist who lets the consumer receive calls from friends and family straight through, blocks unwelcome callers, and asks unrecognised callers to identify themselves before it puts them through. The figures below are from 01 September 2021 to 01 September 2022 for the call blockers the CSP provided are below.

Location of Callblocker:	Calls Received	Calls Blocked	% of calls blocked
Redacted	88	52	59%
Redacted	841	637	75%
Redacted	1058	47	4%
Redacted	195	123	63%
Redacted	598	254	43%

Food Visits & Allergen Incident

TS have visited high risk food premises such as takeaways in the Cotswolds to ensure that food law is being adhered to. Particular attention is paid to ensuring that these premises are aware of their responsibilities in relation to allergens. TS also had an incident in the Cotswold where a consumer had an adverse reaction to a food product they were served in a restaurant. The premises was visited by TS and Colleagues from CDC Environmental Health to investigate that matter and to offer advice to stop a reoccurrence.

Visits to Livestock Market

TS officers regularly visit livestock market to ensure that the laws around the transport of livestock and disease control are being met.

		<p><u>Real Deal Scheme</u></p> <p>Two markets in the Cotswolds have now signed up to the Real Deal scheme. The Real Deal Scheme is a national campaign to prevent shoppers from being misled into buying fake designer goods and other illicit items.</p>
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Priority 4-Antisocial behaviours
Why is this a priority?

ASB is quality of life issue which can if not dealt with properly have significant detrimental impact on people lives, many victims are vulnerable through age, MH or learning difficulties. New PCC Chris Nelson pledges to reduce ASB by 50%. What further support can the PCC provide the CSP to tackle this issue?

Inputs (What do we need/invest in)	Outputs - Activity/Action	Progress Update/Delivered Activities
<p>OPCC survey to be launched to understand ASB perception vs experience at district level; Cotswold Water Park Project (owned by CDC but delivered in partnership with external stakeholders; Police resources; CDC Community Wellbeing Team: asset based community development approaches to create resilient, well-connected communities; ERS: Clean and Green programme and seed funding for communities; Young Gloucestershire/Cotswold Youth Network engagement with young people.</p>	<p>ASB can and should be dealt with as a partnership approach. Local authorities have statutory duty to reduce and tackle ASB. Police have role but cannot deal with this on their own. Police interventions include: early intervention work (e.g. Intensive Engagement), dedicated patrolling, Problem Orientated Policing (POP Plan). Partners can use ASB legislation which includes Injunctions, Community Protection Notices, and acceptable Behavioural Contracts.</p> <p>Community-led initiatives through 'Clean & Green' Programme and Community Building to create more resilient and connected communities.</p> <p>Re-establish attendance to North and South Cotswold meetings attended by other agencies on a regular basis.</p>	<p>There are currently 5 POP Plans (Problem Orientated Policing) responding to local ASB concerns, examples include ASB in BOTW, Drug taking in Abbey Grounds Cirencester.</p> <p>Partnership working at Cotswolds Water Park. A report that was submitted to CDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21st June 22 gives an overview of the projects achievements to date. https://meetings.cotswold.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1165&MId=1962&Ver=4</p> <p>Regular patrolling, work with community groups and schools educating local young people on the risks of ASB etc. NPT have obtained warrants, ASB injunctions and CBO's for prolific offenders.</p> <p>Solace In April 2010, Gloucester City Council (GCC) in partnership with Gloucester City Homes and Gloucestershire Constabulary created Project Solace to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) where it fell outside of social landlords' housing management functions and existed within private tenancies, owner-occupied properties and public places. On 11th April 2017, Cheltenham Borough Council's Cabinet recommended the implementation of Solace in Cheltenham because of the benefits of expanding the existing partnership to include Cheltenham. Gloucestershire bid successfully for Safer Streets SSF4 funding to enable the rural districts to join Solace on a 12 month pilot. The funding enables employing a 12 month Solace Team Leader as well as costs for the hub case management system. Cotswold District Council has agreed to join Solace to better tackle antisocial behaviour, and the Environmental Health Team will be appointing a caseworker to support this initiative.</p> <p>The aim of the Project Solace team is to reduce repeat incidents and victims of anti-social behaviour by providing a consistent partnership approach between the Constabulary, District Councils and GCC to tackling anti-social behaviour.</p>

<p>COVID Compliance work (CDC)– Admin support & Covid Project Officers Hospitality and Events</p> <p>Officer work with event organisers to ensure adequate Covid risk assessments in place.</p> <p>COMF Funding (spending currently being determined)</p> <p>Early Help team</p> <p>Bromford Housing neighbourhood Coaches</p>	<p>Young Gloucestershire street-based youth work & Initiatives through Cotswold Youth Network.</p> <p>Cotswold Water Park-Project</p> <p>Measures to improve safety within the visitor economy (Covid project officer)</p> <p>Work with event organisers to ensure adequate Covid risk assessments in place –Hospitality and Events Officer</p> <p>Early Help Team to offer interventions in partnership with ERS and Bromford Housing where appropriate</p> <p>Neighbourhood Coaches early intervention and mediation work</p>	<p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce repeat victims of ASB • Provide an holistic approach to resolving ASB • Increase public confidence • Provide sustainable long-term solutions to resolving ASB. <p><i>Five key priorities:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti-social behaviour assessed as high risk to the victim and/or having a high impact upon the community 2. Partnership priorities as agreed between Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucester City Council and Cheltenham Borough Council, which require a multi-agency response 3. Support for cases where urgent civil action is required (e.g. closure orders) 4. Anti-social behaviour assessed as medium risk that would; Benefit from a multi-agency response, and/or has a significant potential to escalate 5. Support for all other cases where civil enforcement action is being considered (e.g. criminal behaviour orders and civil injunction) <p>The pilot will start in September 22</p> <p>ASB Training</p> <p>As part of a successful Safer Streets bid to the Home Office the OPCC has funding to run ASB training sessions for multi-agency officers in each of Gloucestershire's six districts. From feedback from specific working groups that developed the bid, it was identified that initiatives to address consistency in approaches to tackle ASB would be beneficial for the county.</p> <p>At 51 incidents per 1000 population, Gloucestershire has higher rates of ASB than both the most similar group (MSG) of forces and the England and Wales (E&W) average.</p> <p>The aim is to provide training for frontline workers from Local Authorities, the Constabulary, Social Landlords, voluntary and community groups, Councillors, the local Fire and Rescue Service and others.</p>
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		<p>As legislation lifted there was no longer a need for this role and event organisers were no longer required to consider Covid as a specific risk in their planning of events. The CSO's have continued to attend events considering general public safety issues.</p> <p>The Hospitality and Events Officer was funded with Covid grant funds and as the need for this role ceased the role was disbanded in March 2022. The safety of events continues to be considered as business as usual by the Safety Advisory Group which is a group of different authorities including the police, district council, ambulance service, fire authority and others who work across the county.</p> <p><i>Anti-social Behaviour; Clean and Green and Enviro-crime</i></p> <p>The Environmental Health Team at Cotswold has dealt with 40 complaints of anti-social behaviour and a further 229 complaints of nuisance, which by definition contain elements of anti-social behaviour. Their work on fly-tipping has resulted in 11 FPNs being served and 25 duty of care inspection initiatives.</p> <p>The Clean and Green initiative commenced during this reporting period and two quarterly reports have been released summarising their initiatives and successes. Their work focusses on the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish new networks to promote community Clean and Green initiatives • Establish regular engagement with ward councillors • Create and run school base initiatives/educational visits • Develop community based Clean and Green projects (litter picks) • Working with the Police and other agencies on community engagement initiatives • Publish on social media/clean and green promotional work <p>In particular, their work has improved partnership working with Gloucestershire Police and the team have accompanied them on patrols and community initiatives. A lot of school-based work has taken place, for example a wildflower planting schemes is underway in an area associated with anti-social behaviour, to be maintained by the schools to improve the character of the area. Over 20 community based litter picks have been attended and more have been facilitated by the team over the two quarters. Other examples of their varied work include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Graffiti in Chesterton • Working in Tetbury over pavement obstruction from Bins
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and distributed anti-littering signage as requested by the Police in time for the annual Lechlade festival, • Resolving the issue of human waste in a Lechlade lay-by • Working with the Cotswold Water Parks (CWP) team and the Lakes trust, they are undertaking regular patrols of the areas within the CWP that have the highest levels of ASB (e.g. littering and swimming without permission). They are also recording the data which can be used to help tackle the issues alongside this and they are creating a questionnaire aimed at the tourists about levels of ASB in the CWP and what measures are appropriate to take to prevent it. <p>Bromford Housing (BH)</p> <p><i>Please note that BH systems had to shut down in the summer due to an (unsuccessful) cyber threat which although did not result in any data being compromised, has caused immense problems. Therefore BH was not able to access data relevant for this report. The below 'case studies' have been submitted instead to showcase some of the work that BH has been involved in.</i></p> <p>Resolved an issue with an illegal sublet where the person who signed up had rented the property to someone else. Had reports of low level nuisance and ASB from neighbours. Upon investigating these, they had to do some partnership work with social services as it was found a young person there who was known to them and who's 'responsible adult' had told Social Services he was the tenant. BH made sure they were dealt with appropriately whilst dealing with the issue of the illegal occupancy of the flat.</p> <p>BH met with local agencies including the Police and Youth workers after a group of young people had been getting involved in ASB in Cirencester and committing some serious offenses. Once identified where they lived and realised they were in Bromford homes, they implemented own procedures to support the actions of the wider partnership. This means that parents are being held responsible for the behaviour of their children and able to support those who are struggling to manage them.</p> <p>Some great results working with the Clean and Green team to prosecute some of our customers in the Cotswold's for fly-tipping in communal gardens. One customer in Siddington received a hefty fine from them for not complying with requests to clean up their rubbish. Have also had great results when working in partnership with them on dog fouling in communal areas. Suddenly customers understand there are</p>
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		consequences to not taking the initial advice and guidance from their Neighbourhood Coach. Great partnership work!
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Priority 5- Community Engagement/Involvement
Why is this a priority?

Connected, resilient and well-informed communities are safer communities and increase general health and wellbeing. Involving communities in local issues to raise awareness and increase community-led initiatives is key to sustainable change. Law enforcement by the police alone won't achieve behavioural change and increase in community safety. A whole systems approach that focusses on prevention is key to keep crime & disorder levels in the district low and to apply police resources where it is most needed. Inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe communities are those that are functioning well economically (promoting inclusive growth), mentally, physically and socially.

Inputs (What do we need/invest in)	Outputs - Activity/Action	Progress Update/Delivered Activities				
CDC Community Builders and 'Clean and Green' Programme; CSP Sub Group	<p>Strong networks of support, connections across and between communities, and empowering people in communities to support each other and to take collective action.</p> <p>CSP Sub group to plan and implement engagement events/activities across the district.</p> <p>Link with Neighbourhood Watch Teams and encourage new schemes. Grow neighbourhood watch schemes to 30% (22% in 2021) in two years until 2023.</p>	<p>Police undertook two separate days of community building. Various partners were invited. Both were held at Cirencester Football club in November 2021.</p> <p>The events were about shared experiences, how we can work better together.</p> <p>In January 2022, the police attended a CDC Full Council meeting alongside the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator to raise awareness about neighbourhood Watch and Community Alerts.</p> <p>A CSP sub group has been formed and met twice to plan engagement activities. It was agreed that members of the CSP will regularly attend police mobile station events to inform the public about the CSP and its activities. The group has also engaged with Cirencester and Stow Market organisers and got permission to attend both markets.</p> <p>The sub group is planning to develop a webpage on the CDC Website as well as an information leaflet in early 2023.</p> <p>The police has undertaken regular community engagement activities NEV/CEV (Neighbourhood and Community Engagement Vehicles) visits across Stroud & Cotswold. The table below shows a summary for the year 2022 up to August.</p> <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>LPA visits (total no of visitors per LPA)</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Month	LPA visits (total no of visitors per LPA)		
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				Cotswold & Stroud	
			Jan	114	
			Feb	118	
			Mar	190	
			Apr	119	
			May	216	
			June	54	
			July	329	
			Aug	194	
			Total	1,334	

Priority 6-Supporting Young people

Why is this a priority?

Meaningful and positive engagement with and support for young people is key to prevent adverse effects on their development as well as to prevent involvement in crime/substance misuse/ASB. Most activities/provision for young people has stopped due to COVID19 and many youth providers and clubs have folded. COVID19 and lockdowns is having a number of adverse effects on young people with an increase in MH problems being prevalent across the country. In addition youth employment has risen due to the pandemic. 536,000 young people aged 16-24 in UK were unemployed in January-March 2021, a decrease of 53,000 from the previous quarter but an increase of 13,000 from the year before. The number of young people in employment fell by 26,000 since the previous quarter and fell by 310,000 from the previous year to 3.48 million. The number who are economically inactive (not in or looking for work) increased by 70,000 from the previous quarter and increased by 259,000 from the previous year to 2.82 million.(House of Commons Library- Youth unemployment statistics). Social isolation in young people is often associated with living in rural communities.

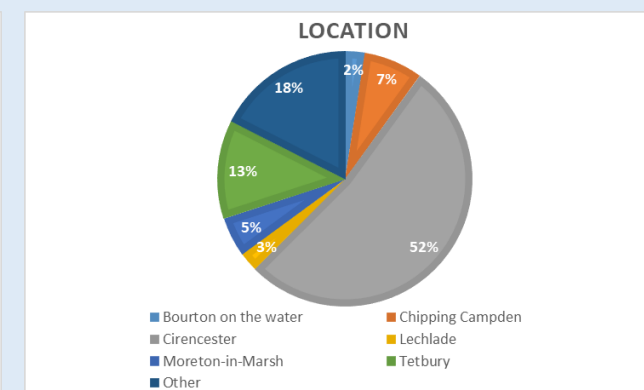
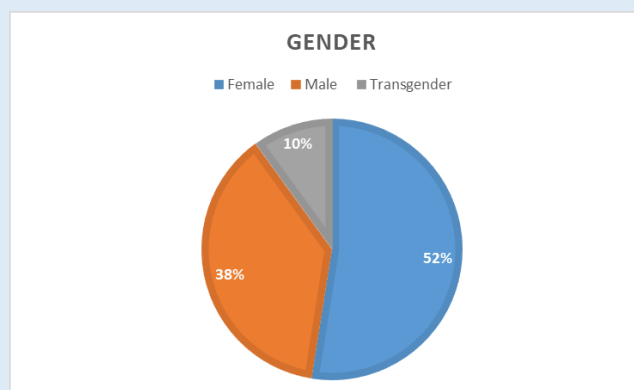
Inputs (What do we need/invest in)	Outputs - Activity/Action	Progress Update/Delivered Activities
<p>Young Gloucestershire (YG) Street based Youth work and 'Cotswold Let's chat' (MH support for young people in partnership with local and county MH support services- mainly externally funded (GCC/NHS).</p> <p>YG is launching a Youth Active Citizens Fund that is purely for young people to design, run and apply for funding. The purpose of this fund is to ensure that young people can create opportunities for them and other young people in their communities.</p>	<p>'Cotswold Let's Chat' Project;</p> <p>Youth Active Citizens Fund;</p> <p>'Cotswold Youth Roadshow', other similar youth engagement activities planned in partnership and reliant on external funding (tbc)</p> <p>Development of DWP funded and CDC-led Cotswold 'New Start Network' to support young people holistically with the aim to increase skills, confidence and to secure employment.</p>	<p>Cotswold Youth Network (CYN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five thousand pounds have been awarded to eight youth- led projects. (Projects supported include trips to South Cerney Water park with Stow Youth Club & Stow Active Sports, Decimal Skate store to run youth skate events and training workshops, Impact Youth Centre received funding for art materials for a visual arts projects focusing on LGBTQ + issues and sports equipment. Northleach Town Council for putting up football goals and for a community activity chest that young people can use. Tetbury Area youth & Community Trust for equipment to run outdoor sports and play sessions. Cotswold Forest School to help with the development of a nature reserve and Fairford Youth Club for new equipment.) Seven young leaders have been trained up to support the delivery of youth sessions where their clubs operate. Four mentoring programmes (six weeks) for children & young people at risk of exclusion Holiday Activity Programmes in half terms of October 21, Spring 22 & Autumn 22 engaging over seven hundred young people - activities included circus workshops, wild play festival, rally driving, archery, forest school, holiday and camps and bush craft sessions and more.

<p>Cotswold Youth Network-, direct engagement/training education (community capacity building),</p> <p>CDC-Community Building,</p> <p>DWP funding</p>	<p>Produce a support flyer (QR Code) or a central place that young people could access that shows information for support that is available in the District/County.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Supported fifty-one individuals involved in supporting young people through information, advice and guidance and networking opportunities – Quarterly Cotswold Youth Network Meetings & Quarterly Newsletters – Seven members of the CYN have received business coaching and support to help build the capacity of their organisations – Two First Aid training sessions held for Youth & Community groups & two Youth & Play Volunteer training sessions <p>Cotswold Chat – Young Gloucestershire (Reporting period April 21 – April 22) <i>This programme has been initiated by Young Glos in partnership with CDC and is being funded through various funding streams incl. Crowdfund Cotswold, GCC, NHS Charities 2gether</i></p> <p>The Cotswold Chat programme is the first of its kind. The support is offered both virtually and in person, the case load demographic is aged from 11 years to 25, and all participants must live in the Cotswold district of Gloucestershire.</p> <p>The criteria for the programme is for the young people to be struggling with their mental health, have issues around schooling/attendance, need support with how to manage their emotions or if they are ready to seek support for a trauma they have experienced.</p> <p>This support is provided by a youth worker, meaning they provide practical and structured support, as well as a non-judgemental ear. The youth worker has a case load between 20-25, depending on their needs and the amount of time dedicated to each person</p> <p>Over the past eight months, the programme has supported a total of 42 young people (56 people supported as of July 22). The statistics show that just 22 per cent of all the young people that have engaged, left the service because they weren't ready to receive the support. The remaining 78 per cent left the programme because they had improved and no longer needed youth worker intervention.</p> <p>Since generating a case load, engagement has remained steady and consistent. Over the past two months we have had to create a waiting list which currently has 10 young people on it. We anticipate people to wait no longer than six weeks before starting the programme. Each person on the waiting list is contacted monthly and reassured that the support is pending.</p>
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Currently, the youth worker managing the project has a case load of 20. Seven of these young people are seen in person, either in their school or whilst enjoying a walk or a drink in a cafe, the remaining receive their support over the phone, text or video call.

Since the sessions began, there have been over 180 appointments and 72 have been missed or cancelled. The needs of the young people on the service are varied. A small percentage use the time with the youth worker as a safe space to talk about their week and some of their daily struggles, whilst others have used it to receive practical solutions with how to move forward.

The Cotswold Chat programme has supported all genders, though the majority of young people on the service have identified as female.

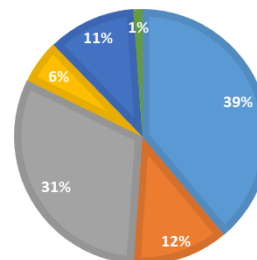


Young people aged 11-25 are able to get support on the Cotswold Chat programme. Over the past 12 months, the vast majority have been aged 14-17.

The majority of the support that has been needed by young people are for their mental health. However, a lot of the young people have also needed practical support with their relationships and the behaviour.

SUPPORT

■ Mental health ■ Behavioural difficulties ■ Relationship/social
 ■ NEET ■ School attendance ■ Criminal Justice



The Cotswold Chat programme has gone from strength to strength over the past 12 months, with referrals coming from education providers, social care, the NHS and other mental health programmes such as Teens in Crisis (TiC).

It is foreseen that the programme will continue to grow and has led to Young Gloucestershire adapting how it offers support across the county. Other district specific programmes are now in the process of being launched due to the success of Cotswold Chat.

Cotswold New Start Project (CDC)

This project was funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and launched in October 2021. The aim was to support young people between the ages of 16 -25 who are not currently involved in education, employment or training and to provide holistic and personalised support tailored to the individual needs of the young person.

The project received over 40 referrals from the Job Centres albeit initial low engagement from Job Centres in Cirencester and Cheltenham. Project Youth Workers visited both Job Centres to build relationships with Work Coaches and to meet young people initially. The project has supported over 20 young people, has hosted two job fairs and two work clubs.

The project was funded for 18 months (with no further funding) but had to close down early after 10 months due to staffing issues.

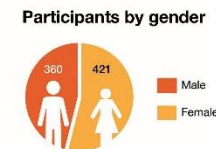
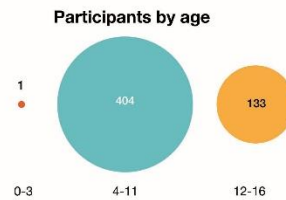
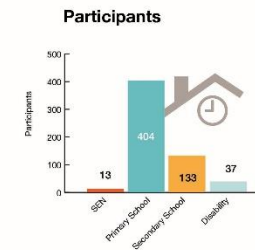
		<p>The need for this type of project that had been identified in 2020 has triggered similar projects to be funded by the DWP, also youth unemployment has decreased since then which means that no gap in support has been left.</p> <p>Community Building – CDC Community Wellbeing Team</p> <p>A series of engagement activities have been undertaken in Northleach including speaking to local people in the Town as well as visiting both the Primary and Secondary School to ask young people what they like about the area and what they would like to see happening. The most common answer was to see more outdoor/sports activities being offered locally. In response to that an application was made to the Youth Network's Young People Fund to pay for new football goals as well as a new 'Activity Chest' which was launched with a Family Sports Picnic in the summer. The Activity Chest holds different sports and play equipment and has a QR code to give feedback and share ideas for additional equipment. The Chest will be looked after the local community. There are currently plans to use the Church's table tennis table for free sessions for families during the summer holidays.</p> <p>Holiday Activity and Food Programme-HAF (World Jungle/CDC Community Wellbeing Team)</p> <p>The HAF programme has been delivered by CDC in Partnership with World Jungle for Easter/Summer/Christmas 2021 as well as Easter 22. Gloucestershire County Council had oversight of the programme for the whole county and has established a new team to deliver this programme in partnership with local delivery organisations in each district. The programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and will continue until 2025. GCC has gone out for tender for each locality and World Jungle will deliver this programme in partnership with CD over the next three years.</p> <p>Below are reports for Summer /Christmas 21 (provided by GCC) as well as Easter 22. The report format of the Easter 22 report will continue for the future HAF's.</p>
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HAF Project Cotswolds Summary [2/8/21-31/8/21]


540
Total participants
attended


862
Sessions
booked


332
Food boxes



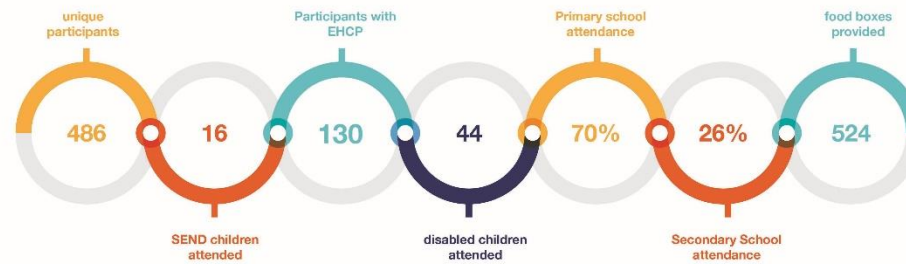
**Participants eligible
for Free School Meals**


50%

**Participants
with EHCP**


16%

Children & Families Commissioning Hub
Cotswold Winter Stream HAF/COMF Report 2021/2



A total of **790** sessions over the winter period

84% of all participants were eligible for free school meals

3 volunteers gave **240 hours** of their time to help run sessions

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Cotswold District - Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Easter 2022



Feedback from Parents:

"It was a really fantastic offer and it absolutely made our Easter holidays. Thank you so much to everyone who helps make it happen."

"Thank you so much for today my son loved it . . . coming 1st and getting a cap really made his afternoon. Thank you so much."

