

ANNEX B: CSP Updates & Achievements 2022-23

The following CSP Action Plan updates mainly refer to the period of July 2022 to June 2023.

Priority 1: Safe and Social Roads

Actions:

- Regular speeding checks, mobile speed vans. Engagement with Town and Parish Councils on introduction of ANPR cameras and development of other local solutions such as local volunteer Speed watch groups. Identification of local hotspots.
- Support OPCC-led initiatives (tbc).
- Social media campaigns.
- Provide TPC's/communities with toolkits with information about measures they can take themselves to improve road safety locally.

Updates:

Active Community Speedwatch Groups in Cotswold District

Stow, Northleach, Chipping Campden, Mickleton, Swell, Bleddington, Moreton, Bourton-on the-Hill, Blockley, Lt & Gt Barrington, Andoversford, Longborough, Coln St Aldwyn, Bourton-on-the-Water, Southrop, North Cerney, Tetbury, Daglingworth, Maisey Hampton, Didmarton, Lechlade, Poulton, Kemble & Ewen, Whelford, Barnsley, Coates.

Neighbourhood staff are encouraged to promote this as a positive way of local residents engaging with the Police to try and deal with speeding and driver behaviour issues in their areas.

Community Cameras

At present a policy is in the process of being prepared in order for the Constabulary to deal with data from automated speed monitoring devices. A trial is underway to establish a method of dealing with the larger quantities of data that the devices generate and how to progress and use the data and to add an additional tool to the armoury to deal with speeding issues.

The following have applied for funding for cameras: Stow, Chipping Campden, Mickleton, well, Bourton on Hill, Barringtons, Coln St Alwyn, Bourton, Weston sub-Edge, Willersey, Little Rissington, Southrop, Quenington, Lechlade, S Cerney, Kemble & Ewen, Whelford, Kempford, Fairford, Somerford Keynes and Long Newnton.

Speed Survey Activity

During 2022 there have been 8 speed surveys carried out at various locations around the District. These are covert survey boxes that record traffic volume, speeds, directions and vehicle types at a location for a period of not less than 7 days. These surveys provide valuable data from which detailed reports are produced and are a useful tool in identifying speeding issues. This data is also used to direct, where required, our Enforcement Team.

Camera Enforcement Sites

At present there are 48 active Camera van sites in the Cotswold District.

There are also a further 41 active hand-held Camera sites.

There are plans to expand this number to include additional areas of local concern or where speed related collisions are prominent.

Camera Enforcement Activity 2022

The Camera Enforcement Team consists of 5 active Police Staff with access to 4 fully equipped Camera vans and three Trucam 2 hand-held speed camera devices. The Team operates in urban and rural areas with the capacity to target areas of concern and repeat offenders.

Below is a table showing the number of visits made to established sites by the Camera Enforcement Team in support of the Cotswold District and CSW Groups. It also contains the number of offences detected and includes speed, mobile telephone, seat belt, index plates and other (Driving without Due Care and Attention, Dangerous Driving, Tailgating).

Month	Visits	Speed offences	Seat belt	Mobile telephone	Index plate	Other
Jan	58	1332	32	3	0	0
Feb	22	451	31	3	0	0
Mar	35	783	41	0	1	0
Apr	23	483	39	1	0	2
May	65	1157	34	2	1	0
June	50	807	31	2	0	0
July	37	432	47	5	0	0
Aug	34	487	27	3	0	0
Sept	31	623	13	1	0	0
Oct	37	975	59	8	0	1
Nov	47	1131	42	13	0	0
Dec	12	188	0	0	0	0
Total	451	8417	406	41	2	3

Community Approaches to Road Safety (CARS)

In September 2022, GRCC launched their updated CARS toolkit.

The toolkit is aimed at providing communities with a practical resource to help improve road safety in their area. The toolkit was originally developed by GRCC in partnership with communities, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and may also provide communities with ideas to submit to the County's new Community Speed Watch Fund. <https://www.grcc.org.uk/downloads/cars/cars-10-08-2023-final.pdf>

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Priority 2: Domestic Abuse

Actions:

- Grow Domestic Abuse (DA) Champions network.
- Develop and produce a bespoke champion training package for the Hair and Beauty industry.
- Develop training video to support teachers in partnership with GDASS.
- Strengthened links with the farming community via RAU, NFU & Young Farmers association.
- Possible training opportunities for Primary Schools

Updates:

Rural Domestic Abuse (DA) Champions network

The Cotswold DA Network has paused its activities due to limited resources. Therefore, the training package for the hair and beauty industry, training video for teachers and strengthened links with the farming community could not be realised. This may be looked at going forward.

Conversations have been held with the three other rural districts about a joint rural DA network. All districts have agreed to work in partnership and to fund a Network Coordinator post for two years at Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Services (GDASS). This service has been commissioned by all four districts with CDC being the lead organisation. The post has been advertised and it is hoped to be filled by September 2023.

GDASS Cotswold Referral Data

The vast majority of referrals to the Helpdesk and IDVA team are made by the Police. Whilst overall referrals remain the same across both years, the introduction of the GDASS Rural Champion Coordinator in 23/24 will support earlier identification and pathways in to the service via other agencies.

	Helpdesk	IDVA	Court IDVA	Mental Health IDVA	Response IDVA	Health IDVA	Target Hardening
07/21 – 06/22	560	106	30	5	9	14	16
07/22 – 06/23	581	80	29	9	7	6	28

Early Intervention and Prevention

Green Square Accord with the support from GDASS have offered face to face 'Working with Domestic Abuse: Awareness and Assessing Risk' training at a variety of locations in the Cotswolds. The GDASS training and prevention coordinator has supported delivery of this training to 49 professionals working in the Cotswolds, who may encounter victims of domestic abuse as part of their role.

In Previous years, the GP Development team have supported Primary Care professionals with training and implementation of Health Champions. There are currently 8 Domestic Abuse Champions working across a variety of Health Settings within the Cotswolds.

Priority 3: Crimes of local concern

Actions:

- Police pro-actively target known and outstanding offenders. Local NH policing teams conduct follow up visits. Partners and local elected officials to support.
- Continue to explore 'Crime Reduction Partnership' (similar to 'City Safe' in Gloucester/Stroud) in collaboration with OPCC. Working together with businesses involved in the daytime and night-time economies and other stakeholders.
- Develop crime prevention toolkit for communities.
- Increased messaging around local crime levels and the work of police and partners to give reassurance.
- Encourage sign up to Community Alerts.

Updates:

Trading Standards (TS) - Work done to protect business and consumers in the Cotswolds.

E-Cigarettes

Have seen an upturn in complaints and intelligence received about people under the age of 18 buying nicotine containing e-cigarettes. This continues to be a matter of concern locally and nationally. Exercises were undertaken County wide last year. This was a covert operation using young people as volunteer test purchasers. This included 10 visits across the Cotswolds, with no local failures. A follow up survey will be conducted later this year including the Cotswolds to ensure compliance.

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 July 2022 to 01 July 2023 for the call blockers the CSP provided are below. Last year all 5 were being used, but due to customers moving to assisted living or passing away there is now only one being used.

Calls Received	Calls blocked which were Scam /nuisance
1171	999 (85%)

Food Work and food allergens

TS have visited high risk food premises 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.

Trading Standards also conducted a survey regarding descriptions around species of food being served. This included cod in fish and chips shops, lamb kebabs and lamb curries. This was to ensure that no cheaper products were being sold as more expensive products.

Trading Standards also conducted a survey to test that where a consumer told the takeaway that they had a peanut allergy and the takeaway said that the curry was safe to eat, that this was in fact the case. All the samples tested were satisfactory.

TS 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.

Crime stats and detection rates 1st June 2022 to 1st June 2023

The Police force has changed the way they record crime since last year, which has seen an improvement in recording crime. Therefore, a comparison of crime rates with previous years would not present an accurate picture. This also means that a comparison in total numbers is not relevant and that detection rates are more representative:

- Burglary dwelling 266 in year. Detections up by 40% to previous year.
- Burglary commercial premises 212 in year. Detections up 4.3% to previous year
- Robbery of persons 14 in a year. Detections down by 28% to previous year.
- Theft from a vehicle 220 in the year. Detections up 1% to previous year.
- Make off with payment (drive off from petrol station)79 in a year. Detections up by 133%
- Assault (with injury) 401 in a year. Detections up 59% to previous year.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Cotswold currently has 276 NHW schemes and 26 empty schemes.

The empty schemes are created where a Coordinator removes themselves from the Alerts system without informing their Neighbourhood Watch Officer.

Last year we had 273 schemes with 13 being empty schemes.

This means that in total we have got 250 active schemes this year compared to 260 active schemes the previous year.

Priority 4: Antisocial behaviours (ASB)

Actions:

- 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.
- Community-led initiatives through 'Clean & Green' Programme and Community Building to create more resilient and connected communities.
- Re-establish attendance to North and South Cotswold meetings attended by other agencies on a regular basis.
- Cotswold Water Park-Project
- Early Help Team to offer interventions in partnership with ERS and Bromford Housing where appropriate.
- Neighbourhood Coaches early intervention and mediation work.

Updates:

Environmental protection

Clean & Green

The Clean and Green initiative was fully underway during the period of 07.22-06.23. There have been 4 quarterly reports released summarising their initiatives and successes. Their work focuses on the following

- 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.

In particular, their work has improved partnership working with Gloucestershire Police and the team have accompanied them on patrols and community initiatives. They have visited approximately 30 schools in their time, this has included undertaking litter picks and engaging the schools with the wider community. They have helped to educate the children on low level ASB and how the children can help to prevent it. On the back of this over 50 community-based litter picks have been attended and more have been facilitated by the team over the period. Other examples of their varied work include:

- Regular joint patrols with the police and other partner agencies.
- Funded projects including encouraging the schools to set up an official 'litter picking/ eco club' and provided the equipment and advice on locations and safety.
- Wildflower planting schemes in areas associated with anti-social behaviour, to be maintained by the schools to improve the character of the area. They have also funded parishes using resident volunteers to update and refresh their community planters. This has helped to reduce speeding and promote community involvement an example being Mickleton parish.
- Creating literature and information to distribute across the district to reduce littering, dog fouling and fly tipping.
- Attending talks and community events educating the public on correct waste disposal and also litter picking initiatives.
- Facilitating community gardens and advising on how to carry out the work (advice on species to plant and also risk assessment creation).
- Attending site visits with employees from Bromford housing to advise the customers on what is categorised as ASB, this is to try and prevent residents fly tipping/ abandoning cars.
- Worked closely with parishes to set up Dog Fouling Bag Dispensers, these have been distributed in Fairford, Lechlade, Cirencester, Bourton, Chipping Campden and Moreton and they are receiving requests from other parishes who are interested.
- 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. They have also linked up with the Lakes Trust, Cotswold Beach and also some proactive residents to undertake joint patrols and speak to the public. They receive updates from all parties and carry out reactive work when necessary.

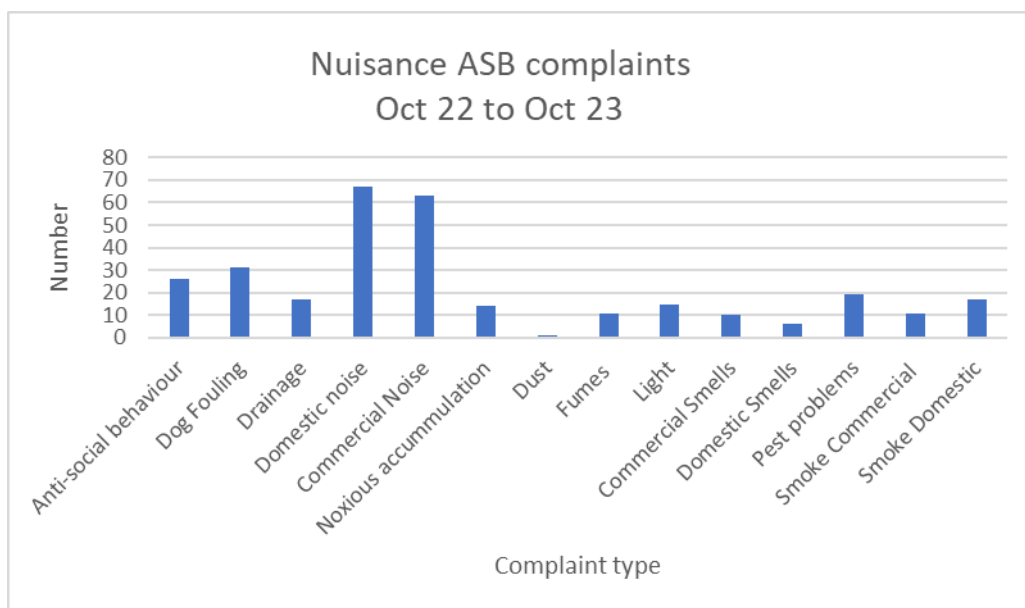
- Creating and facilitating the 'Litter Champion' network, a network of volunteer litter pickers and gifting them with the equipment to become self-sustaining litter pickers. The volunteers regularly send updates of how much they have managed to pick/ interesting things they have found. This has promoted individual responsibility on taking care of local areas and encouraging a cleaner, safer and more connected district.

The Clean & Green programme is due to be closed in autumn 2023. A large number of activities will be merged into BAU across service areas at Cotswold District Council.

Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour

The Council receives many complaints about nuisances (noise, smells, smoke, light, insects, condition of premises etc). In total 308 service requests were made of this nature over the last 12 months. These are broken down as follows:

Nuisance	Number
Anti-social behaviour	26
Dog Fouling	31
Drainage	17
Domestic noise	67
Commercial Noise	63
Noxious accummulation	14
Dust	1
Fumes	11
Light	15
Commercial Smells	10
Domestic Smells	6
Pest problems	19
Smoke Commercial	11
Smoke Domestic	17
Total	308



Enviro Crime

As well as the fixed penalties notice served on offenders, the team secured a prosecution for Fly-tipping and a fine of over £1600 was issued by the Court. This last year has seen the purchase of surveillance equipment which has been placed in problem hotspot locations with some success in identifying the perpetrators of fly-tipping. One matter is listed at court in November. Another which relates to multiple charges of Fly Tipping and associated offences has received authority to prosecute.

Project Solace

Cotswold District Council is taking part in a 12-month pilot led by Gloucestershire Police called Project Solace. The scheme is a partnership between the Police, Gloucestershire County Council and the Gloucestershire Councils to deal with high level anti-social behaviour. Case workers from each body are appointed and Daniel Smith from the Environmental Protection team is the caseworker for Cotswold District. The CSP has partly funded his work and he is able to allocate between one and two days a week to this project.

Example of the partnership work involving Daniel include -

- A case review involving harassment and risks to local residents. 3 other case reviews are in progress.
- A Partial Closure Order, in Cirencester and support given to protect a resident from criminal gangs dealing in drugs and abusing the home of the vulnerable occupant.
- A Closure Order involving a vulnerable/criminal resident of Cirencester abusing and/or being used by young criminal gangs for drugs, cash and safe house accommodation. The closure order was to protect all concerned and prevent crime.
- Barrow Wake. A partnership approach with assistance and commitment to enforcement action in relation to ASB offences at this location with surveillance and evidential visits to disrupt undesirable behaviour.
- Preparation of injunctions against persons found to be causing ASB in their community.

Other matters

The project has delivered ASB awareness days and educational activities for participating officers sharing good practice and procedures. This work is resource intensive and high-risk matters are often ongoing. Legal services have been funded by Solace (One Legal) or Police Solicitors, but this will not always be the case especially if we have to obtain injunctions in the future.

The additional benefits of participating in the scheme are the new competences that are gained and shared, with access to persons with skills and knowledge. It provides access to wider intelligence that can assist with other areas of Housing and Environmental Protection work.

Project Solace is funded until the end of March 2024 and conversations between districts and the OPCC are currently taking place about the future of the need and funding of the rural provision beyond the current funding period.

Cotswold Water Park

Below is the list of the deliverables that were identified as part of the project, against each of the 4 Strategic Elements. The narrative next to each deliverable provides a clear indication of what has been achieved to date.

Active and Sustainable Transport

- Delivery and implementation of COMF tranche 1 allocations including surfacing, vegetation improvement, cycle parking and installation of signage for circular routes - *Completed and supported by Comms to highlight improvements made.*

- Working with Sustrans, GCC and Cotswold Lakes Trust to identify a wider programme of improvement, including LCWIP opportunities - *This is taking place and there are good working relations formed as discussions about sustainable transport opportunities continue to develop and progress positively.*
- To secure a resource that can help identify and horizon scan for funding opportunities - *An intern was employed during the summer months, but this was not enough resource to fully explore all potential funding opportunities the project can capitalise from.*
- To set up a Travel Management Group to include residents, communities and local businesses to provide input, engagement and involvement in development and implementation of Travel Plan - *ITP Kemble to Cirencester Public Transport Study final stakeholder meeting took place 4th November 2022. Report to follow and will feed into Cirencester Master Plan.*
- To formulate a Travel Plan for the area - *The final phase of the work has commenced and was due for delivery before Christmas.*
- To undertake a detailed Visitor Survey to ascertain the means by which the Lakes are accessed - *Intern has now finished placement:*
 - *Good results from 2 out of the 3 surveys - good baseline data collection.*
 - *Analysed data and written up.*
 - *Need to interpret into a series of recommendations and actions to follow.*
- Pursuing opportunity to deliver a crossing of the Spine Road at the railway line point, and thus associated with the crossing the aspiration of a reduction in the speed limit -
- *GCC/CDC Councillors got on board with the project and the principle of crossing at this location. However, there was acknowledgement with the current speeds on this road and the need to bring that down under 50mph through the design of the crossing/surrounding area. TRO can then be explored in tandem with this scheme. A scheme that maintained the desired line straight across the road would be preferable if a design solution can be achieved. Options to signalise all arms of the junction (Hills entrance/exit and/or car park entrance) should also be evaluated. Sustrans will undertake a feasibility study of all options. Unfortunately, at the GCC Capital Programme Management Board meeting on January 19th, 2023, they decided not to approve the construction of a signalised crossing on the Spine Road. Firstly, the biggest concern was that the speed reduction measures were felt to not be enough even with speed discrimination to make it safe. The other safety concern was that at some times of the year the crossing will see very limited use and regular drivers on auto pilot would miss it especially as the PV2 figure is on the low side. They did however commit to arranging a formal safety audit on Sustrans's proposals which will identify detailed concerns in conjunction with the police. All remaining options are being reviewed with respect to the funding. GCC contractors have completed a safety audit of the crossing site, but we are waiting for the report w/c 20/2. This should give an idea of the issues we need to resolve if we are going to be able to achieve this crossing. Meeting on site on 17th February 2023 with the Public Right of Way (PROW) team to discuss alternative improvements that could be made with the COMF funding if we can't progress any measures on the crossing. In terms of funding, around £60k will now be re-allocated to deliver the Neigh bridge foot/cycle scheme. This leaves us with about £60k to commit before the end of March – once we have the safety audit report and the PROW meeting, we should be able to decide how best to direct that. Additionally, the £60k that was initially allocated to Neigh Bridge will be put back in our general "pot" and can be used next FY as this is not time-bound in the same way as the COMF fund. (Capital Swap)*

Tackling Wider Issues

- Working closely with the Clean & Green Officers to identify ongoing and outstanding issues which require a wider partnership approach as well as capturing any suggested initiatives and

interventions that may help address and overcome these matters -
4 Examples of positive interventions, to tackle:

- *Increased Dog Fouling around the Water Park - Neigh Bridge especially - Undertook weekly patrols of the Water Park, particularly Neigh Bridge and Lake 86 and the De Vere site to create a presence. Added additional signage around the area with the help of the resident who suggested placement and designs based on the routes dog walkers might take.*
- *Litter, such as BBQs, inflatables etc are left around the Water Park after periods of hot weather - Created a series of Litter Posters targeting a variety of people with different messages about littering, including the fine if caught. Again, this measure was taken with the help of a resident who knew the area better than we did.*
- *Post on CDC social media urging not to use BBQs and leave litter behind at our sites: <https://www.facebook.com/CotswoldDC/posts/pfbid035h97Z4Si8QLVVVP3VEY8B7T9wNi4dPjflWq1dMGdr9sjmfBS29XGGF44epzCLqfBl> Received a lot of engagement (shares, comments etc) due to the photos used showing clear environmental impacts.*
- *Parking up on the grass verges along the spine road and subsequent roads in the area.*
- *Noted that those parking are also responsible for anti-social activities and unauthorised wild swimming.*
- *Engaging with key stakeholders associated with the Lakes area - This is already taking place in terms of BAU activity such as engagement with residents, PCSO, local businesses and the CLT. There has also been some engagement with local schools in order to educate and raise awareness of the significant impacts of visitor behaviour and the effects that this has on the local area and in particular for the natural environment.*
- *Get buy in from Project Partners - articulating their expectation in terms of time, money and project management support, including encouraging businesses in the area actively and financial support for conservation and management activities such work by the Lakes Trust, actively demonstrating their CSR credentials - This is a workstream that is currently taking place and engagement is happening with SJP as well as GFirst LEP(as part of work on Anchor Organisations) in terms of identifying appropriate approaches, toolkits and ambition to look at potential pilot and case study for county (work supports enabling businesses to deliver and demonstrate responsible business credentials).*
 - *Links are also being established with a community wellbeing team to make better connections between businesses and voluntary and community sector organisations.*
- *Set up Task and Finish Group with stakeholders as well as through Partnership working and ensure mechanisms in place to enable monitoring of associated issues - Elements of this are already taking place through BAU discussions and day to day engagements in terms of working towards tackling broader issues in the vicinity and local communities.*
 - *Need to build links to Lakes Trust and connections with businesses in the area. Use residents as a source of on-the-ground updates.*
 - *Seek commitment from Lakes Trust to convene and lead on a community focused liaising meeting to mirror the liaison meeting with operators.*

Communication and Education

- *Working to agree consistent definition/s of the Cotswold Water Park for use in the project (in wider geographical setting) - Internal officer group session and meeting with Lakes Trust to finalise this point. Starting point is that it is a geographical area that happens to have a range of uses which attract a wide range and diverse group of visitors. It means different things to different people so need to establish where consistent understanding is needed or leads to confusion.*
- *Development of an on-going communication strategy to highlight the value of the Water Park and proactively respond to emerging issues through targeted campaigns. Identify key campaigns and align messaging appropriately with the Lakes Trust*

- *Worked with CLT on their 'Respect and Enjoy' campaign - press release, weekly social posts throughout summer.*
- *Helped to promote the online travel consultation - about 100 respondents from our social media.*
- *Promoted sustainable transport with a cycling video in the Water Park*
- *Water Safety comms issued following death at water park.*
- *Clean & Green comms issued around littering.*
- *Review signage at entry points to the water park and propose an improvement programme.*
- *Have investigated signage and branding as part of this piece of work, however, to deliver either is largely out of the scope of the resource and timing available for this project.*
- *Signage and branding remain a topic that could be focussed on in future. To get a coherent approach to branding and signage it would likely need leadership from an organisation/ management group that would have full oversight of the entire area and the influence/ remit/ resource to make wholesale changes across the area.*
- *To tackle either effectively, there would likely need to be further exploration of setting up a new approach to managing the full geographical area of the water park and as part of that explore opportunities for funding and resources.*
- *Both projects will take significant resource and partnership work to address in the likely order of £50k+ depending on the brief.*

Nature

- *Publish and promote CWP Nature Recovery Plan - Completed*
- *Endorsement and Approval of CWP Nature recovery Plan at Cabinet - Completed*
- *Appointment of Assistant Biodiversity Officer P/T (3 days a week) to assist with the work - Recruitment has been completed and an appointment made, with the new officer due to start by the end of April.*
- *To keep abreast of on any changes or developments with regards to climate and ecological emergencies from a local, national and international perspective - Takes place as part of BAU*

Bromford Housing (BH) update

Neighbourhood Coaches continue to work proactively in the community and have been able to link up with key partners when needed.

Recently we have been working in partnership with the Solace project on a complex ASB case involving a Bromford home and a private neighbour. This has enabled us to take a joined-up approach to tackling the issues presented. Our experience of this joint working has been really positive as we have a consistent approach, and everyone concerned understands what the next steps are.

Our Neighbourhood Coaches have attended local CSP events where they have been able to engage with their customers in the community. They have valued the opportunity to engage with all other agencies delivering local services and widen their networks for the benefit of their customers.

Partnership work is continuing on the wider issue of youth ASB in Cirencester and Neighbourhood Coaches have issued sanctions to customers whose young people are involved. The aim is to offer support to families where it is needed but also demonstrate a robust approach with parents who need to take responsibility for the behaviour of their children and the wider impact on the community.

Work with the Clean and Green Team continues to deliver some great results. One of the team joined our Neighbourhood Coach on a joint visit to support a customer with hoarding tenancies to provide additional advice and guidance on dealing with their issues. We have found, working in partnership and doing joint visits has a greater impact for customers and delivers tangible benefits. In this case the customer was given a littler picker and some beige sacks and has really taken the advice onboard. It is always small steps but there is progress.

Priority 5: Community Engagement

Actions/projects:

- Strong networks of support, connections across and between communities, and empowering people in communities to support each other and to take collective action.
- CSP Subgroup to plan and implement engagement events/activities across the district.
- Link with Neighbourhood Watch Teams

Updates:

Trading Standards Community Engagement

Trading Standards do try to engage with the public where resources allow. We visit banks and building societies with a stall to try and educate and warn the community regarding financial fraud and scams. The following engagements have been undertaken in the Cotswolds.

Bank in Cirencester 14/10/2022

Building Society, Tetbury 03/02/2023

Cirencester Family funday, St Michaels Park 31/05/2023

Engagement events

Cotswold CSP has applied for and received £6.8k from the OPCC for community engagement activities. In 2023 the CSP has organised 3 engagement events: Cirencester 31st March, Upper Rissington 29th August and Tetbury 30th August. These events were family events with free activities for children and young people. CSP members like Trading Standards, GDASS, Fire service, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Bromford Housing, Cotswold Friends, The Churn project and others attended and supported the event with valuable information for residents. All events were successful and very well attended and valuable conversations with residents about community safety perceptions were held.

Safer Streets Consultation

The Cotswold CSP has bid for and secured £50k from the Homes Office's Safer Streets Fund round 4. This funding round aimed at reducing violence against women and girls.

As a result, the CSP has launched a public consultation in March 2023 to ask the public about any places in the district that may feel unsafe. The consultation received 104 responses (50 comments and 54 agreements) and 25 specific areas were highlighted. 16 were located in Cirencester, Barrow Wake was put forward 13 times. Other locations include 4 areas in Moreton in Marsh as well as Lechlade, Tetbury and Weston Sub Edge.

We are in the process of shortlisting and visiting the areas. Thereafter, a project plan will be developed setting out the works that can be achieved in the selected areas using the funding as well as a timeline. The CSP has applied for another £45k from the safer Streets Round 5, to transform 3 of the areas that were put forward by the public.

Weston Sub-Edge Parish Council has approached the police and Council separately about a very well developed specific proposal for Weston Sub -Edge to install CCTV cameras in and around the village to make the area safer and to make it a less attractive option for criminals following a rise in thefts and break ins over recent years. The proposal was to install 6 CCTV cameras covering routes and main junctions into Weston, all mounted securely on existing lampposts. Inspector Elson has visited the area and the applicant and thoroughly reviewed the proposal. Overall, he was impressed with their plans and certainly supported the proposals. The CCTV will not only support a vulnerable/isolated village but also surrounding area in the north of the district. As we can use their cameras to investigate potential offences in the surrounding area. The CCTV will certainly support the OPCC policing place

particularly “Creating Safer Communities”. The overall cost of the project was £11,000 of which the Parish Council funded 50% and the CSP agreed to fund the remaining 50%.

Please find below two word clouds that are summarising the areas that have been put forward. One word cloud is taken from those residents that have used the map to highlight an area and the other word cloud is produced from those respondents that haven’t used the map. The other two graphs inform about the reasons why people feel unsafe as well as proposals as to how these areas could be improved.

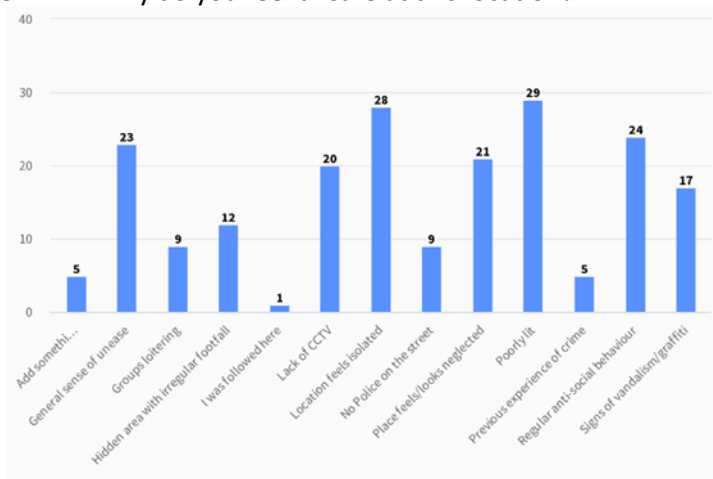
1. Map users



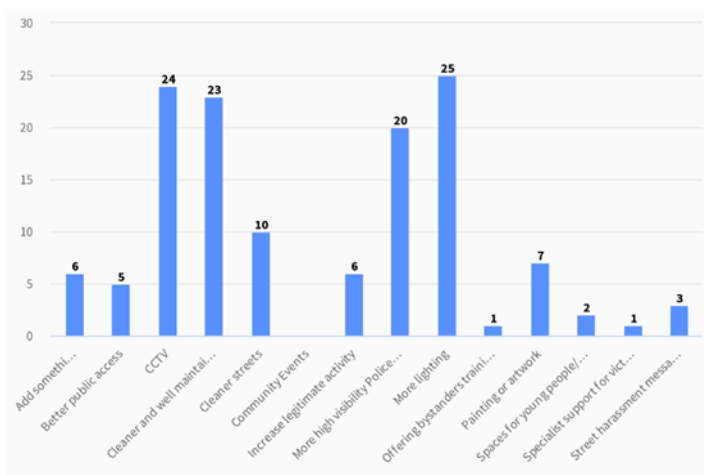
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3. Why do you feel unsafe at this location?



4. How could this location be improved?



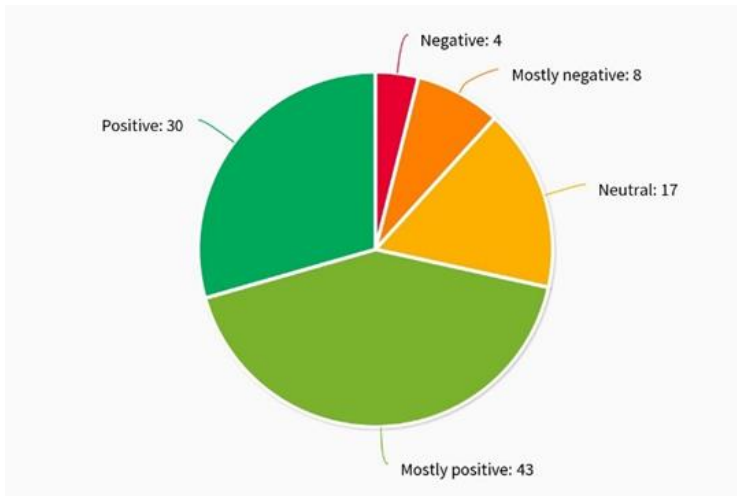
Crime Perception Survey

The CSP has also launched a Crime Perception Survey using the same engagement platform under the Safer Streets Cotswold branding. The three funded engagement events that took place this summer were used to ask people to complete the short survey.

The survey received 115 responses. The main findings are shown below. The data shows, that there is an overall feeling of safety. However, crime as well as ASB is perceived to have increased over the last 3 years.

Please find the main results of the survey below. The majority of people seem to be confident in knowing how to report crime. However, too many residents are not confident, and some are not sure. This is an area that the CSP needs to look into. The contributions were generally rather positive and the majority of residents that have completed the survey are feeling safe in their local areas with low levels of perceived crime and ASB.

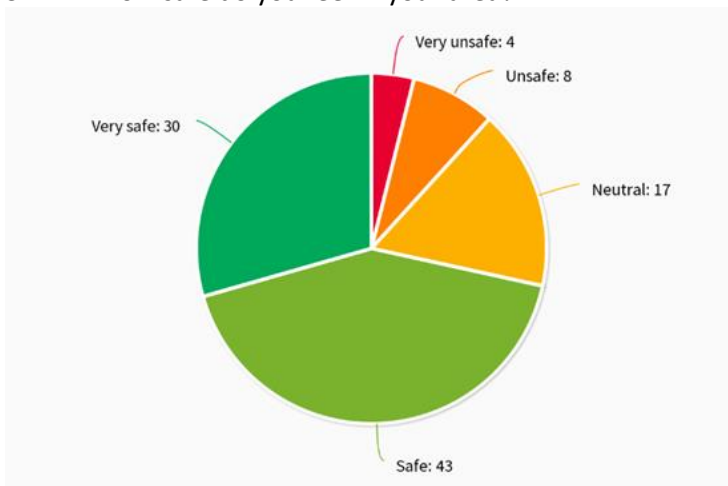
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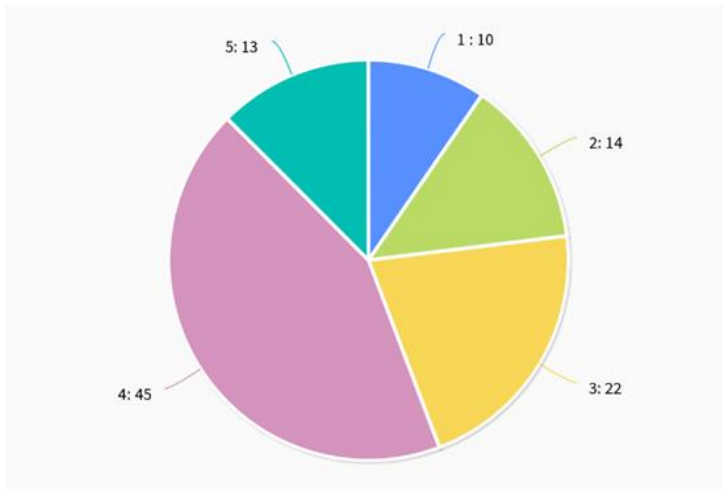
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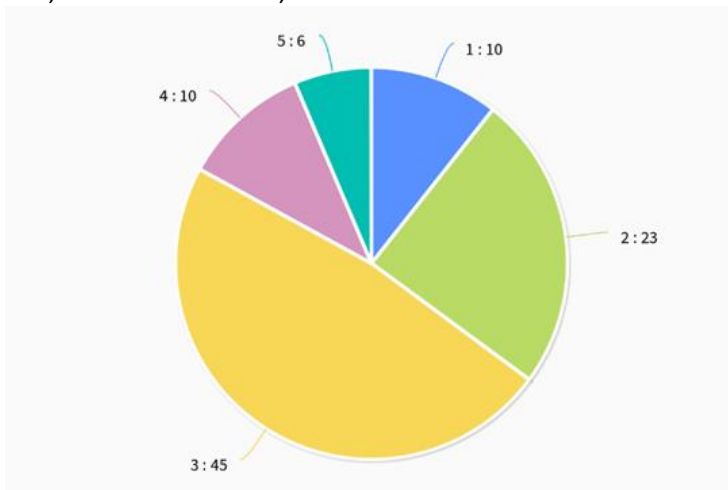
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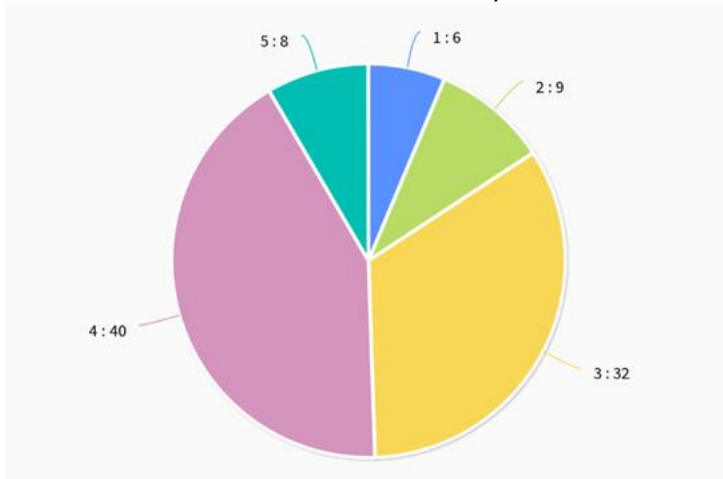
4. How much of an issue is anti-social behaviour (ASB) in your local area? 1 very much, 5 not at all.



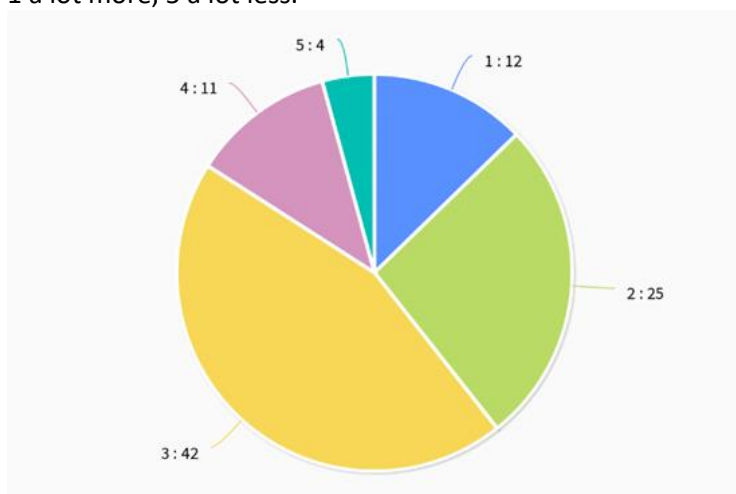
5. Do you think anti-social behaviour in your area has increased or decreased in the last 3 years, if so, how? 1 a lot more, 5 a lot less.



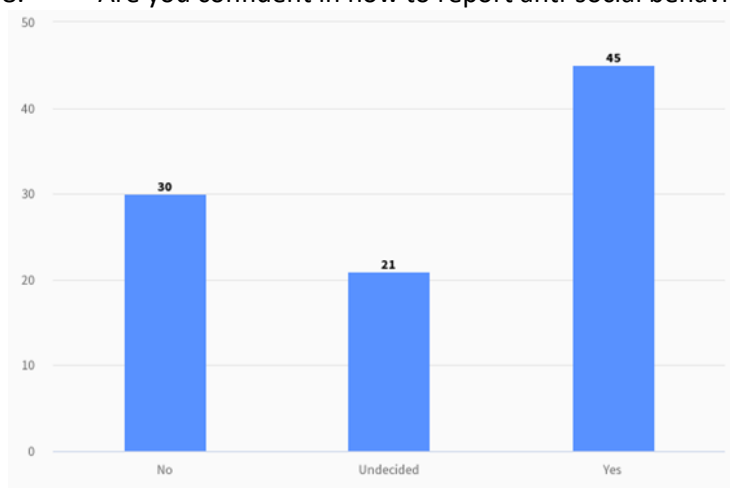
6. How much of an issue is crime in your local area? 1 very much, 5 not at all.



7. Do you think the crime in your area has increased or decreased in the last 3 years, if so, how?
 1 a lot more, 5 a lot less.



8. Are you confident in how to report anti-social behaviour and crime?



9. If you have answered YES to the last question, please let us know how you would report ASB/crime.



Priority 6: Supporting Young People

Actions/projects:

- 'Cotswold Let's Chat' Project-mental health support.
- Youth Active Citizens Fund
- 'Cotswold Youth Roadshow', other similar youth engagement activities planned in partnership and reliant on external funding.
- 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.
- 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.

Updates:

The Cotswold Youth Network (CYN) secured Big Lottery funding in 2020. Some of the achievements in 2022/23 can be found below. The network holds quarterly meetings (face to face / teams) and virtual networking on basecamp (65 members) and distributes quarterly newsletters to its members.

- Seven young people from the Cotswolds will join a county environmental group this summer in a residential to support them to become leaders on environmental issues focusing on potential careers path, rural issues facing the Cotswolds as well as exploring wider climate issues.
- Stow Active (now Cotswolds Active) supported 4 young people to complete the Young Leaders Award between the ages of 11-13. They are also running a Level 2 In community Sports Leaders which 4 young people have completed.
- Active Impact attend and provide strategic input at CYN and other locality meetings to support the embedding of inclusive practice. This included promoting 'You're Welcome Gloucestershire' as a vehicle for sharing key information with disabled young people and their families and working toward organisations completing the Inclusive Award in partnership with CYN and Cotswold District Council.
- Coproduction of a survey and focus group style consultation for disabled children and their parents (those from Paternoster and wider) identifying where they currently enjoying going /visiting, what projects and places they use, what more they feel is needed, what barriers they face. Report
- Delivery of an asset map of what currently exists which will be shared to the 'You're Welcome Glos' project to engage with providers to list their offer on the website.
- Additional Inclusion training – focusing on attitudinal inclusion, practical inclusion, ½ day leadership for inclusive practice. Full details can be found in the reports attached.
- Without a 'Short Breaks' offer in the Cotswolds we recognised that the Cotswolds needed more inclusive provision. World Jungle, Paternoster and Barnwood Trust met, and funding was secured from Barnwood Trust for Paternoster to put in additional out of school provision and regular provision has now been established.
- An additional pilot ran in summer 2023 at World Jungle funday events focusing on improving attendance of disabled children at outdoor summer events. This included better promotion of events to families with children with additional needs, creation of safe calm spaces at events so if children need to get away, they can, location of events at more inclusive destinations with parking /toilets and easy access, provision of additional support staff to provide additional help as required.

Cotswold Youth Grants- youth led projects:

Specific youth led projects that came about through engagement with young people include.

- Trips to South Cerney water park with Stow Youth Club & Stow Active Sports
- Decimal Skate store run youth skate events and training workshops,
- Impact Youth Centre visual arts projects focusing on LGBTQ + issues as and sports equipment.
- Putting up football goals and a community activity chest that young people can use in Northleach.
- Tetbury Area youth & Community Trust outdoor sports and play sessions.
- Youth led nature reserve development with Cotswold Forest School.

New in 2023 so far include

- Fairford & Lechlade Youth Challenge Team event
- Establishment of Junior Triathlon competition for young people
- Young Carers trip to Cotswold Falconry
- Tetbury Youth Celebration & BBQ Event
- Team unicorn - Horse Gymnastic Group for travel and national competitions
- 5000 leaflets printed and attended Cirencester College Enrichment Fair to hand out (1100 attended)
- Additional £10k from NHS South West to support this project

Youth provision:

Thanks to support from the lottery new youth, play or holiday provision has been established or supported in:

Inspire to Aspire

- Blockley <https://www.inspiretoaspire.club/locations>
- Bourton
- Moreton

Stow Active & Cotswolds Active

Stow Youth Club - <https://www.facebook.com/StowYouthCentre>

Holiday Camps in Stow / Northleach / Upper Rissington <http://cotswoldactivecamps.uk/>

The Door

Fairford / Avening also close by are Stroud /Stonehouse/ Dursley /Cam
<https://www.thedoor.org.uk/about/opening-hours/>

Tetbury Area Youth & community Trust - Tetbury <https://tayct.org.uk/youth>

Other achievements/outcomes include:

- Various training and support for network members including–first aid x3 / play training /fundraising / Safeguarding / inclusion / participation / business coaching for CYN members
- Additional funding secured for partnership i.e., NHS Youth Active Citizenship Fund £10k and NHS SW £15k.
- Lobbying on behalf of the network at strategic meetings CSP / ILP.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The infographics below show the achievements of the HAF Summer 2022, Christmas 2022, Easter 2023. And Summer 2023.

Cotswold District - Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Winter HAF 2022



Feedback from Parents:

"Thank you so much, and you. It's a hard one this year but hopefully ice skating will take the children's minds of things"

"They can not wait to go and also ice skating on the 29th it's things I've never been able to afford so thank you for allowing them the chance to try all these new activities we really appreciate it."

"Its very much appreciated and our gratitude is endless, i can now breath a sigh of relief knowing we can afford everything we need and the kids can have a wonderful christmas after everything. Have a wonderful christmas and new year too."



Cotswold District - Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Spring HAF 2023



Feedback from Children & Parents:

"I wish i could come 1000 times (Jaxi),"
 "Building a Den was amazing (Max, 7),"
 "I loved Max the dog he made me less anxious (Gracie 7),"
 "I loved learning about the trees and fuel - especially fire starting (Art 8)"

"Just getting to be with my friends, I was actually too old to attend but due to no shows I got to attend and although I am 13 I enjoyed doing the crafts"

"Thank you so much for these tickets, we went last week and it was really great. The centre was brilliant and we saw lots of beautiful birds."

"Thank you so much I really appreciate all you do. I've got 5 here with disabilities so can't do a lot but appreciate the vouchers and food boxes. The children love making the meals, we have great fun making those."



Cotswold District - Holiday Activity and Food Programme



Cotswold Chat

'Cotswold Chat' is delivered by Young Gloucestershire and supports young people with low mental health needs. The project has been extended by another year until March 2024 through NHS funding that was made available by the Cotswold Integrated Locality partnership. The project engages with young people mainly through referrals made by schools, social services and mental health services. On average the project engages between 30 and 50 young people per quarter from across the district, with the highest numbers being located in the north of the district around Chipping Campden, Moreton and Stow. The areas of concern at the time of referral include mental health (main concern), school attendance, relationships and social issues, behavioural problems and NEET. The main age group is 15 -19 years old followed by 10-14 years and about 60% of young people engaged in the project are female.