

Security Matters

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Manor Royal/Crawley:

Tackling retail crime & anti-social behaviour

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We take retail crime seriously in Sussex

- 30% national rise in shoplifting
- Encourage reporting: if we can't measure it, we can't effectively tackle it
- Government's Retail Action Plan
- Dedicated Business Crime Team & Safer Sussex Business Partnership



Increased solved rates

Sussex Police Business Crime Team

2024 :

18.85% in March

27.53% in May

- Over 6,000 retail crimes each year with reasonable lines of enquiry
- Investigations supported through prolific offender profiling with retrospective facial recognition technology matched to incident reports
- Led to 3,646 positive outcomes against retail crime offenders in last year - over double compared to the 1,588 of the previous 12 months
- 24 successful Criminal Behaviour Orders in the last year with another 75 applications in progress



Targeted policing and sharing data on offenders

- Hotspots patrols
- One Touch Reporting
- 2,700 members using DISC
- 3,770 intelligence reports
- 10,894 offender images shared



National partnership

Police, retailers and Government...

FIRST FOUR MONTHS:

- OCGs mapped
- 205 previously unknown offenders identified
- Prison sentences issued



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CHANGES I SUPPORT:

- Offence of assault against shopworker
- Addressing the £200 threshold and myth of "minor crime"
- Electronic tagging for persistent offenders

Crawley



Community Safety Partnership

The Safer Crawley Partnership has received a grant of £51,362 from my Community Safety Fund to invest in initiatives to improve community safety within the district.

Violence Reduction Partnership

£1,414,226 from the Home Office during 2022/23 to continue to maintain and support a Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) in Sussex

The VRP funded Schools Intervention Project operated across all secondary schools in Crawley to provide early intervention.

Funding of £5,000 from the Serious Violence Duty, was used to deliver knife crime support within each of the secondary schools in Crawley during 2022/23.

Crawley was the only area within Sussex to receive funding for this activity.

Immediate Justice

Sussex was chosen as a trailblazer for the 'Immediate Justice' pilot.

The Immediate Justice scheme sees offenders paying back to the community through unpaid work and repairing damage and harm they may have caused.

In Crawley:

**14 youth referrals
6 adult referrals
for crimes such as assault, criminal damage, theft and possession**

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Safer Streets 4

The Safer Crawley Partnership - £30,000 to install cameras in Memorial Gardens.

£30,000 was also provided to the Business Crime Reduction Partnership to support them with the mobile CCTV upgrade at Manor Royal.

Targeted foot patrols in high risk/harm areas to identify violence against women and girls and anti-social behaviour delivered by Sussex Police.

Funded a development worker at St John's Church, Crawley, alongside further funding of £30,000 for CCTV and enhanced lighting in the area.

Provided funding of £67,000 to AudioActive to deliver youth outreach work in Crawley.

AND MORE...

Safer In Sussex Community Fund

Over £150,000 allocated to local community groups in Crawley from my Safer in Sussex Community Fund (since 2015) to tackle crime and improve community safety issues within the district.

£25,000 in a match-funded scheme with the Premier League into the Brighton & Hove Albion Community Foundation to deliver their KICKS Programme in anti-social behaviour 'hotspot' areas within Crawley.

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