



North East Lincolnshire
**Community Safety
Partnership**



Strategic Plan
2025-2029

Chair's Foreword

I am pleased to present the North East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy for 2025-2029. This strategy outlines our commitment to addressing the key issues that affect the safety, wellbeing, and resilience of our local communities.

The priorities set for the next four years have been shaped by a comprehensive understanding of local issues, including crime and antisocial behaviour, as well as extensive consultation with residents, partners, and other stakeholders. Their feedback has been invaluable in helping us understand the concerns and needs of our community, and we are committed to addressing these issues through a strong partnership approach—supported by structured problem-solving techniques and innovative practices.

Antisocial behaviour remains a significant concern for many residents, impacting their quality of life and sense of security. We will continue to work closely across our partnership to implement effective interventions and support services that address the root causes of antisocial behaviour, promote positive community engagement, and take action against those intent on causing harm.

Serious violence, including youth-related violence, violence against women and girls, and violence within the night-time economy, continues to be a focus in creating a safe community. We are dedicated to reducing the incidence of serious violence through targeted prevention and intervention strategies, as well as supporting victims and their families. Our approach will be informed by the latest evidence and best practices, ensuring that our efforts are both effective and sustainable.

Tackling serious and organised crime is essential to protecting our communities from the harm caused by criminal networks. We will strengthen our partnerships with wider law enforcement agencies and other key stakeholders to disrupt and dismantle these networks, while also addressing the underlying factors that contribute to organised crime.

Strong communities and social cohesion are vital for fostering a sense of belonging and mutual support among residents. By actively promoting inclusivity and collaboration, we will support communities to address local issues in their own neighbourhoods, creating a safer and more resilient environment for everyone.

The success of this strategy relies on the strength of our partnerships and the active involvement of our community. We are committed to fostering a culture of collaboration, where all stakeholders work together towards a common goal of creating a safer and stronger North East Lincolnshire. By building on our achievements and addressing the challenges ahead, we can make a real difference in the lives of our residents.

We look forward to working with partner agencies, residents, and local businesses to achieve our vision of a safer, more resilient community.

Sharon Philpott
Chief Superintendent – Humberside Police



What does North East Lincolnshire look like?



158,355
people live here:
(2023)



93.4%
of our residents
were born in
the UK.



More than
7,000
Forces' veterans
living here.



87%
of our schools are
Ofsted Outstanding
or Good.



More than
90%
of our business
community is a
small business.



24,310
North East
Lincolnshire young
people at school.



The average house
price here is
£151,000
In wider England it's
£286,000!



Orsted has invested
£14m
to create its largest
UK operations hub
in Grimsby.



68%
of 16-64 year-olds
are employed full-
time (2023)



70,154
tonnes was the total
waste collected
in North East
Lincolnshire.



Grimsby's seafood
cluster employs over
5,500
and another
10,000 in the
supply chain.



Freshney Place
employs over
1,700
people.



What is the Community Safety Partnership?

The **North East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP)** is a statutory partnership, as required by Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which joins up the work of multiple organisations across the borough to tackle crime and disorder and improve community safety.

Responsible authorities, as set out in section five of the Act, have a duty to work together with other local agencies to develop and implement strategies that make a difference to the lives of local people.

The responsible authorities in North East Lincolnshire are:



Other key agencies include:



Our vision


We want all people in North East Lincolnshire to feel safe and included; to empower residents, businesses and statutory agencies to work collaboratively to build trust, reduce harm, and create a borough where communities thrive.





Our Strategic Priorities


After consulting with our local communities, and analysing data about our local neighbourhoods, the Community Safety Partnership has agreed the following four key priorities, underpinned by a place-based problem solving approach.

Place-based Problem Solving


Anti-social behaviour


Serious and organised crime


Serious violence


Communities and cohesion

Our statutory duties

In addition to the four priorities above, the Community Safety Partnership has a number of statutory responsibilities. These are:

- To reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- To undertake an anti-social behaviour case review where the threshold is met
- To tackle the use of drugs, alcohol and other substances
- To reduce reoffending
- To provide effective support and protection to victims of domestic abuse
- To commission domestic abuse related death reviews
- To prevent and reduce serious violence

Our additional workstreams

Finally, we have three additional local workstreams:


Counter-terrorism


Modern slavery


Domestic abuse

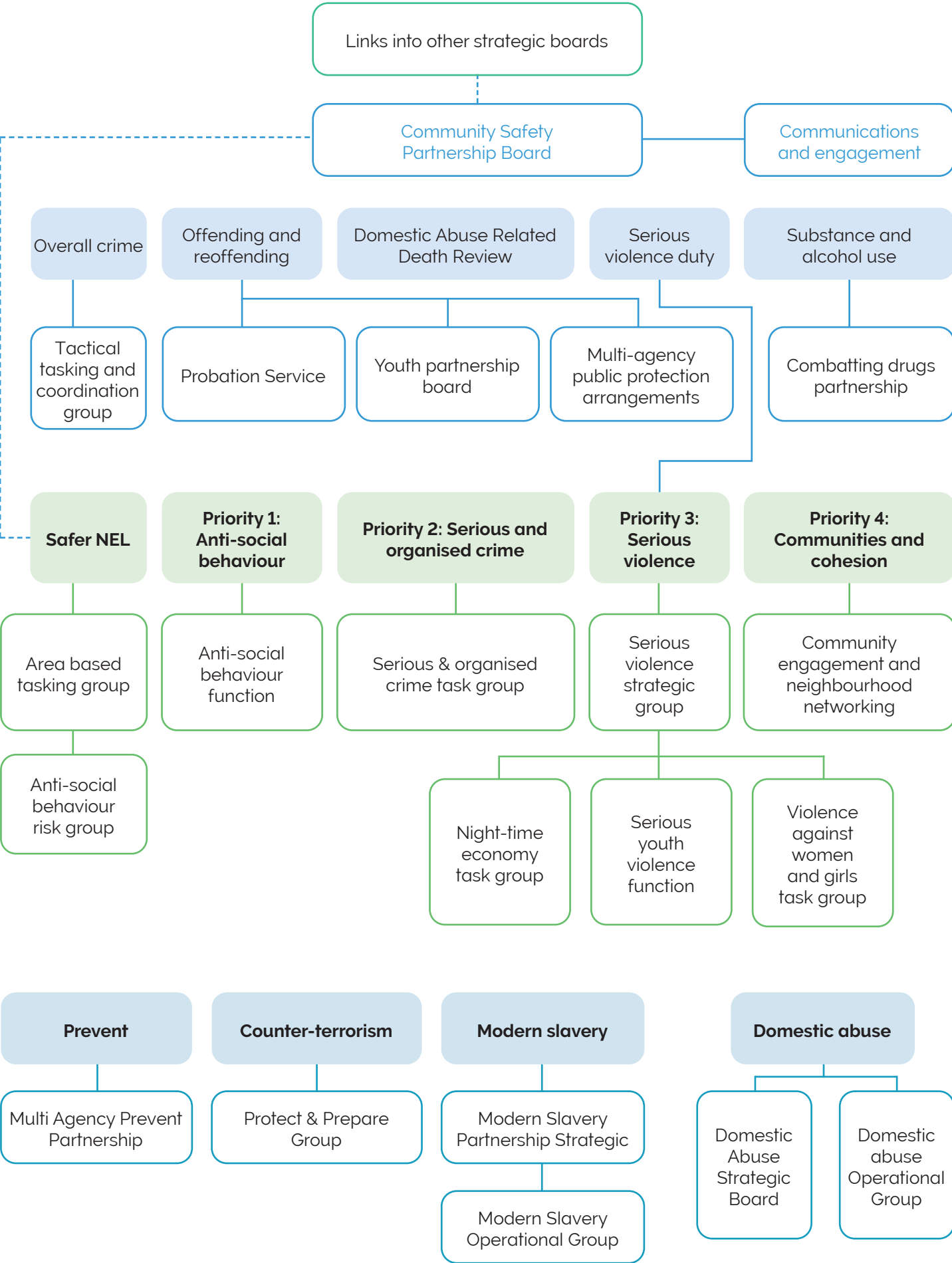
How we will deliver this

The Community Safety Partnership's delivery structure includes a number of operational delivery groups, each focusing on a specific crime type. These thematic groups use data and intelligence from available recorded crimes, needs assessments and public consultation to inform activity, initiatives and interventions. This enables a dynamic response to changing priorities and emerging community safety issues. Priority theme leads will produce a quarterly report to the CSP board for assurance.

The Community Safety Partnership is also connected to the wider strategic boards across North East Lincolnshire to ensure that cross cutting themes can be considered more strategically. The main boards include The Safeguarding Children Partnership, The Youth Partnership Board (focusing on youth crime) and the Safeguarding Adults Board.

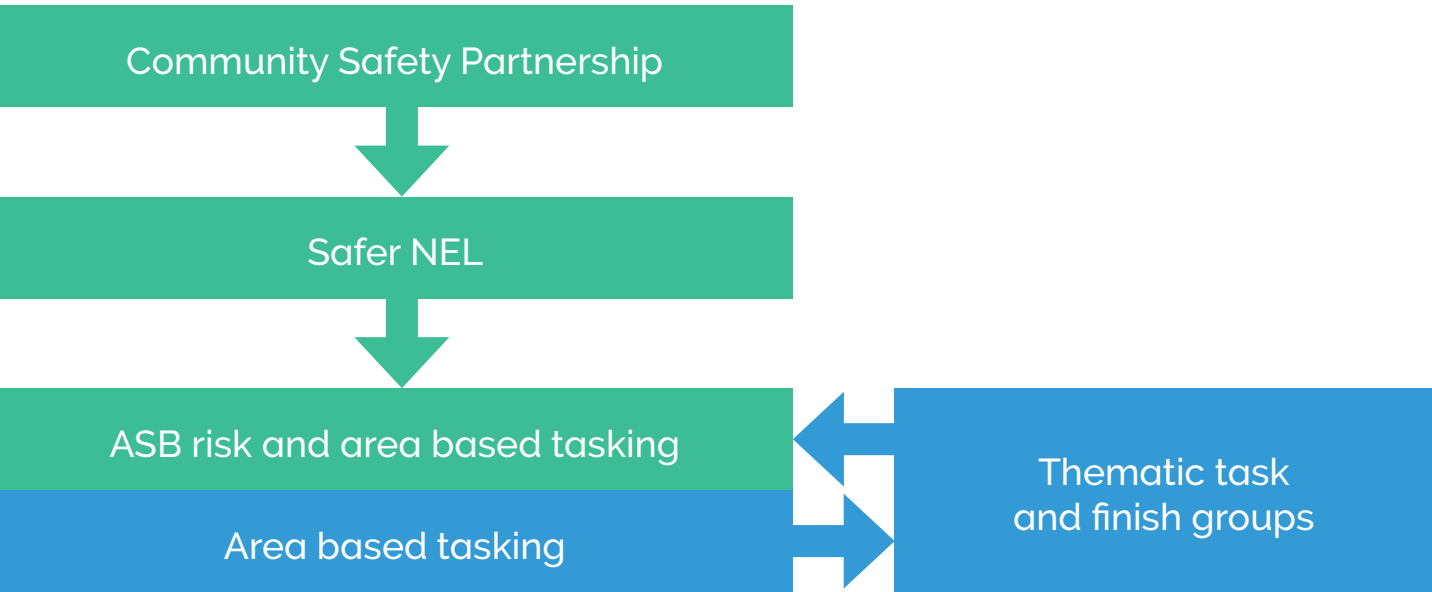
Our work is research and intelligence-led, as well as using community insight to inform our priorities and delivery. Wherever possible we seek to design out crime before it becomes established.

We have adopted a Public Health Approach focusing on early intervention and prevention, and supported across the Partnership and beyond to address the wider determinants of crime and community safety such as health, housing, social inequalities, skills and employment. We aspire to being trauma informed across our member organisations, acknowledging that trauma can be caused, overlooked, or amplified by our interactions with our residents.



Place based problem solving and our problem-solving approach

In addition to the thematic task groups, the Community Safety Partnership has a place-based tasking model. This comprises a two-tier model of two geographically defined tasking groups which follow neighbourhood policing boundaries and feed up to a strategic oversight and problem-solving group.



SaferNEL

The responsibilities of this group are to:

- Have a collective understanding of place-based risks and identify borough-wide trends.
- Utilise community insights information to identify community concerns and need.
- Work in partnership to develop and enhance local services.

ASB risk meeting

The responsibilities of this group are to:

- Minimise the risk to vulnerable victims through a trauma informed, risk-based service.
- Ensure our parks and open spaces are safe and free from ASB and associated crime.
- Ensure that persistent adult offenders are identified and dealt with, and that young people causing ASB are supported through Youth Engagement / Justice services.

Area based tasking meeting

The responsibilities of this group are to:

- Proactively address issues identified at a ward level which require a partnership approach.
- Discuss policing priorities and apply multi-agency problem solving.
- Provide coordination of days of action to address geographically defined issues.



Scanning

Scanning local information / data sets and systems. What information is needed? What information do we have available? What gaps are there? Do local / national systems support the understanding of delivery and performance? What further information is needed?

Analysis

The use of several sources of information and data to analyse root causes of problems. What is working well, what activity has been undertaken? How well has it been completed? What tangible difference can be seen through the activity undertaken? Analysis also requires identifying patterns that explain the conditions that facilitate a particular challenge or issue.

Task and finish groups

The responsibilities of this group are to:

- Deal with an escalating problem that requires real time action.
- Be time limited to address a specific issue in a specific location.

Inclusive of front-line practitioners, volunteers, line managers, and senior leaders, everyone across our partnership has a key role to play. The use of the SARA model will encourage everybody to ask the right questions and generate the right information to support evidence-based delivery while also promoting learning and continuous improvement.

Response

This stage involves taking action and tracking progress. Making use of the information and the analysis undertaken, what challenges exist? At this stage delivery plans are developed and implemented – at local level this may be a piece of place based problem solving, while at a strategic level, this may involve wider organisational change. This stage also requires proactive leadership and clear communication to support a greater and wider understanding of plans and the work being undertaken.

Assessment

This is the measurement of the impact against the plans instigated during the Response stage above. Are activities, plans or strategies achieving the desired impact? Are they making a difference? Do activities, plans or strategies need evolving and development based on new information? Knowledge and performance management are intrinsically linked within a continuous cycle of learning and action.

Priority 1: Anti-social behaviour

Lead agency: North East Lincolnshire Council

Key actions:

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) covers many types of behaviours that vary in nature and severity, many of which are open to interpretation. Each report received is assessed to determine firstly whether it is ASB, by reviewing all available information. When investigated as ASB, the action taken must be both reasonable and proportionate, considering all the facts of the complaint and the views and wishes of the victim.

Types of anti-social behaviour that can be reported to us are:

- Intimidation / bullying
- Rowdy / nuisance behaviour
- Verbal abuse / threats
- Youth related ASB within communities supported by Youth Justice Services developing Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC)

To proactively work in collaboration to reduce the risk of ASB within our communities we concentrate our efforts on the elements described within the Crime Triangle. This approach provides a way of thinking about recurring problems of crime and disorder. This idea assumes that crime or disorder results when (1) likely offenders and (2) suitable targets come together in (3) time and space, in the absence of capable guardians for that target.



Priority 2: Serious and organised crime

Lead agency: Humberside Police

Key actions:

The Community Safety Partnership is working to make North East Lincolnshire a hostile environment for serious and organised crime through a multi-agency response that protects communities, addresses the underlying factors that contribute to vulnerability and exploitation, and relentlessly disrupts criminal networks.

A 5P approach has been developed as follows:

- Pursue: disrupt and dismantle organised crime groups through joint operations, serious crime protection orders, and asset recovery
- Prevent: divert individuals from serious and organised crime pathways through early intervention and treatment
- Protect: safeguard victims and communities from exploitation and harm
- Prepare: build partnership capacity to respond to emerging threats
- Partnership: collaborate across the Community Safety Partnership in all serious and organised crime responses, ensuring shared accountability and intelligence.

In addition, areas of the borough have been identified to benefit from an intensive 'Clear Hold Build' initiative to disrupt organised crime. Work continues by Humberside Police to clear specific locations of organised crime members and to 'hold' the location so that other gangs can't take over the area. Finally, residents are encouraged to work with partner agencies to build community resilience and make their neighbourhoods a safer place.

Outcomes:

- A reduction in harm from serious organised crime with fewer mapped organised crime groups, drugs deaths and exploitation cases
- Increased community resilience, evidenced by higher reporting rates and improved public confidence
- Effective partnership working utilising joint operations, shared intelligence and co-commissioned services
- Disruption and seizure of criminal assets
- Successful early interventions with young people and adults diverted away from involvement in organised crime

Priority 3: Serious violence

Lead agency: North East Lincolnshire Council

Key actions:

The Community Safety Partnership will tackle serious violence by focusing on three priorities as set out in the North East Lincolnshire Serious Violence Duty Local Delivery Strategy which has been developed in partnership with the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership as part of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner arrangements.

The three priorities are:

- Serious Youth Violence
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Violence in the Night Time Economy

Task Groups have been established in each of the three priority areas with underpinning action plans developed. In addition, a Reducing Serious Violence Strategic Group meets bi-monthly to provide oversight and support and act as the interface into the CSP Executive.

Violence against women and girls is an emerging concern both nationally and locally. As with all socially rooted problems, change requires multiple interventions to tackle the immediate concerns whilst simultaneously addressing long term cultural change.

The VAWG task group takes a two-pronged approach, continuing to improve areas of concern through physical measures such as the deployment of Safer Streets Ambassadors in Grimsby town centre, whilst delivering training and engagement with young people to reduce the social acceptance of misogyny and sexual offences, and equip bystanders to incidents with the necessary tools to intervene safely and confidently.

Partners will continue to work together to deliver activity around the night time economy in our town centres and resort, working closer with licensed premises and licencing teams.

Youth diversionary activities remain central to reducing serious youth violence which includes a wider range of funded activities including a fair play football league, a Haven centre and joint multi agency operations.

Outcomes:

- A reduction in serious youth violence
- A reduction in violence against women and girls
- A reduction in violence in the night time economy

Priority 4: Communities and cohesion

Lead agency: Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire and Sector Support North East Lincolnshire

Key actions:

Numbers of active neighbourhood watch groups have declined dramatically due to the age profile of those managing the groups. New approaches to wider "neighbourhood networking" (including neighbourhood watch) are being actively explored, which allow residents to take a more flexible approach to their involvement in community safety; whilst strengthening connections with neighbourhood policing teams, the My Community Alert system, the wider area Humber Watch and other resident-led initiatives.

Our partnership focus from 2025 to 2029 is:

- Engagement, consultation and collaboration to understand what our communities want and need in order to feel safe and included in their neighbourhoods and the wider borough, maximising opportunities to work with seldom listened to groups.
- Empowering increased numbers of resident-led groups to build stronger, more connected and resilient neighbourhoods, through the application of enhanced community problem solving techniques.
- Enhancing the offer to our rural communities in Immingham, Wolds and Waltham, connecting new and existing neighbourhood watch and resident-led groups, ensuring crime is prevented in these often-excluded geographical areas.

We will work with diverse communities on a geographical basis which links in the community safety partnership's area based tasking model, incorporating restorative practice.

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of community safety initiatives, how residents can access them, and how they can contribute, to further improve these approaches.
- Increased confidence in community safety partners, because of listening to and working together to address issues that are important to communities.
- Increased participation in community safety problem solving arising from more people feeling they belong within the neighbourhoods where they live.

How we will measure success

Each of the four strategic priorities will have its own delivery plan and mechanism. Progress against these will be reviewed at each quarterly Community Safety Partnership board meeting where we will ask:

- What is working well?
- What are the barriers to success?
- What are we doing to overcome these?

Data and case studies will also be received and challenged each quarter, and will form the basis of our annual report, which will focus on the impact made by our work on improving the lives of residents in our communities.

How you can be involved

- My Community Alert is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, giving you live information about incidents happening in your area. Sign up at www.mycommunityalert.co.uk.
- StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name. This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you. Report issues at <https://www.police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe/street-safe/> Note this website is not for reporting crimes.
- NELwatch is all about bringing neighbours, residents and communities across North East Lincolnshire together in ways that strengthen our local communities and make them safer and stronger. Join a Neighbourhood Watch, Allotment Watch, Park Watch or other resident-led group by visiting www.nelwatch.org.uk.
- Follow the Community Safety Partnership on Twitter [@safety.nel](https://twitter.com/safety.nel) or on LinkedIn [@NorthEastLincolnshireCommunitySafetyPartnership](https://www.linkedin.com/company/north-east-lincolnshire-community-safety-partnership). You can also contact us via email at nelcsp@nelincs.gov.uk.
- Please note that these are non-emergency methods of communication. **For an immediate response when life is in danger, when violence is being used or threatened, or when a crime is in progress, use 999.** For all other non-emergency police matters please dial 101.





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