

CSP STRATEGY 2026-28

PURPOSE

The Forest of Dean Community Safety Partnership (FODCSP) is a statutory partnership that brings together organisations from the public, voluntary and community sectors with a shared commitment to reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour (ASB), while improving community safety and well across the district.

The Partnership operates within the framework of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation, including the Police Reform Act 2002, the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, the Police and Crime Act 2009, and the Crime and Policing Act 2026. This legislation places a duty on key agencies to work collaboratively to identify local priorities and develop, implement and review strategies. It also strengthens the powers available to local authorities, police and partner agencies to tackle ASB, protect vulnerable people from exploitation, improve information sharing and deliver coordinated responses to community safety challenges.

The Partnership also fulfils its responsibilities under the Serious Violence Duty (SVD), recognising that preventing and reducing serious violence requires a whole-system approach involving partners across public services, health, education, criminal justice and the voluntary sector. This includes working with safeguarding partners and other agencies to understand the causes of violence, identify those at risk, and implement targeted interventions that reduce harm.

Through this collaborative approach, the FODCSP plays a central role in coordinating local action to create safer, stronger and more resilient communities.





GOVERNANCE & MEMBERSHIP

Quarterly meetings will be chaired by a senior responsible authority with transparent reporting.

Statutory authorities which sit on the FODCSP are Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucestershire County Council (Adult and Children's Social Care, Early Help and Targeted Support), Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue, Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

The FODCSP is further supported by non-statutory members from commissioned services and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS).

The following sub-groups are aligned to priorities:

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Road Safety

Safer Estates

Substance Misuse

PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS



Gloucestershire
Fire and Rescue Service
Working together for a safer Gloucestershire



Forest of Dean
— DISTRICT COUNCIL —

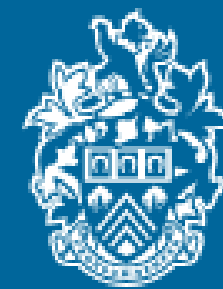


Gloucestershire



OPCC

Office of the Police &
Crime Commissioner
for Gloucestershire



gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

**Gloucestershire Police & Crime
Commisioner & Safer Gloucestershire**



**Health & Well Partnership,
Gloucestershire Safeguarding
Boards**



**Modern Slavery, Human
Trafficking, County Lines, Hate
Crime & Serious Organised
Crime Groups**



**FOREST OF DEAN
COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP
(FODCSP)**

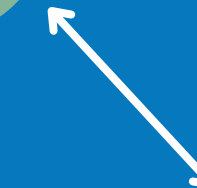
**Domestic Abuse & Sexual
Violence Groups**



**FODCSP
Sub-groups**



**Gloucestershire Prevent
Partnership Board
(GPPB)**



STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITIES & ACTIONS

The FODCSP will:

- Undertake an annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment, drawing on a wide range of data including recorded crime levels, trends, and patterns, to ensure an evidence-based approach to priority setting. This assessment will inform local decision-making and contribute to relevant aligned strategies such as Prevent, reducing duplication and improving effectiveness.
- Agree and maintain clear district-level priorities, supported by a two-year Community Safety Strategy and Delivery Plan, setting out actions to address identified risks and issues within the community.
- Maintain strategic oversight of performance and delivery, monitoring progress against agreed objectives, providing constructive challenge where outcomes are not being achieved, and contributing to county-level governance where appropriate.
- Ensure meaningful community engagement, consulting residents and communities on local priorities, concerns and progress, including responding to community feedback and learnings from ASB Case Reviews.
- Oversee Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs), ensuring multi-agency learning is identified, shared and embedded into practice to improve safeguarding and prevent future harm.
- Facilitate effective information sharing and partnership working between relevant organisations at both the district and county level, in line with the agreed Information Sharing Partnership Agreement, to support coordinated problem-solving and risk management.
- Raise awareness of key community safety issues, promote shared understanding across partners, and support the exchange of learning and best practice to maximise impact and value for money.
- Ensure arrangements remain compliant with emerging national legislation and guidance, including provisions introduced through the Crime and Policing Act 2026.



THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Anti-Social Behaviour

Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a key priority to improve community wellbeing and confidence. The FODCSP will use coordinated problem-solving, support victims, and ensure community voices are heard.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

The FODCSP will prevent and respond to domestic abuse and sexual violence by protecting victims, holding perpetrators to account, improving pathways to support, and embedding learning to prevent future harm.

Rural Crime

The FODCSP will address rural crime by strengthening prevention, sharing intelligence and engagement, responding to issues such as theft, fly-tipping, wildlife crime and fraud.

Strengthening Communities

The FODCSP will support resilient, connected communities by encouraging involvement, improving trust, and focusing on prevention and early intervention to keep communities safe.

Road Safety

The FODCSP will work to reduce road-related harm through prevention, education and partnership working, with a focus on reducing serious injuries and fatalities.

DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The partnership's approach to tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence (DASV) will be guided by the Gloucestershire Tackling Domestic Abuse Strategy 2025–2028 and aligned countywide priorities. That said, as a rural district, the impact of DASV can be compounded by isolation, limited access to services, and barriers to reporting. Victims in dispersed communities may face additional challenges in seeking help safely and confidentially, while partner agencies must respond within the constraints of geography and resource pressures.

Within the district, there are particular communities where demand for support is higher, reinforcing the need for a targeted, intelligence-led approach. This underlines the importance of prevention and early intervention, alongside a strong, coordinated response to safeguard those at risk.

A key priority is to work collaboratively to protect victims and ensure a consistent, high-quality response. The FODCSP will focus on strengthening multi-agency working, to develop effective domestic abuse pathways, and invest in workforce development to improve identification and response across all services.

The DASV Forum, coordinated by the FODDC, will continue to play a key role in bringing agencies together to share information, identify emerging issues, and drive forward a coordinated local response. Forum members will remain committed to delivering high-quality, trauma-informed support for victims and families, while also working to address and disrupt perpetrator behaviour to break the cycle of abuse. This will be achieved through close partnership working.

Through this collective approach, the aim is to create safer communities where victims feel supported, empowered to seek help, and confident that action will be taken to prevent harm.

DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

What we aim to achieve	How we will achieve the aims
• To reduce the prevalence and impact of DASV across the district by delivering a coordinated, partnership-led response that prioritises safety, prevention and long-term change. • To embed prevention and early intervention across all services, ensuring that signs of violence and abuse are recognised early and that individuals receive timely, proportionate support before harm escalates. • To increase awareness and understanding of DASV violence within local communities, with a particular focus on children and young people to support the development of healthy relationships and challenging attitudes that enable DASV. • To ensure that victims and families are able to access victim-led, consistent, high-quality, trauma-informed support regardless of location, background, or circumstance, reducing barriers to seeking help and improving outcomes. • To strengthen multi-agency working and improve domestic abuse pathways, ensuring services are well-connected, information is shared appropriately, and responses are effective. • To hold perpetrators to account and support interventions that challenge and change abusive behaviour, contributing to breaking the cycle of abuse and reducing repeat harm.	• Strengthen partnership working by maintaining effective multi-agency arrangements, including the DASV Forum, to support information sharing, coordinated responses and collective problem-solving. • Focus on prevention and early intervention through continued delivery of the <i>Your Voice Your View</i> programme in secondary schools and higher education settings, to promote healthy relationships, understand consent, appropriate use of self defence and bystander intervention. • Deliver a coordinated DASV communications programme, including regular social media content, to raise awareness of coercive control, patterns of abuse and available support. Messaging will be phased and sustained to reinforce understanding and support prevention and early intervention. • Increase community and environmental safety by delivering <i>Ask for Angela</i> training across hospitality venues, supporting a safer night-time economy and ensuring staff are equipped to respond appropriately. • Enhance service pathways by working closely with specialist commissioned services to ensure timely access to high-quality support for victims and families. • Address perpetrator behaviour by supporting interventions that challenge and disrupt abusive patterns, contributing to long-term reductions in harm. • Monitor and respond to emerging need through data, feedback, and partnership intelligence to ensure services remain responsive and effective.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The partnership's approach to tackling ASB will focus on the priority areas identified in the ASB Action Plan published in April 2026.

As a rural district, ASB can have a significant personal impact, often exacerbated by isolation and limited access to services. Gloucestershire Constabulary continues to face operational pressures in responding to incidents due to dispersed communities, longer travel times and a constrained road network.

Within the district, the towns of Cinderford and Lydney record the highest levels of both personal and nuisance ASB in rural areas across the county. This underlines the need for targeted problem-solving and strong, coordinated partnership activity in these locations.

The priority is to work collaboratively to protect the public, particularly those who are most vulnerable. FODCSP are committed to reducing ASB through close partnership with Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, housing authorities, commissioned services (such as drug and alcohol treatment providers) and the voluntary sector.

Solace Gloucestershire will continue to play a key role in addressing ASB across the district. They will lead on the prevention, investigation and coordinated response to mid-to-high risk cases, using the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment) model.

Through this collective approach, the ultimate aim is to foster neighbourhoods where people feel safe, supported and confident in their communities.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

What we aim to achieve

- Reduce street-related and location-based ASB.
- Promote the use of ASB Case Reviews (reviewed by the OPCC) to ensure that persistent issues are addressed and victims' voices are heard.
- Strengthen engagement with local communities to build confidence in reporting ASB and accessing support.
- Improve communication with communities to highlight the positive steps that are taken and demonstrate the outcomes of interventions.
- Deliver targeted responses to ASB involving young people, recognising their roles as both victims and perpetrators, and work with partners to provide appropriate support and early intervention.
- Develop a clear, consistent, and effective multi-agency response to cuckooing that improves the early identification of victims, strengthens safeguarding and disrupts perpetrators to reduce the risk of repeat exploitation.

How we will achieve the aims

- Use targeted and proportionate civil powers, including CPWs, CPNs, PSPOs and Respect Orders, to address persistent offenders and location-based ASB.
- Coordinate tasking through Safer Estates and Substance Misuse sub-group meetings, using shared intelligence to identify hotspots, repeat locations, and prolific individuals.
- Use place-based approaches, including Street Warden van drive-about to provide visible monitoring and reassurance in hotspot areas, alongside community walkabouts, and local events/forums to engage directly with residents, gather intelligence and partner effectively with agencies.
- Collaborate with youth services, schools, Gloucestershire Constabulary and voluntary sector partners to identify young people at risk of involvement in ASB.
- Use monitoring tools and evaluations to demonstrate impact and strengthen future funding applications.
- Submit funding bids to support place-based initiatives, youth provision and community engagement, whilst ensuring that funded activity aligns with CSP priorities.
- Develop and implement a cuckooing protocol aligned to the criminal offence of cuckooing introduced by the Crime and Policing Act 2026.

RURAL CRIME

The FODCSP's approach to tackling rural crime will focus on protecting communities, businesses, and the rural economy, while recognising the unique challenges of a large and sparsely populated district.

As a predominantly rural area, crime can have a disproportionate impact on residents and businesses, particularly where communities are isolated and access to services is limited.

Offences such as theft of machinery and fuel, fly-tipping, wildlife crime and damage to land or property can result in significant financial loss and emotional distress.

Geography, dispersed settlements, and limited transport infrastructure can present challenges for enforcement and response, reinforcing the importance of prevention, intelligence-led activity and tight partnership working.

The priority is to work collaboratively to prevent rural crime and support those affected. This includes close partnership with Gloucestershire Constabulary, Neighbourhood Watch, other rural stakeholders, landowners and communities to improve information sharing, increase awareness of crime prevention and encourage reporting.

Through this coordinated approach, we aim to reduce rural crime and strengthen confidence and resilience within rural communities.



RURAL CRIME

What we aim to achieve	How we will achieve the aims
• Prevent rural crime by increasing awareness, early intervention and the ability of residents and businesses to protect themselves. • Reduce incidents of rural crime across the district and minimise its impact on communities and businesses. • Strengthen and sustain effective partnership working with rural stakeholders to address rural crime collectively. • Improve the reporting of rural crime and enhance the sharing and use of intelligence to inform action and prevention. • Reduce environmental rural crime, including fly-tipping and damage to land, and protect the rural environment. • Support victims of rural crime and reduce the risk of repeat victimisation, recognising the disproportionate impact in rural areas. • Build resilience, confidence and community cohesion within rural communities. • Address the challenges of rurality, including isolation and limited access to services, to ensure equitable support and engagement.	• Work with Gloucestershire Constabulary, specifically the Rural Crime Officer, to deliver intelligence-led enforcement to target rural offences and disrupt repeat offenders. • Use shared data and local intelligence to identify hotspots, inform targeted activity and monitor trends across rural communities and locations. • Promote rural crime prevention advice, including property marking, security of vehicles, equipment and land, through campaigns, communications and community engagement activity. • Engage with landowners, farmers, parish councils and groups such as NFU and Farm Watch to strengthen collaboration and information sharing. • Encourage the reporting of crime and suspicious activity by promoting reporting pathways and emphasising the importance of intelligence from rural communities. • Work with internal teams at the FODDC (such as Environmental and Regulatory Services, Planning Enforcement, Street Wardens and Waste Management) to investigate fly-tipping and run deterrence-based projects including <i>Waste Watch</i> and <i>Op Beagle</i> to minimise commercial fly-tipping. • Collaborate with Forestry England, community groups and local schools to reduce environmental littering and damage, and support community clean-up and engagement events.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Strengthening community resilience and building trust between residents and local agencies remains a key priority for the FODCSP. This involves empowering communities to play an active role in creating safer neighbourhoods, supported by visible engagement from the FODCSP.

Initiatives coordinated by Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service's *Skillzone* provide education that enables individuals to make safer choices. *Project Bloom* supports community regeneration through bulb planting, litter picks, bulk waste removal and engagement with local schools, improving environments while creating opportunities to engage residents and identify vulnerability.

Community litter picks and environmental activity foster pride in place, reduce ASB and strengthen community cohesion. Whilst drugs and litter talks enable early awareness amongst our youngest residents.

Ongoing activity includes promoting awareness through various forms of communication, encouraging residents to protect themselves, their neighbours and their properties.

Close collaboration with Neighbourhood Watch, Community Response Network groups, town and parish councils and the Forest Economic Partnership (FEP) will help to identify local issues and target effective interventions, to build safer, more connected communities.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

What we aim to achieve

- Build stronger, more resilient communities that are confident, connected and able to respond positively to local challenges.
- Foster greater trust, confidence and positive relationships between residents, local authorities, and partner agencies.
- Create safer, cleaner and more welcoming neighbourhoods that promote well and reduce opportunities for crime and ASB.
- Increase community awareness and understanding of crime prevention, personal safety and local risks.
- Support early identification of vulnerability within communities to enable timely and appropriate intervention.
- Increase awareness and understanding of community safety, local risks and responsible behaviours among pupils in primary and secondary schools, and higher education settings, supporting early prevention and encouraging positive, informed decision-making from a young age.
- Strengthen partnership working across public, private and voluntary sectors to deliver a coordinated and effective approach to community safety.

How we will achieve the aims

- Support the delivery of educational safety programmes led by partners, including the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service's *Skillzone* initiative.
- Expand community-based initiatives, such as *Project Bloom* to improve local environments.
- Facilitate and support coordinated community litter picks and environmental action days alongside the FODDC Climate Team.
- Increase awareness of community safety issues within local primary schools through targeted engagement, including drug education sessions, litter pick initiatives and partner-led talks such as those delivered by the Dog Warden service.
- Deliver targeted engagement within secondary schools and higher education settings, including initiatives such as *Your Voice Your View*, to increase awareness of nighttime safety, personal safety risks and effective bystander intervention.
- Use social media and accessible communication pathways to share timely crime prevention advice and updates.
- Encourage residents to take practical steps to protect themselves and their neighbours.
- Work closely with Neighbourhood Watch groups to strengthen local intelligence and visibility.
- Collaborate with town and parish councils to identify priorities and target interventions.
- Engage with the FEP to align community safety with economic well.
- Identify and respond to vulnerability through engagement activity, safeguarding and partner referrals.

ROAD SAFETY

The Road Safety Group plays a key role within the FODCSP by providing a coordinated, multi-agency approach to reducing road-related harm and improving safety across the local area. Working in collaboration with partners such as Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucestershire County Council Road Safety Team, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Highways England and local authority teams, the group focuses on identifying high-risk locations, behaviours and trends. It uses data and intelligence to inform targeted interventions aimed at reducing collisions, casualties and anti-social road use, including speeding and dangerous driving.

The group also supports the delivery of preventative and educational initiatives, alongside enforcement activity, to promote safer behaviours among all road users. By aligning its work with wider CSP priorities, such as tackling ASB, protecting vulnerable individuals, and improving community confidence, the Road Safety Group contributes to a broader public safety agenda. Progress is monitored through regular meetings, where partners review data and agree on responsive and coordinated actions.



STATUTORY REVIEWS

The FODCSP will continue to undertake Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs) in accordance with statutory duties outlined in Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2024), ensuring that reviews are completed in a timely, thorough and multi-agency manner. DARDRs are conducted as part of Serious Case Review (SCR) arrangements.

Learning identified through DARDRs will be shared with the relevant partners and translated into tangible actions to strengthen policy, practice and partnership working.

The FODCSP will monitor the implementation of recommendations through ongoing governance to ensure accountability and continuous improvement.

