

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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title: COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To receive information and updates relating to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To ensure that Ribble Valley remains a safe place to live.
- Corporate Priorities – To make people's lives safer and healthier and to ensure a well-managed council providing efficient services based on the identified customer needs.
- Other Considerations – To work collaboratively with partners to ensure we safeguard our most vulnerable residents.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Community Safety Partnerships were introduced by Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and bring together local partners to formulate and deliver strategies to tackle crime and disorder in their communities. Responsible authorities that make up a Community Safety Partnership are the Police, Fire and Rescue Authority, Local Authorities, NHS, and Probation Services.

## 3 RIBBLE VALEY CSP

3.1 The Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership (RVCSP) has been in existence since 1999 and the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Community Safety Partnership works collaboratively to share information, identify vulnerable community members, gaps in services, and solve problems. The partnership consists of the statutory responsible authorities and those voluntary services deemed important to tackling community safety related issues such as poverty and isolation. Voluntary members include the foodbank, Citizen's Advice, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Homewise and the Council for Voluntary Services, among others. There are currently 45 members. The Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership has a 2022-25 strategy and action plan outlining the priorities, actions and projects which can be viewed via the link below. This is reviewed annually.

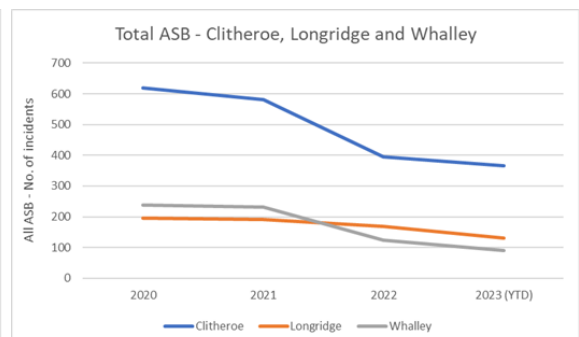
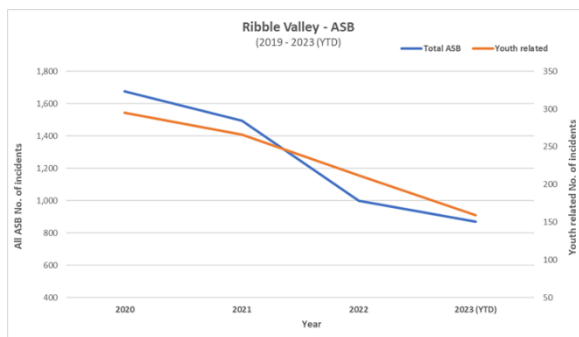
[Community Safety Partnership 2022-2025 – Ribble Valley Borough Council](#)

3.2 The RVCSP has undertaken many projects over the last two years with a view to collaboratively tackling anti-social behaviour hotspots, improving the coverage of CCTV across the rural areas and hotspots, supporting vulnerable and isolated communities and individuals and increasing the education opportunities for young people across the Ribble Valley to learn more about the risks of knives, vaping and drugs.

3.3 The partnership actively works with schools and youth providers to identify priorities and support the delivery of diversionary activities. The partnership is also undertaking a Rural Roadshow, led by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, to ensure that isolated communities can access services and information locally. RVBC, the Rural Police Task Force and rural parishes are working together to fund additional CCTV across the rural arterial roads funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Neighbourhood Fund. A list of 2023/ 2024 projects funded by the RVCSF can be seen in appendix 1.

3.4 Previous projects include the promotion of 3 speed indicator devices purchased by RVBC, the funding of a 12-week intervention programme through Child Action Northwest to engage young people around the castle grounds and reduce anti-social behaviour and the funding of an intervention course to promote wellbeing in young people using the previously acquired CAN funding.

3.5 The following graphs show the continued reduction in the number of ASB related incidents reported to the police.



Youth Related ASB Total ASB

#### 4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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