



## **Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting**

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting  
held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm.

### **Present:**

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Danielle Thorpe	Pendle Borough Council
Martin Counsell	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Cllr Ash Sutcliffe	Pendle Borough Council
Rob Grey	Lancashire Police Neighbourhood Police Inspector
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community PAC
Gaynor Mason	Children & Families Wellbeing Service in Pendle
Craig Brown	Education Partnership Officer
Abdul Kheraktar	LCC Partnership Officer
Robert Kershaw	Integrated Care Board
Carl McCoy	Lancashire Police Prosper Partnership Sergeant
Sarah Astin- Wood	Pendle Borough Council
Nathan McCollum	Lancashire County Council elected representative
Steve Hanley	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence.**

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting and hosted introductions.

Apologies for absence were received from: Martin Jackson, Michelle Walker

### **2. Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last Pendle Community Safety Partnership held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 were approved as a correct record.

### 3. MATAC Report

- There were **1,832** recorded crimes in Pendle, between July to September 2025, which is a **3% increase (59)** when compared to the 1,773 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- **Violence against the person** is the main contributor.
- There have been four crime groups that have experienced **increases** compared to the same period in the previous year, identified as: Violence Against the Person, Arson and Criminal Damage, Burglary and Misc Crimes
- There have been six crime groups that have experienced **decreases** compared to the same period in the previous year, identified as: Theft, Vehicle Crime, Sexual Offences, Possession of Weapons, Drug Offences and Robbery
- Public Order remained the same
- There were **94 burglary offences** in Pendle, between July to September, which is a **7% increase** when compared to the 88 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Burglary Residential was the main burglary offence type with 52.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 30 burglary offences. Compared to the previous 28 days, Burglary – Business and Community (8) has increased, whilst both Burglary - Residential (-6) and Burglary Non-Dwelling (-4) have reduced
- There were **93 vehicle offences** in Pendle, between July to September, which is an **-5% decrease** when compared to the 98 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Theft From a Motor Vehicle was the main vehicle offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 23 vehicle offences. Compared to the previous 28 days, all types have reduced. These were: Theft From a Motor Vehicle (-7), Interfering with a Motor Vehicle (-4), Aggravated vehicle taking (-2) and Theft of a Motor Vehicle (-1).
- There were **258 theft offences** in Pendle, between July to September, which is a **-3% decrease** when compared to the 267 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Other Theft was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 98 Theft offences. Compared to the previous 28 days. Shoplifting (19), Other Theft (9) and Theft From the Person (2) have all increased, whilst Bicycle Theft (-2) reduced
- There were **824 Violence against the Person offences** in Pendle, between July to September, which is a **2% increase** when compared to the 809 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Assault without Injury was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 263 offences, with Violence without Injury identified as the main type (91), specifically assault without injury (82)
- There were **413 DA related offences** in Pendle, between July to September 2025, which is an **5% increase** when compared to the 394 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 113 offences
- Within the current quarter between **July to September 2025**, there were **892 ASB incidents** recorded in Pendle, which is a **10.0% (89) increase** compared to the previous **quarter** (April to June 2025).
- Compared to the same period last **year** (July to September 2024), ASB incidents have also **increased** by **7.3% (61)**

- The current quarter does not reflect ASB incidents levels within the wider **East** area, which has witnessed an **-1.4% decrease** (-75 incidents)
- There were more ward areas that increased compared to those that decreased. In total, eight ward areas increased, compared to three that decreased. Only one remained the same.
- The Marsden & Southfield ward recorded the highest number of ASB incidents with 139 incidents and experienced the highest increase compared to the previous quarter, with a rise of 38 incidents (27.3%), up from 101 to 139
- Within the Marsden & Southfield ward, there has been a rise in ASB incidents on Barkerhouse Road, involving a large group of 8/9 Asian males fighting in the street (outside the One Shop), running the length of the street and throwing things at one another, which causes a general noise annoyance to businesses, members of the public and residents.
- Although, ASB Incidents have remained stable within the Boulsworth & Foulridge ward, Oak Street was identified as one of the main repeat locations, with residents reporting continued issues with youths causing ongoing problems to residents, including trespassing, damaging gates, screaming and shouting.
- The largest reduction occurred within the Barnoldswick ward with -27 (-77.1%) fewer incidents, down from 62 to 35
- ASB incident types included 535 nuisance incidents, 341 personal and 16 environmental.
- In relation to ASB incident types, there were 114 youth related incidents, 185 noise complaints, 119 neighbour disputes and 32 moto-nuisance incidents
- Within Pendle, there were **114 ASB incidents** that were **youth related**, which equates to 12.8% of all ASB within the area.
- Youth related ASB in Pendle has decreased by -27.3% (43) compared to the previous quarter (April to June 2025), where there were 157 youth related ASB incidents.
- The highest proportion of youth related incidents remains within the Barnoldswick ward, where 34.3% of all ASB incidents were youth related, followed by the Vivary Bridge ward at 21.7%.
- However, despite these two ward area having experienced the highest proportion of youth related incidents, they witnessed the largest reductions compared to the previous quarter (April to June 2025), with -18 fewer incidents within the Barnoldswick ward and -17 fewer incidents within the Vivary Bridge ward. These have highly-likely contributed towards the overall reductions across Pendle
- Within the Barnoldswick ward, there were no repeat streets of note, with incidents occurring throughout the area involving children throwing items at dwelling and vehicles
- The Marsden & Southfield ward experienced the largest increase with 10 more incidents, rising from 5 to 15, but there were no patterns
- When compared to the same period last year (July to September 2024), youth related ASB incidents have further decreased by -11 incidents

### **Main ASB Repeat Locations**

•Oak Street (Boulsworth & Foulridge ward)

There have been **10 incidents** (4 x July, 3 x August and 3 x September). As detailed earlier within the presentation, incidents involve issues with youths causing an annoyance to residents on the street, including trespassing, damaging gates, smashing windows, screaming and shouting.

•Union Exchange Hotel, Market Street (Vivary Bridge Ward)

There have been **5 incidents** (3 x July, 1 x August and 1 x September). Ongoing incidents involving drunk males causing issues, customers shouting and being evicted by the bouncers and people congregating in the car park area causing a noise nuisance.

•The Family Tree Centre, Sure Start Brierfield & Walverden Children's Centre, Tunstall Square (Brierfield East & Clover Hill ward)

There have been **4 incidents** (1 x July, 0 x August and 3 x September). Incidents refer to an Asian male dressed in black that is known to local officers, who stands outside the building causing a nuisance by smoking, weeing (up the wall) and drinking

Discussion on MATAC Report:

Good results from Barnoldswick in reducing ASB with the local pizza business getting the young people in to sell pizza and earn some money.

- **Action: Chair asked for Pendle Borough Council to send out a press release re burglary offences and the use of Faraday bags (Tim to liaise with Rob over correct messaging).**

#### **4. Prosper Partnership**

Carl McCoy gave an update on the Prosper Partnership and Clear Hold Build in Brierfield and Nelson. Fleetwood piloted it in 2023 making lots of arrests and then having the community work together to improve the area. Carl is looking Nelson and Brierfield area. The operation was launched in May and they have been given extra staff to work on CHB which then doesn't take staff away from other priorities.

They have done some community surveys – road safety and ASB were the biggest issues raised along with the environment. There are 4 operational delivery groups

1. Road Safety
2. Cohesion
3. Environment
4. Children, young people and families

We are in the Clear phase in Nelson and Brierfield areas. Made a number of arrests that lead to prison sentences and took a lot of drugs off the streets in those areas. Also looking at how we can use civil orders to our advantage. Currently targeting shops that they know are used for money laundering and looking to shut those down.

Also doing a lot of work in schools to make policing more understandable and approachable for children.

#### **5. Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2025-28**

Abdul Kheraktar gave an overview. The agreement outlines how partners are working together to improve safety. June 2024 meetings took place in the East and the North of

Lancashire and identified 8 key issues that require a multi-agency approach. The document had previously sent out with the agenda.

## **6. Partnership Plan 2025-28 (Tim Horsley)**

Tim Horsley gave an overview of the review of our Community Safety Partnership Strategy. Workshop to be held in November to look at priorities of the 6 main responsible authorities and organisations. Aim is to circulate a draft revised strategy before the January CSP meeting. If anyone not attending would like to share their top 3 key priorities around community safety you can email Tim Horsley.

## **7. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25**

Update on the priorities:

- Prevention and early intervention (Claire Bennett)
  - Domestic Abuse (Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum)
  - Update on MARRAC
  - Child Exploitation
  - Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (Pendle Youth Forum)

Claire Bennett gave an overview on the above strands.

Domestic Abuse: Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum met last week

PAC been awarded just over £5k for the forum to improve community resilience and responsibility around domestic abuse. They will be training DA champions across Pendle, targeted around hair and beauty, trades, hospitality events, so they know how to respond to disclosures of DA. There is also some social and they are working with the police over the 16 days of action.

The pan-Lancashire and Lancashire domestic abuse forums are going to merge going forward.

MARRAC: 400 referrals a month high risk cases but there is a short term and long-term plan to put police resource into this to deal with the high response.

Exploitation is being picked up by Children and Families under Prosper Partnership. There is no multi agency group around that.

Youth Forum: Meetings are happening every other month to keep momentum. Increased youth provision through Bradley Big Local but this will be coming to an end soon. CFWS will be staffing a Friday group in Barnoldswick.

- Crime prevention and ASB (Tim Horsley)
  - Serious Violence and the Serious Violence Duty
  - Serious Organised Crime (Pendle and Ribble Valley Genga Panel)
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Domestic Homicide Review Update
  - OPCC Funding

Serious Violence: violence against the person remains high and this will feed into the strategy review. Progress with the task and finish group have made

Serious Organised Crime: Genga approach locally, supported by Clear Hold Build.

ASB: Increase shown in MATAC report is unusual.

Domestic Homicide Reviews: the reviews are both now complete.

OPCC Funding: Couple of funds available, PCCs community safety partnership fund and PCCs reducing re-offending fund for third sector.

## **8. Update on Fire Safety**

Martin Counsell, Lancs Fire and Rescue Service, gave an update.

500 incidents, up by 3 on this point last year. 216 incidents for Q2. 6 accidental dwelling fires within the quarter. Accidental building fires 2 for the quarter. ASB fires, lots of which are due to loose refuse. Making preparations for bonfire night, engaging with schools and local businesses to raise awareness of safety.

## **9. Colne Community Safety Area Working Group**

Ash Sutcliffe gave an update:

Elsmere Avenue constantly reporting suspected drug dealing and criminal activity.

Appearance of caravans which is a nuisance for residence. Tim helped to get them moved on, but they do keep appearing.

Derby Street has problems with a mill site – the mill attracts ASB and possibly homeless people sleeping in there. There are goods stored there. Martin confirmed the LFRS would take another look.

When should you call 999? Advised not to call 999 when windows being broken on a property and when a car was being stolen they were advised to follow up with the insurance as it wasn't a police emergency.

➤ **Action: Tim to relay these concerns to Rob Grey and feedback to Ash Sutcliffe and Nathan McCollum.**

## **10. Communications**

An opportunity for partners to share opportunities for publicising key messages.

Abdul talked about the White Ribbon Campaign led by men and boys to end violence against women and girls. LCC will have a display at County Halls and across libraries (Colne and Nelson for Pendle) and some CFWS. Some displays at football matches.

Displays at Nelson bus station. Information on Stagecoach buses. Engaging with some Universities too. Information will also go out on the schools portal.

## **11. Dates of Future Meetings (all 2pm on Teams)**

26 January 2026

20 April 2026

20 July 2026

19 October 2026

