



SAFER ASHFORD

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Why Ashford?

- Deprivation, unemployment and limited access to education can lead to high levels of crime; in particular- exploitation by OCGs. Within the latest census there is data recorded under four areas of deprivation; these include employment, education, health and housing.
- By narrowing down the data to include one dimension of deprivation, it shows that Spelthorne has the highest level of hardship.
- 33.6% of households in 2021 experienced at least one category of deprivation. Ashford is just above this level at 34%, marking it out from the other parts of the borough. Whilst it is similar to that of Stanwell or Sunbury, those areas do not have the same levels of recorded crime.
- Ashford's Town Centre has seen a general downturn in the local economy with fewer shops and
- limited improvements. Whilst there is a local Youth Centre and library there are limited other public services. The general feeling in the community is one that has been abandoned by local public services and that crime/ASB is committed with impunity.
- Whilst the number of crimes in total is lower than Staines, per head of population the percentage is slightly higher.



CLEAR, HOLD, BUILD STRATEGY



BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- ✓ Safer streets and homes
- ✓ Reduced drug and gang activity
- ✓ Improved trust in services
- ✓ Opportunities for young people
- ✓ Long-term community resilience

SUCCESS DEPENDS ON PARTNERSHIPS

Key Agencies Involved:

- Police & Probation: Services
- Local Authorities & Housing
- Youth Services & Education
- Health & Mental Health Teams
- Voluntary Sector & Community Groups



Phase 1 – Enforcement

- Neighborhood Enforcement Team
- Vanguard
- Casualty Reduction Officers
- British Transport Police
- South West Rail, Revenue Protection,
- Council and Police Licensing Officers
- Surrey County Council Parking Enforcement Team
- Immigration
- Trading Standards



Enforcement Results

- 63 arrests
- 108 charges
- 16 remands
- 35 stop searches
- 25 drug seizures
- 11 vehicle seizures
- 23 out of court disposals
- 3 warrants executed
- 3 weapons seized



Current Crime Performance

- The crime rate is down – 11.7% decrease in recorded crime from this time last year – 1,738 to 1,535.
- We are solving more crime reported to us – 16.6% of all reported crime in Ashford is detected.
- We have doubled our detection rate of Shoplifting in Ashford, 31.7% of Shoplifters are referred to Court or OOC.
- Reports of Burglary are down by -29% and Vehicle Crime -34.3%.
- Violent crime down 12% with a 11% detection rate.



**🔒 HOLD Phase –
Stabilise and Sustain**

**🏡 BUILD Phase –
Restore and Develop**

**Visible Local Policing
& Community Safety**

**Education, Employment
& Skills Support**

**Disruption
of Reoffending**

**Youth Engagement
and Diversion**

**Safe Spaces
and Protection**

**Examples of
Partner Agency Actions
During the Hold and
Build Phase of the UK
Police Clear, Hold,
Build Strategy**

**Mental Health and
Substance Misuse
Support**

**Housing and Family
Support**

Community Capacity Building

Multi-Agency Case Conferences





THANK YOU

Any questions?

