



Princes Risborough Town Council Crime and Disorder Statement

Princes Risborough Town Council (PRTC) acknowledges its responsibility in relation to Crime and Disorder as stated in Section 17 of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 in that all Local Authorities including Parishes have a duty to consider the impact of all of their decisions, actions and functions with crime and disorder in mind, aiming to prevent and reduce this.

The Council understands that Anti-Social Behaviour, defined as "Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator", can often impact on residents.

PRTC recognises the importance of working closely with the Police and other key agencies in a multi-agency partnership approach in dealing with Crime Prevention to create a safer community for its residents. With this in mind the Council monitors crime statistics and looks for patterns and trends to see if it can help reduce these. The Council is supporting 'Have your say' meetings' run by the Police with social media posts to encourage residents to attend to raise issues of concern direct with Police representatives.

PRTC is committed to addressing the fear of crime and understands the need to improve people's perception of their local environment to achieve this by providing services including litter picking, graffiti removal and the repair of broken street lights. It continues to educate residents regarding dog fouling, using social media and its newsletter.

The Council works on behalf of its residents to secure improvements in the principal authority's services. These include: removal of abandoned vehicles, repair of potholes and footpath trips.

PRTC recognises the importance of working with the local community to reduce crime and is working with Buckinghamshire Council on the Street Association Initiative in Princes Risborough. This is a scheme to identify vulnerability (including fraud/scams) and raise awareness of scams and doorstep crime. It also works with the Neighbourhood Action Group to assist in activities, using its speed and traffic recording devices on a regular basis across the Parish in an effort to educate drivers.

To address social isolation, PRTC has together with "Churches Together in Risborough" and a charity, formed a Social Enterprise Company, the Princes Centre. It provides a centre for elderly people who might be isolated, lonely or whose carers might need a break; adults with mild or moderate learning disabilities and those with mental health difficulties.

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