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# Community Safety

in the Horsham district

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## Protecting young people from knife crime



Horsham District Council has received some funding to help target violent crime in the district, in an attempt to prevent young people getting pulled into gang or knife crime.

As part of our activity we have secured the services of Solomon Theatre Company who are touring a show and workshop in January called Skin Deep. This tackles the issues of gang culture and knife crime in a safe environment and is aimed at years 10 and 11.

We are pleased that all five secondary schools in the district have signed up to receive a free performance and workshop and hope that the young people come away with a better understanding of the dangers of carrying knives and how to protect themselves from being groomed into gang culture or sexual exploitation.

Solomon Theatre will spend a day at each of the schools in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January.

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## Share your views on crime and disorder in the district

Horsham District Council is a lead member of the district's Safe and Well Partnership and in order to plan and implement key priorities, the council needs to engage with residents across the district to gather their views on crime and disorder.

To this end, a short survey has been created, which should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Topics in the survey include:



- how safe you feel
- whether you have been a victim of a crime
- what you feel are the main causes of crime
- what you feel the Safe and Well Partnership should be focusing on

Your answers will enable the Partnership to respond to your concerns by prioritising the key areas identified by you.

The online survey **(for residents of Horsham District only)** will be live from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and can be found at [www.horsham.gov.uk/crime-survey](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/crime-survey)

The deadline is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February and all completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw for a £100 gift card that can be spent in local shops. The survey is anonymous but if you would like to be entered into the prize draw, you will need to leave either a phone number or email address so you can be contacted.

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## Community safety conference

This year's annual Community Safety Conference, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Parkside, focused on County Lines and knife crime.

Chief Inspector Sarah Leadbeatter set the scene for the Horsham District then Tony Saggars, former Head of Drugs, Threat and Intelligence at the National Crime Agency, spoke about how County Lines groups operate. A panel then discussed a multi-agency case study from the district and Catherine Mouatt, Service Development Manager for Adolescents from WSCC, closed the morning with a talk about safeguarding vulnerable young people at risk.

Over 70 people attended from a variety of agencies and organisations in the district. If you would like to be invited to next year's Community Safety Conference, please contact [debra.young@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:debra.young@horsham.gov.uk).





## Are you ready for winter?

Despite some national newspapers publicising that this year would be one of the coldest winters for 30 years, more recently the Met Office has been predicting a warmer than average winter. Regardless of what the season has in store for us, it's prudent to be prepared.

For advice on winter driving, preparing your home, and staying warm and well, click the link below:

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**We wish you a safe and happy festive season and New Year.**



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