

# Safer Streets 5

Making Wiltshire Safer

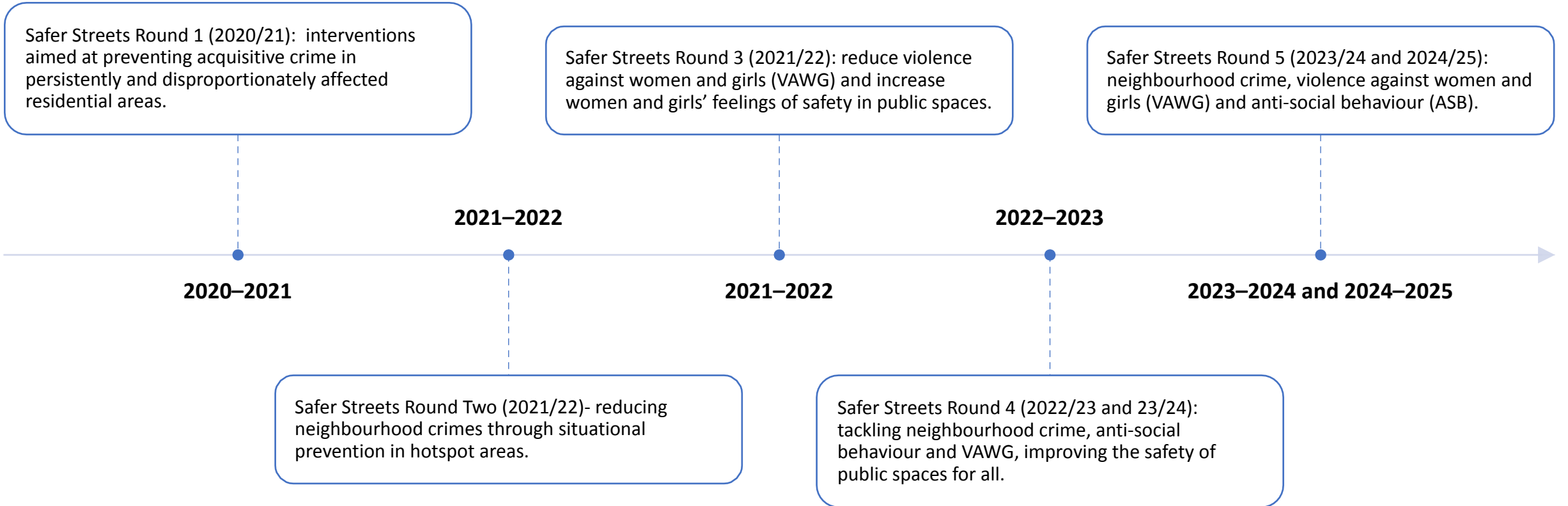


# What is the Safer Streets Fund?

- The Safer Streets Fund launched in 2020, the government has invested £120 million through four rounds of funding.
- Round Five was launched on the 6 July 2024. Every police force area across England and Wales was offered the opportunity to bid for up to £1 million to deliver a range of interventions.
- Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were invited to submit up to three proposals for their areas, consulting relevant local authorities and other partners in their area.
- All proposals that were submitted were assessed by the Home Office to ensure they met the terms of the scheme.



# Safer Streets Rounds 1-4



# Changes to the initial projects due to reductions in Home Office funding.

## Message received from the HO December 2023.

- *Our available budget will be £15 million for the 2024/25 financial year, as opposed to the £23 million your projects were approved on initially. As a result, each police force area will face a **reduction of £180,000** from their original allocation for the 2024/25 financial year.*

## OPCC and partners response.

- The OPCC agreed to provide investment of £50k to cover some of the shortfall from the original proposals, and reduce the impact on providers and the intended outcomes of the funding.
- The decision was made not to try and commission new services to reflect this change in funding.
- Existing projects would be adapted with efforts made to achieve outcomes although some impact on delivery would be inevitable.



# Project 1

| Project | Org              | Project                      | Location 1 | Loc 2     | Loc 3 | Loc 4 |
|---------|------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 1       | Venture Security | Night Time Economy Wardens   | Trowbridge | Salisbury |       |       |
| 1       | Chippenham TC    | CCTV                         | Chippenham |           |       |       |
| 1       | Salisbury TC     | CCTV                         | Salisbury  |           |       |       |
| 1       | Wilts Police     | Community Action Initiatives | Swindon    |           |       |       |



## Project 2

| Project | Provider      | Project                     | Location 1 | Loc. 2    | Loc. 3  |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| 2       | Nelson Trust  | Sex worker outreach project | Swindon    |           |         |
| 2       | Wilts Council | Playhouse fencing and gate  | Salisbury  |           |         |
| 2       | Bobby Van     | Target hardening            | Chippenham | Salisbury | Swindon |
| 2       | Crimestoppers | Crimestopper zones          | Swindon    |           |         |
| 2       | Iprovefit     | Mentoring for CHB           | Swindon    |           |         |



# Project 3

| Project | Org   | Project          | Location 1             | Loc 2                      | Loc 3                       |
|---------|-------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3       | SMASH | Youth engagement | Chippenham Avon – East | Salisbury St Martin – West | Salisbury St Edmund - South |



# Project One

## Venture Security: NTE Wardens in Salisbury & Trowbridge

- Visible guardian presence providing support to service users of the night time economy primarily but not exclusively women.
- Consultation: Statutory stakeholders agree that a focus on women's safety in the night-time economy should be a priority for the partnership. This is underpinned by survey data. Town councils are keen to have this additional support. Community and voluntary sector groups in each locality have lobbied for support of this nature and are keen and supportive advocates of this form of intervention.
- Outcomes: Reduction in VAWG offences, reduction in female victims of crime, improved feelings of safety after dark in these locations.
- Evaluation: analysis to establish the impact of the NTE wardens on both the target/secondary crime types and any diffusion of benefits which may occur.
- We will re-run the Safety at Night survey and look for an impact on public perceptions, especially of females in the target areas.





# Chippenham CCTV

- Location; Chippenham Avon East LSOA, specifically: Station Hill, Sadler's Mead & Bath Road Roundabout
- Why these locations: Chippenham Avon East is ranked as the second highest LSOA in Wiltshire for ASB. There are two key forms of ASB in the area:
- Vehicle-enabled ASB
- Alcohol related and youth related disorder
- Station Hill is the location where many ASB incidents occur between the railway station and the town centre. Whilst we have good CCTV coverage in the town centre, this is a “blind spot” and a camera here will help ensure public safety at this crucial point.
- Outcomes: Reduction in ASB and perception of crime. Increased feelings of public safety. Improved success in identifying offenders. Improved interventions in live incidents.
- Evaluation: Increase in identification of ASB offenders, reduction in reports of ASB within this LSOA, increased number of CCTV footage requests and crimes solved.



# Salisbury CCTV

- The purchasing of 4 deployable CCTV cameras to meet demand.
- Primary locations: St Martin – South, St Edmund – South
- The new deployable/mobile cameras could be deployed anywhere in the targeted areas to meet demand and hot spots.
- These two areas are significant crime generators for the Wiltshire County area.
- Outcomes: Reduction in ASB, robbery, sexual offences, and perception of crime. Increased feelings of public safety. Improved success in identifying offenders. Improved interventions in live incidents.
- Evaluation: monitor ASB reports in this LSOA
  - - monitor ASB interventions on perpetrators in this LSOA
  - - reduction of complaints from residents
  - - increased requests for CCTV footage and other data collected.
  - - these interventions will add value and additional geographical areas to the infrastructure of the existing CCTV system



## • **Wiltshire Police Community Action Initiatives**

- Improving feelings of safety through visible presence, positive messaging and education. Community Based Volunteers will be focussed on recruiting further volunteers, litter picking, removing graffiti and identifying unused buildings for potential community use. They will also be encouraged to patrol at key school drop off/pick up times to provide safety messaging and improve feelings of safety. Volunteers will also conduct safety sweeps, leaflet drops.
- Location Broadgreen area of Swindon Broad, with expansion into county.
- Initial recruitment of 8 Community Based Volunteers for this LSOA, with an anticipated output of at least 4 activities per month per volunteer, at a minimum of at least 2 hours each. This equates to a minimum output of 64 hours per month.
- Outcomes: Reduction in ASB and perception of crime. Increased feelings of public safety. Public confidence in policing and increase in reporting of hidden crimes.



# Project 2

## Nelson Trust: Sex Worker Outreach Project (SWOP)– Clear Hold Build

- This project will support the most vulnerable women with complex needs who are currently engaged in sex work in the Broad Green area of Swindon.
- This area has been selected as the Clear Hold Build site for Wiltshire.
- Women who sex work have historically operated in this area but recent intelligence suggests that OCGs are increasingly involved in the exploitation of women on this site.
- There are concerns about cuckooing, substance misuse, County Lines, gender-based violence, and sexual and criminal exploitation.



# Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

- Free home security, target hardening and online safety service to eligible residents in priority neighbourhoods. (over 60s and over 18's with a registered disability initially)
- Locations: Wiltshire – Downton – North and Charlton; Chalke Valley; Warminster West – South Central; Fovant, Sutton Mandeville and Swallowcliffe; Salisbury St Martin – Central
- Swindon – Faringdon Road, Okus East, Pinehurst West, Stokesay Drive, Westmead South
- These 10 neighbourhoods are the priority areas for burglary across Swindon and Wiltshire.
- Each residential area will be leafleted and offered support. Referrals in the area can also be made by professionals. Talks will be given in the area to support the rollout. Policing teams will be given specific training on the service offered.
- Outcomes: Reduction in neighbourhood crime, specifically burglary. Improved wellbeing and confidence for home owners in these areas.
- Evaluation: Monitoring of burglary (domestic and non-domestic) in these areas and test against doppelganger locations. The Operators gather feedback forms from the client which will be available for inspection.



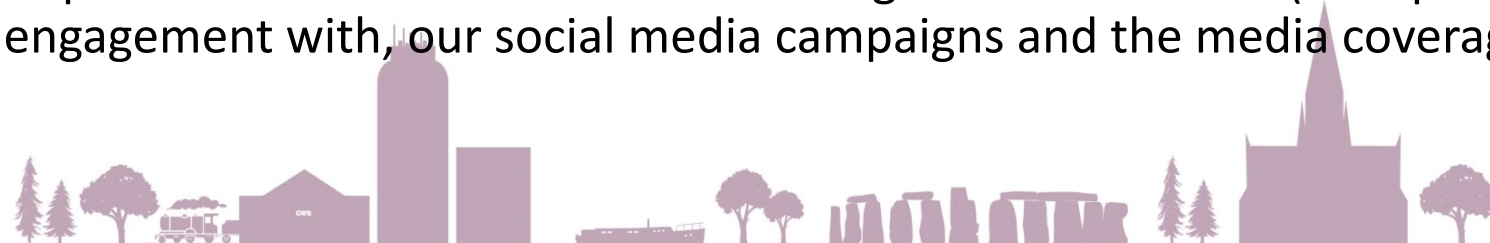
## • **Iprovement: Mentoring for young people from Wiltshire and Swindon**

- An offer of 14 specific 1:1 Mentoring Spaces for young people aged 15-21 years referred from the targeted Broadgreen area within the 'Clear, Hold and Build Strategy' in Swindon
- We want to make a positive impact, build trust and resilience with these young people against the organised crime group influences and offer intelligence to support the Clear Hold Build initiative.
- Outcomes: Help restore relationships with police and statutory agencies etc
  - Help decrease the number of arrests
  - Help reduce disruption to the community
  - Reduce the crime and disorder in the targeted area
  - Increase reporting to police & comms
  - Decrease the drug offences by offering healthier alternatives
  - Help tackle county lines



# Crimestoppers

- Introduction of Crimestoppers Zones in hotspot areas. These Zones are designed to run for a defined period of time in small areas where there is high neighbourhood crime, low reporting and poor community confidence.
- SWINDON Faringdon Road, Rodbourne South, Broad Green.
- For each zone, the following activities will take place:
  - Geographically targeted social media campaign encouraging the public to be vigilant about neighbourhood crime, raising awareness of our 100% anonymous reporting service, and encouraging the public to report what they know about the perpetrators.
  - Lamppost signs, posters and/or leaflets will be produced and distributed throughout the area with the help of partners.
  - High profile banner van will visit the area with opportunities for community engagement from partners, media release & web landing page.
  - Evaluation: The number of Crimestoppers reports related to Neighbourhood Crime which are received before, during and after the period of the Zone. A reduction in neighbourhood crime (data provided by the Police). The reach of, and engagement with, our social media campaigns and the media coverage generated.



# Project 3

- **SMASH consortium: Swindon: SMASH and Iprovefit. Wiltshire: The Rise Trust + The Bridge Project**
- Wiltshire: 5 detached youth work sessions a week; 3 in Salisbury, 2 in Chippenham.
- Chippenham Avon – East. Salisbury St Martin – West, Salisbury St Edmund - South (same as the CCTV areas).
- A large number of the ASB nuisance and environmental offences are within the under 25 category. Through consultation with statutory partners, early help teams and community members it is understood that detached youth workers have a key role in creating positive relations with young people and their communities.
- Outcomes: Reduction in NC, ASB & VAWG, increased feeling of safety and improved trust in the police. Increased positive contribution of young people to their community and wider society.
- Evaluation: surveys within the community and with partners, sharing of neighbourhood data and intelligence across the partnership. Youth Investment Fund (YIF) evaluation framework. Using data to map to the theory of change. This allows us to look beyond simply ‘does funded provision work?’ to ‘what works, for whom, in what conditions and why?’.





## Round 5 progress February 2024

- Venture Security start their NTE Wardens in Salisbury on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. with a start in Trowbridge tbc.
- Smash: Youth workers are mobilised and engaging with young people across the county.

As of December their teams had already completed 34 sessions of street-based mentoring, conducting approximately 400 interactions with young people.

Teams have established rapport and trust really quickly with young people in each location and have engaged in some excellent conversations, including topics such as friendship, family, mental health, concerns with knife crime, anti-social behaviour and casual drug use.

- CCTV Salisbury: cameras ordered early Feb. and initial locations agreed. They will be fully integrated with the existing system upgrade due in April.
- CCTV Chippenham: permission process progressing, funds in place.
- Crimestoppers have begun their work in Broadgreen.
- Nelson Trust are engaged and developing their delivery of the SWOP.
- Bobby Van Trust: identifying initial area and preparing leaflets ready for delivery. Ready to respond to referrals.

