

Safer Streets Fund (SSF) 2020/21 Wellingborough

General activity.

Communication with communities affected has continued, with local groups, literature and dedicated social media sites.

- Continued to update dedicated Facebook page, keeping community informed.
- Significant communication this quarter has focused on the alley gate element of the project, explaining matters such as key distribution.
- Media work undertaken across the area raising awareness of the success of implementation of the agreed interventions.
- Continued engagement with Neighbourhood Watch to increase membership footprint in SSF area.
- Activity has commenced to harness learning for use in SSF round 2, assuming successful grant awards.

<u>**Risk**</u> – Green significant awareness raising, engagement and media activity has taken place informing of the successfully implemented interventions.

<u>People</u>

- Experienced project coordinator has remained in post.
- Due to the compressed timescales of SSF, the OPFCC has been required to support this with additional time allocated form existing staff, leading to additional staffing costs.

Alleyways

- Ordering and delivery of gates completed at the beginning of Q4. All gates now installed. The total of gates installed after required consents orders and were secured is 74. This is the largest single such scheme in the County ever and as far as we are aware one of the largest in UK. The gates consist of 26 in public ownership and 48 in private ownership.
- Ownership of public alleyway gates passed to Local Authority, with responsibility for ongoing maintenance.
- Provision made with Local Authority to maintain public gates for the life of the PSPO.
- In addition to installation of alley gates the affected alleys have been cleared of rubbish and litter, enhancing the area and assisting in instilling a sense of community pride. (20 tons removed).
- Signage installed on the 26 public gates reminding community members to secure gates and advertising the route for legitimate access to utility companies.

<u>RISK</u> – Green This element of the grant agreement is fully completed.

Surveillance (CCTV)

• Local Authority have provided agreed additional match funds of £34,000 supporting the expansion of upgraded cameras into neighbouring town centre location, as agreed with

SSF team. This has allowed upgrade of existing system, bringing it into line with other neighbouring Local Authorities as a merger to a new Unitary authority took place on 1st April 2021, assisting in system sustainability as well as preventing crime deflection.

• All cameras installed and updated as required. This consists of 9 new locations in the SSF LSOA and upgrade of 17 cameras as agreed in town centre, completed through use of SSF and LA funding.

<u>**Risk**</u> – Green. Last quarter report mentioned that this would require ongoing management. This has taken place and this element of the grant has been delivered.

Target Hardening

- All target hardening packs have been delivered from suppliers.
- As previously reported Covid severely limited the ability to get contractors into recipients' homes to fit hardware. Contingency ensured distribution of enhanced security packs.
- This element of the grant has been completed as follows.
 - Distribution of 2500 standard security packs including SSF information, crime prevention information and basic crime prevention devices such as door alarms.
 - 1100 enhanced packs delivered containing approx. £100 worth of home security prevention devices.

<u>Risk –</u> Green. This element of the grant has been delivered and packs distributed.

Precis of Deliverable Form Outputs

Number of community engaged in crime prevention via media campaign and number of crime prevention activities undertaken as part of Safer Streets Pilots.

- Over 13,000 interactions with dedicated Facebook page in total over the period of the project.
- 2500 interactions through distribution of standard packs
- 1100 face to face interactions via enhanced security packs
- 600 face to face interactions from NFRS alleygating consultations.
- 200 responses to the PSPO consultation from the Borough Council
- 465 letters to homes for final alleygating requests to residents.
- 3 briefings to elected members/community groups
- Virtual meetings with community and IAG.
- Local media releases outlining and highlighting the successful interventions.
- Creation of video specific to local interventions to engage diverse community. This was released via You tube, Facebook and websites. Viewed over 2000 times on Facebook alone.

Scope and delivery of between 25 and 90 alleygates

- Completed. In this quarter and in total for the project 74 alley gates installed.
- Litter and fly tipping clearance has also taken place at these locations.

Target hardening offered to 600 homes.

- Activity continued this quarter. During the project the number of target hardening activities taking place being 3600. This is made up of.
 - o 2500 homes receiving standard security packs. (100% of homes)
 - 1100 homes receiving enhanced security packs (Almost 50% of homes.)

Installation of CCTV cameras to Victoria and Isebrook Ward

• Now completed with 9 new cameras in the LSOA bid location and the upgrade of 17 cameras in the neighbouring town centre.

Provision of home and vehicle crime prevention materials and free security devices to 80% of households

• See above for the full breakdown of the delivery and distribution of target hardening packs but during the life of the project every household in the bid area has received at least one home security pack, consisting of basic home security devices and crime prevention and SSF literature, so 100% of households have received this, exceeding the aspirational 80%.

Target hardening to 20% to 25% of households in the bid area.

- Final distribution of remaining 500 enhanced packs has taken place in Q4
- During the life of the project an enhanced target hardening security pack being delivered to in excess of 1100 houses (50%)
- Due to our approach of using Fire and Rescue to conduct doorstep consultations relating to alley gates, an additional benefit realised was the completion of 137 home fire safety checks in a location, known by the Fire Service to be of higher risk and demand.

Sustainability

- Location has a range of crime prevention signs, all have been replaced using SSF funds.
- Neighbourhood Watch have completed scoping of existing scheme footprint and are instigating plans to build on the success of SSF Round 1 by increasing NHW membership in the area during 2021.
- OPFCC are planning a localised Crimestoppers campaign in the area in Q2 2021/2022 to again build on this success.
- We have ensured CCTV installed is compatible with that in other areas of the new Unitary Authority to assist in sustainability of operation.
- All equipment provided in target hardening packs meets requirements of British Standards or Secured by Design status to ensure quality. In addition, equipment provided is relevant to crime issue identified in this location and easy to self-install and use, to promote effective use and sustainability.
- Equipment procured for CCTV and alley gates is of Secured by Design or recognised industry standards to ensure longevity of operation.
- Provision made for gates maintenance with local authority.
- Revenue funding secured with Local Authority to ensure ongoing monitoring and maintenance of installed CCTV.
- Second video of close down of project being distributed post Purdah to summarise security measures installed and enabling residents to take ownership of their personal security requirements.

<u>OVERALL PROJECT RISK –</u> Green . Despite Covid restrictions and Brexit supply issues we are pleased to be able to confirm that all elements of this bid have been completed on time.

Part 2: Activity progress

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Alleygating						x	x	x
CCTV						x	х	x
Improvements to street / outside lighting								
Other target hardening activities in public and communal areas			x	x	x	x	x	x
Home target hardening measures (e.g. locks, video doorbells)				x	x	x	x	x
Bicycle and motor vehicle target hardening measures (e.g. bicycle locks, steering wheel locks)								
Identifying stolen property (e.g. property marking, ANPR)								
Community engagement (e.g. advice to community, Neighbourhood Watch)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Environmental improvements (e.g. cleaning area, recycling)	x	x					x	x
General Crime Prevention Advice	x	x	x	х	х	x	х	x

FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE

Total costs of £548,097 are forecast to be slightly in excess of grant awarded – $\pm 2,397.27$ will be met by the PFCC but are monitored against the grant for completeness and transparency.

Funding claimed is:

Quarter 2	£22,560
Quarter 3	£104,243
Quarter 4	£418,897
Total Claim	£545,700

Budget line	Q2 -forecast (June- September)	Q2 -actual (June2- September)	Q3 - forecast (October- December)	Q3 - actual (October- December)	Q4 - forecast (January- March)	Q4 -actual (January- March)
People	1,900	17,978	9,948	9,948	9,948	26,691
Equipment - capital	-	-	-	-	80,000	
Equipment - expense					196,123	
Subcontracting – capital				-	135,000	215,000
Subcontracting - expense	20,000	4,582	94,955	94,295		179,603
Other – capital						
Other – expense						
TOTAL	21,900	22,560	104,903	104,243	421,071	421,294-