

# **NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION GROUP (CSAG)**

## **24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

I represented the Parish Council at the CSAG on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The CSAG is chaired by the Town Clerk of Hailsham and it's business is mainly Hailsham orientated as that is where most of the crime is.

The agenda included:

### **Community Speedwatch (CSW).**

From statistics generated by CSW Groups, HQ Speedwatch are rolling out a Speed Management Plan which will embrace:

- Engineering – getting Highways to assess the requirement for traffic calming measures. We are ahead of the game here having had a traffic survey and a subsequent meeting with Highways although the outcome wasn't very positive.
- Education – the use of CSW Groups. Ongoing in RG.
- Enforcement – the addition of the Police. We need to keep encouraging Police attendance through the PCSO.

Public complaints about speeding should be referred to:

[road.communications@sussex.police.uk](mailto:road.communications@sussex.police.uk)

Perhaps this could be added to the parish website?

More temporary signage of the Police's "Watch your speed before we do" type will be available.

CSW Groups will be issued with bodycams at the end of this month to record abuse.

### **Crime**

All types of crime in 2021 are showing reduced figures over those of 2020 with the exception of small increases in robbery and sexual offences. The latter is due to children sending explicit photos by smart phone.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

This is mainly an urban problem and the Police are targetting it although overall incidents are down on 2020

### **Police Priorities**

1. Speeding and antisocial driving
2. Antisocial behaviour
3. DISC (Database Intelligence Safe Communities) This is an app that will allow communities and businesses to report crime quickly.

### **Ongoing Problem Areas.**

I reported on the continuing traffic problems in the parish, my disappointment in failing to get funding for traffic surveys from Wealden (which I applied for under CSW) and the Highways recommendation for a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID). I then asked for full or part funding for the SID. The CSAG said that it was unlikely that we would get funding on the questionable grounds that they would have to fund every similar parish request. However, I did get them to consider getting Hailsham to bid for funding and then lend the SID out to parishes for periods of time. This may allow us to test the suitability of the device. They will let me know.

**Date of Next Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 2pm

Councillor Michael Smythe OBE

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