



Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council

Statement on Crime & Disorder

Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed a new duty on Police and Local Authorities to consider crime and disorder and community safety in all their activities.

It is the responsibility of Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council (STC) to have due regard to this when exercising its various duties and responsibilities.

STC is committed to doing all it can to prevent crime and disorder in Stratford-upon-Avon town.

To achieve this, it closely monitors and reviews the work it carries out to ensure it meets this obligation as well as considering crime and disorder reduction in everything it does.

CCTV

STC is a member of the Stratford-on Avon District (SDC) CCTV Partnership.

STC pays an annual subscription to the Partnership which provides towards 28 cameras in the town which are monitored from the SDC Control Room, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The system provides an increased level of security within the town for the benefit of those who study, work or live in Stratford-upon-Avon.

CCTV staff have a direct link radio with the Warwickshire Police force control room and officers on the ground. Warwickshire Police control room staff also have access to a monitor showing live feed images within their facility which, coupled with the radio contact, enables effective and rapid deployment of police resources.

Footage of incidents is routinely made available to the police for use in investigation of reported crimes, missing persons or suspect activity and is used to assist in the prosecution of offenders in the courts.

STC has installed its own CCTV system at the Cemetery. The CCTV systems are a deterrent to reduce/prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. Footage from the system is available to the local police to enable them to identify individuals or to investigate complaints.

General

STC also works closely with police and local agencies to prevent and combat crime and disorder within the community in the following ways:

- Regular communication with the police and other statutory authorities to seek advice, guidance and discuss new and ongoing initiatives and/or issues
- Inviting the police to attend STC events, with the aim of maintaining and improving the crucial link with the community
- Communication with Stratford upon Avon Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings relating to events in Stratford-upon-Avon. The group brings together relevant regulatory authorities to assist event organisers to conduct safe and lawful events
- Supporting initiatives within the town that assist with crime and disorder prevention such as:
 - Community grants to Stratford in Bloom and Christmas Lights Committee – all of which take a pro-active lead in encouraging pride in the town.
 - Reporting fly tipping to Stratford on Avon District Council.
 - Reporting fly posting and unauthorised signage to Stratford on Avon District Council – such posters can affect highways safety and detract from the amenity of the town.
 - Reporting highways repairs to Warwickshire County Council.
 - Prioritising removal of graffiti from STC property as soon as possible.

- Providing regular litter picking and bin emptying on STC sites.
- Educating residents on the problems of dog fouling and litter on social media.
- Providing relevant information from the police on its website and social media.

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