

**Evidence of considering the impact of the councils' functions and decisions on crime and disorder in the local area.**

Brixton Parish Council acknowledges its responsibility in relation to Crime and Disorder as stated in Section 17 of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 in that all Local Authorities including Parishes have a duty to consider the impact of all of their decisions, actions and functions with crime and disorder in mind, aiming to prevent and reduce this. The Council understands that Anti-Social Behaviour, defined as "Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator", can often impact on residents. Therefore, Brixton Parish Council recognises the importance of working closely with the Police and other key agencies in a multi-agency partnership approach in dealing with Crime Prevention to create a safer community for its residents.

Brixton is a rural location on the urban fringe of Plymouth. It is not a high crime area. However before January 2020 when concerns were raised, these were reported to the Clerk or directly to the local PCSO who ensured that they were dealt with in a timely way, as part of a collaborative preventative strategy to reduce Crime and Disorder in the parish.

Up until January 2020 Brixton Parish Council invited the local Police / local PCSO to monthly parish council meetings to report on crime and disorder statistics and to agree if any follow up action was needed. In January 2020 Devon and Cornwall Police stopped attendance at Parish Council meetings; as a result Brixton Parish Council has joined the Police Advocate Scheme to ensure that it is fully briefed on crime and disorder issues. To ensure liaison and collaboration between the Police and the Parish Council an additional six weekly meeting has been set up between the Chair of the Parish Council and the local Police Sergeant to discuss any issues relating to crime and disorder in Brixton. A direct channel of communication between the Chair and the Police has been set up for urgent issues.

Quarterly traffic management meetings are held to discuss road safety issues. It is through these meetings that Brixton Parish Council has been able to progress the Community Speedwatch involving local residents as volunteers.

The Parish Council purchased its own VAS in June 2018 and has since monitored the speed of traffic through the village and lanes. The data and statistics collected by the Councils Community Road Warden are regularly reported to the local Police and the Parish Council. An overall reduction in speed has been noted. The Community Road Warden manages the VAS, data and statistics and reports any traffic offences e.g. parking on pavement next to zebra crossing so that these road safety issues can be dealt with by the Police in a timely way.

The Parish Council works closely with the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme led by local residents in collaboration with the local Neighbourhood Police Team.

Brixton Parish Council utilises the Love Brixton Facebook page and BrixtonDevon website to warn and update parishioners of incidents of burglaries and any scams.

Brixton Parish Council works in collaboration with the local Neighbourhood Team Police aware of its responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and acts as and when required or requested to reduce / prevent crime and disorder particularly in relation to noise, fly tipping, speeding vehicles, out of control dogs in the community and in the countryside e.g. sheep/livestock worrying.