

CITY CENTRE ASB

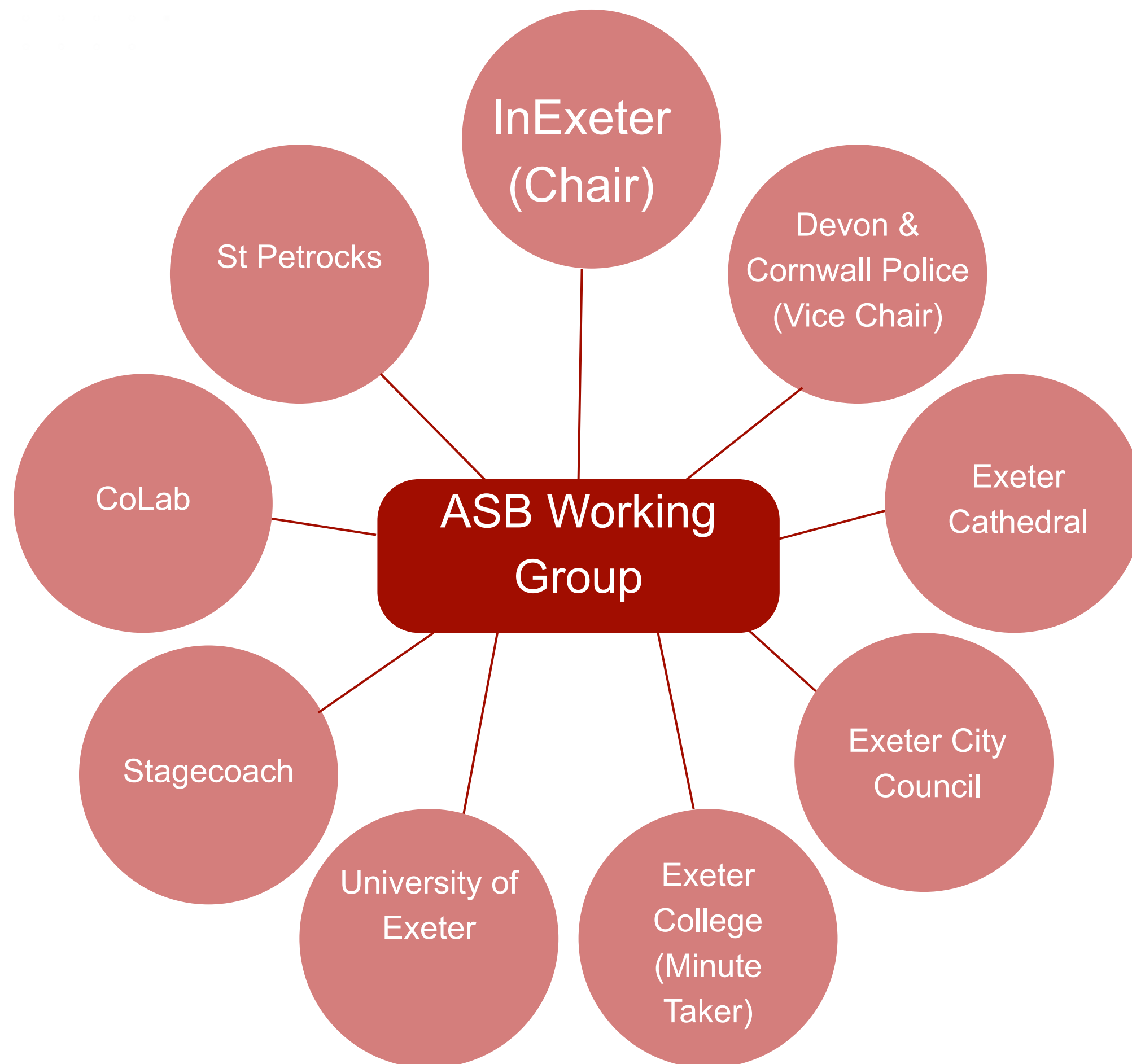
Antisocial behaviour is defined as

'behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person'



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Our Approach

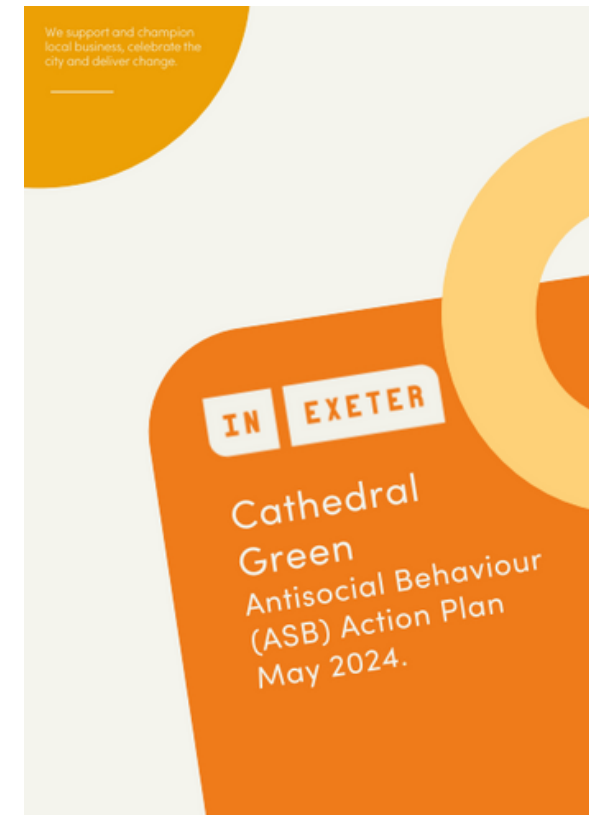
ASB sub-group of the CSP established January 2024 with representatives from across the city.



Operational

Hyper local network of businesses and community organisations in 'hotspot' locations. Meetings facilitated by Inspector Johnson and InExeter CEO Nicola Wheeler to:

- Identify the impact of the ASB in specific locations
- Baseline perception of safety surveys
- Co-produce action plans
- Monitor progress
- Activity feeds into Safer Exeter ASB Sub-Working Group and Action Plan



Operational – Action Plan Excerpt

Category	Action	Lead	Second lead	Progress Update	Notes
Place	Restrict access to area of Cathedral Green closest to Cathedral School currently demarcated by temporary green fencing	Cathedral		Action underway	Site visit carried out. Agreed intervention. Cost estimate received. Application from for funding submitted to OPCC Jan 2025, funding awarded - awaiting update from Cathedral on completion.
Place	Clear overgrown area near to Cathedral by heightening tree canopy and trimming ground shrubs. Maintain the Green ensuring gaps between planting and trees.	Cathedral		Action complete	Cathedral undertook works after first meeting and continue to maintain grounds.
Place	Install signage setting out rules and consequences of unacceptable behaviour.	Cathedral		Action required	Some signage in place. Cathedral to review and implement what is needed.
Place	Improve lighting at night particularly on Eastern edge of Cathedral Close going towards Southernhay.	DCC	DCP	Action required	InExeter and DCP engaged with DCC to highlight this and other dark areas. No funding as yet.
People	Deliver a programme of activation on The Green to increase positive uses. E.g. Independent Market, Book Market, Young Traders Market etc.	Cathedral		Action underway	Cathedral hosted Independent market (monthly, Apr-Sept) and the Christmas market (4 weeks Nov-Dec) as well as Craft Fair and Book Market in 2024. Programme for 2025 includes 4 x Independent Markets, RAF recruitment drive in April.
Place	Litter pick once a day, continue or increase this as required.	Cathedral		Action underway	Cathedral have a daily litter picker.
People	Work closely with young people around their behaviour and the things behind this.	Young Devon		Action underway	
Place	Work with food and beverage businesses and Exeter Cathedral to reclaim the outdoor space/pavement areas.				
Place	Understand and inform how each stakeholder could extend further out from their perimeter and cover wider communal space.	InExeter		Action Underway	Pizza Express aiming to extend their seating area. Sprout now using outside fully. Taste, Cote and Eat on the Green all making use of outdoor space.
Place	BT Phone boxes - remove or upgrade	ECC	DCC	Action underway	Enquiries made with BT and Global. Option to rationalise phone boxes and bring in street hubs subject to planning approval. Global have submitted proposals and a planning application to ECC. InExeter wrote a letter of support addressed to Head of Planning. A number of phone boxes on the city have been earmarked for removal. InExeter worked with Global to get the ones outside Monkey Suit and Waterstones deo cleaned for Britain in Bloom and to get the St George's Dross removed from the one outside the Corn Exchange.
People	Increase presence and robustness in enforcing PSPO and no alcohol zone.	DCP	ECC	Action underway	Hotspot patrols in place since May 2024. DCP recording outputs. Community Safety Team in place since July 2024. Both are funded either wholly or in part of PCC. Funding from 25/26 is now confirmed and both hotspot plicing and Community Safety Team will continue for another 12 months. ECC to take paper to committee to make CST permanent.
People	Increased visibility through hotspot policing for late afternoon /	DCP		Action underway	ENTE policing action plan and neighbourhood policing plan aligned with identified hotspots for ASB
					DCC have confirmed that they cannot resource someone to be on the CSP, ASB and ENTE sub groups. Designated a single point of contact (Phil Morgan) to direct enquiries through. InExeter and

Key Activity

Shared Prosperity Fund - CCTV
& Body Worn Video Cameras
£129,78 - 2022

Safer Business Action
Week w/c 14th October

Hotspot Policing Initiative
- May 2024

Extension of Hotspot
Policing Initiative - April
2025

Community Safety
Team pilot launched - July
2024

Encampments Process
Map - April 2025

Sidwell Centre Security
Pilot - August 2024

Extension of City Centre PSPO
for a further 3 years - July 2025



Key Activity

City Centre Hyper Local ASB meetings

City Centre ASB Action Plan developed

Streets to Safety Strategic Forum - 9 July 2025

Shared Prosperity Fund - CCTV £105,120 August 2025



'Need Help' yellow signs installed across the City Centre - July 2025

EBAC launch new reporting tool - July 2025

EBAC rollout of new radios – September 2025

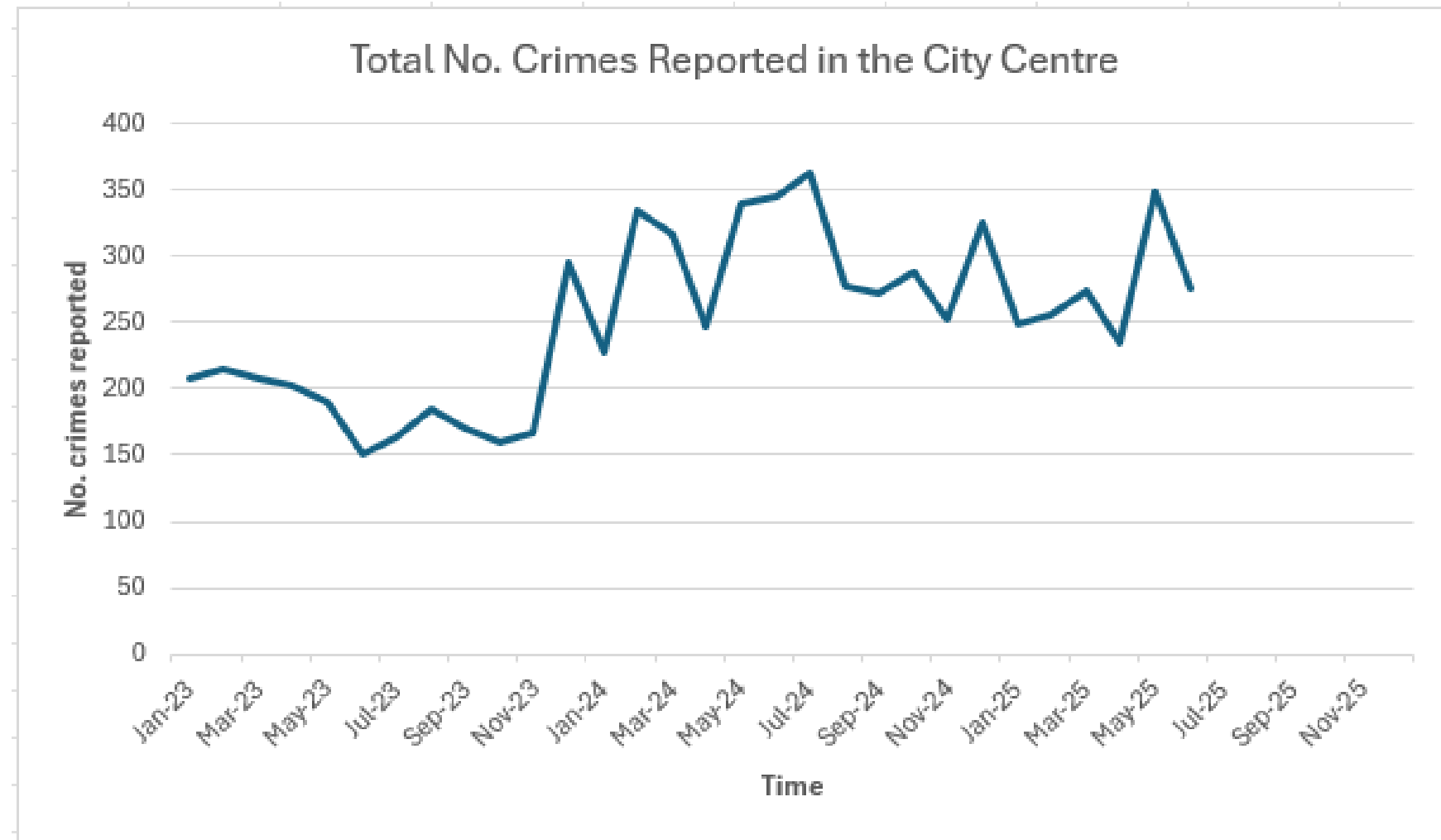
Rough Sleeping Prevention & Recovery Top-Up Grant – September 2025



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- £133k funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner to fund hotspot policing, partner patrols and physical interventions in hot spot areas including:
- Additional CCTV on Fore Street and George Street
 - Planting and wayfinding on South Street
 - Planting and garden improvements at Sidwell Centre
 - Ironmongery on Cathedral Green to reduce access to problem areas.

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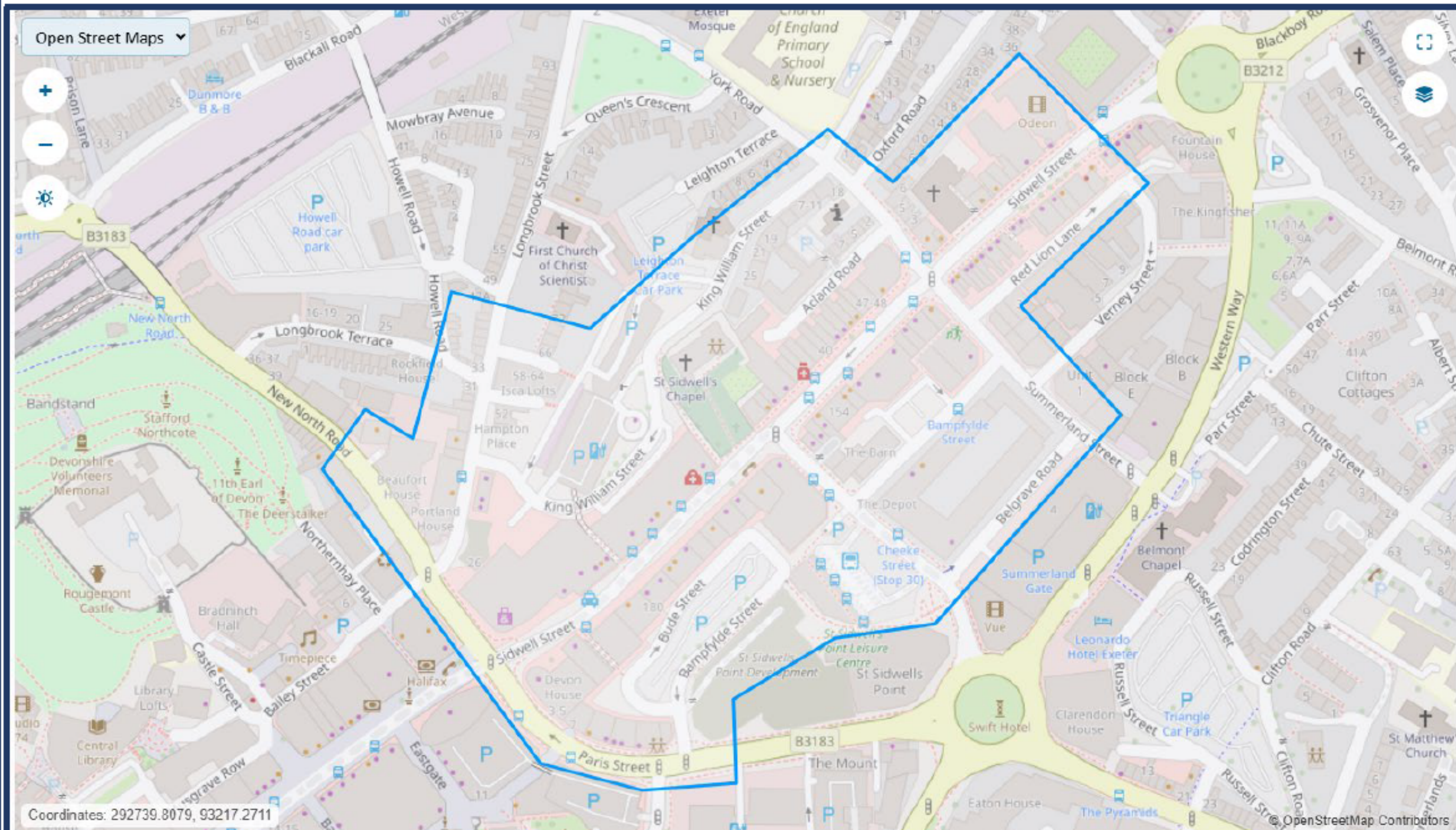
The Exeter Neighbourhood team are focused on nine priorities: Engagement, Shop theft, Counter Drugs, Serious and Organised Crime, Evening and Night Time Economy, Violence Against Women and Girls, Violence, Anti-Social Behaviour in residential areas and Anti-Social Behaviour in the city centre.

Our Strategy is focused on:

- Places – reclaim contested spaces, this could be a bench or a street,
- Partnerships – create local networks to involve statutory partners, business, residents, charities and initiatives
- People – marginalise perpetrators behaviour, which seeks to understand individuals and address behaviours.

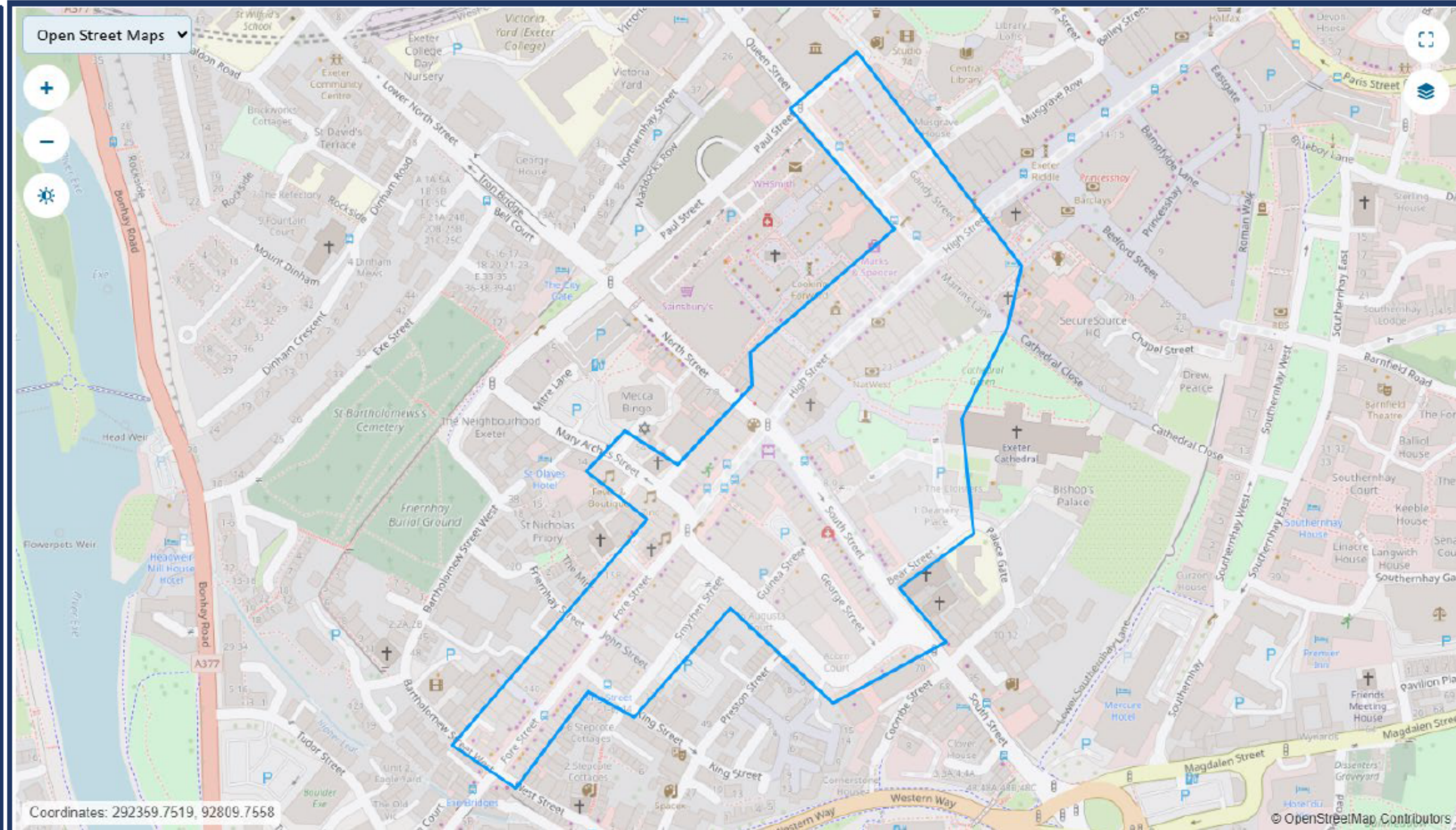
Exeter – Sidwell Street Hotspot

- Sidwell Street
- King William Street
- Acland Road
- York Road
- New North Road
- Paris Street
- Cheeke Street
- Bampfylde Street
- Bude Street
- Belgrave Road
- Summerland Street
- Red Lion Lane



Exeter – South Street Hotspot

- High Street
- Queen Street
- Gandy Street
- Cathedral Green
- South Street
- Mary Arches Street
- Fore Street
- George Street
- Smythen Street
- Guinea Street





Since the Community Safety Team were provided with the power to disperse individuals from within the PSPO area (Oct 2024), they have issued 332 dispersals, ranging from 6-24hrs

Reason	No. dispersals
ASB	128
Shoplifting/Theft	29
Begging	4
Shouting	14
Fighting	10
Possession of drugs	4
Drug taking	13
Drunk & Disorderly	18
Drinking alcohol	30
Swearing	20
Breach of CPW	8
Other	54
TOTAL	332

INITIATIVES ADDRESSING DAY TIME ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) IN EXETER CITY CENTRE

Exeter is a safe city*, although like towns and cities, it has its challenges. By acknowledging these issues and working in partnership, we can identify the best solutions for our community.

*Source: CrimeHarm Index data for Exeter



Additional Outputs

- Over **100** local businesses engaged
- **4x** coproduced localised action plans
- **1x** Streets to Safety Forum with the High Sherriff attended by 40 leaders
- **1x** Infographic produced by University of Exeter



Current Focus

Exeter Safety Charter

Opportunity to demonstrate that city partners are committed to working together on improving safety in the city during the day

Press Event

Oct 2025 to share the work that has been undertake to date and improve public perceptions of safety in the city

Data Dashboard

Aligning all data relating to ASB including DCP data, ECC data and EBAC data into a single dashboard to provide insight and monitor progress

Mentoring Project

A pilot building on the outcome of the Streets to Stability Forum providing targeted and wrap around support to vulnerable individuals in the city

Purple Flag & SWAN Charter

Working towards submitting an application for Purple Flag status and where women feel confident and safe at night.

Next Steps

ASB Action Plan

Review and update ASB Action Plan

12 Month Review

Attend Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee September 2026 with an update on progress and activity