



Donnington and Muxton Parish Council

Crime and Disorder Policy Statement

Responsibility for the Update of Policy	Clerk to the Council
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Policy Review Cycle	Every three years
Date for Policy Review	December 2025

INTRODUCTION

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states that all relevant authorities – which includes town and parish councils – have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.

The duties introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 affect all town and parish councils, whatever their size or location. The Act introduces a partnership approach to local crime reduction; town and parish councils should be partners in that process. The Act also imposes certain duties on town and parish councils to consider crime and disorder reduction in everything they do. It is therefore important that all clerks and local councillors have an understanding of the key parts of the Act that affect them.

The Crime and Disorder Act places a statutory 'duty' on the police and local authorities to work together with key partners and agencies in partnership to formulate and implement local crime reduction strategies.

The partners are required to:

- **identify**, through local crime and disorder audits and consultation, key **local crime and disorder priorities**.
- **formulate strategies to** assist in tackling these key priorities and **reduce crime** at the local level.
- **monitor** and **evaluate** those strategies.

SECTION 5 (2) OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT

Section 5(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the right of parish councils to be consulted).

In exercising those functions, the responsible authority shall act in co-operation with the following persons and bodies, namely:

- a. every police authority any part of whose police lies within the area;
- b. every probation committee or health authority any part of whose area lies within the area; and
- c. every person or body of a description which is for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under this subsection; and it shall be the duty of those persons and bodies to co-operate in the exercise by the responsible authorities of those functions.

THE PARISH COUNCIL AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council recognises that it is good practice for it to be involved in its local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. The advantages of partnership working for town and parish councils include:

- It avoids unnecessary duplication, confusion, and waste of resources.
- Partner agencies will consider the impact of their policies and actions on crime and disorder.
- There is greater potential impact on crime and disorder through increased agency involvement.
- Pooling resources maximises their effectiveness.
- It provides opportunities for sharing expertise and learning from others.
- Bringing together a range of agencies enables each agency to concentrate on its strengths and experiences can be brought to bear on all areas of the partnership's activities.

The Parish Council will consider the impact of crime and disorder issues on its four main categories of work:

- services such as managing its community halls, open spaces and playing fields.
- discretionary powers to spend 'free resource' money.
- the statutory right to be notified of all planning applications within the parish boundary and a statutory right to be consulted fully by Telford & Wrekin Council.
- a statutory duty to hold regular parish meetings.

In order to help reduce crime and disorder, Donnington and Muxton Parish Council will work in close partnership with West Mercia Police local policing teams for Donnington and Muxton, local housing associations and member organisations of Donnington Partnership. The Parish Council has also worked

with West Mercia Police and Smartwater Technology Limited in providing kits free of charge for homes in areas that have been identified as crime hot spots.

FUNDING

To help fund crime reduction Donnington and Muxton Parish Council will look carefully and assess why activities or groups are financed, in order to get value for money for their communities. It can do this through precepting for projects, by obtaining or awarding grants and through the Community Infrastructure Levy (Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act).

CONCLUSION

As an integral part of this policy this Parish Council will continually review the ways in which it carries out its various functions and duties. This process will involve:

- **Challenge** the way services are delivered.
- **Consult** users, potential users and others.
- Demonstrate that the services are delivered **competitively**.
- Demonstrate how their performance **compares** with that of other parish and town councils delivering similar services.

Sharing information on individuals within a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership does not infringe the Data Protection Act.

CONTACTS

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Donnington Local Policing Team: Email: wwtd.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Website: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2535/Donnington-and-Trench-Team-Information>

Muxton Local Policing Team (Comes under St George's and Priorslee):

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Website: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2541/St-Georges-and-Priorslee-Team-Information>

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