



Presented by OSSP Co-chairs: Paul Richards (Deputy Chief Executive, SMBC) and Superintendent Lewis Hughes (GMP).

## TO COVER:

1. Overview of progress in delivering our current plan
2. To update on the development of the OSSP Plan 2025-2028
3. To spotlight updates:
  1. Community Cohesion
  2. Operation AVRO
  3. Bike-Enabled Crime

# **1 – CURRENT STRATEGY, OVERVIEW AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Paul Richards & Lewis Hughes

# Delivering five big things together

To be the best place to live happy and healthy lives over the next fifteen years, we must have a relentless focus on the biggest challenges facing our borough:



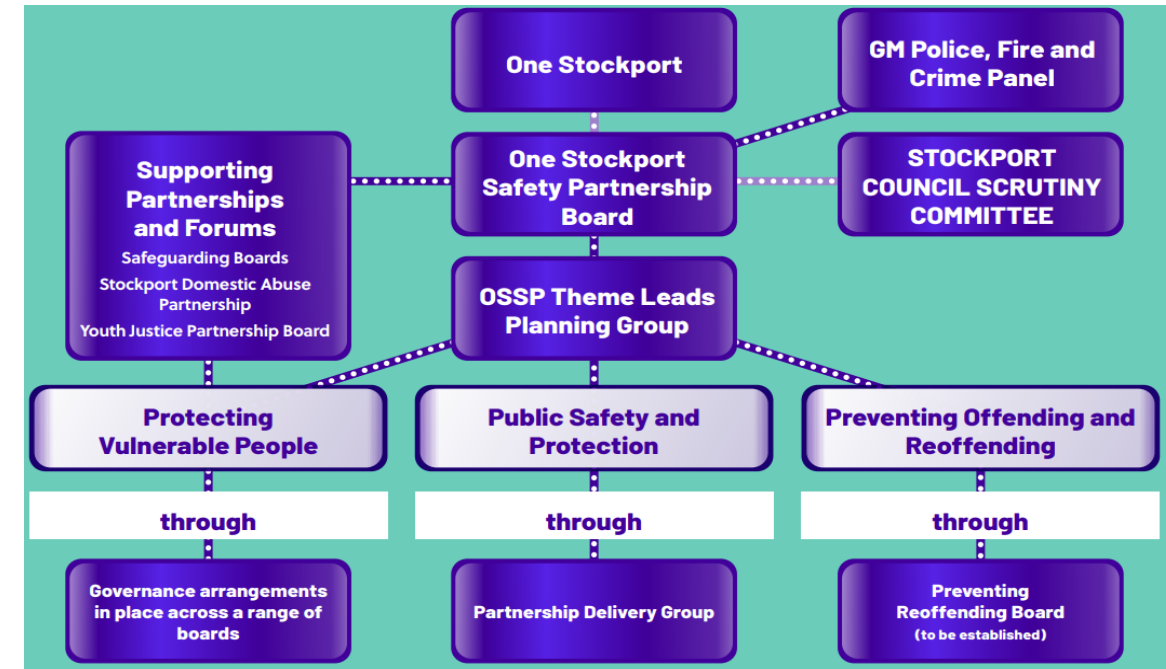
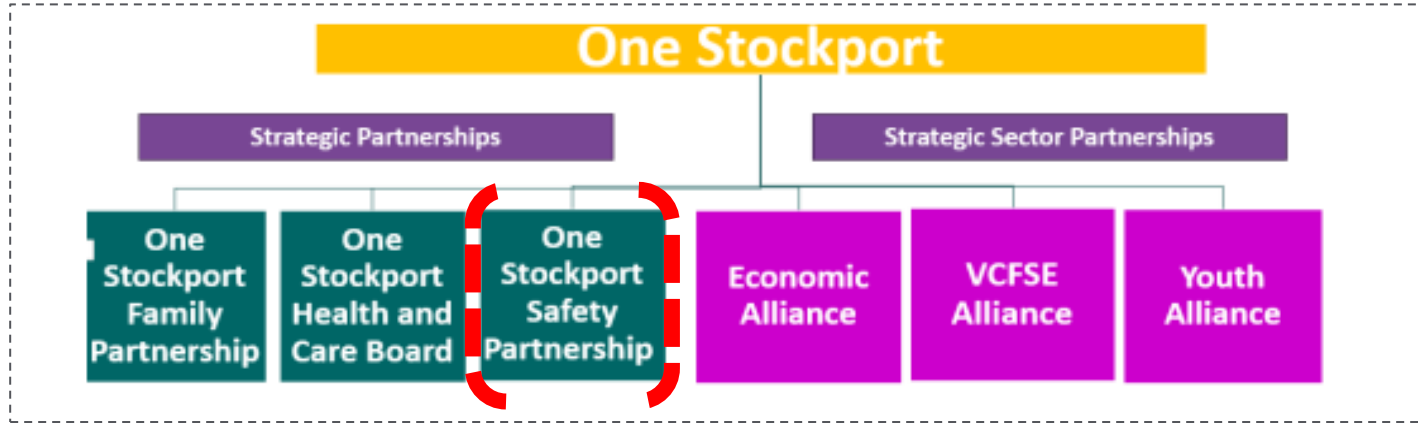
**Fair and Inclusive.** Stockport is a great, diverse place to live, where everyone can thrive.



**Climate Action Now.** Creating a green print for Stockport so it is a climate friendly place to live, work, play and invest.



# OSSP Governance and Strategic Delivery Arrangements



# Reminder: Statutory responsibilities of Community Safety Partnerships

The One Stockport Safety Partnership (OSSP) is the CSP covering the Borough of Stockport. CSPs undertake many functions. The current **statutory** responsibilities of CSPs are to:

- Set up a strategic Community Safety Partnership Board to direct the work of the partnership.
- Engage and consult with the community about their priorities and progress with achieving them.
- Set up protocols and systems for sharing information.
- Analyse a wide range of data, including crime levels and patterns, in order to identify priorities.
- Set out a partnership plan and monitor progress with its delivery.
- Commission Domestic Violence Homicide reviews.
- Produce evidence-led Serious Violence Plans.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2024-25

## Protecting Vulnerable People

- OSSP has updated the format of its Prevent Partnership Plan based on recommendations given by the Home Office to structure a delivery plan based on local risks and threats identified through local risk assessments.
- Stockport has received funding from Homeland Security to provide an array of training and interventions to upskill and enhance workforce development, improve knowledge and awareness of prevent themes for practitioners, further education, and community setting. This is expected to take place between October 2024 and March 2025.

## Public Safety and Protection

- Stockport volunteered to be a pilot inspection site and this took place w/c 28 October 2024 and the report has been received.
- Stockport Council partnered with Stockport County to promote Hate Crime Awareness Week at the Stockport County vs Barnsley match on 08.02.25 which will be broadcast on Sky Sports
- Due to the national unrest and growth in community tensions nationally over the summer, a Community Cohesion approach is being developed.
- The Neighbourhood policing strategy, utilising Bee in the Loop<sup>1</sup> (GMP's community messaging service) and holding PACT (Police and Community Together) meetings, has been introduced to encourage the reporting of instances of ASB

## Reducing Offending and Re-offending

- The Youth Justice Plan has now been approved through full council and the national Youth Justice Board has confirmed that it meets the terms and conditions of the grant. Youth Justice Performance is carefully monitored.



## **2 - OSSP PLAN REFRESH 2025-28**

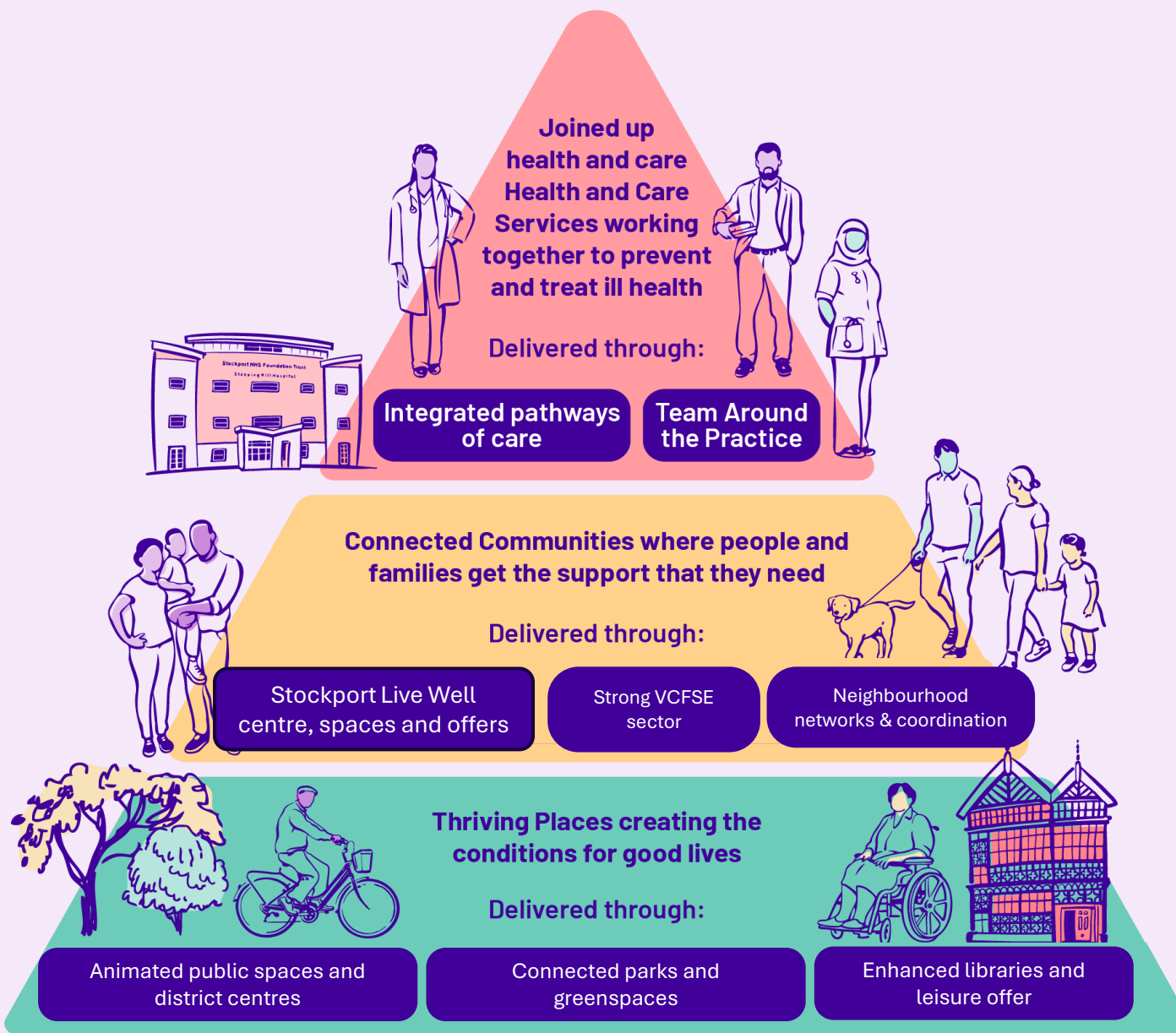
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# ONE STOCKPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2025-2028

- Timely to review the OSSP Plan;
- Opportunity to align with the new GM Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029 published in Dec 24 and also to reflect GM and Stockport's Live Well priorities;
- The new plan will also reflect the new government's policy priorities around community safety.
- Some of the new and emerging threats and issues will also be incorporated, such as:
  - The impact of asylum and migration on community cohesion
  - Bike-enabled crime
  - Online harm and scams
- It will also include findings from the Community Safety Needs Assessment as well as evaluation of the Safer Streets Programme and the impact of interventions
- Key next steps:
  - An update will go to OSSP Board – 18<sup>th</sup> March
  - Draft Plan to Communities, Culture and Sport Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> June
  - Final Plan to Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> June

# STOCKPORT LIVE WELL



The foundations are our **Neighbourhood Model**. With a relentless focus on **Prevention**.

**It is not just what we do, it's how we do it:**

- 1** Putting people at the heart of what we do
- 2** Working together as one team
- 3** Knowing our community

# NEW GM POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2025-2029

**Standing Together** – Our Plan for policing and safer and stronger communities in Greater Manchester 2024-2029

## Our mission is to:

**Keep people safe  
and support victims**

**Reduce harm  
and offending**

**Strengthen  
communities and  
tackle inequality**

## We will do this by:

1. Improving public trust and confidence in policing.
2. Increasing police accessibility, consistency, responsiveness and outcomes.
3. Keeping children and young people safe and preventing them from becoming involved in crime.
4. Improving support for victims of crime, including vulnerable victims, and tackling emerging crime types.
5. Reducing and preventing neighbourhood crime, retail crime and anti-social behaviour.
6. Improving road and transport safety, so people can travel around our city-region safely.
7. Reducing high harm and repeat offending, taking a preventative and diversionary approach.
8. Tackling drug, alcohol and wider addictions.
9. Reducing and preventing gender-based violence and all forms of serious violence.
10. Reducing and tackling serious and organised crime.

## We will work:

- In partnership, sharing expertise, learning and intelligence.
- Through a problem-solving approach.
- To prioritise early intervention, prevention, and rehabilitation.
- Through local delivery and neighbourhoods.
- Taking a victim-centred approach.
- With the voice of lived experience.
- In a trauma-informed and responsive way.
- Making effective use of technology.
- To progress our equality commitments.
- To communicate what we are doing, regularly updating on our progress.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR STOCKPORT

- To inform the new Plan, we'll refresh the evidence base producing a new strategic needs assessment.
- The assessment will be framed by existing priorities and consider identified new priority areas, bringing together quantitative information alongside qualitative information.
- The assessment will highlight the key issues and threats impacting Stockport and will be presented in full and as a summary, drawing on visuals created in a supporting data dashboard.
- Proposed methodologies for research and engagement are set out on subsequent slides.

## STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2025 – KEY TRENDS

### GM POLICE AND CRIME SURVEY

- 93% of Stockport respondents felt very or fairly safe in their local area, which is significantly more than the GM average of 88%.
- Respondents from non-white ethnic groups showed similar patterns, 92% reporting they feel very or fairly safe compared to 90% across GM.
- 77% of Stockport respondents agreed or strongly agreed that people from different backgrounds got on well in their local area, again significantly more than the GM average (75%).
- And 79% of Stockport respondents from non-white ethnic groups agreed that people got on well together – the same as the GM average of 79%.

# STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2025 – KEY TRENDS

## **GMP recorded crime**

- An overall downward trend was observed across the analysis period (April 2022 to November 2024). Numbers of crimes reduced by 8% between 2022/23 and 2023/24, and figures for April to November 2024 suggest a further reduction for 2024/25.

## **ASB**

- Overall, numbers of incidents recorded by GMP during the time period covered (April 2022 to December 2024) seem relatively consistent year-on-year (though there is a very gradual downward trend during that time) with highest levels recorded in the summer and lower levels in the colder months. ASB recorded by SHG followed a similar pattern.

## **Domestic abuse**

- There was a slight downward trend in MARAC cases over the three-year period – 9% fewer in 2023/24 compared to 2021/22. The number (and %) of repeat cases also reduced over the same period.

## **Hate Crime**

- Levels of hate crime reported to police have been relatively stable over the period of analysis.
- There were however spikes immediately following the far-right disorder in the summer. Incidence has since reverted to more “typical” levels.
- Over two-thirds of incidents reported to police relate to race hate. The next most frequent types of incidents related to sexuality (13%), disability (10%), religion (7%) and transgender (2%).

# THEME 1 – KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE AND SUPPORTING VICTIMS

## **1) Domestic Abuse**

- Domestic Homicide Reviews
- New Domestic Abuse Strategy and Strategic Needs Assessment

## **2) Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**

- Implementation of GM Women and Girls Strategy

## **3) Preventing and Reporting Hate Crime**

- Review of report and support offer

## **4) Radicalisation and Extremism**

- Prevent
- CONTEST

## **5) Victims/ Vulnerable People**

- Online Harm and Scams
- Cuckooing
- Right Care Right Person



## THEME 2 – REDUCE HARM AND OFFENDING

### 1. Adult Offending

- Early release protocols for probation.
- Alternative measures for out-of-court disposals.
- Consideration of diversion sentences for high-risk individuals.
- Restorative Justice

### 2) Youth Offending

- Youth Justice Partnership Board initiatives.
- Child-Centred policing initiatives.

### 3) Reducing and Preventing Reoffenders Board

- Updates on the Victims' and prisoners' bills. - Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA): DAPO (Domestic Abuse Protection Order), DAPN (Domestic Abuse Protection Notice), and DATAC (Domestic Abuse Task and Coordinating Group).

### 4) Implementation of a serious violence strategy.

- Violence Reduction Plan/ focus on children and young people
- Serious Violence Plan

## THEME 3 –STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES & PLACES

The priorities in this theme support our Live Well ambitions:

**1) Tackling ASB, which includes rising incidents involving adults and vulnerable adults. Key issues include:**

- Off-road bike/vehicles
- exploitation
- Drug offences
- ASB Against Vulnerable Adults/ links to Cuckoo

**2) Reducing recorded crime**

- Burglary
- Vehicle crime
- Drug offences related to neighbourhoods
- Multi-Agency Approach\*\* - For high-risk cases identified, escalation to a silver command level is necessary.
- Public Spaces: Late-night changes in town centres, including the CCTV public space network, need to be fit for purpose

## THEME 3 – LIVE WELL: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES & PLACES

### **3) Organised Crime**

- Re-establish of Op Challenger Governance Meetings

### **4) GMFRS**

- Water safety partnership, and risk assessments for arson and fire prevention, particularly concerning deliberate fires.
- Conducting arson risk assessments and sharing information effectively.

### **5) Inclusive and welcoming communities**

- Community engagement and investment in inclusion
- Education and Prevention
- Review of our hate crime reporting and support offer
- Information, advice and guidance to ensure community spaces feel safe and inclusive
- Proactive communications

## **ITEM 3 - SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY COHESION UPDATE**

Chief Super Intendent Lewis Hughes &  
Aba Graham, Stockport Race Equality Partnership

## COMMUNITY COHESION

- Following recent events last the summer we need more than ever to invest in strengthening our communities and social relationships, particularly across differences.
- So now the time feels right to bring together a community cohesion programme of work that brings together elements of these existing strategies and action plans with a focus on building understanding and relationships between our communities
- This is not just about responding to recent events – but about a legacy for the future and working together with our communities and partners in Stockport.

## COMMUNITY COHESION - AREAS OF FOCUS:

The following areas of focus have been informed by feedback and link existing equality, diversity & inclusion objectives, the priorities in the One Stockport Safety Plan and One Stockport: One Future:

1. Community engagement and investment in inclusion
2. Education and Prevention
3. Review of our hate crime reporting and support offer
4. Information, advice and guidance to ensure community spaces feel safe and inclusive
5. Proactive communications

## PROGRESS UPDATE

- On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024, we hosted a meeting of our community networks where we reflected on events over the summer months in the aftermath of the Airport and Southport incidents.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024, we held a Peace Lunch, hosted by Rev. Raj Patta, chair of the Stockport multi-faith network where there were representatives from many different faith communities across Stockport
- We are planning the first meeting of the One Stockport Communities Together Forum in April.
- The purpose of the forum is to:
  - Be a listening space for senior leaders, partners and community groups to come together to share stories, information and resources and to identify key issues that need to be addressed
  - A platform for building relationships, new connections and bridging existing ones between partners and community that will grow and evolve
- A proposal to allocate funding to neighbourhood areas to support community cohesion activities is being developed.
- Continued investment in and support to community networks
- Overview of current education /prevention training offers that support community cohesion is now complete



## GM HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 2025

- Hate Crime is a key strand of the Community Cohesion work, we want to use Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW) to increase awareness of hate crime and how to report it
- Proactive comms messages were cascaded through SMBC channels using GM HCAW branding throughout the week
- Stockport Council partnered with Stockport County to promote Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW) at the Stockport County vs Barnsley match on 08.02.25 which will be broadcast on Sky Sports
- Stop Hate delivered online hate crime training sessions for SMBC staff during the week.



# OPERATION AVRO 2025

Chief Superintendent Lewis Hughes

# OPERATION AVRO: STOCKPORT

Officers taking the fight back to the criminals, providing high-visibility patrols and engaging with the community

Stop searches



15

Public engagement  
activities



22

Social media  
impressions



145k



10

Warrants



65

Arrests

Traffic Enforcement Road Checks - Offences



3

Vehicles seized



145

Vehicles stopped



55

Traffic offence reports



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# ITEM 3 – BIKE ENABLED CRIME UPDATE

Chief Superintendent Lewis Hughes

## BIKE ENABLED CRIME

- UK Policing is experiencing an increase in the use of E-Scooters and E-Bikes to enabled crime.
- Theft of motor and E bikes then utilised to commit other offences such as robbery, theft and used in drug dealing. Associated risk to members of the public due to the manner of driving.
- National Home Office market exploration for electronic means to stop bike.
- Force - managed by the prevention branch a multi agency response
- District response multi pronged attack
  - Intelligence collection
  - Smart water
  - Second hand / scrap metal dealers
  - Fuel stations



- **Operation AVRO** brought together **Greater Manchester Police (GMP), Stockport Council, and community partners** for a **office collaborative day of action and targeted efforts to address neighbourhood crime.**
- The operation, held on **Thursday, 14 November 2024**, sought to tackle issues including **burglaries, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB), off-road bike offences, and environmental crime.**
- **1 bike seized and rider arrested, charged and appears at court.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> bike managed to evade officers after discarding a bag containing class A drugs.**





Tools at our disposal.



## You have been identified as using a vehicle in an anti-social manner in the local community.

If we receive any further reports of this behaviour you may be issued with a formal warning under S.59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 and any vehicle you subsequently use in such a manner may be seized.

We will not tolerate anti-social behaviour in the community. If you are identified as engaging in any further incidents of this nature we will take action against you with the local council.

This action may include criminal or civil proceedings and a review of any housing tenancy you may have.



### Penalties Imposed under S.59 of The Police Reform Act 2002 include:

- Vehicle seizure and recovery/storage costs.
- A maximum £1000 fine on conviction.
- Arrest and/or prosecution for this (and any other offences, including those under the Road Traffic Act 1988).

### If your vehicle is seized, you will have 21 days in which to collect it. At the time of collection you will:

- Be responsible for all recovery and storage charges.
- Provide proof of ownership.

You will not be able to collect the vehicle unless it is roadworthy and has a vehicle registration plate (in which case it must be collected by an insured vehicle recovery operator at your own expense).



The ask:

We need all sources of intelligence from partners, elected members and the public

Intelligence via Stockport District intelligence unit  
[stockportdiu@gmp.police.uk](mailto:stockportdiu@gmp.police.uk)

Or via

# CrimeStoppers.

## 0800 555 111

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