



**Police & Crime
Commissioner**
FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

Decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Subject: Safer Town Centres Summer Campaign 2026

Report of: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 18/05/2026

Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to:

- **Approve the establishment of a Summer Town Centres Grant Fund of £75,000** to support crime reduction and prevention activity during the 2026 summer period.
- **Support the delivery of a countywide Safer Town Centres Summer Campaign**, building on previous summer and winter initiatives to improve safety, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and increase public confidence.
- **Enable funding to be made available to local authorities, community groups and business partnerships** to deliver locally tailored interventions aligned to community safety priorities.
- **Endorse a partnership-based approach**, combining operational policing activity, prevention initiatives and community engagement across high-footfall town centre locations.
- **Request monitoring and evaluation of outcomes**, including crime trends, anti-social behaviour, partner feedback and public confidence measures, to inform future campaigns and funding decisions.

This decision supports delivery of the Police and Crime Plan by strengthening partnership working, increasing visible activity in town centres, and addressing community concerns around safety, retail crime and anti-social behaviour. The campaign builds on evidence from previous activity demonstrating that a coordinated approach combining enforcement, prevention and engagement can reduce crime and improve public confidence in high-demand public spaces.

Recommendation

To note the decision.

I hereby approve the decision above.

Jonathan Ash Edwards

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Date: 18 May 2026