

Everton Parish Council

Terms of Reference – Rural Crime and Police Liaison Working Group

1. Purpose

The Rural Crime and Police Liaison Working Group, established by Everton Parish Council, aims to engage the community and local police to address rural crime, promote safety, and reduce criminal activity through partnerships with local authorities and stakeholders.

2. Roles

The role of the Working Group is to:

- a. Connect Parish Council, police, and residents on policing issues.
- b. Track local crime trends and escalate concerns.
- c. Support crime prevention and community safety efforts.
- d. Share information and best practices with nearby areas.
- e. Promote police contact channels and crime prevention resources.
- f. Advise the Parish Council on policing issues and initiatives.
- g. Monitor and report on rural crime trends affecting Everton Parish.
- h. Liaise with local police, rural crime specialists, and neighbouring parishes to share intelligence and best practices.
- i. Raise awareness of rural crime prevention measures among residents, farmers, and businesses.
- j. Identify and advocate for improvements in policing and security measures in rural areas.
- k. Support victims of rural crime and signpost them to appropriate assistance.
- l. Make recommendations to the full Parish Council on policies, initiatives, and funding to combat rural crime.

3. Membership

- a. The Working Group shall consist of a maximum of three members, including:
 - I. At least two elected Parish Councillors (one will act as Chair).
 - II. A co-opted member with relevant expertise (e.g., farmers, rural business owners, Neighbourhood Watch representatives).
- b. The Working Group may invite external advisors (e.g. local policing team, PCSOs, rural crime prevention officers) to attend meetings as needed.

4. Meetings

- a. Meetings shall be held quarterly (or more frequently if required).
- b. A quorum shall be at least two members, one of whom must be a Parish Councillor.
- c. Minutes of meetings shall be recorded and reported to the full Parish Council.

5. Responsibilities

- a. **Data Collection & Reporting:** Gather and analyse crime data affecting the parish.
- b. **Community Engagement:** Organise awareness campaigns, public meetings, or workshops on crime prevention to keep residents informed and involved.

- c. **Partnership Working:** Maintain regular contact with local police (e.g., Rural Crime Team, PCSOs), other relevant organisations (e.g., NFU, Crimestoppers) and community groups.
- d. **Advocacy & Policy Input:** Provide recommendations to the Parish Council regarding priorities, funding for community safety measures, or calls for improved service provision.

6. Conduct and Limitations

- a. The Council Representatives must act in line with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.
- b. These ToR do not grant authority to make binding decisions or financial commitments on behalf of the Parish Council unless formally delegated.

7. Review

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually by the Parish Council and amended as necessary.

Adopted by Everton Parish Council on: 7th of July 2025

Signed:



(Chair of Everton Parish Council)

Chair of the Working Group: Councillor R Troop
Councillor J Bere
Councillor G Thomson

Clerk to the Council: Mr C Bryant