



## COMMUNITY FUND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Application No 03

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### Project Brief:

**Project Name:** Blackpool Town Centre Shopwatch 7-Day Resilience Project

**Duration:** Ongoing

**Funding Requested:** £5,000

**Proposed Dates:**

**Start:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**End:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2031

**Funding Requested:** £5,000 from the PCC.

**Total Project Cost:** £6,022 (with £1,022 match funding from Blackpool BID).

**Project Aim:**

To close the critical two-day weekly gap in Shopwatch radio coverage by establishing a permanent, seven-day operational communications network. The project aims to enhance intelligence-sharing, reduce retail crime and ASB, strengthen operational resilience during major events, and support a safer, more coordinated town centre environment.

**Key Interventions:**

- **Installation of two new radio base stations** in the CCTV Training Room, providing a secure, vetting-compliant site that the BID Wardens can operate.
- **Operational deployment of BID Patrol Wardens** to staff the system on the two days currently unmonitored, eliminating the existing “blind spot” exploited by offenders.
- **Professional development commitment**, with BID funding all required SIA CCTV training and licensing to ensure high-quality, sustainable service delivery. These actions ensure 7-day intelligence coverage without additional public sector revenue costs.

**Partners Involved:**

- **Blackpool BID** – key delivery partner providing match funding, staffing, and ongoing operational costs including Warden deployment and training.
- **CCTV Control Room Management** – facilitating secure installation, technical support, and enabling use of the Training Room to overcome police vetting restrictions.

- **Local Businesses (Retail & Hospitality)** – active participants in Shopwatch, providing real-time intelligence and benefiting from continuous coverage.
- **Lancashire Constabulary** – strategic partner benefiting from uninterrupted information flow, improved resilience during major events, and enhanced community safety.

**Expected Impact:**

- A fully resilient **7-day Shopwatch network** ensuring 100% operational coverage.
  - Reduction in ASB and retail crime during what were previously unmonitored “dark days.”
  - Increased real-time intelligence sharing among businesses, BID Wardens and CCTV.
  - Stronger operational capacity during major public events (“Gold/Silver” command periods).
  - Professionalisation of service delivery through trained and licensed Warden staff.
- Effectiveness will be monitored through KPIs including service coverage, incident reduction, intelligence submission levels, and number of staff achieving SIA licensing.

**Cost Breakdown Highlights:**

- **Equipment (radio base stations & installation): £6,220**
  - £5,000 PCC funding
  - £1,220 match funding (Blackpool BID)
- **Revenue & staffing costs** (fully covered by Blackpool BID):
  - BID Warden staffing for two days per week
  - Training and SIA CCTV licensing
 No ongoing OPCC costs—this is a once-only capital request.

Priority Supported:

**Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls  
Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime**

**Partner Consultation**

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

I fully support this application. It appears to be a strong project that will provide meaningful support to businesses in Blackpool Town Centre.

ASB, Prevention and Problem-Solving Command

This proposal seeks to install two base stations in the CCTV Training Room to allow BID Wardens to operate the radios on currently uncovered days, ensuring full 100% radio coverage without requiring extra public sector staffing. The project directly addresses a known two-day vulnerability in town-centre radio coverage and strengthens early-warning intelligence sharing, supporting the PCC’s prevention-focused approach. It demonstrates strong multi-agency involvement, clear alignment with PCC priorities, and offers a cost-effective, sustainable response to an evidenced operational gap. Given the reliability and proven effectiveness of the existing CCTV system in responding to crime and ASB, the proposal is recommended from a policing perspective.