

Hate Crime In Sutton

Safer Sutton Partnership Service,
Community Action Sutton, Stop Hate
UK, Victim Support and Malookoo

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What is a Hate Crime?

Hate crimes and incidents are taken to mean any crime or incident where the victim, or any other person, believes it was carried out because of the victim's identity.

Criminal Legislation identifies the following 5 strands as Hate Crimes

- Disability
 - Religion/faith/belief
- Race, ethnicity, nationality
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Gender Identity



A crime is defined as a criminal offence that is a perceived motivation of hostility towards a person because of who/what they are

An Incident is defined as any prejudice motivated by hostility towards a person because of who/what they are but does not breach criminal legislation

It's important that either need to be reported

Why is it important that we do something?

- Attitudes – Brexit, terrorism, famous peoples open opinions
- Online hate
- Behaviours become the norm
- Impact of Hate Crime on individuals and societies

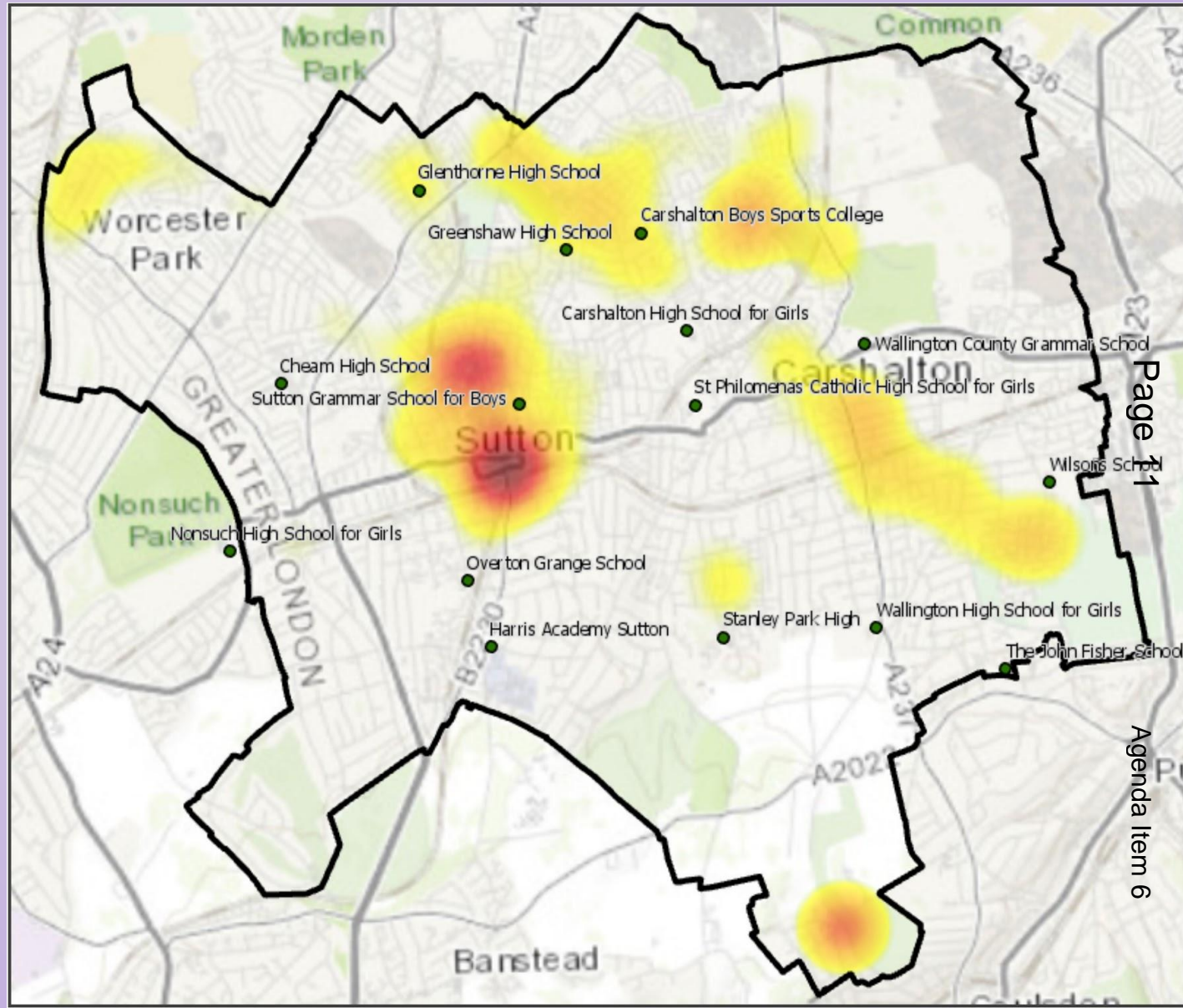


How big of an issue is it in Sutton?

- Sutton has seen a steady increase in the number of victims of hate crime in the past 4 years, going from 158 victims in 2014 to 269 victims in 2018.
- Sutton has the fifth highest number of hate crimes per 1000 population in London. Only Kingston, Richmond, Bexley and Merton boroughs have more.
- Reports of racist and religious hate crime in Sutton went up by 46% in 2017, from 222 reports in 2016 to 324 reports in 2017.
- There were only 9 reported disability hate incidents in 2017 and it remains significantly under reported.

Hotspots of hate incidents in Sutton

- Sutton High Street
- Wandle Valley
- St. Helier



Why don't people report hate crime?

- Didn't realise could report as a witness
- Don't want to get involved/fear things may get worse
- Not serious enough
- Negative past experiences
- Abuse becomes the norm
- Believe nothing will change



How to report



- Police – 999(in emergency), 101 or online
 - Victim Support – 0800 1689 111
- Stop Hate UK – 0800 138 1625 (24hr help line)

What we are doing in Sutton

Collaborative Project with Victim Support, Stop Hate UK and Malookoo:

To deliver Hate Crime awareness training – Police, Civil Enforcement Officers and Adult Social Care

Collaborative project with Community Action Sutton, Malookoo and Sutton Mencap to:

- Develop Hate Crime Champions
- Work with colleges and schools to train trainers to deliver to their students
 - Provide training to the community including housing providers, awareness events to members of the public

Safer Sutton Partnership Service

- The borough's approach to community safety is coordinated through the Safer Sutton Partnership Service (SSPS). This is a highly effective partnership between the council and police.
- SSPS works in partnership with statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations to tackle crime and disorder, including Hate Crime.
- Commissions Stop Hate UK(SHUK) to provide a 24/7 third party reporting line.
- Works with Community Action Sutton(CAS) to raise awareness of Hate Crime, initially targeted at Disability Hate but now broadened to include all 5 strands of hate.
- In collaboration with Victim Support, SHUK, CAS and Malookoo, training all Sutton police officers to improve the support available when someone is a victim of hate crime.
- Delivers various targeted awareness raising activities during National Hate Crime Awareness week.

What we are asking of you?

- Report any incident or crime
 - as a witness or a victim
- Sign up to be a champion
- Disseminate information to raise further awareness within your communities