

# **2020-2021 BUSINESS CASE AND BUSINESS PLAN**













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#### SAFE COMMUNITIES ASHBURTON DISTRICT VISION:

"Ashburton District, our place, a safe place to live, work and play, free from preventable injury and violence"

# Who doesn't want to live in a safe community?

- In a safe community homes, roads, public spaces and the workplace are safe, for everyone to enjoy
- Community safety is important to the people of Ashburton District consultation on the Ashburton District Council Long Term Plan saw community safety ranked second highest out of eight areas where the community thought Council should be prioritising its spending in the future
- A safe community encourages people and families to move to the District and stay, and contributes to attracting and retaining workers to fill gaps in the Ashburton District labour market

# Ashburton District is already "safe", but it can be safer:

- District data tells us that falls in older people, leading to both fatal and non-fatal injury, family harm, road crashes, suicide and theft and burglary are of particular concern for Ashburton District
- Youth crime has reduced substantially from where it was two to three years ago. Whilst this is not currently presenting itself as an area
  of focus, there is a need to continue to support and develop early intervention and preventative services and programmes for young
  people



# The Safe Communities Model is proven and it works to reduce injury rates

- In Ashburton District 27 agencies have committed to work together to find solutions for local community safety concerns
- Collaboration generates a collective "weight" to identifying and responding to pressing community concerns
  - "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"
- The Safe Communities model commenced in New Zealand in 2004 and to date has been adopted as a best-practice model by 28 territorial authorities across New Zealand.
- Communities which have adopted the model report reduced injury rates in road safety, falls, safer public places, reduced alcohol-related harm and overall violence prevention over time, as they work collaboratively to create solutions.
- Robust evaluation requirements mean that the Safe Communities model can demonstrate the value and impact of initiatives
- The success of the model has been proven to depend upon the employment of a skilled co-ordinator

# Safe Communities Ashburton District Contributes to Council's Vision "The District of Choice for Lifestyle and Opportunity" and to Community Well-being

- There is a natural fit between the Safe Communities model and Council's Community Outcomes, which outline how Ashburton
   District Council seeks to make a difference to residents' lives (see pages 10-11)
- The Safe Communities model contributes to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of Ashburton District, working towards a safe, vibrant community; economic prosperity as people want to live, work and play in a "safe" Ashburton District; the design of safe environments for people to live, work and recreate in and a community welcoming of cultural diversity.
- The implementation of the 2020-2021 Business Plan formalises the Council's commitment to working with Safer Mid Canterbury to create the safest possible environments for those who live, work and play in Ashburton District.



#### **2020-2021 BUSINESS PLAN**

- Council funding in 2019-2020 enabled the employment of a part-time Safe Communities Co-ordinator, who worked with a number of agency collaborations to develop key legacy projects for the District, including:
  - Support for the development of a Citizens Advice Bureau branch (to be established at the Community House Mid Canterbury) a partnership between Community House Mid Canterbury and CAB National Office
  - a Safety Village promotion at the Ashburton A and P Show (1st and 2nd November, 2019)
  - Research into the need for community van transport into Ashburton Township for people living in the more rural areas of the District
  - "mini" Safe Communities Plans for Rakaia and Methyen
  - the establishment of a Falls Prevention/Home Safety Network
  - research into the need for more parenting programmes
- Programmes such as the Citizens Advice Bureau branch and the community transport (van) project will have separate legal
  entities established (an incorporated society for the CAB and a trust for the community transport project), which will enable
  them to be independent, long lasting projects for the District.
- A detailed business plan for 2020-2021 is attached (see Appendix 2), which includes the further development/completion of the projects begun in 2019-2020, plus new initiatives such as:
  - A falls prevention campaign in local newspapers/radio (March, 2020) in support of the Age Concern
     Ashburton Positive Ageing Expo, promoting local strength and balance classes and home safety



- A home safety "fix it" programme to assist older residents who are unable to complete repairs/improvements which would make their homes safer and prevent falls
- "mini" Safe Communities Plans for Mt Somers, Mayfield and Hinds (Mayfield and Hinds to be developed in tandem with the Council's Emergency Response Plans)
- Establishment of a Parenting Network of agencies involved in promoting good parenting and a possible Parenting Week promotion in September 2020
- A partnership with ACC and farming organisations to promote quad/farm bike safety
- Support for the implementation of the Lives Worth Living (suicide prevention) programme

#### **INVESTMENT**

ACC is a partnership funder for the Safe Communities project, providing \$15,000 per annum for a five-year contractual period. The 2020-2021 financial year will be the second year of ACC contribution towards the project.

We are therefore seeking \$35,787 from the Ashburton District Council to achieve the 2020-2021 Safe Communities Ashburton District Business Plan.



#### What are Safe Communities?

A safe community is a place that is attractive to live in, work in and visit. A safe community is a liveable community, where people can go about their daily activities in an environment without fear, risk of harm or injury. Homes, roads, public spaces and the workplace are safe for everyone to enjoy.

Community safety is not only about reducing and preventing injury and violence. It is about building strong, cohesive and vibrant communities, where people take pride in their community and are aware of community safety and how to look after themselves and others.

The majority of community-based injuries and accidents are preventable and predictable (for example, falls in the home).

# The Safe Communities Model

The Safe Communities model, based on international safety standards, is recommended as an effective approach to community safety by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand (SCFNZ), established in 2004, supports communities to adopt the Safe Community model and to become effective advocates and enablers of community safety.

The model is based on collaboration, bringing together a wide range of agencies involved in all aspects of community safety to generate a "collective weight" to identifying and responding to pressing local community issues and solutions.

SCFNZ is also a member of the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network (PPSCN), which brings together Safe Communities from New Zealand, Australia, United States of America and Canada – working closely on injury prevention and community safety management systems.

Currently there are 28 accredited Safe Communities in New Zealand. Just over 70% of New Zealanders live in an accredited Safe Community.

Safe Communities Ashburton District was accredited as a Safe Community in May, 2019 and brings together a unique collaboration, with 27 agencies involved in a wide range of community safety activities, some of whom have not collaborated



together before, meeting monthly to discuss community safety issues in an open and positive environment. For example, first response agencies like St John and Fire and Emergency NZ, are sitting alongside social service agencies such as Presbyterian Support and learning about their services, many of which are relevant to the people these first responders are dealing with when they visit their homes.

The model is "bottom up" driven, seeking and responding to local community safety issues as they arise. It creates an infrastructure in local communities to increase action by building local partnerships and collaborative relationships. The collaboration builds critical mass and credibility and has increased impact and reach – one message across many voices leads to continuity of messages and interventions and reduced duplication.

In other areas around New Zealand where the Safe Communities model has been operating for a number of years, collaborative groups report that working together has created a platform for high-level strategic governance that is a driver to create on-the-ground action and deliver programmes. These group are powerful advocates for community safety in their local communities.

Safe Communities have robust evaluation requirements, meaning that they can demonstrate the value and impact of initiatives, potentially improving opportunities for funding from central government, charities and other external funders.

Safety is kept at the top of every community's priorities by annual check-ups (reporting to SCFNZ) and reaccreditation every 5 years.

# Ashburton District is "safe", but it could be "safer"

- Of the 17 fatal injuries in 2015, 6/17 were due to a fall and over half (9) were people 60 years and older this is above the national rates.
- Of 384 hospital discharges in 2017, 43% were due to a fall; 94/384 were people 75 years and older this is above national rates.
- In 2017 there were 18 fatal and serious road crashes; 5/18 were alcohol-related this is above national rates.
- Year ended 31 March, 2019 there were 1,014 crime victimisations, up from 711 the previous year; two fifths were theft and related offences; trending up.



- Family harm is a growing issue in our District.
- Ashburton District's suicide rate is above the national average (14.3 deaths per 100,000 population, compared with 12.1/100,000 for New Zealand)

# Ashburton District residents want a safe community

- The 2019 Annual Residents Survey conducted by the Council to ascertain levels of satisfaction with its performance and service delivery found 86% of respondents satisfied with Council's involvement in Community Safety (provision of CCTV, street lighting, tree trimming, liquor licensing, building inspection, food safety, road safety initiatives and an annual grant to Safer Mid Canterbury), compared with 85% in 2018 and 81% in 2017.
- Feedback from the community on local safety issues was collected by Ashburton District Council over April and May, 2018 as part of its consultation on the preparation of the Long Term Plan, 2018-28.
   Community safety ranked second highest on a list of eight areas where the community thought Council should be prioritising its spending in the future.



# Why should Council continue to be involved?

For the 2019-2020 financial year, the Ashburton District Council funded the rollout of community safety projects identified in the first year of the Safe Communities Ashburton District Five Year Strategic Plan (2019-2024). Funding was utilized to enable a part-time Safe Communities Co-ordinator to work with a number of Working Group agency collaborations to develop projects including:

- A Safety Village at the Ashburton A and P Show (1st and 2nd November, 2019) 12 agencies took part
- Support for the establishment of a Citizens Advice Bureau branch for the District at the Community House Mid Canterbury (a
  partnership between the Community House Mid Canterbury and CAB National Office)
- research into the need for a community van service to bring isolated residents living in the more rural areas of the District into Ashburton Township for medical appointments, shopping, leisure, visiting family and friends, etc
- the establishment of a Falls Prevention/Home Safety Network
- research into the need for more parenting programmes
- the development of "mini" Safe Community Plans for Rakaia and Methven.

The Safe Communities Steering Group of 27 agencies meets bi-monthly and is chaired by an Ashburton District Council representative, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Liz McMillan. Agencies are now seeing the benefits of working together, with the establishment of a number of Working Groups to develop the projects listed above. These projects will make a significant difference to residents' safety and become ongoing, independent "legacy" projects for the District, some with their own legal and operational structures.



There is a natural fit between the Safe Communities model and the Council's Community Outcomes and community well-beings, which outline how Ashburton District Council seeks to make a difference to residents' lives well beyond simply providing "core services". The Safe Communities Ashburton District project contributes to all four well-beings (social, economic, environmental and cultural) by working towards a safe, vibrant community; economic prosperity as people want to live, work and play in a "safe" Ashburton District; the design of safe environments for people to live, work and recreate in and a community welcoming of cultural diversity.

Funding the implementation of the 2020-2021 Business Plan formalises Ashburton District Council's commitment to working with Safer Mid Canterbury and ACC to create the safest possible environments for those who live in, work in or visit Ashburton District.

#### ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL VISION: THE DISTRICT OF CHOICE FOR LIFESTYLE AND OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY OUTCOME	SAFE COMMUNITIES CONTRIBUTION	COMMUNITY OUTCOME	SAFE COMMUNITIES CONTRIBUTION
Residents are included and have a voice	The Safe Communities model seeks "bottom up" feedback from the community on safety issues and concerns, using a number of methods, and shares this with key partners so that collaborative solutions can be found.	A prosperous economy based on innovation and opportunity	People and families want to live in a Safe Community. Safe Communities contribute to a stable workforce, allowing the District's economy to thrive.
A district of great spaces and places	A Safe Community creates attractive, vibrant environments. Accreditation is a tangible demonstration that Ashburton District is a safe, desirable place to live, visit and do business.		



#### **2020-2021 BUSINESS PLAN**

Following a rigorous analysis of injury and crime data, national, regional and local strategies and policies, community feedback and feedback from community safety agencies, a Five Year Safe Communities Ashburton District Strategic Plan (2019-2024) was developed. The 2020-2021 Business Plan will be the second year of the implementation of the Strategic Plan and will allow projects commenced in the 2019-2020 Business Plan to come to fruition and the development of new projects to meet identified community safety issues and concerns. Safe Communities Ashburton District will take the leadership role for a number of projects, while others will be led by other agencies which are part of the Safe Communities Ashburton District collaboration or by other networks such as the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee.

### **Delivering the Business Plan**

All accredited Safe Communities have a paid co-ordinator, most contracted/employed on a part-time basis. The role is fundamental to the success of Safe Communities, transcending organisational boundaries and actively promoting partnerships and collaboration. Key elements in the role include: strategic planning, relationship management, interagency networking and collaboration, data analysis and reporting and project planning and delivery. The co-ordination role brings an added dimension to the identification of complex issues/problems, reaching across multiple agencies and sectors to link them together to create solutions. Ultimately this avoids multi-faceted approaches and potential duplication. The Safe Community Foundation of New Zealand commented on the Ashburton project that "....the ability of the Safe Communities Co-ordinator to be the connector and catalyst for change will be a key pivotal component moving forward". Without this co-ordination role the Safe Communities Ashburton District initiative will have significant difficulty meeting its objectives, as delivery of the project work contained in the 2020-2021 Business Plan is not within the capacity of existing Safer Mid Canterbury staffing.

### Safer Mid Canterbury Leadership Role

The Safe Communities Co-ordinator position and the Safe Communities project is well placed within Safer Mid Canterbury, which is recognised by Ashburton District Council as the lead agency to deliver the Safe Communities model.



# **INVESTMENT**

Delivery of the 2020-2021 Safe Communities Ashburton District Business Plan is budgeted to cost \$50,787 annually (subject to yearly inflation). The cost breakdown for the project over the coming year is:

INCOME	2020/2021
Ashburton District Council	
	\$35,787
Accident Compensation Corporation	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$50,787

EXPENDITURE	
Salary and associated staff costs	\$31,869
Overheads	\$5,500
Project resources	\$2,932
Direct project delivery costs	\$10,486
TOTAL	\$50,787

ACC will provide partnership funding of \$15,000 towards the project for the second year of its 5-year contractual period.



#### MONITORING AND REPORTING

Safe Communities Ashburton District reports annually to the Safe Communities Foundation of NZ on the success of initiatives implemented and on any new community safety issues/concerns as they arise.

The Steering Group is also required to complete a Coalition Survey annually and the Co-ordinator is required to participate in the Safe Communities Annual Forum.

As the host organisation, Safer Mid Canterbury will report six monthly and annually to the Ashburton District Council on achieving the Business Plan and annually to ACC.

Safe Communities are required to submit applications for re-accreditation five years after their entry to the network. For Ashburton District this will be in 2024. While the information contained within the application changes, the requirements and steps are the same for both accreditation and reaccreditation.



# **APPENDICES:**

# 1. SAFE COMMUNITIES ASHBURTON DISTRICT - PARTNER AGENCIES

- 1. ACC
- 2. Age Concern Ashburton
- 3. ARA Polytechnic
- 4. Ashburton College
- 5. Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service
- 6. Ashburton District Council
- 7. Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support
- 8. Ashburton Town Watch Society Inc.
- 9. CCS Disability Action
- 10. Department of Corrections
- 11. Experience Mid Canterbury
- 12. Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ)
- 13. Hakatere Marae
- 14. Mid Canterbury Principals' Association
- 15. Mid Canterbury Provincial Rural Women New Zealand
- 16. Minister's Association

- 17. New Zealand Police
- 18. Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children
- 19. Presbyterian Support Ashburton
- 20. Rakaia Community Association
- 21. Rural Canterbury Public Health Organisation
- 22. The Rural Support Trust Mid Canterbury
- 23. Safer Mid Canterbury
- 24. Sport Canterbury
- 25. St John
- 26. Work and Income/Ministry of Social Development
- 27. YMCA Mid Canterbury



#### 2. SAFE COMMUNITIES ASHBURTON DISTRICT

- STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2024
- BUSINESS PLAN 2020-2021

VISION - Ashburton District, our place, a safe place to live, work and play, free from preventable injury and harm

#### MISSION:

- to collaborate to achieve a safer Ashburton District
- to empower Ashburton District residents to feel safe and to know how to be safe

#### PRINCIPLES AND VALUES: SAFE COMMUNITIES ASHBURTON DISTRICT STEERING GROUP

- Collaboration working together will create positive change one message, many voices
- Sharing of skills, resources, information, ideas and experience will increase community safety in Ashburton District
- A safe and injury-free community to live in is achievable; injuries are preventable
- We are champions of community safety in the District
- We empower Ashburton District residents to know how to keep themselves safe
- Honesty, respect and integrity guide the work of the Steering Group

# THE ASHBURTON DISTRICT SAFETY PICTURE: KEY FACTS

- Population 34,800
- 2015 17 fatal injuries 6/17 were due to a fall; over half (9) were aged 60 years or older; above national rates
- 2017 384 hospital discharges due to injury; 43% due to a fall; 94/384 were people aged 75 years and over; above national rates
- 2017- 18 fatal and serious road crashes; 5/18 were alcohol-related; above national rates



- Year ended 31 March, 2019–1,014 crime victimisations, up from 711 the previous year; two fifths were theft and related offences; trending up
- Family harm is a growing issue in our District
- Ashburton District's suicide rate is above the national average (14.3 deaths per 100,000 population, compared with 12.1/100,000 for New Zealand)

#### WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAYS

- 86% of respondents (up 1% from 85% in 2018) were satisfied with Council's role in helping keep the community safe through the provision of CCTV, street lighting, tree-trimming, liquor licensing, building inspection, food safety, road safety initiatives and an annual grant to Safer Mid Canterbury (2019 Annual Residents Survey).
- Community safety ranked second highest when the community was asked by Ashburton District Council where to prioritise its spending (Long Term Plan consultation, April-May, 2018).

#### WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US?

- Rural Safety
- · Road Safety
- Falls in Older People
- Harm Reduction/Prevention (Family harm; suicide prevention))
- Alcohol and Drugs and Community Safety (Early intervention/prevention)
- The Environment (built; natural)



# SAFE COMMUNITIES ASHBURTON DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2024

Goal 1: Collaboration – we work together to improve community safety

Priorities	Responsible	What we will do
The Safer Communities Ashburton District Steering Group is a vibrant and achieving collaboration	SCAD Steering Group	Meet bi-monthly, with demonstrated commitment by partner agencies to the Safe Communities model through sharing of information, skills and resources and the establishment of multi-agency collaborations to address complex community safety issues  Deliver the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, the 2020-2021 Business Plan and the Communications Plan  Undertake an annual community engagement forum to update the community on achievements and to seek feedback on future directions/priorities  Review and develop the Business Plan annually, utilising community feedback; data; best practice research and international/national/local policies and strategies  Advocate for community safety at local and central government levels  Report annually to the Safe Communities NZ Foundation on achievements and community safety issues/concerns  Report annually to funders
		feedback; data; best practice research and international/national/local policies and strategies  Advocate for community safety at local and central government levels  Report annually to the Safe Communities NZ Foundation on achievements and community safety issues/concerns



Goal 2: People in Ashburton District know how to keep themselves safe

Priorities	Responsible	What we will do
Increase awareness of	SCAD/agencies providing	Deliver initiatives in the SCAD Communications Plan
community safety by	information to the public	
making information		Work with relevant agencies to ensure the District has good quality, up to
readily available and accessible		date, information which is readily available and well utilised by the public
Positive parenting –	SCAD/parenting	Develop a collaboration of agencies offering parenting support
ensure parents and caregivers in Ashburton	agencies	Publicise programmes to ensure parents are aware of services
District are capable and confident carers, giving our children and young		Examine whether agencies have the capacity to meet demand
people the best start in		If required, advocate for increased
life		parenting support resources for the District



Goal 3: Ashburton District's Rural Communities are well supported

Priorities	Responsible	What will we do		
Support initiatives which   SCAD/rural support		Work with rural support agencies to develop initiatives to reduce social		
help to reduce social	agencies	isolation/increase personal safety		
isolation				
Explore ways to increase	SCAD/agencies involved	Seek to reduce social isolation by investigating opportunities to increase		
public transport	in public transport	public transport options around the District		
opportunities around				
the District		Work with community associations and the Methven Community Board in		
		rural areas of Ashburton District to develop and implement Community		
Work with rural		Safety Plans which are specific to the community safety issues in those		
communities to develop		communities		
Community Safety Plans				

Goal 4: Ashburton District's older residents are aware of ways to prevent falls

Priorities	Responsible	What we will do
Work collaboratively with agencies involved in falls prevention/education and	Sport Canterbury/ Age Concern Ashburton/agencies involved in falls	Establish a Falls Prevention Network to collaborate on falls prevention/education and home safety via an annual promotion
safety in the home	prevention/education/home safety/ SCAD	Promote community strength and balance programmes to reduce harm from falls



# Goal 5: Ashburton District's roads experience no serious crashes or fatalities

Priorities	Responsible	What we will do
Continue to reduce fatal and serious crashes, with	Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating	Support the implementation of the Ashburton District Road Safety Plan.
a focus on the top crash causes – speed, intersections, young drivers, alcohol and drugs	Committee/ Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS)	Contribute to initiatives as appropriate

# Goal 6: People in Ashburton District are free from harm

Priorities	Responsible	What we will do	
Support programmes that reduce family harm	Agencies involved in family harm/ Ashburton Family Harm Network	Work with agencies involved in delivering services for victims and perpetrators to examine the need for increased services in the Distriction	
	/Women's Refuge/ SCAD	If required, advocate for increased service provision	
Support services that assist to reduce suicide rates	Safer Mid Canterbury/agencies involved in suicide prevention	Support the implementation of the Lives Worth Living initiative for Ashburton District	



# SAFE COMMUNITIES ASHBURTON DISTRICT BUSINESS PLAN 2020-2021

# (Projects in RED denote new projects for 2020-2021)

Goal	Actions	Timeframe	Lead Agency	How we measure success
Everyone	The Safe Communities Ashburton	Bi-monthly –	Safe Communities	Attendance by organisations
works	District Steering Group meets	ongoing	Co-ordinator/ Safe	at Steering Group meetings
together to	regularly to share information and		Communities	
improve	work together on addressing		Ashburton District	
community	community safety issues and		Steering Group	
safety – collaboration	promoting community safety			
	Steering Group partners and the Ashburton District Council receive regular information on potential legislative changes, national and international community safety research on best practice and new data on injury, crime, road crashes, etc as this becomes available	Ongoing	Safe Communities Co-ordinator	Number of multiple agency collaborations to improve community safety
People in Ashburton District know how to keep themselves safe	"Safety Village" project, bringing together community safety agencies into one large safety promotion, for the November, 2020 Ashburton A and P Show	Planning to begin in July, 2020	Safe Communities Co-ordinator/ interested agencies	Number of agencies participating in the Safety Village Number of visitors to the Village Community feedback
			Safe Communities	gathered at the event



i I S	Regularly contribute safety information/promotions to the Safer Mid Canterbury Facebook page. Share information on partner agency Facebook and website pages	Ongoing	Co-ordinator	FB numbers, comments and shares
i	Improve community access to information via the establishment of a Citizens Advice Bureau branch in Ashburton Township	Continue as from July, 2020	Community House Mid Canterbury/ CAB National Office/SCAD	Branch established and fully operational by January, 2021
	Promote parenting programmes – ongoing and as part of an annual Parenting Week promotion/advocate for increased parenting programmes if required	Parenting Week - Sept, 2020	SCAD/ agencies delivering parenting programmes	Number of agencies participating in Parenting Week Community attendance/ feedback received at Parenting Week events and programmes
	Explore the need for a "community connector" role to be a "one stop shop" for co-ordinating information on community safety and health, social service and community agencies; promoting the existence of these services; and advising on suitable services. Explore the issue of lack of access to services and information after hours	Commence February, 2021	SCAD/agencies involved in connecting people to services	Discussion paper produced by June, 2021



	Monitor youth crime and continue to support and develop early intervention/preventative services for youth	Ongoing	Police/Safe Communities Co-ordinator/ Safer Mid Canterbury	Youth crime monitored  Support and develop early intervention/ prevention programmes as required
Ashburton District's Rural Communities are well supported	Action any outcomes of the Safe Communities Plans developed for Rakaia and Methven, which reflect local community safety concerns	Commence July, 2020	Safe Communities Co-ordinator/ Methven Community Board, Rakaia Community Association	Actions completed or underway by 30 June, 2021
	Develop a Safe Communities Plan for Mt Somers, which reflects local community safety concerns	Commence work July, 2020	Safe Communities Co-ordinator/ Mt Somers District Citizens Association	Plans completed by 30 June, 2021
	Work with the Ashburton District Council Emergency Services Manager to develop Safe Communities Plans for Mayfield and Hinds, in tandem with the development of Emergency Response Plans for these areas	Commence July, 2020	Safe Communities Co- ordinator/Emergency Services Manager/Mayfield and Hinds communities	Plans completed by 30 June, 2021



	Explore ways to reduce social isolation in the more rural areas of the District, by developing a community van option to bring people into Ashburton Township for medical appointments, shopping, etc	Continue as from July, 2020	SCAD/Ashburton Community Vehicle Trust/ECAN	Community Vehicle Trust established and operational by December, 2020
	Work with ACC to promote quad/farm bike safety messages and availability of crush protection devices subsidy	February, 2021	SCAD/ACC/Farming organisations	Campaign run  Uptake of ACC crush protection device subsidy
	Further research rural burglary/theft and the possibility of an awareness campaign	Commence August, 2020	Safe Communities Co-ordinator/ Police	Possible campaign run
Ashburton District's older residents are aware of ways to prevent falls	Promote falls prevention messages, strength and balance classes and home safety via an annual campaign and involvement bi-annually in the Age Concern Ashburton Positive Ageing Expo	March, 2021	Sport Canterbury/Age Concern Ashburton/ACC/agen cies involved in falls prevention/Safe Communities Co-ordinator	Number of agencies collaborating to promote falls prevention/home safety  Community feedback received from the promotions



Ashburton District's older residents are aware of home safety	Develop a home safety "fix it" programme for older residents who are unable to action required improvements	Programme concept developed by October, 2020	Safe Communities Coordinator/ACC/FE NZ/St John/falls prevention providers/service groups	Programme commences February, 2021
Ashburton District's Roads experience no serious crashes or fatalities	Continue to reduce fatal and serious crashes with a focus on the top crash causes – speed, intersections, alcohol and drugs, young drivers	Refer Ashburton District Road Safety Action Plan	Ashburton District Road Safety Co- ordinating Committee/ Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS)	Reduction in number of crashes at intersections, specifically serious injury and minor injury crashes  Reduced number of crashes involving young drivers, specifically fatal and serious injury crashes  Increased number of young drivers who understand risks on the road  Reduction in the number of crashes involving speed and alcohol and drugs



People in Ashburton District are free from harm	Work with agencies involved with family harm to ascertain the need for /advocate for increased family harm services to be provided in the District	Continue as from July, 2020	Agencies involved in family harm/Ashburton Family Harm Network/Women's Refuge/Safe Communities Co-ordinator	Expanded/new services for family harm in the District
	Support the implementation of the Lives Worth Living (suicide prevention) initiative for the District	July, 2020	Safer Mid Canterbury/agencies involved in suicide prevention	Project developed and implemented by June, 2021
The Safe Communities Foundation of NZ and funders (Ashburton District Council; ACC) are well informed	Safe Communities Ashburton District Steering Group to undertake an annual community engagement forum to inform the community about its activities and seek feedback on upcoming community safety issues/concerns for use in future planning	Annually - November	Safe Communities Ashburton District Steering Group/Safe Communities Co- ordinator	Feedback from community forum attendees
about the activities, achievements and benefits of Safe Communities Ashburton District	Prepare an annual report to the Safe Communities Foundation of NZ updating on the governance structure, achievements, and innovative and effective programmes	Annually – first report due July 31 2020 for July 2019-June 2020 year	Safe Communities Co-ordinator/Safe Communities Ashburton District Steering Group/Safer Mid Canterbury General Manager	Reports prepared and submitted  Feedback from the Safe Communities Foundation



Report to the Ashburton District Council twice yearly on achievements of the programme, including an annual report for each year ended 30 June	Twice per year	As above	Feedback from the Ashburton District Council
Report six monthly and annually to ACC on achievements of the programme	Annually	As above	Feedback from ACC
Explore potential funding opportunities	Ongoing	Safe Communities Co-ordinator/Safer Mid Canterbury General Manager	

