



Recent Pedal 'n' Play events in Flaxmere, Havelock North and Hastings helped raise awareness of road safety.

HDC, DHB, TTOH and other partner agencies joined the fun at a recent Hastings Fire Station Open Day.



Street by street BBQs offer a chance for neighbours to meet each other and connect to agencies.

Community safety is a high priority for Hastings District Council and over the years we've been building our networks and resources to help our residents and visitors feel safe.

From the Safer Hastings coalition to our extensive CCTV security camera network, to the purple-clad City Assist ambassadors that walk our streets, we have a range of tools to keep people free from harm.



Hastings District Council is the lead agency of Safer Hastings, Haumarutia a Heretaunga, a coalition of 30 partners working together to help keep people safe in the community, in the home, and on the roads and footpaths.

The partners represent a diverse group of government and community agencies and a wide network of supporting organisations, who collaborate to improve community safety.

Active throughout the year, they join forces to hold events, share information, and generally support our community to reduce harm.

OUR PARTNERS

ACC • Age Concern • Best Start Education and Care Centres • Brain Injury Hawke's Bay • Department of Internal Affairs • Directions Youth Health Centre • Emerge Aotearoa • Enliven • Family VIP Services Hawke's Bay • Fire and Emergency NZ • Hastings District Council • Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management • Hawke's Bay District Health Board • Health Hawke's Bay • Inland Revenue • Kāinga Ora • Ministry of Social Development • New Zealand Police • New Zealand Red Cross • Plunket • Roadsafte Hawke's Bay • Sport Hawke's Bay • Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri • Te Puni Kōkiri • Te Rangihaeata Oranga Trust – Gambling Recovery Service HB • Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga • Te Whare Whānau Pūrotu Māori Women's Refuge • Volunteering Hawke's Bay • Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency • Wharariki Trust

OUR GOALS



Safe where we live

Healthy homes, falls prevention, fire safety, suicide prevention, homelessness, family harm prevention.



Safe transport

Safe roads and footpaths, child restraints, driveway education, driver licensing, mobility scooters, driver behaviour.



Safe in my community

Family harm prevention, safety in public spaces, suicide prevention.

CCTV security cameras

Hastings district has an extensive CCTV security camera network, with more than 250 feeds from over 75 locations – some with multiple cameras at the same location.

The feeds come from some Council facilities, the main shopping centres of Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North, and also Waimārama, Clive, Te Mata Peak, Taihape Rd, Ruahapia Rd and elsewhere.

The surveillance team collaborates with police on a daily basis regarding footage of historic offending, but can also communicate with police in real time.

In the last 12 months this team has helped process over 800 police requests for footage – and a number of times Council's CCTV team has proactively called a job in, which has helped police catch the offenders.

The footage is monitored seven days a week, every day of the year – and on weekdays that surveillance is 24/7.

It's taken several years of investment to get this CCTV system to the high-quality level that it is – equivalent to what you would find in our country's major metropolitan centres.



City Assist

Since they began eight years ago, Hastings District Council's City Assist ambassadors have become a vital source of security and connectedness in our Hastings city centre, and Flaxmere and Havelock North shopping centres.

The team of eight are out on the streets during the daytime seven days a week, providing assistance and a friendly, reassuring presence for locals, visitors and retailers.

They also assist with patrolling our parks and reserves or wherever help is needed, looking out for the community.

Enjoying a close partnership with the police and other agencies, in September last year the police recognised their efforts at a special ceremony to acknowledge the value they provided to the community.

“Having this team of hardworking and passionate people working in partnership with us has proved extremely valuable. We consider them to be the Kaitiaki of our central Hastings city area,” Hawke's Bay Area Commander Inspector Jeanette Park said at the time.

Kaitiaki

Our Kaitiaki are based all year round at the Hastings War Memorial Library and Flaxmere Community Centre, helping people feel safe in these facilities and providing assistance when called upon.

During the summer months their team expands and extends to having a presence at Splash Planet, Frimley and Havelock North Village pools as well.

The Kaitiaki have a close working relationship with the police and are well respected in the community – it's been noted that the level of offending is lower than it would normally be in the areas where they are stationed.

Night security

Hastings District Council has engaged a contractor to carry out night security work. This patrol, sometimes on foot, occurs through the urban areas of Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North. They also do checks on council facilities and parks and reserves.

Skatepark guardians

Our skatepark guardians (a team of two, and a team leader) specifically oversee William Nelson skatepark. They are there seven days a week, for a minimum of nine hours a day.

Neighbourhood Support

To find out more about Neighbourhood Support, and joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Support group email NeighbourhoodSupport@hdc.govt.nz

Community patrols

Adding to these council initiatives are our Community Patrols, members of the community who work closely with police – getting out and about being an extra “eyes and ears” across Hastings, Flaxmere, Havelock North and the Cape Coast.

To find out more about Community Patrols of New Zealand or to join or start a patrol go to www.cpnz.org.nz