

**Report of the Director of Environment and Housing**

**Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Subject: Annual Community Safety Report**

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**Summary of main issues**

This report provides crime statistics for Outer West Leeds and details of key activity to address crime and anti social behaviour issues. The report recognises the increase in burglary and vehicle crime in the Outer West wards during 2012/13 and the challenges faced during the coming year.

**Recommendations**

The Area Committee is asked to:

- a. Note the contents of the report and offer comments.
- b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime. Note the initiatives to support reduce anti-social behaviour and partnership work.

**Purpose of this report**

This report is the annual community safety report, providing Members with details of the community safety activity undertaken during the last 12 months. The report will also provide details of crime data, making comparisons with previous year.

## **1.0 Background Information**

We want to be the best city in the UK with the best community safety partnership and services. Safer Leeds will focus on the outcome that “people in Leeds will be safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets and the places they go”. The strategic assessment for 2013/14 has highlighted a number of priorities for Leeds:

- Strengthening the partnership approach to support a more focused approach to tackle Domestic Abuse
- Continued focus on reducing domestic burglary and its impact across Leeds
- Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities
- Improve our understanding and approach to deal with Child Sexual Exploitation
- Tackle substance misuse
- Reduce re-offending

The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is a multi agency partnership chaired by the Police, Housing Leeds and includes partners from Fire Service, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service, Safer Leeds and the Community Safety Area Lead Member from each of the four Area Committees in West North West Leeds. The Partnership meets four times a year and sets the strategic direction for partnership work, examining performance and agreeing local priorities. The work of the group is accountable to the Safer Leeds Executive and the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, who receive regular reports of the activity undertaken.

## **1.1 Summary of key Actions**

A number of factors have a bearing on crime; criminologists have placed these factors into three broad categories:

A suitable target or opportunity, for example: valuable items which can be removed relatively easily such as laptops near an open window, vehicles with unlocked doors and a valuable item on show, etc.

A motivated offender, for example: someone whose values or beliefs make stealing acceptable, drug dependency, someone motivated by greed, etc.

A low likelihood of getting caught, for example: no Police or security guards, a neighbourhood with a low level of reporting crime, no natural street surveillance, etc.

Traditional problem solving techniques aim to reduce crime by impacting on these three categories:

Working to educate the victim (leaflet drops, face to face crime prevention advice, etc)

Tackle the offender (known as offender management; visit known offenders, tenancy action, curfews, criminal sanctions – prison, etc.)

Undertake work on the built / natural environment to reduce crime opportunities in the locality such as improving natural surveillance or environmental works such as cutting hedges back, secure by design, etc).

The following key actions have been delivered through the Divisional Community Safety Partnership during the last 12 months:

## **1.2 Domestic Abuse**

Work is primarily delivered through 3 strands; working to support the victim, taking appropriate action against the perpetrator and raising the awareness and confidence of officers in identifying domestic abuse and making appropriate referrals to special and support agencies. Examples of this include:

A Domestic Violence MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) chaired by Safer Leeds, is where a number of partners attend to discuss high risk domestic violence cases. The focus is on support to victims and strong co-ordinated action against perpetrators. Regular attendees include the Primary Care Trust, Social Care, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds Domestic Violence Services.

Awareness campaign heavily supported by the Leeds Domestic Violence Team, which works with partners during the 16 days of action on Domestic Violence from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December, linking in with this world wide initiative.

Since April 2013, Leeds has improved the conviction rate for perpetrators of DV in some months achieving a 80% conviction rate, which is above the 75% targeted rate. Leeds is also looking at expanding courses for perpetrators of Domestic Violence.

At a local level Farsley Calverley children's centre has attained Level 3 of the Safer Leeds Domestic Violence Quality Mark. Farnley CC and Pudsey Children's Centre have Level 1.

Paula Gardner from the DV team has had a preliminary meeting with the previous cluster manager at Pudsey and discussed some ways of introducing DV work into the high school as the DV team were not in a position to support the full cluster model at that point. Pudsey has also been chosen as the pilot area in the West for the Caring Dads programme. This is an initiative that works with men who are or are potentially abusive in the home and looks at changing behaviours through group work. The Healthy Schools Team and the DV team will be doing an input at their Pudsey cluster day at end of January.

## **2.0 Burglary**

Burglary remains a high priority for the City and the North West Division. A City-wide strategic burglary group meets monthly, led by Superintendent Mabs Hussain. The group shares and oversees the work delivered in the localities, identifies strands of work which need to be tackled from a city-wide prospective and shares good practice. The Division has developed ward based Partnership Plans to focus on burglary and vehicle crime which identifies the local issues for each of the ward areas and partnership actions to address these. The plans include identification of the top ten streets per ward area, management of offenders, initiatives to engage with local communities/residents and provide crime reduction advice, promote immobilise.com, refer into target hardening schemes and promote laptop and phone tracking software.

**Offender Identification and Management.** Pudsey Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) along with other departments actively manage those people within the neighbourhood area who are identified through arrests and intelligence as being actively involved with burglary offences. This ranges from integrated Offender Management of the most prolific RED offenders, down to the next level of AMBER offenders, as identified through the 6 weekly partnerships meeting, and further down to simple daily disruption lists that are managed at SNT level. This management consists of targeted daily visits, and 'trigger plans' following reports of any burglary within their offending areas. Other partnership activities include;

- Environmental audits to address any environmental issues impacting on burglary for example overgrown hedges, obscured street lighting, broken street lighting, etc
- Taking tenancy enforcement action against prolific offenders
- Delivering multi agency action days to deliver a variety of messages and raise awareness about burglary and other crimes through leaflets, doorstep engagement, working with partners to have a greater impact by undertaking joint visits for example, 6 action days were held during this year.
- Delivering Operation Optimal which targets patrols to areas where statistics says a burglary may occur and visits to burglary victims and their neighbours (either side and back / front).
- Promote Immobilise.com and the national property register, through mailing lists, door step engagement and community events.
- Target hardening to improve security of properties

### 3.0 **Leeds ASB Team (LASBT) West North West Performance Data**

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team receives requests for service (Enquiries) via the contact centre, the local housing office, West Yorkshire Police, Stop Hate UK, elected members and MP's. The team has a number of core performance aims:

1 & 2 Day response to Enquiries from Contact Centre - LASBT West received 1045 enquires in 2012/13. 50.6% of these enquiries relate to ALMO properties. 100% of enquiries were responded to within service standards.

Initial Contact with Customer within 10 days (SSTD3) – 98.7% of customers were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

10 day Customer Update (SSTD5) – The year-end cumulative performance for this measure showed that 95.4% of customers were contacted every 10 days.

Initial Contact with Perpetrator within 10 days (SSTD4) – The year-end cumulative performance for this measure showed that 91.4% of perpetrators were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

Customer Satisfaction with service - 4 week case onset survey – 89.1% of respondents stated they were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the service they had received.

Customer Satisfaction with service and case outcome – Closed Case survey - 95.2% of respondents stated they were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the service they had received. 95.8% of respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the investigation carried out by the Case Officer and 91.0% were satisfied with the case outcome.

### ASB Caseload

The table 1 shows a breakdown of the cases investigated and closed in the Outer West area during 2012/13. Table 2 shows the breakdown of cases investigated and closed across North West Leeds.

#### 3.1 Table 1

<b>Ward Boundaries</b>	<b>Number of Cases Investigated</b>
Calverley and Farsley	37
Farnley and Wortley	93
Pudsey	50

#### 3.2 Table 2

Case Ward	Cases		Percent		Trend
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	
Adel and Wharfedale	19	14	4.51%	2.68%	-1.83%
Armley	77	101	18.29%	19.35%	1.06%
Bramley and Stanningley	43	64	10.21%	12.26%	2.05%
<b>Calverley and Farsley</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.09%</b>	<b>6.32%</b>	3.23%
<b>Farnley and Wortley</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>14.96%</b>	<b>15.90%</b>	0.94%
Guiseley and Rawdon	13	14	3.09%	2.68%	-0.41%
Headingley	5	3	1.19%	0.57%	-0.61%
Horsforth	10	20	2.38%	3.83%	1.46%
Hyde Park and Woodhouse	29	27	6.89%	5.17%	-1.72%
Kirkstall	73	51	17.34%	9.77%	-7.57%
Otley and Yeadon	27	22	6.41%	4.21%	-2.20%
<b>Pudsey</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5.94%</b>	<b>8.43%</b>	2.49%
Weetwood	24	47	5.70%	9.00%	3.30%
Grand Total	421	522	100.0%	100.0%	-

#### 3.3 ASB Case Studies by Ward Area

##### 3.4 Calverley Farsley Ward

Various partners participated in an Action day following concerns from residents around youth nuisance on the Thornfields and Farfields in Farsley. The action day was successful and a follow up was done by LASBT and the Police to speak to

those identified as involved in the nuisance behaviour which has resulted in a marked reduction in calls for service

### **3.5 Farnley/ Wortley ward**

LASBT successfully evicted a tenant from Whincover Road following a long history of noise nuisance, rowdy behaviour and intimidation of vulnerable residents.

LASBT and NPT worked to try and resolve youth nuisance issues in the area of Cow Close Road and engaged in a number of high visibility patrols, leaflet drops and where perpetrators could be identified used a combination of ABCs, ASBO warnings and diversionary referrals. A Revizit programme is now planned in partnership with Farnley Academy.

LASBT gained an injunction against a female resident of Tong Way in relation to abuse and aggression directed against neighbours as well as emergency services. The behaviour has continued and LASBT are now seeking a committal to prison for breach of injunction and also possession of the property.

LASBT have been involved in a long term project regarding youth nuisance in the area around Pudsey Road. A large number of youths identified have been successfully diverted away from crime and ASB, however we are now a core of young people who are involved in ASB who are now being targeted with possible legal sanctions.

### **3.6 Pudsey Ward**

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the Police have been investigating issues of youth nuisance around shop premises on Swinnow Road. A number of youths have been identified and diversion/support put in place.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team are currently working with the Police and Metro to target individuals involved in ASB around Pudsey Bus Station – a number of individuals have been identified and an action plan is being drawn up in relation to this.

### **3.7 Hate Crime**

The North West Hate Crime Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference meet every month to look at referrals from partners around hate crime incidents and agree actions and solutions, discuss any concerns and trends of hate crime across West North West Leeds and share good practice and awareness training with partners. The draft Hate Crime Strategy has just been circulated with the final version due to be launch during January 2014. The main stands of the strategy will be to ,increase awareness and understanding of hate incidents, increase confidence in reporting , increase recording of hate incidents across the 5 monitored strands , improve collective response to hate incident and measuring Success

From January 2014, the Hate crime MARAC will also be supported by quarterly reports that highlights the levels of reported hate related incidents to Leeds City Council (LCC) and West Yorkshire Police (WYP), as well as Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) case work to tackle specific hate related issues. It also

summarises key issues and trends by area based upon number and prevalence of reported incidents. The aim is to inform local responses to hate crime incidents by summarising the local issues and context; it is not intended to overview or summarise specific cases or detail individual offenders/ victims.

### **3.8 Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

CSE is a new area of work developed during the last year. There is a city wide CSE Steering Group chaired by Children's Services. The group aims to develop processes and services to meet the challenges presented by CSE. The group has recently approached Safer Leeds and asked Safer Leeds to help develop and shape local delivery for CSE work.

The safeguarding of individuals at risk of CSE is delivered through the existing safeguarding process of joint working between the Council and Police. These Officers work very closely together to share information and often work from the same office in 2 Great George Street to ensure an integrated approach.

The Area Community Safety Co-ordinator role has taken a lead on CSE work locally and chairs a CSE practitioner's forum for West North West Leeds which looks at identifying local CSE gaps in services with a view to finding local solutions or working with the Leeds wide CSE Steering Group to raise and address concerns. Local partners involved in the Practitioners group include Cluster Co-ordinators, Targeted Services Leads, School Nurses, Police and Social Workers. The group has met on 2 occasions to date and will aim to meet quarterly. Work is underway to identify the training needs of frontline staff to help develop a training plan for West North West Leeds and develop better joint working to tackle this issue.

In June 2013 a Practitioners workshop for CSE was held to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the issues relating to CSE. The Event was organised by the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator and involved presentations from Blast and ISIS, 2 agencies developing work in CSE. The session was a taster for front line staff such as social workers, healthcare professionals, school staff, housing Officers and Police officers. The event was attended by over 50 people. Further sessions are planned for frontline staff and practitioners during February and March 2014. Further work is being developed through the Clusters and CSE Forum to raise awareness of CSE to Parents and Carers.

### **3.9 Prostitution**

Following a review of the issue citywide in 2012, the Executive Board Member for Environments and Neighbourhoods established a Members Steering Group to oversee the development of a citywide strategy. In Chairing the Steering Group Councillor Gruen has progressed the development of a draft strategy which aims to reduce harm and increase public confidence by adopting approaches that consider risks, threats and harms to all. At the heart of the strategy is a desire to improve the wellbeing for individuals, families and communities affected by prostitution. Genesis are responsible for chairing a Prostitution Strategic Partnership with representation from Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, voluntary sector specialist providers and Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust. A thematic lead has

been identified for each strand and they are responsible for progressing the development of actions to achieve the stated aims. The strands of the draft strategy are as follows:

### **Draft Leeds Prostitution Strategy - Priority Work Strands**

**Research and Development** – gathering data to understand the current position across all aspects of sex work, identifying gaps in the evidence base and improving information/intelligence gathering,

**Vulnerability & Safeguarding** – reviewing and improving “Ugly Mugs” scheme, case conference approach and safeguarding processes, identifying gaps in health and social support for sex workers.

**Early Intervention** – supporting the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy

**Pathways out** – ensuring holistic substance misuse, housing and employment support is available to women to improve their wellbeing and increase opportunities to exit sex work.

**Disrupt and Investigate** – disrupt and investigate criminal activity and exploitation; develop an approach based on evidence based good practice to dealing with kerb crawlers/buyers of sex.

The North West Division sits on the boundary of City and Holbeck and as such there have been cross boarder issues around prostitution. The North West Division contributes to Operation Dairy and supports the Case Conference approach that has also been developed in the last 18 months. The Case Conference aims to aid a co-ordinated approach to care planning in order that those engaged in street based sex working have increased opportunities to access appropriate services. The services will endeavour to reduce harm caused to the individual’s health and wellbeing and support their exit from street based prostitution. Alongside this it also intends to disrupt and challenge illegal and anti-social street behaviour related to street based prostitution. The Case Conference takes referrals from a range of agencies and is developing positive networks and understandings between agencies that will enhance partnership working around the issue.

### **3.9 Families First Programme**

The Families First programme is now moving into its second year. With approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) , Leeds have combined the family cohorts for years two and three and so are required to confirm the households that we will be working with by March 2014.

The initial data processing has identified approximately 70 households across the Outer West that are potentially going to be included in the cohort. The Targeted Services leaders in Pudsey and Farnley are currently reviewing the details of those households and cross referencing with their own information and consulting with



partner agencies across the area in order to finalise the actual families that will be included on the programme. One of the aims for this cohort is to increase the number of families that are included based on local intelligence and knowledge e.g. children already known through the cluster, children subject to child protection plans and children in need and we have also developed a process whereby agencies can notify the Families First programme team of any family they believe has met the criteria for inclusion but might not have appeared in the initial data set.

In addition, Safer Leeds and Targeted Services have been working to develop a protocol for tackling anti-social behaviour by young people that improves the information sharing arrangements across services and schools and that has a focus on young people who might be excluded from school with a view that the work developed, particularly in Farnley, will be rolled out

The Community Safety Coordinator work with the Targeted Services Leads and Clusters to identifying vulnerable individuals /families who require additional support and services identified through the Inner West multi-agency meetings , Amber nominal offender management and the Domestic Violence Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences.

### **3.10 Offender Management**

Reduce Re-offending is delivered in partnership between West Yorkshire Police, Probation, Youth Offending Service, Leeds City Council and other partners. There is a mix of partnership working at city-wide level to engage with prolific offenders and more locally co-ordinated work to engage with offenders who are at risk of becoming prolific. Typically, the engagement aims to address the causes of offending and help reduce the opportunities to offend by helping an offender secure training or a work placement for example.

The local group is chaired by Safer Leeds and includes support from West Yorkshire Police, Probation, Youth Offending Service, Signpost, Connexions and other partners who come together to look at additional focused support provided to individuals involved in burglary and other priority crime. The group works across the locality and seeks to address the support needs of individuals and families to help them to stop offending. This support could be through training opportunities provided through Connexions, additional support by Youth Offending Service, Signpost working with the family offering intensive support. Since its inception the group has discussed 32 cases and closed 12 cases due to either engagement with services and reduction in offending or incarceration. The number of cases is fluid with about 20 at any given time. During 2014 we will be looking at improved coordination between the management of the Red offenders, Amber nominal and early intervention.

### **3.11 Substance misuse**

This continues to be an active priority for the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Members of the public continue to provide the Police with positive leads about Cannabis and other types of drug dealing.

One of the significant emerging issues for the city is the sale and use of new psychoactive substances, so called legal highs. Safer Leeds has a three stranded approach to this new area of work:

#### Intelligence gathering

- Operation Nightshot established on Police systems and intelligence sought from across the partnership.
- Questionnaires distributed to adult drug users through the drug intervention program.
- liaison with agencies who provide drug intervention work.
- Partnership work with event organisers.
- Local intelligence gathered to identify local retail outlets and understand the customer profile.

#### Education

- All Safer Schools Police Officers provided training input and package to deliver in secondary schools.
- Media strategy developed with key features on Look North and YEP and national newspapers including the daily Mail and The Sun.
- Key partners provided training input including elected members, youth services.
- Billboard campaign and marketing material produced.

#### Enforcement

- Warning letters served to all retail outlets.
- Dedicated CPS lawyer established.
- convictions for selling intoxicating substances to under 18's - first conviction nationally using this legislation to tackle new psychoactive substances
- Ongoing prosecution under Sec 9 Misuse of Drugs Act - selling articles for the preparation and administration of controlled drugs in respect of articles with cannabis leaves etc on
- Market management have served warning letters to all relevant stall holders

### **3.12 Diversionsary Activities**

During 2013 the partnership has worked with partners on diversionary activities for young people. This has included specific targeted work for those young people involved or at risk of crime and ASB through work with the Youth offending Service and Youth services targeting resources for specific pieces of work in ASB hot spot areas. . Referrals have also been made to the cluster though the support and guidance meetings for additional support. . In addition the Neighbourhood Police team support the Friday Night Project at Pudsey Leisure Centre allocating staff to build on developing positive relationships. Funding to support the Friday night project from the Outer West Area Committee has contributed to the success of the

project with an average of 55 juniors per session and 14 – 18 seniors attending on a regular basis.

#### 4.0 **CCTV Delegated Function**

Leedswatch' provides a monitoring service for public space surveillance cameras covering open spaces across Leeds. The CCTV control room is staffed, and cameras are recorded 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The service also provides two mobile CCTV vehicles for deployment within communities across Leeds. The main objective of the service is to reduce crime and the fear of crime through the use of CCTV technology, leading to improved crime prevention, and an increase in the detection and prosecution of offenders. The Leedswatch service works in partnership with a large number of internal and external partners such as; Urban Traffic Control (UTC), Emergency Planning, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), West Yorkshire Police, WY METRO and other Local Authorities across the West Yorkshire sub-region

- 4.1 CCTV is one of a number of Service functions delegated to Area Committees. The Area Committee's role in relation to this function is to 'maintain an overview of the service in the Committee area and receive regular information about it. There is currently a total of 5 public space surveillance CCTV cameras' monitoring the Outer West Committee Area, via the Central CCTV Control Room at Middleton; they are located in Farsley (5), Farnley (2) and Pudsey (5).

Within the Outer West Committee Area there were 8 recorded arrests on camera for various offences, affray (4), robbery (2), affray (1) and failure to stop at an RTC (1).

The CCTV Vans are now primarily used to respond to reports of Noise nuisance. The out of hours noise nuisance service supports the work of the Leeds ASB Teams by providing evidence in relation to noise nuisance cases.

Supporting the city's most vulnerable residents is also a priority. The Leeds watch service is now responsible for providing a first response to Care Ring alarms. On call 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, this service responds to alarms from mainly elderly clients who may have fallen or find themselves in need of support. Officers attend to the alarm call and contact emergency services, family members or other appropriate individuals, staying with the client to provide support and re-assurance until further help arrives.

- 4.3 Improving the information and intelligence we provide to Leeds watch customers is a key priority for the service. We are reviewing how this data is recorded, in the way in which we can provide accurate information to service users, to provide more detail and improve the services analytical and intelligence capacity
- 4.4 Moving forward, the Leeds watch Service is investigating further opportunities to integrate services and create a centre of excellence for emergency response and out of hours call handling. In order to ensure that the service is making the best use of its resources, a full service restructure will take place in 2013/14, which seeks to develop a more agile and resilient service capable of delivering a wider

range of services, and offering best value to the residents of Leeds. Discussions are taking place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Teams, Environmental services, West Yorkshire Police and the ALMOs to look at how the various services can better linked together to improve service delivery, collate accurate information for customers and service users and to provide a more pro-active response to issues of public concern, through improved collating of data / information and intelligence sharing between agencies.

## 5. **Area Committee Funded Projects**

### 5.1 **Off Road Bikes**

During 2012 / 13 the Area Committee funded Police Off-Road Bikes which proactively patrol green spaces and work with the Neighbourhood Policing team to tackle the nuisance caused in communities by off road bikes. The project also worked closely with the Councils Park Ranger service to undertake joint patrols and deliver advice and training to schools and groups who may undertake bike riding.

### 5.2 Calls for the OUTER WEST ward from January 2013 to December 2013 were as follows:-

7 in January 2013	(1 in January 2012).
8 in February 2013	( 10 in February 2012).
6 in March 2012	(21 in March 2012).
26 in Apr 2013	(6 in Apr 2012).
27 in May 2013	(46 in May 2012).
37 in Jun 2013	(29 in Jun 2012).
26 in Jul 2013	(21 in Jul 2012).
41 in Aug 2013	(32 in Aug 2012).
8 in Sept 2013	(24 in Sept 2012).
3 in Oct 2013	(7 in Oct 2012).
6 in Nov 2013	(9 in Nov 2012).
3 in Dec 2013	(3 in Dec 2012).

Due to the large number of calls, research carried out shows that **33%** of all nuisance bike/quad calls in this ward, during April to June occurred on The Old Golf Course/ Phoenix Park / Dick Lane, Thornbury, with a further **10%** occurring at the Cottingley Springs Caravan Site.

### 5.3 In the 12 month period January 2013 to December 2013, the LCC Funded Off Road Motorcycles have issued in this ward alone:-

31 Verbal Warnings for nuisance motorcycles / quads

15 Sec 59 warnings issued,  
86 fixed penalty notices for numerous offences,  
17 Seized motorcycles / cars

- 5.4 Appendix 4 provides a detailed report of the initiatives carried out by the Off Road team in Outer West during 2013 and an overview of off road bike issues in the ward/neighbourhood area.
- 5.5 The dedicated Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad leaflet has been launched and is being distributed by Officers to complainants and offenders. Already we believe that this has had some impact with the reduction in the number of calls, obviously this cannot be solely attributed to the leaflet, but we have already had several cases where the tenant of LCC property has disposed of the nuisance motorcycle/ quad as a result of simply reading the section on Tenancy Agreements.  
The bikes were recently featured on the BBC's Look North, the feature being the lead story of the day. Local residents were interviewed and aired the issues that they suffer from with the Anti-Social Behaviour caused by nuisance motorcycles and quads.
- 5.6 **During 2013 / 14 the Area Committee has funded**
- Support for the Off Road Bike Team
  - Small grant to support partnership action days with Burglary and ASB packs
  - Small grant to support the off Road Bike team raise awareness of illegal and dangerous motor bike riding via a specific leaflet
  - Support for the annual Dog Watch community event
  - Small grant for Mini Uniforms to support engagement events/work in schools
  - Small grant to support the partnership Cottingley Springs Travellers site engagement event.
  - CCTV and funding of a new CCTV camera on the Farfield Estate in Farsley
  - Small grant to target specific diversionary activities at young people at risk/involved in ASB in the Farnley & Wortley area.

## **6.0 Analysis of Crime Figures more to add from NPT Inspector**

- 6.1 Appendices 1 concentrate on the burglary figures for the city . The chart shows that between December 2012- November 2013 Pudsey ward has seen the most significant increase in burglary of 61.0% , Calverley has seen a 11.9.% reduction however the previous 3 months comparison shows and increase of 44 % . Farnley and Wortley wards have seen a 17% increase but showing a downward trend of 9% from the previous 3 months data.

Appendix 2 provides an overview of crime figures for all the wards in West Leeds. Calverley/Farsley, Farnley/Wortley and Pudsey wards make up the wards in Outer West Leeds and the figures presented cover the period from December 2012 – November 2013 and relate to all crime types, including Fraud & Forgery, handling stolen goods, sexual offences and other thefts. The performance team have agreed a city-wide format for the production of crime data which shows a comparison of all crime types over a 12 month period compared with the previous 12 months, the

changes from the previous 3 month period and data that shows trends over these periods to enable partners to focus attention and intervention in the identified hot spot Pudsey SNT has recognised the significant increase in burglary over the past 12 months, and have increased activity as a direct result. It has been identified that a large proportion of these burglaries are committed across borders, with criminals travelling from areas of Bradford into Thornbury, Tyersal , Pudsey and Calverley. As a result Operation Atlanta 8 was introduced which saw Proactive Crime Team Officers working alongside Safer Neighbourhoods Team officers for extended tours of duty, focussing specifically around those border areas. Offender management processes within the Pudsey area have also been rigorously enforced. Insecure properties remain a major problem, and local PCSO's are regularly visiting homes that are clearly insecure and offering relevant security advice.

- 6.1 Across all three wards there has been an increase of theft from Motor Vehicle. Calverley /Farsley ward saw a 49 % increase , Pudsey a 43% increase and Farnley /Wortley a 38% reduction however the change from the previous 3 months show a increase of 55 % for Farnley and Wortley. There has been a slight increase of theft of motor vehicle across all wards. .
- 6.2 In relation to burglary other, which covers such areas as sheds, garages, there has been a 61% increase in the Calverley/Farsley ward, an increase of 20% in Pudsey wards with a 18% reduction in the Farnley/Wortley ward.
- 6.3 Criminal damage shows a 14% decrease in the Calverley/Farsley ward and a slight increase of 3 % in Farnley and Wortley with 0 % increase in the Pudsey ward.
- 6.4 There has been a reduction in drug offences across all three wards.

## 6.5 Multi-Agency Action days

There have been a number of multi-agency initiatives over the last 12 months focused on reducing crime in Outer West which have included:

- Co-ordinated multi agency action to raise awareness of burglary and ASB in hot spot /vulnerable locations across Outer West
- Target campaigns through the Darker Nights Initiatives and It Only Takes a Minute "Campaign to raise awareness of the lighter nights and sneak- in burglary.
- Operation Optimal - visits to burglary victims and their neighbours and target patrols to hotspot areas in the Outer West wards.
- Promotion of Immobilise.com property marking, including door knocking particularly in optimal areas to increase sign-ups
- Environmental action days concentrating partnership attention to the area to tackle crime and environmental issues such , overgrown hedges, broken street lights, graffiti in the Swinnow area,
- Operation Bullseye targeting receivers of stolen good
- Work and campaigns to educate communities about leaving doors / windows open through social media

- Multi-agency action day on the Gamble Hill and Heights to tackle anti-social behaviour and drugs
- Action day on the Cobden's/Cow Close area in Farnley and Wortley ward
- Action days on the Farfield estate in Farsley
- Broad Street fencing project

## **7 Corporate Considerations**

### **7.1 Consultation and Engagement**

The projects highlighted in this report will include consultation and engagement under the theme of crime and anti social behaviour with the aim of providing crime reduction advice and to increase reporting.

### **7.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

Other Community engagement events and projects take account of equality and diversity in their delivery. Considerations such as date, time, venue, access all have an impact on equality and diversity in relation to ensuring events are accessible to all members of the community.

### **7.4 Multi Agency Engagement Days 2013**

The Neighbourhood police team and multi-agency partnership have supported a number of engagement events over the last few months these include;

- The NPT staff continues to support the Friday Night project at Pudsey leisure Centre
- Farsley Festival
- Rodley Crime Prevention Road show
- Calverley Festival
- The Owlcotes Number Plate theft awareness campaign
- Dog Watch/show event Farnley Park
- Cottingley Springs Travellers site community event

### **7.5 Council Policies and City Priorities**

Effectively tackling crime and anti social behaviour is a strategic priority in the Safer Leeds Plan 2011-2015.

### **7.6 Resources and Value for Money**

Projects and work highlighted in this report have been funded through a mixture of Safer Leeds, Area Committee, West North West Homes and Proceeds of crime funding . Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

## **7.7 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

There are no legal implications or access to information issues for this report. This report is not subject for call in.

## **7.8 Risk Management**

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

## **8 Conclusions**

- 8.1 The community safety priority for Outer West Leeds is undoubtedly burglary. Considerable partnership work is delivered to address burglary hotspots and communities vulnerable to burglary. Specific work has been delivered in the Outer West wards through the NPT, Operation Optimal and the Outer West partnership tasking meetings and the development of ward based action plans to address burglary. The partnership has supported the burglary action plans that are used to introduce new initiatives and pieces of work to address specific problems in each of the localities and the continued support from Members to tackle burglary is welcomed.
- 8.2 As with many wards across the city, the Outer West area has a number of community safety challenges. Tackling anti-social behaviour is a partnership priority with initiatives focusing on anti-social behaviour around Pudsey Town Centre, Thornfield Avenue in Farsley and ASB on the Cobden's and Cow Close area in Farnley /Wortley ward. Through the partnership initiatives we have had some positive reductions in ASB , but we are aware that there is further work to tackle the causes of crime and ASB in partnership with Children's services and the Clusters which incorporate the Families Frist Programme. On-going work will continue taking a problem solving approach with the local community. The focus will remain on partnership working with further action days and initiatives whilst looking at how best to engage with local communities in taking a problem solving approach to local issues.

The Outer West, has seen an increase in vehicle crime over the last 12 months, as an alternative choice of crime. This is an area of work that the Police will be focussing on into 2014.. The challenge is to maintain positive outcomes achieved in this reporting period, during a time of budget constraints and cuts.

The past twelve months has seen significant change within the policing environment, the most substantial of which is the formation of the Leeds District, incorporating North East Leeds, City and Holbeck and North West Leeds divisions. As a result of this necessary change, there has been a reduction in the number of senior manager posts, but most importantly we are pleased to say that frontline staff have been protected throughout this process. As the SNT for Pudsey, we very much envisage the coming months to be a time of consolidation and progression as we continue to work towards reductions in all key areas of criminality and anti social behaviour: we are confident that with our continued commitment to partnership working, we can achieve our goals.



8.4 West Yorkshire Police have commenced discussions about how they might respond to budget pressures and work has started to reduce the number of Divisions and Senior Police staff in Leeds. The proposal is that Leeds reduces to one division serving the whole city, commanded by one Chief Superintendent and reducing the number of superintendents, Chief Inspectors and Inspectors. Current proposals suggest 11 neighbourhood teams aligned to Area Committees and one team dedicated for the city centre. Members have been briefed on the proposals and their views sought. West Yorkshire Police are exploring co-location options with partners to ensure front line services are enhanced. The Chief Inspector will be attending March Area Committee to provide an update on these proposals and progress to date.

## **9.0 Recommendations**

9.1 Members of the Outer West Area Committee are requested to:

- a. Note the contents of the report and offer comments
- b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime .

## **10. Background documents**

**None**

## Appendix 1

### Burglary Dwelling

AREA	SNA	Ward	12 months			3 Months		
			Total	Change	Trend Dec-12 to Nov-13	3 Month Total	3 Month Change	last 3 months trend
East North East	Inner East	Gipton & Harehills	290	2.1%		76	-1.3%	
East North East	Inner East	Killingbeck & Seacroft	272	12.4%		75	1.4%	
West North West	Inner North West	Kirkstall	253	11.5%		75	11.9%	
West North West	Inner North West	Hyde Park & Woodhouse	234	-47.4%		74	5.7%	
West North West	Outer West	Pudsey	219	61.0%		68	74.4%	
West North West	Inner North West	Headingley	204	-20.9%		73	35.2%	
South East	Outer East	Crossgates & Whinmoor	195	-1.0%		43	-4.4%	
South East	Inner South	Beeston & Holbeck	191	-9.9%		36	-10.0%	
East North East	Inner East	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	190	-43.1%		40	-7.0%	
West North West	Inner West	Armley	190	-35.6%		43	-15.7%	
West North West	Outer West	Farnley & Wortley	181	16.8%		42	-8.7%	
East North East	Inner North East	Roundhay	170	-16.7%		60	76.5%	
West North West	Inner West	Bramley & Stanningley	168	-4.5%		27	-3.6%	
South East	Outer East	Temple Newsam	167	4.4%		43	30.3%	
West North West	Outer West	Calverley & Farsley	155	-11.9%		49	44.1%	
West North West	Inner North West	Weetwood	154	-22.6%		43	-12.2%	
East North East	Inner North East	Chapel Allerton	147	-28.3%		39	-4.9%	
South East	Inner South	Middleton Park	139	-34.1%		30	30.4%	
East North East	Inner North East	Moortown	132	-24.6%		44	51.7%	
West North West	Outer North West	Horsforth	124	-0.8%		28	-30.0%	
South East	Outer South	Morley North	117	7.3%		22	-24.1%	
South East	Inner South	City & Hunslet	111	-28.4%		24	4.3%	
East North East	Outer North East	Wetherby	96	33.3%		23	-36.1%	
West North West	Outer North West	Guiseley & Rawdon	95	75.9%		30	-16.7%	
East North East	Outer North East	Harewood	92	7.0%		19	-34.5%	
South East	Outer South	Rothwell	87	3.6%		18	12.5%	
South East	Outer East	Garforth & Swillington	87	50.0%		24	-17.2%	
East North East	Outer North East	Alwoodley	85	-47.2%		19	-17.4%	
West North West	Outer North West	Otley & Yeadon	77	0.0%		25	19.0%	
South East	Outer South	Morley South	74	-10.8%		19	26.7%	
West North West	Outer North West	Adel & Wharfedale	68	-43.3%		16	-5.9%	
South East	Outer East	Kippax & Methley	55	-21.4%		9	-50.0%	
South East	Outer South	Ardsley & Robin Hood	42	-40.0%		5	-54.5%	
South East	City	City & Hunslet	28	0.0%		6	50.0%	
<p><b>PROTECT</b> Produced by Safer Leeds (Leeds City Council)</p> <p>All information is derived from provisional WYP data before it is finalised and published as public statistics</p> <p>No data from this report can be quoted in the public domain</p> <p>Ward is assigned by "best match" and sums of data will not necessarily equal Leeds totals (due to "unmatched" information etc.)</p>								
Leeds	Total		4912	-751		1278	+47	

Appendix 2

### Burglary Dwelling

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	155	-12%		49	44%	
Farnley & Wortley	181	17%		42	-9%	
Pudsey	219	61%		68	74%	

### Burglary Elsewhere

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	201	61%		71	78%	
Farnley & Wortley	146	-18%		36	6%	
Pudsey	120	20%		36	29%	

### Criminal Damage

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	178	-14%		35	-15%	
Farnley & Wortley	345	3%		87	-2%	
Pudsey	249	0%		67	18%	

### Drugs Offences

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	103	-3%		23	-15%	
Farnley & Wortley	68	-24%		10	-57%	
Pudsey	38	-10%		7	-36%	

## Fraud and Forgery

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	22	-7		4	0	
Farnley & Wortley	24	-6		5	+2	
Pudsey	27	+15		5	+1	

## Handling

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	6	3		2	2	
Farnley & Wortley	2	0		0	0	
Pudsey	1	0		0	0	

## Other Theft

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	534	7%		126	-5%	
Farnley & Wortley	404	6%		104	9%	
Pudsey	258	-19%		55	-21%	

## Robbery

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	16	-2		3	-3	
Farnley & Wortley	21	+4		6	0	
Pudsey	8	-4		1	-1	

## Sexual Offences

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Farnley & Wortley	31	+11		5	-4	
Calverley & Farsley	10	0		1	-2	
Pudsey	13	+2		4	+1	

## Theft from Motor Vehicle

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	290	49%		72	-8%	
Farnley & Wortley	147	-38%		51	55%	
Pudsey	183	43%		54	32%	

## Theft of Motor Vehicle

Ward	12 months			3 Months		
	Dec-12 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend	Sep-13 to Nov-13	Change from previous	Trend
Calverley & Farsley	39	+13		6	0	
Farnley & Wortley	62	+10		19	+7	
Pudsey	40	+22		9	-4	

## West Outer Overall Public Confidence in Policing Levels

Very Satisfied or Satisfied with patrol levels in local area.

Year ended	Mar-10	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Sep-13
% of respondents	44.7%	49.2%	43.4%	38.3%	36.1%

The police in your local area do an Excellent or Good job.

Year ended	Mar-10	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Sep-13
% of respondents	52.5%	55.3%	56.1%	50.5%	51.3%

## **Data Sources**

### Crime Data

The data source was a West Yorkshire Police download where offences are broken down into the '14 Offence Categories' using the Home Office Class. Date periods used are financial years (01-Apr to 31-Mar), unless specified otherwise

### ASB Data

The data source was a West Yorkshire Police download where ASB incidents are identified from the 'Disposition 1 Code' (the code the police operator used to close the incident). Date periods used are financial years (01-Apr to 31-Mar), unless specified otherwise.

### Confidence Data

Confidence Data was taken from the Public Perception Survey. The rates quoted are for Question 9: How satisfied are you with the level of visible patrol (car and foot) in your local area? & Question 13: How good a job do you think the police are doing in your area? The figures are based on 12 month rolling totals for the periods quote

## **Off Road Bike team**

### **Point's of Interest:-**

The LCC Funded Off Road Bikes continue to conduct routine vehicle checks with good results. Recently one routine stop resulted in the driver being arrested as he had committed 11 offences of Making Off Without Payment in a different vehicle and he had been wanted for the last 3 months. His vehicle was also seized as a result of having no insurance.

The Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad leaflet which was funded by the Ward areas that contribute to the bike funding, has had a significant impact on rider's parents and tenants and I strongly believe that this simple leaflet has in part resulted in a reduction in the number of calls for Anti Social Behaviour caused by nuisance bikes and quads.

The Bikes are frequently used in the search for Missing persons and on several occasions have successfully located the misper by patrolling area's that are inaccessible or very time consuming to foot officers. They have also saved a great deal of money by negating the deployment of specialist units.

The bikes are used to patrol the canal towpaths with great success, with the public using the towpath the longboat users and indeed the Waterways staff being reassured by there patrols, again officers would not be in a position to patrol the canal towpaths for numerous reasons.

The biggest benefit of the bikes cannot be calculated by any means; simply there presence in any location brings a sense of satisfaction in the community, especially in the area's where there are less frequent patrols by the Police. Offenders of all types are caught off guard by the bikes presence and there ability to appear in the most unexpected of places.

### **The Off Road Bike Team has been involved in meetings for the following:-**

Further training for youths just passing there CBT, in an attempt to prevent new riders becoming statistics as Killed Or Seriously Injured in collisions. A local Training school has been approached and the idea is to be spread throughout the city to gauge what interest there would be.

Meetings with local Motorcycle Dealerships, to advise riders of all ages on the increase in theft of Motorcycles due to there bikes not being secured with an approved lock / device.

And Leeds and Bradford Parks Departments in an attempt to make accessing Greenspace more difficult for riders of motorcycles and Quads intent on riding illegally.

**Calls for the OUTER WEST ward from January 2013 to December 2013 were as follows:-**

7 in January 2013 (1 in January 2012).

8 in February 2013 (10 in February 2012).

6 in March 2012 (21 in March 2012).

26 in Apr 2013 (6 in Apr 2012).

27 in May 2013 (46 in May 2012).

37 in Jun 2013 (29 in Jun 2012).

Due to the large number of calls, research carried out shows that 33% of all nuisance bike/quad calls in this ward, during April to June occurred on The Old Golf Course/ Phoenix Park / Dick Lane, Thornbury, with a further 10% occurring at the Cottingley Springs Caravan Site.

26 in Jul 2013 (21 in Jul 2012).

41 in Aug 2013 (32 in Aug 2012).

8 in Sept 2013 (24 in Sept 2012).

3 in Oct 2013 (7 in Oct 2012).

6 in Nov 2013 (9 in Nov 2012).

3 in Dec 2013 (3 in Dec 2012)

In the 12 month period January 2013 to December 2013, the LCC Funded Off Road Motorcycles have issued in this ward alone:-

31 Verbal Warnings for nuisance motorcycles / quads

15 Sec 59 warnings issued,

86 fixed penalty notices for numerous offences,

17 Seized motorcycles / cars

**Initiatives**

In company with other officers and PCSO'S, Operation ACCESS has been carried out on UPPER CARR LANE, ST STEPHENS ROAD CALVERLEY and on MOORLAND ROAD PUDSEY. As a result of numerous complaints from local residents, regarding motorists contravening the access only prohibition.



The Operation's were designed to be a warning only exercise due to planning and logistics issues on the dates in question. Over the dates over 347 vehicles were stopped, obviously not all were committing the offence of 'Contravening Local Traffic Order'.

Local residents were extremely pleased with the initiative, whilst one of the local PCSO'S is planning further initiatives along with, his suggestion that drivers who are using the roads legitimately:- Residents / local workers, are issued with a badge/sticker to be displayed in there vehicle.

VOSA also attended the Operation's to examine at random vehicles for there roadworthiness.

### **Joint Initiative:- City & Holbeck (CA) Division Off Road Motorcyclists, Leeds City Council Parkswatch Officers.**

Over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013, in company with Leeds City Council Parkswatch (2 motorcyclists + Manager in a 4X4 Pickup) & 2 CA Off Road Motorcyclists, we carried out the following:-.

Reassurance / Hi Viz patrols in:-

Cottingley Springs and surrounding area / Black Carr Wood / Dick Lane / Phoenix Park / Tyersal/Calverley / Ravenscliffe Woods

Calverley / Ravenscliffe Wood, Bike **SEIZURE:-** Seizure of a Blue Braver pit bike 110

Black Carr Wood, Bike **SEIZURE:-** Seizure of an unregistered stripped Yamaha DT100.

Attended 4 nuisance bike calls:-

Tyersal Court, Tyersal, Nuisance motorcycle (Noise issue, bike was being used on private land)

Day 2:-

BBC were involved from 13:00hrs

Reassurance / Hi Viz patrols:-

Cottingley Springs and surrounding area / Black Carr Wood / Dick Lane / Phoenix Park / Tyersal / Armley.

Calverley Wood / Ravenscliffe Wood.

Black Carr Wood, Quad **SEIZURE:-** AEON 100cc Quad.

Pudsey Bike **SEIZURE:-** DEMON 125cc Pit Bike, Rider/Owner.

Attended at 2 Nuisance Bike Calls.

The 6 bikes were split into 2 groups of 3 to cover a wider area of the Division and provide a faster response to calls.

1 of the groups spent the majority of its patrol time around the Optimal area of Pudsey.

The Leeds City Council Pick Up was crewed by 1 PCSO and the LCC Parkswatch manager Stuart Inman on floating patrol in the known Hotspot areas for ASB caused by nuisance bikes quads and 4X4 vehicles .

Over both days the riders were stopped by numerous Horse Riders / Dog Walkers and Families at all locations stating how reassuring it is to see the Police patrolling the woods.

The Off Road Bikes were also heavily involved in:-

Operation '**ARCANE**'

This was aimed at dealing with traveling criminals utilising the network links between Bradford South and North West Leeds NPT. Joining the NPT'S were:-Bradford Council, Leeds Council and a number of other Partners:-

VOSA

HMRC

DVLA

Taxi & Private Hire Licensing (Leeds and Bradford)

Trading Standards

Environmental Enforcement (Leeds City Council)

Civilian Warrants Enforcement

Smartwater

UKBA

The Operation was split into a Static Site and Waste Disposal / Scrap Dealer site visits.

A total of 30 vehicles were stopped and dealt with at the static site. A number of the vehicles and drivers/passenger had involvement or intelligence relating to certain crimes for which intelligence has been submitted.

Several scrap dealers in the West Outer / West Inner regions of NWL division were visited during the day. Police officers attended in company with representatives from Smartwater and Licensing.

Overall the Operation was a huge success with each agency making a significant impact on the overall results achieved. The Operation also made the statement that each NPT division, Council and partner agencies across the borders will continue to work together to tackle the issues which affect our communities.

### **Area Issues:-**

#### **Pudsey:-**

There have been fewer calls this year in the Gibraltar Road and Smalewell Road areas. There has also been less activity in Black Carr Woods. Bradford Council is in the process of grading the footpaths and erecting new fences and gates on there side of the boundary.

These works should reduce the number of motorcyclists and quads in the woods for some time or until the fences / gates are damaged or destroyed. There has been an increase in activity with quads on the common land to the rear of the Asda complex at the Owlcoates centre.

There was a significant increase in the number of calls in and around Pudsey during June July August which was established as being a group of several youths who had left school and had bought road legal scooters and were waiting to go to college. As a result they have a good deal of free time and were riding around in groups of 3 - 4 and being a general nuisance. It resulted in 2 scooter's being seized one of which was crushed, 2 rider's receiving Sec 59 warning' with 4 others receiving a verbal warning.

### **Wortley: -**

Calls to this area always revolved around the Silveroyd's. and have resulted in 3 seizures and 2 Sec59 warnings being issued to the same family. The common land off PERCY STREET has had a few calls re ASB caused mainly by quads and 4X4's. The Parks dept have made efforts to reduce access by placing Yorkshire stones at one of the entrance points but drivers/riders are now going through the housing est. to access the land.

### **Calverley / Woodhall: -**

Frequent patrols in Bill, Round and Ravenscliffe woods, have shown a continuing combination of heavy use by 4X4's and Quads. If anything there was a definite increase in use during the snowfall in the early part of this year. Most offenders continue to be from the Ravenscliffe estate with quads and 4x4's gaining access from both ROUNDWOOD GLEN and the FAGLEY end where there is only a relatively small mound to prevent access.

New building work on the Ravenscliffe estate has restricted access to Calverley woods from ROUNDWOOD GLEN which I believe will just encourage riders and drivers from this estate to simply ride into the woods from Fagley.

The recent heavy rains have already shown an increase in the use of these woods by 4X4 vehicles.

### **Farnley: -**

The Travellers site at COTTINGLEY SPRINGS is still the major problem in this area. There was a significant increase in calls (**10% of the total calls for the Ward area in April, May and June**) from local farmers and residents complaining of quads and m/cycles being ridden from the Travellers site at Cottingley Springs worrying sheep and harassing the complainants. Councillor Robert Finnegan and Superintendent Keith GILBERT: - Chief Officer – Community Safety has become involved. For obvious reasons officer's are unable to seize quads from the site for safety and community impact reasons, which in effect means that we have no deterrent to prevent the ASB caused to local residents.

The Travellers site liaison officer has also been contacted in an attempt to resolve the issue.

The common land off BILLEY LANE has seen a decrease in the number of calls.

Recently the rugby fields at The Farnley Sports and Social Club have suffered from damage from a 4X4 vehicle which is accessing the fields by driving between fencing off BUTT LANE. Over the last week of last year this damage has become worse with the metal fencing being damaged by an unknown vehicle colliding with this fence having lost control on the descent from the hill, this could have resulted in a major collision for road users on BUTT LANE and TONG ROAD. Local residents have approached me on several occasions voicing their concerns over the damage and potential incidents to pedestrians and road users.

### **Tyersal: -**

This area initially saw an increase in the number of calls of Anti Social Behaviour caused by nuisance motorcycles quads and 4X4 vehicles.

The attraction of Dick Lane and the old golf course continued to be the main issue, with numerous access points for quads and 4x4's being the main problem. The landowner did make significant effort to keep riders / drivers, off of the old golf course which then resulted in the common land being used more. This area saw such an increase in the number of calls to the extent that it had a third of all calls for ASB caused by nuisance motorcycles / quads and 4X4 vehicles in this Ward during April, May and June.

Thankfully the landowner continued to make efforts to keep riders /drivers off the old golf course and common land to the extent that it is now very difficult to get onto without serious effort.

Unfortunately now the major issue in this area is horses grazing on the land (old golf course and the common land) either wandering onto the main road (DICK LANE) or onto the new housing estate and business centers. We have had numerous complaints of horses wandering around the houses and business premises with horses leaving 'Deposits' in car parks. There have on occasion been over 24 horses grazing on the common land alone.

Local residents are in contact with Councilor Carter about the proposed developments for the land. But I believe that any changes are some way off.

Some of these residents were interviewed on the BBC LOOK NORTH program which focused on the issue with ASB caused by motorcycles and quads, with the majority of footage being taken in the Calverley and Tyersal areas.

There has been an issue with complaints of noise caused by a nuisance motorcycle being ridden on private land at the rear of Tyersal Court. The motorcycle in question was a Yamaha YZ 125 2 stroke which is a competition bike and as a result very noisy (I believe race regulations limit it to around 94 decibels) which is much louder than a normal road legal motorcycle. I believe that the LASBT team is aware of the issue.

### **Farsley: -**

This area suffered with a large amount of calls due to a nuisance quad and motorcycle, during April, May, and June. These offenders were again coming out to ride for 15-20 minutes and by the time the Off Road motorcyclists had received the call and attended the scene they have gone. No one ever identified the offenders. Liaisons with LCC re nuisance

motorcycles on Red Lane resulted in an 'A' frame gate to being erected. Farsley usually has a small number of calls centring on the same group of youths.

**Swinow:-**

This area again only suffers from a small number of calls the main issue for most members of the community in this area are the infrequent 4x4's driving on the football pitches off HOUGH TOP. The LCC Parkswatch riders are aware of the issue but it is very infrequent but when it does happen all of the football pitches get churned up. The odd thing being that there have never been any calls from local residents when this ASB is occurring.

There have been calls in the WELLSTONES but these are quite sporadic.

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There is absolutely no doubt and as the figures clearly show, that were it not for the funding provided by the LCC, the absence of the Police Off Road motorcycles would mean a very low level of satisfaction from the communities within the Outer West Ward resulting from the ASB caused by nuisance motorcycles quads and 4X4 vehicles.

We continue working hand in hand with the LCC Parks Watch Officers dealing with complaints on all greenspace areas. The Parks watch officers continue to provide valuable intelligence, presence and local knowledge.

If there are any questions complaints or suggestions we will be more than willing to answer and deal with them to the best of our ability.

