

## **Appendix 2**

### **LASBT Ward based activity – 2012/13**

#### **Ardley Robin Hood**

22 cases were opened for this ward area during 2012/13. The Crime and Grime group for Morley identified a resident in the Common Lane area who was collecting scrap, waste, storing hazardous gas bottles, and burning off wire to the rear of his property. The resident's activity was prolific and he was threatening and intimidating to those who approached him. He caused significant distress to residents in the area and at least four properties had been advertised for sale due to the ongoing nuisance. As a result of his intimidating behaviour, residents felt unable to provide statements for fear of reprisals. LASBT became involved following a referral from the Fire Service as a fire officer had been threatened when attending a fire at the property. This incident was raised at the Crime & Grime meeting and a number of agencies advised that they were either in the process of, or had taken action against the resident due to his activity.

A multi-agency action plan involving LASBT, Police, Fire Service and Environmental Protection was devised and officers provided details of all incidents they attended at the property. Witnesses Statements were also obtained and these were used to secure a Public Nuisance Injunction in the County Court. There was initially an improvement in the perpetrators behaviour but further incidents were witnessed and the case was referred back to Court. The court initially granted an order for the resident to be committed to prison for a period of 28 days but this was appealed and the case has been adjourned pending a full trial hearing.

This resident's behaviour has blighted not only this area but many others in the Leeds District. He is known to most Enforcement and Environmental agencies. The multi agency work undertaken in this case evidences the success that can be achieved when agencies take joined up action.

#### **Morley North**

26 cases were opened for this area during 2012/13. The police notified LASBT of drugs warrants that had been executed at properties in Fairfax Avenue. The properties were identified as council properties and tenancy action was taken against those involved. There have been no recent reports of incidents from the properties involved.

#### **Morley South**

44 cases were opened for this ward area during 2012/13. The key areas of focus for this ward have been around the Middleton Close, Harrop and Rydal areas. Complaints received from some residents have been around youth nuisance, problems with motorbikes, Hate Crime and Environmental Nuisance such as the storing of scrap metal. A number of agencies

have been involved in cases in this area and action has been taken when perpetrators have been identified. In some areas of the community there appears to be reluctance to report ASB due to the fear of reprisals. LASBT have worked with the police and Aire Valley Homes to encourage reporting and residents have been advised of ways in which they can anonymously report ASB. A number of letter drops have been undertaken to support this. There has been some success in this which is to be welcomed as even anonymous complaints enable us to build a picture of what is happening within the community and who is involved in ASB/criminal activity.

### **Rothwell**

36 cases were opened for this ward area during 2012/13. LASBT were involved in a joint operation (Op Dawson) with the Rothwell NPT during this time. Reports of large groups of youths congregating around Rothwell Town Centre were made, with up to 50 youths at a time causing ASB. During the Operation the Police issued warning letters to youths and joint interviews with LASBT officers and police were undertaken with parents and the youths involved. They were advised about the reports made and the consequences of them failing to stop the behaviour. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts were issued where necessary and referrals made to agencies for both support and diversionary activities for the youths.

Following this intervention joint meetings with Police, youth workers, shop owners, and Parks and Countryside were arranged, and feedback was that the situation had improved in the area. A joint project with local youths was discussed, and ideas such as building a youth shelter and further lighting in the park were to be explored.