

Report of: Leedswatch

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee

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Outer North West CCTV Report

Purpose of report

To outline the effectiveness of the 14 cameras, which serve the Outer North West Community Committee Area. The report provides:

- An analysis of crime and anti-social behaviour by Ward, with CCTV camera locations (appendix 1).
- The different types of incidents and arrests captured by CCTV Operators in 'real time' in the Outer North West Area. The report focuses on the period Jan 2014 – Dec 2014.
- Information on the current costs for all CCTV cameras in the Committee Area

CCTV also contributes towards Police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed in 'real time'. These incidents are not included in this report but do contribute towards a higher number of arrests being made in the Outer North West Area.

Incidents Captured by CCTV Operators

- **Horsforth Town Street – The Green** – 42 incidents were captured on CCTV including 13 incidents of affray and assault mainly consisting of individuals and groups fighting in and around Horsforth High Street (predominantly around or within the vicinity of The Old Kings Arms), leading to one arrest and 2 calls for ambulance. 4 further arrests for separate incidents also captured. There have also been 4 logs for missing persons.
- **Horsforth Town Street - Morrisons** – 27 logs mainly observing cash in transit vehicles. There were a number of individuals monitored that lead to no further action but there were also a number of incidents that led to 6 arrests and 2 calls for

ambulance. Two of these were for drink related incidences, one for theft from a butchers, the other was an individual seen striking a police vehicle with a weapon (flagpole). The camera also caught an environmental incident concerning litter disposed from a moving vehicle onto the main road which led to a vehicle description and licence plate number taken.

- **The Library, Horsforth** – 5 logs recorded against this camera including 2 for cash in transit van, one of public safety (elderly lady had fallen over), one was a traffic incident and the other was nuisance youths which led to police deployment and ID shots taken by CCTV.
- **The Old Ball, Horsforth** – 7 logs reported on this camera including youths suspected of taking drugs, a suspected drink driver and drunk youths seen attempting criminal damage to street furniture leading to Police deployment and a warning. There was also an RTA (Road Traffic Accident) and two checks made on suspicious vehicles in a pub car park.
- **New Side Road, Horsforth** – 15 logs to this camera including 5 incidences of vehicles entering Featherbank Avenue the wrong way. The details of these vehicles were logged and passed on to WYP. There was incident of a transit van followed on camera where the driver was accused of stealing goods from a Tesco Store. Police were called and the driver was arrested. Other incidents involved public order, youth nuisance and monitoring of cash in transit vehicles.
- **The Fleece, Horsforth** – 6 incidents logged including four separate Road Traffic Collisions, a domestic incident at The Fleece leading to a call for ambulance and a request for a review of footage to capture a disturbance outside a fast food restaurant.
- **Kirkgate, Otley** – 42 incident logs with 7 arrests made mainly for fighting and affray (2 males / 5 females). Majority of incidents were affray / fights (predominantly near to or in licensed premises). Several requests for operators to look for suspect vehicles and suspect individuals, with one incident of criminal damage to a taxi and 2 incidents of criminal damage to shops. 2 missing persons checks. One incident led to a request for an ambulance for a male who appeared to want to do harm to himself
- **Manor Square, Otley** – 11 Incidents logged. A number of cash in transit (CIT) vehicles were monitored (5) including one where a CIT vehicle had visible damage. Police were called and the driver was spoken to. One Road Traffic Accident was monitored and 2 ambulances were called. 2 missing persons were looked for and there was a traffic issue regarding light not working which was monitored for safety purposes.
- **Boroughgate, Otley** – 6 logs including 1 CIT, 1 affray (no arrest), 1 missing person check, 1 safety check on female in drink and 1 traffic issue regarding broken down car. Also check on a group of youths congregating around a property, although no foul play suspected.

- **Cross Green, Otley** – 4 logs including one monitor of a CIT. One traffic issue. A male was witnessed stealing plants outside a building and running off and youths were chased by police after been witnessed spray painting roads. No suspects were apprehended at the time.
- **Market Street, Otley** – 8 incidents including a female who reportedly pulled a knife on her male partner. Police were called and the female was spoken to. Nuisance youths were seen removing clothing in the market area and a busker was spotted begging for money. One male in drink was spotted asleep on a market bench. An ambulance was called and male was dealt with.
- **High Street 1, Yeadon** – There were 35 logs of which the majority were CIT logs. The camera was also used to gather evidence for a series of armed robberies in the town centre, one of which involved a male taking over 12000 euros from a travel agent Bureau de Change. 3 Missing persons searched for and a number of logs monitoring security / safety concerns (predominantly welfare of persons) which led to ambulances being called. There were also a number of alcohol-related incidents captured, one of which led to the arrest of a suspected drink driver.
- **High Street 2, Yeadon** – 14 logs including 3 security / safety checks, an alarm activation at a local jewellers, nuisance youths climbing scaffolding, 1 incident of a scuffle and verbal abuse (no arrests) and a traffic incident where a vehicle was monitored whilst being parked illegally on double yellow lines, blocking a bus lane. Following this incident, the driver was found to have no MOT. 5 logs were CIT.
- **High Street 2, Yeadon** – 16 logs mainly concerning CIT. A number of incidents were theft of charity bags from a St Gemmas charity shop. One incident of suspected drug use and one of nuisance youths. A male was followed on camera on suspicion of causing criminal damage at a local pub and was followed by the operator until the Police could apprehend and arrest off camera.

Finance

The table below provides a summary of the total cost of CCTV cameras by Ward in the Outer North West Area, including contributions from the Outer North West Community Committee. A more detailed breakdown is included at appendix 2.

Ward	No. of Cameras	Annual monitoring costs	Annual maintenance costs	Annual BT costs	Total annual cost	Contributors
	2	£1,000	£1,000	£1,699	£3,699	ONW CC
Horsforth	4	£4,000	£4,000	£3,522	£11,522	Safer Leeds
Otley	5	£2,500	£2,500	£6,863	£11,863	OWN CC
Yeadon	3	£1,500	£1,500	£3,185	£6,185	ONW CC

- Community Committee are currently charged an annual fee for the maintenance and monitoring of each camera they have agreed to fund. Both these elements are charged

at a 50% reduction on the normal charge for CCTV (usually £1k per camera each for maintenance and monitoring). Therefore each camera is charged at £1000; £500 for maintenance and the same for monitoring, per year.

- An annual rental charge is also made for each BT-provided circuit. There is currently a five year contract in place with BT for the rental of circuits, of which there are still just over 3 years left to honour.
- Discussions are taking place with BT and LCC ITC, to investigate more cost effective means of delivering CCTV across the city, as we approach the end of the current BT line rental contract. This will include looking at digital and wireless technology, which is likely to be much more cost effective.
- The cost to decommission cameras can be significant. Consultation would need to take place with residents and stakeholders who currently benefit from the technology. This will form part of an overarching strategy which will inform the delivery of the City's CCTV network post 2018.

Local considerations

- This report provides details of the high level of effectiveness of CCTV cameras in the Outer North West Area and is for information purposes only.

Corporate considerations only as necessary

- A working group is currently being established to look at a digital strategy around CCTV which could potentially reduce BT line rental costs in the future. A full report will be presented back to Community Committees in due course.
- Consultation is also taking place via the 10 Community Safety Champions regarding the format and information contained in the CCTV Intelligence reports. The aim of this exercise is to make the information provided to customers more relevant and tailored to each Committee Area.
- Finally, discussion has begun with the Council's Legal section and West Yorkshire Police, regarding the current remit of the city's CCTV network and its usefulness in supporting enforcement activity for some civil/criminal offences.

Conclusion

- This report demonstrates a total of 142 logs by CCTV Operators within the Outer North West Area, which contributed to a total of 11 arrests. It should be noted that CCTV plays a part in supporting businesses by observing cash in transit, 62 logs were recorded for this type of observation. In addition CCTV is an invaluable tool in making the Outer North West Area safer and can reduce crime by deterring potential offenders who will not want to be observed by the CCTV.

- **Recommendations**
- Contents of report to be noted

Background information