



Report of the Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods

Outer West Area Committee

Date: 8th July 2011

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Outer West Leeds

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Calverley & Farsley Farnley & Wortley Pudsey</p> <p>Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin-left: 40px;"></div>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Women <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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Executive Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Gill Hunter and Inspector Richard Cawkwell to provide the Outer West Area Committee with information on crime trends, partnership initiatives and future joint projects between Leeds City Council , and West Yorkshire Police in Outer West.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

This report introduces Inspector Richard Cawkwell from West Yorkshire Police who will give an update on Crime and Community Safety Issues in Outer West Leeds since the previous Area Committee on 25th March 2011.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West Wedge. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies.
- 2.2 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from West Yorkshire Police on key issues and activity in the Outer West Area

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Crime Trends

An up to date picture of crime statistics will be provided to the elected members at the forthcoming meeting as usual. At the time of writing this report I am pleased to say that we have made further reductions around serious acquisitive crime which follows the year end outturn as of the 31st March 2011 (end of crime recording year). Whilst dwelling house burglary remains an issue of concern, there are reductions in relation to theft from motor vehicle and burglary other than dwellings.

The theft of metal remains an emerging issue and tactics and processes are being developed to educate the scrap metal dealers who are the outlet in the main for stolen metals. Information sharing is in place between the West Outer NPT and the NPTs in Bradford who border with West Leeds.

3.2 Burglary

Burglary continues to be an issue of concern with a slight increase at this time on the 2010/ 2011 outturn. The Farnley and Wortley ward has seen the higher levels of burglary out of the 3 west outer wards. A number of significant arrests and remands into custody have been made which has contributed to lower figures in recent weeks. One such arrest was of a local man who broke into a house on Dunlop Avenue at New Farnley on the 16th June, he has been charged and is awaiting trial.

A young man from the Bawns area of Farnley has recently been arrested for stealing a copper tank from an unoccupied house in the Nutting Groves area. This matter is still subject of investigation. The known metal thieves in this area are subject of greater intrusion by the local NPT.

Operation Bullseye will see a focus on the stolen goods marker and handlers/receivers of stolen goods throughout the North West Division.

3.3 Vehicle Crime

In relation to theft from motor vehicles we have seen some significant success in the Farnley and Wortley ward. The capture car which was funded by the elected members proved to be a valuable commodity once more.

The Stonebridges area and the Gala Bingo Car park as a particular hotspot had been locations where cars had been broken into and small items stolen such as Sat Nav devices. The capture car deployed to this location and was broken into on the 2nd June and a local man was arrested who is awaiting sentence at court.

Intelligence was received that a 16 year old youth from Farsley was responsible for breaking into some of the cars targeted at the Gala Bingo car park. This youth admitted his part in two such offences and is awaiting court appearance.

The extensive work in ward 12 has seen levels of vehicle crime falling to pleasingly low levels.

Tackling Anti Social Behaviour

3.4 Nutting Grove, Farnley

An action day took place focussing on the Nutting Grove / Bawns Terrace on 31st March 2011 to provide reassurance to the community about what the police and partners are doing to tackle local concerns in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour. Crime prevention leaflets along with advice about how to dispose of household/garden waste were distributed. The environmental services focused on litter picking on the Bawns and clearing up of waste around some of the ginnels with the unpaid service team. The action day received a positive response from local residents. Permission has been granted to gate the arches on the Nutting Groves and this work will be undertaken following a 28day notice period.

The main perpetrator of ASB in this area is still being targeted.

3.5 Travellers in Wortley

Recently a large number of travellers arrived at Wortley Rec where they engaged in an unlawful encampment. Following liaison with LCC Inspector Cawkwell served a notice upon them under Section 61 of Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. After being given 24 hours in which to quit, the entire encampment left the site with no issues.

3.6 Pudsey / Owlcotes

On going work continues on the Owlcotes with the Wateringcotes project aimed at reducing Anti-social Behaviour and engaging with the local community to organise community events. The Easter event held on 15th April 2011 was a huge success with the community. Over 50 local residents attending to participate in a range of activities which included clean-up, planting, installing the mosaic, football coaching, face painting and various games. A further summer event is being planned for 12th August with a sporting theme.

3.7 Tyersal

Following a multi-agency approach to issues and concerns in relation to loose and tethered horses in the Tyersal /Leeds and Bradford boundary area, progress has been made with the landowner at Tyersal farm, and a stock proof fence has now been erected. This has prevented the horses escaping onto the playing fields/park and highway.

The 2 days of action with Bradford North and South police divisions on 23rd and 24th March yielded excellent results.

13 Arrests

22 fixed penalty Notices Issued

3 cars seized for No Insurance

Over 175 vehicles stopped with links to burglary, Drugs, thefts

57 Vehicles found to be speeding

132 Vehicles contravening an Access Only Road

150 Commercial Vehicles Stopped

35 Notices requesting proof of lawful waste disposal
13 Notices served Under the Control of Pollution Act
5 vehicles reported for pollution
13 Immediate prohibition notices re roadworthy condition of vehicles
10 delay prohibition notices
17 Civil Warrants found and paid on the day totaling £1380.00
3 vehicles found with Red/Black Diesel
5 suspended taxi vehicles
5 reported Offence of allowing a horse to stray onto a public Highway
2 warning notices served
1 horse reported to the RSPCA

Following on from the success of the days, further action days in currently being planned for a date in July/August 2011.

3.8 Farsley

Concerns about anti-social behaviour in Farsley in particular around the Farfield shops has been addressed. A partnership meeting was held on 6th May to agree action to ensure that the complaints of anti-social behaviour are address before they escalate. A number of actions were agreed around individuals and their families, some of these being that the neighbourhood Police Team would increase patrols in this area and utilise the headcams, youth services to engage with young people around issues of behaviour with the Safer Schools Officer within Priesthorpe schools. This has resulted in reduced incidents of anti-social behaviour in this area.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 Tackling crime and disorder and addressing the fear of crime is a top priority for the citizens of Leeds as evidenced by previous consultation undertaken by Safer Leeds and West Yorkshire Police on a citywide and local level.

4.2 The citywide community safety partnership, Safer Leeds, has identified a number of key priority themes for 2008 – 2011 these are:

- Creating safer environments by tackling crime;
- Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse;
- Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation;
- Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour;
- Improving community confidence and public satisfaction;

Locally delivered actions will contribute to these priorities. In addition Operation Champion has been rolled out throughout the city and will be targeting hot spot areas by Police division.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 The West Area Management Team includes an officer with specific responsibilities for Community Safety who co-ordinates activity and acts as the link officer with West Yorkshire Police.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 Crime and Community Safety is a priority for the Area Committee, and a representative from West Yorkshire Police, North West Division, attends the Inner West Area Committee meetings to provide a regular update on key issues.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police

Background Papers

No background papers were used in writing this report.

Nutting Grove Action Day



Wateringcotes project Pudsey



Operation Midpoint

