

**Report of The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership**

**Report to Outer West Area Committee**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Subject: Community Safety**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Calverley & Farsley , Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey wards		
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**Summary of main issues**

1. Crime Trends – There has been an increase in recorded crime in comparison to this time last year, however the main concerns is burglary dwelling with an increase at this time on the 2010 /2011 outturn.
2. Acquisitive Crime - There has been a total of 332 recorded burglary dwellings since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. This is an increase of 55 offences compared to the same time in 2010. There has been a slight increase in the number of thefts of vehicles 50 which is a increase of 11 , and a decrease in theft from vehicles 288 which is a drop of 7.
3. Action Days - These have included Operation Agnew on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July targeting travelling nominals within the Leeds/Bradford boarder, and an Owlcoates Community Event in Pudsey on 12<sup>th</sup> August.
4. Metal Theft and the Stolen Goods Market - Operation Bulleye is a city-wide initiative to tackle the stolen goods market and work within the Inner West Neighbourhood Police Team have been focussing on the scrap metal dealers and cash converters type premises.

**Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to note the update from Community Safety and West Yorkshire Police.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Richard Cawkwell and Gill Hunter 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 West.

## **2 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.

## **3 Main issues**

### **3.1 Crime Trends**

- 3.2 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 there has been an increase in recorded crime in comparison to this time last year. There are however encouraging drops in certain crime types which means focus can be paid towards those areas which are on the increase.

### **3.3 Burglary**

Burglary continues to be an issue of concern with an increase at this time on the 2010/2011 outturn. At the time of writing this report there has been a total of 332 recorded burglary dwelling crimes since the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. This is an increase of 55 offences compared to the same time in 2010.

There is a focus on a group of known criminals who are being targeted by pro active measures which include extended tours of duty until 6am. The reality is that the majority of the burglaries take place in the early hours of the morning. In the West Outer wards the favoured modus operandi is that of attacking the euro profile locks with mole grips. There also continues to be a number of "sneak in" offences where opportunist thieves are presented with insecure doors and windows.

In terms of good news on the burglary front there have been significant arrests of two well known local criminals who have been remanded into custody following their arrest. One young man from Bramley has admitted in excess of 15 house burglaries committed in Bramley and Swinnow. Another Swinnow based criminal has been charged with offences which have occurred across the city in a number of wards. This serves to illustrate that cross border offending occurs with regularity. To counter this issue the newly formed Leeds District Burglary Task Force has been established to focus on offenders who operate across ward and divisional boundaries. The effectiveness of this team will be judged in the months to come.

### **3.4 Vehicle Crime**

At the time of writing there has been a slight rise in the numbers of theft of vehicles (50 for the Year To Date (YTD) which is a rise of 11) and a decrease for theft from vehicles (288 for the YTD which is a drop of 7).

The capture car continues to be deployed to the Wortley and Farnley ward in particular as these areas see the higher levels of vehicle crime. The last activation of the capture car saw Matthew Coates from the Stonebridges area being charged and convicted for the offence. The capture technology continues to be a valuable tool in tackling offenders.

### **3.5 Tackling Anti Social Behaviour**

Instances of Anti-social behaviour have reduced in the Nutting Grove area of Farnley, however there is ongoing work with a couple of key nominals who are still causing problems in the area. These nominals are being managed by the Neighbourhood Police Team. Youth Services have identified some young people within this area for targeted youth work to divert them away from Anti- Social Behaviour.

Following complaints from local residents and businesses three days of multi-agency patrols took place in July at Pudsey Town Centre to educate young people around littering and behaviour issues at lunch times. One penalty notices was issued for littering and a number of young people spoken to regarding their behaviour. It is planned to continue with this initiative in September when the young people return to school. There has been some damage to Pudsey park play surface and the police are increasing patrols around this area. Youth Services are looking at developing additional provisions for young people in these areas.

The Owlcotes project had a community event on 12<sup>th</sup> August set around the development of the Community Garden on Owlcotes Terrace. The Wateringcotes project has worked with young people and residents to foster community relations and to divert young people from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. The event was well attended with over 60 people from the local community enjoying a range of activities.

### **3.6 Action Days /Operations/Events**

#### **3.7 Operation Agnew**

Operation Agnew took place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011. It took place just off the Thornbury Roundabout on the Gallagher leisure Park. The operation was aimed at dealing with travelling criminals utilising network links between Bradford South and North West Neighbourhood Police teams (NPT). Joining each NPT were Bradford Council, Leeds Council and a number of partner agencies including VOSA, HMRC, Taxi Enforcement, Environment Enforcement, Civilian Warrants, British transport Police, Yorkshire Electricity British Telecom.

The 2 days of action saw

- 7 arrests
- 3 x fines warrants
- 1 dangerous driving
- 2 x going equipped/possession of offensive weapon

- 1 FTA warrant
- 11 fixed penalty notices
- 3 cars seized for no insurance
- 2 reported summons for disqualified driving
- 7 HORT/1
- 13 Intelligence submissions

A total of 133 vehicles were stopped and dealt with at the static site.

- 34 Notices issues requesting lawful waste disposal carriers licences
- 1 roadside PACE interview in relation to asbestos transportation
- 1 warrant found on the day with 3 fine warrants executed with £380 recovered
- 2 vehicles found with Red diesel 1 paid £500 fine the other vehicle was seized
- Bradford Hackney Carriages examined both Leeds and Bradford taxis with  
41 vehicles stopped, 2 licences suspended, 3 given advice

All scrap dealers were visited in the Bradford South and Outer and Inner West area. Police officers attended in the company with representatives from Network Rail, Yorkshire Electricity, Smartwater and the Environmental Agency. In total £20,000 worth of identifiable cable was found across two sites which have been impounded for further investigation, or recovered by the lawful owners. This cable was found to belong to Network Rail, YEDL and British Telecom.

Overall the operation was a huge success with each agency making a significant impact on the total results achieved, along with the subsequent statement made that each NPT divisions and partner agencies across the borders will continue to work together to tackle the issues which affect our communities.

The next such event is on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 at the same location.

### **3.8 Metal Theft and the Stolen goods Market**

A number of initiatives are being progressed to address the stolen goods market and also around the rising crime issue of metal thefts. This is to include, scrap metal dealers being visited on a weekly if not daily basis to gather intelligence on those weighing in metal and to warn the dealers of accepting metal from unknown people. Also known receivers of stolen goods, including the likes of cash converters etc.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 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 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 The Stronger Leeds element of the City Priority Plan will focus on the key priorities around making Leeds a clean and welcoming city where communities feel empowered, valued and engaged and get on well together.

4.2.2 Over the next four years we will focus on delivering the following strategic priorities:

- Ensure that Local Neighbourhoods are Clean
- Increase a Sense of Belonging that Builds Cohesive and Harmonious Communities

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The Safer and Stronger Communities Board has been established, bringing together the six responsible authorities of the Community Safety Partnership with other key strategic partners to deliver the key outcomes agreed for both safer and stronger communities.

4.3.2 This plan details the city-wide priorities that will enable the city to move towards fulfilling its ambition. The Board will be supported by key groups focused on the key themes safer, stronger and environmental cleanliness. These in turn will be supported by delivery structures that focus on key identified themes, locality working and community engagement in the delivery of priorities.

4.3.3 Over the next four years we will focus on delivering the following strategic priorities:

- Reducing Crime levels and its impact across Leeds
- Effectively Tackle and Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in our Communities

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 The Divisional Community Safety Partnership, and Multi-agency Tasking meetings utilises police and partner intelligence to assist in determining priority areas and hotspots to focus resources in Outer West. Throughout the process the emphasis is on looking at opportunities for joint funding and resources to deliver operations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and also look at wherever possible low cost/no cost initiatives. To support the work in Outer West funding has been allocated to Outer West from West North West Homes and the Outer West Area Committee to target hardening vulnerable properties in vulnerable locations to help reduce burglary, and also funding to support the Capture House and Capture car in prime locations in Outer West.

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

4.4.3 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.

#### **4.5 Risk Management**

4.5.1 The police have a risk management process for operations and action days undertaken within the North West Police Division.

### **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety partnership will continue to focus on crime reduction initiatives with partners in Outer West to reduce crime. There will be a particular focus on the reduction in burglary dwellings with the newly formed Leeds District Burglary Task Force and the on going work within the North West Police Division .

### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police and Community Safety, Environments and Neighbourhoods.

### **7 Background documents**

7.1 None