

**Outer North West Community Safety Sub Group**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Present : Cllr Cleasby (Chair), Cllr Kirkland, Cllr Fox, Cllr G Latty, Zahid Butt (Safer Leeds), Insp Richard Coldwell, Neil Goldup (CASAC), Angela Mawdsley (LASBT)**

**Apologies:**

**1.0 Matters Arising**

Farmwatch is now up and running. The aim is to link ONW Farmwatch with Wetherby and North Yorkshire so the text alert system covers a wider area.

**Action**

**2.0 ASB**

Changes have been made to how the Council and partners deal with ASB. The changes were reported to the last Area Committee, but in brief: 3 multi agency teams have been set up with staff from the council (old asb team), ALMO, Police, Victim Support and Arson Taskforce. The teams will deal with all ASB regardless of tenure. There is also a core team which deals with performance monitoring. All victims are surveyed at 4 weekly intervals to and current 4.5/5 (based on first 4 months data).

**ZB**

Members enquired about noise and Angela agreed that there was an overlap between the work her team does and the noise nuisance service. Where appropriate cases are referred between the services according to the issues reported.

Current ward figures show:

Adel & Wharfedale had 14 cases in April and now has 6 live cases  
 Guiseley & Rawdon had 7 cases in April and now has 4 live cases  
 Horsforth had 10 cases in April and now has 6 live cases  
 Otley & Yeadon had 13 cases in April and now has 12 live cases

Since April the team has taken out 3 ASB Order, issued 5 housing cautions, taken out 1 injunction, issued 4 notice of intention to seek possession and agreed 5 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

### 3.0 Area Committee Funded Projects – update

#### Off Road Bikes

The team continues to be well appreciated by members of the public, particularly when patrolling in green spaces and rural areas. The team will compliment the work of the neighbourhood policing teams when moving from one area to another to patrol green spaces. Members were asked to feed in any areas of concern to be added to the regular patrols.

**Noted**

#### Capture Car

This initiative is “live”. The car is being deployed to Outer North West hotspot areas. No hits in the Outer North West Area during this period.

**Noted**

#### Target Hardening

Neil Goldup from CASAC presented an update relating to the well being target hardening project. The figures showed that there was strong interest in the initiative with the majority of subsidised target hardening jobs (where householder make a £50 contribution) delivered, with only 7 jobs left in the budget. This was due to the fantastic work Richards Neighbourhood Policing Team had done in door knocking and promoting this project in the burglary hotspot areas.

The take up of free jobs (available for hardship cases or vulnerable victims) is very low with only 5 jobs delivered to date and 47 free jobs remaining in the budget. Members discussed the reasons why and CASAC informed Members that there are other sources of funding available for hardship and vulnerable cases and these are exhausted first. In view of the concern and urgency of timing for this project, Members agreed to move £6,050 from the free jobs budget to the subsidised jobs budget. This would leave £1,200 in the free jobs budget equivalent to 8 jobs (2 per ward) and make 60 more subsidised jobs available (67 in total).

CASAC is now rolling out training to Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to raise awareness about lock types and basic crime prevention issues. This will enable NHW Co-ordinators to do visual checks on their neighbours' properties and identify poor locks such as the Europrofile locks which jut out of the door handle and then speak to the resident about contacting CASAC.

## CASAC Continued

West Yorkshire Police presented data relating to burglary, showing the number of “molegrip” burglaries where the lock is breached. The data also highlighted attempted burglaries where the burglar did not gain entry. The data showed that the number of attempts were increasing, which showed that the work CASAC had done was stopping burglars getting into properties. Further analysis of the figures will be undertaken to match the attempts with the work that CASAC has done to confirm this hypothesis. Burglaries have reduced during the last 6 months from 294 offences (Jan – April) to 187 offences (May – Aug).

**Noted**

CASAC leave residents with 2 stickers to place in their windows to act as a deterrent as eventually burglars will see the stickers and realise they cannot get in.

CASAC will be providing a demo at the next meeting to show how easy it is to breach cheap locks.

### **4.0 Police Update**

#### Crime Overview

Burglary has decreased during this 3 month period. Robberies are also down slightly. Theft from motor vehicle has increased, but these are by and large down to blips with thieves coming into the area, committing a handful of crimes and then leaving.

**Noted**

There are some issues of speeding through Pool, Bramhope, Adel and Cookridge Green Lane, these are referred for use of the Speed Indication Device and the speed gun.

There has been some ASB on across the area and Richards’s team are dealing with these in partnership with WNW Homes and LASBT..

### **5.0 AOB**

Members asked for an update about an armed robbery in Otley, some arrests have been made with an ongoing high level enquiry.

### **6.0 Date of Next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 2pm at Otley Police Station