

**City & Holbeck
'Off Road' Motorcyclists**

Interim Report - September 2011 to January 2012.

Following a City and Holbeck SMT initiative, an 'off road bike' capability has been implemented from the Division. Officers from the Force's Road Policing Unit, have been utilised, given their experience, skills and knowledge of the Division to resource this capability.

Despite early successes, this was marred by the serious injury to one of the officers, which had an impact on their deployments.

The Division has formalised their deployment, to aligning and supporting local NPT Teams in their aims tackling anti - social use of motor vehicles across the district, as well as support the divisional drive in the reduction of Domestic Burglaries and proactively supporting IOM/TIA initiatives and operations.

In this intervening period officers have had the opportunity to utilise a Polaris Quad motor bike, which assisted officers to engage with the local youths, but also provide essential advice and guidance on the use of Mini mottos and quads across the district.

A successful deployment involved a multiagency initiative with in conjunction with the Morley and Rothwell NPT's and the Council Park Rangers, which was set up to tackle anti-social behaviour being caused by motorbikes which had been occurring in the local areas. With these resources hotspot areas were highlighted and officers deployed with the full support of the community and residents, who provided excellent service level feedback.

To provide a short resume of deployments, officers have attended forty six off road bike/ quad reports, which has resulted in five Verbal Warnings, thirty five Sec 59 warnings issued, four fixed penalty notices and five seizures of nuisance motorcycles / cars.

There have also been a small number of arrests, ranging from theft of motor vehicle to possession of drugs.

The funding provided has made a significant reduction, in comparison to other neighbouring Divisions. This has resulted in a reduction in both complaints and calls of ASB to the Police, enabling other staff to be appropriately deployed elsewhere within the Division.

To qualify the above across the City and Holbeck Division, between, the 13th November 2011 and 11th February 2012 there have been a reduced 46 nuisance off road bike/ Quad calls. This compares to 51 calls across North West Leeds and 82 calls across North East Leeds in the same period.