

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 22nd March 2013

Subject: Community safety Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. This report discusses recent crime statistics for Outer West Leeds;
2. Acquisitive crime; Burglary remains a priority for the North West Division and Safer Leeds partnership with additional resource allocated to reduce burglary across the city.
3. Partnership Action Days;
4. Targeting partnership actions to tackle concerns around anti-social behaviour in Outer West Leeds.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- note the report and offer comment

3. Purpose of this report

3.1 This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Marc Adams 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 Outer West.

4. Background information

4.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West area. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies.

5. Main issues

5.1 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from Community Safety and West Yorkshire Police on key

5.4 Burglary

Burglary remains a priority for the North West Division and Safer Leeds partnership with additional resource allocated to reduce burglary across the city. Over the last few weeks there has been a slight spike in burglaries in the Pudsey area, however there has also been a number of arrests.

During the last few months there have been a number of targeted operations including operation Optimal, targeted door knocking and leaflet drops, crime prevention events at the Owlcotes centre where free timer switches and light bulbs along with literature and advice regarding sneak in burglaries, Euro profile locks, theft from motor vehicles were also promoted.

5.6 Neighbourhood Police Team Performance Outer West

The tables below show the crime types from week commencing 7th January – 11th February for Calverley/ Farsley, Farnley/Wortley and Pudsey wards and compares these figures with the previous 6 weeks.

Figure 1: Priority Crime in the Pudsey NPT area over the last six week period compared with the previous six week period.

Occurrence Type	w/c 07/01/13	w/c 14/01/13	w/c 21/01/13	w/c 28/01/13	w/c 04/02/13	w/c 11/02/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
ARSON				1	2		3	3	0
ASSAULT	8	9	7	5	6	9	44	56	-12
BURGLARY DWELLING	13	13	4	13	20	9	72	92	-20
BURGLARY OTHER	8	3	7	10	10	7	45	42	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - BUILDING NON DWELLING	1		1	2		4	8	17	-9
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DWELLING	5	3	3	1	4	4	20	33	-13
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - MOTOR VEHICLE	9	4	5	6	1	5	30	28	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - NON SPECIFIC	2		2	3	5	2	14	13	1
ROBBERY		1		1	1		3	4	-1
SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME	1						1	5	-4
THEFT FROM PERSON			2		1		3	3	0
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	8	8	13	11	4	8	52	51	1
THEFT NON SPECIFIC	12	10	3	14	4	2	45	42	3
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE					2		2	0	2
TOMV/TWOC	3	6	3	5	2	3	22	17	5
Total	70	57	50	72	62	53	364	406	-42

*Previous 6 weeks 26/11/12 – 06/01/13

In the last six weeks we have seen a reduction overall of 42 offences in total. Particularly pleasing are the reductions in Burglary Dwelling, Criminal Damage(to dwelling), and assault(reductions of 20, 13 and 12 respectively. Operation Optimal and increased visibility during the evenings in Pudsey Town centre have helped to achieve these positive results. The increases shown are only very small in comparison with the largest increase being 5 in relation to theft of motor vehicle.

Figure 2: Priority Crime in the Calverley and Farsley ward (Ward 8) over the last six week period compared with the previous six week period.

Occurrence Type - Ward 8	w/c 07/01/13	w/c 14/01/13	w/c 21/01/13	w/c 28/01/13	w/c 04/02/13	w/c 11/02/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
ASSAULT	2	3	4	1	3	3	16	9	7
BURGLARY DWELLING	9			3	7	3	22	24	-2
BURGLARY OTHER	3		3	5	7	2	20	12	8
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - BUILDING NON DWELLING	1		1			2	4	6	-2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DWELLING		1	1	1	2	1	6	5	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - MOTOR VEHICLE	2				1	2	5	6	-1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - NON SPECIFIC	1		1	1	4	1	8	3	5
ROBBERY		1					1	0	1
THEFT FROM PERSON							0	1	-1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	1	3	4	3	2	5	18	24	-6
THEFT NON SPECIFIC	7	6	1	8	1		23	20	3
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE					1		1	0	1
TOMV/TWOC	1	3		1	1	2	8	4	4
Total	27	17	15	23	29	21	132	114	18

*Previous 6 weeks 26/11/12 – 06/01/13

Although we have seen an overall increase in priority crime in ward 8 in the last 6 weeks we have seen a significant reduction in Theft from Motor vehicles from 24 to 18 offences and there has been a marked reduction since this time last year.

Figure 3: Priority Crime in the Farnley and Wortley ward (Ward 12) over the last six week period compared with the previous six week period.

Occurrence Type - Ward 12	w/c 07/01/13	w/c 14/01/13	w/c 21/01/13	w/c 28/01/13	w/c 04/02/13	w/c 11/02/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
ARSON				1	2		3	0	3
ASSAULT	1	3	1	1	2	4	12	29	-17
BURGLARY DWELLING	2	10	2	5	3	1	23	20	3
BURGLARY OTHER	2	3	2	3	1	4	15	12	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - BUILDING NON DWELLING				2		1	3	7	-4
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DWELLING	2	1	2		1	2	8	21	-13
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - MOTOR VEHICLE	1	3	5	3		2	14	13	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - NON SPECIFIC	1			1			2	6	-4
ROBBERY				1			1	4	-3
SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME	1						1	1	0
THEFT FROM PERSON			1				1	0	1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	2	4	7	4			17	14	3
THEFT NON SPECIFIC	3	2	1	1	3	1	11	17	-6
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE					1		1	0	1
TOMV/TWOC	1	1	3	4	1		10	9	1
Total	16	27	24	26	14	15	122	153	-31

*Previous 6 weeks 26/11/12 – 06/01/13

Ward 12 has seen an extremely pleasing reduction in overall recorded offences by 31. Violent crime has reduced significantly with 17 fewer assaults reported in the last six weeks.

Despite there being a slight increase in burglary dwellings, we are continuing to drive down incidents of burglary. It is anticipated that the launch of our Spring Burglary Initiative this week will help us, and our partners ensure that we do not see a further increase in the coming weeks.

Figure 4: Priority Crime in the Pudsey ward (Ward 28) over the last six week period compared with the previous six week period

	w/c 07/01/13	w/c 14/01/13	w/c 21/01/13	w/c 28/01/13	w/c 04/02/13	w/c 11/02/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
Occurrence Type - Ward 28									
ARSON							0	3	-3
ASSAULT	5	3	2	3	1	2	16	18	-2
BURGLARY DWELLING	2	3	2	5	10	5	27	48	-21
BURGLARY OTHER	3		2	2	2	1	10	18	-8
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - BUILDING NON DWELLING						1	1	4	-3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DWELLING	3	1			1	1	6	7	-1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - MOTOR VEHICLE	6	1		3		1	11	9	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - NON SPECIFIC			1	1	1	1	4	4	0
ROBBERY					1		1	0	1
SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME							0	4	-4
THEFT FROM PERSON			1		1		2	2	0
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	5	1	2	4	2	3	17	13	4
THEFT NON SPECIFIC	2	2	1	5		1	11	5	6
TOMV/TWOC	1	2				1	4	4	0
Total	27	13	11	23	19	17	110	139	-29

*Previous 6 weeks 26/11/12 – 06/01/13

Ward 28 has seen an overall reduction in recorded offences of 29. The most significant of these reductions being in Burglary Dwelling with a total of 21 fewer offences. This reduction shows the significant impact that Operation Optimal has had in the Pudsey area.

6.0 Anti- Social Behaviour (ASB)

The table below shows ASB calls over the last six weeks compared with the previous period week commencing 7th January – 11th February

Ward	w/c 07/01/13	w/c 14/01/13	w/c 21/01/13	w/c 28/01/13	w/c 04/02/13	w/c 11/02/13	Current Total	Previous Total	Change +/-
Farnley & Wortley	12	32	20	17	9	16	106	82	24
Calverley & Farsley	11	20	10	7	5	6	59	45	14
Pudsey	7	12	12	5	14	9	59	53	6
Total	30	64	42	29	28	31	224	180	44

Anti social behaviour is recorded in many different ways. Parking disputes, people playing loud music, kids playing football and a noisy pet are all recorded as anti social behaviour. The main factor that has affected the figures in this period is snow! Every call to the police regarding children or adults throwing snowballs is recorded as anti social behaviour. I fully expect this figure to reduce during the next period. The police treat anti social behaviour very seriously, every call to the police has a follow up call and a vulnerability assessment is carried out by the Neighbourhood Policing Hub and problem plans are initiated if necessary.

6.1 Calverley/ Farsley Ward

There were 28 ASB related calls; the majority continued to be around the Farfield's, the Cotefields and Town Street in Farsley.

Following complaints of Antisocial Behaviour around Thornfield Avenue in Farsley a problem solving occurrence has been opened . A site visit also took place with the Alley gating Coordinator Brent Brady to see if it would be possible to close a ginnel leading onto Thornfield Avenue. This is a Right of Way and as such would be very difficult to close, however the Police and Leeds Anti Social Behaviour unit are working closely to resolve the ASB problems, and an action day is planned for March 2013.

The CCTV camera has been installed on Farfield Avenue and we are currently waiting for BT to connect the line so that the camera can be operational.

6.2 Farnley and Wortley Ward

In Farnley there were 28 ASB related calls; the majority occurred in the first three weeks of the current period. Youth related was the most recorded ASB type, particularly youths throwing snowballs. There were 26 ASB related calls. There was a cluster around the Gamble Hills and around the Greenthorpes. The majority were youth related and calls reported youths throwing snowballs, shining laser lights into passing vehicles, youths drinking and climbing and jumping onto a vehicle. The group of 10 young people have been identified and are been issues with Acceptable Behaviour contacts ABC's , youth services and the youth Offending team will look to see where they can look at any early interventions.

6.3 Pudsey Ward

From Church Lane to Lowtown there were 11 ASB related incidents.

Alcohol related and youth related were the most recorded ASB types. The calls reported , fighting and an assault at Barcode, men in drink and being abusive in the Golden Dragon and fighting in Bojangles. This is a reduction in previous ASB calls. The Outer West tasking partnership are looking to focus an Environmental Action day on the Swinnow area on 22nd April 2013. Partners will also support the day with crime prevention advice in preparation of the lighter nights campaign.

6.4 Diversionary work

The youth service are working with the Neighbourhood Police Team and partners in relation to targeted work and engagement with young people identified as causing ASB in the Outer West Area and where relevant the staff at Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team with the police have issued Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's).

6.5 Speed Indicator Devise Sessions (SID)

A number of speed awareness events took place during December . Below are the results from Community Speedwatch Initiative.

Mon 3rd Dec - Hall Lane Farnley - 28 Letters Sent

Thurs 6th Dec -Henconner Lane, 33 Motorists Logged Speeding/Letters sent

Thurs 6th Dec - Hall Lane, Farnley - 14 Motorists Logged Speeding/Letters sent
Thurs 6th Dec - Tyersal Road/Arkwright Street - 3 Motorists Logged Speeding .
Letters sent

The Community Safety Partnership is working with the schools clusters in a parking awareness initiative. Once the banners are in place the PCSO's will be working with schools to promote road safety and responsible parking.

6.6 Spring Campaign

The Police have been working with West North West Homes to target ALMO and Social Landlords including the ALMO to take tenancy enforcement against tenants and their households if charged with a acquisitive crime. This will be a joint letter issued at the point of charge, followed up with a visit from the social landlord with a revenant partner agency.

6.7 Stop And Search Initiatives

This week see the launch of the Spring Burglary Initiative, which introduces fresh measures to tackle offenders and is aimed to drive the message home that burglary will not be tolerated in North West Leeds.

Operation Optimal is here to stay. Operation Optimal uses a recognised methodology that has been proven to contribute significantly to reductions in Burglary Dwelling. This methodology aims to focus resources in the right areas at the right time stopping burglars in their tracks and leading to marked reductions in offences. This is proven to have worked in North West Leeds thus far, with the division as a whole seeing a reduction of burglary offences since Operation Optimal was launched.

There have been 2 partnership stop and search initiative during February 2013 at Leeds/Bradford boarder at Phoenix Park in Thornbury. The focus has been on travelling criminals and metal thefts.

Numerous static road checks sites have been set up to disrupt travelling criminals. Numerous arrests have been made for offences ranging from disqualified driving to conspiracy to burgle. These checks will continue in order to disrupt and deter offenders.

The off road motorcycles have been relocated and are now based at Pudsey Police Station. I will ensure that this valuable resource is deployed in the most effective manner to combat ASB and nuisance.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

The Neighbourhood Police Team continue to support local forums and meetings to engage with communities and to inform them of their work, providing crime prevention advice and to feedback on the local priorities for local neighbourhoods. The merging of meeting is beneficial to partners as it is more effective in terms of resources.

8.0 Corporate Considerations

8.1. Consultation and Engagement

The projects highlighted in this report will include consultation and engagement under the theme of crime and anti social behaviour with the aim of providing crime reduction advice and to increase reporting.

8.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

Engagement events and projects take account of equality and diversity in their delivery. Considerations such as date, time, venue, access all have an impact on equality and diversity in relation to ensuring events are accessible to all members of the community.

8.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

Effectively tackling crime and anti social behaviour is a strategic priority in the Safer Leeds Plan 2011-2015.

8.4 Resources and Value for Money

Projects and work highlighted in this report have been funded through a mixture of Safer Leeds, Area Committee, West North West Homes Leeds, and Positive Activities for Young People. Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

8.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

There are no legal implications or access to information issues for this report. This report is not subject for call in.

8.6 Risk Management

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

9 Conclusions

9.1 The report outlines the work and progress of the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership and multi-agency partner tasking, and projects supported through the Area Committee's Well-Being budget. These are projects which assist in supporting the work programme of the Area Management Team.

10. Recommendations

10.1 Members of the Inner West Area Committee are requested to:

- Note the contents of the report and offer comments

11. Background documents

11.1 None

1 The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.