



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2007

Subject: Community Safety Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with a summary of recent community safety actions and achievements, including the work of Neighbourhood Wardens over the period April to August 2007.

The purpose of this report is to

- Brief Members on progress of community safety initiatives in inner north east Leeds.
- Report on Neighbourhood Warden activity from April to August 2007.
- Report on Well Being Fund expenditure on community safety related issues.
- Brief Members on NE Leeds Police Division.

Community Safety Initiatives

1. Community safety initiatives have continued to take place across all ward with a particular target on the priority areas of North East Leeds such as Chapeltown (IMPACT), Moor Allerton (Moor Allerton Partnership) and the Beckhill estate (Beckhill Implementation Group) and other initiatives have also been developed in areas such as Far Meanwood.

Burglary

2. A Smartwater initiative is currently being carried out by the PCSOs and Wardens in the Meanwood area , specifically on the Carrholms, Holmwoods and Church Avenue which was highlighted by the Burglary Problem Solving Group (a sub group of the Divisional Community Safety Partnership) as a hotspot for domestic burglary in the NE Division. Smartwater is a water-based liquid, which contains a unique forensic code. This acts as a deterrent to thieves and allows the Police to identify stolen property quickly and accurately.
3. CASAC have continued to carry out target hardening in the Meanwood and Moortown wards as part of the Operation Champion. They offer additional door locks, window locks, door chains and door spy holes for residents who feel they are vulnerable to being burgled. 98 referrals were received from the Moortown operation and 118 from the Meanwood operation.

Vehicle Crime

4. The Police have deployed the capture car in the Meanwood, Moortown and Roundhay Wards on a number of occasions between April and August 2007. The capture car is a vehicle which is parked in an area where taking from motor vehicles has been identified as the hotspot. The property, which has been electronically tagged, is left purposely visible in the car and when the car is broken into a covert camera starts filming while the item is being stolen. The item can then be traced until retrieved by the Police. It has proven successful and on it's last deployment was broken into whilst parked on Stainbeck Road which resulted in an arrest and conviction for theft from motor vehicle.

Leeds Watch

5. LCC's mobile CCTV unit is now deployed in each police division area on a three week rolling cycle. Local deployment is by agreement between the NPT Inspectors and Area Community Safety officers. From April to August 2007 the unit has been deployed 23 times from Stainbeck Police Station patrolling with the Inner Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Police Operations

6. Operation Bole: This was an initiative which was aimed at reducing robbery in the three local parks, Banstead, Potternewton and Roundhay. The CCTV unit was deployed in mid July/early August as part of this operation during which 180 stop searches were carried out and 10 arrests were made. The operation proved successful in that robberies have since reduced from 10 to 1.
7. Operation Borderland: this was 2 day operation which took place on 20th and 21st August in Harehills and Chapeltown in a bid to combat car crime and remove illegal untaxed and uninsured vehicles from the road. During the operation the ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) had 982 hits with 126 stops. This resulted in 34 arrests, 73 stop and searches, 21 fixed penalty notices and 37 vehicles seized by the Police. The DVLA also seized 60 vehicles.
8. Operation Champion: there have been 2 multi agency operations in NE Inner between April and August 2007. The first was in Meanwood concentrating on the Beckhills Estate and surrounding area. Tenancy and ASB joint visits were made with the Police which resulted in one tenant being arrested for cultivating 127 cannabis plants and was therefore served with a possession notice. 20 other arrests were made during the operation and because of a truancy sweep 5 truants were returned to school. ENEH held a day of action entitled 'Listening to You' on the Beckhill Estate giving residents the opportunity to discuss issues such as debt, home improvements and regeneration of the estate. Operation Champion information packs were also delivered to every household on the estate.
9. The second operation was held between 15th – 17th August on the Queenshills/Lingfields Estates. The PCSOs had the use of headcams for this operation and patrolled the areas suffering from high rates of anti social behaviour. Off road motorcycles were also deployed as part of this operation. Civilian warrants were served, home fire safety checks were carried out by the Arson Task Force, and joint tenancy visits were made. The Neighbourhood Wardens worked with the Estate Caretaking team and removed rubbish and bulky items from the estate.

Joint Police and partners Tasking meetings

10. These have continued and are now well established and are proof of the successful way in which partners work together to tackle issues in the area through information sharing which has enabled issues to be addressed at a more local level more efficiently and effectively. Currently the Tasking meetings take place fortnightly but it is the intention to move to a 3 weekly cycle in line with the provision of the TIA (Tactical Information Assessment) by the Police on a 6 weekly basis.

Anti Social Behaviour Orders

11. Currently, in inner north east Leeds there are currently 23 live ASBOs in operation at this time but only one of these has been served during the period April to August 2007. Leaflets can be distributed in areas when ASBOs are approved so that residents are aware of who is in receipt of an ASBO as well as the nature of the terms but at this present time no leaflets are in circulation. Three ABC's have been signed between the period April to August 2007.

Neighbourhood Warden Activity

12. The wardens continue to report issues on a daily basis and each has specific

responsibility for a particular area but all work together as a team when required. They are involved in a wide range of activities, examples of which are described within the points below.

13. Since April 2007, wardens have taken part in the following training, to enhance their skills:

Drugs Awareness
Self defence refresher
Weapons Awareness
First Aid refresher
Hepatitis and HIV Awareness

Daily Patrolling

14. The wardens continue record their actions on reporting issues to other services such as fly tipping, graffiti, abandoned and untaxed vehicles, street lighting, environmental issues, hazardous waste, discarded needles and anti social behaviour. Other issues reported include street lamps not working, water leaks, broken / missing paving stones, and identifying missing or damaged street signs. Reports can be produced at a neighbourhood level to indicate what work they have referred and which areas they have patrolled.

Empty Properties and Enforcement

15. The wardens also continue to check on empty properties to ensure they are secure and free from waste in gardens, and work in partnership with environmental enforcement officers to identify gardens with unacceptable levels of waste.

Multi Agency Working

16. The wardens participate in all multi agency operations which take part in the wedge. They assist the Arson Task Force and colleagues from ENELH with an environmental audit which takes place prior to each operation. They then work with services such as estate caretakers, helping to remove waste, with ASBU delivering letters and leaflets, with CASAC and the police on burglary reduction initiatives and with other agencies as and when required.
17. They also regularly attend the relevant Tasking meeting in their area along with those who provide a front line service. This is where local problems are shared and solutions found at these action oriented meetings.
18. Wardens attend various community events such as residents meeting, forums, and fun days, to provide information about the warden service and to gather information from residents about their areas.

Report on Well Being Fund Expenditure on Community Safety Related Issues

19. Please see Appendix 1.

Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP)

20. At December 2006 Committee meeting Members received a report from the Community Safety Co-ordinator advising that the NE Police Division had been in a period of transition since July with the merger of the Killingbeck and Stainbeck

Police Divisions.

21. Agreements have now been reached regarding the new framework of the DCSP. It is now the intention to relaunch the NE DCSP in November 2007 following a planning day prior to the launch.
22. The thematic Problem Solving Groups (burglary, domestic violence, hate crime and vehicle crime) established in Killingbeck will continue but will now expand to include the whole of the NE Division.
23. The current structure of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) are being realigned into Wards, with each ward having it's own Inspector and PCSO's. The target dates for it's implementation is currently January 2008. Ward Members will be kept informed as information is received.

Alleys and Ginnels

24. The work programme on alleys and ginnels for the Community Safety Co-ordinator was agreed at a previous meeting. It was agreed that work would be carried out on one ginnel in each ward at the same time. The particular ginnel in each ward was agreed through a prioritisation exercise with the relevant ward members. A progress report is attached at Appendix 2.

Recommendations

25. Members are asked to note the content of this report.

Well Being Fund

The following tables shows the amount of funding either committed or spent from the 2006-07 budget since the previous report in December 2006. There was a small underspend at the beginning of 2007 financial year which has been carried forward and continues to be spent on community safety related projects. This spend is reported to the Area Committee as part of the regular Well-Being Fund report.

Alleygating	Project	Committed	Spent	Total
£75,000 allocated	Carrholm & Wensley Green scheme	12,740	3,626	
	Lidgett Lane shops fencing		3,815	
	Queenshill shops fencing		1,890	
	Miles Hill View/ Crescent fencing		13,696	
Total		12,740	23,027	35,767

Burglary Reduction	Project	Spent	Total
£18,750 allocated	Burglary reduction in Leeds project – target hardening work through CASAC. Over the course of the project, 142 properties had improved security work undertaken. Properties benefited in all 3 wards.	17,375	17,375
Total		17,375	17,375

Crime reduction initiatives £16,442 allocated	Project	Spent	Total
	Breeze Event – community safety freebies for young people attended Breeze in north east	50	50
	Beckhill calling cards	150	150
	Distraction Burglary Theatre events	150	150
	Warden honorarium	900	900
	Crime reduction DVDs	700	700
	Timer switches & door chimes	1,014	1,014
	Pride in where you live	6,370 in 2006/07 1,091 in 2007/08	6,370 1,091
Total		10,425	10,425

Inner North East Alleys and Ginnels – 22 August 2007

Ginnel / Alley	Details so far	Proposed Actions
<p>St Martins – leading from Potternewton Lane to bottom of St Martin’s Gardens</p> <p>Chapel Allerton Ward</p> <p>Priority Ginnel</p>	<p>Original consultation took place in March 2006. Decision taken to gate first stretch of ginnel which runs parallel to Riviera Gardens.</p>	<p>Request up to date stats from DIU for all 3 separate sections of the ginnel. Agreed previously to gate first part of ginnel which runs parallel to Riviera Gardens. Once received maybe write to residents to update on what we are considering.</p>
<p>Newton Park View</p> <p>Chapel Allerton Ward</p>	<p>Ginnel is owned by Headrow Housing Association and is a Right of Way and would require a Gating Order.</p>	<p>SF meeting with Mr Gumbs of Newton Futures Residents Group and has let Cllr Dowson know. SF invited John Wardle of Headrow Housing (250 4337) to attend site visit on 19th Sept along with Cllr Dowson.</p>
<p>Miles Hill View</p> <p>Chapel Allerton Ward</p>	<p>Agreed previously that EHEhL are taking a lead on this one. Needs chasing since the ALMO restructure so that progress can be made.</p>	<p>Visited with Brent Brady 18.9.07 and walked it. Brent took photos. Lots of flytipping. Houses which back onto ginnel from Miles Hill View (ENELH) none of them have fences. Will need replacing if gating goes ahead. Crime stats to be requested from DIU. SF to Find out if on Public Rights of Way Definitive Map and also if an adopted access.</p>
<p>Carrholms and Wensley Green</p> <p>Moortown Ward</p>	<p>Posts now in and gating started.</p>	<p>Visited 18.9.07. Gates now installed. Check re small gates.</p>
<p>Parkside Road to Parkside View And Church Avenue to Church Lane</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain crime stats to prioritise which ginnel to look at first

<p>Moortown Ward</p> <p>Priority Ginnel</p>		
<p>Copgrove Road leading to Roundhay Road and Upland Crescent/Easterlys</p> <p>Roundhay Ward</p> <p>Priority Ginnel</p>	<p>Site visit with Cllr Kendall and AMcA 5th July and agreed actions.</p> <p>Graffiti to be clear - Ginnels to be cleaned - Street lighting to be improved – all once ownership of land is established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF to write to residents at 45 & 49 Copgrove Road re cutting back bushes etc • AMcA to identify ownership of each section of the ginnels • AMcA to identify ownership of Fairy Wood area • Ring Highway re lighting