

**MORLEY SOUTH OPERATION CHAMPION
24 – 26TH FEBRUARY**

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Background Information

Operation Champion is a multi agency crime and grime initiative. It brings together a range of agencies working in partnership to:

- Reduce crime and anti social behaviour.
- Tackle environmental issues such as litter, rubbish dumping and graffiti removal.
- Provide public reassurance and support.

The latest Operation took place between 24th and 26th February 2009 in Morley South Ward, specifically around the neighbourhoods of the Newlands, Denshaws and Harraps, where intelligence highlighted an increase in anti-social behaviour and burglary.

The range of agencies involved in the Operation included Area Management, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire Service, HM Customs and Excise, Aire Valley Homes, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (ASBU), Environmental Services, Probation Service, Environmental Action Team and Victim Support.

Outcomes from Operation Champion

A planning meeting was held ten days before the Operation to identify priority neighbourhoods and seek commitment from partner agencies and co-ordinate work. An environmental audit was also carried out and jobs allocated to individual services.

The activities and outcomes from the Operation are as follows:

Community Engagement

Usually, a newsletter is distributed before the Operation to households in the target area. As a trial, the newsletter will be written after the Operation, to draw the public's attention to the work that has been carried out.

West Yorkshire Fire Service's Arson Task force visited 280 homes in the Champion area, delivering fire prevention advice leaflets and carried out home fire safety checks on five properties.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Officers from Aire Valley Homes and the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit delivered 600 letters to ASB hotspots urging residents to report any instances and providing

reassurance that the police, council and Aire Valley Homes are taking this issue seriously.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Aire Valley Homes visited nine properties to discuss reported anti-social behaviour with the tenants.

Aire Valley Homes also visited thirty three properties to discuss rent arrears.

HM Customs, supported by police officers, stopped and checked over 150 vehicles for illegal use of red diesel. Two detections were made, each carrying a £500 fine. One van checked was of interest to the police with regards to some recent burglaries.

The police provided five officers to carry out high visibility patrols in the priority neighbourhoods.

Officers from the Area Management Team and Victim Support visited households in the Denshaws area offering crime prevention kits including a property marker pen, tamper proof stickers and energy saving light bulbs.

Environmental Enforcement Officers joined HM Customs and Revenue to check vehicle's waste trade licenses at the same time as the diesel was tested.

Youth Service undertook outreach work on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in ASB hotspots identified by partner agencies, including Morrisons car park and the town centre. Youth Workers spoke to 25 young people, advising them of youth provision in the area and discussing ASB and how it affects local residents.

Environmental Activity

Streetscene provided a team over three days to litter pick and clear ginnels across the area.

Aire Valley Homes estate caretakers cleared untidy gardens.

Parks and Countryside deployed a team to begin clearing the greenspace behind Magpie Lane.

Environmental Enforcement Officers inspected 305 properties with 50 referrals for further waste in garden enforcement action. 20 warning letters sent to suspected fly tippers.

Four skips were provided for community use, all were filled within a couple of hours with household waste.