

Area Committee Well-being Fund
Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team Project Proposals
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Project 1: BURGLARY REDUCTION

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Project Summary (including a brief description of the main activities and why this project is needed and its links to key priorities):

The project will deliver crime prevention initiatives to households in burglary hotspots. One of the key priorities within the City & Holbeck Division is to further reduce offences of Burglary and to also reduce repeat offences.

In the present financial climate, there is an expressed concern that this may impact on a rise in criminal activities, and in particular, burglary of domestic homes and out-buildings.

For the last three years the Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team has been re-visiting all domestic burglaries under the operational name of Operation CASAC.

Due to the success of Operation CASAC, the project has been extended to include victims of shed burglaries under the operational name of SHEDACHE.

The re-visits are seen as a valuable, integral part of the police operation, giving the victims support and reassurance as well as helping to reduce their fear of repeat victimisation.

The free supplying and application of SmartWater to household items of value has proven to be an excellent deterrent and plays a significant part in reducing repeat victimisation.

The Method of responding to offences of Burglary Dwelling is as follows.

Burglary Dwelling Initiative – Operation CASAC

To provide a standardised, comprehensive level of service to all victims of Domestic Burglary whereby full assistance / support is given over a 4 week period.

To achieve a year on year reduction in Burglary Dwellings and also a reduction in repeat offences and / or victimisation.

All victims of Burglary Dwellings receive additional 'follow-up' visits from PCSO's over a 4 week period, commencing from the date of initial report. Their role is to be one of support, advise, reassurance and physical presence within an area subject of a Domestic Burglary. Their role is to also to engage with the community and residents to try and identify offenders.

They also assist in matters relating to 'Target Hardening' and providing 'SMARTWATER' to ALL victim locations.

Each burglary is assessed and graded by the Crime Reduction Officer and given a BRONZE, SILVER or GOLD status, with the frequency of visits dictated by the given level.

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The grading of offences are as follows:-

BRONZE: The only reported incident of Domestic Burglary within a rolling 12 month period.

SILVER: The 2nd reported incident to have occurred at that specific location within a rolling 12 month period.

GOLD: The 3rd or more reported incident of Domestic Burglary to have occurred at that specific location within a rolling 12 month period.

However, although the reported crime would generally dictate the given level, consideration will be given to other factors, i.e. age / vulnerability of complainant, Circumstances of M.O. etc resulting in upgrade to a higher level. e.g. elderly, vulnerable person living alone reporting 1st incident of Domestic Burglary (BRONZE) upgraded to a SILVER response.

The frequency of visits within the 4 week period from initial report date are as follows:-

BRONZE: 1st follow-up visit to be approx 14 days from report date. 2nd visit to be approx 28 days from report date. (2 visits in total)

SILVER: 1st follow-up visit to be approx 7 days from report date and subsequent visits at 7 day intervals. (4 visits in total)

GOLD: Follow up visits to be carried out twice a week over a 4 week period. (8 in total).

ALL visits made to result in personal contact with an occupier of the premises.

Timer switches will also be provided free of charge.

A security check will be carried out and a referral made to the Crime Reduction Officer if required.

Outputs

- a) Target Hardening of property.
- b) Smartwatering of property at locations of Domestic Burglary.
- c) Visible uniformed presence in area.

The Method of responding to offences of Shed Burglaries is as follows.

Shed burglaries initiative - Operation Shedache.

All victims of shed burglaries to receive a visit from a PCSO as soon as practicable from the initial report date.

Their role is to:

- a) Support, advise, reassurance and physical presence within an area subject of a shed burglary.
- b) To assist in matters relating to 'Target Hardening' and provide 'SmartWater' to ALL victim locations.
- c) Raise local awareness by the delivery of crime prevention advise packs to neighbouring houses.

(The items to receive 'SmartWater' will include bicycles, power tools, fishing tackle, lawnmowers etc **as well as** providing SmartWater for the usual household items i.e. TV's, DVD, Video, Computer equipment, X-Boxes, Game Boys etc).

When necessary, target hardening referrals will be submitted for the

attention of the Morley & District Community Safety Panel fitter as an extension to the successful free home security service. The victims are also to be made aware of further security items available for purchase from Morley Police Station, as supplied by the Morley & District Community Safety Panel. These items to include: Shed Bars, Shed Anchor Bars, 2.1m & 4.5m lengths of double looped braided braded cables, shed alarms, fence/wall spike strips

Outcomes:

The projects hopes to achieve :-

- A reduction in burglary dwellings and repeat offences in the Morley Policing Area over the Policing year 2009/2010.
- A reduction in the shed burglaries and repeat offences in the Morley Policing Area over the Policing year 2009/2010.
- An increase in the detections for Burglary offences.
- A decrease in the fear of crime of these offences being committed and of any repeat offences at these addresses. Reassurance to the vulnerable members of our community.

Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much Well-being funding is sought and the breakdown between capital and revenue):

The proposal if for funding of
500 SmartWater kits at £15 per kit = £7,500
Police Officer time funded by West Yorkshire Police

Which geographic areas will benefit (i.e. particular neighbourhoods, wards etc) and which Area Committee this project is relevant to:

The Morley North Ward
The Morley South Ward
The Tingley & Ardsley section of the Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward.

Other key information not covered by the above:

This service is in addition to the target hardening devices provided and fitted by CASAC Engineers. All Burglary dwellings are referred to this agency.

There are already Action Plans in existence – CASAC & SHEDACHE. The Action Plans are updated on a daily basis with information on all Burglaries that occur in the Morley area with the M.O. (Modus Operandi). The actions that CASAC engineers, Police Officers and PCSO's take are also recorded, as well as details of crime prevention and reduction devices that are fitted. This provides an audit trail of staff deployed, the costs and results / outcomes of the Project / Action Plan.

Project 2: MORLEY NPT LICENSING PROJECT

Project Summary:

The project would be delivered by West Yorkshire Police- Morley NPT in partnership with the Outer area Committee, Fire Service, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, City & Holbeck Licensing Dept, Leeds City Council Enforcement, Leeds Watch and members of Morley and District Pubwatch.

Intelligence led enforcement activity around the Top 10 problem licensed premises. The premises will be identified through licensing dept data, repeat calls for service, consumer direct, community intelligence and crime reports. By targeting these we will have responded to the needs of the community and will be making positive steps with partners to improve reassurance levels in the Morley NPT area.

The aim will be to carry out high profile overt evidence gathering using officers with headcams. Structured visits to on/off licensed premises and early engagement with managers of larger retail outlets that are suspected of selling intoxicants to or allowing proxy purchase for juveniles.

Test Purchase Operations will be carried out and any failures will result in

- a) Joint visits with Trading Standards to carry out Responsible Retailer training
- b) Any further problems will result in licensees and area managers attending Morley police station to discuss a joint action plan.
- c) Continued disturbance will result in multi agency licensed visits.

An integral part of this project will be for uniformed Police officers to patrol the Morley town centre during these hours with the intention of reducing levels of violence, drunkenness, anti-social behaviour and offences of damage. The officers will be supported by Leeds Watch staff who will also be monitoring CCTV cameras within the town centre.

The identified periods for these patrols through calls for service and analysis would be on Friday and Saturday evenings. The tours of duty to accommodate the alcohol related problems would be from 1800hrs x 0200hrs. There would be a need for a Police Sergeant and 3 x police officers to work on these identified days. The need for this level of resourcing is to ensure that the officers engaged on this project have the necessary support and resilience in numbers to enable them to be able to tackle the issues that may arise.

The intention will also to have three test purchase operations specifically aimed at Off License Premises during the policing year. (One every four months).

Outcomes :

- Reduced calls for service to problem premises
- Improved visibility around problem premises at key times
- Increase in reassurance and confidence levels
- Reduction in the reassurance gap
- Numbers of alcohol confiscation
- Increased opportunity to prosecute licensees and staff for selling intoxicants to juveniles. Raise awareness of the implications of selling to juveniles
- Reduction of ASB, Violence and disorder in the Morley area.

This project would enhance the reputation of Morley and particularly during the current financial climate would encourage people to have an evening out as it would be marketed as a safe and vibrant place.

Project Cost:

Costings for the project to run between 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010.

These costs are based on rest day working rates.

Cost per officer is £23.35 per hour

Cost per officer for 8 hour tour of duty $1800 \times 0200 = £186.80$

Cost for 4 officers on an 8 hour tour of duty = £ 747.20

The request is to fund one operation each calendar month from April 09 up to and including March 2010.

This would mean that there would be 12 months with one operation each month amounting to 12 evenings at £747.20 per evening = £8966.40

Funding for 12 months = £8966.40

Costings for 3 test purchase operations over the next 12 months.

Cost per officer is £23.35 per hour

Cost per officer for 6 hour tour of duty $1600\text{hrs} \times 2200\text{hrs} = £ 140.10$

Cost for 3 officers on 6 hour tour of duty = £420.30

Cost of test purchaser for the operation £30.

Total cost for one operation = £450.30

Total cost for 3 test purchase operations = £1350.90

Total Cost To Support This Project For The Next 12 Months would be £10317.30

Which geographic areas will benefit:

Morley North Ward

Morley South Ward

Tingley & Ardsley section of Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward.

Project 3: NUISANCE OFF ROAD MOTORBIKES

Project Summary:

The project work would be delivered by West Yorkshire Police, Morley NPT, Motorway Division and Leeds City Council off road motorbikes.

One of the key areas for public concern and effects on public reassurance are nuisance bikes on public land/private land. In the Morley NPT area alone the communities of Churwell, Drighlington and West Ardsley/Tingley have identified nuisance off roads as one of their priorities. With the launch of the Policing Pledge later this month it is crucial that Morley NPT and partners can provide details of what action we have taken to make the neighbourhood safer and inform the public that we take their concerns seriously and work in partnership to resolve them.

High profile activity between the Police and local authority will be carried out with a view to issuing Section 59 warnings and seizing motor bikes where appropriate.

Engagement with private land owners will be carried out highlighting their responsibility around Anti –Social Behaviour and potential Anti – Social Behaviour Order applications based around repeat calls for service. We will look to our partners in the council to secure any council land that is being used continuously by the bikes.

Safer Schools Officers will engage with local secondary schools to provide awareness campaign around police activity and links with road safety awareness.

Outcomes::

- Increase in Public Confidence and Reassurance levels
- Responding to local priorities identified by the local community
- Reduction in calls for service
- Reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour
- Safer environment

Project Cost:

Costings for the project to run between 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010.

These costs are based on rest day working rates.

Cost per officer is £23.35 per hour

Cost per officer for 8 hour tour of duty 1000hrs x 1800hrs (winter months)

1300hrs x 2100hrs (summer months) = £186.80

Cost for 2 officers on an 8 hour tour of duty = £ 373.60

The request is to fund two operations each calendar month from April 09 up to and including March 2010. This would mean that there would be 2 days each month over the next 12 months for this operation to take place.

Funding for 12 months = £8,966.40

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The operation will be complemented by Leeds City Council Off road motorbikes and funding can be made available for LCC staff. In addition to the 2 days each month, City & Holbeck Roads Policing Dept where possible will provide staff for extra days coverage which will be met by the division.

The Police Officers involved in the operation must work in pairs for Health and Safety reasons and rest day working is the most appropriate method of working to move this project forward. This is due to the fact that only a limited number of officers are trained within the division to ride the bikes and officers work ten hour tours of duty, which are divided between the day and evening tours. To start working on this project after a ten hour tour of duty becomes problematic.

Which geographic areas will benefit:

For the initial stages of the operation the areas of Churwell, Tingley/West Ardsley and Drighlington will be priority areas. The operation will be portable and will move on then to areas of repeat calls.