
Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

North West (Inner) Area Committee

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Executive Summary

This report provides details of community safety activity during the last 12 months and looks at crime statistics during the period April 2004 and March 2009.

1.0 Purpose of this Report

.1 This report is the annual community safety update report, providing details about Community Safety activity during the last 12 months and looking at crime trends between April 2004 and March 2009.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 It should be noted that a number of factors have a bearing on crime; these can be placed in 3 broad categories.

- A suitable target or opportunity with high value items which can be removed relatively easily, vulnerable premises or people, unlocked doors or windows, etc
- A motivated offender, someone whose values or beliefs make stealing / violence acceptable, drug dependency, someone motivated by greed, etc
- A low likelihood of getting caught with no police or security patrols, a neighbourhood with a culture of low reporting of crime, no natural street surveillance, properties obscured by overgrown bushes, etc

2.2 Traditional problem solving techniques aim to reduce crime by impacting on these 3 categories;

- working to educate the victim (leaflets, crime reduction advice, etc)
- tackle the offender (known as offender management - Cautions, Criminal Sanctions, tenancy enforcement, disruption visits, etc)
- undertake environmental works (cut back hedges, fit additional locks, alleygates, etc)

2.3 However, it should be acknowledged that other factors also have a bearing on crime:

- Season
- Weather
- Release of offenders
- Location
- Population

2.4 It is also important to note that one offender can commit many offences in a short period of time and this can lead to significant increases in the figures. For example, where cars are damaged along a whole street there maybe 6 cars damaged and this would lead to 6 reports of criminal damage.

3.0 Summary of Key Actions

The following key actions have been delivered during the last 12 months to tackle crime and anti social behaviour.

3.1 Operation Champion

This is a multi agency operation aimed at tackling crime, asb and environmental issues within an agreed area. A number of agencies come together to focus their activity in a geographical area, joining together to have a greater impact. During the last 12 months, 4 Operation Champions have been held in the Inner area focusing on Little London, Hawksworth Wood, Far Headingley, Little Woodhouse, Hyde Park and Burley. Some Operations covered more than 1 area. The combined results for the year include:

- 1500 newsletters distributed
- 750 ASB leaflets distributed
- 63 ASB complainant visits
- 285 tenancy visits by West North West Homes
- 33 locations cleared of rubbish
- 80 pieces of graffiti removed
- 100 victim support contacts
- 28 vehicle stops
- 25 DVLA tickets issued
- 2 vehicles seized
- 63 arrests

A further 4 Operation Champions are scheduled during the next 12 months. These operations will be supplemented by action days as required. During this period action days were held in Hawksworth Wood, Little London and parts of Hyde Park.

3.2 Designated Public Places Orders (DPPOs)

A Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) provides the Police with additional powers to confiscate alcohol within a defined area. Where an order exists the Police have the powers to confiscate alcohol that is being consumed or that is thought likely to be consumed (unopened bottles / cans). Failure to comply with a Police request in this regard could lead to a fine or arrest.

There are 3 DPPO currently in operation in Inner North West. These cover:

- Headingley Town Centre
- Little London and Little Woodhouse
- Woodhouse More and surrounding streets

A recent report to Licensing Committee showed that the Little London / Little Woodhouse and Woodhouse Moor DPPOs are working effectively. The report highlighted the following interventions between 1st April 2009 and 30th September 2009:

- 47 DPPO interventions have taken place in the Little Woodhouse area. The majority of these can be classed as street drinkers.
- 236 DPPO interventions have taken place on A660 corridor. The majority of these can be classed as students.
- 16 DPPO interventions have taken place on Woodhouse Moor. 10 were directed towards known street drinkers and 6 towards students.

No arrests have been necessary as all those who have required interventions have complied with confiscation requests.

3.3 Multi Agency Tasking

This group examines the key tactical priorities for the Inner North West area and agree actions to tackle these priorities. Work undertaken through this group includes organising multi agency action days, case conferences about specific families / individuals and commitment to deliver or contribute to specific projects (eg. Promoting target hardening by door knocking in a neighbourhood, crime prevention articles in newsletters, joint funding or resources to tackle a specific problem). Agencies involved in this group include: Area Management (Co-chair), Police (Co-chair), Safer Leeds, West North West Homes, Youth service, Attendance Management, Environmental Action Team, both Universities and the ASB Unit. The group meets monthly and its work is managed through an action plan.

Examples of the work undertaken by the Multi Agency Tasking team includes:

- A campaign in March and April to focus on burglary; this included using new recruits to patrol and door knock in the Burley area, providing crime reduction advice and reassurance. This operation resulted in 2 arrests of nominals who were trying all door handles in a street.
- Securing Licenses for laptop tracking with partners assisting the promotion and delivery of this initiative. 300 laptops have had the software put on and this has already resulted in 2 arrests and valuable intelligence about where stolen laptops are taken.
- Wardens and PCSOs property marking laptops and other valuable in the Hyde Park area. Over 800 items were marked in 200 homes.
- The Council providing 800 graffiti removal kits and PCSOs and wardens helping to distribute them to community groups and individuals for them to remove small items of graffiti.
- Funding from Area Committee for Capture Houses and Capture Bikes resulting in 3 activations for the capture house and 1 for the capture car and 5 arrests.
- Police Officers, West North West Homes staff and the Rough Sleepers Unit undertaking 6am visits to multi storey blocks in Little London, responding to complaints about rough sleepers sleeping on the stairs or in drying rooms. 5 sweeps conducted recently with 3 rough sleepers found and referred to Rough Sleepers Unit.
- 5 "Trojan Bus" initiatives to deal with ASB on the A660 bus route, this included placing plain clothes police officers, First Bus Inspectors and ASB Officers on the relevant buses to witness and deal with issues.

3.4 Offender Management

Research and experience has shown that a small number of determined criminals are involved in a large portion of crime. Some studies have reported that 20% of criminals commit as much as 80% of crime. It, therefore, follows that rather than concentrating time and other resources on the large volume that come through the judicial system and never offend again, that attention should be concentrated on this small proportion of prolific offenders. The Police and other agencies come together to problem solve and manage these offenders through visits, targeted intelligence gathering, focused attention (eg discussions when out in the street), use of ASB Orders and through partner agencies powers, for example, use of tenancy enforcement for ALMO tenants.

3.5 Face the People

A Face the People for the North West Division was held at Pudsey Civic Hall in October with 30 people attending from across the Division to hear about how the different agencies work together in the judiciary. The event included a marketplace with partners engaging with members of the public and also an opportunity to discuss criminal cases based on real cases dealt with by the courts. The event was chaired by a judge.

3.6 Off Road Motor Cycles

The deployment and cost of these vehicles is shared equally amongst the four Area management Committees (£4,500 per Area Committee for 3 years). The Off-road motor cycles are deployed across the division to green spaces or to target specific problems with off-road motorbikes. The vehicles are effective in reducing ASB and low level crime particularly on green spaces and providing reassurance to those using the parks and green spaces. The vehicles have also been used during specific initiatives such as Operation Champion or more focused initiatives in conjunction with the Council's Park Ranger Service.

The service was established in 2006 and since that time there has been a reduction in calls about nuisance bikes, falling from 1414 in 2006 to 618 in 2009 based on 9 months data (upto and including September 2009). Since 2006, 198 vehicles have been seized in total with 231 warnings issued.

Patrol time for the bikes is distributed evenly across each ward area and this is based on calls received and any intelligence gleaned from the calls will direct where this time is spent. Specific work in Inner North West has included a joint operation with the Council's Park Ranger service in April 2009 focusing on Clayton Quarry. This Operation ran over 2 days and also included PCSOs on mountain bikes. Other work has included patrols on Bagby Fields to disrupt drug dealing.

The team has also developed an initiative aimed at engaging young riders aged 16-19. Statistics showed that this group of riders were the most likely to be involved in Killed or Seriously Injured collisions in the Leeds area. On being stopped the riders documents are checked and their bikes examined for modifications which may affect their insurance, they are also given advice on safety clothing and further training. This initiative is called Operation Pitstop and involves Road Safety Officers from Leeds City Council.

3.7 CASAC Target Hardening

This initiative is delivered across all of Leeds and provides free security assessments for properties leading to possible recommendation for additional door locks, window locks, spy holes, chains and general crime prevention advice to householders. The Police help target this service to areas where burglary is an issue and PCSOs help to door knock and promote this service. CASAC have been successful at gaining funds from the Home Office Safer Homes Fund to target this service into the areas of high burglary, targeting specific streets. Members of the Public can also direct refer to CASAC and pay for any work required.

During the last 12 months (December 2008 – November 2009)

900 jobs were delivered in Inner North West Leeds

- Over 550 of these jobs were for anti climb paint funded by Inner North West Area Committee (Quarter 4 from 2008/09) and Safer Leeds
- 40 sanctuary installations allowing victims of domestic violence to stay in their homes, funded through Leeds City Council's Strategic Landlord
- The majority of the remaining 300 or so jobs were for the standard target hardening package funded by West North Homes, Home Office Safer Homes Fund and single sources of temporary funding such as Area Committees.

3.8 CCTV

The area committee funded the permanent citing of CCTV cameras in Hyde Park, monitored by LeedsWatch based within Safer Leeds. There are additional cameras in Hawksworth Wood, Headingley town centre and Hyde Park Corner.

3.9 Police and Community Together (PACT)

The Police have set up a number of Police and Community Together meetings to work with the community to address key concerns and issues. These meetings are held on a monthly basis within local communities. There are 9 meetings held across the Inner North West Area. Further details are available at the NPT website: <http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt/>.

3.10 Neighbourhood wardens

There are currently 2 full-time neighbourhood warden posts on the North West structure. The wardens are currently based in Little London and Hawksworth Wood. However, the wardens environmental and community engagement experience provide a valuable input to multi agency operations such Operation Champion and this means that they do support work across the whole of the Inner North West area. Other initiatives have included:

- Over 500 issues referred to agencies for action
- directing unpaid work to projects within the community to clear up rubbish hotspots or cut back overgrown communal foliage
- Supporting the Environmental Action Team during student changeover
- Property marking in Hyde Park with PCSOs

3.11 Operation Walksafe

A Police lead operation bringing together resources from Leeds University and Leeds Met University to target patrols to key areas and engage with new and returning students on the issue of crime prevention. During this operation University staff and PCSOs patrol together to ensure maximum effectiveness of the resources available. This Operation is repeated at key times across the year.

3.12 Little London Police Drugs Operation

Police lead operation focusing on the drugs market in Little London, funded through West North West Homes and the Intensive Neighbourhood Management Project. The project was developed through the Little London Drugs reassurance project which was set up in June 2008 to respond to very high levels of community complaints about drug dealing and drug using.

The key highlights for the project include:

- 270 wraps of Cocaine, Crack Cocaine & Heroin seized with a street value of £3600
- 130 wraps of Class B & C seized with a street value: of £1800
- 485 cannabis plants destroyed with a street value of £35k (if plants made it to full yield)
- total cash seized is in excess of £5000.
- Over 140 stop / searches to disrupt drug supply
- 47 arrests in total with 25 of these for drug possession/supply.
- Sentences equal to 20 years to date (further cases in the system awaiting outcomes)
- 12 Injunctions issued with Powers of Arrest against known drugs users in the area who were causing a nuisance.
- 5 lots of A5 flyers hand delivered to all residents in Little London, providing up to date information on the results and encouraging continued reporting of problems. 3 media articles run by Yorkshire Evening Post.

A full evaluation of the project is presented at Appendix 10.

3.13 Knowledge Campaign

The University has successfully bid for funds from the Home Office Safer Homes Fund and the Home Office Neighbourhood Watch Fund. The funds have been used to support and enhance the Knowledge Website and fund Student Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators.

The Knowledge Campaign is a significant web based resource which provides information on crime campaigns running in Inner North West, crime news feedback, real life stories, key contacts for advice and assistance and general crime prevention information. The site is run by the Leeds University, with contributions from the Police and other partner agencies.

The University has successfully recruited 12 Student Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators who will develop and support crime reduction initiatives aimed at students. The Co-ordinators have been heavily involved in the balloon initiative and have delivered 2 of these in the Inner North West Area. The Balloon initiative is run through the Knowledge website and involves leaving balloons at properties (either inflated if a property is insecure or deflated if a property is secure), the balloon has a tag with the knowledge website on it, which then provides crime prevention advice.

3.14 Safe as Houses and Neighbourhood Watch

The Cardigan centre, with support from Area Management and the Police have been successful in securing funds to provide additional security to residents in the Hyde Park area funded through the Home Office Safer Homes Fund and to increase the

number of Neighbourhood Watches, funded through the Home Office Neighbourhood Watch Fund.

3.15 Crime Opportunity Profiling of Streets (COPs) and Environmental Visual Audits (EVA)

The Harolds and Thornville area of Hyde Park has been the focus of this initiative which includes partner agencies taking to the streets to identify things which will impact on crime, this can include reporting broken street lights, getting rubbish and masonry removed from the streets, speaking to residents about items in gardens which maybe used to commit crime (masonry, ladders, unsecured bins, etc) and checking the security of homes and vehicles by trying doors. Where a house or vehicle is found to be insecure then Officers will speak to the occupants / owners and provide advice on ways to reduce crime. A number of marketplace type event have also been held locally to promote the initiative and provide crime reduction advice to residents. During the year 3 COPs events were held in the Harolds and Thornvilles with 2 market place events and 2 Environmental Visual Audits were held in Burley and Headingley.

3.16 Environmental Visual Audit training has been undertaken in Inner North West Leeds, with over 30 PCSOs trained in this type of activity. EVAs are mini versions of the COPs initiative.

4.0 Overview of Crime Figures

4.1 Appendix 1 shows a downward trend in relation to all crimes in the 4 Inner North West Wards; Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Kirkstall and Weetwood. The crimes presented in these figures cover the period April 2004 – March 2009 and relate to all crimes including; fraud & Forgery, handling stolen goods, sexual offences and other thefts.

4.2 Crime reduced by 28% with 3701 fewer recorded incidents during this period. The biggest gains were achieved in Headingley ward (32% reduction) and Hyde Park & Woodhouse ward (31% reduction). It is important to note that these figures include all crime as mentioned above.

5.0 Overview of Crime Types

5.1 The subsequent tables will focus specifically on the following crime types: burglary, robbery, theft of and theft from vehicles, criminal damage and violent crime.

5.2 Appendix 2 provides an overview of specific crime types. Theft of and Theft From motor vehicle and criminal damage achieved significant reductions during this reporting period. Robbery increased during this reporting period with 29 more offences equating to an increase of 12%. The following paragraphs will examine these trends in more detail.

5.3 Burglary and Robbery

Throughout the Inner North West Area burglary has reduced by 17% with 3340 fewer offences recorded, Appendix 3. Robbery figures have increased by 12%, with 29 more offences. It is difficult to attribute this to a single cause, more likely a

combination of factors may have lead to this rise. However, analysis has provided information to help the Police target patrols to hotspot areas and ensure they are deployed at key times. There are plans to increase the frequency of Operation Walksafe, which will include more joint patrols with the Universities to help reduce robberies and engage with members of the public in providing personal safety advice. Better information sharing between Youth Service and the Police has meant that youth service provision is used to engage with young men at key days / times who may otherwise be drawn into this type of crime. The Knowledge campaign is also a valuable tool in providing advice about personal safety and arriving home safely (<http://www.leedsuniversityunion.org.uk/knowledge/>).

- 5.4 The greatest challenge in relation to burglary is people leaving windows and doors unlocked and in some cases open whilst they are out. Over 40% of burglaries are committed because a door or window has been left unlocked or open. In some areas this figures rises to 50%. Whilst it might be tempting to assume that this is a student phenomenon, statistics show that it is not. It might be more prevalent in the student community because of inexperience, but this type of method of entry for burglaries has a significant presence in all communities and all parts of Leeds. Quite simply, burglary would reduce by 30% if people locked doors and windows both whilst they were in the house and when they went out. Considerable effort goes in to delivering this key message, through discussions, leaflets and PCSOs trying doors and walking into properties to advise on crime prevention. Similarly, The greatest challenge in relation to robbery is people openly carrying laptops, mobile phones or other expensive small gadgets in plain sight and having no regard for personal safety.
- 5.5 There have been significant success with the capture house project funded through well being. This has results in 4 arrests. The success of this type of initiative helps to inform burglars that they have a higher risk of being apprehended in the Inner North West Area. A by-product of this project includes the gathering of valuable intelligence about where stolen items are being taken to be sold.

5.6 Theft of and Theft from Motor Vehicles

Appendix 4 shows that Theft From and Theft Of motor vehicle have achieved significant reductions during this period, 53% and 55% respectively, with over 1000 fewer reported incidents during this period.

- 5.7 Various tactics are used to help get the message about not leaving valuables on display across, examples include: If a PCSO comes across a vehicles where an item is on show they will note the details and arrange for the DVLA to write to the owner and provide some basic crime prevention advice. Temporary notices are also used in the form of the A4 poster frames purchased through well being in 2005/06.

The Capture Car continues to be deployed across the North West Area, with 2 successes to date.

5.8 Criminal Damage and Violent Crime

During the period of this report recorded criminal damage reduced by 43%, a reduction of 985 offences (Appendix 5). Similarly, recorded violent crime reduced by 1%, with 24 fewer offences.

5.9 Violent Crime remains a challenging area, particularly, where the night-time economy is active. The Headingley DPPO remains a success, assisting in reducing violent crime around Headingley Town Centre.

6.0 Ward Summary

6.1 Headingley

During this period all crime has decreased, with substantial reductions in Theft From (65%) and Theft Of motor vehicles (52%), Appendix 6. Criminal Damage also achieved significant reductions, of 51%. All of this has resulted in 856 fewer incidents in these crime categories, a reduction of 37%.

6.2 Hyde park & Woodhouse

Appendix 7 shows that substantial reductions were achieved in Theft From (67%) and Theft Of (67%) Motor vehicle during the period of this report. Burglary and Criminal damage also reduced significantly by 33% and 35%, respectively. Robbery increased by 45 offences, over the course of this reporting period, an increase of 34%. Analysis has shown peak periods for this type of activity and Police patrols have been targeted to key locations, days and times to reduce robbery. Work with youth service in providing alternative diversionary activity at key locations, days and times is also paying dividends. During this period, there were 1116 fewer offences, equating to a 35% reduction.

6.3 Kirkstall

Criminal damage, Theft From and Theft Of Motor Vehicle reduced during this period in Kirkstall (Appendix 8) achieving reductions of 38%, 20% and 22%, respectively. Burglary, Robbery and Violent crime all rose with increases of 11% (38 offences), 71% (12 offences) and 34% (110 offences), respectively. During this reporting period crime reduced by 10% which equated to 158 fewer offences.

6.4 Work is underway to develop neighbourhood improvement plan for Hawksworth wood, which will aim to address the underlying issues connected with these figures, through multi agency interventions from all partners including; Extended Service, youth Service, west North West Homes, police and Area Management.2 Operation Champions have been held in Kirkstall ward, supplemented by 2 action days focusing on Hawksworth Wood and the Spens / Woodbridges and more recently on Haddons, and Gilberts / Sandford. Considerable effort has been expended in offender management within this area and partner agencies are working together to reduce the offending of some challenging individuals living within this ward.

6.5 Weetwood

Appendix 9 shows that Theft From and Theft Of Motor Vehicle reduced by 69% (93 offences) and 34% (102 offences). Burglary and Criminal Damage also reduced by 21% and 52%, respectively. Robbery and Violent Crime rose slightly with 8 more robbery offences (47% increase) and 10 more Violent Crime offences (3% increase). Overall crime reduced by 31% with 527 fewer offences during this reporting period.

7.0 Forward Plan

The main priorities for the coming year are burglary and anti social behaviour.

7.1 Leeds has seen a sharp rise in burglary over the last 6 months. A multi agency plan has been put into place focusing on 3 main areas in Leeds, 1 area per Police Division. In North West Division this focus has concentrated on the Hyde Park area. Additional activity has included:

- target hardening of streets in the burglary hotspots through CASAC
- A nominal refresh – making sure the right people are on the list of prolific offenders
- Referrals to ASBU to look at Anti Social Behaviour Orders to manage the behaviour of some offenders by excluding them from certain areas or from associating with certain people
- Agreement from Police Divisions for PCSOs to be trained to carry out Environmental Visual Audits, this has included partner agencies such as West North West Homes and Neighbourhood Wardens
- Aim to increase neighbourhood watches in each Police Division
- Better links between housing providers and Police Offender Management to ensure that a wide range of powers are looked at to manage offenders who are in social housing
- Fast track Investigators looking at burglary cases and working with neighbourhood policing teams to ensure

7.2 The challenge ahead is to maintain this focus and enhance this effort through joint working with partners to meet this challenge. In Inner North West there are a number of successes to highlight in relation to the Capture House project funded through Wellbeing during this financial year. Work is well underway to increase the number of neighbourhood watches in key areas, including the recent Student Neighbourhood Watch initiative which will increase the number of students who take an active interest in their own and neighbouring streets. 30 PCSOs in Inner North West have been EVA trained and the intention is for this training to be cascaded whilst undertaking EVAs by matching EVA trained PCSOs with those who haven't had the training.

7.3 Police and Community Together meetings (PACT) show low level criminality and anti social behaviour continues to be a concern to residents of Inner North West Leeds. The Operation Champion initiative and action days are an excellent resource in tackling issues related to anti social behaviour, low level crime and environmental issues, whilst providing reassurance to residents. These will continue through the coming year, with 4 Operation Champions and action days as required.

8/0 Conclusion

8.1 It is clear that substantial reductions in crime have been achieved in Inner North West during the period April 2004 and March 2009. However, it is fair to predict that there will be significant challenges ahead in a number of areas. The partnership work developed during the period of this report will place us in a promising position to continue to deliver reductions in crime and improvements in community confidence, with continued support from the Inner North West Area Committee.

9.0 Recommendations

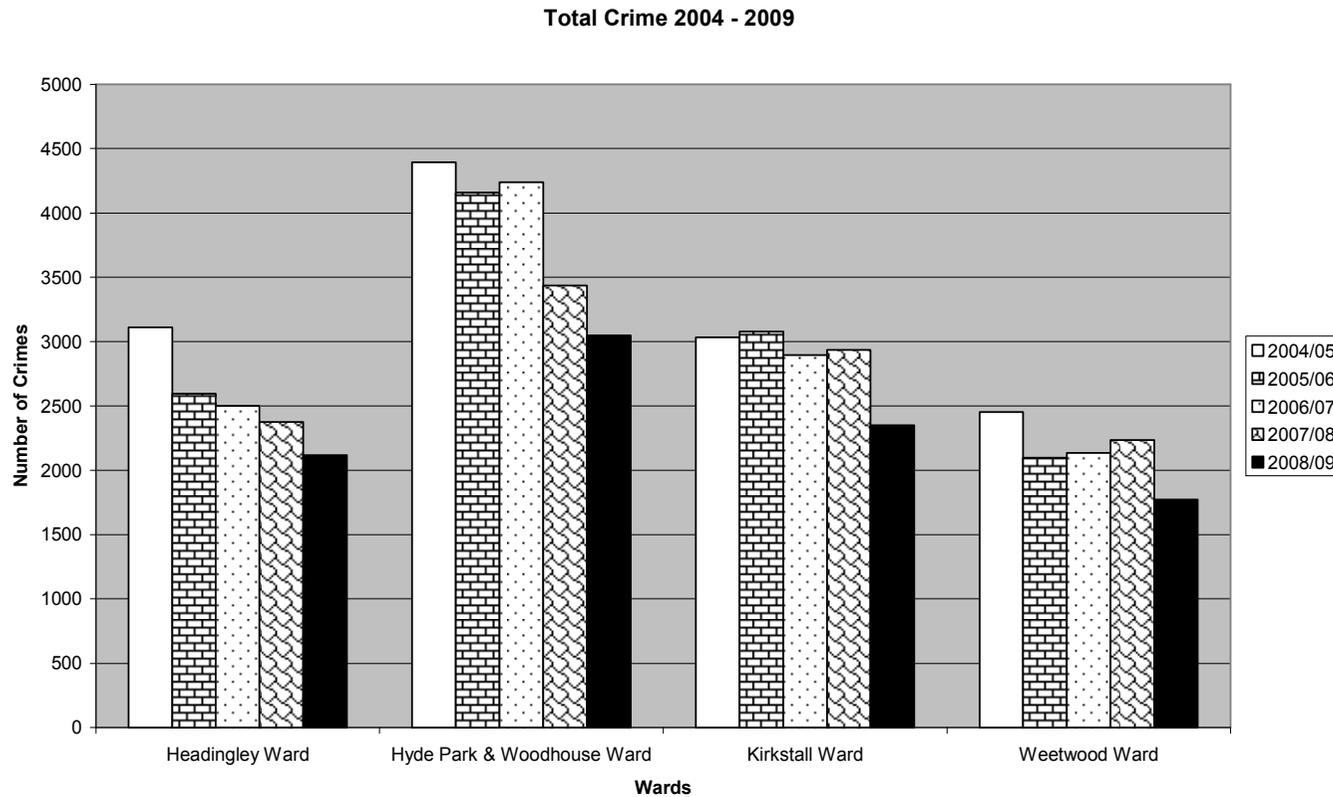
9.1 Members are asked to note this report and offer comments.

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 None

Appendix 1

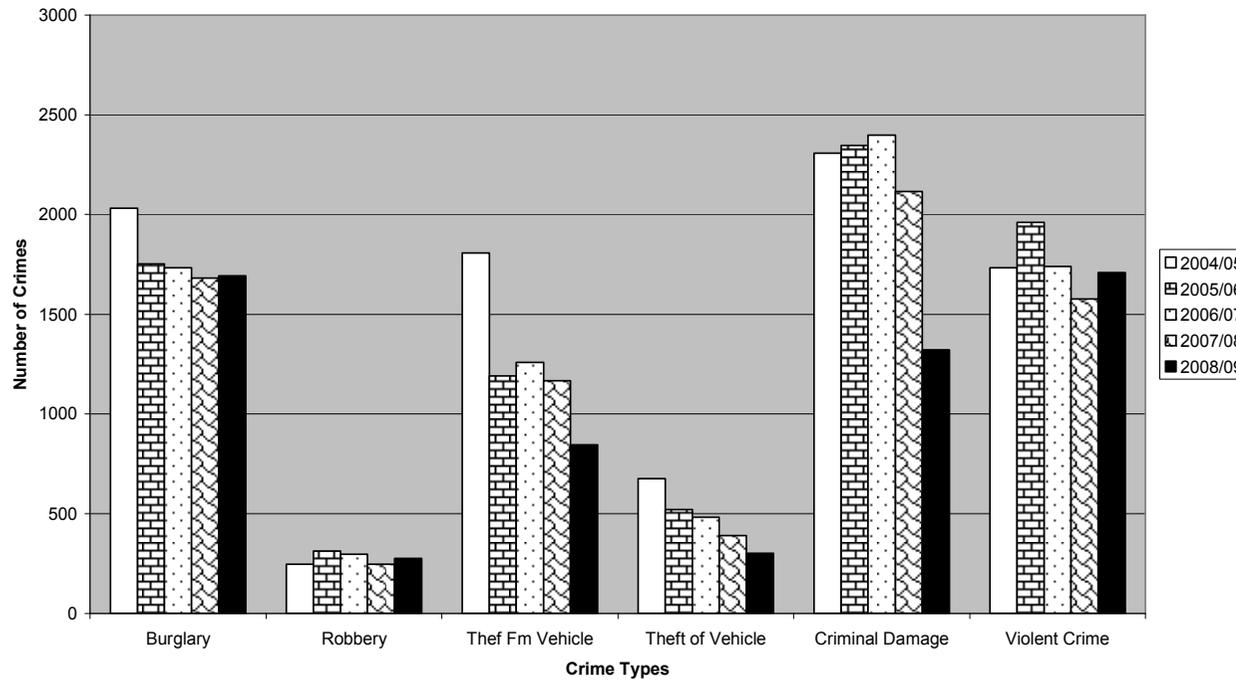
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	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Difference	Reduction
Headingley Ward	3109	2597	2499	2373	2118	991	32%
Hyde Park & Woodhouse Ward	4394	4160	4238	3436	3048	1346	31%
Kirkstall Ward	3034	3078	2895	2935	2351	683	23%
Weetwood Ward	2453	2097	2133	2235	1772	681	28%



Appendix 2

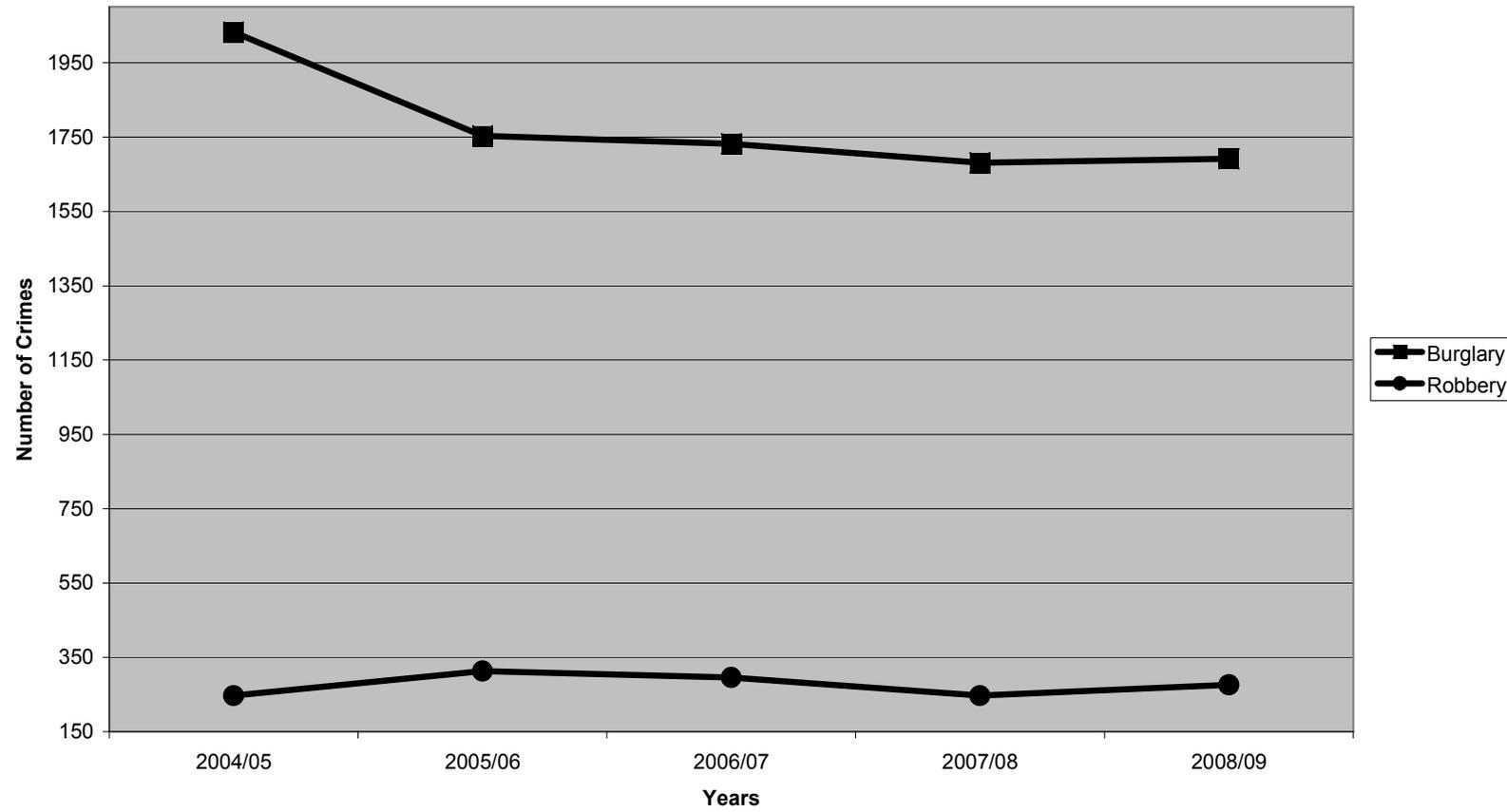
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Crime Types							
Burglary	2032	1753	1732	1681	1692	340	17%
Robbery	247	313	296	247	276	-29	-12%
Theft Fm Vehicle	1808	1191	1259	1167	845	963	53%
Theft of Vehicle	676	521	483	390	302	374	55%
Criminal Damage	2307	2346	2398	2116	1322	985	43%
Violent Crime	1732	1961	1739	1576	1708	24	1%

Crime Types 2004 - 2009

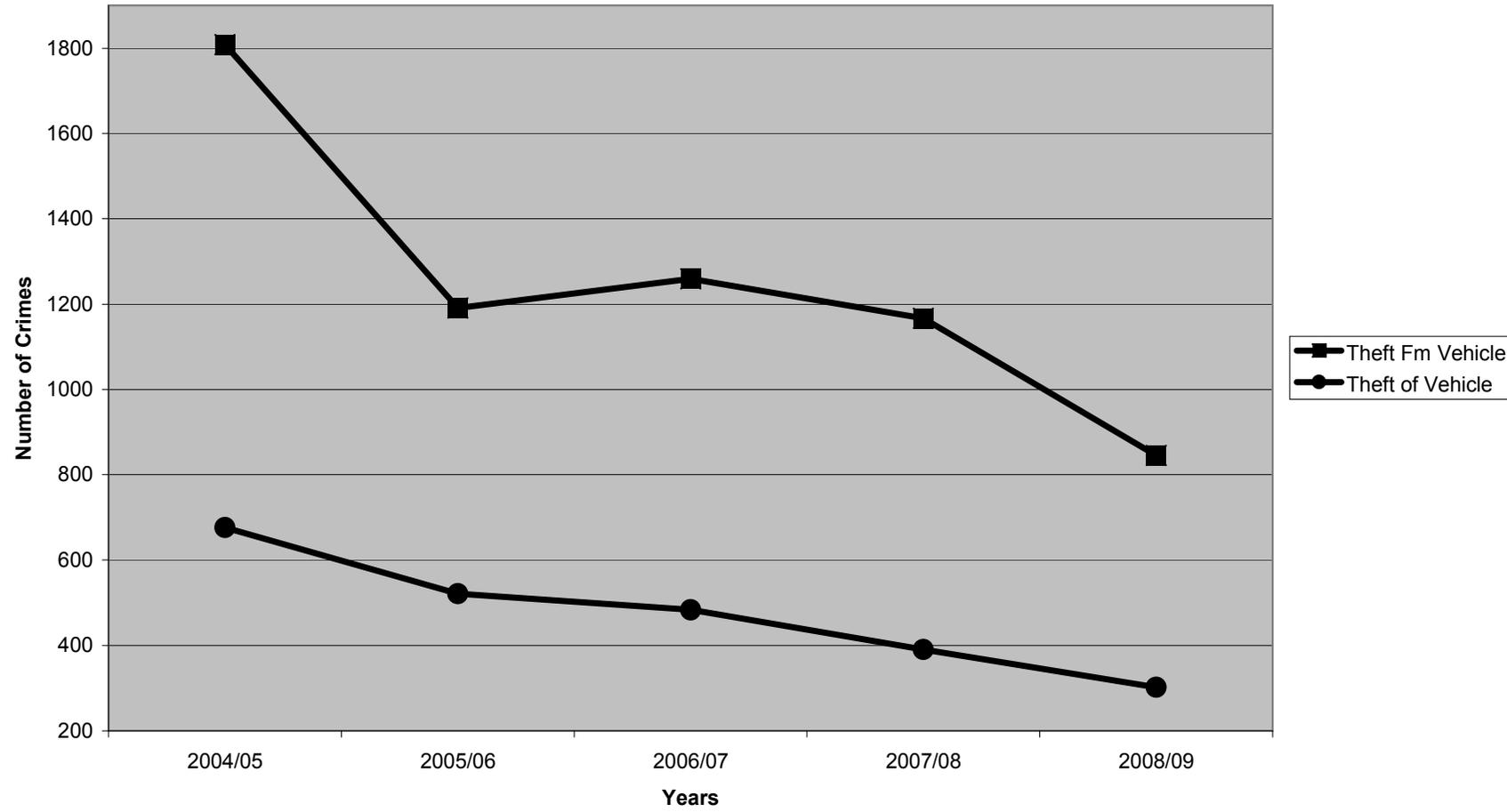


Appendix 3

Burglary & Robbery 2004-09

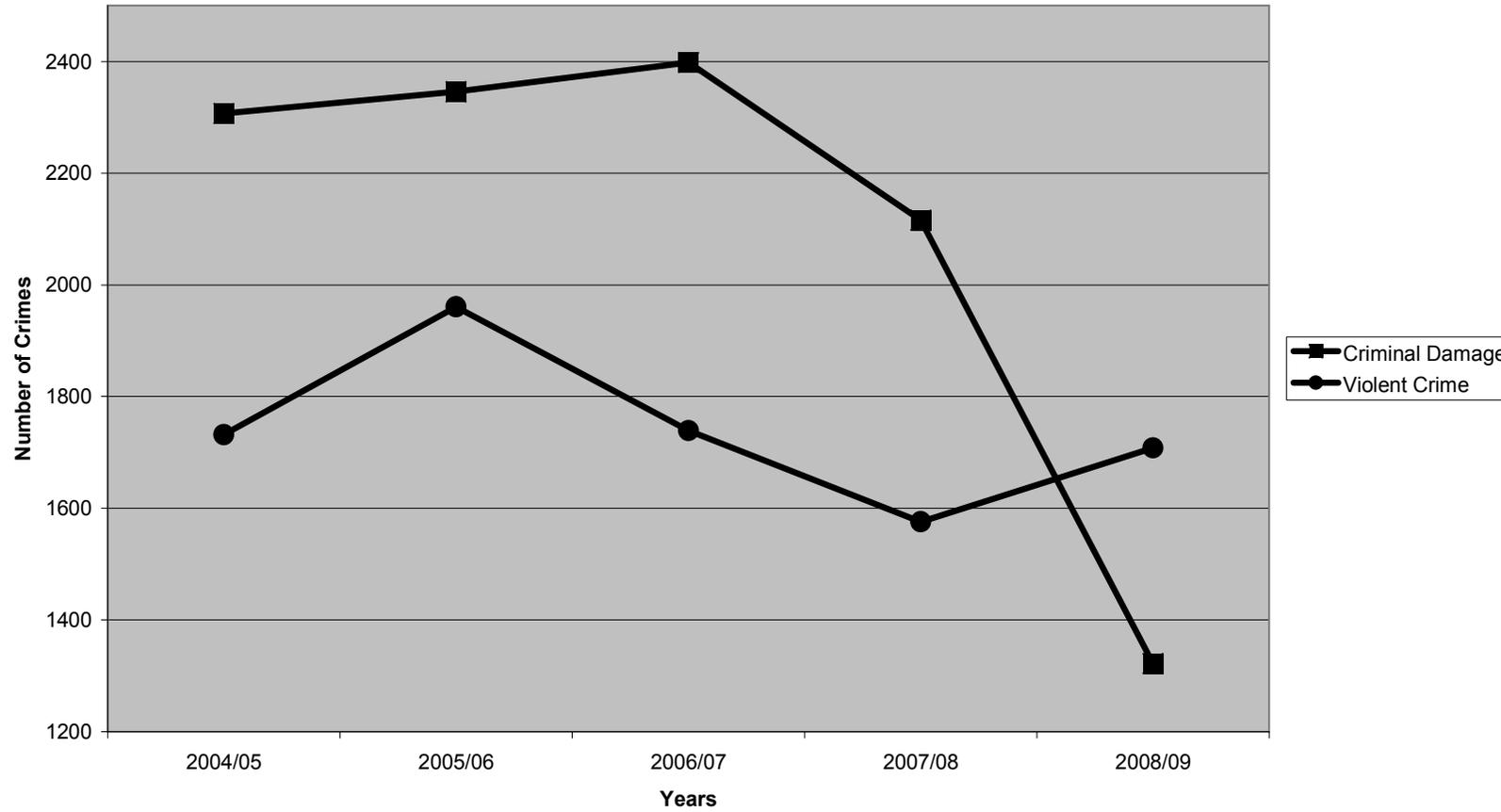


Vehicle Crime 2004-09



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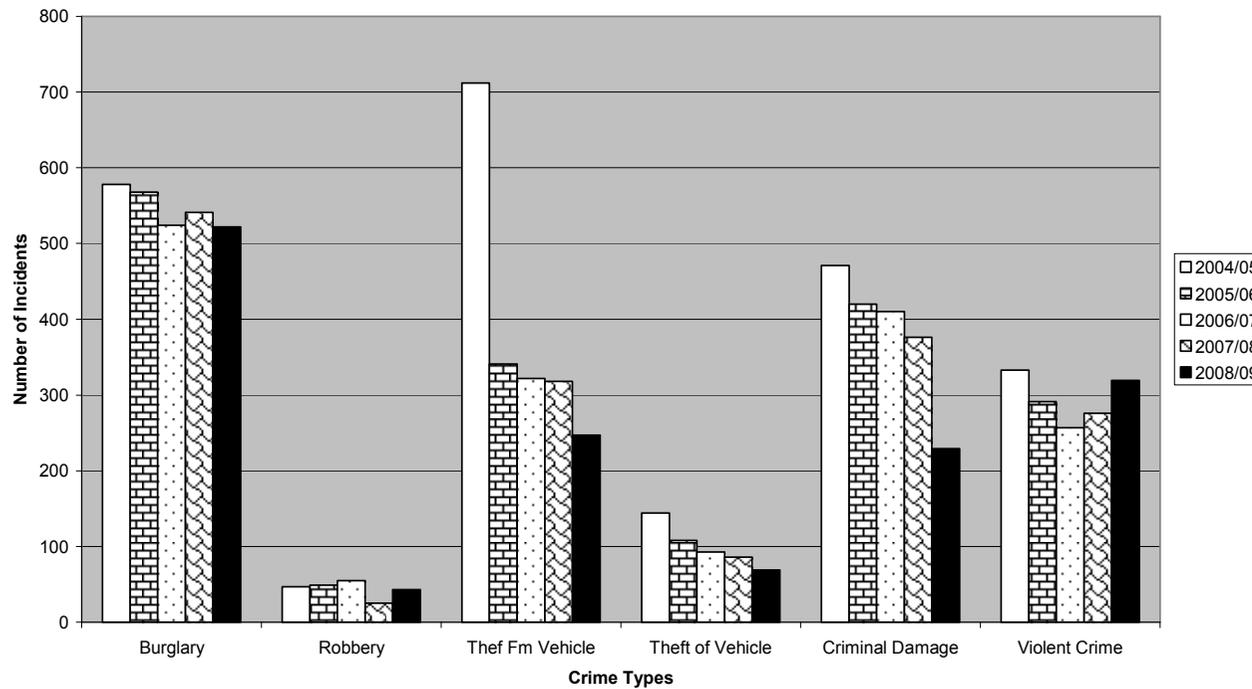
Criminal Damage & Violent Crime 2004-09



Appendix 6

Headingley Ward Crime Types	Years					Variation	
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Difference	Reduction
Burglary	578	568	524	541	522	56	10%
Robbery	47	49	55	25	43	4	9%
Theft Fm Vehicle	712	341	322	318	247	465	65%
Theft of Vehicle	144	108	93	86	69	75	52%
Criminal Damage	471	420	410	376	229	242	51%
Violent Crime	333	291	257	276	319	14	4%

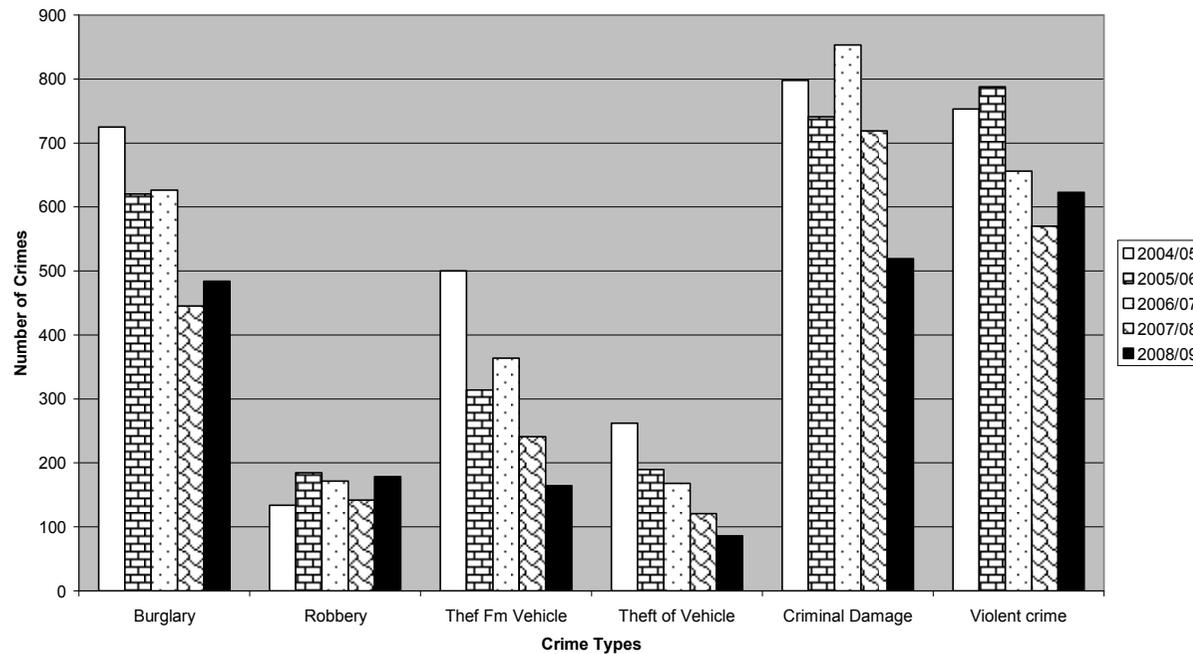
Headingley Ward 2004-09



Appendix 7

Hyde Park & Woodhouse Ward Crime Types	Years					Variation	
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Difference	Reduction
Burglary	725	620	626	445	484	241	33%
Robbery	134	185	172	142	179	-45	-34%
Theft Fm Vehicle	500	314	364	241	165	335	67%
Theft of Vehicle	262	190	168	121	86	176	67%
Criminal Damage	798	741	853	719	519	279	35%
Violent crime	753	788	656	570	623	130	17%

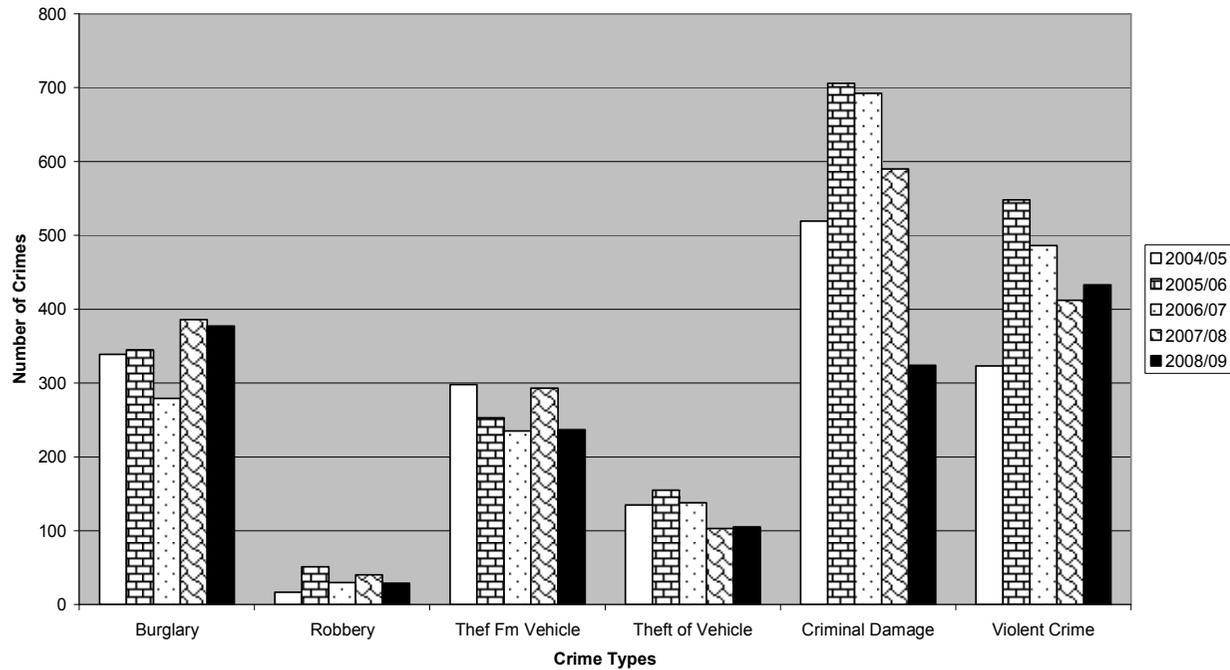
Hyde Park & Woodhouse Ward 2004-09



Appendix 8

Kirkstall Ward	Years					Variation	
Crime Types	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Difference	Reduction
Burglary	339	345	279	386	377	-38	-11%
Robbery	17	51	30	40	29	-12	-71%
Theft Fm Vehicle	298	253	235	293	237	61	20%
Theft of Vehicle	135	155	138	103	105	30	22%
Criminal Damage	519	706	692	590	324	195	38%
Violent Crime	323	548	486	412	433	-110	-34%

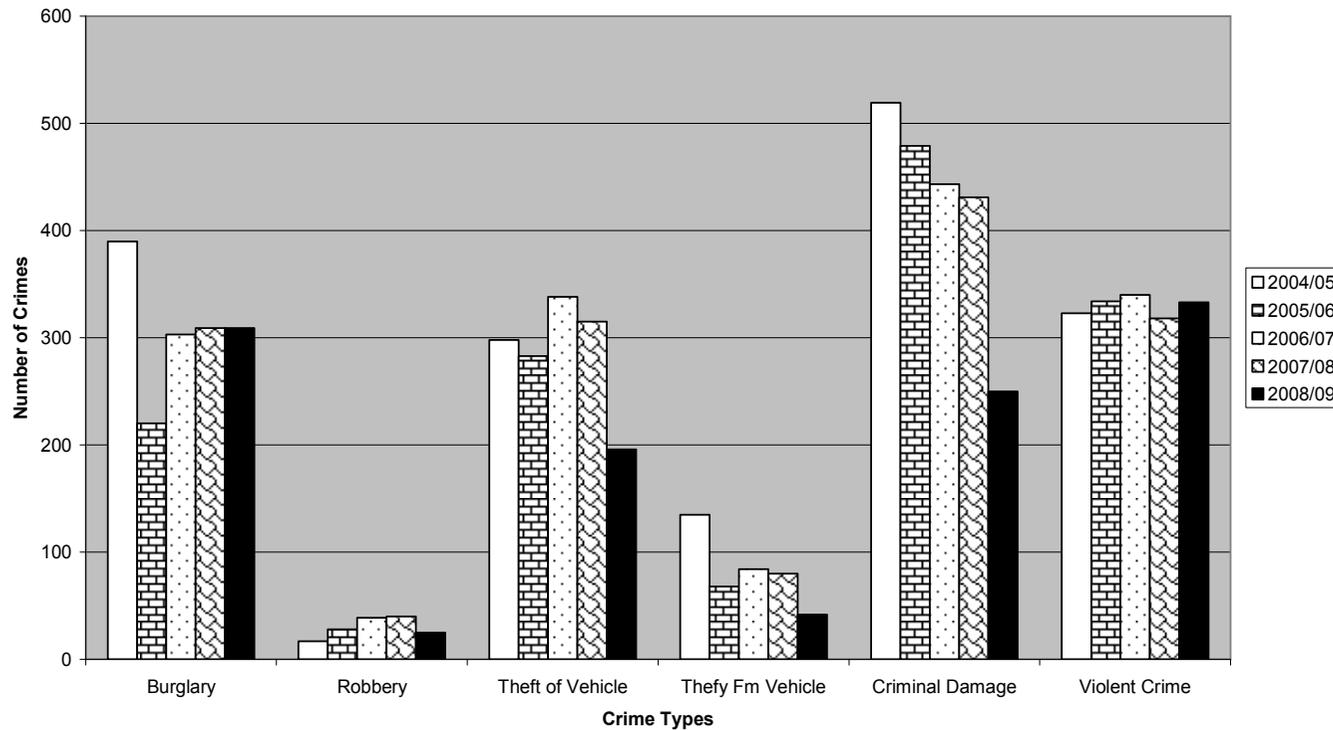
Kirkstall Ward 2004-09



Appendix 9

Weetwood Ward	Years					Variation	
Crime Types	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Difference	Reduction
Burglary	390	220	303	309	309	81	21%
Robbery	17	28	39	40	25	-8	-47%
Theft of Vehicle	298	283	338	315	196	102	34%
Theft Fm Vehicle	135	68	84	80	42	93	69%
Criminal Damage	519	479	443	431	250	269	52%
Violent Crime	323	334	340	318	333	-10	-3%

Weetwood Ward 2004-09



Little London – Drugs Reassurance Project

In June 2008, it was recognised that the drugs issues in Little London had become more prevalent and there was an increase in calls to the Police regarding street drug dealing and queues of drug addicts waiting to buy drugs.

Calls Made Between 1st June 2007 to 31 December 2007 = 30

Calls Made Between 1st January 2008 to 10th July 2008 = 142

This issue was causing fear and upset in the community and immediate action was required by the Police and other partner agencies. A meeting was held with West North West Homes and the Crime and Grime Group linked to the Council.

It was decided that in the short term, the Police would plan a day of action to have maximum disruption of offenders and restore initial confidence in the area. Partner agencies were also invited to take joint action. Please see the results below from 23rd July 2008:

- 6 misuse of drugs act search warrants were executed throughout the day.

- 8 people arrested in total –
 - 3x Possession with intent Class A drugs
 - 1x Possession with intent Class C drugs
 - 1x Possession Class C drugs
 - 2x Theft/ Assault
 - 1x S136 Mental Health Act

- Approx 20 wraps of Class A (heroin) drugs and £400 of Class C drugs (cannabis) recovered.

- Officers stopped and searched over 40 people within the area.

This was a successful day with good results which were publicised in the local community with the assistance of the council who produced and distributed an A5 flyer.

A longer term solution was then required with a more sustained approach.

West North West Homes and the Crime and Grime Group provided £6,000 funding in total for the Police to use both overt and covert tactics in an attempt to stop the demand for drugs and arrest those supplying drugs in the area.
A proactive Sergeant with a crime background was chosen to lead activity on the ground.

Action:

- Stop searches of those suspected of being in possession of drugs in the area.
- Collation of intelligence about drug suppliers.
- Execution of search warrants.
- Arresting “foot “dealers
- Keeping members of the public informed about the results of the work through a series of hand delivered flyers

Results for Phase 1 (Aug 2008)

2x arrests for Possession with Intent to Supply (PWITS) Class A & Class C
Both Charged and granted conditional bail by the courts. Over 60 wraps and £600 of cannabis recovered.

1x arrest for PWITS Class A, assault PCx2 Charged and detained. Remanded into custody.

1x Cannabis Farm. 285 plants recovered. Enquiries ongoing.

Results for Phase 2 (Sept 2008)

1 x arrest for Nuisance calls after youth made a false report of robbery in order to be chased by police. Believed this is a tactic used to tie up resources in order to take spotlight off drug dealing. Youth has been charged and awaiting result from court.

1 x arrest initially for handling stolen goods. Male known to police and has strong links to local dealers. Recent intelligence suggested that he was in fact dealing in the area. Vehicle and occupants searched. No drugs found but suspected stolen property in the vehicle. On conducting a house search, a number of cannabis plants were found. Phone download suggested cultivation for supply. CPS would only run a charge for cultivation. Property seized initially is still being researched for recently reported crimes. Male has bail conditions not to enter Little London.

A combination of high visibility and plain clothes patrols has been used.
The Divisions off-road motorcycles have been used to disrupt dealing on Bagby Fields.

12 Injunctions granted by Court with a full exclusion zone for Little London, to run indefinitely.
A welcome surprise was the addition of a power of arrest for the first 12 months.

35 stops/stop searches conducted.

Enquiries with North East Leeds Police Division (NEL) and drug users show that there has been a lot of displacement into that Division. We have received positive feedback at 2 community events recently regarding the reduction in street dealing. The pressure needs to be maintained as North East Leeds Police Division will no doubt react and attempt to displace the dealers back onto Little London. We will of course continue to target street dealers, users and make it an uncomfortable area for criminals to frequent.

Results of phase 3 (Oct 2008)

Adult male arrested for recall to prison, robbery and possession with intent to supply class A (10 wraps). He has been charged with robbery, recalled to prison and enquiries are continuing re the drug offence.

Adult male detained for a robbery which occurred in NEL division. He has been charged and detained.

Juvenile male arrested for damage to police vehicle. Enquiries are continuing as there were issues with appropriate adults available.

a cannabis farm discovered in Oatlands. 200 plants recovered.

Again a mixture of high visibility and plain clothed tactics. Recent intelligence states that it's getting extremely difficult to purchase drugs in the area as "runners" are being arrested. Many are going to Potternewton Park.

Results of Phase 4 (Nov 2008)

1) An 18yr old male, believed to be involved in dealing was searched (giving false details) on Blackman Lane. Shortly afterwards he began throwing eggs at officers and then at Police van. As officers were driving away, same male threw a large brick at the van. He was chased and arrested. He has been charged with Obstruct Police x2, S4 Public Order Act and Criminal Damage.

2) Adult male, known drug user, arrested after running from officers. Arrested and struggle ensued. He was circulated for two offences of theft and has since been charged.

3) Adult male, seen waiting to be dealt drugs, arrested after being circulated for four offences of theft in City & Holbeck division. He has been charged. States buys his drugs in Little London.

4) Male seen to deal to small group by the playground on Blackman Lane. Approached by officer and struggle ensued. Unfortunately male got away, however CS spray had been used on male and he left his £80 "takings" behind. Enquiries are continuing re this male.

5) Number of nominals, who are believed to be higher up the chain have been stopped, searched and disrupted in the Little London area.

6) Plain clothes officers are managing to blend into the surroundings. So much so, known users are approaching them and either warning them that Police are in the area or telling officers what time the drugs should be arriving. We will be looking at more covert ways of bringing dealers to justice.

An A5 flyer providing upto date results was hand delivered to all the residents in Little London.

Results of Phase 5 (Dec 2008)

2 x warrants executed. Both negative for drugs, however, keeping the pressure on known dealers who remain a persistent problem in the area

40 stop searches, predominantly believed drug users in queues in the area ...3 arrests of males wanted for offences of theft x2 and breach of bail x1.

Unfortunately, we haven't managed to catch any foot dealers in Little London on this occasion; however, we have caught a 26 year old well known dealer in Burley who normally operates his dealing around the Little London, Woodhouse and Hyde Park area. He has been caught with 62 wraps of heroin and cocaine and has been bailed for the forensic examination. This will have a long term, positive knock on effect if we keep taking the foot dealers out.

Results of Phase 6 (Jan 2009)

1) 3 males arrested for possession of cannabis after male suspected of dealing seen getting into a vehicle. Vehicle stopped and searched. 2 received formal cautions for possession.

2) Phase 6 has seen a total of 47 stop searches of known drug users/ offenders.

3) Three males arrested for Taking Vehicle without Consent. The males were sat in a vehicle waiting to purchase a stolen motorcycle. One male had a helmet ready to ride off. Enquiries are continuing.

4) One male arrested whilst injecting. Awaiting forensic results, but charge anticipated.

5) A Little London Day of Action to be planned for spring.

Results of Phase 7 (Feb 2009)

1) An 18yr old local male was arrested and charged with assault PC and PCSO. The PCSO stopped the male, who then proceeded to push the PCSO into a busy main road. PC chased and assisted the PCSO and the male then placed the PC in a headlock and pushed her into the middle of the ring road.

This male has links to drug dealing and street robberies in the area.

- 2) Two males from Lovell Park Towers have been charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs. Both are on conditional bail and awaiting trial. We are continuing to monitor them.
- 3) During phase 7 a total of 58 stop/ searches have been carried out in the Little London area.
- 4) One male arrested for possession with intent to supply Class B (cannabis). He is from Newcastle and was visiting friends. He is currently on bail awaiting forensic and phone work. At the least, he will receive a charge for possession.
- 5) A 21yr old male from Headingley was arrested for possession of "recreation drugs" after being found with "ketamine" & ecstasy. He has been charged and bailed.
- 6) Little London Day of Action has been confirmed on 31/03/2009. A number of warrants are to be executed in the area and pushing up towards Woodhouse.
- 7) Extended tours of duty particularly around Bagby Fields. Due to patrols, two males in their twenties were arrested for a Burglary dwelling at Devon Close. One male has been charged and put before the courts.

The Police anti-social behaviour officer worked with the Anti-social behaviour Unit to collate evidence on 12 individuals who were given injunctions to stay out of the area with the additional power of arrest if they were seen in a certain locality. This was well publicised through a hand delivered flyer posted through every letter box in Little London and showed that we were listening to the publics' complaints that it was the same persistent drug users who were spoiling the image of the area.

After this consistent work in the area, the number of calls to the Police reduced:

Calls made between 11th July 2008 to 2nd October 2008 = 18

A second Day of Action was then planned to consolidate the sustained work during the year and again show a large Police presence with the assistance of partner agencies to make improvements to the area.

Tuesday 31st March 2009 saw the second Little London Day of Action within 12 months. This was a multi agency approach to the continuing issue of drug dealing and ASB within the Little London and Woodhouse ward and we were joined by:

- ASB unit.
- WNW Housing.
- Leeds University Security
- Civilian Warrants.
- Neighbourhood Wardens.

Overall there were 15 stop searches and a total of 5 arrests were made during the day of action.

During the day we executed 7 search warrants in the following addresses:

- 2 in Little London
- 4 in Woodhouse
- 1 in Burley (with links to Little London)

During a search at Devon xxxx, a 15yr old male from the address was arrested after he was found in possession of Class B (cannabis bush). He has been charged and bailed.

A search was conducted at Hartley xxxx. The 23yr old female occupant was arrested after a small square block of white powder was found in the bedroom. Also seized were some small electronic weighing scales and "dealer" bags. The substance was tested and found to be cocaine with an approx street value of £600. Enquiries are continuing.

A 28yr old male was arrested from his partners address on Scott Hall xxxx, on suspicion of Burglary dwelling. He has been bailed pending further enquiries. He currently lives in Little London.

A 21yr old male was arrested fro Breach of ASBO from his home address in Hyde Park. He has had previous involvement with drugs and burglary in Little London area.

A 25yr old female was arrested from her home address in Lovell Park xxxx, Leeds for non payment of fines.

In the afternoon, officers were deployed in High visibility around Woodhouse and Little London on reassurance patrols, supported by Mounted section.

During the afternoon, a call was received that three males had been seen running from Holborn xxxx, Woodhouse carrying bags of cannabis. Officers attended and found the remains of a small cannabis farm in one of the bedrooms. When the call came in the caller stated that they believed it was due to the Police attention in the area. Enquiries are continuing by NPT staff.

Excellent feedback from members of public and also local shopkeepers. The view is that drug dealing has subsided within the area.

Reassurance Mapping

In June 2009, the Police conducted reassurance mapping in the area to consult the residents and establish if the public's fears had reduced.

This work involved door knocking in Little London and taking residents through a survey which asked various questions about the concerns residents had about the area. Some surveys were left with residents to complete and forward to the Police. 800 surveys were distributed. 300 completed surveys were analysed. Some of the issues captured in the document needed immediate action, such as checking on specific addresses. Other areas needed longer term work and the actions have been drawn up to deliver this work. The actions are incorporated into the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Little London, which is directed and monitored through the Crime and Grime group.

In brief, a significant majority of residents felt that, over the last 3 months, crime had stayed the same or decreased across the majority of crime types, with the exception of criminal damage and anti social behaviour, where 21% and 25% respectively felt that things had got worse. It is interesting to note that, despite the work of this initiative, 59% of respondent still felt that drug using and drug dealing were the number one problem in the area and, therefore, the number priority for the Police was to tackle drug using and dealing. Other priorities identified, include; teenagers hanging around, poor street lighting and fly-tipping / rubbish dumping.

This initial exercise is intended as a baseline and future reassurance mapping work is planned, which will allow comparisons to be made.

Crime and Grime Group

The Little London Crime and Grime group is made up Police, partner agencies and resident group representatives. The group has received regular updates relating to the work undertaken during this project and the results.

The Crime & Grime group has supported the police action and established a drug action group to address community and environmental issues related to the increase in drugs trade. Actions from this group included; cutting back vegetation where drugs were hidden, carrying out tenancy checks and rough sleeper checks, cutting off incoming calls from a phone box used by dealers and distributing fridge magnets with police and council numbers on.

They have helped to shape the communication and messages going back into the community about this initiative. The group has reviewed the work undertaken through this initiative and have recently allocated the Police a further £6,000 funding for the drugs work to continue. Due to the success of the initial tactics, a repeat of previous activity is planned. An A5 flyer with some previous results from past arrests along with an appeal for further information has been designed and hand delivered in Little London. It was decided that an action day would help to focus partners and help kick start this phase of the initiative.

A Multi-Agency Day of Action was conducted on Monday 16th November 2009, with the following results:

4 x search warrants executed, including 2 drugs warrants and 2 Theft Act warrants.

1 x arrest, male, age 27, for possession of drugs as a result of the warrant at Oatland Court - cautioned.

Further arrests to be made at Oatland xxxx address after evidence of supply of cannabis after the warrant was executed. Housing will be notified as they are of interest to them.

1 x arrest for non payment of a £1,000 fine.

35 stops and account

15 stop searches

High visibility and a good response from members of the public

Media

Media coverage was sought throughout the proactive work including some of the following headlines in the Yorkshire Evening Post:

“Seven arrests as police raid Leeds homes in drugs blitz” July 2008

“DIRTY DOZEN’ DRUG USERS HIT WITH LITTLE LONDON BAN” Oct 2008

“NPT OPERATION KEEPS UP PRESSURE ON DEALERS” April 2009

We also recognised that not everyone buys a newspaper, therefore hand delivered regular A5 flyers to keep the public informed.

Summary of results

Class A

270 wraps of Cocaine, Crack Cocaine & Heroin Street Value: £3600

Class B & C

130 wraps of Class B & C Street Value: £1800

485 cannabis plants. Street Value: £35k (if plants made it to full yield)

Cash

Total cash seized is in excess of £5000.

Arrests

There have been a total of 25 arrests for drug possession/supply.

Injunctions

12 Injunctions with Powers of Arrest against known drugs users in the area who were causing a nuisance.

In summary:

Drugs to value of **£40 600.**

Cash	£5000+
Drug arrests	25
Total arrests	47
Sentences	20 years (further cases in system awaiting outcome)

Communication

4 lots of A5 flyers hand delivered to all residents in Little London, providing up to date information on the results and encouraging continued reporting of problems. 3 media articles run by Yorkshire Evening Post.

The proactive work is continuing and the key is not to be complacent.