

Operation Champion – 29th to 30th July 2010 – Wythers
Evaluation of Activities



Operation Champion is a planned, intelligence lead multi agency operation aimed at tackling crime and disorder in Leeds. It is a city wide operation and aims to:

- reduce crime and anti social behaviour
- tackle environmental issues such as litter, dumping and graffiti removal, and,
- provide public reassurance and support.

On 29th to 30th July, Operation Champion took place on the Wythers estate in Armley.

The work carried out during Champion was undertaken over 2 days, covering the following activities:

West Yorkshire Police Pudsey Weetwood Division

- 5 arrests for racially aggravated offences, possession of drugs and going equipped when found in possession of molegrips.
- 6 stop/searches conducted
- 5 Form As obtained referring to drug use, nominals lifestyle changes and nominal association
- 4 bags of Cannabis found following execution of a drugs warrant
- Crimestoppers leaflets delivered to all addresses on Wythers/ Wensleydales/Borrowdales, resulting in positive feedback in potential utilisation of Crimestoppers
- Community Speed Watch conducted on Cockshott Lane on both days; 80+ cars found exceeding the speed limit. Warning letters sent.
- Approximately 20-30 children attended activities with agencies including Youth Service/Police at Wyther Community House.

West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council – (ASB)

2 staff worked the course of the operation conducting visits to victims of hate crime at 4 local shops on Raynville Road. Statements were taken and 4 persons arrested by Police, 2 still sought. 5 of 6 are all Council tenants. ASB Unit to make referrals to

support agencies (PAYP and Signpost). Victim Support offered their services and these were accepted. Further racist abuse was witnessed by a female whilst present on premises.

On day two visits were conducted to witnesses to the above and further statements taken.

Two youths received harassment warnings to date. ASB interventions will follow for all youths and follow up to be done by WNWV and TET. The victims of the racist attacks were very pleased to see positive action in the area. 18 people were engaged with.

Environmental Action Team

4 staff were involved in the operation undertaking the environmental audit, dealing with waste in gardens, overgrown hedges, noise nuisance and providing general advice. Over 50 people were engaged with. 30 gardens were cleared and hedges cut back resulting in a cleaner, greener and safer environment.

West Yorkshire Fire Service

One member of staff undertook a leaflet drop on Borrowdale Crescent and Wensleydale Crescent advising residents of fire safety and advertising home fire safety checks. 20 people were engaged with.

Victim Support

One member of staff worked one and a half days of the operation knocking on people's doors providing reassurance and leaflets about the service. 15 households and 4 shop owners were visited. New clients were informed about resolutions that could be evoked to enhance their social environment. 2 new referrals are being followed up.

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Unfortunately no staffing could be provided for this operation.

West North West Homes

4 estate caretakers and 2 Neighbourhood Housing Officers worked both days of the operation undertaking annual and new tenancy visits. The caretakers also cleared a large amount of rubbish from the estate as well as clearing a number of gardens. 30 people were engaged with over the two days and this number is higher than expected. As a result the estate is looking much cleaner and tidier. Issues arising from annual home visits and new tenancy visits will be followed up.

Youth Service and BARCA

Laid on 3 hours of provision at Wyther Community House providing Sumo Suits activity for ages 6 – 65 yrs. 20 people were involved. Participants appeared to enjoy themselves and it succeeded in bringing members of the community together.

BARCA arranged for 2 sessions with their Play Assorted Team offering a range of activities for younger children aged between 7 – 12 years at the Community House

Her Majesty's Court Service

No staffing could be provided for this operation.

Area Management and Safer Leeds

Organised the co-ordination of Operation Champion and collated the feedback report.