

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2012

Subject: Annual Community safety Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Kirkstall, Weetwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. This report provides crime statistics for Inner North West Leeds and details of key activity to address crime and anti social behaviour issues. The report recognises the fall in crime in three of the four Inner North West wards and the work undertaken to address the rise in crime in Hyde Park and Woodhouse ward.

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - a. Note the contents of the report and offer comments
 - b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report is the annual community safety report, providing Members with details of the community safety activity undertaken during the last 12 months. The report will also provide details of crime data, making comparisons with previous years.

2 Background information

- 2.1 A number of factors have a bearing on crime, criminologists have placed these factors into three broad categories:

- A suitable target or opportunity, for example: valuable items which can be removed relatively easily such as laptops near an open window, vehicles with unlocked doors and a valuable item on show, etc
- A motivated offender, for example: someone whose values or beliefs make stealing acceptable, drug dependency, someone motivated by greed, etc
- A low likelihood of getting caught, for example: no Police or security guards, a neighbourhood with a low level of reporting crime, no natural street surveillance, etc

- 2.2 Traditional problem solving techniques aim to reduce crime by impacting on these three categories:

- Working to educate the victim (leaflet drops, face to face crime prevention advice, etc)
- Tackle the offender (known as offender management; visit known offenders, tenancy action, curfews, criminal sanctions – prison, etc)
- Undertake community based work to improve natural surveillance such as community engagement and capacity building to increase reporting (eg neighbourhood watch), environmental works such as cutting hedges back, secure by design, etc)

- 2.3 However it should be acknowledged that other factors also have a bearing on crime;

- Seasons
- 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 crime figures. For example, where six cars are damaged in a street, this would lead to six reports of criminal damage.

- 2.5 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is a multi agency partnership chaired by the Police and West North West Homes and includes partners from Fire Service, Leeds University, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service, Safer Leeds and Community Safety Lead Member representatives from each of the four Area Committees in West North West Leeds. The Partnership meets four times a

year and sets the strategic direction for partnership work, examining performance and agreeing priorities. The work of the group is accountable to the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, who receives regular reports of the activity undertaken.

3 Summary of key Actions

3.1 The following key actions have been delivered through the Divisional Community Safety Partnership during the last 12 months:

3.2 Multi Agency Tasking. This group meets monthly and it's membership includes; Safer Leeds (Co-chair), Police (Co-chair), Area Management, West North West Homes, Fire Service, Youth service, Attendance Management, Environmental Action Team, both Universities and Leeds ASB Team. The group aims to direct partnership resources to tackle the priorities set by the Divisional Partnership and from local agency intelligence.

Examples of the work undertaken by the Multi Agency Tasking group during the period September 2011 – August 2012 includes:

- Planning and delivering action days to tackle specific problems; action days were held in the following areas: Granbys, Hyde Park, Hawksworth Wood, Woodhouse, Little Woodhouse and the Iveson / Tinshill.
- Tackling anti social behaviour problems at Haddon Public House with late parties, nuisance fires in the Autumns in Hyde Park, rowdy behaviour on Queens Road and Ivesons / Tinshills, Speeding taxis on Beckett Campus to name a few.
- Police crime reduction training delivered to 48 staff across the partnership including Housing Officers, University Security Staff and other partners
- planning and contributing to 12 months of community engagements events held across Inner North West. Partners used these events to engage with residents about crime, grime and anti social behaviour priorities and work being undertaken in communities.

3.3 Burglary remains a high priority for the Division and during the last 12 months the Partnership held three outcome based accountability sessions to look at burglary in more detail in Hyde Park, Hawksworth Wood and Headingley. The Sessions brought a number of partners and Members together to look at:

- The statistics for burglary
- The local factors driving burglary
- What multi agency actions can be delivered to address these factors

Following the Outcome Based Accountability meeting a multi agency burglary plan was developed for each area. Examples of work delivered through these plans include:

- Delivering crime reduction training to housing Officers to incorporate into estate walkabouts
- Promote Immobilise.com (see 3.5) through the partnership to increase registrations to the national property database

- Identifying and securing the funding for Radio Tactics equipment which is used to register property onto Immobilise.com and onto the national property database
- Managing the multi agency work in these areas to maximise the impact on burglary; action days to have a burglary focus for example
- Identify and secure funding for target hardening of properties to address the Euro Cylinder problem
- Arrange environmental audits of the areas to address any environmental issues impacting on burglary for example overgrown hedges, obscured street lighting, broken street lighting, etc
- Co-ordinate engagement with residents to offer crime reduction advice and encouraging residents to form neighbourhood watches and attend Partners and Community Together (PACT) meetings
- Taking tenancy enforcement action against prolific offenders and the introduction of a local lettings policy in Hawksworth Wood to manage offending behaviour and provide incentives to engage with support agencies

3.4 Multi agency action days are delivered in partnership and aim to tackle crime, anti social behaviour and environmental issues within an agreed area. During the action day a number of agencies come together to focus their activity in this geographical area, joining together to have a greater impact. Considerable effort goes into preparation for an action day and also in taking forward the work from the day itself. During the last 12 months, 8 action days have been held in the Inner area focusing on Hyde Park, Burley, Hawksworth Wood, Woodhouse and Ivesons / Tinshills. The combined results for the year include:

- Over 500 ASB leaflets distributed to increase and encourage reporting
- Over 60 vehicles stopped
- 26 fixed penalty notices issued and 6 vehicles seized, 2 DVLA tickets issued
- 63 ASB complainant visits
- Over 500 tenancy visits by West North West Homes
- Over 500 leaflets promoting home fire safety checks from Fire Service
- over 100 smoke detectors installed
- 5 locations cleared of rubbish
- 12 locations cleared of graffiti
- 7 arrests

3.5 Immobilise.com. During the last 12 months Safer Leeds and WNW Homes have funded equipment used by the Neighbourhood Policing Team to provide easy access to Immobilise.com which is the world largest register of property. Immobilise.com links to the Police National Property database and is successful in returning over 250 items back to their rightful owners every week. There are two types of equipment purchased through this initiative. The first is called Hermes and its sole purpose is to make it easier to create an immobilise.com account and then register property onto the account using a barcode scanner which automatically registers model and serial numbers of property such as phones, games consoles, laptops, etc. Where a barcode is not present these details can also be entered manually. The second piece of equipment is called Apollo and is only available to the Police. This equipment is

used to identify whether property (logged on the Police National Property database) has been reported lost or stolen. The Apollo is used on visits to second hand stores, the execution of warrants and is available in the Police property stores. Leeds Met University and Leeds University have also invested in this equipment with the aim of signing all students upto Immobilise.com and assisting students in registering their property. Over the last 12 months over 10,000 registrations have been undertaken by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Leeds Met, Leeds University and Trinity.

- 3.6 Local Lettings Policy. In March 2012 a local lettings policy was introduced in Hawksworth Wood to reduce the choice of offenders to live in Council accommodation in areas where they are offending. The policy draws a boundary around a geographical area and asks applicants who want to be rehoused in 1 bedroom accommodation in this area to undergo a check against the Councils asb database and Police systems. Where someone fails this test their housing application is bypassed for the property and a referral is made to Signpost who offer support to address offending behaviour.
- 3.7 Operation Optimal. This initiative was introduced in February 2012 by West Yorkshire Police. The initiative looks at where recent burglaries have occurred and then maps areas of concern down to street level. Police patrols are then deployed to these streets to reduce the number of burglaries. This analysis is also shared with partners at the Universities, Fire Service and Council who will give these areas extra attention. Where burglaries do occur the victim is visited and provided with crime reduction advice and signed upto immobilise.com. Neighbouring properties (back, front and either side) are also visited, offered crime reduction advice and signed upto Immobilise.com, if appropriate.
- 3.8 Off Road Bikes. The cost of this project is shared across the four Area Committee areas, with each Area Committee contributing £1,500 per annum towards the running costs of two vehicles. The Bikes are deployed across the Division to patrol greenspaces or to target specific problems. The vehicles are effective in reducing anti social behaviour and low level crime, particularly on green spaces providing reassurance to those using parks and greenspaces. The vehicles have also been used during specific initiatives such as action days or more focused initiatives in conjunction with the council's Park Ranger Service. A dedicated (answer phone) telephone number has been set up for the service (0113 2395092) to deal with calls about nuisance bikes and this number is publicised in community newsletters and the Police Neighbourhood Policing Team Website.
- 3.9 CCTV. The Area Committee supported the permanent citing of two CCTV cameras in Hyde Park (Headingley ward). The cameras are monitored by LeedsWatch based within Safer Leeds. There are additional cameras in Hawksworth Wood, Headingley Town Centre and Hyde Park Corner. CCTV footage has been used in relation to 11 arrests within Inner North West Leeds, for a variety of offences including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, sexual assault, outraging public decency, offensive weapons, drug offences and public disorder, more detailed information about CCTV is contained at 4.0.
- 3.10 Operation Walksafe. This is a joint operation between the Police and the Universities security staff and targets patrols to burglary and robbery hotspots. The Operation is

about sharing intelligence to maximise impact by not duplicating functions. For example Police will patrol different areas to those patrolled by security staff. A joint briefing is held before each patrol and Intelligence about where crimes have been committed will feed into the patrols for the next day. The Operation runs in September each year and is planned in conjunction with the Universities and colleges.

3.11 Hate Crime Marac. This multi agency meeting meets each month to look at hate crime incidents across the Division. The meeting is chaired and supported by Safer Leeds and seeks to support victims, take firm action against perpetrators and address any location based issues which need additional attention, through action days for example. During the last 12 months 41 cases have been discussed at this meeting.

3.12 Offender Management. In January 2012 West Yorkshire Police and Safer Leeds arranged for a number of partners to come together and look at what additional focused support could be provided to individuals involved in burglary and other priority crime. The group is chaired by Safer Leeds with support from the Divisional Neighbourhood Policing Support Team and brings together representatives from Sign Post, Probation, Youth Offending Service, WNW Homes, Leeds ASB Team, Connexions and Attendance Management. The group seeks to address the support needs of individuals and families to help them to stop offending, this support could be through training opportunities provided through Connexions, additional support by Youth Offending Service, Signpost working with the family offering intensive support. Since its inception the group has discussed 16 individuals and taken 6 individuals off the list due to either engagement with services and reduction in offending or incarceration (resulting in a reduction in offending). The list of individuals is fluid with about 10 on the list at any given time.

3.13 Community Payback. In August 2011, Safer Leeds drew up a contract to work with Community Payback to clear binyards in Woodhouse. The project was part of the burglary reduction plan for Woodhouse. The intention was to undertake the project in partnership with Refuse Service and WNW Homes, with:

- Community Payback providing the labour force
- refuse service agreeing to waiver the tipping charges
- WNW Homes providing a vehicle and operational support (in completing risk assessment, providing overalls, etc)

The Project successfully cleared the binyards in Woodhouse and Hyde Park. With 19 tonnes of rubbish removed from the area with all binyards clear at the end of the project and actively monitored to keep them clear.

4.0 CCTV

4.1 LeedsWatch' provides a monitoring service for public space surveillance cameras covering open spaces across Leeds. The CCTV control room is staffed, and cameras are recorded 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The service also provides two mobile CCTV vehicles for deployment within communities across Leeds. The main objective of the service is to reduce crime and the fear of crime through the use of CCTV technology, leading to improved crime prevention, and an increase in the detection and prosecution of offenders. The LeedsWatch service works in partnership with a

large number of internal and external partners such as; Urban Traffic Control (UTC), Emergency Planning, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), West Yorkshire Police, WY METRO and other Local Authorities across the West Yorkshire sub-region

- 4.2 CCTV is one of a number of Service functions delegated to Area Committees. The Area Committee's role in relation to this function is to 'maintain an overview of the service in the Committee area and receive regular information about it.' There are currently a total of 9 public space surveillance CCTV camera's monitoring the Inner North West Committee Area, via the Central CCTV Control Room at Middleton, they are located in the following areas:

Hawksworth Park – Burley Road Car Park – Headingley – Hyde Park

- 4.3 Within the Inner North West Committee Area there has been a total of 11 arrests on camera for offences of burglary (2 arrests) public order 6 arrests, assault 1 arrest and 2 arrests for driving over the prescribed limit recorded between April 2011 and March 2012. CCTV footage has been requested in relation to 132 further incidents within the Inner North West area for a various number of offences which provides evidence in relation to the criminal investigations relevant to identification of suspect(s).
- 4.4 Within the last 12 months the mobile vans have been deployed for a total of 4 months within the Pudsey / Weetwood Policing Area and patrols have been deployed in specific areas highlighted by the police in relation to identified crime 'hot spots'. The vehicles are evenly deployed throughout the year between the three policing divisional areas. The deployment of the mobile vans is co-ordinated by the police. The service this year has undertaken a critical role in the delivery of the Leeds Burglary Reduction programme, assisting with the identification and detection of offenders using the City wide LeedsWatch network, mobile CCTV vans and the West Yorkshire Police Automatic Number Plate Recognition (APNR) system to detect cross boundary offenders and supporting city wide and locality based operations.
- 4.5 Improving the Out of Hours Noise Nuisance service – Noise nuisance is a major cause for concern across the city. This service was transferred from Environmental Services in April 2012. The out of hours noise nuisance service supports the work of the Leeds ASB Teams by providing evidence in relation to noise nuisance cases.
- 4.6 Supporting the city's most vulnerable residents is also a priority. The LeedsWatch service is now responsible for providing a first response to Care Ring alarms. On call 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, this service responds to alarms from mainly elderly clients who may have fallen or find themselves in need of support. Officers attend to the alarm call and contact emergency services, family members or other appropriate individuals, staying with the client to provide support and re-assurance until further help arrives.
- 4.7 The LeedsWatch service is now responsible for the delivery of a number additional service responsibilities. In order to ensure that the service is making the best use of its resources, a full service restructure has now commenced with a view to offering best value for the department. In particular discussions are still taking place with the Anti-Social Behaviour Teams, Environmental services, West Yorkshire Police and the ALMOs to look at how the various services can better linked together to improve

service delivery, collate accurate information for service users and to provide a more pro-active response to issues of public concern, through improved collating of data / information and intelligence sharing between agencies.

5.0 Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team

- 5.1 Following a 14 month city wide review into how partner agencies across Leeds work together to tackle anti-social behaviour, the newly re-structured, multi-agency, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) became fully operational on Monday 4th April 2011. There are three area based teams, covering the East, West and South of the City. The West Team comprises of staff drawn from Leeds City Council, West North West homes Leeds, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and Victim Support.
- 5.2 All anti-social behaviour (ASB) cases are managed within the team from 'cradle to grave', and ASB Case Officers cover defined area based patches. The team works closely with a range of agencies to tackle ASB, provide support, and improve community safety within estates across all tenure types
- 5.3 A full evaluation of the first 12 months of the new service has been undertaken that has surpassed expectation and is showing significant improvements in our collective response to ASB.
- 5.4 Performance Data

Enquiries are requests for service from the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and come via the contact centre, the local housing office, West Yorkshire Police, Stop Hate UK and elected members and MP's. The service standard for response is 1 or 2 working days dependent on the nature of the behaviour being reported.

1 & 2 Day response to Enquiries from Contact Centre -

1009 enquires were received in 2011/12. 79.8% of these enquiries relate to ALMO properties.

70.2% of enquiries were responded to within service standards. 29.4% did not record a one or two day response (noting not all enquiries logged as an LASBT enquiry type are allocated to LASBT).

SSTD3 – Initial Contact with Customer – (service standard 10 days)

The year end cumulative performance for this measure is 78.5% of customers were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

SSTD5 – 10 day Customer Update – (service standard every 10 days)

The year end cumulative performance for this measure is 81.6% of customers were contacted every 10 days.

SSTD4 – Initial Contact with Perpetrator – (service standard 10 days)

The year end cumulative performance for this measure is 75.5% of perpetrators were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

5.5 Customer Satisfaction Surveys are undertaken when a case has been open for a period of four weeks. Feedback from customers is one of the most important measures of what's been done well, how well the team are performing and what needs to be done to improve the service for the future. All outcomes from Customer Surveys are shared with the team to enable learning, and the sharing of good practice.

5.6 In addition to the four week customer satisfaction survey, a survey is also undertaken within 28 days of the case closure. This contact ensures that there are no further ASB issues, and gauges satisfaction levels once the case has closed.

The performance data for 2011/12 is shown below;

Customer Satisfaction with service - 4 week case onset survey –

75% of respondents stated they were either satisfied, or very satisfied with the service they had received although note that the team achieved 100% performance in January, February and March.

Customer Satisfaction with service – Closed Case survey -

81% of respondents stated they were either satisfied, or very satisfied with the service they had received. 88.8% of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with the investigation carried out by the Case Officer.

5.7 ASB Caseload

The table below shows a breakdown of the cases investigated in the Inner North West area during 2011/2012.

Ward Boundaries	Number of Cases Investigated
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	26
Headingley	6
Kirkstall	66
Weetwood	21

5.8 ASB Case Studies by Ward Area

This section provides a summary of some of the ASB cases that have been investigated by the team during 2011/2012.

Hyde Park and Woodhouse

- A tenant was evicted following the supply of class A, B and C drugs from their WNW property.
- An Injunction was obtained for harassment of a vulnerable tenant.
- LASBT is currently working with West Yorkshire Police looking at issues of street crime. Nominals have been identified and all have been interviewed by LASBT and warnings issued against their tenancies.

Headingley

- A Housing Caution was served on a tenant following complaints of loud music and aggressive behaviour.

- A possession case is currently going through court on a tenant who was using her property to cultivate cannabis.
- Installed noise monitoring equipment- noise from students

Kirkstall

- A tenant was evicted due to aggressive, intimidating and racially abusive behaviour to local residents in the street. An injunction which was previously granted was breached which led to the possession action.
- LASBT has worked closely with social care and has referred a family to Signpost for a Family Intervention Tenancy following reports of assault and drug use. There have been no further reports of anti-social behaviour since this time.
- A possession order is currently going through the courts after continuous reports of loud music were received. This resulted in a noise abatement notice being served and subsequently breached which in turn led to several seizures of noise equipment.

Weetwood

- A suspended possession order was obtained on a tenant for cannabis cultivation
- A Housing Caution was served on a perpetrator of a hate crime. This also resulted in a great deal of proactive work within the community including the local school. The case was referred to the Hate Crime MARAC and the victim was awarded priority status for rehousing.

5.9 Domestic Noise Service

Officers dealing with domestic noise nuisance, previously in the Environmental Protection Team, moved across to the Leeds ASB Team on 1st October 2012. The three Officers who moved across are now managed by the ASB Team Managers and work closely with LASBT West Case Officers. There are cases which are a complex mix of noise and anti social behaviour and Officers are working jointly on these cases. Work has started to rewrite procedures which aim to offer the most effective and efficient outcome for victims. However, this joint working practice is already in place and has led to improved outcomes when dealing with cases where domestic noise is associated with anti-social behaviour. Officers are working together by undertaking joint visits and installing noise monitoring equipment quicker in appropriate cases. Cases involving just domestic noise such as loud music where a statutory noise nuisance has been proved are now being taken down a tenancy enforcement route presenting a much quicker outcome as information is being shared more effectively.

One of the major changes already implemented is giving the ALMO responsibility for investigating domestic noise complaints as a tenancy management breach. If the ALMO have undertaken the initial investigation and taken appropriate measures and the noise continues, the case can then be referred to LASBT as per existing referral procedures.

5.10 Community Ownership

Above are just a few examples of how working with residents within our communities enables us to tackle ASB effectively. Feedback from victims and community advocates, attendance at community meetings, multi-agency tasking, intervention panels and community forums are all helping partners to better understand how ASB

affects different communities and how early intervention and support can impact on reported problems.

Community groups were consulted regarding the revised ASB policy and procedure document and able to influence its final draft. West North West homes Leeds has a Tenancy Management Service Improvement Group and a Customer Sounding Board. The ASB Manager attends these meetings and all new policies, procedures and initiatives are discussed with customers and their input is a valuable contribution to new and ongoing work.

5.11 The journey undertaken in Leeds has significantly improved our collective response to anti-social behaviour, for both the services involved in responding to ASB and more importantly the victims themselves.

6.0 Analysis of Crime Figures

6.1 Appendix 1 provides an overview of crime figures for all 4 wards which make up Inner North West Leeds (Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Kirkstall and Weetwood). The figures presented cover the period April 2009 – March 2012 and relate to all crime types, including Fraud & Forgery, handling stolen goods, sexual offences and other thefts.

6.2 During this period crime has fallen in three of the four wards, with significant reductions delivered in Kirkstall ward (397 fewer crimes, a 15% reduction) and Headingley Ward (151 fewer crimes, 7% reduction). Hyde Park ward did experience a 4% increase in overall crime and work is underway to address this. Despite this increase, crime is still lower than it was in 2009/10 (3280 crimes in 2009/10 compared to 2946 crimes in 2011/12). This is a reduction of 334 crimes over this period (10%). It is important to note that these figures include all crimes as mentioned above. The following paragraphs will explore these outcomes in more detail.

6.3 The subsequent Appendices (numbered 2 – 5) will concentrate on the following crime types: burglary, robbery, theft of and theft from vehicles, criminal damage and violent crime.

6.4 Appendix 2, provides an overview for Headingley ward and shows that all crime reduced, except burglary dwelling which increased by 16 (4%) when compared to 2010/11. Despite this increase in 2011/12, burglary reduced over the 3 year period (544 offences in 2009/10 compared to 406 offences in 2011/12). During this period, the following work was delivered in Headingley:

- An action day in the Granbys focusing on engagement with residents about noise and anti social behaviour
- three action days were held in the Harolds, Thornevilles and Victoria Road area tackling graffiti, overgrown hedges and other environmental issues (broken streetlights, potholes, etc)
- All the binyards in the Harolds, Thornevilles and surrounding streets were cleared by Community Payback
- Operation Allison concentrated on the Ash Road area providing crime reduction advice and promoting / signing up residents to immobilise.com

6.5 Hyde Park & Woodhouse ward saw an increase of 167 offences for burglary (38%), appendix 3. Comparisons with 2009/10 show that over the 3 year period burglary has reduced overall with 697 burglaries recorded in 2009/10 compared to 596 burglaries in 2011/12, a reduction of 101 (7%) . A significant amount of work goes into reducing burglary in Inner north west Leeds. During this period the following work has been delivered:

- Operation Optimal - visits to burglary victims and their neighbours and target patrols to hotspot areas
- Operation Allison - peer-to-peer door knocking providing crime reduction advice
- Promotion of Immobilise.com property marking, including door knocking students in University premises to increase sign-ups before students move out of halls of residence
- An environmental visual audit undertaken of the area to identify and refer on any environmental issues impacting on crime and the fear of crime for example overgrown hedges, obscured or broken street lighting, graffiti, untidy communal areas, etc
- three action days concentrating partnership attention to the area to tackle crime and environmental issues such as binyards, overgrown hedges, broken street lights, graffiti
- Operation Bullseye targeting receivers of stolen good including the Apollo scanning equipment to be used on warrants
- Crime reduction training delivered to housing officers and other partners for use in estate walkabouts
- Work through the University Student Union to educate students about leaving doors / windows open through the knowledge website and social media

6.6 During this period robberies also rose in Hyde Park & Woodhouse, from 143 in 2010/11 to 184 in 2011/12 an increase of 41 (28%). During the last year a significant amount of work was undertaken to target individuals involved in committing robberies:

- Operation Walksafe focusing Police and University patrols to robbery hotspots. Regular briefings between University security staff and Police to refresh these patrols and undertaken them in partnership using upto date robbery hotspot information to direct patrols
- Utilising the Knowledge website and social media to provide messages about keeping safe
- recommendations about use of GPS software apps on mobile phones
- promoting immboilise.com and signing up local residents and students so property is registered

6.7 Kirkstall ward experienced a decrease across all crime types during this period, Appendix 4. This follows an increase during the previous year and the additional work and effort during the previous 12 months has lead to this decrease, examples include:

- Three action days engaging with residents about crime and anti social behaviour in Hawksworth Wood (2 separate occasions) and Burley
- The introduction of a local lettings policy for Hawksworth Wood
- An environmental visual audit of Burley (Haddons and surrounding streets) undertaken to identify and refer any environmental issues impacting on crime and the fear of crime for example overgrown hedges, obscured or broken street lighting, graffiti, untidy communal areas, etc

6.8 Appendix 5 shows an increase in robbery, criminal damage and violent crime in Weetwood ward during this period. Robbery increased by 15 offences (62%) during this period, some of these offences related to pupils at school. Criminal damage and violent crime also increased during this period with an increase of 16 offences (7%) and 12 offences (6%) respectively.

- Safer School Officer talk to pupils about student safety and awareness
- An action day was held in the Iveson / Tinshill area to address environmental issues and raise awareness about reporting hate crime issues.
- An action day was also held in the Beckett park area focusing on burglary and anti social behaviour, this was delivered through Operation Allison peer to peer discussions and crime reduction advice.

7 Corporate Considerations

7.1 Consultation and Engagement

The projects highlighted in this report will include consultation and engagement under the theme of crime and anti social behaviour with the aim of providing crime reduction advice and to increase reporting.

7.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

Engagement events and projects take account of equality and diversity in their delivery. Considerations such as date, time, venue, access all have an impact on equality and diversity in relation to ensuring events are accessible to all members of the community.

7.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

Effectively tackling crime and anti social behaviour is a strategic priority in the Safer Leeds Plan 2011-2015.

7.4 Resources and Value for Money

Projects and work highlighted in this report have been funded through a mixture of Safer Leeds, Area Committee, West North West Homes and both Universities. Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

7.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

There are no legal implications or access to information issues for this report. This report is not subject for call in.

7.6 Risk Management

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

8 Conclusions

- 8.1 Burglary continues to be a concern for the Inner North West area and considerable partnership work is delivered to address burglary hotspots. Specific work has been delivered in Hawksworth Wood, Headingley and Hyde Park using the Outcome Based Accountability model to identify the issues impacting on burglary in these areas and creating actions to address high levels of burglary. Actions plans have been used to introduce new initiatives and pieces of work to address specific problems in each of the localities and the continued support from Members to tackle burglary is welcomed.
- 8.2 Whilst Hyde Park saw an increase in burglary, more recent figures have shown an improvement in these figures and shows that the initiatives and actions introduced into the area are delivering better outcomes. The area continues to present many challenges in other areas of community safety anti social behaviour in the form of noise and rowdy behaviour continues to present many challenges for partners working in this area. New developments in how noise nuisance is dealt with and partnership working will address some of these issues. Examples of this include action days and smarter working with residents in holding welcome meetings, communicating expected behaviour through door to door engagement / letters, working with landlords to highlight concerns and trying new ways of working including coming back to residents to evaluate and review these initiatives, seeking to improve for future years.

9.0 Recommendations

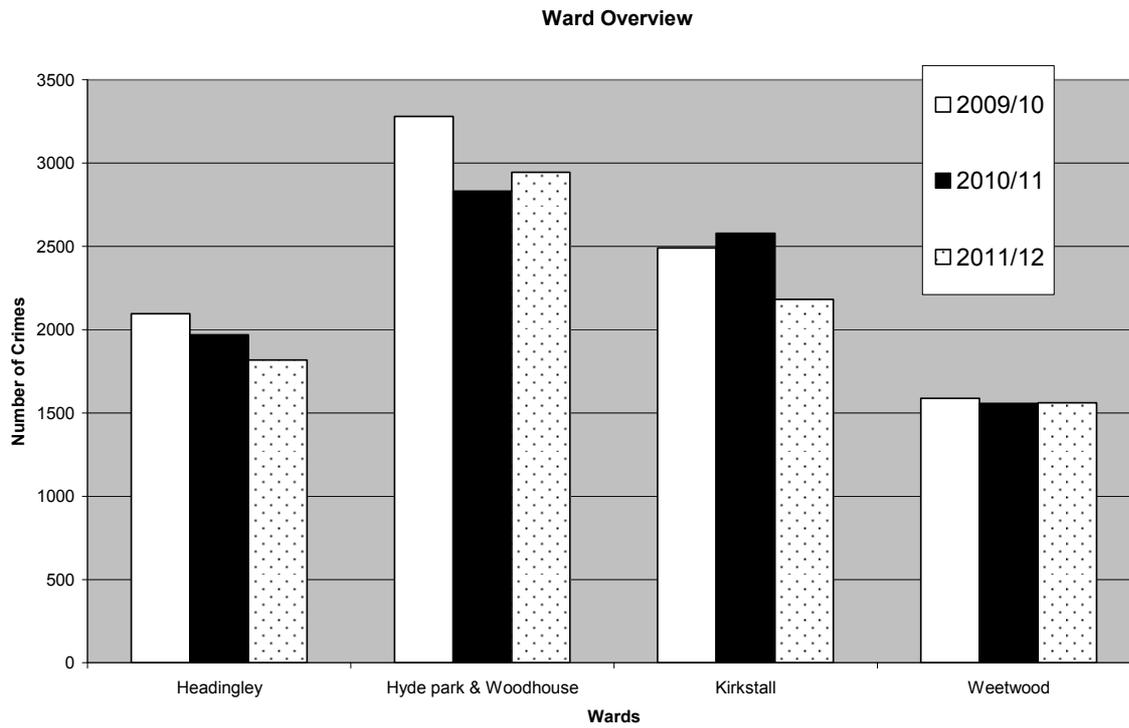
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10.0 Background documents

- 10.1 None

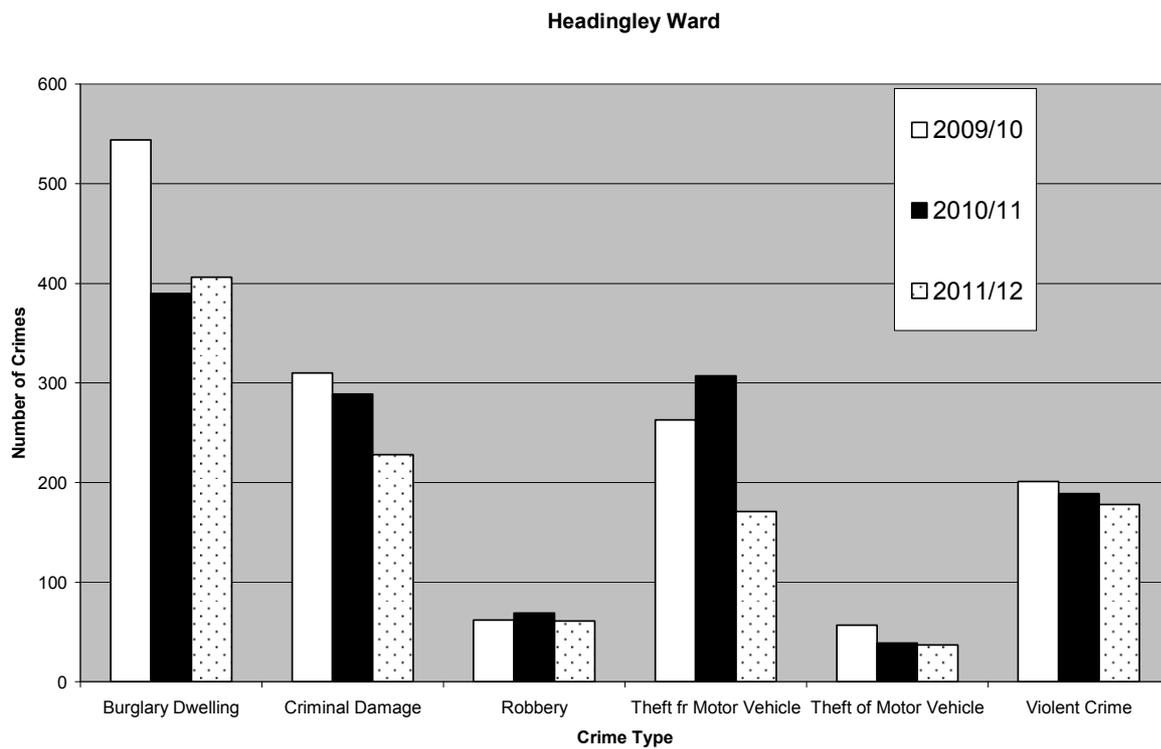
Appendix 1

Ward Name	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	# Difference	% Difference
Headingley	2095	1969	1818	-151	-7
Hyde park & Woodhouse	3280	2831	2946	115	4
Kirkstall	2490	2578	2181	-397	-15
Weetwood	1588	1558	1562	4	0



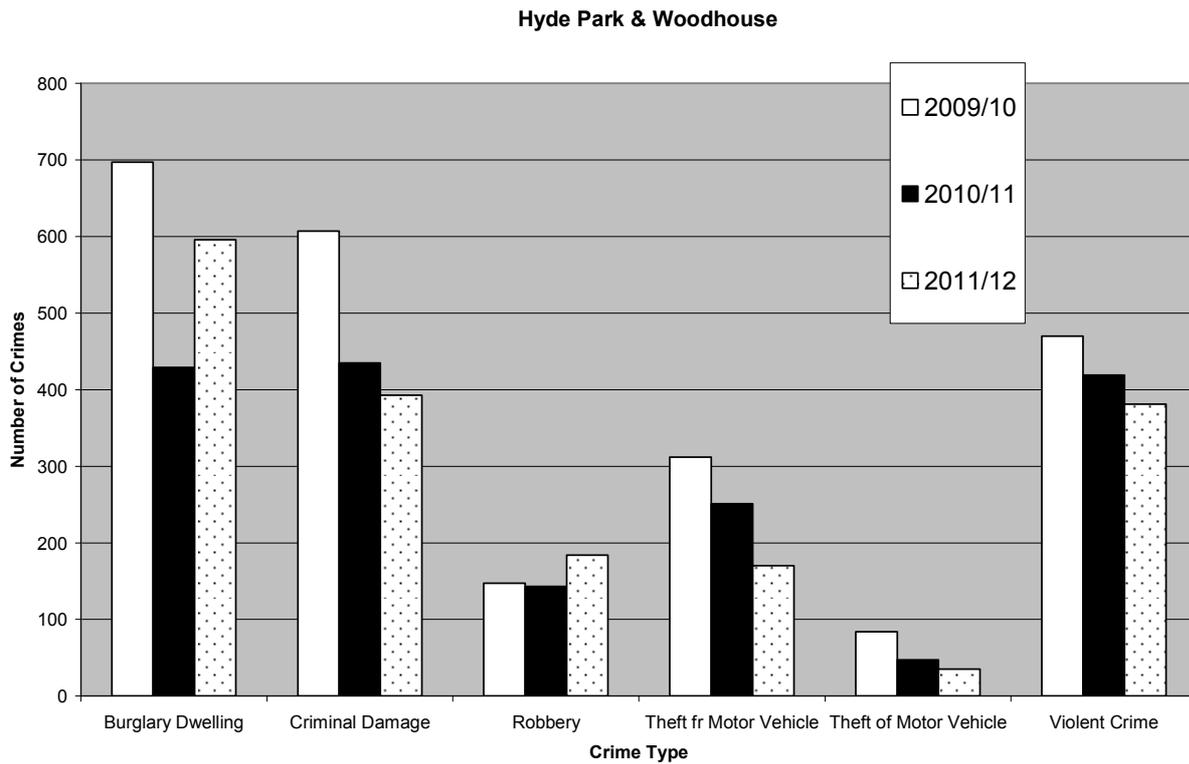
Appendix 2

Headingley Ward	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	# Difference	% Difference
Burglary Dwelling	544	390	406	16	4
Criminal Damage	310	289	228	-61	-21
Robbery	62	69	61	-8	-11
Theft fr Motor Vehicle	263	307	171	-136	-44
Theft of Motor Vehicle	57	39	37	-2	-5
Violent Crime	201	189	178	-11	-6



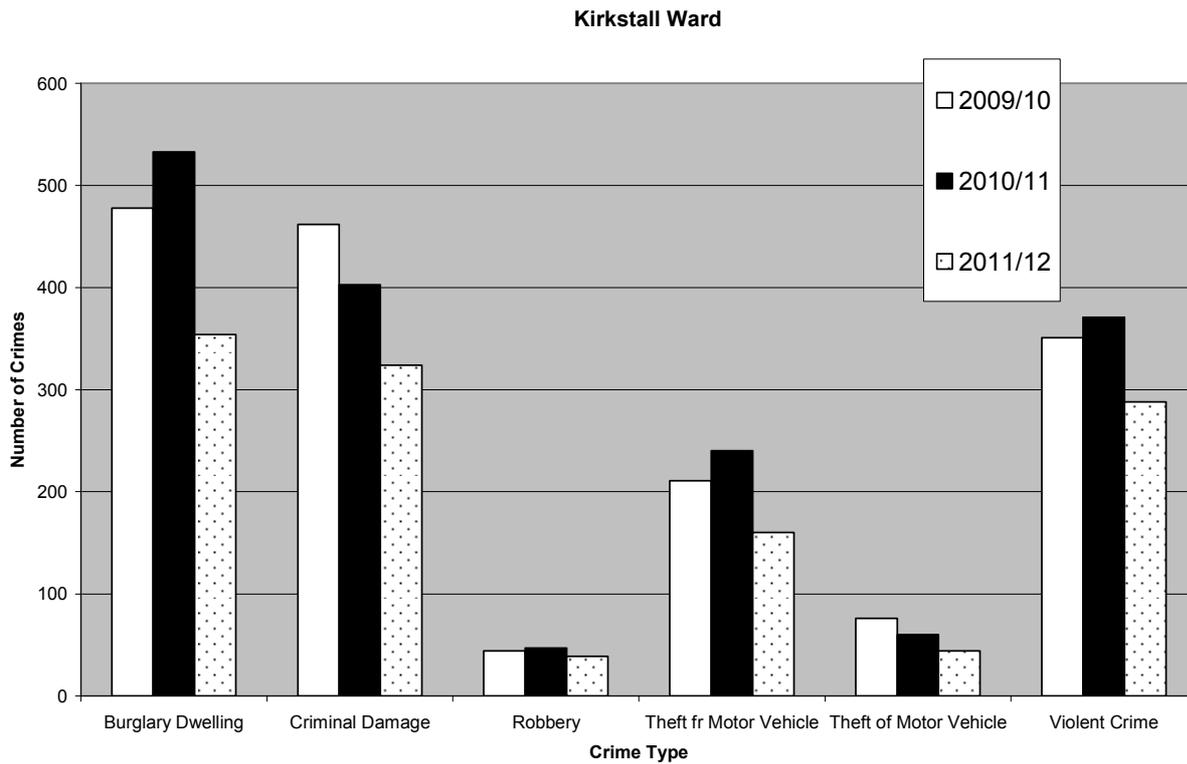
Appendix 3

Hyde Park & Woodhouse	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	# Difference	% Difference
Burglary Dwelling	697	429	596	167	38
Criminal Damage	607	435	393	-42	-9
Robbery	147	143	184	41	28
Theft fr Motor Vehicle	312	251	170	-81	-32
Theft of Motor Vehicle	84	47	35	-12	-25
Violent Crime	470	419	381	-38	-9



Appendix 4

Kirkstall	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	# Difference	% Difference
Burglary Dwelling	478	533	354	-179	-33
Criminal Damage	462	403	324	-79	-20
Robbery	44	47	39	-8	-17
Theft fr Motor Vehicle	211	240	160	-80	-33
Theft of Motor Vehicle	76	60	44	-16	-27
Violent Crime	351	371	288	-83	-22



Appendix 5

Weetwood	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	# Difference	% Difference
Burglary Dwelling	298	297	245	-52	-17
Criminal Damage	281	228	244	16	7
Robbery	33	24	39	15	62
Theft fr Motor Vehicle	205	234	221	-13	-6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	28	39	18	-21	-54
Violent Crime	220	187	199	12	6

