

Report of the District Partnership Leads

Summary

This report provides an update for Members on issues affecting policing in the 5 Districts.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

1. North Warwickshire – Anne Forwood

PACT/Area Forums

After quite a lively meeting where Anti-social behaviour was the main subject it was agreed that Area Forum East would be focusing on three areas

Priority: Anti Social Behaviour
 Lister Road, Atherstone
 Snow Hill Recreation & The Woodlands, Hartshill
 Canal Bridge off Manor Road, Mancetter

Questions were asked about having an Alcohol Ban as Nuneaton has one. There had been a few incidents in the Borough involving young people and alcohol.

The Police and other agencies who were at the meeting explained what was either in place for the young people and what was planned for the future to get the young people involved. Police Officers, Borough and County Officers had been out speaking with the young people. Parking, The question was asked "Why are the PCSOs not given the power to fine people" The Police assured people that although they had chosen their priorities the police would not be cutting down on their other duties.

Tactical Tasking and Co-ordinating Meeting for North Warwickshire District.

I attended one of the meetings and found it very informative.

Actually hearing what goes on, the number and type of incidents, on going inquiries, people on bail. Even information on people known by the police who have changed their names.

With the number of police that we have in our section I think we are doing a very good job and the public are noticing.

North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership

This was well attended with a number relevant agencies there.

North Warwickshire Partnership Strategic Assessment 2008/9 (First Draft) was presented before the meeting and discussed.

The agenda for the Drug and Alcohol Management Group was put before the committee.

Other things discussed and recommended were:

Proposal that counter Terrorism is included as a priority by CDRP.

Road Safety is adopted as a priority by the CDRP (targeting 32-41 in North Warwickshire)

To support proposed Sexual Assault Referral Centre at George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton and any Partner interventions tackling the under reported issues of Sexual assaults/Offences.

North Warwickshire Police Performance 2008 - 2009

We have had another good year with getting results. Some months have not been so good but then, with the low numbers of certain crimes a small increase will drastically alter the percentages.

2. Nuneaton and Bedworth – Bob Hicks

Nuneaton & Bedworth Policing District Performance

The Performance Meeting was cancelled at short notice in December, but the Business Crime figures for the area are available.

Since my last Report, we received the following figures on Business Crime for the 12 months ending 30 September 2008. Comparison to the Warwickshire figures for the same period show Nuneaton & Bedworth with above average crime rates in 5 out of 6 categories.

CRIME TYPE	WARWICKSHIRE CHANGE	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH CHANGE
Commercial Burglary	-2.6%	-11.2%
Shop Lifting	+11.3%	+23.6%
Bilkings	+14%	+16.7%
Other thefts	- 0.7%	+ 7.1%
Commercial Robbery	-10.1%	0%
Fraud	-9.4%	+ 3.9%

CDRP Issues

As predicted in my last Report, the capital funding for a domestic abuse unit had to be redirected when complications put it on hold.

Capital has since been redirected to obtain a Rapid Deployment Tracker (addressing Theft from Vehicle), CCTV installations (2) in Riversley Park (recognised as a key 'blind' spot on the current network), and implementation of shared ASB database (software link), each recognising a key CDRP priority.

The Strategic Assessment for the Borough for 2009-10 brought forward a broad consensus from the participating partners.

Focus is on predictable concerns such as

- * Anti-Social Behaviour, a Community Priority, with a caveat that this not be viewed as solely a youth issue
- * Violent Crime, especially Drug and Alcohol connected and Domestic Abuse
- * Criminal Damage, especially damage to vehicles
- * Road Safety
- * Counter Terrorism/Domestic Extremism, a new priority
- * Hate Crime

Localities

The first series of Locality Meetings roll out from this month, so it is too early to comment on the benefits of this move.

3. Rugby – Katherine King

Rugby Policing and District Performance

As a major feature of the District Lead role I continue to keep in close contact with our Rugby District Commander, Chief Inspector Bob Musgrove, both to discuss Rugby policing and the CSP, and also to further develop Rugby Police's role in the 6 Locality Panel's.

I have been attending the Rugby Quarterly Review meetings, most recently on 20th October, to discuss Rugby in relation to the force priorities. These meetings are extremely useful in gaining an overview of the operational performance of Rugby Police.

Performance:

Performance on Rugby Borough for the year to-date (08-09) at the end of December showed reductions across each of the key performance areas:

Serious Violent Crime = -17.1%
Serious Acquisitive Crime = -14.6%
Criminal Damage = -12.9%

The third quarter saw significant increases in serious acquisitive crime across the county. Rugby experienced a 23.8% increase during October, however this was turned around through effective partnership working particularly in target hardening at hot spots for burglary dwellings, supported by the arrest and conviction of PPO's. Both November and December seeing reductions in serious acquisitive crime.

Police Investigations

A major police investigation was launched in October following the murder of a local man as he walked home from the town centre. Two local youths have been arrested and charged with the murder and remain under investigation for other serious offences.

Rugby Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Partnership has continued with its 'Be Safe, Feel Safe' campaign, aimed at reducing levels of serious violence whilst increasing levels of public confidence. The campaign was spear headed by partnership activity within the town centre during the weekends leading up to Christmas. This period has historically seen increases in violence and the partnership were pleased to achieve a reduction of 54% during December for serious violence.

The conversion of rented properties into so called 'Cannabis Factories' within Rugby Borough has become a significant issue with all of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams having successfully executed warrants at identified premises, with hundred's of pounds of cannabis plants recovered and two persons arrested. In addition to the criminal offences involved,

these premises present a significant fire risk to neighbouring properties and activity will continue in this area.

In advance of the forthcoming cocaine and alcohol conference in February, Rugby police with the support of partners completed the third of a series of drug testing operations in licensed premises across the Borough. The results of these tests indicate the presence of controlled drugs within the night time economy and partnership work is already in hand to develop a comprehensive approach to reducing the level of drug usage and associated problems.

Prevent

The Prevent strand of the government's counter-terrorism strategy is concerned with tackling the radicalisation of individuals, both in the UK and elsewhere, which sustains the international terrorist threat. The Government seeks to do this by:

- tackling disadvantage and supporting reform by addressing structural problems in the UK and overseas that may contribute to radicalisation, such as inequalities and discrimination
- deterring those who facilitate terrorism and those who encourage others to become terrorists by changing the environment in which the extremists and those radicalising others can operate
- engaging in the battle of ideas by challenging the ideologies that extremists believe can justify the use of violence.

From <http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism-strategy/about-the-strategy/>

Rugby Community Safety Partnership and Prevent

Counter-terrorism is one of the Partnership's five priorities in 2009/10.

The police have identified sites and organisations that need to be included in a programme of visits, and some senior officers have attended seminars to gain an understanding of the subject. Prevent is still in the very early planning stage.

Localities

Locality working in Rugby continues to deliver positive outcomes and targeted responses for residents. Co-operation between the Police, Borough Council and County Council is excellent with many joint solutions to local issues being found. A recent Joint Members Workshop involving both Councils and the Police highlighted the desire for success and ways in which locality working can be improved for the future.

Discussions have begun between Council Officers and Police Officers to agree an approach to National Policing Pledge (particularly pledge 7) and its implications to locality working.

Police attendance at all of the Panels is now a well-established feature that is clearly appreciated by local communities. The lead police officer typically reports back on crime issues in the locality in both narrative and statistical form and then engages in a debate to set policing targets for the next 3 months. There remains a challenge around the identification of policing priorities from attendees at Locality Panels with many raising items which are not suitable or not manageable. We will be working together to address this over the coming months.

Rugby Local Strategic Partnership

The Rugby Local Strategic Partnership has been established for a year now. The CDRP/Community Safety Partnership acts as the Safer Communities Theme Group for the LSP and contributes to all of the Partnerships business.

The LSP Board is planning to host a Partnership Day during March 2009. The event will aim to widen the scope and participation in the partnership through inviting groups and organisations who have not been involved so far. The board will also be celebrating the successes of the first year including the launch of a new Sustainable Community Strategy, projects funded through 'Narrowing the Gaps' and it's contribution to the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement.

During January and February the LSP will be working with its partners and Advantage West Midlands to develop a joint approach to Regeneration and Community Development in the Borough through a series of workshops. This will build on successes and establish areas where improvements to working practice could be made.

Rugby BID

I continue to represent the Authority as a Director of Rugby Business Improvement District (BID). The BID has had an extremely positive impact on Rugby town centre, in terms of the environment and cleanliness, the welcoming presence of the BID Rangers, the CCTV, The marketing of the town and the partnership working with local agencies and traders.

The Rugby BID, a national pilot, is now approaching the time where a new vote will be needed for its continuation.

The BID Company has recently commissioned independent research into its performance. Town centre visitor reaction was overwhelmingly favourable with interviewees commenting on the high level of cleanliness and referring to feeling both safe and secure. A separate piece of work interviewed 100 eligible town centre businesses and discovered that 85% would vote for a continuation of the BID.

4. Stratford-on-Avon – Richard Hobbs Locality Meetings (Fora)

Police officers are now giving details to the fora of the actions taken to resolve the issues which arose at the previous meetings the headline issues are

You Said----	We Did
Speeding--	Warning letters issued
ASB-----	Extra patrols at critical times
Parking-----	Highways to look at underlying causes
Road safety outside Schools----	Discussion with School Governors &WCC
Burglaries of barns and sheds ---	Targeted operations
Stolen sat navs-----	Publicity about car security

The officers are also giving a brief report on the local crime figures
This format has received a positive response from the audience
There was positive feedback from my presentation about Priority Policing

Future meeting will be themed eg Young People

CDRP

The CDRP presented the Clopton Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan to the Stratford Forum for endorsement

The board has also presented the bids for 2009-10 to the WSCP which were accepted and will be put to the PSB

Performance

Overall performance is still positive with Serious Acquisitive crime still reducing but off target.

General

There is a need to deliver a strategic message from the Authority to the fora where ever possible and feed back the responses

The message I have received has been there should be more co-ordination between forces when executing specific operations that could displace crime across the borders

5. Warwick – Chris Davis

Operation Tours (2)

A Multi Agency CDRP operation is in place to tackle anti social behaviour, crime and disorder in the night time economy. It is a long-term strategy to set the standards of “moral threshold” within the town centres. The operation’s objective is to combat the crime and disorder on the streets and in the license premises of the three Priority Wards, which includes Leamington Spa Town Centre.

Operation Tours (2) took place in early December 2008 and was highly successful in tackling crime and disorder on the streets and within license premises, in Warwick District. Multi-agency visits were conducted with Police, Community safety and WDC Licensing.

High visible Police presence was given to all trouble hot spots combined with robust Licensing checks.

A very successful operation, which resulted in low crime and disorder, and visible public reassurance.

Drugs Warrant

A warrant was obtained and executed in mid-November on a premises in the Warwick District Area. This was a very successful operation and resulted in the offender handed himself over to the Police for interview.

Serious Assault and Successful Arrest.

In late October, a particularly violent and nasty assault took place on a 40-year-old male residing at premises in Leamington Spa. He was assaulted by three men resulting in a number of injuries.

One of the other occupants of the premises managed to ring the Police who attended immediately and the offenders were arrested.

The offenders have now been charged with aggravated burglary and assault and have been remanded in custody. An excellent result achieved by our Reactive Teams.

Christmas and New Year's Policing 2008

Officers that protected Warwickshire Communities from harm over Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 2008 deserve special praise for their professionalism and hard work in tackling an extremely high level of demand with limited resources, the figures below clearly demonstrate this demand and the results achieved in keeping public order and holding offenders to account.

Christmas Eve Policing: 24th December

Total of 52 reported Incidents:

Emergency = 17

Priority = 15

Scheduled = 10

No Deployment Required = 10

9 Offenders arrested (resulting in Charge or police bail) offences of:

Criminal Damage x 2

RTC x 1

Assault ABH x 2

Affray x 1

Common Assault x 2

Positive Breath Test x 1

New Years Eve Policing: 31st December 08

Total of 115 reported Incidents:

Emergency = 62

Priority = 22

Scheduled = 18

No Deployment Required = 13

16 Offenders arrested (resulting in Charge or police bail) offences of:

Criminal Damage x 2

Assault GBH x 3

Assault ABH x 2

Traffic offence (No Licence) x 1

Common Assault x 2

Positive Breath Test x 2

TWOC/Sec 4 Unfit x 1

Burglary x 1

Obstruct Police x 1

Warrant FTA x 1