

Agenda Item 7

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Report

Report subject : Community Safety in the Northern Area

Report to : Northern Area Committee

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1. Report Summary:

To inform Committee Members about ongoing community safety work in the northern area and to describe the structures and processes in place.

2. Background – Community Safety Issues in the Northern Area:

- 2.1. South Wiltshire is a safe place to live, with Wiltshire having one of the lowest crime levels across the country. The Community Safety Partnership is tasked with reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and in particular working towards achieving a 12.5% reduction in the Wiltshire British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes by 2007/2008. The Partnership is already well on the way towards achieving this, having reached a 10% reduction in 2005/06 compared to baseline figures.
- 2.2. In the most recent Crime and Disorder Audit (2004) and subsequent strategy (Reducing Crime and Combating Drug Misuse in Wiltshire 2005-2008), Amesbury West featured as the 3rd placed ward for recorded levels of crime (2002/03 figures - behind St Martin & Milford and St Edmund & Milford) and interestingly was the highest rated ward for violent crime and domestic violence (although this crime never features through consultation exercises), 3rd placed for domestic burglary (although figures are not significantly large) and theft and handling offences, 2nd for criminal damage offences.
- 2.3. The Amesbury community area (Northern area) as a whole usually features behind Salisbury community area as the 2nd highest area for reported incidents of anti-social behaviour - this is approximately 22% of the total reported incidents.



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3. Work and structures in recent years:

As a result of early Community Planning processes in South Wiltshire a Northern Area Community Safety Partnership was set up some years back supported by Community Planning Staff. The then Head Teacher at Stonehenge School played a key role in leading and chairing this group. As a result the South Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership financially supported some projects targeted at tackling certain crime related problems – in particular a surveillance camera project with potential elderly victims of distraction burglaries. This Partnership would appear to have waned somewhat in the last couple of years.

More recently the Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Officer working in partnership with local Police staff, has liaised primarily with the Northern Area Committee over issues of anti-social behaviour. Training was provided for community representatives and councillors about their responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and about their role in tackling anti-social behaviour back in 2004 and since then a number of presentations have been provided to the Northern Area Committee around dealing with incidents. Information packs and incident log sheets have been developed and distributed. Many incidents have been dealt with within the area, in conjunction with those communities concerned.

Community safety staff were also instrumental in assisting Amesbury Town Council with the implementation of an Alcohol Exclusion Zone for the town back in 2003 in response to alcohol related nuisance.

The Community Safety Partnership also supports and funds (through a Home Office allocation) a variety of pan-district projects and initiatives accessible to all. These include the Alcohol Referral Programme for Offenders and Victims, a scheme whereby offenders are referred to the Salisbury Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service (ADAS) as part of their bail conditions, to try to reduce alcohol related re-offending, Street-based Youth Work aimed at identifying and working with young people at risk and out on the streets, and the use of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and other powers to disperse and deal with intimidating groups and individuals.

4. Current Work:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Officer is currently involved in a major piece of work tackling anti-social behaviour problems in Durrington. An action plan has been developed in involving many agencies both local and statutory. By way of an example of the level of detail involved in this work a copy of the action plan is attached as Annex A.

In addition work is being planned aimed at tackling issues related to the late night economy and alcohol related nuisance in Amesbury town centre.

5. Future Developments:

The most significant development for the Northern Area at present is the introduction of the Neighbourhood Policing Team initiative from October 2006. This will mean the role out of a dedicated and accountable team for the area who will work closely with the other agencies to tackle crime, community safety and neighbourhood problems. The areas will also benefit from additional Police Community Support Officer resources and discussions have already taken place with regards to funding and recruitment for the Northern Area is well underway. It is anticipated that the Northern Area Committee will have a role to play in this process.

In addition the Amesbury Market Towns Partnership (AMTP) is a community partnership funded through the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative. A group of residents, business people, Councillors and community groups have come together to prepare a community strategy for the area through consultation with residents and key stakeholders. At present there do not appear to be specific community safety issues that have emerged through this consultation process, however it is anticipated that such issues will be an integral part of the final strategy and therefore will require action and resources.

6. Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that -

- (1) The report is noted and
- (2) that it is used as a foundation for further discussion and appropriate suggestions for action.

7. Background Papers:

None

8. Implications:

You must complete the following:

- **Financial:** None
- **Legal:** None
- **Human Rights:** None
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** Included
- **Environmental:** None
- **Council's Core Values:** Meeting local needs
- **Wards Affected:** Northern Area wards

**Action Plan of Intervention to reduce Anti-social Behaviour in
Durrington June 2006**

Action	Completion Date	Lead Agency/ Name
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to be issued to identified individuals – referrals to be made to the ASB panel.	Ongoing referrals made when necessary	Community Safety Partnership – Kelly Bagley/ Sgt Griffin.
All local shops operate an over 21's policy on alcohol (except palmers)	August	Palmers to be targeted by police licensing officers. Referral made by Amesbury Police
Warning letters issued to those identified as associating or causing anti social behaviour	Ongoing	Police – Insp. Sweett
Detached Youth work carried out on a Thursday night	Ongoing	Youth Development service – Dawne Dawes
Increased Police Patrols	Currently unnecessary due to low level of problems	Police- Insp. Marytn Sweett
Parish council are funding additional PCSO	Sep – Oct	Police – Insp Martyn Sweett, Parish council – Mary Towle,
Crime Prevention Clinic	Second Tues of every month	John Todd – Crime Reduction Durrington
Distribution of Crime Reduction packs	Ongoing	Community Safety- Kelly Bagley, John Todd – Crime Reduction Durrington
Duke Of Edinburgh award scheme (approx 20 young people from Durrington)	Ongoing	Youth Development service – Laura Toward
Youth centre open two nights a week Tues night working with the new committee Action day every 2 weeks on a Saturday	Tues, Thurs and every other Saturday	Youth Development service – Dawne Dawes

Year 11 lunch time session run Mon- Thurs (additional computers available) next years yr 11's are starting to use facilities.	Ongoing	Youth Development service – Dawne Dawes
Sexual Health Clinic run on a Mon at the Youth Centre Excellent uptake 15-20 people per session	Ongoing	Youth Development service – Dawne Dawes
A notice board with all the youth dev service activities to be put in school. Will be managed by young people	Now available for use	Avon Valley College – Nora Ash and Young people of Durrington
Youth council set up, linked into the locality young peoples issues group (LYPIGS) they can bid for local projects and have £50,000 to spend in Wiltshire	Ongoing	Youth Development service – Dawne Dawes
Look at linking the youth council to the college forum, representatives from both to feed into Parish council.	Oct – Nov	Youth Development service – Dawne Dawes and Avon Valley College –Nora Ash
A park area and BMX track to be set up in millennium park Going to advertise for help at the youth centre, to get young people involved. Police to supply some of the bikes (from lost and found), Dawne to look at light sets for them.	Construction will take place over the summer hols.	Parish Council – Mary Towle Youth development service – Dawne Dawes.
1-Look into young people producing a support pack for local business regarding community safety as a closed session at the youth centre	Aug – Sep	Youth Dev Service- Dawne Dawes/ Crime Reduction – John Todd/ Police - WPC Lucy Smith
2- Closed session to be held at the Youth Centre with Police, young people and local residents to discuss local issues – double as a mediation project.	Sep – Oct	Youth Dev Service –Dawne Dawes/ Police-WPC Lucy Smith / John Todd.
3- Look at arranging a drama project re; ASB using the group (vita nova) – look at staging it outside to attract a broader audience (funding required)	Once 1 & 2 are completed no. 3 will be looked into.	Youth Dev Service- Dawne Dawes/ Avon Valley College/ Nora Ash

Sport sessions on the rec, pavilion will be open and refreshments provided. To be advertised at the school, youth dev centre and in the parish newsletter.	8 th and 15 th Aug 1-3pm.	SDC – Alexis Hack, parish council – Mary Towle, Youth Dev Service – Dawne Dawes.
Durrington fun day – sports, drama (from local group), dance workshops, BBQ supplied by the parish council.	Sat 5 th August 12-3pm	Various agencies.
Look into CCTV at the Village Hall	Completed	Parish Council – Mary Towle
Mary to liaise with young people about a proposed 'youth shelter' consultation to take place with the young people Dawne works with to ensure this is what they want.	Date to be set	Parish Council – Mary Towle/ Youth Dev Service- Dawne Dawes
Use of ASB log sheets to collate evidence	Ongoing	Community Safety Partnership – Kelly Bagley
Look into leaflet explaining about ABC's and ASBO's for Young people	ASBO leaflet completed, ABC leaflet to start	Community Safety Partnership – Kelly Bagley
Positive Press stories to publicise the above interventions – intern reduce fear of crime. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durrington Dispatch • Local Parish News letter • Salisbury Journal • Stonehenge Trader 	Ongoing First article to be about sports days.	Various agencies inc. Police, parish council, youth development service,