

The aim of this newsletter is to provide agencies with our most recent crime and disorder developments and initiatives. Most projects/initiatives have been funded by the CSP some however are funded by Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary, the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) or jointly in cases where it states. The LSP offers Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) which is intended to provide additional resources to improve mainstream services in the most deprived areas of Bolsover District to reduce crime.

We hope you find it useful. If you need any further help on any of the topics covered or on any other subject, please contact us on 01246 242217 or visit the website www.bolsover.gov.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB Team - The ASB Team are committed to reducing ASB across the District. So far the team have used Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs), Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), Housing Possession Procedures and Housing Act Injunctions. The team has also sought Dispersal Orders in South Normanton, Bolsover and Shirebrook.

Noise Nuisance – is the latest part of the ASB teams commitment. Noise Abatement Notices have been used to tackle noise nuisance.



These set out rigid conditions for people to sign in

order to reduce the amount of noise nuisance, failure to follow the conditions has resulted in seizure of equipment.

Alongside the above enforcement procedures the ASB team have run **diversionary activities**. These have included seasonal activities such as Derbyshire Youth Games. Over 100 youngsters took part in activities which included athletics, basketball, netball, hockey, tag rugby, table cricket, swimming and water polo.



In addition to the Youth Games other diversionary activities have taken place and have included

boxing and fishing activities at Shirebrook.

The Youth Service have also targeted detached work in the district targeting crime hotspots including Pinxton, Clowne, Carr Vale and Whaley Thorns which involves working with young people on ABCs or ASBOs.

Sports coaching outreach sessions are still running in Shirebrook, Whaley Thorns, Bramley Vale and Pinxton as they are areas with higher ASB problems and funded by NRF.

NRF non-sport diversionary activities project is now up and running and being managed by the Youth Service. Young people have decided activities and

projects and where they would like these to take place, what venues they will go to etc.



The main impact so far has been young people taking ownership of existing resources in order for the activities to begin

e.g. Young people at Bolsover are decorating their centre before new resources arrive. This has led to an increase in numbers and 'old' faces re-appearing. Further impact has been for workers, they are now able to offer young people new and different opportunities e.g. Pinxton Garden Project and Bolsover Allotment Group

Youth Shelters – the CSP is looking to install youth shelters in areas of high youth nuisance problems and low youth facilities provision. Youth shelters provide young people with a place of their own to congregate. Research has shown that when they don't have this it can increase the risk of minor damage that takes place when they meet in unsuitable places. This can lead to a spiral of anti-social behaviour and the start of a criminal record. Young people need to socialise and become integrated into their communities. If this process is not facilitated, problems may be stored up for the future.

Sales to underage drinkers - Bottle stamping took place in off licences in Bolsover, Hillstown and Carr Vale. This provided evidence in reducing underage drinking and shoplifting.

Two Generations project – is a project, funded by Derbyshire County Council, which has been running in Doe Lea and



Bramley Vale involving older and younger members of the community. The project has brought the two generations together to share experiences and discuss what they would most like to improve in their area.

The group have decided to work together on a Riverside Reclamation project, with longer term proposals to develop a cycle path link to Stainsby/Hardwick and the Five Pits Trail.

A celebration event was held on Saturday 29th October, where local residents and civic dignitaries were invited to see what the group had achieved so far and their plans for the future.

'Eyes and Ears' (Neighbourhood Safety Team) - The police have now recruited Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) as part of the new Neighbourhood Policing Initiative and make up the Neighbourhood Safety Teams along with police Beat Officers, Specials, PCSO's and CAN Rangers. The teams have been working in Bolsover and Shirebrook in conjunction with hotspot ASB areas.

After consultation more areas have been identified for these teams which include



Clowne and Barlborough, Creswell and Whitwell, Pleasley to Doe Lea, Tibshelf and Blackwell and South

Normanton and Pinxton. These are likely to be in place in the next financial year, there will also be an opportunity for agencies to fund their own neighbourhood safety teams.

Also high on the agenda for these teams is environmental crime such as fly-tipping, abandoned cars and graffiti.

Further information about the Neighbourhood Safety Teams can be obtained from John Ritchie, Head of Community Services or Community Safety Sgt. Mark Seston.

The new **Mobile CCTV Van** will also patrol the district and be used to capture and record footage to help combat crime and anti social behaviour.



This highly visible van funded by NRF has a camera mounted on a telescopic mast

capable of capturing long range surveillance and has the ability to switch to different cameras, whilst patrolling the district.

Beat Officers in Whaley Thorns and Langwith are newly appointed and funded by NRF. They are helping to reduce the instances of crime, in particular domestic burglary, criminal damage, fire setting and ASB. They provide increased police visibility which helps to reduce the fear of crime.

Nuisance Motorcycles - The ASB Team have produced a leaflet which provides information on the dangers of the use of motorcycles, scooters, gopeds, trikes, quads and mini motos.



It also gives advice on the law relating to the use of these. The leaflets can be obtained from the website www.bolsover.gov.uk or from the Community Safety Office 01246 242217.

Halloween and Bonfire Night – posters have been distributed to schools and Youth Centres advertising the dangers of fireworks and Halloween flyers have been made available for residents to pick up and put in windows to prevent ‘trick or treaters’. The CSP is also working on joint fireworks projects in Bolsover and Shirebrook with Police and Trading Standards.

Shirebrook CCTV – has been installed in Shirebrook in the Market Place to reduce incidents of ASB in and around the market place. The CCTV will act as a deterrent to those committing ASB and reduce the fear of crime for retailers in the market place as well as gathering crucial evidence.

Thickley Bank, Shirebrook – is a newly commissioned NRF reclamation project that will provide a safe area accessible to all age groups and in the process prevent crime and ASB. This area has previously been a problem area for ASB as it is overgrown with shrubbery. The project plans to clear the land and provide a leisure and recreational area for the community.

Fire Prevention Signs – have been purchased by Derbyshire County council in order to reduce deliberate fire setting. The signs will be installed in hotspot areas for arson and deliberate fires. The signs also include the Crimestoppers number in order to encourage reporting of incidents.

NRF Drug Treatment ‘Waiting Time’ project - employs a worker to directly tackle the drug treatment waiting list, taking up a cohort of clients, identifying treatment options and focussing on brief interventions. This runs across the District.

Acquisitive Crime

'Safe and Secure' scheme – So far the safe and secure scheme has installed target hardening to over 400 properties and burglary has reduced by 15% compared to the same period last year.

Handyperson – because of the success of the 'Safe and Secure' project the CAN Rangers are struggling to meet the demands of installing target hardening



equipment alongside their other duties. Therefore NRF is providing an opportunity to relieve their workload and reduce the waiting time for residents in need of target hardening.

Persistent Offenders – 17 Persistent offenders of burglary and vehicle crime are being tracked under the Prolific and Other Priority Offender (PPO) scheme. With a view to catch and convict and/or address the underlying factors relating to their offending behaviour. In addition to this the prevent and deter element also targets 'those most at risk of offending' before they enter the criminal justice system figures for these will be presented in the next newsletter.

Crime Cracking Events – Over 500 people have attended crime cracking events across the District to find out advice on crime prevention, Neighbourhood Watches and receive free personal attack alarms and property marking kits.

Burglary Reduction Packs – have been distributed to over 1200 households situated in burglary hotspot areas. The packs contain a door alarm, a guide to home security, a neighbourhood watch form and a stop/chain/check bookmark.

Radio advert/ awareness-raising – radio adverts for distraction burglary and 'sneak-ins' were commissioned from Peak FM through the six weeks in the Summer. Another advert has been commissioned to raise awareness of home security on 'dark nights' to run from Halloween until the end of November 05.

'No Cold Calling Zones' – 'No Cold Calling' zones are being set up as a joint initiative between the CSP, Trading Standards and the police to warn rogue traders and cold-callers that they are not



welcome and help local residents and communities to have the confidence to say **NO**. The scheme is to prevent pushy doorstep salespeople and distraction burglars who

prey on vulnerable and elderly residents. Salespeople who ignore stickers and signs displayed by residents bearing the warning "doorstep sellers - not welcome here" will be reported to police and trading standards departments.

Contact Card – the CSP along with Voluntary Action Bolsover (VAB) have produced a contact card. The card reminds people to put the door chain on and ask callers for ID and also if they have any doubts to not open the door.



The card also lists useful contact numbers such as District Offices/CAN Rangers, utilities, health care and the police emergency and non-emergency. The cards are available from District Offices and 01246 242217.

Tamper Proof Property marking stickers – these work on the same principle as property marking pens but also act as deterrent as they are clearly

visible once stuck onto valuable items and cannot be removed easily. Police Crime Prevention Officers have been giving them away on market days and at supermarkets to encourage people to mark their property.

Temporary Burglary Warning signs – have been purchased to install on housing estates with high burglary. These are installed as a temporary measure to alert people living in the area to secure their property as most burglaries occur through insecure entry points. These will then be moved on once the problem has gone.

Vehicle crime warning signs – have been installed by Derbyshire County Council and the CSP in car parks with high 'theft from'. These have included public houses at Barlborough and some Five Pits Trail car parks.

Secure Car Parks – the Partnership is working towards improving the car parks across the District to 'Secure Car Park' status. This means that our car parks will be monitored, assessed and regularly checked by an independent body and



operated to standards which aim to protect the safety of customers and security of their

cars and personal belongings.

To reach these standards we have to look at cutting down shrubs, improving lighting, installing signs and that the overall design and management of the car parks is effective.

Bramley Vale NRF neighbourhood project is on its second phase now most houses have received improved security measures and roads have received better street lighting. There have been highway improvements for school bus access,

CCTV provision and classroom alterations for a community room. Further funding has been obtained for environmental improvements and help towards reducing vehicle crime.

Violent Crime

Pub Watch - The Police and Partnership have jointly set up Pub Watch schemes in Bolsover, Shirebrook and Clowne. Future plans include Creswell.

Once Pub Watches are linked to each



other they will be looking to enforce banning orders for troublemakers and introduce door people at certain pubs.

'Alcohol Controlled' Zones – are planned for specific areas within

wards with known alcohol-related crime. The areas chosen include Clowne, Bolsover and Shirebrook.

In addition a NRF project which funds a **designated alcohol worker** is providing a combination of service interventions that help people with alcohol problems. The worker also liaises closely with Probation for those on treatment orders, domestic violence and violent offending. The service provision is funded by NRF and currently provided in Shirebrook, Bolsover, Pleasley, Ault Hucknall, Whitwell, Clowne and South Normanton.

Alcohol Advice Card – has been produced to raise awareness around the effects of 'binge drinking' and its relationship to violent crime. The cards will also be used by custody suite officers in order to gain referrals onto the Alcohol Advisory Project. The project provides a one to one course for people whose drinking and related violence/offending behaviour provides a threat to the community and/or its residents.

Violent Behaviour Leaflet for young people – a leaflet is being produced to prevent young people taking part in violent behaviour by raising awareness around tolerance and informing young people about the consequences of committing violent behaviour.

Domestic abuse – a domestic abuse outreach worker has been employed to set up outreach facilities in communities across the District. Referrals are taken from various agencies and self



referrals at the outreach session. The ASB Co-ordinator is also looking to use civil ASB remedies for domestic abuse cases.

The violent crime action group is working closely with local schools and learning support units to influence school policy on violent behaviour and introduce the use of ABC's in some schools.

The Domestic Abuse action group and violent crime action group are both looking at ways to set up awareness raising campaigns in problem areas.