

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](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk)

## Acquisitive Crime

Acquisitive crimes include burglaries and vehicle crime.

**'No Cold Calling Zones'** – 'No Cold Calling' zones are being set up as a pilot 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 pilot scheme is to start in the Albine Road area of Shirebrook for three months and will be launched in March 06.

Residents will be attending a coffee morning at Shirebrook Village Hall to

learn how the scheme operates. 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.

**'Safe and Secure' scheme** – So far the safe and secure scheme has installed target hardening to over 500 properties and has included fitting the Care Call system for some repeat victims of burglary.



**Memocams** – are a new kind of sophisticated CCTV being purchased for a distraction burglary reduction project commissioned by the acquisitive crime action group and funded by DCC.

**Burglary Reduction Packs** – have been distributed to over 1500 households situated in burglary hotspot areas.

**Persistent Offenders** – 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, address the underlying factors relating to their offending behaviour and target 'those most at risk of offending'.

**Crime Cracking Events** – Over 750 people have attended crime cracking events across the District to find out advice on crime prevention, Neighbourhood Watches and



receive their crime prevention packs which include a personal alarm, a property marking kit and Home Leaflets on crime prevention.

**Safer Parking** - the Partnership is working towards improving the car parks reducing crime and the fear of crime within parking facilities across the District to 'Park Mark' safer parking status.



**Vehicle Crime Reduction Packs** – research has shown that quite a large percentage of damage is to vehicles

parked on the street. Derbyshire County Council is funding packs that will be distributed to vehicle owners in order to raise awareness.

**Vehicle Crime Postcards** – over 500 postcards have been delivered in vehicle crime hotspot areas encouraging people to report any vehicle crime to Crimestoppers.



**Remote Vehicle Alarms** have been purchased as a pilot project to prevent 'theft of' and 'theft from'.

## 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, Housing Act Injunctions and Dispersal Orders. They have also set up multi agency case meetings to discuss, monitor validity and necessity of enforcement action before proceeding with ABC/ASBOs. The team is also developing Patch Management issues to tackle ASB.

**Noise Nuisance** – Noise Abatement Notices are being used more frequently to tackle noise nuisance on the back of successful court action.

**Nuisance Motorcycles** - Nuisance motorcycles is a national problem and a large problem throughout the District. The CSP has co-ordinated joint operations between DCC Countryside Rangers, BDC CAN Rangers, and the Police with the CCTV van used for evidence gathering, these operations are ongoing. The CSP have also run



nuisance motorcycle awareness raising radio adverts on Peak FM as a joint initiative with Chesterfield and North East

Derbyshire. The CSP are also looking at multi-agency good practice solutions.

**Diversions activities** are ongoing as a long term solution to ASB. This involves Youth Services, BDC Leisure Services and other agencies delivering sport, non-sport activities and inter-generational projects in hotspot areas.

**Youth Projects** – Police Youth Inclusion officers have obtained CSP funding for local community projects, Oz-box and an ASB production by Tibshelf School.

**'Safer Neighbourhood Teams'** – the PCSO teams are now in place and there are plans to widen the teams to involve all front line staff working in communities in order to encourage and promote a much broader team who can provide, by recognition and prompt reporting, an appropriate response and course of action and deal effectively with potential problems.



CAN Rangers are also being trained to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, graffiti and littering.

There also plans to include schools and junior clubs in the project embedding things such as environmental and community safety issues into citizenship programmes to influence a culture change.

Further information about Safer Neighbourhoods can be obtained from John Ritchie, Head of Community Services.

**Thickley Bank, Shirebrook** – this area has previously been a problem area for ASB and underage drinking as it is overgrown with trees and shrubbery. A NRF project has been commissioned to clear the land and provide a leisure and recreational area for the community and prevent ASB and underage drinking.



**Kissingate Leisure Centre** – is undergoing changes to reduce criminal damage and youth nuisance. A multi-agency action plan has been set in place that has provided changes to staff policy, entry restructure, upgrade of CCTV and external lighting and changes to the building externally.

**Shirebrook Alleygating** – the CSP are looking to provide an alleygating scheme for Shirebrook Market Place in order to prevent persistent damage, arson and shoplifting escape routes.



## Violent Crime

**Pub Watch** – Shirebrook Pub Watch scheme was officially launched on

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006. A future scheme is planned for Creswell.

**'Alcohol Controlled' Zones** – have been launched in Shirebrook around Kissingate, Thickley Bank, Market Square, Town Centre and Portland Road. Future alcohol controlled zones are planned for Clowne and Bolsover.

### Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaign

– was a multi-agency campaign that ran over the Christmas period in Clowne in order to combat underage drinking and alcohol-related violent behaviour. This included joint police operations with CAN, Trading Standards and Clowne Heritage school.



**Domestic abuse** – domestic abuse outreach work is being carried out in communities across the District and so far there have been a total of 40 referrals. Domestic Abuse cases are also being looked at by the ASB Team to utilise civil ASB remedies. The Domestic Abuse action group and violent crime action group are both looking at ways to set up awareness raising campaigns in problem areas. 'Breaking the Cycle of Abuse' is an awareness raising campaign and training tool for front line officers that is being planned to roll out across the District.