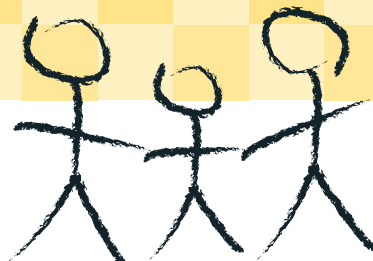


Community Safety News

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Working Together for a Safer Burnley

Cabsafe



Taxi drivers are a vulnerable group who, due to the nature of their work, often have to deal with people who are the worse for drink. Abuse is common and physical attacks do occur.

Following on from the disturbances in June 2001, Lord Clarke's Task Force recommendation (14.3) stated that 'Burnley Borough Council, on behalf of interested parties, should seek further information from the Crime Reduction Unit regarding sources of

funding for a CCTV system, and, if viable, this should be introduced as a matter of urgency.

Anne Mullin, Community Safety Development Officer, and Mick Armfield, Licensing Enforcement Officer, together with Lancashire Police, consulted with both the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Associations in order to select a suitable system that would offer the best possible protection for drivers.

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Foreword from Councillor Charlie Bullas, the Chair of the CSP Strategy Group:

Dear Colleagues,

I am in no doubt that you are aware of the continuing good work and initiatives being lead by the Community Safety Team and the CSP Strategy Group and its Action Groups, some which have come into fruition recently and more in the very near future. We continue to make big strides towards our goals a CLEANER SAFER BOROUGH.

Regards,

Charlie



Hotspotting ASB

The Hotspotting group is partnership approach to looking at areas of the Borough where there are high levels of reported ASB.

The Group is chaired by Councillor Charles Bullas and members include: Police; LCC Youth and Community; BPC and BBC's ASBO Officer although others are

invited to meetings when required, such as the Parks Service and Engineers.

Among the areas focused on, the group has carried out successful work in and around Scott Park, Gannow, Towneley Park and Stockbridge Road Padiham. As areas improve, it is intended to switch the focus to other areas of the Borough.

Graffiti Vehicle

Since the last newsletter, Ian Potter has been hard at work pulling all the elements together to get the Graffiti removal vehicle onto the streets.

The Council and Government Office North West have recently given the go ahead for the money, which is coming from



two external Funding streams, to be spent.

The initial life of the vehicle will be for three years and will be at no cost to the council taxpayer. At the time of printing, the vehicle is being fitted out with the Power wash machine and the water tank. The Council's Graphic Unit have designed of the van's livery.

The vehicle will be launched in April and once up and running, graffiti and fly posters should become an increasingly rare sight.

Alleygating

The first sets of alley gates are about to be installed on Athol St South in the Accrington rd area. Funding has been secured to roll out this scheme in the Urban II areas of Burnley.

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The chosen system, which is devised by Chubb Cabwatch, consists of a discreet CCTV camera, audio recording, driver panic button linked to a central monitoring system, Global Positioning Satellite technology, and has the ability to record images and sound that can be used in Court to secure a conviction.

In order to assist the vehicle licensees to purchase the systems, the Council secured funding from the Home Office Safer Communities Initiative and the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. Almost 40 Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles have now been fitted with CCTV systems.

The Cabsafe scheme was launched by Lord Tony Clarke on the 18th February, 2003. Amongst those attending were Peter Pike, MP, Gillian Taylor, Chief Executive, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Gordon Birtwistle, Councillor Charles Bullas, Jason Roach, Government Office North West, and Chief Superintendent John Knowles.

Councillor Charles Bullas, Chair of Burnley Community Safety Partnership said, "This is one of the many initiatives that the Burnley Community Safety Partnership are pioneering to help make the borough a safer place."

Action Group Reports

Anti-Social Behaviour

Chair Tom Mann

Neighbourhood Warden Manager

This action group have been extremely busy over the last three months formulating their action plan. They have held three separate conferences at Turf Moor to try and focus and identify the types and levels of anti social behaviour in the Borough.

The first conference in November, entitled 'Action not Words', highlighted the importance of involving children and young people in the decision making process. Most people think of children as the perpetrators of ASB and to some extent this may be true but they are often the victims of ASB. Additionally, what constitutes ASB to an adult may be a perfectly normal activity to a child. In order to get a true

'young persons' perspective a conference was held in January. All the senior and junior schools in the Borough were invited to send pupils to the event. Crime Concern facilitated the conference with senior schools attending in the morning and junior schools in the afternoon.

The conference was a huge success and both children and teachers alike said that it was very encouraging to see that the thoughts of young people were being incorporated into the strategy to tackle the real problem of Anti social Behaviour. The main outcomes were:

- The formation of a Young Persons ASB action group
- A young persons input into an Education Package to be



developed by the ASB action group and delivered to local schools.

- A follow up conference was held in February, again facilitated by Crime Concern, to consider the outcomes of the young persons conference. The conference was aimed at turning the results of the 'Young Persons' conference and the 'Action not words' conference into an achievable action plan. This has now been done.

This group have now submitted their action plan after some long hours of work. This group covers a wide range of crimes and it was a hard task to identify actions that would impact on the targets and more importantly make the plan achievable.

The work of Kerry Hulme will have a significant impact on this

group and will provide welcome support to Helen.

Their main focus recently has been to assist Burnley Football Club in its 'Kick Racism out of Football' campaign. Posters have been placed in the advertising sites within the gent's lavatories in all stands.

Violent and Hate Crime

Chair Helen Gauder

Manager of Burnley Womens Refuge



Drugs

Chair Chris Rosson , Burnle Pendle & Rossendale Primary Care Trust

In November the Drugs Action group held a conference at Turf Moor entitled 'Lets deal with it'. The conference was attended by 80 delegates from a wide range of partner agencies and its main focus was to formulate the action plan, which will take them forward through the life of the strategy.

The conference took the form of short 'soap box' sessions by various speakers in the morning and 'target orientated' workshops in the afternoon. The results of this conference have now been fed into the group's action plan. The group have also collaborated with the police to produce 30000 'Drip mats' which carry the Burnley Drugs reporting hotline number



0800 555 885 and will be distributed to target pubs and clubs in the borough.

Property Crime

Chair Lisa Durkin, Town Centre Manager

The property crime action group have been extremely busy recently finalising their action plan. Lisa has worked very hard to pull all the information together. The partnership would like to thank Lisa for establishing the Property crime group and for

all her hard work in formulating the action plan. We would also like to send her all our best wishes for the birth of her first baby.

Neville Earnshaw, the Community Safety manager for Pennine area, Lancashire Fire and Rescue service has agreed to take over as Chair of this group and move it forward over the next twelve months. Recent initiatives from the group

are the provision of UV marking pens for property marking, UV detection key fobs for special constables, community wardens etc and providing the Fire Reduction team with a set of Display panels for public education events. The group are also supporting a bid from the Fire reduction Team from the Urban II fund to sustain the team for another three years.

Road Safety

Chair Don Emmott, LCC Engineers Dept

The Road safety group were the first to produce their action plan and since that time have been working hard to ensure that the actions identified are being pursued.

At the last meeting a presentation was given from the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety by its Head of Staff, ex-Lancs. Constabulary HQ Traffic Inspector, Ian Bell.

He outlined arrangements to publicise road deaths statistics and

injuries both at County and at District level. Their main initiative at present is to provide signage at main access points to Padiham encouraging people to drive safely and the production of a Burnley Specific Road safety pamphlet.

Alcohol

Chair Bob Thompson
Alcohol & Drugs Service

The alcohol action group launched a campaign over Christmas to encourage people not to take bottles and glass into the streets.

This took the form of posters and stickers possible image of 'keep glass off streets' poster on lampposts around Burnley and Padiham town centres. Burnley Borough Council and the police are working towards having an alcohol control zone in place in the town centre by Easter and a

more detailed report will appear in the next newsletter. Other initiatives in progress are the production of a 'Homesafe' taxi information credit card to be given out to town centre drinkers to encourage them to use licensed taxis and will give important safety advice.

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Community Safety Team News

The latest member of the team has finally taken up post. Her name is Kerry Hulme and is a Police Constable with Lancashire Constabulary.

Kerry's initial secondment is for twelve months. Her main responsibilities will be to support the work of the Violent and Hate crime action group and develop the themes of young people and community cohesion that cut across all of the action groups. Kerry will also be involved in co-ordinating the actions and outcomes of the drugs action group. The role will also provide an invaluable link with the crime and disorder reduction strategies of the police.

Both this position and the Partnership Development Officer post; which is currently filled by Ian Potter, (seconded from the Fire Service) are being funded half by the relevant authorities and half by external funding sources.

The secondment of Ian Potter is due to end in mid April. However the initial period has been such a success that discussions are taking place with the Fire Service to extend the secondment for a further period of time.

Message from Melva

A lot has been going on in the action groups since we launched the new strategy last August. Action group members have worked extremely hard to get their plans in place and I thank all the members for finding the time in their busy days to be involved. Now that the Community Safety team is up to full strength we are able to offer then the support that they need to achieve their targets.



Melva Burton -
The Community Safety
Manager

Funding

The Home Office recently announced the 2003/04 funding for Community Safety Partnerships.

Burnley will receive £164,000 for activities, £101,000 of which is already committed for drugs related projects (such as the Get Real project in Burnley Wood, the Making Things Equal Project in Daneshouse and Stoneyholme and the Dance Drug Safety project in Burnley town centre clubs). £19,485 has been allocated from the Small Retailers in Deprived Areas fund along with £13,000 from Lancashire County Council for community safety projects. The Partnership is currently drawing up their spending plans for the coming year and we will let you know more about what we will be doing in the next edition of this newsletter.

Crime Reduction Basics

The government attaches great importance to community involvement in reducing crime. A 'Crime Reduction Basics' Training Pack has been designed to introduce individuals and community groups to the basic principles of crime and disorder reduction to encourage them to get involved in reducing crime, especially anti-social behaviour.

Copies can be downloaded from the crime reduction website, www.crimereduction.gov.uk