

FYLDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2005 - 2008



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Fylde Community Safety Partnership has worked hard in recent years to ensure the Borough remains one of the safest in the UK. Communities are enjoying the benefits brought by many initiatives that have introduced CCTV, improved lighting, provided additional police resources, designed out crime and anti-social behaviour, increased diversionary activities for our young people and helped local agencies to work smarter to tackle crime and safety issues.

I would like to thank all those individuals who have already contributed to the work of the Partnership and trust that all concerned will continue to build on the excellent achievements delivered over the last three years.

With a great deal of excellent work behind us we are now turning to the future and determining how we can continue to make a difference in Fylde. This Strategy will provide a framework for improving Community Safety and reducing crime and disorder in Fylde. It is based on the findings of the Community Safety Audit, published in November 2004, and on the extensive consultation exercise that followed, together with lessons learned, existing best practice and realistic target and priority setting.

The Partnership shares its commitment to work together to improve Community Safety and reduce crime and disorder. It will seek to implement this Strategy in a most effective and efficient manner, under the umbrella of the Local Strategic Partnership, by engaging all stakeholders and the community in the process.

CCllr Bernard Whittle
Chairman - Fylde Community Safety Partnership
March 2005

1.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Fylde Community Safety Partnership overarching aim is:

"To promote community safety, reduce levels of crime, disorder and road casualties, as well as improving the quality of life for all those who live, work and visit the Borough of Fylde"

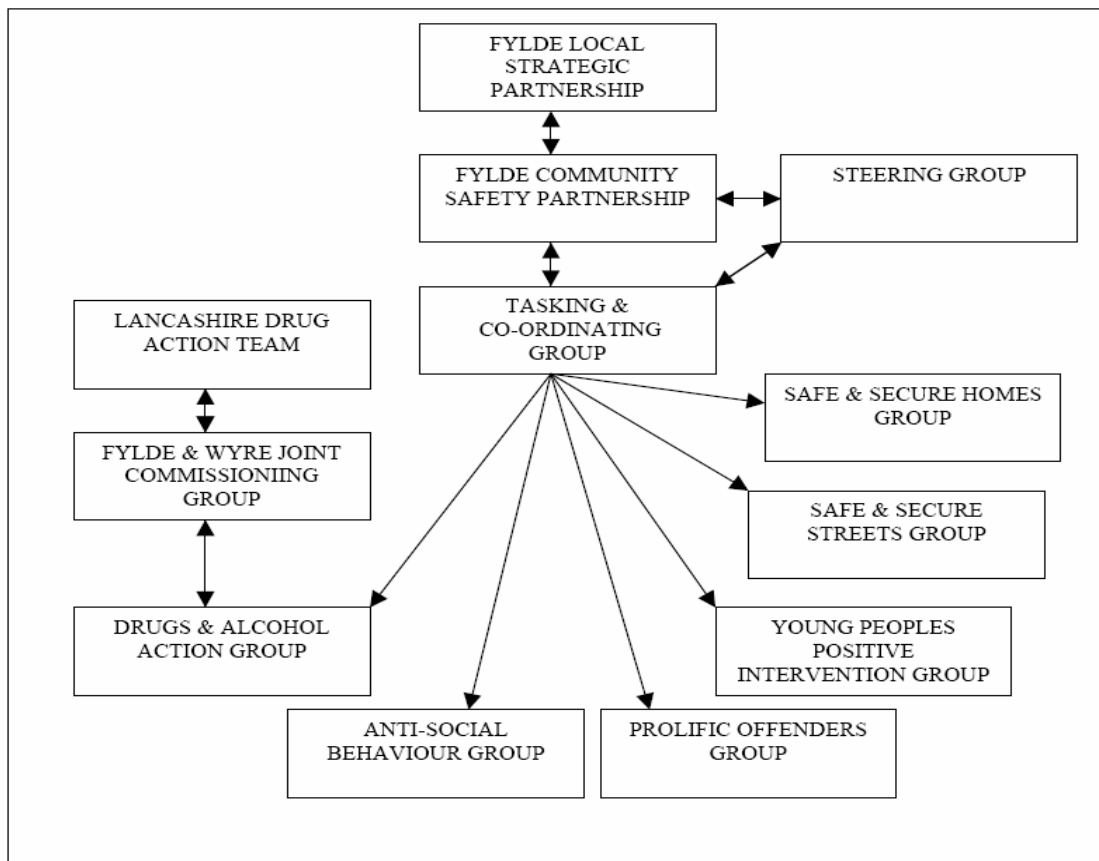
1.2 PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY

This strategy is published by the Fylde Community Safety Partnership in accordance with its obligations under section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by sections 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002. This legislation states that a strategy for reducing crime and disorder must be produced every three years and must include a strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour. It must take into account the findings of the recent audit and the views of the local community.

There is a further requirement for the partnership to include an integrated strategy for tackling substance misuse as part of the overall Crime and Disorder strategy.

The success of this document relies on the commitment of the partner agencies and the involvement of the community and its representatives. It sets out the Partnership's strategic priorities for the next three years (2005-2008). Success will be judged on the delivery of the strategic aims and objectives, meeting or exceeding the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the case of the drugs strategy, as well as any additional local priorities.

1.3 PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE



1.4 LINKS TO OTHER RELEVANT PARTNERSHIP PLANS

The Community Safety partnership operates as a sub group of the Local Strategic Partnership. This strategy will therefore be a sub set of the community plan linked with the youth justice plan. Each of the organisations that make up the partnership have their own plans/strategies and these are clearly linked to and have helped formulate this strategy. For example we will link Young People's Issues with Fylde Borough Council's Best Value Review for Youth Provision's recommendation for a youth panel, our crime and Fire and rescue targets are linked to those organisations targets. Fylde Borough Council's Housing Strategy reflects the need to 'Resettle and Rehabilitate' offenders, in particular those who are vulnerable and/or in priority need.

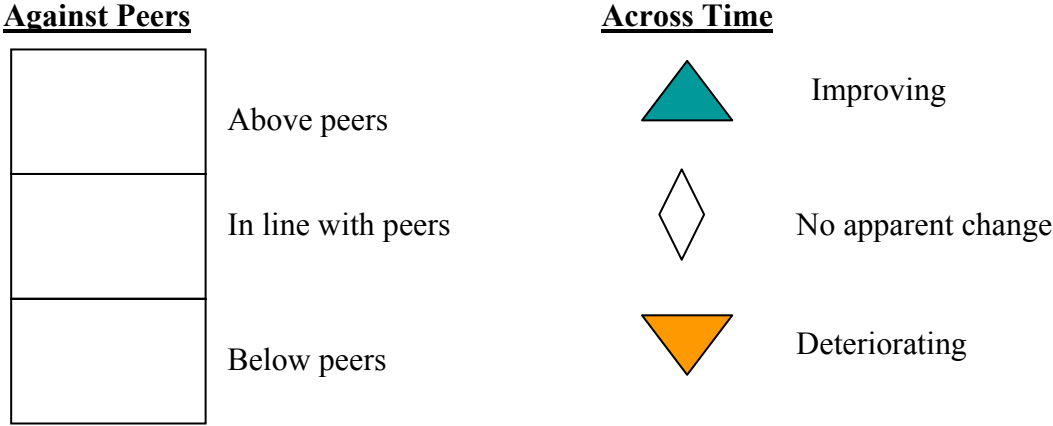
2. COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT

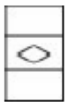
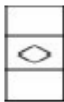
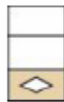
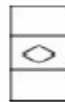


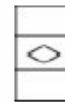

This Strategy is based on the November 2004 Community Safety Audit. The Audit provided a detailed analysis of crime data and Community Safety matters in Fylde Borough. Its aim was to identify broad priorities, to direct the consultation and ultimately, inform this Strategy. It began with a review of the relevant statistical information from a wide variety of sources, principally; Lancashire County Council (LCC): LCC Multi-Agency Data Exchange (MADE): Fylde Borough Council: Lancashire Constabulary (Western Division): National Probation Service: Fylde Primary Care Trust: Fylde and Wyre Youth Offending Team: Lancashire Fire and Rescue and Lancashire Drug Action Team (LDAT).

Overall, the Audit has shown Fylde Borough to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

The following 'shapes and ladders' chart shows how Fylde is performing nationally by comparing us with 14 'Most Similar' CDRP's over a 3 month period to the end of December 2004

Key to Performance Comparisons



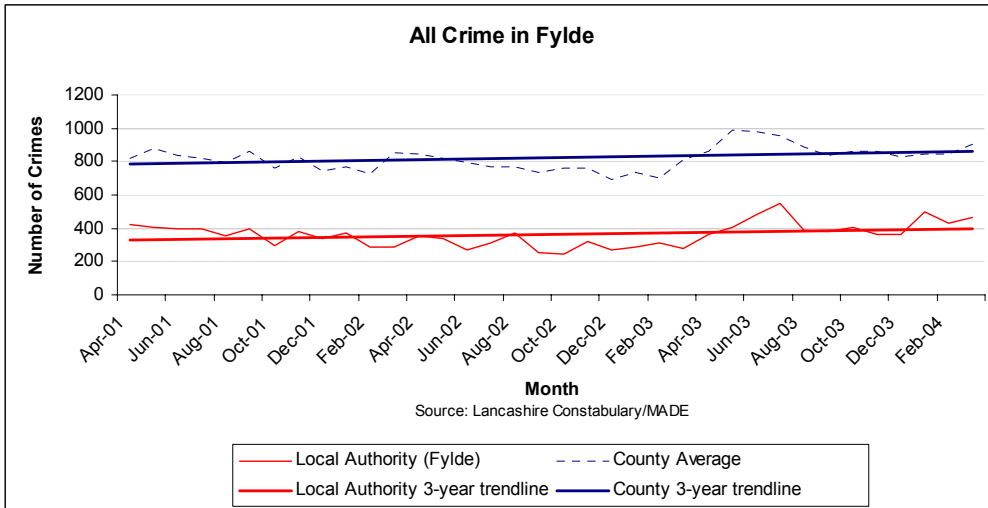
Force Overview Report - Lancashire CDRP Crimes Data To The End Of Dec 04								
Force/BCU/ CDRP	BCS Comparator	Total of Domestic Burglary & Vehicle Crime & Robbery	Domestic Burglary	Vehicle Crime (excluding Vehicle Interference)	Robbery	Theft (Other than Vehicle) & handling stolen goods	Violent Crime	All Crime
Fylde								

The 14 'Most Similar' CDRP's to Fylde:-

- Avon & Somerset - North Somerset
- Devon & Cornwall - East Devon
- Devon & Cornwall - Restormel
- Devon & Cornwall - Teignbridge
- Essex - Tendring
- Essex - Brentwood
- Hampshire - New Forest

- Lancashire - Wyre
- North Yorkshire - Harrogate
- Surrey - Elmbridge
- Surrey - Woking
- Sussex - Arun
- Sussex - Lewes
- Wiltshire - West Wiltshire

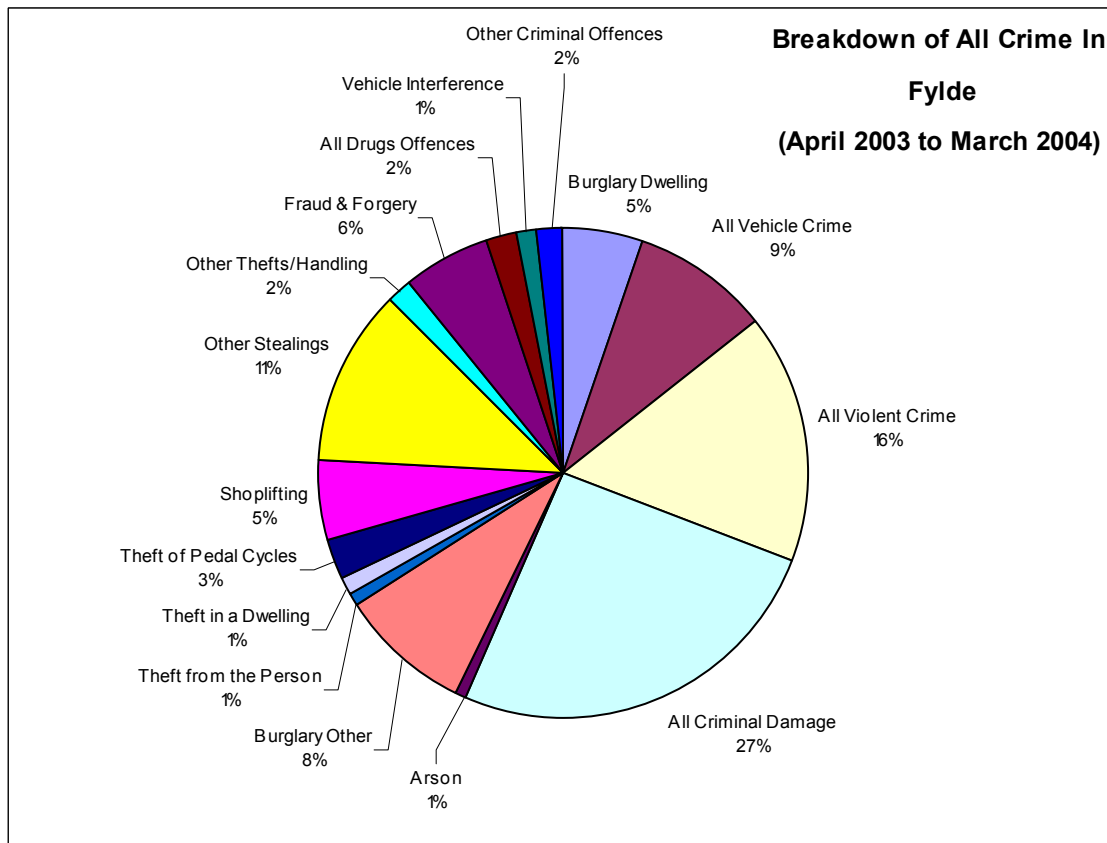
Currently, in comparison to all these 'Most Similar' CDRP's, we are third lowest for All Crime and well below the average for this group.



The crime rate is particularly low (60 per 1,000 population) compared with the County average (105.5 per 1,000)

2.1 MAIN ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE AUDIT

The largest volume crimes are Criminal Damage (27%), Violent Crime (16%) Other Stealings (11%) and Vehicle Crime (9%)



The previous chart shows that Criminal Damage is clearly an area the Partnership needs to focus on in this strategy.

The Audit also identified travelling criminals as a problem for Fylde with 54% of detected crime being committed by offenders living outside the Borough. Offenders were predominantly male (80%) and between the ages of 15 and 25. The top 14% most prolific offenders in Fylde were responsible for 39% of detected crime.

Property crime accounts for 78% of both Police recorded crime and crime identified through the British Crime Survey (BCS).

Drug and alcohol were also high on the agenda. People voiced concerns over the need for a proactive approach in dealing with both issues. Concerns about the number of young people drinking alcohol in parks and public places, and the long term health implication as well as the associated nuisance were also raised as something that needed to be addressed. Alcohol fuelled violent crime is a national problem that has had some impact on parts of the Fylde, particularly our Town Centres.

We identified two Wards with higher than the County average (105.5 per 1000 population) of crime. These were the two busiest Town Centre Wards, Clifton (234.4) and Ashton (108.7) in St. Annes.

Research tells us that only 12 – 20% of domestic violence incidents ever get reported and it is believed only 50% of victims ever tell anyone about it.

The Audit developed six key areas of Community Safety and subsequent consultation confirmed the public's agreement with the issues suggested by the Partnership. Overwhelmingly, anti-social behaviour, in all its facets, was identified as the priority concern. Dog fouling, litter, groups of youths 'hanging around' were generally the most common issues raised.

Better lighting and activities for young people were seen as something that would help reduce crime and the fear of crime.

People also highlighted the need to feel safe both at home and on the streets. CCTV was seen as a positive in the fight against crime as well as helping to reduce the fear of crime.

Repeat offending by certain individuals and concerns about some who may be committing crime to fund a drugs habit was also seen as a priority issue.

The Partnership will organise itself for the next three years to address the six themed issues by forming a tasking team that will identify the key priority tasks to work on. This team will meet regularly to ensure projects are being delivered on time and within budget, reporting back to the Steering Group and full Partnership on progress made. This should provide for a consistent approach to performance management and monitoring and importantly, be able to identify key cross cutting issues that impact on two or more of the priority themes.

1. Safe and Secure Homes

There are 32,000 homes in Fylde and we intend to work with housing providers to reduce opportunities for crime by design. We will work to reduce all crime, with particular emphasis on Criminal Damage, Arson and Domestic Violence. We will also work to reduce property fires, malicious and false fire alarms.

2. Safe and Secure Streets

We will reduce all crime in our streets and town centres, with particular emphasis on Criminal Damage and Deliberate Fires, Theft of Pedal Cycles, Theft from the Person and Violent Crime. We will reduce deliberate buildings, vehicles and secondary fires.

3. Young People's Issues

We intend to listen to and work with our young people, providing them with improved facilities and diversionary activities with a view to reducing nuisance, offending and re-offending.

4. Substance Misuse

In relation to drugs misuse we will focus on the four aims of the National Drugs Strategy:-

1. To stifle the availability of illegal drugs on our streets.
2. To enable people with drug problems to overcome them through treatment, to live healthy crime-free lives;
3. To help young people resist drug misuse in order to achieve their full potential;
4. To protect our communities from drug-related anti-social or criminal behaviour

In relation to alcohol we will work to change the binge drinking culture, reduce alcohol related violence and disorder and promote a safe, enjoyable environment.

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

We will work to reduce all the various elements of Anti-Social Behaviour, particularly dog fouling, litter and groups of youths causing harassment and intimidation, to improve quality of life for the people who live, work and visit Fylde.

6. Prolific Offenders

These individuals are responsible for 39% of all crime in the borough. We will proactively target them to provide treatment and other interventions as well as using the Criminal Justice System to curtail their offending.

The broad themes were identified at the start of the Audit process to give structure to the work that followed. The probity and order of priority of the themes were tested by means of public consultation, which led to the defined sub-groups presented here. It is important to highlight that the returns from the public consultation leaflet numbered 205 and 58.5% were from the under 18 age group. Consultation with older age groups places anti-social behaviour much higher in the rankings. It is a cross cutting issue in any case and will be taken into consideration by all the working sub-groups.

Protecting Diversity is another cross cutting issue for all the sub-groups to reflect upon in their day to day work. We will be proactive in our aims, objectives and interventions to ensure equality, eradicate discrimination on grounds of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability and comply with human rights legislation.

2.2 P.S.A. 1

The Home Office have Public Service Agreements (P.S.A.) to set their priorities over the coming three years. P.S.A. 1 is a negotiated agreement with the Police and the CDRP to reduce crime by 12.5%.

There are a number of other P.S.A. targets, in relation to the National Drug Strategy and Youth offending for example, that have been incorporated into our objectives. P.S.A.1 is deserving of further explanation as it affects each of the British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes in different ways in respect of the percentage reduction required

This target is based on the crime figures for the year 2003 – 2004 and the crime reductions identified in the first two Priority Areas section reflect this agreement. Not all types of crime will be reduced by exactly 12.5%, some will be more than that whilst others will be less or maintained at their current levels, to produce an overall reduction of 12.5%, taking into account the projected figures for 2004 – 05. In effect we have to reduce crime by 17% on these projected figures.

PRIORITY AREA 1 – Safe and Secure Homes

AIM – “There are 32,000 homes in Fylde and we intend to work with housing providers to reduce opportunities for crime by design. We will work to reduce all crime, with particular emphasis on Criminal Damage, Arson and Domestic Violence. We will also work to reduce property fires, malicious and false fire alarms.”

<u>OBJECTIVE 1 -</u>	To work with housing providers to reduce opportunities for crime by design
BASELINE-	Not applicable
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Involvement with 100% of new projects
<u>OBJECTIVE 2 -</u>	To reduce Criminal Damage and Arson by 24% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	1420 crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Year 1 – 1290 crimes (-9%). Year 2 – 1190 crimes (-8%) Year 3 – 1090 crimes (-8%)
<u>OBJECTIVE 3 –</u>	Maintain current low level of Burglary in a Dwelling
BASELINE -	255 Crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Baseline maintained/reduced to FY 2007/08
<u>OBJECTIVE 4 -</u>	Appoint a Domestic Violence Co-ordinator to analyse and baseline situation in Fylde in respect of :- 1. Incident reporting. 2. % of offenders arrested where a power of arrest exists 3. % of offenders brought to justice
BASELINE -	D/V co-ordinator to establish
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	D/V co-ordinator in post, baselines established and improvement plan in place by end of FY 2005/06

<u>OBJECTIVE 5 -</u>	To reduce Dwelling Fires by 18% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	49 fires
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Year 1 – 46 fires Year 2 – 43 fires Year 3 – 40 fires
<u>OBJECTIVE 6 -</u>	To reduce False Alarms from automatic fire alarms by 4% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	262 Automatic false alarms
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Year 1 - 259 Alarms Year 2 - 255 Alarms Year 3 - 251 Alarms
<u>OBJECTIVE 7 -</u>	To reduce Malicious calls by 5% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	24 calls
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Year 1 – 23 calls Year 2 – 23 calls Year 3 – 22 calls

INTERVENTIONS

Secure by Design – We will advise on new build sites and promote within F.B.C. Planning Dept.

Criminal Damage and Arson -To be scanned and analysed at Ward level throughout the Borough by C.B.M's, effective responses identified and implemented.

Smartwater –The liquid is a unique forensic coding system that is linked to a central recording database. We will promote and advertise its use to send a clear message to would-be criminals that marked items will be identifiable.

Distraction Burglary – The CDRP has secured in excess of 700 vulnerable households with the help of our partners Age Concern, New Fylde Housing and The Blind Society. The project provided door bars, door scopes, mirrors and memo minders (to prompt the householder to

check the identity of the caller) we will continue with this initiative but look to combine it with the Bogus Caller initiative:-

Bogus Caller Initiative – A Nominated Neighbour Campaign’ designed to reduce the number of vulnerable people becoming victims of bogus callers by providing an information card to show visitors who they do not recognise. This scheme will continue to be operated by the Police Community Support Officers and Fylde Borough Council Housing Department.

Stay Safe – we will continue to support these events, now the mainstream work of the participating agencies, which are part of a multi-agency approach to safeguarding older people in their own homes.

Domestic Violence Outreach Worker - We will continue to fund this post to provide support for victims.

Technical Equipment – We will continue to provide/fund this sort of equipment to assist victims and investigating officers.

Home Fire Safety Check – Lancashire Fire and Rescue will continue with their referral process for a free home fire safety check service and the free installation of smoke alarms where required. To date 2251 households have benefited from the scheme since April 2002.

FACE – Fire Awareness Child Education is a fire safety educational programme delivered to children between 4 and 12 yrs. who demonstrate behavioural problems involving firesetting. Both uniformed and non-uniformed personnel deliver the programme in the child’s home.

Vulnerable Housing Initiative –Community Beat Managers will, during their tour of duty, identify unoccupied homes. These homes will be leafleted giving advice on precautions people can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime. (Over 1000 to date). Another 1000 leaflets have been distributed to homes in areas at risk as part of Operation Reassure.

The Trading Standards Service will be involved in a number of initiatives designed to prevent people being the victims of commercial crime in their own home and to disrupt traders from operating in the informal market. These include:-

- The development of a video package as part of a presentation to older people that aims to reduce their susceptibility to becoming a victim of doorstep crime.
- The development of a bank and building society protocol which aims to reduce incidents of older people withdrawing large sums of money from their account with which to pay for bogus property work
- Greater interaction with other agencies such as Lancashire Police, Lancashire Home Improvement Agencies, Victim Support and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

Neighbourhood Watch – we will promote, help and support new and existing schemes.

Alleygating - We will initiate and then extend this scheme across the Borough area utilising the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill.

A.N.P.R. – Automatic Number Plate Recognition system will be used to target travelling criminals committing burglaries within the Fylde.

PRIORITY AREA 2 – Safe and Secure Streets.

AIM – “We will reduce all crime in our streets and town centres, with particular emphasis on Criminal Damage and Arson, Theft of Pedal Cycles, Theft from the Person and Violent Crime. We will reduce deliberate buildings, vehicles and secondary fires.”

OBJECTIVE 1 -	To reduce Theft of Pedal Cycles by 21% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE	161 crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Year 1 – 151 crimes (-6%) Year 2 – 141 crimes (-7%) Year 3 - 131 crimes(-7%)
OBJECTIVE 2 –	To reduce Theft from the Person by 10%
BASELINE	39 crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Year 1 – 37 crimes (-5%) Year 2 – 36 crimes (-3%) Year 3 – 35 crimes (-3%)
OBJECTIVE 3 -	To reduce woundings (serious and other) by 22%
BASELINE -	451 crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Year 1 – 416 crimes (-8%) Year 2 – 386 crimes (-7%) Year 3 – 361 crimes (-6%)
OBJECTIVE 4 -	To reduce common assaults (including assault on P.C.) by 26%
BASELINE	277 crimes (predicted for end FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Year 1 – 252 crimes (-9%) Year 2 – 232 crimes (-8%) Year 3 – 217 crimes (-6%)

OBJECTIVE 5 -	To reduce the number of deliberate building fires by 8% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	15 fires
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Year 1 – 14 Year 2 – 13 Year 3 - 13
OBJECTIVE 6 -	To reduce the number of deliberate vehicle fires by 4% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	23 Fires
PERFORMANCE MEASURE –	Year 1 – 22 Year 2 – 22 Year 3 - 22
OBJECTIVE 7 -	To reduce deliberate secondary fires by 5% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE	140 Fires
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Year 1 – 138 fires Year 2 – 135 fires Year 3 – 133 fires
OBJECTIVE 8 -	To maintain or reduce the current low level of vehicle crime (Theft of/Unauthorised taking/interference with.)
BASELINE -	534 crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Maintained or reduced from that level
OBJECTIVE 9 -	To maintain or reduce the number of personal Robbery offences
BASELINE -	11 crimes
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Maintained or reduced from that level

INTERVENTIONS

Cycle Marking – Over the last 3 years we have marked over 800 new cycles using the latest technology and central database recording system .We have linked with the business community through this project, with the cycle outlets now marking the cycles prior to leaving the shops.

Town Centre radio link –shops have been provided with radio sets linked to the police for rapid identification of problems in the Town Centres.

CCTV – has now successfully been rolled out across the whole of Fylde. We currently have 13 rapid deployment cameras and 2 mobile units. These have been well received by the community and have helped to reduce both actual crime and the fear of crime. We intend to increase the number of cameras by two per year to a total of 19 by 2007/08

Street Lighting –New lighting schemes have been introduced in 18 areas of Fylde and we will continue to install lighting in areas we identify a need.

Road Safety Partnership – We will continue to support this L.C.C. project with the Submission of Community concern speed enforcement sites to the partnership. We will assist in raising awareness of the consequences of speeding, drink driving and not wearing seat belts.

Operation Reassurance – Police operation with overarching aim to increase public reassurance in the police by various means such as the introduction of beat plans identifying times and places for high visibility patrol, an initiative to put Community Beat officers on bicycles etc.

Community Punishment Orders – 20% to go on community safety projects.

Training Opportunities – We will provide training opportunities in the community for offenders through the Probation Service.

Publicity – We will continue to make full use of the local media to promote the work of the partnership and to help reduce the fear of crime in the District.

PRIORITY AREA 3 – Young People’s Issues.

AIM – “We intend to listen to and work with our young people, providing them with improved facilities and diversionary activities, with a view to reducing nuisance, offending and re- offending,”

OBJECTIVE 1 -	Reduce first time offending - Not to exceed 258 new offenders by Year End 2006
BASELINE -	Year-End 2004 – 172 offenders.
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Year End 2005 - <215 offenders Year End 2006 - <258 offenders This performance target ends in 2006 but will be reviewed/reset for remaining period of this Strategy
OBJECTIVE 2 -	Re – Offending not to exceed 28.1% annually to end of 2006.
BASELINE -	28.% for 2004
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Not to exceed 28.1% for 2005 and 2006. This performance target ends in 2006 but will be reviewed/reset for remaining period of this Strategy
OBJECTIVE 3 -	Provide youth shelters in appropriate areas for young people to use.
BASELINE -	One shelter currently provided
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	One further shelter per year.
OBJECTIVE 4 -	Increase No. of Test Purchasing at Fylde’s Off Licences by 10% Year on Year.
BASELINE	53 test purchases for 2004/05:- (Police and Trading Standards)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Year 1 – 58 test purchases Year 2 – 64 test purchases Year 3 - 70 test purchases

INTERVENTIONS

Youth Panel – We will support and be involved with Fylde Borough Councils Best Value Review recommendation for a Youth Panel.

Sports Outreach – This is now mainstreamed by Fylde borough Council. The Partnership still supports this scheme and values its contribution to reducing nuisance and disorder during the school holidays. It is intended to further develop this programme over the coming years.

Improvements in public parks – We will continue to be involved in improvements such as football facilities, fencing and lighting.

Playsafe Scheme – We will provide a safe environment within our parks for younger children to relax, play and enjoy, monitored by volunteer wardens.

Community Engagement Vehicle – this has proved a useful resource provided through Community Safety and made available to support the work of a range of agencies in reaching out to people in communities. We will continue to maintain this vehicle and replace it at the end of its working life.

Young People's Booklet – completed October 2002 and still available. This has proved a very worthwhile resource for young people and other agencies as it includes a wide range of different activities around the Borough. We will work with Fylde B.C. to produce an updated version as per recommendations in the Fylde Borough Best Value Review of Youth Provision in the Fylde.

Trading Standards – Will work closer with CDRP's to take action to prevent harm to children and nuisance caused by young people from access to restricted goods such as fireworks, with a strong emphasis on the reduction of alcohol sales to under aged young people.

YOUTH OFFENDING INITIATIVES

Responsibility and Prevention Programme (RAP) - A ten week programme which enables young people to examine their offending behaviour, consequences of their crime, family and peer relationships, victim awareness, reparative work and community reintegration.

Teen Talk - Teen Talk is an innovative young person orientated resource material that encompasses over 150 individual sessions covering issues such as:- offending behaviour, social and emotional behaviour, relationships, self awareness, school, drugs and alcohol, citizenship, personal safety, sexual health.

No Fear - This particular offence focused intervention sessions make use of a video that has been produced by Lancashire Constabulary aimed at enabling young people to gain an insight into the sometimes devastating consequences of car crime.

Anger Management - Integrated sessions on learning how to understand and control feelings of anger and offers young people the opportunity to learn how to deal with their anger in way that does not impact in a negative way either on themselves or others.

Work Related to Young People who Commit Sexual Offences. - Prior to delivering interventions on those young people who commit sexual offences there will be detailed multi-agency assessment involving the appropriate agencies and professionals. This assessment will then lead to the compilation of an individually designed programme of work that will be undertaken with young person concerned with the aim to prevent further offences.

Work Related to Arson / Fire Setting - Joint assessment and individually tailored educational programme is delivered by Lancashire's YOT and Fire and Rescue Service. The aim of the programme is to increase their awareness of the following topics:

- The dangers of fire.
- The consequences of fire, both in human and financial terms.
- Basic Fire Safety.

Reparation - LYOT is committed to providing opportunities for Mediation to take place between the victim and young person who has offended against them. The team's Victim Liaison Officer contacts all victims of the young people we work with. This is to ascertain if they would like the opportunity to be involved in a restorative justice process that would bring them into contact with the young person who was responsible for the offence. This can be in either a direct form of mediation, where they meet face to face or in an indirect way whereby the young person writes a letter of explanation and apology to their victim. Indirect reparation may also involve the young person working in the local community.

Within the Fylde area we are involved in several reparation projects including Work for Fylde Borough Council, Charity Shops, Crime Prevention Leaflet drops with the Police, Animal Sanctuary to name but a few, which sees young people performing unpaid work in order to assist local projects.

Substance Misuse - The team has a dedicated Substance Misuse Worker who is responsible for the assessment and subsequent intervention programme that will address issues relating to alcohol and drug misuse. Where appropriate these assessments will then inform intervention and treatment care plans aimed at preventing the young person from continuing to misuse drugs or alcohol.

Integrated work with Connexions and with Schools - The team has a seconded Education Worker whose role is to act as the link with the Education Directorate to monitor the educational needs of all the young people we are working with. The team has also been allocated a link, Connexions Personal Advisor, who works closely with the YOT staff and the young people open to the team, in providing advice and guidance in the transition from full time education to training and employment.

Mentoring - The Wyre & Fylde team has an excellent group of volunteers who provide us with necessary personnel to facilitate our Community Referral Order Panels. Volunteer mentors are also used to support and befriend young people as part of our aim to provide them with positive adult role models. Volunteers also assist in providing Support and Supervision to young people involved in reparation activities.

GRIP - In addition to the YOT in Lancashire, the county has established a multi-agency, short term, early intervention initiative that works with children and young people believed to be at risk of becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour, called GRIP (Group Intervention Panel). It aims to divert children and young people aged between 5 and 13 years from

developing patterns of persistent or more serious offending. To make sure that agencies work together in the best possible way with children and young people at risk of becoming involved with crime and anti-social behaviour. GRIP only works with young people whose needs are not already being met by other agencies and where both young person and parent/carer give their consent. There must be identified criminal or anti-social behaviour.

Youth Referral Service - Run by Lancashire Constabulary. When a Police Officer attends an incident of anti-social behaviour, they can refer the young person involved to the scheme; the young person's details are included on a database and an initial letter will be sent to their parent/carer. Early intervention will hopefully reduce the demand on resources for the police and other agencies. If the young person comes to notice again within a 6-month period, then a further letter will be sent to the parent/carer and to their school. If the young person comes to notice on a third occasion within the 6-month period, then an agency meeting is arranged. This will involve the young person and parent/carer, the school, the police and any other agency that may have an interest in that young person. At this stage an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) will be agreed upon.

PRIORITY AREA 4- Substance Misuse

AIM – *“In relation to drugs misuse we will focus on the four aims of the National Drugs Strategy:-*

1. *To stifle the availability of illegal drugs on our streets.*
2. *To enable people with drug problems to overcome them through treatment, to live healthy crime-free lives;*
3. *To help young people resist drug misuse in order to achieve their full potential;*
4. *To protect our communities from drug-related anti-social or criminal behaviour*

In relation to alcohol we will work to change the binge drinking culture, reduce alcohol related violence and disorder and promote a safe, enjoyable environment. “

OBJECTIVE 1 -	Set up Drugs/Alcohol project in Fylde
BASELINE -	Set up and baseline clients using service in year 1 (FY 2005/06)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Implemented by year-end 2005/06. Increased no. of clients Year on Year to 2007/08
OBJECTIVE 2 -	To increase the number of people accessing drug treatment by 9% year on year to 2007/08
BASELINE -	122 treated. (Target for 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Year 1 – 132 treated Year 2 - 144 treated Year 3 - 157 treated
OBJECTIVE 3 -	To increase numbers retained in and completing treatment
BASELINE -	To be established by D.I.P. team
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	To be established by D.I.P. team
OBJECTIVE 4 -	D.I.P. to have significant effect on reduction of Acquisitive Crime.
BASELINE -	2960 Crimes (predicted for end FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	Year on Year reduction in recorded Acquisitive Crime.

DRUGS INTERVENTIONS

Key Performance Indicators – Our focus and efforts will take into account and be guided by the next set of Key Performance Indicators set by the Home Office in relation to the following four strands of the National Drugs Strategy.

Reducing Supply

Targeted Operations – We will continue to support targeted police operations, such as ‘Operation Nimrod’ to identify and prosecute drug dealers, particularly those dealing class ‘A’ controlled drugs.

CCTV – drug hotspots will be identified and assessed with a view to the installation of further rapid deployment CCTV poles and cameras to stifle street dealing

Alleygating – will be used to prevent drug dealing and any displacement caused by CCTV installation

Community Engagement

PACT - We will make full use of the monthly Police and Community Together meetings to engage with the community and identify drugs related issues raised by members of the public at Ward level.

Opinion and Life in Lancashire – are two regular surveys carried out by Lancashire Police Authority and Lancashire County Council respectively. They provide valuable feedback from the public for the Partnership in relation to drug issues, as well as a wide range of other Crime and Disorder issues.

Young People

Operation Adhere – A Drugs education initiative aimed at Year 6 pupils, which takes them through the Criminal Justice System from point of arrest to sentencing.

Treatment

Drugs Intervention Programme (D.I.P.)- We will fully embrace this multi-agency Government initiative to target Adult offenders with a drugs problem in order to provide seamless drug treatment through the Criminal Justice System.

Arrest Referral Scheme -Arrest Referral Schemes provide an intervention aimed at those who have been arrested and whose offences may be linked to drug use. The intervention takes place within the police cells or court premises and can range from giving information to full assessment and referral into appropriate services. The schemes are designed to help drug users engage with services and to reduce the likelihood of future offending behaviour.

Prolific Offenders - A new multi-agency team has been set up to pro-actively target prolific offenders, many have drug related issues and could be using criminal activities to fund a habit. The team will fully explore all issues surrounding the patterns of offending and where necessary they will be activity encouraged into treatment. (See Priority Area 6)

Fylde Drug and Alcohol Project - Once set up (See objective 1) to increasingly supply treatment to clients referred to the facility for both Drug and Alcohol problems.

ALCOHOL INTERVENTIONS

Operation Nightsafe – We will continue to support this Police operation aimed at targeting the abuse of alcohol. We will use various strategies from education to enforcement with a view to reducing alcohol - related violence and disorder as well as the binge drinking culture.

Pub watch – initiated in one Town Centre and to be rolled out throughout the District. Landlords are linked to identify problems and a regular meeting takes place with the Police.

On Street Drinking Bans – large areas of the Fylde are now covered by these bans. Police Officers can now seize alcohol from persons drinking in the street within these designated areas. We will introduce further designated areas should it become appropriate to do so

PRIORITY AREA 5 – Anti-Social Behaviour

AIM – *“We will work to reduce all the various elements of Anti-Social Behaviour, particularly dog fouling, litter and groups of youths causing harassment and intimidation, to improve quality of life for the people who live, work and visit Fylde ”*

OBJECTIVE 1 –	Reduce incidents of dog fouling
BASELINE	Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator to baseline for 2005 and introduce targets when new Council recording system goes live
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	To be set after robust recording system introduced early 2005. (NSIR compatible)
OBJECTIVE 2 –	Reduce incidents of litter
BASELINE –	Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator to baseline for 2005 and introduce targets when new Council recording system goes live
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	To be set after robust recording system introduced early 2005. NSIR compatible)
OBJECTIVE 3 -	To reduce reports of Juvenile nuisance by 5% Year on Year to end of FY 2007/08
BASELINE –	783 reports (predicted figure for FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Year 1 - 744 incidents Year 2 - 706 incidents Year 3 - 671 incidents
OBJECTIVE 4 -	Increase number of alcohol seizures from underage youths in public places by 15%, Year on Year to end of FY 2007/08
BASELINE	28 seizures for FY 2004/05
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Year 1 - 32 seizures Year 2 – 37 seizures Year 3 – 42 seizures

INTERVENTIONS

Community Beat Managers - Each ward area in Fylde has a dedicated Police Officer who works with the community to provide a point of contact for them, provide reassurance and solve local problems and issues.

Pact Meetings – Police and Community Together are monthly meetings organised by each Community Beat Manager for consulting with the public in their ward. Members of the public can bring to the attention of the Officer any problems they have within the community

Accredited Officers – Partnership organisations can have officers accredited by the police to take on responsibilities for low level antisocial behaviour. They will be given powers to issue fixed penalty tickets which are currently limited to dog fouling but will be expanded in the near future

CCTV - Both the rapid deployment and mobile CCTV have a dramatic effect on anti social behaviour and we will continue to improve and expand its use

Youth Shelters – At least one new shelter per annum in areas of concern to give young people a safe place to congregate away from the streets. (See objective 3 in Young People’s Issues)

Flare – updated recording system compatible with National Standard Incident Recording now used by the Police.

Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator – Now in place at the Fylde partnership to analyse and map all anti-social behaviour with a view to implementing strategies to reduce this type of behaviour.

PRIORITY AREA 6 – Prolific offenders

AIM – “These individuals are responsible for 39% of all crime in the borough. We will proactively target them to provide treatment and other interventions as well as using the Criminal Justice System to curtail their offending.”

OBJECTIVE 1 -	To significantly contribute to the reduction of all BCS Comparator crime in Fylde by 17% by FY 2007/08
BASELINE -	3148 crimes (predicted for end of FY 2004/05)
PERFORMANCE MEASURES -	Year 1 – 2946 crimes (-6%) Year 2 – 2785 crimes (-5%) Year 3 – 2634 crimes (-5%) % reduction for re-offending for P.P.O’s % of P.P.O’s successfully completing community orders.
OBJECTIVE 2 -	To deal with no more than a maximum of 20 Prolific Offenders at any one time
BASELINE -	20 or less offenders on the project at any one time
PERFORMANCE MEASURE -	As above Baseline measure

INTERVENTIONS

Prolific and Priority Offenders – This is a Home Office initiative involving a multi- agency approach to target the core offenders who are individually responsible for a disproportionately high percentage of crime. We will be supporting all the agencies involved in the Prevent and Deter, Catch and Convict and Rehabilitate and Resettle strands of this initiative. It is important to stress that as part of ‘Prevent and Deter’ strand the partnership will be identifying those young people that are most at risk of becoming Prolific Offenders and putting in place appropriate diversionary initiatives to prevent them from becoming the next Prolific Offenders. The main agencies involved are:-

Police, Probation, Prison Service, Youth Offending Team, Crown Prosecution Service, Health Service, Social Services, Job Centre and Housing.

By utilising all these agencies plus other private sector substance misuse and voluntary services, we can provide a complete, ‘joined up’ approach to dealing with prolific offenders.

A.N.P.R. – We will support the introduction of this type of camera and support systems across Fylde to tackle the problem of prolific, professional criminals travelling into the area to commit crime.