



NEWSLETTER

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PROPERTY CRIME

Of particular success in this area has been the Anti Social Behaviour Order on a man who was responsible for 5% of crime in Longridge. The ban prohibits this man from entering the Mardale Road/Chapel Hill area of Longridge for three years, should it be deemed necessary other areas can be included by serving letters on him directly.

The Youth and Community service are undertaking outreach work with young people in the Longridge area to tackle juvenile nuisance.

E-Mailer Watch has been successfully re-launched with over thirty Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and Parish Clerks receiving information.

CCTV is having a positive impact on property crime, it is hoped that in the near future the ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Reader) will be linked in to the system this will read car number plates as they pass and provide information to officers relating to the insurance, tax, whether stolen or known criminals.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIMINAL DAMAGE

In January this year 3 PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) were appointed to serve in the Ribble Valley. These appointees are extensions of the Police 'Family' and patrol in a recognisable uniform. Two of these officers work exclusively in Clitheroe and Whalley, the third visits many outlying villages with a new mobile Police Station. He undertakes foot patrol duties in these areas as well as manning the vehicle to receive enquiries and complaints.

The main task for these officers is to give a visible presence, establishing contacts and engaging with communities and groups. From feedback it appears the public of the Ribble Valley are happy with the work the officers are doing and more effort is being made to publicise and promote this.

Community Beat Managers are experienced Police Constables who have been given specific beats to manage. They are in post for at least three years and have been

picked because of their knowledge, expertise and ability to communicate with the public. They will work closely with residents, communities and other agencies to find solutions to problems including inappropriate juvenile behaviour, crime hot spots, road traffic matters and other criminally related matters.

It is hoped to increase the number of CBM's in the near future, giving more coverage to the remainder of the Ribble Valley.

John Barber, Quality of Life Officer has now been in post six months, he liaises closely with the Police and other agencies and tasks the PCSO's directly. Anti Social Behaviour Contracts have been used to effectively combat problems; these voluntary contracts enable situations to be 'nipped in the bud' without involving court proceedings. John hopes to have noise monitoring equipment permanently sited at the Police Station in Clitheroe to enable this anti social behaviour to be tackled.

'Poop Scoop Week' was held week commencing 30th June, this national event co-ordinated by the NCDL (National Canine Defence League) aimed to proactively educate and monitor dog owners.

The possibility of a feasibility study, being carried out in St Michaels and St Johns School playing field is currently being looked at with a view to wider community use and possibly all-weather surfaces being provided.

YOUTH INTERVENTION

Now the Skate Park site has been identified attention is turning to the subject of fundraising. A Coffee Morning was held, which was well supported with good press coverage, some of the young people were involved with baking cakes for the event! A draft constitution has been written in order that funding bids can be formulated.

The Partnership supported the Ribble Valley Streetwise initiative held at Mytton Fold Hotel. This week long event promoted safety for year six children (statistically most at risk during the summer holidays); agencies involved included Fire and Rescue, United Utilities, Primary Care Trust, RVBC, Blackburn Rovers FC and the Northern Rural Partnership. 500 pupils from Ribble Valley Schools attended.

One initiative, which, is in the pipeline for the near future, is the Youth Referral Scheme and Lancashire Sport – this is a 12-month countywide project. In September this year a Community Facilitator will be appointed who will adopt a multi-agency approach to identifying suitable diversionary activities. This initiative will lead onto a new leisure card which will encourage young people to use leisure facilities, enable RVBC to better target resources at key groups and improve partnership working.

VIOLENT CRIME

The name of Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Outreach has changed to HARV Domestic Violence Team. £2,500 has been received by the Team from RVBC, which will cover expenses for a voluntary worker for the Ribble Valley area. Other funding that the service has tapped into are SRB and ERDF. This funding however, does not cover clients from Ribble Valley.

A Partnership between the Police, Medina (the Islamic Education Centre) and the Community Cohesion group of the Local Strategic Partnership resulted in an Activity Weekend for around thirty 12-14 year-olds of white and Asian heritage. The young people participated in paint balling, and sports at Roefield. The event received good press coverage, friendships were made and myths dispelled.

The Home Office is at present carrying out a Domestic Violence Mapping Exercise, which aims to assess Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships' approach to tackling domestic violence. This exercise will assess the type, and the level of support each CDRP requires to effectively deliver and sustain its work. We hope that this means funding will be available to the Partnership.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Drug Education Workers are now in every High School – this has proved difficult to achieve, the target within the Strategy is now attained. Much of the work achieved both within schools and detached work proves the need to continue funding these posts in the future.

The Ribble Valley Roadshow – a partnership project between Youth & Community and the Police has held a third event at Chipping Village Hall in June. Information is available on drugs for both parents and young people.

Discussions have taken place both at this working group and at the Steering Group as to the future funding of the Life Education Centres. LEC have visited each of the Boroughs Primary Schools, these visits, which are part of an ongoing programme of drug education have been funded by the Partnership for three years. The Steering Group are looking at LEC's evaluation and a decision will be made at their next meeting.

The signage for the Drinking on Streets Ban is to be combined with signage for the CCTV system and is in the process of being ordered.

At its' next meeting the group will consider whether a local alcohol strategy is appropriate for the Ribble Valley.

ROAD SAFETY

As part of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnerships remit, each District is asked to provide 12 locations where speed of vehicles is a local concern. These are then assessed and a number within the County are identified to receive 20% of the Police enforcement activity. Evidence of speeding is required and there is no guarantee concerning the number of active sites within each District. In 2002/3 there were 4 successful sites within Ribble Valley District. RVBC, LCC and the Police have received many requests for monitoring of speed within the Borough, further meetings will take place to identify further sites of community concern.

FUNDING UPDATE

The funding for 2003/04 will be spent as follows:

• Two Drug Education Workers	£35,000
• Covert Operations Vehicle	£12,500
• Life Education Centres Contribution	£9,250
• Quality of Life Officer	£20,000
• Donation to Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Outreach Project	£2,500
• Refinements to ANPR – addition of infra-red camera	£3,000
• Security lighting for Townley house, Longridge	£1,000
• Residential for Tower Hill kids	£500
• Community Cohesion Event	£500
• Longridge Skatepark Contribution	£5,000
• Funding for Alcohol ban signage	£5,000
• Contribution to Streetwise event	£2,800
• Clerical Assistant	£5,000
• Lancashire Education Authority cd-rom	£600

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