



South Ribble Community Safety Partnership

Multi Agency Problem Solving Team Bulletin

This is a bulletin on multi agency work by members of the Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team in South Ribble. In the bulletin we will be reporting on interventions by our members on a monthly basis and by doing so informing local communities and partners of the valuable work in reducing crime and improving the quality of life in the borough.

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Caretaker Project

The launch of this project took place on 20th September 2005 with an evening workshop at the Civic Centre. At the workshop, members of the local community and representatives of the Community Safety Partnership considered those areas where criminal damage occurs and ways in which we can work together to prevent and deter further offences. The event included presentations by members of the MAPS Team on the consequences of criminal damage and ways in which it may be reduced.

The workshop was very well attended and valuable information was exchanged to help the project during the forthcoming months. The project will initially run for four months and will focus on reducing criminal damage across the borough. There will be initiatives in neighbourhoods where damage is greatest and a website has been developed to provide information on the Caretaker Project.

Information from the workshop will be presented on the website and we will also ask for further contributions to be provided by anyone keen to help with our initiatives.

“Check out Charlie”

As part of the Caretaker Project, we have also developed the “Check out Charlie” campaign to educate and increase awareness of the consequences of criminal damage to the victim, the offender and the local community.

“Check out Charlie” pages on the South Ribble Borough Council website include Charlie’s Diary. In his diary, our character Charlie records what happens to him when he is caught causing damage. The diary will be regularly updated throughout the project, as Charlie is held accountable and takes responsibility for his actions.

The diary and other information on the campaign are being advertised across the borough in a number of ways, including posters on the backs of local buses from 3rd October. We are encouraging young people in particular to log on and find out more about the consequences of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Other initiatives in the project include:

27th September

The clean-up and landscaping work on open land near Peacock Hall Road and Merlin Grove in Leyland

September and October

Storyboard art and poster competitions have been developed on the Charlie’s Story theme to increase awareness of the consequences of causing criminal damage

Throughout the project

On the crime prevention advice web pages information is being given to householders, vehicle owners and businesses. the information is available on the South Ribble Borough Council web site on www.southribble.gov.uk and in leaflets.



Check out CHARLIE... www.southribble.gov.uk

Community Safety Support Officer

Assisted in the preparation for the Caretaker event held on 20th September.

Arranged a Domestic Abuse Awareness Course, held in Leyland to help raise awareness of Domestic Abuse. The course was well attended by agencies across the borough.

Arranged and attended the first meeting for preparation of the 16 Days of Action campaign for 2005. Campaign begins on 25th November which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. During the 16 days of action, white ribbons are worn to symbolise the support for the elimination of violence against women, the first white ribbon day was launched in the UK in 1998. The 16th Day of Action is the 10th December which also coincides with Human Rights Day.

Environmental Health

Since the beginning of April 2005 19 fixed penalty notices have been served for failure to clean up dog faeces.

Licensing Act 2003 – The first appointed day has now passed and over 75% of premises which need to apply for a Licence have applied. At the moment the Environment Protection team are processing the applications and attending Licensing Committees. The licensing process for the sale of alcohol, late night refreshment and entertainment enable the local authority to regulate these activities having regard not only to nuisance but also crime and disorder.

The Environmental Protection is taking the lead in organising Visual Audits for Operation Caretaker. A team of auditors have visited the Broad Oak area of Penwortham to establish environmental problems in the area and to come up with solutions. An example was that during the audit we identified an area where a lot of litter was being deposited. The area was cleaned that week and the Environmental Enforcement Team will now keep an eye on that area and if they find somebody who is responsible a fixed penalty notice will be served. During these audits, the problem areas are identified as where crime will be resisted and not tolerated.

The Environmental Protection Team is involved in Operation Cascade, an annual multi-agency operation to reduce accidents, damage and nuisance around the bonfire period. A survey took place at the end of August to assess public opinion in a "hotspot" locality regarding bonfires and fireworks. The information gathered will be used to assess public opinion of bonfires and fireworks and will guide the agencies involved in this year's operation.

Housing

A meeting is to be held with various agencies for the floating support and the Primary Care Trust. The meeting has been called to discuss the increasing number of people with various mental health issues and complex needs applying and accessing services but have limited resources available. It is hoped the outcome of the meeting will identify the extent of the problem and way to work forward in meeting their demands.

Parks

The Rangers are busy preparing for a flower and bulb planting event to be held in Pope Lane Park, Penwortham on October 16th with the junior rangers.

It is hope that the event will create a community spirit and also raise awareness of public spaces through a community action.

Lancashire County Council, Penwortham Town Council and South Ribble Borough Council are all participating in improving the local park.

Street Scene

Litterwardens have removed over 70 Fly posters in the area advertising for a Spanish Exhibition to be held at the Poachers and another 20 in the Salmesbury area advertising a similar event at the Tickled Trout Hotel.

Each poster carries a maximum fine of £1000 or can be issued a fixed penalty notice of £50.

If anyone has the details of the person who is responsible for erecting the posters for example a car registration number please pass the details on to Street Scene services on 01772 625625. Only the actual person responsible for erecting them can be fined or issued a Fixed Penalty Notice.