

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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Community Safety Team

Anti-social Behaviour Officer

Actions arising from the Prevent & Deter Group for early interventions with young offenders and those at risk of offending. This included home visits, signing of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and referral into diversionary activity)

Attendance at Area Committees to report on the current work of the Community Safety Partnership

Preparation work for Summer Activity Scheme 2005 lead by South Ribble Borough Council and providing diversionary activities for children during the summer holiday period throughout the borough

Inter-generational Project with Accent NW & local CBM involving younger and older generations living in the Moss Side locality and promoting greater inter -generational understanding and tolerance

Preparation of series of diversionary activities, which are to be delivered throughout July and August 2005 on Friday evenings.

Co-ordination of residents' meetings to address complaints of anti-social behaviour

Community Safety Co-ordinator

Prepared the new Community Safety Strategy for South Ribble.

The strategy covers the next three years and features the aims and objectives of the partnership in tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in the

borough. Free printed copies of the strategy are available on request from South Ribble Borough Council or in electronic format from the Community Safety page on their website: www.southribble.gov.uk

Developed a community safety questionnaire for South Ribble Borough Council's Citizen's Panel.

This is to be distributed to panel members in July and analysis of the information gathered in the survey will be used to measure perceptions about crime and disorder issues in the borough. This information will be analysed and used by the partnership to direct some of its initiatives, in particular those aimed at giving reassurance that the borough is a safe place.

Submitted a successful bid to the Home Office for the cost of purchasing a CCTV surveillance vehicle.

The vehicle will be purchased and operated by the Community Safety Partnership to act as both a deterrent to crime and antisocial behaviour and to provide greater evidence gathering capabilities if incidents occur.

Community Safety Support Officer

Attended a number of conferences to gather information on good practice on behalf of the team including :

- National Standards of Incident Recording and Antisocial Behaviour
- Tackling the Alcohol Agenda
- Arson Control Forum

Assisted in the organisation of the Community Safety Open Day event held on Thursday 30th June and attended by over 70 members of the public. Visitors had the opportunity to pick up valuable information on all aspects of personal and community safety. The attendees also had the opportunity to learn first hand from operational officers about work being done to keep South Ribble a safe place to live.

Some of the comments received about the event from those who attended where

“The event has been very informative”

“This event has been very informative and educational, I can't think of anything to improve it.”

“Well Organised 10 /10”

Domestic Abuse Project Co-ordinator

On 13th June 2005, the three year Domestic Abuse Strategy for Chorley and South Ribble was launched at the Woodlands Centre in Chorley. Actor Bill Ward (Coronation Street's bad guy Charlie Stubbs) was a guest speaker, along with Sue Mills of the Crown Prosecution Service and Anthony Wills who consults Nationwide on Domestic Abuse issues. The event was attended by over 150 people assisting to raise the awareness of domestic abuse across both boroughs. Representatives from

agencies and the voluntary sector across both boroughs were present to support the Domestic Abuse Forum at the launch.

Chorley and South Ribble Housing Options Officer (Drug Intervention Programme DIP)

Since starting at the Civic Centre on 9th May, Chris Riley has spent much of his time networking with the 19 housing providers and schemes in the Chorley and South Ribble area. This has been done in order to explain the role of the Drug Intervention Programme, to identify possible barriers to housing accommodation for substance using clients and ways to reduce those barriers.

In addition to this, Chris has visited the agencies who work with drug users and offenders , including Chorley and Leyland Probation Service , The Lancashire Constabulary Tower Projects , Community Drugs Teams Drugline , South Ribble Key and Inward House Projects.

As a result a total of 13 referrals have been received including;
5 from Chorley/ Leyland Tower Teams;
2 from South Ribble Borough Council Housing Needs Officer,
1 from South Ribble Key

In addition to the above Chris has attended a number of courses including one on Domestic Abuse.

For the next few weeks he is hoping to finish off his housing network visits and producing a simple guide to drug projects in this area which will be of benefit to housing providers. Following this he will be concentrating on assisting DIP clients to secure housing suitable for their needs, helping them to sustain existing accommodation, advocating on their behalf or providing/arranging appropriate tenancy support

Planning and Regeneration

With the recent hot weather disposable barbeques are being taken onto Worden Park, predominantly by Runshaw students. Recently, the bin at the Langdale Road entrance caught fire as a result of a barbeque being put into it. This was extinguished by a park ranger but as summer continues and the vegetation begins to dry out the park rangers will be working with partners to avoid any serious incidents arising.

Environmental Health

Since the beginning of June 2005, 2 fixed penalty notices have been served for failure to remove dog faeces. There have been two prosecutions following the failure to pay the £50 fine and in both cases a guilty plea was entered.

Jennifer Mullin, Senior Environmental Health Officer is a member of the Anti-social behaviour Strategy Group. The group joined the Community Safety Partnership to

launch their new strategy on the 30th June 2005 when a “noise display” was included in an exhibition for the community and an Environmental Health Officer was on hand to answer any questions.

Licensing Act 2003 – The Environmental Health Service has commenced verification visits for premises applying for licences. During the visits, during the visits officers check that the applicants have fulfilled the measures declared in their application to address crime and disorder and other licensing requirements.

The Environmental Protection team have taken part in Project Icarus to educate children on the effects and control of noise. Project Icarus in June 2005 provided information to over 1,000 primary school on citizenship including issues such as noise, criminal behaviour, drugs and safe communities.

Licensing Officers

Three Drop-in Centres have been arranged for licence applications following changes to the licensing regime for public houses, off licences, late night refreshment providers and places of entertainment.

Four Pubwatch meetings have been attended to enable discussion with publicans and club licensees on the implications for the changes of legislation, including crime and disorder issues.