



## 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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#### **South Ribble Borough Council**

#### **Community Safety Team**

#### **Community Safety Co-ordinator**

#### **Caretaker Project**

Targets have been set by the Home Office for a 30% reduction in reports of criminal damage in the borough by March 2008. In response to these, the new Community Safety Strategy made action to reduce these crimes a priority and the partnership has developed a high profile project called "Caretaker."

"Caretaker" will start in September and run for four months initially. Publicity will clearly identify that criminal damage is an offence and will not be tolerated as well as giving advice on reasonable precautions to protect property and deter offenders.

The partnership have identified a number of types of criminal damage as a priority for action

- damage to vehicles
- damage to homes
- alcohol related damage
- graffiti

The Multi Agency Problem Solving team has developed a number of initiatives to reduce crime and sustain reductions in the long term. These include visual audits and area improvements, increased awareness of the consequences of crime to those at risk of offending, diversionary activities as an alternative to offending, use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and encouraging guardianship through Neighbourhood Watches and Friends Groups.

Further information on “Caretaker” will be provided through the MAPS Team Bulletin at Area Committees and a number of events to be held for the community throughout the project.

### **Age Check**

The Community Safety Partnership and Lancashire Trading Standards Service hosted the launch of “Age Check” at the Civic Centre on 10th August. The evening was well attended by local licensees, who listened to presentations by officers of the Trading Standards Service, Lancashire Constabulary and South Ribble Drug Support Team on subjects related to the sale of alcohol and other age restricted products.

In particular, licensees were informed about the effect of alcohol consumption upon young people, the findings of recent test purchasing operations and the potential for retailers to be fined and licences lost as a result of supplying alcohol to minors.

Those who attended were able to take away a copy of the Age Check CD ROM for use in training staff handling the sale of age related products and the refusal of sales to minors. Age Check CD's will be sent to all retailers of age restricted products throughout the borough during August.

### **“Beer Goggles”**

The “Beer Goggles” campaign has been promoted in South Ribble during August, supported by the Community Safety Partnership. Developed by the Cumbria and Lancashire Strategic Health Authority and Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust, the campaign aims to raise awareness of the harmful effects of binge drinking and to provide advice on safer drinking.

Information leaflets have been distributed by youth workers and a number of retailers took these away from the recent Age Check event to hand to customers. Readers are directed to the website of the radio station Rock FM where further advice is available from health professionals.

### **Community Safety Support Officer**

#### **iQuanta**

The Support Officer attended a conference to gather information on good practice on behalf of the team on IQuanta. This is the Home Office internet database providing analysed information on crime. The information from the database is used to monitor the partnership's performance in reducing crime and comparisons are made with the performance of other community safety partnerships in the country.

#### **Domestic Abuse Awareness**

The Support Officer has also developed a database for the evaluation of domestic abuse awareness training. This has been identified as a priority for action as part of our domestic abuse strategy. The next training day has been arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

## **Anti-social Behaviour Officer**

### **DJ Workshops**

The Police and the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer from South Ribble Community Safety Partnership provided a 6 weeks of DJ Workshops at Kingsfold Community Centre. The sessions commenced on Friday 15th July 2005 between 6pm and 8pm and ran each Friday until 19th August 2005. The group were shown how to express their thoughts about what they considered to be anti-social behaviour in their own lyrics.

### **Art Workshops**

The Police, Youth & Community Services and the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer provided 6 weeks of Art Workshops at Bamber Bridge Youth and Community Centre. The sessions commenced on Friday 15th July 2005 between 7pm and 9pm and ran each Friday until 19th August 2005. The sessions were well attended by young people who had the chance to design and produce finished art boards from a chosen theme. The finished work will be displayed on the exterior of the community centre.

## **Community Development Team**

### **Summer Activity Scheme**

The Summer Activity Scheme 2005 commenced on 21st July 2005 and the final day was delivered on 24th August 2005. This year, the programme delivered a massive 24 days of fun activities for young people aged between 8 and 14 years. Activities included circus skills, arts and craft workshops, DJ workshops and a variety of sporting sessions ranging from football & cricket to tennis and basketball. The scheme was well attended with over 90 young people attending on various days.

The Summer Activity Scheme 2005 was co-ordinated by South Ribble Borough Council's Development Team and the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for South Ribble Community Safety Partnership.

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

Chris Riley has attended the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements meeting

## **Planning and Regeneration**

Motorbikes continue access public open space across Penwortham. The riding of motorbikes causes nuisance and alarm to other park users and is not permitted in the parks. In order to deter them a number of measures have been introduced. Kissing gates at Hurst Grange Park have been re-fitted with Radar locks to allow disabled access and further measures are planned for the near future – a stile for example is planned to be built in the boundary hedge gap between Hurst Grange and the Girls High School. This should allow dog walkers to continue to cross onto the land providing natural surveillance but make it more difficult for the bikes to cross unseen.

An audit of the entrances to Priory Park has been carried out and Pope Lane Park is also to be reviewed with a view of better security from motorbikes.

## **Environmental Health**

Since the beginning of April 2005 17 fixed penalty notices have been served for failure to clean up dog faeces.

Two people have been prosecuted this month under the South Ribble Control of Dogs on Road Order for allowing their dogs to roam the district unattended.

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 sale of alcohol and late night entertainment enables the local authority to regulate these activities having regard to preventing crime and disorder.

The Environmental Protection Team is taking the lead in organising visual audits for Operation Caretaker. This will involve visiting areas where there have been incidents with criminal damage and arranging for work to improve the environment in the area. An example of this would be arranging for graffiti or fly tipped waste to be removed and damage repaired. In this way, the area is 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. Officers involved in the operation will be carrying out a survey of

households in a “hotspot” locality in the borough at the end of August. 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.

**Youth and Community Service in South Ribble activities for young people in late July and August 2005**

**Powerforce** - Drama and Arts course for young people  
at Penwortham Youth and Community Centre, Priory Lane  
1 Aug - 12 Aug Junior Powerforce course - for 11-13yrs

15 Aug - 26 Aug Senior Powerforce course - for 14-21yrs

**Summer Play Scheme** - Integrated with Barnardos and Community Police  
at Walton-le-Dale Youth & Community Centre, Brindle Lane  
25 July - 17 Aug

**Drug Support Team** - Drop-in 3 - 5pm every Thursday at Leyland Youth and Community Centre.

Plus diversionary activities such as trips to Trax and DJ-ing  
have taken place across the Borough.

**Outdoor Education Team** - Backpacking Expedition across the Yorkshire Dales.  
7 - 12 August plus 16 Aug - Evaluation session

**Residential visit Tower Wood Centre**  
12 - 14 Aug for Double Bridge Centre for Young People (Lostock Hall) members

**Moss Side Community Development Summer trips for young people**  
8 Aug Trip to Sea Life Centre

10 Aug Trip to Camelot

15 Aug Trip to Eureka

17 Aug Trip to Stockley Farm

**Moss Side Community Development**  
**Healthy Bikes - Healthy Lads 5 DAY Sponsored Cycle (SEA to SEA)**  
22- 26 Aug Whitehaven to Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
Preparation throughout July/August  
Five young men plus support staff  
30 Aug - Evaluation session

**Lancashire Youth Council Residential**

26 - 28 July

**Health and Single Gender Team - Girls Work project**

4-6pm on Wednesdays at Leyland Youth and Community Centre

29 June - end of August

**Wise-Up**

Sexual Health sessions for young people and young parents

Every Thursday 3 - 5pm at What Now? Info Centre, West Paddock, Leyland.

**Movin' Up Project**

2 and 3 Aug Introductory Days to Girls Survival Guide (see below)

5 - 7 Aug Girls Survival Guide Residential

6 & 7 Aug Taster Day - Team Building preparation (see below)

13 - 15 Aug Outdoor Experiences Residential at Tower Wood

Youth Workers at Leyland Youth and Community Centre, West Paddock have been meeting with local skateboarders to offer support and have run sessions at the Basketball facilities at the Centre.