DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP REPORT – September 2011

What has been happening within the Royton and Shaw Neighbourhood Policing Team since the last District Partnership?

Since the last meeting the Royton and Shaw Policing Team along with our partners have been working hard to keep the community safe.

Comparison Figures

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Robbery, burglary dwelling and vehicle crime is showing a reduction. Violent crime is showing an increase.

Much of the teams focus has been working on Operation Celestine since the tragic explosion on 26th June 2012. Officers have assisted on the initial crime scene preservation and assisting with passing key messages to residents. The focus then moved to assisting with the criminal investigation and collation of statements of evidence.

The investigation has so far led to Andrew Partington (born 17/10/1984), formerly of Buckley Street, Shaw, being charged with manslaughter and criminal damage.

A number of criminal damage offences have been reported to Police where a BB gun or similar has been used to smash windows on vehicles and properties. Two people have been arrested and are on Police bail pending further enquiries an air weapon has been recovered, the incidents have since stopped.
Anti Social behaviour

Shaw has been experiencing a high level of Anti social behaviour reports over the summer, in particular the Queen Street area. The team put together a patrol plan in order to address this along with a number of incidents at the library. As a result a cohort of individuals have been identified and the partnership are working together to establish what interventions are required for each individual. Some of the lower level will require warning where others will need enforcement action. The YIP and Integrated youth team are paying a part attempting to divert some of them in to more positive activities.

One of our Royton PCSO’s managed to secure some funding in order to divert some of the young people over the summer period in to martial arts classes. This has resulted in a notable drop of reported anti social behaviour incidents on the Holly estate. Work is ongoing to try and secure further funding for some more equipment to try and divert some older teenagers.

A dedicated anti social behaviour car was introduced over the summer months to visit the anti social behaviour hot spot areas. This was done the previous year as a dedicated resource with district partnership funding and worked well with some pleasing results. The vehicle could not be diverted due to the funding stream. However this year unfortunately the vehicle was often diverted to other incidents leaving many of the areas not covered. When the team managed to complete the patrols they seized alcohol and cannabis from the identified locations.

It is pleasing that all partners including district councillors have been pro active in informing the Police of reports of anti social behaviour and troubled families.

Serious acquisitive crime offences

You may recall operation Wizard that was set up last year to concentrate on serious acquisitive crime offences. Part of that operation was about disrupting offenders who we know are involved in this type of crime. This was so successful we now have difficulty nominating five people who commit this type of crime in our neighbourhood. As a result we have extended this process to include individuals who cause our neighbourhood the most harm.

You will see from the breakdown of figures above that serious acquisitive crime has reduced when compared with the same period last year. This does not mean we should be complacent in our approach to dealing with this crime type. We have discovered that many of the offences are committed by people who travel from other districts to our neighbourhood. As a result we have ensured that active automatic number plate recognition operations are part of the plan to tackle travelling criminals. We ran an operation on Broadway in the first week of September where intelligence was gathered and several vehicles seized.
The team have run three separate anti number plate theft initiatives over the summer. This has led to over 200 vehicles having anti theft number plate screws fitted. They have also attended numerous events to promote crime prevention advice. Officers have been deployed on Market days to the precinct and Shaw centre to reduce theft from person offences. This has been hugely successful and funding was sort to purchase security key chains and bells that have since been distributed.

**Violent Crime**

As you can see violent crime continues to increase on our neighbourhood. Many of these offences that have been recorded are because officers are pro actively dealing with domestic violence offences. What has been noted is a portion of the crimes relate to young people on young people of school age. As a result the team have commenced before and after school patrols to try and prevent any incidents occurring and to engage with staff at the school’s as well as pupils and parents. We have had some excellent feedback so far on these additional patrols. The officers will be going in to schools and engaging pupils in dialogue around violent crime and in particular knife crime.

Licensed premises have seen an improvement over the last twelve months in particular Oddies that had been problematic with violent offences now has no recorded assaults since January 2012.

**Public confidence and awareness**

Confidence in the Police service remains high for our neighbourhood. The Police station is closed to the public at Royton. However officers still work from the station and respond to public concerns when required. We have recently set up a Facebook page and have a number of followers who access information on what is happening in the neighbourhood. We hope to build on this communication tool over the next few months.

**Drug Trafficking and manufacture**

Drug abuse remains a priority for the team to tackle, over the last few months the officers have executed several warrants and seized thousands of pounds worth of cannabis. We currently have a number of people on bail for production of cannabis and conspiracy to Import heroin.