

Oldham Borough INPT 2

District Partnership Report

Failsworth & Hollinwood

Oldham Division, Integrated Neighbourhood Policing

Report Dates 01st March 2014 – 5th June 2014

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Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) includes a range of issues. Behaviour can be anti-social because it is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to both individuals and the wider community.

Within the Borough of Oldham we have a strong partnership lead approach to tackling ASB and the causes of it preventing it from reoccurring. This partnership approach includes police, local authorities and social landlords. These agencies have wide ranging powers to effectively tackle this problem. (Please see pro-active work carried out).

REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY RINGING 101

Since the 01st March 2014 – 5th June 2014 there has been a large increase anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the police and closed as Rowdy or Inconsiderate behaviour.

Reported nuisance of motor cycle / mini Moto's incidents has also risen since 1st March 2014 – 5th June 2014.

Alcohol related incidents have also increased compared with the same period last year. Youth related under 18 incidents has also increased

ASB Related Statistics 01st March – 5th June 2014		
	2013	2014
Rowdy Or Inconsiderate Behaviour	162	327
Motor Cycle / Mini Moto	16	25
Alcohol Related Incidents	128	144
Youth Related Under 18	76	205

Victim Based Crime

Reported victim based crime (VBC) has seen an increase in Hollinwood and Failsworth. This largely follows the trend across the Borough

Crime Statistics 01st March – 5th June 2014		
	2013	2014
Robbery	12	15
Theft from person	6	6
Burglary Dwelling Including Aggravated	27	47
Burglary Other Than In A Dwelling	36	46
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	9	11
Theft From Motor Vehicle	54	84
Theft Of Pedal Cycle	15	10

Violent Crime

Violent crime has also increased with the same time last year.

Regular visits are carried out to problem licensed premises this has helped to reduce drink related violence.

The officers will continue going in to schools and engaging pupils in dialogue around violent crime.

Our increasingly scrutiny around domestic abuse and positive action based upon Police and third party evidence has without a doubt contributed to the increase in recorded violent crime however we can celebrate this as a success as the Police and Partners are

protecting vulnerable adults and children and it also demonstrates that victims have the confidence to come forward and report crimes.

Violent Crime Statistics - 01st March – 5th June 2014		
	2013	2014
Violent crime (includes GBH, and sexual assault and harassment)	47	66
Assault Without Injury	37	32

Pro – active work

The Quay Retail Park is easily accessed and has for many years been seen as a safe and convenient area for our young youths to gather. Although the majority of the youth are respectful there are a small minority that have chosen to engage in ASB. At times local residents have also experienced problems and expressed concerns over the large numbers of youths seen in the surrounding streets.

We have PCSO's and Police Officers regularly making high visibility patrols of the shopping precinct at Failsworth and have had a number of crime prevention and youth ASB operations in the area. We will continue to patrol, taking details of youths behaving inconsiderately and pass the details onto our local ASB officer who will write to that individuals guardians informing them of what level of behaviour is acceptable.

In addition Failsworth Mill is becoming a playground for local and nearby youths who have been following stories on Facebook as "the place to be". They have been entering the mill and causing damage to doors, throwing items around inside the premises and throwing fire extinguishers from the upper floors into the canal below. There have been two fires set on floors 2 and 3 which have needed the fire service to attend causing road closures in the surrounding area. The mill is due to be demolished but as there are bats present this cannot be done until the bats have been re roostered in suitable roosts. We have all the contact details for the people who are responsible for this mill. Numerous youths have been discovered inside the mill, all details have been taken and contact cards submitted. Regular high visibility patrols of the area are made to prevent youths entering the site.

We have also instigated Op Tuscan - an operation running in partnership with the council and housing to tackle the Anti-Social Behaviour around Failsworth.

Operation Tuscan relates to ASB and to a far lesser extent crime that is being experienced and reported in the Quay Retail Park. There have also been reports of ASB in and around the adjacent Rochdale Canal and on Oldham road area.

There has been a significant increase in calls to police from stores, local residents and local businesses especially local taxi firms who have recently experienced problems, stating that youths are throwing stones and eggs at them and their vehicles along Oldham Road and the surrounding area. There have been reports of vandalism and Graffiti which adds to the deterioration of the quality of life for local residents.

The youths range from early to late teens and congregate in large numbers. Recently the ASB has escalated into minor crimes and assaults on local youths and taxi drivers.

It has been identified that it is not only the Police and local Partnership that have to step forward and take the lead in improving the local community, but also the main Superstores and local businesses that may need educating in Crime Prevention and different ways in which they can develop, by making simple changes in the way they operate and communicate with their customers.

Operation Tuscan has been devised to launch initially in the week commencing 2nd June 2014 which will encompass Police PCSO's and Special Constables, Partner Agencies such as the District Partnership Team, Councillors, Trading Standards, Licencing, Environmental Services and also Schools.

This will also be an opportunity for the newly recruited cadets to interact with the local community and businesses and pass on their views and thoughts from a young person's perspective on how Anti-Social Behaviour and Minor crimes can be reduced in the area.

Warrants

Police successfully executed a Drugs Warrant at a private address on Heron Street, Hollinwood. The police recovered £1000 concealed in a board game and three sets of digital scales. Another street level drug dealer taken out of action

Good News - Public Confidence & Partnership Working

OP Tuscan - Each evening from 2nd June 2014 – 5th June 2014 we held briefings at Chadderton Police Station. We made up 3 teams each evening that were each given an area of Failsworth/Hollinwood. The teams were made up to form a group of 6/7 persons. The teams will include a Special Police Constable or PCSO from the local area who will lead the team. There will be at least 2 police cadets per team per evening along with a member of the local District Partnership for Failsworth.

There will also be further Partner Agencies such as Housing Providers, Environmental Services, Trading Standards and Licencing that will be allocated when they confirm their dates and availability.

There will also be members of Oldham Senior Leadership Team and Councillors that will attach to a team when availability is confirmed

Each team will commenced a walk around and visit local shops and area's identifying any issues that may be solved (Environmental Visual Audit) collate the information and

use this as part of a workshop exercise that will be held on Friday 6th June 2014 between the Challenge and Support Team and the Cadet's.

The information that is collected will also be valuable to local Neighbourhood Beat Officers and PCSO's who will ensure that any good ideas will be acted upon along with the District Team for Failsworth and Hollinwood.

Crime prevention advice

House and Vehicle Security

Burglary and Vehicle Crime remain a priority. As the weather starts to warm up (hopefully) here are some things you can do to protect your property through summer. The Following advice has been compiled to help prevent you falling prey to criminals.

House Security

- Ensure your alarm is working correctly and use it whenever the property is empty day and night
- Make the home look occupied when you are out or away. Use automatic timers on lamps and radios throughout the house set to different times
- Keep valuables and keys out of sight of windows and doors – Burglars use a hook and cane through the letterbox – this has happened several times recently in the Royton/Shaw areas
- Make items traceable - Postcode property with a UV pen, photograph jewellery and antiques and record the information securely
- Register your property on www.immobilise.com

Vehicle Security

- Do NOT leave anything on display in the car – if possible empty the glove box and leave it open
- When you leave your car, always remove the ignition key and lock all doors - it only takes a few seconds for a thief to jump into your car and drive away. Follow this routine all the time, even when filling up with petrol or just popping into the shop.
- At home, always keep your car keys in a safe place - out of sight and away from windows and doors.
- Arrange to have your car's registration number etched onto all glass surfaces - including the headlamps.
- Consider marking all your valuables, especially those that you frequently take in your car. Mark items with your postcode or some other unique identifying number linked to a recognised database
- If any of your valuables have serial numbers, keep a note of them in a safe place. This should help the police return your possessions to you if they are stolen and recovered. It also helps to convict criminals.
- Lock all doors and close all windows and the sunroof every time you leave your car unattended - however briefly. Many cars get broken into in the few seconds that a car is out of the driver's sight.

Personal Security

- You will be safest in bright well-lit and busy areas.
- Act confidently – look as if you know where you are going. Be alert to your surroundings

- Spread your valuables around. For example, keep your phone in your bag, house keys in your pocket and money in your jacket
- If someone tries to take something from you, it may be better to let them take it, rather than getting into a confrontation and risking injury
- If you use a wheelchair, keep things beside you rather than at the back of the chair
- Don't advertise your valuables such as your mobile phone, laptop, jewellery, watch, MP3etc

Further Crime Prevention Advice available

Visit our website www.gmp.police.uk for lots of useful ways to protect yourself and your property. Contact our crime reduction advisor Paul Dearnley on 0161 770 4302 paul.dearnley@gmp.pnn.police.uk

Regular Surgeries are held at:

Failsworth Health Centre

Cloughgate House, Hollins Road

School House Flats, Incline Road

Neighbourhood staff holds regular surgeries where crime prevention advice is available.

The Oldham Borough INPT is based at

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Call CRIMESTOPPERS Anonymously On 0800 555 111

As part of our service promise we will continue to listen to the community so it's really important that people tell us what they think about the work officers are doing to keep them safe.