

BRIEFING PAPER FOR FAILSWORTH AND HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Community Safety Officer Update

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Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to update the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive on Community Safety initiatives including alley gating projects.

Change in role of Community Safety Officers

The Community Safety Officer Michael Fleming will now have responsibility for Failsworth, Hollinwood and Chadderton District.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

This legislation is due to come into effect on 20th of October 2014. This will supersede the current legislation and provide new tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. This will also affect Gating Orders and will be replaced with Public Space Protection Orders.

Alley gating schemes

Gating Order 44 - Shropshire/Nottingham

This Order went to advert on the 16th of September; provided there are no objections we can proceed after the 14th October, if there are any it may cause delay as the Gating Order legislation will be replaced with Public Space Protection Order on the 20th of October.

CSS 1066 – Minor St/Norman St/Emily Close/Clifton St;

This Gating Order has been put on hold due to new legislation being introduced by the Home Office and will be replaced with a Public Space Protection Order. Residents will be advised of the change in the legislation and that the process to introduce a Public Space Protection Order has commenced. The letter will advise that comments in

previous responses will be considered and will invite any further comments on the proposed Order. At present consultation has reached 75% approval; unfortunately due to the summer holidays the response has been slow.

CSS 1067 – Clovelly Avenue/Brennan Court

Due to the unusual nature of the location a wider consultation has taken place with residents who may be affected by this closure. This included Clovelly Avenue, Milford Avenue, Lynton Avenue, Brennan Court, Cattlin Way, Chapel Road and a section of Hollins Road. A total of 238 properties were consulted which resulted in 91 responses. 83 residents were in favour and there were 8 objections; 7 residents Cattlin Way and 1 resident Brennan Court. Therefore this only reached an approval rate of 34%.

Other initiatives

Operation Tuscan – Higher Memorial Park/Leicester Road/Warwick Road/Tesco's a multi-agency operation to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area. In addition; due to the high number of incidents in Higher Memorial Park a police led multi agency meeting was held to resolve those issues and a plan of action was implemented. The aim is to identify key individuals involved in such behaviour and obtain their relevant details in order to take positive action against such offenders. The purpose of this is to conduct a 'zero tolerance' approach and send out a positive message to those engaging in such behaviour.

This was followed up with a leaflet drop outlining the action plan and reassurance visits to local residents with elected members; the District Team and police. This has had a positive effect in the park with a number of residents providing positive feedback. Operation Tuscan is scheduled to continue for the foreseeable future.

Home Watch – The Community Safety Officer attends the Home Watch meeting at Broadbent Luncheon Club every month to provide updates and information in partnership with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Police Engagement Initiative – The neighbourhood policing team often find it difficult to communicate issues, incidents and events in your area to everyone's satisfaction.

We value the inputs and communications we do receive from residents however we are aware that sometimes it can be frustrating trying to contact the right person for any issues/ information you may have.

As a result we are promoting our social media sites and homewatch links in an effort to update you with anything that is relevant to you and

your area and also as a means of you communicating with us regarding neighbourhood issues.

We use Ewatch/Homewatch/Facebook and Twitter and find this very useful as a means of contacting the public with Crime updates or suspicious circumstance. We understand how important it is that you are updated with what is happening in your neighbourhood. Leaflets will be being distributed by the police and partner agencies to try and get as many residents to sign up.

Darker Nights Initiative

A Darker Nights Initiative will be launched on 16/17th October. The police and partner agencies will be identifying various hot spots in the area and will also be visiting residents to advise them about home and personal security to keep safe. The mobile police station will be mobilised at these areas.

Burglary Victims - Security surveys are offered to all victims of domestic Burglary, however still relatively low on the uptake.

ASB – 5 Warning letters, 2 of which are for warning interviews to be conducted at the police station.

There are a number of complex neighbour disputes currently being dealt with, involving extensive partnership working which require appropriate support and intervention.